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NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH Chicago, Illinois

Chicago is home for the largest and most active Lithuanian community in the United States. In fact, it is often said to have the largest Lithuanian population outside of Lithuania itself.

The first Lithuanian settlers to Chicago arrived as early as 1870. The flow of immigrants through the years resulted in Lithuanians settling in several areas of the fast-growing city, creating a number of Lithuanian neighborhoods. In those days ethnic parishes were being established throughout the city. It was inevitable that a people as religious as the Lithuanians should strive to establish parishes in each of their communities. They were so successful in this endeavor that a total of twelve Lithuanian parishes were established in Chicago.

By the early 1920s there were a significant number of Lithuanians living in the Marquette Park area. No longer satisfied to travel miles to attend Mass in Lithuanian or participate in Catholic organizations and activities, work was begun to found a Lithuanian parish in Marquette Park. A driving force behind the establishment of this parish was Knights of Lithuania Council 112. The Council was founded in 1924 and became the basis for early parish youth activities.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish was founded in 1927. The first parish building a combination church, school and auditorium, was opened in 1929. With additions and remodeling, this building is able to serve as the parish school and auditorium to this day.



Interior of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Church

In 1957 the present parish church, pictured on the front cover, was dedicated. It was designed by Architect Jonas Mulokas to be a unique blend of Baroque design and Lithuanian folk architecture. The interior is reminiscent of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Vilnius. Exterior mosaics created by Adolfas Valeska depict two uniquely Lithuanian events: the baptism of Mindaugas, King of Lithuania, in 1250, and the miraculous apparition of St. Casimir at the Dauguva River battle in 1518.

The parish is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is evidenced especially by the statues and stained glass windows throughout the church which depict various apparitions of and shrines to the Blessed Mother.

More important, Nativity B.V.M. Parish is a special shrine to Our Lady of Šiluva. A reproduction of the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Šiluva rests above the main altar. When this picture was placed in

the newly-dedicated church, a tradition was begun for observing the National Day of Prayer, September 8. Lithuanians from all around Chicago participated in a solemn outdoor procession, followed by a ceremony in the church. This is now an important annual rite for all Lithuanian Catholics.

A parish lives through its members, but it is directed by its pastor. Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas knows his parish and parishioners well, having spent much of his life here. He was ordained in 1941, and his first assignment was to Nativity B.V.M. Parish. His early years as a priest were spent working with the youth of the parish, through music, sports and Council 112 activities. After some years at other assignments, Fr. Zak (as he's known to us) returned to Nativity B.V.M. as pastor in 1970. A long-standing Knight, Fr. Zak is Spiritual Advisor for the Mid-America District.

Mary Juzenas

POPE, CARDINAL EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR VICTIMS OF OCCUPATION

By Father Joseph Prunskis

Chicago has more Lithuanians than any other city in the free world. At the end of June and the beginning of July there were so-called Lithuanian Days in our city. That included the Lithuanian World Congress, sport competitions, art exhibits, Lithuanian opera "I Lituanai", World Youth Congress and Song Festival with 1600 singers and 8000 spectators at the University of Illinois Pavillion.

The Lithuanian Days were concluded on July 3 with a Mass at Quigley South Seminary where His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin and Bishop Vincent Brizgys concelebrated with about 40 Lithuanian priests. His Eminence highly praised Lithuanians for love of their ethnic heritage and culture, reminded about the sufferings of the people in their country occupied by atheistic communists and expressed hopes of freedom.

Great consolation and encouragement for Lithuanians was provided by greetings from His Holiness Pope John Paul II, transmitted by Cardinal Casaroli in a telegram to Bishop Brizgys: "His Holiness Pope John Paul II . . . has asked me to convey his cordial best wishes to all taking part, his hopes that this festival will be an encouragement for Lithuanians to remain faithful to and to develop further their rich cultural heritage which is profoundly Christian in character and which reflects the true spirit of their homeland. Upon you and upon all the participants His Holiness invokes God's richest blessings"

Lithuanians in a subjugated country need prayers of the Pope and

of other believers. Their most active priests such as Frs. Laurinavičius, Sapoka, Mazeika were mysteriously killed; the underground press informs that this was done by the KGB. Fr. Svarinskas, a member of the committee to defend the rights of believers, was condemned to jail for 7 years. Fr. Tomkevičius arrested. Fr. Zdebskis was arrested while going to say Mass for the people on Sunday. Many believers are being interrogated, their homes are being searched. Teachers Stase Jasiunaite in Kulautuva, Ona Brieliene in Vilkaviškis, Kaustine in Šauliai were dismissed for attending church devotions. Mr. Grauslys, chairman of the kholhose in the Alytus district, was dismissed from his position because his son became a seminarian, a student for the priesthood. The believers cannot organize processions to pray in the cemeteries and priests who lead such processions are fined. Processions to the national shrine of the Blessed Virgin in Šiluva are forbidden and engineer V. Vaiciunas, worker M. Jurevičius and G. Stanelyte were condemned to jail for taking part in such processions.

Even those who finish their term of punishment are being exiled to some distant regions. Such was the case with Paul Pečeliunas, who was exiled to the Tiimenskaja region. Rev. V. Šiksnyš was terrorized for encouraging children to go to church and for making repairs to the church without asking for special permission. Believers who signed petitions to have the arrested priest, Fr. Svarinskas, released were terrorized during interrogations by the police. Fr. A. Grauslys for visiting his parishioners was fined 45 rubles. People who rented a bus to go to church on Sunday, on February 5, 1983, near Mikoliškės, Kretinga district, were stopped and forced to leave the bus. The license of the driver was taken away and the people had to walk on foot to the church.



Replica of the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Šiluva placed in the main altar, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Chicago

Children in schools are being forced to write anti-religious compositions. Student Gražina Rubavičiute received a bad mark of behavior for attending church.

The Catholics of the Ukraine have an equally difficult time. The Chronicle of the Church in Lithuania, an underground paper, informs that before Easter in 1982, KGB men assaulted the church of the eastern rite Catholics in Brikunai, destroyed part of the liturgical articles, holy pictures and confiscated the rest of the articles of the cult. Women who tried to defend the church were severely beaten.

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE RECEPTION FOR BALTIC AMERICANS

Welcome to the White House. We're gathered to draw attention to the plight of the long-suffering Baltic people and to affirm to the world that we do not recognize their subjugation as a permanent condition. (Applause.)

The Soviet occupation of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania is a living reminder of the cynical agreement between Soviet Russia and Nazi Germany that precipitated the Second World War. The Soviets would like the world to forget this dark chapter of history, but it's something the Baltic people and freedom-loving people everywhere will always remember.

The Soviet Union invaded these small but proud countries in 1940. And, then, in June of 1941 — only days before Hitler turned on his partners in the Kremlin — the Soviets arrested tens of thousands, executed many and began a mass deportation to Siberia.

At the end of the war, the horror continued as hundreds of thousands were sent to the Gulag. Today, it's no coincidence that a large percentage of people living in these occupied countries are not of Baltic descent. The Soviets have tried their best to Russify the Baltic peoples, as they have with so many of the other oppressed nationalities within the Soviet empire.

The worship of God, once at the heart of Baltic culture, has been brutally suppressed. Any legitimate attempt at independence from Moscow has been suppressed. Any tangible effort to preserve their national identity has been denied, but the Soviets have never broken their spirit. Underground publications flourish and ad hoc committees and

groups defend religious and national rights as guaranteed by the Helsinki Accords.

It seems ironic that those responsible for the repression I've been describing are now proposing what they call "an atom-free Baltic," "a Nordic nuclear-free zone," especially since unidentified submarines have repeatedly violated the territorial waters of Norway and neutral Sweden. This kind of conduct doesn't lend itself to a spirit of trust. As a matter of fact, the curious thing is, if you really stop to think about it, their description of a nuclear-free zone is that there won't be nuclear weapons in that zone. The kind of nuclear-free zones we want in the world are zones where nuclear weapons will not be landing and exploding. (Applause.)

I urge the Soviets to concentrate on the serious negotiations in Geneva instead of making meaningless gestures. Last week, as you're aware, I unveiled a new arms control proposal. We hope the Soviets will take this proposal seriously. We've demonstrated flexibility. The ball is now in their court. We're seeking verifiable and equitable agreements because we're firmly convinced that such agreements are in the interest of both our countries, and all the people of the world.

However, we should never delude ourselves as to just who and what we're dealing with. I can promise you we will not, in the process of seeking peace be lured from our moral commitment to those captive peoples who are now held in bondage. (Applause.)

There are those who believe that we should muffle our criticism of totalitarianism in the mistaken notion that this will further the cause of peace. But we Americans want nothing more than to remain free and at peace.

Nevertheless, ignoring reality, giving up the moral high ground, refusing to speak the truth will not engender the respect needed for the

preservation of peace and human liberty. Totalitarian regimes must know that free men will not cower. Then and only then can conflict be avoided.

I'm happy to report after the Williamsburg Summit that I am confident freedom and peace can be preserved. The leaders of the Western Democracies gathering there in the Cradle of Liberty met as friends and allies. A new spirit is emerging in the West, a fellowship of decent and free people. We have the strength of our convictions and we're not afraid.

June 14th, the day in 1941, when the massive deportation of the Baltic people began, is a day which reaffirms our commitment to our ideals. The people of Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and all the other nations look to the United States. We must keep the peace and we will. We must also keep the beacon of freedom shining. And from that sacred responsibility, we will never shrink.

Last week, Congress expeditiously adopted legislation proclaiming June 14th Baltic Freedom Day.



VISUOTINĖ KALBA

Muzika — tai yra Dievo dovana žmogui, vienintelis dangaus menas duotas žemei ir šį žemės meną mes nežimės su savim į dangų.

Muzika — tai yra visuotinė kalba, jos nereikia aiškinti. Su ja siela kalba su siela.

Pagal Leopoldo Stokowskio žodžius: „Nesvarbu suprasti muziką, svarbu tik gėrėtis ja“.

Jeigu žmogus tiek užsiėmęs kasdieniniais reikalais, kad neranda laiko dainai ar giesmei — jo gyvenimas be abejo monotonoškas ir be prasmės. Muzika išreiškia tą kas negalima pasakyti žodžiais. Širdyje ji negali būti tyliai. Ji skverbiasi pasireikšti, šaukias į visus, kurie jos ilgisi.

Surinko
Vincas Gražulis



JUNIORS CORNER



C-100 JUNIORS

The Amsterdam Juniors decided to take a religious field trip and have a cook-out in place of a regular meeting on June 7. Kristin Olechowski was chairman.

We chose the Auriesville Shrine as we wanted to see the new Lady of Fatima statue, a replica cast from the original statue, unveiled in the Vatican Gardens on May 13, which was unveiled at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs on May 29.

We had hot dogs, salad and dessert. Mrs. Wm. Jasewicz brought her Coleman stove and she was helped with the cooking by Joey Mikstenas. Attending were Pres. Michael Mikolaitis, Ken and Richard Jasewicz, Tim Saikal, Bea Jasewicz, Judy Nikstenas, Joe Nikstenas, and Kristin Olechowski with adults, Regina Kot (counselor), Gene Gobis (associate counselor), Beatrice Jasewicz, Eleanor Olechowski, and Sadie Mikolaitis.

While the adults were cleaning up, the juniors took a short hike and played some ball.

We then went to the Shrine to see the beautiful statue. When we came into the shrine and knelt around the statue, we noticed there was a busload of people from Pittsburgh and that the altar was being prepared for a mass. So, our council decided to stay for the services. We took up a collection from our group and Michael Mikolaitis and Joe Nikstenas gave our donation to the priest after the mass. He came out and thanked us and spoke to us. We told him we were junior members of the Knights of Lithuania. He reminded us to be at the Shrine for Lithuanian Day on August 28.

Our trip was over and homeward bound were we. We all remarked, "What a splendid day this was!"



