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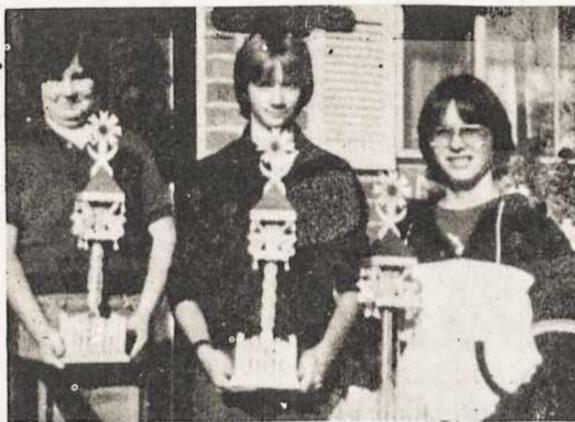
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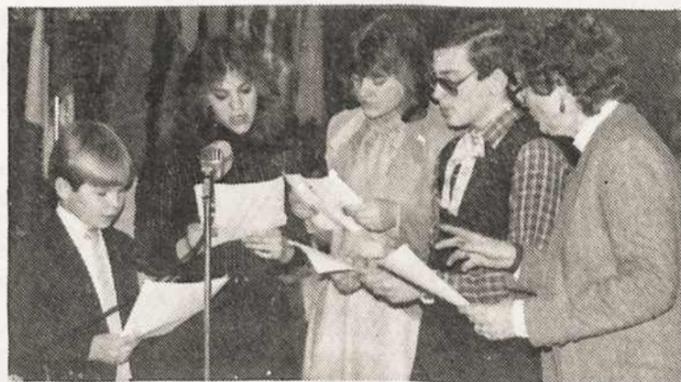


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JULY 7 THRU JULY 13

Elinor Sluzas

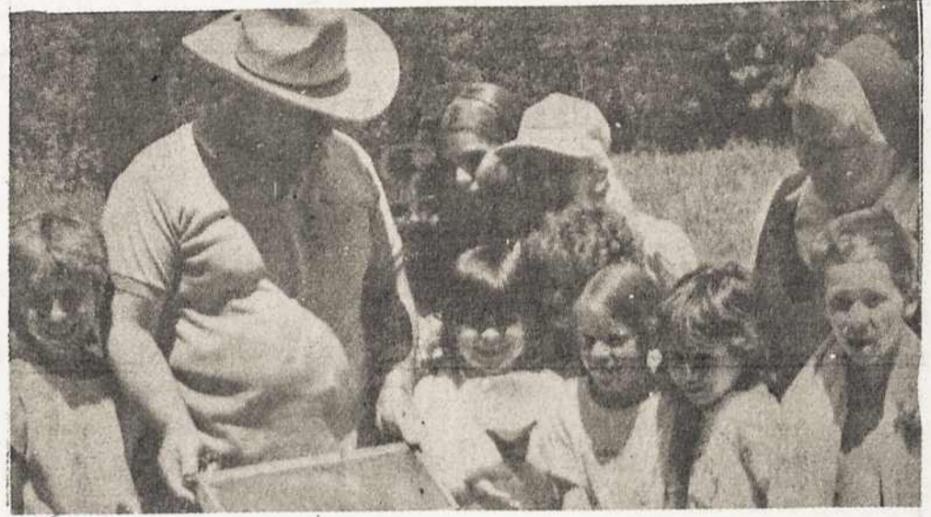
Some of the best memories of childhood, are those special days spent at Camp learning new things and making new friends. This year 40 boys and 30 girls from anywhere in the USA have the opportunity to go to Camp. This is a very special Camp . . . for KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA JUNIORS and children of Knights who do not have a Juniors council.

With the cooperation of Sister M. Angela C.J.C. and the Congregation of Jesus Crucified, the JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CAMP has become a reality this year. We are especially happy to be associated with **Camp Aušra** because of the sisters superior reputation and dedication to youth. Their plans for the camp are very exciting.

Please encourage and support this effort . . . it is for OUR future. Any sacrifice we make to help send our children to camp will not only enrich their lives . . . it will enrich our organization.



Clem Komisky explains to campers how to manipulate a woodcraft puppet.



Rev. Matthew Jarasunas explains beekeeping to Camp Aušra participants. Sister Angela CJC, Camp Director, looks on.

THE FOLLOWING IS SOME GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAMP AND A REGISTRATION FORM.

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SAINT CASIMIR, PATRON SAINT OF LITHUANIA...

(The following is the text of the homily given by Archbishop Law in Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston, on Sunday, October 12, 1984, in observance of the 500th anniversary of the death of St. Casimir, Patron Saint of Lithuania.)

I AM PLEASED TO CELEBRATE this Jubilee Mass with you to honor St. Casimir on the 500th anniversary of his death. St. Casimir is venerated in many areas of the Catholic world. But Casimir has a very special place in the hearts of Lithuanians. In 1636 Pope Urban VIII appointed him principal Patron Saint of Lithuania. In 1948 Pope Pius XII named him Patron Saint of Lithuanian youth. Casimir is the patron saint of many Lithuanian parishes, of organizations, religious congregations, and people who were baptized with his name.

St. Casimir is especially loved by Lithuanians because he had his roots in the Lithuanian people. His father was King Casimir, Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland. His mother was Elizabeth of the Austrian Hapsburg family. The Saint was born October 3, 1458 in the royal palace of Cracow and grew up there. He made a number of journeys to Lithuania. As a noble and virtuous youth, he aided his father in governing the people. But Casimir contracted tuberculosis and died March 4, 1484, at the age of 26, in the royal castle of Trakai in Lithuania.

Lithuania, the final resting place of St. Casimir, is today a small country of some three million inhabitants, about 80% Catholic, the northeasternmost outpost of the Catholic Church in Europe. It has suffered much in recent years. In June of 1940 it was forcibly occupied by the Soviet Union. In June of 1941 it was conquered by Nazi Germany. In August of 1944 Soviet armies reoccupied the country and oppressive Soviet rule continues to our day.

His heroic virtue remains relevant today

In today's Gospel Jesus tells of "a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son." Jesus often describes the joy of heaven by using the symbols of a banquet or wedding feast. Our Eucharistic Banquet is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet to which we look forward.

As we gather around the altar of today's Jubilee celebration, we are united in a special way with St. Casimir, who already sits at the table of the heavenly banquet with Jesus. We are also united sacramentally with believers in Lithuania who receive in Holy Communion the same Eucharistic Lord that we are going to receive.

500 YEARS HAVE PASSED since the death of St. Casimir. Yet we honor his memory and pray for his intercession because the example of his heroic virtue is as relevant today as it was 500 years ago.

