



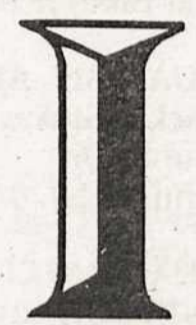
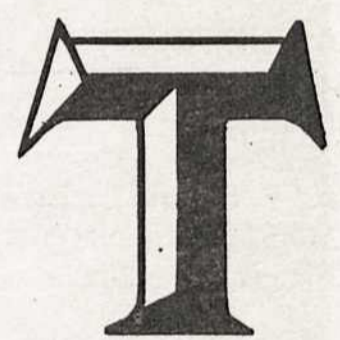
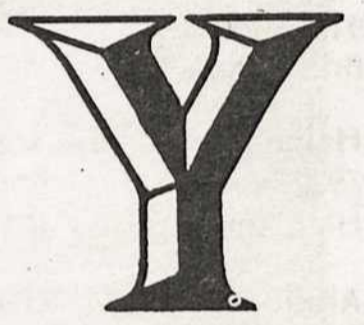
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## A CENTENARY CELEBRATION

**"THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD  
AS MADE, LET US REJOICE  
AND BE GLAD."**

From January 15 to October 18, 1984, the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother will commemorate the centenary of the birth of their founder, Rev. Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius, Passionist missionary. The commemoration will last for ten months, beginning on the day of his birth, January 15, and closing on the 35th anniversary of his death, October 18th, which coincides with the death of St. Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionists.

In his varied and adventurous life the future Passionist had been a young seminarian in St. Petersburg, Russia, a book-smuggler of prayer books and newspapers in Lithuania, a Passionist missionary in the United States, and the founder of a religious community for women, dedicated to the passion of Jesus and the sorrows of Mary, to continue the work he was destined by God to accomplish.

As in the life of most founders of religious communities, Father Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius experienced many trials and set-backs, but his confidence in God and his firm belief in Divine Providence gave him the necessary courage and strength to persevere. He often repeated the words, "Sursum corda," (lift up your hearts) as a reminder to look up to God and to trust in his assistance.

With deep gratitude to God for the many graces bestowed on their heroic and saintly founder, — and on them through the Community he founded, — the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother will commemorate with joy the 100th anniversary of his birth on earth.



*Confrater Alphonsus Maria Urbanavicius on the day of his profession, Dec. 3, 1907*

**THE CENTENARY OF REV.  
ALPHONSUS MARIA  
URBANAVIČIUS, C.P.  
FOUNDER OF THE POOR  
SISTERS OF JESUS CRUCIFIED  
AND THE SORROWFUL  
MOTHER**

Rev. Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius, a Passionist Missionary and Founder of the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful

Mother, was born in Tytuvėnai, Lithuania, January 15th, 1884, a village 10 kilometers north of Šiluva, the Lithuanian Lourdes. As Julius Urbanavičius, the youngest of five children, he was born into a family of polonized boyars.

As members of the polonized nobility his parents were deprived of their property and possessions after the uprising against the Czar in 1863 in the attempt to rebuild the



*Silver Jubilee of Rev. Alphonsus Maria, C.P. at Immaculate Conception Church in Cambridge, Mass.*

Lithuanian-Polish Alliance often referred to as the Polish Republic.

Because of the circumstances under which he lived young Julius learned to speak in Polish and Lithuanian, and also Russian which was the language used in the government schools. However, since he was born a year after Jonas Basanavičius and his colleagues began publishing a Lithuanian newspaper in polonized Lithuania, called "The Dawn" (Aušra) it reminded the people of their great historic past and Julius was immersed in "The Dawn Era", a time of Lithuanian consciousness and awakening.

Bishop Matthew Valančius of the Lithuanian Lowlands (Žemaitija) had started what was known as "The Underground Press" in East Prussia where Lithuanian books and journals were published with the banned Latin alphabet, and an organization



*The Wehrum Estate converted to St. Mary's Villa, the first Motherhouse of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified (1924)*



*Rev. Hugal, S.J. with a group of retreatants near the old convent (1930)*

of book-smugglers was formed to bring the printed articles over the Prussian border into Lithuania. The publishers of the Dawn News were able to refer to these organizations to disseminate their news.

The Underground Literary Movement begun by Bishop M. Valančius, including the Underground Press and Book-smugglers, entered the life of the young and old, of every career and profession, of journalists, poets, students, professors, clergy, and laity. Secret Societies were numerous. They raised the necessary

funds, organized book-smugglers and distributors, and located safe places for temporary storage. The powerful personality of Dr. Jonas Basanavičius urged the Lithuanians to make their nation one of science and learning, of brotherhood and peace among peoples.

Though hindered by the Secret Police, fanatic school teachers, and the Orthodox clergy, the Underground Press poured Lithuanian literature into the homes of countless families. Reading sessions were held in barns and granaries, while Secret Schools cropped up like mushrooms.

Men, women, and children were singing Lithuanian folk-songs and greeting each other with Lithuanian salutations.

Lithuanians were reading in their own language about Lithuania's great historic past from the writings of Simas Daukantas. They were moved by the poetry of Rev. John Mačiulis-Maironis, the poet of the nation's resurrection. The people were encouraged to seek their national identity, to retain their Catholic faith, to practice their beautiful customs, and to speak their own language.

Knowing that his favorite priest, Rev. John Mačiulis-Maironis, was rector and professor at the Catholic Theological Academy in St. Petersburg, Russia, Julius obtained permission from his parents to study there in preparation for the priesthood. However, his father having died the following year, Julius found it necessary to return to Tytuvėnai where his mother died 8 months later, leaving Julius an orphan.



*Sister Bonaventure and Sister Gabriel in Žasliai, Lithuania with Rev. Al Zanovitch (1938)*



*The second Motherhouse, Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Brockton, Mass. (1945)*



*Rev. Lopotto, Chaplain, with Novices and Postulants at the original Motherhouse, PA (1950's)*

Deprived of both parents and having no means to return to his studies, Julius Urbanavičius chose to help the people by joining the book-smugglers who risked their lives and safety by crossing the Prussian border to bring them Lithuanian literary treasures. The more often he succeeded in his efforts the more often he disappeared from home. Although he missed Tytuvėnai and often thought of the youth gatherings and song festivals, in no way was his

desire decreased to be part of a courageous group involved in a hazardous responsibility.

Evading the watchful guards at the border was only part of the danger. He learned to be exceptionally vigilant of the Russian Secret Police. As a Christian he had to out-think, out-live, and out-love all opposition. He was not to forsake the truth or turn a deaf ear to his conscience regardless of any unexpected turn of events. While relying



*Sister Justine planting flowers on grave of Rev. Alphonsus Maria, C.J. at St. Mary's Villa*



*Sister Ann Long and Sister Ann Cassidy registering a guest at the "Shelter" for homeless men and women in Scranton, PA*

for protection on the darkness of the night, the inclement weather of rainstorms in summer and snow blizzards in winter, he would arrive to his destination without hindrance.

Julius Urbanavičius had learned early in life not to submit to discouragement. When suspected by the Secret Police for involvement in book-smuggling, he was guided to the shores of America where he had the opportunity not only to fulfill his desire to be a priest, but also to begin a new Lithuanian Religious Community of women whose members would continue the work he began, the work of offering love and service to the Lithuanian people. They would accept and teach their language and culture and share its beauty with others. They would do this in the name of Jesus to heed the words of the psalmist, "Praise the Lord, All You Nations, glorify Him all you peoples."

Having joined the Passionist Community at St. Ann's Monastery in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as Father Alphonsus Maria of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, he had many opportunities to preach in



*Sister Angela Gvazdauskas, CJC, Moderator of the Jr. K. of L of Frackville, before a performance of the group on February 16, 1983*

Lithuanian Parishes. It was at the request of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America and of the Lithuanian Federation of Catholic Priests that he began the religious community of Sisters to care for orphans and widows whose fathers and husbands met tragic deaths in the coal mines of the region.

It also occurred to the Founder as

he preached in the industrial areas of the Eastern States that a Catholic Boarding House for working girls should be included in the aims of the new community. It would include group sharing, religious and moral guidance to revive their spirits, bring joy to living, and make possible Catholic Action in their place of industry.

However, as the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother look back on the short history of their community, they are grateful for the many opportunities offered them to work among the Lithuanians in parish schools, CCD Centers, and in staffing two thriving Nursing Homes for the aged in Elmhurst, Pennsylvania, and in Brockton, Massachusetts.

It is with trust in Divine Providence that the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother hope to receive inspiration and guidance to continue their work as individuals and as a community to further the work of their Founder. It is with joy that they celebrate the centenary of his birth (1884-1984) and thank God for the many graces bestowed upon them through the community he founded.



*A large group of Lithuanians gathered at St. Joseph's Hall in Scranton, Penn., learn to make straw Christmas tree ornaments*



*A small segment of the 70 members who registered for Lithuanian classes held at St. Joseph Parish. Sister Virginia is at the far left. Rev. Michael Ozalas is in the center of the group.*

Opportunities to learn more about Father Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius, C.P. and the new community he founded will be offered to the public in the form of slides accompanied with a synopsis of his life. Interested organizations and parishes may contact the Poor

Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother at their motherhouse, Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, 261 Thatcher Street, Brockton, Massachusetts, 02402, or at St. Mary's Villa Convent, Elmhurst, Pennsylvania, 18416.

Young women,



*Sister Justine, Artist*

searching for an opportunity to explore the aims and purposes of the new community founded 60 years ago by the zealous Passionist, Father Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius, will find many challenges in this book to offer themselves and their talents to further his work.

## TO REV. ALPHONSUS MARIA, C.P.

It's a pleasure for us to greet you  
On this, your Jubilee Day,  
We trust that you are content now,  
To follow His Chosen Way.

The silver is now manifested  
In hair and also in beard,  
But how can you ever explain this,  
With all harassment cleared?

Though many a time when preaching  
Your forehead dripped with sweat,  
Your missions were truly successful,  
Obedient sheep you met. .

Exhausted when anxiously striving  
A religious Order to build,  
But having completed the project  
With thankful joy were filled.

Whenever the envious braided  
A crown of painful thorns  
Then spiritual roses appearing  
With beauty it adorned.

Whenever the pain of rejection  
Did stretch your shattered nerves,  
Enjoying a freshwater crayfish  
Dispelled your transient woes.

And mostly in highest of spirits  
We've seen you in trials and pain,  
God granted you many choice blessings  
His comfort and solace you'd gain.

We beg the good Lord in His goodness,  
Not to hasten your call from this world,  
And to grant you more years in His service  
Till He gives you a crown of gold.

Written by Rev. Casimir Urbanavičius of St. Peter's  
Parish in S. Boston on the occasion of Father Alphonsus'  
Silver Jubilee. Translated from the Lithuanian by Sister  
Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC.

A second edition of the life of the  
founder, "Praise the Lord, All You  
Nations" is now available. Orders  
may be sent to Sister Virginia, St.  
Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, Pa. 18416.



*Sisters of Jesus Crucified rejoice over  
the first edition of "Praise the Lord  
All You Nations"*



*Sister Christine Kleponis, Principal of St. Peter's School,  
So. Boston, with student, Walter Craven being in-  
troduced to new Computer program.*



# APRIL IS FOUNDER'S MONTH

APRIL 27, 1913 This day marked the culmination of the lifelong dream of one Mykolas Norkunas. This one-time KNYGNEŠYS smuggled books from Tilsit, Germany to Lithuania during the ban on publishing in the Lithuanian tongue. Now he met with other Lithuanian immigrants to the U.S. in a Parish Hall in Lawrence, Mass. to create an organization strictly for Lithuanian-American Youth as an outgrowth of the Lith.-American Catholic Federation. This new organization, first called "The Lithuanian Falcons", later became the "Knights of Lithuania". Others present at that founding meeting were Rev. Jušaitis, Stasys Bugnavicius, A. Simoniute, K. Urbonas, S. Maciulskis, A. Jankauskas, V. Paulikaitis and A. Maciulskaitė. The new organization's theme became "For God and Country".



MYKOLAS NORKUNAS



## LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Linas Kojelis (right) is pictured with President Ronald Reagan. He is Associate Director, Office of Public Liaison, The White House (Washington, D.C. 20500). He is still a very young man (born in September, 1955, in Los Angeles). Before joining the White House staff, he worked in the Department of Defense and worked in the Office of U.S. Senator R. Schweiker (R. — Penn.) as one of legislative assistants. He earned his B.A. degree at the University of California (UCLA) and his M.A. degree at the Princeton University (New Jersey). He is an active member of all major Lithuanian-American organizations and a leading member of Lithuanian-American Roman Catholic Federation Ateitis.



President Ronald Reagan and Linas Kojelis

# LEONARDAS ŠIMUTIS (1892-1975)

“Great men never die . . .”

One of the founding fathers of the Knights of Lithuania was Leonardas Šimutis, born in Šerikai, County of Tauragė, Lithuania on November 6, 1892. He immigrated to this country seeking freedom from oppression. His love for the fatherland was reflected in him over a lifetime to keep the culture and traditions of Lithuania alive. The fruits of his efforts can be seen in numerous organizations he helped found and especially the Knights of Lithuania. Since its inception in 1913 Šimutis worked relentlessly in promoting Lithuanianism within the younger generation. These priorities took precedence over all else, during the years while editor of *The Vytis*, *Garsas* and *Draugas*. In the 41 years as editor-in-chief of the daily *Draugas*, Šimutis, in his editorials, touched on many issues relevant not only to Lithuanians, but also to the defense of the catholic church and clergy that was under constant attack by segments of the Lithuanian Atheistic Press of that day. He wrote poetry, short stories and plays, including a two-act skit, “*Į Tėvynę*” (to the Homeland).

Leonardas Šimutis was a dynamic speaker and a great orator. All who heard him speak could only say he was the greatest. In many of his talks he spoke of our younger generation: “They may lose and forget the mother tongue in America, but the spirit and traditions of our Lithuanian heritage will prevail!” He organized Knights of Lithuania chapters, setting up classes and amateur singing and theater groups, some of whose productions he himself directed.

Together with the Marian Brothers and The Sisters of St. Casimir, Šimutis inaugurated in 1935 a Lithuanian weekly supplement in the *Draugas* called “*Mažųjų Skaitytojų Skyrius*” (Younger Reader’s Section). Each Monday four thousand (4000) extra copies of that addition were published and distributed to twelve (12) Lithuanian parish schools in the Chicago area conducted by the Sisters. The Sisters used the publication in conjunction with their Lithuanian classes and study periods. The supplement ran for a few years with much success.

L. Šimutis became one of the principal leaders of the Lithuanian Catholic Federation of America and of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance of America. In 1918 he was elected to the American Lithuanian National Council and became secretary of the *Tautos Fondas* (National Foundation). As its chief fund-raiser, he raised more than \$100,000 in one year for the benefit of the newly reestablished Republic of Lithuania.

In the Spring of 1926 Šimutis returned to Lithuania and was elected to the Third Parliament on the Christian Democratic ticket. When this parliament was suspended in 1927, he returned to Chicago and became editor-in-chief of the *Daily Draugas* (The Friend).

At the outbreak of the second World War the very existence of Lithuania was at stake. The Lithuanian community in the United States reacted immediately to the occupation of Lithuania by the Red Army on June 15, 1940. Chicago leaders were the first to ask the U.S. Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, to protest against this unwarranted aggression. On June 21, at a mass meeting in the Darius and Girėnas Hall, Chicago, Lithuanians protested vehemently against the Russian invasion. On August 9th the Catholic Federation summoned its entire board to a conference in

Pittsburgh and the two day meeting passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Council for Aid to Lithuania.

One of the first important steps taken by the Council was the sending of a delegation to President Franklin Roosevelt on October 15, 1940. Speaking on behalf of the Lithuanians in America, the delegation, led by Leonardas Šimutis, expressed its thanks for the State Department’s declaration of July 23rd that the United States did not recognize any forcible interventions against Lithuania. He headed all of the Council delegates to Presidents of the United States during the years 1940, 1946, 1948, 1952 and 1962 as well as many visits to the Secretary of State and to members of Congress. Šimutis also helped establish the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America and served as one of its directors from 1943 to 1948.

The American Lithuanian Community is proud to have had a leader of Leonardas Šimutis’s magnitude. The fruits of his labor will be cherished for generations to come. His story will chant his praises. Leonardas Šimutis was really a remarkable person — he was loved and revered by all who knew him. He died in Chicago on April 17, 1975.

Vince Gražulis

**Writer’s Note:** I am very proud to have been an associate of Leonardas Šimutis while on the staff of *Draugas* for a few years until 1937.

## The Way To Take Life

According to Emily Post:

“If you are hurt, whether in mind or body, don’t nurse your bruises. Get up and lightheartedly, courageously, get ready for the next encounter. This is playing the game — and the only successful way to take life!”

## LANGUAGE LORE: THE NAME CASIMIR

Algirdas Budreckis

During the quinquecentennial of Saint Casimir we will be prone to invoke his name in prayer and speech, in English as well as Lithuanian. Since Lithuanian is an inflected Lithuanian, it would be well for us to learn the declension of Saint Casimir in Lithuanian: Šventas Kazimieras:

Nominative Case (Who?) Šventas Kazimieras

Genitive Case (Whose?) Švento Kazimiero

Dative Case (To Whom?) Šventam Kazimierui

Accusative Case (Direct Object: Who?) Šventą Kazimierą

Instrumental Case (by whom, with whom?) Šventu Kazimieru.

Locative Case (Within Who?) Šventame Kazimiere

Vocative Case (You Who!) Švente Kazimiere!

But to us Saint Casimir is more than a matter of grammar and declension. We should analyze his name on all aspects of language lore. First of all, we should realize that the name Kazimieras is not a true Lithuanian name. It is a compound name of Slavic origin given to nobles and princes. In Russian and Ukrainian the name form **Kazimir**. The Polish version is **Kazimierz**, from which the Lithuanian form **Kazimieras** is derived. The Byelorussians say **Kazimer**.

Its etymology or origin can be derived from two compounds. First, the Polish verb **kazac** means to preach, and **mir** (in 15th century **mierz**) means peace. Thus, it can be interpreted as "Preacher of Peace." The second meaning is "Disturber of the Peace," that is, if you accept the Polish verb — **kazic** (to disturb) as the first part.

The name is of historical origin. Thus, history records among the early Pomeranian (Western Slavic coastal) dukes: Kazimir I (1151-1181), ruler of the Western Slavs between the Order and Vistula; Kazimierz V, called Kazka, (1345-1377), and Kazimierz VI (1380-1434) duke of Stetin and Pomerania. Three rulers of the Piast Dynasty of the Kingdom of Poland bore the name: Casimir I the Peaceful (1015-58), Casimir II the Just (1138-1194), and Casimir III the Great (Kazimierz Wielki, 1310-1370). In deference to his Polish subjects, King Jogaila gave his third son, the offspring of Sofija of Alšėnai (a Lithuanian duchess), the name of Kazimieras. This son ruled over Lithuania-Poland as Casimir IV (1447-1492). It is no wonder that King Casimir IV and his Habsburg spouse Elizabeth were to name one of their sons after the father. Saint Casimir — Šventas Kazimieras was the second son of the Polish-Lithuanian ruler.

Although as early as late 14th century Jogaila's brother Karigaila upon receiving baptism into the Catholic Church took the name Casimir, it was not popular among Lithuanians until the demise and miraculous events attributed to Prince Casimir. That is, the name became popular in Lithuania about the middle of the 16th century. Thus, in the inventories of 1561 we find a boyar, one Kazimir Bortkowicz (Kazimieras Bartkevičius) of Karšuva. The Christian name of Kazimieras appeared quite early among peasants, for one finds its diminutive forms in the inventories: Kaziulis, Koziulis (inventory of Kelmė, 1596). At first it was not frequently used as a surname in historical documents. We find only: Petras Kazimierskis, Stanislovas Kazimiravičius and Jonas Kazimieraitis.

The standard and lofty form of the Saint's name in Lithuanian is Kazimieras. Its shortened form is **Kazys**. The dialects speak of Kazius, Kaziukas, Kazelis, Kazytis, Kaziulis, Kazaitis, Kazimierius, Kazzimieris, and less often Kamizaras. The feminine form of the name of Kazimiera. Its shortened form is **Kazė**, while the dialects contain numerous diminutive variations: Kazelė, Kazytė, Kazaitė, Kaziūtė, Kazia, Kaziunia, Kaziunyte, Kaziunė, Kaziunėlė, Kaziunikė, Kaziunaitė, Koziulė, Kaziulytė.

A number of Lithuanian surnames are derived from the saint's name: Kazėnas, Kazickas, Kazionis, Kazoras, Kozulis, Kažys, Kažėnis, Kažyka, Kazimieraitis, Kazeika, and Kazimieravičius. For the most part, these surnames are found among the eastern Highlanders and Dzūkians. They are not to be confused with the Slavic surname Kazlas, Kazlauskas (meaning goat, the Lithuanian forms being, Ožys, Oškutis, Oškaitis).

And finally, there are villages in Lithuania named after the saint: Kaziuliai in the township of Leipalingis, several Kazimieriškiai (Turgeliai and Antazavė townships), several Kazėniškiai (Arbaiskas and Gelvonys townships), Kaziškiai in Tauragė township. In former days, at least twenty estates were christened Kazimieravai.

The first church of St. Casimir's in Lithuania was founded in 1568 in Žemaitkaimis (northeast of Ukmergė). The Jesuits founded St. Casimir's in Vilnius before 1583. There were 12 other churches in Lithuania named after the saint. The last church was erected in 1921 in Aleksotas suburb of Kaunas.

From this linguistic information we can see that the veneration of St. Casimir in Lithuania is deeply rooted among the Lithuanians.

Therefore, we urge all those christened Kazimieras — Casimir to use "Casimir" during his year rather than the bland Charles, Chester, Casey. At least, during 1984, be proud of your Christian name Casimir!

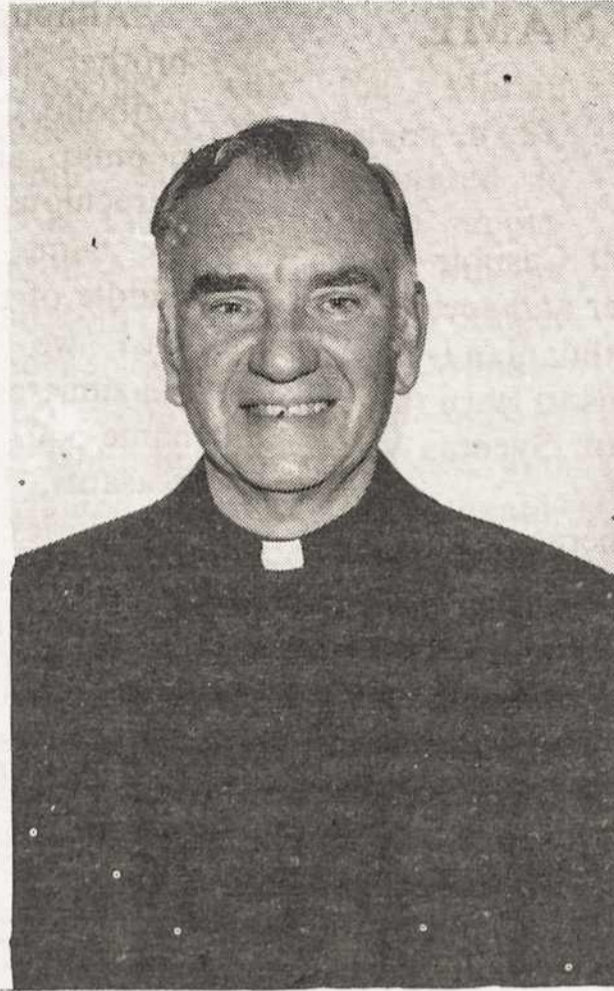
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### MARIAN HOBITZ

FOR LITHUANIAN CAUSES.  
A MAN DEDICATED TO PER-  
SEVERANCE.

