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## OFFICIAL NEWS

## Year of Lithuanian Youth

In keeping with the decision to celebrate 1985 as the YEAR OF LITHUANIAN YOUTH, VYTIS would like to honor our K of L youth with a feature story in each issue.

The story in this issue about our scholarship winners points out the 26 years of commitment we have already had in cherishing our young people with our successful scholarship program.

Let us hear from all of the councils who have young people seriously involved in their activities. Photos to go with the stories would be appreciated.

#### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship applications may be secured from the chairman of the scholarship committee: William J. Piacentini, 362 Webster Avenue, Cranston, R.I. 02920.

Donations to the scholarship committee may be forwarded to: Clemencine Miller Treasurer, 80 Cottage Street, Trumbull, CT 06611.

Donations are accepted at any time during the year. Donations, a...o, may be made in honor of a deceased loved one. All donations are acknowledged via mail and published in the Vytis.

A raffle for the scholarship fund is conducted at each National Convention. Anyone interested in donating prizes to the raffle is asked to contact the chairman at the above address.

## K OF L CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 3: 25th Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet

Mid-America District, The Martinque, Chicago, IL

MARCH 3: Mid-America District St. Casimir's Day Commemoration

Host Council #38, Kenosha, Wisconsin

MARCH 10: Mid-Atlantic District St. Casimir's Day Communion

Breakfast, Host Council #29-Newark, N.J.

MAY 17-18-19: Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Host Council #25

Cleveland, Ohio

AUGUST 7-11: 72nd National Convention

New Haven, Connecticut





## THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HONOR THEIR YOUTH THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS





The Knights of Lithuania has enjoyed over seventy (70) years of success as an organization devoted to preserving the Lithuanian heritage. This success is due, in part, to the original objective of establishing the Knights as an organization for Lithuanian-American youth. Today's committee membership is, for the most part, the youth who joined the Knights of Lithuania over the past decades. While present membership may not be "youthful" chronologically, its ideas are still young and its commitment to the preservation of the Lithuanian heritage among our youth is still as fresh as ever.

In this 72nd year of Knights of Lithuania history, special attention is being paid to our Lithuanian-American youth beginning with the dedication of the year to them. For the last quarter of a century, the Knights of Lithuania has recognized and honored its youth through

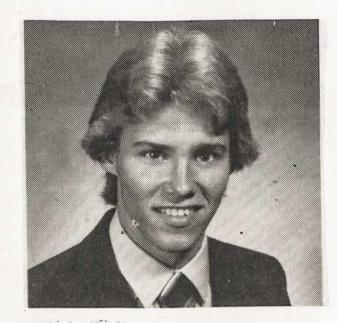
a scholarship program conducted by the Supreme Council and financed by the generous contributions of members, councils, and districts. The good works accomplished by this scholarship program are a credit to each and every K. of L.'er. Thus, commitment to our youth is reflected in this integral component of our organization's being.

The 70th National Convention in Philadelphia celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the scholarship program; the 71st National Convention in Chicago embarked the program on the journey to its 50th Anniversary. In light of this year's dedication to youth, let us acknowledge the Knights of Lithuania scholarship recipients for 1983 and 1984 They are examples of youth proud of their Lithuanian heritage and committed to "God and Coutry."









Thomas A, Strolia



Rita M. Zakara

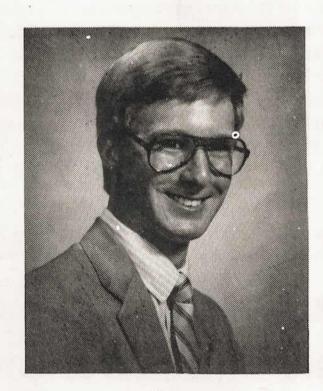
## 1983 SCROLARSRIP RECIPIENTS

The 1983 award ceremony witnessed the largest number of recipients receiving the largest amount of money awarded at any national convention; this was in honor of the scholarship program's "Silver Anniversary." The award recipients were: 1) Thomas A. Strolia (C-36), "an intelligent and ambitious young man with a good sense of humor and an even temperament." Tom planned to study Computer Science at Lewis University. 2) Rita M. Zakarka (C-112), "a young lady who is personable, cooperative, of unquestionable integrity and has demonstrated a sincere interest in her studies." Rita planned to study Biological Sciences at the University of Illinois. 3) Vida M. Gečas (C-96), "a diligent, dedicated, honest, hard-working and very dependable young lady who reads, writes and speaks Lithuanian." Vida planned to major in International Studies at the University of

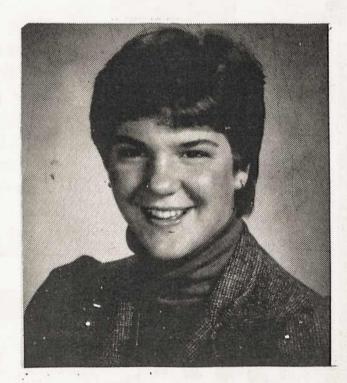
Dayton. 4) Veronica T. Bizinkauskas (C-1), "a cooperative, industrious young lady raised with deep Lithuanian traditions and values and fluent in Lithuanian." Veronica planned to study Aviation Science at Bridgewater State College. 5) Rima M. Hartvigas (C-100), "a creative and artistic young lady who is respected by her peers and is enthusiastic, responsible, cooperative and mature." Rima planned to study Computer Science at the State University of New York-Potsdam. 6) Michael J. Mikolaitis (C-100), "a young man proud of his Lithuanian heritage, he gives generously of his time to others and serves as a role model to his peers because of his mature, gentle manner." Michael planned to major in Liberal Arts at the State University of New York-Plattsburgh. The Knights of Lithuania organization is well served by youth of such high caliber.



Veronika T. Bizinauskas



Michael J. Mikolaitis

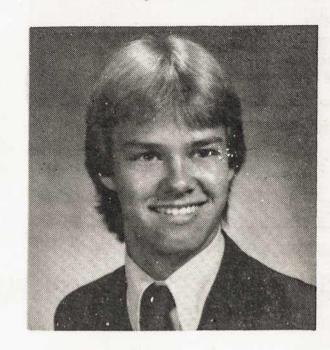


Rima M. Hartvigas

## 1984 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Madonna M. Balulis,



John V. Strolia



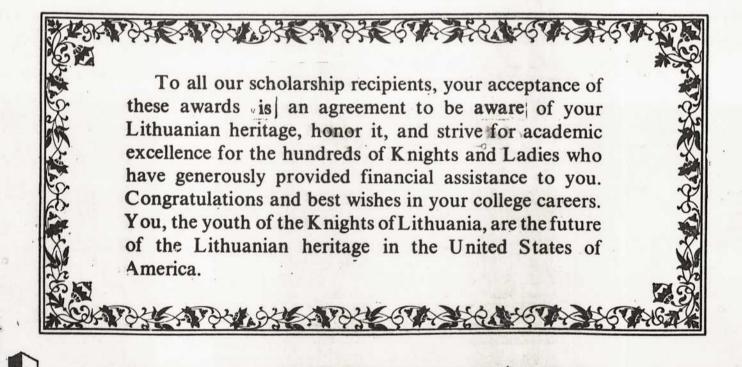
Susan M. Balcavage

The 1984 award ceremony continued the tradition of honoring outstanding K. of L. youth for their service to the organization and the community. The recipients are:

1) Susan M. Balcavage (C-144), "a young lady who knows the importance of promoting our Lithuanian culture and Catholic religion, she is honest, sincere, an excellent student and always willing to help others."

Susan planned to study Biology at Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales. 2) Madona M. Baliulis (C-144), an honor student, personable, cooperative, energetic, she is

not afraid to speak about the beauty of being a Lithuanian." Madonna planned to study Nursing at Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales. 3) John V. Strolia (C-36), "an honor student, pleasant, courteous, energetic, and an active participant in all K. of L. activities, he is a credit to his parents and up-bringing." John planned to study communications and music at Lewis University. These young people are truly representative of all that the Knights of Lithuania cherish.



1985 THE YEAR OF LITHUANIAN YOUTH

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Rev. Al. Bartkus with K of L National President, Loretta Stukas and 1st Vice-President Nancy Miro at 71st National Convention in Chicago

Rome, Christmas 1984

Dear Jack, and Dear President of K of L Co. Supkene Council,

In the name of the whole Faculty and Students of the Lithuanian Pontifical Seminary/College of St. Casimir, in Rome, we send our very special Season's Greetings to you, our newly adopted Godparents. May the Newborn Prince of Peace and Love shower His special blessings on You, Your Officers and all the faithful Members. May You and Your Council have a truly happy and holy CHRISTMAS and a blessed and a fruitful NEW YEAR for God and for Country!

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Rev. Al. Bartkus, Pro Rector of the Seminary

P.S. 1 In any correspondence and communication with our Seminary/College, from now on, official or on individual K of L member base, please identify (especially on the envelope the number of your Council. Ačiū!

P.S. 2 Please remember in yor prayers the intentions of "our" Lithuanian Semynary in Rome: pray for vocations, for many and holy (Lithuanian) priests. May & suggest a brief and special prayer for vocations (of your choice) during this year's KŪČIOS or your council's specia! Christmas meeting or gathering?

Linksmų Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujųjų Metų!

