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EXTRAORDINARY LITHUANIAN CATHOLICS

As Lithuanians throughout the world celebrate the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir, patron saint of Lithuania, many suggest that we should be aware of and know about other saintly persons who contributed their lives, work and example to our Christian heritage. It is obvious that in smaller communities such as families, extended families and parishes many other persons have had great influence and exhibited those qualities which liken them very much to Jesus Christ — simplicity of life, generosity towards others, unflinching confidence in God and personal love of Our Lord. It is also known that most people who are declared saints or blessed or servants of God are those in a position to be known more widely throughout the local or universal Church, either because of their social or ecclesiastical rank (90% of canonized saints are priests, religious or bishops) or because of their own writing, preaching and good works on a larger scale.

St. Casimir's Year gives us a chance to call to mind other outstanding Lithuanian Christians throughout the 700 years of Christianity in Lithuania. This list has been composed by consulting Lithuanian prayer books and textbooks on Catholicism in Lithuania, as well as articles by scholars and other authors. Some of the persons described here are included in the "Encyclopedia Lituanica". The names are arranged by date of death.

Besides the patron saint of Lithuania, there is one other canonized saint, four saints of the Orthodox Church, two blessed (beatified persons), and one servant of God. Not included are other saints or holy women and men who

were not of Lithuanian descent but who lived and worked in Lithuania, both when Lithuania was a Grand Duchy (kingdom) and later. For example, the bishop saints Boniface, Ulrich and Martin (these two in 1340) were "made saints" by pagan Lithuanians as they preached the Gospel; the Jesuit saint Andrew Bobola studied in Vilnius and was martyred by schismatics in Lithuania in 1657.



Ruklys ir Rupeikis Mindaugaičiai

1. In 1251 **Mindaugas**, King of Lithuania, was baptized along with his family. In 1263 this first Christianizer of Lithuania was killed,

along with his two sons **Ruklys and Rupeikis**. The two young men are considered martyrs for the faith by Rev. Stasys Yla in the prayer book "Tikiu Dievą".



Vaišvilkas

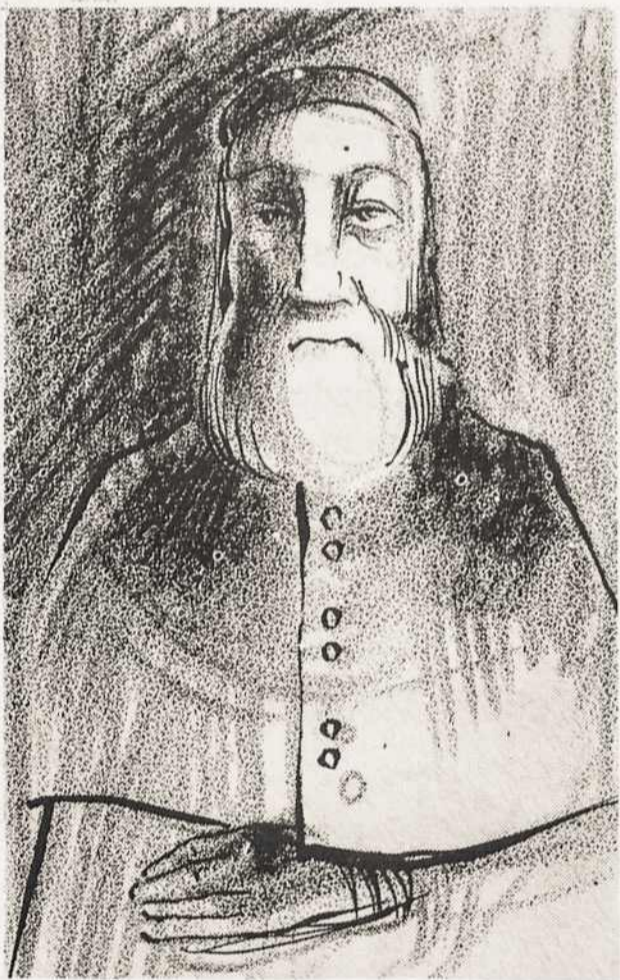
2. **Vaišvilkas** was also **Mindaugas'** son and himself ruled Lithuania 1263-1267. He had hopes of going to the Orthodox monastery at Mount Athos in Greece. We do not know his Christian name, but he is considered a saint by the Orthodox. **Vaišvilkas** was assassinated in 1268.



Kumecas, Kruglecas ir Nežilė

3. The court of Algirdas, Grand Duke of Lithuania, had three men who had become (Eastern) Christians. Their original names were **Kuecas, Kruglecas and Nežila**, who took the Christian names of **Antanas, Jonas and Eustachijus**. Angered that they maintained their Christian customs, the ruler ordered them hanged, and the Orthodox Church considers them martyr saints.

4. **Mykolas Giedraitis** was a contemporary of St. Casimir and died in 1485. The Giedraitis family was well-known and participated in government offices in Lithuania. Mykolas became a religious, earned a doctorate in philosophy in Cracow, Poland, and worked as a sacristan all his life. He has been beatified.



Mykolas Giedraitis

5. **Bishop Merkelis Giedraitis** cared very much for his people in Žemaitija, Western Lithuania. He went from village to village, caring for those in need, teaching and preaching in Lithuanian and in Samogitian (the dialect of Žemaitija, akin to Lithuanian). Bishop Giedraitis died in 1609.



Merkelis Giedraitis

6. The other canonized Lithuanian saint is **St. Josophat Kuncevičius**, whose altar may be seen in St. Peter's basilica in Rome. Juozapas was an Eastern rite bishop martyred for the faith in 1623. His remains are clothed in bishop's robes, his skull and hands covered with silver, and he is revered by Ukrainians as well.



Juozapas Kuncevičius

7. **Andrius Rudamina**, a Jesuit missionary, died in 1631, having worked in India and China (he is

probably the first Lithuanian to visit those two continent-countries). A book in Chinese and other writings witness his holy life and missionary zeal.



Andrius Rudamina

8. In the seventeenth century the town of Žagarė, then more important than today, witnessed the life of **Barbora Umiastauskaitė**, who died before the year 1650. Since her last name is hard to pronounce, she is generally known as **Barbora Žagarietė**. Her body did not decay, but it was desecrated and destroyed by the Soviets in 1940.



Barbora Žagarietė



Jurgis Ambraziejus Pabrėža

9. Franciscan Father **Jurgis Ambraziejus Pabrėža** lived in Kretinga and is one of the foremost naturalists Lithuania has ever seen. He wrote 25 volumes on grasses and other plants. His holy life is what endeared him to his contemporaries before he died in 1849.



Motiejus Valančius

10. Bishop **Motiejus Valančius** (died in 1875) is well-known in Lithuanian literature, for he knew the spirit of the people and was able to promote temperance, morality and faith in trying circumstances (foreign rule).



Juozapas Kalinauskas

11. When Pope John Paul II visited Poland, he beatified **Juozapas (Rapolas) Kalinauskas**, who died in the Pope's home town in 1907. Kalinauskas was the leader of the anti-czarist revolt in Vilnius, Lithuania; in 1863, served ten years in Siberia after the revolt failed, and became a religious.



Jurgis Matulaitis

12. Our current hope for canonization is archbishop **Jurgis Matulaitis**, restorer of the Marian Fathers, founder of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. As bishop of Vilnius at a difficult time, when neighboring countries and Lithuania were struggling with war, revolution, fights for independence and national tensions were high, he had to deal fairly and as pastor of a multi-national diocese (Lithuanians, Poles, White Russians). The servant of God died in 1927.



Marija Pečkauskaitė

13. **Marija Pečkauskaitė**, known in literature as Šatrijos Ragana, explicitly professed Jesus Christ as her example for a Christian life, and was important in the movement to promote solid Christian formation for young people. She died in 1930.

14. A young man raised near the seashore wanted to be a missionary, studied with the Salesians in Italy and died at the age of 20 in 1937. **Petras Perkumas** is well-known among the Salesians and their students as a Lithuanian Dominic Savio. His brother, Fr. Antanas Perkumas, has been chaplain of Lithuanians in Venezuela for 30 years.



Marija Kaupaitė

15. **Mother Marija Kaupaitė** is known to us in the United States, where she died in 1940 after founding the Sisters of St. Casimir, many schools and good works. Her outstanding personality influences the Sisters to this day, and the motherhouse in Chicago has a room of Mother Kaupas' writings and objects.



Stasys Šalkauskis

16. **Stasys Šalkauskis** was a Catholic professor who promoted Catholic Action, as the Christian activity of the people of God was then called. He wrote extensively on Christian culture, formation of youth and responsibility in public life. Dr. Šalkauskis died in 1941.



Juozas Šarauskas

17. In 1941 the Soviets executed a colonel of the Lithuanian army, **Juozas Šarauskas**. For years the leader of the Scout movement, he continued to be noble and serve others in prison.



Pranas Dovydaitis

18. **Pranas Dovydaitis** is one of the founders of the Catholic Youth movement Ateitis (ateitininkai). As Christian and humanist he had great influence, for which he was exiled to Siberia by the Soviets and died in 1942.



Alfonsas Lipniūnas

19. **Fr. Alfonsas Lipniūnas** lived in and near Anykščiai, a fine preacher and youth leader. Imprisoned by the Nazis, he died in a concentration camp, whose life is recounted by Rev. Stasys Yla in "A Priest in Stuthoff."



Jonas Staškevičius

20. **Jonas Staškevičius**, a holy priest, died in 1956. His classmates at the seminary used to say that if anyone were to be a saint, Jonas would be the prime candidate.



Teofilis Mätulionis

21. Archbishop Teofilis Matulionis died at an old age in 1962. Remaining in Russia after Lithuania became independent, he was ordained bishop in secret, traded for Soviet spies in 1933, again arrested and exiled after World War II, saying "I am joyful in being able to suffer for Christ".



Karolis Garuckas

22. The most recent addition to the list of admired Christians is Fr. Karolis Garuckas, S.J., who died in 1979. One of the five founders of the Committee for the Rights of the Faithful, he was frequently mentioned in the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church of Lithuania" and his grave is constantly covered with flowers. Many of his letters are extant and witness those qualities which attract others to imitate Christ.

A general expression used in sermons, prayers and articles is "The Martyrs of Lithuania", something equivalent to "early Christian martyrs", whose names, life stories and even final resting places may not be known. Some of the spirit of faith which many had and still have can be captured from such English language publications as "Mary Save Us" (a prayerbook written by hand in Siberia 30 years ago) or "Lithuanians in Siberia" (published with illustrations and photographs by Lithuanian Library Press) and, of course, in the "Chronicle".

As we celebrate St. Casimir, we are aware of these and many others who witnessed their faith and our faith in God's love and care for his people. And for us Lithuanians it may be important to remember that St. Casimir was not a bishop or priest or religious, but a layman, a fine cheerful and generous young man, for Vatican II has made us more aware that all of us are the Church and exercise our responsibility in the community of faith.

A. Saulaitis, SJ

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in
your prayers...

HELEN MIEDRICK
Member of C-46
Forest City, PA
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STANLEY J. MOLIS
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Chicago, IL
Died on April 25, 1984

Rev. JOHN J. DASTICK
Spiritual Advisor of C-118
Hazelton, PA
Died on June 9, 1984

ALBERT KACHINSKI
Member of C-112
Chicago, IL
Died on June 23, 1984

MONICA KASPAR
Member of C-112
Chicago, IL
Died on July 5, 1984

JOSEPH SKOMROCK
Member of C-116
Worcester, MA
Died on December 20, 1983

LANGUAGE LORE: LITHUANIAN APPLIANCES FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

Algirdas Budreckis



Let's familiarize you with the names of household appliances (*namų apyvokos daiktai*) dear to every Lithuanian homemaker. That is, appliances used in the kitchen at the turn of the century. Wooden implements for the most part, these items were basic for the kitchen and for food processing. You will note from the illustrations that these appliances assumed distinctly

Lithuanian characteristics. Museum pieces today, these items can be seen in old turn-of-the-century photographs and engravings.

Just as these appliances are no longer used, so too, in many cases, their names have been forgotten. As a historical footnote we would like to provide you with the appliances' names.

1. *Piesta* — a pestle used to crush grains.
2. *Grūstuvė Su Piesta* — a mortar and pestle used to grind herbs and grains.
3. *Duonkubilis* — kneading-trough, a wooden round bucket used to knead and leaven dough for bread.
4. *Kryžiokas* — a cross-shaped stand or stool for placing containers and vats.
5. *Gelda* — A trough.
6. *Pėdė* — a rack or stand to hold a barrel sideways.
7. *Ližė* — a wood (oven) peel or long-handled spade to place or remove bread from the oven.
8. *Lovys* — a trough or manger.
9. *Kubilas* — a wooden tub, vat or coop.
- 10 *Kubiliukas* — a small wooden vat.
- 11 *Melžtuvė* — a milk-pail.
- 12 through 15 *Sūrspaudžiai* — various shaped cheese-presses.
- 16-17. *Muštuvai* — churns for making butter and butter-milk.

- 18-19. *Sviesto Formėlės* — butter molds.
- 20-21. *Kibirai* — pails, buckets.
22. *Puodšakė* — a pot-fork for removing hot pots from the flame.
23. *Žarsteklis* — poker.
24. *Trikojis* — three-legged stool.
25. *Keturkojis* — four-legged stool.
- 26 to 27. *Druskinės* — salt-box.
28. *Piestelė* — small pestle.
29. *Lauknešėlis* — outdoor bucket.
30. *Lauknešėlis* — outdoor pitcher.
31. *Samtis* — lačle.
32. *Samtis* — ladle.

Today these appliances are supplanted by electric devices: *gruzdintuvas* (toaster), *suntuvas* (juicer), *maltuvas* (mixer), *plaktuvas* (blender or beater), *keptuvas* (frying pan), *džiuvintuvas* (dryer).



TO ALL COUNCILS AND DISTRICTS . . .

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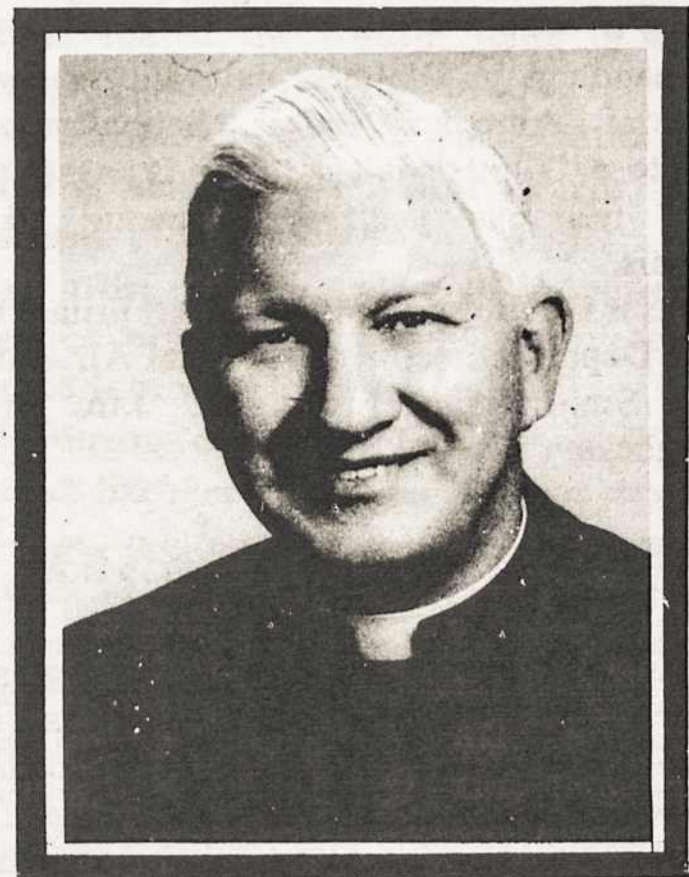
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This is awarded at a NATIONAL CONVENTION ONLY, to a person who is not a Lithuanian nor of Lithuania ancestry, who has distinguished himself or herself in service to Lithuanians, or the Lithuanian fight for freedom.

Nominations can be made by Councils or Districts to the NATIONAL LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, for submission to and consideration by the SUPREME COUNCIL.

Documentary materials, such as clippings, copies of statements made, testimonials, and the like, can be attached to the nomination, which must be made by March 1st. The final decision is made by the Supreme Council at its June meeting.

And please note: NO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL OR DISTRICT CAN MAKE THIS AWARD! They can honor individuals or groups who have helped them or Lithuanian causes in any manner or designation they may see fit, but CANNOT USE THIS "FRIEND OF LITHUANIA" designation, which is reserved for NATIONAL CONVENTION RECOGNITION ONLY,



Rev. JOHN J. JUTT

and as stated, can be made only with Supreme Council approval.

Finally, in carrying on the tradition started by Rev. Jutt, any winner of the award MUST BE PRESENT AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, to personally accept it, usually at the Closing Banquet.

Dr. Jack J. Stukas,
Chairman

Lithuanian Affairs Committee

DARIUS IR GIRĖNAS SMITHSTONIAN INSTITUTE

„Draugas“ 1983.12.23.