Jesus is the Light of the world. A saint reflects the Light of Christ, the timeless virtues and gifts of Christ, and makes Christ visible to the world today.

Artists traditionally depict St. Casimir with a cross, a crown and a lily. The cross is a sign of his oneness with Jesus in His suffering and death. The crown symbolizes his sharing in the victory of the Risen Christ. The lily is a symbol of his purity and total commitment to Christ. The cross, crown, lily make up the wedding garment that adorned his soul and admitted him to the heavenly banquet.



THE CROSS OF ST. CASIMIR

The Cross of Christ was an intimate part of Casimir's life. He often meditated on the sufferings of Jesus who "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even to death on the cross." (Phil. 2,3) Casimir attended Mass daily, sometimes two or three times, to be one with Jesus in His Eucharistic Sacrifice. He did bodily penance, sometimes sleeping on the bare wooden floor with his arms stretched out in the form of a cross.

Lithuania, the land St. Casimir loved so much, is called a Land of Crosses, a Nation of Martyrs. Behind the Iron Curtain erected by Soviet occupation forces the faithful of Lithuania are going the silent Way of the Cross, sharing in the suffering and death of Jesus.

A year ago, 123,000 believers signed a petition, 22 of them signing in their own blood. They protested the persecution of religion; denial of basic human rights; the arrest and imprisonment of priests and lay leaders; the prohibition of "religious publications: no books, no newspapers, no prayerbooks"; the denial of the right to go to church for white collar workers and teachers; forcing school children to "join atheistic organizations" and "attend atheistic meetings"; preventing young men from enrolling in the seminary; forbidding the preparation of children for First Confession and Communion; forbidding serving Mass; and interfering in the assignment of priests and bishops. The symbol of the cross has become a living reality in the lives of religious believers in Lithuania.

ST. CASIMIR'S EXAMPLE of heroic virtue has inspired many believers to emulate his total commitment to Christ. One of these is a priest, Fr. Alfonsas Svarinskas who, more than a year ago, was condemned by a Soviet Court to seven years at hard labor and three years in exile His crime: being a member of the Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights. He had previously spent 18 years in Soviet prison camps and was ordained a priest in prison by a fellow prisoner who was a bishop. In prison Fr. Svarinskas nursed back to health a Ukrainian bishop, who later became Cardinal Slipyj.

Cardinal Slipyj wrote of Fr. Svarinskas after his arrest, "The only offense which can be ascribed to him by those who are prejudiced is love of God and people, service of neighbor and the carrying out of Christ's command to preach the Gospel throughout the world . . . Fr. Svarinskas is the pride and glory of the Catholic Church in Lithuania and of the Lithuanian nation."

Another priest, Fr. Sigitas Tamkevicius, last December was sentenced to six years at hard labor and four years in exile. The crime: organizing the Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights, group instruction of children, organizing an All Souls' Day procession and a Christmas party for children.

IN HIS FINAL COURTROOM statement Fr. Tamkevicius professed, "I am a disciple of Christ, a priest. I love God and people: the elderly and the little ones, the youth, for whom I have given my whole life . . . I worked wherever God sent me and now He is sending me where I am most needed . . . I try to accept all the crosses of life from the hand of God, so I accept this cross also, embrace it and kiss it. Praise to Jesus Christ and Mary."

Three courageous women came to the court house and offered to give their lives as a ransom for the release of the two priests. Each of the women were willing to serve the combined sentences of both priests: 13 years in prison camp

and seven years in exile. The offer was turned down. The women were imprisoned.

THE CROWN OF ST. CASIMIR

Together with the living martyrs of Lithuania, we lift up our voices in prayer to St. Casimir to intercede for the persecuted people of Lithuania. The crown of St. Casimir is a symbol of the victory he has already won as he sits at table with Jesus at the heavenly banquet. St. Casimir is revered as the heavenly patron and defender of Lithuania.

An ancient Lithuanian tradition sees St. Casimir as the valiant knight who rallied a small Lithuanian force to rescue the fortress of Polock besieged by a Russian army in 1518. Ever since St. Casimir has been seen as the heavenly defender of the Lithuanian nation against Moscow. In one of their hymns the peasant folk would chant, "St. Casimir came down from heaven, and was seen on high by the soldiery."

All of us live in hope that the words of the prophet Isaiah will be fulfilled for the Lithuanian people, "The Lord God will destroy death forever. He will wipe away the tears from all faces."

And yet, for many people in the West a veil of silence hides the persecution of the Church in Lithuania from their eyes. Many are unaware that in Lithuania and other persecuted lands more martyrs have given their lives for the faith than in the Ages of Persecution of the first three centuries of Church history. The blood of martyrs is a call to each of us to raise our voices in defense of religious freedom and human rights, to tear away the veil of silence that hides the truth.

By espousing the struggle for religious freedom and human rights, we are building the foundations of peace, not only for Lithuania, but for our own country and the world. Our present Holy Father has written, "Peace comes down to respect for man's inviolable rights . . . while war springs from the violation of these rights and brings with it still graver violations of them." (Redeemer of Man, chap. 17)

The life of St. Casimir speaks to us of building a better world, of working for peace and justice. As a young man, Casimir was known as protector of the poor and defender of the oppressed. He gave of his wealth to aid captives, travellers and the poor. He gave of himself, his own personal time and labor, to care for the sick and relieve suffering. So deep was his concern for others that after his death the Papal Legate wrote, "To widows, orphans and oppressed he was not only protector, not only guardian, but father, son, and brother as well."

THE LILY: PURITY OF ST. CASIMIR

But the struggle for true peace, justice, freedom and human rights requires nobility of heart. The lily is the symbol of Casimir's chastity, purity of life, total commitment to Christ. He grew strong in spirit by his fidelity to prayer, penance, and the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. When he was dying, his doctors, even his parents, tempted him to violate his vow of perpetual chastity, wrongly thinking that this might alleviate his sickness. Casimir had the moral courage to reply, "I would rather die than lose my virtue."

A CHALLENGE FOR TODAY

The life of St. Casimir is a challenge to us today, as it was 500 years ago. It is a summons to grow in nobility of spirit, in friendship with the Eucharistic Christ; to make our own the words of St. Paul to the Philippians, "In Christ Who is the source of my strength I have strength for everything." It is a call to engage in the struggle for religious freedom and human rights in Lithuania, and here at home, inspired by the example of the living martyrs of Lithuania.

The moral courage of St. Casimir is an invitation to be one with the young people of Lithuania who defied threats and danger to observe the Jubilee of St. Casimir on March 4 at his tomb in Vilnius. There they sang, "Our nation promises you, Saint Casimir, on the tombs of our heroes and the blood of our martyrs . . . to stand firmly under the cross, and await the dawn."

