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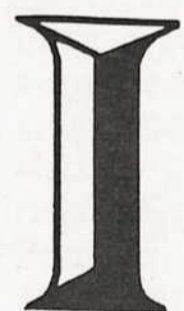
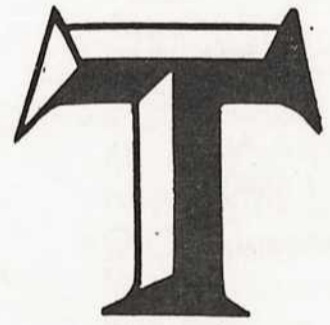
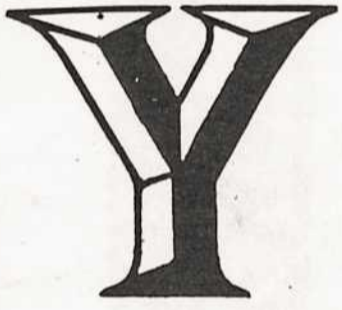
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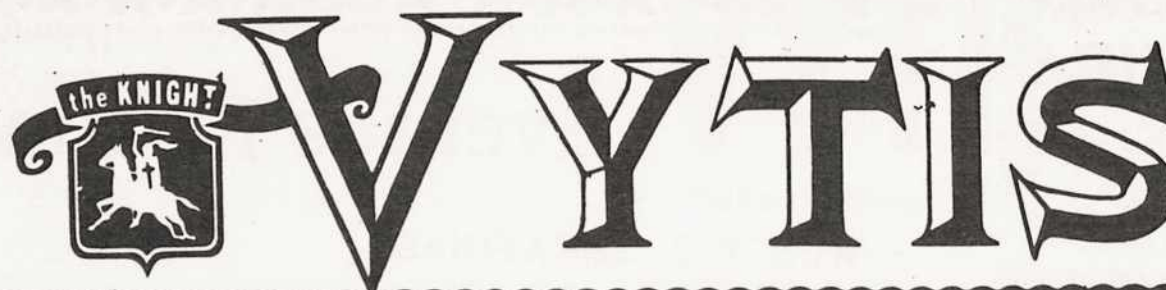
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Alexander J. Aleksis



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**Professor
Alexander J. Aleksis
(Aleksandravičius) - R.I.P.**
by Loretta I. Stukas

It was the end of an era, the loss of the Knights of Lithuania's last living link to the first days of our organization, the death of an outstanding Lithuanian leader, musician, gentleman. But most of all, it was the loss of a dear friend, a faithful Knight, a man of inspiration, wit, and unending energy.

On October 30, 1983, after a long and difficult illness, ALEXANDER J. ALEKSIS, oldest living member of the Knights of Lithuania, Honorary Member, musician and "Grand Old Man" of all Lithuanians, was called to his eternal reward. At age 97, Prof. Aleksis was not only the oldest member of the Knights of Lithuania, but also the person with the longest continuous membership -- 69 years.

The news of Professor Aleksis' death saddened not only his family and close friends, but also touched the hearts of all who had ever met him.

Friends and associates from many organizations, all walks of life, and all ages gathered to pay their last respects to this beloved gentleman. On Wednesday evening, Nov. 2, the Stokes Funeral Home in Waterbury was filled to overflowing, as the St. Joseph Church Choir rendered several hymns as their farewell, and other organizations expressed their sympathy and good-byes. The knights of Lithuania members, including local and out-of-town officers and members, led by National President Loretta Stukas and St. Joseph's pastor and C-7 Spiritual Advisor George Vilciauskas, offered the traditional Knights of Lithuania Wake Service. On Thursday, Nov. 3, K of L Honorary Members and National, District, and Council officers formed an Honor Guard as Mr. Aleksis was brought to St. Joseph's Church for the last time. Pastor Rev. Vilciauskas, assisted by 5 other



Professor ALEXANDER ALEKSIS and his wife, MARCELIA

priests, concelebrated a Mass of the Resurrection and delivered a beautifully fitting eulogy, while the St. Joseph Choir sang the liturgy. As Prof. Aleksis was laid to his final rest at Calvary Cemetery, his widow Marcella and the many gathered K of L members bid farewell by singing his composition, the Knights of Lithuania Anthem, and his beloved "Marija, Marija". Expressions of sympathy poured in from his many Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian

friends and associates, including several officials of the city of Waterbury.

Alexander Aleksis' life was as varied and fruitful as it was long. He was born on Oct. 10, 1886, in Lithuania, the youngest of 8 children of Francis and Elizabeth Aleksandravičius. Orphaned at eight years of age, he went to live with his brother, the Very Rev. Canon Vincent Aleksandravičius, theology master and composer, who



Professor Aleksis in New York in 1976

provided the means for his education in Poland. In his student years at the Warsaw Conservatory of Music, Aleksis was director of the famed Lithuanian Chorus founded in 1904 by Lithuania's immortal artist-musician Mykolas Čiurlionis. Graduated from the Warsaw Conservatory of Music with a music teacher's degree in piano, organ and composition, Mr. Aleksis came to the USA Sept. 1, 1913, and settled first in Chicago, where he co-founded the Beethoven Conservatory of Music in 1915. In 1916, he married Frances Nutautas. She died in Waterbury in 1930. Their only son, Norbert, band leader, vocalist and radio announcer, and Major in the USA Air Force, died in 1968 and is buried in Gettysburg National Cemetery in Pennsylvania. Aleksis married Knights of Lithuania Honorary Member Marcella Andrikis on Dec. 23, 1974.

Prof. Aleksis gained the honorific title of professor because of his 70 year involvement in composing, piano and composition instruction and his choirmaster posts. He worked in Roman Catholic Lithuanian churches in Chicago, Brooklyn, Detroit, Springfield, IL and Waterbury, where he served as organist and music director at St. Joseph Church from his arrival there in 1924.

Under his direction, the St. Joseph Church Choir performed at the 1939 and 1964 New York World's Fairs, in many Lithuanian song festivals and at the dedication of the Lithuanian Our Lady of Šiluva Memorial Chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. In Waterbury, he had a music studio where he inspired many young people with vocal and instrumental lessons. He originated Lithuanian radio programs on Waterbury radio stations WATR, WWCO and WTBY.

Prof. Aleksis produced and directed more than 150 plays, concerts and operettas and composed and published some 80 songs and religious works and one operetta - "I Tevyne" ("To the Fatherland.") He served as director of the Connecticut State Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the death of Lithuania's Grand Duke Vytautas the Great in Waterbury in 1930 and was Honorary Director of the II US and Canada Lithuanian Song Festival in 1961 and the 50th Jubilee Concert of the Lithuanian Organists Association in 1962, in Chicago, and the Lithuanian Religious Congress in 1966, in Washington, D.C. On Feb. 16, 1979, Aleksis was Waterbury's "Mayor for a Day", honoring Lithuanian Day.

For fostering and furthering national culture and patriotism, Aleksis was knighted with the Order of Grand Duke Gediminas by the Government of Free Lithuania on the 20th Anniversary of the country's Declaration of Reconstituted Independence, Feb. 16, 1938. The presentation of the Medal of Honor was presented June 9, 1938, at Hotel Elton, Waterbury, CT, by Consul General Jonas Budrys of New York.

Our dear Prof. Aleksis has served as National President or is an Honorary Member of countless Lithuanian and civic organizations, including the Lithuanian Catholic Federation, the Lithuanian Organists' and Musicians' Association, the Lithuanian American Council, the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, the US Servicemen's Families Society, the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce Arts Council, to name just a few. But he was the first to admit that his association with the Knights of Lithuania was indeed closest to his heart!

Alexander Aleksis joined the Knights in 1914, just one year after his arrival in the US, and just one year after the organization was founded. He immediately applied his talents and boundless energy to the growth of the organization. In 1914, he helped organize and served as first president of Council 4, Chicago's first Knights of Lithuania council. He went on to organize the Chicago District, now known as the Mid-America District. In 1915, he helped organize the Chicago District Knights of Lithuania Choir and served as its first director. The Choir is still active today, under direction of Faustas Strolia. Aleksis also went on to form Knights of Lithuania choirs in Detroit Mich. and in Springfield, Ill.

In 1915, he composed the Knights of Lithuania Anthem, which is still sung today at all Knights of Lithuania gatherings throughout the USA. Aleksis was elevated to the highest honor in the Knights of Lithuania, Honorary Membership,

in 1916, for his great contributions in helping the young organization grow, and getting it involved in cultural and political activities.

In 1918, Aleksis was elected National President of the K of L. It was under his leadership that a drive was begun to purchase a gold sword for Lithuanian Freedom Fighter General S. Zukauskas. The sword, costing \$1000, was presented to General Zukauskas a few years later during a K of L excursion to Lithuania.

For his many leadership talents, Aleksis was frequently elected to various national offices in the Knights and served often as general chairman or presidium chairman of National K of L Conventions. He served as general chairman of the historic 10th National Knights of Lithuania Convention in Springfield, Illinois in 1923, when he arranged for the never-repeated feat of holding the convention in the State House of the Illinois State Capitol.

That the Knights of Lithuania remain a leading force in the promotion of Lithuanian culture was the constant goal of Prof. Aleksis. When he was not directly leading cultural activities, he was actively supporting them. Aleksis regularly contributed musically or financially to K of L cultural activities. He personally financed several issues of VYTIS, and contributed generously to the VYTIS Fund annually.

Prof. Aleksis never "retired" from his interest in the Knights. Long after he reached an age where others might sit back and become inactive bystanders, Prof. Aleksis continued to attend and actively participate in National Conventions whenever his health and means allowed. In 1980, at age 93, Professor Aleksis, with his wife Marcella, were honored at the 67th National Convention of the K of L, in Boston, MA, on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the first performance of the K of L Anthem (Vyciu Himnas). Aleksis responded to the honor with an interesting, sp. hty and witty talk recalling his



National President Loretta Stukas (center) and Knights of Lithuania members at cemetery



Pallebearers carrying coffin of Professor Aleksis
Photo by Joe BOLEY

K of L memories, and directed the assembly in a lively singing of the Anthem, to the delight of all delegates, old and young.

Prof. Alexander Aleksis left behind him an impressive record of 70 consecutive years of sustained Lithuanian and civic activity in the US, his adopted land. His dedication, hard work, and many accomplishments endeared him to all who met him or benefited from the fruits of his labors. But he will be remembered for more than the positions he held, the groups he formed, the honors he earned.

As Father Vilčiauskas commented in his eulogy, Prof. Aleksis was never, never known to utter an unkind word against any person. He

left us an unmatched example as the epitome of a kind, caring gentleman. With his boundless energy and bright outlook on life, he taught us how to think young at ANY age. With his charming wit, he taught us to enjoy whatever life may bring. With his affection and attachment to church, society, and country, he taught us how to live to the fullest our Knights of Lithuania motto "Dievui ir Tėvynei" . . . "For God and Country."

To his widow, Marcella, and other members of his family, we extend our sincerest sympathy. We share your loss, and ask God to grant him the reward he so richly deserves.

Ilšėkis ramybėje, mielas Vyti.

Vyčių Himnas

M. GUSTAITIS

A. ALEKSIS

Alla Marcia

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prie - šą draus, O plie - no kar - das prie - šą draus.

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A SAINT A BLESSED AND A VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD

On the Feast of All Saints Catholic priests all over the world read a portion of Saint Bernard's Sermon number 2 as part of their daily prayer.

"the saints," St. Bernard, "have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. This is clear. However, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them."

This year all Lithuanians are celebrating the YEAR OF SAINT CASIMIR. We Knights of Lithuania are joining wholeheartedly in "venerating" his memory. So, according to St. Bernard, we must not think that we are adding to his glory, but, in reality, helping ourselves to reach that glory now enjoyed by Saint Casimir.

What is true of Saints is also true of Blesseds.

We have a Lithuanian Blessed, you know? A good question to ask is: when was the last time we "venerated" Blessed Michael Giedraitis of Vilnius?