Lietuviai lakūnai Steponas Darius ir Stasys Girėnas 1933 m. įvykdė istorinį skridimą per Atlanto vandenyną. 1933 m. liepos 15 d., 6:24 val. ryte išskrido iš New Yorko į Kauną. Nežinomomis aplinkybėmis tragiškai žuvo netoli Lietuvos 1933 m. liepos 17 d. naktį miške, ties Soldino miesteliu, Vokietijoje. Dabar ta vietovė yra Lenkijos žinioje. Jie nuskrido 3984 mylias, ore išbuvo daugiau kaip 37 valandas.

Darius ir Girėnas visuotinai gerbiami Lietuvoje ir lietuvių. Bet svetimieji stengėsi jų žygį nutylėti. Ypač jaunimas mažai žino apie to laiko skridimo sąlygas, jų lėktuvą, negalintį lygintis su šių laikų moderniais lėktuvais.

Pasauliniai Darių ir Girėnų ir jų skridimą galima išgaršinti per pagrindines užsieniečių organizacijas ar rinktinius leidinius, kas lietuviams nesisekdavo. Po kelerių metų pastangų pagaliau Algirdas Gustaitis gavo pranešimą iš Smithsonian Instituto, National Air and Space Museum, kad Dariaus ir Girėno skridimas bus išstatytas jų patalpose, Golden Age of Flight galerijos skyriuje. Visuomenei bus iškilmingai atidaryta 1984 m. balandžio 4 d.

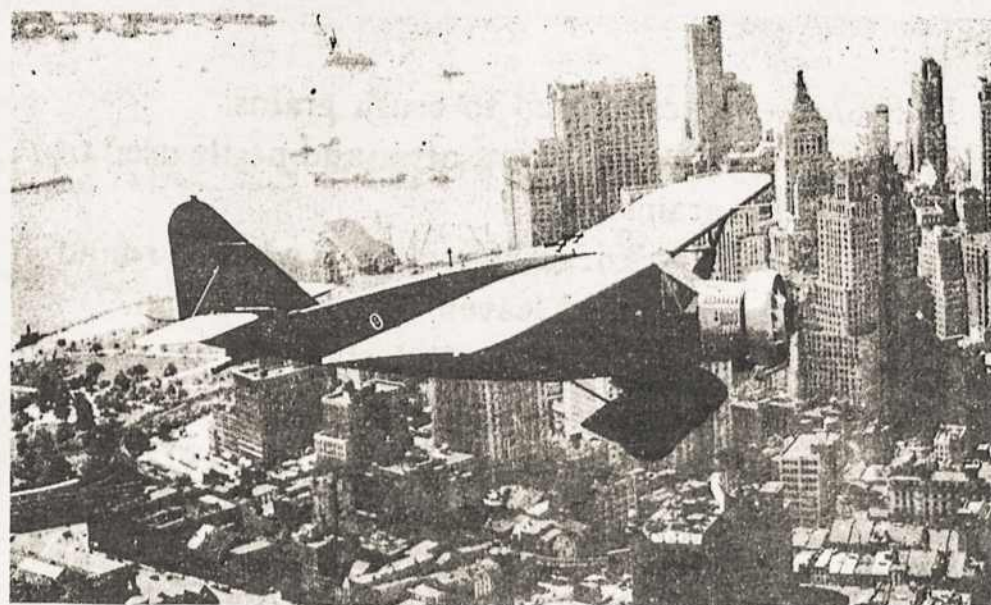
Būtų naudinga jei iškilmėse dalyvautų vadovaujantieji lietuviai, Amerikos Balsas, lietuviška spauda. Norintieji tose iškilmėse dalyvauti turi iš anksto paduoti prašymus, nes bus įleidžiami asmenys tikrai su pakvietimais.

Dariaus ir Girėno skridimui atžymėti pritarė Donald S. Lopez, Deputy Director of National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution. Jam priklauso lietuvių padėka.

NENULEISKIME RANKŲ

Pamažu pradėdame įsisąmoninti ir suprasti, ko pasiektume, jei Amerikos pašto tarnyba išleistų sukurtą Darius-Girėno pašto ženklą. Spausdintas žodis mažoje popieriaus skiautelėje išliks ilgiau, negu granito paminklai. Pašto ženklas primins ateinančioms kartoms mūsų, didvyrių žygį per Atlantą, bus pėdsakas lietuvių išėmimo kelyje. Milijonai filatelistų (ženklų rinkėjų) čia ir kitur pasaulyje sužinotų, kad S. Darius ir Girėnas buvo aviacijos pionierių gretose.

Jeigu visi suprastume savo užsimėjimo svarbumą, tai be didelio vargo parašytume pašto valdybai keliasdešimt tūkstančių laiškų ir dar daugiau pasiųstume parašų. Prašykime, kad mūsų pastangas paremtų kongresmanai, senatoriai, gubernatoriai, veteranų postai ir kiti įtakingi asmenys. Jų parama tuo reikalu yra labai svarbi, dažnai



lemianti.

Veikime skubiai, nes per ateinančius kelis mėnesius jau bus nuspręsta, kokius ženklus išleisti 1984 metais. Nesustokime pusiaukelėje pradėto darbo, parodykime daugiau geros valios ir ryžto. Daug rankų pakelia didelę našta. Tad nenuleiskime rankų.

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Dear Committee:

Stephen Darius and Stanley Girėnas, two American pilots of Lithuanian descent, undertook a transatlantic flight in 1933 aboard "Lituanica" from New York.

They did achieve the distinction of having flown the greatest distance in the shortest time non-stop. Their goal to conquer the skies for the betterment of mankind lives on even today in the spirit of the spaceship "Columbia".

In commemoration of the historic flight of Capt. Darius and Lt. Girėnas, I kindly request that in 1985 the U.S. Postal Service issue a commemorative postage stamp in their honor.

Sincerely yours,

**EXHIBITION OF THE SCULPTURES, MEDALS,
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PETRAS RIMŠA. JUNE 22, 1984 — SEPTEMBER
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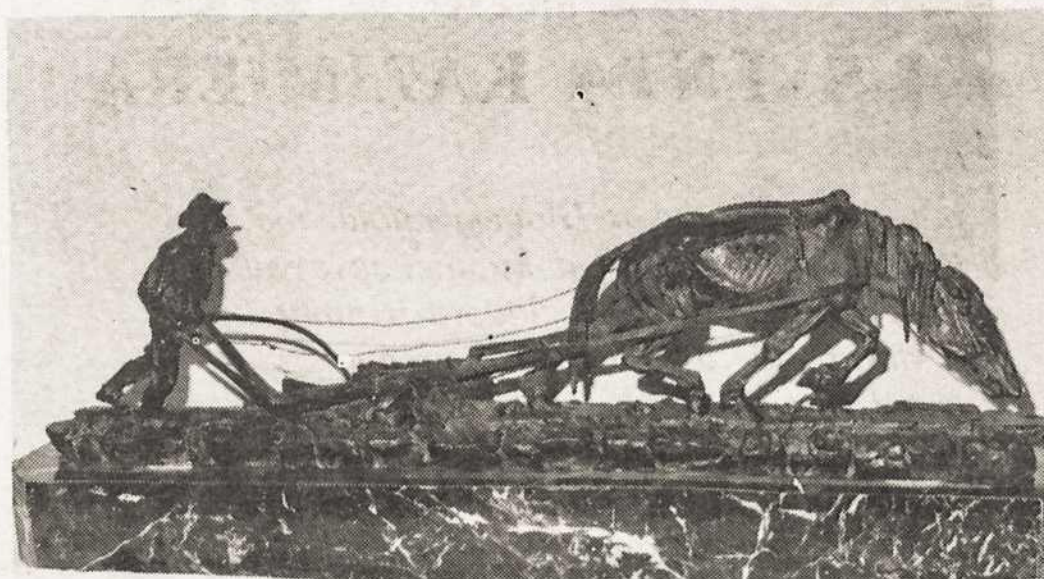
**CELEBRATION OF THE 18th ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN
CULTURE**

In honor of its 18th Anniversary, The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture is proud to present an exhibit of the works of noted Lithuanian sculptor and medalist, PETRAS RIMŠA. The exhibition opened with a reception on Friday, June 22, 1984. A lecture/slide presentation on the life and works of Petras Rimša by artist Daiva Gogola was shown. Ms. Gogola gave a brief biographical sketch of Petras Rimša and discussed his artwork and how it related to his life and times.

The exhibit contains the bronze sculpture, "Artojas" (*The Ploughman*) on permanent loan from the Boston Museum of Fine Art; the Gediminas Plaque, loaned for this exhibit by the American Numismatic Society of New York and a bronze bas-relief plaque of Ulyssa Rasktis. Also featured are rare medals of Petras Rimša from the collection of the late Dr. Alexander Račkus. Works of the artist from the permanent collection of The Balzekas Museum include rare photographs of the artists' works still in Lithuania.

Petras Rimša was born in November of 1881 on a small farm in the village of Naudžiai, Lithuania. His boyhood dream was to become an artist. As a young boy, he acquired the name "Master" in his village, in recognition of his talented artwork. He began his formal art study at the age of 17, attending studios and schools in Vilnius, Warsaw, Paris, Cracow and St. Petersburg. In 1907, he returned to Lithuania and helped organize and participated in an art exhibit in the capital city of Vilnius. *The Lithuanian School*, a sculpture showing a mother sitting at the spinning wheel and teaching her child to read, became a symbol of the Lithuanian resistance to the press ban imposed by the Tsarist regime. The bronze sculpture, "ARTOJAS" (*The Ploughman*) expressed Lithuania's misery under the Russian occupation and associated Rimša's name with the struggle for national independence.

Later in his life, Petras Rimša began creating stylized, ornamented sculptural works in symbolic themes. He illustrated many books and wrote articles on topics of art. He made bas-relief portraits and became known for his numerous, intricate medals, commemorating many personages and events. Frank Passic,



ARTOJAS (*The Ploughman*) by Petras Rimša

in his article on The Medals of Petras Rimša; *NUMISMATIST*, May, 1983, wrote:

Lithuania's most outstanding medalist was sculptor Petras Rimša, a contemporary of Germany's Karl Goetz. Many of Rimša's designs reflect Lithuanian patriotic themes and range from religious subject matter to sarcastic political commentary.

Rimša toured the United States in 1936-37, exhibiting his works in Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh and New York. Critics marveled at his artistic abilities. Paul Bird of *The Art Digest*, commented:

"An artist of unusual graphic power, he also produces ornate linear sculptures, decorated from head to foot with fantastic designs."

Carlyle Burrows of the *New York Herald Tribune* wrote:

"Medals like these celebrating the Congress of Vilnius, and the establishment of the first ecclesiastical province of Lithuania, are forcefully modeled in their essential details, while showing meticulous elaboration of the backgrounds."

Eleanor Jewett of the *Chicago Daily Tribune* remarked:

"There seems no end to the genius of this artist. He cannot be classified as a modern or non-modern, but ranks with the unticketed immortals."

Jonas Budrys, 1937 Consul General of Lithuania wrote:

"Petras Rimša is one of the most prominent sculptors of Lithuania. His creations are valued very highly not only in Lithuania, but also elsewhere. They portray the spirit of national Lithuanian art; they carry one into the realm of unknown, unexplored futurism . . ."

Petras Rimša died in Soviet-occupied Lithuania in October of 1961.

The exhibit will run until September 20, 1984. The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture is open daily from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Į ŠVENTĄ KAZIMIERĄ

Mes šventą Lietuvos Globėją nuolat meldėm,
 Ir kuomet prispausti, ir kuomet save valdėm,
 Kad brangiąją Tėvynę globotų ir gintų
 Ir dorus piliečius mūs kraštui išaugintų.
 Ir vėl mus išvaduok, Kazimierai šventasis!
 Jei ši baisi tautos nelaimė ilgai tęsis,
 Tai bepaliks lietuvių tik maža saujalė
 Ir tie gal bus lyg nesavi, tikėjime atšalę,
 Ir pilna bus priešų, žiaurių, negailestingų,
 Kurių krūtinė neapykantoje sustingo;
 Dažnai jie mitinguoja, šelsta, ardo,
 Neleidžia melstis, nė ištarti Dievo vardo,
 Geriausiai tautos sūnus žudo ir kalina.
 Ir siekia Lietuvoj įsteigti maskolyną.
 Anuomet suteikėi pagalbą stebuklingą
 Mūsų kariams įveikti maskolių skaitlingą;
 Tai ir nūnai tramdyk užsimojimą priešų,
 Kurs mūs kūną ir sielą barbariškai plėšo.
 Sugriauk jo pastangas, išvyk jį iš Tėvynės,
 Kad šits jo užpuolimas būtų pašutinis,
 Kad vėl šventa ramybė Lietuvon atskistų,
 Kad mes nekliudomi vėl garbintume Kristų!
 Šventas Kazimierai, globokie mūs Jaunimą!
 Tegu jis gyvą pavyzdį iš Tavęs ima,
 Dorai, blaiviai gyvena, meilėj neatšala
 Ir žiūri visada į kilnų idealą.
 Ir priešas, tokią dvasios tvirtovę priėjęs,
 Nustaugs į Aziją su viesulingais vėjais.

J. Kmitas

KAZIMIERINIS REGĖJIMAS

Tilo paukščiai ir vandenys upės,
 Tik budėjo žvaigždė,
 Kai prie Katedros durų suklypęs
 Už Tėvynę meldeis.

Kai ant žirgo anuomet sušvitęs
 Kovą nulėmėi Tu —
 O, padėk ir nūn priešą nuvyti
 Nuo Vilnelės krantų!

Mūsų gražios šventovės ir šeimos
 Puošės Tavo vardu,
 Bet šiandien į mūs buvusių kaimus
 Ir pažvelgti graudu . . .

Jei kalčių, kuo tėvai nusidėjom,
 Nenuplovėm krauju —
 Dangaus kūdikių verksmą girdėjo —
 Tepagaili dėj jų.

Su Tavim praeities mūsų gijos
 Riša meilės ryšiais,
 Nes ne kardą, o baltą leliją
 Tu iškėlęs nešei.

O Kazimierai, mūs Karalaiti,
 Tavęs meldžiame mes:
 Mūs tautos kančių didįjį kraitį
 Pas Aukščiausių nunešk!

D. MITKIENĖ

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Calendar

AUGUST

23 - 26

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO
 hosted by C-36

SEPTEMBER

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ANNUAL FIELD DAY - Sisters of Jesus Crucified
 in Brockton, MA

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ANNUAL CEMETARY VISIT in Dayton, OH
 hosted by C-50

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NED CONVENTION In New Haven, CT
 hosted by C-50

OCTOBER

13

69th ANNUAL DINNER DANCE at Holy Trinity Hall in
 Newark, NJ hosted by C-29

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NED CULTURAL FESTIVAL at Maironis Park in
 Shrewsbury, MA

STATUE OF LIBERTY

In the U.S.A.. we have many historic sites and they are symbolic to the world of our freedom.

In Abraham Lincoln's time, he noted that we are born with certain unalienable rights and, among these, are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Our American society assures us equality regardless of race, religion or creed and has an atmosphere of freedom which we know as democracy.

One of our most famous landmarks is the Statue of Liberty or Liberty Enlightening the World.

The "lady" as so many of our early Lithuanian immigrants called her, stands majestically in the N.Y. harbor. She seems to be ever mindful of strife that existed in the lives and minds of those who journeyed from distant oppressed lands.

Who is the "lady" and where did she come from?

The Statue of Liberty stands on a 89 ft. high pedestal and her body height is 151 ft. 1". She bears a crown with 7 spokes like the rays of the sun. On her body long classical robes, her right hand holds a torch up to the sky, a beacon of light of a free country. In her left hand is a law book that is inscribed July 4, 1776. At her feet is a broken shackle symbolizing the overthrow of tyranny.

Where did she come from?

The statue was a gift given to the American people by the people of France. Two men that played a major part in her creation were Auguste Bartholdi, a sculptor, and Gustave Eiffel who designed the iron framework. (He created the Eiffel Tower in Paris.)

The Statue was dedicated Oct.



LEFT to RIGHT:

Peter Zupko, Council 12 President

Mr. Denver Frederick, Director of Fund Rasing, Statue of Liberty — Ellis Island Centennial Commission.

Larry Janonis, President of Mid-Atlantic District

Mary York, Chairman of Council 12 Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund — and consultant.

ACTIVITY

Presentation of the first donation for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty from the Knights of Lithuania, Mid-Atlantic District Councils.

28, 1886 by Pres. Grover Cleveland. She became a national monument in 1924.

Now the "lady" needs us. Her beautiful copper sheets, which cover her frame, need repair, restoration if you will.

We, of Lithuanian heritage and as members of the Knights of

Larry Janonis, President of Mid-Atlantic District submitted a \$1400 check to the Director of Fundraising, Denver Frederick of the Statue of Liberty — Ellis Island Centennial Commission.

As a Knights of Lithuanian ongoing national campaign for the next several years, we hope to attain a substantial sum by 1986, the year of lady liberty's centennial.

The involvement in this historic task is a sign of our concern that 'Liberty' with her message of freedom will prevail for the future generations.

Mary York

Lithuania, are asked to hear the call for help!

This call for help was put in the form of resolution and, presented at the National Convention in Phila.

