

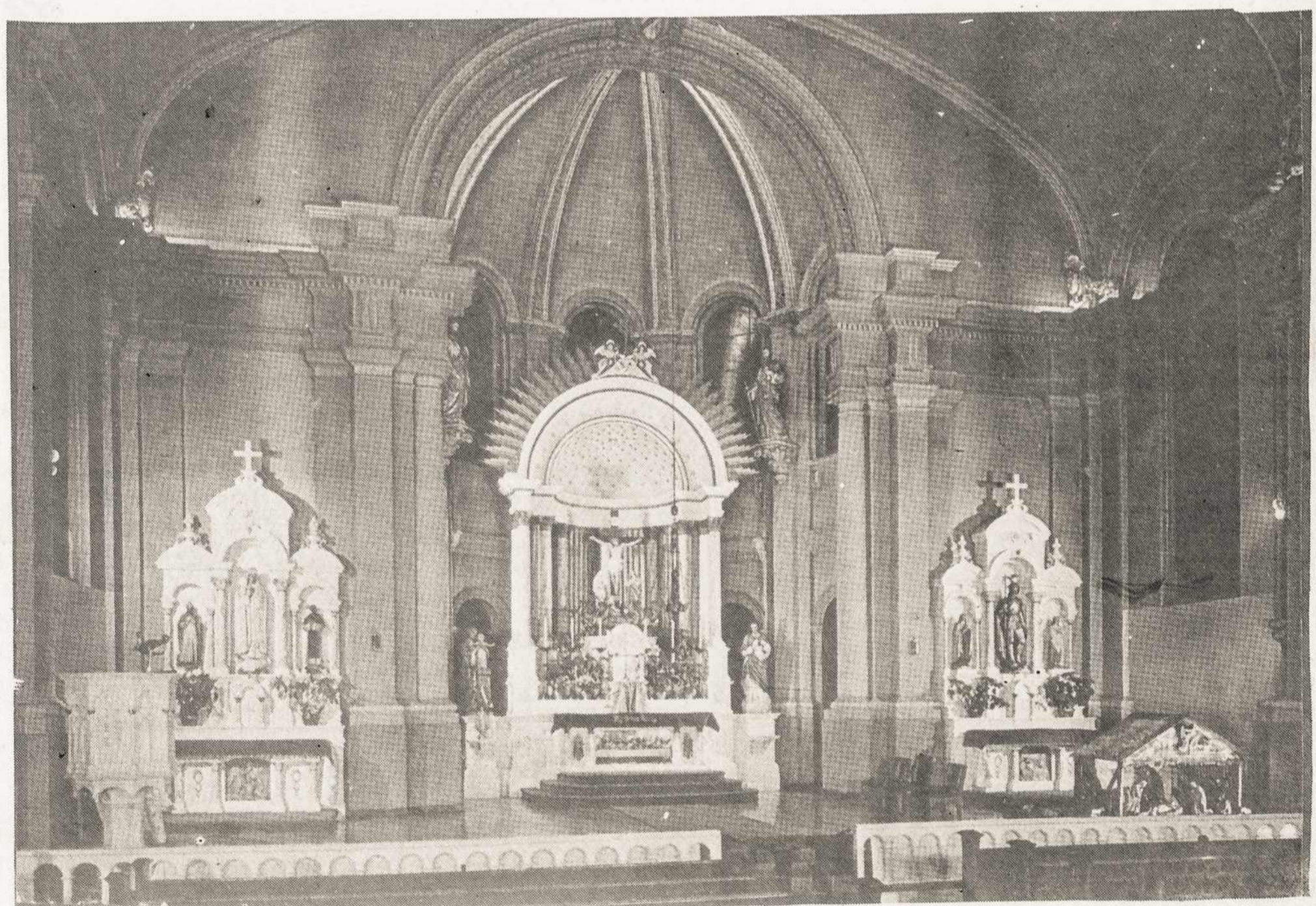
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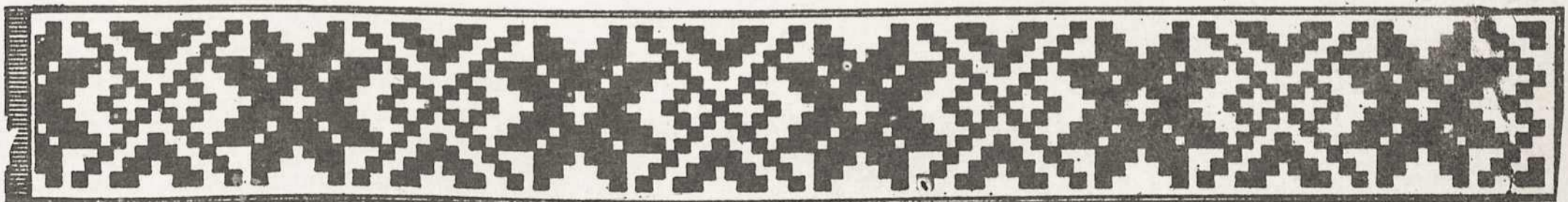
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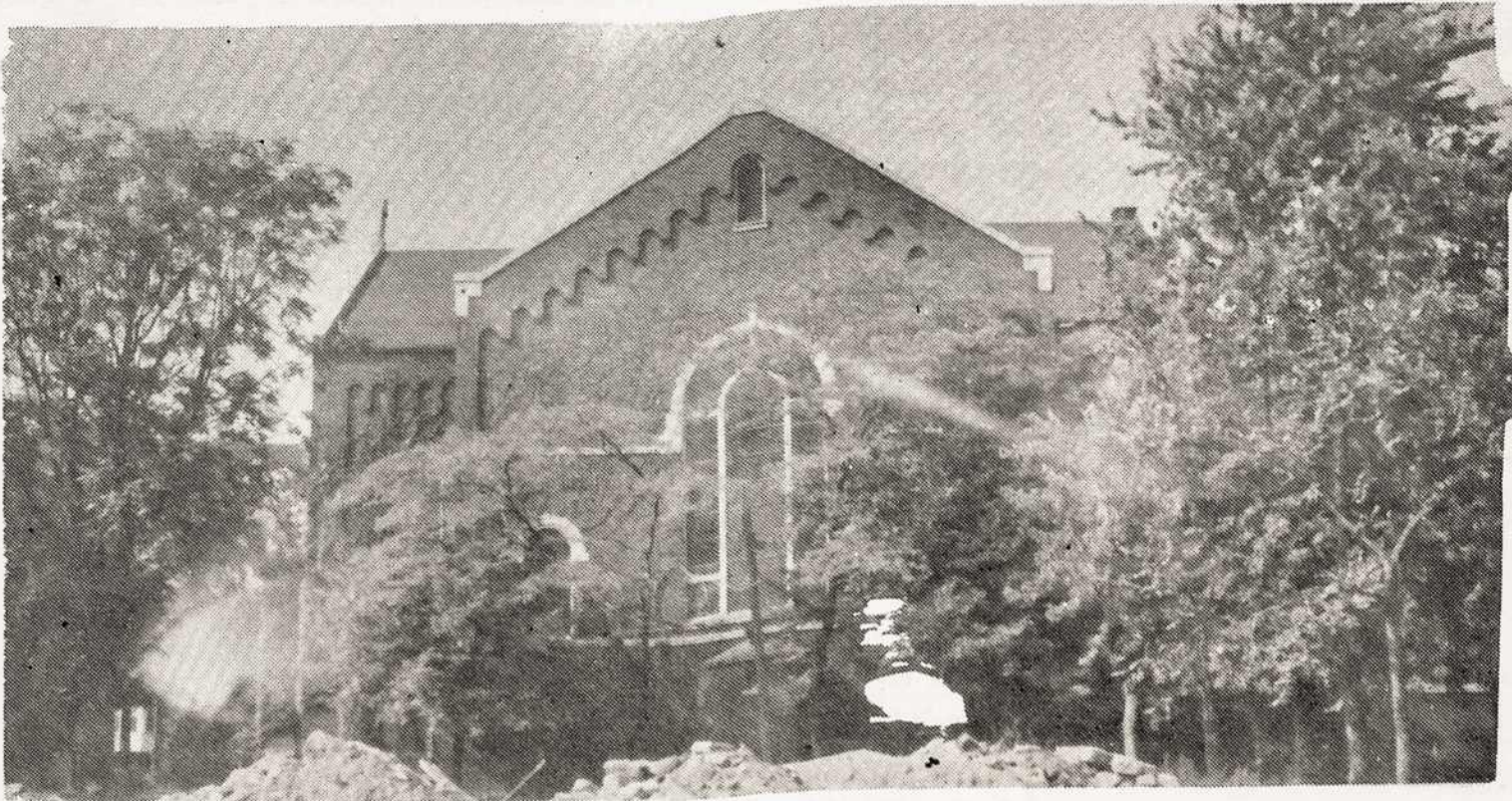
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ST. GEORGE CHURCH Church No. 1

ST. GEORGE CHURCH — 75 YEARS

SOPHIA ZAGER

Originally, it was St. George's Lithuanian Parish. Its founder was Father Casimir Valaitis and that was how it all began, the first of the three-church development seventy-five years ago.

In the spring of 1908, a wooden church was built on the East Side of Detroit, specifically Westminster and Cardoni avenues. There, the first Lithuanian settlers attended services until the construction of a brick church in 1916. Through the efforts of the succeeding priests, Fr. Casimir Skrypkus and Fr. Fabian Kemesis, it developed into a fast growing parish, and a large parish school built in 1920. Fr. Kemesis was the most active priest of Lithuanian colonies in that day. He helped organize a local chapter of American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women Alliance and revived the Knights of Lithuania.

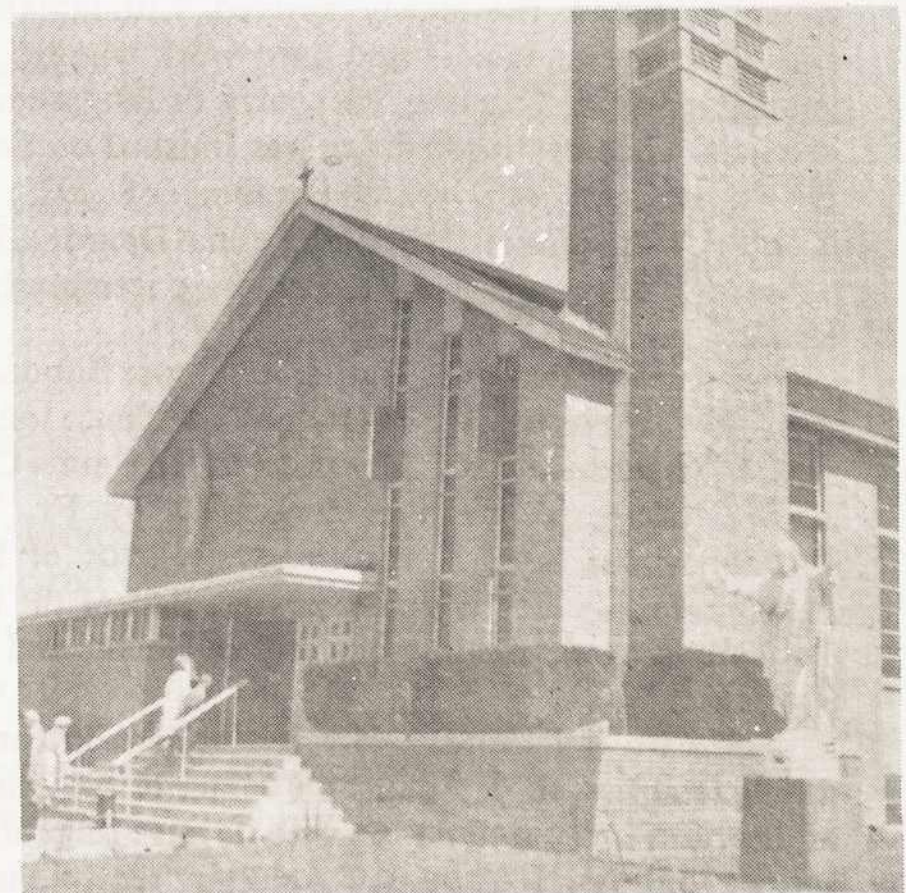
In 1922, he was succeeded by Fr. Joseph Cizauskas as pastor. His was a long record of thirty four years in the parish.

In a day when churches had beautiful statues, St. George was unique in its Gothic design. The interior featured four evangelists — Luke, John, Mark and Matthew — high above the main altar. A lovely grotto of Mary was outside.

Many happy memories are cherished. The church was the setting of many weddings and important family occasions. There were May crownings and lovely processions. There were weekly devotions, First Communions, Confirmations, and graduations; anxious moments, such as watching altar boys — sons cope their first few times with book and bells and mispronounced Latin; sad times of funerals and happy times of Baptism.

However, another birth of St. George was in creation. Because of a planned freeway adjacent to the building, Rev. Joseph Cizauskas, then pastor, and the church committee had to search for a suitable location for a new church. The site selected was on Schaefer Rd. near Grand River ave. Because of the fact that St. George's was then being used as a "Mission", the Chancery of Detroit chose "Divine Providence" as the new name of the Lithuanian parish.

On December 1949, the new Divine Providence church was blessed with participation of many area parishes, clergy and parishioners.



DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH 1949
Church No. 2

Following the death of Rev. Fr. Joseph Cizauskas on October 21, 1955, Rev. Fr. Michael Kundrat was appointed on November 3, 1955 as administrator of Divine Providence. His appearance brought some changes. Formation of an active Altar Society and modernizing the interior of the church were among some of the projects.

In September 1958, the Knights of Lithuania, Council 79, was reorganized after a 35-year lapse, and soon became a center of many activities. During the 1959 national convention, held in Detroit, John Cardinal Dearden expressed, — "Hold on to your Catholic Lithuanian traditions and always be proud of your Lithuanian heritage".

Not too many years passed before Detroit decided the city needed another freeway. The new road would take the church building which meant that Divine Providence had to be upstaged for the third time. The result being the selection and structures on Nine Mile Road in Southfield. One of the most tremendous jobs of the Building Committee, chaired by Anthony Dainus who worked diligently, was to persuade Bishop Thomas Gumbleton that the church be legally recognized Lithuanian. The Bishop conceded. The driving force behind the establishment of this parish was Knights of Lithuania, Council 79. During the time plans were developing and construction of the third new edifice, nearby St. Beatrice's (under Fr. Arthur Neffy) accepted Divine Providence parishioners for three years.

Various groups helped with money-making projects. Two organizations which had their beginnings in the first St. George's Church helped with their contributions. They were ALRC Women's Alliance and the new reactivated Knights of Lithuania. Other groups followed which included the newly arrived Lithuanians. All contributed their talents and hard work whether it was laying floor tile, painting, carpentry or landscaping the grounds. The new third edifice was finished on time and the day of dedication was on September 8, 1973. It was eventful, with dignitaries John Cardinal Dearden, Bishop Vincent Brizgys and other clergy concelebrating the Mass.

For a designated time, Father Alphonse Babonas was appointed Administrator of Divine Providence following Rev. Michael Kundrat's departure to All Saints Church in Mt. Clemens. He was succeeded by Fr. Victor Krisciunevicius who is the present pastor of Divine Providence. Under his guidance and that of the Parish Council, there were numerous improvements and added projects.

The Cultural Center, with its modern kitchen and dining facilities, soon became the center of activities. The auditorium-hall combination with its huge stage afforded space for dance groups, wedding receptions, and theatrical performances. Lithuanian language classes are



*Divine Providence Church 1973
Church No. 3*

held there on Saturdays. Some are third generation American-Lithuanians.

On the lawn stands a Lithuanian-style cross, donated by the Knights of Lithuania. Vividly important, the cultural center was the center of activities for another convention, hosted by C-79 in August of 1974.

Through the efforts of Council 79 and Parish Church Council, a seventy-fifth observance of St. George-Divine Providence was staged with a two-day gala celebration. It began with a dinner and concert on October 15th, followed by the parish choir and a Lithuanian dance group "Audinys". On Sunday, October 16th, a High Mass was concelebrated with the Most Rev. Edmund Szoka, Archbishop of Detroit; Bishop Vincent Brizgys, and other dignitaries. A reception followed and a brunch was served. This special event highlighted all former St. George's old-time members. But the most eloquent testimonials for them will never be heard. They are locked in the hearts and memories of our old parishioners who are not with us anymore. And, may they rest in Peace.

The anniversary was chaired by Pres. Vytas Petrulis of the Parish Council. Among the committee members from C-79 were: Pres. Magdalena Smailis, Goerge and Marie Kase, Kazys Gogelis, Sophie and Frank Zager, and Anthony Dainus who promoted the anniversary tribute. Everyone else who graciously helped and attended, made it a happy and memorable occasion.

Infinitely patient for 75 years, Divine Providence survived many trials and tribulations. But perseverance and prayers won us a beautiful parish all our own that had three churches in one lifetime!

A GIFT FROM THE NATION OF MARTYRS

Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania No. 57

A few years ago, the Catholics of Ireland gave the persecuted Catholics of Lithuania a symbolic gift: A small statue of Mary which was supposed to go to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Dawn Gate in Vilnius. The Soviet government would not allow the statue to be taken to Lithuania, and so it was temporarily kept in the Church of St. Casimir in Dublin.

In January, 1983, an "ecumenical delegation" of clergy from the Soviet Union travelled through England and Ireland. The delegation was arranged by the Council for Religious Affairs, and its purpose was not ecumenism, but propaganda: In the Soviet Union, there is freedom of religion. In Moscow during the briefing session on how the clergy should conduct themselves during the trip, the Dean of Šakiai, Msgr. J. Žemaitis, asked a responsible staff member of the Council for Religious Affairs what he should do if the Catholics of Ireland asked him to deliver the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Lithuania.

The official said that he could accept it. It appears that the Catholics of Ireland, with their demands to send the statue to Lithuania had annoyed the Soviet government so much that the latter had decided to make use of this delegation to bring the statue to Lithuania. In Dublin, Soviet Embassy staff members were overjoyed that finally, they would be able to unload the statue of Mary.

When the delegation returned to Moscow, customs officials came and confiscated the statue. Arriving home, Msgr. Žemaitis telephoned the Commissioner for Religious Affairs, Petras Anilionis, to tell him about the unpleasant incident. After a while, the Assistant Commissioner for Religious Affairs, Jozėnas, announced that the statue of Mary could be picked up, only it would have to be kept in the Church of Šiluva. The KGB did not want the statue to stay in the capital drawing devotees.