A normal response to that question is: Blessed Michael who?

Mykolas, born in 1425, was the only child of the noble Giedraitis family. His father was Duke Giedraitis. Mykolas' early childhood was beset with many illnesses, which left him paralyzed in one leg and physically dwarfed. Because of these defects he could not participate in the usual palace activities. He kept to his rooms and learned to love the solitude into which he was forced. In

—Father A.A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

turn, this led him to prayer and in time to the realization that his future happiness would best be attained by consecrating himself to God in a monastery. As it happened, there was a monastery in Vilnius at the time, founded by Grand Duke Jogaila. He was accepted and in a few years he was sent to the University of Cracow, where he received a Doctor's degree in Philosophy. Though deformed in body, Mykolas had a keen mind. At this point he could have proceeded to the priesthood, but he chose not to. He remained a brother.

As he served the people who came to the monastery, his fame grew: he had powers of healing the sick and of foretelling the future. Throngs of people came to him seeking help.

Mykolas Giedraitis died fourteen months after Saint Casimir's death.

His fame and reputation as a "saint" did not die. In 1521 his body was exhumed and was found to be incorrupt, as fresh and life-like as on the day he died. He was proclaimed Blessed in 1544. His feast day in the Church calendar is December 12th.

As St. Bernard said, our Saint Casimir and our Blessed Michael "have no need of honor from us", rather, "they want us to be with them", "they are waiting for us."



During the YEAR OF SAINT CASIMIR, then, our veneration will not make him more glorious, nor will our veneration of Blessed Michael increase his glory, but will help to lead us to true happiness and make us happier on the way.

I wonder what Saint Bernard's advice would be referring to Venerable Servants of God and in particular, our beloved Archbishop George? We may not venerate him as "Blessed" until the Church proclaims him Blessed. But his saintly life and heroic virtues have been approved. Humanly speaking, we trust that he is with God. It takes an official decision by the Pope to declare that a person is in Heaven. This is a matter of faith.

After our K of L Phase I and Phase II projects, collecting more than 15,000 signatures requesting the Holy Father to hasten the Beatification of the Saintly Archbishop of Vilnius, what can we do next to advance the Cause?

Among the Resolutions of the 70th National Convention last year was one calling upon the Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor to formulate a program which would continue our efforts on behalf of the Matulaitis Beatificat

At this time we are most happy that the Holy Father has approved his heroic virtues and exemplary life and granted him the title of "Venerable." Now, the Church pauses for a sign of divine approval, a miracle. Miracles are actions above and beyond human or natural powers, truly extraordinary, performed or permitted by God Himself to affirm a divine truth. An example of this would be the raising of a dead person to life, or of suddenly and permanently healing a person most seriously ill. The Church examines and investigates these actions most rigorously and scientifically, before declaring them to be true miracles. So, if a miracle were to occur through the intercession of Archbishop Matulaitis, this would hasten his Beatification.

The pathway to miracles is prayer, because usually a miracle is an answer to confident prayer.

There is another category of extraordinary events which are not "miracles". These are called "divine favors", also granted by God in answer to prayer. Of course, these are of much less importance than miracles; however, many favors obtained through the intercession of a Servant of God may be considered a lesser sign of God's approval.

So, Phase III of our K of L endeavor to advance the Beatification of Archbishop George can be none other than prayer.

In the past, as we petitioned the Holy Father, we prayed. We continue to pray each Sunday in the Prayer of the Faithful at Lithuanian Masses. I presume that our brothers and sisters in Lithuania are doing the same. Phase III is meant to bring this general Sunday prayer to the level of personal and particular prayer, one that arises out of our own needs or the needs of those we love. The Sunday prayer is a personal prayer, too, because in praying for Archbishop Matulaitis' Beatification we pray for our people in Lithuania



Archbishop Matulaitis

whom we love and whose great needs we know. In God's own time there will be a Saint and two Blessed strengthening the Faith of the persecuted people of Lithuania.

Our Phase III prayer is an exercise of Faith and confidence in God through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God. We are urged to ask for his help in our day to day needs, anxieties, in our bodily and spiritual needs.

I think it was St. Augustine who penned the following: "There are many, many things that God grants to his children without being asked; but there are many which God has willed to grant, only in answer to humble, fervent prayer." In a somewhat similar way the Venerable George has been interceding before God for his people ever since the day he died, January 27, 1927. Who can say what additional favors he can obtain in answer to frequent, confident prayer?

It is suggested that all K of L's place a picture of the saintly Archbishop in a prominent place in the home so that it would remind us that a helper is at hand to help us in our needs.

Nothing could be simpler for a Phase III activity.

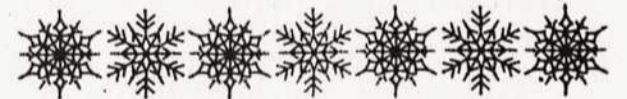
We notice some need of body or soul in ourselves or in those we love. We glance at the kindly, compassionate face of the Venerable Servant of God, waiting to serve according to God's Will. Confidently, we ask that he intercede for us. We give him the specific opportunity to obtain through his prayer the favor God has willed to grant, only if we pray.

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(On the wall between the windows there is a clock and underneath a photograph of Pope John Paul II. I just tucked a picture of Archbishop Matulaitis in the lower left hand corner of the frame.)

— Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

Colored pictures of Archbishop Matulaitis may be obtained by sending a self addressed, stamped envelope to the Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor. See inside front cover of VYTIS.



It's All Ours To Have

We are living in a world of beauty, but how few of us open our eyes to see it! What a different place this would be if our senses were trained to see and hear! We are the heirs of wonderful treasures from the past: Treasures of literature and of the arts. They are ours for the asking — all our own to have and to enjoy, if only we desire them enough.

Lorado Taft

Mailed in by V. Grazulis

KUNIGAS JUOZAS PRUNSKIS KALBA SU LORETTA STUKIENE

1. Kokie Jūsų organizacijos pagrindiniai siekimai, kaip reiškiasi veikimas, kiek turite narių ir kuopų?

Jau prieš 70 metų, saujelė jaunų Amerikos Lietuvių (visi imigrantai) įsteigė Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją, norėdami išlaikyti savo Lietuvybę ir Katalikybę, padėti Lietuvai atgauti savo nepriklausomybę, ir palikti ateinančiom Amerikos Lietuvių generacijom gaires, lietuviškumo išlaikymui šiame krašte. Viską jie darė su obalsiu „Dievui ir Tėvynei.“

Šiandien, tie jų siekimai ir idealai dar gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoje. Nors daugelį mūsų narių yra nematę Lietuvos, Lietuvos meilė vistiek dega jų širdyse! Jie įdomaujasi Lietuvos kultūra, džiaugiasi jos laimėjimais ir uoliai prisideda prie jos išlaisvinimo bylos. Toks entuziazmas mums daug padeda sėkmingai veikti. Galime pasidžiaugti, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai šiomis dienomis sunkiai ir efektingai dirba.

Kuopose, apskričiuose ir seimuose, kalbame ir dirbame ne tik apie organizacijos reikalus, bet taip pat apie Lietuvos kultūrą ir politiką. Giname Lietuvos vardą laiškais ir darbais. Prisidedame kiek tik galime prie savo Lietuviškų parapijų išlaikymo.

Daug kuopų organizuoja Lietuviškas parodas tarptautiniuose festivaliuose, ir taip mėgina kuo geriau supažindinti svetimtaučius su Lietuva, jos kultūra, jos padėtim.

Chicagoje stipriai veikia L. V. Choras, vad. Fausto Strolios, ir L. V. Tautinių Šokėjų Grupė, vad. Prano Zapolio. Pensylvanijoje, viena kuopa net įsteigė savo Kultūrinius Namus. Jaunimui ruošiamė įvairias programas ir kasmet duodame veiklesniems stipendijas siekti aukštesnį mokslą.

Vyčių organizacija prisideda prie kiekvieno svarbaus Lietuviško darbo ar užmojo, ar jis būtų anti-komunistinis žygis, ar Lietuviškos koplyčios šventinimas, ar vėjus atkreipti kokią politinę akciją Lietuvos ar lietuvių naudai, ir t.t.

Gal mūsų svarbiausias laimėjimas yra tas, kad per mūsų organizaciją, galime įtraukti į Lietuvišką darbą tuos Amerikos Lietuvius kurie nemoka lietuviškai, ir kurie kitaip gal negalėtų pasireikšti lietuviškame gyvenime. Nesvarbu kurią kalbą jie vartoja — jeigu jie įvertina savo lietuviškas „šaknis“, jų darbai yra vertingi ir jie mums naudingi. Per mūsų organizaciją, jie gali mokintis lietuviškai ir išmokti daugiau apie savo tėvynės kultūrą, padėti ir t.t.

Šiandien turime arti 4000 narių, 55 kuopų. Narių bei kuopų skaičius kasmet auga. Ir jau pradėjom rasti dėmesio mūsų organizacijai ir tokiuose vietose kur anksčiau lietuviškos veiklos beveik nebuvo. Lietuviai gyvenantieji Kansas, Missouri, Georgia, Colorado ir

kitose valstijose kreipiasi į mus su klausimais apie Lietuvą ir apie Vyčius. Mes mėginame juos privesti arčiau prie lietuviškos veiklos. Suteikiame jiems pagalbos lietuviškuose reikaluose, duodame medžiagos, ir kur galima, mėginame ten steigti naujas Vyčių kuopas.

2. Nuo kada ir kodėl Jūsų organizacija yra įsijungusi į Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos vadovaujamas Lietuvos laisvinimo pastangas?

Lietuvos Vyčiai įsijungė į naujos Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos darbą nuo pat tos organizacijos įsisteigimo. Kodėl? Todėl, kad ALT-o tikslai ir Lietuvos Vyčių siekimai, kas liečia Lietuvos išlaisvinimo bylą, buvo ir yra vienodi. Be to, vienas iš ALT-o steigėjų, a.a. Leonardas Šimutis, Sr., taip pat padėjo įsteigti Lietuvos Vyčius ir buvo mūsų Garbės Narys. Jo nuomonės buvo labai įvertinamos, ir jo pasišventimas abiejų organizacijų tikslams mums buvo aiškus ženklas, kad mums privalo Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos darbą įvertinti ir į tą darbą įsijungti.

Tada, kai Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba buvo organizuojama tikslu sujungti visas Amerikos Lietuvių organizacijas dirbančias Lietuvos išlaisvinimo darbą, Vyčiai, įsitikinę, kad tas darbas yra vienas iš mūsų svarbiausių uždavinių, su malonumu įstojo į ALT-ą ir pasiryžo dirbti be sustojimo mūsų bendram tikslui, Lietuvos vardo gynimui ir Lietuvos tautos išlaisvinimui.

3. Kokiais Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos laimėjimais Jūs labiausiai džiaugiatės?

Mes daugiausiai įvertiname ir džiaugiamės Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos gavimu JAV valdžios nepripažinimą Lietuvos okupacijos Sovietų Sąjungos. Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos atstovų pasimatymas su JAV Prezidentu F. Rooseveltu 1940 m. spalio mėn. tikrai buvo istorinis reikšmingas įvykis Amerikos Lietuvių gyvenime. Iki šiai dienai, tas JAV valdžios nusistatymas nepasikeitė. Mums ypatingai naudingas tas JAV valdžios nusistatymas. Jau suvirš 40 metų, jis davė L. Vyčiams, ypač mūsų Lietuviškų Reikalų Komisijai, stiprų ramstį laiškų rašymui, ginant Lietuvos teisę būti nepriklausoma ir kreipiantis į valdžios pareigūnus ir spaudą prašant juos atžymėti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės dieną, atitaisyti klaidingus raštus, žemėlapius ir t.t.

Šių dienų veikloj, mes labai įvertinam ALT-o darbą ir su Vašingtone veikiančių Pabaltiečių Komitetu.

