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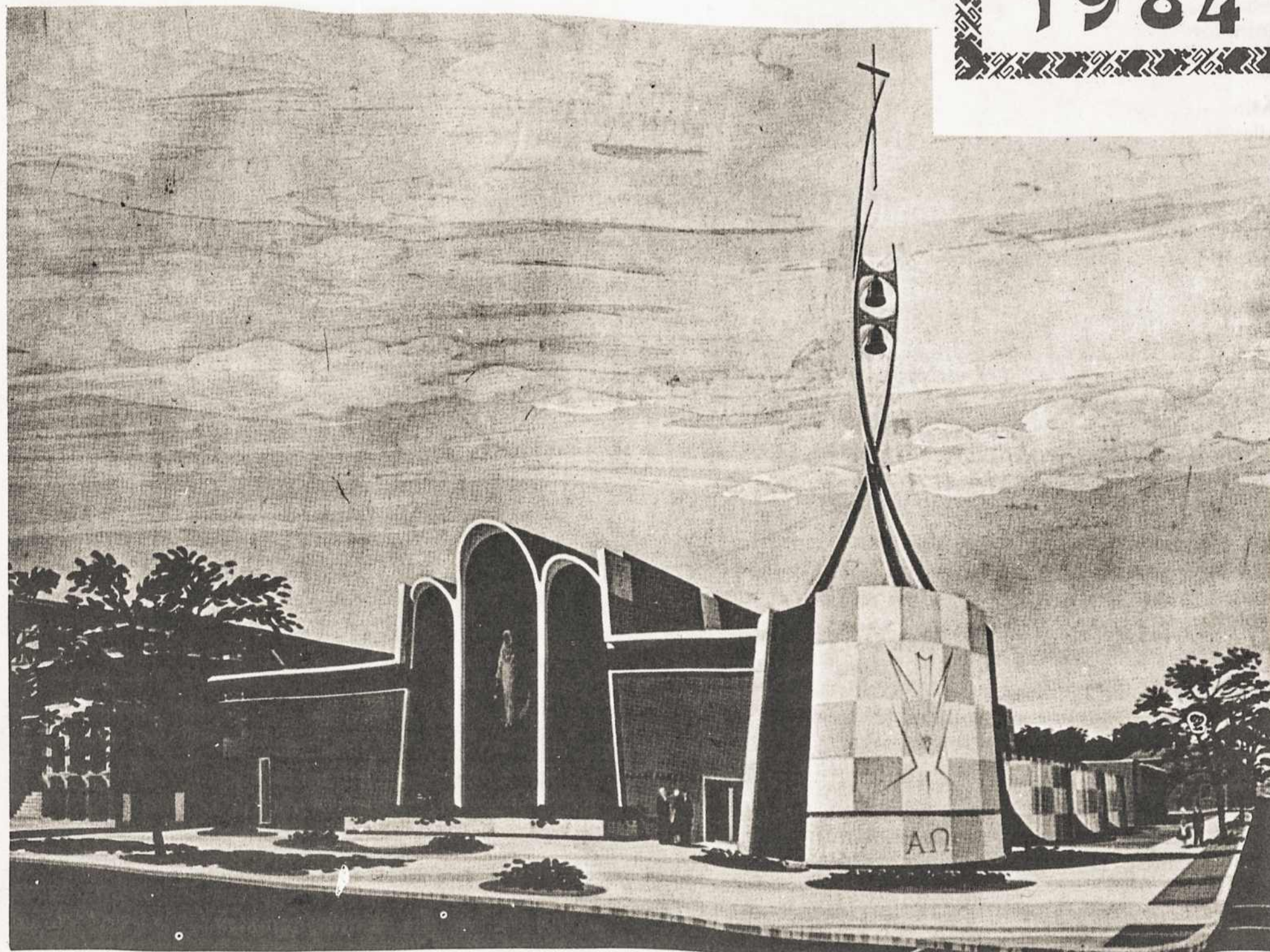
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RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

In 1914, Chicago was 81 years old, still growing and spreading, new communities springing into existence almost overnight. One of these rapidly rising areas was Brighton Park, a neighborhood of prairies and swamp land. People of all nationalities were settling here, building homes and establishing businesses, churches and schools.

Among these were about 60 Catholic Lithuanian families. Recent immigrants, they wanted to preserve their Lithuanian language and customs, and, as staunch Catholics, they longed to worship in their own church. For this purpose a committee was selected to purchase land. By the end of 1914, twenty lots, extending along 44th Street from California Avenue to Fairfield Avenue, had been purchased.

Later a committee was selected to approach Archbishop James E. Quigley for permission to form a Lithuanian parish in Brighton Park. The persistence and perseverance of these dedicated pioneers was rewarded when on September 10, 1914, Archbishop Quigley appointed the young and energetic Father Anthony Briszko, then assistant at Holy Cross Parish, to found a parish for Lithuanians living in the Brighton Park area. The pastor of St. Joseph and St. Anne Church at 38th and California, Rev. J. V. LaMarre, gladly allowed Father Briszko and his band of parishioners to hold services in the basement-chapel of his church. The first Mass was offered there September 13, 1914, at 8 A.M. Plans were then formulated for the parish building program.

While plans for a church and school were being drawn up, the congregation continued to use the basement-chapel of St. Joseph and St. Anne Church. The first wedding, on September 27th, was that of long-time K of L members John Kass (Kazakauskas) and the late Emily Mickeliunas.

Soon the number of families increased to 260, and in the spring of 1915 work on the first part of the combination church and school building was started. The sounds of construction filled the summer air at the corner of 44th and Fairfield, yet, just a few blocks away, gypsies still pitched their camp and played their haunting music.

In 1916 the Immaculate Conception School opened with two lay teachers in charge. One hundred and ten students attended the new school. The active

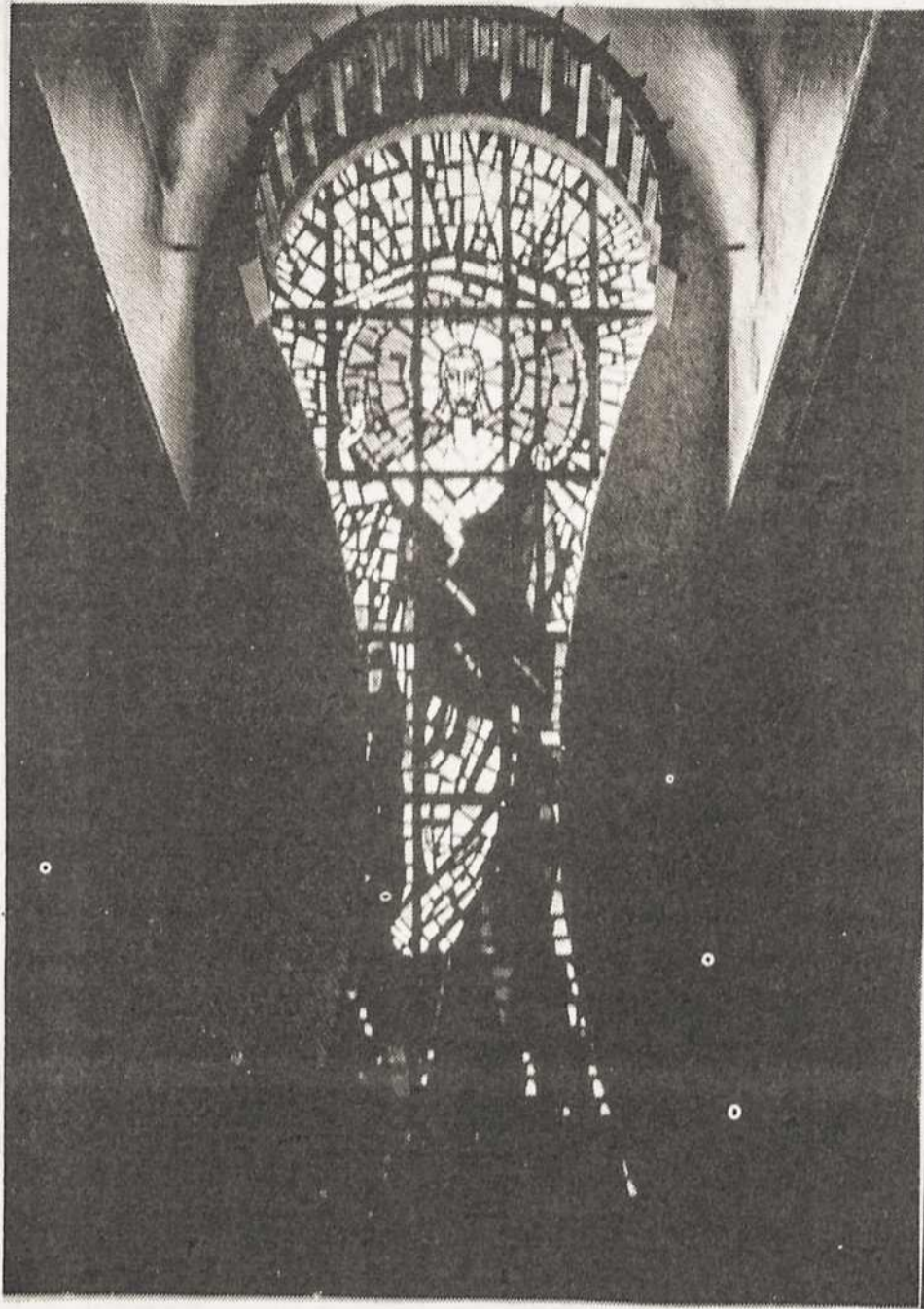


Our Lady of Šiluva Window

organizations in the Parish were the Knights of Lithuania, Temperance Society and the Parish Choir. In 1918, four Sisters of Nazareth took charge of the school.

The year 1922 brought important changes. Father Joseph Saulinkas was appointed to help Father Briszko with the parish work. The school was placed under the direction of eight Sisters of St. Casimir. Four classrooms were added as the number of pupils increased to 501. In 1926 a new convent was completed and twelve sisters moved into one of the best planned and well built convents of that time. In 1927 Father Saulinkas was transferred and Father Francis Vaitukaitis took his place. Zealously interested in promoting vocations, Father Vaitukaitis is best remembered for the encouragement and guidance he gave to many young laides who entered religious life with his aid.

In 1930, the newly ordained Father Anastasius Valancius came to the parish, and the next year, another young priest, Father Stanley Jonelis, took the place of Father Vaitukaitis. The two energetic assistants used their many talents to interest and draw young people into parochial activities and organizations, thus helping them

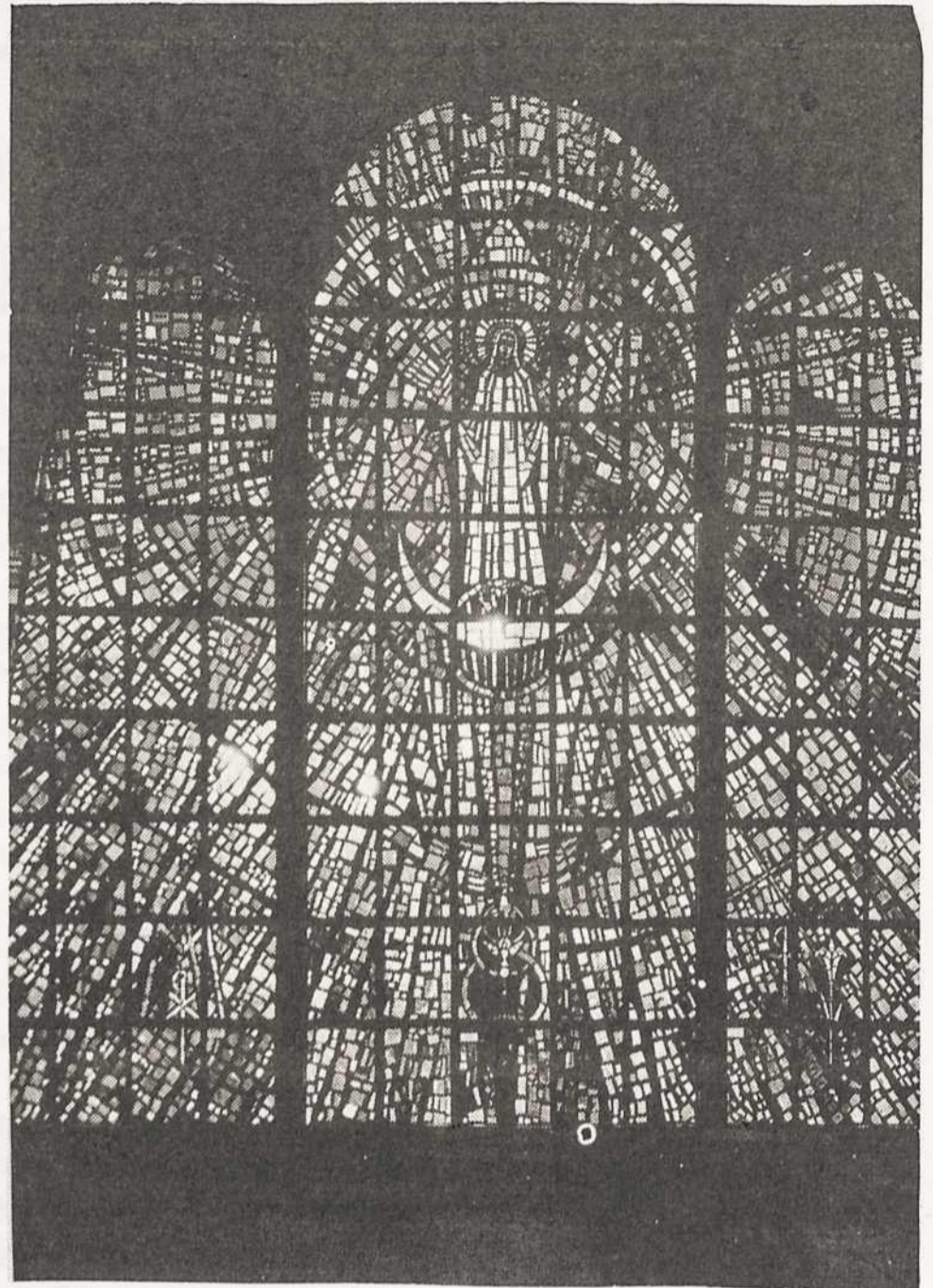


Resurrection Window

through the trying depression years. Despite the hard times prevailing then, the parish debt was paid off in 1931, and the mortgage papers were burned. The parish continued to grow and prosper. In 1939 the parish celebrated its Silver Jubilee, and through the years that followed the hopes and prayers of the parishioners looked for the fulfillment of the dream of a beautiful and permanent church building.