Finally, Msgr. Juozas Žemaitis and the Dean of Šiluva, Vaclovas Grauslys, brought the gift of the Catholics of Ireland from Moscow to Lithuania on February 16, the day when Lithuanians throughout world commemorate the anniversary of the dearly re-won independence of Lithuania.

Not without the involvement of the Council for Religious Affairs, the gift of the Catholics of Ireland was delivered to Šiluva quietly, without ceremony. Priests and faithful were not informed about it. So that the Catholics of Ireland would remain satisfied with such a silent reception of the gift, the Council for Religious Affairs ordered Bishop Povilonis to send an acknowledgement to the Cardinal Primate of Ireland.

This delivery of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, according to the KGB plan, was supposed to be proof that Lithuania is not a nation of martyrs. Proof was necessary at this time when one of the best sons of Lithuania, Father Alfonsas Švarinskas, was thrown behind bars at the hands of the occupant.

The Catholics of Lithuania remember warmly their brothers in Ireland, and are very grateful to them for their solidarity and prayers at a time when it is necessary to walk the road of thorns.



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Msgr. Juozas Žemaitis

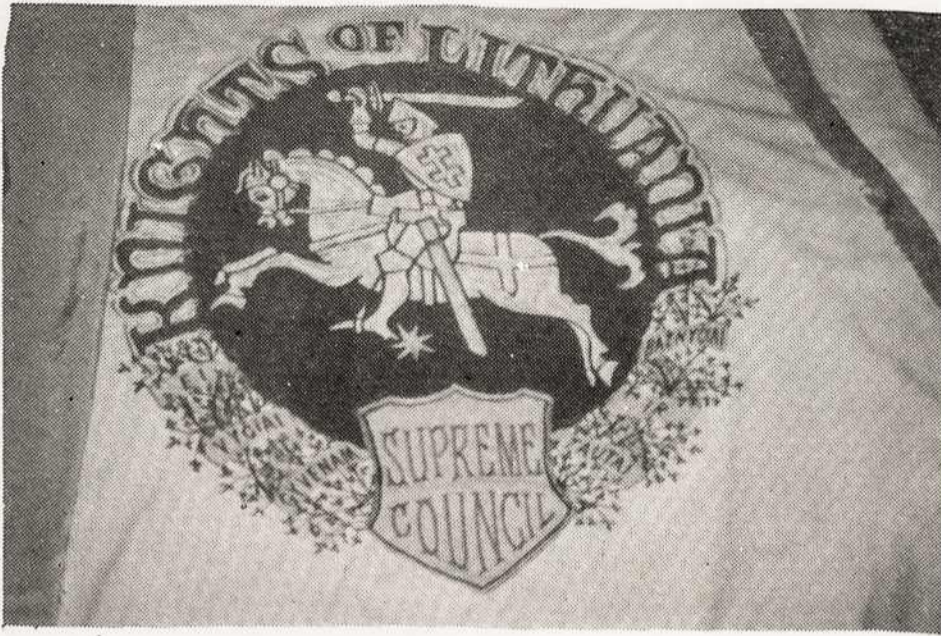


1940 Flag

FLAG COMMITTEE REPORT

The ad hoc Committee on Flags, set up by the 70th National Convention, met on Saturday, August 20, 1983 to examine the 1940 and 1980 Supreme Council flags, note differences, and make recommendations. The report is as follows:





1940 FLAG

1.0 General Description

- 1.1 Cream white background with 2" gold fringe
- 2.0 Knight and Horse
- 2.1 Silver embroidery with grey outline of features
- 2.2 Small spur on knight
- 2.3 Long slender shield
- 2.4 Natural hands on knight
- 2.5 Slender sword and scabbard
- 2.6 Open-faced helmet with plume
- 2.7 Natural face outline
- 2.8 Natural horse mane
- 2.9 Natural horse tail; natural horse figure, in general

3.0 Field for Figure

- 3.1 Antique (orange) red color
- 3.2 Inside red trim border
- 4.0 Lettering
- 4.1 Size and style (K of L) similar
- 4.2 Copper-brown letter colors are used consistently
- 4.3 Motto in copper color
- 5.0 Council Shield
- 5.1 Beige field with copper letters
- 5.2 Copper and gold outline

6.0 Rūta

- 6.1 Natural heavy foliage

1980 FLAG

- 1.1 Pure white background with 2" gold fringe
- 2.1 Silver embroidery with deep black outline of features
- 2.2 Exaggerated spur on knight
- 2.3 Triangular, stubby shield
- 2.4 Covered hands
- 2.5 Broad sword and scabbard
- 2.6 Close-faced helmet, no plume
- 2.7 Incomplete face outline
- 2.8 Scalloped mane
- 2.9 Flared horse tail; unnatural horse figure, in general; carousel
- 3.1 Deep (crimson) red color
- 3.2 No inside border
- 4.1 Size and style similar
- 4.2 Green and red colors mixed and no copper-brown, 4.3 Motto colored red
- 5.1 Yellow field, green letters
- 5.2 Gold unspaced outline
- 6.1 Shamrock-like light foliage



In summary, the 1980 version appears to be an interpretation of the earlier design, rather than an imitation.

Pictures of the 1940 and 1980 flags were taken for side by side comparison. The pictures above give a general idea of the figure differences. The 1940 appears on much of the K of L stationery but even there the figures are slightly different.

The committee recommends that:

1. the 1940 model be followed exactly in any future flags,
2. the 1940 flag be kept in the Knights of Lithuania

archives room at the ALKA site in Putnam, Connecticut,

3. the 1940 flag be used rarely but on special occasions such as National Conventions, and similar important events.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Peter A. Bizinkauskas
Committee Secretary

Longinas Svelnis, Chairman
Joseph Boley, Committee
Anna Klizas Wargo, Committee

REPORT ON THE JUNIOR "MINI - CONVENTION"

— Elinor Sluzas

The 70th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania is now a haze of memories. But what sweet memories! First of all, Walter Mameniskis, President and Council 3, our Philadelphia hosts, were the personification of their cities' motto CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE.

Agnes Mickunas and her daughter, Barbara, made all of the arrangements for the Juniors social activities... from the tours of historical sites, swimming party and pizza party they were always the willing, gracious hosts.

Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M., the official Junior Convention Meeting came to order. In attendance were 17 Knights of Lithuania youth. They chose as their Chairman, Tom Strolia. The meeting was opened with a prayer by all in attendance.

Loretta Stukas, Supreme Council President, greeted the members and encouraged them all to remain active. Elinor Sluzas turned over an Agenda for their Chairman to follow for the meeting. Tom Strolia asked each one present to introduce him/herself and what Council each represented.

In an effort to exchange ideas with each other, they talked about the various activities their own Junior Council has had. They discussed the 500th Anniversary of the death of St. Casimir to be commemorated in 1984 and that each council should plan a special observance in his honor.

Elinor Sluzas, 1st VP in charge of Juniors, gave each one a packet which contained songs, craft ideas, story of St. Casimir and Our Lady of Siluva. She also gave each one an oversized Lincoln Penny which bears the initials VDB on the reverse side, exactly as it was minted in 1909. She told the story of Viktoras D. Baranauskas, the man who designed the Lincoln penny, and why he fled Lithuania.



Elinor then turned the rest of the meeting back to Tom Strolia and suggested that he plan a special surprise for the entire convention body.

What a surprise it was! Sunday at the closing lunch, Tom with his accordion, and Annamarie Sluzas, invited everyone to join in with their group of Juniors in singing several Lithuanian songs which they had rehearsed for our pleasure. What a delight it was to see and hear these wonderful young Lithuanian-Americans singing the songs of Lithuania.

Georgiana Kassel, Annamarie Sluzas, Rita Zakarka, Paul Strolia and Tom Strolia, all former Juniors, took an active part in the National Convention.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS...Janel Shamonsky and Tanya Delellis, C-144, and James Pacovsky, Tim Pacovsky and Jay Grant, C-96

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 1984 AND A STRONG YOUTH PROGRAM IN CHICAGO.

(Paul Strolia...remember your promise!)





JUNIOR

NEWS

DAYTON, OHIO JUNIORS

On Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day), the Junior Knights of C-96 participated in a beautiful procession and crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 8:30 Mass at Holy Cross Church.

Our youngest member, Nathan Bucmys, preceded the May Queen down the aisle carrying the crown on a white satin pillow. Our Treasurer, Catherine Sheppard, who served as May Queen, was escorted to the May Altar by the Juniors President James Pacovsky. There she placed a gold crown which was embellished with yellow baby rosebuds and white baby's breath upon the head of the B.V.M. statute. She then recited the "Memorare". Following in the procession were Jay Grant carrying the Pope's white pearl rosary and also Annette Sheppard who carried a Marian Banner and placed it on the main podium. Following were Brian Fletcher, reader of the first Epistle and Frank Abrose, Jr. who gave the second reading. Next came Tim Pacovsky and Joe Kievel who are our Altar Boys. They carried lighted candles, and placed them on Mary's Altar. Carrying bouquets of fresh carnations, were Steve Kievel and Eric and Aaron Geiger. These three Jrs. also presented the Communion Offerings.

Elinor Sluzas, our Nat'l. 1st. Vice Pres. in charge of Junior Councils was invited to read the Gospel. Then

H. M. Mary Lucas gave a short description and explanation of the Holy Father's 1983 Holy Year Rosary which was placed on the folded hands of the B.V.M. statue.

After the Mass, Elinor Sluzas returned to the podium and congratulated all mothers on this their day. She also told of a very moving and personal experience about a friend of hers which had many parishioners eyes glistening with tears. All the Juniors mothers looked lovely with their beautiful corasages presented by their Jr. members.

After the impressive procession, May Crowning and Mass we all assembled in the church hall where Mary Lucas and Elaine Pacovsky, our Jrs. Advisors, had prepared a delicious breakfast for all Jrs., their parents and other K. of L. guests. The Jr. members then presented a lovely program for everyone — either by recitations of poems, readings, playing of musical instruments etc. Annette Sheppard was mistress of ceremonies for the program. We sadly missed Barbara Lastoskie on this day as she was hospitalized with a tonsilectomy.

James Lucas Pacovsky

AMSTERDAM JUNIORS

Hello from the Amsterdam juniors! We thought we'd bring you up to date on what we have been doing. On Saturday, April 22, we

went bowling. When Kristin Olechowski got into the swing, she had 3 strikes in a row! Tim Saikal had the highest single of 148. The sport was planned by Joe Nikstenas. Judy Nikstenas, John Saikal, Richard & Kenny Jasewicz, counselor Regina Kot, assistant Gene Gobis and Beatrice Jasewicz made up the rest of the group. Don Nikstenas, Joe's and Judy's dad, a good bowler, was giving us some valuable instructions. We finished up our afternoon with snacks at McDonald's.

Our money-making scheme, chaired by Richard and Kenny Jasewicz, went off very successfully. Our drawing took place during the regular council's meeting on April 4 and Mrs. Isabelle Palelunas claimed the prize.

Rima Kartvigas enjoyed Easter vacation with some of her Bishop Scully High School classmates in France. Even with the rainy weather, they really enjoyed their visit.

Congratulations to Rima who was chosen to be the City Court Judge on May 18, the day the Amsterdam students take over the City Government for the day.

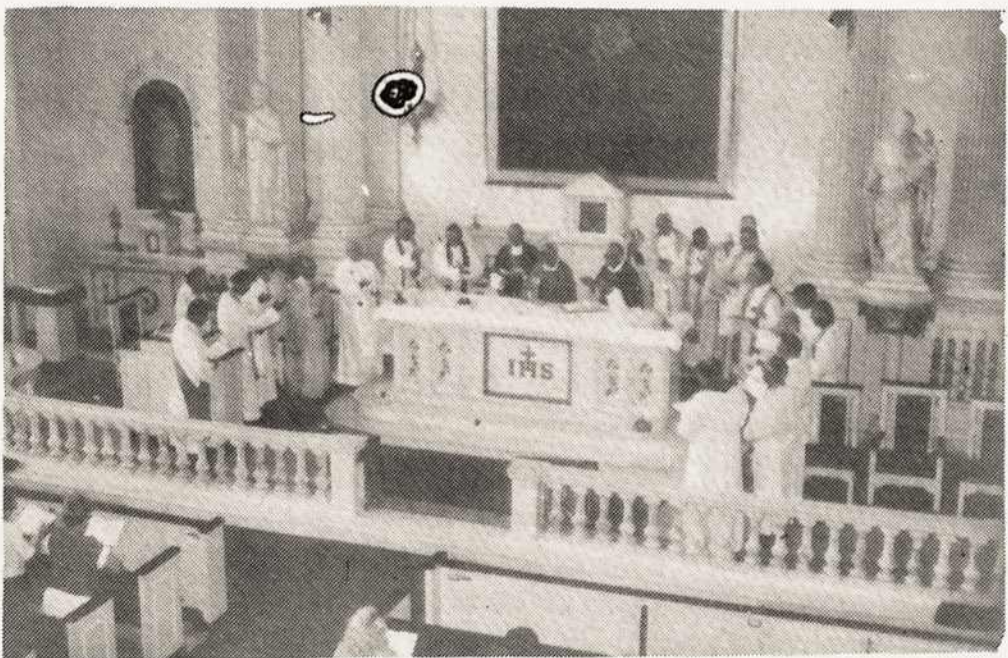
Beatrice Jasewicz was May Queen at the May Crowning ceremonies at St. Casimir's Church on May 15. Her sister Joan was one of the attendants and Stanley Rimkunas was an usher. Joan was one of the K. of L. Scholarship recipients from last year.

Council 100 Juniors

70th NATIONAL CONVENTION



Crowd in front of St. Joseph's Church



Priests at altar of St. Joseph's Church



Walter Mameniskis and Loretta Stukas present gifts

HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of the United States legalized abortion-on-demand in our Nation in 1973; and

WHEREAS as a result of this exercise of raw judicial power, more than 15 million innocent lives have been taken; and

WHEREAS Catholics believe the taking of innocent human life to be a sin against God and a heinous crime against humanity;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention pledge itself to do all in its power — collectively and individually — to restore constitutional protection to the unborn;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body vote according to a Catholic conscience on this matter;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body send a message of support to President Ronald Regan for his efforts on behalf of the unborn and to encourage him to re-double his efforts in this regard.

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Kadangi Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių Vyriausias Tribunolas įteisino nesuvaržytų ar sąlygotų abortų principą šiame krašte 1973 m., ir

Kadangi tos nuogos teisminės galios vykdymo pasėka daugiau, kaip 15 milijonų nekaltųjų gyvybių buvo sunaikintos, ir

Kadangi katalikai tiki, jog nekaltos gyvybės žlugdymas yra nuodėmė prieš Dievą ir taipgi nuožmiausias nusižengimas prieš žmoniją,

Lai būna nutarta, kad šis seimas prisiėks daryti viską, kas galima, kolektyviai ir pavieniai, grąžinti konstitucinę apsaugą negimusiems,

Ir taipogi lai būna nutarta, kad šio seimo dalyviai balsuotų, kaip sąžiningi katalikai šiame reikale,

Ir pagaliau lai būna nutarta, kad šis seimas praneštų Prezidentui Reaganui, jog jo pastangas negimusių dėliai remia ir jog jo pastangas šiuo reikalu bendrai palaiko.



Nita Kessler Gwyn was a well known writer, reporter and TV personality in the southern Ohio area. She died suddenly at her desk at WLWD in Cincinnati at the age of 38. "In Answer Why" was written when she was only 16 years old. Our condolences go to her parents, John and Hazel Kessler, who live in Centerville, Ohio. We thank them for allowing us to publish some of her works.

IN ANSWER WHY

NITA KESSLER GWYN

Why?
Why? Why? Why?
Countless times . . . we hear the cry.

An innocent child and mother stroll through a garden;
A garden as sweet and soft and lovely and laden as
gardens should be.

Why? Asks the voice of innocence
Why do these flowers grow, and smell, and nod, and
beckon to that honey bee, I see?

Little child, we know so few
Of the mysteries of nature.
If we but knew . . .

A farmer wipes his brow with dust damp hands;
Hands sour with sweat and worn with wanting and
creased like crow-fed crops of wasted wheat

Why? Asks the voice of weariness

Why must I plod and plow and fight and fail, while others
win and I am beat?

Farmer, what ere you do
There are frailties in man
If we but knew . . .

A widow weeps in borrowed black of mourning;
Mourning of maddened grief and stumbling shock of
unspent pain and abuse

Why? Asks the voice of sorrow

Why must we live to die, love and hate and work to fight
and gain to lose?

Widow, is it you
Who questions death,
If we but knew . . .

By why?

WHY? WHY? WHY?

Countless times we've heard that cry!

And then we know.

A shadow etched eternally endures
A shadow solaced centuries since in a cradle in
Bethlehem, in Nazareth, in Jerusalem from a hewn,
heathen cross.

Why? Whispers the voice of hope

Why must you barter so with nature, weakness, life and
death and gain and loss?

MY CHILDREN, what you now do
Is for another life . . . of peace to come
If YOU but knew.



WE GET LETTERS

Dear Knights of Lithuania
VYTIS magazine:

I am pleased to announce that my article, *The Medals of Petras Rimša*, is the cover and lead story in the May 1983 issue of *The Numismatist*, the official publication of the American Numismatic Association. This is by far the biggest spotlight ever given to Lithuanian numismatics in the secular press.

The 18 page article includes photos of all of the late sculptor's 18 medals, including the one featuring Popes Innocent IV and Pius XI, entitled "First Ecclesiastical Province of Lithuania." Many of the medals pictured were part of the collection of the late Dr. Alexander M. Račkus, long-time K of L supporter. These medals are on public display at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago, which acquired Dr. Račkus' estate.

Enclosed is the photo of the Pope's medal, which you may like to use in VYTIS magazine.

This article is a must for any Lithuanian-American. The cost of the issue is \$2.50 postpaid, from *The Numismatist*, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Anyone interested in Lithuanian money (numismatics) may obtain a sample copy of our publication, *The Knight*, by writing, The Lithuanian Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 612, Columbia, Maryland 21045. We recently published a catalog of the first Lithuanian coins, minted in the late 14th century! Enclosed is a copy. This will be sent free to anyone requesting it.

My credentials/ biography appears on the last page of my *Rimša* article.

Sincerely,
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POPE'S MEDAL

DARIUS-GIRĖNAS COMMEMORATIVE STAMP APPEAL

According to Lt. Col. Edmund Ketvirtis, USAF, Retired — John Paukstis, past commander of the Chicago Darius-Girėnas American Legion Post, who is chairman of the Darius-Girėnas Commemorative Stamp Committee, presented the American Legion Citation for Outstanding Public Service to U.S. Postmaster General William F. Bolger when he recently visited the windy city.