Kitas Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos didelis laimėjimas mūsų akyse yra tas, kad nuo pradžios, ta organizacija pajėgė įtraukti į bendrą ir vieningą Lietuvos išlaisvinimo darbą beveik visas veikiančias žymesnes Amerikos Lietuvių ideologines, politines bei fraternalines organizacijas nežiūrint jų pažiūrų.

4. Kokius pasiūlymus turėtumėte tolimesnei Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos veiklai?

Mes Vyčiai didžiuojamės Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos atliktais darbais ir esame dėkingi, kad ir mums teko prie

to darbo prisidėti. Linkime nepavargti ir tęsti tą garbingą ir patriotinį darbą ir toliau.

Kad tas darbas nesustotų, raginame įtraukti į talką naujesnius, jaunesnius veikėjus. Nors daug iš jų nemoka laisvai kalbėti lietuviškai, čia gimusiems lietuviams rūpi jų Lietuvių reikalai ir Lietuvos išlaisvinimas. Gal reikėtų pagalvoti apie įvedimą anglų kalbos ALT-o posėdžiuose ir darbuose, kad antroji, trečioji ir net ketvirtoji karta Amerikos Lietuvių daugiau susidomėtų ALT-o darbais ir siekimais. Jeigu galėtų daugiau prisidėti prie ALT-o darbo tie, kurie negali dabar dalyvauti dėl nemokėjimo lietuvių kalbos, ALT-ui nepritrūktų vadų bei narių ateityje.

5. Kokios talkos iš išeivijos Jūs lauktumėte savo vadovaujamo sąjūdžio tolimesnei sėkmingai veiklai?

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai, kaipo vienai iš Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybą sudarančių narių, reikia artimesnių ryšių su ALT-o vadovais. Būtų malonu ir kartu naudinga visiems jeigu nors vienas ALT-o atstovas aktyviai dalyvautų kiekviename Vyčių visuotiniame seime. Atstovas galėtų painformuoti apie ALT-o veiklą,

ir nurodyti kokie darbai reikalingi mūsų dėmesio. Visi, o ypač mūsų naujieji nariai geriau suprastų kokie ryšiai reikalingi, ir kaip galime efektingiau įsijungti į bendrą lietuvišką darbą.

Jūsų biuletiniai, o ypač anglų kalbos biuletiniai, yra skaitomi daugelio mūsų narių, ir atskiros žinutės iš tų leidinių randa vietos beveik kiekviename mūsų Lietuviškų Reikalų Komisijos leidinyje ir Vyties numeruose. O ALT-o leidinėlis anglų kalboje apie Lietuvą yra dalinamas mūsų parodose, supažindinant Amerikos visuomenę su Lietuvos padėtimi. Dėkojame ALT-ui už tuos darbus, ir raginame tęsti juos ir toliau.

Dažnai būna tokių momentų, kada biuletinis negali perduoti žinias pakankamu greičiu. Asmenišką susisiekimą, su tais vadovais kurie galėtų padėti įvykdyti svarbų darbą, yra reikalingas. Siūlyčiau, kad formaliai susitartumėm palaikyti tokius asmenišką ryšius, tarp jūsų vadovų ir mūsų Lietuviškų Reikalų Komiteto veikėjais.



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Member of C-36
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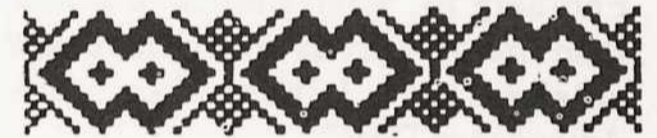
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TĖVYNĖ MŪSŲ

Ko liūdi Tėvyne mūsų?
Ko Tau rieda ašarėlės?
Ar ne žalios Tavo rūtos?
Ar ne kvapios Tavo gėlės?
Ar saulutė Tau aptemo?
Ar nešvyti gintarėlis?
Ko brangi Tėvyne mūsų
Tau veide kančių šešėlis?
Daug didžių kančių patyriau,
Skauda širdį man, dukrelės.
Jau ne šiandien ir ne vakar
Erškėčiuotas mano kelias.
Kai valdovai svetimieji
Mums užgynę buvo raštą,
Daug didvyrių galvas guldė
Už gimtinių savo kraštą.
Daugel ašarų išliejo
Seserėlė ir motulė,
Kai ne vienas jaunas brolis
Sibiro sniegynuos gulė
Ten grubi ranka palaužia
Net naujos gyvybės daigą,
Kad tik jis nesutrukdytų
Savanaudžio džiaugsmo eigą . . .

Surinko
Stefanija Raštikis

THE LITHUANIAN SERVICE OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA

By Father Joseph Prunskis

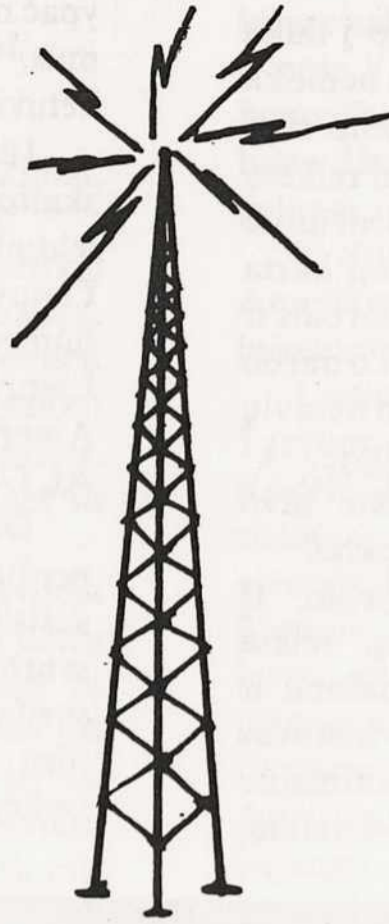
The Voice of America, in 1951 at the request of the Lithuanian American Council introduced the Lithuanian Service. The first broadcast took place on February 16, 1951. On this occasion Mr. Edward W. Barrett, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, stated, "It gives me particular pleasure to participate in the opening program of the Lithuanian language transmissions of the Voice of America on this day, February 16, when Lithuanians and their many friends everywhere are celebrating Lithuanian Independence Day."

"The people and the Government of the United States, through these broadcasts will seek to convey the genuine interest and concern which they take in the welfare of the Lithuanian people . . ."

"The Lithuanian broadcasts of the Voice of America will convey to the Lithuanian people a factual and unbiased picture of the motives and aims which guide the United States in international relations: Our aims are: peace, freedom and justice for all."

"These broadcasts will also endeavor to bring to the people of Lithuania a true report on the contemporary American scene and the efforts of the people of the United States to achieve a fuller and richer life for all those who cherish freedom and liberty."

The commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Lithuanian Service of the Voice of America took place in the Senate building, Washington, D.C., on May 14, 1981. It was organized by the Lithuanian American Council and the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania. The Honorable Senator Charles H. Percy was the host of the



luncheon and the main speaker. Among the 120 distinguished guests were representatives of the Senate, House of Representatives, the White House, Department of State, Voice of America, the Diplomatic Corps and many leading personalities of Lithuanian society.

The opening speech was made by Kazys Šidlauskas, National President of the Lithuanian American Council. He stated:

"I believe that the observance of these Baltic radio programs is very important at this time, when, as Congressman Derwinski puts it, we are involved in an international radio war with the Soviet Union."

"I also want to stress the seriousness of that radio war, considering the fact that we are fighting a Communist system which is based on lies, deception and deceit, while the United States wants to tell the truth with very limited means and expenses."

"It cannot be considered as a satisfactory state of affairs, when the Soviet Union is spending four times the amount of money for jamming the United States foreign language radio programs, as we are spending in preparing them and transmitting."

"We hope that in the future the United States Congress and the Administration will pay more attention to this continuing international radio war. The Voice of America, Radio Liberty/ Radio Free Europe must be kept strong. In this radio war these foreign language programs will be our best defense."

The main speaker was the Honorable Charles H. Percy who stated:

"To the people of Lithuania, let me say that Americans have not forgotten June 1940 when the Baltic States were occupied by Soviet troops and forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union. The national sovereignties of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia were trampled. The peoples of these nations were subjected to foreign domination. Atheism was extolled. Religion was attacked. Agriculture was collectivized. Private property and industry were nationalized. Large numbers of the inhabitants were deported. And non-Baltic peoples were brought in."

"Yet through all this, and for 41 years since, the peoples of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia somehow, with God's help, have maintained their national identities, their national cultures, their religious beliefs, and their self-respect. They deserve our continuing admiration. They deserve our continuing concern. And we shall never forget them."

Dr. L. Kriauceliunas, chairman of the committee which organized this commemoration, presented Senator Percy with an artistically designed honorary award expressing the gratitude of Lithuanians for his support of the cause of freedom for Lithuania.

Dr. Kazys Bobelis, President of the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania made the following remarks:

"On behalf of all Lithuanian Americans and all Lithuanians throughout the world, I would like to

express our most sincere appreciation and gratitude to our government through you for defending the principles of freedom and independence for all people and nations alike."

Mr. Scott Cohen, Senator Percy's administrative assistant, also received recognition in the form of two volumes of books about Lithuania and an inscribed plaque.

Mr. Valdas Adamkus, Master of Ceremonies, made the following closing remarks:

"The Voice of America is our electronic Statue of Liberty and it has kept beaming its message these years through a continuing commitment by the United States Congress to give the world hope for peace, democracy and freedom . . . It is a beacon of hope . . . How proud we are of the role the Voice of America has played through all these years and we are grateful to the men and women who have performed this essential service with such dedication . . ."

The Lithuanian Service of the

Voice of America gives extremely important free information to the Lithuanian nation, beaming directly to the land of our fathers. On different wave lengths, from 19.7 to 49.3, the program is given four times a day: It contains news, review of Lithuanian activities, sports, science, economics, review of books, religion and international events. Letters from Lithuania and information from tourists who visit Lithuania indicate that the broadcast to Lithuania is very widely followed.



ON THE OCCASSION OF THE 80th BIRTHDAY OF BISHOP BRIZGYS

Loretta Stukas, President

Jūsų Ekscelencija,

Nenorėjome mes, Vyčiai-Vytės, praleisti šios progos nepasveikinę Jus šiais metais minintį labai reikšmingą sukaktį. Nors šios dienos tikslas yra švęsti Aušros Vartų parapijos šventę prie kurios mes, Vyčiai jungiamės linkėjimais, maldomis ir darbais, vienok, nei šios parapijos nariai, nei Vyčiai negali neprisiminti šių įvykių garbės svečio aštuoniasdešimtąjį gimtadienį, įvykusį lapkričio 10 dieną.

Lietuvoje, trejų metų Vincukas, bėginėdamas aplink tėvų namelį Plynių kaime, 1906 metais, nežinojo, nei nenujautė, kad čia New Yorke įsisteigė Aušros Vartų parapija, ir kad jam teks vieną dieną vadovauti šios dienos išskilmėms, ir tuo pat, švęsti savo gimtuves.

Daukšių pradinėje mokykloje, dešimtus metus einantis jaunutis Vincas, 1913 metais, taip pat nežinojo, negalėjo žinoti, kad toli už Atlanto marių, Amerikoje, būrėsi jauni lietuviai į naują organizaciją, pasiryžę darbuotis „Dievui ir Tėvynei.“

Be abejo, 1927 metais, jau išventintas Kunigas Brizgys šiek tiek susipažino su Lietuvos Vyčiais, atvykusiais į Lietuvą įteikti generolui Silvestrui Žukauskui AUKSINI KARDĄ.

Tremtinys, Vyskupas Brizgys atvyko į Ameriką 1949 metais ir tuoj pat glaudžiai susirišo su Lietuvos Vyčiais. Buvo tikras: **Love at first sight.** Ir mes Vyčiai pamilome Jo Ekscelenciją.