Kalėdinė taikos ir geros valios dvasia tebūna su Jumis Kalėdų dieną ir kasdien per visus Naujus Metus!!!



## A FAMILY OF PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

## by Bronislaw Lazauskas NED President

What is a Knight of Lithuania Council? What should it be? Each person that joins is looking for something. Each member that joins has to be a Lithuanian practicing Catholic. After that, what else?

Why does a Lithuanian join our organization? They join because they are proud to be Lithuanian and want to be part of a Lithuanian organization. They want to learn more about their roots — more about their culture.

They don't want it to be like a Knight of Columbus — or they would be there.

Each member needs an activity that they like to do and they are active in — in order to keep them coming regularly to meetings.

We need programs and projects to help Lithuania and to familiarize our members about Lithuania and their Lithuanian heritage. By doing this, we instill greater ethnic pride in our members and in our organization. Without this, we would not have a K of L for long.

That is why it is so important that all councils have a Cultural Chairman. What is equally important is that each council have a Ritual and Lithuanian Affairs Chairman who is active. Without these three committees, we are no more than a social club.

When we get a prospective member, do we interview them? The sponsor of the new member should be at the meeting when they are sworn in and spend the rest of the evening introducing them and keeping them company so they will feel at home.

The new member should be told what the council is doing and/ or trying to do and it should be explained to them what our organization is all about.

What happens at this first meeting will leave a lasting impression on a new member and it will determine whether it is worth their being at the meeting or not.

On the other hand, if they come to the meeting and their sponsor is not present, the new member will feel uncomfortable among strangers. After they are sworn in and the meeting is over and the rest of the members go back to their friends and ignore the new member, they will think, "What a cold, hostile bunch this is! What am I doing here?"

They may stay a member but you might not see them at very many meetings. First impressions count a lot.

The council should have projects that help the community around them. This will also help the member who is confused about his dual relationship of being American and of being Lithuanian.

We must realize that each council is a small community of people trying to help people. To help our community and to help the Lithuanian Catholic church, to help the priests and nuns survive in Lithuania is important.

We should be the right arm of our Lithuanian Parish — helping in any way that we can. If you belong to another parish, you should adopt your council's Lithuanian parish and try to attend Mass there at least once a month. In other words, you have two parishes; your local parish and your Lithuanian Heritage Parish.

Where would our K of L be without our Lithuanian parishes? This also applies to all Lithuanian Catholics.

## JANUARY DATES IN LITHUANIAN HISTORY

- 1 1396 Grand Duke of Lithuania Švidrigaila wages, war against Vytautas the Great
- 1714 Birth of poet Kristijonas Donelaitis.
- 2 1599 Žemaičiai (Samogitia) return to the Catholic faith.
- 3 1352 The Lithuanians Assassinate the Teutonic magistra.
- 4 1794 Lithuania is partitioned for the third time by Russia, Austria and Prussia
- 4 1795 The Russians seize Kaunas and Vilnius.
- 5 1226 Rimgaudas occupies the throne of the Lithuanian dukes.
- 8 1905 The military court at Senapilis exonerates 19 Lithuanians accused of disseminating Lithuanian literature.
- 10 1897 The Lithuanian pupils at a school in Palanga refuse to pray in the Russian language.
- 10 1923 Lithuanians advance under the leadership of Col. Budrys and, meeting little resistance from the surprised Germans and the French garrison policing the Mandate, take over the strip of territory extending from a point near Palanga to the Nemunas River. A provisional group of some 120 delegates gather at Heydekrug and vote for union with Lithuania.
- 14 1560 The Lithuanians regain from the Teutonic knights the Fortress at Mierekausen.
- 15 1563 The Russians defeat the Lithuanians at Polotske.
- 16 1215 Svobunė, Duke of Žemaičiai, accepts Christianity.
- 17 1386 Jadvyga the Duchess of Poland becomes engaged to Lithuanian Granduke Jogaila
- 19 1249 The Teutonic knights proclaim to Lithuania the 5 Precepts of the Church.
- 20 1794 L. Auanians stage an uprising against the Russian government in Vilnius
- 21 1529 —Vilnius is devastated by fire.
- 28 1336 The Teutonic knights burn down the fortress at Pilene.
- 30 1396 Vytautas the Great seizes Švidrigailą and incarcerates him.

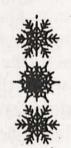
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## Lithuanians in The News

**Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS** 







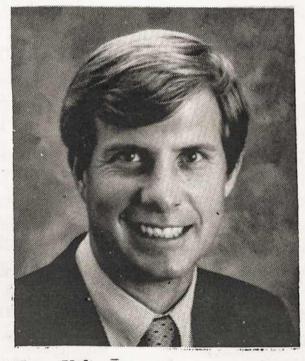
Discussing plans for the Balzekas Museum's Annual Award Dinner are (left to right) Valdas Adamkus, Man of the Year, David Mackiewich, Award Dinner Chairman, and Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Museum President

VALDAS V. ADAMKUS was honored as Man of the Year at the Balzekas Museum's annual Award dinner which was held November 18, 1984 in the University of Chicago Quadrangle Club.

He was chosen for his dedication and contribution to the betterment of mankind. As administrator of Region 5 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, he oversees environmental matters in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin; chairs the Water Quality Board of the United States/Canada International Joint Commission on the Environment and serves as the national program manager for the Great Lakes, reports the "Brighton Park/McKinley Park Life".

Adamkus served as an advisor to the United Nations World Health Organization in 1975. In 1978 he received the United States EPA's Gold Medal for Exceptional Service for his outstanding contributions to international environmental control. In 1983, he contributed significantly on the national scene to change the direction of environmental movement in this country. The Lake Michigan Federation presented Adamkus with the Rachel Carson Award for "unswerving dedication and courageous leadership in protecting and improving the quality of our environment."

DAVID MACKIEWICH, chairman of the board and president of Standard Federal Savings and Loan Association, Chicago, Ill., served as award dinner chairman.



Tom Kalinske

TOM KALINSKE, nephew of JOHN KALINSKE, C-79 Southfield, Mich., former senior vice president of Marketing, Mattel, Inc., was promoted last March to President of Mattel, Inc.

Tom has turned the well known toy manufacturer from a \$360 million loss in 1983, to a \$2.50 per share profit expected for 1984. Mattel manufactures the traditional Barbie Doll and the new Rainbow Brite line.

The "San Francisco Examiner", October 18, reported "Bay Area Lithuanians join ethnics for Reagan."

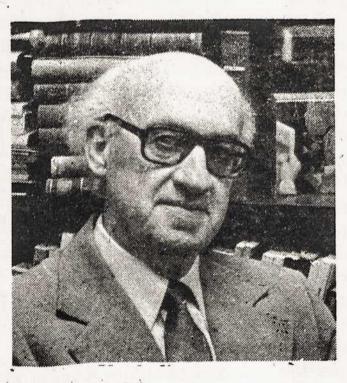
A staff man was lining up the ethnic groups for Reagan-Bush so they could shake hands with Vice President Bush at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, Calif. There were Chinese, Armenians, Filipinos, Germans, Vietnamese, and others. At the end of the line there were Lithuanians for Reagan-Bush. Visually, the staff man had saved the best for last.

Two of the Lithuanian women had turned out in the colorful costume of their native country, complete with necklaces made of "Lithuanian gold" — the gemstone amber.

"This is a hand-woven long skirt and this is an embroidered apron," said FELICIA PREKERIS-BRCWN, a lawyer from San Jose who came to the United States after World War II.

"I'm wearing my grandmother's costume, from lower Lithuania, from the late 1900s," said ALDONA VASAITIS SEHGAL, a Palo Alto schoolteacher who also came here after the war.

Afterwards, the Lithuanians said that Bush really appreciated their costumes. Aldona Vasaitis Sehgal gave one of her necklaces to Barbara Bush, and they had a nice chat about amber.



Bronius Vaskelis



Felicia Prekeris-Brown, left, and Aldona Vasaitis Seghal, greet Vice-President Bush in Lithuanian costume

Representatives of the Lithuanian community have presented the University of Illinois at Chicago with an additional \$100,000 for the creation of the first endowed chair in Lithuanian studies in the United States, bringing the total collected thus far to \$300,000, according to "At Chicago" published by the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Lithuanian scholar BRONIUS VASKELIS has been named to the post. Vaskelis will teach some undergraduate courses in Lithuanian in addition to developing master's and doctoral programs. This is the first attempt to offer both undergraduate and graduate programs in Lithuanian studies anywhere in the U.S.

The position, Distinguished Professor of Lithuanian Studies in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, is expected to be fully endowed in 1987. While Lithuania is culturally and geographically tied to the Slavic world, the language is classified as Baltic, so the UIC department plans to change its name to the Department of Slavic and Baltic Languages.



A 13-foot high statue of St. Casimir is the focus of a new shrine which was blessed October 6 at St. Casimir Cemetery in Chicago, Ill., notes "The Chicago Catholic". Flanking the statue are stone tablets with texts written in English and Lithuanian.

Congratulations are extended to MSGR. DAMA-SUS A. MOZERIS on the completion of his-30 years as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago, Ill., home parish of C-36. 1984 also marks the 70th Anniversary of the parish.