Rev. Albin F. Janiunas, affectionately known as "Father Al," was born May 5, 1924 in Cambridge, Mass., the son of Pranas ir Kazimiera (Simbelaite) Janiunas. He attended Immaculate Conception School (Lithuanian) staffed by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and St. John's High School in No. Cambridge, Mass. Following graduation in 1941, he was accepted into the Minor Seminary, St. Clement's Hall, Brighton, Mass. He completed his studies in Philosophy and Theology at St. John's Seminary College, Brighton, Mass. where he received his degree. He was ordained a Priest on Ascension Thursday May 6, 1948 at Holy Cross Cathedral by His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing Archbishop of Boston.

Following his ordination, Fr. Al was assigned to St. George's Parish, Norwood, Mass. where he joined Knights of Lithuania C-27 and became their Spiritual Advisor. After a few short years, in 1951, he was appointed Associate Pastor at St. Francis Church, Lawrence, Mass. where he became active in C-78. In the years 1951-1963 he was Spiritual Advisor to C-78, organized the Junior Knights of Lithuania — which was also affiliated with the Archdiocesan C.Y.O., organized Lithuanian Girl Scouts, organized St. Francis School basketball team to participate in Central Catholic



*Rev. Albin F. Janiunas*

Grammar School Basketball League, Spiritual Advisor to all these groups and also the Girls Sodality, where he encouraged the use of Lithuanian language prayers as part of their meetings. All the while encouraging and participating himself in Knights of Lithuania district and national activities.

In the community: he attended council meetings at city hall representing the Lithuanian Parish in community affairs, participation in ethnic celebrations and parades.

In 1963 Fr. Al was transferred to St. Peter's Parish in So. Boston, Mass. where he became Spiritual Adviser to Knights of Lithuania C-17 and also C-17 Juniors. He worked diligently, encouraging the youth of the parish, school and surrounding areas to join the K. of L.

Fr. John Jutt, Pres. of Lith. R. C. Priests League of America appointed Fr. Al. to be New England District Spiritual Adviser on Nov. 5, 1970 and he has held the position to the present time.

Fr. Janiunas was celebrant and homilist on TV Mass on 3 occasions

requested by K. of L. NED. The first was from studios of WNAC-TV Channels 7-8-38 where he spoke about Our Lady of Šiluva and Lithuania before an estimated million viewers making up the tube audience in Mass., New Hampshire, Maine, Upper New York State and parts of southern Canada. This day was the first Mass televised in color from Boston WNAC-TV channel 7. Second Mass was Boston Channel 7 where he asked the shut-ins to pray for the suffering people in Lithuania. The third Mass was in Hartford, Conn. Channel 32 where he asked for prayers for the persecuted people in Lithuania.

Fr. Al was on the rules committee that set up the New England District Scholarship Fund.

He has submitted articles to the "Vytis" and most importantly has been a member of the "Father John Jutt 100 Letters" group; also organizing letter writing sessions before and after council meetings.

Fr. Al was instrumental in setting up the Ecumenical Services at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire sponsored by New England District K of L. The other members of the Baltic states were invited to participate in the Memorial/Prayer Service for those who died for the freedom of the Baltic Nations — Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia. The second ceremony at the Cathedral of Pines was to commemorate the Black Days of June.

In 1977 he returned to St. Francis Parish, Lawrence, Mass. as Pastor. One of his prime considerations was to reactivate council 78; Knights of Lithuania. Despite increased administrative duties, he has been Spiritual Director of the council and kept up his work in the Knights — receiving his 4th degree in Sept. 1981.

His contributions to Lithuanianism extend well beyond the K of L. Because of a unique situation in Lawrence — there is a divided

Lithuanian community. Fr. Al's unceasing, ongoing ecumenical effort to integrate all into one community has been rewarding in many instances. By making the church hall available — a series of language and cultural classes were offered which brought many Li-

thuanians closer to their heritage.

As a priest, curate, associate pastor and pastor, you cannot find a more dedicated man in his profession. His work with the laity, young and elderly, is truly great. He is concerned about them and answers their needs in his priestly

ways. For a man who is so untiring in his effort to carry on the tradition of the Knights of Lithuania and our Lithuanian heritage, it is only fitting that he be recognized for his efforts.



## NATIONAL CONVENTION

### PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES — Wednesday,

August 22, 1984

#### MAILING ADDRESS:

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4545 W. Marquette Rd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60629

FOR ADDITIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION OR ANY OTHER INQUIRIES, you may call Aušra at (312) 581-6026 . . . or; Mary F. Kincius — (312) 927-4990 . . . or; Evelyn Oželis — (312) 254-7553. Best to call after 6:00 or 7:00 P.M. (Chicago Time)

HARNESS RACING . . . (Sportsman's Park) includes Bus transportation, Buffet Supper; Entrance to Park; inside air-conditioned place to sit and place bets . . . appx. \$11.00.

TOURING CHICAGO . . . Nite time tour with a stop in Chinatown and various places in Chicago.

THEATER . . . to be announced later.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1984

9:00 A.M. Registration

FREE TIME. Sight see — shop — take a bus — see Chicago have lunch — Supreme Council Meeting

1:00 P.M. OPENING SESSION — "Rededication to our Patron, St. Casimir" — Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, OP

6:00 P.M. BOARD BUSES for St. George's Church, 33rd and Lituanica Ave. Rev. Richard Bulwith, Pastor

7:00 P.M. Mass at St. George's

8:00 P.M. Walk to St. George Hall (on premises) for Buffet Dinner, Music Entertainment, Liquid Refreshments

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1984

9:00 A.M. Registration

Panel Session — Lithuanian Affairs — Dr. Jack Stukas, Chairman

12:00 Noon Mass at old St. Mary's, 8th and Wabash

2:00 P.M. Panel Session — "Improving the Organization" — Nancy Miro, Chairman

8:30 P.M. CULTURAL NIGHT — Conrad Hilton Hotel

Dir. Faustas Strolia, Vyčių Choras, F. Zapolis Dancers, Soloist, Membership prizes

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1984

9:00 A.M. Registration

Session — Convention Business and Resolutions

12:00 Noon Mass — in hotel

2:00 P.M. Closing Session — Election of Officers

6:30 P.M. Banquet, Music, Entertainment at Conrad Hilton Hotel

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1984

9:00 A.M. Board Buses for Immaculate Conception Church, 44th and California Ave. Rev. Msgr. D. A. Mozeris, Pastor

10:00 A.M. Lithuanian High Mass

11:00 A.M. Convention Photo at church

Farewell Luncheon

## JUNIORS CONVENTION SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

The Juniors schedule will be similar to the regular schedule except for the following:

**Wednesday** — August 22nd — Poolside at Hotel Conrad Hilton from 2:00 P.M. on . . .

**Thursday** — August 23rd — WALKING TOUR — Art Institute, Cultural Center, Field Museum, Planetarium, Aquarium, etc.

**Friday** — August 24th — 9:00 A.M. ALL DAY SAILBOATING LUNCH supplied — VENETIAN NIGHTS later in the evening. YOUTH NEED TO BRING: towels, sun tan lotion, deck shoes, windbreakers, sweater, clothes for the weather — hat,

**Saturday** — August 25th — 9:00 A.M. Juniors Business Session — Evening Banquet with their own "Coketail Party" to precede the festivities.

**Sunday** — August 26th — Same as for everyone.



*Natl. Pres. Loretta Stukas presenting Gov. Thomas H. Kean, of New Jersey, with special Vytis Plaque on occasion of his proclamation of Republic of Lithuania Week, Feb. 17-23, at State House, in Trenton. Dr. Jack Stukas, Chairman of the Lith. Affairs Committee, who organized the delegation of Knights, holds the proclamation.*



*Natl. Pres. Loretta Stukas presenting the award to N. J. Gov. Thomas H. Kean. Looking on are Rev. A. Matulis, A. Grazulis, K. Sipaila, K. Jankunas*



*Ladies who comprised the delegation: L. Stukas, E. Grazulis, D. Didzbalis, Eimutyte, Gov. Kean, R. Grazulis, M. Barcas, V. Skripata.*



*Men who were in the delegation: (l. to right) K. Sipaila, Rev. A. Matulis, D. R. J. Stukas, J. Barcas, Gov. Kean, B. Skripata, K. Jankunas, A. Grazulis, V. Melinis, Msgr. J. Scharnus*



## MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help and sought thy intercession, was left forsaken. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petition but in thy clemency hear and answer me.

Amen

Atsimink, o švenčiausioji Mergelė Marija, jog per amžius nėra girdėta, kad kas jieškodamas tavo globos, meldamas tavo pagalbos, ir šaukdamasis tavo užtarimo būtų buvęs užmirštas. Aš, tokio pasitikėjimo padaršintas į tave, Mergelė, Motina, puolu, prie tavęs einu, prieš tave vaitodamas nusidėjėlis stoju. Žodžio Motina, neniekinki mano žodžių, bet maloningai juos išgirk ir išklausk.

Amen.

## PETITION SIGNED WITH BLOOD

By Fr. Joseph Prunskis

The Andropov era was more difficult for Catholics behind the Iron Curtain. Before that period for several years none of the Catholic priests in Lithuania was jailed and now two are condemned to slave labor camps: Fr. Alfonsas Svarinskas jailed for 7 years and condemned for 3 more years of exile, and Fr. Sigitas Tamkevicius sentenced for 6 years to slave labor camps and for 4 more years of exile. Both of them were members of the Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Believers. They are so beloved by the people that petitions with many thousands of signatures were sent to Andropov and other prominent red officials requesting their release.

Lithuania is the only Catholic country that Moscow considers completely incorporated into the Soviet Union (the U.S.A. and many other western powers do not recognize that incorporation). Lithuanians all over the world in February commemorated the 66th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence which took place on February 16, 1918.

We have good information about the situation in enslaved Lithuania. Recently in Chicago several issues of the underground press were received. "The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania", one of these secretly published bulletins, informs that the Committee for Defense of the Rights of the Catholics still exists. Others have joined in place of jailed priests. However, the communist government prevents many candidates from entering the seminary to prepare for the priesthood and already there are 139 parishes without a priest. Bishops are not free to assign duties to a parish without permission of special communist officials.

Students in all schools of Lithuania are informed that, if they will not join the young communists association, they will not be able to continue their education in universities or other schools of higher learning.

The occupational forces carry out searches in so many instances. They confiscate even books of history if they were published during the independence of Lithuania. Religious books are also confiscated. Those who are caught producing or distributing underground religious papers such as "The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania", are jailed. Prisoner of conscience A. Terleckas was forced to be confined in the same room with a mentally ill person. Another fighter for human rights, Balys Gajauskas, has already been kept in jails and concentration camps for 30 years.

Since the number of students for the priesthood is limited by the communist authorities, some of them are trying to study by correspondence. A newly ordained

priest, Ignacas Zeberskis, who studied by correspondence, was trying to be helpful in the Plunge parish, at the same time working as an organist. The red official for ecclesiastical affairs, Petras Anilionis, threatened that the church will be closed if Rev. Zeberskis is permitted to work.

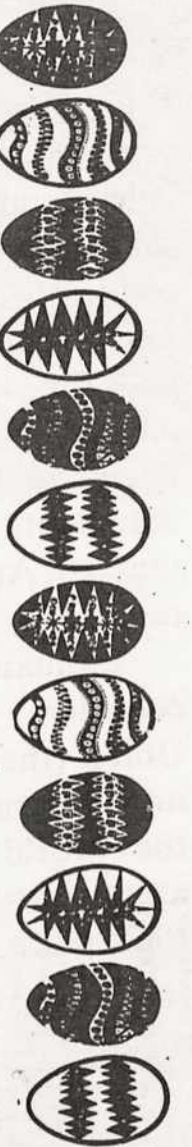
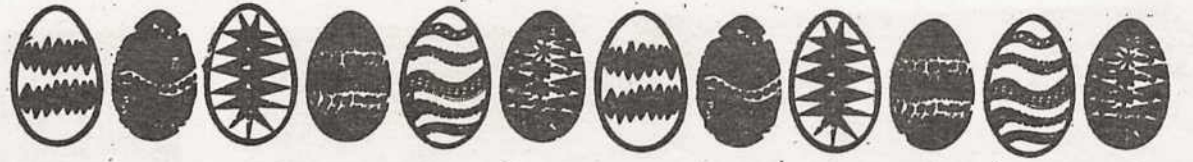
Communists feel free to commit acts of vandalism against church property. For example, in Telsiai on July 9, 1983 the cross in the church enclosure was damaged and a statue of Christ stolen. In Viesvenai on April 20-21, 1983 two statues of angels and a statue of the Sorrowful Mother were stolen from the church enclosure.

In Lithuania, subjugated by the Soviet Union, it is forbidden to priests or others, except parents, to teach children religion. Fr. B. Cegelskas, pastor of Skardupiai, was fined 20 rubles for this "transgression". Stase Rokaite on September 19, 1983 was fined 50 rubles. Zita Vasauskiene, for playing the organ in the cathedral of Telsiai, was dismissed from her work at a school and forbidden to continue her studies at the Klaipeda conservatory.

The jailed Lithuanian prisoners of conscience have a very difficult life. Viktoras Petkus, a martyr of the Soviet Gulags for 20 years, in one of his letters says that their food is extremely scarce, mostly water and that is very polluted.

Disregarding such severe oppression, the Catholics in Lithuania show considerable strength. During the trial of Fr. Alfonsas Svarinskas many, disregarding personal danger, wanted to be present in the courtroom. They were not permitted. Secret police rounded about 40 of them into a bus, took them about 25 miles away to the woods and left them there. Some of them were fined. About 123,000 believers signed a petition to the Soviet officials asking that Frs. Alfonsas Svarinskas and Sigitas Tamkevicius be released. Twenty-two persons signed that petition with their own blood. Three Lithuanian girls, Aldona Šukyte, Bronislava Valaityte and Janina Judikeviciute, have sent a petition to the Soviet General Attorney accepting the punishment of Fr. Svarinskas and Fr. Tackevicius on themselves, each of them consenting to be jailed for 13 years and in exile for 7 years (as this is the total punishment for both of these priests) and asking the release of Fr. Tamkevicius and Fr. Svarinskas. In their place they were offering themselves to be jailed.

In Lithuania there is a very beloved and famous shrine of the Blessed Mother of Šiluva. Close to 45,000 pilgrims from all Lithuania were assembled at that shrine for the festivities in September, 1983. 40,000 communions were distributed there. The hindrances on the part of the KGB did not prevent the Lithuanian people from showing their love to the Blessed Virgin.



**MAY 6** NED SPRING CONVENTION at St. Francis Church in Lawrence, MA with visit to Tėvas Norkunas' grave  
**18-20** MCD CONVENTION AND MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT in Dayton, Ohio hosted by C-96  
**20** PILGRIMAGE TO PRAYER at Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston  
**JUNE 3** PICNIC in Maironis Park in Shrewsbury, Mass. hosted by C-26  
**9** "BLACK DAYS OF JUNE" at St. Mary's Church in Bristol, R. I. hosted by C-103  
**AUGUST 5** NED FAMILY PICNIC at Thompsons' Island in S. Boston, MA  
**23-27** NATIONAL CONVENTION in Chicago hosted by C-36

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 Died on January 14, 1984

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 Died on January 30, 1984

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 Scranton, PA  
 Died on February 8, 1984

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Member of C-86  
 DuBois, PA  
 Died on February 23, 1984



**WINIFRED MARCEL**

Member of C-110  
 Howard Beach, N.Y.  
 Died on February 26, 1984

**FELIZ ZALESKAS**

Member of C-17  
 S. Boston, MA  
 Died on March 9, 1984



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## II DALIS: ŠV. KAZIMIERO KANONIZACIJA

(Tesinys)

### Popiežiaus legatas atvyksta į Vilnių

Zenonas Ivinskis

Taigi 1516-1517 metais jau buvo išvystyta plati akcija, siekusi Kazimiero kanonizacijos. Popiežiui Leonui X, kaip matėme, laiškus rašė imperatorius, Lietuvos ir Lenkijos valdovas, Lietuvos sostinės vyskupas su kapitula ir vienuoliai pranciškonai. Iš tų keturių prašymų, žinių yra dar apie tris laiškus, bet gal jų buvo ir daugiau, — taip pat iš popiežiaus Aleksandro VI bulos matyti, kad Kazimiero kanonizacija rūpėjo daugiausia Lietuvai. Lenkija laikėsi nuošaliai. Vatikano archyve nėra jokios žinios, kad tuo metu prašymus Romon būtų siuntę Lenkijos vyskupai ar vienuoliai, nors šv. Kazimiero gimtajame mieste, Krokuvoje, vienuolių buvo daug įsikūrusių.

#### PRASIDEDA KANONIZACIJOS BYLA

Paminėti laišakai ir popiežiaus bula dar rodo, kad šv. Kazimieras ėmė garsėti stebuklais tuojau po savo mirties, dar jo amžininkų laikais. Jo kartos žmonių, sulaukusių šeštos dešimtys metų, dar būta nemažai. Matyti, Vilniaus gyventojai, kurie gerai dar prisiminė tauraus karalaičio šventą gyvenimą, ėmė dažniau lankyti jo kapą Vilniaus katedroje, šauktis pagalbos savo rūpesčiuose, prašyti Dievo malonės jo vardu. Visi laišakai sumini daug stebuklų, atsitikusių prie Kazimiero grabo, nors nei vieno jų tiksliau neaptaria. Reikia manyti, kad Zigmanto pasiuntiniai gerai juos žinojo, vežėsi Romon įrodomosios medžiagos ir buvo pasirengę žodžiu dar patvirtinti. Deja, tos visos medžiagos mūsų laikams nebeliko. Bet ji Romai turėjo būti pakankama pradėti Kazimiero kanonizacijos bylai.

Byla buvo pradėta, atvykus Lietuvos delegatams į Romą, kuriai kandidatas į šventuosius jau buvo gerai žinomas iš ankstyvesnių raštų. Dabar, kardinolų kolegijoje, kaip rodo jos protokolo užrašas, buvo perskaitytas dar ketvirtas Zigmanto Senojo laiškas, rašytas 1517 m. gegužės 2 d. Ir tame laiške karalius prašo kanonizuoti jo mirusį brolių, kurio gyvenimas spindys stebuklais. Kardinolų kolegija posėdžio buvo susirinkusi 1517 m. lapkričio mėn. 4 d. Ta data laikytina šv. Kazimiero kanonizacijos proceso pradžia. Ji yra penkiomis dienomis ankstyvesnė už kitą istorinę datą — Martyno Liuterio 95 tezių prikalimą prie Vittenbergo bažnyčios durų. Tai buvo pradžia Vakarų Europos religinio



suskilimo, kuris atsiliepė ir Lietuvai. Bet ji gavo Šventąjį Globėją kaip tik tuo metu, kai reikėjo išlaikyti vienybę su Romos Bažnyčia.

Romoje, minėtoje kardinolų konsistorijoje, popiežius Leonas X įsakė sudaryti komisiją ištirti palaimintojo Kazimiero gyvenimą bei jo dorybes; antra, turėjo būti išsiuntinėtos brevės vyskupams, „kad jie surinktų žinias tuo reikalu, pradėtų procesus ir jų davinius su paliudijimais, kaip yra įprasta, atsiųstų Jo Šventybei“. Tasai nutarimas Kazimiero kanonizacijos byloje yra labai reikšmingas, kaip tai paaiškės vėliau. Mat, kruopštus popiežių istorikas Liudvikas Pastorius, rašydamas apie Leoną X, pažymi, kad jo metu kanonizacijos procesau buvo vedami su didžiausiu tikslumu, ir dėl to „jie taip greitai pabaigos neprieidavo.“

Mums būtų labai įdomu ir svarbu žinoti, kokiems vyskupam buvo brevės pasiųstos. Deja, to susekti tiksliai neįmanoma, nes toje teksto vietoje, kur adresatas paminimas, originale yra daugtaškis. Jis buvo užp-

ildomas tekstą nurašant ir jį išsiunčiant atitinkamam vyskupui. Tačiau iš popiežiaus Leono X laikų trūksta gana daug išsiunčiamųjų raštų registrų; jų kaip tik nėra mums rūpimuoju klausimu. Savaime aišku, kad brėvė turėjo būti pasiūsta Vilniaus vyskupui, nes jo diecezijoje buvo palaidotas kandidatas į šventucesius, ir taip pat vyskupui Krokuvoje, kur Kazimieras buvo gimęs ir ilgai gyvenęs. Konsistorijos nutarimas siųsti breves yra įrašytas vicekanclerio aktuose. Jis pakartotas dar to pat laiko nuorašuose.

Tai ir viskas, ką randame iš Leono X laikų Romos archyvuose šv. Kazimiero reikalui. O kas dėjosi toliau pačioje Lietuvoje.

Lietuvos sostinėje, kur stebuklais jau garsėjo jaunas miręs karalaitis, 1520 metų rudenį atvyko popiežiaus legatas Zacharijas Ferreri, Gardo vyskupas. Jis kartais palaikomas Gardino vyskupu, nes klaidina artimas žodžių sąskambis. Gardino vyskupijos niekada nėra buvę, bet yra Alpių papėdėje Gardo ežeras, prie kurio buvo legato Zacharijaus Ferreri diecezija. Iš ten jis buvo atvykęs kaip popiežiaus Leono X pasiuntinys Lietuvai ir Lenkijai. Tai jis pats nurodo tituliniam lapasavo knygutės, pirmos apie šv. Kazimierą. Zacharijas Ferreri yra pirmasis mūsų Šventojo biografas.

#### POPIEŽIAUS LEGATAS TYRINĖJA VILNIUJE

Vilniun jis nebuvo atvykęs specialiai Kazimiero kanonizacijos reikalui. Popiežiaus legatas čia turėjo dar kitų svarbių reikalų: jam buvo tarp kitko pavesta sutaisyti Lietuvos valdovą Zigmantą su jo sesers Sofijos sunūmi — Vokiečių ordino magistru Albrechtu Hohenzollernu. Kad tasai po ketverių metų stos už Martyną Liuterį ir pirmasis Prūsijos ordiną pavers pasauline kunigaikštyste, Roma tada dar negalėjo nujausti. Nenujautė nei Zacharijas Ferreri, rasit, dar tikėjęsis ir paties Liuterio grįžimu, nes tam atskilusiam vienuoliui rašęs įspėjamąjį laišką. Jį rašė Vilniaus dar nesiekęs (1520 gegužės 20). Buvo užsiėjęs taip pat kitais įvairiais darbais, daugiausia taikinamojo pobūdžio, posėdžiavęs Torne ir kitur. Vilniuje informacinį kanonizacijos procesą pradėjo tik tai 1520 metų rudenį; tų pačių metų pabaigoje (1520 gruodžio 9) jis buvo jau užbaigtas.

