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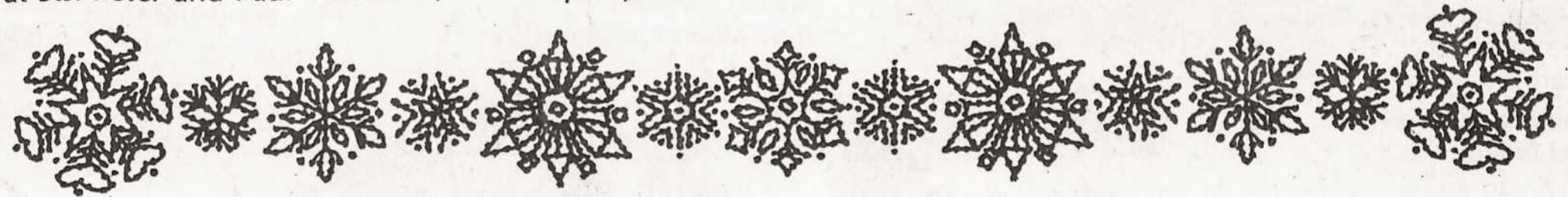
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*Alfonas Mikulskis directing the Ciurlionis Ensemble at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Philadelphia, 1976*

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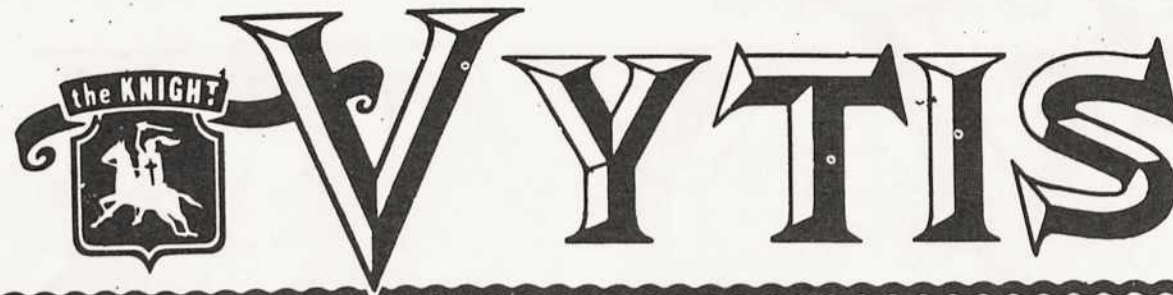
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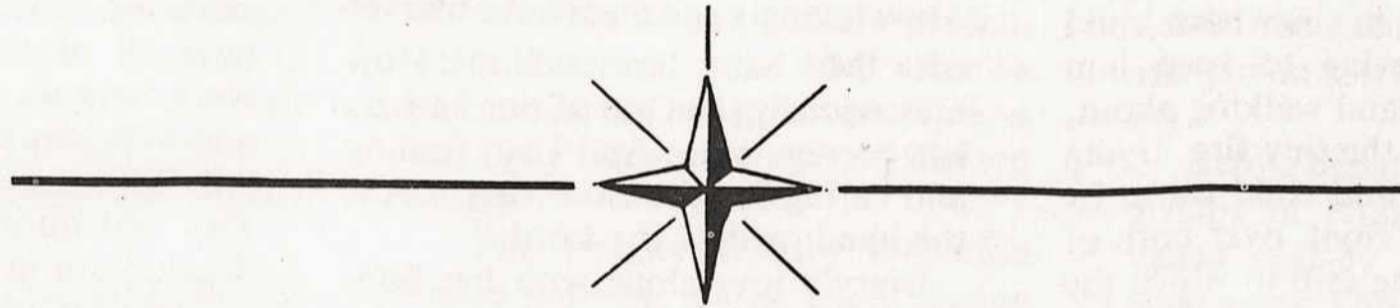
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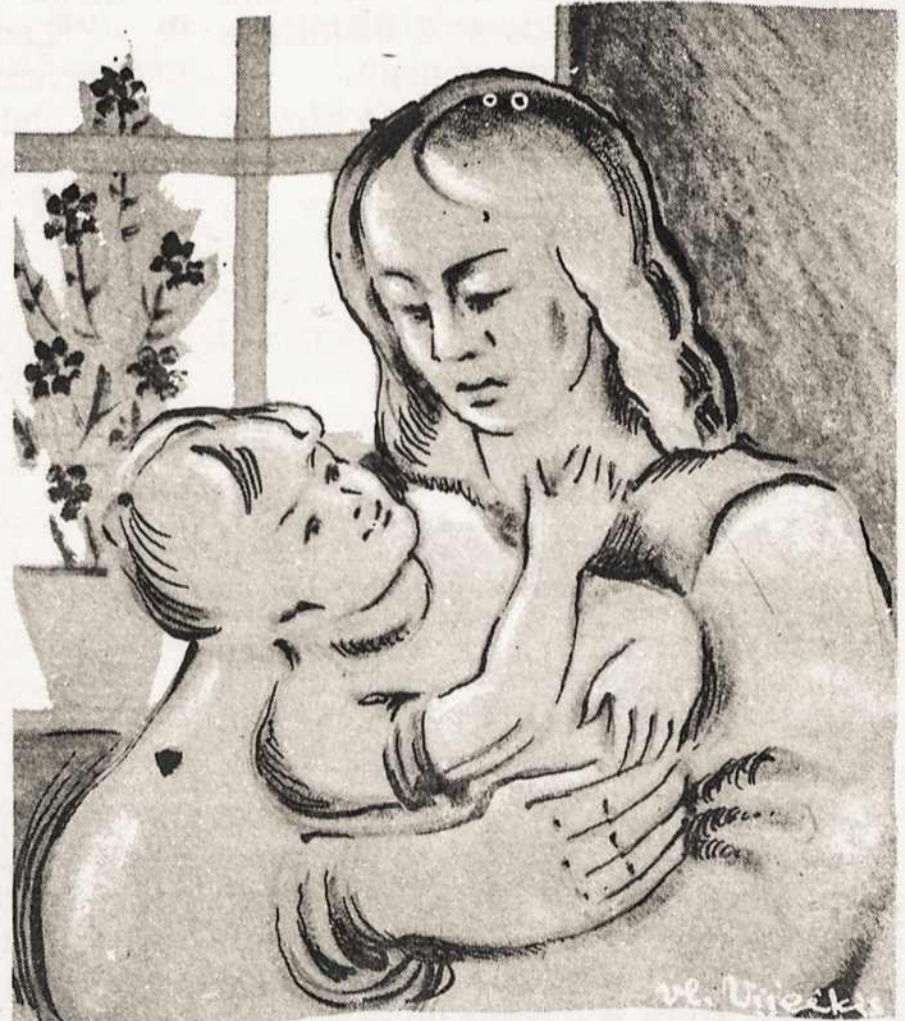
We wish each and every one of our friends and fellow knights a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Jack & Loretta Stukas**



**C**hristmas brings warm hearts, happy voices and laughter, shared with those we hold most dear. We join the holiday merriment with cheery wishes and thanks to you and yours!

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# CHRISTMAS

(Something More Than  
"Jingle Bells and Ho,  
Ho, Ho".)

—Father A.A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.



The Christmas scene, so familiar to all of us, includes a dimly lit cave, straw strewn about, piles of hay here and there, a dusty and chilly spot, animals in make-shift stalls. A mother, holding her newborn child close to her, trying to keep him warm. Her husband walking about, perhaps tending the tiny fire, trying to keep mother and child warm by placing his own cloak over both of them, or over the crib in which the mother would place the child from time to time. This is what the shepherds saw and what we would have seen, if we were there and peered into that cave of Bethlehem on the first Christmas night.

But, what did the Baby's Mother see? She saw all the above and much, much more. She saw her Baby, yes, but she was full of grace, gifted by God with Faith, with Knowledge of what really happened and with Wisdom to know why her Child was born, knew why He was born in a dismal cave. She realized, according to the Angel's message, that He was part of providential plan of God for the good of all mankind. So, let's take a different look at the Christmas scene this year. Let's try to get a glimpse of what Mary saw through Faith, which is entirely different from what we see through human vision.

The Child Mary saw was God! What the Angel Gabriel foretold nine months ago was fulfilled. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you: and therefore, the

Holy One to be born will be called Son of God." (Luke 1,35). And Mary knew that God was "One yet Three", so Son of God meant God, whom she was holding in her arms. How lovingly she must have marvelled: "My baby boy is God! How mysteriously the God of our Fathers has become man. And I am feeding and caring for the God-Man. I AM the handmaid of the Lord."

Mary's joys alone with her Son-God were interrupted by the shepherds, some young, some old, who began crowding at the entrance of the cave.

"Lady, we heard the music in the heavens. Angels. They said, "Go to the child." They told us, "You have nothing to fear. I come to proclaim good news — tidings of great joy...This day in the city of David a Savior has been born to you, the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2,10) So, here we are.

What could the Mother do, but show her Son to the shepherds sent by God's messenger, to share Him with them and all of God's children destined to be saved, to be freed from the slavery of sin and its consequences — death.

Saint Luke clearly states: "Mary treasured these things and reflected on them in her heart." (Luke 2,19)

What Mary did, "reflected on these things in her heart", is what we should make time for during the Christmas season, which is from December 25th to January 9th — the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

The reality of Christmas, is God breaking gently into Time, sending his Son to be born on earth, to take up a human nature in order to bring to completion, a promise of salvation made to Adam and Eve (and all of their descendents). At work here we can see God's Power and Wisdom and Mercy and Love. All these are visible on Christmas Day and during the 33-year-life of Jesus, born in Bethlehem.

The Son of God descended from Heaven in order to take back with Himself all those who believe and accept Him and His teaching. It is sad to think of what becomes of those who do not accept Him, or, once having accepted Him, fall away and reject Him.

The redemption, the reconciliation of God's people ensnared by sin with God the Father, could have been accomplished by a single prayer, a request made by God the Son: "Father, forgive."

Bethlehem shows us how God actually willed to arrange that promised pardon: He came into the world as a man, to show the way men and women should walk along with Jesus to form one family of brothers and sisters, children of God by adoption and united with Christ, the Elder Brother to be received by God the Father, sins forgiven, friendship restored.

But, what happened after this unique Christmas event? St. Luke tells us: "Jesus progressed steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men." He reached the age

of thirty before he actually began his work of teaching and preaching. He was 33 when he climaxed his work by suffering and dying to obtain freedom for us from sin and to restore us to God's loving friendship.

Jesus did not accomplish our salvation by pushing buttons on a computer. His was not a "clean hands" operation. His hands were bruised by his task of redemption. There were sweat and tears, exhaustion and frustration; there was blood poured out for our salvation.

We usually do not think of this at Christmas. Yet, Christmas was the very beginning of a labor of love which led to Good Friday and to Easter.

The reality of Christmas — God became man to make man God-like — when reflected upon, suggests that we who are human should respond to God's invitation to be God-like by a real, strong effort to let the good God have His way, by being more attentive and obedient to Christ whose words and example truly make us God-like.

So, we see that Christmas is a challenge, here and now, to renew our life-style, to have less self, more Christ, in our thinking and speaking, and in our daily actions. If we make this effort, we, too, will have something to treasure, like Mary treasured the Christmas event. We will find ourselves growing "in years and wisdom and grace" as Jesus did. And that realization is the greatest dividend, the greatest and most joyous Christmas experience on our way with Christ to God.

Fr. A.A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

## FAMILY ROSARY DEVOTION

The Knights of Lithuania, Council 74 of St. Joseph's Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania, hosted their 2nd annual Family Rosary Devotion at St. Peter's Cathedral on October 2nd, 1983.

Through the dedicated efforts and planning of Casimir Yanish of Clarks Summit, the Knights of Lithuania cooperated to make this one of the most outstanding and most numerous attended of the Family Rosary Devotions in this area.

The Žarija Choir from Frackville, under the direction of Elinor Vaičaitis, standing at the altar rail, made a colorful and lasting impression. Dressed in Lithuanian national costumes they set the theme for the devotion with a number of our beloved Lithuanian hymns.

Introduced by Betty Cravitts, the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary were led, alternating, by Rev. Msgr. Michael Ožalas of St. Joseph's Parish in Scranton, and by Rev. Peter Ališauskas of St. Casimir's Parish in Pittston.

The Pilgrim Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was crowned by the Junior members of the Knights of Lithuania, Council 144 from

Frackville, under the supervision of Sister Angela, a Sister of Jesus Crucified. Each carried a blue rosary supplied by Evelyn Sailus and a spray of rue from Marie Laske's garden. They marched to the altar steps to place their rue in a gold vase, then to our Lady's altar to crown the Blessed Virgin.

The Family Rosary Devotion ended with the Žarija choir singing "How Great Thou Art" translated into Lithuanian by the late Stanley Vaičaitis in whose memory the devotions were offered. But, in keeping with the Lithuanian

temperament, the Knights of Lithuania were unable to keep from singing even when outdoors in front of the Cathedral. Amazed motorists slowed their cars before passing by, anxious to see what they were missing.

Before departing for their homes, groups of Knights and Ladies invaded near-by restaurants and fast food areas. The city of Scranton was made fully aware of the existence of the Knights of Lithuania and of their beautiful cultural heritage. Long live the Knights of Lithuania!

Sister Virginia, CJC



Frackville K of L'ers arrive for Rosary Devotions

**“SOME PLACE IN HEAVEN, A  
CHOIR OF ANGELS ARE SINGING  
LITHUANIAN SONGS LED BY  
ALFONSAS MIKULSKIS”**

**Aldona Ryan**

Alfonsas Mikulskis died of a heart attack in Cleveland, Ohio on October 14, 1983. He was a member of Council-Cleveland Seniors.

We join together with the Lithuanian communities and other Lithuanian organizations all over the world in mourning.

Mr. Mikulskis was a world-reknowned musician, composer and choral director who specialized in authentic Lithuanian music.

He was known to the Knights of Lithuania as the director of the Čiurlionis Ensemble, a marvelous group of singers and musicians who entertained us at two national conventions.

We remember the professional discipline of their dress, composure and the fact that they could sing for hours without a sign of sheet music or notes of any kind.

We remember when, in 1979, the Čiurlionis Ensemble came to Dayton, for example. They brought with them a complete Kanklės Orchestra directed by his wife, Ona Mikulskienė. Pipers and duda-players were a part of this group. They also brought Lithuanian folk dancers with them. Altogether, there were 86 members of this group at that time.



**ALFONSAS MIKULSKIS**



**Čiurlionis Ensemble at Victory Theatre in Dayton, Ohio, 1979**

We had rented the Victory Theatre in Downtown Dayton for their concert. Even though it was very cold and blizzard-type weather prevailed on that day in February, more than 1200 people showed up to see and hear them.

The concert lasted for three hours. We left the theatre with the feeling we had truly been transported to Lithuania with the notes of ancient songs ringing in our ears.

Mr. Mikulskis was born in Panevėžys in 1909. He studied at Joniškėliai vidurinė mokyklą, Klaipėdos muzikos mokyklą and the Kaunas Conservatory of Music. Other music teachers included J. Grandis, J. Bendoris, and J. Kačinskas. Later, he studied composition at the Stuttgart Academy of Music in Germany.

In 1930, he was a cellist with the opera orchestra in Kaunas. He soon became the choral director of this opera company. He organized a men's quartet and developed a men's choir.

By 1940, more than 100 concerts had been given in many cities in Lithuania with various choral groups under his leadership.

They were living in Vilnius when he combined his different choral groups into one large group and named it after his idol, Mikalojus Čiurlionis.

In 1944, the communists arrived in Vilnius. He and his wife escaped on a fire truck — in disguise.

They fled to Vienna, Austria where Mr Mikulskis re-established his Čiurlionis Ensemble. This group appeared in Mozart Hall — one of their most notable concert dates.

In 1945, a move was made to Dettingen, Germany. The Čiurlionis Ensemble established itself there quickly. They gave many concerts for the soldiers of the Allies.

In 1946, the Ensemble performed with the Paris

Symphony Orchestra and gave concerts in Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Bayreuth, Hamburg, Lublick, Baden-Baden and other European cities.

The Ensemble has copies of favorable reports from German, French, Swiss and American critics.

In 1949, the Ensemble moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Since then, more than 700 concerts have been given.

These include a performance at Carnegie Hall and with the Civic Opera Company in Chicago. The Ensemble has also appeared in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Boston, Pittsburgh, Dayton, and many other large American cities.

In 1954, they appeared on national television. In 1971, the Ensemble toured South America.

Recordings include those by Stuttgart, Munich, and Hamburg Radio Stations and by the Vienna Academy of Science and American Recording Companies.

Mr. Mikulskis retired from his job at the Cleveland Worm and Gear Company in 1971. All of his musical accomplishments were done on a gratis, volunteer basis.

About five years ago, Mr. Mikulskis decided to gather all of his compositions, choral arrangements and original songs into a book. This includes an original complete High Mass which was memorized by the Čiurlionis Ensemble and sung many times in Lithuanian churches all over the United States.

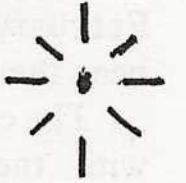
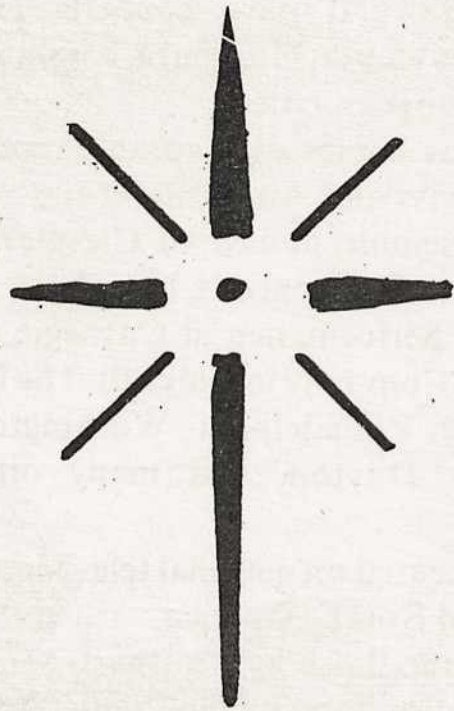
When his book is published, it will be a precious treasure to add to our libraries.

Even though he suffered from cancer for the past three years, he managed to make it to rehearsal on Wednesday, just two days before he died.

We are sure that, someplace in heaven, a choir of angels are singing Lithuanian songs — led by Alfonsas Mikulskis.



Original Čiurlionis Choral Group in Vilnius, 1940 1st row - 4th from left - A. Mikulskis 2nd row - 4th from right - Julius Raštikis, C-96, original accompanist and arranger



# O, Holy Night

May that special star that guided the  
Wise Men to the manger, shine forever  
more in the heart of all mankind.

