



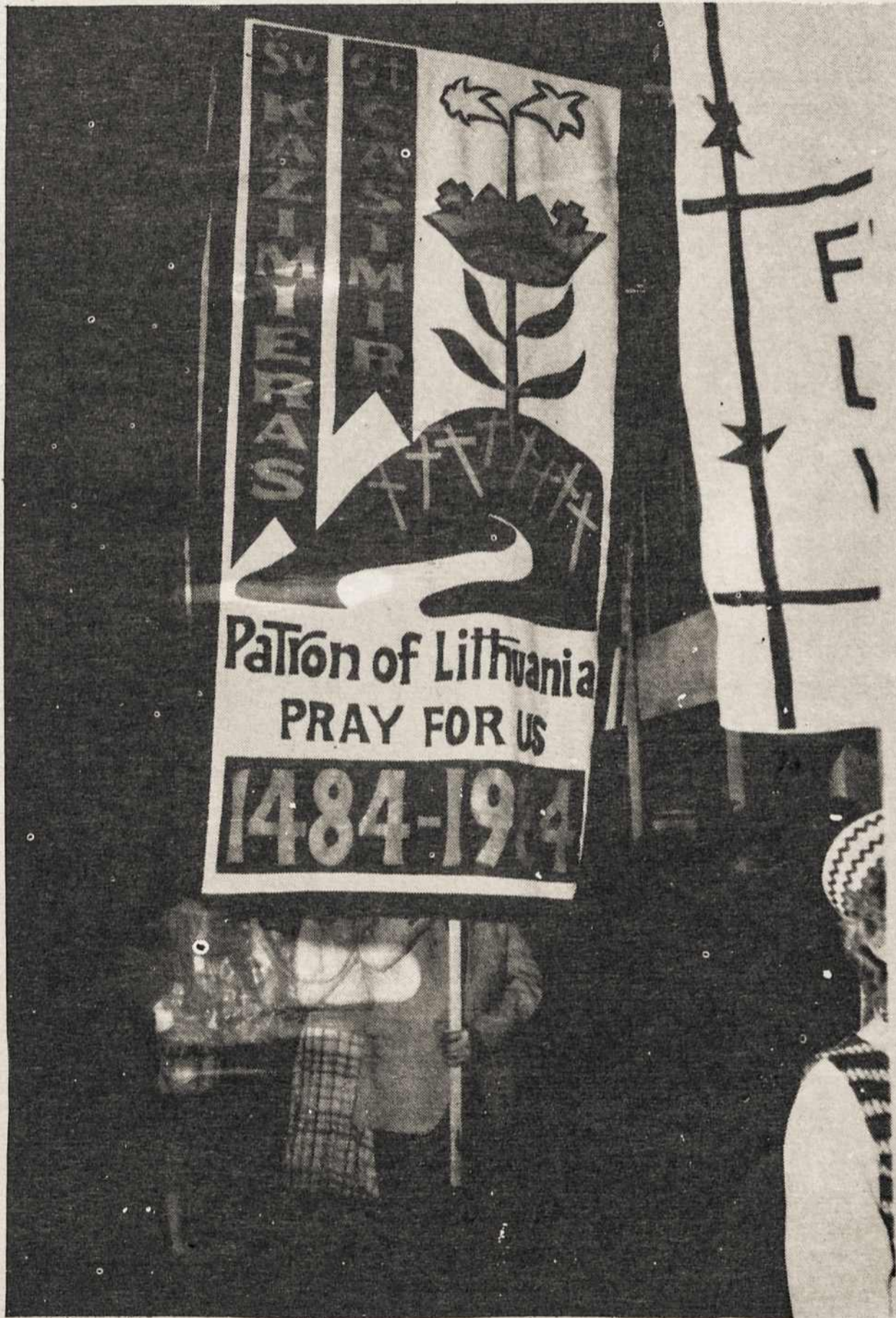
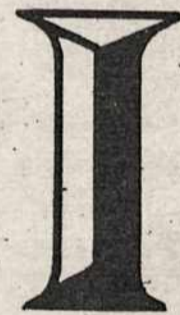
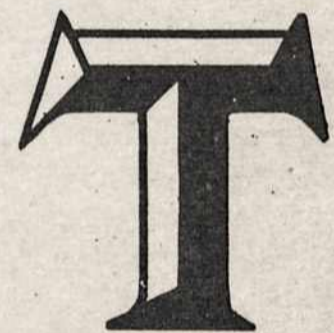
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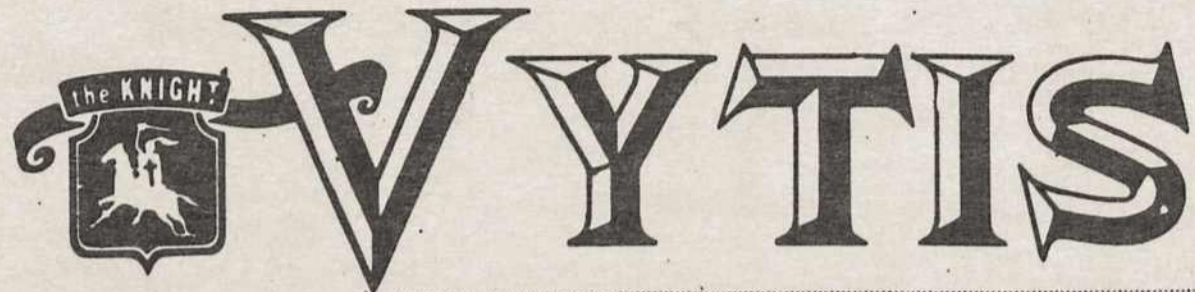
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SALUTING THE 71st NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

"Congressional Record"

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI
of Illinois in the House of
Representatives

Thursday, August 9, 1984



Mr. Speaker, I would like to take note of the fact the 71st National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, hosted by Council 36 of Chicago, will take place at the Hilton Hotel in Chicago from August 22 through 26, 1984.

The Knights of Lithuania, a national organization, adheres to Catholic philosophy and precepts, furthering among its members a deeper understanding and fervent practice of the Catholic faith. The Knights urge its members to practice responsible American citizenship, participation in public affairs, and to exercise their rights of good citizenship at election time. It fosters growth in Lithuanian ethnic community awareness and encourages active participation in Lithuanian community affairs.

Further goals of the Knights include the ideal of instilling in its members an attachment to Lithuania, the land of their ancestors and a knowledge, appreciation, and love of the Lithuanian language, customs, and culture. The Knights of Lithuania promotes educational and cultural advancement among its members and all Lithuanians. Its goal remains to unite the Lithuanian youth living in the United States, and encourage the preservation of Lithuanian culture and to always seek freedom for the people of Lithuania.

I would like to highlight the attendees of the coming convention. National officers attending the convention are: Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, spiritual adviser, Providence, RI; Loretta Stukas, president, Watchung, NJ; Elsie Kosmisky, 1st vice president, Frackville, PA; Elinor Sluzas, 2nd vice president, Dayton, OH; Frank Petrauskas, 3rd vice president, Syracuse, NY; Nancy Miro, recording secretary, Bridgeport, CT; Helen Skudra, financial secretary, Highland, ID; Alphonse Trainis, treasurer, Fairfield, CT; Anthony Radzevich, trustee, Amsterdam, NY; Paul Binkis, Jr., trustee, Chicago, IL; John Narusis, legal adviser, Crystal Lake, IL.

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Aldona Ryan, Centerville, OH, is editor-in-chief of VYTIS, the official publication of the Knights of

Lithuania, published monthly.

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I welcome all convention attendees to my home city of Chicago and wish to all a pleasant and productive visit. I would like to introduce into today's *Congressional Record* an article which traces the history of the Lithuanians.

OUR HISTORY IN BRIEF

(By Aldona Ryan)

There have been Lithuanians in America from almost the beginning of its history. A few Lithuanians served in the Army under George Washington. During the Civil War, there were quite a few Lithuanians in the Union Army.



M. Norkunas

Great numbers of Lithuanians arrived in the United States around 1863 after the insurrection against the Czar. In the early 1900's there was another surge of Lithuanian immigrants.

These people were hardworking laborers who loved their newfound freedom. They prospered and their communities grew. They remembered their homeland and they dreamed of restoring full freedom to Lithuania and its people.



A. Aleksis

They built churches and formed societies and progressed in their ways. But, as they grew older, they began to worry about the future of their Lithuanian children in America.

So it was that, on April 9, 1912, a society known as "The Hope of the Lithuanians" held a meeting at Orchard Lake, Michigan to discuss and make plans for organizing their young people. Many more meetings were held.

The same year (1912) the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance held their convention in Boston. A flag maker from Lawrence, Mass., was one of the delegates. He was Mykolas Norkunas. He had black, curly hair,

hazel eyes and a forceful manner. Another delegate was Stasys Bugnavičius of Lewinstown, Maine. These two men made an appeal to the convention which resulted in action. The Alliance would begin the task of organizing the Lithuanian youth in the United States.

Norkunas immediately began a campaign by publishing appeals. Every Lithuanian newspaper in the country carried the news. Again, many more meetings were held.

On April 27, 1913, a "constituting convention" was held in the parish hall in Lawrence, Mass. A constitution and By-Laws were proposed by Norkunas. Bugnavičius and Father Jusaitis. They decided to call the new group "The Lithuanian Falcons" and they elected the first slate of officers with Norkunas as president. Then it was agreed to refer their actions to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America for approval.

At the convention of the Alliance that summer in 1913, the Rev. Father Kaupas pointed out that the historic symbol of Lithuania was the knight and therefore very suitable for a youth organization. The name "The Lithuanian Falcons" was dropped and the new society became "The Knights of Lithuania." They decided that their theme would be "For God and Country".



L. Šimutis

In the first year of its existence, twelve councils were formed with a membership of 700. Among the students who were active leaders of the Knights of Lithuania at that time were such notables as Ignas Sakalas, Aleksandras Aleksis, Leonard Simutis and Peter Dauzvardis.

In July of 1914, the second convention, was held in Brockton, Mass. Father Gustaitis, a noted poet and author, revealed he was writing the words of a Knights of Lithuania anthem. That year it was decided to use the colors of the Lithuanian flag — red, green and yellow — as the colors of their official flag. It was also decided to establish a youth section in the daily newspaper DRAUGAS for communication purposes.