Zacharijas Ferreri klausinėjo liudininkus ir tyrinėjo stebuklus (examinata miracula et testes). Jam padėjo komisija, sudaryta iš trijų lotynų apeigų vyskupų: Vilniaus, Kijevo ir Krymo Kafos. Savo rašte dar pamini, kad Kazimierą kanonizuoti jį prašęs Gniezno arkivyskupas Laskis, Poznanės ir Pšemislio vyskupai ir Lenkijos kancleris. Romon nusiųstų prašymų vysk. Zacharijas Ferreri neužsimena.

Tai, ką jis patyrė, klausinėdamas liudininkus pagal popiežiaus Leono X reikalavimus, Zachariją Ferrerį paskatino surašyti ir išleisti knyga. Ji yra nedidelė — 4 skyrelių ir tik 28 puslapių, pavadinta „Vita beati

Casimiri, scripta Vilnae”. Visos medžiagos, kiek buvo surinkę, matyti, ji neapima. Mažai duodama ir paties Kazimiero gyvenimo faktų. Legatas daugiau susitelkė prie karalaičio asketinio gyvenimo ir pamaldumo, aprašinėdamas tai vidurinių amžių stiliumi, kuriuo buvo surašyti daugelio šventųjų gyvenimai. Jis įprastu italui temperamentu gyvai pasakoja, kaip Kazimieras vilkėjęs ašutinę, apmąstinėjęs Kristaus kančią, miegojęs ant plikos žemės, alkinęs save, meldęsis prie uždarytų katedros durų ir k. Taip pat išskaičiuota visa eilė Kazimiero dorybių, pabrėžiant jo teisingumą, santūrumą, skaistumą, dvasios tvirtybę, išmintį. Paskutinis ketvirtasis skyrius apima pomirtinius šv. Kazimiero stebuklus.

Negalėdamas savo knygelės išleisti Vilniuje, kur dar nebuvo spaustuvės, legatas Zacharijas Ferreri ją atspaudė Krokuvoje. Metai nepažymėti, bet ji turėjo išeiti apie 1521 metų pradžią. Jos yra įvairių atmainų ir leidimų, o ant viršelio išlikęs pats seniausias Kazimiero paveikslas.

#### SU PROTESTANTIZMO PRADŽIA APIE KAZIMIERĄ TYLA

Nors ir jauti, kad ta knygelė yra surašyta iš svetur atvykusio žmogaus, kuriam viskas buvo nauja, ji vis dėlto lieka pačiu svarbiausiu šaltiniu šv. Kazimiero gyvenimui pažinti. Mat, paskui per visą šešioliktąjį amžių niekas daugiau apie šv. Kazimierą nerašė nei Lietuvoje nei Lenkijoje. Tik tai septynioliktojo amžiaus pradžioje Vilniaus kanauninkas Grigalius Svenciskis davė dvigubai storesnę knygutę apie šv. Kazimiero stebuklus. O rodos, galėjo jų būti daugiau, nes humanizmo įtaka buvo paskatinusi gyviau leisti knygas.

Rašomos buvo toliau ir kronikos. Tačiau tokioje Motiejaus Miechovito išleistoje „Chronicon Polonorum” (1519-1521), kuri laikoma Jono Dlugošo darbo tęsiniumi, apie šv. Kazimierą mažai tėra žinių, nors ir užsimenama, kad „po mirties stebuklų ženklais ėmė jo garsas plisti.”

Dėl ko tat apie šv. Kazimierą per visą šešioliktąjį amžių daugiau jokios knygos nepasirodė?

Priežastis yra suprantama. Po vysk. Zacharijaus Ferreri apsilankymo Vilniuje, iš Vakarų tuojuo plūstelėjo į Lietuvą reformacijos banga. Pradžioje ji buvo gana stipri — mažai betrūko, kad Lietuva ir Lenkija būtų buvusios nuneštos Kalvino ir Liuterio mokslo glėbin. Katalikai buvo apsilę, vos begalėjo spirtis, tai ir domėtis šv. Kazimiero gyvenimu ir aprašinėti jo stebuklus nebuvo kam.

Kokios tat reikšmės turėjo vysk. Zacharijaus Ferreri apklausinėjimas Vilniuje? Ar popiežius Leonas X, kuris mirė 1521 m. gruodžio 1 d., dar suspėjo Kazimierą kanonizuoti? Tai vienas iš pagrindinių čia klausimų.

Gardo vyskupo Zacharijaus Ferreri triūsas Vilniuje neliko be vaisių. Pirmiausia jis surinkonemaža žinių apie Kazimiero šventą gyvenimą ir pomirtinius jo stebuklus. Nors ir ne visa surašė į savo „Vita B. Casimiri”, bet tas jo

darbas buvo pagrindas kitiems šv. Kazimiero gyvenimo aprašymams, ypač XVII amžiuje, kai po pirmosios reformacijos bangos katalikybė Lietuvoje vėl ėmė atsitiesti. Visa popiežiaus legato surinkta medžiaga turėjo pasiekti Romą ir padėti kanonizacijos bylą baigti. Paprastai ir manoma, kad Zacharijaus Ferreri atliktas Vilniuje informacinis procesas davė pagrindą Leonui X Kazimierą kanonizuoti dar 1521 metais, kai tas Medičių popiežius tebebuvo gyvas. Jis mirė 1521 metų pabaigoje. Bet ar tais metais Kazimieras iš tikrųjų buvo Šventuoju paskelbtas?

### LEONAS X PRADĖJO KANONIZACIJOS BYLĄ, BET AR BAIGĖ?

Popiežiaus legatas Zacharijus Ferreri 1521 pradžioje dar buvo Torne. Jį ten randame 1521 m. balandžio 8 d. Ligi to laiko pats pristatyti Romai dokumentų negalėjo. Galėjo juos pasiųsti per kitą asmenį tiesiai iš Vilniaus, kai tikrai baigė liudininkus apklausti. Bet tuo atveju ligi popiežiaus Leono X mirties tebūtų likę ne daugiau kaip dešimt mėnesių kanonizacijos bylai baigti. Žinoma, ir per tokį trumpą laiką galima buvo kanonizacijos procesą baigti ir Kazimierą oficialiai paskelbti šventuoju. Taip ir galvojama nuo seno; taip ir rašoma visose enciklopedijose, straipsniuose ir knygelėse apie šv. Kazimierą. Kunigai savo brevioriuose taip pat skaito, kad popiežius Leonas X Kazimierą įrašė į šventuosius. Tas pats dar tiksliau parašyta Romos šventųjų knygoje (Martyrologium Romanum). Ten kovo 4 skiltyje skaitome, kad palaimintasis Kazimieras, kurio kūnas yra Vilniuje, Lietuvoje (Vilnae, in Lituania), popiežiaus Leono X buvo įrašytas į šventųjų skaičių. Pagaliau ir popiežiaus Klemenso VIII brevėje, kuria 1602 metais buvo atnaujintas šv. Kazimiero kultas, pasakyta, jog Kazimieras „popiežiaus Leono X . . . buvo įrašytas į šventuosius.“

Visa tai buvo pakankamas pagrindas teigti, kad Leonas X užbaigė Kazimiero kanonizacijos bylą ir parašė bulą, paskelbusią jį šventuoju. Tačiau nei Romoje nei Vilniuje jokių tos bulos žymių ligi šiol nerasta. Tada buvo galvojama, kad ji dingusi pačioje Romoje, kai Zigmanto pasiuntinys Erasmus Ciolekas, galėjęs ją turėti, miręs Romoje epidemijos metu 1522 metų lapkričio mėnesyje. Kai kas dar mano, kad popiežiaus bulą galėję vežti kiti Lietuvos pasiuntiniai ir ją pakeliui praradę ar kur palikę. Ta mintis buvo pakartota lietuvių spaudos Vokietijoje (1948), kai pasklido žinia, jog kan. Pr. Penkauskas, gyvenęs prie vieno Austrijos vienuolyno (Sigharting), jo bibliotekoje radęs naujų dokumentų, liečiančių šv. Kazimierą. Tuoju prisiminta ana nesurandama bula. Tačiau kan. Pr. Penkauskas, miręs 1951 m., tebuvo užtikęs pilnesnį bolandistų leidinį „Acta Sanctorum“, kurio Lietuvoje neturėta. Viename to leidinio tome išspausdinta apie šv. Kazimierą visa medžiaga (iki 1668 metų), kiek jos tada buvo žinoma. Ji yra paskelbta su

garsaus bolandisto Pappenbrocho komentarais. Bet visa, ką ten bolandistai surinko, perspausdinę net Ferreri ir Svensickio knygutes, šv. Kazimiero tyrinėtojų jau seniai sunaudota.

Nesurandant Leono X bulos, bet ir neatsisakant minties, kad jis Kazimierą priskyre prie šventųjų, reikėjo kaip nors paaiškinti Klemenso VIII brevę, kuri 1602 metais formaliai patvirtino šv. Kazimiero kultą. Daug kas griebėsi aiškinti kad 1521 metais buvusi tik beatifikacija, o 1620 metais užbaigta ir kanonizacija. Rodos, pirmas taip sprendė Fr. Papee, žymus lenkų istorikas, vidurinių amžių specialistas. Deja, XVI amžiuje dar nebuvo dvigubo šventajam paskelbti proceso kaip yra dabar. Beatifikacijos ir kanonizacijos procesai buvo nustatyti tiktai popiežiaus Urbono VIII konstitucijos „Coelstis Hierusalem“ (1634 liepos 5). Anksčiau tų dvigubų reikalavimų nebuvo, tai ir Kazimieras, kaip pamename, Romos konsistorijos nutarimų aktuose vadinamas beatus — palaimintas, nors dar buvo tik pradėta jo šventumas tyrinėti (1517). Kam tada po ketverių metų būtų prirėkę atskiros bulos jam palaimintuoju skelbti? Jis turėjo būti paskelbtas tiesiai šventuoju. Bet čia ir iškyla didžioji mįslė, ar Leonas X dar suspėjo Kazimierą kanonizuoti?

### KANONIZACIJOS BULOS NĖRA

Vatikano archyvuose aptikti 1521 metų bulos bet kokių pėdsakų, galima sakyti, yra beviltiška. Registrų knygoje terandame žymių, kad Leono laikais Vilniaus vyskupijai buvo pasiūsta per 10 bulų. Jos visos atžymėtos ir sutrauktuose išsiunčiamųjų raštų sąrašuose. Anos bulos nėra palikusios jokio ženklo. Tačiau gerai žinoma, kad iš Leono X laikų Vatikano archyve yra didelių spragų. Dėl to galima būtų manyti, jog bula dingo pačioje Romoje, jei neužkliūtų kiti įrodymai, kurie verčia trumpai išspręsti mįslę: tokios bulos, kuria Leonas X būtų paskelbęs Kazimierą šventuoju, iš viso nėra buvę.

Popiežiaus Leono X laikais buvo tik pradėta Kazimiero kanonizacijos byla ir įsakyta vietoje rinkti įrodomąją medžiagą. Pačioje Romoje nebuvo net sudaryta kardinolų komisija, kaip pavyzdžiui Florencijos arkivyskupo Antonino kanonizacijos byloje (1518). Vicekanclerio aktai nerodo, kad Lietuvos karalaičio kanonizacija būtų jau tiek pasistūmėjusi, jog būtų reikėję komisiją sudaryti. Net ir 1521 metų pabaigoje, kai vysk. Zacharijas Ferreri pagrižo iš Vilniaus, o Leonas X gyveno paskutinius savo mėnesius, nieko daugiau nepadaryta. Dėl to Vatikano dokumentuose nieko apie Kazimierą ir neužtinkame ligi pat Leono X mirties (1521 gruodžio 1). Jisai Kazimiero kanonizaciją pradėjo, bet bylos neužbaigė.

Tačiau negalima būtų teigti, kad nebuvo parašytas joks raštas šv. Kazimiero garbinimo ar atlaidų reikalui, kai Zacharijas Ferreri pagrižo į Romą. Žinome, kad dar popiežius Aleksandras VI buvo suteikęs atlaidus už

Kazimiero koplyčios lankymą. Jeigu jis atlaisdais skatino lankyti mirusiojo karalaičio kapą, tai Leonas X galėjo jau leisti ir melstis į mirusį, garsėjantį stebuklais. Gal būt, Kazimiero kulto reikalu Roma ką nors ir rašė, nors apie tai neturime jokios žinios. Bet man visai aišku, kad kanonizacijos iškilnių Leono X laikais neįvyko. Tam yra keli įrodymai.

#### STAMBŪS VEIKALAI NERAŠO APIE 1521 M. KANONIZACIJĄ

Pirmiausia noriu pastebėti, kad apie Kazimiero kanonizaciją 1521 metais nutyli pora stambių bažnytinių leksikonų. Žinomajame Vysk. M. Buchbergerio leksikone (Lexikon fuer Theologie un Kirche) Krokuvos universiteto prof. Tadas Glemma, rašydamas apie šv. Kazimierą, pastebi, kad jis „šventuoju greičiausiai paskelbtas 1604 m.“ Savo tvirtinimui paremti jis neduoda jokių argumentų, bet pastabą reikia laikyti tikra; tik Kazimiero kanonizacija dvejais metais pavėlinta (turėtų būti 1602 m.). Antrame, Bažnyčios istorijos ir bažnytinės geografijos leksikone (Dictionaire d'histoire et geographic ecclesiastique), pradėtame leisti kardinolo Baudrillart; straipsnio apie šv. Kazimierą autorius P. Davidas pastebi, kad po Zacharijaus Ferreri tyrinėjimo kanonizacijos byla buvusi neužbaigta, o per politinius ir religinius neramumus Lietuvoje XVI amžiuje ir šv. Kazimiero garbinimas buvo sumėnkes; apie popiežiaus Leono X bulą neužsimena nė žodžio.

Atsiverčiame dar garsiąją „Popiežių istoriją“, parašytą nemirštamą popiežių istoriko Ludviko Pastoriaus. Jisai labai rūpestingai yra sužymėjęs ir vietomis net labai plačiai aprašęs kiekvieno popiežiaus atliktas kanonizacijas. „Popiežių istorijos“ tomė, kuris liečia Leono X laikus, L. Pastorius pamini keturių šventųjų kanonizacijos procesų bylas, bet apie šv. Kazimierą neužsimena nė žodžio. Iš tų keturių bylų tiktai viena buvo užbaigta. Ja ypatingai rūpinosi Prancūzija. Kanonizuotas buvo italas Pranciškus Paulietis (1508), Mažiausiųjų Brolių (Minimi Fratres) Ordino kūrėjas. Šis šventasis buvo paruošęs mirčiai Prancūzijos karalių Liudviką XI, ir paskutinius 25-ris savo amžiaus metus (mirė 92 metų) turėjo daug įtakos visam karaliaus dvarui. Kiti trys kanonizacijos procesai nebuvo užbaigti, net ir Florencijos arkivyskupo Antonino, Leono X tautiečio iš Toskanos; popiežius mielai būtų norėjęs matyti jį altoriaus šlovėje.

Liudvikas Pastorius pastebi, jog kanonizacijos bylos buvo su dideliu kruopštumu vedamos, dėl to jos nesulaukdavo greitos pabaigos. Tiesa, apie vysk. Zacharijaus Ferreri veiklą L. Pastorius užsimena, bet visai kitu atžvilgiu, o apie šv. Kazimierą rašo tik tada, kai jo kultą formaliai atnaujino popiežius Klemensas VIII.

Taigi, iš Ludviko Pastoriaus veikalo, — o pro jo dėmesį nepraejo net visai smulkūs popiežių gyvenimo įvykiai, nes genialus istorikas sunaudėjo nuostabiai daug

nespausdintos medžiagos net ir iš Europos archyvų (pasiekė Petrapilį!), — matyti, ką Leonas X kanonizavo. Šv. Kazimiero tame skaičiuje nėra. Paskutines abejones čia išblaško pats Vatikano archyvas.

Šešioliktajame amžiuje, kaip ir dabar, žymesnieji religinio bei politinio gyvenimo įvykiai, surišti su popiežių rūmais ir jų aplinka, būdavo surašomi į ceremonijų magistro dienoraštį. Tasai popiežiaus dignitorius (ceremoniarum magister) taip pat nustatydamas ceremonialo taisykles ir praveddamas pačias iškilmes. Pro jo dėmesį nepraeidavo nė vienas žymesnis įvykis Romoje, ypač kanonizacija.

#### BET CEREMONIJŲ MAGISTRAS TYLI

Popiežiaus Leono X laikais tas ceremonijų magistro pareigas ėjo vyskupas Paris de Grassis. Jis yra palikęs dienoraštį, kurio penktasis tomas kaip tik apima mums

rūpinimą laikotarpį (1517-1521) ir nusitęsia dar po Leono X mirties; jo laidotuvės yra aprašytos su visom smulkmenom. Tame dienoraštyje taip pat gana smulkiai aprašyta Pranciškaus Pauliečio kanonizacija, įvykusi 1519 m. gruodžio 1 d. Paris de Grassis buvo tiek smulkmenišką, kad pažymėjo ir tai, kiek tos kanonizacijos dieną išmokėta varpininkui. Kitoje savo dienoraščio vietoje jisai nurodo, kad buvo atvykę ispanų, anglų ir portugalų pasiuntiniai prašyti kanonizuoti „trijų kitų šventųjų.“

Tačiau tame kruopščiai surašytame dienoraštyje nieko neužtikame apie Kazimiero kanonizaciją — nė vieno žodžio. Tai yra labai reikšmingas faktas. Jeigu Paris de Grassis, kuris pats nustatydamas iškilnių tvarką, nepraleido nepaminėjęs nei vieno reikšmingesnio įvykio Romoje, tai jis negalėjo tylomis praeiti pro kanonizaciją karalaičio Kazimiero, kuris dar buvo imperatoriaus Habsburgo giminaitis. Išvada yra aiški. Popiežiaus Leono Vatikane šv. Petro Bazilikoje nebuvo dar ruošiami tokiom Kazimiero kanonizacijos iškilmėm, kokios buvo surengtos šv. Pranciškui Pauliečiui. Ceremonijų magistrui dar nereikėjo galvoti, kaip tos iškilmės turi būti pravestos.

Vyskupas Paris de Grassis savo dienoraštyje neužsimena Zigmanto Senojo pasiuntinį Erazmą Cioleką, Plocko vyskupą. Ceremonijų magistras jam yra paskyręs net pustrečio puslapio savo dienoraštyje, kur išsamiai aiškina, dėl ko Plocko vyskupas nebuvo popiežiaus priimtas. Lietuvos pasiuntinys, kaip nurodoma, jau buvo savo valdovo atšauktas prieš 3 ar 4 mėnesius. O pagal Romos tradicijas, kaip pažymi Paris de Grassis, pasiuntinys savo teisėmis tegalys naudotis dar 3 mėnesius, pasibaigus jo įgaliojimams. Paskui jau, nors tai būtų vyskupas ar arkivyskupas, „laikomas tiktai paprastu prelatu . . .“ Šie aiškinimai rodo, kad pačiam vysk. Paris de Grassis, kaip ceremonijų magistrui, labai rūpėjo pasiteisinti, kad Erazmas Ciolekas negavo pas popiežių

audiencijos. Bet ir ji nebuvo susieta su Kazimiero kanonizacija.

### IR PLOCKO VYSKUPAS NIEKO NEDAVĖ

Gerai iširta Erazmo Cioleko biografija rodo, kad Zigmantas senasis Plocko vyskupą pirmiausia buvo siuntęs į Augsburgą. Ten buvo jam pavesta išsiaiškinti, kaip bus globojamas jaunas Vengrijos karalius Liudvikas, Zigmanto Senojo brolio Vladislovo sūnus; Vladislovas buvo miręs 1516 m. Be to, Erazmas Ciolekas buvo įgaliotas tartis su imperatorium Maksimilijonu dėl karo su turkais, kurie buvo jau giliai įsibrovę į Vengriją. Tuo pačiu reikalu jis pasiekė jam Romą (1518 lapkričio 7), kur turėjo atlikti kaž kokią „slaptą misiją“, pavestą jam paties imperatoriaus. Su juo besiderėdamas Erazmas Ciolekas įgijo didelį imperatoriaus Maksimilijono pasitikėjimą.

Nuvykęs į Romą, Erazmas Ciolekas dalyvavo ten įvairiose iškilmėse, važinėjo politiniais reikalais į Neapolį, daug rūpinosi gauti kardinolo skrybėlę. Tačiau nėra likusių jokių pėdsakų, kad jis būtų stengęsis Kazimiero kanonizaciją pastūmėti į priekį. Apie tai nieko neužrašė nė vysk. Paris de Grasis, kuris šiaip jau, rašydamas apie Zigmanto Senojo pasiuntinį, savo dienoraštyje jam žodžių nešykštėjo. Kiti to meto užrašai taip pat nieko nemini. Dėl to reikia atmesti senesnį teigimą, kad Plocko vysk. Erazmas Ciolekas buvo išsirūpinęs kanonizacijos bulą, bet ji žuvusi su jo mirtimi (1522).

Dar prieš Erazmo Cioleko mirtį Lenkijoje jau sklido negeros kalbos, kad tas žemos kilmės ir ambicingas vyskupas, norėdamas įkopti į kardinolus, per ilgai užtrukęs Romoje. Tai sukėlė prieš jį opoziciją ir Petrakavos bažnyčios seime (1519) buvo pareikalauta Plocko vyskupą iš Romos atšaukti. Zigmantas Senasis tai padarė, o vysk. Paris de Grasis, kaip matėme, savo dienoraštyje atžymėjo, jog tai sukliudė Erazmui Ciolekui priėti prie popiežiaus. Paskutinius trejus metus jis Romoje jau nebebuvo pasiuntinys ir nieko daugiau nei sau nei kitiems padaryti negalėjo. Nieko nepadarė nei Kazimiero reikalui

### BEVARDIS PALAIMINTASIS — TAI KAZIMIERAS

To paties meto, kaip ir vysk. Paris de Grasis dienoraštis, yra dar kiti svarbūs užrašai — tai popiežiaus dignitoriaus Blažiejaus Ceseniečio (Blasii de Cesena) „Annotationes“. Juos galima būtų lyginti su mūsų vysk. M. Valančiaus „Pastabomis pačiam sau“. Tačiau ir tose reikšmingose B. Ceseniečio „Pastabose“ Kazimiero kanonizacijos klausimu nieko nerandame. Tai dar sustiprina ankstyvesnę išvadą, kad Leono X laikais Kazimiero kanonizacijos byla nebuvo užbaigta.

Šiai minčiai paremti turime dar popiežiaus Klemenso VII vicekanclerio užrašus, kurie taip pat yra išlikę nuorašų knygos. Ten randame pasakytą (1526 gruodžio

17), kad „buvo patiektas procesas iš Lenkijos užbaigti kanonizacijai P(alaimintojo) . . .“ ir kad popiežius tą reikalą pavedė „dviem kardinolam ir dviem Romos Rotos teisėjams — vienuoliam“. Vadinas, tik 1526 metais sudaryta atitinkama komisija, kurios būtų reikėję žymiai anksčiau, jei šv. Kazimierą kanonizuoti būtų ruošęsis popiežius Leonas X. Neaiškumą sudaro tikrai neįrašytas palaimintojo vardas, kurį atstoja tikrai raidė su gaudtaškiu B . . . (vadinasi Beatus, Palaimintasis . . .). Vardas neįrašytas arba dėl to, kad gerai jo nežinojo pats raštininkas, arba buvo vartojama įprasta tam reikalui formulė. Svarbiausias gi buvo dalykas — atžymėti, jog sudaryta komisija. Komisijos nariai turėjo gerai žinoti, koks uždavinys jiems pavedamas.