A dual celebration was held on Nov. 4th at the Martinique Restaurant in Evergreen Park, Ill. The banquet was attended by present and former parishioners, leaders of the community and business friends of Msgr. Mozeris.

CHUCK ALEKSINAS has made it to the big time, according to "The Waterbury Democrat". When the 1984-85 National Basketball Association season opened last October, Aleksinas was wearing a Golden State Warriors' uniform.

Aleksinas, the 6-foot-11 former Wamogo High Regional and University of Connecticut standout, was a member of the Golden State team in its opener at the Oakland (Calif.) Coliseum against the Phoenix Suns.

PAT GRISKUS climbs mountains, sky dives and runs in marathon races in a "go-for-it" lifestyle. That would not be so noteworthy except that the Waterbury, Conn. native has an artificial leg, notes the "Waterbury Sunday Republican."

Griskus, the world's fastest amputee runner, was among several members of the Achilles Club who competed in the New York City Marathon last October. Sponsored by the New York Road Runners Club, the Achilles Track Club is the only running club in the world where you have to be disabled to join.

Griskus, who lost one of his legs in a motorcycle accident in the Marine Corps in 1967, was asked to join the Achilles Club after running a marathon in 1983. Since then, the 37-year-old investment advisor has been a workhorse, with seven marathons among his accomplishments.

"When I'm running, I don't just run against the handicapped, but the able-bodied, too, and I try to do as good as I can against them," Griskus said. "If there are 8,000 runners, I'll finish in the top half."



Msgr. D. A. Moseris

The 16th Annual Festival of Nations in Syracuse, N.Y. was held last October at the Onondaga War Memorial, reports the "Syracuse Herald American".

FRANK PETRAUSKAS, President of C-140, Syracuse, was general coordinator of the Lithuanian presentation at the festival, spending countless hours for the two days of display. Sold at the festival were about 3,000 potato pancakes and about 30 dozen Mushroom-shaped cookies. Also featured was the spinning of flax into linen and a Lithuanian Christmas tree with genuine straw ornaments.

The purpose of the festival is to demonstrate that folk traditions of the national heritage groups in the greater Syracuse area are an enduring source of community character, vitality, and pride. "It's a lot of hard work," says Frank, "but it gives people an idea of what Lithuania is all about."



Katherine Cravetts, C-140, assists at the Syracuse 16th Annual Festival of Nations



## MARINUOTI GRYBAI (MARINATED MUSHROOMS)

1 cup Red Wine Vinegar 2 Allspice Berries

2 Whole Cloves 1 Tblsp. Sugar

1/2 cup Cold Water 1/2 Bay Leaf

5 Whole Black Peppercorns2 teasp. Salt'
1 lb. Small Fresh Mushrooms2 Cloves Garlic (peeled &

1 Tbsp. Salad Oil crushed lightly)

Combine in a 2 quart saucepan — the vinegar, cloves, water, peppercorns, bay leaf, salt, sugar and garlic. Bring to a boil over high heat. Add mushrooms and reduce heat. Simmer uncovered for ten minutes, stirring mushrooms frequently to prevent scorching.

Cool to room temperature. Remove garlic from mixture and pour entire contents into a large (1 1/2 quart.) jar. Place waxed paper or plastic wrap over top of jar, then secure the lid tightly. Let marinate in the refrigerator for at least 1 week. They can be served as an appetizer or as a side dish with meat or fish or sandwiches.

NOT TOO EARLY TO PREPARE FOR EASTER!!!



The art of making Lithuanian Easter eggs has not died out in the K of L. As more and more of us color our eggs with the hot-wax and onion-dyed-scratch methods, we are always interested in easier and newer ways.

One of the drawbacks to the "scratch" method has been handling the single-edged razor blades. Not anymore!

George Mikalauskas of Council 96 (the same artisan who made the crozier for Archbishop Martinkus) has designed a small tool for this purpose.

The handcarved wooden handle fits the hand very comfortably. A small curved blade is made of tempered steel and is very sharp.

You can purchase one of these tools for \$5 by writing to:

George Mikalauskas, 104 East Bruce Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45405.

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## LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID REPORT — 1983-84

As Coorinator for the Supreme Council's Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Committee, I am very excited about the report for this term. We have reached our GOAL to raise \$3,000.00 by convention time 1984!!!

ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO COLLECT FROM YOUR INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, I Thank You for your efforts. Collecting money is not always an easy job and I commend you for this. Those chairmen will be listed with their council total later in this report. To all councils and districts who donated, I heartily thank You! Without Your support we would not have had the success we did! To all who were unable to donate, I thank You for your moral support to this project. Your prayers were needed!

ONE SPECIAL STORY I must share. There is one member who held a one-man campaign to raise money for this Drive. His goal was to raise 10% of the Supreme Council's total. This would mean \$300.00. This member not only reached his goal — he passed it! How did he do this? This member decorated cans (HiC size) with a wrapping that read — Donations — Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid — Thank You and God Bless You. He left the cans at various business establishments. Final total from this project was — \$302.04!!!! I congratulate Mr. Bronislaw Lazauskas, C#7, Waterbury, CT, for this one-man effort!

Anthony Rollis(C-#145) 5.00
Andrew Rozga (C-#19) 1.00
Helen Shields (C-#3)
Lungen L. Svelnis(C-#17)10.00
Connie Siatsis(C-#12)15.00
Irene Sankus(C-#112)10.00
Mary H. Tamy(C-#19) 2.00
Margie Z. Turner(C-#19) 2.00
Albert & Albina Wallis(C-#25) 3.00
Anna Wargo(C-#144)10.00
Joseph & Anna White(C-#17)35.00
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C #30 — Westfield 25.0
C#36 — Chicago — Membership Drive
- Ruth Kazlauskas, Chrm 1551
Edward Abazorius, John & Ann Arnold, William
Balis, Helen Baltutis, Joseph & Josephine Bambalas,
Anthony Bartusis, Rosalie Braxton, Mildred
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Dolanski, Herman Dolanski, Al& Fran Domanskis,
Bernice Dowling, Olga Esstman, Dave Gaidas,
Ralph & Helen Gaking, J. Galminas, Bob Gawryla,
Anne Gendrolis, Emily Gestautas, Rev. Vyto
Gorinas, Frank Grigaliunas, Herman Hofer, John
Janavicius, Jerome Jankus, Helen Janus, Helen
Jazwiec, Amelia Jesunas, Frnk & Helen Jurgaitis,
Catherine Juris, Anne Kasputis, Adolph & Stella
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Joseph Kulys, Jonas & Irena Levickas, Ray & Val
Longenecker, Peter Maleta, Sharon Martinaitis,
Mr. & Mrs. Matulis, James Mazenis, Charles &
Aldona Meisner, Helen Meizis, Michael & Lillian
Micha, Irene Murdock, Povilas & Ona Naureckas,
Bruce Neberieza, Peter Obritis, V. Obritis, Clare
O'Dea, Terry Owens, Kazys & Evelyn Ozelis, Ron&
Ausra Padalino, Sadie Paden, John & Lillian
Paukstis, Ann Paurazas, Albert & Florence Peters,
Helen Petkunas, Stanley Pieza, Helen Pius, Kay
Pocius, Algimantas & Ann Puodzius, Pat & Eileen
Quinn, Lauretta Rashinski, Julie Rocus, Algirdas
Stankus-Saulaitis, Joseph & Loretta Simon, John &
Marcella Simutis, Ray & Lynda Simutis, Ellen
Sliter, Don & Karen Smith, Chester & Margaret
Soprych, David & Ruth Speakman, Sister Julia
Stankus, Mary Stankus, Robert Stoskus, Sue Suski,
Alina Vadeisa, Albina Zemaitis, Ed Valskis, Richard
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Jonas & Emilija Saulys, Ste	lla Schultz, Audrey
Toole, Mary Yesukevich.	
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Gecas, Bill Gitzinger, Bob & S	
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Joseph P. Mantz, Frances M	
Sally Miller, Bernadette & Ric	
Veronica Omlor, Mary A. Pe	
Petkus, Michael F. & Norma	
Prasmantas, Stefanija Rastik	
Ryan, Ada Sinkwitz, Elinor S	
Smiley, Raymond & Mildred	
Catherine Urbanas, Stanley &	
Yankus, Kelen & Josephine 2	Zilinskas.
C#100 — Amsterdam	
C #102 — Detroit	
C #110 — Maspeth	100.00
C#112 — Chicago	
C#116 — Worcester	
C#118 — Hazelton	
C#139 — Detroit	10.00
C #140 — Syracuse	50.00
C#141 — Bridgeport	25.00
C #143 — Pittston	100.00
Membership Drive — Anne	Challen,
Chrm	50.00

Rev. Pete, Dorothy Baros, Filbert & Marcella Bartoli, Nellie T. Bayoras, Adele Brooks, Leo & Helen Butsavage, Anne Challen, Mary Charba, Alphonse Marian Chepalis, Mary Ann Cipolla, William Anna Daileda, Charles & Genevieve Dajnowski, Anna Davala, Frances Evans, Julie Farrell, Anne Kaynuktis, Grace Kazacavage, Agnes Kishel, Rosalie Kizis, Paul A. & Marie Lauck, Mary Makalusky, Paul Patrick, John & Alice Puscavage, Eva Richards, Frances Shoppel, Annamarie Sewatsky, Anastasia Stanley, Mary Starsnavis, Mary Timck, Anna Walatkas, Alberta Walsh, John & Stella Wasser, John Wisnosky, Margaret Zukauskas.