Today, as we commemorate the Jubilee of St. Casimir, we stand in solidarity with the valiant people of Lithuania. We place them under the protection of St. Casimir as our heavenly patron. We lift up our hearts in the prayerful hope that the prophet Isaiah's vision will soon be fulfilled for Lithuania, "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for Whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us."



ŠVENTO KAZIMIERO JUBILIEJUS
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ŠV. KAZIMIERAS LIETUVOS VYČIŲ GLOBĖJAS

Šv. Kazimiero dorybė turi didelę reikšmę "Lietuvos Vyčių" etikai. Mūsų organizacijos stiprybė glūdi vyčio širdyje ir kaip Šv. Kazimieras, jis turi būti dorybės pavyzdys ir jo elgesys visuomet turi liūdyti tokį nusiteikimą. Šv. Kazimiero siekimai yra mūsų organizacijos pagrindas - religijos, laisvės ir garbės dvasia. Drąsa, atsidavimas ir ištikimumas šiems idealams sudaro "Lietuvos Vyčių" dorinį pagrindą ir čia slypi mūsų didingumas, nes

ištikimybė garbės ženklas! Laimės paslaptis yra laisvė, o laisvės - drąsa!

Kaip mums brangus Šv. Kazimieras, taip ir šaunus vytis nešioja savo krūtinėje gilią Dievo meilę, ir nėra, kas jį gali priversti, daryti ką nors prieš Dievo valią.

Kiekvienas ištikimas lietuvių tautos sūnus šviečia savo patriotizmu ir krikščioniška dvasia - jis visad dega gilia dora ir pasiaukojimu tėvynės labui.

Kaip Lietuvos kariams Polocko mūšyje, ir visais kitais laikais, visose aplinkybėse, visuose frontuose ir visuose mūšiuose Šventas Kazimieras ves mus į pergalę ir mūsų darbas bei pasiaukojimas bus visad naudingas gimtajam kraštui Amerikai ir mūsų tėvynei Lietuvai!

Šventas Kazimieras - koks gražus pavyzdys jaunimui sekti!

Šventas Kazimierai! Melski už kenčiančią Lietuvą!

Fr. Hirst'as

CULTURAL CORNER

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By Aldona Ryan

While village and peasant life have been glorified by the great writers of Lithuania, it would be amiss to think that nobles, castles, city life, and classical songs and music did not exist.

Plays in which the words are sung instead of spoken are called operas. The first opera was performed in Lithuania in 1636 at the royal palace in Vilnius. It was Virgilio Puccitelli's "Il rato d'Elena" and it was sung in Italian. The following year "L'Andromeda" written by the same composer was performed. After that, Vilnius became the scene of operatic works done by visiting Italian and French opera companies. In the 18th century, German and Polish touring opera companies performed in Lithuania.

In 1746, the Princess Ursula Radvilas established a theatre in her castle in Nešvyžius. She composed music for operas. Matthew Radvilas had a large orchestra and he wrote the words for an opera called "Agatka" — (Little Agatha). A sizable theatre was built in Gardinas and a ballet group was formed there in 1784.

Michael Oginski, the last treasurer of Lithuania, was the composer of the opera "Zelis et Valcour" in 1799. At this time the Lithuanians were hoping that Napoleon would free them from Russian domination and this opera was dedicated to him.

LITUANI

DI
A. PONCHIELLI

SINFONIA

N.º I.

Andante



Primera página de la Opera "I Lituani" o "Aldona" de A. Ponchielli, publicada por la "Casa Ricordi".

LITHUANIAN OPERA

During the 1800's, a great deal of music reflected the Russian cultural imprint. The same rules forbidding Lithuanian literature held in forbidding operas based on Lithuanian motifs.

A famous Lithuanian opera called "I Lituani" (The Lithuanians) for which the music was written by Amilcare Ponchielli and the libretto by Stasys Santvaras was performed in Milan, Italy. Because of Russian politics, the name of this opera was changed "Aldona" and it was performed in St. Petersburg ten years later.

The Lithuanian National Opera Company was formed by Mikas Petrauskas and his opera "Birutė" was performed in Vilnius in 1906 (after the ban on Lithuanian literature was lifted.). In 1920 the

opera "La Traviata" was transcribed into the Lithuanian language and it became very popular. The Vilnius Theatre was active until 1940.

The soloists and musicians were educated at the Conservatory of Kaunas and a full symphony orchestra and 50-voice chorus was augmented by a ballet ensemble. Five great operas resulted from this group: "Gražina" 1933 by Jurgis Karnavicius; "Radvila Perkūnas" 1937 by the same composer; "Trys Talismanai" 1936 by Antanas Raciunas; "Eglė, Žalčių Karalienė" 1939 by Jonas Dambrauskas; and "Pagirėnai" in 1942 by Stasys Šimkus.

When Lithuania again lost its freedom after World War II — opera followed the same path as

literature. Fourteen new operas have been written for communist propaganda between 1944 and 1972. They usually belittle Lithuanians who oppose the Soviet regime.

The great soloists and musicians fled from Lithuania and new, inexperienced communist students took over the State Opera of Kaunas and renamed it "The Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre."

Some of these operas are based on mythology and folk tales and are being presented. Others deviate from historic truth by their pro-Russian composers. An opera "Sukilėliai" (The Rebels) written by Julius Juzeliūnas which describes the anti-Russian uprising of 1863 has been denounced by the Soviets.



"RADVILA PERKŪNAS" - decorations by M. Dobužinskas

REVITALIZING THE LITHUANIAN OPERA

The beginning of revitalizing the Lithuanian Opera was very difficult. The founders were faced with numerous problems. Sets had to be designed, scenes had to be created and painted by artists; an orchestra had to be organized; dances and ballets had to be composed. Singers had to be obtained. The operas had to be translated into the Lithuanian language and most important of all, someone had to be found to finance the opera.

In time, most of these problems were solved. It took hard work and much ingenuity. Shortly after the Lithuanian Declaration of Independence, artists began to return to Lithuania from other countries. Together, they created the Lithuanian Society of Creative arts in Kaunas.

In May of 1920, the musical division of this group was organized. They rented a theatre from the Kaunas Civil Authorities where



*Soloist Vincė Jonuškaitė
of the Kaunas Opera*

they could rehearse. The building was a mess. Windows were broken, the lighting was poor, the sets were shabby and the roof leaked. The Society had no funds so they leased the building for dances, balls, and concerts. Because of this income, they were able to pay their rent and do some minor repairs.

In the summer of 1920 Kipras Petrauskas, a tenor returned from Russia. He accepted the invitation to vitalize the Kaunas Opera. Since he had already won fame in the Royal Russian Opera, he was appointed Chairman of the Board. They decided to present Verdi's "La Traviata" as their first production.