1952 metais, Dayton, per Vyčių Seimą Jo Ekscelencija aktyviai įsijungė į Vyčių dvasios vadovybės veiklą, ragindamas mus: „Vyčiai, mums Jūsų reikia parapijose, miestuose, valstybėse ir visoje Amerikoje.“

1957 metais Los Angeles Seimas pasiūlė, ir kitais metais Philadelphijoje Seimas pakėlė mūsų mylimą Vyskupą į Garbės Narius, įteikdami jam aukščiausią Vyčių organizacijos žymenį.

Bet meilei ir pagarbai nėra ribų: Štai, dabar, mūsų dabartinis Dvasios Vadas, Tėvas Antanas Jurgelaitis, siūlo pripažinti gyvenimo faktą, neužginčijamai aiškų per paskutinius 26 metus: viešai paskelbti, kad Jūs, Ekscelencija esate ir būsite Lietuvos Vyčių GARBĖS DVASIOS VADAS, kurį dabar sveikiname, linkėdami ilgiausių metų, nelūžtančios sveikatos ir nesibaigiančių Dievo palaimų.

Mūsų Centro Dvasios Vadas man pranešė, kad Visų Vyčių vardu, vakar ryte atnašavo šventų Mišių Auką už Jūsų intencijas. Ši yra mūsų pirmoji gimtadienio sukaktuvių dovanėlė. O antrąją štai dabar įteikiame.

Artėjant Švento Kazimiero 500-tų metų mirties sukakties šventei, Lietuvos Vyčiai yra užsake platinimui Švento Kazimiero statulėlę. Jūsų Ekscelencijos 80 metų gimtadienio proga, norime jums įteikti pirmą tokią statulėlę, su mūsų visų maldomis ir geriausiais linkėjimais.

Your Excellency, on behalf of the entire Knights of Lithuania organization, may I wish you a very Happy 80th Birthday. We ask God's blessings, that He grant you many more happy, healthy and fruitful years in His service. As a small token of our love and esteem, we present you with this, the first of a limited edition, statue of St. Casimir, especially made for the Knights to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the death of our patron saint, St. Casimir, to be celebrated on March 4, 1984.

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LITHUANIAN LEGENDS

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National Cultural Chairman

Jurate and Kastytis

Long ago, mighty Perkunas, the god of thunder, ruler of all the gods and "Viešpats", sovereign ruler of all the people, presented the waters of the Baltic to his daughter, Jurate, to rule over as her domain.

Jurate was the consort of the god-king of the oceans, Dievšvietis. She lived in a beautiful amber palace deep under the blue waters of the Baltic Sea.

One day Jurate sent all the pikes with messages to summon all the nymphs and mermaids from as far as the Jura River for a council at her amber palace. It seemed an audacious fisherman, Kastytis by name, had dared to cast nets around Palanga, imprisoning the fish in his nets and destroying them. She asked how he should be punished.

They decided to get into boats and sail to the shores of the Šventoji River, where Kastytis was mending his nets. They would lure him to the bottom of the seas with their singing and dancing. They would smother him with their embraces, then blind him with sand and seaweed.

The song of Jurate and her mermaids was bewitching and enchanting. The pine forests vibrated with the echo of their singing. From the

distance they beheld their foe, Kastytis; young as the new clover in bloom, handsome as the rising sun and sturdy as the mighty oak. His forehead was high, his hair flaxen, his eyes as deep blue as the Baltic Sea. With contentment in his heart and a song on his lips, he pursued his mending.

Kastytis heard the enticing song. Raising his eyes, he saw hundreds of glittering boats manned by beautiful maidens using amber oars. Each was lovely but among them, the most beautiful of all, stood one with a crown on her head and an amber scepter in her hand. She was Jurate, the queen and goddess of the Baltic.

Slowly the boats put to shore and the maidens alighted. Holding each other by the hand they encircled the unsuspecting youth. Kastytis was astounded by the sight. Jurate, the most stately of them all fascinated him. She exerted a hypnotic power over him. At last, bewitched by her treacherous charms, Kastytis arose and threw himself into her arms. The Queen gave a signal to cease the dance.

Jurate was about to speak and tell Kastytis the terrible punishment that he was about to receive. For a long moment, she could not speak. The beauty and youthfulness of Kastytis made her want to gather him in her arms.

Finally, she said "Stop, you thoughtless youth; your sin is great and you deserve severe punishment. You have caused the death of many of my friends and subjects, the fish. However, your youth and beauty have appeased my anger. I will commute the punishment on one condition. You must swear to love me, to be mine and mine only. In my arms, you will find happiness and your misdeeds will be forgiven. If your refuse the love of Queen Jurate, your' destruction is assured.

Kastytis needed no urging. He knelt before Jurate and uttered, "I cannot believe my good fortune; I vow I will love you forever. With a wave of her arm, Jurate enfolded Kastytis in her arms. She said, "You

are now mine forever. Every evening I will come sailing to you and meet you on this hill. She then held out her sceptre and vanished.

For one year, the Queen of the Baltic would alight on the sands every evening at sundown from her boat of pearl and amber where Kastytis was waiting for her. Every morning, she would return to her amber palace under the Baltic Sea, sad at heart because her beloved Kastytis could not be at her side always.

Such happiness could not last. A jealous nymph who envied Jurate left the palace to report to Perkunas that his daughter had committed the unpardonable sin of falling in love with a mortal. Perkunas could not believe that his daughter could do such a thing, but he sent out a trusting messenger to see if the nymph had spoken the truth. When it was reported to him that it was so, Perkunas was exceedingly angry.

Jurate has just returned home from a night with her mortal lover. She lay on her pearl couch dreaming of her beloved, Kastytis, when Perkunas flung a flash of lightning which cleft the waves of the Baltic. He unleashed the tempests and caused great storms to arise. Heavy clouds gathered, the waters became turbulent and black. Amid this howling storm, a terrible thunderbolt struck the Queen's palace of amber killing her and shattering the palace into thousands of pieces. Kastytis was chained to the bottom of the sea, and the body of his beloved Jurate was cast before him. He was eternally compelled, with eyes fixed upon her, to bemoan her unhappy fate, while waves carried fragments of Jurate's palace far and wide.

To this day, you may still find fragments of amber if you walk along the white sands of the Baltic shore. The waves will bring in pieces of white, gold and bronze amber and strew them at your feet. Sometimes at sundown, one can still hear the distant moans of the doomed youth, the sorrowful cry of lost love.

HOMILY ON THE DEATH OF MY FATHER

Mass of the Resurrection
Church of Our Lady of Sorrows
Kearny, New Jersey
August 13, 1983

Easter of 1979 saw me chaperoning then high school students to Rome. It was an exciting week for all of us. I had had the privilege of serving as a Communion priest for Pope John Paul II's first Easter Vigil Mass as Pope. The students had had the opportunity to speak to the Holy Father personally and to have their pictures taken with him. We had all been taken up by the beauty of the Eternal City and its significance for Catholic life. In the midst of it all, one of the students said, "You know, Father, it's so easy to believe when you're here!" Yes, that is true.

Sometimes it's extremely easy to believe, like at the birth of baptism of an infant or at a child's First Holy Communion or Confirmation. It's easy to believe when one witnesses a religious make profession of vows or when a young man is ordained to the priesthood. When a couple give themselves to one another in the bond of Christian marriage, one finds it equally easy to believe. Death is another story.

It is not easy to believe in a God of life and love in the face of death, but it is essential. You just heard that touching dialogue between Martha and our Lord. He offered her hope for the resurrection of Lazarus by proclaiming Himself to be the Resurrection and the Life. Martha, who had already come to accept Jesus as the Messiah, was now led by Him to take the next step — belief in Him as the Lord of Life, which puts a whole new face on death.

The death of any person is an invitation to consider how Christ did indeed live in that person and how that person made a home for God in his life. We are told that God is glorious in his saints. My father was not a living saint and he would be the first to admit it. Eulogies are not permitted in the funeral liturgy and he would be the first to scoff at the idea of being eulogized. He was a sinner like you and me. His sins we need not rehearse for they are known to God before whose divine tribunal we all plead for mercy. Perhaps one of his most glaring faults or sins, though, was an unquenchable pride in his son, the priest. His virtues were simple, manly, and quite a propos for Catholics today. Let me mention a few.

† My father had a undying love for the Church. He was proud to be a Catholic and could not conceive of life in Christ apart from the Church.

† He was a voracious reader, especially in the area of theology. It was he who introduced me to Chesterton and Newman. So many people today have doctorates in physics or math while retaining a second-grade understanding of their faith. My father never completed college but he knew Catholic theology intimately and could explain it clearly and with conviction.

† My father had a tremendous respect for clergy and religious. He had what some might consider to be that rather quaint habit of tipping his hat to them whenever he saw them on the street. However, he was never naive enough to think them perfect, just special. Nor did he have a mere theoretical appreciation for the priesthood; it was genuine. In a time when parents actively discourage their sons from committing themselves to the priesthood, it is good to know that there have been parents who have been supportive. Since I first made my announcement about becoming a priest at the age of five, never did I receive anything but positive reinforcement from both my mother and father. And it was he who bought me my first biretta when I was in the third grade!

† Finally, I must say that in all my years, I never heard him curse or swear or use foul language. He was what we used to refer to as a "Christian gentleman."

The death of any person is an invitation to thank God for all the good things God gave that person during his earthly life. I thank God, first of all, that he had such good, strong patrons: St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, and St. Michael the Archangel. You know, he may have gotten a new patron on the day of his death. As some of you may realize, he was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Well, he died — or better yet — was born to eternal life on the feast of St. Lawrence the Martyr. Thanks be to God for a life that was reasonably comfortable and fulfilling, with few real health problems — except at the end. Thanks be to God for a quick and relatively painless death and one for which he could be prepared.

Like Martha, we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Messiah, which means we believe that "The souls of the just are in the hand of God." It also means we must be able to see beyond our present sorrow and say, with St. Paul, "Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Each day of his life, my father prayed — like every good Catholic: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." Our prayer — the prayer of the Church — is that our Lady was indeed praying for him at the hour of his death and that she was at his side, ready to lead him to her divine Son — to be welcomed into his heavenly kingdom. And that hope does indeed make it easier to believe.

Father Peter Stravinskias

MASSACHUSETTS' PRO-LITHUANIAN LAW

On September 26, 1983 Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts signed into law an act providing for the annual observance of Lithuanian Independence Day on February 16. Chapter 373 of the Acts of 1983 reads as follows:

"Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 12 EE the following section: Section 12FF. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart February sixteenth as Lithuanian Independence Day, in commemoration of the promulgation of the nineteen hundred and eighteen Declaration of Independence which reestablished Lithuania as a sovereign nation and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people." This act was passed in both Houses of the General Court (Legislature) on September 19th.

State Representative William J. Glodis, assistant majority leader and vice chairman of the Committee on Taxation, introduced the measure as House Bill 6117. In effect this legislation places Lithuanian Independence

Day on the permanent calendar of official observances. As Mr. Glodis pointed out: "Years from now there may no longer be any Lithuanians in the commonwealth, but the governors will have to proclaim Lithuanian Independence Day anyway!"

Massachusetts is the second state to have formalized observance of Lithuanian Independence Day. The common practice has been to petition each year the governor for his consent to issue a proclamation for the commemoration in his state. The Massachusetts law makes it obligatory for the chief state executive to issue a public proclamation which is recorded with the Massachusetts Acts and Resolves.

Representative Glodis followed up the promulgation of the law by petitioning Armand LeMar, superintendent of public buildings, for permission to fly the Lithuanian flag at the state house each year on February 16th. Mr. LeMar responded on October 16th by approving the request to fly the Lithuanian flag on February 16, 1984. The Democratic State representative is active in the Lithuanian community of Worcester and is proud of his heritage.

Algirdas Budreckis



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C-100

JUNIORS CORNER

C-96 JUNIORS

This summer the Junior Knights went on a wonderful trip to King's Island Amusement Park, close to Cincinnati, Ohio. We stayed overnight in a lovely hotel near the park. We went swimming and had a picnic. A good time was had by all!