#145 — Holyoke	32.00
C #144 — Anthracite	100.00
Membership Drive — Joni Reinhart	
Chrmn	80.00

Rev. Joseph Shelonis, Anne Allushuski, Tessie Balulis, Susan Banditelli, Marion Basheda, Anna Bender, Kathleen M. Bridges, Violet Capper, Edmund Carlitua Helen D'Haren, Margaret Gervalis, Mary Gustus, Adeline Kale, Ann Kanlaitis, Marcella Kaselonis, Helen & Mary Labadis, Anna Letunic, Josephine Manskas, Margaret Marousky, Helen Matunis, Al Mikatavage, Helen Mourey, Mary Najda, Mary Narcavage, Helen Pasky, Edward & Isabelle Pelsinsky, Anna Petrauskas, Mary Preni, Anna Radzavage, Helen Roland, Mary Adele Schutz, Babs Silkunas, Helen Sullivan, Ann Supernavage, Mary Szysmanski, Dolores Ticky, Joe



Bronislaw Lazauskas, C-7, Waterbury held a one-man campaign and raised \$302.04 for the K of L LCRA Drive.

The Knights of Lithuania had a very successful Drive in 1983-84 to donate money to help sponsor an issue of the CHRONICLE. Our work does not cease We are now opened for the next Drive which will end at the national convention 1985 in New Haven. I will be

The Knights of Lithuania had the pleasure of presenting the check for \$3,000.00 (to our newest Honorary Member, Spiritual Advisor for Ç #78, Lawrence and the NED, member of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priest League, Rev. Albin F. Janiunas.

would like, at this time, to thank Mary Ann Lepera for the work she did to enhance our report. Mary Ann's poster showing our Drive's progress was very impressive.

I have misspelled any names, please accept my apologies. At times it was difficult to read the handwriting.

My donation to the 1983-84 Drive is all the expenses entailed — printing, mailing, etc. It, again has been a pleasure to help the Knights of Lithuania reach its goal to sponsor another issue of the CHRONICLE of the Catholic Church in Lithuania.

Vytiškai, Frances R. Petkus Supreme Council LCRA Coordinator

appealing to all Districts, Councils and Members to make this Drive in 1984-85 even more successful than the last. We are off to a very good start. Let's keep the momentum rolling!!!

#### INCOME - TOTAL

John & Ann Adomenas C-110 — 10.00
Susan Bumila C-1 — 25.00
Bronislaw Lazauskas — Amber Club, Inc — C-7 — 25.00
Anthony & Susan Mazeika C-147 — 25.00
Jack & Loretta Stukas C-29 — 20.00
Irene R. Tamulevich C-116 — donations received in memory of her husband Edward — 750.00
Anna Wargo C-144 — 10.00
Interest — 2.71
Sub Total — \$867.71
Mailed to the Supreme Council balance for 1984 Drive — 113.96
Balance 10/17/84 — \$753.75

Frances R. Petkus
Coordinator

## THE YEAR OF THE LITHUANIAN YOUTH IN LITHUANIA

### IN THE SOVIET SCHOOL

### Viduklė

On May 23, 1984, Class 11B Homeroom teacher, Mrs. Mikolaitienė, told her pupil, Miss Juratė Kaplanaitė, that because she had greeted a returned prisoner, and had prayed publicly in church with everyone else for the imprisoned pastor, Father Alfonsas Svarinskas, she would not be allowed to take final examinations. Vice Principal Mrs. S. Balutienė accused Juratė of anti-Soviet activity and called her morally degenerate, even though in parents' meetings, the girl used to be praised, and no fault had been found with her.

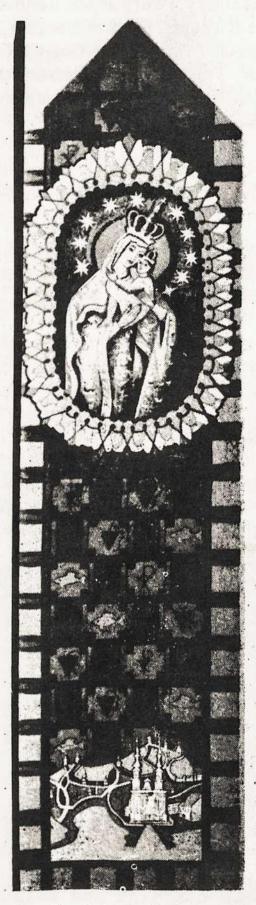
The parents took a petition to the Minister of Education, protesting against such behavior by the teachers. Only on the second try were they able to get in to see the minister for a short while, practically forcing their way in. The minister stated that he could do nothing, that he would have to investigate everything in person, and for that he had no time. "Most of the jurisdiction in this matter rests with the Rayon Department of Education, go see them," the Minister of Education told the parents.

#### Kapsukas

On February 2 1984, Lina Merčaitytė, a pupil at the Kapsukas School of Culture, residing at Alyvų la, was summoned to the Kapsukas Prosecutor's Office. The assistant prosecutor asked whether militiamen had broken down her door on January 28, who had the key, had she really been in the bathroom when the militia knocked on the door, and did they really try to break into the bathroom?

On February 7, 1984, Miss Jolanta Kalvaitytė, a pupil at the School of Culture, was asked the same questions. Principal Jonuška of the School of Culture, arguing that the owner of the apartment, Miss Genovaitė Navickaitė, was too young, and could draw them into "the black market", demanded that both girls check out of Alyvų la as quickly as possible, and move into a student dormitory.

Lina Merčaitytė's mother, Mrs. Genė Merčaitienė, came to the School of Culture to inquire why her daughter was being forced to check out, and told Principal Jonuška that no one was interfering with Lina's studies at her place of residence, and that she did not agree to allow her daughter to move to the dormitory.



Žemaičių Kalvarijos Madona

## SPORTS SCRAPBOOK PROFILE BULLET BILL

### by Tony Yuknis

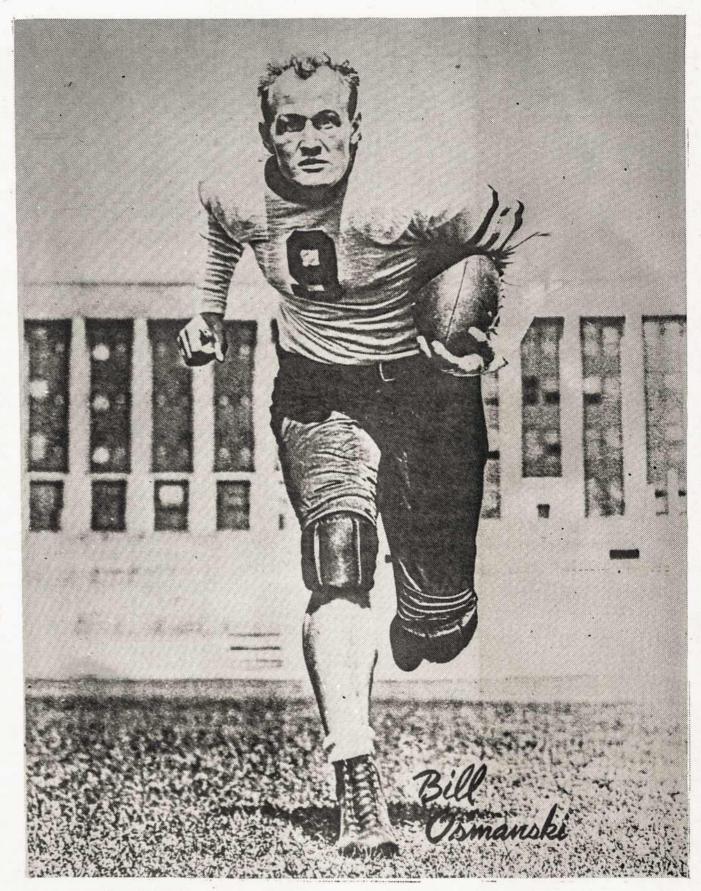
Today William T. Osmanski practices dentistry in his Chicago downtown office at 130 E. Randolph Street. In his younger days this one-time K of L member did a lot of drilling on the football fields with success. He was appropriately nicknamed "Bullet Bill" for his prowess.

Bill grew up in Providence, R.I., and starred in football at Holy Cross College. At this time he met Mary Gavin of Wisconsin and he fell for her like a ton of footballs. Eventually she was to become his wife. His speed and prowess in this matter was as successful as a football game, superlative. In football he was named All-American college fullback in 1937 and 1938. In 1939, Bill was voted the most valuable player in the All-Star game and All-Pro representing the Chicago Bears. He played with the Bears for nine years participating in four National Football League championship games.

Bill went to Northwestern U. dental school in suburban Evanston where he now resides. Otherwise he coached football at Iowa U., Great Lakes Naval Station, Holy Cross College and the Chicago Bears.

In 1943, Bill was commissioned a lieutenant in the Marines seeing service in Okinawa, Guam, Guadalcanal and Japan. In 1946, he returned to the Chicago Bears.