The stamp is on the 1984 agenda for consideration by the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee with many leading U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives strongly endorsing the stamp.

Vytis, a monthly national publication of the Knights of Lithuania, has sounded a call for support by American-Lithuanians across the country to write to their senators and congressmen and also to write to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, Room 5536, Washington, D.C., 20260 stating reasons why a Darius-Girėnas Commemorative Stamp should be issued.

Capt. Stephen Darius and Lt. Stanley Girėnas came to the United

States in their childhood. Darius went to school in Elizabeth, N.J. and Chicago. He enlisted in the field artillery, six days after the United States entered World War I.

Darius was wounded in the chest during the second battle of the Marne and received a regimental citation for "Habitual Bravery Under Fire." His aviation training began in the Lithuanian Air Corps in 1921 and resulted in his commission as a captain. In 1928 he attended an aviation school in South Bend, Ind.

Girėnas attended grammar school in Chicago after coming to the United States at the age of 7. He was a World War I veteran having served in the U.S. Army Air Force and, like Darius, was unmarried. He operated an aviation school in Chicago until 1931, two years before the attempted non-stop Atlantic flight from New York to Kaunas, Lithuania which ended in the tragic deaths of both flyers.

Darius, 36, and Girėnas, 37, on the morning of July 17, 1933, in 37 hours and 11 minutes had flown 3984 miles towards their goal and with their beloved home land neraly in sight, their plane plunged out of the skies, amid the full fury of a storm, taking both courageous lives amongst the forests of Pomerania, Germany. Only five daring pilots had successfully flown the Atlantic before them.

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Letters

Didžiai gerbiama ponia Pirmininke,

Nuoširdžiai dėkoju už pakvietimą dalyvauti Jūsų organizacijos garbingam 70-tajam visuotiniame susirinkime. Apgailestauju, kad jame negaliu dalyvauti asmeniškai, bet prašau Jūsų priimti JAV Krašto Valdybos sveikinimus. Linkiu Vyčių Seimui kuo geriausios sėkmės ir darbingos nuotaikos.

Lietuvių Bendruomenė su pasididžiavimu seka Jūsų veiklą, kuri gražiai apjungia labai didelę dalį lietuviškos visuomenės Jungt. Amerikos valstybėse. LB Krašto Valdyba trokšta tampa santykių su Lietuvos Vyčiais, kaip kad šį sentimentą pareiškė VI-tasis PLB Seimas savo rezoliucijoje. Tikimės, kad artimoje ateityje sugebėsime tai parodyti konkrečiais darbais.

Su gilia pagarba ir draugiškumu.

Jūsų
Dr. Antanas Butkus
Pirmininkas

Didžiai Gerb. Ponia Pirmininke,

Jubiliejinis, 70-tas Lietuvos Vyčių seimas, yra ne vien Jūsų brangiai organizacijai, bet visai mūsų lietuviškai išeivijai didelis džiaugsmas. Jaučiu didelę garbę, galėdamas Jus pasveikinti šio sukaktuvinio seimo proga, linkėdamas visiems dalyviams ir toliau su tokiu pat uolumu tęsti darbus Jūsų aukštųjų idealų tarnyboje.

Vyčiai yra didelė mūsų išeivijos viltis. Jūs, pasisavinę naujojo krašto kultūrinius laimėjimus, branginate savo lietuvišką kilmę, tautines tradicijas, gyvenate Lietuvos laisvės viltimis ir dėl to darbuojatės, gražiai įsijungę į Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pastangas. Jūsų rūpestingai redaguojamas žurnalas „Vytis“ tai lietuviško kraujo transfuzija į šiame krašte augantį mūsų jaunimą. Jūsų lietuviškųjų reikalų komitetas stebina savo ryžtu kelti mūsų tautos reikalus kitataučių spaudoje. Savo darbais JAS NUSIPELNOTE DIDELĖS PAGARBOS, BRANGIEJI Lietuvos Vyčiai.

Dr. Kazys Šidlauskas
Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos
Pirmininkas

Didžiai Gerbiama Pirmininke,

Labai malonu sveikinti Jus ir Jūsų jubiliejinį seimą, kuriame šiemet paminėsite Lietuvos Vyčių 70 metų veikimo sukaktį. Niekas nesuskaitys, kiek Lietuvos Vyčiai per 70 metų laiškų parašė, kiek jaunimo subūrė veikti dėl Dievo ir Tėvynės. Džiaugiasi Jūsų veikla mūsų pavergta tauta, nes Jūs jai ruošiate šviesesnę ateitį. Jūsų organizacija visą laiką buvo ir yra mūsų visai išeivijai pavyzdus, kaip ir kur reikia kovoti už savo tautos laisvę.

Nuoširdžiai linkiu, kad seimas būtų sėkmingas, kad

organizacija iš šio suvažiavimo atgautų daugiau jėgų dirbti ir aukotis dėl didesnės Dievo garbės, dėl šviesesnės tautos ateities ir dėl visų mūsų didesnio džiaugsmo. Tegyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai!

Su nuoširdžiais sveikinimais ir linkėjimais,

Kun. Viktoras Rimšelis, MIC
Provinciolas

Congregation of the Marian Fathers
American Province of Saint Casimir

Centro Valdybos Pirmininkei

DRAUGO redakcijos vardu sveikinu Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją jos 70-tųjų metų sukaktyje. Lietuvos Vyčiai yra atlikę daug ir gražių darbų Amerikai, Lietuvai, lietuvių ir lietuvių vardo kėlimui viešumoje. Šios organizacijos nueitas kelias yra istorijoje pažymėtas aukso raidėmis, o šiemet jos jau sužibo deimantu. Veiklos kelias jau yra išbandytas, ištiesintas ir pramintas. Iš jo nereikės suktis, bet tuo pramintu keliu savo tikslų reikės siekti šios dienos priemonėmis ir šio laiko būdais. O Jūsų organizacija sugeba ne tik nepamesti kelio, bet ir rasti naujaujų ir geriausių būdų siekti savo užsibrėžtų tikslų. Tad ir linkiu visų mūsų redaktorių vardu su jaunystės užsidegimu ir subrendusios organizacijos amžiumi laimingai eiti tais pačiais keliais, kad Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos nariai ir vadovai degtų ta pačia meile savo organizacijai, savo broliams ir keltų lietuvių tautos laisvės ir žmonijos gerovės idealus.

P. Garšva

DRAUGO redakcijos vardu

Dear Loretta,

Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid congratulates the Knights of Lithuania on the occasion of their 70th National Convention.

The Knights of Lithuania have long supported the work of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. It is fitting that a Catholic organization of Lithuanian-Americans continues to understand the importance of our relief agency, the only one of its kind in the free world, devoted exclusively to aiding the four million western-rite Catholics in the Soviet Union.

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Father Casimir Pugevičius
Executive Director,
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THANKSGIVING

The Way It Was

The association of the festive Mardi Gras with New Orleans is as synonymous to me as "Turkey Raffles" in the 1940's became to our neighborhood the week before Thanksgiving Day.

For the size, our neighborhood was unique and exclusive. We had five different churches represented here. They were: the Precious Blood (French Catholic), the Jewish Synagogue, the Greek Orthodox, the Grace Congregational (W.A.S.P.) and the German Litheran Churches.

In addition, there were two city parks, three schools and, with all that, we still had lots of breathing space for we were protected on three sides by the second and third level canals.

Paper making was the main-stay of our city. Water and water power were both essential and most economical in the production of this product, therefore, planned engineering had strategically placed paper manufacturers on the outer sides of the three canals, fully utilizing this power source. Earlier, Holyoke had the distinction of being the "Paper City of the World."

We Lithuanians were the minority in this area and we had to learn early in life how to assimilate into this society. In the course of growing up, we learned a bit of French and German, besides English and Lithuanian.

Tickets for turkey raffles were not sold in advance, therefore, anyone wishing to try their luck had to patronize one of the advertised establishments.

Germans, who supported the Turn Verein, sold their tickets for gymnastic equipment or to help defray expenses for their gymnastic competitions. Music began early in the evening at the gymnasium and it was always filled to capacity. From the smokers, it wasn't long before a low opaque ceiling formed and hovered just over our heads. Out of necessity, a window or door would be opened for a breath of fresh air and, along with the clouds of smoke that billowed out to the streets, were songs: "Du, du, bis in hertzen," or "Ach du leiben Augustine, Augustine." Between songs, applause and cheers mixed with loud shouts of joy for the turkey winners would swell through the night until closing time.

Ath Alsace Lorraine was strictly French Canadian. Dances at this gathering were mostly quadrilles and conducted in French. The "caller" directed the dancers to promenade or to turn about but, in this hall, we were observers rather than participants. The Canadian style of rhythm, we found, was difficult to master.

Our favorite on Saturday night was the "Sons of Herman" hall. We came early to view the prizes that were crated: live turkeys, geese, and piglets. Accents were strong at this affair and pretty soon the maestro would count: "ein, Zwei, drei, speil," and beautiful waltzes would set the mood for the evening. Hans was our preferred ticket seller and we could never refuse chances on his "g-o-o-s-e."

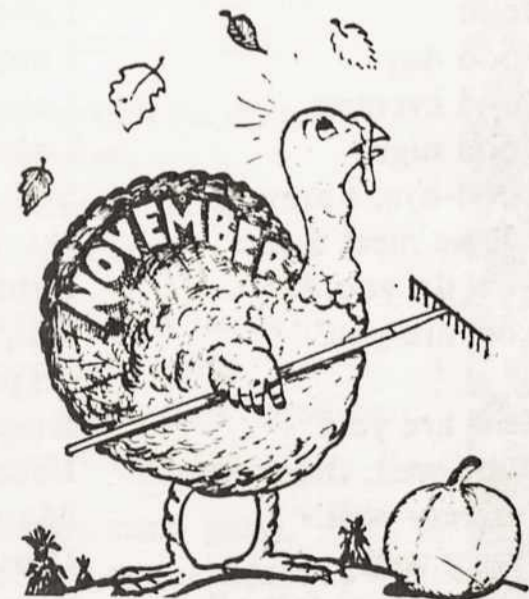
Lithuanians celebrated Thanksgiving Day as a family unit and, since it was a national holiday, we

were obliged to regard it as a Sunday. In our prayer at dinner, we thanked the Lord for our food, good health and for the shelter of our homes. A leisurely dinner with interesting conversation would last several hours. Later, we seemed to congregate at a friends house, the young people in the living room discussing events of the day, while in the kitchen our parents sat around the table reminiscing about Lithuania: the hard work involved in harvesting and the preparations that followed for the coming winter.

Overheard once was the fact that, when our folks came to America, Thanksgiving Day was a working holiday, and everyone worked. There was no such thing as a day off — or a holiday with pay.

The chimes of the mantel clock at 10 p.m. signaled that it was time to go home, bringing to an end another perfect Thanksgiving Day — a day that had been filled with the Lord's blessings, including the warmth of good friends and nice neighbors.

Margaret Picard



LANGUAGE LORE: BASIC CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES

Algirdas Budreckis

Of course any spoken language is learned by means of phrases and standard responses and inquiries. It's impossible to provide the VYTIS reader with all of the standard phrases and terms that one could encounter in a myriad of situations. At this time let us be content with the most basic conversations, so that the conversationalist is not totally ignorant of spoken Lithuanian. Basic in all human tongues are the two ultimate answers: YES and NO! In Lithuanian, they are respectively: TAIP and NE.

In conversational Lithuanian there are two forms of address as regards the second person, i.e., you. The familiar you is Tu (old English Thou) and the polite form is JŪS (old English YE). Remember Lithuanian is an ancient tongue with all of the hoary tabus, do's and don't's of antiquity. For our purposes we will ignore the familiar Thou form of address and stick to the genteel JŪS form. In leau of the over-familiar Thou, you can substitute TAMSTA, a term that originally meant Your Honor, but in the course of time became a polite familiar form. It takes the second person singular form (the "thou thee" form) in grammar. The term Tamsta is of Polish origin "Twoje Miłość", which was originally used by polonized Lithuanian gentry in familiar speech (the Polish equivalent today is Waszeć, but that is beyond Lithuanian LANGUAGE LORE). The term evolved through the centuries as: Polish Twoje Miłość = Tavo Mylista, Tamylista, Tamista and finally Tamsta. Do not reject this term, because its' origin goes back to the days of Vytautas and Jogaila.

But we digress from offering greetings and polite expressions — pasveikinimai ir mandagūs išsireiškimai!

English	Lithuanian
Good morning	Labą rytą, Labas rytas
Hello	Labas!, Sveikas!
Good day	Labą dieną!
Good evening	Labą vakarą, Labas vakaras!
Good night	Labanaktis
Good-bye, Farewell	Sudiev(u)
Till we meet again	Iki pasimatymo!
How do you do?	Labas! Kaip Jums sekasi?
How are you?	Kaip Tau einas? (personal); Kaip Jums?
How are you?	Kaip tamsta gyvoji?
Quite well, thank you.	Labai gerai, ačiū.
I'm very well.	Man gerai! Labai gerai gyvoju!
Pretty well	Gana gerai
How is your father?	Kaip jaučiasi Jūsų tėvas?
How is your mother?	Kaip Jūsų motinos sveikata?



English	Lithuanian
He is not well.	Jis nėra sveikas.
She is not well.	Ji nėra sveika.
I am not well.	Aš nesu sveikas.
Pleased to meet you.	Malonu su Jumis susitikti (susipažinti).
Thank you very much!	Ačiū labai! Labai dėkui tamstai!
I'm much obliged to you.	Esu tamstai labai dėkingas!
You are very kind.	Jūs labai malonus.
I am sorry.	Man gaila.
I am very sorry.	Man labai gaila.
I must go.	Turiu išeiti.
What a pity!	Kaip gaila!
You are in a hurry.	Tamsta labai skubi. Jūs labai skubate.
I cannot stay.	Aš negaliu pasilikti.
I must go.	Aš turiu išeiti.
It is time to go.	Laikas eiti.
I'm glad to see you.	Man džiūgu Jūsų pamatyti.
Many thanks.	Labai dėkui! Ačiū labai!
With pleasure, don't mention it!	Mielai, nėra už ką!
You would oblige me, if . . .	Jums būčiau labai dėkingas, jei . . .
I must apologize.	Turiu atsiprašyti
It is nothing.	Tai niekis.
It doesn't matter.	Nesvarbu.
There is no harm done.	Tas niekam nekenkia.
Don't apologize!	Neatsiprašykite!
Apologize!	Atsiprašykite!
Excuse me, pardon me.	Atsiprašau! Atleiskite!
Please!	Prašau!
May I ask?	Ar galiu prašyti (paklausti)?
Allow me.	Leiskite man . . .
Welcome.	Sveikas.
Thanks!	Ačiū!
No, madam.	Ne, ponija.
Yes, miss.	Taip, panele.
Bring me.	Atneškite man.
Give me.	Duokite man.
Tell me.	Pasakykite man.

English	Lithuanian
Will you tell me?	Ar man pasakykite?
Tell him.	Pasakykite jam.
Do you speak Lithuanian?	Ar Jūs kalbate lietuviškai?
I do not speak Lithuanian.	Aš nekalbu lietuviškai.
I speak it a little.	Truputį kalbu.
I do not speak it.	Aš nekalbu.
I understand.	Aš suprantu.
Do you understand?	Ar suprantate?
Can you understand?	Ar galite suprasti?
Is there anyone here who speaks English?	Ar yra čia kas moka angliškai?
I understand everything.	Aš viską suprantu.
Do not speak so fast!	Prašau nekalbėkite taip greitai!
Speak slower.	Kalbėkit lėčiau.
I do not understand you.	Nesuprantu Jūsų.
What was it?	Kas buvo?
Who is it?	Kas toks?
What is it?	Kas yra?
Where is it?	Kur tai yra?
How are you?	Kaip Jūs gyvuoiate?
How is he?	Kaip jis gyvuoja?
What time is it?	Kiek laiko?
What hour is it?	Kelinta valanda?
Have you heard?	Ar Jūs girdėjote?
What did you say?	Ką Jūs sakėte?
You are wrong.	Jūs klystate.
I am certain.	Aš esu tikras.
What do you mean?	Ką Jūs norite tuo pasakyti?
Why do you ask?	Kodėl Jūs klausiate?
Tell me?	Pasakykite man.
I know it.	Tai žinau.
I know it well.	Aš tai gerai žinau.
I do not understand you.	Aš nesuprantu Jūsų.
He is not here.	Jo čia nėra.
It is not true.	Netiesa.
It is so.	Taip yra; Tiesa.
It is not so.	Taip nėra.
Who was it?	Kas buvo?
Who is it?	Kas toks?
What is it?	Kas yra?
Where is it?	Kur yra?
Where are you?	Kur Jūs esate?
Where were you?	Kur Jūs buvote?
How are you?	Kaip esate (gyvuojante)?
How is he?	Kaip jis gyvuoja?
What time is it?	Kiek laiko?
What hour is it?	Kelinta valanda?
I am an American.	Esu amerikietis.
I am not Lithuanian.	Aš nesu lietuvis.
Can it be?	Ar gali būti?

English	Lithuanian
I have nothing	Nieko neturiu.
He does not have it.	Jis to neturi.
What have you?	Ką Jūs turite?
Have You heard?	Ar Jūs girdėjote?
I have not heard it.	To negirdėjau.
Listen!	Klausykite!
Give me!	Duokite man!
What do you say?	Ką Jūs sakote?
You are wrong.	Jūs klystate.
I say no.	Aš sakau ne.
I am certain.	Aš esu tikras.
What do you mean?	Ką Jūs norite pasakyti?

LIETUVNINKAI MES ESAM GIMĘ

Jurgis Sauerveinas-Girėnas

Lietuvninkai mes esam gimę.
Lietuvninkai mes turim būt.
Tą garbę gavome užgimę,
Jai ir neturim leist pražūt.

Kad ir kelintas apsiėmė
Nieku paversti mus visus,
Lietuvninkų vaisinga žemė
Tik vis gundys lietuvininkus.

Kad debesys ir susitraukia
Ir vėtros grumždž mus išardyt,
Kad ir kelintas pykdamas šaukia
Ir kalbą mūs nor išvartyt:

Kaip ažuols drūts prie Nemunėlio,
Lietuvninks nieko tikt n'atbos,
Kaip eglė ten prie Šešupėlio
Ir vėtroj ir žiemoj žaliuos.

Drūtai laikyk, drūtai stovėki,
Lietuviškoji giminė,
Drąsiai lietuviškai kalbėki,
Tegul supyksta nežinė!