During the 1940's a number of honors were bestowed upon Father Briszko particularly for the aid he had given in founding the Lithuanian Seminary of St. Casimir in Rome. He received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal; he was named a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre; and finally, in 1949, he was named a Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor by Pope Pius XII. His death in 1953 closed a very important and colorful era in the life of the parish.

On November 5, 1953, His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch appointed Monsignor Damasus A. Mozeris as the new pastor. The 37 year old Monsignor, After ten years in Chancery Office work, took to his new



Immaculate Conception Window

task with great enthusiasm and zeal. Recognizing the need for more classrooms to accommodate the ever increasing number of school children, he began the construction of a two story addition to the school and renovation of the old school.

The remodeling and redecorating of the church, convent and rectory completed, in January of 1962, Monsignor Mozeris initiated the campaign for the building of a new, permanent church. In 1964, the Golden Jubilee Year of Immaculate Conception Parish, the dream of the courageous pioneers became a reality as old and young entered the new church to give thanks to God for His many and great blessings. The new Church was ready for Midnight Mass, Christmas of 1964.

Today, twenty years later, the parish is thriving, still mainly Lithuanian, ever striving to maintain its Lithuanian heritage under the guidance of Monsignor Mozeris and the assistance of Father Fabian Kireilis, Spiritual Director of Council 36, and Father Robert Martinkus. The closing Mass of the 71st National Convention will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, August 26, 1984.



Knights of Lithuania of Immaculate Conception Parish (1915). Seated in the front row, second from left, is young Stanley Pieza, now Honorary Member.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

He was born 252 years ago on February 22, 1732. A large, sturdily-built man, he led the American troops against the British Army to gain freedom for our country. He was subsequently elected the First President of the United States.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

He was born 175 years ago on February 12, 1809. As President of the United States, he devised the first "Draft Law" in March 1863. In 1864, he appointed General Ulysses Grant to head the Union Army against the southern states who favored slavery.

American Holidays in February



VALENTINE'S DAY

Since the late 1700's, sweethearts sent notes to their loved ones on February 14th. We celebrate the memory of two martyred saints named "Valentine" on this day. It is believed that birds start their new mating and nesting season on this date.

MONSIGNOR MOZERIS MARKS 30th YEAR!

Rev. Monsignor Damasus A. Mozeris was honored on November 27, 1983 at a special dinner at Sharkos Banquet Hall on the Anniversary of 30 years as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, 4401 South California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Born in Cicero on December 11th, 1915, the feast of St. Damasus, he attended St. Anthony school and Archdiocesan seminaries and was ordained April 15th, 1939, by the late George Cardinal Mundelein. After earning a doctorate in theology at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Msgr. Mozeris studied canon law at Catholic University, Washington, where he earned a licentiate in 1942.

He then began service on the Metropolitan Tribunal of Chicago, first as notary and nine years later, as vice officialis. In November, 1953, he was given title of Monsignor and became pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Brighton Park.

As pastor, Msgr. Mozeris enlarged and renovated the parish school, then remodeled and redecored the old church, convent and rectory and in 1962 built a new permanent church. He organized a Teen Club, Catholic Youth Organization, Christian Family Movement and Mens Club.

Monsignor Mozeris supervises religious education in the school, moderator of the Mothers Club and is a Member and staunch supporter of Immaculate Conception's Council 36 — Knights of Lithuania, which currently is the largest Council with a membership of over 500 members.

He participates in the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society and represents the Parish at various religious and civic functions.



Msgr. D. A. Mozeris

Monsignor is the son of the late Valeria and Joseph Mozeris. A brother Joseph and sister Gertrude (Mrs. Thomas Salack) both now deceased, complete the family. A parish spokesman has stated, "Ad Plurimos Annos" . . . kindly, generous, devoted, zealous, practical, understanding, and affable, Monsignor Mozeris on the occasion of his 30th year as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish community, "Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice. No greater Love than this exists . . . that a man should sacrifice his life for those he loves."

John L. Paukstis,
President
Council 36

LITHUANIAN LEGENDS

Gathered by
ANNA KLIZAS WARGO
National Cultural Chairman

The Iron Wolf

According to legend, the city of Vilnius was founded because of a dream. The Grand Duke, Gediminas, had been hunting all day. Toward evening, Gediminas noticed a big bison. He chased the animal up a hill between two rivers. There he slew the animal. Because the hunters were tired, they set up camp on this hill.

During the night, Gediminas had a dream. He dreamt there was a big iron wolf on the hill. This wolf was howling so loudly it sounded like there were hundreds of wolves instead of just one.

Gediminas asked the high priest (Kriviu Krivaitis) to interpret his dream. He was told the wolf was a symbol of a large, strong city. The howling represents her strength and glory.

Because of this dream, on this site, Gediminas founded his city in 1323. The city is Vilnius, Lithuania.



K of L Calendar



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

AUGUST 23-27

NATIONAL CONVENTION in Chicago hosted by C- 36

**REPRINT FROM THE KNIGHTS OF
LITHUANIA LITHUANIAN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
BULLETIN**

**STATE DEPARTMENT OPPOSES
BALTIC MAP AMENDMENT
URGENT ACTION NEEDED**

A Baltic Map Amendment recently passed by the Senate to ensure uniform depiction of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania on all State Department maps was rescinded after a request for removal was made by the Budget Office of the Department of State.

On October 21, the Senate had passed the Amendment to the State, Justice and Judiciary Appropriations Bill(S. 1721). Introduced by Senator Alphonse D'Amato (R-NY) it stated that all maps produced with funds appropriated to the State Department include:

... The geographic boundaries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and designation of those areas by those names;

... The designation "Soviet occupied" in parenthesis under each of those names;

... In close proximity to the area of the Baltic countries the following statement: "The United States government does not recognize the incorporation of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania into the Soviet Union."

The State Department opposes this amendment for several reasons:

1. The amendment will, in many cases, prevent their acquisition or production of the best maps available.

2. They might not be able to purchase maps, for use by government agencies, from outside sources (such as National Geographic and others) which would otherwise be unavailable.

3. In maps published by the State Department, map scale, in some cases, renders the depiction of boundaries, labelling the names of the Baltic States and adding a disclaimer impossible.

4. Enactment of this amendment would create a precedent which could well lead to pressure from a myriad of interest groups seeking recognition on State Department maps of their views concerning rectification of existing boundaries, questions of sovereignty, and other issues involving territorial disputes.

5. The Department believes that his amendment constitutes an incursion into the prerogative of the Executive Branch to establish policy with regard to recognition of foreign countries.

6. The Department feels that although the amendment does not directly dictate recognition policy, it indirectly attempts to do so, and cuts away at the role and responsibilities of the Executive Branch in this area.

Baltic-Americans are called on to voice their protests and write to:

The Honorable George Shultz
Secretary of State
Department of State
2101 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

— State Department publications state that maps are a significant aspect of U.S. Baltic policy.

— The State Department's practice of purchasing maps from outside organizations, whose private political views do not mirror stated foreign policy interests, weakens the Department's credibility in accurately reflecting U.S. relations with foreign governments.

— U.S. non-recognition policy of the Baltic states has existed for 65 years. This amendment does not "Cut away" at the role of the Executive Branch in establishing non-recognition policy, but rather affirms policy they have already established.

— Precedent for such legislation was established in 1982, when Congress added an identical amendment to the Dept. of Defense Authorization Act(Public Law#97-252).

— While it is the prerogative of the Executive Branch to establish policy with regard to recognition of foreign countries, Congress has the authority to make its wishes known through the appropriations process.

— Congress has previously, without the objections of the Executive, acted to create mechanisms to imbue the non-recognition policy with greater substance. I.e. — Legislation to ease diplomatic accreditation requirements for Baltic diplomats and most recently, requesting that the Baltic services of Radio Liberty be broadcasted under a title which accurately reflects U.S. Baltic policy.

**BALTIC SELF-DETERMINATION
RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED IN
CONGRESS**

CO-SPONSORS NEEDED!

As part of an effort to move the United States to begin taking action and initiating discussions on behalf of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in international forums two identical resolutions were recently introduced in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

House Concurrent Resolution 192 was introduced by Congressmen Don Ritter(R-PA) and Brian Donnelly(D-MA).

Senate Concurrent Resolution 80 was introduced by Senators Robert Dole (R-KA) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT), along with 17 additional co-sponsors. Those senators were:

- William Armstrong (R-CO)
- Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX)
- Dale Bumpers (D-ARK)
- Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY)
- Dave Durenberger (R-MN)
- James Exon (D-NE)
- John Glenn (D-OH)
- Donald Riegle (D-MI)
- Mark Hatfield (R-OR)
- John Heinz (R-PA)
- Mack Mattingly (R-GA)
- Daniel Moynihan (D-NY)
- Charles Percy (R-IL)
- Larry Pressler (R-SD)
- William Proxmire (D-WI)

The resolutions call on President Reagan to direct the U.S. delegation to the United Nations to discuss the issue of self-determination for the Baltic States at the next session of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva beginning in February, 1984.

We are urged to write to our Congressmen and Senators urging them to co-sponsor H. Con. Res. 192 and S. Con. Res. 80 respectively. A sample letter follows:

Congressman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman

Today, the Baltic states are ruled by oppression, where the right of each person to determine his or her own destiny does not exist.

Recently H. Con. Res. 192 (S. Con. Res. 80) was introduced by Congressmen Don Ritter and Brian Donnelly (Senators Robert Dole and Patrick Leahy). This resolution calls on President Reagan to direct the United States delegation to the United Nations to discuss the issue of self-determination for the Baltic states at the next session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, beginning in February, 1984.

This resolution gives substance to the United States non-recognition policy of the illegal incorporation of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania into the Soviet Union.

We urge you to join with your congressional colleagues and to co-sponsor H. Con. Res. 192 (S. Con. Res. 80). Please call Jerry Lamb in Congressman Donnelly's office at 225-3215 and add your support to this effort. (Senator Dole's office at 234-6521).

Sincerely yours
YOUR NAME

THE RAMIFICATIONS

The Joint Baltic American National Committee P.O. Box 432, Rockville, MD 20850 has issued a background paper to inform Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians of the purpose and ramifications of these recently introduced resolutions.

JBANC Chairman John Genys states that "passage of the Baltic resolutions in both the House of Representatives and the Senate will show the clear support of Congress in moving the U.S. toward a new foreign policy direction with respect to the U.S."

While the world community is generally aware of the illegal incorporation of the Baltic States by the Soviet Union, the issue of self-determination for the peoples of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania has never been fully discussed in a world forum.

The Congressional proposals recently introduced focus on presenting the Baltic case to the U.N. Human Rights Commission. Under agenda item 9, the Commission can take action on self-determination questions, as it did regarding Afghanistan two years ago.

In the opinion of the Baltic Appeal to the U.N. (BATUN) the Human Rights Commission would be friendlier to the Baltic cause because it has already dealt with the Polish and Afghani issues in a similar fashion. Despite the fact that only two Western countries sit on the Decolonization Committee, this body could still be useful. An unfavorable vote in one or both of these committees could either be used as a publicity event to spur action in other quarters or be used to press for another vote the following year.