Bill's most memorable games probably were in 1940 when the Washington Redskins defeated the Chicago Bears 7 to 3 in a seasonal game with "Slinging" Sammy Baugh. The Bears apparently had victory in their hands but were robbed. The Bears had the ball on the Redskins'



Dr. William T. Osmanski Chicago Bears
Member of National Footbal League Hall of Fame

six-yard line with six seconds left to play. Bears' Syd Luckman threw a perfect pass to Osmanski who couldn't catch winning the touchdown because a Redskins defender held both his arms. No interference was called by the referee. Bill protested and Coach George Halas blew his cork with no results. The owner of the Redskins gloated over this cheap victory by calling the Bears team "crybabies." The Bears sought revenge when the two teams met for the NFL championship three weeks later.

The angry Bears went to work in the title game when "Bullet Bill" burst through the Redskins' team for 68-yard touchdown run. Right end George Wilson threw a devastating block into a defender to clear the way. This happened in the first minute of play. The fired-up Bears then ran wild in their 73-0 victory over the Redskins. These are what memories are made of.

# Vyčiai Veikia Gouncil Activities

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Hope it's a bang-up New Year for all our friends

## MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

During our District Convention meeting held in September, K of L Building, Chicago, the following officers were elected for the 1984-85 K of L year: President, Algerd Brazis; First Vice President Membership, Eleanor Kasputis; Second Vice President Juniors, Maria Deksnis; Third Vice President Seniors, to be appointed by the Chicago Senior Council; Secretary, Mary Juzenas; Treasurer, Irene Sankus; Trustee Paul Binkis Jr.; Sergeant at Arms, Jerome Jankus & Antanas Sereika. Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas has agreed to remain as our Spiritual Advisor and Vincent Samaska as

C-36 Convention Chairman John Paukstis and the council are still receiving congratulations for the wonderful convention arrangements; it will be one long remembered.

Much recognition to C-112 member Estelle Rogers on being accepted by resolution for Honorary Membership. She will be presented with the medal during the 1985 convention. A most deserving honor for one who continually represents us with other organizations, is constantworking on recruiting new members for all councils and a mainstay with the K of L Choir, which she helped to reorganize in Belated congratulations to a hard-working young man, John Strolia, formerly of C-36 and now president of the newly-organized youth Council 13, on being a recipient of a National K of L Scholarship. John, as well as all members of his family — father Faustas, mother Terry, and brothers Paul, Thomas and Matthew — are truly K of L members and are deeply involved in all our activities.



Mid-America District President Algerd Brazis greets\_Rev. Jurgelaitis during the Convention in Chicago

A pre-convention activity was our annual Golf Tournament held in conjunction with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Vince Samaska presented the K of L trophies to Dolores Rupp and Wally (Red) Cibulskis of C-112. We were pleased to have Annie Mitchell, Rita Pinkus and Helen Gillus join us for the Golf Banquet.

Our representatives on the national board of ALTAS as appointed by the Supreme Council are Dr. Leonard Kriauceliunas, who was reelected as Vice President, Dr. Leonard Simutis and Evelyn Ozalis. They were in attendance at ALTAS 10th Congress along with district representatives Emilija Pakalniškis, Valeria & Joseph Stanaitis, Irene Sankus. National President Loretta Stukas also attended the event.

Our Building Rummage Sale again was a financial success due to the Building Trustees Al Mockus, Al Zakarka, Paul Binkis Jr. and their small but hard-working committee. The proceeds go directly to the evermounting building operating costs.

The Annual District Memorial Mass for deceased members and families was held during High Mass at Nativity BVM Church on November 11, followed by a luncheon and commemorative program at the Parish Hall. Arrangements were made by Susan Bolanos and Paul Binkis Jr.

Our 25th Annual Memories of Lithuanian Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 3. Co-chairmen Algerd Brazis and Irene Sankus and the entire committee invite everyone to attend. This year, following the theme of the Supreme Council "The Year of the Youth," we will be honoring Frank Zapolis and Faustas Strolia for the many, many years of service and devotion to the Lithuanian youth in the fields of music, song and dance.

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## Happy New Year



## C-38 - KENOSHA

Council 38 had several meetings. We participated in Holiday Folk Fair in Milwaukee. Lithuanian food was served to several thousand people. Lithuanian crafts, dolls, amber jewelry, woodworking, etc., were sold.

The Juniors were in charge of the Lithuanian exhibit Amber, Gold of Lithuania, featured colors of amber including white, red and blue as well as inclusions in amber, insects, flowers and others on actual specimens.

Theresa Balciunas was general chairman. She was assisted by Bill Cantwell who was in charge of the Sidewalk Cafe. Grace Johnson chaired the World Mart while Stanley Milasius handled the dance groups and Aldona Balciunas, the exhibit.

Over 200 volunteers, Lithuanians and friends of Lithuanians, worked at the fair.

Our next event will be the Folk Fair in Kenosha on March 10.

Theresa Balciunas also participated in the Gem and Mineral Show in Kenosha. She exhibited amber jewelry and inclusions in amber.

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C-112 Participates in Nativity BWM's Annual Siluva Procession with flag bearers Louis Rogers and Edward Deksnis

## C-112 — CHICAGO

President Paul Binkis Jr. announced the following committee appointments: Juniors, Maria Deknis; Lithuanian Affairs, Rita Zakarka; Lithuanian Culture, Susan Membership, Estelle Bolanos; Rogers and Eleanor Kasputis; Ritual, Ruth & Al Dagis; Lithuanian Publicity, Emilija Pakalniškis; Vytis, Irene Sankus; English Publicity, Sophie Nieminski; Social, Julie and Louis Rogers; Courtesy, Sophie Nieminski.

Our ever-working Board continues to meet on a regular basis. We express our appreciation to Dolores Wainauskas and Susan Bolanos for hosting the September and November meetings, respectively. Both ladies treated us royally and much was accomplished.

Following our regular business meeting in November, Cultural Chairlady Susan Bolanos arranged to have Aldona Veselka, President Chicago Chapter of Lithuanian Folk Art Institute, present an oral and slide presentation on the history of the Lithuanian National Costume.

C-112 members and the K of L colors were represented in the Nativity BVM Annual Šiluva Procession, for which we received a vote of appreciation from Pastor Anthony Zakarauskas for our continued cooperation with the parish.



H. M. Bishop Vincentas Brizgys and Canon V. Zakarauskas were among the clergy attending the Nativity BVM's services

More congratulations for a job well done on our 60th Anniversary Banquet continue to arrive. A big vote of thanks to President Paul Binkis Jr., Chairpersons Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Mary Juzenas, Al & Ruth Dagis, Al & Alice Cekanor, Maria & Ed Deksnis, Al, Julie, Rita & Denise Zakarka, Al Mockus, Irene Sankus, Estelle Rogers, Ellie Kasputis and the entire Board and, of course, all the council members in attendance at this special event.

Vice President Al Zakarka made the arrangements and the council members cooperated and manned a Wine and Deli Booth at the two-day Parish Harvest Festival. All the proceeds go to the operation of the Nativity School. Our condolences to former council president Irene Rakaitis on the death of her brother and to Al Dagis and Lucille Shotas and their families on the death of their mother.

DIFF

Happy new home to council member Walter Klemka and his wife on their recent move to Glendale (Phoenix), Arizona.

Belated but sincere congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Vince Petrosius Jr. of Vince's Flower Shop on the birth of a daughter and to grandparents, Vince Sr. and Mickey Petrosius from all our council members.

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## C-29 — NEWARK

Our council's 69th Annual Dinner-Dance was held October 13 at our parish hall. Thanks to Chairladies Mary Stonis and Anne O'Neill, the affair was a huge success. We are most fortunate to have two such dedicated and capable members take on this large and time-consuming responsibility year after year. Well-earned thanks to their hardworking committee, too, without them there just wouldn't be a dinner-dance.

We held our annual election of officers and committee chairpersons during our October meeting. Congratulations are in order to the following: Msgr. John Scharnus, spiritual advisor; Mary Stonis, president; Bernard Skripata, vice president; Adele Urbanas, treasurer;

Margaret Brazaitis, recording secretary; Elizabeth Luciw, corresponding secretary; Rita Sussko, financial secretary; August Lang, Helen Radisch, Valentinas Tunelis, trustees.

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Committee chairpersons are Emilia Sadonis, cultural; Elizabeth Didzbalis, Lithuanian affairs; Mary Honeymar, religious; Eva Coll, public relations; Regina Schmidt, sunshine; Viola Skripata, Anne O'Neill, Rita Sussko, Ritual; Walter Brazaitis, Adele Matthews, sergeants at arms.

We ran our Third Annual Chinese Auction on November 4. Thanks to Chairlady Eva Sharon and a hard-working committee, it was a big financial success. At a previous council meeting we voted to donate the proceeds from this affair to Bishop Baltakis. With a little help from our treasury, we were able to send the Bishop a check for \$1000.

Condolences to Bernard Skripata whose brother passed away last October and to the family and friends of August Lang. Gus was one of our trustees and we will all miss him. May they rest in peace!

Eva Coll

## C-63 — LEHIGH VALLEY

Lehigh Valley Council has members from all over Lehigh, Northampton and Upper Bucks counties.