They began the monumental task of translating the opera into Lithuanian. The poet, Faustas Kirša translated the text and the director of the Opera spent countless hours trying to fit the words to the music.

Rehearsals took place in a small room with a few old chairs and a run-down piano. It was difficult locating an accomplished pianist. They finally discovered one, but he was only a teen-ager.

Old sets were washed down and redone. There was no money for costumes, and there were none available. The performers wore their best clothes for the perfor-

mance. Musicians were hard to find. Eighteen musicians were finally drafted to play, when the Committee appealed to the Army Commandant. He gave the orders and the Army Band went to the rehearsals.

Finally, on December 31, 1920, "La Traviata" was presented in Kaunas, Lithuania, for the first time. The theatre was jammed. Not even standing room was available.

Before the curtain rose, Stasys Silingas, a Board member addressed the audience pointing out that this was a night to be remembered because history was being made. "Tonight we are witnessing a happy and solemn occasion when we can stage the first Lithuanian Opera in FREE Lithuania".

Tears flowed down the cheeks of many, tears of joy. The curtain rose — Singers and Audience sang "Lietuva, Tėvynė Mūsų", and then



A scene from the opera I. Lituani by A. Ponchielli, performed in Toronto on Nov. 8, 1981. by the Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago.

the overture began. The Opera was born in Lithuania.

Since that last day of December in 1920, Lithuania has become

known as a Cultural Country among the family of nations. Let us all pray that once again the Opera will flourish in FREE LITHUANIA.



PRAYER TO SAINT CASIMIR

O God, who amidst the delights of royalty and the blandishments of the world didst strengthen holy Casimir with the virtue of constancy, grant we beseech Thee, that by his intercession Thy faithful may despise earthly things, and ever aspire to those of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Cum permissu Superiorum)



Melskimės.

Vjsagalis amžinasis Dieve, kuris savo tarną šv. Kazimierą karališkose šio pasaulio gėrybėse nepalytėtą išlaikei ir prie savo meilės patraukei, teikis ir mums tokio pat dievobaimingumo ikvépti, kad Tavo šventosios meilės sustiprinti stengtumémės šio pasaulio gėrybes niekinti, o dangiškųjų pageidauti. Per Jėzu Kristu, mūsų Viešpatį. Amen.



DO NOT FORGET THE BLEEDING CHURCH UNDER THE SOVIETS

By Fr. Joseph Prunskis

All people of good will were very deeply affected by the murder of Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko, a dedicated fighter for the freedom of Polish workers to organize their free labor union Solidarity. These same cruel tactics of silencing the voices of fighters for human rights are being used in other countries controlled by the communists. For example, in Lithuania, Rev. Bronius Laurinavičius was pushed under the wheels of a truck by red agents, where he was crushed to death. Under similar mysterious circumstances Rev. Leonas Mažeika and Rev. Leonas Šapoka perished in Lithuania.

The underground Lithuanian paper, "Aušra" (The Dawn) informs about the mysterious deaths of two lay Catholics: Pranas Pempė and Juozas Krasauskas.

In general, Catholics under Soviet colonial oppression are subject to severe control by atheistic officials. For example, as the underground paper "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania" informs, the official for church affairs, Mr. P. Anilionis, has forbidden priests or even bishops from taking part in the procession of the Stations of the Cross outside of the church in Kalvarija. In Lithuania there is a much beloved shrine of the Blessed Virgin in Šiluva. People who wanted to visit that shrine on days of festivities encountered great difficulties because buses were not permitted

to circulate on those days and private automobiles were detained and people interrogated.

Rev. Petras Budriunas, pastor of Krekenava, was threatened with punishment for teaching children religion. A new wooden cross was erected in the church enclosure in Mikoliškės. Red officials took it away and destroyed it. In the city of Klaipėda, Lithuanians with the permission of proper authorities, had constructed a church. When it was completed communist officials confiscated it. The people collected signatures under a petition that the church be returned to ecclesiastical use. The police began to interrogate and terrorize those who collected the signatures and confiscated the text of that letter. In Žarėnai-Latveliai, there was a chapel in a former cemetery. The red officials came with bulldozers and demolished it completely. In Vilnius several people were interrogated who signed a petition that incarcerated priests, Fr. A. Svarinskas and Fr. S. Tamkevičius should be released.

Scientist Vytautas Skuodis, an American citizen born in Chicago, is being kept in a slave labor camp in Mordovia. He decided one day each week to go on a hunger strike, protesting against the persecution of the church and incarceration of the priests.

In Kriaukliai, security officials interrogated students who were visiting the rectory and going to

church.

Catholics under the atheistic communist yoke have a very difficult life. By spreading the information about their plight we might alleviate their oppression.



VYTAUTAS SKUODIS

I am protesting the imprisonment of Frs. Svarinskas and Tamkevičius. I stage a hunger strike one day a week. Please show your solidarity with me by fasting one day a week.



PRELATA LADAS TULABA — ARCHITEKTAS LIETUVIŲ KOLEGIJOS ROMOJ



Prelatas Ladas Tulaba, rektorius Pontifikalinės Lietuvių Kolegijos Romoj, atnašauja šv. Mišias proga jo 50-ties metų kunigystės sukakties Šv. Doroteos koplyčioj Romoj

sekmadienį rugsėjo 23 d. 1984 m. Jo dešinėje Algimantas Bartkus, kolegijos pro-rektorius. (Foto L'Observatore Romano Citta' Del Vaticano)

(Stasio Piežos kalba, pasakyta prelato Lado Tulabos 50-ties metų kunigystės jubiliejaus iškilnėse, Villa Lithuania Romoj, rugsėjo mėn. 23 d. 1984 m.)

Ekscelecija Arkivyskupas Povilas Marcinkus, vyskupai, brangus jubilatas prelatas Tulaba, malonūs dvasiškiai, pasauliečiai, svečiai iš Amerikos ir Europos.

Man Chicagiečiui, gyvenančiam Indianoj, yra didelė garbė ir džiaugsmas, dalyvauti šioje putoje ir sveikinti prelatą Ladą Tulabą jo 50-ties metų kunigystės sukakties proga.

Chicagos lietuviai, kurie, savinasi prelatą Tulabą, kaip savo sūnų, dėkoja jums už paruošimą šios garbingos puotos, kurioje, išreiškia prelatui nuoširdžią padėką, už jo nuveiktus darbus, Dievui ir tėvynei. Neseniai, kuomet, prelatas Tulaba lankėsi Chicagoj, chicagiečiai jį tinkamai pagerbė lietuvių Jėxuitų namuose. Salė buvo pilna jo draugų, svečių, kunigų, DRAUGO dienraščio redaktorius ir jo ekscelecija Vyskupas Vincas Brizgys. Marijona ir Antanas Rudsiai bavo tos puotos šeiminkai.