Maintaining the Baltic issue in the forefront of world organizations serves as a constant reminder to the world community of the Soviet threat to world peace and freedom, and of the determination of the Baltic peoples to regain independence for their homelands.

The European Parliament passed a similar resolution in January. The Baltic self-determination resolution, passed by an over-whelming majority, proposed submission of the Baltic issues to the U.N. Decolonization Committee and requested close monitoring and review of the Baltic situation by the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

For the European community to remain passive on the issues of human rights and self-determination on these countries would be to ignore the traditional ties of the Baltic Nations to Western Europe.

For the United States to do so would be to renege on all the basic principles of its Constitution, and to render meaningless its rhetoric regarding support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant documents.

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY — 1984

ANNA KLIZAS WARGO

Lithuania, land of our forefathers
Once you were free
Like Camelot of long ago
But that freedom ceased to be.

When the yellow, green and red
Flew over your fair land,
You grew in commerce, trade and art
And you stayed within God's hand.

But then the Russian Bear arrived
And devoured what you had.
He took away your freedom
And brought to you all things bad.

He stole your land, your human rights
He murdered many of your best,
Those that remained, he subjugated
And to Siberia, he sent the rest.

Oh, Lithuania, how you've suffered
Beneath those iron paws.
Your churches have been desecrated
He took away your laws.

Your people today are fearful
But still their faith they keep,
Their love of God and His Mother
Are wonderful and deep.

So, on this anniversary
Of Her Independence Day.
We, who live in freedom
For Lithuania must pray.

To our Patron, Saint Casimir,
We pray that he will lead
Her people into victory,
The Knight on his white steed.

To Our Lady of Šiluva,
Who once graced this fair place,
We pray she'll send her blessing
On the Lithuanian Race.

To Our Lord and Savior
We ask that He will see
That independence again will come
To this land of Mary.

And, Vyčiai, broliai ir seserys
Everyone of us must pray
For freedom for Lithuania
On this Lithuanian Independence Day.

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LIETUVOS NEPRIKLAUSOMYBĖS MINĖJIMAS KONGRESE

Kongresmenas Frank Annunzio, paprašytas Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos, rūpinasi, kad būtų tinkamai prarastas Lietuvos nepriklausomybės paskelbimo minėjimas Atstovų Rūmuose. Kadangi Atstovų Rūmai bus atostogose nuo vasario 10 d. iki vasario 21 d., tai Vasario 16 minėjimas Atstovų Rūmuose numatytas vasario 22 d. Kongresmenas Annunzio pranešė, kad jis susisiekė su Atstovų Rūmų kapelionu dr. Fordu, kuris mielai pritarė, kad tą dieną atstovų Rūmuose invokaciją sukaltėtų Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pakvietas vysk. V. Brizgys.

VEDA KOVĄ PRIEŠ MASKVOS SKRIAUDAS

Kongresmenas Benjamin A. Gilman (dem., NY.) drauge su Nobelio premija apdovanotuoju rašytoju Aleksandru Solženicynu ir kitais žmogaus teisių gynėjais dalyvavo stačiatikių pamaldose Šv. Jono katedroje, Vašingtone. Savo žodyje kongr. Gilman priminė milijonus žmonių, žuvusių nuo komunistų rankos. Atkreipė dėmesį, kaip Sovietų Sąjunga laužo savo tarptautinius įsipareigojimus. Gilmanas jau turi 1,600 dokumentų, rodančių, kaip Maskva kliudo pašto ir siuntų perteikimą. Būna atsitikimų, kad sovietų įstaigos atsiunčia siuntos gavimo liudijimą su parašu kalinamojo, kuris jau yra miręs prieš trejus metus. Apie 1000 dokumentų rodo, kaip Maskva išsisukinėja, nenorėdama sumokėti atlyginimo už padarytus nuostolius varžant pašto ir siuntų susisiekimą. Gilmanas pabrėžė, kas Sovietų Sąjunga grobia nežmoniškus muitus ir laužo Tarptautinę paštų konvenciją, kurią su kitomis valstybėmis yra pasirašiusi, laužo taipgi Helsinkio susitarimų nuostatus.

AD HOC KOMITETO VEIKLA

Kongrese veikia vadinamas Ad Hoc komitetas Pabaltijo valstybių ir Ukrainos reikalams. Jį organizuojant ir plečiant nemažai prisidėjo Jungtinis Pabaltiečių komitetas Vašingtone. Ad Hoc komitetas pernai ir šiemet pasiūlė Pabaltijo laisvės rezoliuciją, parėmė kongreso rezoliuciją dėl išlaisvinimo Vytauto Skuodžio ir estų disidentu Mart Miklus. Vienas iš buvusių šio komiteto pirmininkų — Charles Dougherty prisidėjo prie pravedimo nutarimo, kad nebūtų skiriama lėšų gaminimui tokių žemėlapių, kuriuose Pabaltijo valstybės nėra reikiamai atžymėtos, kaip tokios, kurių inkorporavimo į Sovietų Sąjungą nepripažįsta JAV.

A VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM

By SISTER VIRGINIA, CJC

The Knights of Lithuania, Council 74, observed a Lithuanian Christmas Ethnic Day at Everhart Museum in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Saturday afternoon, December 10, 1983.

The Cultural Chairlady, Ann Galenas, — with the assistance of Patsy Sims, Agatha Sueta, Ann Lisowski, and Marie Laske (the new president) — trimmed a tree with Lithuanian ornaments made of white drinking straws. Located on the first floor of the Museum the tree was the center of attraction to all who entered the building.

Lithuanian artifax supplied by Marie Laske and Ken Zura of Duryea added interest to the Lithuanian display. Other members of the Knights served home-made cookies and punch to the people. The punch was served from Marie Laske's sparkling crystal bowl which made it extra delicious.

To anticipate the centenary of their founder's birth, Father Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius, Passionist missionary (1884-1984) who was born on January 15th, Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, C.J.C. presented a short skit, "The First Christmas at St. Mary's Villa". Five little girls, dressed in the traditional garb of the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother, represented the first 5 members of the Community founded 60 years ago.

They sang an Advent Hymn, then they spoke of the Lithuanian tradition of the Christmas Eve supper called *Kūčios*. Two little angels, Rebecca Georgia and Emma Foley, led the five little sisters to the chapel for Midnight Mass. To the amusement of everyone present, a woman in the audience commented, "I didn't know they were taking them this young again!" We all enjoyed yer



Two angels and five little girls dressed as Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified acted in C-74's Christmas skit. Emilia Benik, Organist

observation. The little sisters did look so real!

Before the program the people were reminded that the year 1983 is the centennial of the Lithuanian newspaper, *Aušra*, the Dawn. Founded by Dr. Jonas Basanavičius, it dramatically revived the Lithuanian nation.

Polonized by the Church and Russianized by the Czarist government the Lithuanians were encouraged to turn to East Prussia for Lithuanian publications. Ever since Martin Luther, — whose 500 anniversary of his birth was celebrated in November, — expressed the belief that all people should learn about their religion in their own tongue, East Prussia became the well-spring for Lithuania's language and culture.

The founder of the POOR Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother, born into the "Dawn Era" of the polonized nobility, attended the Catholic Theological Academy which had been moved by the Czar to St. Petersburg, Russia. Here he was influenced by its rector and professor, and Lithuania's out-

standing lyric poet, Rev. Jonas Mačiulis-Maironis. When he left the Academy at the death of his father he risked his life as a book-smuggler before he sailed to America where he became a Passionist missionary and the founder of a religious community for women.

Father Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius did not expect the members of the new community to be less American than the rest of the people of this great country, it was rather his desire that they cherish and preserve the Lithuanian language and culture so that it would not be lost to civilization. Though polonized in his youth he endured painful misunderstandings and censure to prove his love for the Lithuanian people. He believed that all things are possible to those who are motivated by love.

After the program the people remarked that it was not only entertaining, but also enlightening. You can be sure that many in the audience experienced a nostalgic Lithuanian afternoon, having something to remember until next December.

JUNIOR NEWS

COUNCIL 96 JR.'S DAYTON

The Dayton Juniors ended 1983 with a Christmas Food Fair at which we sold Sūris from Michigan, homemade Lithuanian fresh sausage, ready to eat pans of Kugelis and Ausiukės.

This is our big money raiser of the year. Many council 96 members helped to make it a success. Our Christmas party was held at the home of our advisor, Judy Petrokas, and hosted by Marylou Lastoski.

We welcome to our membership Bill, Michael and Robbie Pant.

Our officers for the coming year are Pres. Frank Ambrose, V. P. Brian Fletcher, Sec'y. James Pacovsky, Treas. Barbara Lastoskie, Sgt. at Arms Jay Grant, Religious Steve Keivel, Historian Eric Geiger, Cultural Tim Pacovsky, Sports Joe Keivel and Aaron Geiger, Telephone Mike and Robbie Pant.

A big thank you to our outgoing Advisor Mary Lucas. Happy New Year!

James Pacovsky



COOK'S CORNER

MARY LUCAS, H.M.

Even though the holidays are past, there are times when entertaining is still a necessity. These fritters are especially welcome on a cold snowy evening.

HAM & CHEESE FRITTERS

- 1/2 lb. smoked ham, cooked and finely ground
- 3/4 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 2 Tblsp. minced onion
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3/4 cup crushed corn flakes
- Oil for deep frying

Combine ham, cheese, onion, egg and cracker crumbs in mixing bowl. Mix well. Shape into 1-1/2" balls. Dip into milk. Coat with corn flakes. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Fry in heated oil (365°) for 4 minutes or until golden brown. Drain on paper toweling. Serve at once. Makes approx. 16 fritters.

OFFICIAL NEWS

Aldona Ryan
Editor in Chief, Vytis
6591 McEwen Rd.
Centerville, OH 45459

Dear Aldona,

Our reputation as the "City of Brotherly Love" combined with the fine job your staff did, helped make the 70th Convention of the K of L successful. We are now tying up loose ends and feel that a donation to the "Vytis" is in order. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$200.00 to help cover operating expenses.

Sincerely,
DIANNE DRUMSTAS
President, C-3

Labai AČIŪ, Council 3



EMILIA BENIK - ORGANIST

EMILIA BENIK, organist from Tennessee, has published a new cassette. It contains nine Christmas carols sung in Lithuanian with organ accompaniment followed by the story of Lithuania and its kings in the English language.

Also, it has a new composition entitled "Neregėje, Tikime" and "Family" at the end of the story.

It was researched and published for the benefit of her nieces and nephews and for students of Lithuanian parentage.

It can be purchased at the cost of \$5.00 by writing to: Emilia Benik, 2631 Arlington, Memphis, TN 38114.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE!

ALGIRDAS BUDRECKIS

The Lithuanian auxiliary verb BŪTI (to be) is a basic, everyday verb. Although it is a basic word, it is the only verb of the Lithuanian language that is irregular. For this reason, we will analyze its complete conjugation. Conjugation (asmenavimas or asmenuotė in Lithuanian) refers to a grouping of verb forms to indicate tense, voice, mood, number and person.

Let us begin with persons — singular and plural. There are six persons in Lithuanian. To familiarize the reader, the Lithuanian forms will be used throughout in the actual conjugations. The persons are:

Singular		Plural
I	aš	we mes
thou	tu	you Jūs
he	jis	they jie (masc.)
she	ji	they jos (fem.)

Mood is the form of the verb that is used to indicate the manner in which the action is conceived. The indicative mood states a fact or asks a question. The mood is expressed in tenses. A tense is a change in the form of the verb to indicate the time of the action. The Lithuanian language has four tenses in the indicative mood: present, past, frequentative past, and future.

The infinitive: BŪTI TO BE

Present tense:		Plural	
Aš esu	I am	mes esame	we are
tu esi	thou art	Jūs esate	You are
jis/ji yra	he/she is	jie/jos yra	they are
Past tense:		Plural	
Aš buvau	I was	mes buvome	we were
tu buvai	Thou were	Jūs buvote	You were
jis/ji buvo	he/she was	jie/jos buvo	they were
Frequentative past tense:		Plural	
Aš būdavau	I used to be	Mes būdavome	we used to be
tu būdavai	thou used to be	Jūs būdavote	You used to be
jis/ji būdavo	he/she used to be	jie/jos būdavo	they used to be
Future tense:		Plural	
Aš būsiu	I will be	mes būsime	we will be
tu būsi	thou will be	Jūs būsite	You will be
jis/ji bus	he/she will be	jie/jos bus	they will be

LANGUAGE LORE

The reader should note that there is a present tense, hardly used today except for poetic effect, which indicates an action that is usually done (compare the German: pflegt zu sein). This present tense runs as follows: aš būnu, tu būni, jis/ji būna, mes būname, jūs būnate, jie/jos būna.

The conditional or subjunctive mood expresses a doubt, a condition contrary to fact, a wish or regret, a concession, a supposition.