C-36 and C-112 Juniors after election of officers

K OF L CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 4 K of L Senior Council Fall Picnic
at K of L OF L Building and Gardens in Chicago

MAMD Convention Meeting

OCTOBER

- 1 MCD Convention and Pilgrimage hosted by C-
and 102 in Detroit
- 2 NED Annual Lithuanian Festival hosted by C-50
at St. Casimir's Church in New Haven, CT
- 8 68th Annual Dinner and Dance at Holy Trinity
Hall hosted by C-29 in Newark, N.J.
- 9 K of L Senior Council Commemorative 70th
Anniversary Banquet at Martinique Restaurant
in Chicago.

“RESEARCH IN PROGRESS — THE K. OF L. HISTORY”

Father William Wolkovich
(Kun. Vincas Valkavičius)

A lot has happened since my first report in the December, 1982 issue of *Vytis*. Here is a series of miscellaneous notes that may be of some interest to readers. For one thing, I became pastor of the Lithuanian parish in Norwood, Mass. By request of former members, Council #27 quickly and happily has revived. Furthermore, I have obtained access to a computer with a word-processing program. While data is still fresh in my mind, I'm now able to use disks on which I can compose rough drafts of the introduction, opening chapters, and bibliography of the K. of L. history.

One lamentable roadblock to research I've encountered is the unavailability on microfilm of two of our leading Catholic newspapers: *Draugas* and *Darbininkas*. The original copies of the earliest issues from 1909 and 1915 respectively are terribly fragile, and impossible to consult. It is a disgrace on the Lithuanian Catholic community that no one took the initiative, (while prices were quite low, and the condition of the originals was manageable) to put these publications on film. By contrast, a microfilm copy of *Keleivis* of South Boston, notoriously anti-religious most of its days, is indeed available through the Boston Public Library, while the nationalist *Vienybė Lietuvinkių* (now simply *Vienybė*), can be consulted at the New York Public Library. It would be ideal to check at least one favorable newspaper, along with one hostile publication for the lifetime of the K. of L. I'll be able to examine only later issues of our two major Catholic papers.

Meanwhile, I've been inspecting my own extensive archives for any mention whatever of the K. of L. *Vytis*, to be sure, is a major source or information. But one cannot restrict oneself primarily to what the Knights were saying about themselves via their organ. One has to search for other voices and views, not just in Lithuanian sources both here and in the homeland, but also in non-Lithuanian local and diocesan fronts.

Then too one must look at other societies, such as the Knights of Columbus, along with other ethnics such as Slovak or Polish fraternities, for similarities and differences. Comparisons help bring into sharper focus the subject matter at hand.

One of the chief decisions one has to make centers on the question of biographical data. How far should one research a particular figure, and how much should be included in the text? Here is a crucial area for judgment. As research continues, ideally the importance of any person emerges more clearly. For instance,

one of my present avenues of inquiry revolves about the life and character of the founder, Mykolas Norkunas. Members of his family are still living in New England, and are being consulted.

A great deal of information is coming forth. Not all of it can be inserted into the text. Otherwise, it would become top-heavy with an overkill of facts. Still much of it can be salvaged by placement in an appendix. The obvious example is lists of names from various eras.

By the time this short piece appears, most likely the 1983 convention will have taken place. I hope to obtain some more primary source material from members who have promised to bring it to the annual gathering. Meanwhile, please check your attics, shoe boxes, and other hiding places for letters, reports, and any other pertinent data. My thanks to several who have sent me worthwhile material so far. Write to: St. George Rectory, 36 St. George Ave., Norwood, MA 02062.

REGARDING UNDELIVERED MAIL IN THE SOVIET UNION

Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman, who has considerable influence in the Post Office and Civil Service Committee's Subcommittee on Investigations and in the House Foreign Affairs Committee, started an action against the breaking of the rules of international post convention by not delivery of mail and packages in the Soviet Union. The Congressman needs more facts. Anyone who has had such an experience of injustice by the Soviet Union is being asked to relay the facts to: Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman, House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL INFORMATION

CULTURAL CORNER

Anna K. Wargo

On my recent trip to Lithuania, our Lithuanian guide told us some lovely Lithuanian folk tales. I would like to share this one with you.

The story of Egle

Many years ago, an old man and woman lived by the sea with their twelve sons and three daughters. The youngest and most beautiful of these was Egle, the Fir.

One hot summer day, the three sisters went to the sea to swim. When they came in to dress, Egle saw a serpent coiled up in the sleeve of her dress. The three girls tried to chase the serpent away with sticks but he would not go.

He spoke to Egle in a man's voice and said that if she promised to marry him, he would go away peacefully. Egle cried! How could she marry a serpent? She pleaded with him to give her her dress. The sisters begged him but he would not listen. Finally she consented and the snake disappeared into the sea. The girls quickly dressed and hurried home to tell their parents what had happened.

Three days later, the parents heard hissing in their yard. They looked out and it was filled with serpents all over. When they opened the door, they sent the serpent matchmaker into the house to speak to the parents.

The parents hid Egle in the attic and tried to cheat the snakes. First they gave them a white goose, then a white sheep and, finally, a white cow. The serpents came back very angry and demanded they give them Egle. Finally, the parents relented and gave their beautiful Egle to the serpents.

When Egle arrived at the seashore, she was very frightened. Suddenly out of the seas appeared a handsome young man, the Prince of

the Sea. He told Egle that he had been the snake in her sleeve and that he fell in love with her when he saw her.

Egle and her Prince were married in her palace beneath the sea. She was very happy but missed her family. After nine years, she had three sons and a daughter. The sons were Ažuolas, the Oak; Uosis, the Ash; and Beržas, the Birch. The daughter was Drebulė, the Aspen.

Egle was very homesick and begged her husband to allow her and the children to visit her parents and family. He did not want her to go but finally relented and allowed the visit. He told her they could stay for only nine days. On the ninth day, she was to return alone with the children to the seashore and say, "Žilvine, Žilvinė! If alive, a milky foam, but if dead, a bloody foam." If she saw a white foam, he would come and get

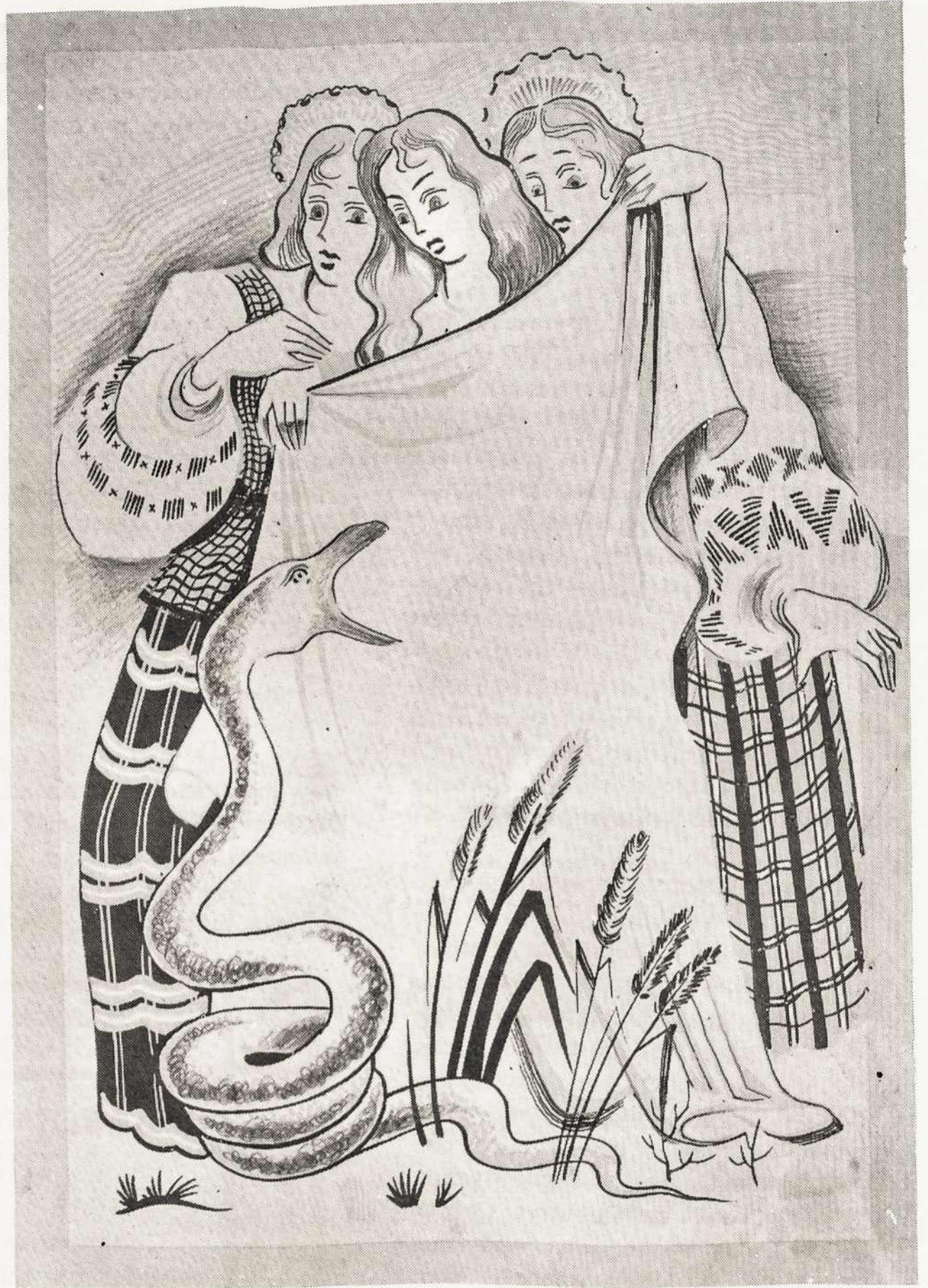


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her but if a bloody foam, he would be dead. He admonished the children not to tell anyone the signal, then bade them farewell.

Eglé and her children returned to her parents home. Everyone was overjoyed to see her. Her family and friends celebrated her return. Her brothers did not want her to go back to the serpent.

The brothers tried to learn the signal. They first took the boys into the forest and threatened them and tried to force them to tell how their mother would call to their father to return. They refused to tell. The next night, they took Drebulė into

the forest and threatened to beat her with sticks if she did not tell them the signal. She was so frightened she finally told them.

The next morning very early, the 12 brothers took their scythes and went to the seashore. They called the signal, and when the serpent emerged from the milky foam, they cut him to pieces and killed him.

When Eglé saw her brothers return, she knew something was wrong. She immediately prepared to return to her home. She said farewell to her family, took her children and went to the seashore. She called out

the signal but a bloody foam came to the top. From the depths of the sea, she heard her husband's voice telling her that her brothers killed him and that little Drebulė had given them the secret signal.

Eglé then turned to her daughter and said, "My little daughter, turn into an Aspen tree where for all eternity you will shiver and shake." "You, my sons, will be strong trees and stand with me tall and straight in the forest."

To this day, the oak, the ash and the birch, along with the fir, are the strongest trees in the forest and the aspen shivers in the slightest breeze.



LITHUANIA TODAY

Anna K. Wargo

Instead of a cultural column, may I share with all my fellow Vytis thoughts of my trip to Lithuania. This was my first visit to the land of my forefathers and I pray it will not be the last.

What a thrill it was when we landed at the airport in Vilnius. It was a tiny airport with nothing spectacular to see, except the relatives and friends of those who were on the plane waiting at the gate with bouquets of flowers and gifts for their American relatives and friends. What a joyous reunion, and even those of us who had no relatives greet us were touched deeply.

We were then taken to the hotel where again the friends and relatives waited. Relatives of my friends were there to greet me and though I did not know any of them, until I left Lithuania, I felt great kinship to them all.

What a warm and generous heart is the Lithuanian heart. They have very little, but they wanted to give what they had. I will never forget their warmth and generosity, their deep feeling and their bravery.

These wonderful people wait for the Americans to bring just a little sunshine into their dreary lives. They are afraid to talk to you at first, but then when they know you can be trusted, they open up their hearts to you. They have very little in the material comforts, and food is scarce. One person told me that if it were not for their American relatives, they would not have enough clothing to wear. Most of the women in our group gave away almost everything they brought with them.