WHEREAS the United States of America will be observing the Centennial of the Statue of Liberty National Historic Monument in

1986; and

WHEREAS a Federal Commission designated as the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission has been established for the restoration and preservation of the Statue of Liberty and to plan and implement the Centennial celebration; and

WHEREAS the Commission's goal to raise funds is to be accomplished by a nationwide people's participation; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania members as American citizens with a strong belief in preserving the Statue of Liberty's symbolic message of freedom consider that it should be perpetuated for the future generations; and

WHEREAS Council 112 of Manhattan, New York City, being the nearest Council to the Statue of Liberty, assumed the responsibility of initiating a three year "Save Your Pennies" fund drive in October 1982; and

WHEREAS at the Mid-Atlantic District meeting of March 13, 1983, the Councils approved a motion to join in the crusade to "Save Lady Liberty";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the significance of the Statue of Liberty as a National Historic Monument warrants the support of the restoration at the National level of Knights of Lithuania, and as a sign of encouragement to the nation-wide membership who are dedicated to the principles of a free nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania consider its efforts on behalf of the Statue of Liberty as a heartfelt memorial tribute to the thousands of courageous Lithuanian ancestors who settled in America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED



Mary York pins Rev. Jacob Pallivathukkal, Administrator of St. Casimir Church in Paterson, N.J.



Mary York gives pin to Dr. Jack Stukas

that the Supreme Council develop guidelines for the fundraising efforts of all Councils for this purpose.

A slogan that can be said is, "SHE IS MADE OF COPPER. SAVE YOUR PENNIES AND GIVE HER LIFE". An analogy might be made to this; "COPPER IS TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AS BLOOD IS TO THE STAFF OF LIFE".

Mary York, of Council 12 is doing a fine job but she can not do it alone. Mary has taken on the job of being chairman for her council. It has been suggested that each council have their own chairman so all can get involved. I am sure that Mary will provide all the support we need and will be our contact person for this project.

A pin commemorating the restoration has been designed for the event. It has been customized for the

K of L. It is tastefully portrayed with the head of the lady and K of L letters beneath. A supply can be obtained from Mary. Encourage your members to participate.

Why do we have a commitment for participation in the restoration?

1. Remember our Lithuanian ancestors as they passed through the port of freedom.

2. Provide our future generations this beautiful national monument.

3. To provide a beacon of light to oppressed peoples.

There is a poem written by Emma Lazarus in 1883 that later was inscribed on a tablet placed on the pedestal of the lady.

New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land,

Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates
 shall stand,
 A mighty woman with a torch, and
 her name
 Mother of exiles, from her beaconed
 hand
 Glows world-wide welcome, her
 mild eyes command,
 The air-bridged harbor that turn
 cities fame,
 "Keep ancient lands, your storied
 pomp!"
 Cries she
 With silent lips. Give your tired,

your poor,
 Your huddled masses yearning to be
 free,
 The wretched refuse of your teeming
 shore.
 Send these, the homeless, tempest-
 tost to me
 I lift my lamp beside the golden
 door.
 Let us always remember the
 "lady" in the harbor and all that she
 symbolizes. Keep in touch with
 Mary York, order your pins donate
 your pennies. Mary's address is 225

St. Paul Ave. Jersey City, N.J.
 07306.

We are Americans but we will
 always remain proud of our
 heritage.
 Mother of exiles — love in her hand,
 Lithuanians came to this strange
 distant land!
 Like a loving mother, she allowed us
 to be.
 American-Lithuanians in the world
 of the free.

Marytė Lepera
 Supreme Council Public Relations

JUOSTA

Anna Klizas Wargo

The juosta (sash) is the prototype of all forms of Lithuanian folk art — handweaving. Every peasant woman learned the art of weaving by first making juostos. One end of the warp-threads was tied to her waist, the other end was attached to her big toe, a peg in the ground or a hook on the wall. Hiddles were made from yarn and the weft thread was secured in place with a small splinter of wood or with a knife. After learning to weave the juostos, she created the greatest variety of patterns.

Everyday and holiday clothes were girded with sashes. Women and girls used them to tie their hair and as head adornments. Juostos served as waistbands for skirts and aprons, as neckties, hatbands, reins and so on. The creativity of these peasant women was shown in the beautiful patterns of their juostos.

They were often given as gifts. At weddings, they were given to the matchmaker (piršlys), to the inviter (kvieslys), and to the bridegroom, his relatives and his attendants. The bride bought her way into her

husband's home with juostos. She threw one on the boundary separating her husband's and his neighbor's fields. She tied another to the cross or wayside shrine of the farmstead and to the gate and well sweep. The wedding loaf was decorated with a sash to ensure life-long prosperity for the newlyweds.

A Godmother girded the christening child with her most beautiful handiwork. At funerals, a long wide sash was tied around the casket. They were also knotted on trees where good spirits and the souls of the dead were believed to reside. Juostos were never bought or sold. They were handed down from generation to generation.

There are 14 different types of Lithuanian sashes. The most widespread, popular and attractive ones are of the pick-up technique (rinktinės). These constitute 80% of all juostos and are found in every part of Lithuania. In southeastern Lithuania (Dzūkija) where sashes existed in the greatest numbers, overlay (kaišytinės) and overshot (diminės) juostos were also woven.

In southwestern Lithuania (Sūduva) two color pick-up patterns were preferred. Sashes of the tablet weaving type (vytinės — lentelinės) were made in western Lithuania (Žemaitija — Samogitia). In Eastern Lithuania (Aukštaitija) women used braiding (pintinės) and interlocking plaiting (tinklinės) techniques or made crocheted sashes (nertinės). Inlaid sashes (kilminės — įrinktinės) of various widths was made in the Vilnius region.

An unusual diversity of patterns is characteristic of sashes made in Lithuania Minor. The back ground in pick-up sashes is generally light colored and of natural or flax yarn, while the pattern is woven of homespun dyed red, blue, green, violet, yellow or brown.

Today, juostos are woven in various sizes and shapes. People visiting in Lithuania are greeted by their relatives with a beautiful juosta. The sash is as important today in the Lithuanian home as it was in the past.

Reference: Encyclopedija Lituanica

Letters

ARCHIDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

April 5, 1984

Mrs. Loretta I. Stukas
National President
Knights of Lithuania
234 Sunlit Drive
Watchung New Jersey 07060

Dear Mrs. Stukas,

Thank you for the photographs. The celebration in Rome was delightful experience. Once again it made me wish I were fluent in Lithuanian.

I have taken note of the August 23-26 dates for the Knights of Lithuania Annual Convention in Chicago in the hope that I may be able to attend at least a part of it.

Kindest regards, Prayers.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Charles A. Salatka
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

Chicago, IL 4.5.1984

Gerbiama Maloni Ponia Loretta,

Labai gražiai Jums ačiu už gerus žodžius ir gražius paveikslus. Man pačiam dvasiniai tikrai malonu, kad tokia proga man teko dalyvauti, kaip dalyvavau. Gal dėl to, kad esu senesnis jau net ir už patį Šventąjį Tėvelį. Ką gi, šventė buvo tikrai neužmirštama ypatingai tuo, keik Šventasis Tėvas, spauda, gero gražaus pasakė apie Lietuvą, apie lietuvius. Pirma davinė, pietų proga, Šventajam Tėvui pasakiau, kad joks lietuvis patriotas nebūtų pasakęs kilnesnių žodžių apie Lietuvą ir lietuvius, kaip pasakė jis.

Pasitaręs su ten dalyvavusiais lietuviais vyskupais, sugrįžęs į Chicagą, pasiūniau Šventajam Tėveliui auką...

Jums ir Ponui Profesorui J. Stukui linkiu malonių Kristaus prisikėlimo švenčių ir visur Dievo palaimos.

Pagarbiai ir nuoširdžiai Kristuje

+ V. Brizgys

† V. Brizgys

Vatikanas, 1984.V.3.

Didžiai Gerbiamoji Pirmininke,

Nuoširdžiai dėkoju už man prisiųstą „Vyties“ kopiją, skirtą Šv. Kazimiero 500-sioms mirties metinėms paminėti. Tai tikrai gražus jubiliejinis leidinys.

Taip pat nuoširdus ačiū Jums ir visiems Vyčiams, prisidėjusiems prie Šv. Kazimiero šventės iškilnių praturtinimo Romoje.

Ir iš tikrųjų, tai buvo iškilmingas, vieningas ir įspūdingas laisvojo pasaulio lietuvių pagerbimas savo Šventojo ir jo — o kartu ir mūsų visų — tėvynės Lietuvos.

Reikia manyti, kad šio nepaprasto lietuvių susibūrimo dalyvių patirti bendri išgyvenimai, bendros maldos ir bendri lūkesčiai dar labiau įžiebs jų širdyse tą meilės liepsnelę kenčiančiai Lietuvai ir ypač jos persekiojamai Bažnyčiai.

Šia proga linkiu Jums ir visiems Vyčiams sėkmės bei gausios Dievo palaimos taip kilnioje veikloje.

Su didžia pagarba
kun. Audrys Bačkis
Prel. A. J. Bačkis

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Roma, 14 balandžio 1984

Brangi Loretta,

Labai dėkoju už laišką. Buvo malonu turėti Jus ir gausų būrį vyčių šv. Kazimiero iškilmėse Romoje. Jūs daug prisidėjote, kad mūsų Šventojo Pagerbimas praėjo taip gražiai. Perduokite mano ir viso mūsų iškilnių rengimo Komiteto padėką visiems vyčiams.

Pasigėrėtinas yra Knights of Lithuania - Lietuvos Vytis leidinys. Tai didelis įnašas į populiarią literatūrą apie Šventąjį.

Sujaudintas esu Jūsų keliama mintimi "to adopt the College of St. Casimir in Rome". Tai paties šv. Kazimiero įkvėpta įdėja. Esame reikalingi dvasinės ir medžiaginės visų lietuvių paramos, kad pajėgtume išauklėti naujų lietuvių kunigų ir drauge reikiamai atstovauti Lietuvos Bažnyčios ir lietuvių tikinčiųjų reikalus prie Šv. Sosto. Ypač yra svarbus pašaukimų klausimas. Manau, kad šioje srityje vyčiai gali mums daug padėti. Svarbu yra skatinti jaunuolius rinktis kunigišką pašaukimą ir vykti pas mus, kad čia - Romoje gautų kunigišką išauklėjimą bei išmokslinimą. Esame pasirengę visame su Jumis glaudžiai bendradarbiauti. Te Dievulis jums padeda įvykdyti kilnų pasiryžimą.

Šv. Velykų proga priimkite mano ir Kolegijos gražius linkėjimus daug Velykų džiaugsmo Jums, Jūsų šeimai ir visai Vyčių organizacijai.

Jūsų kun. A. Tulaba

LCRA REPORT

The following was taken from the CHRONICLE of The Catholic Church issue No. 61, January 6, 1984. It was read by Stefanija Rastikis at C #96's June meeting:

In October, 1983, a statue of the 'Rūpintojėlis', five meters tall, was brought to the Hill of Crosses, bearing the inscription:

"Return, Rūpintojėlis, to brood by the wayside,
The withering rue will bloom beneath the cross.
The Lithuanian's tearstained cheeks will shine again,
And Mary's Holy Land will rise once more.
Kaunas 1983

A Group of Hymn-lovers:

For lack of time and manpower (the erection of the statue requires eight men), work on the 'rūpintojėlis' remained unfinished that night.

On October 19, 1983, people coming to the Hill of Crosses could not find the statue. It had been cut up and hauled away somewhere. In its place the sponsors placed flowers and a small cross, tied with a bow inscribed, "On this spot, evil hands cut up the 'Rūpintojėlis'. Lord forgive them".

At the convention in Philadelphia it was voted that the KNIGHTS would begin another Drive to help sponsor another issue of the CHRONICLE. The following is where we are as of 6/14/84:

Balance of 2/18/84	\$486.33
Peter J. Kasilionis (Additional donation) C #52	10.00
Bronislaw Lazauskas #7	21.35
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Radzevich C #100	25.00
Helen Shields C 3	20.00
Connie Siatsis C 12	15.00
C #12 New York	167.00
(Membership Drive)	33.00

C #17 So. Boston	50.00
(Membership Drive)	25.00
C #19 Pittsburgh	75.00
C #26 Worcester	25.00
(Membership Drive)	35.00
C #29 Newark	100.00
C #30 Westfield	25.00
C #36 Chicago (Additional Membership Drive)	60.00
C #46 Forest City	25.00
C #52 Elizabeth	10.00
C #74 Scranton	25.00
C #79 Southfield	100.00
C #96 Dayton (Membership Drive)	47.01
C #100 Amsterdam	25.00
C #102 Detroit	28.00
C #110 Maspeth	100.00
C #118 Hazelton	25.00
C #143 Pittston	100.00
(Membership Drive)	50.00
C #145 Holyoke	32.00
C #144 Anthracite	100.00
(Membership Drive)	55.00
MAD	25.00
MAD Seminar Committee	25.00
MCD	50.00
NED	100.00
C #139 Detroit	10.00
Additional Interest	5.89
C #141 Bridgeport	25.00
Total as of 6/14/84	\$2135.58

I need to make one correction. Earlier I listed C #26 Worcester as donating 20.00. The \$20.00 donation was from Mary R. Duggan of C#26. This error was listed in the April issue of the VYTIS.

Frances R. Petkus
LCRA Coordinator

VYTIS CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Wish all of your K of L friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the December issue of VYTIS. Mail your greetings or donation to:

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Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

CONVENTION NEWS...

THE MIRACLE OF COUNCIL 36!

By Stanley Pieza

When the opening gavel will drop on the 71st National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, on August 22nd of 1984 — wielding it will be John L. Paukštis.

You will always remember fondly John Paukštis! There's always a smile on his face. He gives you a friendly hand-shake. And if you are not a member of the Knights of Lithuania —

He is President of the popular K of L Council 36 of Brighton Park, Chicago, which is the host to the 71st national convention, and he is the chairman of the arrangements committee.

"The 71st K of L convention will be the greatest and the outstanding in the history of the Knights of Lithuania," Paukštis declares.

John emphasizes: "If you must do something, you must do it right and with your heart and you will achieve your goal by looking up."

During the interview this writer pointed out that "If Michelangelo looked down as to his future he would have painted the floors of the Vatican rather than the world-renowned ceiling the the Sistine Chapel." Paukštis responded, "That's absolutely right!"

Paukštis claims — and rightfully so — that K of L Council 36 is the largest council in the world — with 615 members strong.

"There has neve been," Paukštis states, "a K of L council as large as our Council 36, and we believe that is the miracle of Council 36."

During the past two years, Council 36 has won the first place award for



John L. Paukštis

membership increase and Paukštis was credited for enrolling the majority of the new members, 152 in 1982 and 130 in 1983.

Chicago's Council 36 was born in 1916 at the Immaculate Conception Church, Brighton Park, of which Monsignor Antanas M. Briška, a founder of the Lithuanian College in Rome, was pastor. The council's first president was Petras Kvietkus. Among the council's presidents were Stanley Pieza, Pauline Kelpsas, John Gubista, Peter Balsitis, Bruno Kvietkus, and others, and presently Paukštis.

The story of Council 36 is recorded in two published brochures, the

TARADAIKA, published in 1926, marking the council's 10th anniversary, of which the co-editors were Stanley Pieza and Anne Rezgaite who became Stanley's wife, and SIDABRO KNYGA, published in 1940 to mark the council's 25th anniversary, of which James R. Cherry was editor.

Council 36 was a prominent member of the Chicago Apskritis, a union of Chicago area's then existing 13 K of L Councils. Among the Apskritis outstanding leaders were Leonard Simutis Sr., president of several national and fraternal organizations, including the Roman Catholic Lithuanian Federation of



K of L Council 36 in 1923 with its championship K of L baseball team. In front row in a baseball uniform, 3rd from left, is Stanley Pieza, then president of C-36 and

presently Honorary Member. Seated in 2nd row in the center are Msgr. Antanas Briška, pastor, and his assistant, Rev. Joseph Šaulinskas.

America, and editor of DRAUGAS and VYTIS, and Ignas Sakalas, also an editor of VYTIS and DRAUGAS and a member of Council 36.

Among the major achievements of Council 36 were its champion baseball and basketball teams, its choral group, and an orchestra directed by Paul Simutis. It also had a debating team and a wrestling team.

In 1923, Council 36 promoted the organization of a Chicago K of L baseball league, with 10 teams participating, including K of L

baseball teams of Springfield, Illinois, and Westville, Illinois. In 1924, Council 36 baseball team won the league's championship.

Under the presidency of Paukštis, Council 36 publishes a monthly bulletin sponsors annual "roasts," soccer shirts and uniforms of the famed Chicago LITHS soccer club, develops programs with prominent speakers, promotes active participation in the activities of the Immaculate Conception Parish, of which Monsignor D. Mozeris is pastor, and promotes arts and crafts

exhibits at the Lithuanian Jesuit Center in Chicago.

Present executive officers of Council 36, besides Paukštis, are Bruce Neberieza, Ray Wertelka, and Bernice Pupinik, vice presidents; Frank Švelnis, treasurer; Aušra Padalino, recording secretary; Clara O'Dea, corresponding secretary; Scotty Zukas, financial secretary; Vince Semaška, Robert Gawryla and Mary Mincius, trustees; Jerome Jankus, Joseph Martinkonis, Don Smith, Edward Chepchoris, Vyto Abraitis, Ray Krasauskas, and Jonas

Kernagis, sergeant-at-arms. The Rev. **Edmund Kireilis** is the spiritual advisor.