Vardu nepasakytas palaimintasis čia turėjo būti ne kas kitas, kaip Kazimieras. Tai pastebėjo jau lenkų istorikas J. Korzeniowski (1894), pirmas pradėjęs Vatikano archyve rankioti mokslinę medžiagą, liečiančią Lenkiją, ir aptikęs tą įrašą. Lenkijoje tuo metu nebuvo kito kandidato į šventuosius, o Lietuva būdavo supinama su Lenkija, nes jau tada sudarė jungtinę valstybę su vienu valdovu. Vatikano archyve yra daug įrodymų, kaip Lietuva palaikoma lenkų kraštu. Antai, ir apie grynai etnografines Lietuvos vyskupijas (Medininkų ir Vilniaus) rašoma, kad jos esančios „in Polonia“. Dėl to ir aną įrašą, jog „buvo patiektas procesas iš Lenkijos užbaigti kanonizacijai“, reikia suprasti taip, jog iš Lietuvos vyskupų (gal būt, ir iš Lenkijos) gauta papildomos medžiagos, reikalingos Kazimierui pripažinti šventuoju. Tada tikrai sudaryta oficiali tam reikalui komisija (1526 gruodžio 17).

### TIK KAZIMIERO STEBUKLAI PRABYLA

Vilniaus kapitulos aktai taip pat rodo, kad katedroje palaidotas Kazimieras, nors ir garsėjęs stebuklais, ligi 1521 metų dar negalėjo būti pripažintas šventuoju. Tai būtų atsispindėję kapitulos dokumentuose, kuriuose vėliau labai dažnai užtinkame šv. Kazimierą minint. Tuo tarpu iš 1521-1525 metų tėra išlikusios žymės tik keturiuose protokoluose, ir ten rašoma ne apie ką kitą, o apie rinkliavas pal. Kazimiero kanonizacijos procesui vesti.

Katedroje, karalių koplyčios viduryje, kur šalia Kazimiero buvo palaidotas ir jo brolis Aleksandras, buvo įtaisyta pinigams dėti dėžutė (karbonka) su trimis užraktais. Buvo gausiai aukojami lietuviškieji grašiai ir auksiniai dukatai. Taip pat buvo daug aukojama vaško

Vilniaus vyskupas Jonas iš „Lietuvos kunigaikščių“ 1525 m. spalio mėn. 5 d. reikalavo iš kapitulos, kad ji grąžintų į šv. Kazimiero („divi“) fondą paskotintus iš ten pinigus, kurie yra skirti jo kanonizacijai. Po dviejų dienų (spalio 7) kapitula atsakė vyskupui raštu ir paaiškino, kad ji pagal susitarimą pasidalinanti pinigines aukas, sudedamas ant altorių, „išskyrus apžadus (votus) sidabru

bei vašku ir dedamus į dėžutę pinigų, skirtus Kazimiero kanonizacijai, ir labai sąžiningai juos saugojanti.”

Taigi, Vilniuje aukos buvo renkamos dar nebaigta kanonizacijai, kas jau anksčiau paaiškėjo iš Vatikano archyve surastų dokumentų. Kad būtų dar galima rasti tuo klausimu visai naujos ir netikėtos medžiagos kituose archyvuose, pavyzdžiui Florencijos, yra beviltiška. Jos negali ten būti, kadangi ligi 1526 metų nebuvo jokios Kazimiero kanonizacijos.

Galima dar teirautis, ką sako ano meto Kronikų autoriai. Vienoje išleistoje (1535) kronikoje randame aprašytą šv. Kazimiero pasirodymą prie Polocko lietuvių kariuomenei (1518). Tą stebuklingą šv. Kazimiero apsišviškimą pamini ir Zacharijas Ferreri, tačiau jis tiksliai nenurodo vietos. Kartais dėl to painiojamasi ir rašoma apie du skirtingus stebuklus. B. Wapowskis, tiksliai jį aprašęs, apie Kazimiero kanonizaciją vis dėlto neužsimena. Negi tokį nesėkmingą ir reikšmingą faktą kronikos autorius būtų nutylėjęs? Priešingai, savo tyla B. Wapowskis susigretina su vysk. Paris de Grassis ir B. Cesaniečiu, kurių užrašai taip pat tyli. Visa tai rodo, kad Kazimiero kanonizacija nebuvo dar baigta nė popiežiaus Klemenso VII laikais. Tas Medičių popiežius mirė 1534 m.

#### SIAUSMAS ROMOJE SUNAIKINO KANONIZACIJOS BYLAS

Dėl ko Kazimiero kanonizacija nusidelsė, gali mums paaiškinti XVI amžiaus pradžios neramumai — politinės, religinės kovos bei Romą užtvinęs algininkų siausmas, istorijoje vadinamas „Sacco di Roma”. Tas baisus „Romas apiplėšimas įvyko 1527 m. gegužės mėn., miestą užėmus imperatoriaus Karolio V kareiviams. Jie taip siautėjo, degino ir žudė kerštaudami už tai, jog jiems tinkamai neatlyginta, kad miesto vaizdas turėjęs net „gatvių akmenis sugraudinti.” Siautėjimo metu pridaryta neatitaisomų nuostolių archyvam, bibliotekom ir bažnytiniam menui, šv. Petro aikštėje kareiviai degino brangius gobelenus, kad iš auksu siuvinėtų audinių ištirpytų brangųjį metalą. Popiežius Klemensas VII su dalimi kardinolų buvo užsidarę Angelo pilyje. Jis vėliau pareiškė, jog visi slaptosios kanceliarijos aktai buvo patekę į rankas įdūkusios soldateskos. Tada galėjo dingti ir Kazimiero kanonizacijos bylos, pradėtos tikrai prieš šešis mėnesius, nes ir Ritų kongregacijos archyvo bylose nerandama apie šv. Kazimierą nė menkiausio raštelio.

Tuo metu Vakarų Europoje buvo taip pat siausmo dienos — reformacijos įaistrintos religinės kovos kėlė nerimą. Jis Romai sudarė didelio rūpesčio, kuris kitus reikalus stūmė į šalį, o tarp jų ir Kazimiero kanonizaciją; jai užbaigti, galimas daiktas, būtų tekę dokumentinę medžiagą telkti iš naujo. Niekas tuo Romoje toliau nesirūpino. Neaklabe jos nė Lietuva, kur religinis gyvenimas, reformacijai besiskverbiant, irgi sutriko. Apie Kazimiero kanonizaciją ištisus dešimtmečius nebuvo kalbos.

Kazimiero kanonizacija, kaip matėm, įvairių priežasčių buvo sukliudyta, tačiau mūsų Šventojo nenustelbė taip, kad jis būtų buvęs visai užmirštas. Kai kurių šaltinių nuotrupos liudija, kad ir reformacijos įsibėgėjimo metu katalikai Vilniuje lankydavo šv. Kazimiero koplyčią, šaukdavosi savo rūpesčiuose jo užtarimo, dėdavo į Vilniaus katedros dėžutę aukas „Kazimiero fondui” paremti. Kai 1528 metais Vilniaus vyskupas Jonas išleido savo diecezijos kapitulos statutą, tai pirmajame puslapyje greta šv. Stanislovo, Vilniaus katedros globėjo nuo 1387 m., įdėjo ir šv. Kazimiero paveikslą. Po Liublino unijos (1569) yra suminimas ir vienas kitas šv. Kazimiero stebuklas.

#### VILNIUS ATGAVINA KAZIMIERO GARSĄ

Gi apie tą laiką katalikybė Lietuvoje pradeda atsipeikėti; kartu su ja vis labiau atsigavo ir šv. Kazimiero kultas. Tačiau jis dar nebuvo galutinai bažnytiškai sutvarkytas. Vyravo tikrai įsitikinimas, jog popiežius Leonas X buvo paskelbęs Kazimierą šventuoju ir siuntęs bulą, bet ji Vilniaus nepasiekusi. Reikėjo tat iš naujo siekti Romą ir prašyti, kad šv. Kazimieras būtų įrašytas į Missale Romanum, kunigų breviorų, Martyrologium Romanum ir nustatyta Šventojo garbei diena. To pasiekta XVII amžiaus pradžioje.

Kas pirmas ėmėsi iniciatyvos, sunku nustatyti. Aišku tėra, kad judėjimas šv. Kazimiero kultui formaliai aptvarkyti prasidėjo su katalikybės atgimimu. Jis ėjo ne iš kur kitur, o iš paties Vilniaus, kuris vadovavo visam politiniam bei kultūriniam Lietuvos gyvenimui. Dar daugiau — Vilnius buvo Lietuvos katalikų religinio gyvenimo centras. Jis buvo ir pagrindinis židinys, iš kurios sklido atsinaujinimo spinduliai, persveriant katalikybei prieš reformaciją.

Kai Vilniun atvyko pirmieji jėzuitai (1569 metų rudenį), jie rado patį stambiausį kalvinizmo šulą, kunigaikštį Mykolą Radvilą Juodąjį, prieš porą metų jau mirusį (1566). Vyriausias jo sūnus, pramintas Našlaitėliu, buvo jau sugrįžęs į Katalikų Bažnyčią, nors Lietuvoje ji dar stovėjo prieš sunkias rungtis su reformacija. Į tą kovą uoliai įsijungė jėzuitai, stengdamiesi prie žmonių priėti ne tik su jų pačių kalba, bet ir organizuodami iškilmingas bei patrauklias pamaldas. Tam labai tiko Šventojo kultas, ir ne kurio kito, bet pačiame Vilniuje palaidoto ir žmonių tebegarbinamo. Dėl to žymus jėzuitų pamokslininkas P. Skarga, išleisdamas savo „Visų metų šventųjų gyvenimus (1579), lenkiškai parašė ir apie šv. Kazimierą, pakartojęs tai, kas buvo rašyta vysk. Zacharijus Ferreri. Tos knygos pirmasis leidimas buvo atspausintas Vilniuje, jėzuitams atitekusiame Nesvyžiaus Radvilų spaustuvėje. Naujai pakartoti pasakojimai iš šv. Kazimiero gyvenimo sklido žmonėse ir kreipė jų dėmesį į Šventąjį.

Vilniaus vyskupijos kapitula taip pat nebuvo šv. Kazimiero išjungusi iš savo rūpesčių. Kapitulos aktuose

(1582 spalio 10) yra pažymėta, kad miręs kanauninkas Mkaovieckis (custos), buvęs ir valstybinio izdo raštininku, iš „Kazimiero fondo“ esąs išmokėjęs Zigmantui Augustui, didžiajam Lietuvos kunigaikščiui, 500 kapų grašių. Minėto kanauninko brolis ir jo įpėdinis kapituloje (taip pat custos) paaiškines, kad tai buvę padaryta su vyskupo (Jurgio Radvilos) ir kapitulos žinia. Tas aiškinimasis ir susirūpinimas, kad „Kazimiero fondas“ nesektų, rodo, jog 1583 metais vėl buvo susidomėta Vilniaus Šventojo kanonizacijos bylos užbaigimu.

Bet tuo metu Vilniaus vyskupija teturėjo administratorių, ištikus aštuonerius metus, ir viena kapitula be vyskupo, matyti, nesiryžo bylos iš naujo judinti. Tas klausimas suaktualėjo tik tada, kai Vilniaus vyskupu buvo paskirtas Benediktas Vainius (Voina), mirus Krokuvoje kardinolui Jurgiui Radvilai (1600), kurio vietą ten užėmė Vilniun ilgai neįsileistas lenkas vysk. Bernardas Maciejevskis. Su naujo vyskupo Vilniuje paskyrimu pagyvėjo ir akcija šv. Kazimiero kultui sutvarkyti. Buvo tuo reikalu pasiekta Roma.

Svarbiais reikalais į popiežių anuo metu būdavo paprastai kreipiamasi per savo krašto valdovą. Lietuvoje juo buvo Zigmantas Vaza, didysis Lietuvos kunigaikštis ir Lenkijos karalius (1587-1632). Jis buvo šv. Kazimiero giminaitis—sūnus švedų karaliaus Jono III ir Katrynos Zigmantaitės, dukters Zigmanto Senojo (šv. Kazimiero brolio). Zigmantas Vaza uoliai ėmėsi rūpintis Kazimiero garbinimą sutvarkyti. Antai, L. Pastorius savo „Popiežių istorijoje“ pažymi, kad Zigmantas Vaza rašė popiežiui Klemensui VIII laišką (1601 rugsėjo 6), prašydamas šv. Kazimiero kultą išplėsti ir labiau įtvirtinti — įrašyti Šventąjį į mišių knygas bei breviorų ir pripažinti liturgines duplex apeigas. Po pusės metų (1602 kovo 16) Zigmantas Vaza tuo pačiu reikalu rašė popiežius sekretoriui Petriui Aldobrandini pastebėdamas, kad Šventąjį dar reikia įglauti į bažnytinę liturgiją. Tačiau karalius išreiškė ir savo pasitenkinimą pažymėdamas, jog „su dideliu širdies džiaugsmu patyrėme, kad jis yra šventųjų sąrašė (in Martyrologio Romano) jau įrašytas“.

Abu tie laiškai rašyti iš Vilniaus. Tai rodo, kad Lietuvos sostinė buvo centru, iš kurio ėjo visa akcija šv. Kazimiero kultui galutinai sutvarkyti. Galima net tvirtinti, jog kiekvieną kartą, kai tik Zigmantas Vaza (nuo 1601 metų) atvykdavo į Lietuvos sostinę, jis būeavo prašomas siųsti į Romą raštus Vilniaus Šventojo reikalu. Kad būtų kas rašyta 1601-1602 metais ir iš Lenkijos, Vatikano archyve nėra jokių pėdsakų, kaip ir 1516-1517 metų laikotarpyje. Šv. Kazimieras jau tada buvo patapęs tarsi vienos Lietuvos Šventasis, ir ji pirmoji rūpinosi jo kultu, ypač gi Vilniaus miestas.

Iš Vilniaus rašytas antrasis Zigmanto Vazos laiškas atskleidžia mums žinią, kaip yra buvę toliau su Kazimiero kanonizacijos procesu. Pasirodo, Romoje šv. Kazimieras buvo įrašytas į martirologijos knygas, pažymint šalia jo vardo, jog dar popiežius Leonas X jį paskelbęs šventu.

Beliko tiktai Šventąjį „įrašyti į bažnytinę kalendorių ir garbinti iškilminga liturgija (duplici officio)“, ko Zigmantas Vaza yra prašęs. Nepamiršo jis taip pat pažymėti, kad jam būtų suteikta didelė garbė, jeigu „popiežius tą Šventąjį iš mūsų Jogailos giminės įtrauktų į Romos Bažnyčios liturgines knygas.“ Taigi ir karalius Zigmantas Vaza pabrėžė savo giminystę su šv. Kazimieru, kaip tai buvo anksčiau daręs Zigmantas Senasis ir net imperatorius Maksimilijonas. Bet ar tai turėjo kokios reikšmės?

Yra jau iš seno žinoma, kad Katalikų Bažnyčia, pripažindama kurį asmenį šventuoju, tepaiso jo karžygiškų dorybių, bet neteikia jokios reikšmės karališkajai jo kilmei ar kuriai kilniai giminystei. Tai yra pabrėžęs ir popiežius Leonas X, kai jis vysk. Zacharijui Ferreri rašė, kad tasai ištirtų, „ar Kazimieras, kuris daug giriamas, užsitarnauja būti įrašytas į šventųjų skaičių teisėtai ir nusipelnusiai, ir ne dėl savo garsios giminės bei karališkojo kraujo, o dėl dorybių ir švento gyvenimo.“ Tie žodžiai, rašyti 1519 m. rugsėjo 15 d., mums aiškiai pasako, kad jau nuo pat Kazimiero kanonizacijos pradžios jo aukštoji kilmė nevaicino jokios rolės. Dar mažiau karališkasis poaukštis galėjo reikšti popiežiui Klemensui VIII, kuris kanonizacijas pravedavo su nepaprastu kruopštumu. Jo laikais iš viso buvo kanonizuoti tik du domininkonai — šv. Hiacintas (Jackus) ir šv. Raimundas. Zigmanto Vazos užuomina, kad Jogailos giminei būtų garbę šv. Kazimierą rasti kalendoriuje tarp kitų šventųjų, popiežiui tegalėjo nuskambėti tuščiu žodžiu.

Vis dėlto karalius Zigmantas buvo savo padaręs — pajudinęs Romoje kiek primirštą kanonizacijos bylą ir iškėlęs reikalą ją ofrmaliai sutvarkyti. Toliau tuo reikalu turėjo pasirūpinti pati Vilniaus vyskupija. Jos kapitulos aktai rodo, kad jau nuo 1601 metų viduvasario šv. Kazimiero bylos reikalas dažnai užsimenamas. Gi 1602 m. vasario 6 d. pačiam Vilniaus vyskui pageidaujant, kapitula nutarė vieną savo narį deleguoti į Romą. Juo buvo parinktas kanauninkas Grigalius Sviencickis. Kapitulos aktuose randame taip pat nurodytas pinigų sumas, skirtas kelionei į Romą apmokėti ir kanonizacijos išlaidoms padengti. 1602 m. kovo 15 d. buvo išmokėta 300 auksinų. Po nepilnų dviejų savaitių (kovo 26) Vilniaus vysk. Benediktas Vainius per savo pasiuntinį kan. Grigalių Sviencickį įteikė Klemenso VIII sekretoriui raštą, kuriame prašė sutvarkyti vyskupijai taip rūpinimą ir svarbų klausimą. Tas reikalas kaip tik pateko į rankas popiežiaus, kuris gerai pažino Lietuvos ir Lenkijos gyvenimo aktualijas.

#### KLEMENSAS VIII PATVIRTINO KAZIMIERĄ ŠVENTUOJU

Dar prieš užimdamas Apaštalu Sostą, popiežius Klemensas VIII (Ipolitas Aldobrandini) buvo lankęsis Lenkijoje ir Lietuvoje. Jis buvo popiežiaus Siksto V

abiem valstybėm skirtas legatu, kuriam tarp kitko buvo pavesta sutaisyti Habsburgus su Zigmantu Vaza, tik ką įsėdusiu į Lietuvos ir Lenkijos valdovo sostą. Habsburgų kandidatas į tą patį sostą, imperatoriaus Rudolfo brolis Maksimilijonas, buvo patekęs į Zigmanto Vazos šalininkų nelaisvę. Vėliau popiežius Klemensas VIII turėjo progos stebėti lietuvių ir lenkų ginčą, kai lietuviai užsispyrę neįsileido į Vilnių paskirto lenkų vysk. B. Maciejausko. Ketvirtais to įdomaus konflikto metais buvo atsiųstas į Vilnių vizitatorius kroatas Komulovičius (Comuleus). Jis išbuvo Vilniuje porą metų (1595-1597). Susipažinęs su Vilniaus diecezijos padėtimi ir jos reikalais, nuvežė Romon gausiai žinių. Taigi popiežiui Klemensui VIII Lietuvos reikalai nebuvo svetimi, kai jį pasiekė Zigmanto Vazos ir vysk. B. Vainiaus prašymai sutvarkyti liturgiškai šv. Kazimiero kultą.

Prašymai buvo patenkinti be sunkumų. Mat, Kazimieras jau buvo laikomas popiežiaus Leono X įrašytas į šventuosius, tai Klemensas VIII oficialiai tą faktą tik patvirtino ir paskyrė šv. Kazimiero dieną bažnytiniame kalendoriuje. Klemensas VIII tai padarė savo breve (1602, lapkričio 7), joje taip pat užsiminęs, kad jau Leonas X paskelbė Kazimierą šventuoju. Niekas nebekėlė Romoje klausimo Kazimiero šventumo tyrinėjimą atnaujinti ir pradėti iš pradžių visą bylą, kurios dokumentai po siausmo Romoje (1527) buvo pradingę.

Įsitikinęs, kad šv. Kazimiero kanonizacija yra jau buvusi Leono X metu, Klemensui VIII paskelbus breve, Romoje kanonizacijės iškilmių šv. Kazimierui jau nebuvo surengta. Nėra apie tai jokių pėdsakų nei gausiuose ano meto šaltiniuose, neprasitaria nei vienu žodžiu ir L. Pastorius savo „Popiežių istorijoje.“ Tačiau yra būdinga, kad buvo pagaminta „Šventojo vėliava“ (labarum), kuri paprastai naudojama šventojo kanonizacijos iškilmių metu ir užima vieną jų dalį. Paskui ta vėliava iškeliauja ten, kur yra šventojo relikvijos. Šv. Kazimiero vėliava buvo raudono aksomo su jo paveikslu. Ji buvo, tur būt, dėl to pagaminta, kad Vilniaus iki tol nebuvo pasiekusi jokia Šventojo vėliava. Vadinasi, Klemensas VIII pasistengė užpildyti tai, ko dar trūko prie šv. Kazimiero kanonizacijos.

Savo brevėje popiežius skelbė, kad šv. Kazimieras gali būti garbinamas Lietuvoje ir Lenkijoje, tačiau jo vardas dar nebuvo įtrauktas į universalinį Katalikų Bažnyčios breviorių. Tai reiškė, kad šv. Kazimiero kultas pradžioje tepripažintas lokaliu dalyku, kaip dažnai būdavo ir kitais atvejais, kanonizavus kurį šventąjį. Tik tai 1621 metais popiežius Paulius V šv. Kazimiero kultą paskelbė visuotiniu; vadinasi, lygiai po šimto metų nuo kanonizacijos proceso pradžios. Tada buvo taip pat įrašytos šv. Kazimiero pamaldos į visuotinį Bažnyčios mišiolą ir breviorių, ko anksčiau buvo prašę Zigmantas Vaza ir Vilniaus vyskupas per savo pasiutninį kan. G. Sviencickį.

Tasai Vilniaus kapitulos kanauninkas, gavęs Klemenso VIII brevę, Romoje dar kurį laiką pasiliko. Galimas daiktas, jisai nenorėjo žiemos mėnesiais keliauti per Alpes.

Žinia apie šv. Kazimiero kulto oficialų patvirtinimą Lietuvos nebepasiekė iki 1603 metų pradžios. Vilniaus kapitulos aktuose randame dar nutarimą (1603 sausio 17) siųsti 400 lenkiškų auksinų Romon „užbaigti Kazimiero kanonizacijos reikalams“, nors kan. G. Sviencickis savo rankose jau turėjo Klemenso VIII brevę. Kai parvežė ją į Vilnių kartu su šv. Kazimiero vėliava, čia buvo tikros džiaugsmo dienos, kurios paskui išsiliejo į spalvingą trijų dienų manifestaciją (1604 gegužės 10, 11 ir 12).

### KAZIMIERO IŠKILMĖSE DALYVAVO VISA LIETUVA

Šiomet tom iškilmėm kaip tik sueina 350 metų. Gana smulkiai jas vaizduoja Vilniaus kapitulos aktai, popiežiaus nuncijaus pranešimas ir jėzuitų istorikas Rostovskis. Istorijai dar knygute jas aprašė austras jėzuitas K. Knogleris, kuriam buvo pavesta pasirūpinti iškilmių tvarka. Jo veikalėlis yra smulki ataskaita iš tos įspūdingos religinės šventės, kokios Vilnius dar niekada nebuvo matęs. Joje, galima sakyti, dalyvavo visa Lietuva.