We visited the places we were allowed to visit — Gedimino Pilis, the once beautiful Cathedral of Vilnius which is now a museum. We walked to Aušros Vartai and went to mass at St. Theresa's Church. They took us to Trakai and to Kaunas where we went to the Cathedral. It is such a beautiful cathedral but so sad to see the little old ladies outside begging. The churches were beautiful

but badly neglected. They were crowded whenever we went.

The Lithuanian countryside was beautiful but the farm equipment obsolete. The shops had very little but the people had great spirit and that "meilinga Lietuviška širdį". I heard of their hardships not only now but during the war and after the war. One of my new found friends had spent ten years in Siberia, working a man's job and raising a family alone because her husband had been killed there.

With the little that they have, they can still sing their giesmes and dainos. They can worship, some perhaps in silence. Many of them told me that we Americans give them the heart and courage to go on.

The came to the train station with us when we left. The relative of one of our members played an accordion and everyone sang. We cried sad and happy tears and we left the land of our forefathers. I don't think any of us who were on that trip will ever be quite the same again. We were all so happy to come back to the freedom and the wonderful life we have here in America, but part of our hearts will always remain in Lithuania.



COOK'S CORNER
By MARY LUCAS, H.M.

**CREAM OF BROCCOLI —
MUSHROOM SOUP**

Out Pastor (Rev. Katarskis) loves this soup so much, he gave it a special nickname — “Grasshopper Soup”

1 bunch broccoli	3 C. chicken broth
1-1/2 c. salted boiling water	1/2 lb. sliced mushrooms
1/2 c. diced onion	1-1/2 C. Half & Half cream
3 T. butter	Parmesan Cheese
Salt & Pepper to taste	Toasted bread croutons

Cut off the broccoli flowerets and peel the stems. Cut stems in thin slices and put in a pot with the flowerets on top. Add the boiling water, return to boil and steam until tender. Reserve 1 cup of the flowerets as garnish.

In a blender or food processor, puree the rest of the broccoli with the cooking water. Cook onion in the butter, just till lightly browned. Add to the puree and blend. Add the reserved broccoli flowerets.

Heat the soup in the same pot, thin it with the Half & Half cream. Add the sliced mushrooms which have also been sauteed lightly in a little butter. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Heat but do not boil. Pour into bowls and sprinkle lightly with parmesan cheese and pass the croutons in a separate bowl.

TAKE TIME

Take time to **THINK** — it is the source of power.
Take time to **PLAY** — it is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to **READ** — it is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to be **FRIENDLY** — it is the road to happiness.
Take time to **LAUGH** — it is the music of the soul.
Take time to **GIVE** — it is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to **WORK** — it is the price of success.
Take time to **SEEK GOD'S WILL** — it is the only way to go.
Take time to **PRAY** — it is the greatest power on earth.
Take time to **LOVE and BE LOVED** — it is a God-given Privilege.
Take time to **LISTEN TO GOD'S CALL** — it is the beginning of an exciting love-story.

—from V. Grazulis

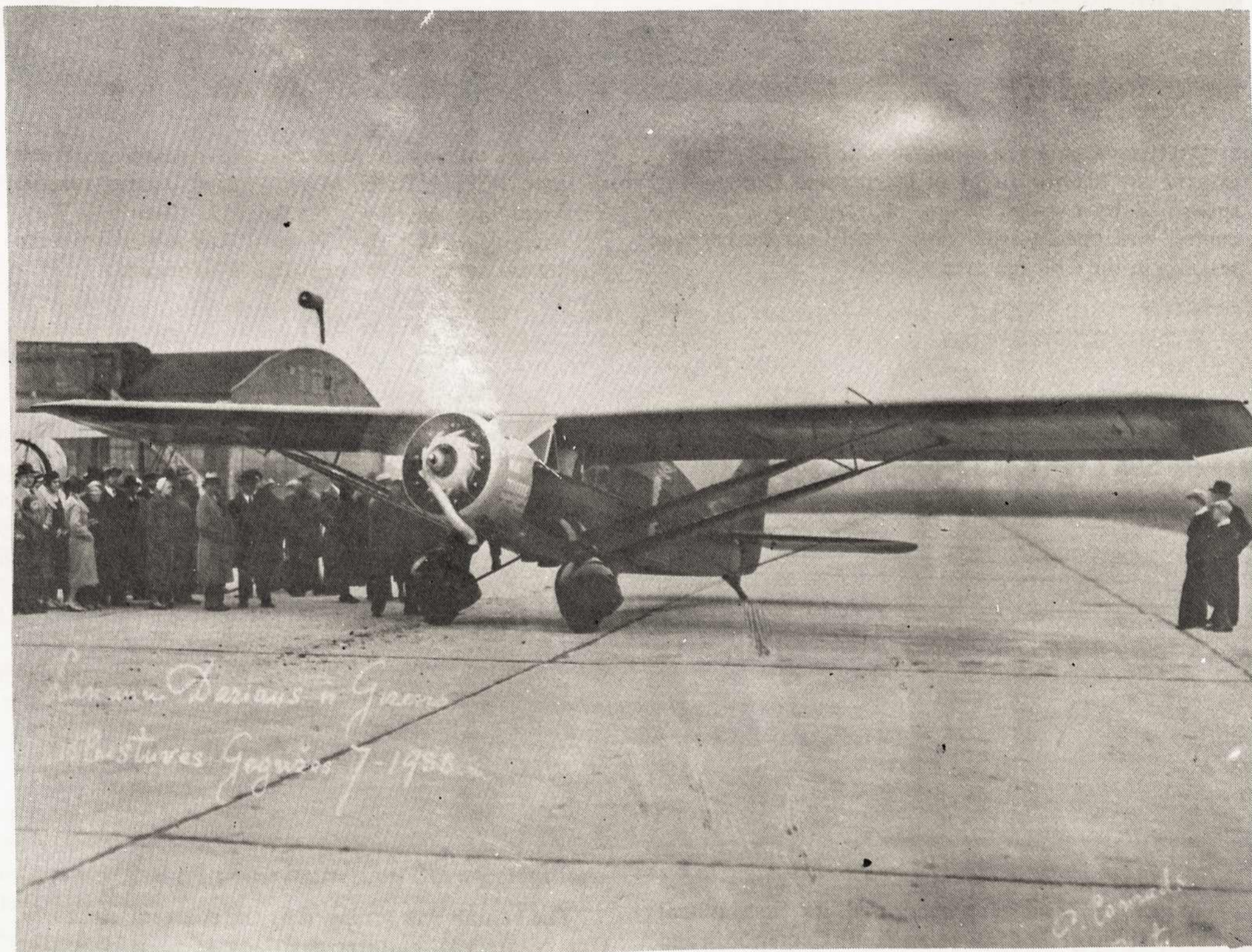


What Is Jesus To These?

To the artist He is the One Altogether Lovely.
To the architect He is the Chief Corner Stone.
To the baker He is the Living Bread.
To the banker He is the Hidden Treasure.
To the biologist He is the Life.
To the builder He is the Sure Foundation.
To the doctor He is the Great Physician.
To the educator He is the Great Teacher.
To the farmer He is the Lord of the Harvest.
To the florist He is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.
To the geologist He is the Rock of Ages.
To the jurist He is the Righteous Judge, the Judge of all men.
To the jeweler He is the Pearl of Great Price.
To the lawyer He is the Counselor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.
To the horticulturist He is the True Vine.
To the newspaperman He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.
To the oculist He is the Light of the World.
To the philanthropist He is the Unspeakable Gift.
To the philosopher He is the Wisdom of God.
To the preacher He is the Word of God.
To the sculptor He is the Living Stone.
To the servant He is the Good Master.
To the statesman He is the Desire of All Nations.
To the student He is the Incarnate Truth.
To the theologian He is the Author and Finisher of Our Faith.
To the traveler He is the New and Living Way.
To the toiler He is the Giver of Rest.
To the sinner He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.
To the Christian He is the Son of the Living God, the Saviour, the Redeemer, and Lord.

Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



„Lakūnų Dariaus ir Girėno išleistuvės gegužės 7, 1933 m.” The above photograph, from the archives of Leonardas Šimutis, was taken at Chicago's Municipal Airport, now known as Midway Airport, on May 7, 1933. It shows the “Lituania” and the crowd assembled for the send-off of Darius and Girėnas to New York City before

their historic flight on July 15, 1933. Note the two young future K of L members to the right of the plane with an unknown gentleman. They are Dr. Leonard J. Šimutis, member of C-112, Chicago, and Lt. Col. John C. Šimutis, USAF, Ret., member of C-36, Chicago.



An Essay Contest to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the historic flight of Darius and Girėnas was sponsored by C-36, Chicago, in May and June. The contest was open to all youth of Lithuanian heritage residing in the Chicago area.

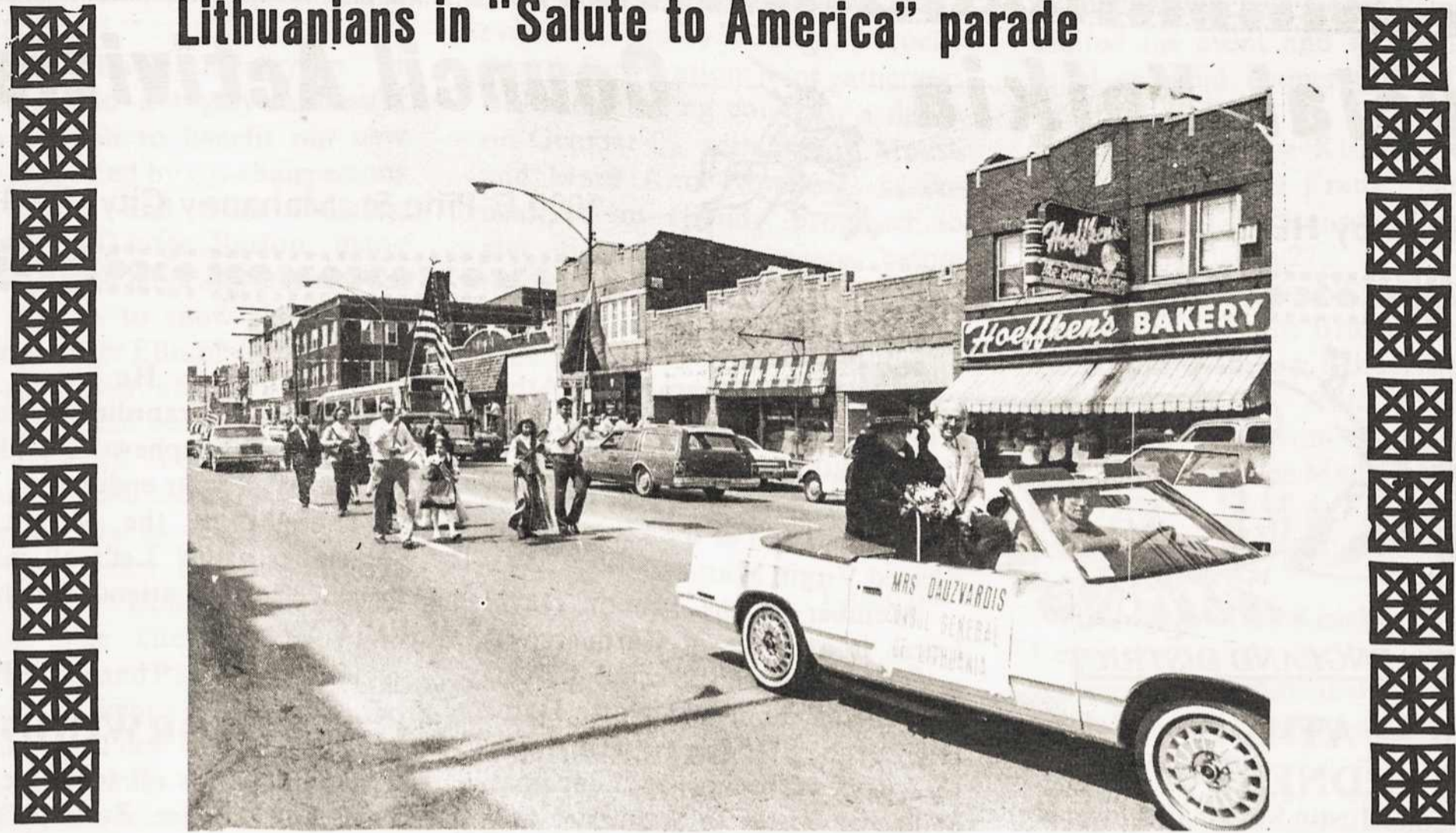
Essay Contest committee members include, from left to right: William Balis, Mary Kincius, John Paukstis, President of C-36, Ruth Kazlauskas, Chairlady, Rev. Peter Cibulskis, MIC, and Scotty Zukas. Absent from the picture is committee member Bruce Neberieza.