Singular		Plural	
Aš būčiau	I would be	mes būtume	we would be
tu būtum	thou would be	Jūs būtumėte	You would be
Jis/ji būtų	he/she would be	Jie/jos būtų	they would be

The imperative mood gives a command, order or makes a request. It is a present tense form and applies to three persons:

Tu būk!	(Thou) Be!
Mes būkime!	Let us be!
Jūs būkite!	You be!

The Lithuanian language also has a desiderative mood which expresses a wish to have or obtain, to express something that is desired as essential. You will only run across this form in prayers, archaic legal documents and resolutions. It is only used in the third person (both singular and plural): Teesie! Let it be! Other, more archaic or provincial forms are: lai būna! tebūna! tebūnie!

Coming into contact with more complex concepts and thoughts in other languages, three new tenses are awkwardly emerging in Lithuanian since the start of this century. They are the perfect, pluperfect and future perfect.

The perfect tense is a verb form or verbal that expresses an action or state completed at the time of speaking or at a time spoken of. It is formed by combining the present tense with the past participle:

Aš esu buvęs (masc.), esu buvusi (fem.)	I have been
tu esi buvęs (masc.), esi buvusi (fem.)	Thou hast been
jis yra buvęs	he has been
ji yra buvusi	she has been
mes esame buvę (masc.), esame buvusios	we have been
Jūs esate buvę (masc.), esate buvusios	you have been
jie yra buvę	They have been
jos yra buvusios	They have been

The pluperfect is the past perfect tense. It shows past action completed before some indicated time in the past. It is formed by combining the simple past tense with the past participle:

Aš buvau buvęs (masc.), buvau buvusi (fem.)	I had been
tu buvai buvęs.(masc.), buvai buvusi (fem.)	Thou had been
jis buvo buvęs I had been	
ji buvo buvusi She had been	
mes buvome buvę, buvome buvusios (fem.)	we had been
jūs buvote buvę (masc.), buvote buvusios	you had been
jie buvo buvę they had been	
jos buvo buvusios they had been (fem.)	

The future perfect shows action that is to be completed before some indicated time in the future. The future perfect tense is seldom used. It is formed by combining the future tense with the past participle: būsiu buvęs, būsiu buvusi, būsi buvęs, būsi buvusi, etc.

The participle is the form of the verb used as an adjective. It is a verbal form that has the function of an adjective and at the same time shows such verbal features as tense and voice and capacity to take an object.

Active participles are formed by the same tense of the verb in the indicative mood, present tense, third person singular by replacing the endings shown below:

Participle	Singular	
	Masculine	Feminine
present	esąs	esanti
past	buvęs	buvusi
past imperfect	būdavęs	būdavusi
future	būsiąs	būsianti
	Plural	
	Masculine	Feminine
esą	esančios	being
buvę	buvusios	been
būdavę	būdavusios	having been
būsią	būsiančios	will be

Unlike the English gerund, which is a noun form, the Lithuanian gerund is a verbal adjective that is indeclinable. Its four forms are: present gerund — esant or būnant, being; past gerund — buvus, having had been; imperfect gerund — būdavus, having been; and future — būsiant, that will be. The imperfect and future gerunds are rarely used.

Like the Latin language, Lithuanian has a form called the gerundive which serves as a passive future participle to express necessity or fitness:

	Singular	
Masculine	Feminine	
būdamas	būdama	
	Plural	
Masculine	Feminine	
būdami	būdamos	while being

Again like Latin, Lithuanian has a supine or participle of passive necessity:

	Singular	
Masculine	Feminine	
būtinąs	būtiną	
	Plural	
Masculine	Feminine	
būtinai	būtinąs	that which needs to be

So far we have accentuated the positive. Negative forms of the auxiliary verb būti (to be) are formed by affixing the negative prefix ne- (non-) to the various forms. Thus, as an example the negative forms of the first person singular are: nesu, nebuvo, nebūdavo, nebūsiu, nebūčiau, nesu buvęs, nebuvo buvęs, nebūsiu buvęs, nesąs, nebuvęs, nebūdavęs, nebūsiąs, nebūdamas, nebūtinąs (I am not, I was not, I did not used to be, I will not, etc., etc.). This is a fairly simple operation. The exception is the irregular present tense. To avoid confusion, the negative present tense is given below:

Aš nesu	I am not
Tu nesi	Thou art not
Jis/ji nėra	He/she is not
Mes nesame	We are not
Jūs nesate	You are not
Jie/jos nėra	They are not

Special attention should be paid to the third person (singular and plural): NĖRA (is not). This word is often used in conversation and in idiomatic sentences means: THERE IS NOT, or one lacks something. Thus:

Nėra pinigų — There is no money. Nėra laiko — There is no time. Nėra aišku — It is not clear. Nėra maisto — One lacks food. As with all negative verbs, the object taken is of the genitive case.

Būti ar nebūti — štai yra klausimas!





Church in Švėkšna, Lithuania

From the book "Lietuvos bažnyčios" by Bronius Kviklys



Liūdime, netekę draugo ir brangaus lietuvio, Vyčio
a.a. **Aleksandro Aleksio**

Reiškiamo gilią užuojautą mirusiojo našlei Marceli.

Prel. Jonas Balkūnas
Suzana ir Antanas Mažeika
Kun. Adolfas Damušis
Elena ir Kazys Vilnis
St. Petersburg, Florida

Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



Sister Ann Marie



Sister Mary Ann

Twin Sisters MARY ANN and ANN MARIE LOSTOSKI, former members of St. George Lithuanian Parish, Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated their silver jubilee as members of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God last July at their motherhouse in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Sisters have taught at various locations in eastern states and last year, for the first time together, at SS. Peter and Paul School in Elizabeth, N.J. This year Sister Ann Marie remains in New Jersey and Sister Mary Ann is principal at Mt. St. Peter, New Kensington, Pa.

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Although DOROTHY (STANIONIS) FELICI has travelled much of the U.S. as an opera singer, church soloist, and teacher, she has never forgotten her home town, according to "The Recorder" Amsterdam, N.Y. She has performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra under world-renowned conductors Robert Shaw and Franz Allers, and with the San Francisco Opera.

But her roots are in Amsterdam, where she resides with her husband and mother. She dreams of a cultural center for Amsterdam where musical events, drama and dance workshops could be held.

Dorothy is a first cousin to Joan Bagdon (Bagdonas) a K of L member.



Vilnius Records, Montreal, Canada, has announced the release of a classical album featuring soloist GINA CAPKAUSKAS. The album was promoted by ALEXANDRAS STANKEVICIUS, well known Canadian recording artist. Pictured are: Alexandras Stankevicius, Gina Capkauskas, musician Jonas Govedas, assistant Diane Tetro, and engineer Billy Szawlowski.

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The name of ANN UZDAVINIS was on the list of credits for "Perry Como's Christmas in New York," which was aired on ABC-TV, December 19th.

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The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture and the National Endowment for the Humanities funded an exhibit of photographs and interviews entitled "The Lithuanian Immigration Experience," a part of the grant "Lithuanian Heritage: The Many Views of Youth". The exhibit was on display at the University of Illinois at Chicago from June 24th through Sept. 2nd, 1983, and featured photographs from both the Lithuanian immigration to the U.S. at the turn of the century, as well as after World War II. The exhibit has been on display at the museum since October 11th.



Theresa Balciunas

THERESA BALCIUNAS, President of C-38, Kenosha, Wis., was featured in the "Kenosha News" last November as someone to know. If there was one lesson Theresa learned during her childhood in a camp for political refugees in Germany, it was survival. Her great-great-grandparents were lords (their family crest displayed in the Kaunas museum in Lithuania) who had to leave Lithuania during the Polish occupation and move to Latvia. Theresa, born in Latvia, had to leave with her parents when World War II started and they lost their business and land to the Communists. In the numerous refugee camps she lived in she learned survival.

When the war ended they came to the United States where her parents proceeded to educate Theresa and her two sisters. Theresa graduated from St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing and Loyola University in Chicago, Ill., and later earned a master's degree at Marquette University, Milwaukee. She met the man she was to marry at a dance in Chicago, Dr. **VITOLDAS BALCIUNAS**. Both shared a dedication to keeping Lithuanian culture alive. They had three children, **VITO**, now 18, **BIRUTE**, 17, and **ALDONA**, 15. Dr. Balciunas, now deceased, and Theresa developed their work to introduce Lithuania to Americans and to remind those of Lithuanian birth or descent of their heritage. They organized exhibits at the Milwaukee Folk Fairs featuring Lithuanian artifacts and crafts, and inviting dance groups from Chicago and Rockford, Ill.

Theresa has extended her interest to other Lithuanian-related programs. She belongs to the Women's Guild at the Balzekas Museum in Chicago, giving speeches and showing craft and art work. She represented Lithuania at Ukrainian Independence Day in Milwaukee last year. Lithuanian amber is of special interest to her. She has her own collection and has addressed many audiences on the topic. She was instrumental in the reorganization of C-38 in Kenosha and the organization of a Lithuanian singing group and a

Lithuanian women's club. She has learned weaving, leathercraft, ceramics and gardening and has, she said, "over 101 hobbies".

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"The Chicago Catholic" reports that the first Mother Maria Kaupas, St. Casimir Auxiliary Award, has been given to **MARY RUDIS**, member of C-112, Chicago, who has been president of the Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliary since 1970. Mrs. Rudis is active in numerous Lithuanian organizations, also president of the Baltic American Lithuanian Relief Fund.

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From the "Dayton Daily News," Dayton, Ohio - The late **ARTHUR BEERMAN**, owner of Elder-Beerman Department Stores throughout the Dayton area, immigrated to America from Lithuania when he was a child. He felt a lot of gratitude to the people of the Miami Valley. Before his death, he had been hospitalized and became very lonely and depressed and was concerned for others who might be feeling the same way.

To show his appreciation to Miami Valley residents he sponsored an Easter dinner in 1969. This dinner was so well received, the Beerman family decided to have another dinner the following Thanksgiving. Since that first dinner, more than 50,000 area residents have been recipients of that gratitude. The doors are open to the hungry, the needy, and the lonely. No one is turned away. Last Thanksgiving was the Beerman Foundation's 14th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Hara Arena in Dayton.

Arthur Beerman was helpful to C-96, during the first several International Festivals in Dayton, with his loans of "models" for displays of Lithuanian costumes.



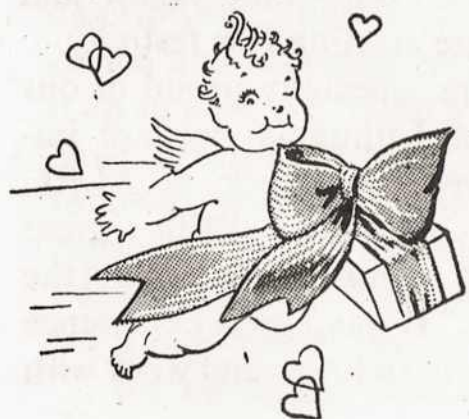
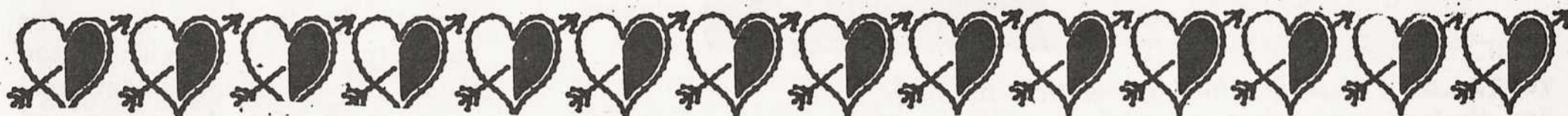
Teresa Trainis, President of Bridgeport Council of Catholic Women, presents check for \$11,000 to Edward Loskoskie, Director of Catholic Charities. Looking are Bishop Walter Curtis, Msgr. Andrew Hajus and Mrs. John Borgiorno.

Vyčiai Veikia

Council Activities

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C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

A bit of holiday festivity reigned at our annual Festival on November 13 at Divine Providence Cultural Center. A variety of handmade items which included decorative vases, wall hangings, floral arrangements and crocheted items were available at the Straw Game under the chairmanship of Marge Nashlon. Helping her were Maggie Smailis, Jeanne Yakstys, Marianne Newberry and son Chip.

Bertha Janus who utilized her free summer months by sewing and growing house plants chaired the White Elephant Booth. Her helpers were Ann Usdavinis, Antoinette Baron and Stella Hotra. Another corner of the Cultural Center was festooned with Christmas socks and a nice variety of Christmas tree ornaments at the Christmas Boutique chaired by Sophie Zager and assisted by Julia Janson. Lucille Smilgis is to be commended for making and painting Christmas



Father Gediminas Kijauskas leading prayers at funeral of Cleveland Seniors member Alfonsas Mikulskis

items with Lithuanian greetings. A nearby basket of cheer added a holiday touch. Thanks to Ed Bagdon and Joseph Yakstys for their help.