**GOD'S CHOICEST BLESSINGS OF THIS  
HOLY SEASON OF CHRISTMAS TO ALL  
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**



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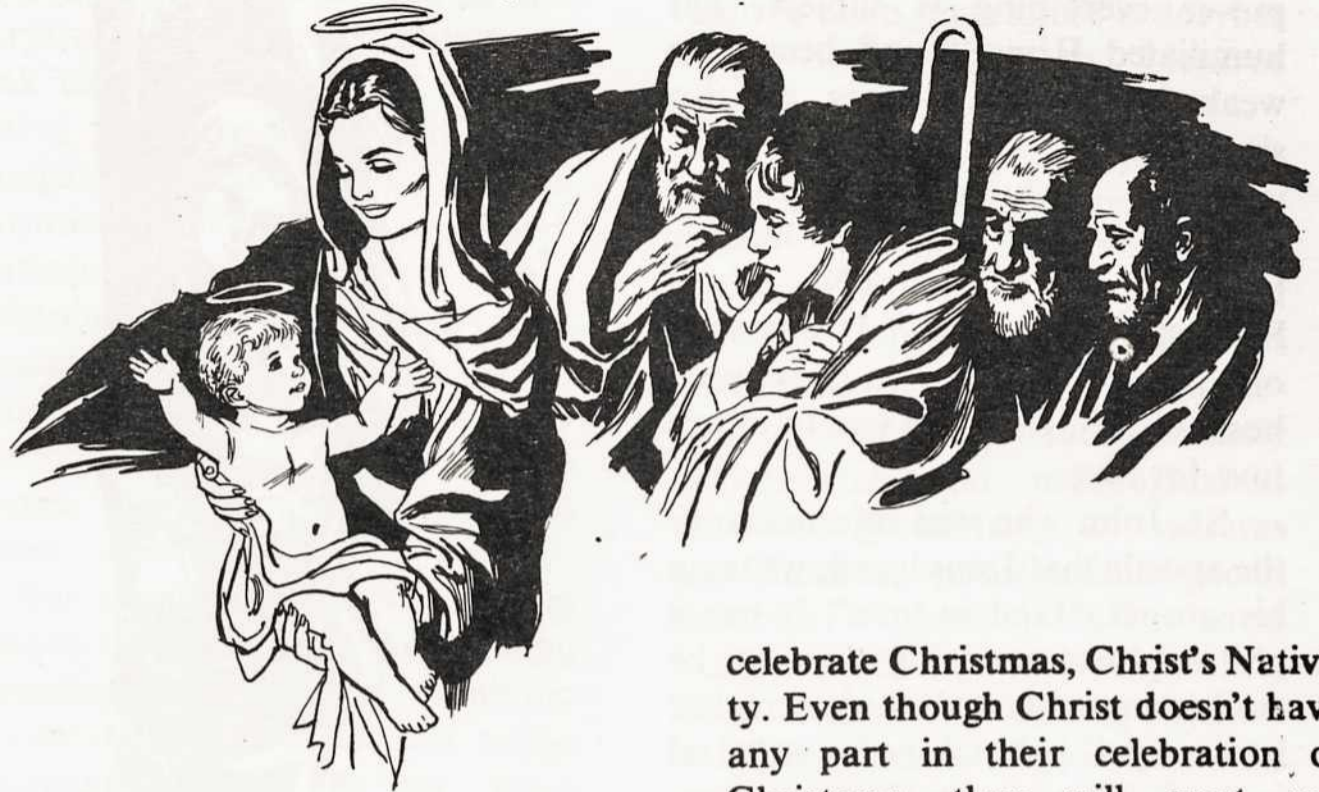
## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Msgr. John Scharnus

You have received and will receive more greetings of "Merry Christmas". You may not realize that those greetings will vary, depending on what a person means by "Merry Christmas". It is easy to make a mistake in regards to what is necessary for a "Merry Christmas". To some people it means having friends, nice presents, joyful social and family gatherings, beautiful decorations, sentimental Christmas cards and music. Many people will have all this and then wonder why their Christmas was not so merry or as happy as they expected. They may be celebrating Christmas as a holiday and not as a holyday. For some it may be "Sason's Greetings" and not "Merry Christmas". Christ may not have any part in their Christmas celebration.

One of the first things we learned about our religion, was that God created us so that we would know Him, love Him, serve Him in this life and enjoy eternal happiness with Him in heaven. Even though we cannot have complete happiness in this life, we can be happy. We constantly strive for happiness because the soul was created for happiness. It is an innate quality of the soul. The soul has an extensive capacity for happiness and only God can fill that capacity. Some people seek happiness in power, some in honor, some in material possessions, and others in sensual pleasures. They may enjoy some natural bliss, but they will never know the true meaning of happiness.

When a person loves us, that person will do anything within his or her power to make us happy. God loves us and wants us to be happy to have his blessing of peace of mind. Christ was born in order that we would have peace. He said, "My peace I give to you, not as the world



gives, do I give to you." (John: 14:17) If we do not have peace of mind, peace in our lives, it may be because we do not give ourselves entirely to Christ, or we may be living a life of sin. You cannot have Christ and live a sinful life. They are incompatible. Only when we accept Christ, believe in Him, keep his commandments and have recourse to the Sacraments, the channels of grace which He offers, will we experience true peace. When Christ the Prince of Peace came to enlighten a dark despairing world, lonely shepherds keeping watch over their flocks at night, heard angels praising God and singing, "Glory to God in high heaven and peace on earth to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke — 2:14)

St. John in the first chapter of his gospel writes, "And the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. He was in the world and the world was made through him, and world did not know him. He came to his own, yet his own did not accept him. But to as many as received him, He gave them the power of becoming children of God." (John — 1:10-14) Unfortunately, in the lives of too many people Christ is rejected, humiliated, unwanted. He is subject to irreverance, coldness, indifference and even sacrilege. And yet many of those people will

celebrate Christmas, Christ's Nativity. Even though Christ doesn't have any part in their celebration of Christmas, they will greet one another with, "Merry Christmas."

The main motive for Christ being born is love. In the gospel we read, "God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son." His Son, conceived through the Holy Spirit was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, became man without ceasing to be God. This coming of God to us as an infant is a startling fact of Christmas. We like the chosen people before us, would have expected the Messiah to stride down from heaven in splendor, majesty and glory. God knows how to win our hearts. Had He come in such splendor, the world would have adored Him, but would also have trembled. But God did not merely want to be adored. He especially wanted to be loved. And who could be more lovable than an infant.

The New-Born Savior a true Child of man, was at the same time the Son of God. He appears weak and helpless and yet He is Omnipotent. This Infant is so small that the narrow manger gives Him sufficient room, but this Infant is at the same time the immeasurable, omnipresent God, Who fills heaven and earth. This Infant is poor, because his parents are poor, and yet this poor Infant is the King of Kings, of Whose empire there is no end, Who distributes the treasures of heaven and earth according to His good pleasure.

**The almighty, eternal God, to Whose power everything is subject, has humiliated Himself and became a weak infant. What does all this signify? What drew the supreme Lord into the lowly stable, into the manger? Why did He humble Himself so profoundly, abase Himself so completely? It was done out of love for you, to draw your heart to His, to excite you to return love for love.**

St. John who was referred to as the apostle that Jesus loved, writes in his gospel. "God is love." It has a philosophical meaning but can be easily comprehended when we realize how much God has done for us. "God is love". That is why He created us, why He was born to redeem us, that is why he wants us to know Him, love Him, serve Him in this life, and enjoy eternal happiness with Him in heaven. Our eternal happiness will consist of loving God.

"God is love". Consider Mary and Joseph. God must have loved them very much to have chosen them to be the mother and foster-father of His beloved Son. They were poor. They lived in a small house that had a cheerful atmosphere. It was God's will that they leave their home at the time when Mary was about to give birth to her child. At Bethlehem they lacked the bare essentials for decent living, since they took up lodging in a stable. Yet they were happy, for in the stable Mary gave birth to the Source of all happiness. The artist Corregio brought out the happiness of Mary in his painting "Holy Night". In it we see Mary bending over her Child who does not appear in the painting. We see Joseph in the shadows. Mary's face and body are radiant with a soft light that comes from the Infant Jesus. Her face reflects her happiness as she holds in her arms the most lovable of all infants. She is profoundly happy as she looks at the Son of God.

Just as the light of Jesus reflected upon his mother's face which became radiant with happiness, so may the



The Virgin and Child by Sr. Mercedes

light of Jesus enlighten your life. The prophet Isaiah who said, "Behold the Lord will give you a sign. A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call Him Emmanuel," also said, "Arise, be enlightened Jerusalem, for the light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." (Isaiah — 52:7-10)

Jesus said, "I have come a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness." (John — 12:46). "The Light has come into the world, yet men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their works were evil, for everyone who does evil hates the Light." (John — 3:19-20). On this Solemn Feast of the Nativity, do we accept Jesus who is the light of the world? Are we enlightened by Him? Do we apply his words to our life? "You are the light of the world — so let your light shine before your fellow men, that they may see your good example and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16).

St. John referring to Jesus as the light wrote in the beginning of his gospel, "The real light which gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and through Him the world was made, yet the world did not know who He was. To his own He came, yet his own did not accept him." (John 1:9-11).

Christ came into the world to save all mankind, all people. Many do not accept Christ because his teaching is not in conformity with the life they live. Others do not accept Christ because they are more concerned about their material welfare than their spiritual welfare. They are too preoccupied with material security. They are always seeking, yearning, striving, yet never satisfied. They are not conscious of the fact that they were created for God, and that only God can satisfy their craving hearts. St. Augustine lived a life of sin, away from God for many years. He was restless. It was only after he returned to God that he found contentment and peace. It was then that he said, "You have created us for thyself O Lord, and we shall not rest until we rest in Thee."

Christ came into this world so that we would be blessed with peace. If we do not have peace of mind, it may be because we have not accepted Him as we should, or we are living a life of sin.

One thing we must remember that the Infant Jesus was born in a stable. Like any ordinary stable where animals are sheltered, that stable was cold and unclean. Christ was born in that stable out of humility. But when He comes into our hearts, He wants them to be clean, to be pure, to be warm with an ardent love for him. If we receive Jesus with a loving and pure heart we will have peace, not only in this life, but also for all eternity, for Jesus did say, "Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God". (Matthew — 5:8).

Have a "Merry Christmas." God bless you!

Father John

## VISIEMS LIETUVIAMS PASAULYJE

### BRANGŪS BROLIAI IR SESERYS KRISTUJE,

Pagarbintas Dievas visuose savo darbuose — sako Dievo įkvėptas švento Rašto autorius (Psl. 144,13). Šventieji yra Dievo visiško tobulumo ir jo meilės atspindžiai. Jie yra tarsi šviesūs kelrodžiai, kai žmonių silpnybės ir ydos aptemdo jų gyvenimą. Jie yra krikščioniškojo ir kiekvienam žmogui derančio gyvenimo pavyzdžiai.

Tokiu šviesos kelrodžiu Lietuvių tautai yra jos sūnus Šventas Kazimieras, miręs 1484 metų kovo 4 dieną, vos 24 metų jaunuolis. Todėl visa Bažnyčia, bet ypatingai Lietuvių tauta minės Švento Kazimiero mirties 500 metų sukaktį. Popiežius Urbonas VIII 1636 metais Šventąjį Kazimierą paskyrė Lietuvos globėju, o popiežius Pijus XII 1948 metais paskelbė jį viso pasaulio lietuvių kilmės jaunimo globėju.

Lietuvių tauta priėmė Kristaus mokslą ir krikštu įsijungė į Vakarų Bažnyčios tautų eiles tik XIV amžiaus pabaigoje. Šventam Kazimierui gyvenant Krikščionybė Lietuvoje buvo dar labai jauna. Švento Kazimiero, Lietuvos-Lenkijos valdovo sūnaus, veikla ir jo gyvenimo pavyzdys, jo heroiškos dorybės turėjo didelės reikšmės, kad Krikščionybė Lietuvoje netik subrendo, bet išliko gyva ir aktyvi. Būdamas ant kelio tarpe Rytų ir Vakarų militarinių, politinių ir religinių kovų XII-XVII šimtmečiuose, Lietuva, tada dar didelė valstybė, ne kartą buvo lemianti tvirtovė apsaugojusi Vakarų Europą nuo pavojų iš Rytų. Tose kovose teko daug kentėti ir Lietuvai. Pabaigoje XVIII šimtmečio ji neteko nepriklausomybės ir tai truko iki 1918 metų. Per tą laiką Lietuvių tautai ir Katalikų Bažnyčiai Lietuvoje teko patirti daug sunkumų: daugybė jos geriausių sūnų ir dukterų

žuvo Rusijoje ir Sibire ir pačioje Lietuvoje gyveno laikus, kad jai tiko „Kryžių Šalies“ vardas. Pati tauta netik nežuvo, bet likdama ištikima Dievui, Šv. Petro sostui, liko gyva ir nenugalėta. Jai švietė Švento Kazimiero skaistaus jaunuolio, ypatingo Marijos garbintojo, vargšų mylėtojo pavyzdys. Jo pavyzdys tiek paveikė Lietuvių tautą, kad dėl žmonių pamaldumo, pasireiškusio įvairiomis Marijos garbinimo formomis, Lietuva gavo „Marijos Žemės — Terra Mariana“ vardą.

Net ir sunkiausiais laikais, kai Rusijos caro valdžia trukdė kunigų paruošimą, uždraudė ir sunaikino vienuolynus, vistiek Lietuva turėjo pakankamai savų kunigų, buvo slaptų vienuolijų. Ne tik gyvenantieji Lietuvoje, bet ir ištremtieji iš Lietuvos į Rusiją ten taip pat vykdė apaštališią misiją. Lietuvių ateivių Amerikoje buvo tokia dvasia, kad būdami beturčiais kūrė parapijas, statė bažnyčias, išauklėjo šimtus savų jaunų kunigų, steigė vienuolijas, šalpos draugijas, daugeliu atvejų pasirinkdami Šventą Kazimierą savo Globėju. Ir dabar svetimų okupuotoje Lietuvoje, žiauriuose ateistinio komunizmo sąlygose, Lietuvos katalikai pasižymi savo drąsa, užsidegimu, noru likti ištikimais Dievui ir Bažnyčiai. Dvasinių pašaukimų į kunigus ir vienuolinį gyvenimą ten yra daugiau negu kaikiuriuose laisvo pasaulio kraštuose. Visas pasaulis žino, kad šimtai tūkstančių lietuvių yra mirę kalėjimuose, Sibire vergų darbo stovyklose už savo krikščioniškus įsitikinimus, už laisvės ir kitų žmogaus teisių gynimą. Likusieji Lietuvoje kovoja už tas pačias teises. Daugelio kovojusių ir šventai mirusių vardai bei jų darbai gal nebus įrašyti į Bažnyčios paskelbtų šventųjų sąrašus, bet jų — kankinių ir išpažinėjų vardai yra įrašyti Viešpaties knygoje.

Minint Švento Kazimiero mirties 500 metų sukaktį, primename Lietuvių tautos praeitį ir dabartį norėdami parodyti kokios reikšmės

šio švento jaunuolio, Lietuvos valdovų ainio, gyvenimas ir dorybės turėjo ir turi įtakos Lietuvos religiniam gyvenimui.

Kai šiandien pasaulyje vyksta atvira kova materialistinio ateizmo prieš religiją, ypač prieš Krikščionybę, kai žmonijai grėsia pavojus, kilęs iš materialistinės pasaulėžiūros, technikos panaudojimo žmonėms žudyti: suaugusiems ir negimusiems, kai nebranginamas skaistus gyvenimas, o nedoras pateisinamas, pasistenkime padėti žmonijai pasipriešinti toms klaidinančioms pažiūroms. Susipraskime ir daugiau paisykime Bažnyčios balso raginančio mus atsigręžti į dvasines vertybes.

Sekantieji — 1984 metai tebūnie Švento Kazimiero metai ne tik Lietuvių tautai, bet ir visam krikščioniškam pasauliui. Per tuos metus pasistenkime geriau pažinti Šventą Kazimierą, pamilti jį ir jo praktikuotas dorybes. Jo pavyzdžiu melskime Šv. Marijos globos Lietuvių tautai, o savo asmeniškam gyvenimui vienybės, ištvermės bei drąsos kovoti už Lietuvių tautos laisvę ir tuos idealus, kurie yra visos žmonijos idealai: laisvė tikėti, savo tikėjimą praktikuoti ir naudotis pagrindinėmis žmogaus teisėmis.

Švęskime tad Lietuvos ir jaunimo Globėjo 500 metų mirties sukaktį kaip įmanydami iškilmingiau. Tebūna šie metai minimi kiekviename žemės kampelyje, kur gyvena lietuvių kilmės žmonių, mūsų asmeniniam ir mūsų tautos dvasiniam atsinaujinimui bei moraliniam pakilimui.

Šventasis Kazimierai, globoki savo tautą ir užtarki mus pas Viešpatį.

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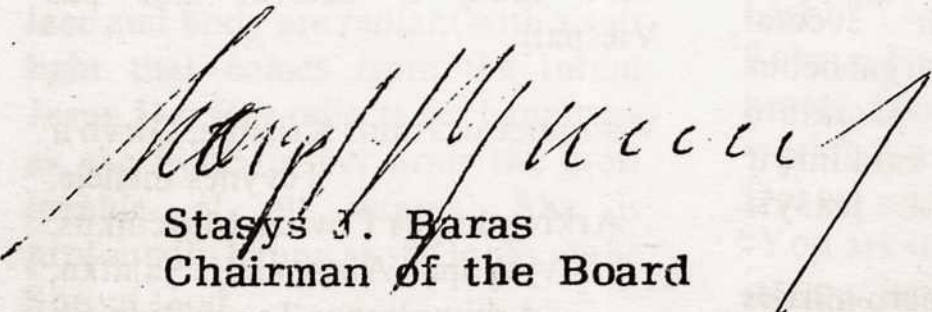
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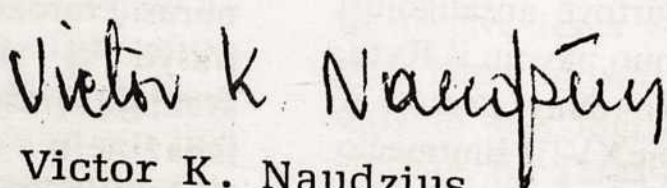
We wish to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 1984 to "Vytis" and all members of the Knights of Lithuania.