Council 36, Chicago, sponsored its first annual cultural exhibit at the Lithuanian Youth Center, 56th and Claremont in Chicago, on May 6, 7 and 8. The event was widely publicized, including invitations to local TV stations, and was very successful. Distinguished and prominent artists displayed their art, which included the cutting and polishing of amber, ceramics, driftwood sculpture, gold, silver and amber creations, straw pictures and ornaments, woodcraft, and many other creations in Lithuanian art.

The exhibit was arranged by the energetic chairlady, Ona Naureckas, cultural chairlady of C-36, who also displayed her work. Pictured left to right are: P. Zumariene, woodcraft; Dr. R. Povilaitis, metallic art; Theresa Balciunas, President of C-38, Kenosha, amber; Aldona Paulikaitis, assistant chairlady; Ursula Astriene, straw pictures; Dr. J. Salna, driftwood sculpture; John Paukstis, President of C-36; and Ona Naureckas, chairlady.

Lithuanians in "Salute to America" parade



MRS. JOSEPHINE DAUZVARDIS, Consul General of Lithuania, Honorary K of L Member, was a special guest of honor in the "Salute to America" Parade held on the southwest side of Chicago on April 23rd. She is riding with GENE LINER, Director of Public Relations at Holy Cross Hospital, and member of C-36, Chicago. Following the auto are K of L members in Lithuanian costume.

Gene Liner was recently named to the "Who's Who of Prominent Public Relations Professionals" in the health care field for 1983.

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An article in the South Boston Tribune on May 26th, written by ED KETVIRTIS, details the story of the flight of Darius and Girėnas. The story was written in connection with the 50th Anniversary Commemoration banquet sponsored by the Stephen Darius American Legion Post No. 317, South Boston, Mass., which was held on June 5th. Ed is a member of C-17, South Boston.

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SISTER M. CHRISTINE KLEPONIS, Principal of St. Peter School, South Boston, Mass., was recently installed as President of the Elementary School Principals' Association of the Archdiocese of Boston. Sister Christine, of the Lithuanian order of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, is also a member of C-17, South Boston.

KAROL BOBKO, Astronaut, one of the four crewmen aboard the space shuttle Challenger, has Lithuanian connections according to "Vienybė". Bobko's grandfather came to the United States from Lithuania to work on the Erie Canal, settled in Amsterdam, N.Y., eventually becoming a successful businessman. His mother, the former VERA SAGAITIS, lived a large part of her life in Amsterdam. Bobko's cousin, GRETA BAKUZONIS, still resides in the area.

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RIMA HARTVIGAS, Vice-President of Junior Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y., served as Police Court Judge on Student Government Day in Amsterdam on May 18th.

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JOSEPH P. TUNCAVAGE, C-143, Pittston, Pa.; has been awarded a Swiss University Grant to the University of Basle for graduate study in chemistry. The award was announced by the Swiss American Student Exchange in Zurich and the Institute of International Education in New York.

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Nothing Great was ever achieved without
Enthusiasm.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

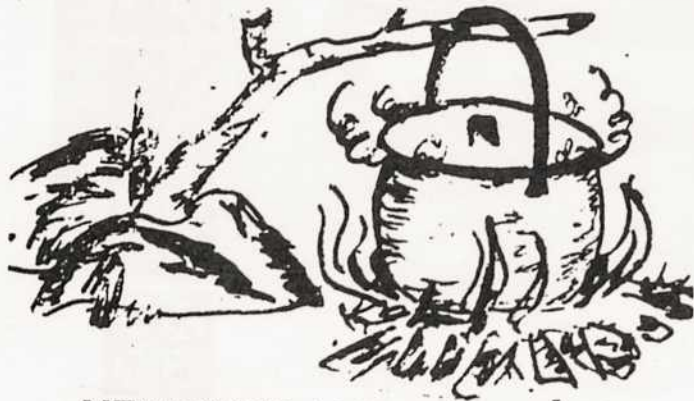
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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

Father Justin Steponaitis lost his neighbor priest, the Rev. Vaclovas Vaiciunas, in Bogota, Columbia. Born in the same village of Skaisgiris, Sintautų Parish, Father was deeply saddened to hear of his death. The village was blessed with four priestly vocations.

Congratulations and welcome to our ranks: Valeria Smith and Nettie Piragis of Athol, Paul Shatas of Ervinga and Celia Maher of Gardner. We wish you many fruitful years in the K of L.

C-10 remembers their adopted parish of Vabalninkas, Biržų County, at each meeting with a special prayer.

The Wisnauskases commemorated the 20th anniversary of the death of their mother, Amelia, with a Mass, visitation of her grave, recitation of the Rosary and a dinner attended by the family and family friends on April 24. May she rest in peace.

C-10 plans to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the death of St. Casimir as a pilot project in the New England District on October 9 in St. Francis Church with more details to come.

Pauline Rogers returned to Athol after spending the winter in Florida.

The Athol girls did a nice job of hosting the May meeting, followed by the recitation of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Member of the Month: David Lucas is a native of Gardner, was graduated from Sacred Heart Parochial School and Notre Dame High School. He has been employed the past 20 years at Cincinnati Millacron-Heald in Worcester as a heat treater.

David is one of our newest members and holds membership with the Lithuanian Club in Gardner where he is an ardent worker, Sacred Heart Parish and the Mystic Valley Railway Society. He loves concerts

and the theater. He enjoys sport fishing. He is extraordinarily good to his nieces and nephews. David, best of luck in all your endeavors.

Thought of the Month: It's September again! Let's all make a special effort to attend our annual Fall Convention.

Vincukas

C-27 — NORWOOD

Council 27 is off to a fine start. Paul and Louise Zukas, George Barton, Helen and Stan Dallalis, Helen and Patty Kontrimas attended the NED Convention in Bridgeport. It was good to be back and we jumped right in. Patty Kontrimas and George Barton were elected to represent the District at the National



Lithuanian American Council of Boston witnesses the proclamation of "Lithuanian Independence Day in Massachusetts". The enactment took place in the governor's chamber. From left to right: Chairman Alexander Chaplikas (K. of L.), Mrs. Elena Vasiliūnas, Governor Michael S. Dukakis, Bronius Paliulis, Mrs. Ona Ivaška, Phyllis Grendal (K. of L.), Dr. Algirdas Budreckis (K. of L.)

Convention in Philadelphia. Congratulations!

An enthusiastic group of members held a highly successful parish auction to benefit our new organ fund. Led by Co-chairpersons Paul Zukas and Stan Dallalis, assisted by George Barton, many valuable items, large and small, from pizza makers to snow shoes, were collected. Peter Ellis of Ayer was our guest auctioneer, ably assisted by his good friend and our advisor, Father Bill Wolkovich. Together they not only entertained the crowd but kept the bidding and buying moving at a fast pace. Helen Dallalis, Aldona Jackson and Louise Zukas were cashiers. The kitchen crew, with Joyce Kasetta and Patty Kontrimas as chief cooks, kept everyone well fed and happy. They were assisted by Helen Kontrimas, Sandy Melish, Dorothy Ausevich, Adele Picard, Mary Ann Tamasanis and Barbara Zukas. Paul Picard and his runners were kept busy all day. Thanks to all who donated treasures, baked, helped, attended, bid, and in any way supported our first endeavor.

Ritual Chairman George Barton bestowed First Degrees on the following new members: Father Bill, Dorothy Ausevich, Sandy Melish, Aldona Martinkus, Joyce and Francis Kasetta, Stanley Dallalis, Aldona Jackson, Mary Ann Tamasinis, Helen Kontrimas and Fred, Adele and Paul Picard.

Father Bill, our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, has a very interesting program planned. He set up a very colorful and interesting display of Lithuanian articles in the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library showcase to go along with the presentation to the library of six volumes of Encyclopedia Lithuanica by our resident priest, Father Robert Rice. In the fall, he will be giving a 10-week course on "Lithuanians in New England" as part of the Adult Education Program at Norwood Senior High School.

We have a full calendar of coming events: A family outing at Rocky Woods Reservation; joint gatherings with neighboring councils; a dance on October 29 with Sandy Melish and Mary Ann Tamasinis as co-chairpersons (Sandy promised to give figure dance lessons before then); Kazys Yakutis will come from New York on November 12 to present a concert to commemorate the year of St. Casimir, and Father Bill will treat us to his one-man music and comedy show. We look forward to seeing many old friends.

Liudovisė

C-50 — NEW HAVEN

After our glorious St. Casimir's Feast Day celebration on March 6, we had our next glorious event — our Palm Sunday Food Fair. We are thankful to our parishioners, our neighboring Lithuanian Bakery in Waterbury for loading our baked goods table with cakes, cookies, raisin and rye bread, and our supplier of Lithuanian cheese from Chicago.

Of course, we can't ever thank Mr. Dirdauskas enough for his ever-so-popular Lithuanian sausage. Dinners were served all day Saturday and

Sunday. Frank and Isabel Peterson chaired the event and received the usual splendid cooperation of the Knights.

George & Rose Kisielius, Ann Pausa and Isabel & Frank Peterson attended the NED Board meeting in Putnam on March 27.

On April 24, the NED Convention hosted by C-135 Bridgeport was attended by George & Rose Kisielius, Evelyn Lepensky, Ann Mieskins, Bernice Barile, Ann Rinkevicius, Nellie Parelli, Helen Medley, Alex & Ann Gedrim, Isabel & Frank Peterson, Viola Gradeck and Mary Yezukevich.

George & Rose Kisielius, Evelyn Lepensky and Nellie Parelli represented the council at the all-day workshop in Manhattan at Our Lady of Vilna Church.

John Kiuzhak, our newest member, received his First Degree at our May meeting. Welcome!

We were all deeply saddened by the sudden death on April 9 of Vincent Glynn, husband of Julia Kapavitch Glynn, our recording secretary. We will remember him in our prayers.

On May 18 a special feat in honor of Bruno and Theresa Strimaitis was held at the Ninety-five House in North Haven. A good number of K



Theresa and Bruno Strimaitis of C-50 New Haven were honored on May 18 for their untiring efforts for St. Casimir Church with an appreciation party

of L'ers turned out to show their appreciation and gratitude for their untiring efforts in promoting activities in St. Casimir Church. Our altars get more beautiful at each holy day. Their voices are heard in our choir. If there is dancing, they are spinning all over the hall. We are proud of you and love you, Theresa and Bruno. Father Karalis, our spiritual advisor, could add much more to their praise.

After our Saturday Vigil Mass on May 21, many K of L'ers gathered in the church hall for a reception celebrating the 35th anniversary of our pastor. Father Karalis came to St. Casimir in 1978 where he celebrated his 30th anniversary. We are indeed happy and proud to have Father Karalis as our loving pastor. We pray that he will be with us a long time.

Our semi-annual Parish Dinner-Dance was held at the K of C Hall in Hamden on May 28. Many council members worked diligently to make it a success. Congratulations!