Tegul supyksta, kas nežino,
Kalba senoji kaip miela,
Kurioj mus „Tėve mūs“ mokino
Tėtužis miels ir motina!

Lietuvninkai mes esam gimę,
Lietuvninkai mes norim būt;
Tą garbę gavome užgimę,
Tą ir nenorim leist pražūt.

1883-1983
100th ANNIVERSARY
OF "AUŠRA" — First
Lithuanian Periodical

By Prof. Jack J. Stukas, Ph.D.

When the Russians became masters in Lithuania, following the final partition of the Lithuanian-Polish Commonwealth in 1795, the Marijampolė Gymnasium, in Suvalkija, which had formerly been entirely Polish and to which only sons of the nobility had been admitted, became accessible to everyone, even to the sons of peasants. The Lithuanian language was added to the curriculum about this time.

JONAS BASANAVIČIUS attended this gymnasium which later became an important force in the rise of Lithuanian nationalism. On completion of his studies, Basanavičius enrolled in the University of Moscow. In the middle of the 1870's, a small band of Lithuanian students formed a club at the University, determined to be Lithuanians in the midst of their Polish peers. At the institution, Basanavičius fostered everything Lithuanian. he wrote several critical essays on the past history, culture and the language of the Lithuanians.

On completion of his studies in medicine, he thought it would be hopeless to seek a post in his own country under Czarist oppression and accepted a proposal of some Bulgarian friends to practice in Bulgaria, after its war of liberation in 1879. Here his patriotism received a strong impetus; he could see how wonderfully and quickly this young nation revived after centuries of Turkish suppression. He grieved and felt ashamed for his own people, so poor and helpless, and he determined to awaken his nation to a new and creative life.

Together with two colleagues, Andrius Vištelis and Jurgis Mikšas, he decided to publish and clandestinely distribute a Lithuanian periodical to propagate his national idealism. Following the Lithuanian-Polish Insurrection of 1863 against Czarist rule and oppression, the Lithuanian language, its use in printed form, and its teaching, was barred in Lithuania. This ban on the Lithuanian language lasted 40 years, from 1864 through 1904.

"Aušra" or the Dawn, was the name selected for the periodical and it was published in the East Prussian — Lithuania Minor region of Lithuania which was under Prussian occupation. It was smuggled into Lithuania Major and its 1000 copies clandestinely distributed. The periodical appeared in March of 1883 and ceased publication for lack of financial support in July of 1886. A total of 40 issues were published.

Basanavičius' introductory remarks in the first issue highlighted the purposes of "Aušra": the elevation of national ideals; the development of a national pride based on Lithuania's beautiful history; the instilling of love for the Lithuanian language and cultivation of its use; the attainment of national unity; also peace with Lithuania's neighbors; and it presented various cultural discourses. Other Lithuanian publications followed the demise of "Aušra." Its contributors numbered 74, most of whom wrote under assumed names. These "Aušrininkai" were the editors, collaborators, or contributors of only a short article or a single poem. Poetry was considered a good means of instilling love of the Motherland. They were romanticists, idealists, and activists seeking to arouse a national pride and patriotism. Jurgis Mikšas, Martynas Jankus and Jonas Šliūpas followed Jonas Basanavičius as editors.

But it was the patriarch of a Lithuanian National Awakening, Dr. Basanavičius, who, first and

foremost, led the nation to a revival. In his editorial in the first issue of "Aušra," he wrote: "Our most important and greatest concern should be to know the traditions of our ancient past and the works of our honorable forefathers. Their accomplishments and love of the Fatherland have been forgotten. We do not know who we are, or of which parents we are the sons and grandchildren." He boldly challenged the Poles, as those who had "swallowed up" all the Lithuanians of culture and who had debased the Lithuanian language. Basanavičius wrote: "You young Lithuanians, who learn something and know something, you shall and you must cling to your language and your Fatherland. That is the only way to free our beloved countrymen from darkness and suppression. What were our people during the Polish era? Nothing! What can our language and our national cause expect from a new Poland? Nothing! let us . . . free our language from the Polish sway. It is easier now, since the honor and advantage of becoming Polish is not so tempting as in days gone by. The condition of our peasantry has changed. It is now free and, for the most part, the land is freehold. Our language has no rights, but the Polish language also enjoys few. Russian our culture can never become, and the road to Polish has become still more difficult. From a purely human point of view, there is only one way out: that our culture become Lithuanian. This, also, is the most natural solution. Let us rouse ourselves and work for the spiritual liberation of our ill-treated people and our language and then the rest must and will follow."

In such words "Aušra" uttered its appeal. Only a comparatively small number of people read the paper but it fell like a bombshell into the limited circle it addressed. A Lithuanian monthly appeal to create a Lithuanian intelligentsia, to foster a native culture, and to denounce Poland.

The Poles raged, mocked and ridiculed. From them came the words: "Litvomania," "renegade," "attack on our flanks." But in the dawning, often unconscious opposition, "Aušra" shone forth like the beneficent light for which the Lithuanians had been longing.

The most important thing about "Aušra" was that it was the first cry uttered aloud in public. The first step in movements of this kind is rarely or never distinguished by firmness and weight; there is always something undecided, something, as it were, lyrical about it, and "Aušra" was no exception.

Dr. Vincas Kudirka, a second principal architect of the Lithuanian national and cultural revival, like most Lithuanian intellectuals whose historical tradition still subjected him to strong Polish cultural influences, at first stood aloof from the national movement. But as a medical student in Warsaw, and especially during his holidays at home, he heard more and more about the ever-growing movement. "Aušra" affected him most profoundly. He has himself described its effect on him:

"Quickly I leafed through "Aušra," and I cannot fully remember all that was happening in

me . . . I recall only that I stood up and bowed my head, afraid even to gaze on the walls of my room . . . I seemed to hear the voice of Lithuania speaking; accusing and forgiving at the same time: "You prodigal, where have you been until now?" Then my sadness was so great that I laid my head on the table and wept. I grieved for the hours irretrievably erased from my life as a Lithuanian, and I felt ashamed that I had been unfaithful for so long . . . Then a still warmth welled up in my breast, as if I had suddenly become a man and that the world has grown too constricted for me . . . I felt might and power in myself; I felt that I was a Lithuanian. Soon I plighted myself to Lithuanian literature and to this day I have not abandoned my bet rothed."

It was indeed fortunate for the young and old Lithuanian idealists that Prussia ruled part of Lithuania, where it was possible to prepare and carry out on Lithuanian soil much work which would have been impossible inside the Russian realm. In Prussian Lithuania (Lithuania Minor), the papers were edited and printed and here the persons concerned could meet and discuss matters about Lithuania unhindered.

Knowledge of his country's

glorious past and love of her language, was to "Aušra's" editor, Dr. Jonas Basanavičius, two most important factors, able to awaken the nation to a new free and creative life. Stories and pictures of the glorious past, reincarnated from the graves of the Lithuanian "giants," fostered among the Lithuanians a trust and love of their nationality and their beautiful and old language. Knowledge of the past and its idealization, especially, greatly influenced the rebirth of Lithuanian nationalism and the concurrent cultural rebirth.

In his documentary evidences on the age and superiority of Lithuanian culture, Basanavičius, the romanticist, also sought to foster a love for his nation and to bring forth the unquestionable rights of the Lithuanian to an independent and free life.

In 1904, when the Russian authorities gave back to the Lithuanians their right to a native Lithuanian Press, he returned to Vilnius, the capital. Subsequently, national, cultural and political activity was grouped around him. He was the first to sign the Act, restoring the Independence of the Lithuanian State in 1918, and died in 1927 on February 16th, Independence Day.



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(In the Lithuanian language)**

Seton Hall Universiteto, South Orange, N.J. vadovybė, su dideliu malonumu praneša, kad po vasarinės pertraukos, nuo š.m. Rugsėjo (Sept.) 25 d., **sekmad.**, vėl transliuos lietuvišką radijo valandą anglų kalba, pavadintą "THE MUSIC OF LITHUANIA." Programa bus duodama nauju, patogesniu laiku: **sekmadienio popiečiais, 2:05 iki 3:00 val. p.p., 89.5 FM banga.**

Jau 18-ti metai šiai programai vadovauja **Prof. Dr. Jokūbas Stukas**, profesoriaujęs Seton Hall Universitete 19 metų. Programos tikslas yra: supažindinti plačiąją Didžiojo New York'o ir New Jersey amerikiečių visuomenę su lietuvių kultūra, jų veikla, bei troškimais. Programose bus duodamos lietuviškos dainos bei kūriniai, ir bus kalbama apie lietuvių kultūrinės vertybes, istoriją, kalbą, papročius; taip pat apie pastangas atgauti Lietuvai laisvę ir nepriklausomybę.

SUFFERINGS IN BYELORUSSIA AND LITHUANIA

By Fr. Joseph Prunskis

Byelorussians are neighbors of the Lithuanians and we have to be interested in their plight under Soviet occupation. In Byelorussia religious persecution is especially harsh. The Lithuanian underground periodical "Aušra" (The Dawn) informs about one Lithuanian girl who went to Byelorussia to teach children religion. She was arrested and for four days kept in a room so small that there was not enough place even to lay down. There was no bed and she did not receive any bedding and the floor was cold and wet. Later she was transferred to another ward and locked with criminals and vagrants. Here there were plank beds, but no bedding. The warden, J. Patorskij, tortured her and threatened to rape her. Finally she was fined 50 rubles and also ordered to pay 30 rubles for a lawyer.

In the city of Apsas the Catholic church was closed in 1940 and subsequently used as a storage place for the grain of the kholhose. The holy pictures and statues were destroyed, windows broken, the main altar demolished, the organ spoiled.

In Vidžiai the church was confiscated and turned into a sports hall.

In 1980 the church of Apsas was returned to the parishioners, but as soon as they made the necessary renovations, it was confiscated again and used as a carpenter shop.

In Armoniškiai the church was also closed, but the parishioners broke the lock, opened the church and were assembling to pray, however, they did not have a priest.

Disregarding persecution, the faith is alive. In the middle of July, 1980, at Pelesa, one believer made a wooden cross more than 7 yards



Charter Members of the Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights. From left: Fathers Vincas Vėlavičius, Alfonsas Svarinskas, Sigitas Tamkevičius, Juozas Zdebskis, Jonas Kauneckas.

high. Hiding from the red militia 13 young men and girls carried the cross to its destination, erected it and the people started to assemble for prayers.

In Lithuania on January 26, 1983, the communists informed about the arrest of the Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas, a very ardent defender of the rights of believers. He was secretly ordained while in concentration camps where he had to suffer for 16 years. Now he has been arrested for the third time. In the concentration camp he was helpful to the present cardinal Slipyj who published a letter of condolence when he heard that Fr. Svarinskas was arrested.

In May Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas was condemned to 7 years in jail and slave labor. He is a very beloved person in Lithuania. From various parts of the country petitions are being sent to release him. A great number of people are signing these petitions, disregarding that this might cause interrogations, searches and punishment. From Kapsukas people have sent a petition with 2135 signatures, from Kaunas — 3759

signatures. The most impressive document was a petition sent to the chairman of the Security section of Vilnius by nine Lithuanians from various parts of the country. In this document they wrote: "The Nazis are being considered as a most cruel movement, however, even the Nazis used to take hostages in place of those condemned to die. Everyone knows how in the Oswiecim concentration camp Fr. Maximilian Kolbe died as a hostage in place of one father of a large family who had been condemned to die. You call yourselves the representatives of the most humane state in the world. Therefore, we are asking you to accept us as hostages in place of the Catholic priest Fr. Svarinskas. We, here the undersigned persons, agree to go to jail or to labor camp as hostages in place of Fr. Svarinskas. We are asking you to accept our petition".

However, this petition was to no avail.

In many houses in Lithuania the red officials are carrying out searches. Such a search was done on January 26, 1983, at the lodgings of

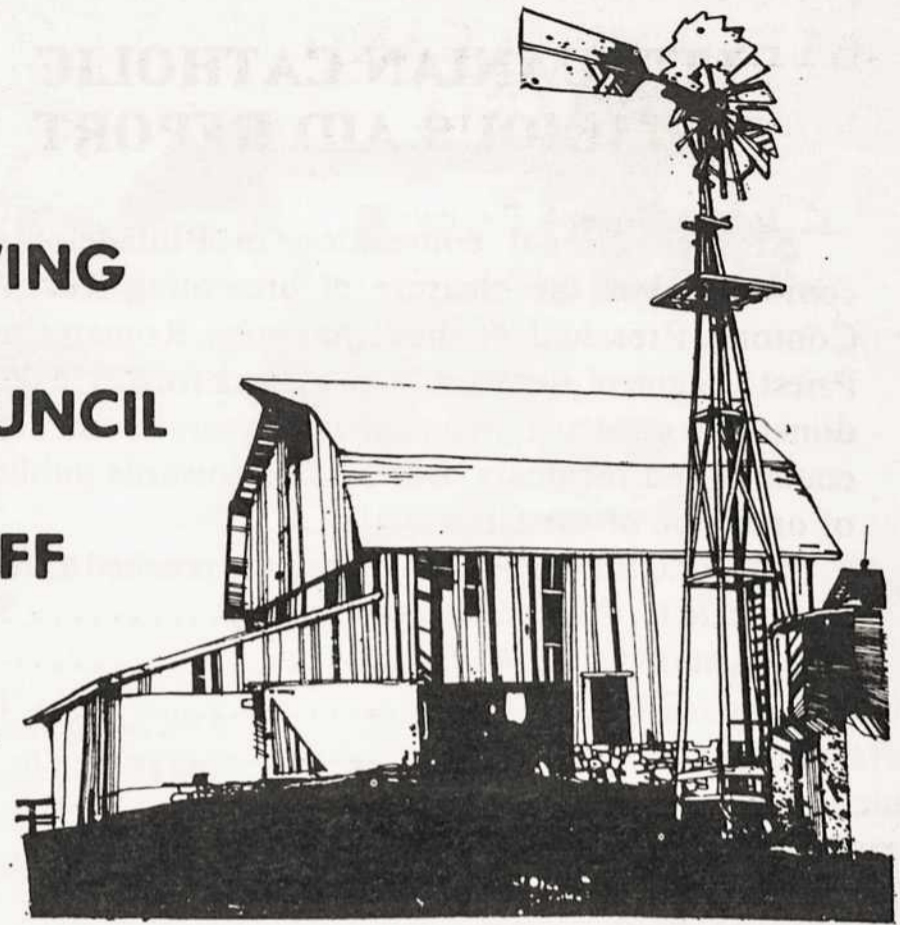
Fr. Antanas Šeškevičius, at Garždai, district of Klaipėda. Everyone who came to that location was detained, even a member of the parish who came to take the priest to perform the last rites for a person in danger of death.

Fr. J. Zdebskis, pastor of Slavančiai, on March 28, 1983 was driving to the Kučiunai church for Sunday devotions. On the way the KGB detained him, took him for interrogation to Ladijai and he was prevented from having Mass for the people.

We have to spread the message about the oppression of believers behind the Iron Curtain so that the pressure of public opinion would alleviate their sufferings. We have to also remember them in our prayers.

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Grace Before Thanksgiving Dinner

(To be said by the head of the household, with the blessed bread before him or her)

Almighty God, You are truly Father of all of us gathered around the table to share the joy of this **Thanksgiving Meal**.

We thank You for all You have given to our family in the past year, for health of body and mind, and the warmth and shelter of our home; for the love and laughter we have shared at this table; for our mother, wife, children, relatives and friends; for your son and our brother Jesus, whose presence at our every meal raised our joy and changed our sorrows.

(Break the bread and give a piece to all present and continue to pray)

We each accept our share of this blessed bread as an extension of your Eucharistic banquet which we celebrated this morning. May it be a symbol of the love and unity which should be ours in this part of your body our family.

Bless us, Almighty Father, through your son, Jesus Christ, in the union with the Holy Spirit, this day and all the days of our life.

Amen.

RUDENĖLIS ATĖJO

Saulutė toli nuėjo,
Visos gyvybės pasikavojo,
Nes šaltis ir sniegas atėjo.
Medžių žalieji lapeliai nukrito,
Žmoneliai nuliūdę vaitoja,
Nes lietuvių širdis pakirto
Slenka metų metai, ir ką...
Žmogelis matai? Vis rūpesčių verjetai
O linksmybė tik retai, retai.
Karai žudynės tarp tautų. Lietuvą
Paaukojo dėl komunistų.
Kad raudonieji sostą pagrobtų
Ir nekaltus žmones žudytų.
Žvėris alkanas drasko mažus ir didelius
Jau atėjo eilė dėl didžiųjų, nors
ir jie paragaus komunizmo bizūną.
Lietuva gyveno ir gyvens be malonės didžiųjų.

*Su gilia pagarba
Povilas Kapiskas
Gerbiamą redakciją atsiprašau
už raštą nes aš jau 95 metelių.*

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID REPORT

At the national convention in Philadelphia this committee had the pleasure of presenting Rev. Albert Contons, President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priest League of America, with a check for \$2575.00. This donation, collected the past two years from districts, councils and members, will be used towards publication of one issue of the CHRONICLE.

The Knights of Lithuania goal was reached as follows:

Prof. & Mrs. Alexander Aleksis (#7)	\$20.00
John Antanavicius (#12)	20.00
Helen A. Chesko (#144)	135.00
Joseph Gudelis (#96)	25.00
Larry & Jeanne Janonis (#12)	20.00
Peter J. Kasilionis (#52)	24.00
George Kisielius (#50)	5.00
Helen V. Kulber (#41)	25.00
Mary Lucas (#96)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Majeika (#147)	15.00
Anne Mitchell Matalavich (#52)	20.00
Leo & Trudy Meshauk (#63)	25.00
Anthony Miner (#116)	25.00
Nancy Pawasauskas Miro (#141)	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Petkus, Sr.	10.00
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Theodore & Rita Pinkus (#26)	10.00
Anthony & Ann Radzevich (#100)	45.00
Margaret A. Senk (#141)	25.00
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Anthony & Nellie Skabeikis (#110)	20.00
Jack & Loretta Stukas (#29)	20.00
Maria Stungurys (#110)	20.00
Longinas Svelnis (#17 Srs.)	20.00
Mark L. Thompson (#102)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Tomulvich (#116)	200.00
Anna Uzdavinis (#79)	50.00
Anna Naujelis Uzdavinis & Albert Naujelis — IM Antoinette Naujelis (#19)	100.00
Helen Venis — IM John Medelis (brother) (#110)	15.00
Anna K. Wargo (#144)	30.00
Joseph & Ann White (#17 Srs.)	25.00
Joseph & Jo Zukas (#109)	22.00
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C #17 Srs. — Boston	25.00

C #25 — Cleveland	100.00
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C #52 — Elizabeth	10.00
C #61 — Patterson	25.00
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Sub Total	1771.00
C #96 — Dayton	139.50
C #100 — Amsterdam	100.25
C #110 — Maspeth	100.00
C #116 — Worcester (\$5.00 IM Dottie Sinkeviches' mother, Sophie)	30.00
C #140 — Syracuse	50.00
C #143 — Pittston	50.00
C #144 — Anthracite	100.00
C #146 — Harrisburg	25.00
Our Lady of Vilna Parish — Worcester	40.00
Congregation of Marian Fathers	35.00
Bank Interest	132.57
Special	1.68
Grand Total	\$2575.00

My personal contribution to this project is donation of all my mailing expenses plus having the LCRA reports printed for the National Convention. I would like to thank everyone who took part in the Drive. I realize some councils and members did make donations directly to the Lithuanian Catholic Aid Office and I commend them also.