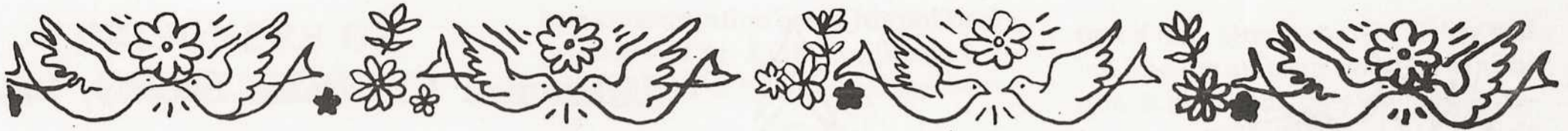
The Lithuanian Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit tax-exempt corporation incorporated in the State of Illinois, during the 21 years of its existence, has contributed over \$1,120,000 in support of Lithuanian educational, cultural, research and literary endeavors.

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## THE UNITED STATES REAFFIRMS RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENCE OF ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA

Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations has delivered to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, the text of a statement issued by President Reagan on the occasion of the anniversary of the recognition, by the United States, of the three independent Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. She requested that this statement be made an official document of the United Nations General Assembly and circulated. The 38th General Assembly will consider the importance of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence. The following is the text of President Reagan's statement:

On July 26, 1983, we mark the sixty-first anniversary of the *de jure* recognition of the three Baltic Republics of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia by the United States. Each of these states was a full member of the League of Nations and had signed non-aggression treaties with the Soviet Union. Yet all three countries were forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union more than forty years ago as a result of the infamous Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact which divided Eastern Europe into Nazi and Soviet spheres of influence.

By continuing the illegal occupation of the Baltic States under the provisions of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, the Soviet Union violates international law, particularly the right to self-determination as set forth in the United Nations Charter and in subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly. Resolution 1541 of the General Assembly, dealing with self-determination, stipulates that the decision to incorporate into another state "should be the result of the freely expressed wishes of the territories' peoples acting with full knowledge of the change in status, their wishes having been expressed through informed and democratic processes, impartially conducted and based on universal adult suffrage." Far from respecting such democratic processes, the Soviet Union used brutal force in absorbing the three Baltic States into its empire.

In 1940, the Soviet Union invaded, occupied, and annexed the Baltic States, after which it embarked upon a policy of ruthless Sovietization. Then, on a single night of terror, June 14, 1941, the Soviets deported huge numbers of Baltic peoples to the Gulages where many of them

perished.

Following the Nazi occupation of the Baltic States, the Soviets again invaded the Baltic States and re-consolidated their control through killings, repression, and new mass deportations. Between 1944 and 1949, some 600,000 Baltic people, out of a population of just a little over 4,000,000, were deported to Siberia. The resistance to Soviet occupation continued until 1952, eight years after the re-entry of the Red Army.

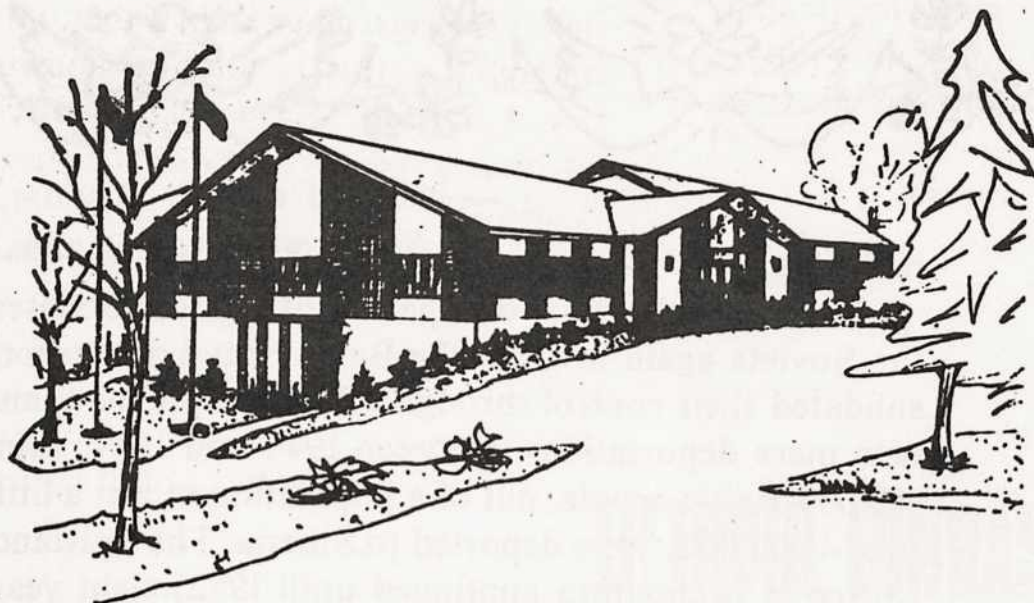
Since then, the Soviets have pursued a conscious policy of forced Russification aimed at the denationalization of the Baltic States. The religious, cultural, and historical heritage of the Baltic peoples has been denigrated and suppressed. Nevertheless, the Soviet Union has been unable to force the acceptance of an alien life of totalitarian domination.

Today, the Baltic peoples continue to struggle to attain their freedom and their right to self-determination. Broadly based dissent movements have emerged demanding national, political, and religious rights. In Lithuania, for example, where 15 unofficial journals are circulated regularly, some 148,000 people recently submitted a protest petition to Moscow, a figure unprecedented in any place under Soviet control. Typically, the Soviet response to these efforts to restore Baltic freedom has been to deny Baltic national rights and to subject these brave Lithuanians, Latvians, and Estonians to imprisonment, exile, or confinement in psychiatric institutions.

Americans share the just aspirations of the people of the Baltic nations for national independence. We cannot remain silent in the face of the continued refusal of the government of the USSR to allow these people to be free. We uphold their right to determine their own national destiny, a right contained in the Helsinki Declaration which affirms that "all people always have the right, in full freedom, to determine, when and as they wish, their internal and external political status, without external interference, and to pursue as they wish their political, economic, social, and cultural development."

For this reason, the government of the United States has never recognized the forced incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union and will not do so in the future.

On this occasion, we wish to reaffirm this policy as we note the anniversary of the 1922 recognition by the United States of the three Baltic Republics. In so doing, we demonstrate our continuing commitment to the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and to the cause of peace and liberty in the world.



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## PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

By Fr. Joseph Prunskis

Isaak Thomas Hecker, a Methodist convert to Catholicism, the founder of the Paulist religious community, once stated that religion is an answer to the cry of the mind that nothing else could quell — it is an answer to the craving of the soul that cannot be satisfied by any creation of this world, — it is an answer to that longing of the heart that cannot be appeased by all the world.

Unfortunately, the atheistic system of the communist dictatorship by use of all means is attempting to rob their subjugated people of this great spiritual treasure. This is especially conspicuous in Lithuania, the only Catholic country made one of the Soviet republics by Moscow. We are very well informed by the underground Lithuanian press about these abominable efforts, especially by "The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania". This year, on May 3, 1983, the trial of a very dedicated Lithuanian priest, Alfonsas Svarinskas, was held. About 55,000 Lithuanians submitted a petition that he would be released, but to no avail. During the court session none of the priests or lay believers were admitted to the premises, except his brother and sister. Others who came were detained, shoved into buses and released more than 30 miles away, in Pirciupis woods. People in the buses were praying the rosary which they finished on their knees while released in the woods.

The signatures under the petition for the release of Fr. Svarinskas were collected mostly by young people who did this at a risk of being dismissed from schools or prevented from continuing studies at the university. Fr. Svarinskas has been already condemned for a second time

to a concentration camp for political prisoners. The KGB confiscated a rosary that Fr. Svarinskas had with him.

Among the prisoners of conscience is a Lithuanian, Viktoras Petkus, who has been kept in jails and concentration camps for 20 years, and suffers a lot from lack of food. For example, for lunch prisoners get mostly spoiled cabbage. Another Lithuanian prisoner of conscience is Antanas Terleckas, kept in the distant region of Magadan. When his wife went to visit with him she found him with swollen legs and considerably deteriorated health.

The pastor of the St. Peter and Paul church in Šauliai has permission to ring the church bell only three times a year. P. Anilionis, the red official for religious affairs forbade children to serve at Mass or sing in the church choir. Miss Brone Navickaite lost her job because she was a member of the church committee — a treasurer. When the believers in Gizai replaced an old cross with a new one, the "culprit", Antanas Karpavicius, was fined 20 rubles. The cross was uprooted by the red officials. The believers took it to church and organized adoration. In Kapčiamiestis three students were dismissed from school for expressing sympathy for Fr. Svarinskas during his trial. In the Zidikai woods the body of a student, Dale Milvidaite, was found. She had received her First Communion just the previous year. Her legs and hands were severed, one eye gouged out, another pierced. In Pilviškiai, Ona Trimirkiene was interrogated as to why her son is serving Mass. In some hospitals in Lithuania patients are forced to answer detailed questionnaires about their religious practices.

The number of seminarians is very limited by the red government and already there are 150 parishes in Lithuania which do not have a priest.

Students in all schools in Soviet-occupied Lithuania are informed

that if they attend church, if they will not join the atheistic youth organization, Komsomol, they will be deprived of possibilities to continue their studies.

When a believer, a young Lithuanian girl, Nijole Sadunaite, finished her term of punishment and returned to Vilnius, she was deprived of the possibility of receiving letters or packages from foreign countries.

In Kybarta, Fr. Sigitas Tamkevičius, a member of the Committee for the Protection of the Rights of Believers, was jailed. On Father's Day the children of his parish, showing their love to their priest, brought flowers to the church and placed them by his empty confessional. During the devotions for the release of Fr. Tamkevičius the attendance was enormous. After the Mass the parishioners on their knees circled the church imploring protection for their beloved priest.

In the city of Kapsukas, Fr. Pranas Šumskas placed a crucifix on the front of the house where he lived. He received a written order to remove it. When he did not obey, the red officials came, tore off the crucifix, threw it into the truck and drove away.

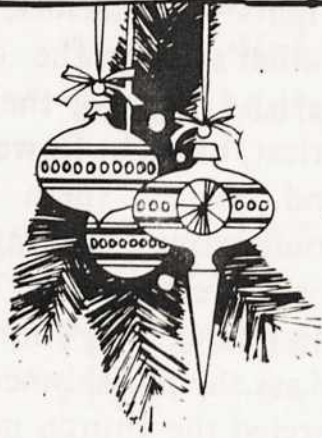
At Josvainiai on June 19, 1983, children's First Communion took place. The teachers, members of the communist party, during the devotions collected the names of the children, told them to go home, and if they did not obey, threatened to give their names to the police to be deported to a children's colony.

In Byelorussia the situation of the believers is even worse. The church of Pelesa is closed and converted into a grain warehouse. The parishioners constructed a little chapel in the cemetery and were praying there even without a priest. However, the chairman of the district ordered the chapel demolished. The chairman of the committee of the parishioners, J. Kanevicius, was fined 50 rubles.



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Like all peoples, Lithuanians observe religious, national and traditional holidays and holy days. The traditional greeting "Happy Holiday" is: "Linksmų Švenčių" or "Su Šventėm!" The holiday or šventė is a general term, while šventadienis or holy day has religious significance.

The three most popular greetings remain:

Merry Christmas! Linksmų Kalėdų!

Happy New Year! Laimingų Naujų Metų or "Su Naujais Metais!"

Happy Easter! Linksmų Velykų!

As Knights of Lithuania we will concern ourselves with three types of holidays that have meaning to us, namely: religious holy days, Lithuanian and American national holidays. Let's use the calendar — kalendorius as a guide.

January 1 Nauji Metai — New Year's Day

January 6 Trys Karaliai — Epiphany

February 2 Švenčiausios Panelės Marijos Įvedybos ar Grabnyčios — Candlemas

February 16 Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Šventė — Lithuanian Independence Day

March 4 Šv. Kazimiero Šventė, Kazimierinės — Feast of St. Casimir

March X Užgavėnių Diena — Shrove Tuesday

March X Pelenų Diena or Pelenė — Ash Wednesday

March 25 Švenčiausios Panelės Marijos Apreiškimas — the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary

April X Verbų Sekmadienis — Palm Sunday

April X Didysis Kėtvirtadienis — Maundy Thursday

April X Didysis Penktadienis — Good Friday

April X Didysis Šeštadienis — Holy Saturday

April X Velykos — Easter

April 23 Jurginės — Feast of St. George

April X Atvelykis — Low Sunday

April 27 Lietuvos Vyčių steigiamojo seimo data — Constituent Convention of the Knights of Lithuania

May X Šeštinės — Ascension Day

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Algirdas Budreckis

May 30 Vainikų Diena (also Paminklų Diena) Memorial Day

June 7 Sekminės — Pentecost or Whitsunday

June 14 Šventos Trejybės Sekmadienis — Trinity Sunday

June 18 Dievo Kūno Šventė — Corpus Christi

June 24 Joninės — Feast of St. John the Baptist or Midsummer Day

July 4 JAV Nepriklausomybės Diena — US Independence Day

July 17 Dariaus ir Girėno skridimas per Atlantą — The Flight of Darius and Girėnas over the Atlantic (1933)

July 27 JAV pripažino de jure Lietuvos Respubliką — The United States granted de jure recognition to Lithuania in 1922.

August 6 Viešpaties Atsimainymas — Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus

August 15 Švenčiausios Panelės Marijos Daugun Ėmimas or Žolinės — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

September X Darbo Diena — Labor Day

September 8 Šiluvos Alaidai or Šilinės — Feast of Our Lady of Šiluva

September 8 Tautos Šventė — Lithuanian Nationhood Day

October 9 Vilniaus Diena — Vilnius Day (Anniversary of 1920 Polish aggression) —

October 12 Kolombo Diena — Columbus Day

October 29 Kristaus Karaliaus Šventė — Feast Day of Christ the King

October 31 Visų Šventųjų Vigilija — Halloween

November 1 Visų Šventųjų Diena — All Saints' Day

November 2 Vėlinės — All Souls' Day

November 11 Paliubų Diena — Armistice Day

November 12 Aušros Vartų Švenčiausios Panelės Marijos Šventė — the Feast Day of Our Lady of Vilnius

November 23 Lietuvos Kariuomenės Šventė — Lithuanian Army Day

November X Padėkos Diena — Thanksgiving Day

November 29 Advento Sekmadienis — The First Sunday of Advent

December 8 Švenčiausios Panelės Marijos Nelatas Prsidėjimas — The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

December 24 Kūčios — Christmas Eve

December 25 Šventos Kalėdos — Christmas Day

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## TO LITHUANIA WITH LOVE

### BERNICE MIKATAVAGE

Well over one thousand people filled St. George's Church, Shenandoah, PA, Friday evening, September 30, 1983 to participate in a special Holy Hour for the persecuted church in Lithuania. The theme was the Lithuanian Cross, and with these words, the service began: "This is a difficult hour for the Catholic Church in Lithuania where every attempt is being made to crush and destroy all traces of religion. The painful passion of crucifixion of Lithuanian Catholics has taken the form of a tragic way of the cross but Providence itself will see that true loyalty triumphs. The Christian Triumph always begins with the Cross".

As the church bells rang in the background, a combined Lithuanian choir of 150 voices sang the stirring words of the hymn "Lift High the Cross". The entrance procession was led by the Junior Knights, carrying a Lithuanian Wayside Shrine. This shrine, with its base filled with rūta, was placed on the Blessed Mother's altar.

Knights of Lithuania, Knights of Columbus and twenty-five priests escorted the Most Rev. Thomas J. Welsh, Bishop of Allentown PA Diocese, main celebrant of the Holy Hour, to the altar.

At the foot of the main altar was a display symbolic of the Lithuanian heritage and included a hand carved statue of St. Casimir, patron saint of Lithuania, a shrine of the Blessed Mother, amber beads, a Lithuanian prayerbook and a 100 year old doll in native costume.

Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, executive director of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, preached the homily. A reading was given by Joseph Yezulinas, president of the Knights of Lithuania, Council 144.



*Bishop Thomas J. Welsh, Bishop of Allentown Diocese, main celebrant of Holy Hour*



*Part of the 150 voice combined Lithuanian Choir C-144 Juniors at Liberty Bell Services in Philadelphia*

The Gospel was read by Rev. Gerald Gobitas, president of the Lithuanian Priests League, Allentown Diocese, and prayers of the faithful were led by Sister Angela, SJC. Bernice Mikatavage, Chairman of the Holy Hour, was commentator for the service.

Rita Shevokas directed the outstanding choir which was a composite of members from Frackville,

St. Clair, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Minersville, New Philadelphia, Maizeville, Tamaqua, Coaldale, Mahanoy City and the Zarija Choir. Frank Abrushites was organist for the occasion.

The Holy Hour was described by many who attended as a very moving religious experience. From the plea to Our Blessed Mother with the words "Nepalik, nepalik Lietuvos"

(from Šiluvos Marija, sung before the service), during the reverent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and to the recessional hymn "Holy God We Praise Thy Name", one could not help but feel that heaven itself was being stormed with prayers for our oppressed brothers and sisters in Lithuania.

The beautiful service was taped by Voice of America to be broadcast to Lithuania, and other nations behind the Iron Curtain.

Council 144 hosted a reception following the Holy Hour at Annunciation Church Hall, Shenandoah, PA.

In attendance were Knights of Lithuania from Pittston, Philadelphia, Allentown and Harrisburg.

The impetus for the Holy Hour

came from the Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz, executive director of the Allentown Diocese Social Action Bureau. Fr. Kurtz became aware of the extent of the sufferings of Lithuanians in their homeland while doing research in preparation for attending the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry.

This Holy Hour for the persecuted Church in Lithuania is believed to be the first of its kind on a Diocesan level in the United States.

In the five-county Diocese of Allentown there are twelve Lithuanian churches representing 9,500 people. St. George's in Shenandoah is the largest. The Rev. Monsignor Joseph A. Neverauskas is pastor emeritus, Rev. J. Paschal Sabas, Pastor, and Rev. Daniel Yenushosky, Assistant Pastor.



Rita Shevokas, Choir Director



*Kalėdinė Taikos ir  
Geros Valios dvasia  
Tebūna su Jumis  
Kalėdų Dieną Ir Kasdien  
iki ateinančių Kalėdų!*

**HELEN CHESKO**

**ANNA KLIZAS WARGO**



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*ir*

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of a year



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## “SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT”

A sister asked the pupils in her art class to draw a nativity scene according to the Christmas Carol “Silent Night”. When they were finished she went around the classroom to see their drawings. She stopped at one boy’s desk and said, “Yes, there is Mary, Joseph and the Infant Jesus, but who is that little fat boy you drew in the nativity scene?” He said, “That’s round John Virgin!”