A system of degrees was established whereby hard work would result in official merit. President Norkunas was the first recipient of an Honorary Degree.

The organization grew by leaps and bounds. When the third convention assembled in July 1915 in St. George's Church in Chicago, there were forty delegates representing a membership of 3000.



Fr. Gustaitis

The official anthem with words by Father Gustaitis and music composed by Professor Aleksis was adopted.

An official magazine called the VYTIS was established. Leonard Simutis was named its manager. By 1917, VYTIS had reached a circulation of 4000.

The 1918 convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio. More than seventy delegates attended.

By 1921, there were 102 councils and over 5000 members. The largest and most active group was C-25 in Cleveland. By-laws for Junior Departments were written that year — 60 years ago.

Then, the national organization became cumbersome and the councils were divided into districts.

During the years of its existence, the Knights of Lithuania sponsored thousands of activities. They gave countless causes hard-earned funds. They paid for the printing of books. They established choirs and drama groups and dance groups. They were interested in all facets of their heritage and traditions. They studied the history of Lithuania and the Lithuanian language.

They were supreme in letterwriting campaigns for the freedom of Lithuania and its people. Many Lithuanian writers and poets got their beginnings in VYTIS magazine. Junior and Senior councils were established.

At this time, councils now exist from New England to Florida to California. The realization that our future is in our youth is still of great importance.

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UNREPORTED LITHUANIAN BANKNOTES DISCOVERED!

By Frank Passic



Two previously unreported banknotes of the Bank of Lithuania have turned up in an underground collection in Soviet-occupied Lithuania, in denominations of 500 and 1,000 litų, dated Rugpjūčio (August) 10, 1924!!!! They were printed by the firm G. Hasse in Prague, Czechoslovakia, the same firm which printed Lithuania's 1922 "permanent" banknotes, dated Lapkr. (November) 16, 1922. Hence, these notes belong to the so-called "second issue," while the P-21 and P-22 500 and 1,000 litų circulation notes dated Gruodžio (December) 11, 1924 are according to the "third issue," that is, printed in England.

In 1924; the Bank of Lithuania decided to issue notes in denominations of 500 and 1,000 Litas', and commissioned artist Vilius Jomantas with the task of designing them. In late 1924, the G.

Hasse printers prepared examples of the designs, and sent them to the bank for their final approval of colors, watermarks, security lines, etc. This had been the custom implemented with the 1922 notes. However, the bank was not satisfied, and instead decided to entertain bids from world banknote printing firms. In December 1924, the Bank of Lithuania awarded the contract to Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. of New Malden, England. With that action, there remained these low serial numbered samples printed by G. Hasse which were with the Bank of Lithuania. Until this time, their existence has been unknown.

It is interesting to note that they do not bear the words "Pavyzdys — bevertis" meaning Specimen — no value, although they are apparently complete in their design. Although at this time they are considered unique,

the serial numbers indicate that other examples may exist.

The notes carry the signatures of Lietuvos Bankas president V. Jurgutis, and board members J. Paknys, P. Grajauskas, Julius Kaupas, and A. Prūsas. The date reflects the time banknotes were *ordered*, customary for Lithuanian notes. This would mean they were printed around September-November 1924.

1,000 Litų DESCRIPTION: Obverse: The text and design is printed in black, with red serial numbers. The design is similar to the released-into-circulation 500 Litų of December 11, 1924 (P-21). In the center is a reddish-orange crystal design. Within that is a circular watermark containing the very stylized initials, "LB," meaning "Lietuvos Bankas." The red serial number appears printed twice: upper left, and lower right. Notice the letter "C" f--

"Serija" is used, a positive clue it was printed by G. Hasse. The date, bottom left, reads, "KAUNAS 1924 m. RUGPJUČIO, 10 D."

REVERSE: The reverse is somewhat revolting, according to today's standards, and may have something to do with why the design was rejected. The central portion is green, with yellow on each of the ends. In the center is depicted a strong and sturdy oak & acorn limb, with the circular watermark dividing the design. However, on this intended stylized symbol of commerce, the "Mercury Fasces," Lithuanian-style, are perched two rather large villainous-looking serpents: poised to strike!

This was hardly a national and patriotic design to use on the country's most valuable and important banknote! Bank officials no doubt realized Jonantas' depiction was too graphic and was placed in too prominent a position to be acceptable.

The oval numeral "1,000" appears upper left. Under it are the ornate letters "LB," meaning Lietuvos Bankas. Below is the map-of-Lithuania emblem of Lietuvos Bankas which features a full map of the country, including the capital city Vilnius, which at that time was under Polish occupation (1920-39). The security warning clause appears at center bottom.

500 Litų description: The obverse is not available at this time and will be reported later. Reverse description: The design is brown, with light blue on each end. At first glance, the symmetric design resembles a tropical jungle scene from Africa or the islands! Upon close examination however, those are not "Lithuanian palm trees" (see photo above), but rather ornamented bundles of wheat! From each stream a roll of ribbon which rests on the bottom, characteristic of artist Jomantas' work. The numeral "500" appears in the center. To the left top is the stylized "LB" initials. Under that is

the map emblem of Lietuvos Bankas. Below that is a triangle-shaped ornamentation with a "whirligig" in the center. The left quarter of the note is blank, except for the stylized "LB" lettering circular watermark in the center.

This author has noted that on both the 500 and 1,000, from what he can tell, Lithuania's two most important emblems: Vytis, and the Columns of Gediminas, are conspicuously absent! This certainly was inappropriate for the country's two most important banknotes! Apparently, artist Jomantas (1891-1960) failed to capture national consciousness in these designs and thus they were rejected. The Bank of Lithuania was only able to salvage the 1,000 litų obverse design and use it on the obverse of the circulation 500 litų, printed in England. On that, a Columns of Gediminas watermark was added. Artist Adomas Galdikas was chosen to design the circulation 1,000 litų.

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Buvo sukurti įvairūs garsų efektai ir speciali muzika Alexandre Stankevičiaus.

Plokštelė bus netrukus išleista. Laukiama daugiau vaikų piešinių.



O KAZIMIERAI KILNUS!

Muz. VILTENIO

Andante C

1. Ta-vo vei-do spin-du-liai taip ža-vi mus, —
 2. Ta-vo vei-do spin-du-liai pa-ly-di mus, —
 3. Tavo vei-do spin-du-liai jau sau-kiā mus, —

Dm G7 C

1. Že-mės dul-kė-se par-puo-lu-sius silp-nus. —
 2. Kan-dios kryž-ke lėm ve-di su-var gu-sius. —
 3. Per aud-ras par-nest i-tė-vis-kės ma-mus. —

alla marcia F C

1. Tu nu-tiesk mums mil-ži-nų ke-lius,
 2. Tu už-tark, ko-vok už mus,
 3. Mei-lės ir tie-sos žie-dus,

G7 C

O Ka-zi-mie-rai kil-nus!
 ke-lius už mus žie-dus
 Mišriam chorui

ŠV. KAZIMIERO VARDU PAVADINTOS BAŽNYČIOS LIETUVOJE

- ALEKSOTAS (233018 Kaunas 18, Vidukalnio 4), 1921
medinė
- BALTRIŠKĖS (234790 Degučių pšt., Zarasų raj.) 1920,
medinė
- DAUGINIAI (235454 Kairiškių pšt., Akmenės raj.),
1943 medinė
- IGLIAUKA (234532 Kapsuko raj.), 1781, 1884 mūrinė
- KAMAJAI (234830 Rokiškio raj.), 1635, 1905 mūrinė
- KUČIŪNAI (234471 Šakių raj.), 1906 medinė
- MEDININKAI (234022 Vilniaus raj.), 1391, 1788, 1910,
1931 medinė
- NAUJOJI VILNIA (232048 Vilnius 48, Palydovo 15)
1911 mūrinė
- PAVOVERĖ (234710 Pabradės pšt., Švenčionių raj.),
1774 medinė
- SAUGOS (235743 Šilutės raj.) 1947 perimta iš evang.,
mūrinė
- VĖŽAIČIAI (235845 Klaipėdos raj.), 1784 medinė
- VILNIUS (neveikia) 1604, 1749, 1867, 1925 mūrinė
- ŽEMAITKIEMIS (234122 Ukmergės raj.) 1568, 1902
mūrinė
- 1983 m. Lietuvoje buvo 35 kunigai Kazimierai: 4.
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- 1 260 East Main St., Amsterdam NY 12010 (1904)
- 2 26 St. Casimir Ave., Brockton, MA 02402 (1898)
- 3 283 E. 14th Street, Chicago Heights IL 60411 (1911)
- 4 1390 W. 15th Ave., Gary IN 46407 (1916)
- 5 2718 St. George St., Los Angeles CA 90027 (1941)



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- 6 119 Temple St., Nashua NH 03060 (1910)
 - 7 339 Greene St., New Haven CT 06511 (1911)
 - 8 147 Montgomery Pl., Paterson NJ 07501 (1911)
 - 9 324 Wharton St., Philadelphia PA 19147 (1890)
 - 10 2114 Sarah St., Pittsburg PA 15203 (1893)
 - 11 64 Church St., Pittston PA 18640 (1890)
 - 12 815 Park St., Racine WI 53403 (1903)
 - 13 441 St. Nichols St., St. Claire PA 17970 (1912)
 - 14 555—68 Ave., St. Petersburg Beach FL 33706
(misija, apie 1980)
 - 15 2514 Leech Ave., Sioux City IA 51107 (1913)
 - 16 416 McKinley Ave., Vandergrift PA 15629
 - 17 12 Casimir St., Westfield MA 01085 (1915)
 - 18 301 Delaney St., Wilkes Barre PA 18702 (1889)
 - 19 41 Providence St., Worcester MA 01604 (1894)
 - 20 2601 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago IL 60629 (vien.
kopl., po 1911)
 - 21 361 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn NY 11207 (vien. kopl.,
po 1950)
- Kanadoje:**
- 1 663 Peel Ave., Delhi Ontario (1933, 1959)
 - 2 3426 Parthenais, Montreal Que. H2K 3T7 (1913)
 - 3 808 Marion Ave., Windsor Ont. N9A 2H9 (1963)
 - 4 432 Elgin Ave., Winnipeg Man. R3A 0K7 (1953-
1957)
- Venesueloje:**
- Santuario Don Bosco, Altamira, Caracas (misija, apie
1950)



St. Casimir Church in Vilnius, Lithuania

Kas penkta (iš maždaug 150) lietuvių išeivijos katalikų bažnyčių turi šv. Kazimiero titulą. 1885-99 JAV pastatytos 6 ar 7 šv. Kazimiero bažnyčios, 1900-16 dar 10 ar 11, KELIOS VĒLIAU. Lietuviškoje parapijoje mūsų tėvai ir broliai rasdavo Tėvynės dalelę: įprastas pamaldas, savas draugijas ir mokyklas. Pastaraisiais dešimtmečiais daug tradicinių lietuviškų telkinių prasisklaidė, gilėja asimiliacija. Štai keletas istorinių bruožų.