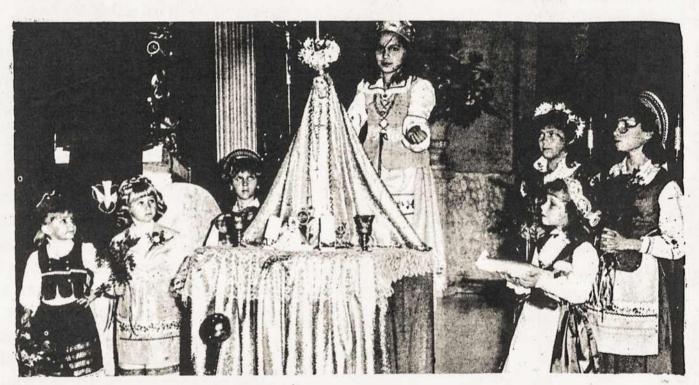
When council members met on November 18 at St. Michael's Church in Easton to select officers for the coming year, they decided on candidates representing all areas as well.

Len Barcousky of Bethlehem was elected president of the council. Barcousky, who served as vice president last year, replaces Adolf "Ed" Klova of Allentown.

Other officers include Joseph Ugint of Allentown, vice president; Jane Lutick of Easton, financial secretary, and Robert Klova of Allentown, treasurer.

The election of officers was only one part of the November meeting. The main order of business was a potluck luncheon featuring both Lithuanian and American foods.

Plans were made for the council's third annual commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day in



Scranton Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue is crowned by C-74 Junior - Rebecca Georgia, Emma Foley, Melissa Cravath, Nancy Laske, Melissa Gvazdauskas and Melissa Radle assist

February. Knights in Lehigh Valley's three major cities — Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton — will sponsor flag-raising ceremonies to be attended by the cities' mayors and other community officials.

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## C-74 — SCRANTON

Council 74 hosted the 61st consecutive monthly Diocesan Rosary in October at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. The Rosary was in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the death of St. Casimir.

The Rev. Michael J. Zipay, pastor St. Michael's Church, Scranton, was the principal speaker. The five decades of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary were recited by the following: Lithuanian — Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas, pastor St. Joseph's, Scranton; Sister Virginia CJC and Sister Aloysius CJC. English — Rev. Peter P. Madus, pastor St. Joseph's, Duryea; Rev. Poulf. Gerosky, assistant pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas, Archbald and Rev. Michael Zipay.

Meditations were given by Marie Laske, pesident C-74.

The Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin statue was crowned by Rebecca Georgia with Emma Foley carrying the crown. Melissa Cravath, Nancy Laske, Melissa Gvazdauskas, and Melissa Radle carried rūta, a plant designating virginity.

Richard Laske carired the Lithuanian banner, Joseph Shobaitis, the wayside cross. Edward Romanauskas was the lector.

The Holy Hour of Prayer began with the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and culminated with Benediction officiated by Msgr. John M. Dougherty.

A recital of Lithuanian hymns by Alphonse Bulavich preceded the devotions.

Mary and Jerry Costello, our two newest members, received their first



C-110 members participate in Mass for Religious Freedom sponsored by Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights

degree at the September meeting.

Officers elected for the current year are Marie Laske, president; Casimir Yanish, vice president; Ann Lisowski, financial secretary; Ruth Yanish, recording secretary; Edward Romanauskas, treasurer; Ann Juffstutler, sergeant at arms; Richard Laske and Pranas Shimkus, trustees.

Committee chairmen are Margaret Labinas, spiritual program; Sister Virginia CJC, Lithuanian affairs; Ann Dudewicz, cultural; Jean Kavelinas, ritual and Martha Brack, publicity.

Ruth Yanish

## C-110 — MASPETH

Congratulations to C-152 as John Adomenas informed us that the newly organized council in Riverhead, meeting at Greenport, has thirty members. The Riverhead area, as all good Lithuanians know, is the Potato Capital of the northeast. Welcome, Fellow Knights! Congratulations to Louise Dauzickas on her 75th birthday celebration which was attended by her many friends and relatives. We wish her good health and happiness for another 75!

Get well wishes to Lottie Ulrich, Helen Zeder and Walter Caspar of C- 110 and to Al Yatkauskas of C-12.

Wedding Anniversary Bells — Good wishes to Anne & John Adomenas on their 40th and to Mary & Pete Vence on their 51st!

Karen Dagis, our able treasurer, reports that we made contributions to the Transfiguration Parish Children's Party, the Bishop's Appeal Fund, the Lithuanian Relief Fund and to the Lithuanian Catholic Women's Group.

Our Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund Chairperson Lottie Ulrich and Helen Zambor are collecting your coppers.

Our Kūčių Committee Chairman Tony Yakaitis promised to make the perfect kūgelis for the occasion. He distributed his special recipe to Helen Atkocius, Stasia Kraujalis, Al Resavage, Anne Ruginis, Stella Stripeikis and Evelyn Walles in anticipation of their assistance.

Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members was celebrated on November 18. Installation of officers for 1985 followed.

Peter J. Slapikas, our first president, wrote John Adomenas to say that he and his wife Mae now reside in Fort Lauderdale. They recall the charter for C-110 was granted on January 20, 1914. The meetings were held in the very first Transfiguration

Church building located at Hull Avenue and Remsen Place. Today the Transfiguration Church on Perry Avenue occupies its fourth location since the establishment as a national parish.

Brenda Bell-Razickas

## C-144 — ANTHRACITE

On the first Sunday of Advent Knights of Anthracite Council assembled in Our Lady of Siluva Church Hall, Maizeville, to partake of the traditional Lithuanian Kūčios.

Anna K. Wargo, president, opened Kūčios with greetings. Rev. Al Bartkus, former spiritual advisor, sent season's greetings from Rome. He also thanked the council for the generous donation of \$4000 from the proceeds of Lithuanian Day 1984 for the Lithuanian College.

Rev. Gerald Gobitas, pastor Frackville Annunciation BVM, gave the opening prayer. Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, pastor Our Lady of Siluva, read the Christmas Eve Gospel. Rev. Robert Potts, pastor New Philadelphia Sacred Heart, offered the toast to wich all responded "Sveikas".

Sister Angela CJC led the members in the breaking of the holy wafer wishing each other that God would keep us together for another year.

In a setting of white tablecloths with amber lighted brandy snifters encircled with apples and greens, twelve meatless dishes were served. The menu consisted of beet soup flavored with dried mushrooms from Lithuania, poppy seed milk with biscuits, baked fish, marinated herring, sauerkraut, cooked dried peas, pickled beets, boiled potatoes, stewed prunes, oatmeal pudding, rye and raisin bread. Cookies, candy and nuts accompanied the coffee and tea service. Of course, a sip of "virytos" completed the meal.

Under the direction of Sister Angela assisted by Ann Vernusky, the Frackville Junior Knights in Lithuanian and English presented and explained the traditions and customs of Lithuanian Kūčios.

Sister Angela then led the members in singing Lithuanian Christmas Carols.

Rev. Daniel Yenushosky, pastor St. Casimir's in St. Clair, closed with a very special Benediction.

The only sad note of the entire afternoon was the absence of our Spiritual Advisor Rev. Joseph Shelonis who is hospitalized. As a tribute to Father Shelonis members individually and collectively offered prayers for his recovery.

Annie Morgalis again decorated the Christmas tree with her artistic ornaments of natural straw.

We are grateful to Sister Angela, Elsie Kosmisky and Eleanor Vaicaitis, co-chairmen, and their energetic committee for a memorable Kūčios, Committee members were John Balesky, Marion Basheda, John& Leona Joseph, Helen& Mary Labadis, Anna Letunic, Josephine Manikas, Florence Orzechowski, Anna Petrauskas, Evelyn Prep, Joni Reinhart, Helen Sullivan, Helen Swatsky, Eleanor Yancofski, Albert & Anna Yockachonis and Margaret Zalonis.

## C-147 — ST. PETERSBURG

The annual meeting of Council 147, St. Petersburg, was held November 7 in the American-Lithuanian Club. Election of officers was held. Marija Zigaitis is the new treasurer. All other officers were retained. Alex Kraujalis continues as president and Victoria Kleiva as secretary. Violet Kraujalis was selected as correspondent for Vytis and Lithuanian publications.

A Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of Augustinas Zigaitis who passed away in September. Our membership increased to 76 with the addition of new members Jonas and Vlade Gliosas.

Reports were given on the 71st National Convention in Chicago.

Members who received Fourth Degrees at the convention are Victoria T. Jacobson, Casimir & Victoria Kleiva and Alex & Violet Kraujalis. Members who were not present at the convention will receive their medals af a special ceremony on St. Casimir's Day in March. They are Rev. Jonas Gasiunas, Jonas Valiauskas, Terese Liutkiene, Adolfas Paleckis, Charles Vilnis and Helen Vilnis.

After the meeting, pictures were taken of those present, our newlyelected officers and our new Fourth Degree members



Happy New Year

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

## C-25 — CLEVELAND

Eleven members of Council 25 attended the Mid-Central District fall convention and pilgrimage in Pittsburgh. The hospitality and friendship extended by host Council 19 was tremendous. We thank our dear friends for a wonderful weekend. Tom Bruzga presided over the business meeting and did an outstanding job. We were sorry to hear Tom's announcement that he had decided not to seek another term. Frances Petkus of Council 96 was elected to the presidency. Good luck and congratulations, Fran! Three

members of our council were reelected to their present office. They are Vince Gray, public relations and Vytis correspondent; Alvina Luiza, ritual and Lucy Tabert, cultural. Adele Svet from our council was the lucky winner of the raffle.