*C-144 Juniors crown Pilgrim Statue during Family Rosary Devotions*



*C-144 Juniors at Liberty Bell Services in Philadelphia*



*C-96 Juniors win National Convehtion Essay Contest. L. to R. - James Pacovsky, Jay Grant and Tim Pacovsky*



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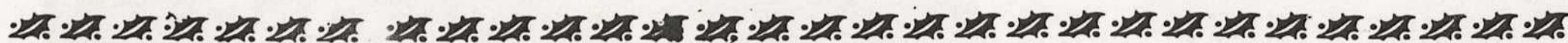
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## REPRINT FROM THE LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS BULLETIN

The September-October 1983 edition of *Soul*, the publication of the **Blue Army**, Mountainview Rd., Washington, NJ 07882 reported that the goal of the Blue Army's 1984 Peace Flight is Lithuania. They hope to bring to Lithuania the International Pilgrim Virgin Statute they were unable to deliver there during the 1972 World Peace Flight.

John M. Haffert of the Blue Army reports that because of the 500th anniversary of the death of St. Casimir, authorities in Lithuania are for the first time showing leniency towards the visits of tourists for this great occasion.

Haffert notes that it will be the first time that the miraculous statue of Our Lady will have visited this country which has perhaps suffered more for the Faith, per capita, than any other nation since 1917 when Our Lady said:

"Error will spread from an atheist Russia throughout the entire world . . . the good will be martyred . . ."

The Blue Army will be carrying to the faithful Catholic nation of Lithuania the remembrance of Our Lady's great promise: "Russia will be converted, an era of peace will be granted to mankind." Haffert notes that no more fitting occasion for this expression of confidence in the Queen of the World could be found than the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir.

**WRITE TO THE BLUE ARMY,**

*Soul*, praise them for the selection of Lithuania as the goal of their 1984 Peace Flight. Inform them that many Knights of Lithuania have actively participated in the Blue Army's work and we share deeply their concern for Catholics in Lithuania.

**BLUE ARMY**

**1984**

**PEACE**

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**GOAL**

**IS**

**LITHUANIA**



## CLEVELAND LITHUANIANS PRESENT AWARDS

**Ursula Kunsitis**

The Lithuanian American Citizens Club of Cleveland held its Tenth Anniversary Ball on October 22nd, 1983 at the Lithuanian Community Center.

Council 25 was represented at this

event by Nellie Arunski, Vyto Balas, Connie Burns, Gene and Ursula Kunsitis, Al and Albina Wallis, Frances Pranskevich, Julia Salasevicius and Ursula Yankauskas.

Two awards of \$500 were presented at this time to worthy candidates.

Thomas J. Brazaitis, Chief of the Plain Dealer's Washington bureau, was one of the winners of the Cultural and Civic Award.

He received this award for his **SOVIET ODYSSEY** articles which appeared in the **PLAIN DEALER**. He was the first Lithuanian-American to receive this award.

These articles were written about his recent trip to Lithuania. They have been compiled into a very interesting and informative book.

Tom is the son of Mrs. Regina Brazaitis, organist of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Cleveland. He was born and raised in Cleveland.

Mr. Joseph Zilionis was the other recipient of this award. Mr. Zilionis runs the book store at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. He is very dedicated in his work obtaining the latest Lithuanian books, cards, etc.



L. to R. Ernest Samas, former Director, Lithuania Club; Thomas Brazaitis, The **PLAIN DEALER** Chief of the Washington Bureau; Vladas Plečkaitis, President of the Čiurlionis Ensemble



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abide with you  
throughout  
the coming year



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**KALĖDOMIS!**

**AS WE CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON  
LET US REMEMBER  
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## LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS CAROLS

To the Lithuanian people, the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (Bernleių Mišios) was the most important part of the Christmas tradition. The entire family went to church to greet the newborn Christ Child. To all, young and old, the Kalėdos Giesmės were part of the beauty of the season. These beautiful Lithuanian Carols have been passed on and today we love them just as much as our ancestors did.

As we gather around our trees to sing our traditional Christmas Carols, let us join in with our Lietuviškos Kalėdų Giesmės.

### PIEMENĖLIAMS

Piemenėliams, vargdienėliams  
Tarė Dievo siuntinys;  
Sakau reiškia, šianakt aiškiai,  
Gimė Kurs jus išganys.

Bėkit, bėkit piemenėliai,  
Duokit garbę Kūdikiui  
Prakartėj suvystytam.

Sako tiesą, — regim šviesą  
Ant Bėtliejaus, kaip dienos.  
Neregėjom, nei girdėjom  
Nei vienos nakties tokios.

Bėkit, bėkit, piemenėliai, . . .

### SVEIKAS JĖZAU GIMUSIS

Sveikas Jėzau gimusis,  
Šventas Dievo Kūdiki.

Brangią dieną švėsdami,  
Užgimimo Viešpaties,  
Linksminkimės ir džiaukimės  
Dievui, garbę duodami giedokime.

Kanklėmis kankliuokime  
Sutartinę leiskime.

Brangia diena . . .

## GUL ŠIANDIENĄ

Gul šiandieną jau ant šieno  
Atpirkėjas žmonijos  
Šiam Karaliui, Visa galiui  
Nėr vietelės tinkamos

Piemenėliai, paskubėkit',  
Dovanas Jam savo dėkit  
Kaip pasaulio Viešpačiui.

Gul šiandieną, štai ant šieno,  
Karalaitis iš Dangaus.  
Sutvėrėjas, Atpirkėjas  
Nusikaltusio žmogaus.

Vargšų luomą, jis pamėgo,  
Piemenėliai todėl bėgo  
Pirmi Jo pasveikinti.

Į menkutį Jo tvartutį  
Ir mes draug skubėsime,  
Tam Karalius savo valią  
Visą širdį dėsimė.

Viską mes Jam paaukosim  
Ir su angelais giedosim,  
Garbė Tau aukštybėse.

These are old traditional Lithuanian Christmas Carols. As we celebrate our „Kūčios” and our Christmas Day, let us join in singing these beautiful Giesmės, remembering our forefathers and our brothers and sisters in Lithuania who may not be able to join in this celebration.

Anna Klizas Wargo  
National Cultural Chairman

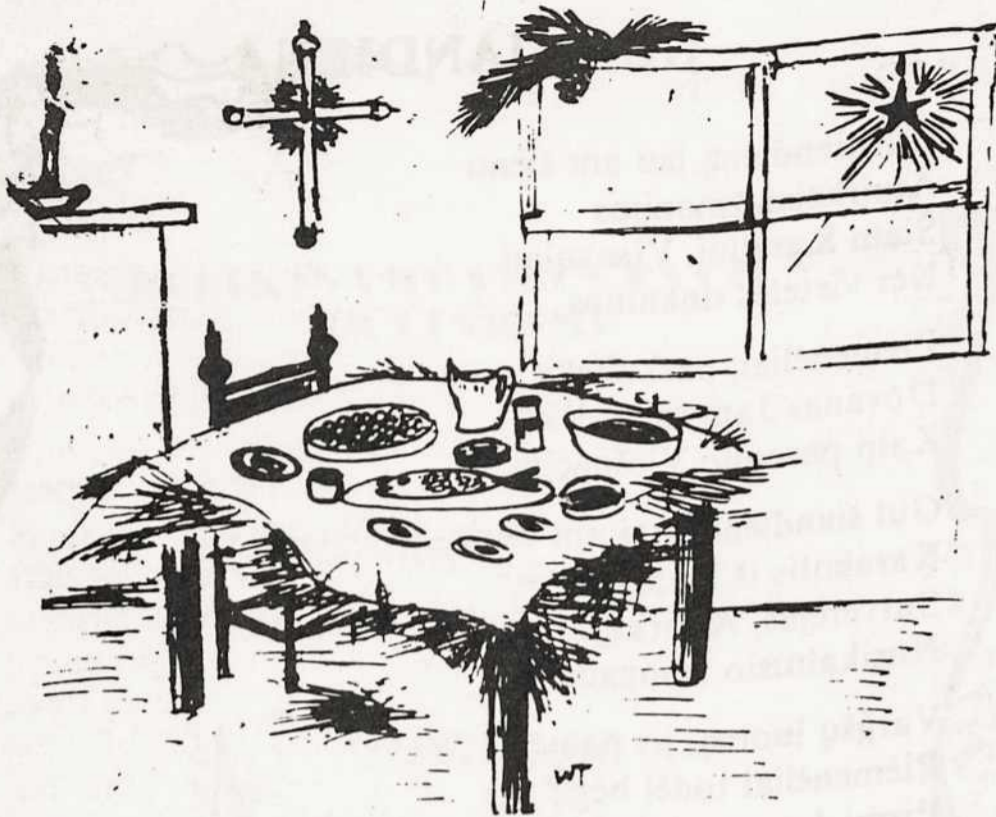


## LITHUANIA

When I lay down to sleep each night,  
The last thoughts that come to me,  
Why doesn't Lithuania have the right  
To live and be set free?

Lithuanian people there and here  
The same blood courses our veins,  
Lord help us, teach us . . . not to fear,  
Release them from their chains.

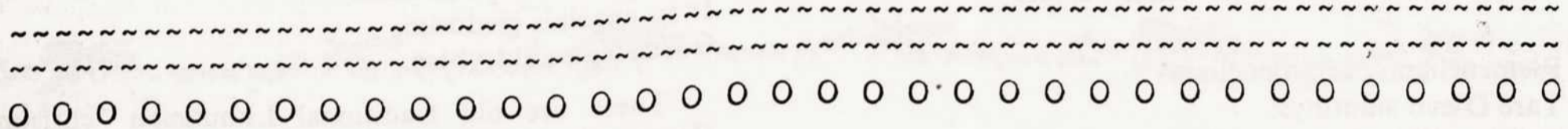
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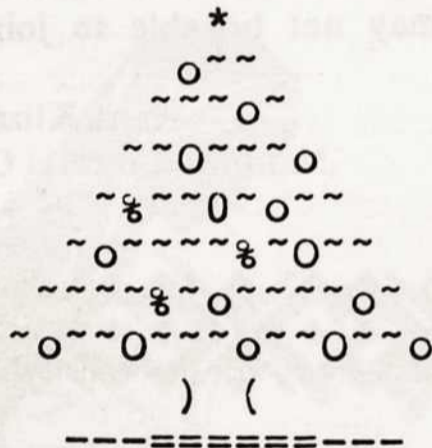
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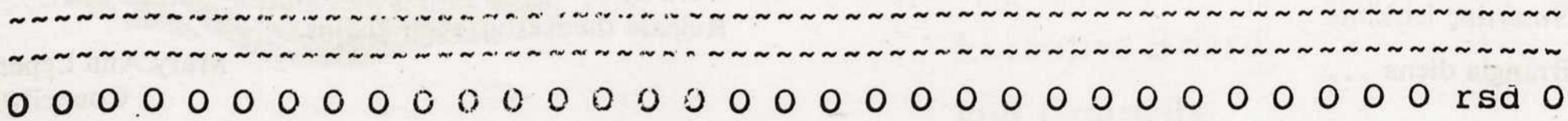
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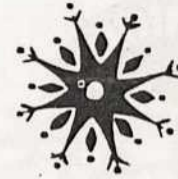
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## Christmas — Lithuanian Style

—Vince Grazulis



**Christmas** — “Kalėdos” originated in Lithuania in the 13th Century. As every country celebrates this Holiday in their own special way, Lithuanians by their Christian Traditions over the past 700 years, bring to light significant meaningful symbols to this precious Feast Day.

In the beginning, Christmas was celebrated for three days. The first day was looked upon as an especially important holiday. On that day, people stayed home. They did not entertain nor visit their neighbors. Entertaining began on the second day. The third day was called “the day of ice” (Ledine), in belief that hail would destroy the summer crops of those who chose to work on that day. Therefore, the most significant way to spend these days was in prayer. Even to this day Christmas Celebration, like those of Easter and Pentecost, still last two days in Lithuania.

**Christmas Eve**, “Kučios” continues to be observed as a day of family reunion with a traditional evening meal of religious character. Vigil and fast were the customs of the day. No food was taken during the day time. Women scrubbed and cleaned the dwellings and prepared for the Vigil Feast. The men tidied the yard and prepared better fodder for the animals. When all was done, the family bathed, dressed in their best clothes, and with the appearance of the evening star, sat down at the common table. Every member of the family tried to be present, even if it undertook long journeys for that purpose. All were welcomed at the table — the hired help and any travelers who happened to call at the house.

For the “Kučios”, the table was spread with hay, in memory of the birth of Christ in the Manger, and covered with a white linen cloth. The members of the household sat at the table in order of seniority, sometimes leaving empty places for absent members of the family. The evening meal began with a prayer and the breaking and sharing of wafers. During the blessing, the deceased members of the family were remembered. This custom is still observed today. Milk and meat are excluded from this evening meal. As a rule, twelve courses are served prepared from wheaton, oat and barley flour and grouts, and from fish, mushrooms, poppyseeds, fruit, berries, honey and hemp-oil. The meal ends with a prayer and the singing of Christmas Hymns. The hay from the table is given to the animals, a custom that carries significance and blessings from above. Up until recently, it was customary to leave food on the table for the refreshment of souls of the deceased. It was believed that, at midnight, when Christ is born, the dead arise and come to visit their homes.

There was a time when, on Christmas Eve, people used spells and charms to foretell future events, especially

death, marriage and harvest. Young girls were eager to know if they would marry in the coming year. For example, they would seize an armful of wood, carry it indoors, and count the pieces. If the pieces fell in pairs, a wedding was to follow. If a girl ran out into the yard and heard the dogs barking, she could expect matchmakers to come later from that direction. If there were starry skies and snow on Christmas Eve, farmers considered this a good omen. After supper, farmers would bind straw around their apple trees in expectation of a better harvest. Beekeepers would lift the hives three times to increase the size of the swarms. Many of these customs and superstitions are also observed in other nations.

**The Christmas Tree** — “Kalėdų Eglutė” became popular in Lithuania only at the beginning of the 20th Century. In 1910 Christmas trees were decorated in a few elementary schools and in children’s Orphanages in Vilnius and Kaunas. After World War I the custom spread to most schools and became popular in the cities. In earlier times, the wedding tree, a symbol of youth and fertility, was in use among Lithuanians. At the wedding feast it hung from the ceiling above the bridal pair. Later it was made from lattice work of straw and looked like a little garden suspended in air. Nowadays such straw lattices are used in decorating Christmas trees. We know them as the straw ornaments we see and love today.

**Santa Claus** — “Kalėdų Senelis” — “the old man of Christmas”, who puts in an appearance at performances given for children and brings them gifts, is a new custom. he is not to be confused with the old man called “Kaleda”, a figure who used to be known in Lithuania but is now forgotten. The latter was the personification of the Christmas festival, which was conceived as arriving from far away in the form of an old man, who knocked on the cottage door and introduced himself saying, “I am Kaleda”...I bring happiness, a good harvest and every manner of well-being”. Prosperity and happiness were the things most longed for during The Christmas Festival.

As we reflect on all these beautiful Lithuanian traditions, Henry Van Dyke puts into words what every Lithuanian longs to hear:

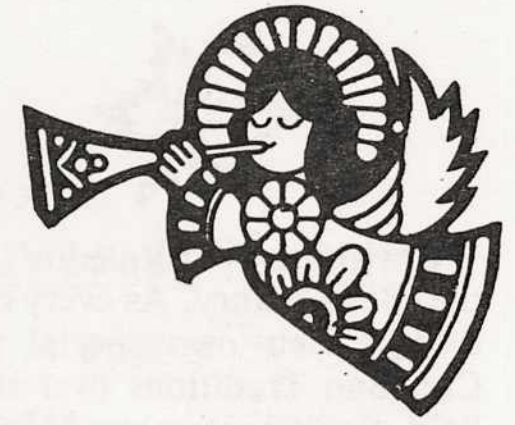
“Memory is a capricious and arbitrary creature. You never can tell what pebble she will pick up from the shore of life to keep among her treasures, or what inconspicuous flower of the field she will preserve as the symbol of thoughts that do often ‘lie too deep for tears’. And yet, I do not doubt that most important things are always the best remembered.”

Vince Grazulis — C-25

\*Excerpts from Ency. Lituanica



**MERRY  
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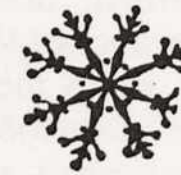
**M**ay you, our dear friends, be blessed  
with a joyous Christmas filled with  
peace and happiness.

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H.M. MARY LUCAS  
ADA, KATHY and JIM SINKWITZ



Let us remember, in this season  
of lovelines, that one special  
moment when heaven came  
down to earth.

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**REJOICE WITH US THAT  
GOD IS BORN**

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**C 96 - Dayton, Ohio**

# COOK'S CORNER

## CHRISTMAS COOKIES

by Mary Lucas



### PECAN PIE BARS

Well worth an occasional Calorie Splurge!

- 1-1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 2 T. packed brown sugar
- 1/2 c. butter or margarine
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 c. dark corn syrup
- 1/2 c. packed brown sugar
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans
- 2 T. butter (melted)
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1/4 t. salt

Mix flour and 2 T. brown sugar; cut in butter. Pat into ungreased 11x7-1/2x1-1/2" baking pan. Bake at 350° for 14 min.

Beat eggs slightly; stir in remaining ingredients. Pour over baked layer. Bake at 350° for 25 min. Cool till pecan layer is slightly firm before cutting into bars. Makes 32.

### CHEESECAKE BARS

- 2/3 c. finely crushed graham crackers (9 square crackers)
- 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. butter or margarine (melted)
- 1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese Softened)
- 1/3 C. sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 t. grated lemon peel
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 2 T. finely crushed graham crackers

Stir together first 4 ingredients. Add melted butter; mix till crumbly. Pat into ungreased 9x9x2" baking pan. Bake at 350° for 12 min. Cream together the cream cheese and 1/3 c. sugar. Add egg, lemon peel and juice; mix well. Pour over baked layer. Bake at 350° for 20-25 min. Sprinkle with the 2 T. graham crackers. Cool; cut into bars. Store in refrigerator. Makes 36.

### LITHUANIAN JAM FILLED COOKIES (Konservų Sausainiai)

- 1 c. shortening
- 1 c. granulated sugar
- 1 c. packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 c. sour milk or buttermilk
- 1 t. vanilla
- 3-1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. ground nutmeg

(Preserves) — Strawberry, apricot, etc.

In large bowl, cream shortening & sugars. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; Mix till smooth. Stir together flour and next four ingredients; stir into creamed mixture. Cover and chill.