A very deserving nod goes to Betty Petroski who headed the kitchen crew. She, alone, made 300 filled dumplings, prepared two pots of kopūstai and peeled all the potatoes at her home in preparation for the kugelis for the festival. Richard Danielak transported everything in pre-dawn hours to the Center. This department was very ably assisted by Mary Keller, Virginia Kirsh, Frank Zager and Nellie Milius.

The Bake Sale during the festival was the inspiring work of Helen

Santorum who was assisted by Marie Kase, Amelia Kulikauskas, Jadvyga Rukstele, Alice Burt and Ann Salas. Refreshments were capably handled by George Kase, Chester Nashlon and Joe Yakstys assisted by Chip Newberry and Michael Salas.

Tony Dainus had a lively balloon game going for all the kiddies. Violet Panavas brought in a compound profit from ticket sales. The 50-50 Drawing was chaired by Maggie Smailis, and the big winner and well deserving, too, was Joseph Yakstys. The key ingredients in the cleanup department were Richard Danielak, Mary Keller and Marianne Newberry as well as the rest of the committee. Sincere thanks to



Elizabeth Carlson, third generation member C-79, dressed in Lithuanian woven garments, explained traditions and customs of Lithuanian Christmas Eve to Ann Uzdevinas and Brone Gaivelis.

everyone who came and participated in the festival.

Despite the snow and slush, a good number of our members braved the elements for the December meeting. To get into the Christmas spirit of giving, our council made their annual contribution to the Capuchin Fathers for distribution of food and clothing to the poor families. A nice donation was made toward helping a very needy Lithuanian family.

Tracy Angelwicz, teenage granddaughter of Berth Janus, volunteered a day's service with her class at the Capuchin Missions. She experienced working with the poor and the disabled.

Many of our members who are also members of ALRC Women's Alliance participated in their first Kūčios on December 16 at the Cultural Center. Each member contributed to the meal of 12 dishes by bringing a traditional food. A. Gričius gave a summary on how Kūčios is observed in Lithuania.

The Canton Township Library had an international display on December 7. Among the cultural exhibits was a Lithuanian display which featured a Christmas tree of beautiful straw ornaments, woven linens, amber jewelry, a Lithuanian doll, a straw art picture and other

items.

Orchids to Mrs. Rukstele and her daughter, Virginia Kirsh, who were hostesses for the December meeting. They treated us with Lithuanian homemade food and lots of goodies. Labai ačiū!

Excerpts from Dr. V. Majauskas' inspirational message delivered during the Diamond Jubilee of Divine Providence Church are worthy to keep, to repeat and to remember for a long time.

"We know that diamonds do not glow in the dark. Only a bright light can make them sparkle and shine. We

can compare this glowing diamond to a human spirit which also glows in the light of personal achievement such as devotion, happiness and hope.

"Established in 1908 with only a few dedicated people, this parish survived three generations, two great wars, super highways, whereas some other ethnic parishes disintegrated. Now we contemplate the future of our parish. Will the younger generation, the fourth in line, follow the path of their ancestors? Will they lead Divine Providence into a centennial anniversary? With that vision and hope we are starting this festivity.

"We are especially proud of our Knights of Lithuania; we are impressed with the work of ALRC Women's Alliance. With great respect and admiration, we salute the "oldtimers." It was a great experience and an honor to know and work with them."

A word of sympathy to Sophia Leskosky upon the death of her brother Alphonse Klapat in Chicago. Our condolences to Betty Petroski who lost her dear mother, Helen Gudaitis, in Pennsylvania. Our prayers for their Eternal Rest.

SOFFI



C-86 — DU BOIS

The first sign of the approaching Christmas season in our Lithuanian-oriented church was the distribution of plotkeles by Alda Waylonis at the weekend Masses starting December 3. I'm happy to say that many of our non-Lithuanian parishioners are beginning to join in this custom.

Our council held a Christmas party on Saturday, December 17, at the Lithuanian Club. Our council provided the basics of food and drinks, and the members each brought foods and deserts of every description. Thanks to Dick Radzavich and his committee for setting it up so well. We found a little time to have a short business session and followed that with the singing of carols led by our Spiritual Advisor, Father Leopold. Then we socialized for a time before calling it a night.

We all missed Jeanne Bruzga at the party; she was confined to the DuBois Hospital. Unfortunately, Jeanne fell down her cellar steps on December 11 and wasn't discharged from the hospital until December 23. Her injuries included a shattered wrist and a break of her pelvic bone in two places. She asks to be remembered to her many K of L friends and apologizes for not sending out Christmas cards this year.

A big ačiū to Ben Bruzga and Dick Radzavich for handling the distribution of fruit baskets this year. Twenty-two of them went out to our parish shut-ins.

Again this year, Jane and Rusty Anderlonis donated an evergreen to St. Joseph Church. It had to be all of ten feet tall and beautifully decorated by C-86 members, Rusty Anderlonis, Ben Bruzga, Dick Radzavich, Alda Waylonis and Reggie Rusonis with Lithuanian-style straw ornaments and white lights. A truly magnificent tree!

An article was printed in our parish bulletin about the celebration of the Christmas Kūčios by our

ancestors in Lithuania, including the straw under the white table cloth, the holy wafers, the twelve-course meal, etc. An article about our Lithuanian traditions, including a picture of our tree as it appears in our church, and a close-up picture of one of the fancy ornaments made by our ladies of our council, also appeared in the Courier-Express, our daily newspaper. Needless to say, our Lithuanian community is well and hopefully will continue its efforts at recognition in the years to come.

I'm sorry to end this article on a sad note. Our sympathies are extended to Ben Karklius, C-25 Cleveland, on the death of his beloved wife, Alice, on December 17. We will miss her greatly. She was ever-smiling, and each time we got together, she endeared herself to us more and more. I'm sure she has inherited her just place in heaven.

Tom Bruzga

C-96 — DAYTON

At our December meeting Ada Sinkwitz and Mary Lucas reported that the "Christmas on Campus" held at Kennedy Union Hall at the

University of Dayton was a lovely affair. There were many ethnic Christmas displays among which the Lithuanian tree drew much attention. Ada, Mary and their committee did a fine job of dressing the tree with straw ornaments.

The Juniors' "Food Fair and Bake Sale" held on December 17 & 18 was a huge success. Homemade sausage and kugelis were sold along with many items of baked goods. Many thanks go to all for their donations.

The Juniors enjoyed their Christmas party held at the home of Judy Petrokas and hosted by Judy and Elaine Pacovsky.

The annual Ladies' Christmas Party on December 6 was attended by 17 members and guests at Lamachy's Historical Inn in Beavercreek.

A very nice picture of Mary Lucas and daughter Elaine Pacovsky appeared in the Dayton Daily News on December 14. They were interviewed by a staff writer who was seeking information on Lithuanian customs and food. One of Mary's favorite Christmas recipes "Pyragas" appeared in the column.



C-96 member Irena Gecas enrolled at the Vasario 16 gimnazija this year. (Germany). She joined their dance group. Pictured above — the second row — second girl from the left. In center of picture is Otto von Habsburg, member of the European Parliament.

Once again the annual Christmas Caroling was held on Sunday, December 18, and carolers were out in full force. Gus and Mary Ann Blum did an outstanding job of organizing the project. In spite of the cold weather, 21 participated in the visits to our shut-ins and older parishioners. Thirty fruit baskets were given out. The social in the church hall afterward was much enjoyed by everyone. Hot soup and sandwiches were served by the Social Committee — Chris Mantz, Judy Petrokas, John and Joyce Berczely and Pat and Sue Smiley. Labai ačiū to all.

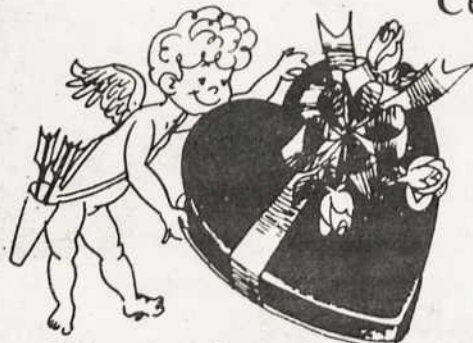
Ada Sinkwitz, Cultural Chairman, was in charge of decorating the Lithuanian Christmas tree at the altar. The sparkling lights and the unusual straw ornaments made a beautiful setting. Many thanks to Ada and her committee for their artistic talents.

Christmas Eve services this year were enhanced by the singing of our newly-organized Junior Choir. For many weeks they appeared at rehearsals on Saturday mornings, and many thanks go to the parents for all their help.

Trekking southward soon to escape the rigors of our zero weather are several of our members — Frances and Charlie Vangas to their condominium overlooking the ocean at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Eloise Berczely who will be visiting friends.

Ada Sinkwitz enjoyed a visit over the Christmas holiday with her daughter and son-in-law and family from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Cecelia



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Attending the K of L Building (Chicago) Reception kicking-off the Building Fund Drive are: Drive Chairman Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, Treas. Irene Sankus, Jonas Talandis, Eleanor Kasputis, and District President Algerd Brazis.

(Photo: G. Janula)

Congratulations to our beloved Bushop Vincentas Brizgys on the occasion of his 80th birthday. His Excellency, an Honorary Member of K of L and a member of Council 112, is truly a K of L member. He frequently participates in our many activities and is always a gracious advisor. His meeting with fellow Chicago members throughout the country is a delight and a time to catch up on things at home.

District Membership Vice President Eleanor Kasputis announced that our District's Membership Drive began October 1, 1983, and will conclude on June 30, 1984, so credit can be given to all who enroll new members. Awards will be presented during our July 4 picnic festivities.

Our K of L Building Fund Drive is continuing, and we are most appreciative of the generous donations received from members and friends of the K of L. A complete listing of donors will appear in the VYTIS in the near future.

The December business meeting on December 12 with President Algerd Brazis presiding was followed by a Christmas social. The delicious napoleonas made by Emili-

ja Pakalniškis is a tradition which is greatly looked forward to those in attendance. We were pleased to have both our District Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas and C-36 Advisor Rev. Fabian Kereilis in attendance.

Following the regular district business, two Building Trustees were reelected — Albert Zakarka of C-112 and Clementė Vidžius of the Chicago Senior Council. Donations were also appropriated to Draugas, Sandara, Naujienos, Lithuanian newspapers; Sophie Barcus, Margutis, Liet. Aidai, radio programs for their support throughout the past year.

Council 14 of Cicero honored their reorganization sponsor, Dr. Peter Atkociunas, with a dinner on the occasion of his retirement. The dinner was held at Mr. Anthony's which is operated by council members, Mr. & Mrs. A. Duda.

Following the directive of the Supreme Council, our District will commemorate St. Casimir's Day on March 11 at our only St. Casimir's Church which is in Gary, Indiana. The hosts will be the members of Council 82 and Pastor Rev. Ignatius Urbonas.

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Hosting the 71st National Convention will be Council 36, Brighton Park, Chicago, August 22-26, Conrad Hilton Hotel. Pictured above, displaying campaign banner, are some of the Convention Committee members (L to R): President John Paukstis, Dave Gaidas, Jerome Jankus, Ann Marie

Kassel, Bruce Neberieza, Anita Bosas, Tom Strolia, Mary Kincius, Don Forsberg, Sue Suski, Sharon Martinaitis, Lucy Kilkus, Lillian Paukstis, Paul Strolia, Karen Smith, Georgi Kassel, Ona Naureckas and Don Smith.

C-36 — CHICAGO

Convention '84 was the big discussion at our October meeting as the members of Council 36 eagerly and with great enthusiasm accepted the challenge of hosting the 71st National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania here in Chicago at the beautiful Conrad Hilton Hotel, August 22-26. Our President John Paukstis and Trustee Mary Kincius were unanimously selected to co-chair the big event. Pre-convention activities were discussed such as city bus tour, Chinatown, harness racing, dinner-theatre, boat riding, etc. It is shaping up as the greatest convention of all times. Mary Kincius asked the 98 members present to keep the efforts of the Convention Committee in their prayers for lasting strength and endurance. Frank Zailskas was the lucky winner of our attendance award, scotchguard travel luggage.

Congratulations to our new officers: President John L. Paukstis; First Vice President, Bruce Neberieza; Second Vice President,

Ray Wertelka; Third Vice President, Bernice Pupinik; Treasurer, Frank Svelnis; Recording Secretary, Aušra Padalino; Corresponding Secretary, Clara O'Dea; Financial Secretary, Scottie Zukas; Trustees, Vince Samaska, Robert Wawryla and Mary Kincius; Sergeant at Arms, Jerome Jankus, Joseph Martikonis, Don Smith, Edward Chepchoris, Vyto Abraitis, Ray Krasauskis and Jonas Kernagis.

Dr. Claudette Pieczynski, Chiropractic Physician, was our guest speaker at this October meeting. Her subject was "Back Problems and Arthritis." We learned a lot especially during the question and answer session.