Helen Balchus

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

Our June meeting for the past six years were held at the home of Vic and Bea Mathieu in Bristol. They have been something very special. We commemorate the Terrible Days of June in St. Mary's Church with a Mass and a special homily. The celebrants of the Mass were Fr. O'Connell, pastor; Frs. L. Budreckis, V. Cukuras, L. Musteikis from far-away Nebraska; A. Jurgelaitis OP who preached the homily. Offertory gift bearers were Sister Apolinara and Vic Mathieu. About 100 K of L'ers were present. Fr. Cukuras led the singing of "Marija, Marija." Even non-Lithuanians were deeply moved by that hymn.

After Mass there was an ample and tasty buffet supper. During the program we discovered why Sister Apolinara and Vic Mathieu were

selected as gift-bearers. They were honored by C-103 — Sister Apolinara, a Providence native, for her 50 years in the service of God and Country as a member of the Poors Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; Vic as the C-103 Friend of Lithuania Award recipient.

State Representative "Kelly" Parella presented Sister with a special citation for her half century of exemplary dedication. Vic received a plaque with the K of L Vytis. Council Treasurer Ray Savickas presented Sister Apolinara a gift of the folding kind and extended best wishes and prayers of all the members. President J. Waitonis did a fine job as MC. Then came the jubilant "Ilgiausiu Metų" directed to Sister. Susan Gudczauskas accompanied the singing with her accordion. She then began playing "Happy Birthday to You." All eyes turned to Fr. Jurgelaitis. The song was for him.

This memorable day ended with the singing of the national anthems and the K of L Hymn.

Fr. Valdemaras Cukuras, our pastor and Spiritual Advisor, was recalled by his bishop in Norwich and assigned as Chaplain to the Lithuanian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Putnam. Council 103 members sponsored a Testimonial Supper in his honor on June 18. They planned, catered and served the meal. Fr. Vaitekunas Hall was filled with well-wishers. Guests at the head table included Father Page, temporary Administrator, and Frs. L. Budreckis and Jurgelaitis.

The various parish organizations and Citizens Club expressed their appreciation for Father's service to St. Casimir's. Walter Kachanis presented Father Val with a gift in the name of all present.

Council 103 wishes our former Spiritual Advisor God's blessings in his new position of service.

Helen Denisewich



C-145 — HOLYOKE

For some of us, Opportunity knocked three times during the month of April. "Were the knocks loud?" was asked. Not really — nor were they the beat of a rhythmic meter. But we heard them.

The first knock was in the form of a phone call Nell Ruggles received from the social editor of the Springfield Daily News about the "fancy" Easter eggs, Lithuanian style. "Would Nell explain the process in an interview at her home?"

Later at this interview, the reporter and her photographer commented upon the many facets of this particular legacy. The adroitness Nell used in handling the stylus, plus the color combinations that enhanced the desire for the simple little egg. Delving further into the meaning of the designs, it was explained that the geometric, which included "Gediminai Stulpai," and the religious in the form of crosses, were symbols that came from ancient times. The flourish of scrolls and feathering were reminiscent of the Renaissance. The half-page interview appeared in the newspaper showing Nell in a step by step illustration of this craft.

The second knock was in the form of a commitment made earlier at Wistariahurst Museum inviting the public to learn the process of creating our exquisite Easter eggs. This was the seventh year we have been asked to demonstrate this art to our community. In the half-page feature of the Holyoke Transcript Telegram, Helen Dorpholz and Viola Markowski were shown surrounded by spectators while Isobel Unitas appeared about to candle an egg. In another photo, the hands of Anne Dapsius and Nell Ruggles were seen in a close-up candling and polishing an egg. Jim Adamaitis crafted the stylus used at this affair.

The third time Opportunity knocked, we responded to the re-

quest of Museum Director Marie Quirk to teach the art of making paper May baskets. Of course, this craft was not Lithuanian, but our council received credit in the half-page spread of the local newspaper. Highlights of this session were crowns and tiaras made with colorful paper strips. The little girls' facial expressions as they donned the completed tiaras, primping from side to side to catch their reflections in the glass wall cases, gave us enough reward for our efforts. Each was an enchanting little princess. Some of the ladies attending this class were Brownie troop leaders and were bringing back to their girls this almost forgotten craft.

Also, at this time, we welcomed three new members to our council: Anne Dapsius of South Hadley, Christine Gregoire of Longmeadow, and Sophie Collins of Chicopee.

So, if anyone tells you that Opportunity only knocks once, don't believe it! They perhaps are not listening hard enough.

Margaret Picard

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT



C-61 — Paterson, N.J.

61-ji Lietuvos vyčių kuopa kartu su Lietuvių Bendruomenės Patersono apylinke dalyvavo įvairių tautybių festivalyje, kuris buvo surengtas William Paterson College, Wayne, N.J. Šį festivalį gegužės 6 d. atidarė New Jersey gubernatorius Thomas H. Kean. Festivalio motto buvo „Ethnic dimension”. Gubernatorius savo

kalboje pabrėžė, kad New Jersey mielai priima naujai atvykstančius imigrantus. Jo valstijoje esą daugiau kaip 40 įvairių tautybių ir apie 16% visų New Jersey gyventojų kalba namie ne angliškai. Jis ragino visiems imigrantams laikytis savo papročių ir kultūros, nes šie dalykai suteikia Amerikai gražaus įvairumo. „Dėlto”, jis kalbėjo, „no matter what tyranny they were trying to escape, they should never forget where they came from and should always bring their heritage with them. Their cultures should be here protected and preserved”.

Visą penktadienį, gegužės 6 d. vyko įvairūs seminarai, o kitą dieną, gegužės 7 d., tautybės pasirodė su savo parodomis, šokiais, dainomis, tautiniais valgiais. Lietuviai buvo pakviesti dalyvauti su savo paroda ir tautiniais šokiais. Nors čia nebuvo duodamos jokios premijos, bet lietuviai buvo vieni iš geriausių savo šokiais, o savo paroda buvo patys pirmieji.

Su savo tautiniais šokiais pasirodė pagal festivalio vadovybės nustatytą tvarką šios grupės: ispanai, šiaurės kaukaziečiai, airiai, estai, lenkai norvegai, lietuviai, kiniečiai, italai ir kolumbiečiai. Lietuvius atstovavo New Jersey šokių ansamblis „Liepsna”, vadovaujamas Birūtės Vaičiūnaitės. Šokius palydėjo akordianistė Rūta Raudytė. Šokių aprašymą ir jų programą anglų kalba parengė Janina Meižienė.

Lietuvių tautinėje parodoje buvo išstatyti šitokie eksponatai: Medžio tūkintojas Stasys Adomaitis pagamino gražią lietuvišką sodybą, kurią sudarė gyvenamas namas, prie jo gėlių darželis, aptvertas tvorele, toliau lietuviškas kryžius, dar toliau klėtis ir daržinė, netoli jų tvenkinys, už jo lietuviškas vėjinis malūnas ir malūnininko namelis, daržas su daržovėmis. Prie sodybos matėsi taip pat šulinys su svirtimi. Sodybo-



Parodoje išstatytos lėlės, ratelis ir priekyje 250 metų senumo prijuostė. (Nuotr. A. Meižio)



Stasys Adomaitis prie savo pagamintos lietuviškos sodybos. (Nuotr. A. Meižio)

je aplink namą matėsi pasodinti medeliai. Takai išbarstyti geltonu smėliu. Sodybos kieme šoka tautiškais drabužiais apsirengę šokėjai (tie šokėjai buvo mažos lėlytės).

Šią sodybą sustatyti padėjo Vytautas Gružas, kuris atgabeno dar savo darbo gražių medžio drožinių, vieną su įgraviruota „Tėve mūsų” malda ir didelę lėkštę

jo paties dažytų velykinių margučių kartu su dail. Tamošaičio knyga „Easter Eggs“. Angelė Stankaitienė ir Janina Meižienė pristatė visą būrį įvairaus dydžio tautiškais drabužiais papuoštų lėlių ir audinių. Buvo gauta viena prijuostė iš Izabelės Keraitienės, kuri esanti 250 metų senumo, namie austa, namie savo pagamintais dažais dažyta ir išsiuvinėta tautiškais raštais.

Labai daug parodą pajvairino ir labai didelę dalį užpildė Genės Popelienės įvairių rankdarbių, audinių, juostų, gintaro, medžio ir kaulo drožinių eksponatai. Šie buvo ir pardavinėjami. Čia buvo lėlių, dėžučių, statulėlių, lėkščių, drožinėtų lazdu, pypkių, iš kaulo padarytų gėlių ir kitokių įvairenybių.

Kai vyriausias visų tautybių festivalio vadovas sociologijos profesorius Vincent Parillo pamatė, kad lietuviai jiems skirtą vietą užpildė net 24 staliukais, jis iš pradžių nusigando, kad neliks vietos kitiems, ir norėjo, kad keli staliukai būtų atimti, bet kai įsižiūrėjo, kas ant jų išdėstyta, sustojo ir pasakė: „Quite impressive! Quite impressive! You can keep all that space.“

Visą šitą parodą surengė labai veiklus komitetas sudarytas iš abiejų pradžioje minėtų organizacijų. Komitetui sumaniai vadovavo Lietuvos vyčių 61-os kuopos valdybos narė kultūriniais reikalais Denise Balčietytė. Kiti komiteto nariai pagal alfabetą buvo šie: Motiejus ir Ona Balčiečiai, Marija Kemėžienė, Gediminas Klimas, Almantas Meižys (vyčių kuopos pirmininkas), Janina Meižienė, Klemensas Pralėška, Antanas Rubonis, Angelė Stankaitienė (LB apylinkės pirmininkė), ir Jack Scheibelhut.

Baigiant, tenka pasakyti, kad šis komitetas atliko didelį darbą, suorganizuodamas tokį reikšmingą lietuvių pasirodymą. Lankytojai

daugiausiai domėjosi lietuviškais eksponatais, juos atidžiai iš visų pusių apžiūrinėdami, fotografuodami, klausinėdami apie Lietuvą, kai kurie prisipažindami, kad iki šiol nebuvo apie Lietuvą girdėję. Čia jie jos maždalelę kultūros pamatė, pamatė ir jos trispalvę, kuri buvo iškelta šalia Amerikos vėliavos. „Liepsnos“ šokėjai irgi atkreipė nemažą dėmesį ir susilaukė labai daug plovimų. Tas viskas buvo pasiekta, darnaus Lietuvos vyčių ir Lietuvių Bendruomenės Patersone bendradarbiavimo dėka.

Antanas Masionis

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

During the Lithuanian Mass on May 7, we sang the beautiful hymns honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Baltch, celebrant, led us in the singing. The readings were by Mrs. Susan Lekutis and President Anthony J. Radzevich. Gerry Drenzek assisted at the altar.

The meeting convened immediately after Mass with the Rev. Anthony Grigaitis giving the opening prayers. President Radzevich presided. Secretary Eleanor Olechowski's minutes of the April meeting included the letter from Elinor Sluzas, National First Vice President, which dealt with interesting the young people to join the junior councils; the signing of a petition to have the US Post Office print a Darius and Girėnas stamp and Bernice Aviza's informative talk on the arrest of Father Svarinskas by the Soviet authorities for a minor traffic accident.

Regina Kott, MAD Cultural Chairman, reported on the third seminar held on May 7 at Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall in New York City. Due to Bernice Aviza's illness, Dr. Jack J. Stukas was panelist for Lithuanian Affairs. Regina chaired the Cultural Panel. Regina commented that those in attendance, after seeing clippings of the news

coverage in Amsterdam's Recorder, were delighted and pleased with the publicity on the commemoration of Lithuania's independence.

President Radzevich read a message from Ed Baranauskas about Schenectady's Festival of Nations on May 14 at the Schenectady Museum. The Lithuanians served apple pancakes and skilandis on rye bread.

Father Baltch spoke on "What's in a Name," by Demie Jonaitis, in April issue of Bridges. Vitas Gerulaitis, a famous individual in the tennis world, chose to keep his identity by not changing his last name. Who would recognize that former fighter Jack Sharkey was Lithuanian? His name was Zukauskas.