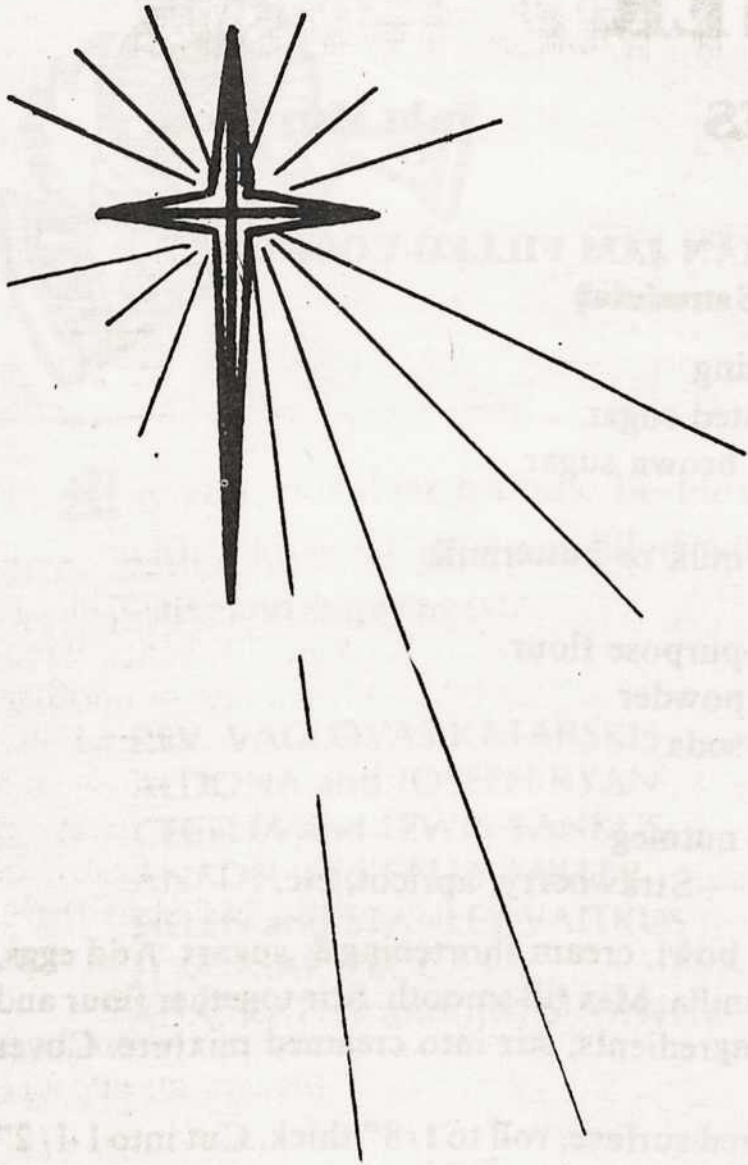
On floured surface, roll to 1/8" thick. Cut into 1-1/2" rounds with cookie cutter. Place 1 t. preserves on half of the rounds; top with remaining rounds. Lightly seal edges with tines of fork. With sharp knife, cut crisscross slits in tops of cookies. Bake at 350° till golden 10-15 min. Makes 5 dozen.

### PEPPERNUTS (Pipirnykai)

- 2/3 c. light brown sugar (packed)
- 1/3 c. dark corn syrup
- 2 T. milk
- 2 T. lard or shortening
- 1 egg
- 1/2 t. anise extract
- 1/4 t. baking powder
- 1/4 t. vanilla
- 1/8 t. ground cloves
- 2-1/2 c. flour
- powdered sugar

Combine first 4 ingredients in heavy saucepan; heat to boiling. Cool. Beat in egg, and next 5 ingredients plus 1/8 t. salt and a dash of black pepper; Mix well. Mix in enough flour to make a very stiff dough, kneading in the last addition. On surface dusted with powdered sugar, shape dough into ropes 3/4 inches in diameter. cut ropes in 3/4" lengths. Place on greased cookie sheets, bake at 375° till browned, 8-12 min. Cool, place on rack. Cookies will harden upon standing. Store in airtight container with apple slice. Makes 8 dozen.

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It's the season of His birth.  
Let us rejoice in loving  
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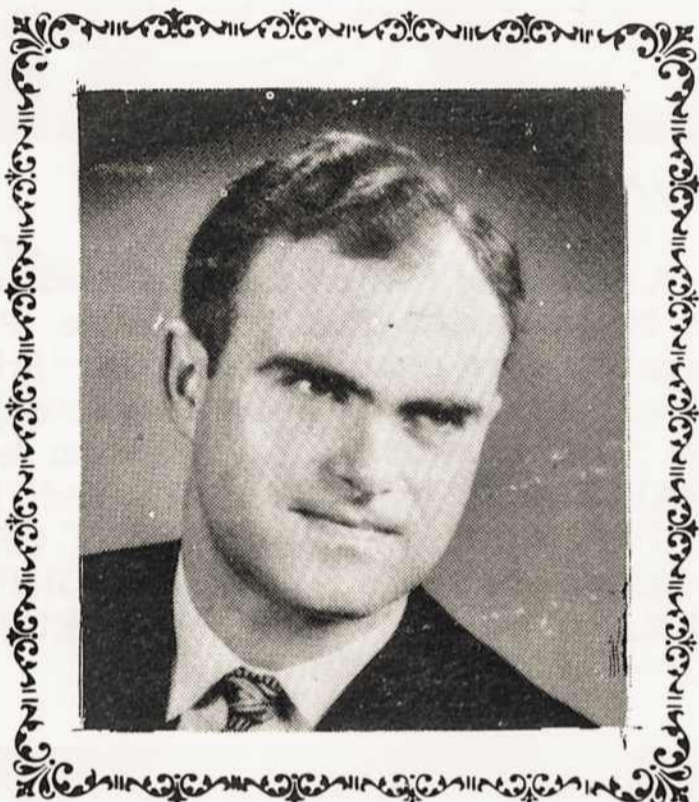
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# Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



FAUSTAS STROLIA, C-36, Chicago, was honored recently at the Excellence Award Dinner held in the Empire Room of the Palmer House in Chicago, sponsored by the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. Faustas is director of the K of L Choir. He is well known in the Lithuanian-American community for his untiring work in promoting Lithuanian music.

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Fadera and Dickory Jawo were home recently on furlough from their work in the Peace Corps in Gambia in Africa. That is their Gambian names, according to the Asbury Park Press.

Actually, Fadera is Mrs. DIANE TOWNSEND, daughter of GUS LANG (LAUKZEMIS), C-29, Newark, N.J. Diane and her husband Allen help teach modern health concepts to inhabitants of the small, under-developed country that has about 50,000 people.

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Dr. EGIDIJUS UZGIRIS, a Schenectady, N.Y. physicist, was recently elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society. The rank of Fellow is conferred on only 10 percent of the 33,000 members in the Society. Ed was cited for a series of sustained and effective studies of the electrophoretic mobilities of blood cells.

Ghosts have invaded the life of actress ANN JILLIAN (JURATE NAUSEDA), reports the Chicago Sun-Times. She plays one in her new TV series "Jennifer Slept Here" and has just rid her house of another.

After purchasing a home in Hollywood, she and husband Andy Murcia found they were definitely not alone. Unexplained noises interrupted their sleep at night. It seems the previous owners had purchased the home from a woman whose husband had died there, and he objected to certain changes made in the house.

Ann was advised by a friend, Andy Gibb, to remove a poster of herself from the den. She placed the poster in the garage. Now, the garage light flickers on and off, but at least they can sleep.

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DICK BUTKUS has moved from Florida to California with his family for convenience in connection with his acting career, according to the Chicago Sun-Times. He'll soon be seen in "Johnny Dangerously" and in "Blue Thunder," an ABC-TV series

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BARBARA PETRAUSKAS of Syracuse, N.Y., has been selected as Herald-Journal Carrier of the Year. Her father FRANK is president of C-140, Syracuse.

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JACK BRANDT, treasurer of C-140, Syracuse, N.Y., is mighty proud of daughter ANN MARIE who received her Associate in Science degree through the Regents External Degree Program of the University of the State of New York.

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CHRIS SIMUTIS, senior at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Flossmoor, Illinois, and pitcher for the Vikings baseball team, was featured in the Star Publications last summer for his outstanding performance — winning the game against the Blazers with 15 strikeouts. CHRIS is the son of RAY and LYNDIA SIMUTIS, C-36, Chicago, and nephew of RUTH KAZLAUSKAS, Lithuanians in the News Editor.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



ZIEGMONT SISTERS

Nursing sisters are three of a kind, says the "Pottsville Republican." The ZIEGMONT sisters of St. Clair, Pa., CHRISTINE and COLLEEN pose with their younger sister JESSICA after her graduation from Cedar Crest College. Besides a strong family resemblance, the three women have similar styles and manners. All three are registered nurses. Their aunts are members of Anthracite C-144, St. Clair, Pa.



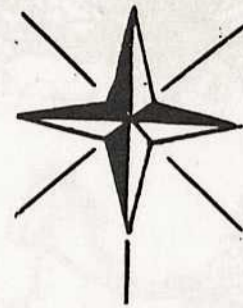
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A reunion of PAPEAKA families was held July 30th at North Fayette Park in Oakdale, Pa. 97 family members were present, reports the "Bridgeville Area News." Pictured are eight of nine sisters, five of them are K of L members. Seated, from left: EVELYN WALLIS, MARY DiMARCO and MARGARET PAPEAKA, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa. Standing: MATILDA GHELARDUCCI, DOLORES SCHMITT, BERTHA KUZMA, ALICE LEWELLEN and ANN MAGDICH.



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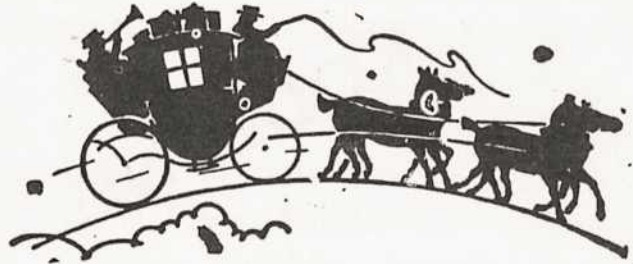
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# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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## MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

President Algerd Brazis announced the following committee appointments: Lithuanian Affairs and English Public Relations, Ruth Kazlauskas C-36; Lithuanian Cultural, Monica Kasper C-112; Rituals, AnnMarie Kassel C-36; K of L Choir President and Civic Affairs, Sabina Klatt C-36; K of L Dancers, Frank Zapolis C-36; Lithuanian Public Relations Emilija Pakalniškis C-112; Vytis, Irene Sankus C-112; District Trumpet, Valeria & Joseph Stanaitis (Chicago Srs.).

First Vice President Eleanor Kasputis announced that our District Membership Drive will run from October 1 through June 30 with the awards presented during the July 4th Picnic in 1984.

Our Chicago Senior Council commemorated the 70th Anniversary of the K of L with a Banquet, K of L Building, Chicago. Council President Adele Gabaias and her committee did a most admirable job and the capacity crowd enjoyed the

entire event — the food, the champagne, the delightful entertainment provided by Faustas Strolia and the K of L Choir, soloist Algerd Brazis and violinist Hercules Strolia.

Again under the direction of our K of L Building Trustees, headed by President Al Mockus and Treasurer Al Zakarka and their hard-working but small committee, the building was the recipient of much-needed funds to cover operating costs, the results of a successful Rummage Sale.

Under the leadership of Ritual Chairlady AnnMarie Kassel, ritual degrees were conferred on the members of Council 38 of Kenosha. She was assisted by Vincent Samaska, Sabina Klatt and Irene Sankus. Thank you, President Balciunas and your committee, for your hospitality. AnnMarie took this occasion to present the council with their official charter.

Our official K of L representatives to the American Lithuanian Council, as appointed by National President Loretta Stukas, are Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, Dr. Leonard Simutis and AnnMarie Kassel. The ALTAS Conference was held in Chicago in October, and in addition to our official representatives, there were many K of L members participating as delegates from the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation and other organizations.

**DATE TO REMEMBER!** Sunday, February 5, 1984 — Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet, Martinique Grand Ballroom. Everyone is invited to attend.

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## C-36 — CHICAGO

After our busy September meeting, Salomija Daulienė won a beautiful watch. The second attendance award, a calculator, was won by Mary Kincius.

John and Marcella Simutis, members of the Carmichael, CA, branch of C-36, are very proud grandparents of two new grandchildren this summer. They visited Chicago this summer enroute to Alma, MI, to attend the christening of Joan Kathleen Simutis. After their return to California, daughter Elaine Sarafino, member of C-36, presented them with a new grandson, Adam Matthew.

It was a special treat for our council members who attended the Senior Council's Dinner Dance marking the 70th Anniversary of the Knights of Lithuania. Al Brazis (C112) sang beautifully. The K of L Choir performed under the direction of Faustas Strolia and accompanied by Robert Mockus (C112). Valio to the Seniors for a job well done.

# Merry Christmas

Never a Christmas morning  
 Never the old year ends  
 But someone thinks of someone  
 Old days, old times, old friends

We'll meet in CHICAGO in '84  
 At the Conrad Hilton by the lake  
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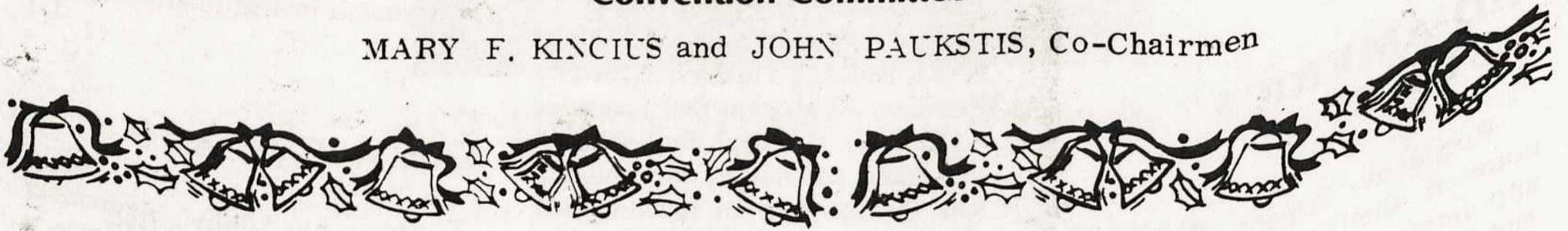
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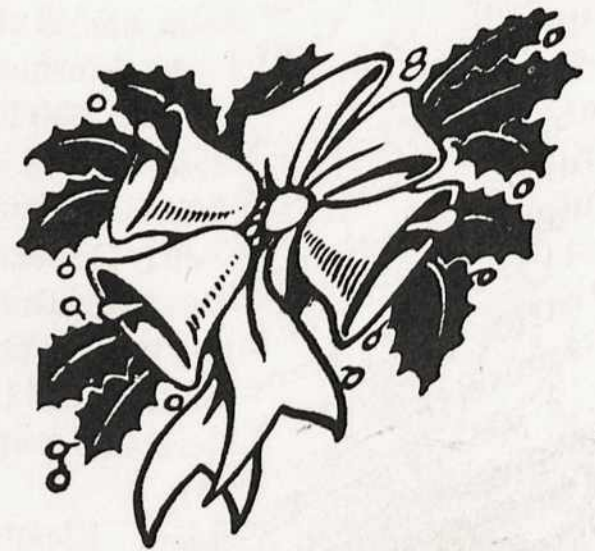
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The rummage sale for the building fund was a success on October 22. Mrs. K. Petruliene worked in the kitchen. Ann Marie Kassel and Sabina Klatt were working with many C112 members.

Lithuanian Language Cassette Album is available from Sabina Klatt, Choir President, for \$18.95. A 60-page booklet containing sheet music for songs and dances and additional information is included in the kit. Please contact her at 3326 S. Morgan St., Chicago, IL 60608, for further information.

SABINA

## C-112 — CHICAGO

Our Board members continued to meet during the summer months to plan activities for the council. Hosting the meeting and the aftermeeting socials were Mary Juzenas, Dolores Wainauskas and Alice & Al Cekanor.

Council prexy Paul Binkis Jr. made the following committee appointments: Ritual, Ruth & Albert Dagus; Juniors, Maria Deksnis; Membership, Estelle Rogers, Eleanor Kasputis; Cultural, Susan Bolanos; Lithuanian Affairs, Rita Zakarka; Lithuanian Public Relations, Emilija Pakalniskis; English Public Relations, Sophie Nieminski; Vytis, Irene Sankus; Courtesy, Monica Kasper; Social, Julie Zakarka and Louis Rogers.

Following our October business meeting held at Nativity BVM Parish Hall, we were again privileged to enjoy the presentation of a lecture, slides and musical tapes by Arvydas Zygas. This time his presentation covered the Lithuanians in Suvalkija (Poland). The tapes of Lithuanian folk songs were truly a delight.

Our President continues to represent us on the National Board in his capacity of National Trustee. He attended the Supreme Council meeting held in New York City and hosted by C-12 in October.

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## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



Seasons Greetings  
C-19 — PITTSBURGH

From Friday, September 30, to Sunday, October 2, at the Mid-Central District Pilgrimage held at the Holiday Inn, Dearborn, MI, ten congenial members of Council 19 enjoyed a most interesting, informative and enjoyable weekend. Andy Rozger and Zeno Yokshas were the

amiable chauffeurs for Margaret Papeaka, Mary DiMarco, Bertha Kuzma, Alice Lewellyn, Mary Tamy, Marge Turner and Mary Vaglia. Julia Aleshunas, who drove to Detroit, was also present at this pilgrimage.

Friday night, after registering and meeting our hostess, Grazina Vaskelis, we spent an enjoyable evening getting acquainted with Mid-Central District members.

Saturday morning, our MCD President, Tom Bruzga, welcomed the delegates present. At that gathering, we participated in an extremely educational and interesting session. At the main meeting held later in the afternoon, all business was transacted efficiently and with expedience by Tom Bruzga. Reports from all councils were read, elections held and meeting later adjourned. We had a merry social that night, good food, singing, dancing and congenial companionship.

Council 19 was gratified to have four candidates for the Third Degree: Mary Tamy, Mary Vaglia, Albina Ewalt and David Wenslovas. Mary Tamy and Mary Vaglia were delighted to receive their Third Degree on Sunday at an inspirational service at St. Anthony's Church in Detroit. The Lithuanian Mass was impressive, and the choir's singing was exceptionally beautiful! Our thanks to Ritual Chairpersons Magdalena Smailis and Alvina Luiza



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COUNCIL 79

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for their kind assistance in our ritual participation.

The brunch served at St. Anthony's Church Hall on Sunday after the service was tasty and plentiful.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to our hostesses from Council 102 Detroit . . . you did an excellent job!

Mary H. Tamy

## C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

There was an almost unlimited array of smiles and friendship among delegates who gathered for the Mid-Central District meeting on October 1 and the pilgrimage on October 2, hosted by C-102 of Detroit. President Thomas Bruzga of MCD greeted everyone and was pleased with the large attendance. Following officers' and council reports, President Bruzga recommended a new fundraiser, a district-wide 50/50 drive to take effect in 1984, which was authorized by Mid-Central District membership.