Chairman Joseph Zadeikis and Council 36 are continuing to write letters to Postmaster General William Bolger in Washington urging the issuance of a commemorative stamp for Darius and Girėnas.

In loving memory, please remember in your prayers our very active member Mykolas Simokaitis who passed away on October 19. Our

sympathy to Mrs. Simokaitis and family.

Congratulations Justin and Mary Kincius on your 25th Wedding Anniversary!

Speedy recovery to our sick members: Rose Didzgalvis, Sophie Kantwell, Stanley Gimbut, Akvilla Maleta, Albert Rupslauskas, Helen Jazwicz, Marian Dean and Kay Pocius.

Congratulations to Ron and Aušra Padalino on the recent birth of their new beautiful baby boy. Ron and Aušra have two girls.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fabian Kireilis, continues to be the backbone of our great council. We are grateful to Monsignor Mozeris, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church for his assignment.

A warm welcome to our new members: Monsignor D. A. Mozeris, Rev. Robert Martinkus, Kazys & Evelyn Ozelis, Carol Karalaitis Rabinak, Jonas & Vyte Gydas, Vladas Vijeikis, A. Bartkus and Sister M. Joanela, General Superior SSC.

Despite the real bad weather, our November meeting was well attended with 92 members present. Convention '84 — Chicago — was again the main topic as our Convention Committee is really getting excited about the pride, joy and camaraderie that Lithuanians have when they get together. Members of St. George's Parish in Bridgeport are looking forward to the upcoming national convention. During the meeting, we passed the hat around and collected \$150 to place a page and a half of Christmas Greetings to our fellow Lithuanians in the Vytis December issue. Our Annual Coffee & Cake Social was a great success as parishioners of Immaculate Conception enjoyed the smiling faces of our council members as we served them homemade bakery following all Masses on Sunday, November 6. Orchids to Lucy Kilkus and Sharon Martinaitis, our very capable chairmen, and our great and generous committee.

In closing, we have sad news to report. Our Honorary Member Kazimiera E. Petrulis, a member of the Knights of Lithuania for some 50 years, passed away and was laid to rest on November 20. Please remember her in your prayers.

Our Christmas party was held on December 19 and was attended by 134 members despite the zero weather. They certainly were not disappointed by Chairman Bruce Neverieza and his hard-working committee. Our members were greeted with cocktails and treated to a delicious hot dinner consisting of Lithuanian foods. Spirits of your choice were served throughout the evening. Naturally, all the festivities began with the inspirational prayers by our Spiritual Director, Father Fabian Kireilis, breaking of the bread wafers with our fellow members and a special toast by President Paukstis.

Mary Kincius, our energetic Convention Chairman, led all in



Congressman William Lipinski (5th Cong. Dist, Ill.) pledges his support for the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Stamp in honor of Captain Stephen Darius and Lt. Stanley Girenas to Stamp Chairman Juozas Zadeikis of Council 36 Chicago. Also supporting the issuance are members of the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post (L to R) Past Commander John L. Paukstis, Commander Don Forsberg and Past Commander Bruce Neverieza. The Darius-Girenas Stamp is on the Stamp Advisory Committee's agenda.

singing of Christmas carols in English and Lithuanian accompanied by accordionist Lenny Simmons. Many valuable door prizes were donated and raffled off during the evening under the watchful eye of Father Robert Martinkus, Associate Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church. We were all happy to see Sabina Klatt at the party. Sabina recently underwent serious surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery. We are most grateful to each and every member who contributed so much to make this Christmas truly meaningful. We love you!

Congratulations to Juozas Bacevicius who was recently honored by the Southwest Realty Board and received the coveted Ben Bohac Award for his 20 years of leadership in community activities.

LILLIAN PAUKSTIS

C-112 — CHICAGO

October 3, 1984, will be our council's 60th Anniversary and plans are being made to hold an Anniversary Banquet, K of L Building, on October 7. Algerd Brazis agreed to be the Honorary Chairman, and we hope all of our friends will join us on

this occasion.

Our board members continue to meet at member's homes for coordinating council activities. The December meeting was hosted by Susan Bolanos. Following the business agenda, all enjoyed the socializing.

The Annual Christmas Party was held at the Burbank Rose Restaurant, and the many members present enjoyed the evening as arranged by Social Chairlady Julie Zakarka.

Following our December business meeting, the ladies and gentlemen of the council prepared "goodies" for a most pleasant Christmas social. The delicious buffet meal was enhanced by the musical program with Ruth Dagis at the organ and soloists Algerd Brazis, Mary Juzenas and Peter Gagle. Everyone then joined in for the carol singing.

Our Junior Council, headed by Maria Deksnis, entertained Marquette Parkers with the singing of Christmas carols and then joined the regular members at the Christmas social.

Condolences to Dolores Rupp, lifetime member, on the death of her

mother.

A 14-day Panama Canal cruise was enjoyed by Alice & Al Cekanor, Jim & Mary Adamaites and John & Nancy Rudis, with many ports of call and a final destination of California before their return to wintery Chicago.

Congratulations to Dr. Birute Pumputis and her husband Claude on the birth of their first in Chicago — Aušra Onutė. A delightful Christening Party was held at the K of L Building with many council and choir members in attendance.

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C-112 New Officers: Spiritual Advisor V. Zakarauskas, President Paul Binkis, Secretary Mary Juzenas, (standing) V. P. Albert Zakarka, Sgt.-at-arms Edward Deksnis, Treasurer Monica Kasper, Fin. Secretary Alice Cekanor, Sgt.-at-arms Louis Rogers and Trustee Albert Cekanor.



MAMD members at K of L Reception, Pres. Algerd Brazis, Bea Laurian, Rev. Peter Cibulskis, Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis, Stanley Evans, Eleonore Kasputis, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas and Al Mockus.
Photo by B. Janula



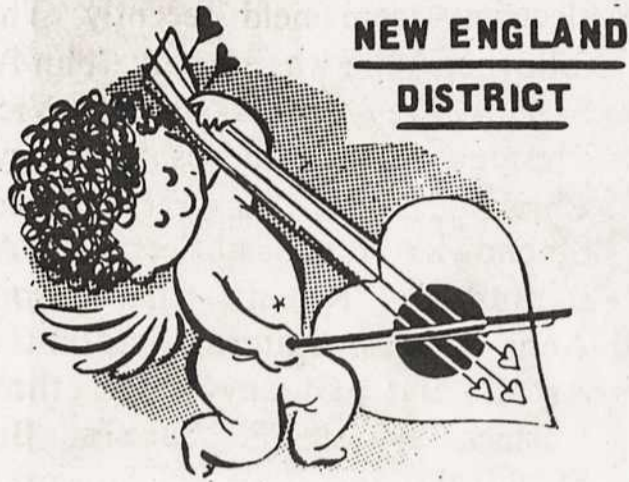
C-112 members who participated in the K of L Building Fund Reception. Photo by G. Janula



MAMD Guests at the K of L Building Reception: Joseph and Valeria Stanaitis, Charles and Irene Macke, Bea Laurian and Vincent Samaska.



Large group of C-112 members who attended the reception at the K of L Building Fund affair.



C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

Our council held their third annual Kučios, the Christmas Eve supper of the Catholic Lithuanians, on December 17 in St. Francis Church Hall, Athol, following the 5 p.m. Mass.

The Kučios began after the evening star appeared. Rev. Justin Steponaitis blessed the plotkelės and shared the wafers with all in attendance. They, in turn, with each other wished each other the best and that the group remain intact during the coming year.

The menu consisted of twelve meatless specialties symbolizing the twelve apostles — fish chowder, baked fish, various herring dishes, kugelis, various casseroles, Christmas breads, pastries and cheeses. The tables were spread with hay as a reminder of Christ's manger and covered with white cloths. A crucifix with the blessed plotkeles was the centerpiece.

The hall and church were decorated in the Christmas motif, high-lighted with a Lithuanian Christmas tree and the straw ornaments fashioned into many designs. Following the dinner, carols were sung.

Bronė Wisniauskas asked all in attendance to draw straws from a box, reviving our ancient tradition to determine the length of life or to some the length of their single life.

The following day, our council along with Rev. Steponaitis treated the parish's 28 altar boys with an

afternoon bowling, lunch and gifts distributed by Santa in the person of Lennie Davidonis.

It was our best and lafatest Kučios with new faces seen and some old ones missing.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Margaret Senk who treated us to a nice lunch following election of officers. Officers elected were Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Justin Steponaitis; President, Bill Wisniauskas; Vice President, Howard Beaudette; Treasurer, Nellie Melaika; Financial Secretary, David Lucas, Recording Secretary, Charles Genaitis; Cultural Chairman, Brone Wisniauskas; Lithuanian Affairs and Athol Press, Margaret Sekn; Telephone Chairman and Religious Chairman, Blanche Genaitis.

Congratulations to Ed and Theresa Mielus on the occasion of their recent marriage. Many K of L'ers were seen at their reception held at Maironis Park.

Condolences are extended to Marcella Aleksis on the death of her husband, Prof. Alexander Aleksis of Waterbury. We, who knew him, respected him for the 70 years he gave the K of L.

Recuperating are members Alice Perekslis and Lennie Davidonis. A year has passed since the death of our dear member, Brone Narkevicius. Let us remember her in our prayers on this the first anniversary of her death.

Vincukas

C-26 — WORCESTER

The late Rev. Michael Tamulevicius, our spiritual advisor of many years, frequently reminded us that the only requisite to being part of a "click" was a willingness to work. Father Mike's words ring true when we consider the popularity of many K of L'ers. A few examples follow:

Best wishes to Mildred Lapinskas, parish council secretary

and Council 26 secretary, who recently was made president of Chapter 5, St. Casimir's, of the ALRCW's Alliance of which our pastor, Father A. Miciunas MIC is National Spiritual Advisor. And speaking of the parish council, serving in that capacity, in addition to the pastor, are Father B. Uzdavinis MIC, Adele Degutis, Al Seilius, Bill and Carol Grigas.

Ann Walinsky teaches and accompanies the funeral choir in our parish. This new apostolate, born of an idea from Withold Ivaska, includes Tony Anton, Francis Ginkus, Joseph Ivaska, Charles Kulakusky and Steve Walinsky Sr.

More next month on the involvements of still other council members.

Venison was included on the Leseman holiday menu because Bill singlehanded shot a 201 lb., 10 point buck! Bill's wife, Anne, was our "Vytis" correspondent for 1983.

Dorothy and Al Seilius entertained their son, Ralph, who was home for the holidays. Ralph will be graduated this spring from the US Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Soon to erase their names from the sick list include Rita Brazauskas, Claire Grigaitis, Bill Carrytais and Charles Tagman. Good health to all!

Strains of "ilgiausiu, sveikiausiu, vaisingu metu" were sung in Chicago this fall at the nuptials for Eduardas Meilus Jr. and Teresa Gaidelis, and then sung again, the post-nuptials here in Worcester. Infant Teresa was baptized by Father Miciunas in the Mid-west seems a few years ago, and now she's a member of his parish here in the East! A warm welcome to the bride and congratulations to the newlyweds!

Warm, friendly feelings abounded in greeting old and dear friends following the Midnight Mass on that windy, chilly Christmas Eve. It was good to greet Joe and Diane Drumstas and their children, here from Philadelphia for the holidays.

The bright lights of Christmas

dimmed because of heartaches of friends. Arthur Racicot's father died and was laid to rest the day before Christmas. On Christmas Eve, Edward Tamulevich, husband of C-116's president, Irene, died. Ed and Irene's total commitment to Catholic-Lithuanian causes is well known. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved Racicot and Tamulevich families.

Support by subscription is sorely needed by fine publications like Vytis, Catholic Free Press, Draugas, Laivas, Darbininkas, and a host of other.. And they make a perfect gift for any occasion. February is Catholic Press month.

President Rita Pinkus and her board are finalizing plans for council participation in the Lithuanian Independence Day observance. More on this next month. Iki sekančio numerio, Suu Diev, mieli skaitytojai! "Olga"

C-27 — NORWOOD

Everyone has been so busy with parties and shopping for the holidays, but here we are still awaiting more happy times.

Speaking of happy times, we are all so thankful to the Almighty that Joe Aidukonis is coming along so well after surgery. He is now back to work part time so it's no surprise to see his wife Kay smiling and humming a happy tune.

Those of us who had time and went to the Kučias and party on December 11, hosted by C-1 at the Bumila Community Center, were indeed very fortunate. Our own Sister Helen explained in detail what each item represented on our Lithuanian Kūčios table. It was very beautiful.

Sister Eugenia and Sister Helen led a real Lithuanian sing-along with the expertise of Peter Bizikauskas at the piano.

Naturally when John Martinkus brought in his tapes and stereo,

Council 27's Sandy Melish, Aldona & John Martinkus along with our Mary Ann Tamasanis showed how Council 27 can really dance.

George Barton, Helen & Stan Dallalis also attended.