Pitstono (Pensilvanijos valstija) šv. Kazimiero parapija buvo iš viso pirmoji lietuvių parapija JAV (1885). Pirmoji bažnyčia buvo medinė, jai sudegus, 1910 m. pastatyta didelė mūrinė. Dabar parapijoje apie 500 šeimų, pusė jų — ne lietuvių kilmės. Meldžiasi daugiausia angliškai, pagieda ir lietuviškai. Tos pačios valstijos *Pitsbergo* mieste 1975 m. tebebuvo apie 6300 lietuvių, dvi parapijos. Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčioje yra choras, bet lietuviškos pamaldos nebegausios, nes parapijiečiai išsisklaidė po priemiesčius, jaunimas mieliau lanko angliškas pamaldas.

Tebegyvuoja lietuviškos pamaldos *Patersone* (Nju Džersio v.), *Providense* (Rod Ailendo v.), *Sajuks Sityje* (Ajovos v.). Patersoniečiai 1962 m. pasistatė mūrinę bažnyčią su marmuro altoriais.

Nju Hevenas (Konektikuo v.). Lietuviai 1911 m. nusipirko iš kitataučių mažas bažnyčią ir kleboniją, 1928 m. dideles. Dabar priklauso apie 300 šeimų.

Garis (Indianos v.). Nuo 1912 m. pamaldos lietuviams slovakų bažnyčioje. 1916 m. įkurta sava parapija. 1927 m. bažnyčia pritaikyta mokyklai, o šalia pastatyta nauja bažnyčia. Daliai parapijiečių išsikėlus kitur, bendrojo lavinimo mokykla 1966 m. nustojo veikusi, beliko šeštadieninė lituanistinės mokykla. Gyvuoja choras, draugijos, rateliai; visur daugiausia dalyvauja tos pačios šeimos.

Čikagos Heitsas (Ilinojaus v.). 1911-31 m. parapija klestėjo, nors nebuvo gausi: 250 šeimų, 1500 asmenų. Paskui, ūkinės depresijos metais, parapijiečiai ėmė sklaidytis, o po II pasaulinio karo lietuvių visiškai sumažėjo, privažiavo meksikiečių. 1948 m. įvestos pamaldos ispanų kalba, 1975 m. pasiliovė lietuviškosios, bet liko šv. Kazimiero vardas ir kultas.

Veštildas (Masačusetso v.). Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčia 1915 m. turėjo 624 parapijiečius, 1982 — 551. Lietuvių palikuonys sumišę su kitataučiais ir priėmę anglų kalbą, tačiau didžiuojasi lietuviškosios kultūros paveldu, maldingi.

Amsterdamas (Niujorko v.). Parapiją įkūrė rašytojas kun. J. Židanavičius-Seirijų Juozas 1904 m. Bažnyčia statyta 1907, moderni kapinių koplyčia 1971 m. Priklauso apie 500 šeimų. Pirmiau vikaru, dabar klebonu dirba 1949 m. iš Lietuvos atvykęs kun. K. Balčys.

Šv. Kazimiero vardą pasirinko ir šio amžiaus viduryje įsisteigusios kai kurios parapijos Kanadoje, Brazilijoje, Argentinoje. Moderni ir puikiai įrengta, liaudies meno motyvais išpuošta *Vinipego* bažnyčia aptarnauja lietuvius visoje Vidurio ir Vakarų Kanadoje, iki pat Ramiojo vandenyno. Kukli *Vindsoro* bažnytėlė perdirbta iš libaniečių salės. Saliukėje po bažnyčia negausūs apylinkės lietuviai (pusšimtis šeimų) sekmadieniais po pamaldų susitinka prie kavutės . . .

Taip pat šv. Kazimiero vardu pavadintos lietuvių sielovadinės misijos Venesueloje ir JAV Floridoje, lig šiol neturinčios savų bažnyčių.

Suargentinėjo ir perėjo į ispanų kalbą Argentinos *Rosarijo* šv. Kazimiero parapija, vykdanči plačią socialinę globą. Tvirtai laikosi parapija Brazilijos *Sao Paule*.

Šventojo Globėjo jubiliejus neabejotinai pagyvins išeivijos katalikų ryšį su Tėvų žeme ir Bažnyčia.

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Pasaulio lietuvių katalikų žinynas. — Brooklyn, 1979, p. 43-54.

Išeivijos šv. Kazimiero bažnyčių klebonų laišakai KKŽ redakcijai.

IR KARSTE GYVAS LIETUVAI

DR. TOMAS ŽIŪRAITIS, Oxford, Mich.

Edited by LORETTA STUKAS

Nors širdis iš skausmo plyštų, ašaros akių šviesą užlietų — savo brangiausio asmens bežadį kūną dedame į karstą. Rodos, tuo viskas ir baigiasi, veltui belauktume iš anapus žinios . . . Kartais ima ir ateina ji iš tenai. Neįprastais keliais ji ateina, stebuklu prabyla, kartodama tikėjimo tiesą: neviskas kape nugrimsta, neviskas miršta; **žmogaus gyvenimas yra amžinybės palūkanos**, kuriomis gyvensime anapus laiko ir erdvės . . .

Žinia iš anapus dažniausiai šventųjų lūpomis prakalba. Ir tai nevisada. Bet užtektų ir vieno tokio atsitikimo mūsų paguodai, kad tyli amžinybė yra iškalbingiausia, jos žodis galingiausias. Kai tas žodis yra mūsų tautos žodis — jis mums suprantamiausias. Tokiu žodžiu šv. **Kazimieras** mus nuolat aplanko: j mielai klausomės, stengiamės jį gyvenimiškiau pasisavinti, semiantis iš jo skaidraus tautinio ir dvasinio nemarumo.

1. Šv. **Kazimieras yra lietuvis** (1458-1484), gimęs prieš 500 metų. Nors jis gimė Krokuvos karališkuose rūmuose, augo Lenkijoje ir tik paskutiniuosius jaunystės metus paliko Lietuvoje, tačiau jis nei lenkiškos dvasios, nei lenkiškos kilmės neturėjo; jo motina Elzbieta Habsburgaitė — austrė, o tėvas buvo grynias lietuvių kilmės.

Ne tik šventojo metrikai, bet, svarbiausia, jo būdas liudija jo lietuviškumą. Prisiminsime tik vieną būdingiausių jo asmenybės savybę, tai nuostabią **meilę Lietuvai** . . . Kai mūsų kariai prie Dauguvos grūmėsi su daug galingesniu priešu, tada šventasis pasirodė lietuviams su lietuvių tautos valstybiniu ženklu — Vyčiu: sustiprino karių dvasią, atgaivino jų jėgas ir kova pagaliau buvo didvyriškai laimėta . . . O kiek kartų jis yra tyliai nr nepastebimai aplankęs vargstantį savo tautietį; kiek kartų jis lietuviui yra talkininkavęs nepalūžti dvasinėje ir tautinėje kovoje, ryžtingai siekiant įkūnyti savyje tikrąjį Dievo ir tėvynės meilę? . . .

Vieno dalyko, ir tai viešo, istorinio niekada neužmiršime — šv. Kazimiero tėvynės meilės pavyzdžio, tokios savo krašto meilės, kuri nesustingo net kapo gilumoje. **Tikra meilė nemari, nes ji yra amžinybės širdis, kurios pulsą gyvas šis pasaulis, jo žmogus.**

Tokia būtų trumputė charakteristika mūsų šventojo tėvynės meilės pavyzdžiu iš šiapus ir anapus karsto: amžinybė visada iškalbinga, kartais ji prabyla suprantamiausiu — tautinės nemarybės pavyzdžiu.

2. **Mūsų karalaitis yra ne tik lietuvis, bet ir šventasis**, kurio turinys yra asmenybės nesibaigias kapitalas, nes jis yra kupinas laikinojo ir amžinojo gėrio. **Šventumas yra normaliausio žmogaus gyvenimas, kadangi gėris yra laimės šaltinis, o laimės trokšti ir ja gyventi yra kiekvienam žmogui normaliausia.** Gėris yra nevisada ten, kur man gera, miela ir malonu; be abejo jis yra visada ten, kur blogiui nėra vietos: juo mažiau blogio, juo daugiau gėrio. Taigi šventumo siekti reiškia visomis jėgomis blogio vengti, t.y. kovoti prieš betkokį kūno ir sielos sužalojimą, kovoti už fiziškai ir dvasiškai **normaliausią žmogaus gyvenimą**, kurio vis labiau šiandieną pasigendame . . . Žmogaus silpnybės buvo ir bus panašios, bet ypatingai šiandieną jos **savo būdingu veidu pasireiškia žvelgiant ne tiek į atskirą, kiek į šių laikų visumos žmogų**, kuriam gera yra tik tai, kas jam naudinga . . . Sakysim, tam visumos — kolektyviniam žmogui yra naudinga pavergti tautas, uždaryti žmones į koncentracijos stovyklas arba per jų kaminus žmones dūmais paleisti — tai jam gal naudinga, bet pragaištinga, nes žvėriškumui, o ne žmoniškumui, tarnaudami nauda yra prieš kiekvieno žmogaus prigimtį — tai nėra gėris.