Father Baltch read excerpts from "A Chronicle of Courage," by Cindy Cavnar, in the New Covenant. "The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania tells a dramatic story of persecution and faith." The article carried pictures of Nijolė Sadūnaitė and Viktoras Petkus. It also referred to the dedication of Rev. Casimir Pugevičius and his involvement in the Lithuanian cause.

Rev. Donald Raila of our parish held his first Mass at St. Casimir's on May 22. A reception followed in the Social Center. He is the first cousin of our member Daniel Kabasin.

Closing prayers were recited by Fr. Baltch. An assortment of delicacies was served by the committee of Sophie Olbie, Jennie Burimaukas, Betty Kuzmich, Mary Stanionis and Gene Gobis.

June 13, the feast of St. Anthony, was the meeting day of Council 100 at the St. Casimir's Social Center. Rev. R. K. Baltch said the opening prayers and President Anthony Radzevich presided. After the reading of the minutes by Eleanor Olechowski, Sophie Olbie updated the council's financial standing. Ritual Chairman Mary Stanionis stated that five members were eligible for the Fourth Degree. Correspondence from Helen

Chesko, National Ritual Chairman, was read by Mary. Helen congratulated former junior member, Gerard Drenzek, on his Second Degree as well as Walter Sargalis, William Janewicz and Matthew LaTorre.

National Trustee and President Radzevich attended the Supreme Council meeting at our Lady of Vilnius in New York on June 4. He discussed plans for the national convention.

Father Baltch spoke on the Second Lithuanian World Festival held in Chicago. He stated that tennis star Vytas Gerulaitis donated \$1000 but would not participate since he was scheduled to be in England at that time. President Radzevich attended the event.

Gerry Drenzek chaired the summer outing with Regina Kot, Eleanor Olechowski, Walter Sargalis, John Rokit and Willard Kensell as his committee.

Members toasted Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, President Radzevich and Anthony Alexander on their feast day and President Radzevich on his birthday on June 11.

Mr. & Mrs. John Whelly, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Radzevich and Mrs. Jennie Kensell served the refreshments.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Alger and Joan Bagdonas in the recent loss of Joan's mother, Victoria Stanionis.

We also extend our condolences to former MAD Public Relations Chairman Jennie Chase and her family who now reside in Naples, Florida, in the recent loss of her husband, Bob. The funeral was held in Amsterdam. May the souls of Victoria and Bob rest in peace!

Leonard and Regina Hartvigaš are very proud of their daughter, Rima, Junior Vice President. Rima was named the most outstanding student in her graduating class at Bishop Scully High School. Congratulations!

Smile & Sparkle

C-144 — ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

The 69th Annual Lithuanian Day under the sponsorship of C-144 was held this year on August 14 at Lakewood Park, Barnesville.

Committee for this year's celebration was Chairperson Elsie Kosmisky, Co-Chairperson Eleanor Vaicaitis, Secretary Ann Carlitus, Treasurer Helen Chesko, Spiritual Advisor Rev. Al Bartkus, Program Book Chairman Ann Supernavage, Raffle Chairman Ann Zaldaris and Publicity Chairman Ann Klizas Wargo.

Entertainment was provided by the Lazdynas Lithuanian Folk Dancers of Rochester, the Schuylkill County Lithuanian Chorus "Zarija," and the Junior Knights. John Domalakes was Master of Ceremonies.

The Pre-Lithuanian Day Banquet was held on August 13 at Annunciation Hall, Frackville. Ann Klizas Wargo chaired the event with Ann Marie Lithkowsky as Co-Chairperson. Joseph Yezulinas, President of C-144 and Cultural Center President was named the Lithuanian Man of the Year. Bernice Mikatavage, First President C-144 and one of the founders, was honored as the Lithuanian Woman of the Year.



C-144 members at Governor's Reception: Juniors Madonna Balulis and Samantha Ruscavage. Also Bernice and Alfonse Mikatavage, Gov. and Mrs. Thornburg, Anne Marie Lithkowsky and sister Angela, C.J.C. at the Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg

Anthracite Council will co-sponsor a Holy Hour for the Persecuted Church in Lithuania on September 30. President Yezulinas and Bernice Mikatavage will coordinate the program with the Diocese of Allentown and the Lithuanian Priests League. His Excellency Bishop Thomas Welsh will officiate at St. George Church in Shenandoah. The homily will be preached by Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Executive Director of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid with headquarters in Brooklyn.

The theme of the Holy Hour will be the Wayside Shrine. Music will be provided by the combined Lithuanian Choirs of Schuylkill County with Rita Shevokis as director and Robert Yanaitis, organist. A reception will follow in Annunciation Hall, Shenandoah.

C-147 — ST. PETERSBURG

On February 13, the commemoration of Lithuania's independence was observed by K of L members by attending Mass at St. John's Church in St. Petersburg Beach. Since we do not have a Lithuanian church in the area, our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Victoria Jacobsen for arranging and organizing the event with Msgr. Trainer,

pastor of St. John's Church.

Fr. Albert Abracinskas of Brockton celebrated Mass with Msgr. John Balkunas, Fr. Adolfas Stasys and Fr. John Gaiunas as concelebrants. Two young girls and a young boy in native dress carried roses to the altar followed by two young ladies who presented wine and grapes and last were Mr. Anthony Mazeika, council president, and Mrs. Emily Petraitis, third vice president, who carried the offertory. Lithuanian hymns were sung.

Mrs. Jacobsen arranged for TV coverage by two local stations. The church, which normally seats 2000, overflowed with parishioners, visitors and tourists. Fr. Abracinskas spoke of Lithuania's background for the benefit of those not of Lithuanian descent.

After Mass, many went to the American-Lithuanian Club and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Mrs. Jacobsen arranged for 30 prominent guests who enjoyed the luncheon as well as the lively conversation.

On February 16, flag raising ceremonies were arranged in five municipalities through Mrs. Jacobsen's efforts. Although the council received a proclamation from the governor, the mayor of each municipality was to read a proclamation to be followed by a short speech by K of L member. We managed to complete ceremonies at one municipality, but a torrential downpour halted further activities.

On May 17, the council held their annual picnic in beautiful Seminole Park. Thanks to Msgr. Balkunas for the idea of raffling a 19-inch color TV. He and his committee of two, Mrs. Teresa Liutkus and Mrs. Genovaite Bakas, worked very hard in mailing and selling tickets. The raffle was a big success.

A second raffle was held at the picnic. There were dozens of prizes donated by members and friends so we had many happy winners.

The food department was handled very capably by a hard-

working committee. A hot meal was served to approximately 150. One has to admire these workers because all the food is cooked in private homes and brought to the picnic area hot, arriving together and on time.

A great big thanks to all the workers, too numerous to mention by name, who helped make the picnic a success. And, to Mother Nature who provided a beautiful day.

We had an influx of unexpected visitors that caused us to stop the sale of dinner tickets. Our apologies to those who missed out on the hot lunch.

Emily Petraitis

KAZYS KLEIVA DIAMOND JUBILEE



Our member Kazys Kleiva, a wide-scale humanist, celebrated his 75th birthday on January 4. His close friends and presidents of Lithuanian national and local organizations prepared a surprise testimonial on the day of his diamond jubilee at the residence of Jonas Valauskas. On his behalf, a donation of \$700 was made for Lithuanian National Foundation Inc. to enroll Mr. Kleiva as a perpetual member. Mr. Kleiva is a charter member and Lithuanian Affairs Chairman of Council 147.

On March 6, a special testimonial on St. Casimer's Day in conjunction with our council's annual communion and luncheon was arranged at the American-Lithuanian Club Hall

in St. Petersburg. Council members as well as prominent representatives of other Lithuanian organizations attended this impressive event.

Shortly after his emigration to the United States, Mr. Kleiva was invited to be an organizer in the State of Illinois for Lithuanian Catholic Alliance. Later he was elected to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Kleiva organized the first National Lithuanian Song Festival in Chicago. He organized the Lithuanian Displaced Persons and was elected to LOKA, a temporary organizational committee for establishment of Lithuanian Community, Lietuvių Bendruomenė. He also served as president of ATEITIS, seniors in USA and national president of Lithuanian American Catholic Federation. Later, he was elected to National Executive Board of Lithuanian American Council (ALTAS valdyba). He initiated and organized World Lithuanian Catholic Confederation (Bendrija).

In 1970, he organized the World Lithuanian Catholic Convention held in Rome and served for five years as Confederation president.

Mr. Kleiva actively and widely participated in journalism. In 1973, he came to St. Petersburg and immediately organized the Lithuanian Catholic Committee and united with the Lithuanian Organizations Committee. As president and with permission of St. Petersburg's bishop, he established St. Casimer Lithuanian Catholic Mission. He is also editor of Catholic Bulletin (Lietuvių Šeima).

After his election to the American Lithuanian Club Executive Board, he edited the club's bulletin "Lithuanian News" and presided for United Lithuanian Organizations Committee.

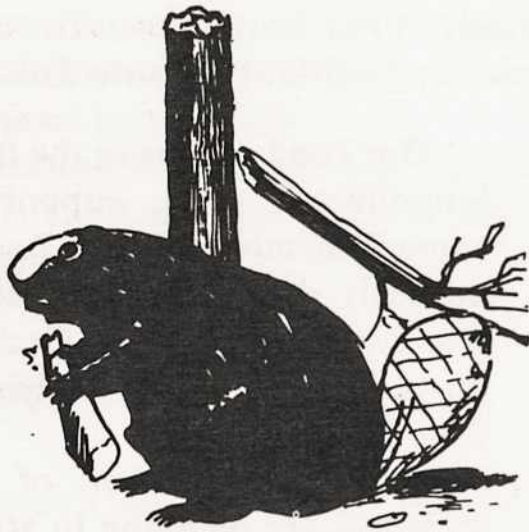
Mr. Kleiva is St. Petersburg's "Voice of Lithuania" (Lietuvos Aida) Radio Hour's Committee chairman and announcer since its first broadcast on December 16, 1978, radio station WTIS, 111-AM

at 12:30 p.m. every Saturday.

Since the council's inception in 1979, Mr. Kleiva and his wife, who is also a charter member as well as the council's recording secretary, have been extremely active and untiring workers for our council. They were both elevated to the Third Degree in 1981 and have earned more than enough credits to receive their Fourth Degree in 1984.

We laud Mr. Kleiva's efforts in projecting the Lithuanian cause as well as thank him and his wife for their work in council activities.

Emily Petraitis



MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

Our K of L Dancers began a fund-raising program to help defray the expenses of participating in the 1984 "Šokių Šventė" which will be held in Cleveland. Their first fund-raiser was a dinner-dance held in the Garden Room of the Martinique. This successful event was arranged by Director Frank Zapolis and his wife, Eleanor.

Under the direction of Faustas Strolia and President Sabina Klatt, the K of L Choir continues to represent us most admirably. They recently performed during the Memorial Day Ceremonies at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Cemetery, the 1983 "Dainų Šventė" and will be performing at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

The District Junior Councils of 36 and 112, under the leadership of District First Vice President Maria Deknis, continue to flourish. They recently participated in a bowling party, a skating party and held meetings at the homes of members and counsellors.

A special Spring Clean-Up of the K of L Building was arranged by the Building Trustees. Our appreciation to a small but hard-working crew: Albert & Julie Zakarka, Emilija Pakalniskis, Susan Bolanos, Sabina Klatt, Irene Sankus, Vyto Abraitis, John Hensen, Paul Binkis Jr. and Clemente Vidzius.

Our Quarterly Business Meeting was held in June with President Vincent Samaska presiding. Although it was a beautiful sunny day in Chicago, many delegates took the time to attend the meeting. Final convention details and many District and K of L Building matters were discussed. Our District delegates to the 70th National Convention are Ann Marie Kassel and Irene Sankus who served on the Mandate and Nominating Committees, respectively.

The Annual K of L Day Picnic Committee was headed by Co-chairmen Algerd Brazis and Irene Sankus; Bar — Aldona Brazis, Albert Zakarka and Clemente Vidzius; Raffle — Gerry Mack, Susan Bolanos and Paul Binkis Jr.; Kitchen — Vince Samaska and Sabina Klatt; Admissions — Ann Marie Kassel; Prize Booth — Monica Kasper.