At the helm of Council 36's long-range programming is **Paukstis**. His other activities include the **Darius-Girėnas American Legion Post**, of which he is a past post commander. He is also a past post commander of the **Cook County American Legion**, which includes 500 legion posts. He won a **Hall-of-Fame** award for conducting the largest blood-bank drive. He was a battalion sergeant-major in the **U.S. Infantry** during **World War II**.

Paukstis is a graduate of the **Immaculate Conception Parish** grade school, **De La Salle Institute**, and **De Paul University**. He served as president for three years of the **De La Salle Institute Alumni**, among whom as members were **Mayor Richard Daley** of **Chicago**, **Cook County Commissioner Dan Ryan**, **State's Attorney Bernard Carey**, **Ed "Moose" Krause**, the famous **Lithuanian of Notre Dame**, and many other prominent figures in politics, religion and education. **Paukstis** has received a citation from **De La Salle Institute** for his outstanding services. He also has coached **De La Salle's** football team.

His job is an important one in the city . . . he is the supervisor of **Inspectional Services** of the **City of Chicago**.

John and his wife **Lillian**, who live in **Brighton Park** just across the street from the **Immaculate Conception Church**, have a son **John Jr.**, with four children, and a daughter, **Mary Alice Dockus**, with three children.

At age 65, **John Paukstis** is acclaimed "a vibrant youth who just keeps working whith his heart and soul."



Msgr. Ladas Tulaba, S.S.D., S.T.L., the **Rector** of the **Pontifical St. Casimir's Lithuanian College/Seminary** in **Rome, Italy**, this year, on **Sept. 16th**, will celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of his ordination to **Priesthood**. On **Sept. 23rd** in **Rome, Italy**, a very special celebration will take place honoring his **Golden Jubilee** in **priesthood**.

SING WHILE YOU DRIVE

At 45 mph sing: "Highways are happy ways."

At 55 mph sing: "I'm but a stranger, heaven is my home."

At 65 mph sing: "Nearer my God to Thee"

At 75 mph sing: "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

At 85 pmh sing: "Lord, I'm coming home."

From **Holy Cross Church Bulletin** Dayton, Ohio.

Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



"Vytis" Circulation Mgr. and member of C112 Chicago Gerry Mack with friend - Helen Hayes Mac Arthur.



DR. VINCENI M. MIKATAVAGE of Minersville, Pa., celebrated 50 years as a practicing Optometrist in the community of Orwigsburg in a most unusual way, according to the "Evening Herald" and "The Call," Schuylkill Haven, Pa. He set aside the year 1983 as Patient Appreciation Year and invited all his patients to become eligible for a "Freedom Weekend" at the Hotel Hershey.

Dr. Mikatavage has been active in optometric circles on the local and state level and has made many worthwhile contributions to his profession. He was instrumental in the passage of legislation which is part of the Optometry Act today.

Through his efforts and his committee an eye mobile was designed and constructed, the first in the country. It was put on the road, benefitting thousands by doing visual creening throughout the Commonwealth. For his interest in sight conservation the Pennsylvania House of Representatives presented him with a special Citation in 1983.

He is a charter member of the Minersville Rotary Club, a charter member of the Orwigsburg Little League and is a director of the Schuylkill County Football Hall of Fame. The Lions clubs of both Minersville and Orwigsburg have been served through the years by Dr. Mikatavage in their eye-care programs and he provides care for the patients at Greenview Nursing Home.

Dr. Mikatavage and his wife Mildred are both members of Anthracite Council 144.

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JOHN MATULIS of New Britain, Conn., was the winner of a poster contest sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons Consumer Affairs Section in observance of National Consumers Week in April, according to the AARP New Bulletin.

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JEAN BALUKAS, 24-year-old billiards champion from Bay Ridge, N.Y., learned the game from her older brothers at the tender age of four. Jean is current world women's champion and has been banned from the men's tour because she is so good, notes the "Daily News". In addition to her World Open title, she is also the national Women's Open champion a title she earned when she was 13.

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The Amsterdam, N.Y. High School Student Govern-

ment Association raised more than \$1,500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association at an eight-hour dance marathon last March in the high school gym.

Committee chairmen for the marathon included JOSEPH NIKSTENAS, president of the K of L Juniors in Amsterdam, who won first prize and received an Adam Home Computer donated by Coleco Industries.



Preparing for the St. Casimir Essay Contest sponsored by C-36, Chicago, are: (left to right) John Paukstis, President of C-36; Rev. Peter Cibulskis, MIC; Ruth Kazlauskas, Chairlady; William Balis; and Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Spiritual Advisor to C-36

C-36, Chicago, sponsored an Essay Contest in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the death of St. Casimir. \$100 Savings Bonds will be awarded for the best essays in the age groups 10 through 13 and 14 through 18. Theme of the essay is: "St. Casimir and My Lithuanian Heritage."

Awards will be presented during the 71st National Convention at the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Friday evening, August 24th. Local newspapers in Chicago, including the "Chicago Catholic", have given the contest widespread coverage.

Committee members include: Ruth Kazlauskas, chairlady, Rev. Peter Cibulskis, MIC, Mary Kincius, Scottie Zukas, and William Balis.

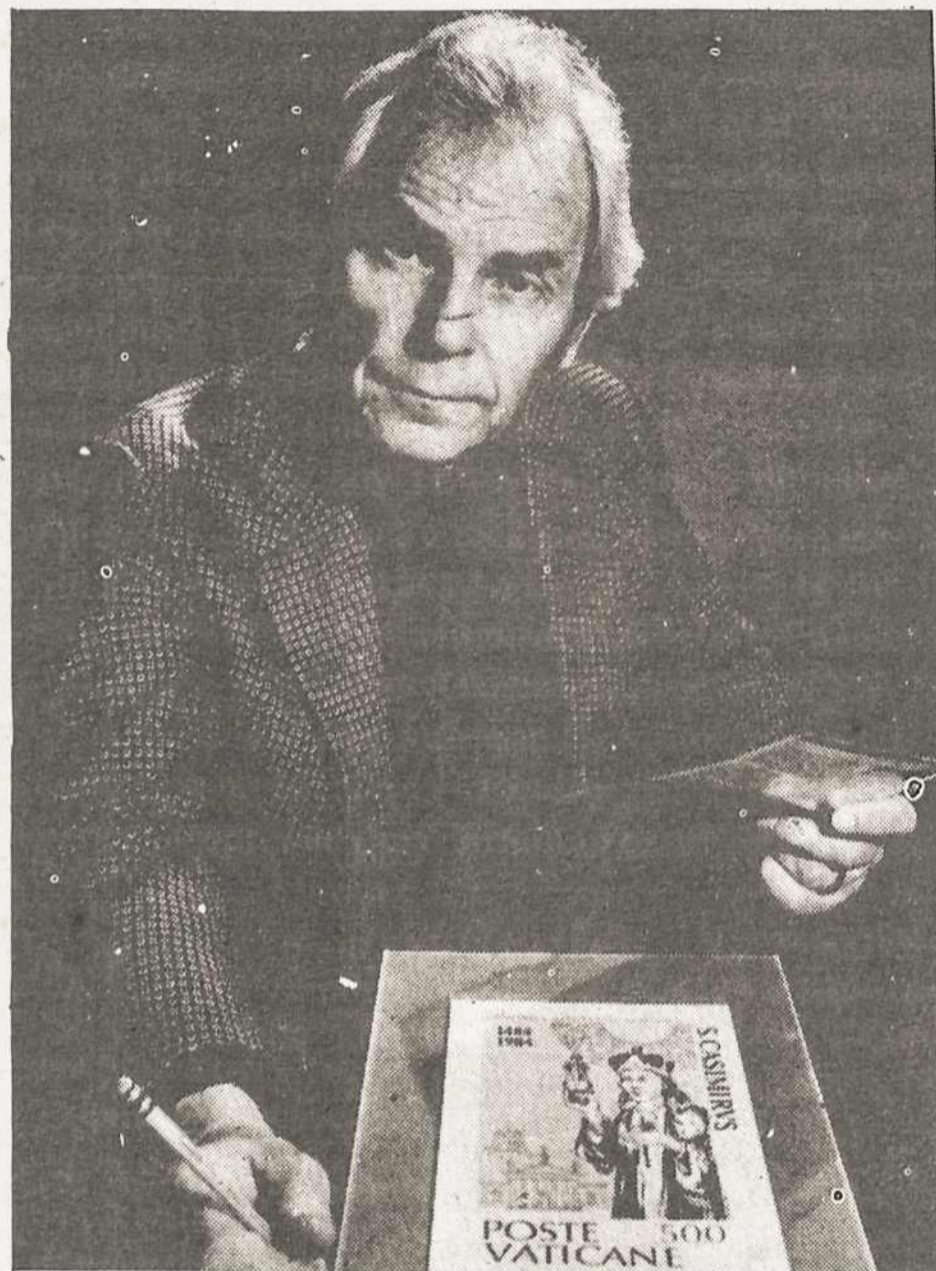
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PATRICIA GRAY STEGMAIER, daughter of VINCE and MARION GRAY (GRAZULIS), C-25, Cleveland, Ohio, has been named in the 1984 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

On May 12, Patricia graduated with a Law Degree from Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa. Prior to enrollment into the Drake Law School, she was a member of the administration as a Director of

Admissions and Alumni Relations from 1979-to-1981. She attained a B.A. Degree from John Carroll University (Cleveland) in 1969 and a M.A. from Ohio State University in 1973.

Patricia resides in Ankeny, Iowa, is married and the mother of four children.



Romas Viesulas shows the design he created for the Vatican City stamps marking the 500th Anniversary of the death of St. Casimir

A professor at Temple University's Tyler School of Art in Elkins Park, Pa., created the design for the Vatican City stamps issued Feb. 28 to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the death of St. Casimir, reports "Linn's Stamp News."

The 550 -lire and 1,200-lira stamps honoring the patron saint of Lithuania depict the saint with a halo and carrying a cross and lily in one hand and the monument of three crosses in the other. Vilnius Cathedral is shown in the background.

ROMAS VIESULAS, the designer and chairman of Tyler's printmaking department for 20 years, notes that it is a breakthrough for an American artist to design Vatican stamps.

CHRISTOPHER BABLIN, 17, Amsterdam, N.Y., was presented a U.S. Savings Bond by James T. Bergen Post 39, American Legion, as the Montgomery County Eagle Scout of the Year.

Christopher is the son of Edward and Mirga Bablin, and grandson of LOUISE KERBELIS, member of C-100, Amsterdam.

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The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., featured an article in the "Folklife Center News" about KAZYS BARTASIUS, Chicago Weaver.

Every three months or so the American Folklife Center receives a neatly wrapped package containing twenty-five colored cardboard sheets, on each of which are mounted four handwoven bookmarkers. The hundred pieces are arranged so that "they would look nice to the eye, and it wouldn't be a problem for the Center to display them," explains Bartasius, the octogenarian weaver who makes the bookmarkers in his basement workshop on the southwest side of Chicago.

Since their first contact with him during the Chicago Ethnic Arts Project in 1977, Bartasius has supplied the Center with 1,500 bookmarkers which are sold at the Library's gift shop and through the mail-order catalog.

Through the years he has built five looms and designed jacquard cards for his favorite folk-art motifs, mostly tulips and geometric designs popular in Lithuanian textile art. He makes table runners and the traditional belt sashes worn by men and women with their national costume. He has been supplying gift shops in Lithuanian settlements for many years, and one can find examples of his handwork in many Lithuanian homes throughout the country.

For Bartasius himself, however, the most valued recognition has come in the form of Folklife Center's orders for more bookmarkers. He feels pleased and extremely honored knowing that the Library of Congress displays and sells his bookmarkers, giving him artistic credit on a printed card that accompanies the purchase. "What brings the greatest joy," he says, "is not that my name is mentioned, but the fact that through my work the little nation of Lithuania and her folk art get some exposure among the American public."



CHRISTOPHER BABLIN

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MARIE LASKE -
Woman of achievement

Photo by Phillips Butler

MARIE LASKE, President of C-74, Scranton, Pa., was featured in a full page article in the "Northeast Woman," a magazine of The Sunday Times, Cranton, Pa. last April.

Marie, mother of eight and grandmother of six is proudly passing on her Lithuanian heritage. She believes roots and background are important, so she is teaching her children and grandchildren about Lithuania. She is an avid collector of amber and has quite a collection. She also makes Lithuanian straw ornaments at Christmas time.

Speaking of the Knights of Lithuania, she said "our motto is, 'For God and Country.' We're Americans first, but we can't forget our heritage . . . through our organization it is up to us to let people know of our Lithuanian heritage, customs and traditions and to keep them alive . . . we are a Roman Catholic community and work closely with the church."

The article states that in the Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre area there are thousands of members of the Knights of Lithuania who also work to keep the world informed of the enslaved conditions of the Baltic people.

Marie has also been active in the Parent-Teacher Association, the Foster Parent Association of Lackawanna County, is a past president of the Catholic Women's Club, a member of Pennsylvanians for Human Life and has recently joined the Holy Family Residence Guild in order to spend some time with the elderly.

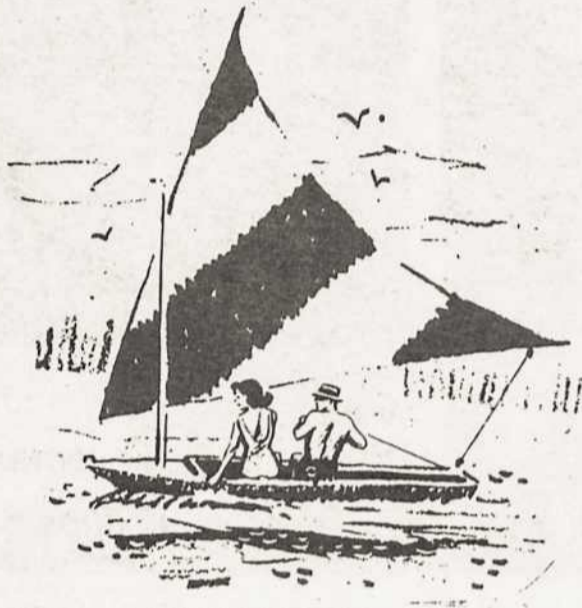
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Council Activities

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MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

Our Quarterly Business Meeting was held in June. Due to an unforeseen problem, the meeting was held at the home of Gerry Mack. Primary topics were the July 4 picnic, the upcoming national convention and Šokių Šventė at which our K of L Dancers and members of the K of L Choir participated. Our annual convention meeting and election of officers will be held in September.

K of L members are very active in ALTAS. Serving on the National Board are Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas and Dr. Leonard Simutis of C-112 and Ann Marie Kassel of C-36. The Chicago Chapter of ALTAS held a Mass and Commemorative Program commemorating the June Tragedies. Members in the Chicago Chapter are Valeria & Joseph Stanaitis, Adele Gabalis, Stephanie Jonutis of the Chicago Seniors, Vince Samaska, Theodora Kuzas and Sabina Klatt of C-36; Casey Oksas and Irene Sankus of C-112.



At a recent function at the K of L Bldg. in Chicago are members (seated) Dr. L. Kriauceliunas, Dr. F.V. Kaunas, Steve Rudokas, Albert Matulis, Peter Gagle, Jonas Talandis, Vincent Samaska, (standing) Irene Sankus, Algerd Brazis, Norman Burstein, Robert Zapolis, Beverly Opelka, Aldona Brazis, Eleanore Kasputis, Paul Zogas, Ald. A. Majerczyk with bartender Albert Zakarka

The K of L was well represented during the Annual Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Many are also members of the group. Among the committee were Algerd Brazis, Ray Wertelka, Robert Zapolis, Charles Shukis. President of the group is Charles Macke of C-112.

Another annual event well attended by our members was the Lithuanian Opera Company's presentation of Faust. District President Algerd Brazis was one of the soloists and as usual gave an outstanding performance.

Participating in the St. Casimir's Lithuanian Cemetery annual Memorial Day program was our K of

L Choir. This has become traditional for our choir.

Belated but sincere congratulations to C-36 Spiritual Advisor who celebrated his 45th Anniversary of Priesthood. The parish hosted a beautiful banquet for Father at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall.

A record number of qualified members received their degrees following C-36 business meeting in June. The District Ritual Team, Chairlady Ann Marie Kassel, Irene Sankus, Ruth & Albert Dagus, Theresa Strolia and Georgianna Kassel conferred First and Second Degrees at a most impressive



MID-AMERICA DISTRICT DEGREE PRESENTATION, K of L Bldg., Chicago. 1st Degree Recipients
2nd Degree Recipients ↓ P. Maleta photos



Ritual Team - Seated extreme left top photo - Albert and Ruth Dagis, Chairlady AnnMarie Kassel and Irene Sankus; Standing extreme left bottom photo) Teresa Strolia and Georgianne Kassel

ceremony.

District Membership Vice President Eleanor Kasputis extends her appreciation to everyone who worked so diligently on the District Membership Drive which ended on June 30. The awards were presented during the July 4 Picnic. Donors were first prize, Don Petkus of Marquette Funeral Homes; second prize, John L. Paukstis; third prize, Irene Sankus; fourth prize, Theresa Balciunas. Junior prizes were donated by the Chairlady, Ellie Kasputis.