On Oct. 30 we had a Halloween party. A rock and roll star, a devil, Miss Peggy, a mouse, and even a chimney showed up! We bobbed for apples, played games, and won prizes.

Our council is very happy to receive two new members from Du Bois, Penn. They are Wendy and Gina Bruzga.

At our next meeting, we will vote for our new officers.

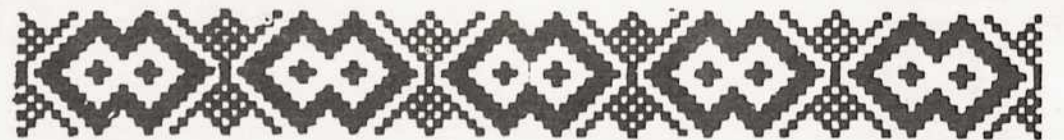
Catherine Shepherd



A tired, hot bunch of C-96 Juniors after a day at Kings Island



The Frackville Juniors of C-144 under the direction of Sister Angela performed for the Mt. Carmel Woman's Club



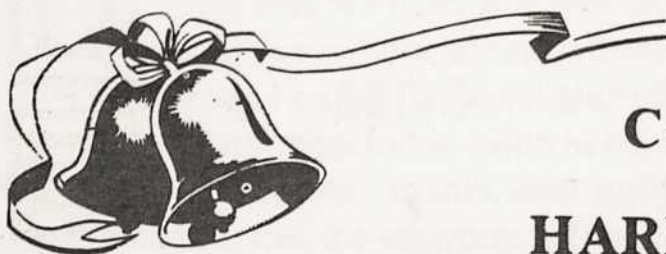
COOK'S CORNER

By MARY LUCAS, H.M.

BUTTER PECAN COOKIES

- 1 c. butter or margarine (softened)
- 2/3 c. packed brown sugar
- 1 egg Pecan Halves
- 2 c. all-purpose flour

Cream butter and sugar; blend in egg. Add flour and salt; stir into creamed mixture. Chill 1 hour. Form into 1 inch balls; place 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten in one direction with tines of fork. Top each with a pecan half. Bake at 375' for 10-12 min.



C-146

HARRISBURG

New Year Greetings

Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



Rev. ALGIMANTAS BARTKUS (Father Al), Spiritual Advisor to C-144, St. Clair, Pa., has been assigned as principal administrator of the Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome, according to the "Pottsville Republican."

Among his many accomplishments was the overseeing of the opening of the Lithuanian Cultural Museum in Frackville. He was actively involved in the formation of C-144. He taught Lithuanian language classes in the adult education program at Shenandoah Valley High School and hosted a weekly Lithuanian radio program. He is also very active in planning the Lithuanian Day celebrations at Lakewood Park.

Father Bartkus said goodbye to his many friends and past and present parishioners at a farewell party held last October in the Annunciation Church hall, Frackville. The Junior Knights presented a brief program in his honor. C-144 members are happy for Father Al, but he will be sorely missed.

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REGINA VENIS, daughter of Rita and Jerome Venis, South Boston, Mass., was one of 70 finalists in the Miss National Teenager Pageant for Massachusetts. She was sponsored by C-17, South Boston, and is a former Junior K of L'er. Of note, during the competition she was always introduced as being sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania.

The "Chicago Sun-Times" featured an article about FAUSTAS STROLIA entitled "Teaching kids is music to Lithuanian's ears." The article states that Faustas arrived in the United States in 1956 from Germany, where his family spent several years in displaced-persons camps after fleeing the post-World War II Soviet occupation of Lithuania. During his stay in Europe, Strolia attended a music school in Rome, where he developed his love of performing. In the United States, he has combined that love for music and unabashed gratitude to be an American into a career in the city's Lithuanian community.

Faustas says that his most important work is the time he spends with children. He states: "To me, it's a commitment, teaching children. If I have been able to do anything — teach children their heritage and see that the spirit of Lithuania is not broken — it is not because of me, but the gifts that I was given to play music and to work with children."

Faustas is director of the K of L Choir. He and his wife Theresa, and sons Paul, Thomas, John and Matthew, are all members of C-36, Chicago.

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ANDREW EIVA has a one-room office in Alexandria, Va. for an organization he calls American-Afghan Action for the purpose of helping the Afghans regain their freedom, according to "The New York Times." He does not want the guerrillas fighting the Russians in Afghanistan to suffer the same fate as the friends and relatives of his parents in Lithuania after World War II.

Three years ago, he gave up his West Point commission in the United States Army and went off to secret sites in Afghanistan and elsewhere to train Afghan guerillas. He was jailed by the Pakistanis for meddling, and is under investigation by the FBI for possible violation of the Neutrality Act. In the meantime, he wrote a Senate resolution calling for more aid to the Afghan rebels. The resolution was cosponsored by 99 Senators, but did not pass because of the required unanimous consent.

Mr. Eiva, who works tirelessly and passionately, is presently at work on a new resolution.

JACK SHARKEY (Joseph Paul Zukauskas) celebrated his 81st birthday on October 26th. Age and country living have not mellowed the former heavyweight champion, states the "New York Times." He has retained the quick, biting wit and the brash manner that were trademarks of his bittersweet career. Sharkey, who lives in Epping, N.H., was born of Lithuanian parents in Binghamton, N.Y.

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From "Vienybė" — After eight years of operations, **SANDY STONKUS**, the bionic man of Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood, Ill., is home. Arthritis once plagued the 76-year old former Army corporal, but doctors freed him of the pain by implanting two artificial shoulders, two artificial hips, one artificial knee and a clip in the other knee.

He is called the bionic man because he walked away from the VA hospital and is an inspiration to the other patients.

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On Sept. 22nd, C-17, South Boston, members were being called to join in a protest demonstration against a Russian ship docking to unload a shipment of vodka and wood for a local lumber company. The Lithuanian community joined the approximately 130 demonstrators (mostly Korean) staging an anti-Soviet demonstration, carrying signs and chanting anti-soviet slogans. The longshoremen refused to unload the ship, as a result it left port, it's cargo intact.

Pictured are C-17 members Emily Lehmann, Daniel Averka, Mary Mickavitch, Patricia Akule, Alice Opanasets, Eva Ball, and Alexander Akule.



C-17 S. Boston members demonstra



Betsy Gelenitis

The "Jersey Journal" reports that **ELIZABETH GELENITIS** of Kearney, N.J., is endeavoring to establish a separate women's sailing division in the 1988 Olympics. The U.S. Olympic Committee has already named her top woman sailor for 1981. She was named Yachtswoman of the Year in a Rolex-sponsored competition encompassing the entire United States.

Betsy's mother Eleanor is a member of C-90, Kearny, N.J.

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"The Recorder" Amsterdam, N.Y., has announced their 1983 Carrier of the Year. Congratulations to **JOE NIKSTENAS**, Semi-finalist, who is 1st Runner-up. Joe is President of Junior C-100, Amsterdam.



Joe Nikstenas

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OFFICIAL NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EDITORS, WRITERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

St. Casimir, our Patron Saint, died on March 4-th, 1984. We will remember the 500th zAnniversary of this event by devoting the entire March 1984 issue to St. Casimir.

National President Loretta Stukas, National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Professor Jack Stukas, National Spiritual Advisor Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, National Lithuanian Language Propagation Chairman Dr. Algirdas Budreckis, National Cultural Chairman Anna K. Wargo, Lithuanian Editor Stefanija Rastikis and VYTIS Editor Aldona Ryan have volunteered to contribute to this project.

Please note: The March issue of VYTIS will NOT contain regular features such as "Lithuanians in the News," "Council News," "Junior News," et cetera. Any stories received by VYTIS editors that are intended for these features in the March issue will be held back and printed in the April issue.



ST. CASIMIR AND OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA

The Knights of Lithuania republished two very interesting and important booklets, featuring some important facts of interest to the faithful of Lithuanian descent . . . and as so, to all Knights of Lithuania. The booklets, entitled THE LIFE OF ST. CASIMIR and OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA are based on those prepared and published earlier by Rev. Albert Contons and Rev. John C. Jutt (RIP), resp.; and were updated and revised by Rev. A. Jurgelaitis; and Rev. C. Pugevičius.

Both booklets are available for a token sum of \$.50 each. A quantity discount of 10% is given for orders of 50-100, and 20% for orders of over 100. The booklets are pocket size, and make easy and interesting reading. Why not order to-day. To obtain your order, please write to:

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EXCERPTS FROM THE "CHRONICLE" — ISSUE No. 58, May 22, 1983

Viktoras Petkus writes:

"Our life is monotonous. For us, receiving newspapers and magazines is problematical. They claim that periodical literature reaches us three times a week. So they say; but in reality, weeks have gone by without our receiving a single newspaper. If they do deliver the newspapers, they usually bring the magazines only once a week, so that they make an armful. The rule here is that an individual prisoner can keep only five items in his cell, no matter whether books, brochures or magazines; everything else has to be checked with the store room, on the pretext that you can claim it when you want it.

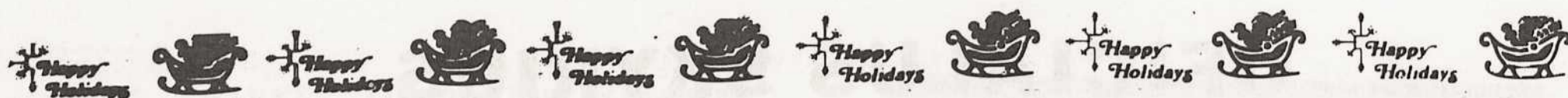
"Theoretically, it looks like a pretty good system. In practice, it sometimes takes over a week to get them to take you to the store room. So you end up in a vicious circle. It's worse with books. Receiving any books from home is categorically forbidden. Book sellers are uninterested in sending us books on order, since they are often returned to the sender; that is, to the bookseller. Thus, in their eyes we become less than serious customers.

"The situation regarding letters is not enviable at all. The rules say that outgoing or incoming mail cannot be held up by the prison administration more than three days. In some prisons, those so-called three days used to stretch out, but still an effort was made to keep the rule. Here, they don't even mention such a regulation, as though it didn't even exist. Earlier, they at least used to inform us about some of the confiscated incoming mail; but now, they don't even do that. The relatives of some try writing letters via the local attorney general or the All-Union Attorney General. Occasionally a letter sent through these channels arrives."

Our campaign, The Knights of Lithuania, to raise three thousand (\$3000.00) by national convention time (August 1984), towards sponsoring another issue of the CHRONICLE, is underway. There are 3800 members, 504 councils and 4 districts, if we do not reach that goal, we should be ashamed of ourselves. Each member donating one dollar (\$1.00) would put us over the top.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated not only by the Lithuanian Priest League but also those behind the Iron Curtain. They, too, know of the good works we, the Knights, are doing here in the States. Send your donation in NOW!!!! Labai Ačiū.

Vytiškai,
Fran Petkus
LCRA Coordinator



Season's Greetings

TO ALL K of L MEMBERS

Council 112, - Chicago, Illinois



K of L Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 4 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING in Chicago hosted by C-36
- 5 24th "MEMORIES of LITHUANIA" Banquet Mart inique Ballroom, Chicago
- 18 FORTIETH ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL, Brockton, MA, host ed by Council 1

APRIL

- 29 NED CONVENTION in Holyoke hosted by C-145

MAY

- 25-27 MCD CONVENTION and MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT in Dayton, Ohio hosted by C-96

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**SPECIAL GREETINGS
TO THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
from**

PETER J. KASILIONIS

Clark, New Jersey



**SUPREME COUNCIL
OFFICERS
and the "VYTIS" Staff**

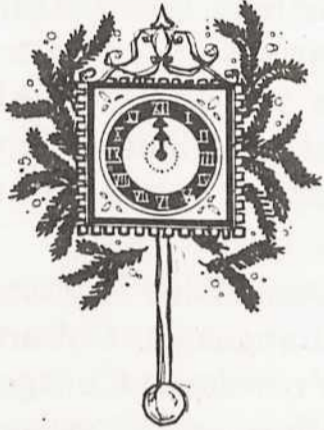
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Council Activities

Edited by HELEN CHESKO

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**NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT**

C-7 — WATERBURY

We, at Council 7, had a very active summer and fall. Our members sponsored the Annual Parish Picnic for St. Joseph's Church on August 14. It was a great success. We had a bus load of people from Hartford and a larger number of parishioners than ever before. It was a beautiful sunny day. The food was deliciously prepared by council members and ladies of the parish. We also had a successful raffle with prizes donated by local businesses and parishioners. Many thanks to Bronislaw Lazauskas, our chairman, and all the members who worked so diligently. Everyone had a marvelous time and hated to leave.