It was recommended and accepted at the national convention we begin a new Drive. Our goal this time is \$3000.00 to be reached in time for presentation at the convention in Chicago. This can be realized very easily. We have on the books 3800 members. If each one would send \$1.00 we could surpass the Goal. We have 50 councils. Donations from every one of them would get us off to a good start. We have 4 Districts. Donations from them would put us over the TOP.

Our Drive has begun with the following donations:

John J. Antanavicius (#12)	\$20.00
Bernice Aviza (#100)	10.00
Gene Gobis (#100)	5.00
Mary Gustus (#144)	10.00
Mary Narcavage (#144)	10.00
Anna K. Wargo (#144)	10.00
Millie J. Pietz (#12)	10.00
Total as of 9/15/83	\$75.00

Respectfully submitted,
Frances R. Petkus
LCRA Coordinator

ANIMALS IN LITHUANIAN MYTHOLOGY AND FOLKLORE

ANNA KLIZAS WARGO

During Heathen times Lithuanians worshipped snakes, kept and fed them in their homes and avoided injuring or killing them. The reptiles were believed to be messengers from the gods and were thought to protect human habitations.

Roosters, hens, he-goats and oxen were used for sacrifice and their blood was ritually sprinkled. The animals would be ceremonially slaughtered and eaten before commencing work in the fields and before harvesting.

It was believed the he-goat was the beast used by "Perkūnas", the god of thunder, for transportation. Milk from the she-goat was considered to be the best extinguisher of fires caused by lightning.

When Christianity was adopted, the pagan faith began to be combatted and regarded as coming from the devil. The he-goat became the symbol of the devil and it was held that Satan appeared to people in the form of a goat.

Witches and sorcerers were considered capable of transforming a human being into any animal. The werewolf, or person who is turned or turns himself into a wolf, is called "vilkatas" and is the subject of many mythological legends.

Dogs and horses were believed to be able to perceive evil spirits when they would start barking or snorting. The horse's head was used for protection against evil spirits, spells and all sorts of otherworldly molestation. For protection, the skull was placed in the barn beneath the crops.

Storks and swallows were also regarded as protectors of homes from



fire and other evils. It was good luck to have their nests in their homes and was thought that destroying their nests could bring disaster to the offender.

Harbingers of ill to come were the cuckoo, the owl, the magpie and the rook. The rooster was effective in warding off devils who would go away at the first crowing. The singing of the hens was an omen of evil for the home. If they were extremely restless, it indicated a change in the weather. Predictions of the weather or of the goodness and badness of the coming year were made from the behavior of birds. Their return from warm lands and their departure in the fall were tied together with the beginning and end of certain tasks in the fields.

In the most common found folk tales, animals mentioned are the fox, the bear, wolf, ox, dog, rabbit, stork, snake and frog. Human traits are attributed to these animals. Thus, they play pranks, take revenge, entertain themselves and hold marriages.

In proverbs and sayings, animal traits are attributed to persons. Example: "Vilku gimęs, vilku ir sprogs" — translation, "Born a wolf, he will croak like a wolf" ("Like father, like son"); "Plikas kaip telvikas" — "Poor as a jack-snipe" ("Poor as a church-mouse") and "Užsispyręs kaip ožys", "Stubborn as a he-goat" ("Stubborn as a mule").

To this day, many of the Lithuanian folk dances and games are the movements and noises of animals.

Reference:
Encyclopedia Lituanica



A LITTLE STORY

Submitted by
Sabina Klatt

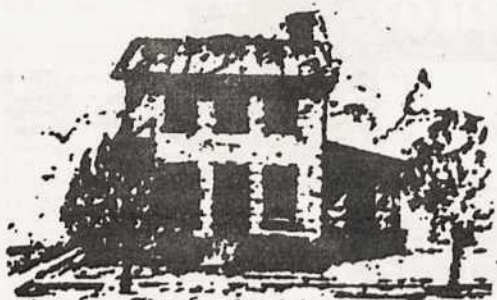
This is a story about four people named EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY and NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it.

Now SOMEBODY got angry about that because it was EVERYBODY'S job. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it, but NOBODY realized that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it.

It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done!

Your Home



I am Your Home.
I am a bundle of bricks or stone and some wood, I can be sold or bought in the market for a few thousand dollars in money.

But I am more than these. I am — thousands of years of human history with the long struggle of mankind for love and protection;
Dreams and visions and aspirations; tears and struggles and disappointments that rend the soul apart;
All and breathing space in the hot hard struggle of life;
Horny hands and self-discipline and laughter.
They say that I am held together by nails and cement and mortar, but I am held together by —
Forgiveness that even forgets;
Love that fails not;
Trust and confidence that laugh at mistakes;
And understanding of each other that goes deep and reaches far and lasts forever.

Percy R. Hayward
From V.G.



Cook's CORNER

By Mary Lucas

AUNT VERONICA'S BUTTERMILK CAKE

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 cup Butter | 1 teasp. Cr. of Tartar |
| 2 cups Sugar | 1 teasp. Baking Soda |
| 4 Egg Yolks | 1 cup Buttermilk |
| 3 cups Sifted Flour | 4 Egg Whites (Stiffly Beaten) |

Cream butter and sugar till light. Add egg yolks, one at a time. Beat well.

Sift dry ingredients and add alternately with the buttermilk. Add beaten egg whites, folding in gently. Pour into greased and floured 9 x 13 x 1-12" pan. Bake for 45-50 minutes.

TOPPING

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Tblspns. melted butter | 1 cup chopped Walnuts |
| 1/2 cup Brown Sugar | 3 Tablespoons Cream |

Combine topping ingredients. Remove cake from oven and spread with topping mixture. Place under broiler for 2-3 minutes, until toasted. Watch carefully, as it burns quickly.

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Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



Folk dancers performing at the Sixth Annual Lithuanian Song Festival in Chicago's University of Illinois Pavilion

The Second Lithuanian World Festival was held in Chicago, Ill., from June 25th through July 4th, 1983. The festival drew thousands of Lithuanians from more than 40 free-world countries. The purpose of the festival was to refresh the energies of the Lithuanian community and to reintroduce second, third and fourth generation Lithuanians to their heritage.

The festival opened with a Summer Street Fair on Lithuanian Plaza Court in Marquette Park on June 25th. Throughout the festival there were numerous cultural exhibits at various locations. A Sports Festival was held at the University of Illinois at Chicago sports facilities. More than 1,000 athletes competed. The Sixth Lithuanian World Community Congress and the Fifth Lithuanian Youth Congress were held during the days of the festival.

Highlight of the festival was the first performance of the opera "I Lituani" on a major American stage — the Auditorium Theatre in downtown Chicago — on July 1st.

From the "Dayton Daily News" — Capt. Robert Warzynski of San Bernardino, CA, recently toured the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and said it was a most pleasurable experience because of the receptionist at the museum. "She is the most enthusiastic person I have ever met about her job, her town and life in general.....She is a professional from the word go and gives a good impression of the Air Force Museum and Dayton, Ohio," said Warzynski.

The highly praised receptionist is TINA KAVY, member of C-96, Dayton, daughter of retired Dayton Police Sgt. Stan Kavy.

DR. F. V. KAUNAS, Health Commissioner for Cicero, Ill., and member of C-112, Chicago, is an ardent jogger. He was shown recently in "Cicero Life" participating in a jog along Cermak Road in Cicero to publicize the Berwyn-Cicero Council on Aging's Gold Raffle.

CHARLES KARBOCIUS, C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y., was pictured in "The Recorder" demonstrating his rope-controlled lawn mower which helps him get at the parts of his lawn which drop at a 60-degree angle.

The story of how Syracuse University basketball player **LEO RAUTINS** (Lithuanian) beat the odds to overcome a crippling spinal disease was presented by Roger Springfield of Channel 3 News, Syracuse, N.Y. (WSTM-TV). Leo was drafted by the NBA last June.

JOHN STANLEY, member of C-140, Syracuse, N.Y., participated in the Herald Senior golf tournament last June. John's "hot putter" gave him Herald Senior lead, according to the Syracuse Herald-Journal.

CHESTER BUTKYS, author and former Supreme Court judge in Lithuania, member of Lehigh Valley C-63, Allentown, Pa., was interviewed by David Erdman of "The Morning Call," Bethlehem, Pa., about his autobiography entitled "A Judge Remembers," published this year. "From eastern Europe to the U.S., his life story reads like a novel," says Erdman.

On July 2nd, the Brighton Park community sponsored a Lithuanian Fair on the midway on Western Ave., which attracted over 10,000 people and was attended by Mayor Harold Washington.

A Mass was celebrated by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin on July 3rd at Quigley South Seminary. Also on July 3rd, the Sixth Annual Lithuanian Song Festival took place at the University of Illinois Pavilion with a chorus of 1,500 voices from 47 adult and children's choirs. Included in the program were folk dances performed by Chicago folk dance troupes. The Knights of Lithuania Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia, C-36, Chicago, and the Knights of Lithuania Dance Group, under the direction of Frank Zapolis, C-36, participated.

Climax of the festival was the Darius-Girenas 50th Anniversary Commemoration and Parade, held in Marquette Park on July 4th at the monument dedicated in memory of the two Lithuanian heroes. Following the commemoration, many attended the Mid-America District Annual July 4th Picnic held at the K of L Hall and Garden.

The Second Lithuanian World Festival was given wide-spread coverage by the news media and demonstrated to the world the solidarity of the Lithuanian people.

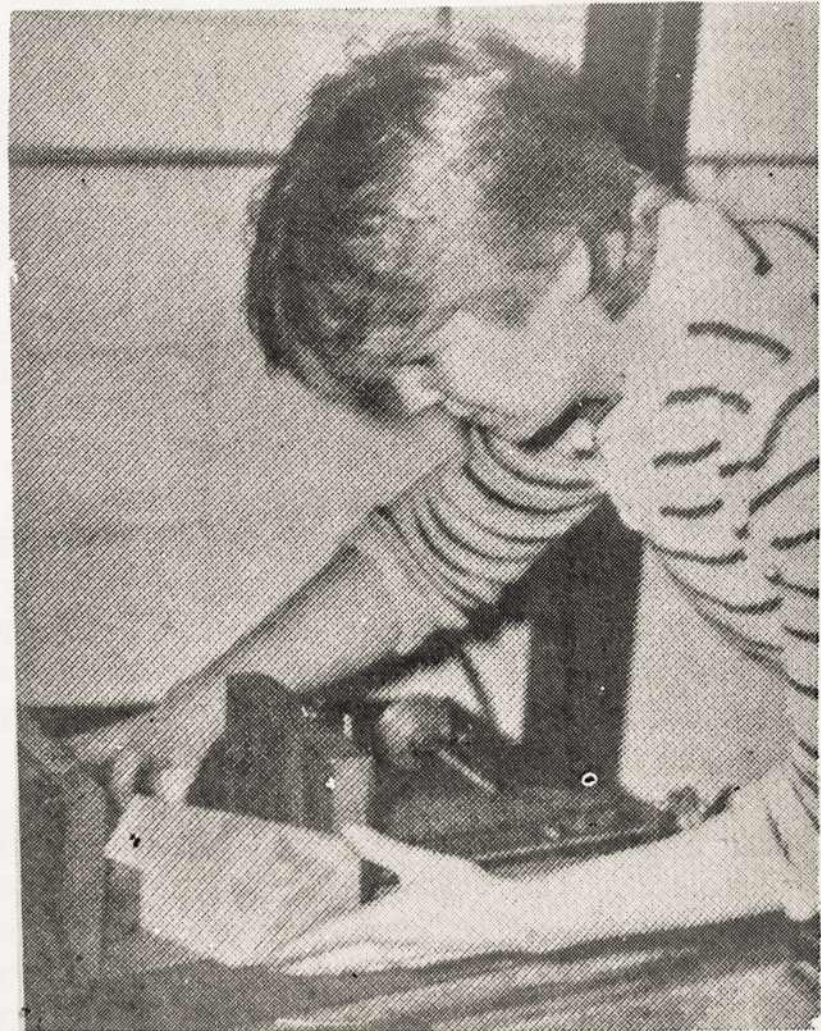
The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, Chicago, Ill., has issued a special wooden 10 litu token to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the flight and crash of Darius and Girenas. The tokens are two inches in diameter, and were designed by numismatic curator Frank Passic, with artwork by artist Michelle Kincaid of Tulsa, Okla.



Darius-Girėnas 50th Anniversary Commemoration Token

The token features the famous bust of two flyers, adapted from sculptor Bronius Pundzius' work. The legend reads, "Steponas Darius - Stasys Girenas - 10 Desimts Litu." In the center of the reverse side is pictured the six-seated Bellanca, named "Lituanica." The top legend reads, "Fiftieth Anniversary 1933-1983," with "Lietuva 1983," and "Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture" below.

Tokens are 75 cents each when accompanied by a self-addressed-stamped envelope (legal size) mailed to: Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 4012 Archer Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60632.



Teresa Vaitkus, Dayton artist and sculptor, was honored for her winning logo for TWINS - (Tribute to Women in Industry and Service) in Rochester, NY recently. She is the daughter of Helen and Stanley Vaitkus, C-96

Council 36, Chicago, sponsored an Essay Contest last May and June in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the historic flight of Capt. Stephen Darius and Lt. Stanley Girenas. The contest was open to all youth of Lithuanian heritage residing in the Chicago area. Theme of the essay was: "How have Darius and Girenas contributed to pride in the Lithuanian heritage?"

Awards of \$100 Savings Bonds were presented for their winning essays to 14 yr. old Vida Brazaitis, a freshman at Oak Lawn High School, Oak Lawn, Ill., and Asta Tijunelis, 13 yrs. old, an eighth grader at Immaculate Conception School, Chicago, Ill.

The presentation was made by Loretta Stukas, National President, at the Darius-Girenas 50th Anniversary Commemoration and Parade which was held at the Darius-Girenas monument in Marquette Park, Chicago, on July 4th.

The commemoration and parade was sponsored by the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post. John Paukstis, President of C-36, was chairman. Approximately 150 Lithuanian-American organizations were represented in the parade, including members of the K of L Mid-America District.



Loretta Stukas (center), National President, participates in the "Parade of Wreaths" with members of the Mid-America District at Darius-Girenas 50th Anniversary Commemoration in Chicago



Presentation of C-36, Chicago, Darius-Girenas Essay Contest winning award at 50th Anniversary Commemoration, July 4th. From left: Ruth Kazlauskas, Contest Chairman; Loretta Stukas, National President; Vida Brazaitis, winner of age 14-18 category; and Estelle Rogers, C-112



Receiving Darius-Girenas American Legion Post "Recognition and Appreciation" awards from John Paukstis, Commemoration Chairman and President of C-36, Chicago, are K of L members Algird Brazis, C-112, and Hon. Mem. Stanley Pieza

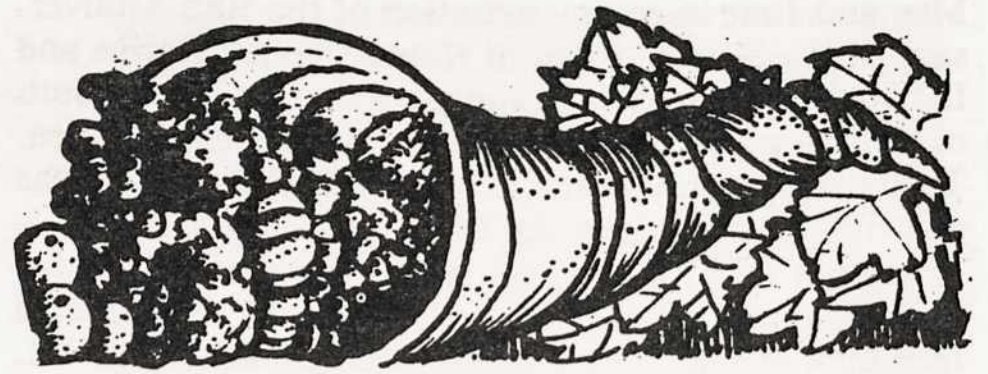
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Please remember in
your prayers...

DONALD F. NIKSTENAS
Member of C-100
Amsterdam, N.Y.
Died on October 1, 1983

ALFONSAS MIKULSKIS
Member of Cleveland Srs.
Cleveland, OH
Died on October 14, 1983

Vyčiai Veikia

Council Activities



Edited by HELEN CHESKO

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NEW ENGLAND
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C-10 — ATHOL- GARDNER

It was a splendid summer for outings, cookouts, family reunions, beaching or just being out. That's what summer is all about, huh!

Our council held their annual barbecue at the home of Frank Amoris on Whites Pond on July 31. Attending were all our old stand-

bys plus several newcomers. Missing were the Perekalises, Radskis and the Muellars.

It was a beautiful day and all enjoyed boating, swimming, eating and chatting plus a bountiful table prepared by our ladies. Our monthly meeting closed this day. Thanks, Frank, for all the inconveniences and your gracious hospitality.

The Genaitises were happy to have three of their grandchildren from Washington State with them this summer. The Wisniauskases hosted their twentieth family reunion on Sunday, September 4.

Helen Simkunas and son spent two weeks in Lithuania this summer. They returned happy to have been reunited with their family. It was Helen's first trip back

in 46 years. Many tears were shed as were many happy moments spent to last a long time. They were greeted in Vilnius by 54 members of their family. In Moscow they witnessed the famous Moscow Circus.

Many of our members were seen attending the various Lithuanian picnics sponsored by our religious communities this summer.

We welcome to our midst Mr. & Mrs. James Eacman, Walter Mikas and Mr. & Mrs. James Ray all from Gardner.