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C-112 — CHICAGO

Our June Board Meeting was hosted by Mary Juzenas and her family. A very productive meeting was held with much discussion about

the national convention and our upcoming 60th Anniversary Banquet on October 6, K of L Building.

Continuing with after-meeting speakers, our Cultural Chairlady Susan Bolanos arranged the following: May meeting, the featured speaker again was the multi-talented Ramute Plioplys, Director of the Lithuanian Institute. During this presentation, Ramute spoke on and showed slides of many Lithuanian scenes not usually seen by the tourist, including the beautiful and breathtaking "Hill of Crosses." Following our June meeting, we were privileged to hear the noted architect Virgil Antanvicius, who worked and studied in Scotland, England and Boston. He presented slides and spoke on the various Lithuanian neighborhoods in Chicago through

its architecture.

Our Juniors, under the leadership of Maria Deksnis, enjoyed several interesting trips. The latest being a trip to Chicago's Near North Side and the historic Chicago Water Tower for the film "Here's Chicago." The Juniors, Maria and counsellors for the day Al, Julie and Rita Zakarka and Susan Bolanos also visited the Tower Place and the John Hancock Building before enjoying lunch at a near-north eatery.

Congrats to the following council members who received degrees during the District's Ritual PRESENTATION IN June: First Degree — Frances Shillis and Aldona Shillis; Second Degree — Mildred Rochkes. Our council's Ritual Chairpersons Ruth & Al Dagis along with Irene Sankus served on the ritual team.

Due to the efforts of the officers and our Membership Chairladies Estelle Rogers and Ellie Kasputis, we have increased our membership to 230 members.

Many of our new members, as well as many long-time members, joined in our Family Picnic that the council hosted in beautiful Marouette Park. It was a delightful day and everyone had a great time.

President Paul Binkis Jr. returned early from a trip to New York City and a Supreme Council meeting in Newark in time to join in the festivities.

The Lithuanian 69th Street Festival was again well attended and enjoyed by many of our members. It was especially great to see Monica Kasper and Sophie Nieminski who were on the sick list and haven't been able to attend several affairs.

We were represented by President Paul Binkis Jr. and Susan Bolanos at the recent Convention of the Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliary held in the Motherhouse.

Condolences to the family and friends of long-time C-112 member, Albert Kachinskis who was a noted and excellent bowler. We shall miss him at our events.

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NEPAPRASTA SUKAKTIS CHICAGOJE

Lietuvos vyčių organizacijos garbės narė Adelė Gabalienė sulaukė 80-ties metų amžiaus.

Aštuonias dešimt metų! Skaitlinė, rodos didelė, o laikas toks trumpas.

Prisimenu kaip vakar, kada jauna ponė Gabaliauskienė su savo vyru advokatu atvažiavusi buvo į mano parapijos miestelį Salantus,



C-112 Chicago members enjoying a family picnic in beautiful Marouette Park: Al Brazis, Julie Denise and Al Zakarka, Suzan Bolanos, Rita Zakarka, Emilija Pakalniskis and Al Mockus.



Pictured enjoying an outing to Chicago's historic Water Tower are the C-112 Juniors

dalyvauti pavasarininkų kongrese. Kaip garbinti svečiai buvo jie bažnyčioje pasodinti užkrotyje. Buvau maža mergaitė, bet jau supratau, kokia pasipuošusi yra ta jauna ponija. Tokių Salantuose nebuvo. Mano akys buvo nukreiptos tik į ją. Vėliau ji sėdėjo dvaro sode estradoje, ir sveikinimo kalbą pasakė pavasarininkams.

Prabėgo jau daug laiko nuo tų dienų, ir štai dabar, gegužės 19-tą ta pati ponija sėdi Vyčių salėje Chicagoje. Tik jau viena, be savo mylimo vyro. Bet apsupta gausios sūnaus Povilo šeimos, apsupta žmonių iš organizacijų, kurioms ji priklauso. Priklauso kelioms organizacijoms, bet visą jaunystę darbavosi ir iki šių dienų darbuojasi Lietuvos vyčių organizacijoje. Gilius pėdsakus paliks joje.

Nepaprasta šventė buvo tą dieną Chicagos vyčių salėje. Algirdas Brazis jai vadovavo, o kun. J. Prunskis sukalbėjo invokaciją. Jis ta proga ir pasveikino solenizantę, daugelio organizacijų veikėją, linkėjo ir toliau nepavargt. Prisipildė šampano taurės, ir, iškėlę jas, giedojome savo mylimai ir brangiai Adelei „Ilgiausių metų“. Ne tik giedojome, bet ir šaukėme valio!

Sveikino solenizantę Lietuvos generalinė konsulė Juzė Daužvardienė. Adelė Gabalienė yra brangus žmogus lietuviams Amerikoje — pasakė ji, savo kalbą užbaigdama. Cicero ALT'os vardu labai poetiškai sveikino dr. Motužienė. R. Lietuvių Bendruomenės centro valdybos atstovė p. Repšienė dėkojo solenizantei, kad yra ji įsijungusi į tos organizacijos veiklą. „Laisvosios Lietuvos“ laikraščio bendradarbis Balčiūnas pasipasakojo matęs Kaune jauną mergaitę atvežusią iš Amerikos aukso kardą, vyčių dovaną Lietuvos kariuomenės vadui. Solenizantės giminaitis

mokytojas Prelgauskas dėkojo jai už sudarytus dokumentus atvažiuoti į Ameriką. Kun. Daugintis S.J. papasakojo, kaip Uragvajuje tekę jam su Adele pustrečių metų dirbti visuomeninį darbą. Kai tik atvykusi į tą kraštą, tuojau įsijungusi į lietuvišką veiklą. Suorganizavusi vyčių būrelį. Suorganizavusi chorą, kuriam pati vadovavusi. Jos sūnus Povilas suorganizavęs tautinių šokių grupę. Uragvajaus kultūrinė veikla tada suklestėjusi. Sveikino dar Katalikių Moterų Sąjungos atstovė Leone Bike, kun. Kazimieras Kuzminskas, Irena Sankutė, Sabina Klatt, 112-tos kuopos pirmininkas Povilas Binkis, 36-tos kuopos pirmininkas Jonas Paukštis, 14-tos kuopos vicepirmininkė Jean Vance. Raštu sveikinimus atsiuntė Stasys Pieža, kun. Jonas Borevičius ir R. Lietuvių Bendruomenės centro valdybos pirmininkas dr. Vytautas Dargis.

Buvo vaišės. Vyriausia šeimininkė buvo Sabina Klatt. Jaunos mergaitės nešė ir nešė visokiausių valgių. Pradėjus gerti kavą, iškilmių vadovas Algirdas Brazis pristatė solenizantės šeimą: sūnų Povilą su žmona Margarita, anuką Povilą su žmona Kristina, anukę Mariją, anuką Robertą. Jie visi sveikino savo Mamytę ir dėkojo jai už parodytą rūpestį jiems augant.

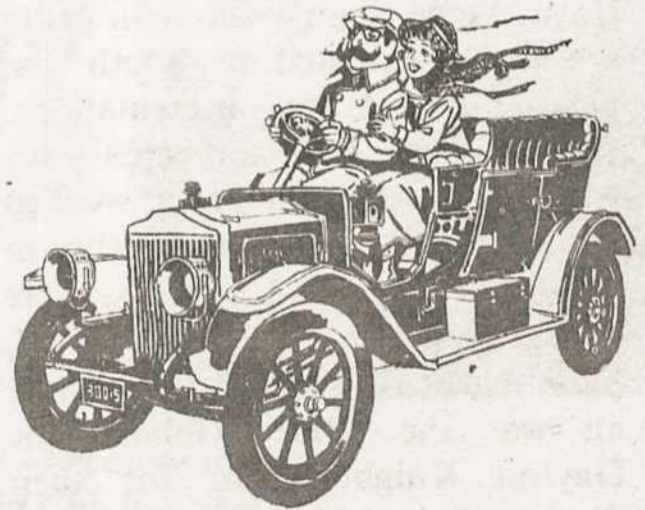
Kalbą pasakė ir pati solenizantė. Būdama dar vaikas mokiusi kitus tokius pat vaikus skaityti ir rašyti Lietuvoje. Vargingi laikai tada buvę, neturėję nė vadovėlių. Mokiusi taip, kaip ją pačią buvo mokiusi jos mama. Mokytojos darbas iš mažens buvęs jai prie širdies, todėl ir jau suaugusi buvusi mokytoja. Prisižiūrėjusi Lietuvos kaime kaip verpia, kaip audžia, kaip spragilais kūlia javus. Viskas buvę įdomu, ir ji pamylusi Lietuvą.

„Rodos ir dabar matau tuos

gražius miškelius. Nebijojai atsisėsti, žolelė tokia švelni. Kokia brangi esi man Lietuva! 1940-tais metais, kai komunistai įsibrovė, palikau tą brangų kraštą grįžau atgal į Ameriką. Tuojau įsijungiau į Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos veiklą. Per ją mes skelbėme pasauliui, kad komunizmas yra žiaurus, kad jis pavergė Lietuvą. Norėjome, kad laisvosios tautos mums padėtų. Šiandieną yra man skaudu, kad tą brangią lietuvių instituciją Amerikoje nori sunaikinti, nori paniekinti, ir tie patys broliai lietuviai. Įsijungiau į R. Lietuvių Bendruomenę, kadangi ji dar gerbia Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybą. Iš visos širdies noriu, kad lietuviai būtų vieningi, kaip mes kad buvome vieningi anais 1940-tais metais. Tik vieningi būdami stiprūs tebūsime. Dėkoju visiems už atsilankymą ir dovanas. Nors yra jos brangios man labai, atiduosiu Tautos Fondui, ALT'ai ir VLIK'ui. Ir savo palikimą tikrai paskirsiu toms institucijoms. Dėkoju ir savo sūnui Povilui už šių iškilmių finansavimą”.

Buvo jau septinta valanda vakaro, kai baigėsi vaišės ir kalbos, kai pasigirdo Duncjaus valso melodija. Sūnus vedė savo Mamytę šokti, bet ji tik priglaudė galvą prie jo krūtinės, o fotografė G. Janulienė įamžino juos ten nuotraukoje.

E. Pakalniškienė



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

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This year as in the past few years the Good Lord blessed the Knights MCD Convention and Bowling Tournament with beautiful weather. The convention was held in Dayton on May 18-20. The gathering was large and successful with members attending from Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, DuBois, Pittsburgh, Saginaw and Southfield.

On Friday a nice group gathered at the Holiday Inn Hospitality Room for registration and socializing.

On Saturday morning in the Holy Cross Church Hall, Tom Bruzga (C-86), MCD President, opened the convention meeting. Many important issues were discussed. Preference for discussion was given to the National Convention in Chicago in August, hosted by C-36. Also high on the agenda was the issuance of the Darius-Girėnas commemorative stamp. To date approximately 4,000 SIGNATURES WERE SENT TO THE Stamp Committee. Our goal is at least 15,000 signatures.

Saturday afternoon at the Marion Lanes, 18 lanes were reserved for the bowling tournament. The greatest honor went to C-79 of Southfield for their superb bowling enabling them to take home the trophy.

The Knights and their friends spent Saturday evening at the 11th Annual International Festival at Hara Arena. Thirty-six nationality groups participated in booth displays and dance presentations. Dayton's C-96 was handicapped in a way since half of the group worked at the festival. Their booths of amber jewelry, arts and crafts were impressive. The Lithuanian food, plus kugelis, was delicious. Best of all was the "Blue Ribbon" the Dayton Knights won for their display of the Lithuanian Wedding. Congratulations!

On stage in the arena, the



Tom Bruzga



J. Kolinski and C. Patocki; C-79 enjoying Lithuanian Brunch

Lithuanian Dancers, under the direction of Greg Blum, put on an impressive show consisting of four



Evelyn Galinas (at microphone) made presentation of new Travelling Bowling Trophy in memory of her late husband, Clem Galinas. Receiving trophy - Mary Keller and winning team of Council 79.

dance numbers. Elinor Sluzas was the dance MC. Cecelia Yankus and Judy Petrokas accompanied the dancers on their accordions.

On Sunday morning the Knights and guests gathered at the Holy Cross Church. In procession, all proceeded into the church for Holy Mass. Pastor Fa. Vaclovas Katarskis was celebrant. Third Degrees were conferred on Albert Wallis of C-25 Cleveland and Joseph Mantz, Jr., C-96 Dayton.

After the Mass, everyone assembled in the hall of the Lithuanian Social Club where all feasted on good Lithuanian cooking.

To give the lagging MCD treasury a boost, a 50/50 raffle was inaugurated during the past year. The sum of \$500 was raised as a result. The winning ticket was sold by Bertha Kuzma of C-19 Pittsburgh.

The next Convention and Bowling Tournament will be held in Cleveland with C-25 as host council.

Vince Grazulis

C-19 — PITTSBURGH

Several hundred pilgrims from the Dioceses of Greensburg and Pittsburgh gathered at St. John the Evangelist Church in Latrobe on May 28 in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Death of St. Casimir.

The Solemn Mass was celebrated with His Excellency, Bishop Connare of Greensburg and Polish priests of his diocese. The devotions to Our Lady and St. Casimir were dedicated to the suffering yet valiant people of Lithuania and Poland.

The following members of Council 19, Sr. M. Francesca, Sr. M. Alverna, Marge Turner, Mary Vaglia, Andy Rozger, Mary and Vince Tamy, participated in the procession, bearing portraits of Our Lady of the Gates of Dawn in Vilnius and St. Casimir, as well as his relics. They offered the hymn, "Marija, Marija", during the service. Most of the C-19 participants wore their colorful Lithuanian costumes. The Rev. Francis Plantes, pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Lithuanian RC Church of Homestead, delivered the homily.

Refreshments were provided for the participants. There was a display of artifacts, as well as the opportunity to purchase religious articles, such as portraits and pamphlets of the honored Saint.

It was an unusual display of solidarity. The participants of Lithuanian and Polish descent joined in declaring their devotion to St. Casimir and sought his intercession for their brothers and sisters in their homeland.

The following Council 19 members had the pleasure of attending the Mid-West Bowling Tournament and District Meeting at Dayton on May 18, 19, and 20: Margaret Papeaka, Andy Rozger, Sister Francesca, Sister Alverna, Julia Aleshunas, Mary DiMarco, Alice Lewellen, Bertha Kuzma, Marge Turner, Mary and Vince Tamy. We were again fortunate to travel happily together in a van driven by Andy Rozger.

The District Meeting, chaired by Tom Bruzga, covered many insistent but important problems. After the meeting, we enjoyed a most satisfy-

ing lunch. We were well represented in the bowling tournament that afternoon by Andy Rozber, Bertha Kuzma, Margaret Papeaka, Mary DiMarco and Vince Tamy. That same evening, we were entertained at the colorful International Festival located in the Hara Arena.

On Sunday, we attended Mass at the Holy Cross Parish, a charming church with an elegant Lithuanian motif unmatched anywhere.

The weekend was topped off by the bowling banquet with a pleasing choice of luscious foods from the saldas, the virtiniai, etc., to the wonderful variety of pies for dessert. The winning ticket at the 50-50 raffle after the banquet was sold by C-19 member Bertha Kuzma.

A sincere thanks to all the friendly and hospitable Dayton K of L members for their kindness and patience. C-19 members had a most enjoyable weekend!

Our world-wide traveler, Andy Rozger, will again be globe trotting this summer to far-away places: Singapore, Peking, Nepal, Bombay, India, and many other exotic countries. Good Luck and God Speed Andy!

Mary H. Tamy

C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

It takes a superstar bowling team like Council 79 to win first place and return home with the Travelling Trophy received at the MCD Bowling Tournament and District Convention on the weekend of May 18-20. The top team consisted of Donald & Barbara Chick, Carol Marzolf, Richard Danielak and Mary Keller. Congratulations to all. Theresa Marzolf, who bowled with the Juniors, won a Hi-series Award.

The convention headquarters was the Holiday Inn in Dayton. Delegates and friends from Cleveland, DuBois, Pittsburgh, Southfield, Detroit and Dayton participated. C-79 delegates were Marie Kase, Magdalena Smailis, Sophie Zager, George Kase and Frank Zager.

Mid-Central District President Thomas Bruzga held a fine meeting with a few new ideas for the coming year. One of the main topics discussed was the promotion of the Darius-Girėnas commemorative postage stamp. Members were urged to write individually to the Postmaster General, the Stamp Committee, their Senators and Congressmen



Council 79 - MCD Bowling tournament - receives top prize award. Standing from left - Donald Chick, Carol Marzolf Richard Danielak, Mary Chick, all in a family. Tom Bruzga

asking their endorsement. Public Relations Vince Grey urged us to continue a flood of letters to the Stamp Committee.

Following the meeting, most of the delegates, non-bowlers, headed toward the International Festival at the Hara Center where approximately 30 countries participated with various ethnic dancing, good food and lovely exhibits.

A Lithuanian Wedding Exhibit was among the featured attractions. The display consisted of the entire bridal group in authentic Lithuanian dress, as well as an eloquent table of food and other items. It was conferred "Superior", a first prize award. Elinor Sluzas, National Second Vice President, made all this possible. We also enjoyed the many crafts by Sally Miller and Ada Sinkwitz.

The MCD Convention ended in high spirits with a delightful bowling dinner and awards at the Holy Cross Social Hall. Ačiū to C-96 hosts of Dayton.