Šių laikų žmogus labai yra susirūpinęs atsukti savo visus radarus į dangaus neribotas gelmes ir platybes, bet jis nesiryžta išrasti radaro, kuriuo tiksliau pagautų savo sielos gelmių, platybių skundą ir aimanas . . . **Šių laikų žmogus visais radarais veržiasi į sukurtąjį pasaulį, bet visur nerūpestingumu, kartais ir atkaklumu, nususuka nuo pasaulio ir žmogaus Kūrėjo-Dievo, tuo būdu nususukdamas nuo tikrojo gėrio šaltinio, kuriuo gaivinas kiekvienas tobuliausias žmogaus normalumas — šventumas** . . . Suprantama, kodėl greičiausi lėktuvai žmonių nesuartina, bet tolina; visokie laidai žmonių nejungia, bet skaldo . . . Suprantama, kodėl visais radarais prasukus pro Kūrėją, pasidarė žmogui vis labiau nemiela žemėje. Gera ir naudinga yra iširti dangaus ir žemės gelmes bei platybes, bet visada bus negera, kol bus siekiama prasmingos naudos, vispusiško gėrio.

Kiekvienas šventasis, taigi ir mūsų karalaitis, kaip tik to pastoviai siekė. **Jis tapo nemariu Dievo ir tėvynės meilės pavyzdžiu, nuolat primenančiu, kad be tos meilės ir geri darbai yra gėriui žuvę** . . . Tai lietuvis, kuris Lietuvai gyvas ir karste: jo pavyzdys visada mus žavės, jo darbai mus įpareigos, jo gi užtarimas padės mums vis labiau atgimti Dievui ir tėvynei!

ŠV. KAZIMIERAS IR AMERIKOS LIETUVIAI

Edited by Dr. JACK STUKAS

Svetur emigruojantieji lietuviai, taigi ir į Jungtines Amerikos Valstybes, keliavo su gyvu tikėjimu savo širdyse ir su meile Šv. Kazimierui. Tai ryškiai liudija Amerikos lietuvių katalikų kultūrinis ir religinis gyvenimas. Suskaitę lietuvių katalikų pastatytąsias Amerikoje bažnyčias Šv. Kazimiero garbei, rasime net dvigubai daugiau negu pačioje Lietuvoje. Pažymėtina, kad ir pati pirmoji Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse lietuvių kartu su lenkais statytoji bažnyčia Shenandoah, Pa. turėjo Šv. Kazimiero vardą. Vėliau, kilus tarp lietuvių ir lenkų konfliktui, lietuviai atsiskyrė ir pasistatydino sau bažnyčią jau Šv. Jurgio vardu, kuris lietuvių taip pat yra labai garbinamas. Po pirmosios Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčios Shenandoah, Pa., vėliau pastatyta dar apie 20 mūsų Šv. Kazimiero vardo bažnyčių bei koplyčių. Paskutinė šio vardo bažnyčia yra Brockton, Mass., prijungiant Šv. Kazimiero vardą prie anksčiau naudoto Šv. Roko, kuris ir Lietuvoje garbinamas. Dabar Šv. Kazimiero vardo lietuviškų parapijų bažnyčių Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse yra šiose vietose: Philadelphia, Pa., St. Clair, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., Vandergrift, Pa., Freeland, Pa., Pittston, Pa., Plymouth, Pa., Brockton, Mass., Westfield, Mass., Racine, Wis., Chicago Heights, Ill., Los Angeles, Calif., Amsterdam, N.Y., Gary Ind., New Haven, Conn., Kansas City, Missouri; Nashua, N.H., Paterson, N.J., Providence, R.I., Sioux City, Iowa.



St. Casimir's Church in Pittston

Steigiantis Amerikoje lietuviškiem vienuolynam, pati pirmoji lietuviškių seserų kongregacija, įkurta 1907 metais, pasivadino Šv. Kazimiero vardu. Chicagoje, Illinois valstybėje, savo centrą turi lietuvių marijonų Šv. Kazimiero provincija Amerikoje. Lietuvos pranciškonų Šv. Kazimiero provincijos centras yra Kennebunk Port, Maine.

Tuo būdu Šv. Kazimiero vardas, krikštijant ištartas Krokuvoje (1458), o išgarsėjęs stebuklais Vilniuje po savo mirties (1484), nuaidėjo per visą pasaulį, kur tik tai likimas nunešė lietuvi ar kur jo šventas gyvenimas pasidarė žinomas iš raštų ir pasakojimų.



ŠVENTASIS KAZIMIERAS



Vincas Kazokas

*Vidurnakčio tyloj taip skaisčiai spindi žvaigždės.
Karalių miestas miega nuostabiam žiemos sapne.
Tyli ir sniegas. Tik mano žingsniai gatvėm aidi,
Ir dangiškųjų augštumų palaima apgaubia mane.*

*Tada aš suklumpu prie Katedros sunkiųjų durų —
Atsiveria skliautai ir Viešpats kalba su manim.
Ir iš augštybių angelai nustebę žemėn žiūri,
O širdį mano virpančių Dangus sušildo nuostabia
ugnim.*

*Taip gera man dabar ir miela: štai aš kalbu su
Visagaliu,
Prašydamas saviems žmonėms ir savo tautai palaimos.
Juk kaip ir Jis, aš pats esu šitos šalies karalius,
Ir taip karaliui angelai man uždeda vainiką ant galvos.*

*Ak, aš neleisiu niekados karališkam vainikui vysti,
Ir nesiliausiu niekada prie Visagalio melstis ir budėt:
O Viešpatie, teateinie į mano šalį Tavo Karalystė,
Tešviečia žemėj amžiais Lietuva, kaip nuostabi šiaurės
žvaigždė!*

Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

FATHER FABIAN KIREILIS, Spiritual Advisor to C-36, Chicago, and Associate Pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish, was honored on the 45th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a Lithuanian High Mass on June 24th.

A testimonial dinner was held in the school hall at 4:00 p.m., which included a short program and greetings from the parish societies. Among the distinguished guests at the head table were His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. Juozas Prunskis, Rev. Urbonas, Spiritual Advisor to C-92, Gary, Ind., Rev. Bagdanavicius, MIC, Rev. Sarauskas, and Very Rev. Msgr. Mozeris, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish. Evelyn Ozelis, C-36, was Master-of-Ceremonies, while Mary F. Kincius, C-36, served as Secretary/Coordinator.



Father Fabian Kireilis, Spiritual Advisor to C-36, Chicago, is presented a gift by C-36 members on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of his ordination. Shown left to right: Helen Meizis, Mary Kincius, Edward Valskis, John Paukstis, C-36 President, Father Fabian Kireilis, Evelyn Ozelis, and Ruth Kazlauskas.

Photo P. Maleta

A photo in "The Chicago Catholic" last July shows FATHER ANTANAS SAULAITIS, a Jesuit of the Lithuanian American province, blessing the Shrine of Our Lady of Vilnius during dedication ceremonies at a Lithuanian Mass at Holy Cross Church in Chicago, Ill. The shrine is a duplication of a medieval picture in a chapel, known as Gate of Dawn, which is actually part of the historic ruins of Vilnius in Soviet-occupied Lithuania.

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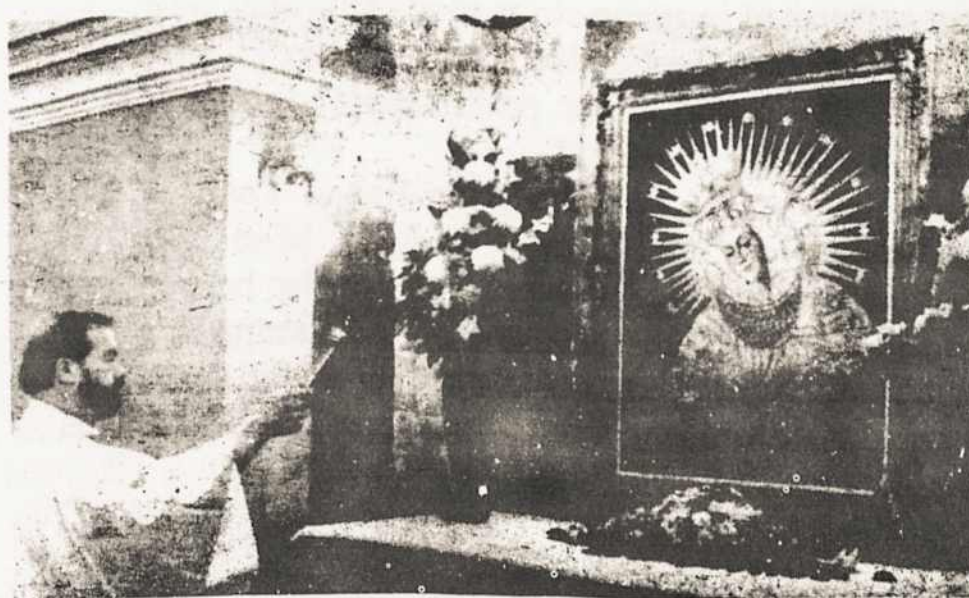