After all expenses, we presented Father George Vilciauskas, pastor, a check for \$4,500. Father was astonished and remarked it was the largest amount he ever received from such an event.

Father George reciprocated with a party for all the workers and again expressed his gratitude for the donation to the church and school.

Victor Vaitkus, one of our esteemed members and a leader in the Lithuanian Community, was invited to dinner at the White House by President Reagan. He represented

the Lithuanians of Connecticut at the conference. We are proud to have him as a member. Mr. Vaitkus is a credit to the Community and is always willing to give of his time and efforts for any task, big or small.

At the October meeting plans for the observance of the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir in Connecticut were discussed. We had a large attendance. Everything is in full swing for the event. The ladies served refreshments.

We also elected the following officers: Walter Kalick, President; Walter Blinn, Vice President; Anne Cheplick, Treasurer; Patricia Richards, Secretary; Diane Lazauskas, Financial Secretary; Vincas Sladaitis, Delores Jonaitis, Trustees; Thomas Herbert, Sergeant at Arms.

The following will serve on the Board of Directors: Barbara Rickevicius, Joseph Blinstrukas, John Blinstrukas, Bronislaw Lazauskas, Janice LaPointe, Alma Torre and Victor Vaitkus. Edmund White was named Steward. Bronislaw Lazauskas will chair the Lithuanian Cultural Affairs Committee.

Regretfully, we announce the recent death of our respected and revered Prof. Alexander Aleksis, a great Knight. He served the Lithuanian Community well. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences and prayers are extended to his lovely wife Marcella.

Due to postal irregularities, correspondence with our National Financial Secretary Ann Marie Kassel was lost somewhere between

Waterbury and Chicago. As a result, the 1983 membership for C-7 was listed as 61. This was corrected. Our membership is as follows: 106 regular members, 10 associate, 2 clergy and 2 honorary, a total of 120 members paid up in May. Sincere apologies for the delay in mailing membership cards.

Bronislaw & Diane

C-26 — WORCESTER

Welcome to our new members — Michael Abraham, Sharon & Louis Gouin and Francis Tagman. Nancy Gordon left our midst to make her new home in Bagota, NJ. Best of luck! We will miss you.

Albert Jaritis, President of the New England District, was a most welcome and interesting speaker at one of our recent meetings. He spoke on communication between councils and members and coming events. Thank you, Mr. Jaritis, for a very interesting evening.

We wish Bill Karrytais a quick recovery and hope he will soon be home from the hospital.

Our Christmas party was a real fun night with a great dinner, singing of Christmas Carols, exchanging gifts, and most of all by a surprise visit from Santa Claus.

The K of L sponsored a bus trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette in Attleboro, MA, to view the Christmas lights. It was truly a sight to behold. A most joyous time was had by all.

Our bowling league is in full swing with Helen Gillus leading the ladies in high score of 101.8 average and Dotty March in second with

98.7. Lewis Lloyd is leading the men with 106.1, and Mike Abraham is a close second with 105.1."

Our officers for the coming year are Rita Pinkus, President; Charles Kulakusky, Vice President; Mildred Lapinskas, Secretary; Marion Racicot, Financial Secretary and Ritual Chairman; William E. Leseman, Trustee; Dwight Cummings, Sergeant at Arms and Virginia Cummings, Publicity.

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C-27 — NORWOOD

We were all pretty busy in one way or another. Council 27 had its first dance on October 25 at the K of C Hall with Sandy Melish and Mary Ann Tamasanis at the helm. President Zukas and George Barton helped a great deal. Al Jaritis, New England District President, members from C-17 South Boston, C-103 Providence and C-1 Brockton as well as many of Sandy's friends who trip the light polka helped us make this dance a success. Ačiū visiems!

At the November meeting our Father Bill came up with an old issue of Vytis dated 1923. It was interesting to hear what went on. All I can say is, it sounded as if all K of L'ers were Broadway bound.

Since we are supporting other than council activities, on November 5 we attended the Ladies' Sodality Bazaar of our parish. Mary Ann Tamasanis and Joyce Kaseta, our K of L'ers, are also Sodalists and were very busy just as we were. From how much we spent, it had to be a success.

On November 6, we journeyed to So. Worcester where Irene Tamulevich, C-116 President, and her husband Ed, the NED Treasurer, co-chaired another bazaar which was something to behold — talent from the Kučių table to the Blusyma, Flea Market. It was appreciated by all of us from C-27, C-26, C-17 and a few from Athol.

Our council sponsored a concert commemorating the 500th anniversary

of the death of St. Casimir on November 12. It was authentic in every respect as only our Father Bill Wolkovich could arrange. The soloist was R. Kazys Yakutis of New York. The committee consisted of Paul & Louise Zukas, George Barton, Helen Dallalis and Kathy Ferednia, who happens to be the soloist's sister. To Father Bill, bravo, bravissimo!

We travelled to South Boston for their Christmas Bazaar on November 13. They really know how to show a good time.

Off to Council 17 again on November 19 — Lithuanian Nite with good cheer and good food — some of us went. More of us should see what's going on outside of our own council. We have quite a family of Knights. It's really a lot of fun to become good friends with people from other councils. So, everyone try it; you'll like it!

We hope your Thanksgiving was bountiful; your Christmas was filled with wonder and touched with love; the New Year, as we say in Norwood, "Tegul būna linksmi!"

Stasiukas

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

At our October meeting we elected the following officers: Joseph Waitonis, President; Bette Ciuryla, First Vice President; Ruth Savickas, Second Vice President; Ray Savickas, Treasurer; Susan Gudeczaukas, Recording Secretary; Irene Walaska, Financial Secretary; Corresponding Secretary, Helen Denisewich; John Jacknevich and Peter Denisewich, Trustees.

The following will chair their respective committees: Cultural, Helen Gudeczaukas; Lithuanian Affairs, Bill Piacentini; Ritual, Bette Ciuryla and John Walaska; Social, Agnes Waitonis, Alice Grybas and Sophie Sakalys.

After Mass until early evening on October 23, we had our "Octoberfest." Lithuanian foods, baked

goodies, Christmas ornaments, big and little white elephants were displayed on gaily decorated tables. A strolling musician — Susan Gudeczaukas and her accordion — made it a very festive, fun-filled event. In addition to our members, many friends came from near and far. Of course, the various prize winners went home with smiling faces. All who worked and contributed were happy, too, because it was for a worthy cause.

The "K of L Council 103 Institute of Lithuanian Language, Culture and History at Providence College, RI, in the USA" is in full swing. Seventeen enthusiastic students have registered — two from C-27 Norwood. This year Professor Jurgelaitis OP added a Writing Lithuanian Course for the advanced students. Mokykimės Lietuviškai!

Our November meeting was held in St. Casimir's Church Hall after the Anniversary Mass for our departed council member HM John Stoskus. National Spiritual Advisor Fr. Jurgelaitis said the Mass and preached the homily, urging us to love what John loved — his parish and the K of L.

We welcomed Joseph and Veronica Kiela into membership in C-103. Fr. Jurgelaitis installed the officers elected at the October meeting. We were also honored by a visit from NED President, Al Jaritis, who gave an informative talk on district plans and activities.

Many thanks go out to the K of L members who worked so hard to make the parish banquet a great success. Five priests were guests of the parish that evening. Sitting with our pastor, Fr. Gedvilas, at the head table were the Reverends Alphonse Petraitis, Val Cukuras, Anthony Kacevicius and Anthony Jurgelaitis.

Bill and Lillian Gorski of C-27 Norwood joined our Lithuanian class. Al Jaritis, NED President, travelled all the way from Boston to attend the last two classes.

During this New Year, 1984, may all C-103 members enjoy good health and "DAUG LAIMĖS."

Helen Denisewich

C-133 — LOS ANGELES

A few months after her election as president of the Los Angeles Council, Mrs. Helen Bartkus called a meeting on October 30 at her lovely, large home. She is aiming for more interaction among members.

Even though there were not quite the number of members as expected, several decisions were made.

Our primary responsibility is to remember our ill and dead. Presently, Mrs. A. Norkus is very ill. Please visit her or send her a get-well card.

Financial survival of our council is utmost.

The consensus of opinion was to continue the campaign for the issuance of the Darius-Girėnas stamp. To date, 900 signatures were collected on the petitions requesting the US Postal Service to issue a stamp honoring the heroic transatlantic flight in 1933. This was done in conjunction with the Federation of Lithuanian Women's Club in Los Angeles.

Everyone at the meeting was pleased that Stasė and Kazys Gričius joined our K of L ranks. They are Santa Monica residents but are supporters of worthwhile Lithuanian causes in the Los Angeles Area.

Robert Nork, originally from New York, finally showed up after paying dues in LA for several years. He collects everything that is authentic Lithuanian.

More new and active members is the most acute matter for Council 133. Many older members moved out of town or to the suburbs. Several died, some before their time. Please write to me if you know of prospective members for our council.

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-19 — PITTSBURGH

On Sunday, November 6, a warm, sunny Fall day, C-19 members gathered at St. Casimir's Cemetery, Castle Shannon, PA. Father Karaveckas led the group in reciting the Rosary, walking through the cemetery praying at the Stations of the Cross, and ending the service with a short sermon. With the trees still displaying their gorgeous colors and the exceptionally mild weather, the afternoon was not only fittingly solemn but also most enjoyable.

Our members later met at St. Francis Convent Lecture Hall for a

brief meeting conducted by our President, Margaret Papeaka. A Christmas brunch, the raffle of a Nativity Set donated by Lillian Gailys and our quarterly communion were planned for December 11.

Our congratulations to the following members were installed in the First Degree at this meeting: Sr. M. Gabriel, Constance Connolly, Eleanor Lewicki, Bertha Kuzma, Alice Lewellyn, Joe and Adele Patellos, Virginia Stanton and Marge Turner. Degrees were presented by Mary Valia, Ritual Chairlady, and Sr. M. Valeria, Vice President.

Refreshments provided by members were enjoyed both before and after the meeting.

Mary H. Tamy

C-96 — DAYTON

Farewell, Fran Petkus! Welcome Cecelia Yankus! We are sorry Fran decided to retire. We thank her for her loyal service and faithful reporting of C-96 Council News. Good luck, Cecelia!



Anthony Dainus, C-79, checks the well preserved artifacts from St. George Divine Providence Churches during the 75th Anniversary of the Parish.

On November 19 and 20 our council held a Fall Festival and Bake Sale in the church hall. In the past we had a booth at the annual Christmas Festival and Bazaar held in the lobby of the Kettering Tower in downtown Dayton in December. This year we decided to have our own festival. Parishioners and members were very generous in donating baked goods and items for the wine and cheese basket. Many thanks to all of them. Winners of the raffle were Judy Petrokas who won the beautiful afghan made and donated by Mrs. Catherine Zubrick; George Mikalauskas Jr., the Lithuanian Doll donated by Cecelia Yankus and Jenny Gineitis, the wine and cheese basket. Congratulations to all!

Joe Mantz Jr. has successfully rounded up bowlers to start our league in preparation for the Bowling Tournament next May. The first meeting was held on November 20 at Pla-Mor Lanes. Much fun was had by all. Future dates were set, and we hope that practice will make perfect.