Trijų dienų iškilmės, kaip Dievo Kūno šventėje, prasidėjo gegužės 10 anksti iš ryto, didele ir spalvinga procesija. Karalių Zigmantą Vazą, kuris svarbiais reikalais buvo užsiėmęs Livonijoje ir Švedijoje, atstovavo Lietuvos kancleris Leonas Sapiega. Jis iškilmingoje procesijoje, kuri ėjo Vilniaus gatvėmis, nešė šv. Kazimiero vėliavą, parvežtą iš Romos. Kancleriui įteikė ją šv. Stepono bažnyčioje kan. G. Sviencickis, pasakęs lotyniškai labai ilgą kalbą. Leonas Sapiega atsakė jam kiek trumpesne kalba. Tada iš šv. Stepono bažnyčios procesija išėjo į miestą, giedodama šventas giesmes. Ji vingiavo Rudninkų gatve, ėjo per prekyvietę ir šv. Jono bei Pilies gatvėmis slinko į katedrą. Pakeliui buvo pastatytos trys puošnios arkos su dekoracijomis ir užrašais lotyniškai, graikiškai, lenkiškai ir hebraiškai. Vilniaus akademijos jaunimas tose arkose parodė gyvuosius paveikslus su atitinkamais dialogais. P procesijai einant ir pranešant šv. Kazimiero vėliavą, atskirose sustojimo vietose buvo pasakytos šlovinamosios kalbos Vilniaus miesto, akademijos ir kapitulos vardu. Procesijai pasiekus katedrą, šv. Kazimiero vėliavą iš kanclerio Leono Sapiegos perėmė Vilniaus vysk. Benediktas Vainius ir padėjo ją katedroje ant šv. Kazimiero karsto.

Po pirmosios dienos rytinių iškilmių, kurios užtruko apie šešias valandas, popiečio metu Vilniaus akademijoje buvo surengtas šv. Kazimiero garbei minėjimas (Theatridium Poeticum — Eulogia Casimiriana). Akademijos jaunimas skaitė lotyniškai savo sukurtą poeziją, šlovinusią šv. Kazimierą ir aukštinusią jo dorybes; jos buvo nupasakotos poemomis, odėmis ir



epigramomis. Gana ilgą tų kūrinių sąrašą yra paskelbęs jau minėtas Rostovskis. Buvo sukurtos taip pat giesmės Vilniaus Šventajam pagerbti. Kapitulos aktai mini, kad iškilmių dienomis buvo lotyniškai giedamos giesmės O Beate Casimire! O flos ducum Lithuaniae! (O palaimintasai Kazimierai! O Lietuvos kunigaikščių žiede!).

Antrąją iškilmių dieną (gegužės 11) prie šv. Kazimiero karsto, kuris buvo padėtas ant katafalko, buvo atlaikytos iškilmingos Mišios ir paskaityta Klemenso VIII brevė, kaip oficialus dokumentas, kad Kazimieras yra pripažintas šventuoju ir leista viešai jį garbinti. Trečiąją gi dieną (gegužės 12) iškilmingai buvo pašventintas kertinis akmuo šv. Kazimiero bažnyčiai, kuri buvo jėzuitų tuojau pradėta statyti prie ano meto Vilniaus prekyvietės. Netrukus ten iškilo puošni barokinė bažnyčia ir aplink ją susikūrė jėzuitų centras su kolegija, naujokynu ir ordino vyresnybe. Iš čia šv. Kazimiero kultas buvo plačiai išskleistas į visą Lietuvą.

#### ATIDARYTAS KAZIMIERO KARSTAS PO 120 METŲ

Lietuvos gi sostinė iškilmių dienomis gyveno nepaprastu džiaugsmu, sulaukusi šv. Kazimiero garbės pripažinimo. Dar prieš iškilmes Šventojo kūnas iš paprasto kapo Vilniaus katedros koplyčioje buvo perkeltas į altorių. Ta proga karstas buvo pirmą kartą atidarytas patikrinimui, vadinamajai rekognicijai. Tai buvo padaryta prie liudininkų, kurie surašė atitinkamą protokolą, paskelbtą bolandistų. Iš protokolo sužinome, kad karstas buvęs drėgnoje vietoje, nes darbininkai, jį išimdami, galėjo permirkusias plytas ardyti be įrankių. Tačiau šv. Kazimiero kūnas rastas nuostabiai gerai išsilaikęs, kad ir pragulėjęs kape jau 120 metų. Iškilmės buvo pataikytos į tą šv. Kazimiero mirties sukaktį (1484-1604).

Atidarius karstą, prie galvos buvo rasta šv. Kazimiero mėgiamiausia Marijai giesmė: *Omni die, dic Mariae . . .* Tos gražios giesmės autorium ilgai buvo laikomas pats šv. Kazimieras; tuo klausimu buvo nemažai ir prirašyta. Tačiau šiandien laikoma tikresniu dalyku, kad tą giesmę Marijos garbei yra sukūręs Bernardas iš Morlay.

Šv. Kazimiero karstą meilę Nekalčiausiajai Marijai yra gerai žinojęs dar jo tėvas ir dėl to pirmąją koplyčią, kurią jis buvo pradėjęs statyti savo sūnui, pavadino šv. Marijos vardu. Vieta koplyčiai buvo parinkta Vilniaus katedros kairėje pusėje. Tačiau karalius Kazimieras pradėtojo darbo netesėjo; koplyčia buvo užbaigta statyti šv. Kazimiero Zigmanto Senojo. Kai jojė buvo palaidotas jų abiejų brolis Aleksandras, didysis Lietuvos kunigaikštis ir Lejkijos karalius, o vėliau ir karalienė Barbora Radvilaitė, koplyčia buvo praminta karališkąja. Ji vis dėlto pasirodė per prasta šventajam Lietuvos Karalaičiui, kurio kultas vis labiau žmonėse skleidėsi. Dėl to po didžiųjų iškilmių Zigmantas Vaza pradėjo statydinti

naują koplyčią ir jau pavadintą Šv. Kazimiero vardu. Ją statė žymus architektas Dankoers. Darbai užtruko iki 1636 metų, kol buvo užbaigta, tariant popiežiaus nuncijaus Visconti žodžiais, „su dideliu blizgėsiu“. Taip jisai rašė dar 1630 metais, pranešdamas Romai, kaip iškilmingai buso perkeltas naujon koplyčion šv. Kazimiero kūnas, kuris laikinai buvo laikomas Goštautų-Katkevičių koplyčioje. Naujosios koplyčios darbus užbaigus, ji tviskėjo marmuru, švietė gipsinėmis figūromis ir išpuošta buvo italų dailininko Delbenės freskomis.

Šv. Kazimiero kūnui perkelti buvo numatyta 1636 m. rugpiūčio 17 diena — nauja iškilminga šventė Vilniaus miestui. Ta proga iš popiežiaus Urbono VIII atėjo raštas, kuriuo šv. Kazimieras buvo paskelbtas Lietuvos Globėju, o jo šventė leista švęsti „sub ritu diplici“. Vilniaus vyskupijos sinodas dar žymiai anksčiau (1602) Lietuvos globėju, greta šv. Jurgio ir šv. Mikalojaus, buvo pasirinkęs ir šv. Kazimierą. Popiežiaus Urbono VIII raštas Vilniaus Šventąjį darbar iškėlė į pirmąją vietą ir vyriausiu globėju. Jo kūno perkėlimo šventę, naujai suteiktus atlaidus ir vis labiau plintantį šv. Kazimiero garbinimą yra plačiai aprašęs popiežiaus nuncijus Filonardi savo pranešimuose Romoje. Iš jų sužinome, kad Šventojo relikvijos buvo pirmą kartą nešiojamos Vilniaus miesto gatvėmis, kurios buvo išpuoštos arkomis ir vainikais. Kazimiero vėliavą pakaitomis nešė Lietuvos didikai senatoriai. Iškilmingoje procesijoje dalyvavo pats karalius Vladislovas Vaza, Zigmanto Vazos sūnus, su savo seserimi, popiežiaus nuncijus Filonardi ir abi Lietuvos vyskupai — Vilniaus Abraomas Vainius ir Žemaičių Jurgis Tiškevičius. Procesijai užsibaigus, šv. Kazimiero karstas buvo padėtas į naujos koplyčios altorių.

Ta antroji iškilminga šventė buvo tartu baigiamasis aktas šv. Kazimiero kanonizacijos eigoje. Šventojo garbinimas Lietuvoje ir užsieniuose vis labiau plito. Tai turėjo nemažos reikšmės religiniam Lietuvos gyvenimui, kuris po reformacijos atoslūgio reikėsi nauju dvasios pakilimu.

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## COOK'S CORNER

by *Mary Lucas*

### LIETUVIŠKI VELYKŲ PIETŪS (LITHUANIAN EASTER FEAST)

Baltas vynas — Sūris — lizdas Margučių  
(White wine) — (Lith cheese) — (nest of Easter eggs)

#### MARYTĖS BULVINĖ SRIUBA MARY'S POTATO SOUP

#### IDARYTI VIŠTUKŲ DALYS STUFFED CHICKEN QUARTERS

#### ŠIAUDUKŲ BULVĖS STRAW POTATOES

#### ŽIRNIUKAI IR GRYBAI ĮGRIETINĖLĖS PADAŽA TINY PEAS AND MUSHROOM CAPS IN CREAM SAUCE

#### PAMIDORŲ MIŠRŪS SALOTAS MIXED TOMATO SALAD

#### LIETUVIŠKA BABKA — SALDUS SVIESTAS LITHUANIAN EASTER BREAD — SWEET BUTTER

#### KRUPNIKAS LITHUANIAN LIQUER

#### 'CITRININIS TORTAS LEMON TORTE

#### RIEŠUTAI TOASTED, SALTED MIXED NUTS

AFTER THE FEAST, ENJOY THE EASTER EGG  
GAMES

#### MARY'S POTATO SOUP

Peel 3 large potatoes and dice into 1/2" cubes. Place in a 4 quart pan with 1 tsp. salt. Cover with cold water and boil covered until tender.

Meanwhile, melt 3 tblsp. butter or margarine in a medium sized skillet. Finely chop 1 medium onion, 1 stalk celery (Finely sliced) and 1 large carrot (Shredded). Add to the butter and cook until vegetables are tender but not browned.

Add vegetable — butter mixture to the potatoes and cook for two minutes. Cool, then put through a food processor or blender. They can also be mashed finely with a potato masher or ricer. Place all back into original pot adding 2 Tblsp. of chicken bouillon granules. Cook for 5 minutes. Set aside.

In skillet, fry 4 slices bacon till crisp. Drain on paper towels. When cool, crush with fingers.

In a small bowl, combine 1 cup flour and two Tblsp. butter with fingers. Add 1 beaten egg and enough cold water to make a thick paste. Pass mixture through a collander (pushing the mixture through with a large spoon) into the boiling soup stirring occasionally so "kletskeliai" won't stick together. In the meantime, keep adding enough milk to make soup of a medium texture.

Correct seasonings, adding salt, white pepper and accent to desired taste. Turn off the heat, add the crushed bacon and 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley.

Makes approx. 8-10 servings.

#### STUFFED CHICKEN QUARTERS

##### 1 WHOLE CHICKEN (FRYER OR BROILER)

Cut the chicken in half lengthwise, then cut the two halves into two parts. You will then have two breast-wing portions and two leg-thigh portions. Wash and clean thoroughly, let drain on paper towels.

##### STUFFING

- 4 slices white bread (Toasted)
- 12 soda crackers (Finely crushed)
- 2 eggs (beaten with fork)
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

The chicken liver, gizzard and heart cooked in 2 cups water till tender. To the water add 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 t. pepper, 1/4 t. Accent. Cool broth and finely chop giblets. Strain the broth. Set aside. Add 1 tblsp. chicken bouillon granules to dissolve. Cut the toasted bread into small dice. Place in a 2 qt. bowl. Add the crushed soda crackers and pour the broth over to soften.

In a small skillet, melt 2 Tblsp. butter, add 1 med. onion, chopped fine, 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery, fry till tender and add to the bowl together with the eggs, and parsley and giblets. Add some milk to the stuffing if needed. Stuffing should not be runny. Taste for additional seasonings if necessary.

Sprinkle the chicken quarters lightly with salt and pepper. Place skin side down in roasting pan. With a large spoon divide the stuffing evenly between the four portions. Sprinkle lightly with paprika. Place uncovered in 350° oven till lightly browned and stuffing is set. Pour in 1 cup of boiling water and place cover over pan. Roast until flesh is tender, basting occasionally, about 45 min

Makes 4 servings.

May be doubled if necessary.

## STRAW POTATOES

Peel 4 large potatoes. Shred on a fine shredder into long strips. Rinse in cool water then drain. Place into a bowl and sprinkle with 1-1/4 teasp. salt and 1/4 teasp. white pepper. Place on paper towels to absorb water.

In a large heavy skillet, place 1 stick of margarine, let melt then pat potatoes firmly into pan. Cover tightly, turn heat to medium and let fry till golden on bottom. Remove cover, place large pizza pan over potatoes and turn over. Slide potatoes back into skillet adding more margarine if necessary. Continue browning on other side. Remove to large plate and cut into serving portions.

Makes 4 servings.

## TOMATO SALAD

Mix enough fresh tomatoes (wedges), green bell peppers cut into strips and sliced sweet onions. In a 2 cup measure pour in 1/2 cup of cider vinegar, 1/2 cup water, 1/4 cup of olive oil. Add salt, sugar and pepper to taste. Pour over mixed vegetables, and let marinate for 1/2 hour.

## EASY LEMON TORTE

Mix 1 box Duncan Hines Lemon Cake Mix according to package instructions. Bake in 2 greased and floured 8" cake pans, for 25 minutes or when toothpick comes out clean when tested. Remove from oven and place on cake racks. Using a long 2-tined fork, prick holes in each cake piercing rather closely. With a tablespoon, pour a 6 oz. can of defrosted lemonade concentrate over both cakes. Let cool for 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cut each cake in half horizontally. Lay out on cake racks or plates.

Meanwhile, prepare 1 large box of Jello Lemon Pudding Mix adding juice and grated rind of 1 lemon. Cool in refrigerator.

Place 1 layer of cake on a large cake plate. Cover with 1/3 of the pudding mix. Add the second layer and spread with the second third of the pudding. Repeat with third cake layer and spread with the remaining lemon pudding. Place fourth cake layer on top and spread top and sides with whipped cream. Sprinkle entire cake with chopped toasted pecans or Angel Flake Coconut as desired. Cool in refrigerator until serving time.

Mary Lucas, H.M.



## WHAT SUNDAY IS EASTER SUNDAY???

By Aldona Ryan

Easter is different than Christmas or the 4th of July. We always know when these and other holidays will occur. The only things most of us are sure of is that Easter will be on a Sunday in March or April.

The first Easter occurred on April 9, in A.D. 30, according to our current calendar.

Originally, Easter was dated in reference to the Jewish Passover but the Jewish calendar was based on the moon and had thirteen months.

The Julian Calendar adopted about 57 B.C. was based on the sun and had only twelve months but there were problems in fixing the date for Easter.

At the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325, a simplified rule was established. It read, "Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon on, or after,

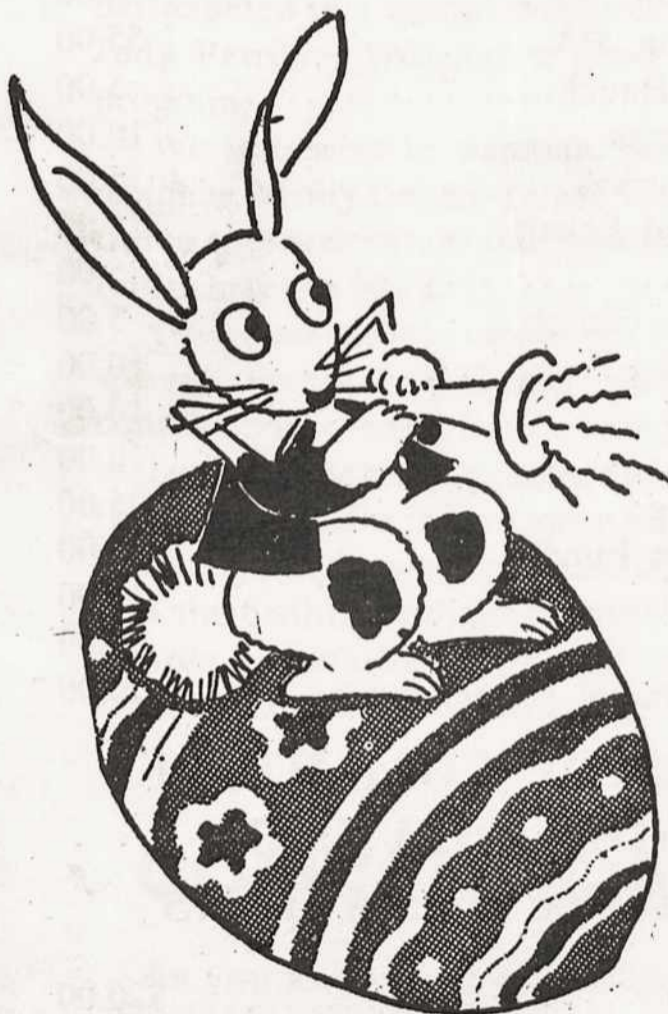
the Vernal (Spring) Equinox."

Pope Gergory XIII, in March 1582, abolished the Julian Calendar and substituted what is now known as the Gregorian Calendar.

(Great Britain did not recognize Pope Gregory's decree and the Julian Calendar continued to be used until 1752 — even in the United States. Much confusion resulted.)

The general rule for fixing the date of Easter was kept by the Christians as established by the Council of Nicaea with the addition of the fact that if the 14th day of the moon (full moon) should happen on a Sunday, then Easter would be deferred to the following Sunday (March 21st).

The Precise Rule for Easter is as follows: Easter is the first Sunday following the first "Cyclic" full moon on, or after March 21. ("Cyclic" moon is a fictitious moon sometimes called the Ecclesiastical or Paschal moon. March 21st is used instead of "Vernal Equinox")



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### C-96 JUNIOR NEWS

On February 19th, the Juniors joined in the Lithuanian Independence Day program. Each of us participated in a special prayer to St. Casimir, written by Judy Petrokas. We had a good time and enjoyed the program.

We also wish to welcome our newest and youngest member, Molly Geiger. In the weeks to come, we will be trying to brush up on our bowling talents for the MCD tournament in May.

In the last month, one of our Juniors has received two special awards. Eric Geiger won first prize in an essay contest sponsored by the Dayton Sierra Club. The theme of the essay was How Members of the Religious Life Have Helped Me. Eric is also very active in Boy Scouts. On February 5th, he was presented the Ad Altare Dei award. It is the Catholic religious award and one of the highest awards in Scouting. We are all very proud of him. I can say that especially, because I am his brother.

Aaron Geiger

### CONVENTIONSHIPS...

As you know, a new resolution was passed at the '78 convention stating "that two conventionships of \$25. each be awarded to each Junior Council".

If you are interested in applying for a conventionship, please contact your District Second Vice-president for forms as soon as possible.



Eric receiving his first place award, at a banquet in his honor at Neil's Heritage House.



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# OFFICIAL NEWS

## MEMBERSHIP

### LET'S GET ON THE BALL

Pay your dues NOW and get your Council an AWARD. That should be the most important item on your list. A membership Drive is conducted for the purpose of increasing our number and not to replace those lost to the organization because of delinquent dues. Once your Council's dues are 100% paid up, then you can concentrate on new members.

#### RULES FOR THE 1983-84 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Awards To Councils On Reaching 100% Paid-up Memberships: Awards will be presented to COUNCILS in each of the following categories for being FIRST to have their membership dues 100% PAID UP.

First Category — 1-49 members

Second Category — 50-99 members

Third Category — 100 and over

The Deadline for 100% Paid-up Membership was March 31.

#### AWARDS FOR SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS

We will use the same categories of Councils for Awards as in 100% Paid-up set-up. Awards will be presented to the Council having the largest percentage increase over last year with a minimum of 10% increase.

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Awards will be given on an overall basis for FIRST, Second, and Third Place to those individual members with the most total points. Enrolling a NEW MEMBER (one who has never belonged before) will earn 10 points, a rejoined member (someone who has not been a member during the past year or longer) will earn 5 POINTS.

The deadline for New Members Awards is June 30.

COUNCILS ARE URGED TO SECURE ADEQUATE MEMBERSHIP CARDS FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARY — HELEN SKUDRA, 7926 NORTH DRIVE HIGHLAND, INDIANA 46322.

Your concentrated drive will bring us many new members, your lack of interest and cooperation can make it a failure. Belief in ourselves and our organization's principles will guide us towards success — SO LET'S START WORKING RIGHT NOW.

ELSIE KOSMISKY  
Membership National Vice-President

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# OFFICIAL NEWS

## RITUALS

### Attention Ritual Chairpersons

**CORRECTION** — Standing Committee Chairpersons for the Council should be 4 points instead of 2 points (page 47 in the October 1983 issue of the Vytis)

**REMINDER** — When listing the points on the back of the Second, Third and Fourth Degree forms, be sure you list the category, activity and the date of the activities. Since there have been several changes in the point system, make sure credit is given accordingly. For example: Membership was 1/2 point prior to 1978. Since changes were made effective in 1978, it is 1/4 point now.

Magdalena Smailis  
Supreme Ritual Chairperson

# RESOLUTIONS

Loretta Stukas, President  
Knights of Lithuania

Dear Madam President,

At our Mid Central District meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, on October 1, 1983, our members unanimously approved the following resolution:

Whereas it is of utmost importance that children and youth be attracted to participate in our organizational activities, and

Whereas sessions in schools and colleges are starting earlier in many cities, therefore

Be it resolved that the dates of the Knights of Lithuania National Convention be set no later than the first week in August.

Vytiškai,  
Tom Bruzga  
President, Mid Central District

## RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Knights of Lithuanian Constitution, Article VII, Paragraph 4, be modified by adding the following sentence:

Some examples of circumstances which may bring dishonor include dress and/or behavior which is considered inappropriate by the sponsors of any official Knights of Lithuania function at which invited public officials or prominent guests are present.

Submitted by Knights of Lithuania Council 147  
Executive Board: Spiritual adv. kun. Jonas Jasiūnas,  
President Anthony J. Mažeika, Secretary V. Kleiva.

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## ATTENTION: ALL COUNCIL NEWS REPORTERS

In our attempts to further the work of our organization, we would like to let other Lithuanians know what we are doing. Lithuanian newspapers can print our news to Lithuanian-Americans who are not members.