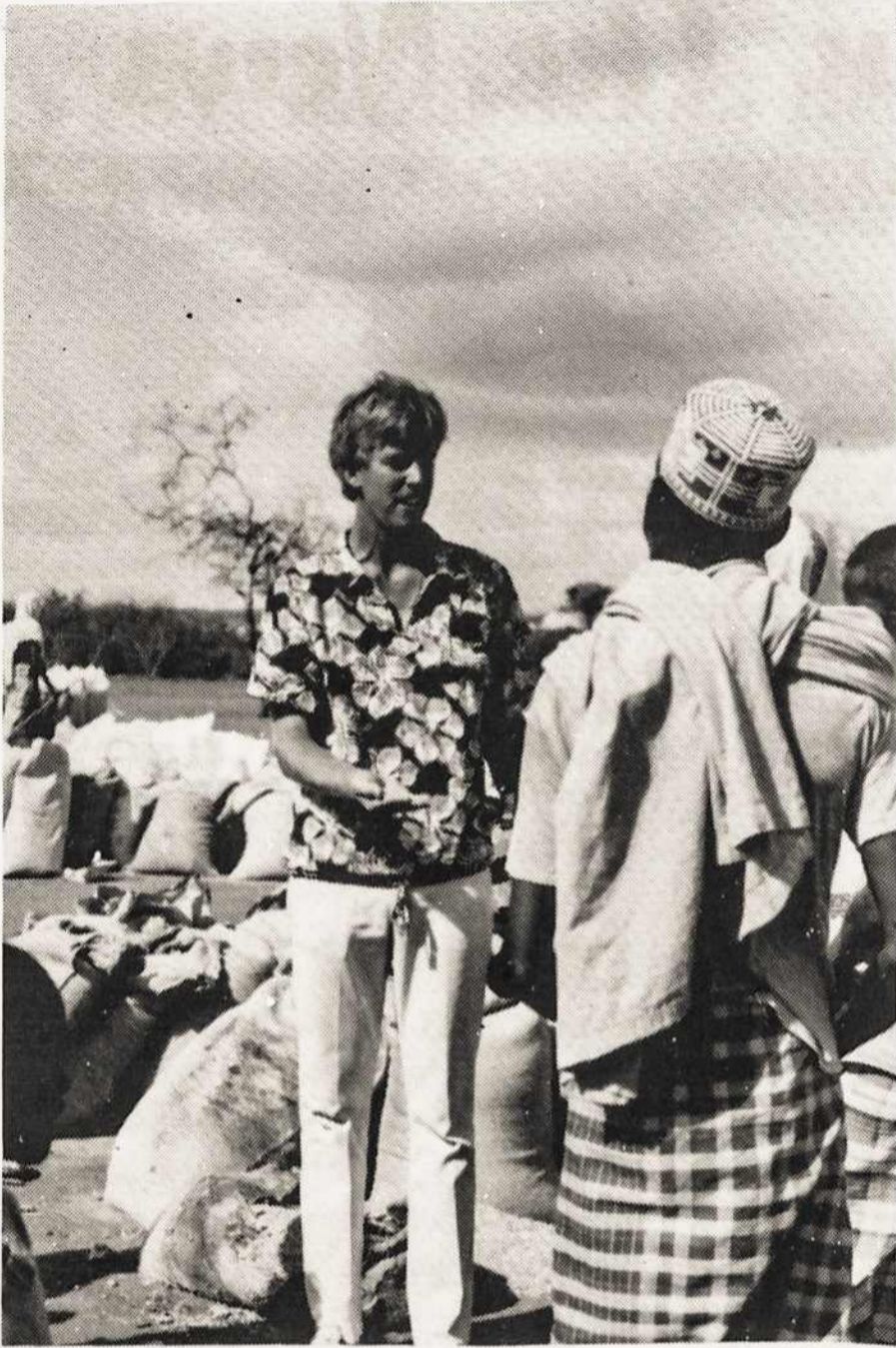
REV. BALTCH

REV. ROBERT K. BALTCH, pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Amsterdam, N.Y., was honored last June for his 35 years of service to the parish, according to "The Recorder".

Father Baltch, who was born in Dormont, Pa., in 1924, went to Lithuania with his parents in 1933 and remained there until 1947. He studied at the Interdiocesan Seminary at Kaunas, Lithuania, and completed his theological studies at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, N.Y. He was ordained in 1949 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, N.Y. All of his priestly service has been at St. Casimir's, where he assumed the pastorate in May, 1967.

Father Baltch is Spiritual Advisor to C-100, Amsterdam.





DANA ANN MILIUS-MARTIN, daughter of Charles Milius, C-79, Southfield, Mich., and granddaughter of Dorothe and the late Edward Martin, C-79, was inducted into the National Honor Society in June at the Canterbury School of Florida. Besides being an all "A" student, Dana is president of her class, on the student council, and secretary of the Latin Club.

She is a senior member of the St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre and has danced the lead role of "Mouse King" in the Nutcracker Suite Ballet. She has performed in many clubs along Florida's west coast as well as the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre where she danced at the preliminary contest for Miss U.S.A. in Lakeland.

Dana held 6 Florida State Baton Twirling Championships; and was Little Miss St. Petersburg and Citrus Queen. She can also be seen on Channel 44 TV doing one of the Tampa Bay commercials. She hopes for a career in the space program and will work toward a degree in chemical engineering.

MICHAEL YUKNIS, son of DUTCHIE and the late ANDREW YUKNIS, all of C-112, Chicago, has been serving for the last year and a half with the United Nations High Command for refugees in Somalia, East Africa. He has been living and working in the region of the country in which 130,000 refugees from Ethiopia have settled due to political problems in their own country.

As a field officer, he was seconded to assist the Care Organization which handles the distribution of wheat flour, milk powder, butter, oil, pills, clothes, shoes, cloth, etc. to the eight camps located in the Gedo region in the town of Lugh which is an eight hour rough ride from the capital of Mogadishu on the Indian Ocean.

He is also involved in the administration management of the local regional warehouse facility, logistics, personnel, checking vehicles and servicing other agencies in their need of cars and fuel and maintaining a relationship with the local officials to establish a rapport in training the local staff to better work procedures for the distribution of food.

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BERNICE DRYSDALE, a volunteer at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago, Ill., was pictured in the "Chicago Sun-Times" holding a Lithuanian doll at the Brighton Park Lithuanian Fair which was held July 7th on Western Ave. between 43rd and 45th Sts. The fair attracted approximately 30,000 people and featured traditional Lithuanian dishes and Lithuanian arts and crafts. Ajay's Pizza & Lithuanian Cuisine, owned by C-36's ANITA BOSAS and husband JOHN, experienced long lines throughout the day serving their famous Kugelis to thousands of customers.

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NANCY KOBER, member of Council 109, Great Neck, NY and daughter of Mary and Anthony Kober of Port Washington, NY, recently received her Juris Doctorate from New York Law School. She has successfully completed the New York State Bar examination and is presently employed with the Criminal Courts in Brooklyn, NY. Nancy was also the recipient of the K of L Scholarship Award several years ago.



GAIL BARKUS of New Kensington, Pa., participated in the Pittsburgh Folk Festival held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center last May, according to the "Valley News Dispatch".

Mrs. Barkus shared some of her homeland traditions with visitors when she put her "children" on display — nine life-size dolls dressed in Lithuanian wedding outfits.

This is the third year she has contributed to festival preparations for the Lithuanian Citizens Society in the Southside where she also teaches Lithuanian. She is also vice chairman of the Lithuanian Room display at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning.

She states: "I am very proud to be an American (she became a citizen in 1956) and I try to be a good citizen. But I don't want to forget where I come from."

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RICHARD P. YUSKAS has been named the 1984 recipient of the Waterbury Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds, reports the "Waterbury American", Waterbury, Conn.

The Book of Golden Deeds is a unique Exchange Club means of giving public recognition to persons in the community who merit special honor for selfless service. It was instituted by the Exchange Club nationally to recognize and bestow tribute on those individuals whose golden deeds might otherwise go unnoticed and unheralded.

Mr. Yuskas has played a significant role in the lives of many young children in the Waterbury area through his contributions and dedication in youth recreation programs. He is the second Lithuanian to receive this award, the first being **STANLEY ABROMAITIS** in 1974.



From the "Kenosha News" Kenosha, Wis., BIRUTE BALCIUNAS, C-38, Kenosha, was presented as a debutante at the 24th Amber Ball sponsored by the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club on June 30th at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill. She is the daughter of THERESA BALCIUNAS, President of C-38, Kenosha, and the late Dr. Vitoldas Balciunas. A graduate of St. Joseph's High School, she is a member of the Lithuanian Cicero Dance Group and the Wolfenbuttel Exchange, and has served as a volunteer at St. Catherine's Hospital and for the Lithuanian booth at the Milwaukee Folk Fair. She is presently attending Parkside Kenosha majoring in science (pre-med).

LEN BARCOUSKY, 34, a Vice-President of Lehigh Valley C-63, has been appointed editor of The Globe-Times in Bethlehem, Pa., with responsibility for all news operations. He replaces JOHN STROHMEYER, 59, WHO SERVED AS EDITOR FOR 28 years, and who is also of Lithuanian heritage.

Len has been an active K of L'er, attending district seminars and most recently chairing a committee which operated the C-63 stand at a Bethlehem ethnic festival.

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JUOZAS MURINAS can't understand what all the fuss over him is about, reports "The Dearborn Heights Leader". But, for the 81-year-old Lithuanian native, becoming an American citizen has been his dream since coming to the United States in 1949.

Murinas has lived in Dearborn Heights, Mich., with his son Anthony and family for more than a year, since suffering his third stroke, which left him nearly incapacitated. He speaks little English, but his eyes still sparkle as he explained what he likes best about America — "The freedom. All the Lithuanians were so happy to come here because there was so much freedom — you could sing and dance and go to your own church without fear of being thrown in jail."

The "plain old farmer," who reads Lithuanian newspapers and listens to Lithuanian radio, enjoys the TV show "Dance Fever" and drinks Pepsi. He especially looks forward to fulfilling his citizenship by voting.



Juozas Murinas and young Rachael Smith, daughter of Yen Yun, share their dreams of becoming citizens

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 Before you invest . . . Investigate
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— William Arthur Ward,



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NED CULTURAL FESTIVAL, Maironis Park,
 Shrewsbury, MA

NOVEMBER

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APRIL

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JULY

K OF L JUNIORS CAMP, Camp Ausra, Elmhurst, PA

AUGUST

72nd NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, New Haven, CT,
 C-50, New Haven, Hosts.



WHAT ARE YOU READING TODAY?

You read the newspapers to know what is going on in the world. You read a good mystery for entertainment. If you are attending an institution of higher education, you have a list of required books to read. All is well and in order. But what is more important do you read to keep your spiritual life alive and growing? Spiritual life is a growth. Reading on the spiritual side is one of the means of fulfilling the call to RENEWAL.

Unfortunately, for whatever reason, this type of reading, in general has been neglected and, yet, it is one of the means of keeping in touch with God.

First and foremost, I presume we do read the Scriptures and, therefore, I am not referring just to that. We know the importance of reading the WORD OF GOD, for St. Jerome has said "To know the Scriptures is to know Jesus Christ."

In reference to the lighter type of reading of a religious nature:

Do you read your diocesan paper regularly? Not just the first page, but

all the religious items it contains written by prominent people in this field?

Do you ever pick up a Catholic pamphlet on some timely topic from your Church vestibule? Perhaps you may have a question that is bothering you? You may find the answer in one of them, if you take time to look.

Do you read a Catholic periodical (magazine)? Some have gone out of existence because people have ceased to patronize the Catholic press.

If you have been faithful in this lighter type of reading, why not get a good book with some religious theme or a biography of a saint. "It is a pity that in recent years the appeal of the

saints has sunk to an all time low," as one author stated, "But fortunately, there has been a change in this attitude."