We are bac to our regular fall schedule and hope to witness a rejuvenation as it were to our K of L ideals.

Vincukas

C-27 — NORWOOD

The summer found members keeping in close touch and exchanging ideas for fall activities at informal meetings and potluck cookouts at the homes of Paul & Louise Zukas and Stan & Helen Dallalis.

Sandy Melish and Maryann Tamasanis are enthusiastic about their plans for our fall dance on October 19 at the K of C Hall and report good advance sales of tickets.

Five members attended the National Convention in Philadelphia; the rest of us were there in spirit. Father Bill Wolkovich dropped in. George Barton and Patty



C-10 K of L'ers enjoyed a sumptuos barbecue at the home of Frank Amoris this summer

Kontrimas represented the New England District while Stan & Helen Dallalis and Helen Kontrimas represented the council. All reported the trip was a wonderful K of L experience and look forward to more of the same in Chicago.

We'll miss three members who went back to school — Nancy Dallalis to New England Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, Barbara Zukas to St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester and Patty Kontrimas to Boston College. Good luck to all!

Father Bill also goes back to school this fall. He will teach a course at Norwood Senior High School Adult Education on "Lithuanians in the USA." Many members plan to attend and are looking forward to a very interesting and informative course.

On November 12, Council 27 will host Kazys Yakutis, Baritone, in concert at the Norwood Senior High Auditorium in honor of the Year of St. Casimir. Father Bill, Paul & Louise Zukas, Katherine Prenia, Helen Dallalis and George Barton are making plans. They hope to fill the hall with music lovers. The event will be a first of its kind in the Norwood area.

Our heartiest congratulations to Paul Zukas who was chosen "Knight of the Year" by Norwood Knights of Columbus, Council 252, with a membership of more than 1300 men. "Trecioji"

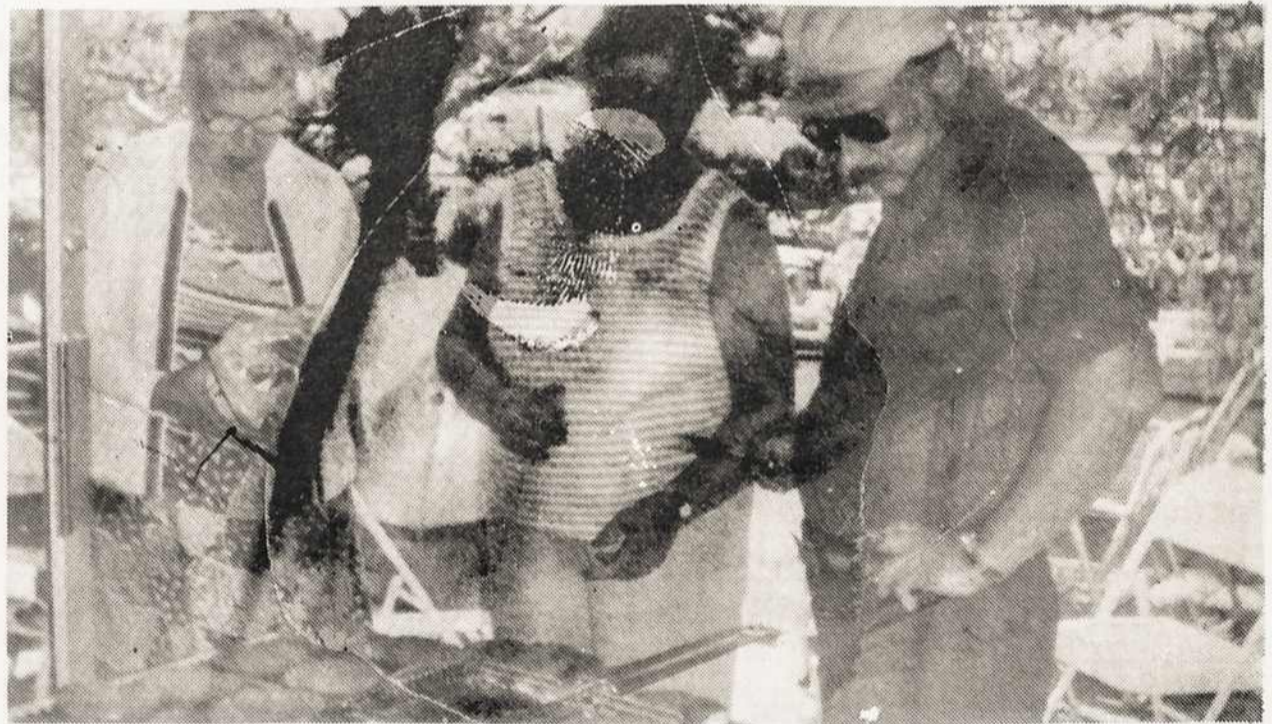
C- 50 — NEW HAVEN

With our summer activities coming to an end despite the ghastly temperatures, we are beginning to brace up to put our best foot forward to make our fall and winter endeavors more attractive than last year.

Our Parish Picnic was held on the church grounds on July 17. It was chaired by Frank and Isabel Peterson. Bernice Barile did an excellent



Al Gedrim, Ann Kordosky and Joseph Mickus prove they are proud to be Lithuanian to Father Karalis at the C-50 outing



Stanley Kirla, owner of Haven East Marina, joins Helen Markiewicz and Joan Augustine at the C-50 outing

job of selling the goodies. Helen Medley served on-the-spot snacks. Helen Case, Joan Augustine and Edith Kazlauskas followed through with their big raffle. Ann Meskins, Theresa Strimaitis, Helen Maculaitis, Helen Markiewicz, Evelyn Lepensky, Sophie Aunce and Mrs. Merkevicus were really busy in the kitchen. We love those Lithuanian dinners and woe to those who missed it! Rose Kacillas sold tickets for dinners and refreshments while Eleanor Gutauskas collected admissions at the entrance. Joseph Mickus is getting to be quite a bartender. Vinnie Carr's one-piece band made lively music like no one else could.

On August 19, twenty people left New Haven for the National Convention in Philadelphia — 16 by bus, 2 by train, and 2 by car. Everyone returned refreshed and pleased with the convention. In fact, they are already making plans to attend the Chicago Convention.

We had our own summer picnic at the East Haven Marina Club on August 21. Many climbed aboard the yacht for another sail around Long Island Sound. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by everyone.

Father Albert Karalis, our pastor and spiritual advisor, received his Fourth Degree on August 28. The ceremony took place before the 10:30



Father Albert Karalis, spiritual Adviser of C-50 New Haven, was presented his Fourth Degree Medal by President Frank Peterson and Ritual Chairman Bernice Baril in St. Casimir's Church

Mass in St. Casimir's Church. Bernice Barile, ritual chairman, presented the medal. After Mass we completed our celebration with a birthday cake for Father Karalis.

On September 11, New Haven Knights gathered at the funeral parlors of J. Markiewicz to pay our last respects to our beloved Knight, Viola Gradeck, who died suddenly in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands on September 3. Father Albert Karalis and Albert Gutauskas, first vice president, led the members in the ritual prayers. St. Casimir's Choir sang "Maria, Maria." Alphonse and Theresa Trainis also paid their respects.

The New Haven Knights also traveled to New Britain on the following day to take part in the Mass of Christian Burial in St. Andrew's Church. Alex Gedrim, financial secretary, was a pallbearer while the Knights formed an Honor Guard. Her brother, Father Ed Gradeck, celebrated while Father Rickteraitis (pastor) and Father Vilchinskas (Waterbury) concelebrated. Father Rickteraitis was homilist. He brought to our minds all the times we saw Viola as a hard-working Christian devoted to her church and country. She was buried

in St. Mary's Cemetery in New Britain.

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C-78 — LAWRENCE

Council 78 of Lawrence officially opened the summer season with an old-fashioned barbecue and lawn party which was hosted by Helena Zuber and her Daughter Mary Ann at their Danvers home.

The Rev. Albin Janiunas, spiritual advisor of both the council and the New England District, led the members in an opening prayer. Then the festivities began.

A gala display of multi-colored balloons, white posts ribboned in colors of the Lithuanian flag, as well as a variety of flowers and plants, decorated the garden setting. Members joined together in a spirit of fellowship to discuss future plans of the upcoming parish picnic with feelings of anticipation and excitement. They look forward to the building of the new St. Francis summer hall soon to be under construction.

After partaking of both traditional Lithuanian and American dishes, members participated in a variety of games. A croquet tournament was held. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

Later in the evening, John Umpa, pianist, set the background for dancing and the singing of popular Lithuanian songs by the group. An enjoyable time was had by all in attendance.

Mary Ann Zuber

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

Our July meeting was held in St. Casimir's Church Hall. The following were selected to represent our council at the 70th National Convention: Joseph Waitonis, Sophie Sakalys, Raymond Savickas, John Jacknevich and Susan Gudeczaukas; alternates Ruth Savickas

and Betty Ciuryla. We welcomed Peter Kurevich and Siter Palanara into membership in C-103.

After the meeting, a cookout was held in the churchyard. Who else but our good friend of Lithuanians, Victor Mathieu took over the grill and was chef for the afternoon. A good time was had by all.

We welcomed our new pastor, Father Izidorius Gedvilas, who comes to us from Montana.

At our September meeting, Father Gedvilas asked God's blessings for a successful year. Final plans were made for the Cultural-Scholarship Picnic in New Haven. Our members plan to join the Worcester Council and go by bus.

Delegates and alternates were selected to attend the NED Convention in Brockton, hosted by Council 1. Besides President Waitonis, H & A Gudeczaukas, B. Ciuryla, N. Grande, A. Grybas, R. Savickas, H & P Danisewich, and B. Stoskus, many other members decided to attend.

The council voted to sponsor Lithuanian classes again this year. They will be at Providence College and our professor-member Fr. Jurgelaitis will conduct the Wednesday night course.

Congratulations to President Joseph Waitonis who was elected trustee of the New England District.

We enjoyed a potluck supper after the meeting. The question arose as to how to say potluck in Lithuanian. The dictionary does not have that word. Is it "Puodu Laimės Vakariene"?

September 26 was Council 103 Prayer Day for Lithuania. Father Jurgelaitis conducted the prayer service and Mass. Before Mass, "Marija, Marija" was sung. Prayers and readings in Lithuanian and English followed. The Mass was in Lithuanian, the homily in both languages for the benefit of all present. Father Gedvilas was in the Sanctuary and Francis Kapiskas served the Mass. After Mass, all were invited to the church hall for coffee

and a snack.

We were happy to learn that Francis Kapiskas, a graduate in food chemistry, obtained a promising position as food analyst in a milk processing plant. Congratulations!

Best wishes, Helen, from your Vytis friends for a speedy recovery from your recent surgery!

Helen Denisewich

C-133 — LOS ANGELES

The yearly meeting of Los Angeles Council was held on June 26 at the Skiurius' Home.

After 10 years of presiding at the meetings, Julius Kiskis resigned and so did Stella Zukauskas, our secretary of a couple of years. The following new officers for 1983-1984 are Helen Bartkus, president; Julius Kiskis, vice president; Bernice Skirius, secretary; Leo Oksas, treasurer; Anthony Skirius, financial secretary; Jonas Petras, manager for social events.

Anthony Skirius reported that there are 43 paid members while 20 are delinquent. The problem is that we are scattered throughout Northern California. In fact, the majority reside outside the Los Angeles boundaries.

For instance, some live in neighboring cities like Burbank, North Hollywood; others live farther away in Woodland Hills, Palos Verdes, Alhambra, Anaheim and still others live as far as Homet (87 miles), Yucaipa (71), Palm Springs (105) and Vista (95). Lucy Beach, nee Padoris, who rejoined lives in El Cajon about 150 miles from Los Angeles.

Through the efforts of Bernice Skirius, letters were written and signatures obtained on petitions for the Darius-Girėnas Commemorative Stamp. Assistant Postmaster General Gordon C. Morison replied, "I have recommended that this subject be placed on the agenda for reconsideration at the next committee



C-133 Los Angeles Officers: Bernice Skirius, Secretary; Julius Kiskis, Vice President; Helen Bartkus, President; Leo Oksas, Treasurer; Anthony Skirius, Financial Secretary; John Petras, Sargeant at Arms



Members of C-133 Los Angeles assembled for Annual Meeting on June 26

meeting." Frank B. Thomas of Philatelic Program Special also replied. Congressman Carlos Morhead cooperated with us. Irene Goddard of the Lithuanian Women's Club assisted us in promoting this cause.

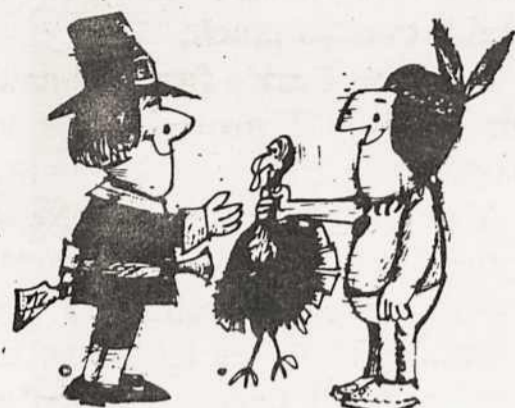
It was decided to offer a Mass for our deceased members — Paulina Petkus, Daumantas Gibas and Mr. & Mrs. Tiknis. Members were requested to visit or write to those in poor health — Juozas Andrius in Santa Monica and Jonas Puikunas in Fallbrook.

Julius Kiskis suggested that plans should be made for a commemorative event of the 70 year anniversary of Vytis.

Present was Sylvia Shepherd, nee Vilkas, who rejoined the council. A couple of guests participated at the meeting and luncheon which was served before the official part of the program. The socializing part was congenial and lengthy.

Congratulations Bernice Skirius on your election to the presidency of the Lithuanian Women's Club!

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MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

The Annual Convention meeting of our District was held on September 23, K of L Building, with President Vincent Samaska presiding. After the presentation of reports and plans for the upcoming year, the officers for 1983-84 were elected: President Algerd Brazis C-112; First Vice President Membership Eleanor Kasputis C-112; Second Vice President Juniors Maria Deksnis C-112; Third Vice President to be appointed by Chicago Senior Council; Secretary Sophie Nieminski C-112; Treasurer Irene Sankus C-112; Trustees Paul Binkis Jr. C-112, John Paukstis C-36; Sergeants at Arms Jerome Jankus C-36, Antanas Sereika C-112. Vincent Samaska C-36 will serve as Board Chairman, and the Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas C-112 has agreed to continue as our Spiritual Advisor. Father administered the oath to the new officers and urged everyone to work together toward another successful year.

Our Annual K of L Day Picnic on July 4 was again most successful due to the efforts of all involved. Picnic co-chairmen were Algerd Brazis and Irene Sankus. They were ably assisted by Bar Chairman Aldona Brazis and Clemente Vidzius; Kitchen, Vince Samaska and Sabina Klatt; Admissions, Ann Marie Kassel; Raffle, Gerry Mack, Susan Bolanos and Paul Binkis Jr.; Prize Booth, Monica Kasper and Sophie Mieminski; Horse Game, Al Mlockus; Cashier, Eleanore Laurin.

They were assisted by the entire Zakarka Family and members of C-36, C-112 and Chicago Seniors throughout the entire day. One-half of the raffle and picnic profits were donated to the K of L Building Fund to help defray the ever-mounting maintenance and operating costs.

District Membership Vice President Eleanor Kasputis presented the results and awards of our 1983 Membership Drive, which ran from January 1 through June 30, with a gain of over 180 new members. Awards were presented to John Paukstis, Joe Kulys and Sabina Klatt, all of C-36, and to Estelle Rogers C-112. Junior awards were presented to Monica Umbrasas, Denise Zakarka and Steve Madden. Ellie expressed her appreciation to the prize donors: Don Petkus of the Petkus Funeral Homes, Ron and Sam of the New Gold Coast Inn, Al Brazis and Theresa Balciunas of C-38 Kenosha.

July 4 was also the date of the Parade and Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Transatlantic Flight of Darius and Girenas. The D-G Post hosted the event, and John Paukstis C-36 was the general chairman of this most successful event, held at the Monument Site in

Marquette Park. National President Loretta Stukas was the principal speaker. Our district participated in the Parade of Wreaths and program with Estelle Rogers, Wanda Urboniené, Virginia Buzenas and color bearers Louis Rogers, Antanas Sereika and Albert Matulis.

Under the leadership of Juniors Vice President Maria Deksnis, C-36 and C-112 Juniors had a busy summer schedule with roller-skating parties, bowling social and picnics in the park. Some of the junior members attended the National Convention and are looking forward to the 1984 convention to renew friendships.

Our K of L Dancers began a fund-raising program to help defray the expenses of participating in the 1984 "Šokių Šventė" in Cleveland. Their first fund-raiser was a successful dinner-dance held in the Garden Room of the Martinique. The dancers are comprised of 50 members under the direction of Frank Zapolis and continue their busy schedule which included dancing during the "Dainų Šventė" festivities.

The K of L Choir, under the leadership of President Sabina Klatt and Director Faustas Strolia, also had a busy summer schedule



William Balis, Mary Kincius, President John Paukstis, Ruth Kazlauskas, Rev. Peter Cibulskis MIC and Scotty Zukas of C-36 served on the Darius-Girenas Essay Contest Committee

culminating with their performance during the "Dainų Šventė", the 6th Lithuanian Song Festival, and a program presented at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

Director Strolia was honored at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture's Annual Banquet held in the Empire Room of the Palmer House for his contribution to the Lithuanian musical world. A most deserving honor!

We were well represented at the Captive Nations Rally, held at the Chicago Daley Center Plaza, with members in costume and our color guard.

A record number of delegates from our district participated in the 70th National Convention hosted by C-3 of Philadelphia. Everyone expressed their appreciation for their great hospitality. Official delegates were Ann Marie Kassel and Irene Sankus, who served as chairmen of the Mandate and Nominating Committees, respectively. Chicago was chosen as the site for the 1984 National Convention with C-36 of Brighton Park as hosts.

Under the leadership of President Adele Gabalas, our Chicago Senior Council continues to flourish and

hosted their annual picnic during the Labor Day weekend, K of L Building and Gardens.

Our district was assigned the date of October 17 as our official Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church in Lithuania. As this was a Monday, all members were requested to say individual prayers during the morning hours.

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C-36 — CHICAGO

This year's debutantes at the Amber Ball held at the Conrad Hilton on June 25 were the two lovely daughters of Genevieve and John Maluska. Congratulations to Genevieve Grace and Jacqueline Ann!

At the Annual Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance, John Paul Kilkus and Thomas Strolia each was awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship. We're really proud of both of you.