In addition to our K of L Choir participating in the World Lithuanian Days, "Dainų Šventė," our K of L Dancers also performed. Algerd Brazis was one of the soloists in the "I Lituani" opera.

The 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Darius-Girenas Monument Day was held on July 4 with C-36 President John L. Paukstis as General Chairman of the Event.

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C-36 — CHICAGO

At our April meeting, we walked down memory lane as we viewed the video tape of the Darius Girėnas Legion Post's 50th Anniversary Banquet.

The beautiful portable radio was awarded to Ruth Kazlauskas as our monthly attendance award.

A Lithuanian Culture Exhibit on May 6, 7, and 8 proved to be a successful event with Ona Naureckas chairlady. It was very informative as there were many demonstrations and talks. Thanks to Ona and all artists. Workers were Lucille Kilkus, Sharon Martinaitis, Alina Vadeisiene, Ruth Kazlauskas, Jonas Levickas, Scotty Zukas, Bruce Neberieza, Romas Maldunas, Aldona Palukaitis, John & Lillian Paukstis and Irene Norushis.

A great big welcome to our new members. Get well to all of our sick members.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Sister Margaret on the death of her brother, Felix Petcavage; to Charles Malinowski and family on the loss of his father, Vincent Malinowski; also to Barbara Krupa and family on the loss of husband and father, Roman Krupa.

On May 14 the K of L Building had a clean-up party. From our council, Vyto Abraitis and Sabina Klatt pitched in with various cleaning jobs.

On Memorial Day the K of L Choir participated at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Cemetery by singing the Mass for all deceased.

Vince Samaska was honored on May 21 by the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce. He received a beautiful plaque which reads, "In appreciation for services as President for 1977-1979." We are also proud of John Paul Kilkus and Tom Strolia for receiving the \$1,000 scholarship from the Chamber. Congratulations to all!

Our lucky attendance award winner was Ruth Kazlauskas at our May meeting. Since she won the previous monthly award, she requested that another number be picked. Mrs. Samilevicius won the digital watch pen.

Sabina Klatt

C-112 — CHICAGO

Congratulations to our council priests on their religious anniversaries: Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Nativity BVM Pastor and Mid-America District Spiritual Advisor, celebrated his 42nd year of priesthood; Rev. Cannon V. Zakarauskas, Council Spiritual Advisor, 52 years; Rev. Tony Markus, three years; Rev. Vyto Mykolaitis, 40 years.

Following our May business meeting, we enjoyed the presentation given by Emilija Sakadolskis on Lithuanian musical instruments. Her presentation included photos and tape recordings of the various instruments. The social which followed, as usual delicious was provided by our Social Co-chairladies Rita Zakarka and Donna Juraitis, who were assisted by Lucia Rundauskas, our Indiana member, and Louis Rogers.

At our June board meeting, hosted by Council Secretary Mary Juzenas, everyone enjoyed hearing about the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, hosted by C-79 Southfield, from our "bowlers" Paul Binkis Jr., Susan Bolanos, Mary Juzenas, Irene Sankus. They greatly appreciated the assistance of fill-in bowler — National President and former Chicagoan, Loretta Stukas.

Our Cultural Chairlady Susan Bolanos arranged for a most delightful tour of the historic Pullman District in Chicago for council members.

Two long-time K of L members and officers of both our council and



C-36 members who participated at the Lithuanian CULTURAL Exhibit (left to right) Ruth Kazlauskas, Chairlady; Ona Naureckas; Toman Maldunas; Alina Vadeisiene; John Paukstis, President; Scottie Zukas.

the district celebrated a special wedding anniversary with a long-awaited trip to sunny Hawaii. We wish them many more years of happiness.

Congratulations to multi-talented Robert Mockus on a successful Junior Recital held at DePaul University Recital Hall. Robert performed works of Chopin, Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky on the piano. His mother Gerrie Chaplin and aunt Ruth Dagus hosted the reception which followed. Robert is the accompanist for the Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago and also the K of L Choir. Proud father is our K of L Building Trustees President Al Mockus.

This year's Amber Ball will have several K of L members making their debuts. Among them, our own social chairlady Donna Juraitis and HM Josephine Dauzvardis' granddaughter, Marian. Performing as a post-deb will be last year's deb, Georgianne Kassel of C-36.

Our member Casimir Oksas was selected as President of the Chicago Chapter of ALTAS, with Vince Samaska of C-36 serving as Vice President and Valeria Stanaitis of the Chicago Seniors as Treasurer.

Our condolences to the family of long-time K of L supporter and council member, Frank Zogas. His untimely death saddened all of us. Our sympathies also to Cecil Kincie on the death of her mother, Anele Kincinas.

A record number of council members are planning to attend the 70th National Convention in Philadelphia. Our delegation will be headed by President Paul Binkis Jr. and Mary Juzenas, Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Lucia Rundauskas, Eleanor Kasputis, Estelle Rogers, Irene Sankus, John Narusis and Al, Julie, Rita Zakarka.

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CHICAGO'S VYČIŲ CHORAS

Mirus ilgamečiui Lietuvos vyčių dvasios vadui kun. Anastazui Valančiui, kuris pastaruoju laiku buvo prisiglaudęs Šv. Antano parapijoje Cicero mieste. Chicagos vyčių choras balandžio 18 d. buvo pakviestas giedoti jo laidotivų šv. Mišiose. Choro pirmininkė Sabina Klatt telefonu sukviėtė choro narius. Nors buvo pirmadienis, dauguma choristų, net palikę darbą atvyko dalyvauti pamaldose. Gįdojo ne tik

Vyčių choras, vadovaujamas Fausto Strolios, bet ir solistas Algirdas Brazis ir tos parapijos vargonininko Antano Skridulio vadovaujamas vaikučių choras. Mišias aukojo Chicagos kardinolas J. Bernardin, o pamokslą pasakė kun. Gaučas.

Lietuvos vyčių choras yra vienas iš aktyviausių chorų Chicagoje. Pastaruoju metu jis ruošiasi Dainų šventei. Taipgi yra pakviestas giedoti lietuviškas Mišias kapinių dieną Šv. Kazimiero lietuvių kapinėse. Chorui talkina Robertas Mockus, Audrius Polikaitis ir Nijolė Kupstaitė. Dalis choristų priklauso ir kitiems chorams — Dainavos ansambliui ir Šv. M. Marijos Gimimo parapijos chorui, tačiau kiekvieną ketvirtadienį uoliai visi renkasi į repeticijas.

Linkėtina tam chorui dar ilgiau džiuginti Chicagos lietuvių visuomenę.

A. P. B.

EAST ST. LOUIS

Almost a year went by before our council called its members to a meeting. On April 17, seventeen people came to elect the Executive Committee and alternates of the council. All present indicated a wish to become active members and contributive parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Church.

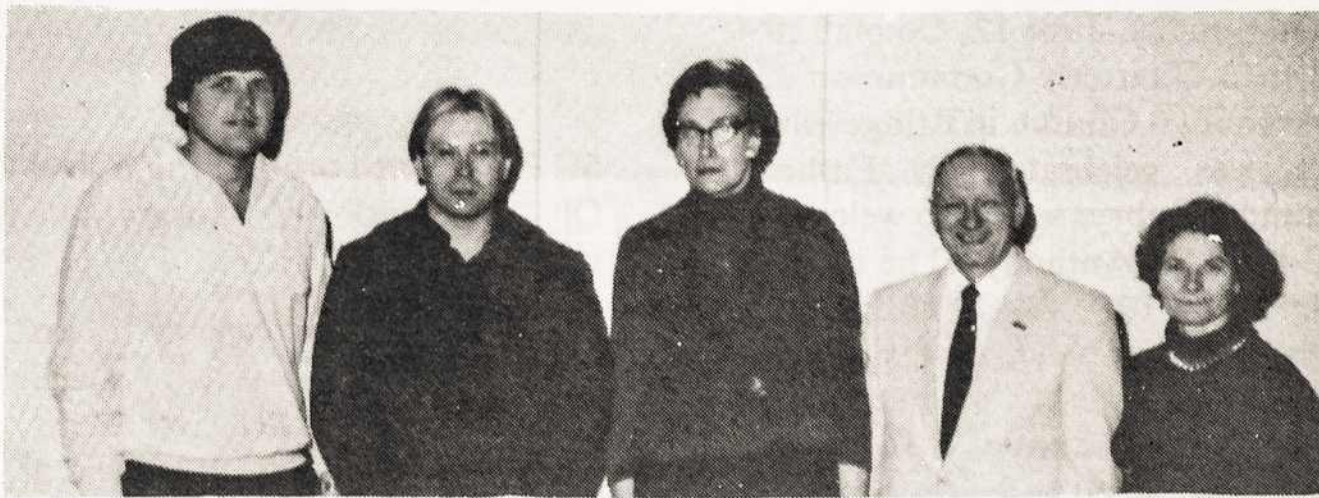
Our new president is Miss Patricia Kassly. Other officers are Albert Puzauski, vice president; Zigmas Grybinas, secretary; Leona Hamilton, treasurer. Alternates are Nelly Crulcich, Louise Kasban and Russell McMichael.

The members decided to get together much more often and begin to tackle such tasks which have been so far neglected. Special interest in getting Council 40 on the move was shown by John Kassly and the Tiskuses, parish trustees. Participants were treated to sweet rolls and coffee.

In the near future the committee will get together to begin planning for



Honored guests at Mid-America's "Memories" Banquet: ALTAS Natl. V-P Vladas Simaitis; Lith Vice-Consul Mary Krauchunas; MAMD Board Pres. Algird Brazis; Commander Darius-Girenas A.L. Post Stanley Walters; C-36 Pres. John L. Paukstis. (Photo: J. Tamulaitis)



2nd Degree Recipients - Mid-America District: Edward Deknis, Rev. Tony Markus and LaVerne Woperis, of C-112, and John L. Paukstis and Salome Daulys, of C-36. (PKHOTO Jean Janula)



1st Degree Recipients - Mid-America District: Seated: Mary Juzenas, Janne Wasilauskis, Carlotta Brazdzionis and Antoinette Barvitz, all of C-112 and Stella Kaulakis and Rose Didzgalvis of C-36. Standing: Bernard Gercius, Steve Rudokas and Al Barstis, of C-112 and Vytautas Dijokas, Adolph Kaulakis and Jonas Levickas of C-36. (Photo Jean Janula)

the rest of the year. Those in attendance were happy to see our newly-elected committee and are hoping that enthusiasm will grow.

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C-19 — PITTSBURGH

On Sunday, June 12, Council 19 held their Quarterly Communion at St. Anthony's Church in Bridgeville. Mass was celebrated by Father Alexander Zubrys who also welcomed C-19 to St. Anthony's. The church choir with very few Lithuanians enthusiastically sang several well-known Lithuanian hymns. Our council president, Margaret Papeaka, presided as lector, read the church announcements and welcomed the Knights to this quarterly communion service.

After the Mass, we held a meeting and a hearty brunch at the Carnegie Hotel in Carnegie. A total of 27 members attended this lively meeting. Delegates were selected for the convention in August. A prayer day was designated for our council.

Lillian Gailys related experiences of her recent trip to Rome. Sister M. Francesca commented on various ways and projects to enrich our treasury. She has again kindly donated to the K of L Convention Committee hand-sewn Lithuanian costumed dolls.

We later learned of the death of Julia Alehsunas' mother. Julia is a well-known, long-time member of Council 19. All of our members extend our sincerest sympathy to Julia.

Mary H. Tamy

C-25 — CLEVELAND

Hi! C-25 is back in the news. Our new officers are doing a wonderful job of keeping our members busy.