Ir Amerikos Lietuovs Vyciai, sveikino prelatą Tulabą, savo visuotiniame seime Chicagoje, rugpiucio menesio pabaigoj, kuriame dalyvavo Romos Lietuvių Kolegijos pro-

rektorius, kun. Algimantas Bartkus. Lietuvos Vyciai padare didi ispudi-jie savo seime, vienbalsiai, natare globoti Lietuvių Kolegija Romoj.

Romoj, lietuviai ir rymiečiai turejo proga susipazinti su Lietuvos Vyciais, kurie vadovaujami prezidentes, Loretos Stukienes, ispudingai atsvente Sv. Kazimiero 500 metu mirties jubilieju, Sv. Petro Bazilikoj, su popieziu Jonu Pauliu II.

Siandiena pasauly, ne viskas yra grazu, moloninga ir sventa. Mes gyvename tevyne Lietuva, yra pavergta ir zmones gyvena belaisveje.

Sventas Paulius, savo laiskuose nurodo, kaip reikia vesti pasauli i dora gyvenima-Jis ragina: "Skelbkite Kristu".

Amziname Mieste, atspindyje Sv. Petro Bazilikos, Piazza Asti aiksteje, randasi Pontificale Collegio Lituano San Casimiro, kuri kukliai, bet su pasiryzimu, skelbia Kristu pasauliui.

Kas tikejo, kad lietuviai tures savo teologine kolegija Amziname Mieste, bet per Dievo Apvaizda, jau 1921 metais pradeta rupintis kolegijos steigimu Romoj, taciau, tik 1945 metais, arkivyskupo Juozapo Jono Skvirecko ir kitu

geradariu, kaip vyskupu Bucio, Padolskio ir Brizgio, tapo isteigta Lietuviu Kolegija Romoj.

Kolegijos istorija mes zinome. Zinome, kad pirmieji kolegijos studentai buvo kietikai ir kunigai pasitrauke is Lietuvos, karo metu, artejant Sovietu armijai i musu tevyne. Pradzioje, nebuvo, jiems, vietos Romoj, todėl, naktis buvo isventinti i kunigus ir dauguma su doktoratais. Galime pasididziuoti Lietuviu Kolegijos alumnais, tarpe kuriu yra Arkivyskupas, Jonas Vytautas Bulaitis ir prelatas Audrys Backis, kuris yra Vatikano sekretoriato pareigunas.

Lietuviu Kolegijos Romoj, architektas yra musu sios dienos jubilatas, kolegijos rektorius, prelatas Ladas Tulaba.

Pradzioje, Lietuviu Kolegijoje buvo daug vargo. Viena diena 1949 metais, valgiau pietus kolegijoje, tuomet gavau "ersatz" (dirbtinos netikros) kavos ir Kaz kodi gabala lekstej. Su manim buvo tada ir kun. Antanas Jonusas. As jam sakau, kad: "sis maistas, ant mano lekstes, atrodo, ip italu lasagna". Kun. Jonusas paaiskino: "Tai galima sakyti, kad cia yra lietuviska lasagna, duona, mirkyta riebaluose".

As tikiu, kad su Dievo Apvaizdos pagelba kun. Tulaba, stvyko i Roma. Buves Vilniaus Seminarijos rektorius, atvyko, be pinigų, be reikalingu dalyku, lyg kods naslaitis, net ir jo cemedanas buvo pavogtas.

Esu pastebe kun. Tulabos, jautru pasiryzima, jo nenuilstanti darba, sazinga buda ir esu mates jo akyse asaras, bet nepasisekimai nepalauze jo dvasios. Sis zmogus, pilnas energijos pradeda diena, privacia audiencija su Dievu, savo maldose. Stai pavizdys kun. Tulabos pasiryzimo: Kai jis buvo Eichstaete, gavo isakyma, kad su kunigais ir klierikais turi apleisti Vokietija per 24 valandas. Jei jie griztu i Lietuva, visiems butu Sibiras. Vatikano sekretoriato pareigunas, prelatas Howard Carroll, patare, siusti telegrama Amerikos generolui Patton ir prasyti jo pagelbos. Kun. Tulaba, ta padare ir uz keliu valandu, generolas Patton, atsiunte telegrama, kad jo prasymas patenkintas.

Atvykes i Roma, kun. Tulaba, kaipo, architektas, pradejo Lietuviu Kolegijos steigimo darba. Pirmiausia, reikejo nupirkti nuosavus namus. Taip, kaip reikia plytu namo statybai, taip reikejo pinigų ir duag gerada-riu Kolegijos isteigimui. Prelato Tulabos geriausias patarejas ir Lietuviu Kolegijos draugas, tapo kardinolas Giuseppe Pizzardo. Kolegija zymiai pareme popiezius Pius XII Prelato Tulabos asmeninis patrauklumas, kaip magnetas, pritrauke Lietuviu Kolegijai geradariu. Didziausia pinigine pagelba atajo is kun. Antano Briskos, Nekalto Prasidejimo Paneles Svenciausios, Brighton Park, Chicago, klebono. Lankydamas Amerika, Kolegijos reikalais, kun. Tulaba suorganizavo milziniska armija geradariu. Dalyvaudamas Sv. Rasto akademinese studijose, Chicagoj, prelatas Tulaba



Prel. Ladui Tulabai, S.S.D., S.T.L., Popieziškos Šv. Kazimiero Kolegijos rektoriui, Romoje, Italijoje, šiais metais, Rugsėjo 16 d. sueina 50 metų kunigystės jubiliejus, Iškilmingas Jubilato pagerbimas ruošiamas Romoje, š.m. rugsėjo 23 d.