Many of our members attended the Lithuanian Festival on 69th Street on June 25. It was great as usual.

At our June meeting, the Second Annual Roast took place. Lucille

Kilkus was roasted. Everyone enjoyed it ever so much.

Brighton Park's first Lithuanian Fair on July 2 proved to be very successful.

Many rehearsals were attended by the K of L Choir in preparation for the Dainų Šventė on July 3. It was so wonderful to see all of the K of L'ers from all over — even Pennsylvania. Thanks from all of us. It was also exciting to see and have pictures taken with Senator Percy when he was standing outside the University of Illinois Pavilion. Betty Zibas C-112 and Sabina Klatt greeted him, and he introduced us to his lovely wife. Sabina personally thanked him in the name of the K of L for all that he has done for Lithuanians and for Benedict Skuodis.

Mid-America's annual picnic was held on July 4. Thanks to all members who helped to make it such a success.

Also on that day the 50th Anniversary Darius-Girėnas Parade and Program was held. Ruth Kazlauskas announced the Essay Winners and presented the gifts. John Paukstis, our president, was the chairman; Bruce Neberieza was parade marshal.

The Captive Nations Rally took place on July 22 at the Richard Daley Center. Many people were there in the 101 degree temperature. Yes, it was the hottest day of the year; but we showed our loyalty to this country and freedom from communism for all captive nations. This year's theme was "Freedom Through Strength." This year's captive nations stamp was drawn by Jonas Tricis, a Lithuanian.

The K of L Choir participated in the Springfield Ethnic Heritage Fair on August 14.

Philadelphia will never be the same again. So many Chicagoans participated and had a great time at the annual convention. From our council, Ann Marie and Georgiann Kassel, Mary Kincius, Sabina Klatt,



C-36 Second Annual Roast Committee - Mary Kincius, Ray Wertelka, Josephine Kilkus, Chairman Dave Gaidas, Roastee Lucille Kilkus, Sharon Martinaitis, John Kilkus, President John L. Paukstis and Rev. Rbert Martinkus

John and Lillian Paukstis, Sue Susky, Paul and Tom Strolia, and Scotty Zukas attended. Many awards were received: John Paukstis for membership; Ruth Kazlauskas for work well done on Lithuanian Affairs; Tom Strolia received the \$1000 Scholarship. Helen Skurdra is now our new National Financial Secretary. Ann Marie Kassel is on the Ritual Committee. Mary Kincius and Scotty Zukas served on the Greetings Committee while Ann Marie, Georgiann Kassel, Tom Strolia and Sabina Klatt were on the Mandate Committee. Sergeant at Arms was Paul Strolia.

Hi to all of our new members! Get well to all of our sick — Margaret Norvaisis, Irene Norushis, Vyto Gestautas, Jonas Karnagis, Justin Kincius, Mike Marcinkus, Helen and Al Skudra's daughter.

Please remember our deceased — Stella Mazeika, Bruno Gatlis, Antanas Butkus and Roman Krupa.

Eugene Liner was named to the Who's Who of Prominent Public Relations Professionals in the health care field for 1983. John Paul Winkelmann was recently elected to the presidency of the National Catholic Pharmacists Guild of the United States. Congratulations to both!

Sabina Klatt

C-112 — CHICAGO

Congratulations to our council's outgoing officers who had a most successful K of L year. In fact the members were so pleased with the job they did, all were reelected. Our best wishes for another good year to President Paul Binkis Jr.; Vice President Albert Zakarka; Recording Secretary May Juzenas; Financial Secretary Alice Cekanor; Corresponding Secretary Betty Bozec; Treasurer Monica Kasper; Trustees Albert Cekanor and Dolores Wainauskis; Sergeants at Arms Louis Rogers, Antanas Sereika and



Council 112 members Ed and Maria Deksnis, Paul Binkis Jr., Susan Bolanos, Vilius Zolpys, Mary Juzenas, Rita Zakarka (not pictured), Juniors member Denise Zakarka and guests on a recent hike in the Indiana Dunes State Park hosted by our Indiana member Lucia Rundzaitis

Edward Deknis.

Our members again were most supportive of the District's Annual K of L Day Picnic. A big thank you to Al & Aldona Brazis, Irene Sankus, Paul Binkis Jr., Susan Bolanos, Monica Kasper, Sophie Nieminski, Al, Julie, Rita and Denise Zakarka, Gerry Mack, Al Mockus, Mary Juzenas, Ed & Maria Deksnis, Betty Zibas, Eleanor Kasputis, Alice & Al Cekanor, Mary Mathes and HM Eleanore Laurin.

Council members serving on that National Board of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation are Saulius Kuprys who is the National President, Rev. Anthony Markus and Irene Sankus.

Our condolences to Diana Maskaliunas on the death of her grandmother.

A record number of 112 members were in attendance at the 70th National Convention hosted by C-3 of Philadelphia and a great time was had by all. Representing our council were Paul Binkis Jr. who served on the Resolutions Committee, Albert, Julie & Rita Zakarka, Estelle Rogers, Eleanor Kasputis, Frances Shillis, Betty Zibas, Eleanore Laurin and Susan Bolanos.

Congrats to Council President Paul Binkis Jr. who was reelected for

a third term as National Trustee.

Although all of our delegates, entertained during the convention, hostesses-supreme were Ellie Kasputis and Estella Rogers, who became good "friends" with the late Ben Franklin.

Congratulations to our own Rita Zakarka who was one of the recipients of a National Scholarship and to Tom Strolia of C-36, another scholarship winner.

Belated congrats to Stanley and Carol Evans on the birth of their first daughter and to proud grandparents Mickey and Vince Petrosius. Also baby congrats to Edmund and Rosemary Jurjonas on the birth of a son.

Prudencija Bickus, our beautiful solosit, was recently married to Stasys Jokubauskas. Our best wishes to them for a most delightful marriage.

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CHICAGO'S VYČIŲ CHORAS

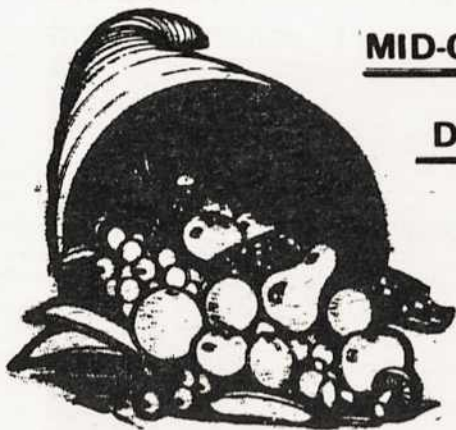
Mirus ilgamečiui Lietuvos vyčių dvasios vadui kun. Anastazui Valančiui, kuris pastaruoju laiku buvo prisiglaudęs Šv. Antano parapijoje Cicero mieste. Chicagos vyčių choras balandžio 18 d. buvo

pakviestas giedoti jo laidotivų šv. Mišiose. Choro pirmininkė Sabina Klatt telefonu sukvieta choro narius. Nors buvo pirmadienis, dauguma choristų, net palikę darbą atvyko dalyvauti pamaldose. Giedojo 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.

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**MID-CENTRAL
DISTRICT**

MCD CONVENTION AND BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Lithuania Mid-Central District Convention and Bowling Tournament took place on May 20-22, 1983 hosted by C-79 of Southfield, Michigan. The activities began Friday evening, May 20th, as the Knights converged on the Holiday Inn in full swing. The lobby and

hallways were buzzing with conventioners. The "Early Bird" get-together took place in the Monroe and Hamilton rooms. The air was filled with laughter and Lithuanian songs to the accompaniment of Cecilia Yankus (C-96) on the accordion. There was good food and refreshments for all.

Saturday morning, May 21st at 9:30 A.M. Tom Bruzga (C-86), MCD President, opened the Convention in the Monroe Room. The meeting was well represented by the member councils. Secretary, Dick Radzevich (C-86) read the minutes. Reports were given by: Albina Evans (C-19), Nellie Arunski (C-25), Magdalena Smailis (C-79), Eleanor Mantz (C-96), Mary Lucas (C-96 Jrs.), Donna Binikis (C-102), Alvina Luiza (C-25), Lucy Montville-Tabbert (C-25) and Vince Gray (C-25).

Loretta Stukas, K of L National President, honored us with her appearance. She talked on numerous subjects pertaining to the growth of our K of L organization, the promotion of Lithuanianism in this country and freedom for our brothers and sisters in Lithuania.

One of the main topics discussed by the convention was the promotion of the Darius-Girėnas Commemorative postage stamp. On July 13th the Lithuanian world will be commemorating the 50th Anniversary

of the ill-fated flight of Darius and Girėnas to Kaunas, Lithuania. All Lithuanians and their friends are requested to write to the Postmaster General, the Stamp Committee, their Senators and Congressmen asking their endorsement of this request.

The Bowling Tournament took place on Saturday, May 21st at Ark Lanes West. Twenty teams from nine midwest cities took part in the affair.

The evening social took place at the Divine Providence Cultural Center. A beautiful and delicious buffet was served, after which the Knights danced to the delightful music of Gaylord Klansnik and his orchestra.

During intermission, we were entertained by the wonderful music of a "Button Band" consisting of some dozen musicians performing on "concertinas" that we remembered from the past.

Sunday morning, the Conventioners and guests assembled at the Divine Providence Cultural Center at 10:30. In procession all filed into the church to assist at Mass. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius, Pastor, who also gave the Homily fitting to the occasion. The Gifts were presented by Loretta Stukas, Magdalena Smailis and Tom Bruzga. The church of modern architecture, beautiful stained glass windows and beautiful



MCD Convention at Divine Providence Church

gleaming woods was most impressive. After Mass everyone assembled in the Hall and feasted on a sumptuous meal. After the meal the presentation of the bowling awards were made. The top Trophy was won by the team from C-102, Detroit, Michigan. The convention ended in high spirits to the theme that keeps the Knights in close relationship — "Pikrai Lietuviška".

The next Mid-Central District Convention and Bowling Tournament will be held in Dayton, Ohio hosted by C-96.

Vince Gray, C-25
MCD PR Chairman

Mid-Central District Convention And Pilgrimage

Never is it said that the Knights of Lithuania, regardless of the type of the affair, did not enjoy their get-together. The Mid-Central District Convention and Pilgrimage in Detroit, Michigan, hosted by C-102, President Grazina Vaskelis, was a complete success. It takes members like Cecelia Yankus and her accordion; and Donna Bunikis, who provided sheets of Lithuanian "Liaudes" folk songs, to put a group into a festive mood. This was achieved Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Convention Headquarters was the Holiday Inn, Dearborn. The turnout was numerous with delegates and friends participating from Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, DuBois, Pittsburgh, Saginaw and Southfield.

Saturday morning — Seminars and discussions began after a Continental Breakfast and lasted about three hours. At 1:30, after a delicious lunch provided by C-102, the Convention Sessions started. We led off with an "Our Father" in Lithuanian. A greeting was given by Donna Bunikas. Tom Bruzga, President, opened with the reading of the minutes. All District Officers

reported on their activities and achievements over the past four months.

New officers nominated and elected were as follows:

Spiritual Advisor, Kun Vaclovas Katarski (C-96); President, Tom Bruzga (C-86); 2nd V.P., Mem.—Sophia Zager (C-79); 3rd V.P., Srs.—Mary Trainy (Clv. Srs.); Rec. Sec., Catherine Kurpowic (C-139); Treas., Frank Zager (C-79); Cultural, Lucy Montville Tabbert (C-25); Ritual, Alvina Luiza (C-25); Pub. Rel. & Vytis, Vince Gray (C-25); Trustees, Aldona Ryan (C-96) and Magdalena Smailis (C-79); Sgt.-at-Arms, Andy Rosger (C-19).

On Sunday, the Convention delegates and guests, in procession, assembled in the St. Anthony Lithuanian Church for Mass. Fr. Alfonsas Babonas, Pastor, began the ceremonies with the swearing in of three 3rd Degree members: Mary Tamy, Pittsburgh (C-19), Mary Vaglia, Pittsburgh (C-19) and Vince Gray, Cleveland (C-25). At this time the new officers of the Mid-Central District were also inducted. After the High Mass, during which the St. Anthony Choir sang beautifully, the members gathered in the downstairs

Chapel. With Fr. A. Babonas officiating, special prayers were said for the Deceased Members of the MCD Knights of Lithuania. The name of each deceased was called out by Pres. Tom Bruzga while a representative of that council was presented a lighted candle. A very impressive ceremony!

Bob Boris (C-102) Hon. Member and Past National President of the K of L was Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet Dinner. All feasted on good Lithuanian cooking.

The Convention delegates dispersed with very high spirits... resolved to work in unison as Knights in promoting Lithuanianism... "Dievui ir Tevynei"!

Vince Gray

C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

This was the season of ailments for the Frank Zagers. An infected eyelid necessitated two surgeries for Frank. Son Gerald spent the summer convalescing from gall bladder surgery. While everyone was at the convention, Sophie was grounded with a fracture of her right foot.

Get well wishes to Violet Panavas who was hospitalized. Linkime geros



Father Alfonsas Babonas, Tom Bruzga and Eleanor Maritz during Memorial Service for deceased members at St. Anthon's Church in Detroit

sveikatos to Charles Gogelis who had surgery.

Bertha Janus and Ann Uzdavinas attended Moterų Sąjunga Convention in Putnam. Kudos to Mrs. Janus who emerged as Michigan Director.

We were the beneficiaries of beautiful fall weather for our September meeting. We welcomed Cynthia Jackson, a long-time-away member. The Second Degree was conferred on Cynthia by our Ritual Chairlady Bertha Janus. Cultural Chairman Stella Hotra told us how to detect false amber and how to preserve it.

Stella Hotra also submitted a detailed report of the 1983 National Convention. Informative comments followed by President Smailis and Marie Kase. The dominating feature was the candlelight ceremony of the laying of the wreath at the Liberty Bell in Independence Pavilion. The Philly members hosted a unique convention. Labai Ačiū!

The highlight of the September meeting was the presentation of a generous check for \$1000 to our Pastor Fr. V. Kriciunevicius for the air-conditioning which was installed in Divine Providence this summer. In his acceptance, Father commented that we always seem to understand the need for help and financial assistance.

We regret the resignation of Ann Uzdavinas from the Catholic Action Chairmanship. She did a super job! Best wishes, Ann, for success as National Publicity Chairman of Moterų Sąjunga.

A big ačiū to Mary Keller for her nice buffet at our social following the September meeting. She was assisted by Virginia Kirsh.

To the sound of music at the Annual Parish Bazaar, a crew of 79-ers raffled off a large basket of cheer which included several nice donations from Moterų Sąjunga. Proceeds turned out fabulous.

Our Family Day Picnic on July 30 will be remembered as showery.

The food and fun were quickly moved from the grove of Divine Providence to the Cultural Center. Ed Sackle emerged as winner of the horseshoe game; Marge Nashlon won the darts game. For treats we had our Kapusta Special by Betty Petroski. Chairlady Mary Keller laid out a feast of other foods which 79'ers munched on all day. Mary's committee consisted of Richard Danielak, Marge Nashlon, Virginia Kirsh, Maggie Smailis and Chip Newberry.

Representatives of Air World Travel highlighted our July meeting at the Cultural Center with a presentation of a trip to Rome on March 4 in observance of the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir.

Barbara & Donald Chick as well as Patricia Waina were welcomed into membership. Thanks to Ed Bagdon who is on the lookout for new members. A donation of \$75 was made to the K of L History Fund; \$100 was donated to Camp Dainava Youth Camp.

Delegates who represented C-79 at the National Convention were Stella Hotra, Marianne Newberry, Marie & George Kase, and Chip Newberry. President Smailis represented the Mid-Central District. She will serve as National Ritual Chairman. Social events of the convention included a capacity cultural night, an equally-filled banquet and a nostalgic farewell brunch on Sunday.

Sincere sympathy to Sophie & George Leskosky, our members from Winter Haven, Florida, upon the death of Sophie's mother, Justina Klapatauskas, who died in Chicago. Following the funeral on July 19, they visited with son George and family and saw their first grandchild born in March.

Blessings and best wishes to Helen Tucker upon her marriage to Ed Santorum. Congratulations, also, to Cynthia Jackson who was married to Chester Ostrowski on October 1 at

Divine Providence.

Farmington Hills area is becoming a little Lithuanian Hills colony. Carol Kaminskas and her mother, Antoinette, have settled in their lovely home on Sprucewood. Julia and Carl Janson moved into the Kandalwood Apartments. A big welcome to all under their new roofs.

Congratulations to Frank Zager who received his 25-year pin from Monaghan Council of the Knights of Columbus.

We sadly mourn the untimely death of Sophie Kacy, sister of Joe Yakstys, on September 17 following heart surgery in Milwaukee. Our condolences to her husband Al and the Kacy family.

Get Well wishes to Eleanore Mickey and Lucille Smilgis.

The Coffee Social Hour on Sundays is in full operation following the summer recess. Our organization fulfilled its obligation, but we need more volunteers.

SOFFI

C-96 — DAYTON

We survived the hottest, driest summer many of us have ever seen! This is also a catch-up time in the Vytis.

Our annual Spring Family Picnic was held on the church grounds on June 26. Chris Mantz, Social Committee Chairman, took charge of arrangements. George Mikalauskas was warm-up chef while the members brought covered dishes. In spite of the heat, we found enough cool spots to relax and enjoy ourselves.

Delegates and guests came back from the 70th National Convention with nothing but praise for the fine job C-3 did. Delegates were Elinor Sluzas, National Vice President in Charge of Juniors; Aldona Ryan, Vytis Editor; Fran Petkus, National LCRA Coordinator; Catherine Prasmantas; Pat Zelinskas Alexander; Cecelia Yankus and Rita Ambrose. Guests were August &

MaryAnn Blum; Joe Ryan, Vytis Photographer; Lewis Yankus & Annamarie Sluzas. We were impressed with the panels and the active participation of our younger members. The weekend was filled with updating of business and get-togethers. Fran Petkus enjoyed getting together with "That Old Gang of Mine" from C-12.

Our Annual Cemetery Visit on September 18 began with a Mass dedicated to the deceased and living members of C-96. Three planters were placed on our St. Casimir's Altar for our three members who are buried out of town. We visited 25 members at Calvary Cemetery. Vice President John A. Berczelly led us in prayer at each grave. This is a very special day because we reminisce at each stop, and our newer members realize our deceased will always be with us.