After the informative and interesting business meeting, we enjoyed a delicious gourmet dinner at Kecks Restaurant. A young group entertained us with show tunes and favorite melodies. Sister Franceska conducted a Lithuanian sing-along.

Mass on Sunday morning at the impressive St. Casimir Lithuanian Church was an inspiration to all of us. Father Karaveckas, pastor, extended a warm welcome and gave a very interesting talk on ethnicity. He gave us much to think about.

After Mass we were treated to another delicious meal at the Royal Too Lounge. The brunch served was plentiful.

The pilgrimage ended with a prayer service at St. Francis Academy. All of our deceased members names were read by Tom Bruzga and candles were held by representatives of each council. This service is always a very solemn occasion. We send a big ačiū to the

kind Sisters for their hospitality.

Our confgratulations to Joanna Shigo who received her Fourth Degree at the national convention in Chicago. Shortly after the convention, Joanna became very ill while attending a class reunion in Pennsylvania with her husband Al. She was rushed to the Hershey Medical Center where open heart surgery was performed. Joanna has returned to Cleveland and is convalescing at home. We are happy to hear she is improving after giving us some anxious days. Hope it won't be long before you join us at our doings.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Marion & Vince Gray. Marion's dear mother, Louise Palonis, passed away unexpectedly. Marion and Vince experienced much happiness and great sadness within the same week. They had just returned from their daughter's wedding in Denver.

It was good to see Jim Thompson back with us at our council meeting. Jin had open heart surgery recently. We had reports that Bruno Bartkus is also doing well after his recent open heart surgery. Hope it won't be too long before you are able to join us.

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## C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

Outside Divine Providence Cultural Center, the weather on November 4 was unfriendly, but inside the hall a most friendly atmosphere prevailed among members and friends for our annual Fall Festival.

Delicious aromas beckoned us to he kitchen center where the food consisted of kugelis, virtinėliai, kopūstai and wieners. In command were Betty Petroski, Mary Keller, Marianne Newberry, Carol Marzolf and Richard Danielak.

The big raffle of 50/50 was won by our member Leonard Balkus. He donated a portion of it to charity. Lenny solicited donations for holiday distribution of food, clothing and other essentials to a needy Lithuanian family. Council 79 was also among donors.

At the ticket post was Violet Panavas and Virginia Kirsh. It was a successful fall festival.

At our November meeting an informative report was given by Sophie Zager on the Mid-Central District meeting and pilgrimage held in Pittsburgh. Emma Povilaitis deserves kudos for hostessing a

## **COUNCIL 79 CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY**

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Council 79 was commemorated on October 7, 1984, at the Divine Providence Parish. At 1 P.M., High Mass was concelebrated by our pastor Fr. Victor Krisciunevicius and assisted by Fr. Alphonse Babonas and Fr. Casimir Simaitis. Prior to Mass, John "Chip" Newberry was conferred with a Third Degree by Father Kris, as his mother, C-79 Rit. Chmn. Marianne Newberry assisted, and his grandmother, SCRC Magdalena Smailis proudly watched her grandson. Congratulations Chip.



Chip Newberry of C-79 is pinned with Third Degree Award by Fr. V. Krisciunevicius

We were also honored by the presence of our Mid-Central District Pres. Thomas Bruzga and his lovely wife, Jeanne, from Du Bois, PA.

A sumptuous sit-down dinner was served following prayer offered by Father Kris. The tables were accented by baskets of floral pieces in red, green and yellow colors that were arranged and donated by our very talented member, Geraldine Chaps. Labai Ačiū, Gerri.

After the meal, the attendees settled down to greetings and welcome from Pres. Maggie Smai-

delightful social following the meeting. She is one of our new members. Thanks to Emma and Frank who helped.

Sophie Zager passed a petition for signatures to help the Roman Catholics of Klaipeda, a port city in Lithuania, regain possession of their church, Mary Queen of Peace. The people of Lithuania appealed to the Soviet leaders three times since the confiscation. Their appeals were ignored. Help from the outside world is needed. Our members responded in unison. The goal is one million signatures.

The White Elephant Booth in charge of Rita Bagdon and her committee of Ann Uzdavinas and Ed Bagdon displayed a variety of collectibles as well as some oldies gathered by members.

As usual, Helen Tucker Santorum presided over the bake sale. All sorts of delicacies and favorites spotlighted the pyragų table. She was assisted by Antoinette Baron, Emma Povilaitis, Anne Salas and Geraldine Chaps.

A successful straw game was chaired by President Magdalena Smailis and Margaret Nasholon. They were assisted by Jeanne & Joe Yakstys, Theresa Marzolf and Chester Nashlon.

A deserving nod of thanks goes to Mary Mitchell for the beautiful afghan which she crocheted and donated for the Holiday Raffle. A basket of cheer and other prizes graced the table. Sophie Zager, chairman, Julia Janson and Frank Zager handled the raffle.

Competing for customers across the hall was Tony Dainus with the dart game for the children. He also scooped up bids for an Oriental rug from the former church on Schaefer Highway. He scored success.

Our sincere sympathy to Vera Tulauskas on the death of her beloved husband Charles. We hope she is on the mend after her injury in a fall during her husband's funeral.

Get well wishes to Pauline Belickas following major surgery.

Marianne Newberry will assume the duties of recording secretary for Marge Nashlon. The Nashlons will be in Florida for several months. Marge did a great job.

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lis. Chairman Frank \*Zager introduced the head table, and asked comments of MCD Pres. Tom Bruzga who spoke of C-79 various accomplishments and many contributions to outside charities, as well as ample sums to church improvements.

Hon. Mem. Robert Boris, who helped re-organize council 79, based his talk appropriately on C-79 beginnings and the remarkable progress it has made in the past 25 years.

From a membership of 5 or 6 in its inception in 1959, our featured speaker Hon. Mem. Anthony Dainus of C-79 stated how the membership swelled to a total of 250 members in the mid-60s. Tony signalled out numerous accomplishments: By holding card parties, fashion shows, rummage sales, bake sales, selling raffle tickets and sponsoring bazaars, the group has been instrumental in donations toward improvements of the church.



Featured speaker - Anthony Dainus



C-79 25th Anniversary Head Table: MCD Pres. Tom Bruzga; H.M. Robert Boris, C-102; and Pastor Fr. V. Krisciunevicius



C-79 President Magdalena Smailts extends greetings at anniversary dinner.



Kim Marzolf, grandaughter of Mary Keller celebrates her 13th birthday as C-79 celebrates its 25th

Two National K of L Conventions were hosted by C-79, with one co-hosted by C-102 of St. Anthony's.

A Golden Agers Club was formed through the efforts of C-79, Ann Valatka. They have weekly activities that provide interest to our Seniors.

The Junior Knights of Lithuania Council 79 had been organized for the youth of the parish, in the early 60s. They attended camp week at Camp Dainava, learning the history and traditions of Lithuania. The youngsters also participated in scouting, hiking, swimming and many other activities.

The council's activities are broad in scope. The members generously support religious programs of the church. They assist in making arrangements for St. Casimir's Day celebrations, participate in Lithuanian Independence Day programs, and last October of '83 members assisted in commemoration of 75th anniversary of Divine Providence Parish. Various members write letters to newspapers and magazines promulgating freedom for enslaved Lithua-

nia. A Lithuanian Wayside Cross gracing the church grounds was realized through our efforts.

However, Tony signalled that our biggest accomplishment was the establishment of a new Divine Providence church (formerly St. George's) due to demolition of the old parish for the construction of a freeway. The driving force behind the establishment of the new parish was Knights of Lithuania, Council 79.

The success of our council has been due to our capable leadership and its dedicated members. The presidents who served C-79 were: Anthony Dainus, Frank Zager, Edward Martin (deceased), Joseph Kazlauskas (deceased), Leon Galinskas, Gerry Zager, Ruth Grasha and Magdalena Smailis.

Always receptive to new ideas, it is our desire that our council will grow, and hope to see more of twenty-five years. We thank all who worked together through the years of changing times to this day. With hope and enthusiasm we face the future under the inspiration of our Heavently Father.

Sophie M. Zager



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## C-96 - DAYTON

Our K of L Fall Festival and Bake Sale, held on November 17 and 18 in the church hall, was a huge success. Many thanks are extended to all who participated, both donors and workers. The tables laden with many

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goodies were a mouth-watering sight. Lithuanian sūris, kugelis and ausukės were also available. Christmas decorations included straw ornaments. The aroma coming from the kitchen revealed Mary Lucas, Vytis Food Editor, busily making delicious funnel cakes. Winners in the raffle were Aldona Ryan, first prize, a Thanksgiving dinner bakset; Sally Greene, a hanging fern; Stanley Sluzas, \$10 gift certificate; Veronica Omlor, wine; Ildefonsas Bucmys, wine and sūris.

Congratulations to Edward Sluzas and Debra Jean Watson who were married in our church on November 3. Edward is the son of Elinor Sluzas, Supreme Council Second Vice President, Edward is a former Vėjeliai dancer.