"A Luncheon Is Served", followed by a card party was hosted by C-79 on May 7. Bertha Janus who is a veritable "spark plug" in our council, chaired the activity which proved to be very successful. There were many lovely prizes which included crocheted tissue boxes by Margé Nashlon. Thanks to the members who helped to make it a success.

Three members celebrated memorable birth dates. Joe Salinas reached his 90th birthday last month. Elizabeth Tamasaukas observed her 90th on May 20. Patricia Bandza celebrated her 90th on March 8. Congratulations to the threesome and Laimingū Metų.

Memorial weekend, Mary Vinciusas who makes her home in Blue Springs, Mo., visited her nieces, Estelle Gogalis and Sophie Zager. She continues to be a member of C-79 and enjoys seeing friends at Divine Providence.

A Memorial Tribute followed

Mass at the Lithuanian Wayside Cross at Divine Providence. A wreath was laid and prayers offered for all the deceased by Fr. V. Krisciunevicius, pastor of Divine Providence, and visiting clergy, Fr. J. Walter Stanievich. Joe Usoris carried the flag. Afterwards, everyone assembled for a nice brunch at the Cultural Center.

Condolences to Helen Patecki and her family upon the death of her dear brother, Clem Snipas, who died on Good Friday. Ironically, his father also died on Good Friday. Clem, who was a member of C-110 Maspeth, worked with St. Vincent de Paul Society and other worthy organizations.

Through the efforts of Richard Danielak, nine new members were enrolled in Council 79 in '84. We are getting a representation of younger members and hope to witness a more active council by our newcomers.

The Seventy-niners are busy with preparations for "A Cheer Raffle" to be held in conjunction with the annual Parish Bazaar. All organizations participate in this one profit-making event.

Get well wishes to Ed Santorum, husband of Helen Tucker, who has been on the sick list for a while. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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C-96 — DAYTON

It is hard to believe that a year has passed, and the time has come for the annual Mid-Central District Convention and Bowling Tournament. Council 96 was happy to host the event this year. General Chairman was Joe P. Mantz, Council President, and Co-chairman was John A. Berczelly. In charge of registration and hotel was Sue SMiley. Eloise Berczelly coordinated the Friday evening activities at the hotel. A buffet was served. On Saturday, Aldona Ryan, Vytis Editor, was chairman of the breakfast and lunch. The meeting



Congrats to '84 graduate
Marilyn Lastoskie



Congrats to '84 graduate
Irena Gecas

was well attended by delegates from all councils in our District.

Twenty-one regular teams and four Junior teams participated in the tournament. The winning team was Council 79 of Southfield. Mary Keller, captain of the team, was happy to accept the travelling trophy donated by Mrs. Evelyn Gallenas of

Council 79 in memory of her late husband.

There was standing room only at the Mass on Sunday morning. Congratulations to Joe P. Mantz and Al Wallis who received their Third Degrees. Al is a former member of Council 96 and is now with Council 25 of Cleveland. Prayers in church before Mass were lead by Stefanija Rastikis. After Mass, she led the Knights in the Litany to St. Casimir.

The offertory procession dedicated to St. Casimir included Margaret Papeaka, President of C-19, Pittsburgh, who carried a picture of St. Casimir; Nellie Arunski of C-25 Cleveland, carried the crown of St. Casimir. Maryanne Guerriero, Vice President C-102 Detroit, and Aldona Ryan, Vytis Editor, carried the cruets. The lily was carried by Wendy Bruzga of DuBois Juniors C-86. Joe P. Mantz carried the Host in the tray. Other participants were Cecilia Wagner, President C-139, Detroit, and District President Tom Bruzga of C-86 DuBois who carried the Chalice, escorted by Magdalena Samilis, President C-79 Southfield.

After Mass, the delegation assembled for the Bowling Banquet, catered by Elaine Pacovsky at the Lithuanian Club, where the prizes and the trophy were awarded. Congratulations to Karolyn Ambrose of C-96 on winning the high actual single score of 246! She also won a prize for high 3-game actual and high 3-game with handicap. Low series with handicap went to John Berczely. In the Junior competition the high series with handicap went to Jay Grant. Congratulations!

The turnout from every council in the District was excellent. Our thanks to all for coming.

Every year for the past 11 years an event takes place in Dayton that attracts crowds of over 40,000 people. It is the World A'Fair or International Festival with 36



C-96 Picnic turned out to be a wonderful day at the home of Cecelia Yankus - good food - good friends

nations participating this year at the Hara Arena for three days. Each nation is required to devote one booth to a cultural display and awards are given to the best displays.

We Lithuanians were proud to extend congratulations to the Holy Cross Lithuanian Cultural Committee on winning first place with a superior rating, the top prize, with no money involved but a beautiful blue ribbon to show off. The scene was a Lithuanian wedding in the bride's home and attracted much interest from the public. Elinor Sluzas spent much time in research and her efforts paid off.

Sally Miller manned Council 96's Christmas straw ornament booth.

Ada Sinkwitz was in charge of Council 96's egg decorating booth. Our "Viejelia" dancers directed by Greg Blum did an outstanding job as usual in their presentation of Lithuanian dances on the formal and informal stages of the arena.

A bit of news from Stan Vaitkus — He and his wife Helen took a "second honeymoon" trip to New Orleans and Natchez where they toured some antebellum homes. They previewed the 1984 World's Fair, did the French Quarters, visited the Super Dome and took a ride on the Mississippi River. They enjoyed the trip thoroughly.

Cecelia Yankus



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Since our last report we held board meetings on March 30 and May 4 at Our Lady of Vilna Church. Plans for the Paterson Convention and the seminar at Easton were finalized.

So far our district gave more than \$1000 to the refurbishing of Lady Liberty Fund.

We are really proud of our National Public Relations Chairperson, Mary Ann "Maryte" Lepera. Not only does she swamp yours truly with an assortment of news items from Rome and elsewhere, but she also attended the last two MAD Board meetings. How would you like to travel from Philadelphia to Manhattan after a hard day at work on a Friday night? We are proud of you, Maryte!



C-133 Los Angeles members gathered on March 4 to honor St. Casimir. Pictured are those who secured the most signatures for the Darius-Girenas Commemorative Postage Stamp petitions. Bernice Skirius in Lithuanian Costume, secretary; Mary Kiskis; standing beside her. Seated: Robert Novak, who prepared forms; Edward Bartkus and President Helen Bartkus; missing from photo Ann Laurinaitis

The following is a report from Maryte about the seminar. The annual seminar of the Mid-Atlantic District was held on May 19 in

Easton at St. Michael's Church. The host was Council 63. President Adolfas Klova greeted all the arrivals. MAD President Larry



Knights of the Mid-Atlantic District worshipped in St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, prior to the meeting on March 11.

Janonis greeted all and explained the seminar program and introduced the moderators.

"Roots" was the first panel . . . National President Loretta Stukas explained the history of the Knights with a present membership of approximately 4000. She talked about the officers and committees on the council, district and national levels.

The Ritual Panel was presided over by Jovita Sleder and Rita

Sussko. This committee under the point system awards the four degrees of the Knights to qualifying members.

After a most delicious lunch, Mary Ann Lepera, National PR Chairman and MAD Cultural Chairman, with Council 3 member Thomas Lepera discussed the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. This committee monitors what is said, written or shown about Lithuania. All members are asked to clip out

news items and mail them to the Supreme Council Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Dr. Jack Stukas.

The last panel, "Unzip Your Lips", was moderated by HM Elena Saulyte and President Janonis. This panel showed how to encourage members to speak up in order to make our meetings more interesting and successful. At the end, Elena picked some names at random from the registration list and asked for their opinions in this matter.



HM Helen Shields and MAD President Larry Janonis moderate the "Speak Up" Panel at the MAD seminar at St. Michael's Church in Easton, PA



National President Loretta Stukas addresses MAD delegates with Larry Janonis presiding



Irene Eitman, Jarëtte Vadeika and Helen Trucilauskas prepare to serve delegates

At 4:30 p.m. a most enjoyable and profitable seminar ended. We thanked our hosts and went home happy with a feeling of having done our job well. Eight councils were represented at the seminar.

Our big news is the convention in Paterson. In honor of our Patron Saint this year of 1984, we hold all of our three conventions in St. Casimir parishes.

We were very much impressed by the original beauty of the church, especially the beautiful stained glass window above the main altar.



Mary Kemesis and Ed Vadeika presented offerings at Mass with Rosa Eitmanas and Birute Vasilauskiene in Lithuanian dress



MAD delegates and guests assembled in St. Casimir's Church Hall

Father Jacob and Father Casimir Pugevičius concellebrated and in his sermon Fr. Jacob wished us a fruitful convention.

We must say that Paterson can boast of a beautiful hall. Fr. Jacob in his welcome statement told us that the council has been waiting long for our visit and working hard to make us feel at home. A special St. Casimir portrait was created and hung in a place of honor. The walls of the hall were decorated with portraits of heroes from Lithuania's history, which added an air of distinction.

The program started with Angela Sankaitis' recitation of a poem. Supreme Council President Loretta Stukas told us about the participation of the Knights at the ceremonies in Rome. She also asked us to search for volunteers for helping to publish Vytis. Those with writing and publication talents, please call Loretta.

Membership Secretary Adele Dauzickas spoke about our current membership drive and urged all to get at least five new members by October when our convention will be in Philadelphia.

The MAD delegates to the National Convention will be Mary Ann Lepera and Joseph Boley.

Mary Ann Lepera after reciting one of her own poems spoke about a program for the next MAD convention and requested volunteers.

HM Joe Boley called attention to the recent death of the native Swiss Juozas Eretas who adopted Lithuania as his own and aided her during her time of need. He ended with a quotation from the writings of Eretas, "Tiktai per kalbą galim išlikti lietuviais."

MAD is generous! This time, we opened our purses for donations to convention program book \$75, Catholic League \$25, Supreme Council Scholarship \$50 and publication of the Lithuanian Catholic Church Chronicle \$100.

Bernice Aviza, our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, reported on her work in the publication field of Lithuania's cause and her progress with the Bulletin of Lithuanian Affairs. Do send in a contribution toward her work. It is a great cause.

A highlight of the convention was Mary Ann Lepera's beautiful slides of the events in Rome. There was much joy expressed as we saw ourselves or our friends on the screen.

In the council reports we all told what we did for the year of St. Casimir. Albert Launikonis of Hazleton Council was most original. They raised a Lithuanian flag on a coal miner's monument.

After a most delicious meal, we all had fun in a huge lottery. Even though I did not win the Cabbage Patch Doll (Good for you Elsie Kosmisky), I must admit it was a beautiful convention. Thanks much Paterson.

Dalia Bulvicius

C-3 — PHILADELPHIA

Dolores Herbert was the chairman of C-3's display at the Folk Fair at the Philadelphia Civic Center on April 28 and 29. The display booth was built by Bill Miller and Joe Drumstas and decorated by Dianne Drumstas. We thank Juel Ushka for letting us use her Lithuanian collection in the display. Along with those already mentioned, we thank the following members who volunteered their time to man the booth, namely, Walt Mameniskis, Vic Stepalovitch, Mary Ann Lepera, Ed & Ann Binkis and Ann & Tom Danicarte.

Victor Stepalovitch arranged for C-3's participation in a Lithuanian Mass on Sunday, May 6, at St. George's Church for the intention of furthering the beatification cause for The Venerable Archbishop George Matulaitis. Rev. J. Anderlonis, pastor of St. George's and a member of C-3, officiated at the Mass which was attended by approximately 15 of

our members. Our thanks to Father for his part and to Vic who also arranged to have on hand some coffee and cake for those in attendance.

Joe & Dianne Drumstas and Juel & Al Ushka attended the second anniversary celebration of C-63 in Allentown on May 6. They had a most enjoyable time.

Our heartiest congratulations to our newest member of the Third Degree — Juel Ushka. She is truly deserving of this honor, and we know she will continue to be a credit to our council and the entire Knights of Lithuania organization.

We congratulate two more deserving members — Alice Bacon and Mary O'Malley — who received their Second Degree. We are very fortunate to have these two fine ladies in our council.

On a sadder note, our sincere sympathy to Michael Krivins who recently lost his dad. May his soul rest in peace.

Joe Marro has become most active in our Lithuanian Affairs letter-writing campaign. We are most appreciative of his efforts and urge everyone to follow his good example in furthering the cause of Lithuania.

Frank Downey spent some time in the hospital recently. We do hope he is feeling better and pray that he will enjoy good health.

Some of our members plan to attend the National Convention in Chicago. We know they will have a fabulous time. We wish C-36 a most successful convention.

C-3 will host the Mid-Atlantic District Convention in October. Joe Drumstas and Walt Mameniskis will be spearheading the necessary arrangements. We are all looking forward to a pleasant day renewing acquaintances and friendships with all the K of L'ers from our district.

C-12 — MANHATTAN

Our April meeting was most



Šv. Kazimiero šventėje, Philadelphijoje, pamaldy metu lekcijas skaito Marytė Lapera, vyčių atstovė

Nuotrauka A. Bagdonavičiutes



Po pamaldy vaišėse Kard. Krol kalbasi su lietuviais veikėjais. Iš kairės: Baraitė, Kazys Razgaitis, Kard. Krol, Alg. Gečys ir Senatorius Joe Rocks.

Nuotr. A. Bagdanavičiutes

exciting. Our talented Jovita Sleder gave a demonstration on „Margučių Marginimą”. We all tried our hand at it, and you should have seen all the colored hands.

Easter Sunday, many C-12 members were rolling eggs like a

bunch of happy children in our church hall.

John Antanavicus gave a report of our Knights in Rome while John Tamasauskas played a tape of Our Holy Father speaking in Lithuanian. John Antanavicius brought

souvenirs. for some lucky ones. Thank you both for a most moving report.

We have a most generous council. We gave \$200 for the Lithuanian Underground Chronicle publication and \$50 for the Catholic League. So far we have contributed \$600 toward our Lady Liberty's facelift.

Our May meeting was most happy because we welcomed four new members — Nancy Belskis, Helen Novack, Julie Burke, Helen Cervino. Welcome, girls, you joined a great council!

We will celebrate our 70th birthday on October 28 with a dinner-dance. Please come and help us celebrate.

On June 3, seventeen of us participated at the convention in Paterson. It was the first visit of yours truly at this lovely parish of Šv.Kazimieras with its "nuoširdžia Lietuviška šiluma". Our council across the bridge thanks all the Council 63 members for a wonderful and fruitful convention. A special thanks Tėvui Kun. Jokūbui for his great effort to greet us in Lithuanian Ačiū labai mielas tėveli!

On June 10 we held our monthly council meeting. A Baisiojo Birželio Commemoration was featured. There were prayers, poems, speeches and songs. All participated. Our theme was the 25th anniversary since the Siberian Lithuanian prayerbook was smuggled out of Russia. It was written, bound and embroidered by four Lithuanian girls exiled in Siberia.

Rev. Vytautas Palubinskas read the Pentecost prayer from this prayerbook. Our artist in residence recited Jūratė ir Kastytis by Maironis and our favorite pianist Aldona Kepalaitė played a selection by Čiurlionis. We are lucky to have these two as new members. Welcome from us all.

Ed Cook spoke about his experiences as an orphan trying to escape the terror of the Red Army.



Jovita Sleder showing her decorated margučiai at Our Lady of Vilna Parish in New York

You could have heard a pin drop during the whole program. All joined in singing Lesikit į Tėvynę, Father Palubinskas closed the commemoration with a prayer to St. Casimir from the Siberian prayerbook.

Our Liberty Lady, Mary York, presented \$1400 to a representative of Lee Iaccoca, chairman of the restoration of the Statue of Liberty Fund. The representative, Denver Fredricks, thanked the Mid-Atlantic District for its generosity and answered numerous questions.

We ended our meeting with a beautiful prayer to St. Casimir written by our Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor Fr. Anthony Jurgelaitis.

Dalia Bulvicius

C-29 — NEWARK

Palm Sunday 1984 was a day of which our council members can take great pride. We held our Annual Cake Sale on that day. With the help of Chairlady Mary Honeyman and a very loyal and hard-working committee, we made a profit of \$1200, all of which was donated to our parish.

It's days like this one that make us realize what beautiful people make up the K of L. Once again, "Thanks a Million", Mary and all the wonderful people that helped make this affair a big success.

At our April meeting, Ann Klima, one of our members, presented us with a beautiful picture of St. Casimir which she purchased in Rome. She very thoughtfully had it framed for us. We will honor our Patron Saint by displaying it at all of our future meetings. Also, Emilia Sadonis, our Cultural Chairlady, gave a talk and demonstration on the ancient art of Easter egg coloring, using onion skins for the coloring and etching designs with a sharp instrument instead of the waxing and painting method. Thank you, Emilia, for a very interesting presentation.

Congratulations to Ann and Clem Begdonevicius on the marriage of their daughter Patricia to James Gleason. We wish the young couple a happy and healthy married life.

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Joseph Chapulis whose brother Algirdas passed away in Lithuania, to Elena Sudzinskas whose brother Jonas passed away in Canada, to the family of our departed member Edvardas Mazionas, to Walter Sharon on the loss of his brother Anthony and to Richard Lallasher whose mother Nellie passed away. May God have mercy on their souls and may they all rest in peace!