Our Council Election Night Dinner was held in the church hall on October 22. Stanley Vaitkus officiated. The following officers were elected: Joe Mantz Jr., President; Aldona Ryan, First Vice President; Judy Petrokas, Second Vice President; Kitty Prasmantas, Recording Secretary; Frances Mikalauskas, Financial Secretary; Sally Miller, Treasurer; Rick Noreikas and George Mikalauskas Sr., Trustees; Joe Mantz Sr., Patrick Smiley and Karl Kievel, Sergeants at Arms; Father Vaclovas Katarskis, Spiritual Advisor. A delicious dinner was served by Joyce Berczelly and her committee.

Get well wishes are extended to Mildred Steinbrunner, Patty Noreikas, Judy Petrokas and Veronica Omlor. May they all gain back their strength in the coming days. Our prayers are with them.

At our November meeting Mary Ann Blum was the lucky winner of



Display of amber and artifacts used by Aldona Ryan, C-96, in conjunction with her speech to the senior at St. Leonard's Seminary in Centerville, Ohio

the 50 50 raffle. Treats after the meeting were furnished by Cecelia Yankus.

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT



A warm thank you to all who had the confidence in me and elected me the Public Relations Chairman. I will do my best.

The MAD Convention for October took place in Manhattan at Our Lady of Vilnius Church. The host council was Manhattan 12. In attendance were about 15 council and 120 guests and delegates. It was a most impressive sight when all councils lined up according to degrees and marched into church. At the door, all were given either a red or a white carnation. During the offertory all marched to the altar and deposited the flowers into vases standing by the altar. This was a

symbolic silent prayer for our brothers and sisters suffering for their faith behind the Iron Curtain and for more vocations since this Sunday was dedicated to the missions.

After Mass, Peter Zupko, the newly-elected president of Council 12, opened the meeting. He told everybody to "jaustis kaip namie." Rev. Vytautas Palubinskas, spiritual advisor of Council 12, recited the opening prayer. Larry Janonis presided.

After the minutes, the reports of officers and committee chairmen were given. Loretta Stukas, unable to attend, sent a letter reminding us that 1984 was the year of St. Casimir, and we should work in the spirit of our patron saint.

Bernice Aviza (Amsterdam C-100) and Jonas Tamasauskas (Manhattan C-12) who represented our district at the Philly Convention read their reports. Bernice, as always, had a beautifully prepared report. If we only had 10 more like her! She reported on the serious part of the convention. Jonas Tamasauskas, who admitted at being a novice at writing a report, wrote on the fun part. Although the report was long, it

seemed like five minutes. It was interrupted with applause and laughter. Some of our members could learn from this, the ones who rattle off a bunch of dry statistics and put everyone to sleep.

Msgr. Frank Bulovas, our spiritual advisor, arrived after completing his Sunday obligations at his church in time to swear in the new executive board as follows: Rev. Msgr. Frank Bulovas, spiritual advisor; Larry Janonis, president; John Adomenas, first vice president (membership); John Antanavicius, second vice president (juniors); Jean Janonis, corresponding and recording secretary; Adele Dauzickas, secretary membership; Connie Siat-sis, treasurer; Helen Shields, Millie Pietz, Helen Matulionis, trustees; Dalia Bulvicius, public relations chairman; Mary Ann Lepera, cultural chairman; Bernice Aviza, chairman, Dalia Bulvicius, Igni Walles, Lithuanian affairs committee; Jovita Sleder, chairman, Joe Sleder, Rita Sussko, Stasia Kraujalis, ritual committee.

Nobody wanted to go home after a buffet dinner and much congeniality. Once the busses started to call our guests, mes juos išlydėjom su „Eisim broleliai namo, namo.“. Shall we meet again in Pittston in March 1984? Till them — DALIA

MAD DISTRICT EVENTS

On November 18, President Larry Janonis called an executive board meeting of the newly-elected officers at Aušros Vartai parish rectory in Manhattan. New officers were introduced, and Larry gave an outline of the duties and obligations of each.

The major points under consideration were our annual money-raising affair, the convention and breakfast in March in Pittston, and means of celebrating the 500th



Larry Janonis sets up flags for MAD Convention



New MAD Officers sworn in by Msgr. Frank Bulovas at Our Lady of Vilnius Church in Manhattan

anniversary of our patron St. Casimir in 1984.

Various ideas were discussed and individuals assigned to follow them up. A major difficulty is in conflict of dates between various events. These and other topics shall be taken up during our next board meeting on December 16.

Dalia Bulvicius,
Public Relations Chairman

C-12 — MANHATTAN

Well, 1983 is coming to an end. For Council 12, it was a good year. If we have to say it ourselves, we are an asset to the organization working just as hard as councils three times our size.

It was a busy year. Our January meeting fizzled due to weather,

but we made up for it in February and March with our Independence Day and St. Casimir's Breakfast. In May we hosted a Leadership "Get-to-know the Organization" Conference. It was not the largest in participants but most profitable. We even had an editor from Newsweek there. Thanks to Council 110 Maspeth. She gave a most stimulating talk on public relations. Believe me, I was all ears and learned a lot!

We all suffered with our brethren in Lithuania and Siberia during our Baisiojo Birželio Commemoration. It is common knowledge by now that the convention in Philly was one of the greatest in every way.

Our Halloween Party was a huge success. We had people there we had not seen in many years. Joe Thomas Orchestra provided the music, and we believe he plays twice as good for us since he is a member. Our šeiminkės outdid themselves with the buffet dinner. We also hosted the MAD Convention in October — more about that in the district news.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for December 16 and as always will be fun due to our hard-working committee.

As you see, we are not resting on our laurels. With our newly-elected president, Peter Zupko, before us, we are already knee deep in plans for 1984. A happy year of St. Casimir to all and may we all work in his spirit

DALIA B

C-29 NEWARK

The big event of the year was our Annual Dinner Dance held on October 8 at our Parish Hall. The food was delicious; the music was great; the attendance was superb. We wish to thank all the guests who attended from various councils. As usual, Chairladies Mary Stonis, Anne O'Neill and their committee did a terrific job in taking care of the many details involved in making this



Connie Scatsis (right) with "girlfriend" John Tamasciuskas at C-12 Halloween Party



Bartender Ed Vaiciulis being surprised by "monster" Joe Sleder

affair a big success. Many thanks to all!

October 16 was another important date for our council. We held our annual election of officers and committee chairpersons; the result left us with a new president. Kazys Sipaila, after 20 years of loyal and dedicated service as president of our council, voiced his desire to retire from this position. We thank Kazys for his many years of loyal service, and it is only natural that we will all miss him. Our new president, Mary Stonis, is indeed a worthy replacement. She has been another hard working and loyal member for many years, and we are fortunate that she accepted the position. We all wish

Mary the best and will stand behind her in all her efforts.

Following is a list of our new officers and committee chairpersons: Msgr. John Scharnus, Spiritual Advisor; Mary Stonis, President; Bernice Skripata, Vice President; Margie Brazaitis, Recording Secretary; Betty Luciw, Corresponding Secretary; Rita Sussko, Financial Secretary; Adele Urbanas, Treasurer; Walter Brazaitis, Jennie Maklasavage, August Lang, Trustees; Viola Skripata, Anne O'Neill, Rita Sussko, Ritual; Mary Honeyman, Religion; Danguolė Didžbalis, Lithuanian Affairs; Emelia Skruodys, Cluture; Regina Schmidt, Sunshine and Eva Coll,

Public Affairs.

Also, at this meeting we regretfully bid farewell to another loyal member, Wesley Zostautas, who is moving to his new home in Florida. Good luck and best wishes from all of us.

Our deepest sympathy to Regina Schmidt on the death of her brother Anthony and to Albinas Zukauskas who received word from Lithuania that his sister Victoriya passed away. May they rest in peace.

Eva Coll

C-61 Paterson

1983 m. rugsėjo 18 d. įvyko Lietuvos vyčių 61-mos kuopos susirinkimas, ir jame buvo išrinkta nauja kuopos valdyba. Į naująją valdybą įeina: Juozas Balutis — pirmininkas, Eduardas Vadeika, M.D. — vice-pirmininkas, Konstancija Scheibelhut — sekretorė ir korespondentė, Povilas Trucilauskas — išdininkas, Janina Mežienė — Lietuvos reikalams, Denise Balčietytė — kultūriniam reikalams ir Antanas Masionis — visuomeniniam ir spaudos reikalams, išdo prižiūrėtojais išrinkti: Marija Kemežienė, Gediminas Klimas ir Klemensas Praleika.

Spalio 13 d. susirinkime buvo svarstyta surengti rudens mugė su lietuviško maisto ir rankdarbių išpardavimu. Nutarta įsigyti savo vyčių vėliavą. Be to, nutarta gruodžio 18 d. surengti Kalėdinį subuvimą, kuriame bus pristatyta nauja valdyba. Į šį parengimą bus kviečiami vyčių vyrai ir žmonos.

Lapkričio 13 d. surengtas rudens mūgė. Čia buvo paroduojamas lietuviškas maistas: dešros, namie kepta duona, ragaišis ir kiti skanumynai. Buvo kavos, dešrelių, pyragų ir kitokių gėrimų. Taip pat ant stalų buvo išdėstyti įvairūs rankdarbiai, kosmetikos dalykai, papuošalai ir kita. Kas norėjo, galėjo ir maisto ir kitų dalykų nusipirkti ir parsinešti namo. Šio parengimo



Kazys Supaila who served as President of C-29, Newark, for 20 years relinquishes his duties to Mary Stonis

pelną Vyčiai nutarė skirti parapijos salės atnaujinimui. Apie šią mugę buvo paskelbta ir anglų kalba apylinkės laikraščiuose. Dėlto buvo atsilankę ir tokių žmonių, kurie mūsų parapijos salėje dar niekad nebuvo buvę. Gal vis daugiau žmonių per vyčių veiklą susipažins su mūsų parapija

C-63 — LEHIGH VALLEY

Installation of officers was held on November 20 at St. Michael's Church in Easton. Albert Klizas, outgoing President, installed the following officers for 1984: Edward Klova, President; Leonard Barkowski, Vice President; Robert Klova, Treasurer; Mary Sockel, Recording Secretary; Leon Meshauk, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

St. Casimir's prayer was voted the official prayer for Lehigh Valley Council.

Mary & Anthony Sockel, Edward Klova, Robert Klova and Walter Balchunas represented our council at the National Convention in Philadelphia.

On February 16, we will have our Second Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. Arrangements were made for the

simultaneous flag raising in Allentown, Easton and Bethlehem at 9:30 a.m. A Communion Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. Michael's in Easton on February 19. Brunch will follow at the Hotel Hilton in Easton. More plans are being made for the coming year.

Our membership has reached a high of 106. We are very proud and are working hard to include all the Lithuanians of the Lehigh Valley and surrounding territory.

After the business meeting, we had a covered dish supper which was a great success. Everyone came away happy and looking forward to our next meeting and social.

Mary

C-74 — SCRANTON

Council 74 members attended All Saints Day Mass for the deceased members of our council. A prayer service followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Msgr. Michael Ozales conducted the service which included singing Lithuanian hymns. Knights who took part were Helen Cravath, Edward & Betty Tamasaitis, Ann Lisowski, Marie & Dick Laske, Ann Matulavich, Helen Roginsky, Marcella Kukaitis, Joseph Sabaitis and Pranas Shimkus.

The members also represented the Lithuanians at the Catholic

Women's Club of Scranton's Calendar and Ethnic Table Party. The table was set with a wayside shrine and a vase of rūta. Lithuanian food was served. The ladies wore their beautiful, colorful Lithuanian costumes. Members of the Catholic Women's Club visited the table to taste our food and get a drink of our famous viritos.