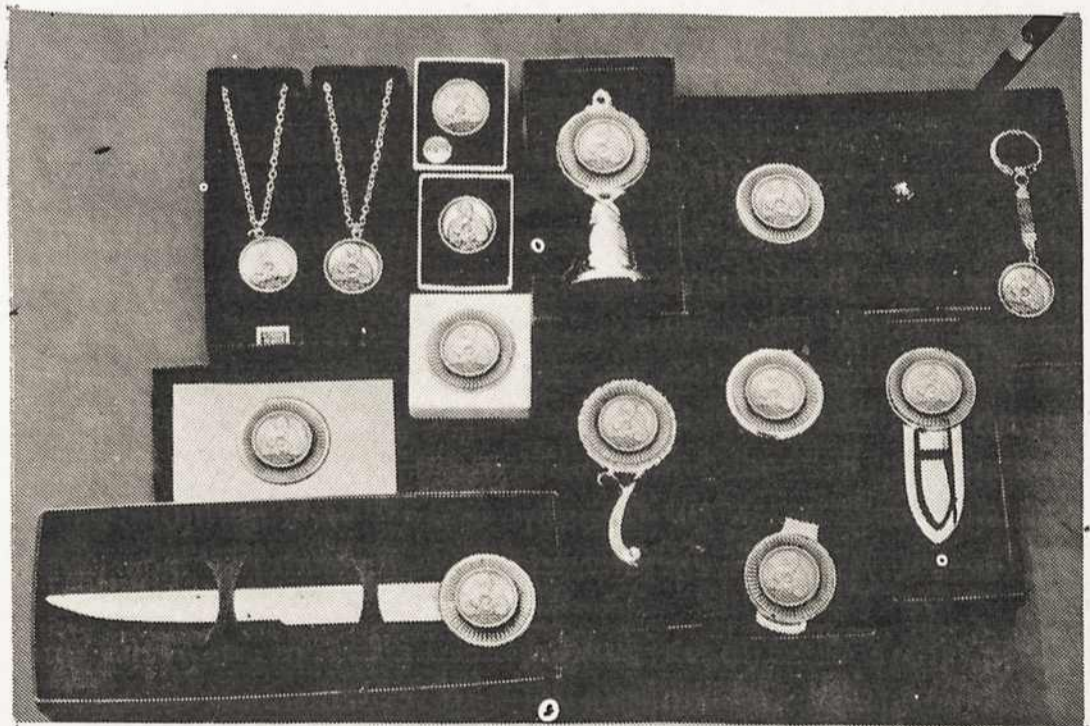
We are asking that council news reporters make a carbon (or xerox) copy of their council news and mail it to: EMILIJA PAKALNIŠKIENĖ, 3948 S. Artesian Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632. She will edit it and translate it into the Lithuanian language and it will appear in DRAUGAS. Please try to send copies of your council news to her AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR.

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**CORRECTION:** Dr. Nancy Razickas-Craddock and Dr. John E. Craddock, III, are members of Council 110 and not members of Council 100 as advertised in the January issue of VYTIS.

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Phil Carter has designed some lovely St. Casimir jewelry items which can be purchased by sending orders to: FRANCES BUMILA, P.O. Box 147, Raynham, Mass., 02767. Prices are as follows: Lapel pins — \$5, goldtone or pewter necklaces — \$5, key chains — \$6, pen holder — \$10, pencil holder — \$10, note paper holder — \$14, letter opener — \$7, bell — \$7, mirror — \$7, book mark — \$6, pill box — \$6, credit card holder — \$9.



## LCRA REPORT

Father Alfonsas Svarinskas writes:

*'For to love is to sacrifice,  
To love is to take the heavier part of the burden,  
To love is carry the lamp and light the way.  
To love is to believe . . .'*

*K. Inčira*

I wrote a brief letter in February, but I guess you didn't receive it. This week or next, I shall leave Vilnius, our capital, and Lithuania, for a long, long time, perhaps forever. Only the Lord knows, but in this regard, I repeat with Job from the bible, "God gives and God takes away . . . May His will be done!"

I'll be writing from camp, it appears, twice a month. I'll write either to you, or to my brother and sister. My health (both physical and spiritual) is good. I have no complaints. It's true that my lip has not healed yet, and I've broken my dental plate. I suppose that I'll be able to receive competent help in camp.

I'm not hungry. Thank you and thank everyone for the money and for the food packages.

I have some food reserves for the journey. If thieves don't take it away, I'll have a little something on the way, only it's too bad that it's warm, and everything quickly spoils and mildews. But this is no great danger. I'll receive packages only in August, 1984 — 5 kg every four months.

Every day in my prayers, I remind God, "Not my will but Thine be done." May the grace of God lead the steps of all of you.

A prisoner in Christ  
— Father Alfonsas

P.S. The KGB censored sixteen lines of the letter.

The above was taken from the August 15, 1983 edition of the CHRONICLE of the Catholic Church in Lithuania.

### KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA DRIVE TO RAISE \$3000.00 TO SPONSOR AN ISSUE OF THE CHRONICLE

Total Income as of 9/15/83 .....	\$75.00
Anthony & Petronella Alexander (#7 & #96) .....	2.00
Mary Di Marco (#19) .....	5.00
Peter J. Kasilionis (#52) .....	20.00
Bertha Kuzma (#19) .....	5.00
Alice Lewellan (#19) .....	2.00
Margaret Papeaka (#19) .....	5.00
Anthony Rollis (#145) .....	5.00
Andy Rozga (#19) .....	1.00
Mary H. Tamy (#19) .....	2.00
Margie Ž. Turner (#19) .....	2.00
Albert & Albina Wallis (#25) .....	3.00
Joe & Ann White (#17 Srs.) .....	35.00

Anonymous .....	100.00
Anonymous .....	2.00
Anonymous .....	5.00
C #26 Worcester .....	20.00
C #36 Chicago .....	95.00
C #96 Dayton .....	25.00
C #116 Worcester .....	75.00
Interest .....	2.33

Total as of 2/18/84 .....

\$486.33  
Respectfully submitted,  
Frances R. Petkus  
LCRA Coordinator

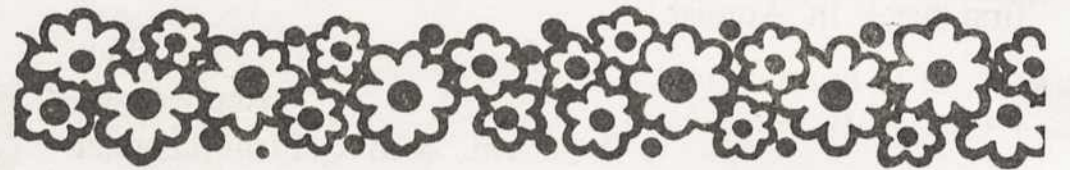
### THE CONGRESS OF LITHUANIANS IN THE U.S.A.

The Lithuanian American Council is organizing an impressive Congress of representatives of Lithuanian organizations, clubs, chapters functioning in the United States. The Congress will take place on October 27th and 28th, 1984 at the Quality Inn Midway, 5001 West 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

### LITHUANIAN BISHOP AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Declaration of Lithuanian Independence, which occurred on February 16, 1918, was commemorated by the U.S. Senate on February 21, 1984 and by the House of Representatives on February 22nd. Lithuanian Bishop Vincentas Brizgys was invited to give the invocation in the House of Representatives. At the request of the Lithuanian American Council, the commemoration of Lithuanian Independence was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Charles H. Percy and in the House of Representatives by Congressman Frank Annunzio.

LITHUANIAN AMERICAN  
COUNCIL INFORMATION



*Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers cordially invite you to spend your summer vacation at their own summer resort, Kennebunkport, Maine.*

**The season begins June 30 and closes September 3.**

*The Guest House is located on a scenic spot right on the Atlantic coast. The prices for room and board reasonable.*

*The address for information:*

**Franciscan Guest House  
Kennebunkport, Maine 04046  
Phone (207) 967-2011**



# Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



"The Recorder", Amsterdam, N.Y., announced the retirement of Police Chief ALBERT LUZINAS, effective December 31, 1983. A 38-year police officer and Amsterdam's chief of police for the last four years, he performed his duties with ability, dedication and intelligence and left behind a fine example of public service. "The Recorder" expressed best wishes and appreciation for a job well done. Al is a member of C-100, Amsterdam.

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The two oldest parishioners of St. Andrew's Church, New Britain, Connecticut, were featured in the "New Britain Herald" recently. Rev. JOHN E. RIKTERAITIS, pastor, honored JONAS LIUDZIUS, 89, and Mrs. ONA UZDAVINIS, 95, at the Lithuanian Night dinner dance.



*Chief Albert LUZINAS*



*HM Mary Lucas and Elaine Pacovsky*

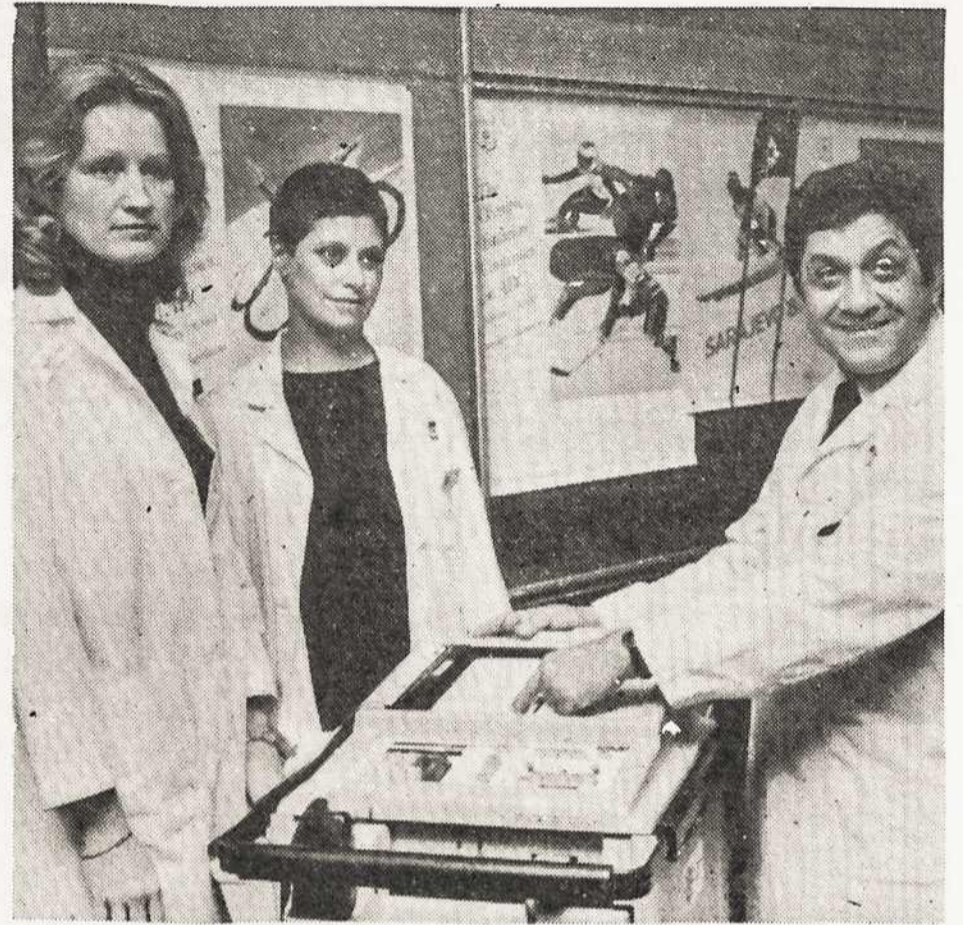
The "Syracuse Herald-Journal", Syracuse, N.Y., last December photographed a 15-foot Christmas tree at the Everson Museum which was decorated in the Lithuanian tradition by IZOLINA GLYLY. The handmade ornaments were made of natural wheat, oats and rice straw.

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HM MARY LUCAS, "Vytis" Food Editor, shared her mother's recipe for "Pyragas" with the "Dayton Daily News" last December. Mary and her daughter ELAINE PACOVSKY, both members of C-96, Dayton, Ohio, are shown with an assortment of Lithuanian Christmas goodies.



PHIL CARTER, C-103, Providence, R.I., poses with two former Chicago Bear football stars. JOSEPH OSMANSKI, on the left, is now a lawyer in Chicago, and BILL OSMANSKI, on the right, is a dentist in Chicago. Bill, All American from Holy Cross, Rookie of the Year, was named to the National Football Hall of Fame. Both brothers played baseball for St. Casimir's Church in the New England K of L Baseball League. At the time, Phil Carter was manager of St. Casimir's team and president of the New England League. Joe and Bill's sister, BETTY OSMANSKI CIURYLA, is a member of C-103.



Three medical professionals went to the Winter Olympics in Yugoslavia to provide medical services for the staff of ABC television, reports the "Schenectady Gazette", Schenectady, N.Y. Checking out a portable electrocardiograph machine are, from left to right, PAULA M. WASELAUSKAS, a nurse with the state Health Department; Nicki A. Greisler, a nurse at St. Clare's Hospital; and Dr. Eugene E. Drago, chief of cardiology at St. Clare's. Paula is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Waselauskas of Amsterdam, N.Y., and the wife of Dr. Eugene Drago.



ANN JILLIAN returned from Beirut with boxes and bags full of gifts from the servicement she entertained as part of Bob Hope's Christmas show, according to the "Chicago Tribune". Among the loot: More than two dozen baseball caps, a dozen T-shirts,

six plaques, hundreds of photos, a handful of stuffed animals and about 200 phone numbers of wives and sweethearts that Ann promised to contact. She said that even though she cried a lot on the Hope Christmas tour, she'd happily accept an invitation to do another.



ANNIE MORGALIS, Cultural Chairman of Anthracite C-144, was featured in the "Sunday Patriot-News", Harrisburg, Pa., last December. She explained her craft of making Lithuanian straw ornaments from real straw. She raises the straw herself in her back yard.

Her straw weavings, delicate egg etchings and mushroom paintings are displayed in the Lithuanian Cultural Center and Museum in Frackville, Pa. She teaches classes in area schools and carries on the Lithuanian traditions in her home. Annie is the Lithuanian commissioner on the Governor's Heritage Affairs Commission.



*Anne Chillan, Mildred Walsh and Rosalie Kizis*

K of L Council 143, Pittston, Pa., participated in the Ethnic Christmas Folk Festival at the Luzerne County Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., last December. A Kucios meal was on display with information explaining the significance of the 12 meatless dishes. Thousands visited the Court House in the 3 days of the festival. Shown are Council president ANNE CHALLAN with Cultural chairpersons MILDRED WALSH and ROSALIE KIZIS.

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*Celebrating the February 16th Declaration of Independence commemoration in the office of Mayor in New York City were members of the Knights of Lithuania Maspeth Council. Shown in the photo at left, are the members receiving a proclamation from Mayor Koch.*

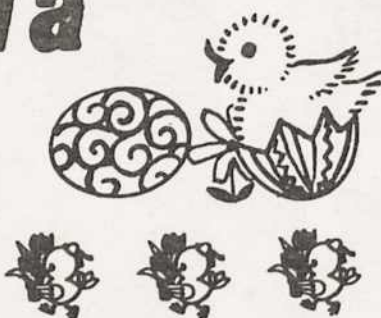


# Vyčiai Veikia

# Council Activities

Edited by HELEN CHESKO

1000 E. Pine St. Mahanoy City, PA 17948



## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

We of C-10 were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden and untimely death of K of L stalwart, Ed Tamulevich of Paxton. His funeral, attended by hundreds and a con-celebrated Mass by eight priests, was a showing of the deep respect the Lithuanian community held him and his lovely wife, Irene. Fr. Anthony Miciunas was homolist. A person like Ed is not replaceable in the Lithuanian community. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ and may his family find solace in their deep faith.

Our January meeting was hosted by David Lucas and parents of Gardner. Following the business meeting, we were graciously treated to a scrumptious buffet. We also enjoyed the player piano that brought back memories of yesteryear.

Tony Simkunas treated us by showing his slides of Lithuania taken this past summer. The slides and presentation were excellent. His



*A group of C-10 members taken about 30 years ago at a summer outing in Athol. Try to identify some of the old gang.*

travelogue took us to Vilnius, Kaunas, Trakai, Druskininkai and his mother's church village of Butkiskes with shots of the parish church and cemetery. A big ačiū to the Lucas family and Tony and those who braved the winter snow to get to the meeting.

Our council did it again! On February 5, C-10 along with Fr. Steponaitis sponsored the 66th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence. It began with a Mass offered for the persecuted church in Lithuania.

Activities continued at 2 p.m. in the parish hall with the singing of the national hymns and the invocation

by Pastor Steponaitis. Bill Wisniauskas, council president, gave the opening address and served as master of ceremonies.

Aldona Lingertaitis and her group of South Boston gave a concert on the Kankles. Eduardas Mielus of Auburn gave the address recalling Lithuania's history since the time of Mindaugas to the present occupation by the Soviet Union. His interpretation of our national anthem was inspiring and gave us a lot to think about.

Charles Genaitis read Mayor Charles P. McKean's proclamation designating February 16 as Lithuanian Day in Gardner. Through



*A group of C-10 members seated at Kucios table in St. Francis Church in Athol.*

Charlie's efforts we receive this each year.

Following the program our girls headed by Tina Shatas served coffee and pastries to all the audience. A fabulous covered dish supper was enjoyed by the K of L'ers, followed by our regular monthly meeting.

A big thank you to the near capacity audience who braved the inclement weather to attend, especially the Muellers who traveled all the way from Nashua, NH. Some of the Gardner members could not make the hills out of town and were forced to spend the night in the rectory. Thank you, Father.

Both Gardner and Athol Dailies continue to give good coverage to all our programs and activities.

Condolences are extended to Lennie Davidonis and Marge Senk on the sudden death of their sister Victoria Sunkiewich whose funeral was held on January 24.

Condolences are also extended to Katherine Goode Hasset and family on the death of Herbert Hasset of Fitchburg. Herb was an associate member and was a retired captain of the Fitchburg Police Department.

Our sympathy goes out to the Marsh Family of Gardner on the death of their brother-in-law, Mr.

Green of Athol who died before Christmas.

We extend our sorrow to the family of Vito Saviskas of Boxboro and to his sisters, Ruth, Bertha and Beatrice, all from Rhode Island, on the loss of their dear brother.

A big welcome to our newest member Mrs. Anna Ambrose of Athol. We wish you many fruitful years with C-10.

## **C-26 — WORCESTER**

**BARGAIN OF THE YEAR:** The \$8.00 annual membership fee in the Knights of Lithuania! Marion Racicot, our financial secretary, respectfully reminds us that dues are payable now.

The recent death of Mary Duggan's brother, Ted Pinkus' mother, Lillian Bagdis' sister and Ed Skrocki's brother, prompts this fervent prayer: God rest their precious souls. Condolences to the grieving families.

St. Casimir's Sunday Coffee Shop is a pleasant way in which to catch up on the news of friends. Sharing a table recently doing just that were Frances Glaskas, Emily Gudzevich, Ed and Ann Skrocki and daughter Diane. Our council will

host the coffee shop after the 8:30 and 10:00 o'clock morning Masses in May.

Quicker than quick get-well wishes to Phil Flaherty, Alex Pridotkas, Betty Tamalevich, Nellie Thompson and Anne Ridick.

Al Seilius hasn't had a birthday since 1980! Al is our very own leap year baby. He'll need more than Oil of Olay if he should live to be a hundred. Many happy returns, Al.

Thirty degrees below zero was the temperature in East Madison, NH, in the White Mountains for the ski weekend attended by Bill and Carol Grigas and children, Eleanor and Stephen Walinsky and children, Anne and Steve Walinsky, Peter and Donna Ivaska, plus K of L'ers from Norwood and South Boston. "We had a ball, and we'd do it again!"

Frances Kulakusky vacationed in the Bahamas, Bart and Marion March in Florida while we braved winter's ice and snow. We admit a touch of envy.

Who? Where? Joe Sakaitis recently moved to Auburn while Albina Balcunas moved to Leicester. We wish them well in their new locations.

What do Kazys Adomavicius, Charles Busky, Charles Kulakusky, Charles Lapinskas, Charles Tagman, Charles Witkus, The Sisters of St. Casimir, our own Sister M. Ignata SSC, St. Casimir Province of the Marian Fathers and our own St. Casimir parish and school have in common? They share a common Feast. Happy Saint Casimir's Day to all. Our pastor, Father A. Miciunas, MIC, with his committee, have some special parish plans for celebrations throughout this special year.

Ann and John Bender are proud grandparents of their second granddaughter. Congratulations to all concerned.

Pink, red and white hearts and cupids decorated the parish hall for our council's annual St. Valentine's party. Responsible for the lovely atmosphere and delicious food were

Steve and Ann Walinsky, Steve and Ellie Walinsky, Bill and Carol Grigas and Dorothy Seilius.

Father B. Uzdavinis MIC reminds us that the weeks following Ash Wednesday should be spent in a special way — prayer, fasting, good works — so that we can enjoy a truly happy Easter when we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Su Diev iki sekančio numerio, mieli skaitytojai!

“Olga”

## C-27 — NORWOOD

Here it is April and we still want to express our most sincere sympathy to Irene Tamulevich, C-116 President, on the death of her husband, Edward G. Tamulevich, NED Treasurer, whom most of us knew personally as a true friend to all. Many councils sent representatives. After the burial services, we congregated at Maironis Park. All who know the hill associated with Maironis could imagine trying to get out of that park in an ice storm. Helen Dallalis, John & Ann Statkus of Council 1, and George Barton and party made it home with difficulty.

Our President Paul Zukas, George Barton and Spiritual Advisor Fr. Bill Volkovich were present at our town manager's office on February 9 where a proclamation was signed signifying Lithuanian Independence Day on February 16.

On the 12th of February, our council had its official celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day with Mass by Fr. Bill. After Mass, flagbearers escorted us to Founders' Hall. Dr. Algirdas Budreckis delivered an inspiring speech in Lithuanian urging us to keep our traditions alive and to strive for a free and independent Lithuania. Father Bill Volkovich added his own thoughts. Refreshments followed.

On February 18, twenty-five Knights and guests went to C-1's Sno Flake Ball, held in Bridgewater at the Canoe Club. You had your choice. If



*John Carroll, Norwood Town Manager, signs proclamation in observance of the 66th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Day, February 16. Witnessing the signing are Rev. William Wolkovich, Spiritual Advisor; President Paul Zukas; George Barton, Ritual Chairman, representing Council 27. Grace Makaitis and Prane Mileris represented the Lithuanian Ladies Federation.*

you didn't enjoy Joe Paceka, there was Dick Pillar. In any event, we all had a super time.

On February 26, C-103 held its Communion Breakfast at St. Casimir's Church in Providence. Our Father Bill was invited, and we can tell you that people of Providence really appreciated his presence with all his talent. Ačiū, Rūta, for the invitation. We also appreciated the

hospitality and freindship.

We all welcomed 1984, St. Casimir's year, with a prayer for good health, happiness and true togetherness for our council and district.

Laikykimės visi kad pavasario vėjelis atneštų daug gražių margučių ant Velykų.

STASIUKAS



Renewing old acquaintances in Council 27 our Vytis correspondent Stanley Dallalis right enjoys his conversation with Stanley and Frances Medveski and Vin and Frances Kasauskas.

## C-27, NORWOOD



Reverend Anthony Jurgelaitis Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor and Reverend Peter Shakalis Spiritual Advisor of Council 1 Brockton and Frances Bumila view display Commemorating the "500th Anniversary of St. Casimir".



New England District President Albert Jaraitis and William Gorski of Council 17 South Boston enjoy a moment to relax from activity to renew old times.

The beautiful display of literature and commemorative St. Casimir medals at Council 1 Snow Flake Ball at the Canoe Club Bridgewater.