As usual, with all good friends from Southie and Brockton, we hated to see the evening end. We overheard Joe White from Southie say, "What a wonderful affair — this could become an annual affair."

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C-50 — NEW HAVEN

On November 20, Council 50 put on their Third Turkey Raffle and Christmas Boutique. We are fortunate to have people like Alex Gedrim who is the originator of the Turkey Raffle and does his best to make sure it is a success. We are also fortunate to have Sophie Aunce, our ambitious and talented craftslady. She put on a display of Christmas items that proved to be just what we wanted for that special Christmas gift.

Then, of course, we can't praise our potato peelers enough. Some male members gave them a hand. Ann Meskins and Theresa Strimaitis of the kitchen committee certainly appreciated their efforts. Everything in the kitchen was a complete sellout.

There were those who worked diligently at the white elephant table. The Christmas tree with those unusual handmade adornments was outstanding. Lithuanian food consisted of dešra, breads, cakes, etc. Lastly, the big raffle is so much fun for all. What a perfect Turkey-Christmas Festival!

Our loving member, Mae Jackub, who has been recuperating, looks great. We are indeed happy that you are with us again.

H. B.

C-135 — ANSONIA

Kas atsitiko su Ansonia? Aš jums

pasakysiu angliškai. First, council elections were held recently. The following slate was elected: John A. Sabulis, President; Al Shurkis, Vice President; Gerri Skuches, Secretary; Chris Slushinski, Treasurer; Mildred Stachowicz, Financial Secretary; Al Barauskas, Ritual Chairperson; Anne Sabulis, Cultural; Sergeant at Arms; Pat Gursky. Our three trustees are J. P. Sabulis, Bill Slushinski, and Walt Stachowicz.

We had a very busy active year. Space does not permit all the details, so I'll give the highlights. We don't mean to slight anyone if we don't mention your name.

Our annual Communion Breakfast was a great success. Judge Cliff Hoyle spoke on wills and how to prevent problems in estate planning. Two new chefs handled the catering chores with a bevy of pretty young waitresses. Chris Slushinski and J. P. Sabulis prepared an excellent meal, and everyone applauded their efforts. 1984 will be better yet! This was followed by our annual delicious cake and bake sale. Everyone did an outstanding job and it was an early sell out.

It wasn't long thereafter that we all banded together in true K of L fashion to pitch in and help raise money for the parish. Plenty high-cost projects are in store for our Padre Ray. The most unusual event was when Walt Stachowicz put away his clam knife and changed the sign from "Clam Bar" to "Potato Pancakes." He couldn't keep up with the demand. They were great and we made money!

Another picnic that was well attended, enjoyed and lively was our annual K of L picnic at Lake Quassapaug. Those of you who did not attend missed a "goodie." Plenty of food, drink, entertainment and even dancing. When the sun went down and the sing-along faded, we had to pack up. It was tough to say, "Iki pasimatymo, Sudievu." Once again our chef, Walt Stachowicz, an

expert grill man, did wonders in serving a delicious menu. He says, "Milda does a lot, too!"

We had a good turnout of council members at the NED Cultural Picnic in New Haven. It is always nice to meet with old friends and make new ones. All it takes is "Labas or Sveikas" and you're there.

The fall season found council members taking on another project. "Apple Fest" was the theme. It turned out to be a big work project for a few. Millie Stachowicz and Anne Sabulis spent half the night for two days baking pies to help make it a success. Others participated on the production line method. John Gursky peeled apples on a "very modern" machine for apple crisp. Our thanks to Chris Slushinski for doing such a fine job of coordinating everything as chairman, Al Shurkis for picking the apples and all of our helpes in preparing the items. We're doing it again — right gang?

Kur jūs buvote? No one to my knowledge in the whole council stayed home this year. Others traveled more often and possibly further, but everyone went somewhere. April found Anne and Johnny Sabulis in Arizona for a few weeks to enjoy the sunshine. They attended an old-fashioned Lithuanian picnic with kugelis, kielbassi, the works, in the beautiful mountains of Phoenix. John said these people traded in all their amber for turquoise because that's what they were wearing.

Al Barry spent much time down in Florida. He says he was checking on oranges and fish. That's some combination. His next trip is to Brazil for the Mardi Gras. Good luck, Al!

The Ellises and Twerians along with Violet Brazitis were seen touring Cape Cod and enjoying the seafood and local sights.

Many of our members spent time in the hospital, too. Quite a few made more than one trip. To all of



Teresa Trainis, C-141 Bridgeport, and President of the Bridgeport Council of Catholic Women, chats with Edward Laskowsky, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, and Bishop Walter Curtis during their annual Charity Ball.

you, we're glad you're well and back in the fold once again. We hope 1984 will be better.

Ar Jūs girdėjote? John Gursky is representing our council and the parish on the committee of Connecticut's Lithuanian 500th Anniversary Celebration of St. Casimir. That's quite an undertaking and we wish him success.

Our lovely secretary, Gerri Skuches, was engaged and decided to "kiss the single life good-bye" this summer. Congratulations and good luck, Gerri, from all of us!

Our Lithuanian Cowboy Pete? Pete Gumbulevich has gone western and likes it, too!

Laikas eiti — Nakties Pelėda!



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DISTRICT

C-46 — FOREST CITY

Our annual Christmas party was

held on December 4 at the Dew Drop Inn in Forest City.

The preface to our party was Father Sitko's blessing of the food. The party was most enjoyable due to the delicious food and entertainment.

Edward Yeskatalas served as chairman. He was assisted by Ann Zelenskas.

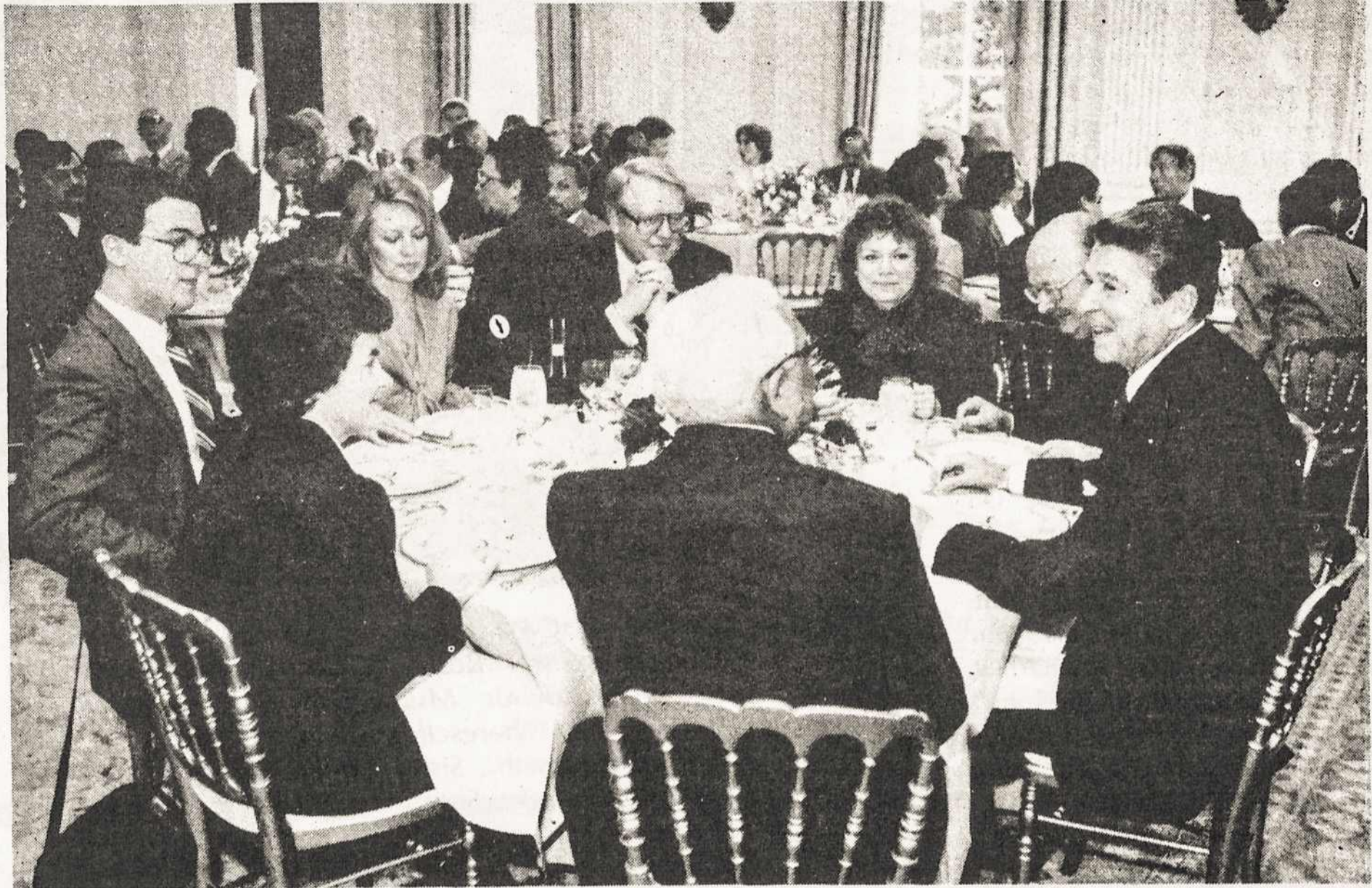
President John Morris presided at the short business meeting which followed the party.

Blanche Motsko

C-29 — NEWARK

November 13 was far from an unlucky date for our council. We held a Chinese Auction on that day, and it didn't jinx us in the least. The affair turned out to be a huge success, both financially and socially. Thanks to all the members and friends who donated the prizes and to all the ladies who baked cakes for refreshments served. Thanks also to Chairlady Eva Sharon and her wonderful committee for working so hard to make this affair one of our best.

Congratulations and best wishes are in order to two of our younger members, Marian Totoris and Amelia Skruodys who became Fall



Father Kornelius Bucmys, OFM, shown seated directly to the right of President Ronald Reagan, recently had dinner at the White House.



Members of C-110, Maspeth, recently participated in a MASS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM held at St. Agnes Cathedral. Representatives from more than 20 national groups attended.

Brides this year. We all wish them a long and happy married life!

Our annual Christmas party was held in our Parish Hall on December 11 and was one of the best we ever had. The party started after the 12 o'clock Mass with cocktails and snacks, followed by a delicious hot and cold buffet. Mouth-watering homemade cookies and coffee were served for dessert. A good time was had by all. Chairlady Anne O'Neill and her committee deserve a big pat on the back for this affair.

The spirit of giving was very evident at our Christmas party. On display was a table stacked high with foodstuff donated by our council members to help feed the needy from St. John's Church in Newark. Our Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. Scharnus, made an appeal to help St. John's needy at our November meeting. The response was indeed heart warming. Helen Sisak was appointed to do the food shopping with money donated by our council. The rest of the food was contributed by members and friends. There were large bags of potatoes, cans of ham, coffee, fruits, vegetables, soup and even a big bag of Christmas candy for the children. Thanks a million to all!

Our deepest sympathies to the families of Charles Balchunas and Sophie Drazdauskas. Both were members of our council for some time. Also, to Kazys Sipaila whose sister Adele passed away in Lithuania. May they all rest in Peace!

Eva Coll

C-74 — SCRANTON

A series of programs on "Christmas Celebrations in the Ethnic Traditions" was held recently at the Everhart Museum in Scranton.

The Knights of Lithuania Council 74 was in charge of the Lithuanian Program. The members decorated a Christmas tree with the beautiful



Honored Guests at C-74 Kucios seated at the speaker's table are Sister Rosita, Chairman Ann Lisowski, Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Ozales, Rev. Michael Zipay, Sister Thereselle; standing, Past President Edward Tamasaitis, Sister Aquiline, Sister Bernedette, President Laske, Sister Ann Therese and Sister Mary Agnes.



Kucios planning committee of Scranton C-74 included (First Row) President Marie Laske, Agatha Sueta, Chairman Ann Lisowski, Mary Bulger, Irene Shimkus, Ann Galenas, Dick Laske, Margaret Liabinas, Sarah Yescavage, Edward Romanuskas. (Second Row) Jule Grandy, Ona Matulevich, Jean Kavelinis, Ann Patelunas, Rose Stanches, Bill Grady, Ann Bagdon and Peg Romanuskas.

straw ornaments. Two display cases of Lithuanian artifacts were on display as well as a vase of rūta.

The "Sunbeams," young Lithuanian dancers under the direction of Sister Virginia Vytel CJC of St. Mary's Villa, presented a play and sang some songs. The K of L members also sang several songs.

Refreshments were served. Ann Galenas and Patsy Simms were co-chairmen and were assisted by Ann Lisowski, Agatha Suetta and Marie Laske.

Ruth Yanish



Rebecca Georgia presented a gift to Mrs. Anna Romanauskas, oldest member of C-74 Scranton, as President Marie Laske, Msgr. Michael Ozales, Father Zipay, Chairman Ann Lisowski join her at the Annual Kucios.