If you do pick up a book on the Church or any of its doctrines, be sure there is an Imprimatur and Nihil Obstat on the back of its title page. Those two terms mean that there is nothing in the book that would be contrary to the teaching of the Church. Today there are many books of a religious nature that are misleading.

Reading something of a spiritual nature will enrich your life and keep you in touch with God. This type of reading will remind you of God's presence, in a world that seems to be slipping downward in its spiritual self-development.

It is not just the reading and forgetting about it; but what effect will it have on you as an individual? Will it bring a growth, a renewal in your spiritual life? Only you can answer that.

K. of Ler.



— Mary Lucas, H.M.

COOK'S CORNER

LITHUANIAN HONEY CAKE (MEDUOLIS)

This is reprint of the recipe that appeared in the May issue of Vytis. The slash marks were omitted in the list of ingredients. The corrected list is as follows:

1 cup honey	1/2 teasp. baking powder
1/2 cup butter	1 teasp. cinnamon
4 eggs, separated	1/4 teasp. salt
3 cups sifted flour	1 cup thick sour cream
2 teasp. baking soda	2/3 cup currants

Cream the butter with the sugar. Add the egg yolks, one at a time, keep beating till light and fluffy. Beat in the honey. Sift the flour with all other dry ingredients. Add alternately with the sour cream. Stir in the currants.

Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold into the batter. Stir into a 9" x 13" buttered pan and bake at 325° for 55-60 minutes. Cool in pan. Slice cake into 5 long lengthwise strips. Then cut each strip diagonally into diamond shapes.



RESEARCH IN PROGRESS THE K of L HISTORY

Father William Wolkovich (Kun. Vincas Valkavičius)

This is the third of my occasional mini-reports to the K. of L. membership. It's been a year since my last notice. In that interval, as you can imagine, my drawers have thickened considerably with photocopied material, typed 4x6 inch file cards, and computer discs (with their "backup" copies). I now have rough drafts of the first six chapters, covering the first decade of the K. of L. story.

In this short article, I'll mention, in fragmentary fashion, some intriguing topics that I've uncovered. For instance, I'm fascinated to learn of the K. of L. role in the endeavor to form a Lithuanian brigade during World War I to fight in Lithuania. Further, I was touched to learn of a Yankee (Samuel Harris) from Pennsylvania who in his idealism fought in Lithuania for that small nation's freedom, and died in his efforts. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Perhaps he has relatives to whom the "Father John Jutt — Friend of Lithuania" award could be considered, albeit on an obviously posthumous basis.

The introduction of English became a hot issue in the early 1920s,

both in Lithuanian parishes and within the K. of L. household. Akin to this major controversy was a dispute about a name-change of the K. of L. The question of assimilation, divided loyalties, and semantics was thrashed out.

My attention has been drawn to the selection of Convention sites.

Some analysis of the locations (and their frequency of choice) will prove fruitful in discovering the pattern of intense association activity. The occasion for first inviting the local bishop deserves reflection. Coverage in the local press will reveal Public Relations awareness of local committees, and possible editorials in the general and religious press may yield some insights into outsiders views.

The above are some of the leads I am working on. Using back issues of *Vytis* as the fundamental source, I continue to search for pertinent data in other fonts. For example, there was considerable rapport with youth groups of Lithuania such as the *Ateitininkai* and *Pavasarininkai*. It will be interesting to see what mention was made about the K. of L. in publications emanating from Lithuania itself. Omissions in ex-

pected sources and on expected occasions will bear attention.

By 1985, please God, I should know enough important questions to ask to warrant a trip to Chicago for research and interviews, and also to the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at Notre Dame. There one finds most of the Catholic newspapers of the nation, permitting a check on coverage of K. of L. conventions, and any possible responses from the diocese in which a given congress took place.

In closing may I offer a word of commendation to you members for surviving this long, and holding strong. I say this in the light of the many-sided obstacles the society faced just in its first decade alone — opposition from socialists and freethinkers, from some clergy and organists, and from within the ranks too.

Again, if you find any K. of L. material in your hidden closets or stairways, please send it on for eventual filing in the K. of L. ALKA Archives at Putnam, Connecticut. Mailing address:
St. George Rectory,
36 St. George Ave.,
Norwood, MA 02062."



K of L-ers Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, N. Miro, P. Bizankauskas, L. Svelnis, at blessing of K of L Archives Room, Putnam, CT



Worcester's Mayor, George Wells observes Rev. John C. Jutt, Honorary Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, presenting the "Friend of Lithuania" to Congressman John S. Monagan.

CAMP AUŠRA

Sister Virginia

A new camp project, sponsored by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother, took place July 9th to the 21st on St. Mary's Villa picnic grounds. Children from the states of Ohio, New Jersey, New York and Maryland, — besides ten cities from Pennsylvania, — attended the camp.

Two spacious and sturdy barns were converted into sleeping quarters, dining hall and kitchen, an arts and crafts area and theatre. A large cinder-block garage came in handy as an indoor chapel and provided space for play production. A shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary, built a few years ago by two Marian seminarians, served as a place of prayer and special devotions.

The days spent at Camp Aušra were unique for their many activities were centered on Lithuanian folk-dances and folk-jore, dramatization of village life, and learning Lithuanian language expressions. This being the year of St. Casimir, much of the drama focused on St. Casimir's life and death, while a banquet, attended by the campers, celebrated his birth. Regal costumes added splendor to the event.



Since July 14th was designated as a day of prayer for Lithuania at St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home, the campers and their counselors participated in the procession, music, and readings during the morning Mass in the Nursing Home Chapel. Six campers, dressed in Lithuanian national costumes, marched in the offertory procession carrying the water and wine, ciborium, Lithuanian wayside shrine, a miniature spinning wheel, a straw crucifix, and a wood-carved knight with a Lithuanian flag. An inspiring homily was delivered by the Nursing Home chaplain, Rev. John O'Neil, who referred to the Lithuanians as a nation of heroes. He predicted freedom for the people of Lithuania saying that heroes can not remain enslaved.

The camp counselors came from Massachusetts New York, and from two cities in Pennsylvania, — Frackville and Philadelphia. Sister Angela, CJC, and Mrs. Lily Kulbis, were camp co-ordinators. Antanas Kulbis, director of activities, — proficient with guitar, — was also adept in choreography and song. He was assisted by Rasa Krokytė, a Lithuanian language instructor, who shared the spotlight as a choreographer and singer.

Another language teacher, Laurynas Vismanas, excelled as a folk-dance instructor, while Raimundas Kiršteinis, rivaling the birds in filling the air with merriment, supplied the necessary music with his accordion. Raimundas Lapinas was the life-guard on duty at the Villa pool. His light-footed dancing was also a major attraction. Debbie Mačiulytė and Elaine Vismanaitė shared responsibility for the girls'



division at Camp Aušra. Their presence was an asset to the camp activities.

Since the anticipated opening of Camp Aušra had been presented on Channel 22 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in an interview with Sister Angela, CJC, scenes and activities were later shown by the channel on the 12 o'clock news, again at 6 in the evening, and once more at 11 P.M. Rasa Krokytė and Antanas Kulbis were interviewed by Bill Mecca who ended the showing with the Lithuanian expression, "Sudiev".

The campers are looking forward to another two weeks of summer fun and activity at Camp Aušra in elmhurst, Pennsylvania.



EDITORS NOTE

Camp AUŠRA will be available for a Knights of Lithuania Juniors Camp in July 1985. Further details will appear in a later edition of the Vytis





One of the first victims of Soviet colonial expansion was Lithuania, the only Catholic country which was made a Soviet republic by Moscow. This incorporation is not recognized by the USA and many other freedom-loving countries.

Lithuania is a picturesque land on the eastern shores of the Baltic Sea with 3000 lakes, numerous rivers, hills, meadows and forests. It is situated between Latvia in the north, the Soviet Union to the east, Poland to the south, and the so-called Kaliningradskaya Oblast (pre-war East Prussia) on the southwest.

Lithuanians are descendants of Indo-Europeans, whose ancestors settled on the southern shores of the Baltic Sea during the great migration of 3,000 B.C. The population of Lithuania at the present is over three million. Lithuania already in the thirteenth century was a unified state. Numerous neighbor nations, seeking protection from mongols and tartars, joined Lithuania and in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries Lithuanian boundaries extended from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea. Lithuania became one of the most powerful states of Europe with broad political, cultural and commercial relations.

Unfortunately the pressure of slavs from the East and Germans

LITHUANIA AND HER ST. CASIMIR

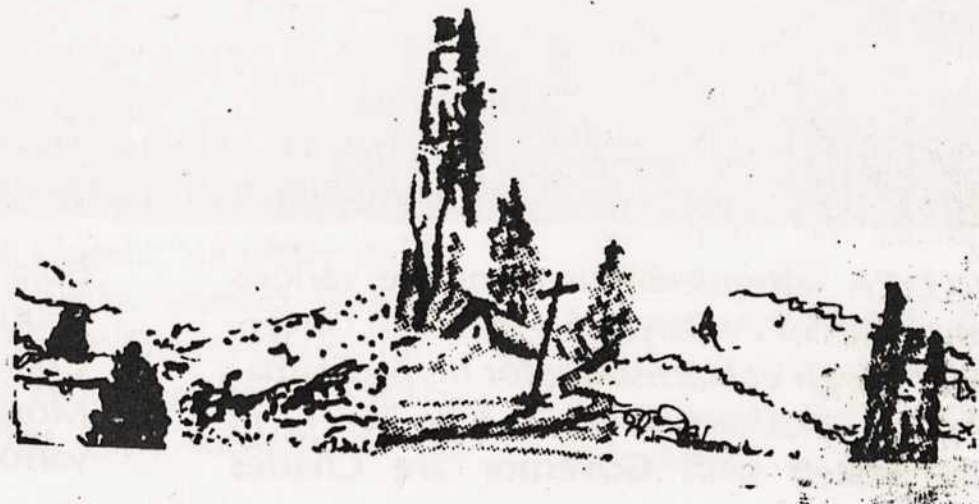
from the West diminished the territory and population of Lithuania and at the end of the eighteenth century she was occupied by Russia. After World War I Lithuania regained independence became a member of the League of Nations and made very impressive cultural, economical and social progress.

Communist imperialism, unfortunately, compelled Moscow to conspire with the Nazis against independent Lithuania and, with Hitler's approval, Moscow occupied Lithuania on June 15, 1940. Moscow carried it out disregarding the Peace and Non-aggression pacts which guaranteed Lithuania's independence.