Council 27 members from left: Mary Ann Tamasanis treasurer, George Barton Ritual, Helen Dallalis our New England District Corresponding Secretary and Aldona Jackson take a pause to relax from an enjoyable evening at the Snow Flake ball hosted by Council 1 Brackton at the Canoe Club at Bridgewater.

Our Sincerest thanks to Ann Marie Statkus, President of Council 1 and the entire Committee who provided everyone with the most joyful evening of entertainment.



John and Aldona Martinkus of Council 27 Norwood display a "Lithuanian Folk Dance" at Council 1's Snow Flake Ball enjoyed by everyone.

"A širdingas ačiū visiems už maloningą vakarą". We sure are looking forward to returning in 1985 to enjoy the same friendship and hospitality.

George "Jurgis" Barton

## C-50 — NEW HAVEN

On December 31, St. Casimir's Hall was the scene of much merriment to usher in the New Year. Our hosts Isabel & Frank Peterson and Ann and Alex Gedrim graciously invited us to participate in dining, dancing, singing and enjoying all the glitter and noisemakers that accompany a New Year's gathering in your own church hall. It was super and we are grateful to have such great hosts.

Edith Kazlauskas, Helen Maculaitis, Evelyn Lepensky, Helen Medley, Joan Augustine and Mary & Charles Geipel also helped to bring joy and gladness to make this a memorable evening. Charles & Alice Dekas as well as many members and guests also joined in the celebration. Father Karalis spared a few hours from the rectory to join us in the New Year vigil. He was grinning from ear to ear, a sure sign he was happy 1983 was coming to an end and 1984 would be a year of more wonderful celebrations in St. Casimir's Parish.

Peter Stadalnik, our new member from Branford, is vacationing at Daytona Beach. Ann Francis returned from St. Petersburg after an absence of two months. Sam & Marion Meshako visited their son Sam Jr. who is stationed at the Air Force Base in Phoenix. Alice & Charles Dekas are leaving for Clearwater, Florida. Alex Gedrim's parents, Sylvester and Helen, celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in November. Best of wishes for many more years of health and happiness from all of us of Council 50.

The January meeting was a very enthusiastic gathering. Discussion centered on two big events to take place in Connecticut. The first one is the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir in our capitol city of Hartford. It will start with a concert in Bushnell Memorial on March 3 to be followed by a banquet and ball in Windsor. On March 4 there will be a procession

from Holy Trinity Church to St. Joseph's Cathedral where the Solemn Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Whealon.

The second big event will be our own here in New Haven to commemorate 75 years of St. Casimir's Church.

Twelve members were installed in the First Degree. They are Marion & Samuel Meshako, Francis & Lucy Rook, Audrey & Edward Toole, Adolph & Marcella Stadolnik, Mary & Leo Yanus, Charles Zaremsky and Stella Schultz.

At our February meeting, we heard that George & Rose Kisielius, Evelyn Lepensky, Albina Lipcius and Ann Meskins were on the planning committee for the Connecticut celebration of St. Casimir.

Alex Gedrim has sparked up our membership to the total of 121. The new members are Nellie Erickson, Madelyn Cronan, Catherine Meshako, Mary Meshako, Debra Tamulis, Patricia Gedrim (a student at Paier Art Institute), Albertus Magnus, and Robert Peterson (a state trooper and son of President Peterson).

St. Casimir pray for us!

H. B.

## C-78 — LAWRENCE

Members of Council 78 gathered together on the Eve of Little Christmas, Feast of the Three Kings, to welcome in the New Year. The evening opened with a traditional business meeting which was highlighted by the installation of officers for 1984. Rev. Albin F. Janiunas, spiritual director for the council and the New England District, administered the oath of office and led the membership in asking the Lord's blessing in the year to come. He thanked the outgoing officers and extended best wishes and congratulations to the new administration.

The following were elected to serve for 1984: Mary Ann Zuber,

president; Mary Neversky, vice president; Helena J. Zuber, secretary; Anna Svenchonis, financial secretary; Bertha Halley, treasurer; Ignatius Hobitz, cultural chairman and Marian Hobitz, Lithuanian affairs chairwoman.

Following the installation, a discussion of plans for the parish-wide activities to commemorate the St. Casimir 500th Anniversary observance took place. Prominent among the festivities will be an unveiling ceremony at St. Francis Church of an oil painting of St. Casimir, reflective of Carlo Dolci's Original "St. Casimir" Sanctus Casimirus on display at the Galleria Pitti, Florence, Italy. The painting will be recreated in Renaissance style by two member artists.

The business of the evening concluded when the new president on behalf of all the members expressed a special thank you to Rev. Albin F. Janiunas in appreciation for his guidance during the past year. She also conveyed the council's best wishes and prayers for him in the new year.

When the meeting officially adjourned, the festivities began. Tables, trimmed in bright red with a centerpiece of the Three Kings, held a sumptuous holiday buffet of a variety of delights contributed by members in attendance. Pianist John Umpa provided the musical entertainment.

The second meeting of the new year was held on February 4. Rev. Albin F. Janiunas, our spiritual director, opened the meeting with a prayer. The president, on behalf of the council, welcomed Lillian and James Driscoll into membership.

Planning of projects concerning the 500th St. Casimir's Anniversary year celebration got under way. The primary topic of the evening was the organization of the parish March 11 St. Casimir's observance which will include the unveiling ceremony of an oil painting of St. Casimir, a Lithuanian Mass with a procession and a



communion breakfast to follow the Mass. Also on the agenda, members spoke briefly on the upcoming May 20 Holy Cross Cathedral celebration. An enthusiastic discussion generated many exciting ideas.

After the meeting ended, the membership enjoyed a surprise Valentine's Day brunch. At this time, the council members came together to wish their pastor, Rev. Albin Janiunas, God's blessings of health and happiness on his trip to Rome, as he joins with thousands of other Lithuanian pilgrims to commemorate the Feast of St. Casimir in the papal city.

The month of February brought with it a busy time for the council as each one of us looks forward to working together to make our plans and dreams a reality.

Mary Ann Zuber

## C-135 — ANSONIA

Congratulations are extended to all our friends who were elected to office in their respective councils. In reading of their achievements, one would expect the leaders to prevail and go forward to new goals.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Marcella Aleksis on the death of her husband, Prof. Alexander Aleksis of Waterbury; also to Irene Tamulevich on the death of her husband, Edward of C-116 Worcester. Let us remember them in our prayers.

Early vacations were enjoyed by Millie & Walt Stachowicz who spent two weeks in lovely, romantic Hawaii. Walt says that it was like a second honeymoon. Millie and Walt have made many trips to the islands and enjoyed everyone. On the other hand, Al Barauskas just returned from Rio. We'll be hearing about this trip by chapters. As Al states, "It was a great trip!"

February 16 turned out to be a fair day weatherwise as we held our annual Lithuanian Flag Raising



*C-103, Providence — Father Anthony Jurgelaitis meets with friends while attending the Supreme Council Meeting held in Chicago on February 4th. L to R — Sister Margaret Petcavage, SSC, Sister Therese Banack, SSC, John Paukstis, President of C-36, Aldona Ryan, VYTIS Editor, Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, National Spiritual Advisor, Sister M. Gracilda, SSC, and Sister M. Corona, SSC.*

Ceremony at the city hall flag pole. Ansonia Mayor William J. Menna read the official city proclamation, proclaiming February 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day. The mayor presented the official proclamation to our council president, Johnny Sabulis, who is also president of the Board of Police Commissioners. In his talk, the mayor stated that he was overwhelmed by the early morning turnout of K of L members and parishioners for the great event. Recommendations were made for even a greater observance next year.

The Lithuanian flag was then raised by President Sabulis and Al Shurkis, our council vice president. Many favorable comments were made throughout the day by local citizens regarding its presence where it was visible to all. The flag lowering ceremonies were conducted by William Abromaitis, Lithuanian city hall custodian and our council president.

Plans are being completed for our Annual Communion Breakfast. It will be held a week later due to the Connecticut celebration in which everyone will be participating at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford. The weekend celebration in commemoration of the 500th year of the death of St. Casimir. Our John Gursky and

lovely wife Pat are busy serving on the statewide committee.

For our local communion breakfast, we will be honored to have our National President Loretta I. Stukas as our guest speaker.

Laikas eiti — Nakties Pelėda!



**MID-CENTRAL**

**DISTRICT**

## 25-tos KUOPOS VEIKLA

Lietuvos Vyčių 25-ta kuopa Clevelande, gruodžio 2 d. visuotiniame narių susirinkime, apsvarsčius visus einamuosius reikalus prieita prie kuopos valdybos rinkimų. Kadangi buvusi valdyba savo darbą atliko labai gražiai ir sąžiningai, buvo paprašyta, kad pasiliktų kuopai vadovauti ir 1984-tais metais.

Buvusiai kuopos valdybai sutikus, susirinkimo vienblaisai buvo patvirtinta: pirm. Vytautas Batas, dvasios vadas kun. G. Kijauskas,

vicepirm. Nellie Arunskienė, sekretorė Uršulė Kuncaitienė, išdininkas Ray Vanagas, finansų sekretorė Marion Gray, Kultūrinių reikalų vadovė Lucy Tabbert, socialiniams reikalams, Nellie Arunskienė ir Uršulė Kuncaitienė, tvarkdarys Rūta Gužauskienė. Gražu, kad 25-tai Vyčių kuopai nestinga pasišventusių asmenų dirbti Dievui, bažnyčiai ir tėvynei.

Tenka padėkoti buvusiai kuopos valdybai už gražų ir sumanų vadovavimą praeitais metais, kur buvo atlikta daug gražių ir kilnių darbų, taip pat už suruošimą Kuopos nariams, bei jų šeimoms prieškalėdines vaišes (Christmas party).

Nors kuopa praeitais metais padaugėjo naujų narių, bet per tą patį laikotarpį neteko savo dviejų didelių veikėjų Petro Luizos ir Alicės Karklius, kurių netekimą kuopa jaus daugelį metų.

Linkėtina naujai kuopos valdybai, gražiai ir sėkmingai dirbti Dievui, bažnyčiai ir tėvynei Lietuvai ateinančiais 1984-tais metais.

E. Pranckus

## A.A. ALICE B. KARKLIUS

**Priimk ją į Savo karalystę.**

Gruodžio 17-tos dienos rytą, sunkios ir ilgos ligos iškankyta, su šiuo pasauliu atsiskyrė ir iškeliavo į amžino gyvenimo namus Lietuvos Vyčių veikėja a.a. Alicė B. Karklius, palikdama dideliame nuliūdime vyrą Benediktą, seserį Juliją Steele, brolius Stasį, Paulių, Albertą ir 25-tą Lietuvos Vyčių Kuopą Clevelande.

Velionė a.a. Alice daugiau kaip 32 metus išdirbo Social Security administracijoje įvairiose pareigose iki išėjimo į užtarnautą poilsį — pensiją, tik gaila, kad užtarnautų poilsiu neilgai teko pasinaudoti. Velionė Alice be kasdieninio darbo, su pasišventimu ir pasiaukojimu dirbo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoje 25-toj kuopoj Clevelande, eidama

įvairias pareigas kuopos valdyboje ir komitetuose beveik 26-sius metus ir buvo apdovanota 4-to laipsnio Lietuvos Vyčių medaliu.

Atsisveikinimas su velione Alice, dalyvaujant 25-tos Vyčių kuopos nariams ir Dayton'o Vyčiams svečiams, įvyko gruodžio 19 dieną V. Jakubausko laidotuvių namuose. Dvasios vadui, Dievo Motinos Nepaliaujamos Pagelbos parapijos kleb. kun. G. Kijauskui S.J. sukalbėjus maldas ir tarus atsisveikinimo žodį, vyko bendros Lietuvos Vyčių laidotuvių apeigos, kurias pravedė kuopos dvasios vadas kun. G. Kijauskas S.J. ir kuopos pirmininkas Vytas Balas.

Sekančią dieną velionės kūnas buvo palydėtas į Dievo Motinos Nepaliaujamos Pagelbos šventovę, kur buvo atnašautos šv. Mišios ir tartas gražus atsisveikinimo žodis, išeliant velionės atliktus gražius ir kilnius darbus šiam pasaulyje, nes velionė Alice, su meile ir pasišventimu visą savo žemišką gyvenimą skyrė Dievui, bažnyčiai ir tėvynei, tad nenuostabu, kad į laidotuves atvyko pasakyti velionei Alice paskutinį sudiev daug Clevelando ir apylinkės lietuvių.

Po gedulingų šv. Mišių, didelės vilkstinės mašinų palydėjo velionę į Visų Sielų kapus amžinam poilsiui.

Viešpatie! Būk gailėstingas ir priimk ją į savo Karalystę.

E. Pranckus

## C-25 — CLEVELAND

Alvina Luiza and her hard-working committee of Joan & Jim Thompson, Frances Pranskevich, Dick Marks and Vince Gray went all out to make our annual Christmas party a huge success. The Lithuanian Club was the scene of this party which was attended by almost full membership of the council.

Our party started off with cocktails, a large assortment of delicious hors d'oeuvres and a full-course sit-down dinner which included many Lithuanian goodies.

Next came the gift exchange with the requirement that one sing or recite something in Lithuanian to earn his gift. Ursula Kunsitis' rendition of "Gersim Po Mažiuką" was the outstanding performance. Marion Gray and Charlie Machuta were the survivors in the concentration game which had everyone clapping and shouting.

In the dancing that wound up the evening, Lucy Tabbert, Ray Vanagas, Frances Pranskevich and Gene Kunsitis showed us some fancy footwork. Helen Jakuba, Helda Machuta, Ruth Guzauskas and Alvina Luiza displayed their usual gracefulness while leading the chorus line type of polka dancing.

The non-dancers enjoyed chatting and discussing their holiday plans. Joanne and Al Shigo planned to drive to Maryland.

Council officers for 1984 are Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas; President, Vyto Balas; Vice President, Nellie Arunski; Recording Secretary, Ursula Kunsitis; Treasurer, Raymond Vanagas; Financial Secretary, Marion Gray; Sergeant at Arms, Richard Marks, Trustees, Ruth Guzauskas and Frances Pranskevich. The following were named committee chairmen: Cultural, Lucy Montville Tabbert; Lithuanian Affairs, Vince Gray; Ritual, Alvina Luiza; Vytis Correspondent, Albina Wallis; Sunshine, Connie Burns.

Adelle Zupka Tanner was welcomed and installed in our council at the January meeting.

We were all saddened by the death of our Fourth Degree member, Alice Karklius. Alice passed away on December 17 after a long illness. Alice devoted much time and effort to our council activities. In spite of her illness, Alice always had a cheerful smile for all who knew her. She will be missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband, Ben, and to her family.

Father G. Kijauskas paid a

surprise visit to our February meeting to help us with our plans for the St. Casimir commemoration program.

Get well wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery to our members who were recently hospitalized and are now convalescing at home. Al Shigo had unexpected open heart surgery. Nellie Arunski had a bad fall and then came down with pneumonia. Jim Thompson is recovering from knee surgery. Elaine Stempuzis is also on the road to recovery after a very long hospital stay. We are glad to hear that they are all improving. Hope it won't be long till they join us at our meetings.

Vince Gray and members of his committee are busy getting the petitions ready for signatures for the Darius-Girenas commemorative postage stamp. They believe in the old adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again." We hope we will be successful this year.

Our bowlers are busy with their practice sessions getting ready for the Midwest Tournament in Dayton.

A. F. W.

## C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

Crisp, clear and cold was our weather for New Year's Eve as C-79 members greeted 1984. The Divine Providence Cultural Center was decorated with balloons; everyone whirled to the music of R. Kasputis' Romantika; there was a variety of food. Joe Yakstys, co-organizer of C-79 table, couldn't have been a better host. He kept the champagne flowing to welcome the New Year. His lovely wife, Jeanne, assisted him. Rita and Ed Bagdon entertained two tables of guests.

A nice crowd of 79'ers and notable parishioners attended a Christmas party on December 18, sponsored by the Parish Council with Fr. Vic Krisciunevicius as host. The event was in gratitude for the Vyčiai and those who worked on parish

activities. Many thanks to Marie Kase and the ladies who prepared the buffet and George Kase and Mike Vale who worked at the refreshment stand.

The Big Chill of January was everyone's primary concern. However, a number of our members participated at Mass on January 8, a tribute to the late Prof. Aleksandras Aleksis who died in Waterbury at the age of 97. Mirusiam, Viešpatie, suteik Amžiną Atilsį, Prof. Aleksis!

Our sincere condolences to the family of Eleanor Mickey who died on December 31 after a lengthy illness. Eleanor worked on a number of committees in our council. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. John (Jeanine) Mittlestaedt, and a granddaughter, Marisa. May Eleanor rest in peace.

The holiday season brought along some out-of-town visitors. Estelle and Charlie Gogelis had her aunt, Mrs. Mary Vincinunas, as house guest. Mary, a member of C-79, lives in Blue Springs, MO. She also spent a weekend with Sophie and Frank Zager.

With son Tom and his wife,

Sherri, of Minneapolis, the Frank Zagers enjoyed a full family reunion during Christmas week.

The Arctic cold did not dampen the spirits of Marie & George Kase who drove to Connecticut for a visit with their son and his family. Julia Janson and her recently retired husband Carl, travelled to Florida.

Daug sėkmės to Pyllis and Emil Vyville at their new retirement condo in Rochester, MI. Please keep in touch with us.

At our first meeting of the new year, Cynthia Jackson Ostrowski enrolled her husband Chester in our council. That was a good beginning for our newlyweds. Congratulations!

A number of our members are in nursing homes. They constantly ask for visitors. Please make this an organizational project, a volunteer project for those who are confined and cannot adequately speak for themselves and their needs. Please remember them!

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## C-86—Du Bois



*Shown at the Martinique in Chicago — left to right — Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis, Aldona Ryan and MCD President Tom Bruzga of C-86.*

## C-96 — DAYTON

Our Christmas season saw several Council 96 members visiting from out of town. Among these were Pat & Tony Alexander of Torrington, CT; Charlie & Sarah Petkus and their two sons from Tampa; Raymond Gecas, a former dancer with our "Viejelia" group, from Boston where is attending school; Eddie Sluzas, another dancer and former director of the group, from Los Angeles; Ann & Joe Boeke from Grand Rapids, visiting Ann's mother Ada Sinkwitz.

A nice Christmas card was received from the Grantham family who now live in San Antonio. Daughter Shannon is also a former "Viejelia" dancer.

Ada Sinkwitz, her son Jim, Mike & Alice Petkus and daughter Mary spent a month in Ft. Lauderdale, coming back with nice tans. Ann Scott, Polly Pietrzak and a friend flew to Ft. Lauderdale to enjoy two weeks of perfect weather. They visited Frances & Charlie Vanagas at their condominium overlooking the ocean.

On Sunday, February 19, our Lithuanian Independence Day festivities took place in our parish. Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., followed by a coffee hour.

The cultural program began at 1 p.m. Elinor Sluzas, Lithuanian Cultural Chairman, opened the program. After the American and



*C-96 Juniors at the Independence Day Commemoration in Dayton*



*C-96 members with Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis at the Martini in Chicago. L to r. Stefanija Rastikis, Aldona Ryan, Mary Lucas, Elinor Sluzas, Mrs. Dauzvardis, Judy Petrokas and Rita Ambrose.*

Lithuanian anthems were sung, the invocation was given by Fr. V. Katarskis, our Spiritual Advisor. Mary Ann Blum, Religious Chairman, introduced guests attending. She then read a resolution to be sent to President Reagan from Council 96

requesting the continuing support of our government for the freedom of Lithuania from the Soviet yoke.

Aldona Ryan, Vytis Editor, introduced guest speaker, Marija Smilgaite, a member of the staff of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian

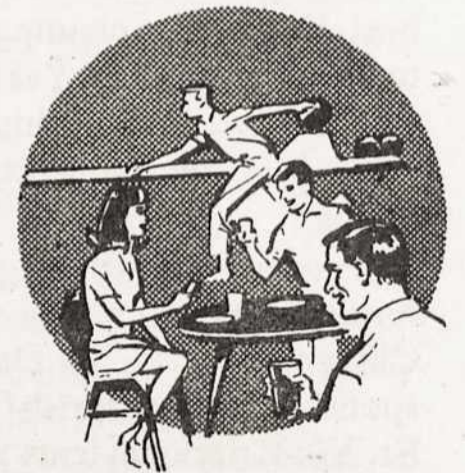
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Culture in Chicago, who gave an interesting slide presentation on the life of St. Casimir.

We were honored to have a young men's singing group "Budek" from Cleveland present a program of Lithuanian songs under the direction of Algirdas Bielskus. Singers were Edmundas Kijauskas, Jonas Muliolis, Gytis Motijunas, Marius Tatarunas, Paulius Našvytis, Rytas Urbaitis, Darius Motiejunas and Paulius Žiedonis. Organ and piano accompanist was Kristina Kuprevičiute and her sister Ilona on trumpet. Playing the Kankles was Elena Muliolyte. Mistress of ceremonies was Vilija Našvytyte. The group also participated in the Mass.

To conclude the program, our own Juniors "Jaunieji Vyčiai," under the direction of Elaine Pacovsky and Judy Petrokas and led by Frankie Ambrose, gave their own presentation. Each one gave a reading as a tribute to St. Casimir.

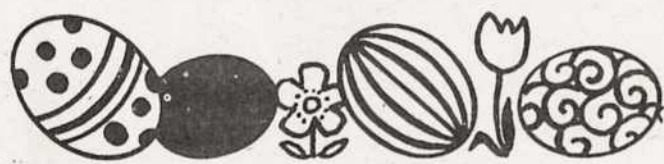
Following the program, a delicious buffet was served by Chairman Judy Petrokas and her committee. Many thanks to all who helped make this day a memorable one, especially those who donated all the mouth-watering desserts and everyone who attended.

A complete recovery is wished for our members who have had recent surgery or illness — Stanley Kavy, Annamari Sluzas, Dorothy Conrady, Eloise Berczely and Henry Pant. Our prayers are with them in the days ahead.

Condolences are extended to Ray & Mildred Steinbrunner on the death of Ray's mother.

I wish to thank everyone for their expression of sympathy to me on the recent death of my husband, Lewis. May God grant rest to his soul.

Cecelia Yankus



**Mid-America District**



*Knights of Lithuania Choir: Faustas Strolia, Director) Sabina Klatt, President; Steve Rudokas, First Vice President and Ona Naureckas, Second Vice President.*



*A sing-along at Council 12 during the Independence Day Commemoration. In the front Rev. Vytautas Palubinskas, pastor of Our Lady of Vilnius.*



*Knights of Lithuania Choir receiving first Lithuanian Language Cassette from Stanley Balzekas, Jr. (from left to right); Ona Naureckas, Second Vice President; Sabina Klatt, President; Steve Rudokas, First Vice President; Ann Marie Kassel, Al Zakarka, Betty Zibas, Pete Gagle, Theresa Strolia; Faustas Strolia, Director; Gediminas Janula and Antanas Marma.*

The Mid-America District commemorated Lithuanian Independence with their 24th Annual "Memories of

Lithuania" Dinner-Dance, held in February, Martinique Grand Ballroom, Chicago.