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

In October election of officers took place. The following members

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in
your prayers...

ANN KUDARAUSKAS
Member of C-17
S. Boston, MA
Died on October 6, 1983

MYKOLAS SIMOKAITIS
Member of C-36
Chicago, IL
Died on October 19, 1983

MARY YEKULES
Member of C-79
Southfield, MI
Died on October 28, 1983

EDWARD TAMULEVICH
Member of C-116
Worcester, MA
Died on December 24, 1983

ALICE KARKLIUS
Member of C-25
Cleveland, OH
Died on December 17, 1983

ELEANOR MICKEY
Member of C-79
Southfield, MI
Died on December 31, 1983

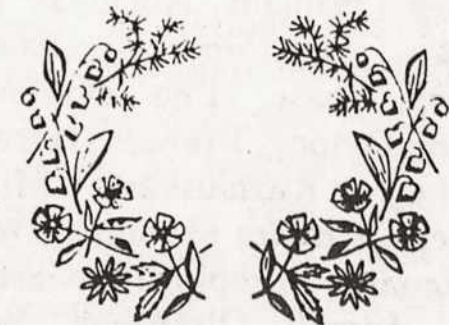
VINCENT MOCKAPETRIS
Member of C-17
S. Boston, MA
Died on January 2, 1984

MARY SIGARITIS
Member of C-144
Mt. Carmel, PA
Died on January 4, 1984

FATHER GREGORY LEOPOLD
Spiritual Advisor of C-86
Dubois, PA
Died on January 8, 1984

ALBERT PAPEIKA
Member of C-144
Frackville, PA
Died on January 9, 1984

LEWIS YANKUS
Husband of Cecelia Yankus
Member of C-96
Dayton, OH
Died on January 13, 1984



will serve for the 1983-84 season: President, Anthony J. Radzevich, Vice President, Genevieve Gobis; Secretary, Eleanore Olechowski; Treasurer, Sophie Olbie; Sergeants at Arms, Walter Sargalis, Gerard Drenzek and Matthew LaTorre, alternate.

The following will chair committees: Mary Stanionis, Ritual with Elizabeth Kuzmich assisting; Regina Kot and Polly Ziausys, Cultural; Edward Baranauskas, Lithuanian Affairs; Regina Kot, Juniors with G. Gobis assisting; G. Gobis, Public Relations.

Rev. Baltch asked for a minute of silence for Prof. Alexander Aleksis of C-7 Waterbury who passed away on October 31 at the age of 97. He was the composer of the Vyčių Himnas and an Honorary Member of K of L.

Bernice Aviza, MAD Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, spoke on the church in Klaipėda. Father Baltch's talk dealt with the Life of Father Yla. He also read a letter from Lithuania about the religious festivities in Šiluva where Bishop Paviionis and Kriščiūnas participated.

Refreshments were served by Sophie Olbie, Sadie LaTorre, Edna Luzinas, Mirga Bablin and Louise Kerbelis.

A Lithuanian Mass for deceased members was celebrated at St. Casimir's Church on November 14. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Baltch was the celebrant and was assisted by Gerard Drenzek. The readings were done by Polly Ziausys. Genevieve Gobis read the roll of deceased as follows: William Auciunas (McCune), Eleanore Baranauskas, Robert Chase, Leo Dansevitch, Eugene Dylong, Frances Dzerwicki, Matthew Kazlauskas, Michael Kerbelis, Charles Maldutis, Donald Nikstenas, Josephine Nikstenas, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Walter Rusiles, Peter J. Sargalis, Attorney Anthony G. Stokna, Pailine Urban, Joseph Valikonis and Anna Yunker. The offerings were brought to the

altar by Eleanore Olechowski and Genevieve Gobis.

Business meeting followed in St. Casimir's Social Center. The council's Christmas Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m. at Parillo's Armory Grill Restaurant. Everyone was requested to bring a dollar grab bag.

Rev. Baltch spoke on the success of the Renew Program at St. Casimir's and advised that the second phase will be held during the Lenten season.

A social hour preceded the annual Christmas Banquet on December 11 at Parillo's. Genevieve Gobis, mistress of ceremonies, presented Spiritual Advisor Rev. Baltch who first spoke on peace on our world and then Lithuanian Christmas Eve traditions.

The meal began with a prayer, followed by members sharing plotkeles and extending Christmas greetings and good wishes to each other.

Christmas messages were given by President and National Trustee Anthony J. Radzevich, Rev. Peter Jonaitis of Gloversville, Rev. Mathew Cyvas of Albany and Prof. George Gravrogkas and Dr. Aldona Baltch of Menands. Benediction was by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis.

Sophie Olbie presented Christmas gifts to Rev. Baltch and Rev. Grigaitis. Prizes were won by Ruth Ralya, Regina Kot, William Liberis, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Kensell, Charles Karbocius, Helen Druziak, Prof. George Gravrogkas and Genevieve Baranauskas.

Santa's helper, Frances DiBart, handed out the grab bag gifts. With Rev. Baltch taking over the reins at the piano, Christmas carols were sung by everyone.

Guests and members attended from Amsterdam, Albany, Menands, Schenectady, Scotia, Gloversville, Perth and Haganan.

The Christmas Committee was headed by Sophie Olbie with Helen

Druziak, Jennie Burimaukas, Agnes Rokit and Genevieve Gobis assisting.
SMILE & SPARKLE

C-110 — MASPETH

On October 30, Knights of Lithuania C-110 attended Mass of Religious Freedom at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, Long Island. Stasia Kraujalis made a banner for our council. In Lithuanian costumes Stasia, Mary Baltrus, Ann Adomenas and Helena Zedar carried the banner in the procession. Marija Stungurys and two of her children brought the gifts to the altar. Main celebrant was the Most Rev. J. Daly, DD. Rev. Daly praised the Lithuanians. The Long Island Catholic Press carried a picture of the members with the K of L Banner.

On Sunday, November 20 at Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, council members attended Mass for deceased members.

At the November meeting the guest speaker was Dolores Schmitt, an orientation and mobility instructor. She spoke about eye care and prevention of blindness.

Casimir Strazdas, father of Nellie Skabeikis and Philip Skabeikis' grandfather, died on November 5. We lost another member, Anna Zinke, on November 14. Condolences to the Skabeikis and Zinke families.

Before our Christmas party on December 7, Rev. S. Raila inducted members into the First Degree. Our pot-luck party with members sharing their dishes was a great success. Under the direction of Ray Balsys, our Lithuanian Dance Group performed several dances.

Kūčios was co-chaired by Nellie Skabeikis and Lucy Masaitis. Jonas Adomenas and Ann Adomenas who work at all K of L functions again helped to make Kūčios great. With Philip Skabeikis at the piano, members sang carols. Msgr. Frank Bulovas and Rev. S. Raila extended greetings and blessings to all.

Traditional Kūčios food was plentiful. Helen Matulonis spoke on the meaning of Kūčios. Alphonse Kraujalis, our official photographer, took pictures.

Future events are as follows: March 4, 11 a.m. Mass at Transfiguration followed by luncheon and program to commemorate 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir's Death; March 11, MAD Convention, St. Casimir's Church, Pittston; April 27-30 Canadian Pilgrimage to Toronto and Niagara Falls; June 2, DINNER Dance; June 3, MAD Convention, Paterson, NJ.

Helen Venis



Julia Gomez C-12, Helen Venis C-110 and Nellie Skabeikis C-12 celebrating Nellie's Fourth Degree in Philadelphia.



C-118 Hazleton held their annual Kucia at the parish center of Sts. Peter and Paul's Lithuanian Church. Seated from left to right are Alma Launikonis, Financial Secretary; Julia Solonoski, Treasurer; Rev. John Dastick, Spiritual Advisor; Doris Shanahan,

Secretary. Standing are Andrew Solonoski, Mary Lapinsky; John Lapinsky, Vice President; Albert Launikonis, President; Pat Shanahan. Approximately 40 persons attended.

C-140 — SYRACUSE

C-140 officers for 1984 are Spiritual Advisor, Rev. John Mikalajunas; President, Frank Petrauskas; Vice President, Joe Marcaitis; Secretary, Marge Migonis; Financial Secretary, Jack Brandt; Trustees, John Sutkus and John Stanley. The following will chair their respective committees: Mary Zutant, Spiritual Program; Katherine Cravetts, Lithuanian Af-

fairs; Marija Vizgaitis, Cultural; Jack Brandt, Ritual.

We are most happy to welcome our new Spiritual Advisor, Father John Mikalajunas, to our council. Father John was recently transferred to Sacred Heart Parish in Syracuse from Binghamton. He is a native of the Binghamton area where his parents still live. His mother is Polish and his father is Lithuanian.

We are glad Father John consented to be our Spiritual Advisor as he is a warm, kind person with a lot of enthusiasm. He spoke to us on St.

Casimir, Our Lady of Šiluva and Aušros Vartai. Each subject was well covered and well presented.

The Lithuanian Booth at the Festival of Nations was a great success. We exhibited a full-sized spruce tree decorated with straw ornaments, as well as other straw artifacts and a very nice amber display belonging to Marge Migonis. We covered the backdrop with fine colorful linens belonging to Marija Vizgaitis. Other items displayed included wood carvings and flowers.

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Rochester again did a magnificent job of entertaining the thousands of people who attend the festival. The dancers love to dance in Syracuse as we are fine hosts. They eat and drink very well.

Our food items were all sold out. The mushroom cookies are always a fast-moving item. The gals who handle this department are Veronica Sutkus, Katherine Cravetts and Millie Vaikness.

The hottest item of the festival is our potato pancakes. No other country sells as much of one food as we sell of potato pancakes. The lines are always there. Many people tell us that they come back each year just for our pancakes. It must be the love we put into them. Preparation is headed by Irene Petrauskas. Frying and serving is headed by Catherine and Jack Brandt. Cashier is John Sutkus.

Many of our members are very much involved with our booth. They help where needed and this is the reason for our success. It's good to see our young members deeply involved and even friends of some members. It means three days of hard work, but the satisfaction of success is well worth the effort. Chairman was Frank Petrauskas. He was ably assisted by Norman Klimas. Many thanks to all who participated.

Many C-140 members were saddened by the passing of Peter Hayes of C-100 Amsterdam. Pete was a close friend for many years. May his soul rest in peace.

Our closing thought ties in with our festival success: "Persistent

people begin their success where others end in failure. Whosever perseveres will be a winner."

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C-144 — ANTHRACITE

Our Annual Kūčios held at Holy Cross Hall in Mt. Carmel, hosted by the members from Mt. Carmel under the chairmanship of Mamie Piere, was a beautiful affair. Our ačiūs go to Mamie and her committee, also to Joseph Yezulinas Jr. who gave a very informative talk on Lithuanian Christmas Customs. Joe, who substituted for his father who was hospitalized, was an excellent pinch hitter. Thanks to Father Shelonis, our spiritual leader, and to Father Matthew Jarasunas for their Lithuanian Prayer Service and to Father James Gavin, Pastor of Holy Cross Church, for his prayers and blessing of the plotkeles. The tree was trimmed with Annie Morgalis' straw decorations and added much to the festivities.

Annie Morgalis once again trimmed a Christmas tree at the State Museum in Harrisburg, and it was the most beautiful tree in the display. We are most grateful to Annie who, as Lithuanian Commissioner on the Governor's Ethnic Heritage Commission, represents the K of L and has brought us much publicity throughout the State of Pennsylvania. She has been written up in the Wall Street Journal, Viltis Magazine, the Harrisburg Patriot News and numerous other publications in the state for her folk art in the real straw Christmas

decorations, her margučiai and her mushroom art. Annie who is Cultural Chairman of C-144 always credits the Knights of Lithuania. Ačiū, Onute, we are most grateful to you for displaying your Lithuanianism so proudly.

Assisting Annie at the decorating of the tree were Anne Sikora, Tessie Balulis and Ann Wargo. Acting as hostesses at the opening of the Christmas tree display and representing the Lithuanians of Pennsylvania were Bernice Mikatavage, Annie Morgalis and Junior Knights Madonna Balulis and Susan Balcavage. The Juniors also assisted in the demonstration of making of straw decorations.

President Ann Supernavage read a greeting from Rome to the members at the Kūčios from Father Al Bartkus. Everyone was happy to hear from Father Al. Many members received Christmas greetings, and he asked the K of L to be his backers in his endeavors in Rome. Father Al is very proud of being a Vytis.

We mourn the loss of our member Julia Goulden. Julia passed away in November, and once again the wake service was well attended. Father Shelonis and President Supernavage led the group in the Lithuanian Prayers. The service is most impressive and everyone who attends is impressed.

For all the work all the members did in 1983, we say, "Širdingai ačiū". We look forward to 1984, the year of St. Casimir, to be a good and fruitful Knights of Lithuania year.

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