Eva Coll

C-46 — FOREST CITY

Council 46 will participate in Homecoming Week on August 2, 3, and 4. Members are donating arts, crafts and baked goodies for a stand during the celebration. Chances on a variety of prizes will be sold. This will be a profitable fund-raiser for the council.

One of the highlights will be the parade on August 4. Last year the

council was awarded a trophy, first prize, for the best dressed ethnic group.

We deeply regret losing an active member, Helen Mudrick who died on April 25. She is sadly missed by all members.

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C-63—Lehigh Valley

Lehigh Valley Council celebrated their second anniversary with a "Rūta Ball" on May 6. Anthony and Mary Sockel were named King and Queen of the event. It was held under the domed ceiling of St. Thomas More Parish Center in Allentown. It was attended by about 170 Knights and guests and was a benefit for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid and Lithuanian Children's Camp.

The program began with a noon Mass at St. Thomas More Church. The Rev. Msgr. John Murphy presided. Bishop Thomas Welsh of the Allentown Diocese was homilist. The Frackville Junior Knights presented the offertory gifts at the altar.

Dinner and entertainment followed Mass for members and friends of Council 63 as well as Knights from PHILADELPHIA AND Anthracite Councils.

Rev. Msgr. Murphy gave the invocation. Bishop Welsh gave a short but inspiring talk.

Elsie Kosmisky, first National Vice President, spoke briefly on the pilgrimage to Rome marking the 500th Anniversary of the Death of St. Casimir.

Adolph "Ed" Klova, council president, made the surprise announcement naming the Sockels King and Queen of the ball. The Sockels sold 62 tickets and obtained 32 program ads.

The Frackville Junior Knights, a folk song and dance group under the direction of Sister Angela, entertained. Eddie Zelonis and Donna

Howanec did exhibition polka dancing.

Music for dancing was provided by Johnny Dee and his polka and waltz orchestra.

Mary Sockel and her committee handled the arrangements for Mass, dinner, program booklet and decorations. Ed Klova did an outstanding job in coordinating the Rūta Ball program.

Bob Klova was in charge of refreshments and prizes. A Lithuanian cheese, bottle of boilo, liquor and Lithuanian doll were included in the raffle.

celebration was a huge success as well as another star in the crown of Council 63.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, COUNCIL 74 IN RETROSPECT

An enterprising group of the Knights of Lithuania, Council 74, in Scranton, Pennsylvania, have the people of the coal regions sitting up and taking notice. Their activities

are many and non-exclusive, for they accept a challenge wherever and whenever possible. During this time of the Year of St. Casimir, — their special patron, — it seems fitting to review their dedicated efforts "Dėl Dievo ir Tėvynės."

Invited to participate in *An Ethnic Christmas Experience* at the Everhart Museum in Scranton each Advent, the Knights trim a tree with Lithuanian ornaments made of white drinking straw, host a Lithuanian Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long, and present a program for the public. Some of the people actually record the Carols to hear them at home during the Christmas holidays.

Their Christmas love-feast, Kūčios, is open to all who are interested in ethnic customs. Their annual flag-raising ceremony on February 16th commemorating Lithuania's Day of Independence, reveals to the people of Scranton a deep love for the land of their ancestors and a fervent hope for eventual freedom from Soviet enslavement.



Marie Laske, president C-74 Scranton, and Amy Benson, C-74 member, greeted Bishop Timlin of the Scranton Diocese at the Scranton Catholic Women's Club Communion Breakfast.

During a "Global Awareness Program" at Marywood College in Scranton where several ethnic groups participated, Lithuanian folksongs and folkdances were featured, and Lithuanian food samples were served to the people. Then, each year in March, St. Casimir's Feast is commemorated with a Liturgical Celebration and a Communion Breakfast.

Through the efforts of Rev. Clement Kasinskas, Passionist, formerly stationed at St. Ann's Monastery in Scranton, a Lithuanian Day of Prayer was included in the annual Novena Services to St. Ann, in which Council 74 participated. Now that Father Clement is transferred to West Hartford it is hoped that the Knights of Lithuania will continue the Lithuanian Day during the Novena in July.

A Family Rosary Service on the first Sunday of each month is hosted by different organizations at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. Through the initiative and leadership of Casimir Yanish, Vice President of Council 74, October has been chosen as an appropriate month for the Knights to host the Family Rosary. October is the month of the most holy rosary and also the month of the birth of St. Casimir, patron of Lithuania and of the Knights.

To emphasize the world-wide character of the rosary devotion an ethnic family rosary also takes place at the Cathedral in May. When the Hail Mary's are intoned in different languages, Marie Laske, president of Council 74, prays the Hail Mary's in Lithuanian loud and clear as the congregation completes them in English.

Last, but not least, when the Knights heard that a "Lithuanian Day" is celebrated at St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home in February, a



A group of Knights from C-74 entertaining at St. Mary's Villa in Elmhurst, PA

group gladly offered to add their presence to the occasion with song and dance, and to bring their homemade Lithuanian "ausukys" for dessert along with other tasty morsels for the aged. They hope to make it an annual celebration.

The Knights of Lithuania and Lithuania-Americans from Pennsylvania, participating in the Pilgrimage to Rome for the celebration of St. Casimir's 500th anniversary, heard Pope John Paul II urge them to *preserve with care* their many religious and cultural traditions, to remain faithful to their ethnic heritage, and to be *rightfully proud of it*.

Margaret Laibinas summed it all up at this year's flag-raising ceremony when she threw her arms around Sister Virginia and exclaimed "O Sister, I'm so proud to be Lithuanian!"

As some of the Knights and Ladies have expressed, all we need is a *Lithuanian Cultural Center* from which to spread our Lithuanian

treasures of poetry, song, folkdances and art and to inform the people of our colorful history and teach our musical language. With a little help and planning, this, too, can become a reality.

Sister Virginia Vytell, CJC

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

On March 5, the day after the big festivities commemorating St. Casimir's 500th Jubilee, our council members had their monthly meeting.

Rev. Anthony Grigaitis said the opening prayers, and we sang the Vyčiu Himnas. We then proceeded with our special program on St. Casimir which Tony Radzevich, our president, received from Rev. Jurgelaitis. Father Baltch said the prayers, and then all members sang "Šventas Kazimieras".

Attending their first meeting were Irene and Harold Tice, our new members, who were welcomed with a loud round of applause. Congratulations were extended to Evelyn Rimkunas for her excellent performance as general

chairman of our St. Casimir's glorification committee. Other members involved were Geery Drenzek, church decorations; Polly Ziausys, processional and offertory arrangements; Willard Kenzell, Anthony Radzevich, Joseph Shatas, Gene Gobis, public relations; Sophie Olbie, Josephine Redding, Ann Radzevich, Annacetta Guzielek, Helen Hugo and many others. Father Baltch thanked everyone who participated in making the occasion a tremendous success.

Father remarked on the article which appeared in the Recorder of March 6 about the Polish bishops praying for Lithuania. He brought in a book on St. Casimir by Simas Sužiedėlis.

A letter from Congressman Samuel S. Stratton was read regarding his comments on the House Floor on Lithuanian Independence Day. Refreshments were served by Eleanor Olechowski, Frances Wolan, Beatrice Jasewicz and Regina Kot.

April 9 many of our members attended Mass before our regular business session. President Radzevich presided, and Father Baltch said the opening prayers with special prayers to St. Casimir.

Ed and Adeline Raila, parents of recently ordained Father Donald Raila, were welcomed into membership. They are aunt and uncle of our first scholarship recipient Dan Kabasin. Father Baltch told us that Lietuva Hotel after 12 years in Construction was finally completed. He spoke about the celebration of St. Casimir's anniversary in Rome and told us that Pope John Paul II was the greatest friend that Lithuanians ever had in Rome. He noted that Bishop Hubbard had received correspondence from the American Lithuanian Federation in Chicago regarding the Albany Diocesan celebration of St. Casimir's Jubilee. President Radzevich presented the bishop with a silver medallion of St. Casimir. Bishop Hubbard was



Albany Diocese Bishop Howard Hubbard with Father Robert K. Baltch



At St. Casimir's Social Center - Bishop Howard Hubbard is shown with Jr. K of L Treasurer, Richard Jasewicz

delighted with his gift and was very happy to see such a large attendance.

Steve Raila, our new member, taped the church services on video as well as the Lithuanian Day commemoration. With Gerry Drenzak's portable television and Steve's apparatus, we watched it all on TV. Many thanks; it was a new experience for many of us.

The refreshments committee outdid themselves with a table full of luscious food. Our committee included Edna Stokna, Jean Maldutis, Helen Radzevich, Polly Ziausys and Gerard Drenzek.

Ed & Genute Baranauskas and Bernice Aviza served on the committee of the Festival of Nations held in the Schenectady Museum on May 19.

At our May meeting \$51 was donated by our members for the renovation of the Statue of Liberty and was presented to Mary York by President Radzevich at the MAD Convention in Paterson. As national trustee, he also attended the Supreme Council meeting in Newark. Bernice Aviza also represented our council and participated on the MAD program.

On June 9, Father Baltch, our spiritual advisor, marked his 35th anniversary in the priesthood with a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving. The Rev. E. P. Glavin was homilist. Rev. Joseph Dworsk, Rev. Peter Jonaitis and Rev. Anthony Grigaitis concelebrated. Polly Ziausys and Eleanor Olechowski

were in the offertory procession. We are fortunate to have Father Baltch as our pastor since his ordination. We wish him many more years of good health and his continuation as our pastor.

Lithuanian Day was commemorated at the Shrine of the Martyrs in Auriesville on August 19. Father Baltch, his sister Aldona and her husband, Leonard & Regina Hartivigas attended the Dance Festival in Cleveland on July 1.

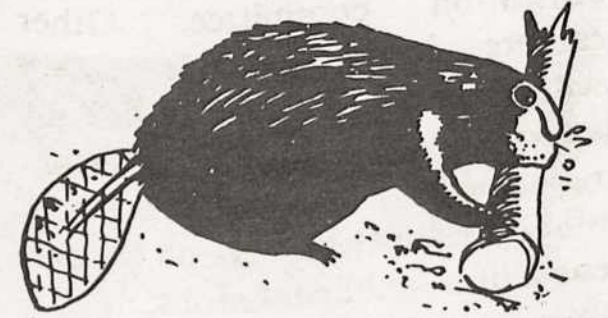
Father Baltch announced that the Rev. Paul Antanas Baltakis, Vicar for the Lithuanian Franciscan Vicariate in Kennebunkport, was appointed Titular Bishop of Egara, spiritual leader of all Lithuanian Catholics outside of Lithuania.

Our sympathies are extended to Jack & Mary Sweet in the recent loss of Mary's uncle, Nikodemas Svirskas. It was truly a shock to hear of Phil Carter's passing. We will miss him since he and his wife Aldona visited our council on a number of occasions.

Our annual outing will be held on September 9 at Don Holleran's

country home. Ed Bablin will chair the event with a committee of Walter Sargalis, Ed & Frances Wolan, Bill & Beatrice Jasewicza and John Rokit.

SMILE & SPARKLE



Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Kizis presented Offertory Gifts at MAD St. Casimir's celebration



Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church and Spiritual Advisor C-143, (seated extreme left) and other dignitaries who participated at the MAD St.

Casimir's Communion Breakfast on March 11 in St. Casimir's Church Hall in Pittston

C-144 — ANTHRACITE COUNCIL — CAMP AUSRA

Mushrooms sprouted early this season at Camp Ausra in Brandonville when 23 elementary school children enrolled in the Lithuanian Heritage Day Camp Program on June 18-22. The children were grouped in teams named for Lithuanian mushrooms: baravykai, kelmučiai, raudonikiai and umedės.

For the third consecutive year Sister Angela CJC of Annunciation BVM Parish in Frackville directed the camp's activities assisted by Dolores Bartashus, Rita Sehovkas and Marge Valinsky. The camp is sponsored by Anthracite Council to foster the enjoyment of Lithuanian customs. Language, crafts, sports, singing and dancing skills filled the agenda.

Joseph Yezulinas presented biographical profiles of Vytautas, King Mindaugas, Birute, St. Casimir and the presidents of Lithuania during the restoration of independence.

Although basic vocabulary, commands and greetings were taught in Lithuanian, the campers did learn to sing several hymns and songs including a campfire song, "Nusileido Saulžėlė", and a French, English and Lithuanian round of "Frere Jacques."

Each day the participants took home a folk art project. Annie Morgalis, Tessie Balulis and Anne Sikora helped each camper design a "margutis." Elsie Kosmisky demonstrated straw weaving, using paper straws to prepare wreaths. Jerome Sodaitis, a woodcarver, whittled a willow whistle, propellers and a magician's gizmo for the group. The students created their own



Rev. Matthew Jarasunas explained beekeeping to Camp Ausra participants. Sister Angela CJC directs the camp



Camp Ausra junior counselor Karen Domalakes enjoys manipulating a woodcraft puppet while instructor Clem Kosmisky explains how it is done

designs in soap sculptures. Clem Kosmisky followed up the woodcraft project with a sanding lesson. The campers finished a "meskiukas" that could slide up and down ropes.

Authentic Lithuanian flavor was provided by the Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, pastor of Our Lady of Siluva in Maizeville. Father Matthew was born in Lithuania and was educated there during the restoration of independence. He

motivated a lively question and answer session on European folklife. Topics included collecting Baltic amber, beekeeping, the harvest and special food preservation. He treated the students to sauerkraut he had made, cured in a barrel the old-fashioned way. Although the pungent flavor tickled tender taste buds, most of the campers found the sauerkraut a delicious complement to a hot dog.

Parents and friends were invited to the last camping session when the laužas bonfire was ceremoniously ignited. Before the crackling firelight, they watched "Swan the King's Wife," a folk tale dramatized in English translation and the appearance of "Aušroš Vartų Marija," the miraculous madonna of Vilnius, robed in glittering garments and wearing a double crown.

The roudonikai team members were awarded mementos for their sports day victories. Individual campers were cited with awards as follows: For safety, Joe Rush; for participation, Cathy Ann Vernosky; for friendship, Joel Bartashus; for cheerfulness, Amy Canfield; for dependability, Nicole Nedinsky; for junior counselor leadership, Janet Domalakes.

All campers were awarded with a Lithuanian motif T-shirt for their participation.

Rita Shevokas

C-146 — HARRISBURG

council was represented at the Governor's Office in Harrisburg to witness the signing of the Proclamation for Lithuanian Independence Day, February 16.

On March 14, a special Mass in Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day and St. Casimir's Day was observed at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg. Our dear Irish Spiritual Advisor, Father Joseph Smith, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Columbia, presented us with a cassette recording of St. Casimir's Hymn. He has acquired quite a liking for our Lithuanian cuisine. We are very thankful for his many courtesies.

March 11, we participated in the International Fair at the YWCA in York. It was a food extravaganza. We served potato kugel, cold borscht and Lithuanian pastries. We

were in competition with a neighboring group of Jewish women. They agreed our kugel was superior to theirs. I told them of Molly Goldberg's secret in preventing discoloration of the common potato. Only one Lithuanian approached our table.

We regret the sudden death of our member, Mrs. Veronica Kowalonek. Amžina atils! We will miss her delicious dried fruit compote.

Early welcome to our newest members, Clara and Joseph Gudolonis, formerly from New Jersey.

Nell Berulis and Joanna Gilbert were delegates to the MAD Convention in Paterson on June 3. George Gilbert accompanied them. Thanks to C-63 for their unexcelled hospitality.

Berulis

C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

Our May meeting, attended by 20 members, was preceded by May Devotions with a sermon on Mary in our lives as Lithuanians by Rev. Steponaitis. Father's May Altar was really beautiful. Future plans were discussed including our council's plans to participate in the Massachusetts observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Death of St. Casimir. Our Lithuanian Easter customs were read by Marge Sink and discussed.

The Athol girls treated us to an Easter Brunch. Lithuanian waxed eggs made by Brone Wisniauskas and Helen Simkunas were awarded to Fr. Steponaitis, Charles Genaitis, Nellie Melaika, Julia Meehan, Pauline Rogers, Cecelia Maher and Tina Shatas. Pauline Kavaliunas was a special guest at our meeting.

At the Athol High School International Nite, exhibiting for Lithuania were Mark and Andy Kuzmeskus, Anne LaRose, Scott Pralinsky and Paula Trucinskas.

We miss the following at our meetings: Dr. Henry Gailiunas,

Mary Gauronsky and the Kuzmeskuses. Please come around more often.

Lennie Davidonis retired from the Union Twist Drill Company of Athol after 42 years of employment with the firm. He was employed as a tool designer in the high speed steel division and later as product engineer in the carbide tool section. He made his first Social Security payments as a newspaper boy. Happy retirement, Lennie!

Our member of the month is Paula Kvedaras Shatas who was born in Irvingut returned to Lithuania at an early age. She grew up in Birzisz and was graduated from Birzisz High School. She returned to the states in 1937 on a trip with intentions to return. She met and married Stanley Shatas and settled in Irving, raised two sons and two daughters and is the grandmother of seven.

She is a retired school teacher, having taught Home Economics in the Irving school system. She also taught in the evening adult program and substituted in all subjects except French. Her husband passed away in 1975 and was a veteran of four years of service in the Navy.

Her hobbies are gardening and sewing. We wish Paula many years with our council that this year celebrates its 70th anniversary.