The election of officers resulted in same leaders with the exception of Stefanija Rastikas who will serve on the Lithuanian Affairs.

The Mass and Pilgrimage were held in St. Anthony's Church, followed by a brunch in their social hall. The good food was prepared by President Grazina Vaskelis' mother. Our appreciation to C-102 hosts for their work and time.

A report on the MCD meeting and pilgrimage was given by President Magdalena Smailis at our October meeting. Prime consideration was given to election of officers who are President, Magdalena Smailis; Vice President, Richard Danielak; Recording Secretary, Marge Nashlon; Financial Secretary, Joseph Chaps; Treasurer, Jeanne Yakstys; Sergeant at Arms, George Kase; Trustees, Chester Nashlon and Anthony Dainus and Vytis correspondent, Sophie Zager. The

meeting was concluded with refreshments by Sophie & Frank Zager. Also, thanks to Rita Bagdon.

One of the most festive events in recent memory took place in the Cultural Center on October 15-16 in a two-day tribute as Divine Providence celebrated a Diamond Jubilee. It began with a dinner-concert on Saturday. The hall was all decked out with swags of green, white and silver decorations, cluster of balloons and centerpieces of colorful flowers.

The Audinys Dance Group gave a vigorous and emotional performance that brought the glittering crowd to its feet. Lithuanian folk songs provided additional entertainment. Vida Gogelis, daughter of Estelle & Charlie, performed in both groups.

Next day, a High Mass was concelebrated by His Excellency Bishop Vincent Brizgys and other clergy. The church was filled wall to wall. Afterwards, a brunch was served in the cultural center. In one of the classrooms, HM Anthony Dainus had a full display of old photos and other carefully preserved artifacts.

The original Divine Providence was St. George's Parish, but twice it had to give way for two freeways and was renamed Divine Providence by Archdiocese of Detroit. Three featured speakers presented a three church review during Sunday brunch. Marie Kase (Kasevich) presented a talk on the original church; Sophie Zager gave a resume on Church's Schaefer location; Dr. Justin Pikunas summed up the construction of the present Lithuanian parish cultural complex. Fr. Michael Kundrat and Fr. Alphonse Babonas, former administrator pastors, were also present at the anniversary. Fr. V. Krisciunevicius, pastor of Divine Providence, concluded with gratitude to everyone who worked hard for this occasion.

Appearing in the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press was Cliff Angiewicz. Cliff, who is Bertha

Janus' son-in-law, will be general manager of Volvo facility, the automated systems division which will manufacture automated carts, called automatic guided vehicles, for auto makers and others.

George and Marie Kase returned from a brief trip to Las Vegas. Bertha Janus and friends enjoyed a trip to Florida and the Epcot Center. Florida seemed to be the main attraction for other 79-ers; namely, Marge & Chester Nashlon, Marianne Newberry and President Magdalena Smailis. The Frank Zagers drove to Minneapolis for a visit with son Tom and his wife Sherri. They also visited the Gerald Ford Museum in Grand Rapids.

Labai ačiū to all the wonderful helpers — Bertha Janus, M. Keller, V. Kirsh, A. Baron, Ann Uzdavinas; Jeanne Yakstys and Marie Kase who helped Chairpersons Frank & Sophie Zager with 75th Anniversary Sunday Brunch.

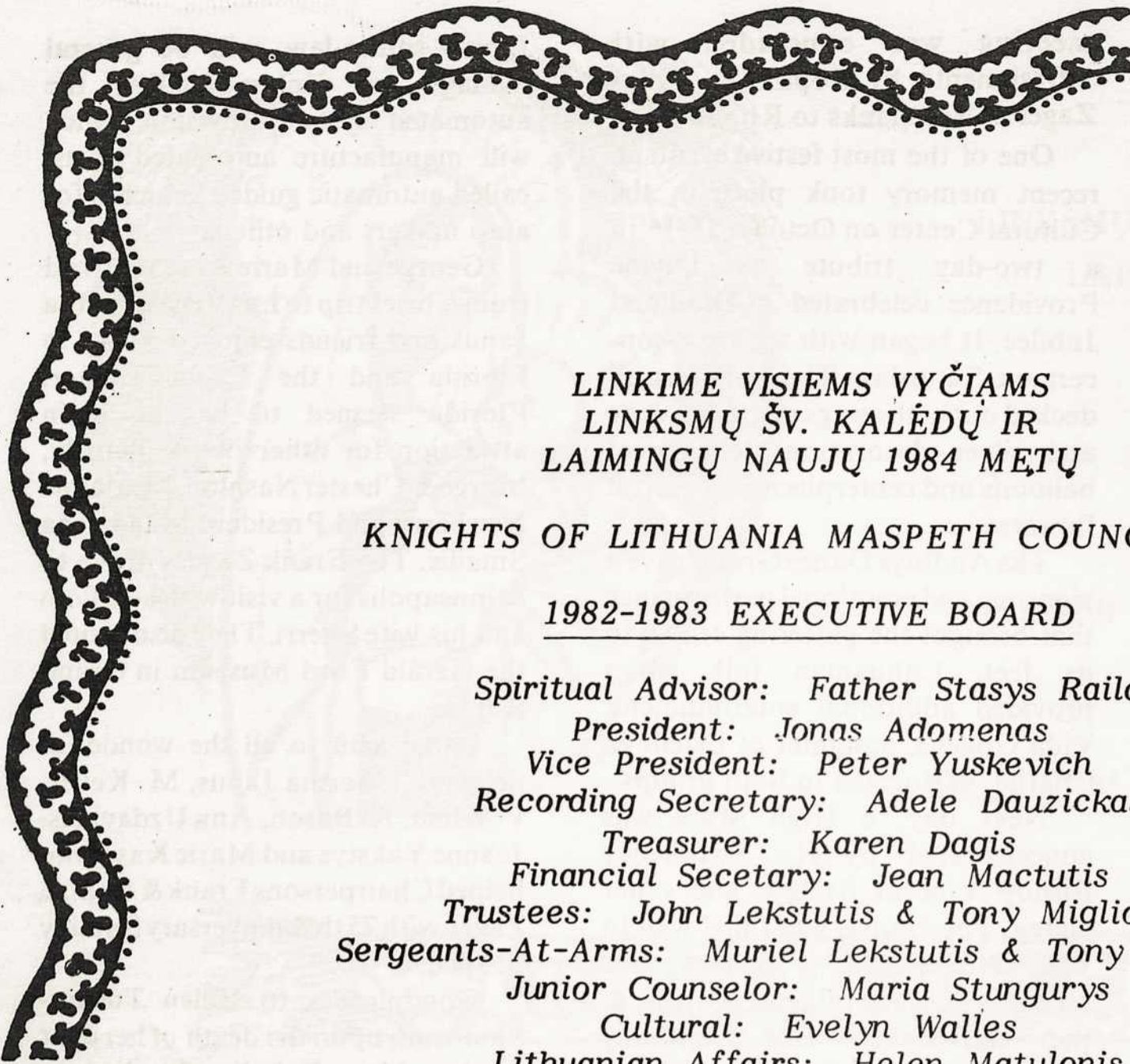
Condolences to Helen Tucker-Santorum upon the death of her dear mother, Mary Yekulis who died on October 22. Mrs. Yekulis, a member of C-79, belonged to Moterų Sąjunga for many years and was past president of Third Order of St. Francis.

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## C-96 — DAYTON

A very hearty 'ačiū' to C-102 Detroit for hosting a fine MCD Fall Convention and Pilgrimage. Our delegates, Joe & Eleanor Mantz, George & Frances Mikalauskas, Anadel & Sally Miller, Fran Petkus, Stefania Rastikis, Joe & Aldona Ryan and Cecelia Yankus, came back with nothing but praise for the warmth and friendship C-102 projected for the weekend. Our guest Lewis Yankus was very pleased. He came home a winner in the council's 50/50 project.

MCD President Tom Bruzga held a fine meeting with a few new ideas for the coming year. Delegates were impressed with the Cultural,



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**COUNCIL 102  
Detroit, Michigan**



**May the Blessings  
of Christmas  
Remain With You  
throughout the New Year**

**COUNCIL 139  
DETROIT**



Lithuanian Affairs and Ritual Workshops. C-96 members on the district board are Eleanor Mantz, Second Vice President; Aldona Ryan, Trustee; Stefanija Rastikis, Lithuanian Affairs. Congratulations!

The Pilgrimage dedicated to deceased members in the district was very beautifully done. Again C-102, thank you!

Congratulations to the Vejeliai Dancers for the very successful Bake Sale held on October 8 and 9. Proceeds went to purchase two new outfits for the girls. Greg Blum, up from our Junior ranks, is director of the group.

Elinor Sluzas, National Second Vice President, spent the same weekend in the New York — New Jersey area attending the Supreme Council meeting and MAD Convention. Her host for the weekend was none other than our National President and National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Dr. & Mrs. Jack Stukas.

It was good to see Barbara Goecke at our October meeting. A first! Let's see more of you. Hosting the treats after the meeting were our delegates to the MCD Fall Convention. Catherine Prasmantas & Cecelia Yankus hosted the K of L Koffee Klutch on October 16.

Get well wishes to Veronica Omlor recuperating from a three

artery by-pass surgery, John J. Berczelly from his second cataract surgery and Junior Knight Frank Ambrose from recent injuries at a school function.

Our deepest sympathies go to Connie Geiger on the loss of her mother, Mary Ellen Neff, and to the family of Alfonsui Mikulskiui of Cleveland. Mr. Mikulskis was in Dayton many times with his Čiurlionio Ansamblis. His talent in the field of music will be missed.

We thank Christine Mantz and her Social Committee for a fine and plentiful dinner they prepared for our Election Night on October 22.

Our elections went very well under the helm of HM Stanley Vaitkus, By-Laws Chairman Joe Ryan and Sergeant at Arms Joe Mantz. The following will be our leaders for the term of 1983-84: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis; President Joseph P. Mantz; First Vice President, Aldona Ryan; Second Vice President, Judith Petrokas assisted by Elaine Pacovsky; Recording Secretary, Catherine Prasmantas; Treasurer, Sally Miller; Financial Secretary, Frances Mikalauskas; Trustees, George Mikalauskas and Richard Noreikas; Sergeant at Arms, Joseph E. Mantz, Patrick Smiley, Karl Keivel; Religious Co-chairmen August & Mary Ann Blum; Lithuanian Affairs, Stefanija Rastikis;

Cultural, Ada Sinkwitz; Ritual, Fran Petkus; Vytis, Cecelia Yankus, Bulletin Editor, Cecelia Yankus; Historian, Eugenia & Veda Gecas; Condolence, Susan Smiley; Social Committee Chairman, Christine Mantz; Sarysis, Joseph Gecas & Helen Keivel; Telephone Squad Chairman, Joyce Berczelly; Sports, John A. Berczelly; By-Laws, Joseph Ryan, Joseph E. & Eleanor Mantz; Public Relations, Cecelia Yankus; 50/50 Special Project Fund, Richard Noreikas.

We thank our outgoing officers for the fine job they did keeping us active this past term. To our new officers we wish a very successful and busy year ahead. Since this is my last column for now, I want to thank the Vytis staff for all their help and patience for the many years I have been doing this column. I leave C-96 news in very capable hands. Cecelia Yankus, whom you've been reading much about as she is always ready to lead us in song and dance via her talent on the accordion, will now show you she has much talent in the field of writing also.

Fran Petkus

## **C-102 — DETROIT**

As soon as a summer was officially over, the officers of C-102 plunged into the pleasant task of preparing for the MCD meeting and

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# Christmas Greetings

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**Council 29 - Newark, N.J.**

**TO ALL MY FRIENDS...  
A BLESSED & JOYOUS CHRISTMAS  
A PROSPEROUS & HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

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**ANNIE MITCHELL MATULEVIČIUTE**  
Honorary Member  
C-52 - ELIZABETH, N.J.



pilgrimage. The hard-working committee headed by President Grazina Vaskelis got busy in an all-out effort to make our guests welcome. We were especially pleased to have such a nice turnout on Friday evening. The singing bartender Frank Bunikis, accompanied by Cecelia Yankus on the accordion, kept everyone on key.

Terry Medonis did a splendid job providing the Saturday morning continental breakfast. We especially appreciated her efforts since she had to get up mighty early to come in 40 miles.

Maryann Guerriero and Edna Klucens, our luncheon hostesses, set an attractive buffet table that included floral arrangements. Their efficient aides were Aldona Stanievich, Rose Sawnick and Terry Medonis. The "go-fers" were Frank Bunikis and Joe Guerriero who helped wherever needed.

Details of the MCD meeting were handled by Tom Bruzga who was relected unanimously to another term as president. He has been doing an outstanding job as district president, and we consider ourselves fortunate to have someone of his caliber.

Donna Bunikis managed the registration with the help of two enthusiastic future K of L'ers from DuBois, Wendy Bruzga and Mary Beth Yanek.

DJ Vic Yokin kept things humming during the Saturday friendship evening with dance music and instructions in the "Chicken."

During Mass at St. Anthony's on Sunday, we enjoyed the beautiful singing of the choir led by Stasys Slizys and were inspired by Rev. Alphonse Babonas' homily in which he incorporated lines from our "Vyčių Himnas."

Following Mass, we proceeded directly to the chapel for the commemoration of our deceased members. It is a moving ceremony for those of us who remember many of our past leaders from the district. Sadly the list becomes longer each year. The ceremony ended with the Lithuanian Himnas led by Peter Buksnis.

The farewell dinner prepared by Angela Buksnis featured all of our favorite foods and was topped off by her famous Napoleon tortes. Mrs. Buksnis is one of the best cooks in the Detroit area, and we fell honored to have her cook for us. Bartending chores were handled by Joe Guerriero, Gus Baibak and Frank Bunikis while Gena Baibak handled the tickets and money. John Stanievich was super 50-50 salesman. The short program featured HM Robert Boris as master of ceremonies at his best, and then it was time for fond farewells until we meet again in

May in Dayton. We had a wonderful time and hope the delegates from distant cities, as well as our own Detroitiškiai, not only enjoyed the social aspect but also went away with deeper regard for what the Knights of Lithuania stand for.

Congratulations to Evelyn Galinas, Ruth & Mart Wagster, together with Ed Salas and Chuck Mykolaitis of C-79, for winning the Traveling Trophy for Council 102 in the Mid-Western Bowling Tournament hosted by Council 79. The trophy goes to the winners of three years in succession, and this team has done it for us. Congratulations!

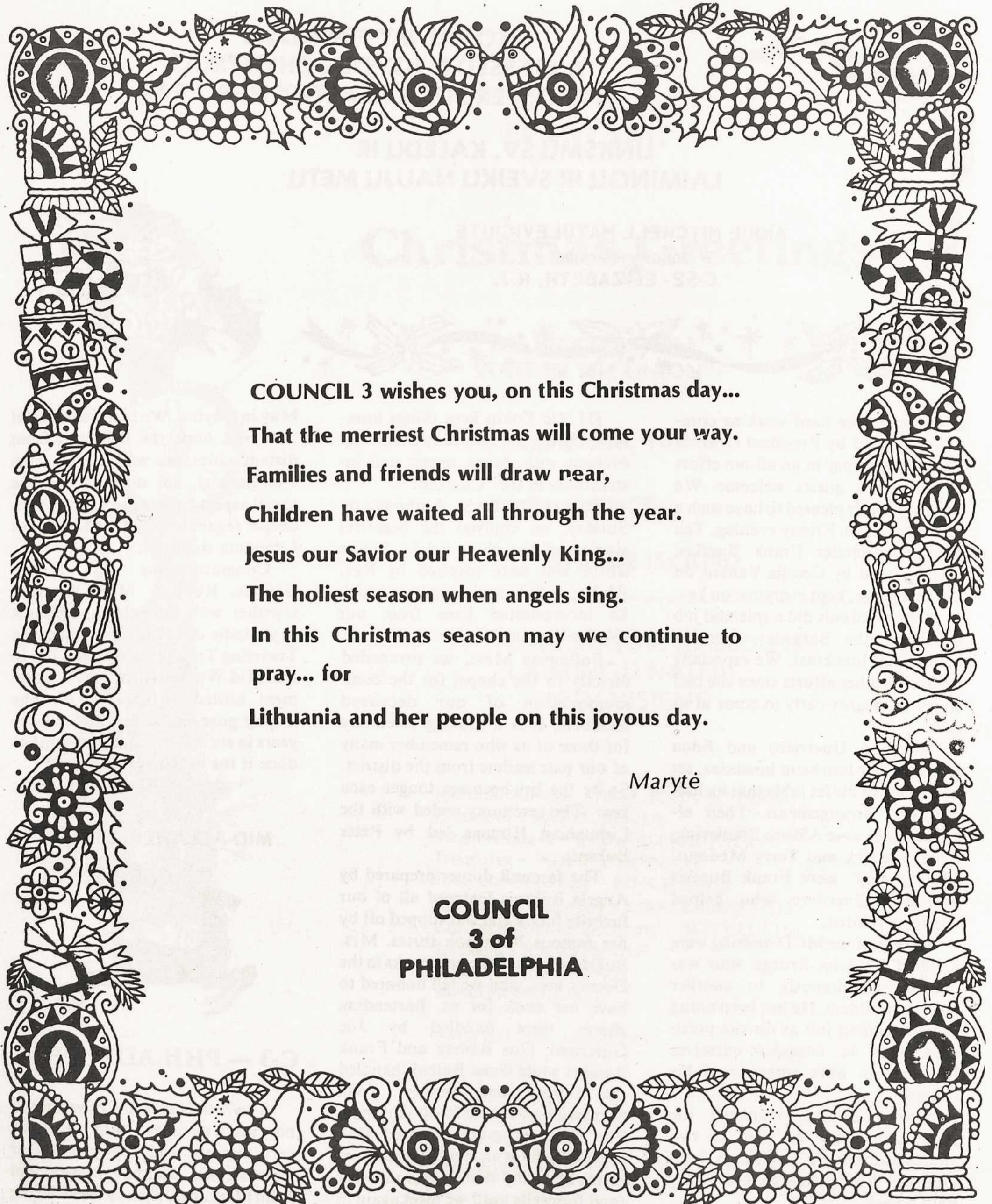
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**MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT**



**C-3 — PHILADELPHIA**

The 70th National Convention is now just a memory — and we hope a very pleasant and happy one. Our Co-chairmen, Dianne Drumstas and John Mickunas, wish to thank all the



**COUNCIL 3 wishes you, on this Christmas day...**  
**That the merriest Christmas will come your way.**  
**Families and friends will draw near,**  
**Children have waited all through the year.**  
**Jesus our Savior our Heavenly King...**  
**The holiest season when angels sing.**  
**In this Christmas season may we continue to**  
**pray... for**  
**Lithuania and her people on this joyous day.**

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**COUNCIL**  
**3 of**  
**PHILADELPHIA**

C-3 members who put their very best effort into making the convention the success that it was. Cooperation and willingness to help were the necessary ingredients, and those qualities were evident among our committee members.