Those who participated were Marie Lasko, Chairman, Ann Lisowski, Margaret Laibingas, Rose Stanches, Sarah Yescavage, Patsy Simms, Ann Patelunas, and our newest member, Mary Bulger.

Ruth Yanish

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

Members of Council 100 spent a most delightful Sunday, August 14, at the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar in Galway. The committee included Eleanore Olechowski, Regina Kot, Sophie Olbie, Gerry Drenzek and President Radzevich. Assistance was also given by Aldona Abeling, Helen Hugo, Gene Gobis, Polly Ziausys and others.

The refreshment part was handled by John Rokit, Walter Sargalis, William Burimauskas, Willard Kensell and Walter Malkowicz. Fran DiBart with her persuasive personality helped the treasury grow. John Whelley entertained with his banjo, and we had a most enthusiastic sing-along. All members brought covered dishes, and the tempting food was enjoyed by all, including our juniors.

Out-of-town members in attendance were Prof. George Gravogkas and wife Aldona (Dr. Baltch), Fr. Peter Jonaitis, Bernice Aviza, and Ed & Genevieve Baranauskas.

We wish to thank Dr. and Mrs. Kindar for their hospitality and our committee for a job well done.

Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, proved to be true to its word

for our fourteen council members who attended the national convention. Participating in all the functions were Tony & Ann Radzevich, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, Bernice Aviza, Willard & Jennie Kensell, Jack & Mary Sweet, John & Regina Kot, Geery Drenzek and junior members Joseph Kot and Michael Mikolaitis. Michael, our junior president, was a panelist on the junior panel. We were very proud of his presentation.

Tony Radzevich was reelected as national trustee. Bernice Aviza will continue editing the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin. Michael Mikolaitis and Rima Hartvigas received K of L scholarship awards.

Regina Kot was seen on Television with other convention delegates singing Lithuanian folk songs at a Lithuanian cultural exhibit in one of Philadelphia's malls.

Rev. Anthony Grigaitis opened our September meeting with prayer. President Radzevich and Gene Gobis reported on the national convention. Sophie Olbie, Ann Radzevich and Willard & Jennie Kensell added their comments. Eleanor Olechowski reported on the summer outing. The members applauded Michael Mikolaitis and Rima Hartvigas, recipients of K of L scholarships. Refreshments were served by Regina Hartvigas, Helen Druziak, Birute Ralys and Gene Gobis.

Get well wishes to Anthony Karbocus, Edna Luzinas and Beatrice Jasewicz.

My article ends in sadness. On October 1 our council suffered the loss of our Third Degree Member, Donald Nikstenas. Don was a past president of our council, president of our choir, active in the Boy Scouts and in the parish. He leaves his beloved wife Mary Ann and three children, James in the Navy, Joseph and Judianne. Don joined our council when it was reactivated in 1950. His mother, now deceased, was a member in the early days of our council and held the office of

secretary. On Memorial Day of 1982 Don was principal speaker at the cemetery. This May Don, an excellent bowler, gave our junior bowlers some good points.

A large delegation of council members met at the Sargalis-Rossi Funeral Parlor to pay their respects and participate in the K of L Ritual Service. We extend our condolences to his wife Mary Ann and his children. May he rest in Peace!

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-140 — SYRACUSE

Much has happened in C-140 in the summer and fall months. Some of our members made the news. Marge Migonis was one of thirty-one people commissioned as lay ministers in the Diocese of Syracuse by Bishop Frank Harrison. Lay ministry is a two-year formation program which prepares adult Catholics to become official church ministers. The Syracuse Diocese is the first in New York State to institute this program. Our congratulations to Marge.

John Stanley led at the half-way point of the Senior Men's Golf Tournament of Central New York. However, being a nice modest fellow, John decided to allow somebody else to take the Tournament.

George and Millie Vaikness celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. Their children treated them with a nice party at West Hills Country Club, and many K of L'ers were in attendance. Good health, good luck and a good many more years, Millie and George.

Frank Hobitz was appointed vice president, finance, of Advanced Terminals, Inc. of Syracuse, a manufacturer of paper handling materials for the computer industry. Frank was most recently vice president, controller-treasurer of Syracuse China Corporation. He is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and a former member of

C-1 Lawrence, MA.

C-140 members were involved in other activities such as Captive Nations Rally and Proclamation Signing, Lithuanian Day at Auriesville and, of course, the National Convention in Philadelphia. The convention committee deserves a fine pat on the back for a job well done. Our members who attended reported having a grand time.

We would like to report that Leo Rautins of the Philly 76ers, a recent graduate of Syracuse U, is half Lithuanian and a very good basketball player.

Our parting thought: Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open.

PUSBROLIS

C-143 — PITTSTON

In September members participated in a Holy Hour for the Persecuted Church in Lithuania at St. George Church in Shenandoah.

On October 2, we joined other K of L members in the 49th Consecutive Monthly Rosary Devotion in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. Our Spiritual Advisor Father Peter Alisauskas gave the meditations on the Glorious Mysteries. President Anne Challan led one of the mysteries.

As nature displayed her magnificent foliage for all to enjoy in October, our Cultural Affairs Chairpersons, Nellie Bayoras and Dorothy Banos and others, set up a colorful ethnic exhibit at the Eighth Annual Folk Festival held in the Wilkes Barre Armory. Our exhibit was enhanced with a model of Trakai Castle, borrowed from Mary Ann Lapera of C-3 Philadelphia. A display was also set up at Boscov's Department Store in Wilkes Barre.

The dolls and amber continue to attract people as well as the making of straw ornaments. We concluded our ethnic activities by participating in an Ethnic Fair at the courthouse in Wilkes Barre.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Eve Supper which will be held on December 18. Father Alisauskas is Honorary Chairman. Co-chairpersons for this special event are Marcella and Filbert Bartoli.

We elected the following officers for 1984: Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas, Spiritual Advisor; Anne Challan, President; Paul Patrick, Vice President; Leo Butsavage, Treasurer; Annamarie Sewatsky, Recording Secretary; Nellie Bayoras, Financial Secretary; John Puscavage, Sergeant at Arms; Charles Dainowski, Agnes Kishel, Dorothy Banos, Trustees, Grace Kazacavage, Historian; Anastasia Stanley, Vytis Correspondent and Publicity.

Committee appointments are as follows: Cultural Affairs — Nellie Bayoras, Paul Patrick, Dorothy Banos; Lithuanian Affairs — Helen Butsavage, Anna Davalla, Adele Brooks; Ritual — Alberta Walsh, Alice Puscavage.

Anastasia Stanley

C-144 — ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

Our council bid a sad farewell to our Council Godfather, Joseph Yanulaitis. Joe was instrumental in forming Council 144 and was a very dear friend. His love of the K of L and of everything Lithuanian will be remembered by all who knew him.

We also had a special Mass for Prof. Aleksis. Then Julia Goulden passed away, and the attendance at her Vytis Service was good. Father Shelonis and our new President Ann Supernavage were excellent. Amžina atilsi to our dearly beloved departed brothers and sister.

The Lithuanian Display at the Ethnic Days at Fairlane Mall won the blue ribbon first prize. Thanks to chairpersons Ann Carlitus and Helen Labadis. The Christmas Tree with Annie Morgalis' decorations was the center of attraction.

Thanks to Joseph Yezulinas and Joe Jr. for taking over the Lithuanian Radio Program. They are doing an excellent job and make a terrific team.

Ačiū also to Rita Shevokas and Father Matthew Jarasunas for conducting Lithuanian classes this year. We have many beginners, and they are doing well in the class.

Ilgiausių metų to Fr. Stanley Luksys who resigned as Pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Tamaqua. Daug sekmės to Fr. Bill Linkhorst who is being transferred to St. Pete and Paul from St. Casimir's in St. Clair and to Fr. Dan Yanushefsky who is being transferred to St. Casimir's from Assistant Pastor at St. George's in Shenandoah.

The All Souls Service was a success again this year with Father Shelonis, Father Gobitas and Father Jarasunas along with the Zarija Choir. We are grateful to all our pastors for keeping our Lithuanian customs alive.

Word received from Rome is that Fr. Al Bartkus arrived safely and is already hard at work.

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MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

Due to the ever-rising maintenance and operating costs, it became necessary to start a K of L Building Fund Drive. The kick-off reception was held on November 19, K of L Building. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the buffet table was not only delicious but was most professional in appearance and was coordinated by Aldona Brazis. Wally Tenclinger added to the festivities with his delightful music. Committee members were Dr. Leonas Kriauceliūnas, Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Irene Sankus, Al

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Mockus, Paul Binkis Jr., Susan Bolanos, Al & Julie Zakarka, Ellie Kasputis, Estelle Rogers, all of C-112; Valeria & Joseph Stanaitis of the Chicago Senior Council; Sabina Klatt and John Paukstis of C-36. During the reception, they were assisted by Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper, Louis Rogers, Ed & Maria Deksnis of C-112 and Walter Kalvaitis of C-36.

Committee Chairman Dr. Kriauceliūnas, District President Algerd Brazis, and Building Trustee President Al Mockus expressed their appreciation for the generous donations to the fund. This will be an ongoing drive with the final goal hopefully reached by Spring.

Our Annual Mass for Deceased Members was held in November at Nativity BVM Church followed by a luncheon held at the Daina Restaurant, arranged by Julie Zakarka. We were most pleased to have our District Spiritual Advisor the Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas participate in the event.

We were saddened by the loss of two very special members — HM Kazimiera Petrulis and Nick Karlovich, both the Chicago Senior Council. Both were very active in the Chicago area for many years, and they will be truly missed by all.

At the Museum of Science and Industry's "Christmas Around the World" Pageant, the Lithuanian Day program was again performed by the K of L Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia, and the K of L Dancers, directed by Frank Zapolis.

This year, the groups were joined by Hercules Strolia and his violin ensemble. Our Honorary Member Josephine Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, was one of the prime organizers of this event some 40 years ago. She and Irene Sankus attended the opening reception of the exhibit hosted by Dr. Victor Danilov.

The K of L Choir and the K of L Dancers continue to represent us in great fashion with their performances at varied Lithuanian and civic events.

Paul Binkis Jr. reported that the next Supreme Council meeting will be held in Chicago on February 4. We are looking forward to having some of our national officers attend our 24th "Memories of Lithuania" banquet on February 5, Martinique Grand Ballroom, which will be held in honor of the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir, our Patron Saint.

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C-112 — CHICAGO

Our annual council fund-raiser was a Harvest Masquerade Party, held at the K of L Building. The entire board served as the committee. We all express our appreciation to them for a fun evening, especially to President Paul Binkis Jr., Bar Chairman Al Zakarka, Kitchen Co-chairmen Ruth Dagis and Dolores Wainauskis, and to Susan Bolanos, Julie Zakarka, Ed & Maria Deksnis, Monica Kasper, Sophie Nieminski

and to all members who assisted. Our council juniors manned the wardrobe and enjoyed the evening.

Under the leadership of Al Zakarka and Paul Binkis Jr., our council participated in the Nativity BVM Parish Harvest Festival with a Wine-Cheese-Deli Booth. Council members manned the booth for the two-day event. The substantial profit was donated to the Nativity School Fund.

During our November business meeting, Social Chairlady Julie Zakarka held a turkey raffle, and the lucky winners were none other than Algerd Brazis and Estelle Rogers.

We were also well represented on the K of L Building Fund Drive Committee by Dr. Leonas Kriauceliūnas, Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Irene Sankus, Al Mockus, Al & Julie Zakarka, Paul Binkis Jr., Susan Bolanos, Ellie Kasputis and Estelle Rogers. The K of L Building was beautifully decorated for the Opening Reception held in November. All the committee members, aided by Louis Rogers, Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper, Ed & Maria Deksnis, in addition to working during the reception, prepared "goodies" for the fabulous buffet table.

Council condolences to the Chicago Senior Council on the deaths of two very dear members of our organization — HM Kazimiera Petrulis and Nick Karlavich. We shall miss them and will always remember them in our prayers.

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