The Soviet occupation is very oppressive. Close to 350,000 people were exiled to Siberia, where a majority of them died in slave labor camps. The Soviet Union started a new colonial era in Lithuania. The inhabitants were deprived of freedom of press, assembly, speech and even freedom of religion. Farming was nationalized as well as means of production. Books and papers printed in western countries are now forbidden. Many churches were converted into storehouses, amusement houses, museums or even closed. The cathedral of the capital Vilnius, was confiscated and converted into

an art museum and concert hall. The relics of the most beloved St. Casimir, who is the only officially proclaimed Lithuanian saint, were removed from the cathedral to a suburb church of St. Peter and Paul. The St. Casimir church in Vilnius was converted into a museum of atheism. Priests are forbidden to teach children religion even in churches. All convents are closed, all Catholic organizations are closed also. Students who attend church devotions in many instances lose possibility to continue their education in universities.

Lithuanians are attached to their faith. Since they are deprived of the possibility to publish their own religious papers and books, they have a strong underground press, especially "The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania", which is being published without interruption since 1972, disregarding the fact that many people, who took part in editing and distributing it are at present in jails, slave labor camps and psychiatric wards. A great inspiration for Lithuanians is St. Casimir (1458-1484), patron saint of Lithuania, a member of Lithuanian royal family, a symbol of an independent land. This year throughout the world Lithuanians are commemorating the 500th anniversary since the death of St. Casimir. Commemorations are



held in all lands where Lithuanians are dispersed in the free world: in Europe, South America, Australia, especially in the USA and Canada where about one million people of Lithuanian descent reside.

most impressive commemoration was held in Rome on March 4 (the day when St. Casimir died in 1484). His Holiness Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass in St. Peter's Basilica in honor of Lithuania's patron saint, St. Casimir. Seventeen cardinals, 30 Archbishops and Bishops concelebrated with the Pope. The entire corps of foreign diplomats stationed at the Vatican attended the well-publicized services. On the previous day the Pope granted a special audience to more than 1,000 Lithuanian pilgrims from the USA, Western Europe and Lithuanians from Poland.

delegations from Soviet-occupied Lithuania were not permitted to attend, but Radio Liberty brought the information to them.

Pope John Paul II gave a very impressive sermon on this occasion in which he reindicated a great example of the Lithuanian saint — St. Casimir simultaneously exhorting: "I urge you to preserve with care the many religious and cultural traditions which you have inherited. The very soul of Lithuania is reflected in your culture, and that culture has served greatly, in the course of history, to pass the value of the Gospel from one generation to the next."

At the end of his talk the Holy Father added in Lithuanian: "I strongly exhort you to live in your faith, preserve your culture and customs. These are the treasures inherited from the past, in which lies the spirit of Lithuania. The culture



Pope John Paul II at Papal Audience

created by your fathers with the passage of time is permeated by the Gospel. Preserve all of this. Be proud of it."



HARRISBURG, PA - Representatives of the various ethnic communities of Pennsylvania join with Governor Dick Thornburgh in Harrisburg for his proclamation of "Captive Nations Week", July 16-21, in Pennsylvania. Seated with Governor are Charles

Bojanic, Chairman and Richard J. Jankowski, Executive Director of the Governor's Heritage Affairs Commission. Standing are (5th from right) Annie Morgalis, Lithuanian-American Commissioner and various members of the Lithuanian communities

Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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C-133 — LOS ANGELES

The July 15 K of L meeting was held at the home of Florence Korsak who recently rejoined the LA Council.

Since President Helen Bartkus was still recuperating from her illness, Vice President Julius Kiskis presided at the meeting.

Mary Oberfield and Stephanie Gurskis attended this meeting as members. Mr. & Mrs. Eckburg were introduced to the council by Sylvia Shepherd.

At this time, Maria Banionis is in a convalescent home. We wish her a speedy recovery. Also, we wish to express our condolences to Frank Speecher, a long-time K of L'er. His wife Nancy died and was placed in a mausoleum July 14 at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Vytautas Vidugiris reported on his pilgrimage to Rome to attend the St. Casimir Jubilee. He was impressed on how much Pope John Paul II sympathizes with the Lithuanians. There were over 1000 Lithuanian pilgrims but none from Lithuania. Vidugiris remarked that Vyčiai stood out in that celebration. Vytautas Vidugiris is the chief leader of the Lithuanian Scouts of the World.

The Darius-Girėnas Stamp Campaign is still being supported by our council. Another group of signed D-G Petitions was mailed. This will make 1563 signatures collected. Two representatives from California, Carlos Moorhead and Bobbi Fiedler, agreed to support the issuance of a D-Stamp.

Representative Newt Ingrich of Georgia who was con-

tacted by Mrs. Grazina Mikulskis also agreed to support our cause. There are only twelve Lithuanian families in Mrs. Mikulskis' vicinity. Some are mixed; one spouse is non-Lithuanian. That did not stop her in getting signatures on the D-G Petitions and their US Representative's support.

B. Sk.



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

Seventy-niners put their best foot forward for the Annual Gegužinė Picnic at Divine Providence on June 6. A wine and cheer raffle, chaired by President Maggie Smailis and her committee, was a popular stop.

During the June meeting, Cultural Chairlady Stella Hotra explained the historical and cultural symbolism of the name Jadvyga. It set a tone for our member, Jadvyga Rukstele.

On July 1, a happy group of 79-ers joined a chartered bus of travelers to attend the Lithuanian Dance Festival in Cleveland. More than 2,000 dancers participated from Canada, South America, Europe and United States. We were awed by their beautiful Lithuanian costumes as well. Vida Gogelis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gogelis, danced with the Audyns Dance Group of Detroit.

Bertha Janus together with Marie and George Kasc travelled to the

Chicago District to attend the 500th Anniversary Commemoration of St. Casimir on August 12. It was a memorable observance at the residence of Mary and Anthony Rudis.

Diets were forgotten as mounds of Lithuanian hamburgers and other good food disappeared in a flash at our Annual Family Day Picnic on August 11. Vice President Richard Danielak capably filled the role of chairman. His fine committee consisted of Mary Keller, Virginia Kirsh, Jadvyga Rukstele and Beety Petroski. J. Rukstele made the "kopusta"; B. Petroski provided the homemade hamburgers and M. Keller did the chef chores. Tom Sr., Tom Jr. and Kay Arbanas as well as Leonard Balkus were four new volunteers. Refreshments were served by Carol Marzolf and Marianne Newberry. The ticket sellers were Maggie Smailis and Chester Nashlon. Games were played; Antoinette Baron won in darts; Éd Sackle won the horseshoe match. Music was provided by Charlie Mitchell. Some members reminisced about the good old days at Birutės Daržas. Kudos to Richard and Co. for a good job.

Our pastor and spiritual advisor, Fr. Victor Krisciunevicius celebrated his 35th anniversary in priesthood. A delightful picnic-reception was held at the residence of Kestutis Valantiejus. Those who participated from Council 79 were treated to a nice celebration. We regret that more members did not participate; however, we heartily thank Father for his spiritual services to our organization. Ilgiausią Metų, Father Kris. May God bless you!

Council 79 extends sincere sympathy to Father J. Walter Stanievich, his brother John and family upon the death of their beloved mother, Ezabele Stanievich on August 16. Fr. Stan was our former National K of L Spiritual Advisor. Remember Mrs. Stanievich in your prayers.

We hope everyone had a nice summer. Ed and Rita Bagdon visited their daughter Ann Marie in North Carolina and later flew to Ireland for a visit with Rita's relatives. Bertha Janus attended a Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrated by her cousins Emma and Al Mikenas in Cleveland. Marie and George Kase enjoyed a Las Vegas trip and a visit with their son and his family in Connecticut.

Mary Keller and President Magdalena Smailis attended the National Convention in Chicago. They reported on good sessions and colorful social events. Congratulations to Loretta Stukas upon another year of presidency.

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C-102 — DETROIT

With so many members on vacation, we omitted our summer meetings.

Our bowling league ended with a banquet. The bowling tournament in Dayton was a great success, but only one C-102 member won a prize and that was Mart Wagster. After winning the Traveling Trophy three years in a row, Council 102 was honored to keep the trophy and donated a new beautiful one in memory of Clem Galinas. Evelyn Galinas, Clem's wife, presented the trophy to the winners this year, Council 79. Congratulations!

We all enjoyed the tournament at Dayton, the Saturday Ethnic



Festival, the good food, the entertainment by the Lithuanian Dancers, and the interesting commentary by Eleanor Sluzas.

Donna and Frank Bunikis hosted the C-102 Pool Party at their condo. The day was beautiful and a good time was had by all.

Joe and Maryanne Guerriero visited her brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Isabell Peterson in Connecticut. Frank is President and Isabel Secretary of Council 50. Their council is sure a busy one with so many activities going on all the time. Isabell and Frank stopped on their way to the Convention in Chicago.

Council 102 was saddened by the death of Vincas Rimkevicius. Vincas was a pleasant member who attended our meetings at St. Anthony's and any doings we held there. He passed away after a short illness. Deepest sympathies are also extended to Joe Guerriero and Rose Sawnick on the passing of their father, a grand old man.

Congratulations on the June-July issue of the Vytis honoring St. Casimir. We enjoyed it immensely.

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Gena Baibak and Aldona Bunikis at C-102 Pool Party

MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 1984 Bowling Tournament was hosted by Dayton, Ohio Council 96. There were 21 teams and 4 Junior teams participating in the week-end. There were representations from C-19 Pittsburg, C-25 Cleveland, C-79 Detroit, C-86 Du Bois, C-96 Dayton and C-102 Detroit to enjoy the week-end.

The traveling trophy was won by C-79 Detroit with 3141 score. The trophy was donated by Mrs. Evelyn

Gallenas of C-79 in memory of her late husband. The Women's and Men's Booby prize was won by Fran Bruzga C-86 and John Berczelly C-96 (good bowling John). The Junior trophies were won by Theresa Marzolf C-79, 676 series, and Jay Grant C-96, 606 series. The 1985 Bowling Tournament will be hosted by C-25 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Joseph Peter Mantz



MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

The District's Membership Drive officially concluded on June 30, and the awards were presented during the July 4 festivities. Membership Vice President Eleanor Kasputis awarded First Place to John L. Paukstis C-36; Second Place, Paul Strolia C-13, newly reorganized youth council; Third, Estelle Rogers C-112; Fourth, Joseph Martikonis and Bruce Neberieza, both of C-36.