Our parish's Lithuanian Cultural Committee had a beautiful Lithuanian Homecoming celebration on September 10 at the Lithuanian Club. Chairman Elinor Sluzas put this special evening together with much success. A Lithuanian dinner served buffet style was followed by a concert by the Cleveland Men's Octet under the direction of Rytas Babickas. Solosist Irene Grigaliunaite. Our Vejeliai Dancers performed under the direction of Greg Blum with music supplied by Judy Petrokas and Cecelia Yankus. Rounding out the evening was dancing to the music of the Balys Pakstas Orchestra of Chicago. A truly very memorable evening!

Manija Rastikis continues to urge all members to write especially to President Reagan regarding Baltic Freedom Day and also to the Postmaster General regarding a commemorative stamp for the Darius-Girenas anniversary. Bill Piacentini, National Scholarship Chairman, informed us that we were the only council to fulfill the committee's request of \$250 per council in

commemoration of the Fund's 25th Anniversary. We did this by asking each member to donate \$2.50 or more with the council making up the difference.

Congratulations to Vida Gecas, Vytis Layout Editor, on receiving a K of L Scholarship! C-96 was blessed by having three members receive this special gift. Irene Gecas is spending approximately a year in Germany at Vasario 16 Gimnazija.

Congratulations to Aldona Drukteniene and Dr. Drukteinis on their recent retirement. Aldona taught in the high school, and now they are residing in Florida.

Chris Mantz hosted the Koffee Klutch after 10:30 Mass in July, Joseph E. Mantz in August. It was good to have Fr. Anthony Naujokas SDB from Columbus take care of us during Fr. Walter's vacation. This is a very special year for Fr. Naujokas, his Diamond Jubilee Year.

A warm welcome to John & Alice Sipek, Peter & Ann Zeller, our new members from Columbus.

Elaine Pacovsky reported at the September meeting that our Juniors had a fun-filled weekend recently at Kings Island. Elaine and Mary Lou Lastoskie were chaperones. The Juniors welcome Gina and Wendy Bruzga of DuBois into their midst.

Many of us joined Joe & Aldona Ryan at Mass on June 25 to commemorate their 25th Wedding Anniversary. A reception followed in the church hall. Congratulations and many years of happiness ahead!

Get well wishes to HM Mary Lucas recuperating from vascular surgery, Judy Petrokas also recovering from surgery, Karl Keivel injured on the job and Pauline Pietrzak.

Judy Petrokas, Annamarie Sluzas and the Gecas Family, Joe, Eugenia, Rita and Vida, attended the Lietuviu Dienos in Chicago.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mike Daily, our Arizona member, on the death of his father. May he rest in peace.

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING

C-29 NEWARK

A bus ride in July took a large group of our members to Putnam, Conn. to spend a day with the Sisters of The Immaculate Conception. We enjoyed a beautiful day touring the grounds surrounding the Convent and the warm hospitality shown by the Sisters.

Another bus ride was run in August, this time to celebrate the Annual Lithuanian Day picnic at Lakewood Park, Pa. Weatherwise it was a beautiful day, filled with plenty of good food, good drinks, good music and lots of beautiful people. Our thanks go to Viola Skripata for making both of these trips possible.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John Sisak on the marriage of their daughter, Marilyn. The marriage ceremony took place in our Holy Trinity Chapel followed by a Lithuanian style reception held in our parish hall. We wish the young couple a long and happy life!

Well earned congratulations go to Amelia Skruodys, our Cultural Chairlady. She was awarded a 2nd place prize presented at the National Convention in Philadelphia for Cultural participation. Amelia is one of our younger members and we all feel very proud to have her in our Council. This past September she made all the arrangements to set up a Lithuanian table of Crafts and Foodstuffs to be displayed and sold at the Annual Ethnic Festival held at Liberty Park in Jersey City, N.J. The proceeds from this event will go to the University of Ill. to help finance their Lithuanian Dept.

Worthy of mention: Anna Pocius and Rose Yankosky left on a flight this summer to visit with relatives and friends in Lithuania and Bronė Venckus flew to Latvia to visit her brother.

On a sad note: Our deepest sympathies go to Margie Brazaitis on the loss of her brother. May he rest in peace.

Eva Coll

C-46 — FOREST CITY

Council 46 of Forest City joined Anthracite Council 144 and Pittston Council 143 in Holy Rosary Devotion in St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton on Sunday, October 2. C-74 Scranton hosted the 49th Diocesan Family Rosary Devotion.

Mary Markunas, Blanche Motsko, Frances Stungis, Mary Paukstis Prezelski, Charles Cyzauskas, Isabelle De Witt, Beatrice Stanis, Dorothy Andzulis, Ann Zalenskas, Mary Kaminskas, Alice Puntar, Amy Morris and Helen Zlotucha attended.

We appreciated the beautiful rendition of several Lithuanian hymns by the Zarija Choir of Schuylkill County under the direction of Mrs. Stanley Vaicaitis. The entire service was inspirational.

Our officers for the current year are John Morris, President; Charles Cyzauskas, Vice President; Ann Zalenskas, Secretary and Anthony Yavorosky, Treasurer.

Mary Paukstis Prezelski

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 vienì 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 tekintojas 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. Sodyboje aplink namą matėsi pasodinti medeliai. Takai išbarstyti geltonu smėliu. Sodybos kieme šoka tautiškais drabužiais apsirengę šokė-

jai (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, drožinėlių 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 reikalams 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 Praleika, 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 apžiūrindami, fotografuodami, klausindami apie Lietuvą, kai kurie prisipažindami, kad iki šiol nebuvo apie Lietuvą girdėję. Čia jie jos mažą dalelę kultūros pamatė, pamatė ir jos trispalvę, kuri buvo iškelta šalia Amerikos vėliavos. „Liėpsnos“ šokėjai irgi atkreipė nemažą dėmesį ir susilaukė labai daug plojimų. Tas viskas buvo pasiekta, darnaus Lietuvos vyčių ir Lietuvių Bėndruomenės Patersone bendradarbiavimo dėka.

Antanas Masionis

C-74 — SCRANTON

Council 74 Scranton hosted the 49th Diocesan Family Rosary Devotion in St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday, October 2. Casimir Yanish chaired the event.

Prior to devotions, Zarija Choir of Schuylkill County, under the direction of Mrs. Stanley Vaicaitis, gave a religious concert of Lithuanian hymns.

Devotions began with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament by Msgr. Paul J. Purcell STI, pastor. Casimir Yanish welcomed the assembled Knights from Anthracite Council 144, Forest City C-46, Pittston C-143 and Scranton C-74, their friends and other worshippers.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Yanish stated that "we become painfully aware of the strong beliefs of Professor Stanley Vaicaitis. He brings to us all a sober sense of the personal obligation to defend and preserve with all our might, those inalienable rights and responsibilities Christ declared to be inherent in every human being. We are aware that this Christian philosophy is violently opposed by the Kremlin and, more than ever before, we



CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK 1983 - Presentation of Proclamation by Mayor Thomas Whalen of Albany, NY to Bernice Aviza, C-100, and Captive Nations Committee members. Bernice is Chairman of the Captive Nations Week Committee of the Capitol District of NY

realize that the peace and justice for which all Knights of Lithuania strive are dependent upon the preservation of Christ's concept of the worth and importance of every individual person. May our defense of this precious heritage be so strong that all people throughout the world may some day have both the right and the desire to enjoy peace on earth among men of good will."

In our petitions, we prayed "for the soul of Professor Stanley Vaicaitis, who ignited the torch for Lithuanian freedom in his adult life. May we continue in our efforts to keep the flame burning today."

The Frackville Junior Knights of C-144, under the direction of Sister Angela CJC, and "The Sunbeams," under the direction of Sister Virginia Vytel CJC of St. Mary's Villa of Elmhurst, served as the Traditional Court for the Crowning of the Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Rebecca Georgia carried a basket of "Rūta" while Emma Foley and other

junioiors carried sprigs to the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. The Zarija Choir sang a Lithuanian hymn to the Blessed Mother.

The Meditations of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary followed. Helen Cravath led the assembled worshippers in the preface prayers. Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas, pastor St. Joseph's Church in Scranton, and the Rev. Peter Alishauskas, pastor St. Casimir's of Pittston, spiritual advisors of C-74 and C-143, respectively, recited the four decades of the Rosary in English and one in Lithuanian.

The Cathedral resounded with the beautiful rendition of "Our Lady of Fatima." Following the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Zarija Choir sang "Sirdie Jezaus — Heart of Jesus."

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament closed the service. The final hymn by the choir was "Kaip Didingas Tu Esi — How Great Thou Art."

C-74 extends sincere thanks to Evelyn Sailus, Diocesan Coordinator of the Rosary Devotion.

Our council was sad to hear of the death of one of our members, Elizabeth Leonard of Tobyhanna. May she rest in peace!

Ruth Yanish

C-143 — PITTSTON

After a quiet spring, our activities picked up. Our meetings are well attended. Refreshments and fellowship are enjoyed after the meetings.

At the July meeting, Father Alisauskas, our spiritual advisor, blessed our four new flags. We remembered Father Alisauskas with a surprise social to celebrate his 40th anniversary in the priesthood.

On July 26 Lithuanian Hour was observed at St. Anne's Shrine in Scranton. Many members and friends attended. Father Alisauskas led us in the recitation of the Stations of the Cross on the grounds of the shrine. We moved into the shrine for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

At the August meeting, plans were made for Las Vegas Nite, our annual fund-raising event. Co-chairpersons are Mary Timek and Rosalie Kizis.

The following eight members attended the National Convention: Leo & Helen Butsavage, John & Alice Puscavage, Annamarie Sewatsky, President Anna Challan, Nellie Bayoras and Dorothy Banos. Our congratulations to Nellie Bayoras! The Fourth Degree was conferred on her by Bishop Vincentas Brizgys at the closing Mass.

Some of us enjoyed the hot summer days at home while others traveled. Many went by chartered bus to Barnesville on August 14 to enjoy Lithuanian Day. Nellie Bayoras and Dorothy Banos traveled a bit farther to Lithuania. Dorothy enjoyed her first trip and found it very interesting. She said that the

Lithuanian people are trying earnestly to hold on to their identity. Nellie, going back to her roots and her relatives, enjoys every trip.

Congratulations to Leo and Helen Butsavage who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on August 27.

Anastasia Stanley

C-144 — ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

Camp AUSRA

Camp Ausra held July 11-15 at St. George Grove illuminated a world where 31 elementary school children could experience the Lithuanian culture of their ancestry.

Sister Angela CJC coordinated the educational activities for day camp participants. Language classes were conducted by Sister Verna CJC, Eleanor Vaicaitis and Ann Bendrick. Beginners learned greetings, parts of the body vocabulary and grammatical sentence patterns. Intermediates took turns hosting a dinner party and setting the table in Lithuanian.

Joseph Yezulinas narrated biographical sketches about significant Lithuanian names and places. He personalized his chats with photos of his family's recent excursions to Lithuania.

Rev. Matthew Jarasunas constructed rustic berry baskets in the way he did as a young shepherd boy in Lithuania many years ago.

Participants designed authentic Lithuanian craft projects. Elsie Kosmisky demonstrated a glue method of creating "siaudinukai" paper straw ornaments in the shapes of folk dancers and steeped churches.

Susan Bulcavage and Samantha Ruscavage etched honey bees and butterfly designs on "marguciai." Colorful felt banners portraying folklore characters such as "Egle" and "Palangos Juze" were prepared.

After mastering the double step, polka and grand right and left, the boys and girls learned figures for "Kalvelis" and "Vedaras." Guest instructor Eimutis Radzius, director of Philadelphia's Ausine Folk Ensemble, taught the novice dancers.

Swimming, hikes and Olympic relays introduced their own fun element into the frantic schedule.

Highlight of the week-long festivities was the ceremonious igniting of the "lauzas" on Friday at dusk. The campers performed before the flickering campfire light for an audience of parents and friends.

Songs were selected to reinforce language class experiences such as "Isbegs Pele Is Misko" and "Ridikelis ir Petrushka." Two skits, "Jurate and



Only Sister Angela CJC, Camp Ausra's Director, had enough pep for the nature hike

Kastytis and **"Ausros Vartai"** were dramatized to further acquaint them with folklore personae.

Rev. Al Bartkus, chief promoter of Lithuanian awareness in Schuylkill County, cited selected campers with special awards as follows: Safety, David Truskowsky, Mahanoy City; Cheerfulness, Joshua Paulonis, Frackville; Participation, Paula Ann Dillman, Frackville; Performance, Gretchen Wirth, Bethlehem; A Buddy to Fellow Campers, Janel Shamonsky, New Philadelphia; Leadership as a Junior Counselor, Karen Domalakes, Frackville.

Anthracite Council recognized the enthusiasm of all participants by presenting each camper with a Lithuanian motif T-shirt. One T-shirt slogan especially captured the prevailing spirit of Camp Ausra — "Lithuanian is something to crow about!"

Rita Shevokis

C-144 — ANTHRACITE

After an extremely busy Lithuanian Day weekend, 24 delegates, two alternates and one Associate Member attended the 70th National Convention in Philadelphia. Four of our members were presented with the Fourth Degree. They were Helen Chesko, Elsie Kosmisky, Bernice Mikatavage and Ann Wargo. Ann and Elsie were reelected to their national offices as Cultural Chairman and First Vice President, respectively. Our congratulations to C-3 for a beautiful convention. Our two Juniors, Madonna Balulis and Susan Balcavage, received a conventionship. Both had the time of their lives.

On Friday, September 30, our Bishop, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Thomas J. Welsh was principal celebrant of a Holy Hour at

St. George Church in Shenandoah for the Persecuted Church in Lithuania. The Homilist was Father Casimir Pugevicius, and the combined choir of 150 voices under the directorship of Rita Shevokis was magnificent. St. George's Church was filled to capacity for this affair. Our thanks to all who took part in this inspirational hour and especially to Father Gerald Gobitas, President of the Lithuanian Catholic Priests League of Schuylkill County; Bernice Mikatavage and Joseph Yezulinas, Co-chairmen of Anthracite Council, and all their committee for an excellent job. Our sincere thanks to Bishop Welsh who made all this possible.

We extend our best wishes to Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas who retired as Pastor of St. George's, and we extend our welcome to Father J. Pascal Sabas, new pastor of this lovely church. We wish Father Sabas



Signing of Captive Nations Week Proclamation by PA Governor Dick Thornburg, Seated: Charles Bojanic, Cmn. of Governor's Ethnic Heritage Committee, Gov. Thornburg, Lithuanian Commissioner Annie Morgalis

who is Cultural Chairman of C-144. Standing: Madonna Balulis, Susan Balcavage, Brant Backus, Anne Sikora, Ilo Kobluskie, Anne Panchari



Rev. Al Bartkus presenting Lithuanian "Man of the Year" award to Joseph Yezulynas with guest entertainer Vytalis Zukauskas, NY. Bernice Mkatavage, Lithuanian "Woman of the Year" being presented the award by Anna Klizas Wargo

many happy years at St. Goerge's and to Msgr. Joseph who has been a staunch supporter of this council, we say "Ilgiausių, garbingų, laimingų ir sveikų metų."

Congratulations also to our Spiritual Advisor, Father Al Bartkus, on the beautiful renovation of Annunciation BVM Church in Frackville. Many members attended the Dedication Services and Banquet.

We extend our congratulations and good wishes to our newly-elected officers: Anna Supernavage, President; Joseph Petrosky, Vice President; Ann Marie Lithkowsky, Secretary; Natalie Yurickones, Financial Secretary and Joan Reinhart, Treasurer. We all wish them much success in their terms of office.

ONA

C-146 — HARRISBURG

Our annual picnic was held on July 17 at Indian Echo Caverns. The weather was beautiful, and there was lots of good food to share with

everyone. We had a white elephant table and most everyone went home with a prize.

A group of our members joined Anthracite Council in Lithuanian Day festivities both at Lakewood Park on Sunday, August 14, and the banquet on Saturday evening.

President Joanna Gilbert, her husband and son attended all the convention sessions in Philadelphia. Nell Berulis and Flo Haughney joined them. The Grabauskas family came in for the Saturday sessions and banquet. Thanks to C-3 for a great convention.

On Saturday, September 10, Joanna Gilbert and Nell Berulis represented our council at the Ethnic Folklore Festival at the Rose Lehman Arts Center in Harrisburg Area Community College. There were more than a dozen speakers and panelists at this conference which was followed by a concert at night with performers representing 25 different ethnic groups.

Through the courtesy of Nell Berulis, festival attendees sampled

Lithuanian cheese and cold borscht on Sunday. Congratulations to Carol Grabauskas who received awards amounting to over \$7,000 to continue her senior year at American University in Washington.

Helen Grabauskas

C-147 — ST. PETERSBURG

Captive Nations Week was celebrated with a program at St. Petersburg's famous Pier on July 23. Again, this was accomplished by our own hard-working Public Relations Lady, Victoria Jacobson. It was through her untiring efforts that a committee was formed of representatives from other nations and a program was prepared.

According to a suggested notif by Mrs. Jccobson and financed by her, a float was designed and built by the noted artist Jurgis Juodis. The Communists were depicted by a huge black boot trodding down on captive nations represented by dolls in national dress. Two young adults in chains stood on either side of the float. It was impressive. A number of representative groups in their national dress participated in the program.

The drum corps from the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society escorted St. Petersburg Mayor Corinne Freeman, Congressman C. W. Bill Young's Representative, State Representative Pat Bailey and other distinguished guest speakers to the dais. The above dignitaries as well as spokesmen representing a number of captive nations addressed the assembly.

Harry S. Petraitis, our Fourth Degree Member, formerly of C-112 Chicago, represented Lithuania. Excerpts from his speech are as follows: "The desire for freedom and independence that united our forefathers over 200 years ago stirs today in the hearts of subjugated,

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liberty longing nations throughout the world. One of these subjugated nations is Lithuania. For 22 years (1918 to 1940) her people labored and achieved wonders in both culture and economy. They were prosperous and progressive and had faith in the future. This I can attest to, for in 1938 I was invited by the Lithuanian government to play and instruct basketball there." In closing, he remarked, "Let this day remind us not to forget the plight of those Lithuanians and other captive nations who are striving to achieve the liberty that we, who are so fortunate, enjoy."

A great big hand to our hard-working K of L'ers: Antanas Gudonis who was in charge of the flags; Antanas Bribauskas and his crew who transported a big load of chairs and set them up and Juozas Purtilis who helped wherever necessary. The high temperature did not make the job easy.

Four delegates attended the National Convention in Philadelphia — President Antanas Mazeika, his son Dennis and his wife and Emily Petraitis. Emily received her Fourth Degree. Dennis served as chairman of the Resolutions Committee. His wife was also a member of that committee.

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Isabel Mikunas who passed away in August.

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