Vincukas

C-27 — NORWOOD

On April 9, our Fr. Bill who is an excellent violinist, along with being a talented vocalist, and Miss Ellen Rubin, a gifted harpist, performed a sacred concert in our church. The program was selected with care and done with real expertise. If you closed your eyes, you would believe St. Peter had assigned you your own cloud.

May 6, George Barton, Mary Ann Tamasanis, our treasurer, Aldona Jackson and Helen Dallalis, NED corresponding secretary, went as delegated to the NED Convention

in Lawrence. As usual, Fr. Janiunas and President Mary Ann Zuber with their committee did an excellent job. The most inspirational part of this convention was the visit to the grave of Mykolas Norkunas.

A bus load came from New Haven. When it came to the raffle, we heard the bus driver had to hire a U-Haul trailer to carry the prizes. Even if there was no U-Haul, New Haven had a ball going home with all the relaxants.

For the first time, C-27 had a cake sale which was a great success. Thanks, Agute from C-3, for the idea.

Paul Picard, one of our younger members, was graduated from Norwood High School on June 3. He has enrolled in Boston University. We all wish him great success.

On June 9, we headed for Bristol, RI, to Victoras Jurgis and Petronele Mathieu's commemoration of the "Terrible Days of June". It started with Mass at St. Mary's in Bristol with supper at the Mathieus.

Our council also commemorated the "Terrible Days of June" on June 10. We were privileged to hear Dr. Juozas Krauciunas of Putnam. Years have gone by since these atrocities happened, but the scars of their damage are implanted forever.

On June 30, some of us were privileged to attend the Silver Jubilee of our dear Sister Helen Ivanauskas, sister of Veronica and sister-in-law of Dr. Peter Bizanauskas (C-1), former NED president. We are very proud and happy to be dear friends of this deeply devoted nun of the Dear Lord's world.

Another happy affair took place at St. Casimir's Parish in Providence C-103. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated for the 40th anniversary of two of the nicest people, Bea and Victor Matheiu of Bristol. Following the Mass, a beautiful reception was held at Marcella's in Swansea. *Linksmų, ilgiausių metų!*

I would also like to inject that Mrs. Stasiukas and I celebrated our 35th anniversary, June 18. This was when Council 26 lost a member to Council 27. Valio Council 27.

I would also like to thank the many Knights who took the time during my illness to visit me in the hospital and at home. I also appreciate the lovely flowers, fruit basket, spiritual bouquets and cards with all your prayers. *Ačiū širdingai!*

Iki kito sykio, laikykitės visi sveiki, Vyčiai!

Stasiukas

C-50 — NEW HAVEN

Palm Sunday Annual Parish Food Fair at St. Casimir's Church on April 14 and 15 was a big success as usual. Lithuanian dinners were served both days. Despite the rainfall, parishioners and friends clamored into the hall to soothe their appetites again.

Ann Meskins and Theresa Strimaitis headed the committee. John & Emily Aunce, Ann Rinkevicius, Helen Maculaitis, Mary Yesukevitch, Helen Case, Alex & Ann Gedrim, Tony & Ann Kordorsky and Helen Balchus helped the committee in the kitchen. Bernicė Barile, Ann Gedrim, Joan Augustine took their usual stand at the baked goods, cheese, horseradish, etc. Helen Case was wrapped up in her raffle. Everything went along smoothly to make it another perfect Palm Sunday event.

To honour our hard-working financial secretary, Alex Gedrim, we gathered at Captain Nick's Gourmet Restaurant in East Haven on April 24. We showed our appreciation and admiration for all his efforts to boost our council not only in membership but also in spirit.

bless you, Alex! Thank you Albert Gutauskas for being such a fine toastmaster. We were also happy that our pastor was able to attend. Father Karalis, recently hospitalized for surgery, is gradually coming

back to normal. Our president, Frank Peterson, is recuperating at home after hospitalization and was not present. Thanks to Ann Meskins for getting this happy occasion together. Sixty-one Knights attended.

Agnes Chestnut, Antoinette Lennig and Anna C. Yoga were installed in the First Degree on April 1. Nellie Erickson and Mary Meshako received the First Degree on April 29.

Members of Council 50 had the greatest admiration for Ed Tamulevich and offer their condolences to his wife. He will be remembered in our prayers.

On May 6, an extremely happy busload of 49 K. of L'ers rode to Lawrence for the New England District Convention held at St. Francis Church. We arrived just in time for the 10 o'clock Mass celebrated by Father Janiunas. We then went to the social quarters for breakfast and were graciously received by both Father Janiunas and President Mary Ann Zuber. After breakfast, we boarded our bus for a trip to the grave of Mykolas Norkunas, founder of the Knights of Lithuania, where each council recited a decade of the Holy Rosary and sang "Maria, Maria". Father Janiunas and Al Jaritis, NED President, made the ceremony very impressive. Especially, we hail Fr. Janiunas for his unceasing spiritual guidance throughout the day. We also enjoyed our guide who pointed out the special attractions along the route to the cemetery.

Returning to the church, we resumed our convention with the presentation of eleven Third Degrees and the business meeting. The climax was the dinner of chicken pot pie with all the trimmings which was prepared in their own kitchen. It was wonderful!

Anthony Radjuinas, one of our most beloved and dedicated members, died May 28. K of L'ers turned out for the wake service, and

many came to form an honor guard at the funeral Mass. Fr. Karalis was celebrant, Father Gradeck as concelebrant. Our sympathy goes out to his family of four girls and four boys. May his soul rest in peace.

On May 27 Father John Zalonis, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Branford, celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. We wish him many more years serving the Lord.

Fr. Karvelis, pastor of St. John Vianney Church in West Haven, attended our St. Casimir celebration. Having recently returned from the festivities for St. Casimir in Rome, he commented on his trip and showed some films.

St. Casimir's Church will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary. On October 6, Archbishop Whealon will celebrate the Vigil Mass, which will be followed by a banquet at the Ambassador Restaurant in Hamden. The Knights will hold a parish picnic on the grounds of the New Haven Racoon Bluc in Durham on September 16.

H. B.

C-78 — LAWRENCE

On March 11, Council 78 held a St. Casimir's 500th Anniversary Communion Breakfast. The highlight of the day was the unveiling of an oil painting of St. Casimir which was enshrined in St. Francis Church. The activities of the day began with a Lithuanian Mass. The celebrant was the Rev. Albin F. Jasiunas, spiritual director of Lawrence Council and New England District. As part of the ceremony, Rev. Albin blessed the painting and led the congregation in prayer to honor St. Casimir. Pulling aside the burgundy velvet drape which covered the painting, the first public viewing took place.

The artists of this work are two parishioners of St. Francis Church.



Oil painting of St. Casimir by Helena J. Zuber and Mary Ann Zuber in St. Francis Church in Lawrence

Helena J. Zuber and her daughter Mary Ann Zuber have a background of study in art from the Massachusetts College of Art and the Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston.

The painting is done in Renaissance style which is modeled on the works of the old masters such as Rembrandt. The picture of St. Casimir is fashioned after the work of Carlo Dolce's "Sanctus Casimirus" which is now on display at the Galleria Pitti, Florence, Italy.

The day took on a very festive mood as members in native Lithuanian costumes blended into the near capacity crowd. Souvenir program books were distributed to all in attendance to commemorate the events of the day. These booklets provided background information on the painting, its artists and very importantly the life of St. Casimir.

After the unveiling, the congregation assembled in the church hall to partake of a delicious breakfast. Co-chairmen of the breakfast were Lillian and James Driscoll. The day proved to be a special time when our



Rev. Albin F. Janiunas with artists Mary Ann Zuber (left) and Helena Zuber (right)

parish family gathered together to reflect on our heritage and honor in a prominent way our patron saint of Lithuania, St. Casimir.

Members of Council 78 were delighted to welcome fellow Knights to Lawrence for the New England District Convention on May 6 at St. Francis Church.

Along with the Spring Convention, a Founder's Day observance was held in honor of Mykolas Norkunas, founder of the Knights of Lithuania. A special commemorative service was held at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Lawrence at the site of the monument erected in his memory. As all the K of L's gathered around the stone, Rev. Albin F. Janiunas, spiritual director of NED, led the group in a prayer service which included a living Rosary. Rev. Janiunas spoke briefly about Mykolas Norkunas and gave some relevant insights and reflections on the K of L, past and present. Jonas Stundza, C-78, gave a timely historical sketch of the early Lithuanian settlers in the northeastern part



Mary Ann Zuber, Rev. Albin F. Janiunas and Jonas Stundza at commemorative service honoring Mykolas Norkunas during NED Convention

of this country in the time of our founder. He described their hardships and lifestyle. A floral hand bouquet with Lithuanian colors was placed at the foot of the monument by Mary Ann Zuber, President, C-78, as a gesture of remembrance to a man who encouraged Lithuanian-Americans to take pride in their heritage.

After the service, delegates and guests returned to St. Francis Church. Before the business meeting, Jonas Stundza gave an illustrative lecture on the Life of St. Casimir. Many business topics of the day were discussed. Following the meeting, everyone was treated to a sit-down supper. The details of the meal were under the capable direction of Lillian and James Driscoll. The members of Council 78 were very proud to have the privilege of acting as hosts for our many K of L friends.

M A Zuber

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

At our April meeting we welcomed a new member, Vytautas Sakalys. Our membership is growing slowly and steadily.



Pauline Shatas, Rev. Steponaitis, Rev. Miciunas, Charles and Blanche Genaitis attended St. Casimir's Anniversary celebration in Worcester



Sanctuary of St. Mary's Church in Bristol. Bishop Daniel P. Reilly is shown with Ruth Krecioch, Co-ordinator of the event



Fr. Jurgelaitis "Profesorius" leading Lithuanian Conversational Class in skit at C-103 observance of "Terrible Days of June" in Bristol, RI

Our May meeting was highlighted by a special Mass which was held in honor of all mothers, living and deceased. Our group marched in a procession and sat in reserved pews. The Mass was followed by a Communion Breakfast with many guests from Massachusetts and Connecticut in attendance. The cooks and helpers did a wonderful job; we offer them our thanks.

Charles Treciokas from Council 27, Norwood, joined our C-103 Lithuanian Language Classes. As an added attraction, we are learning the official Saint Casimir Hymn. Who knows, some day C-103 will become the "K of L Chorale"!

A large DELEGATION OF MEMBERS ATTENDED THE NED Convention in Lawrence, hosted by C-78. President Joseph Waitonis, Vito Kapiskas, Alice Grybas, Peter & Helen Denisewich, Elizabeth Tribusis and Ray Savickas attended.

At the District Convention, the following members were elevated to the Third Degree: President Joseph

Waitonis, Vito Kapiskas and Helen Gudeczaukas. We extend our warmest congratulations.

Vic and Bea Matheiu graciously invited the members to the Commemoration of the Terrible Days of June at St. Mary's Church in Bristol. This was followed by a buffet at their home. C-103 also honored our Distinguished Friend of Lithuania. The Lithuanian Language Class prepared a brief program for that evening.

Now that our K of L Lithuanian Classes at Providence College are over, it can be announced that all 20 students received "penketukas".

At the last class, a poster was posted on the blackboard: "Assignment: Celebrate!" We did that assignment very happily with thanks to the students who brought in the goodies. When the party was over, we continued putting the finishing touches on the class skit which was presented at our Bristol get-together. It was the eighth time in a row that we met at St. Mary's Church to commemorate the Terrible Days of

June. This year we also celebrated the anniversary year of St. Casimir.

Helen Denisewich

C-103, PROVIDENCE THE STRUGGLE ON THE SURVIVAL OF THE ONLY LITHUANIAN CHURCH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

In the Diocese of Providence, which encompasses the whole state of Rhode Island, St. Casimir's Church on Smith St. in Providence, is the only Lithuanian church that serves the spiritual needs of Lithuanians in R. I. Many parishioners live in other sections of the State and go to church near their



Group picture taken on June 9th at the 8th Annual Commemoration of the "Terrible Days of June" in Bristol, RI.

homes but also belong, contribute and support St. Casimir's and go there on feast days, funerals and weddings.

Shortly after the death of Rev. Vaclovas Martinkus, who had succeeded the late Rev. John A. Vaitėkonas as pastor of St. Casimir's, efforts were made to close St. Casimir's; parishioners resisted; several parish meetings were held, encouragement was given by non-Lithuanians, yes non-Catholic non-Lithuanians whose parents were born in Lithuania. Many meetings were held with the Chancery. A new pastor was found in the neighboring state of Connecticut. The Bishop of Norwich, Connecticut, a native of Providence and former Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence, a personal friend of Father Vaitkeunas when a seminarian and also a close friend of Father Martinkus, gave his permission for Rev. Valdemaras Cukuras to come to Providence to serve as administrator. He remained in Providence for two years and returned after the death of Father Yla, to the Diocese of Norwich to serve as chaplain to the Sisters of The Immaculate Conception in Putnam, Conn. Through the efforts of Father Cukuras, St. Casimir's is now being administered very successfully by the Rev. Izidorius Gedvila, for thirty years a priest in Montana.

YEARLY COMMEMORATION

In an effort to bring the plight of Lithuania to the attention of more and more non-Lithuanians in Rhode Island, for the eight consecutive years a mass at 5:00 PM in St. Mary's Church in Bristol, R.I. was said, on June 9, 1984. Commemorating the "Terrible Days of June" a period when thousands of Lithuanians were forced into exile in

Siberia between June 1940 and June 1941. The 500th anniversary of the Death of St. Casimir, the Patron saint of Lithuania was also commemorated.

St. Mary's Church in Bristol, R.I. is the oldest Roman Catholic Church in this town, the town of Bristol is nationally known for its



The Most Rev. Daniel P. Reilly, who was honored by C-103, extending remarks as Fr. Jurgelaitis listens attentively



Ladies in Lithuanian Costume at Mass on June 9th in Bristol, RI for "Terrible Days in June"

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traditional observance of this country's independence on the 4th of July. The 199th Parade will again feature this year's week long festivities. What a better place for Lithuanians to pray for Lithuania's freedom than in this town of Bristol, R.I.

The principal celebrant of the Mass was the Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly, Bishop of Norwich, Conn. one of the authors of the now nationally and world famous "Bishop's Pastoral Letter on War and Peace." Yes, the same bishop who helped to maintain St. Casimir's in Providence, R.I. The bishop was assisted by the pastor of St. Mary's Rev. William C. O'Connell and Rev. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P. of Providence College, National Spiritual Advisor to the Knights of Lithuania, a member of the Supreme Council, who was also the homilist. Clergy concelebrating were the following: The pastor of St. Casimir's in Providence Rev. Izidorius Gedvila, Msgr. Vytautas Balciunas of Putnam, Conn., Rev. Albin Janiunas New England District Spiritual Director of the Knights of Lithuania from Lawrence, Mass., Rev. Albin Yankauskas of Worcester, Mass., and Rev. Antanas Valiuska of Phoenix, Arizona.

Lithuanians took over this formerly French-Irish parish of St. Mary's that now could be called a national parish. The Processional Hymn was The Vyčių Hymn to "Our

St. Casimir." There were over 100 Lithuanians in one area in the church. Sisters from Putnam, Conn. parishioners from St. Casimir's in Providence and members of the Knights of Lithuania from Conn. Mass. and Providence.

The bishop and concelebrants were escorted by ladies in Lithuanian costumes. Very impressive. At offertory — the presentation of the gifts — two of the ladies carried from mid-church a big picture of St. Casimir that was presented to the bishop and then placed on an easel so that the Congregation could readily observe. The altar was decorated with flowers that depicted our national colors of yellow — green — red. Next to the easel was a large Lithuanian flag — the next offering carried by two ladies was the special work of art by Father Jurgelaitis. A large display signifying a concentration camp with posts and barbed wire. At one corner a broken wayside cross and inside against a red background the propped-up cut out pictures of Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas and Rev. Sigitas Tamkevičius.

Therefore by these two offerings Lithuanians were remembering the "Terrible Days of June" and also praying for the two priests that the Russians sentenced during 1983, and commemorating the 500th anniversary of the death of St. Casimir.

The final offering to the bishop, again carried by two ladies in Lithuanian costumes, was the bread and wine that was to be used and

consecrated during the Mass.

After the final ablution and Communion Father Yankauskas did us proud when he led us in three stanzas of Marija, Marija.

It was noted and it must be reported that immediately after the Conclusion of the Mass parishioners of St. Mary's flocked to the altar rail to pray before the picture of St. Casimir and the display of the two priests imprisoned by the soviets.

When the Mass was over at St. Mary's — the bishop, the clergy and Lithuanians from southern New England were invited to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Victor G. Matheiu to meet with many non-Lithuanians from Bristol. All guests of the hosts — the reception to the bishop was replete with an old fashioned Lithuanian buffet.

On Behalf of the Knights of Lithuania Council 103 of Providence of which Father Jurgelaitis is a member, he presented a plaque, that was made by the late Phil Carer.

The bishop was very pleased with the award. He spoke at length about Lithuania and exhorted all to carry on no matter how difficult it might be.

The hosts then presented to his Excellency a piece of "Lithuanian Gold" — Amber.

The conversational Lithuanian class of Father Jurgelaitis at Providence College made up of Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians then performed to the delight of all.

Helen Denisewich