Our K of L July 4 Picnic was again most successful due to the efforts of many. The event was held at the K of L Building & Gardens. The weather was glorious and the capacity crowd enjoyed the entire day's events. Our appreciation to Algerd Brazis and Irene Sankus, Co-chairmen; Bar Chairmen Al & Aldona Brazis; Kitchen, Sabina Klatt assisted by Vince Samaska; Raffle, Eleanor Kasputis; Prize



Mid America Membership Drive. 2nd Place Winner Paul Strolia (C-13 reorganized); 3rd place - Estelle Rogers C-112; Dist. Pres. Algerd Brazis; Membership Drive Chr. Eleanor Kasputis; 1st Place - John I. Paukstis - C-36; Natl. Pres. Loretta Stukas; 3th Place - Joseph Martikonis -c-36.

Booth, Susan Bolanos; Admissions, AnnMarie Kassel; M-C John L. Paukstis; Publicists Emilija Pakalniskis and Ruth Kazlauskas; Building Manager Clemente Vidzius and their entire committees.

We were most honored to have in attendance our own Lithuanian Consul General, the Hon. Josephine Dausvardis, Vice-Consul Mary Krauchunas and K of L National President Loretta Stukas.

Condoleances to the families of Cultural Chairlady Monica Kasper and former District Vice President Bernice Pupunik. Both ladies were very active K of L members in the district and their respective councils.

Our K of L Dancers, under the leadership of Frank Zapolis, attended in record numbers the 7th "Šokių Šventė" in Cleveland. They were privileged to be the first group in the Parade of Dancers and performed very well.

Congratulations to Council 36 of Chicago's Brighton Park and President John Paukstis on hosting a most successful and enjoyable 71st National Convention at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Our District delegates were Algerd Brazis, who not only served on the Nominating Committee but also as a Presidium Co-chairman, and Eleanor Kasputis.



Pictured at the recent K of L Day picnic in Chicago: Mrs. Leonard Šimutis, Lith Consul Genl. Josephine Dausvardis, Vice-Consul Mary Krauchunas and Victor Krauchunas; standing: C36 Pres. John Paukstis.



At K of L Day - Chicago (Mid-America District picnic: newly reorganized C-13 Pres. John Strolia (winner of one of the K of L Natl. Scholarships); Natl. Pres. Loretta Stukas and Paul Strolia (reorganizer of C-13

Photo J. Tamulaitis

Our K of L Dancers and Choir and soloist Algerd Brazis, accompanied by Robert Mockus, performed during the Convention's Cultural Evening.

The K of L Choir, under the leadership of President Sabina Klatt and direction of Faustas Strolia, performed during the "Šokių Šventė" in Cleveland at a special commemorative 500 St. Casimir Program at the beautiful farm of Anthony and Mary Rudis in Monee, topped off by singing during the Convention's Closing Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

Maestro Faustas Strolia is to be commended on the very special program arranged for the Closing Convention Mass for the K of L Choir accompanied by organist Robert Mockus and orchestra. Compliments to Faustas were flowing freely from everyone in attendance.

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C-112 — CHICAGO

Our pre-convention board meeting was held at the condo home of Irene Sankus. Many council and convention items were discussed. We were honored to have Convention General Chairman John Paukstis of C-36 and Dolores Yuknis in attendance.

The District Membership Drive concluded and awards were

presented to the deserving winners by District Vice President Eleanor Kasputis. Among the winners was our Estelle Rogers who received a cash award for third place in the drive.

Our members continue to actively participate in District events by serving on the July 4 picnic committee. Among them were Algerd Brazis and Irene Sankus, Picnic Co-chairmen; Aldona Brazis, Paul Binkis Jr., Susan Bolanos, Mary Juzenas, Ellie Kasputis, Dolores Yuknis, Geery Mack, Al, Julie, Denise & Rita Zakarka, Al & Ruth Dagus, Ed & Marie Deksnis, Emilija Pakalniskis, Estelle Rogers, Aldona Gylys, Alice Cekanor, Mary Mathes, Kazys Rozanskis, Frances Shillis, Sophie Nieminski, Betty Zibas and Antanas Sereika.

Our deepest condolences to the family of the late Monica Kasper who passed away in July. Monica had been our council treasurer for many years and was always assisting on committees on the council, district and national convention levels. We shall always remember her in our prayers.

National Convention Highlights . . . Serving on the convention committees were Algerd Brazis as Presidium Co-chairman and member of the Nominating Committee; Paul Binkis Jr. and Alexander Pakalniskis Jr. on the

Resolutions Committee and Irene Rakaitis on the Greetings Committee. Unofficially Irene Sankus assisted the convention host committee with the banquet seating arrangements.

Council convention delegates were Paul Binkis Jr., Albert, Julie & Rita Zakarka, Irene Sankus, John Yerkes, Gerry Mack, Dolores Yuknis, Eleanor Kasputis, Estelle Rogers, Edward Pocius, Emilija & Alexander Jr. Pakalniskis, Mary Banky, Alice & Al Cekanor, Aldona Gylys, Gediminas Janula, Eleanore Laurin, Emily Perkins, Irene Rakaitis, Algis Skudra, Dolores Wainauskis, and Laverne Woperis. Also in attendance were His Excellency, Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, The Hon. Josephine Dauzvardis, The Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, and Saulius Kuprys.

Super congratulations to our Cultural Chairlady Susan Bolanos who received the National Award for the most active and diversified cultural program in a council. She received a beautiful straw picture from National Chairman Anna Wargo and a very special commendation.

Congrats to Junior Conventionship recipients — Denise Zakarka, Daina Pauskus and Kathy Svelnis. All three girls are very active in the C112-36 Junior Council.



K of L Dancers, Chicago, led the parade of dancers into the 7th Šokių Šventė, Cleveland



C-144 Junior Dancers at the Šokių Šventė in Cleveland. Rear, Natl. Pres. Loretta Stukas, Director Sister Angela, Natl. 2nd V.P. Elinor Sluzas

The newest Fourth Degree members in our council who received their medals and certificates during the Closing Convention Mass, are the Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Council President Paul Binkis Jr., Financial Secretary Alice Cekanor and Peter Gagle.

Only one representative on the National Board will again be Paul Binkis Jr. who was elected to a three-year term on the National Scholarship Committee after completing his third term as National Trustee. Paul is a most capable representative of our council.

Following the closing convention luncheon, Council 112 members and the lone C-36 representative Frank Svelnis met for a final farewell to their friends from New York City, So. Boston and Elizabeth at the home of Gerry Mack for a party hosted by Gerry and Irene Sankus. Everyone truly enjoyed this "left-over" party and made plans to meet again for the 72nd National Convention in New Haven.

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MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-74 — SCRANTON

Knights of Lithuania from Pittston, Forest City and Scranton took part in Lithuanian Day at St. Ann's Novena which is held annually at St. Ann's Monastery in Scranton.

Stations of the Cross, Benediction and all prayers are conducted in Lithuanian.

The Rev. Peter Alisauskas recited the Way of the Cross. He was assisted by Msgr. Michael Ozalas.

Council 74 was saddened to learn of the death of Andrew Leonard, a

Fourth Degree Knight of Council 74. He died July 25. Members attended the Lithuanian Wake Service led by Msgr. Michael Ozalas and Helen Cravath.

Ruth Yanish

C-144 — ANTHRACITE

Summer was busy for the Anthracite Council preparing for the 70th Annual Lithuanian Day. Ačiūs to Chairman Joseph Yezulinas and his hard-working committee for a successful day — also to Eva Yurkewicz and Anne Sikora who chaired the Pre-Lithuanian Day Banquet. Eva worked even though ill and due to illness could not attend.

Annie Morgalis, Lithuanian Commissioner on the Governor's Ethnic Heritage Commission and Lithuanian Folk Artist Extraordinaire, and Father Al Bartkus, our former Spiritual Advisor and now Pro-rector of the Lithuanian College in Rome, were honored as Lithuanian Man and Woman of the Year.

Our thanks to all who attended the 70th Lithuanian Day — our broliai and seserys Vyčiai from Syracuse, Philadelphia, New York, Scranton, Pittston, Lehigh Valley and Washington. This year's profit will be used for the Lithuanian

College in Rome. We are grateful for all who worked or contributed in any way. Despite the rain, everyone had a good time.

We also thank Sister Angela CJC for the trip to "Šokių Šventė" in Cleveland. Our Juniors danced and did a great job. Members who went by bus came back with enthusiastic praise for the trip, despite the little inconvenience caused by the bus break-down. Sister also again conducted a successful Day Camp and a two-week Sleep-over Camp. Ačiū Seselė Angela.

Rita Shevokis, Helen Chesko, Elsie Kosmisky, Helen Ambrose and Ann Wargo were delegates to the National Convention in Chicago. John Paukstis and his committee are to be commended for a warm welcome and a good convention. Rita worked on the Scholarship Committee and Ann was reelected as Cultural Chairman. Elsie was elected Third Vice President. We congratulate our two former Juniors, now members of the Council, Madonna Balulis and Susan Balcavage on receiving scholarships and Father Al who received his Fourth Degree.

Helen Chesko, Sister Angela and Ann Wargo journeyed to Toronto for the World Lithuanian Catholic



Ofertory gifts were presented at C-74 Scranton Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration Mass at St. Joseph's Church by Sarah Yescavage, Ann Lisowski, Patsy Simms, Jule Krutlis, Margaret Laibinas and Ann Potelunas

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Congress. It was an enjoyable weekend. They heard the Lithuanian Opera "Dux Magnus," attended the Mass at St. Michael Cathedral for the closing St. Casimir's Commemoration and also the banquet. Father Al gave them a tour of Toronto and the Lithuanian churches and cemetery.

We were saddened at the loss of Bill Gijunas. Father Shelonis led the Council in the impressive Wake Service. Amžina Atilsi, Bill.

Members names who worked at all affairs are too numerous to mention. We just want to thank everyone. Ačiū visiems!

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IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

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Member C-36
Chicago, IL
Died Aug. 17, 1984

Anthony Beleckas
Member C-100
Amsterdam, NY
Died Sept. 6, 1984

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