A big "Ačiū" to both John and Dianne who spearheaded this entire effort. Their leadership and enthusiasm in this project certainly resulted in a great convention.

The members of C-3 wish to thank all of you K of L'ers who came as guests and delegates. We enjoyed having you here with us and look forward to meeting you all again next year in Chicago.

C-3 wishes to congratulate all the members of the new Supreme Council. We are very proud that our own Mary Ann Lepera will be in charge of Public Relations. Congratulations on your election, Mary Ann!

Our congratulations to our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Eugene Wassel, who received the Fourth Degree at the Convention Mass in his own St. Casimir's Church. We are so happy that Father received this honor. We wish you the best, Father.

We were saddened to learn of the sudden passing on September 6 of our friend and member, Julian Greymas. Our council gathered together and participated in the beautiful K of L Wake Service. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Lillian. May he rest in peace!

A week later on September 12, word reached us that the mother of our good member Walter Svekla passed away during the night. May the soul of Bertha Svekla rest in peace, and may God comfort Walter and his family in their loss.

Our officers for 1983-84 are as follows: Dianne Drumstas, president; Mary Ann Lepera, vice president; Dolores Herbert, recording secretary; Agnes Mickunas, financial secretary; Margaret Petronis, treasurer; Al Ushka, trustee for one year, Walter Mameniskis, trustee for

two years.

Our committees are comprised of the following members: Ritual, Victor Stepalovitch, Chairman, Bill Miller, Jewel Ushka; Lithuanian Affairs, Victor Stepalovitch; Cultural, Mary Ann Lepera and Anastasia Binkis; Sergeant at Arms, Victor Stepalovitch and Francis Downey; Public Relations, Mary Ann Lepera. Congratulations to all!

Nellie Pandza and Alice Bacon shared with us their memories of their recent trip to Lithuania. They were absolutely thrilled to meet their relatives. Both Nellie and Alice brought along some of the gifts they brought home with them from Lithuania.

Edmund Binkis has graciously accepted the job of setting up a Lithuanian Language Course for the council. Everyone is looking forward to the first class.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Irene Ozalis who is now home recuperating from recent surgery.

We welcome to our Council two new members — Bronius Krokys and Joseph Gudonis. We are most pleased to have them with us.

We were deeply grieved to learn of the death of our Honorary Member Joseph Yanulaitis. Joe joined C-3 over 30 years ago and served the council well. He attained Honorary Membership in 1975. Joe was very well versed in Lithuanian — its customs, traditions, language — and was always willing to share his knowledge with us. He always made available to us his vast collection of Lithuanian articles and memorabilia. May his soul rest in peace. We will miss him.

"AGUTE"

## C-12 — MANHATTAN

At our convention in Philly, our National President Loretta Stukas told us that "we had a good year in the organization." Well, Council 12 can echo this sentiment. Every month

of 1983 was busy, except maybe for January when the weather threw a wrench into our machinery.

February 16 and March 4, we celebrated in full force with guest speakers, poetry and recitations. We always try to pick different members for these chores so all of us, including the wall flowers, have a chance to be in the limelight.

May was special for the council. We hosted the Mid-Atlantic District Leadership Conference. Although the turnout was not large, the panels were most interesting. We were surprised to see so much audience participation. Dr. Jokūbas Stukas, our Lithuanian Affairs National Chairman, did a terrific job in telling us what Lithuanian Affairs was all about. Jokūbas deserves special thanks since he filled in for Bernice Aviza who was indisposed. He knows the show must go on; he has 40 years experience with shows.

Public Affairs Panel had a lovely young lady, Peggy Yeskevich from Newsweek. She explained how to prepare professional news releases which "grab the editor's attention." Regina Kott did a great job on the Culture Panel. She is a real asset to the Amsterdam Council. For the Ritual Panel, we had our own Jovita Sleder who explained how to earn Degrees in the Knights.

When all was said and done, we went home with this thought: "A good member is an involved member. The more we learn, the more we realize how much more we need to know." The answer is more leadership conferences. Who will invite us next?

In June, yours truly chaired the Terrible Days of June Commemoration. Our guest speaker was Ed Vaiciulis, and editor of Bridges. In July a few of us attended the Captive Day ceremonies in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

August was busy. A bus full of Council 12'ers rolled toward Barnesville for the annual Lithuanian Day. A few days later found us

**Linksmų Kalėdų  
Visiems Vyčiams!**

William and Ann Senkus  
C-52

**DŽIAUKITĖS SU MUMIS,  
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*patrons*

C-52 - ELIZABETH, N.J.

**Merry Christmas and the  
Happiest New Year**

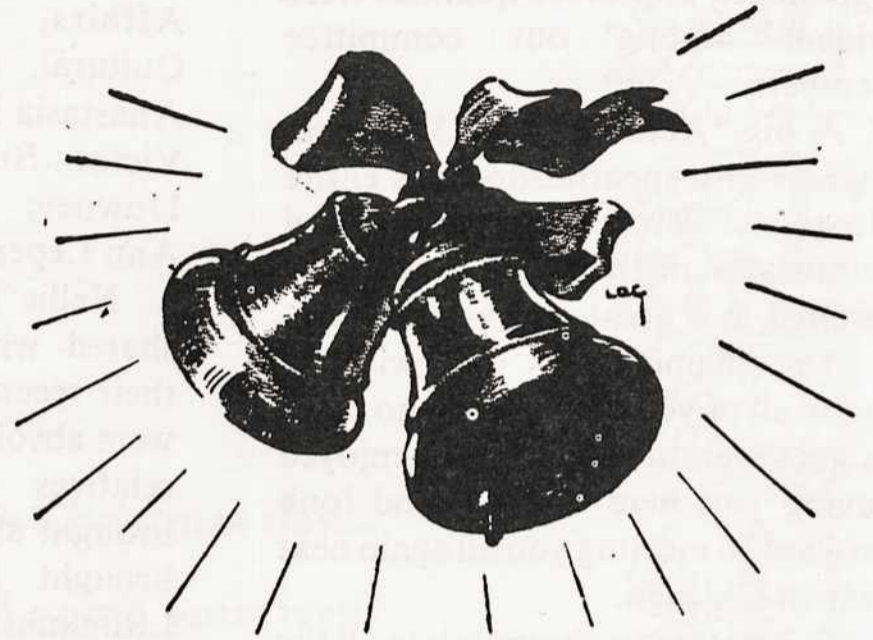
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**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

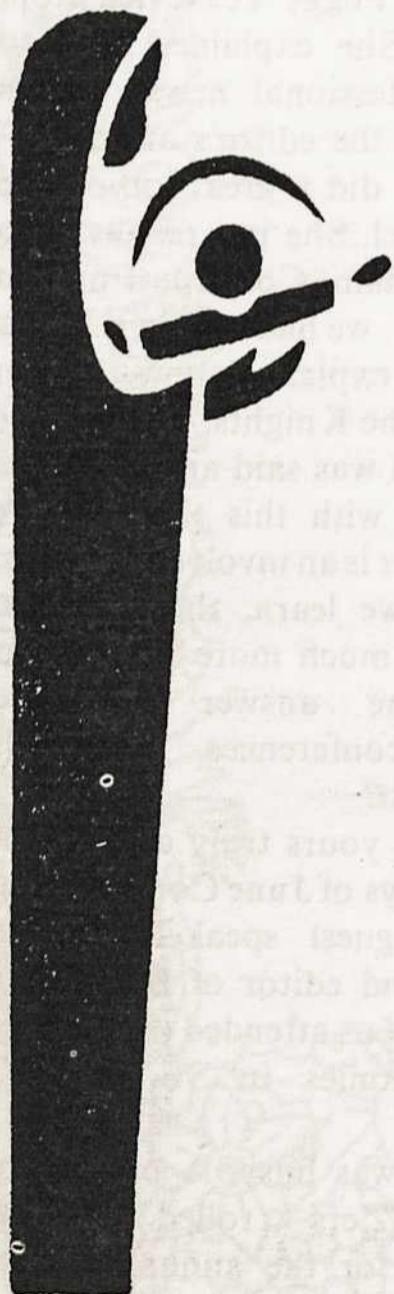
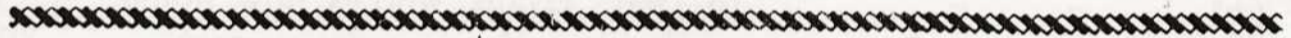
COUNCIL 30 - WESTFIELD, MASS

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join with you in offering the  
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"We rejoice in the birth of our  
Savior.  
May we share his life completely  
by living as he has taught"

**Atpirkėjo gimimą džiaugsmingai švęskime!**

in Philly for our convention. And what a convention! Not only in the work accomplished but in the huge turnout! Holiday Inn worked overtime. Council 3 did a wonderful job. Special mention must be made of Mary Ann Lepera, our new National Public Affairs Chairperson, who built a beautiful Trakų pilis in miniature. Perhaps, we can persuade her to build a Gedimino pilis in Chicago. Speaking of good work, our HM Elena Saulyte's touch could be seen in many aspects at the convention, but her name did not appear under the credits. Elena, your lyrics were great; ASCAP would be proud! And speaking about pride, Council 12 has four new Fourth Degree members: Connie Siatsis, Eugenia Kanonis, Walter & Helen Yurkus. Gang, we are proud of you!

Three more special events took place in August. Alice & Peter Zupko celebrated their 40th Anniversary (We all danced til dawn.); Anthony & Kazimierė Yakavonis and Michael & Barbara Kartonowich, their 50th. Congratulations!

DALIA

## C-46 — FOREST CITY

Old Home Week was held in Forest City on August 20.

Council 46 participated in the marching groups in the parade.

We were awarded a trophy, first prize, for the best-dressed group.

Ann Zelinskas

## C-74 — SCRANTON

Council 74 elected officers for the coming year. They are Rev. Michael Ozalas, Spiritual Advisor; Marie Laske, President; Casimir Yanish, First Vice President; Helen Cravath, Secretary; Irene Shimkus, Treasurer; Ann Lisowski, Financial Secretary; Helen Rekstis and Edward Romanauskas, Trustees.

Chairmen of various programs are Margaret Laibinas, Spiritual; Sister Virginia, Lithuanian Affairs; Patsy Simms, Cultural; Jean Kavelinas, Ritual; Ruth Yanish, Vytis Correspondent and Public Relations.

Recently Denis and David Yanashot, twin sons of Nell H. Yanashot of C-74, exhibited in a group showing at the Lackawanna Arts Council series. The twin brother artists share an art studio in Scranton. They are currently involved exclusively in airbrush and spraygun techniques utilizing acrylic lacquers. These lacquers are extremely brilliant in color and are finished to a smooth surface like that of a mirror. Experimenting with crylic lacquers since 1976, the brothers Yanashot state they "are just beginning to scratch the surface of the diverse

potential of these types of spraying techniques."

Both Denis and David have sold work locally and plan to acquire a gallery affiliation in New York City in the near future.

Ruth Yanish

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

WELL WISHER

GENE GOBIS

COUNCIL 100 — AMSTERDAM

a.a. Donald F. Nikstenas

Donald Nikstenas, member of C-100 in Amsterdam, N.Y. died at St. Mary's Hospital on October 1, 1983 after a long illness.

He was a Third Degree member and Past President of C-100. His son, Joseph, was elected Vice President in charge of Juniors for this year. His daughter, Julianne, is the President of C-100 Juniors this year.

When Council 100 was reactivated in 1950, Don was of the first members to join. His mother (deceased) had been one of the original members when the council was first organized in Amsterdam and she, too, had rejoined in 1950.

He was a very much liked person and we will all miss him.

Gene Gobis



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C-46 Forest City, Pa.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

to all my friends in the  
Knights of Lithuania

From

PHIL CARTER



Merry  
**Christmas**  
 From CHICAGO

THE OFFICERS and MEMBERS  
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**Christmas Greetings**

TO ALL K of L MEMBERS



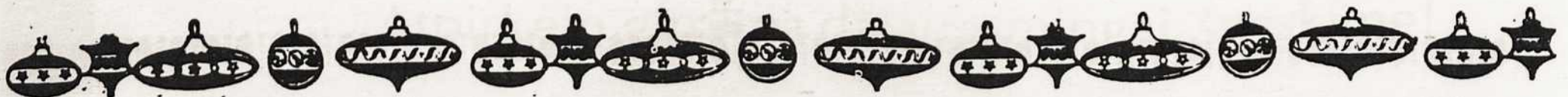
**Season's Greetings**

TO ALL FROM

**Council 112, - Chicago, Illinois**

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 Emilija/Alexander Pakalniskis  
 Eleanore Laurin  
 Valeria/Joseph Stanaitis  
 Louis/Bernadine Rogers  
 Irene Sankus





## C-110 — MASPETH

On June 5 before the 11 a.m. Mass at Transfiguration Church in Maspeth, three new flags were brought into the church to be blessed by Rev. Msgr. F. Bulovas. The Lithuanian Flag was made by Sister Damien, and the sponsors were Muriel Lekstutis and Al Kraujalis. The Knights of Lithuania Flag sponsors were Adele Dausickas and Peter Yuskevich. The American Flag sponsors were Helen Janbor and Tony Miglori.

Seventeen Third-Degree Members received medals at the altar after the blessing of the flags.

After Mass, a short ceremony was held at the Shrine. Peter Yuskevich spoke about the terrible deportation of Lithuanians to Siberia. Rev. S. Raila said prayers and Joseph Boley recited poems. We were honored to have National President Loretta Stukas participate in procession, Mass and shrine ceremony.

Council 110 hosted the Mid-Atlantic District meeting on this same day. Larry Janonis presided at the business meeting. National President Stukas called attention to the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of K of L in 1988. 1983 also marks the 25th Anniversary of Scholarship Fund.

Mandate report indicated a total attendance of 110, 90 of whom were delegates.

Victoria Kuchinskas, Antonine Adomenas, Louise Meloro, Adele Dausickas and Louise Dausickas prepared a delicious lunch and also served supper after the meeting.

The first meeting after summer vacation was held on September 7. President Jonas Adomenas announced two deaths — Sophie Slanino in August and Sygmant Zalewski in June. C-110 voted to carry a \$100 ad in the Christmas Vytis. Rev. Msgr. F. Bulovas celebrated his 40th anniversary in the



*Transfiguration Church in Maspeth, New York celebrated its 75th Anniversary on October 8, 1983*



*The Most Rev. Francis Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens, was the celebrant of a Mass in honor of the 75th Anniversary of Transfiguration Church. Twelve other priests concelebrated with him*

priesthood. He was presented with a gift from C-110 members. Nellie Skabeikis and Helen Venis reported on the National Convention.

Tautos Šventė Mass on September 18 and Mass for Suffering Lithuanians on September 26 were well attended.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



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Council 103, Providence, RI  
Council 116, Worcester, MA  
Council 135, Ansonia, CT  
Council 141, Bridgeport, CT  
Council 145, Holyoke, MA



*Happy New Year*

TO ALL FROM

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT**

Our October meeting was centered on our pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on September 10 and 11. Our Lady of Šiluva Chapel in the Shrine is beautiful. On Sunday, Mass at the main altar was concelebrated by the Rev. Anthony Dranginis and the Rev. Dr. Ziuraitis. On Saturday, we visited the Lithuanian Legation in observance of Lithuanian National Day, September 8. We were greeted by Charge D'affaires Dr. & Mrs. S. Backis and Mr. Cheplikas, president of Washington Council. Jonas Adomenas, Adele Dausickas and Helen Matulonis arranged for three busses to accommodate K of L'ers and friends for this pilgrimage.

Many council members attended the 75th Anniversary of Church of the Transfiguration in Maspeth on October 9. The Most Rev. Francis Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens, celebrated Mass with twelve priests concelebrating. The reception after Mass at Fleur De Lis was attended by 400 people. Vincent & Frances Aboyas and Olga Brady chaired the event. Vincent Aboyas was toastmaster. Anicetas Simutis, Consul General of Lithuania, and the Rev. John Pakalniskis, pastor of Annunciation Church, were guest speakers. Under the direction of Vytautas Kerbelis, a double quintette sang five beautiful numbers. After a delicious dinner, deluxe smorgasbord and cocktail hour, music for dancing was provided by Joe Thomas Orchestra.

## C-144 — ANTHRACITE

At a banquet held at Annunciation Hall, we bid a fond and sad farewell to our beloved Spiritual Advisor, Father Algimantas Bartkus, Father Al. It was a sad and happy affair; we were sorry to lose Father but happy for him for his



*Bishop Mugavero with women in Lithuanian dresses outside Transfiguration Church after the 75th Jbilee Mass. Seated are: Evelyn Walles, Stasia Kraujalis, Helena Zedar, Helen Matulonis, Helen Jambor and Adele Dausickas*

promotion to Rector of the Lithuanian College in Rome. No one could deserve it more than he.

It was largely because of Father Al that our council was formed. He encouraged us from the very beginning and was always proud to be a Vytis. He was always there when we needed him, both spiritually and socially. He guided our many endeavors and largely through his encouragement our council grew to its present membership. With his Lithuanian Masses, his Lithuanian Radio Program, he brought joy to the bedridden, the old and young who followed his program. People became more aware of Lithuanian today, of the Lithuanian culture and Lithuanian humor.

His years served with Anthracite Council were productive years because of his interest and knowledge. We are sure that Rome will never be the same again when he gets there. If he does as good a job in Rome as he did in Pennsylvania, he cannot be anything but successful. We all wish Father Al "ilgiausią metų, daug sekmės, ir mūsų meilę."

Father will greet us in Rome for the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir, and we know that with him on the inside our trip will have to be great.

We also welcome our new Spiritual Advisor, Father Joseph Shelonis. Father Shelonis has been an active Knight for over a year. He is pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Minersville, and we are happy that Father Joe has accepted to be our spiritual leader.

We would also like to welcome Father Gerald Gobitas, the new pastor of Annunciation Church. Father Gobitas is the President of the Lithuanian Priests League of Schuylkill County and recently joined our council.