Head Table Guests, Lith. Vice Consul Mary Krauchunas, ALTAS Rep. Dr. V. Simaitis, S. C. Pres. Loretta Stukas, Lith. Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis, His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys



Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Master of Ceremonies



Gen. Superior Sister M. Joanella, Banquet Chairlady Mary Rudis, MAMD President Algerd Brazis, 12th Ward Alderman Aloysius Majerczyk and Rev. Ignatius Urbonas

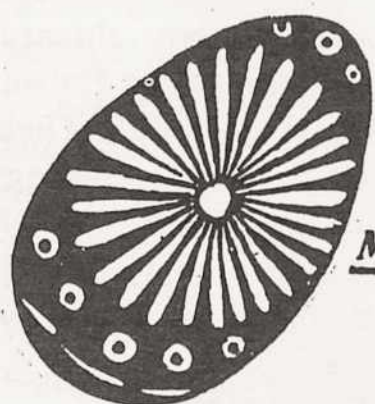
District Presidents attend Memories Banquet. (Seated) MCD Pres. Tom Bruzga, Ann Marie Kassel, NED Pres. Albert Jaritis, Carole Tenclinger, (Standing) Terry and Faustas Strolia, Irene Sankus, Wally Tenclinger and Robert Zapolis.



All photos  
by Jonas Tamulaitis



*His Excellency Bishop V. Brizgys, Award Recipient  
Sister M. Joanella Gen. Superior of the Congregation of  
the Sisters of St. Casimir, Mary Rudis, Rev. A.  
Zakarauskas, Irenė Sankus and Algerd Brazis.*



**MID-ATLANTIC  
DISTRICT**

We were also sad to see our dear organist Liudas Stukas depart to take up duties in Elizabeth, New Jersey. We shall miss him. Our new organist is Aldona Kepalaite, a talented pianist. A warm welcome from Council 12 as organist and new member.

February 16 is Lithuania's Declaration Day; therefore during our meeting we commemorated the day of joy as well as a day of grief. The ladies of the kuopa allowed our handsome male members to execute the program. Mr. Cook was a perfect MC. A most impressive poetry reading was done by John Tamasauskas while Anthony Yakavonis explained what the 16th of February meant to him personally. A beautiful wreath of red roses was placed by the altar by our President Peter Zupko in memory of those who died for our country's freedom.

There was also a surprise in store. Millie Pietz, a member of the parish council, introduced Rev. Nicholas Langenfeld, a professor at Fordham and long-time friend of Our Lady of Vilnius parish. She presented him with a beautiful plaque done by our artistic Helen Matthews as a memento and thanks from the kuopa. Peter Zupko pinned a Vytis pin on Father's lapel. The honored recipient expressed his thanks and told us he felt Knight and a Lithuanian in his heart.

We have much work to do for our upcoming 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir celebration. The committee will again turn its gaze to our

## C-12 — MANHATTAN

January 1984 brought sadness to us. Rev. George Gurinkas, our long-time pastor of Our Lady of Vilnius Church, passed away.

Many members attended a beautiful Lithuanian Mass. Our President Peter Zupko led the Vyčiu Farewell Ceremonies. The Lithuanian quartet Harmonija sang a beautiful Mass. Our organists were Viktor Ralys, the leader of the quartet, and Matthew Yatkaukas whose parents and grandparents are associated with our parish. After Mass, there were refreshments in the hall, and our present pastor Vytautas Palubinskas gave a brief talk on his deceased predecessor.



*President Peter Zupko pins Vyčiu pin on Rev. Nicholas Langenfeld for his devoted service to Our Lady of Vilnius Parish.*

handsome fellows who did such a great job in February. We are proud of you, vyrukail.

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## C-41, BROOKLYN, NY

Tom Michalski of K of L Council 41 was recently awarded his PhD. by the State University of New York. He has also accepted an appointment as Director of Conferences & Institutes as well as Coordinator of the Management Development Facility at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He earlier served as the Assistant Director of Regional Programs at the University of Nevada-Reno, where he also taught Introductory Lithuanian under the Critical Languages Program as well as courses in ethnic history.

Tom is a graduate of Fordham University where he received his B.S.S. and M.A. He was later awarded an M.Ed. in Educational Administration, Policy and Planning by the State University of New York and also holds a Certificate in Management from the University of Nevada-Reno. He also studied at the Hanseatic University of Hamburg in Germany where he pursued



Tom Michalski



C-29 Member and National President, Loretta Stukas speaking at the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet in Chicago. Seated: Father Zakarauskas and Sister M. Joanella, SSC

a course of study in the Philosophical Faculty. He is the author of several scholarly articles of which a number are about Lithuanian themes. He is also a member of PhiDelta Kappa.

He visited Vilnius in 1979 and had the privilege of lecturing about the American Educational System at the University of Vilnius in the Lithuanian language. Dr. Michalski is a third generation American of Lithuanian heritage. One branch of his family were members of the onetime Polish-Lithuanian parish of St. Casimir on Greene Avenue in Brooklyn, N.Y. A second branch were lifelong members of the first fully Lithuanian parish in Brooklyn, Queen of Angels, all of their lives. Tom met his wife Helen Matusevicius in a "K of L" romance which has lasted some 24 years. Both were Council 41 members, and members of the folk dance group led by Jadvyga Matulaitiene. Helen and her folks were members of Transfiguration Parish in Maspeth.

Although Tom & Helen and the kids have lived away from Lithuanian American centers they have always sought to inform Americans of other backgrounds about Lithua-

nia and things Lithuanian by participating in various university and public exhibits in the communities they have lived in. In addition to speaking Lithuanian fluently, Tom claims to "mumble" in Polish, Russian and German as well. Their children are carrying the beginnings of Lithuanian into the fourth generation and are very much conscious and proud of their Lithuanian heritage.

## C-63 — LEHIGH VALLEY

Over one hundred members and guests assembled for luncheon at the Easton-Sheraton Inn to culminate the commemoration of the 66th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Day on February 19. Flag-raising ceremonies were held in Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton with the Sockels, Leo L. Meshauk and Violet Price serving as coordinators in their respective communities.

Rev. Thomas J. Benestad, Administrator St. Michael's Lithuanian Parish, celebrated a well-attended Mass. John F. Lushis Jr., Eucharistic Minister, was lector. Fr. Benestad



commended Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid for the publication of the Chronicles. He also read a letter from Bishop Thomas Welsh of the Allentown Dioceses requesting cooperation for financial aid in all Lithuanian parishes. Fr. Benested concluded with a plea for prayers and charity for suffering Lithuania.

National President Loretta Stukas and National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Dr. Jack Stukas presented the offertory gifts. Council members presented symbolic Lithuanian gifts.

The highlight of the luncheon was the presentation by National President Stukas of the Lehigh Valley Charter, the realization of a dream of Anthony and Mary Sockel. Al Klizas, Adolf and Ed Kloya, president, vice president, and treasurer, respectively, also signed the charter. Miss Aponavicius presented a floral bouquet to Mrs. Stukas.

Dr. Jack Stukas in a light-hearted, fascinating manner spoke briefly on the history of Lithuania. He lauded the efforts of US Representative Don Ritter and State Representative Robert Freeman as worthy friends of Lithuanians.

Congressman Don Ritter, Co-chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee on the Baltic States asked the question, "Who mourns the death of Andropov?" He commented on the various aspects of the current policies emphasizing the knowledge of chemistry in persecuting dissidents. If American-Lithuanians do not keep the candle burning, the light of your history, your beliefs, your religion, who will? He closed with "I think few will mourn his passing, but Andropov's death does perhaps give us some opening for a different kind of future."

Al Klizas was Master of Ceremonies. President Al Kloya extended greetings and with individual "Labai Ačiū" recognized all participants in the second commemoration by Council 63. The



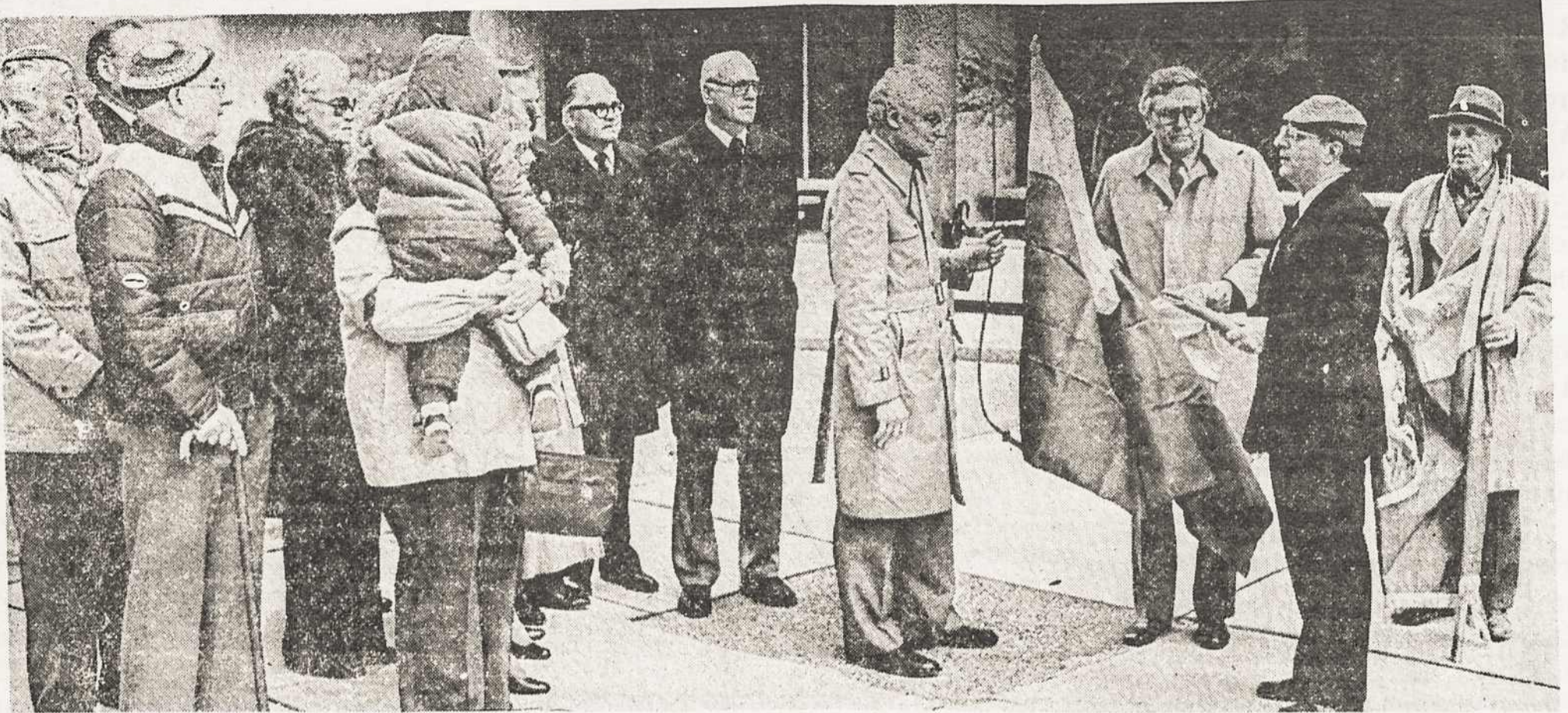
*Violet Price, Pat Lushius, State Representative Robert Freeman, Easton Mayor Sal Panto and Blanche Rinkunas unfurl the Lithuanian flag in preparation for the flag-raising ceremony on Center Square in Easton to commemorate the 66th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence on February 16. Violet Price coordinated the event for Lehigh Valley Council 63.*



*Leo C. Meshauk, coordinator for Lehigh Valley Council 63, raises the Lithuanian flag at Bethlehem's government center to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day. Jack Downey, representing Mayor Marcincin, and council members joined the flag-raising ceremony.*

Klovas, including their wives, handled the luncheon arrangements. Mary Sockel was awarded a beautiful basket of fruit as first prize in the drawing.

Representative Freeman read a proclamation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Pat Vulcano, representing Easton's Mayor Sal Panto Jr., welcomed the



Allentown Mayor Joseph S. Daddona reads proclamation in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day as Ed and Robert Klova, president and treasurer,

respectively, of Lehigh Valley Council 63, prepare to raise the Lithuanian flag. C-63 members joined Anthony and Mary Sockel, coordinators of the event.

Knights in his capacity as President of City Council. He proudly announced that his grandmother was Lithuanian. Father Benestad gave the invocation and benediction.

As a fitting close to the memorable occasion, Mr. Aponavicius led the members and guests in the singing of both national anthems.

## C-74 SCRANTON

Council 74 was sad to lose one of its members, Nell Yanashet. Msgr. Michael Ozalis led the members in a Lithuanian Wake Service for Nell and the singing of Sveika Maria.

Another member, Jule Krutlies, lost her brother, Stanley Rinkua. WeeYanish

### A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MOTHER

Some children honor their mother with special gifts on Mother's Day or other holidays. David and Denis Yanashot, twin sons, gave of themselves to their mother

Nell, who was so very sick and finally bed ridden with bone cancer for 4 years.

The young men are local artists and teachers. Denis also a beautician, is working in an exclusive Beauty Shop. David gave up his work to stay home all day with his mother and Denis took over when he came home. Most children would take the easy way out and commit their mother to a nursing home.

Nell's husband died when the twins were 11 years old. Nell maintained her home and educated the boys and she did an exceptional job. The boy always went to Mass and are a fine example of the good in today's youth.

The boys said they know their mother who suffered so long and was a clean living person and trusted in God, is an angel in God's Kingdom.

„We know she left her mark on this earth and only time separates them till they will be reunited, as she greets them at our Lord's Heavenly Kingdom.

Nell Yanashot was a member Council 74, Scranton. She was sister to Ann Matulevich and Casimir Yanish both members Council 74. Nell Yanashot died January 17, 1984.

Rest in Peace Nell!

AMžina atilsj. Pasimatysim.

Marie Laske, Scranton, P  
President of Council

## C-100 — AMSTERDAM

The January meeting of Council 100 was preceded by members participating in the Lithuanian Mass held at St. Casimir's Church. Rev. Robert K. Baltch was the celebrant and homilist. Gerry Drenzek assisted at the altar.

The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Radzevich and Father Baltch said the opening prayers. Correspondence from Mid-Atlantic District in resolution form was read requesting all councils throughout the United States to participate in raising funds for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. Miss Mary York of Manhattan

Council will head this drive.

Plans were finalized for the commemoration of the 66th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. The observance in Amsterdam is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, with a Mass at St. Casimir's Church to be followed by dinner and program in the Social Center. The talented Antanaitis Sisters Trio from Brooklyn and Philadelphia will perform. Mrs. Mirga Bablin will be the principal speaker. The affair is open to the public. Dinner arrangements are in the capable hands of Treasurer Sophie Olbie.

Rev. Baltch spoke on the 500th Anniversary of the Death of St. Casimir on March 4. He stated that Bishop Howard Hubbard plans to celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass at our church on that day.

Fr. Baltch announced that Anthony Radzevich, C-100 President and National Trustee, and Joseph Shatas were appointed church trustees. Willard Kensell will continue as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Cultural Co-chairman Regina Kot read a chapter on the life of St. Casimir. "Learning Lithuanian" tapes from Balzekas Museum of Chicago were played by Rev. Baltch.

Bernice Aviza, MAD Lithuanian Affairs Chairman and Editor of the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin, advised the members that the Soviet government sentenced the Lithuanian priest, Rev. Sigitas Tamkevicius, to six years of labor camp and four years of internal exile. He was unjustly arrested, tried and convicted by the communists.

With the closing prayers, Rev. Baltch asked for a moment of silence for recently deceased third degree member Peter Hayes. Peter served on many of our committees and was delegate to a number of national conventions. Born in Waterbury, he lived in the Herkimer-Utica area and came to Amsterdam in the late 40's.

Many delegates will recall the party at Pete's suite in Syracuse for Congressman Samuel S. Stratton who was the recipient of the Father Jutt award that year. Council members filled the funeral parlor to pay their respects and joined in the K of L special prayer service. We will all miss Peter. Amžina atilsi duok mirusiam Viešpatie!

The refreshment committee included Jennie Kensell, Anges Rokit, Ann Radzevich and Mary Sweet.

We wish Jack Sweet a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Smile & Sparkle

## C-109 — GREAT NECK

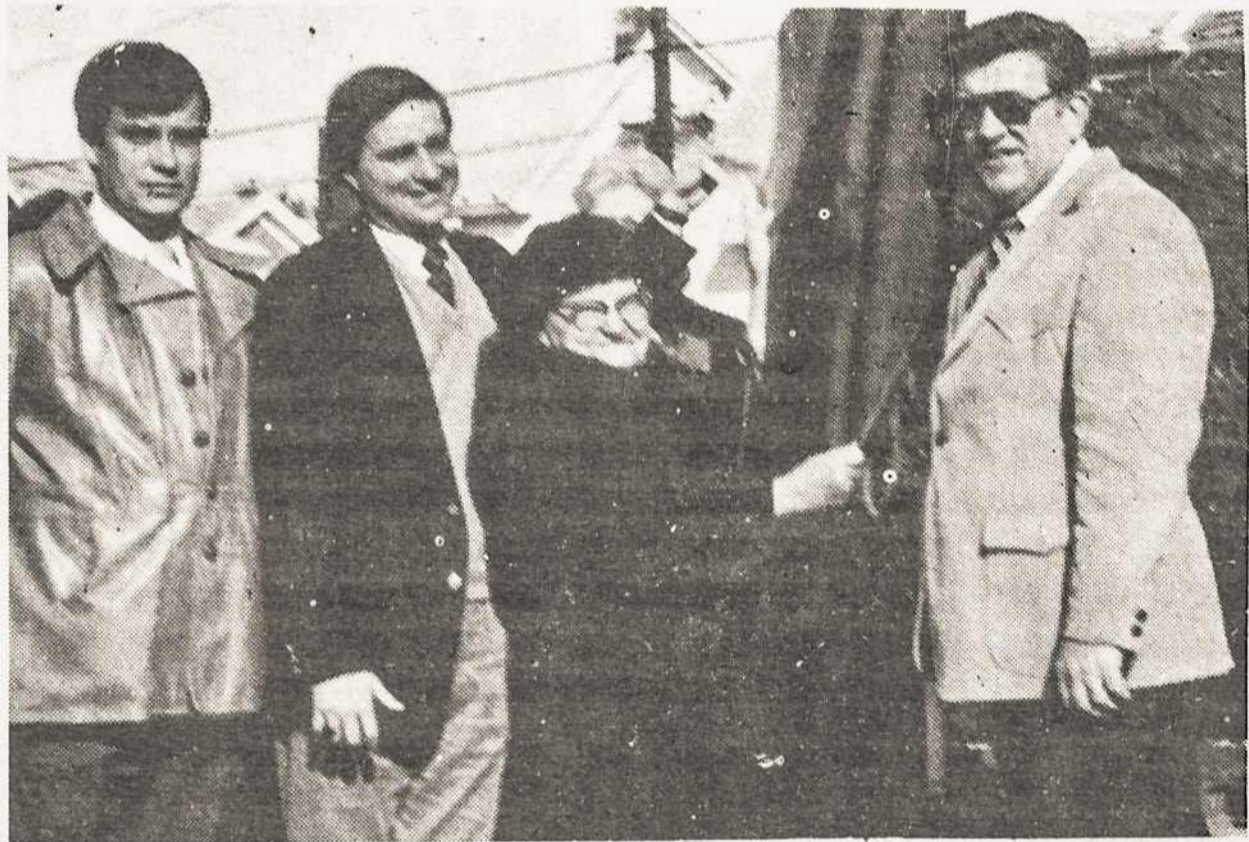
After a few months of absence, Great Neck is once again at the helm. A social gathering was held in December. Advertisements were placed in local papers, and invitations mailed to all Lithuanians inviting them to attend.

A nice response was received. A

total of 25 members either rejoined or joined at that time.

On January 22, a meeting was held. Joseph Boley, Honorary Member and TV personality, was guest speaker. Joe spoke both in English and Lithuanian regarding the Knights of Lithuania organization. Also attending was John Adomenas, President of Maspeth Council and Vice President for Membership in the Mid-Atlantic District. John spoke on recruiting new members. He mentioned that the Knights is the largest Lithuanian organization and that everyone should be proud to be a member. Msgr. Bulovas, Spiritual Advisor, also spoke on the suppression of Lithuania by the Communists and their tactics throughout the world.

At this meeting, an additional six members joined. Great Neck will be scouting for all Lithuanians in the immediate area with the hope of being one of the largest councils in the Mid-Atlantic District.



Council 118 marked the 66th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence with the raising of a Lithuanian flag at the West Hazleton Borough Annex. Albert Launikonis, right, president of the council, was in charge of the flag raising. On left is Edward Recklitis, borough councilman; Correale Stevens, program speaker and Margaret Lapinsky, who assisted in the flag project.

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The membership voted to join Maspeth C-110 St. Casimir's Breakfast on March 4 at Transfiguration Church. On March 11 a few members will attend the MAD Convention in Pittston.

A committee consisting of Darrell Tamosiunas, Stanely Bukunt and Mary Kober was chosen to research various aspects for fund raising and social activities. The promise a very exciting and busy program.

We welcome the following new members: Linda and Darrell Tamosiunas, Edith & Stanely Bukunt, Isabelle Boza, Kay & Richard Boza, Clara & Paul Wasoleck, Mary & George Blecka, Jane Schwartz and Mary & Jules Santagata.

We heard that the Bleckas were sunning in Florida during January. Sorry to learn that Charlie Rogers was on the sick list and is now feeling much better. How about coming to one of our meetings, Millie & Charlie. We miss you.

With the bad weather upon us, most of us have been hibernating around home waiting for the warmer weather.

Until next time . . .

Mary R. Kober

## C-144 — ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

Our Council lost three more members — Mary Sgaritis, one of our charter members as well as our oldest member; Albert Papeika and Charles Klizas. Arazina atilsi to them all.

Lithuanian Independence Day was commemorated in most of our churches. The Council Commemoration was held in St. Francis Church, Minersville with Father Shelonis. It was a beautiful Commemorative Mass. Masses were also held at Annunciation, Frackville; St. Casimir's, St. Clair; Sts. Peter & Paul, Tamaqua and St. George's, Shenandoah.

The Lithuanian Catholic Priests League along with our Bishop, Thomas E. Welsh, are sponsoring a St. Casimir's Day Mass. Father Dan Yanushosky is chairman.

Many of our members will be journeying to Rome for the 500th

Anniversary of St. Casimir. Eleanor Vaicaitis and Elsie Kosmisky took over as coordinators after Father Al left for Rome and have done a fine job.

Helen Chesko and Ann Zaldaris journeyed to Allentown to attend the Lehigh Valley Lithuanian Independence commemoration and were very much impressed.

Our Pennsylvania Lithuanian Commissioner Annie Morgalis has been doing an excellent job on the Governor's Ethnic Heritage Commission. She has been working 24 hours a day to spread our Lithuanian Culture and is one of the most revered people on this Commission.

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*HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA — The Governor's Heritage Affairs Advisory Commission and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission co-sponsored the fourth annual "Christmas . . . An Ethnic Experience" program at the William Penn Memorial Museum. Pictured are (from left) Walter Baran, Secretary for General Services; (fourth from left) the Lithuanian-American Commissioner, Annie Morgalis; and Charles Bojanic, Chairman of the Governor's Heritage Commission and several members from the Knights of Lithuania, Anthracite Council 144 in their native costumes.*