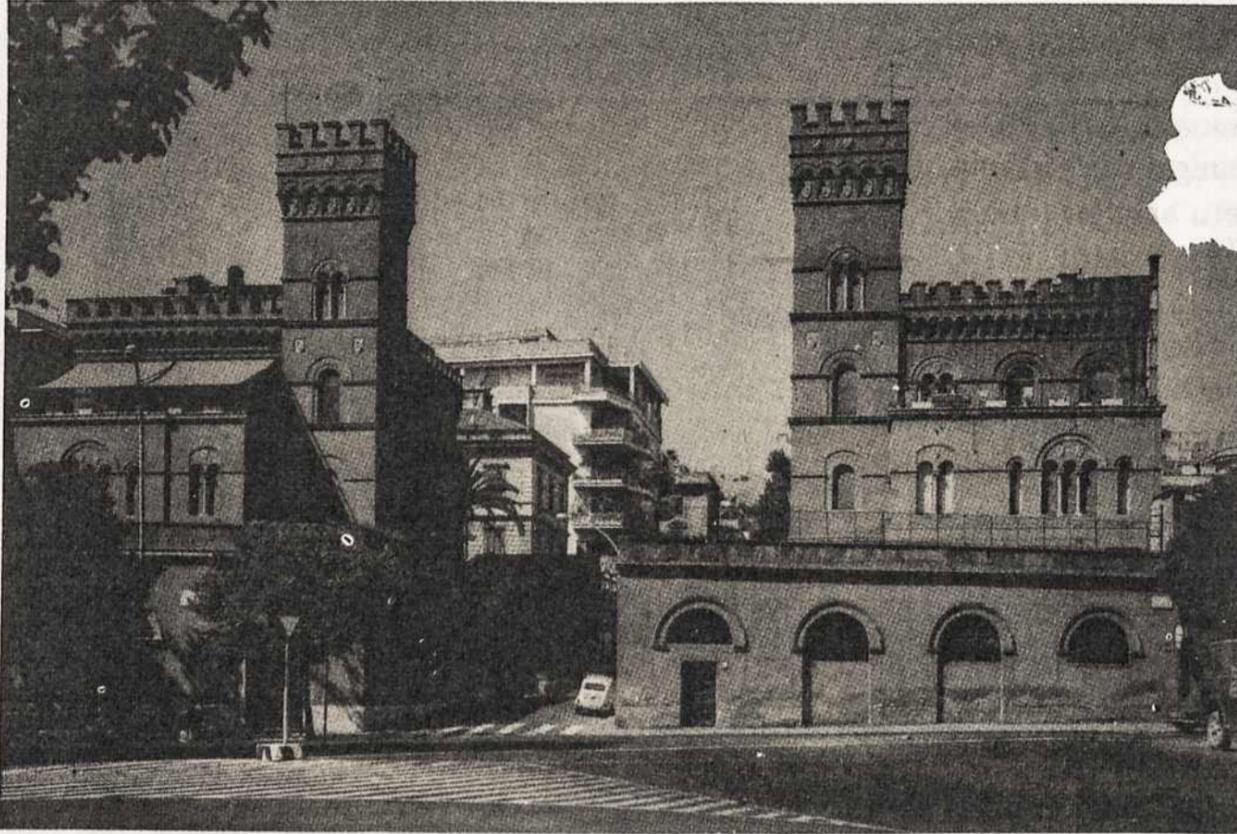
pasimate su savo draugais ir susitiko su kardinolu Albert Meyer. Tarpe sveciu, kurie yra aplanke Lietuviu Kolegija buvo kardinolai Stritch ir Cody is Chicagos, kardinolas Krol is Philadelphia, kardinolas Norman Gilroy is Australijos ir kardinolas Samore is Italijos. Aplanke ir daug pasaulieciu is visu pasaulio. Popiezius Jonas Paulius II, taip pat aplanke Kolegija. Tarpe Lietuviu Kolegijos geradariu, buvo prelatas Mendelis, prelatas Albavicius, prelatas Juras, relatas Balkunas, daktaras Koncius, Marijonu kunigas Reklaitis, kun. Jusevicius is Omaha ir daug, daug, kitu.

Prelatas Tulaba buvo isventintas kunigu, rugpiucio men. 16 d. 1934 m., baiges Viklaviskio kunigu seminarija. Toliau studijas tese Romos bibliiniame institute ir 1949 metais gavo Svento Rasto daktaro laipsni. Prelatas Tulaba, taip pat yra knygu autorius. Viena is jo knygu yra, Svento Rasto Naujo Testamento vertimas, isleista 1979 metais: jis nesa dvasini spinduli visiems lietuviams.

As esu tikras, kad siandien, Prelato Tulabos sirdy yra svente, nes, persavo, 50 metu kunigystes, jis ejo, savo vadovo, Viespaties Dievo keliu.

Te Dievas laimina Pontificale Collegio Lituano San Casimiro ir jos rektoriu, prelata Tulaba, ir savo maldose prasome, kad Lietuviu Kolegijos sunus, galetu skelbti Kristaus misija laisvai, musu tevynej Lietuvoj.

Ad multos pluresque annos, Monsignore Tulaba!
Dekui.....



ST. CASIMIR COLLEGE



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Saint Casimir College in Rome was established in 1945 to serve as a residence for clerics studying for the priesthood and for priests pursuing advanced studies. Admitted as clerics are young men having satisfied the requirements for entry into a university. Applicants with lesser qualifications may be admitted on condition that they make up their deficiencies at a minor seminary. The need for such a college was debated in Lithuania as early as 1936. It became evident after World War II, when several dozen Lithuanian priests and clerics found themselves in Rome in need of support and guidance.

The metropolitan of Kaunas, Archbishop Juozapas Skvireckas, the highest-ranking Lithuanian clergyman forced to withdraw to Western Europe, in 1945 personally received permission from Pope Pius XII to establish such a college. In this endeavor he enjoyed the special support of the Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Studies (Seminaries and Universities), Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, who became the college's guardian. Besides Skvireckas, organizers of the college include Bishops Pranciskus Bucys, Vincentas Brizgys, and Vincentas Padolskis as well as a number of priests. Rev. Ladas Tulaba was appointed temporary rector by the Sacred Congregation of Studies. Housed at first in the quarters of the Latin American College, St. Casimir College received its own facilities (at Via Casalmonferato 20) in 1946. The acquisition and installation of this building became possible through a large donation by Rev. Antanas Briska, pastor of Immaculate Conception Lithuanian Parish in Chicago, who made additional funds available through his will. Other Lithuanian

clergyment also made important financial contributions.

Canonically St. Casimir was founded by a decree of Pope Pius XII on May 1, 1948. In 1950 the Sacred Congregation of Studies approved the college's constitution and regulations. In 1963 Pope Paul VI gave it the official title of "Pontificio Collegio" (Pontifical College). From 1950 Bishop Vincentas Padolskis served as its president, and from 1960 Rev. Ladas Tulaba, later raised to the rank of domestic prelate and protonotary. The residents of the college study at the Pontifical Gregorian, Angelicum, and Lateran Universities, where the philosophical and theological curriculum requisite for the priesthood normally takes six years. Priests seeking advanced degrees pursue specialized studies at these and other institutions. Between 1945 and 1970 a total of 68 clerics resided at the college, of whom 48 were ordained into the priesthood; 23 of the latter went on to receive academic degrees. The number of priests who resided at the college in the same period is 40; 34 of them obtained advanced degrees. As long as a return to Lithuania is impossible, the residents who have completed their studies leave for various parts of the world, especially where they are needed for pastoral work among immigrant Lithuanians.

The college has facilities for accommodating approximately 70 pilgrims and tourists. It also owns a 10-acre farm near Tivoli (29 km from Rome), from which it receives food provisions.