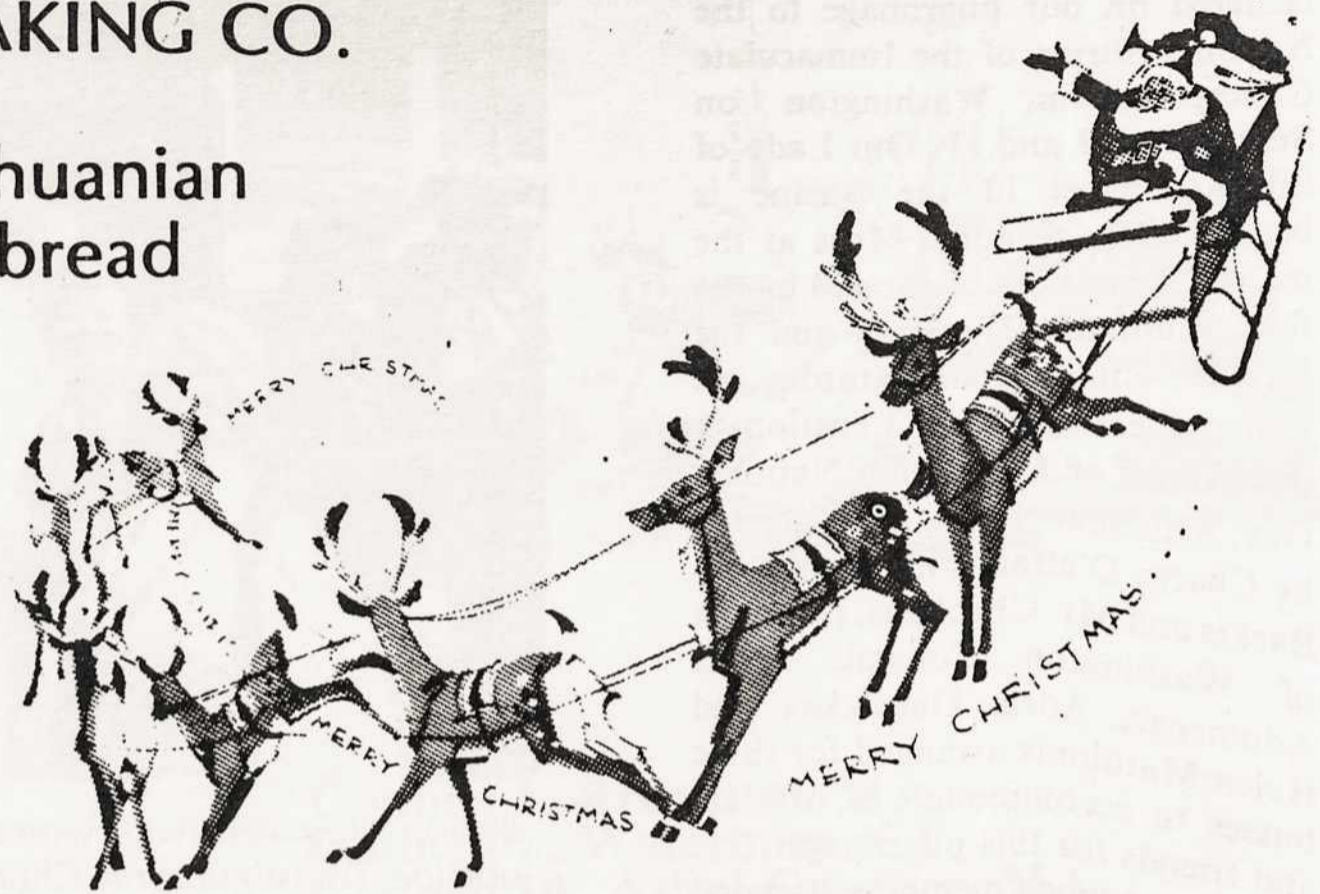
Father Al's last duty as our Spiritual Advisor, along with our Ritual Chairman Helen Chesko, was to install officers for the 1983-84 term of office. Father Al installed Father Shelonis as Spiritual Advisor; Anna Supernavage, President; Joseph Petrosky, Vice President; Ann Marie Lithkowsky, Secretary; Joan Reinhart, Treasurer; Natalie Ann Yurickones, Financial Secretary and

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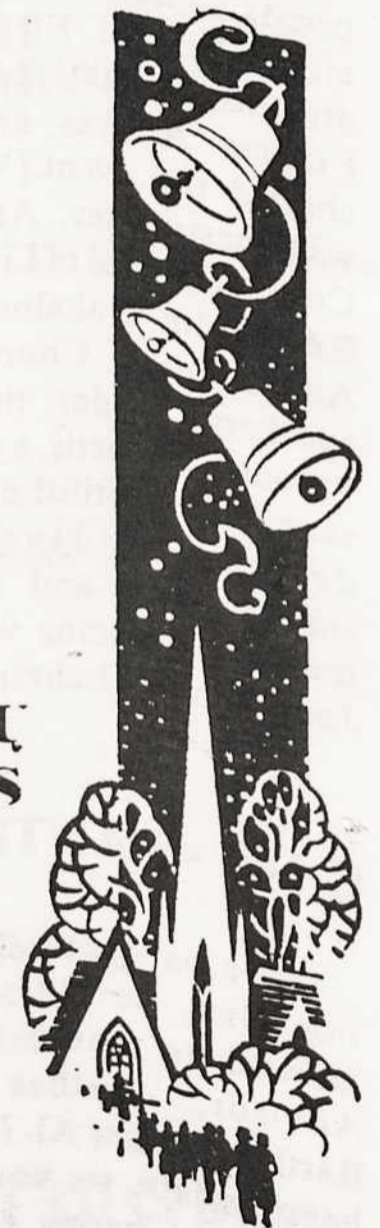
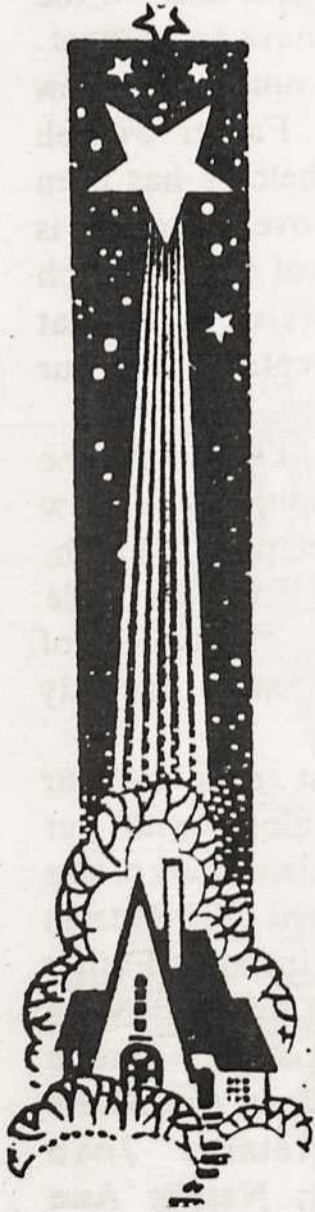
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FOR A  
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COUNCIL 26  
WORCESTER, MA





Charles Taronis C-144 displayed his wood carvings at Sshuykill Mall Ethnic Days. Mary Gustus and Mary Narcavage admired his handcrafted items

Joseph Yezulinas, Trustee.

We were saddened by the death of our Council Godfather, HM Joseph Yenlaitis. When we first organized as a Lithuanian Ethnic Club, Joe came to our monthly meetings until he convinced us to join the Knights. He was very dear to our hearts and will be sadly missed. Amžinai atsilsi, Juozai.

We end our year with a fond farewell to Father Al who is going on to greater things, and a welcome to our new Spiritual Advisor Father Shelonis.

ONA

## Give A Christmas Gift

To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service  
To all men, charity.  
To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



## C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

Our council sponsored the 500 th Anniversary of the Death of St. Casimir, patron of Lithuania and the Knights, on Sunday, October 9, in St. Francis Church in Athol.

It began with a concelebrated Mass attended by 17 priests with Rev. Justin Steponaitis as chief celebrant. The Franciscan seminarian choir of Kennebunkport sang the Mass with Brother Bill at the organ.

The Rev. Grauslys gave an inspiring sermon as did Brother Danielius prior to the piano recital.

Following the Mass, Brother Bill (Theodore Prostakoff) presented an excellent piano concert. He has performed throughout the USA and Europe for capacity audiences. He has also performed for national radio audiences. Brother Bill left the limelight as it were and joined the Franciscan order. The concert was attended by a near capacity audience.

Following the festivities, a committee headed by Nellie Melaika served about 80 invited priests, the Franciscan troupe and our own council members a Lithuanian buffet.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Both city dailies carried nice write-ups before and after.

A big thank you to the Franciscan troupe who are comprised mostly of non-Lithuanians and are striving to learn our language and sang all our Mass hymns and did an excellent job, to Brother Bill for the extraordinary concert and to Father Stepie for his special attention to our K of L and all our endeavors.

Incidentally, the grand piano was loaned to us by our stalwart member, Frank Anoris.

Our September meeting was preceded by devotions to Our Lady of Siluva with a homily by Fr. Steponaitis.

The Genaitises attended the New England District Festival held in New Haven. Blanche has been the chairman of Scholarship Raffle the past four years and has been going an excellent job.

Tina Shatas and Lill Smith spent a vacation in Rome. They were fortunate to attend two general audiences of Pope John Paul II.

Several of our members spent time in the hospital. Wishing a speedy recovery to Alice Perekslis and Celia Mahar.

*Kinksmu  
Kalėdu Švenčiui*

*Šeimingu  
Nauju Metu!*

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Joy and Peace  
of Christmas  
be with you  
through  
The Coming Year**

**COUNCIL 7**

**WATERBURY, CONN.**



**R o f U C a l e n d a r**

**FEBRUARY**

- 5 24th "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" Banquet, Martini Ballroom, Chicago
- 18 FORTIETH ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL, Brockton, Mass., hosted by Council 1

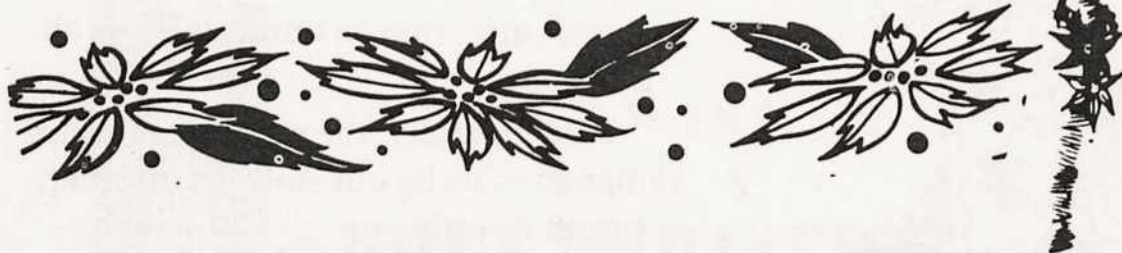
**APRIL**

- 29 NED CONVENTION in Holyoke, hosted by C-145

**A Word From The Wise**

"O the blindness and perversity of man!  
All that he has he wants to be good, but  
Himself he does not want to be good.  
Who wants to have a farm that is not good?  
Or a wife that is not good?  
Or a house that is not good?  
Or even a pair of shoes that are not good?  
As though bad shoes could hurt you  
More than a bad life!  
When your shoes are worn, you mend them or  
throw them away and get a new pair.  
Your life you will not mend."

St. Augustine



**IN MEMORIAM**  
Please remember in  
your prayers...



**Professor ALEXANDER ALEKSIS**  
Honorary Member of C-7  
Waterbury, CT  
Died on October 31, 1983

**JOSEPH YANULAITIS**  
Honorary Member of C-3  
Philadelphia, PA  
Died on October 18, 1983

**SOPHIA SLANINIA**  
Member of C-110  
Maspeth, N.Y.  
Died on July 29, 1983

**ZYGMUNT ZALEWSKI**  
Member of C-110  
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Died on June 10, 1983

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Margaret Davidonis Senk returned to her home town of Athol after living in New Britain for the past 30 years. Happy to have you back in town and with our council, Marg!

The Wisnauskases and Virginia Shelley arranged a Lithuanian display at Digital's Westminster Plant during their International Day. Eight countries participated. Our group served Lithuanian rye, farmer's cheese and piragas which were greatly enjoyed by all.

The Genaitises were reelected to their New England District offices. Charlie is 3rd Vice President and Blanche serves as Scholarship Chairperson.

VINCUKAS

## C-27 — NORWOOD

Much has happened since June. Some of us were honored with an invitation to the home of Bea and Victoras Jurgis Matieus in Bristol to commemorate the "Terrible Days of June."

August was convention time. George Barton and Pat Kontrimas went to Philadelphia as New England District delegates. Helen Kontrimas, Helen & Stan Dallalis went as Council 27 delegates. We had a super time. We met up with old friends whom we had lost contact with for years. Council 17 So. Boston took us under their wing and with Pat, Al

Akule and all the fine folk from that council, it was an unforgettable experience.

Walter Svekla of Philadelphia had a tape made greeting Council 27 into the fold, beginning the tape with greetings from National President Loretta Stukas. We played this tape at our September meeting. Ačiū, Walter.

September brought the New England District Convention. George Barton was elected on the Ritual Committee, and Helen Dallalis was elected as Corresponding Secretary. As usual, C-1 Brockton's hospitality was nothing short of great.

On October 2, a few of us joined C-17 So. Boston bus to New Haven for the New England District Festival. A kielbasi dinner, plus great company and good cheer were had by all.

Right on schedule, our council held its elections. Our officers are Paul Zukas, President; Louise Zukas, Recording Secretary and Ritual Chairperson George Barton stayed on. Due to other commitments Vice President Pat Kontrimas was replaced by Sandy Melish. Helen Dallalis resigned as Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Our new Financial Secretary is Adele Picard and Mary Ann Tamasanis, Treasurer. Hopefully looking on the positive side, full of ambition, it

should be an onward and upward year.

Our two student nurses, Nancy Dallalis and Barbara Zukas, are back in school. Last, but far from least, I would like to tell all of you that Joe Adokanis is feeling better after several serious operations. It's the TLC of Kay and their daughters Carol and Pat.

We have a very busy district and I will keep you all posted on our active council so until vėliau.

STASIUKAS

## C-30 — WESTFIELD

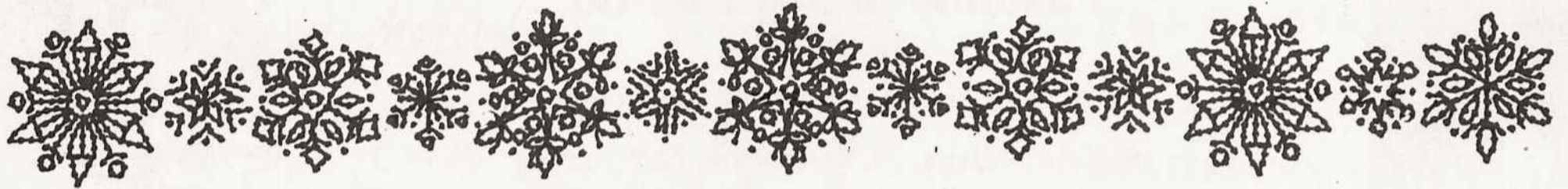
We couldn't ask for a more perfect day when we held our annual family picnic. Mr. & Mrs. James Rogers, our loyal and generous K of L members, again invited us to spend the day at their lovely cottage on the shore of Otis Lake. The food was delicious and plentiful. The beautiful scenery and good company made it a most delightful day.

Representing C-30 at the National Convention in Philadelphia were Mr. & Mrs. Benny Coach and Nellie Lord. Although it was very hot traveling, we were quite comfortable. Thanks to modern technology — air-conditioning in the car. We arrived before the convention to take advantage of the pre-convention activities. Mr. & Mrs. Coach spent an en-

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joyable evening attending a performance of "Annie" at the Riverfront Dinner Theater. Nellie Lord spent her evening trying her luck at the casinos in Atlantic City.

Judging by the large attendance at the convention, it was a huge success. The meetings were very well attended; the speakers were excellent, both interesting and inspiring. The churches in Philly are beautiful; despite the intense heat, there was a large group of faithful at all Masses.

Chicago representatives put on a rousing campaign to persuade the delegates to hold the 1984 Convention in the Windy City — they won.

All good things must come to an end, and too soon the convention was over. On Sunday, after a delicious lunch, we said "Su Dievu" to old friends and new friends we met in Philly. Let us hope we will all meet again next year in Chicago.

In observance of the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir's death, C-30 held a formal solemn installation of his picture placed upon the altar by Joseph Sabonis. Members of the parish council were asked to participate in the rite. Floral gifts were placed on the altar by Marcia Rogers, Kunagunda Coach and selected members of the parish council. Following the ceremony, the congregation joined the Knights in the recitation of the special prayer to St. Casimir.

This year the Scholarship Festival which was held in New Haven drew a large crowd. Among

the guests were Anne & Córky Sabonis, Benny & Cookie Coach and Marcia & Jimmy Rogers. Besides a monetary donation, they all brought pastry. Some of the Knights who were unable to attend sent their contributions of cakes to be sold. To further this worthy cause, they also held a raffle. The prizes were freshly-picked, luscious mackintosh apples. They looked so tempting that a sales pitch was not needed to sell tickets. It was a profitable success.

Our officers for the coming year are Father Foley, spiritual advisor; Louise Renaud, president; James Rogers, vice president; Marcia Rogers, recording secretary; Sally Bakutis, cultural program; Benedict Coach and Arthur Lord, Lithuanian affairs; Kunagunda Coach, ritual and Nellie Lord, scribe.

Plans were made to hold a Kučios supper. The parishioners will be invited to partake in this Lithuanian custom. Although there are many who follow the customs of their parents, many others have never enjoyed Kučios. This will give C-30 the opportunity to bring a touch of Lithuanian culture and customs. A brief explanation of this symbolic supper will be made, and Lithuanian Christmas Carols will be sung for a true atmosphere.

Nellie Lord

## C-50 — NEW HAVEN

On September 24, the Lithuanian Federation of Women's Clubs sponsored a concert featuring Daiva

Mongirdaite, soprano, as guest artist. St. Casimir's Church Choir accompanied the soloist. Salome Valukas, Albina Lipcius and John Bernardini, organist, directed the program.

Ann Francis was delegate to the New England District Convention in Brockton on September 25. Helen Medley accompanied her. They came back very gratified with the whole day spent in Brockton. It was certainly worth the long trip from southern Connecticut.

The New England Cultural Festival was held in our church hall on October 2. New Haven went all out to welcome our neighbors from New England who in turn responded with the same enthusiasm. It was a glorious day for New Haven Lithuanians. We thank you for coming to our city.

At our October meeting preliminary plans for our Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot and Christmas Boutique were presented. Charles Dakes presented the slate of officers for 1983-84. The following were elected: Frank Peterson, president; Albert Gutauskas, vice president; Al Gedrim, financial secretary; Julia Glynn, recording secretary; Isabel Peterson, treasurer; Bernice Barile, ritual chairman; Helen Balchus, corresponding secretary; Ann Meskins and Anthony Kordorsky, sergeants at arms; Ann Francis and Charles Dekas, trustees. Father Albert Karalis will serve as our spiritual advisor.

Helen Balchus