Our parish is deeply saddened by the death of Father Thomas Fortkamp, 49, a beloved friend of our parish for many years. He passed away suddenly on November 3, just hours before the wedding in which he was to officiate. He preached his last sermon at our church on All Souls Dayl He was a former chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Dayton. Since 1975 he was head of pastoral care at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Father Fortkamp visited us frequently and will be greatly missed. God rest his soul.

Our bowling season is in full swing. Bowlers are preparing to participate in the tournament in Cleveland next May.

Congratulations to Stefanija Rastikis who received her Fourth Degree at the MCD Pilgrimage in Pittsburgh.

December 16 is the date for our Christmas Carolers to make the rounds to our shut-ins and older parishioners to deliver flowers and gifts. This is an annual event and is enjoyed by the participants no matter what the weather. Elaine Pacovsky will prepare snacks for the carolers.

Cecelia Yankus



## C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

Members of C-10 headed by Rev. Justin Steponaitis attended the 500 th Jubilee ceremonies of St. Casimir. They were among the 1600 persons who filled Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston. Archbishop Bernard F. Law was chief celebrant, assisted by six bishops and about 25 priests. Homolists were Archibshop Law and Bishop Paulius Baltakis.

The banquet, attended by 700, was held at the Freeport in Dorcester. Entertainment was furnished by St. Casimir's Choir, Brockton, under the direction of Vytautas Rastonis, soloist Maria



Philip Erickson, grandson of Charles and Blanche Genaitis, C-10, was recently graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy

Bizinkauskas, and the Lithuanian Folk Dance Group of Boston, director Gediminas Ivaska.

The event was a cultural and religious expression of solidarity among Massachusetts Lithuanians. The jubilee was also a token of hope for the faithful in occupied Lithuania.

Rev. Justin Steponaitis, William Wisniauskas, Charles & Blanche Genaitis and Leonard Davidonis served on the committee.

Charles Genaitis was reelected third vice president of NED and his wife Blanche to the scholarship committee at the Fall District Convention in New Haven. Thanks for the fine hospitality.

K of L'ers elected to the Lithuanian Outing Association of Gardner are Gloria O'Malley, David Lucas, Mary Ann Roy, Bill Wisniauskas and Jim Eacmen.

The council was well represented at the NED Cultural Festival at Maironis Park. The Genaitises chaired the Scholarship Raffle that netted \$1000.

Council officers and committee chairmen for the coming year are Rev. Justin Steponaitis, spiritual advisor; William Wisniauskas, president; Howard Beaudette, vice president; Nellie Melaika, treasurer; Gladys Richardson, financial secretary; Chalres Genaitis, recording secretary; Blanche Genaitis, telephone; Brone Wisniauskas, cultural; Leonard Davidonis, public relations; Frank Anoris, religious.

Plans were formulated to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day on February 24 with an attractive program planned.

Lennie Davidonis, a camera buff, photographed scenes of Athol and surrounding area with his improvised 3-D attachment and a camera using polaroid colored film. The Athol Public Library dusted off its two stereoscopic viewers of 1920 vintage to allow the public to enjoy 33 views in color 3-D so familiar to them.

Father Steponaitis was recently hospitalized and has recovered nicely following surgery. Helen Simkunas fell and fractured her right arm but has also mended nicely.

Philip Erickson, grandson of Charles & Blanche Genaitis, was graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy and is currently stationed in Pensacola. His grandparents hosted a party in his honor.

Tina Shatas and Valeria Smith recently enjoyed a trip to Germany and other countires. Nettie Piragis and Julia Meehan have taken many trip s lately.

The Wisniauskases commemorated the 20th anniversary of the death of their father Joseph with a Mass, visitation of his grave, recitation of the Rosary and dinner attended by the family and friends.

Vincukas

## C-17 - BOSTON

Council 17 held its annual elections on October 10 in the E. Seventh St. Chapel Hall. The following officers were chosen for the 1984-1985 season: Alexander Akule, president; Mary Martus, first vice president; Joseph Balaconis, second vice president; Longinas Svelnis, third vice president; Virginia Markus, recording secretary; Adele Martus corresponding secretary; Eva Ball, financial secretary; Joseph White, treasurer; Walter Opanasets and Sylvester Daniels, trustees; Mary Mickevich and Ann Norinkavich, sergeants at arms.

Three committee chairmen were also elected: Daniel Averka, Lithuanian affairs; Alexander Chaplik, Lithuanian culture and Algirdas Budreckis, Vytis correspondent.

Chaplik was elected New England district president during the annual meeting in New Haven. Chappie is quite a powerhouse. He currently



The Joint Choir of Lithuanian Parishes sings at St, Casimir commemoration held at Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston

holds the following posts with Lithuanian organizations: national vice president and Massachusetts district president of Sandara National League, national vice president and Massachusetts district president of the Lithuanian Alliance of America. He is a national officer of the Lithuanian American Council, as well as president of the South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Association, the largest Lithuanian organization in Massachusetts.

The observance of the 500th anniversary of Saint Casimir in Boston was a huge success. Well over 1600 attended the High Mass at Holy Cross Cathedral on October 14. Council 17 members acted as ushers and distributed program booklets and Lithuanian pins to the congregation. The Lithuanian parishes in alphabetical order followed the guests and clergy in the procession.

The following parishes and religious communities participated: St. Casimir, Nashua; St. Peter, Boston; St. Casimir, Providence; St. Francis, Lawrence; St. Casimir and Our Lady of Vilnius, Worcester, Immaculate Conception, Cam-

bridge; St. Casimir, Brockton; St. Francis, Athol; St. George, Norwood; St. Joseph, Lowell; Sisters of Immaculate Conception, Putnam; Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Brockton; Lithuanian Franciscans, Orders of Friars Minor, Kennebunkport.

Archbishop Bernard F. Law was the principal celebrant and gave an inspiring homily on Saint Casimir and the suffering' Church in Lithuania. At one point, he asked plaintifly: "Why is there a conspiracy of silence about what is happening in Lithuania?" The concelebrants were Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Bishop Edward C. O'Leary of Portland, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence J. Riley, Auxiliary Bishop John J. Mulcahy, Auxiliary Bishop Thomas V. Daily and Bishop Paulius Baltakis. Bishop Baltakis also gave a short homily in Lithuanian.

Although a joint effort of several parishes, the Saint Casimir's observance was headed by the Boston committee. The following C-17 members were active participants on the steering committee: Rev. Albert Contons, chairman; Al Jaritis cochairman; Al Akule, ushers; Joe

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"Apuokas"

## C-27 — NORWOOD

Much has been going on in New England; however, we haven't heard about it.

On September 30, we attended the NED Convention. As small as our council is in comparison, seven of our members went to New Haven. They were Fred & Adele Picard, Aldona Jackson, Sandy Melish, Mary Ann Tamasanis, Helen & Stanley Dallalis.

Elections were held. George Barton, who was in Lithuania at the time, informed the board he would remain on the ritual. Valio George! Helen Dallalis stayed on as corresponding secretary. With two members in the NED we are well represented.

November 3, we held a dance at St. Mary's in E. Walpole with the Swinging Brass. We plan to do it again in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Dean St. on April 27. The committee which works tirelessly affair after affair are to be commended. They are Adele & Fred Picard, George Barton, Aldona Jackson, Mary Ann Tamasanis, Sandy Melish, Helen Dallalis, and I follow being the good humor man.

I must not forget to inform you of our cultural picnic held at Maironis Park. The scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Paul Picard, our young council member. Paul is a student at Boston University studying Bio-Medical Engineering. We are indeed proud of our other college students—Patty Kontrimas at Boston College, Nancy Dallalis at Lassell Junior College and Barbara Zukas at St. Vincent's School of Nursing. Good Luck to all our student council members!



November 10 we travelled to Worcester for C-26 Annual Dinner Dance. We met our old and new friends from Lawrence, So. Boston and Worcester and, of course, Providence. Always fun in Worcester!

On November 17 and 18, we had a cake sale and have a raffle going. Prizes will be drawn at the "Luncheon is Served" on December 6. Talented Mary Ann Tamasanis donated and made a beautiful ceramic Christmas tree. Ačiū to Marily Janiunas of Brockton for her donation of a beautiful Madonna which she made for the raffle.

Stasiukas

## C-50 — NEW HAVEN

Our Turkey Shoot, Raffle and Christmas Boutique was held on November 11 in our church hall. With Helen Medley in complete charge of the boutique and Evelyn Lepensky in command of the raffle tickets, the whole event was successful.

The crafts department was a big attraction. Helen Medley went to town learning how to make the Lithuanian ornaments and they were beautiful.

Sophie Aunce put on her display of fast-selling up-to-the-minute Christmas musts for every home.

Joan Augustine, swishing around that long rummage table, marked up some pretty good sales.

Audrey Toole attracted attention to her department by displaying religious articles from St. Jude's Missions. They sold for their beauty and reasonable cost.

Bernice Barile, let's face it, cakes and breads are her first love. It's quite a change from the typewriter and legal documents on her job.

Ann & Al Gedrim as co-chairmen did more than their share as usual by cooperating wherever needed and spreading cheer throughout this bustling day.

Ann Meskins assumed the top post of weighing and tagging the Lithuanian sausage precisely.

It was quite a day. Thanks to all who participated.

H. Balchus