Encyclopedia Lituanica

SEARCH OF VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations

O Lord, it is your will that all men know the truth and be saved, — we pray that you send laborers for your harvest and grant them the necessary grace to preach your Word with complete confidence. May your Word be glorified and may it spread throughout the world so that all may know You, the one, true God and your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, whom You have given us and who now lives and reigns in unity with You and with the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

**WILL YOU HELP
Bishop Paul Baltakis OFM
build a stronger Lithuanian
Community?**

**MEN: YOUNG OR OLDER
A SECOND CAREER?**

*Peter set aside his fishing nets,
and Matthew resigned a promising
career.*

For vocation information write:

Lithuanian Franciscan
Vicariate of St. Casimir
Formation House
St. Anthony's Friary
Kennebunkport, ME. 04046

Congregation of the Marians
6336 S. Kilbourn Ave.
Chicago, IL. 60629

Jesuit Fathers
Lithuanian Province of the
Americas
2345 W. 56th St.
Chicago, IL. 60636

Salesian Fathers
Lituani Don Bosco
Via Colonna 2
00044 Frascati — Roma
Italia

or.
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sult with your pastor.



THE WORD from the Holy Father

VOCATION

It is essential for us to understand that Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name — by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! . . .

First and foremost, God had called us into existence. He has called us to be! He has called us, through his Son Jesus Christ, to a knowledge of Himself as our loving Father. He has called us to be His children! He has called us to fulfill His eternal plan in our individual lives, with Jesus as our guide. He has called us to be co-heirs with Jesus of His heavenly Kingdom! What God our Father is offering us through His Son is a *new life as His real children, with Jesus for our brother*; a pressing call to live, to love, to labor for the coming of His Kingdom. And last, bewildered at what we must do, we hesitate, Jesus offers to be himself our guide and says: "Come, follow me!" (Lk 9:59).

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OFFICIAL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE 2

WE ARE NOW WELL INTO THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, AND WORKING HARD TO MAKE IT A BIG SUCCESS.

LAST MONTH, OUR UPDATE FOCUSED ON ATTRACTING INDIVIDUALS AS NEW MEMBERS IN THE ORGANIZATION. THIS MONTH, THE FOCUS WILL BE ON NEW COUNCILS — EITHER REORGANIZING DEFUNCT COUNCILS, ORGANIZING NEW COUNCILS, OR ORGANIZING A JUNIOR COUNCIL.

REORGANIZING A DEFUNCT COUNCIL.

Over the years, some of our councils have "fallen through the boards" so to speak, and have died out. Not necessarily due to lack of interest, but perhaps more due to lack of solid leadership. Each district has fallen victim to this syndrome. What is the easiest and most effective way to contact fellow Lithuanian-Americans in these councils? Where are they? Take for example, Lewiston, ME, formerly C-2; Nashua, NH, formerly C-20; Trenton, NJ, formerly C-77; Niagara, NY, formerly C-92; Homestead, PA, formerly C-11; Akron, OH, formerly C-97; Milwaukee, WI, formerly C-119, and Grand Rapids, MI, formerly C-43. These are just a few of the councils that have disbanded for one reason or another. Do you have a relative or friend in any of these areas? If so, a phone call to generate some interest would be a great first step in reorganizing these councils.

Our Apologies...

The Convention Issue of VYTIS, (November 1984) inadvertently omitted acknowledging the following donations made during the Convention.

ORGANIZING A NEW COUNCIL.

The same logic applies to organizing new councils. Do you have a friend or relative in the Baltimore area? There is no council there at the present time, but there is a large Lithuanian community in the Baltimore area. All they need is a leader to organize them into a council. Call a relative in another city and ask them to get a few Lithuanian-Catholic friends together to discuss the Knights of Lithuania. Inject some enthusiasm by relating some of the activities in your own council. We are our own best form of advertising. Use it.

ORGANIZING A JUNIOR COUNCIL.

This should be the easiest task of all. If you sat down to think about it, I'll bet you could think of 5 youngsters — children or grandchildren of members of your own council — who could form the nucleus of a junior council. Easter is rapidly approaching. What better time to organize a junior council. Their first activity could be a lesson in coloring Lithuanian Easter Eggs. This part of our heritage is too precious to let die. Teaching our youngsters is one sure way to guarantee that it will live on forever.

REMEMBER THE POINT VALUES FOR ORGANIZING A COUNCIL? THEY WERE HIGH! INCENTIVE TO GET WORKING? I HOPE SO.

NEXT MONTH — A STATUS REPORT. SEND ME YOUR REPORTS ON HOW YOUR COUNCIL IS DOING.

VYTIŠKAI,
Nancy Pawausauskas Miro
1st Vice President
Membership

EUGENIA KARPUS, C-41, Brooklyn, NY
\$10.00 Supreme Council

MARY LUCAS, HM, C-96, Dayton, OH
\$10.00 VYTIS

We apologize for the oversight, and sincerely thank the donors for their generosity.

WE GET LETTERS

Aldona Ryan
Editor-in-Chief
6591 McEwen Road
Centerville, Ohio 45459



Dear Mrs. Ryan,

Having been elected public relations officer of Council 10 for 1985, I would like to pass on to you information that I received from V.O.A. in regards to their short-wave broadcasts to the Baltic Nations. I am primarily into listening to broadcasts from more or less all over the world. I do not have a transmitter for short-wave however. It is quite interesting to hear the various viewpoints on various subjects from all over the globe. This has been a hobby with me for a number of years. No longer does one have to roll out foot after foot of copper wire for antennas to receive distant transmitters. The new radios of transistor type, and portable too, make short-wave radio listening quite simple and enjoyable. Many fairly good quality new and even used radios with the short-wave bands are available in the \$50 to \$100 dollar range. This hobby is a break from the monotony of some of the U.V. broadcasting and often one gets even the foreign news first hand.

Getting back to the V.O.A. Baltic Services Broadcasts. There is a chance that many of our Knights of Lithuania may possibly want to try their hand at tuning in the Lithuanian language broadcasts, or even their children from the Voice of America transmitters. Since the signals are beamed to Western Europe, there is a possibility that the radio signals may not be audible in all parts of the U.S.A. The winter months are the best for the North-east section however. This I will verify, as I have tape recordings of the transmissions and reception. Of course there are the Lithuanian language broadcasts from Radio Vilnius, Lithuania, U.S.S.R. with a different viewpoint of news, etc.

Possibly a printing of the V.O.A. broadcast in the Vytis magazine would be of interest to other short-wave listeners not only of the Lithuanian language but that of the Latvians, and Estonians. The transmissions are one hour earlier than last years schedule, and there has been a change in some of the frequencies being used. I have also enclosed a Time Conversion Form to aid those who live in the various time zones.