SC President Loretta Stukas and Rev. Victor Kriščiunevičius, pastor of Divine Providence Banouet at MDW Tourney and MCD Conference in Southfield

Special thanks to President Vito Bolas and Vice President Nellie Arunski. Under their leadership our card party held on April 24 was a great success. Many compliments were given by the senior citizens of the parish to the K of L for Sponsoring the affair.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Peter Luiza whom all the K of L's will miss. Peter passed away on April 30. Please say a prayer for Pete who always prayed for and helped others.

C-25 was well represented at the Mid-Central District meeting and Bowling Tournament in Detroit May 20. We thank C-79 for a well-planned event and successful convention.

Mrs. Della Jakubs, mother of William Jakubs of C-25, died recently. Many of our members and their friends offered donations in lieu of flowers, much of which was sent to the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund. However, acknowledgement was sent to the donors. No mention was made of the fact that it was donated in her memory. I am sure C-25 would be very happy as well as the family if this acknowledgment were made.

Mr. & Mrs. Victor August of St. Petersburg, Florida, are spending a few weeks visiting friends and are

very hopeful of attending the National Convention in Philadelphia.

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C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

The blue skies of spring brought a nice turnout of members for our May meeting. Vice President Ed Bagdon continues to sign up new members. We welcomed Joseph Madelis, Al Shurkus and Charles Bagdon to membership in Council 79.

Religious Chairman Ann Uzdevinas wrote to Bishop Paul Marcinkus in support of a commemorative stamp for the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir. Members signed a petition.

On the cultural scale, Stella Hotra was very informative on the history of the Ateitininkai as to their purpose as well as their cultural and educational objectives.

A spirit of realistic optimism prevailed at the meeting as plans were completed for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament and Mid-Central District Convention on May 21 and 22. Following the meeting, hostesses Mary Keller, assisted by her son Richard Danielak, and Virginia Kirsh treated members to some delicious eating. Also, let us add a

nod to Bertha Janus and Ann Erdman who hosted the April meeting. Stella Hotra did nicely for the June meeting.

Second Degrees were bestowed on Ann Erdman and Nellie Milius.

Humming a happy tune is first-time grandma, Helen Tucker whose daughter Colleen gave birth to a girl on March 31 in Florida. Helen spent a month with Colleen and her granddaughter.

On a sad note, we were shocked and sorry to learn of the death of Peter Luiza, a fine man and an esteemed member of Cleveland Council. *Lai Dievas suteikia amžiną atilsį ir linkime jo šeimai mūsų didelę užuojautą.*

When members of various councils convened on May 21-22, the spotlight was on the Mid-West Bowling Tournament and Mid-Central District meeting, hosted by C-79 of Southfield. The weekend opened with a full house of happy Knights for a Friday night get-together of songs, hearty food and drinks. The highlight of the evening was the surprise presentation of a birthday cake to MCD President Thomas Bruzga. All sang the traditional birthday song, and the socializing went on to the wee hours.

The MCD was represented by members from Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Dayton, Chicago, DuBois, Detroit and Southfield. Magdalena Smailis, President of C-79, extended greetings and a warm welcome to everyone. Fr. Alphonse Babonas, Spiritual Advisor, rendered the opening prayer. We were honored by the presence of our Supreme Council President, Loretta Stukas. Following the council reports and other business matters, MCD President Bruzga conducted a successful meeting. Various methods for fund-raisers for the Chronicle and K of L History were suggested. There was a brunch break, enhanced by a Blessed Mother motif of lilacs and spring flowers. The Zagers and Bagdons co-chaired this. In addition,



Presentation of bowling awards by Chairman Charles Milius at Mid-West Bowling Tournament, hosted by C-79 Southfield



Three Presidents: Thomas Bruzga, Mid-Central District; Loretta Stukas, Supreme Council; Magdalena Smailis, C-79 Southfield, at Mid-West Bowling Banquet on May 22

a verbal bouquet to Marge Nashlan, Magdalena Smailis, Chester Nashlon and their crew for putting the Friday get-together so nicely.

The blue skies of spring were an added attraction for the Dinner-Dance of MCD and MWB which was a move-around party, chaired by Joseph Yakstys and his lovely wife, Jeanne. They were assisted by a great committee of 79'ers. Kalcnik Bros. Band and the Button Box group provided good dancing music.

Among those celebrating anniversaries were Rita and Edward Bagdon, their 25th and Marie & George Kasevicius-Kase, their 50th. The Kases celebrated with a Mass and a renewal of vows on June 19 followed by a lovely party.

The finale of MWB was the Bowling Banquet on Sunday. The event was a complex of occasional rain, sunshine and the aroma of good food following Mass at Church of Divine Providence. Pastor F.. V.

Krisiunevičius encouraged members to go forward and create an atmosphere that will promote membership growth and leave an enriching legacy in our K of L organization.

During the brief program in the Cultural Center, SC President Loretta Stukas thanked all present and extended words of encouragement in our efforts at Mid-Central District. Nellie Milius and her group did a great job in the Brunch Department. Charles Milius, general chairman, presented the bowling awards. Thanks to his able committee. Scores and names appear elsewhere in Vytis.

One more thank you to Marianne Newberry and Jeanne Yakstys who handled registration. Everywhere we turned there was Violet Panavas collecting tickets. MCD-MWB was delightful . . . delectable . . . delicious!

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C-86 — DU BOIS

Our sympathies to Alvina Luiza on the loss of her husband, Pete, on April 30. Pete was our MCD President several years ago and was the live-wire of all our MCD get-togethers. We will miss his ever-smiling face. I was privileged to attend the funeral with my wife, Jeanne, and Twila Petrosky. It was a fine funeral, and the singing by Pete's granddaughter was inspirational to all. I am sure Pete was looking down on it all with that twinkle in his eye.

On May 1, ten of our C-86 members participated in the Annual Rosary March in Clearfield. We planned to march under our MCD banner. Because of rain, we were limited to reciting the Rosary under protective cover. Hopefully, we will be able to display our Vytis banner next year to show people our Lithuanian involvement.

May 20, 21, and 22 were the dates of our Mid-Central District Convention and Mid-West Bowling Tourna-



National President Loretta Stukas speaking to delegates at MCD Convention. Seated at table: MCD Treasurer, Frank Zager - C-79, MCD President Tom Bruzga - C-86, MCD Secretary, Dick Radzavich - C-86, and Father Alphonse Babonas

ment in Southfield. We had four teams entered, and they finished between 4th and 19th place with 19 teams entered. The first-place trophy continues to elude us. Our thanks to C-79 for a well-organized weekend. From the Friday evening get-together to the Sunday Awards Banquet we enjoyed a continuous good time. Maggie Smailis and her committee did an extra-fine job. Ačiū labai from our Du Bois group. It was an honor and a pleasure to have our National President Loretta Stukas with us. Come back soon, Loretta.

The surprise birthday party rigged up for me by my wife, Jeanne, on Friday night was great! Thanks, Albina, for the donation of the birthday cake. Thanks to some of those fine friends from Cleveland for the bottle of "medicine."

Our council offered the Veterans Day outdoor Mass at the shrine at St. Joseph Cemetery. The day started out with gloomy weather, and it would have forced the Mass indoors.

Fortunately, the sun finally worked through the clouds, and we had a beautiful day. Over 100 people participated, many of them Knights. Thanks Dick Radzavich and Tom Metrovich for the added landscaping. After Mass, 23 members of C-86 visited the individual graves of our deceased members in a group and prayed for each of them.

Tom Bruzga

C-96 DAYTON

Our annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother took place as always on Mother's Day. The Junior procession was to our Lady's altar where Catherine Shepard, having the honor, placed a wreath of flowers on our Blessed Mother's head. Prayers were recited and then the Mass began. Following Mass a breakfast was held in the church hall. Jr. Adv. HM Mary Lucas and Elaine Pacoysky prepared a delicious and plentiful meal for all.

The Juniors had a presentation of their various talents with all being directed to their mothers. It was a very good beginning to a very special day.

At our parish's First Holy Communion Day Mass we were introduced to our new Children's Choir. Their voices were beautiful. This choir is made up of our K of L Juniors and CCD students and is under the direction of Elinor and Anna-Marie Sluzas. Cecelia Yankus accompanied them on the organ. We are looking forward to hearing this group at future masses.

This year we did manage to send one team to the annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament. Our team did not do as well as they had hoped but they were there to represent our council. Congratulations to Eleanor, Chris and Joe Mantz, Sue Smiley and Cecelia Yankus. Two of our Juniors, James Pacovsky and Jay Grant, bowled also. Congratulations to James for his winnings.

Delegates to the MCD meeting on the same weekend were Joe & Aldona Ryan, Mary Lucas, Eleanor and Chris Mantz and Cecelia Yankus. They all came back with a good report of the session. Those who attended had nothing but praise for the host council, Southfield C-79. We heard Cecelia Yankus helped with the Friday night get-together by entertaining everyone with the live sounds from her accordian.

Our parish's Cultural Committee again did an excellent job in seeing that the Lithuanian community was well represented at Dayton's 10th Annual World A'Fair. Many K of L'ers did their share in helping with the work this project takes. We are proud of the talent Elinor Sluzas continually shares with us. The theme for the Lithuanian display "Winter in Lithuania" was Elinor's idea. Many thought it was excellent and deserved higher than Second Place Award.

We are also proud that Annamarie Sluzas, Miss Lithuania, was one of five finalists and runner up to Miss World A'Fair. The Vejeliai Dancers under the direction of Grag Blum were excellent in their performances. Judy Petrokas and Cecelia Yankus accompanied the dancers with their accordian music. For the most part Mary Ann Blum kept the kitchen in line. Sally Miller and Mildred Steinbrunner took care of the K of L Christmas Ornament booth while Mary Lucas and Aldona Ryan were in charge of the K of L Egg Decorating booth.

Hosting the K of L Koffee Klutch after 10:30 Mass on the third Sunday of the month was the Gecas family for June and Fran Petkus for July.

Get well wishes are sent to Mrs. Anelle Petkus, Mary Lou Lastoskie and Sophie Bitner. Congratulations on their 30th Wedding Anniversary — Stan and Helen Vaitkus. Joe and Eleanor Mantz treated the members after the June meeting including the occasion of their 35th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations. Treats after the May meeting were donated by our 'winner' Kitty Prasmantas.



Annamarie Sluzas

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"ŽIEMA LIETUVOJE" (Winter in Lithuania) Scene at World A'Fair'83 attended by 50,000 people in Downtown Dayton

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Elena Mikalauskas

Our deepest sympathies are sent to Joan Kavalauskas on the recent loss of her father, Mr. Snyder. May his soul rest in peace!

Congratulations go to our recent HS graduates Elena Mikalauskas and Tom Petkus. Elena will continue her studies in the field of nursing at Wright State U. while Tom plans to leave for the US Air Force in August.

Our deepest sympathies go to Alvina Luiza on the recent death of her husband, Peter. Pete has been past president in our district and those of us who have a close friendship with the members in C-25, Cleveland, will miss seeing Pete's warm smile and welcome when we all get together. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

Fran Petkus

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in
your prayers...

JOSEPH A. BOZA
Member of C-100
Commack, New York
Died on October 9, 1982

EDWARD SURMANEK
Member of C-110
Flushing, New York
Died on January 4, 1983

JOHN VERDIL
Member of C-110
Maspeth, New York
Died on March 10, 1983

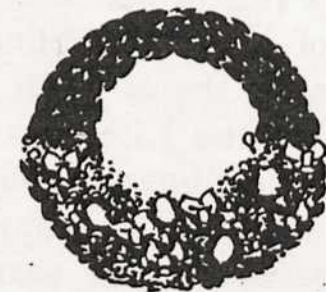
WALTER E. TRELLA
Member of C-135
Ansonia, CT
Died on May 18, 1983

STELLA MAZEIKA
Member of CC36
Chicago, IL
Died on May 31, 1983

BRUNO GATLIS
Member of C-36
Chicago, IL
Died in June 1983

ANTANAS BUTKUS
Member of C-36
Chicago, IL
Died on June 21, 1983

ELIZABETH LEONARD
Member of C-74
Scranton, PA
Died on June 30, 1983



Tom Petkus