I leave it to your discretion as to whether this would be of worth to the Vytis magazine and a boost for the V.O.A. broadcasts to the Baltic Nations.

Vytiškai,
Leonard R. Davidonis



LCRA REPORT

Viduklė (Raseiniai Rayon)

At the end of January, 1984, Father J. Tamonis, Pastor of Viduklė, and Ignas Paulauskas, Chairman of the church committee, were summoned before Vice Chairwoman (Mrs.) Stonienė of the Raseiniai Executive Committee. Vice Chairwoman Stonienė warned them not to announce a Mass for Father Alfonsas Svarinskas on January 26, and not to allow visiting priests that day to offer Mass or give sermons. She demanded that Monika Gavėnaitė, the former housekeeper for Father Svarinskas, be discharged from duties as laundress of liturgical garments.

On November 28-29, 1984, Viduklė resident Monika Gavėnaitė was summoned to the Raseiniai KGB to see Chief Gardauskas. Chekist Gardauskas considered Miss Gavėnaitė guilty on all counts, and threatened to take her in. Monika Gavėnaitė's principal offense, according to Gardauskas, is that by requesting Masses in church, she supports dangerous criminals, Fathers Alfonsas Svarinskas and Sigitas Tamkevičius. Recently the chekists have been especially emphasizing that it is a state crime to pray publicly for the arrested priests. (Taken from the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH — #62).

The Knights of Lithuania Drive to sponsor another issue of the CHRONICLE is off to a good start! But, don't let that slow us down to accomplishing our GOAL. Let's shoot for \$4000.00!!! We have over 50 councils, over 4000 in membership and 4 districts. If each of us does a little we should have no problem! Let's GO FOR IT!!!

Balance 12-15-84	\$1,350.62
Joseph & Ann White (C-17)	35.00
Interest	13.11

Balance for 1-20-85	\$1,398.73
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We have only \$2,601.27 to go! Be a part of a terrific project of the Knights of Lithuania.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances R. Petkus
LCRA Coordinator

Plan Your CONVENTION Vacation Now...

AUGUST 7th -11th 1985



Convention News

I'm sure that by now vacation plans are being formulated by each of us. **PLEASE NOTE** and be sure to include in your schedule the attendance of the 72nd National Convention, hosted by Council 50, New Haven, Conn. on August 7 thru and including August 11, 1985. This year the sessions and most of the events will be held at **YALE UNIVERSITY**. I know a lot of us always wanted to go to college. Well, here is your opportunity to attend college and honestly say that "I attended Yale."

The **CHAIRPERSONS** of the various committees are putting the final touches to the events to be held during the convention so that all may have an enjoyable visit to St. Casimir's Parish, Yale University and **NEW HAVEN**.

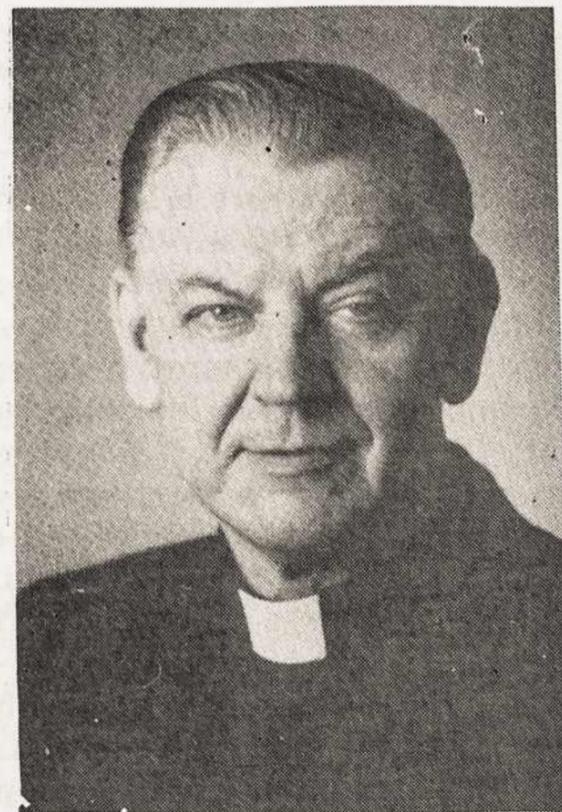
In addition to the usual events such as Business Sessions, Welcoming Get-Together, Cultural Evening, Banquet etc., there will be a night at the Dog Races, one day tour to one of the Seaports and many other enjoyable events. More will follow out-lining each day's events as well as lodging availability.

So don't forget to reserve the dates of **August 7th through August 11th, 1985** for the 72nd **NATIONAL CONVENTION** in New Haven, Conn.

Frank J. Peterson
President & Chairman
Council 50



St. Casimir's Church in New Haven, site of the 72nd National Convention



Rev. Albert Karalis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church and Spiritual Advisor of C-50

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1985

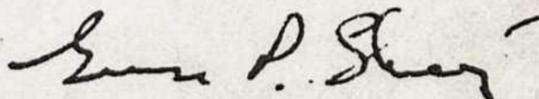
Dear Mr. Chargé d'Affaires:

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you and to the Lithuanian people sincere greetings and warmest best wishes on the sixty-seventh anniversary of the independence of Lithuania.

I am also pleased to take this occasion to reiterate the longstanding United States policy of non-recognition of the forcible incorporation of the States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia into the Soviet Union which took place in 1940. The United States remains committed to the principle that the Baltic people should have the freedom to determine their own national destinies free of outside influence or coercion.

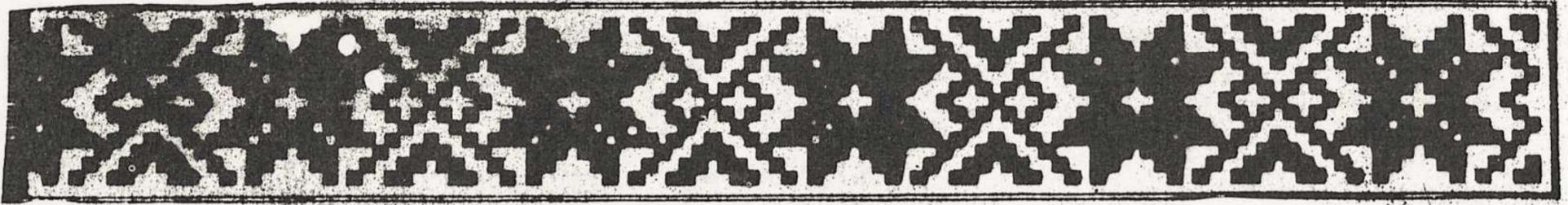
As President Reagan stated in his proclamation on Captive Nations Week, the United States and its people draw "strength from the actions of the millions of freedom fighters in Communist - occupied countries, such as the signers of petitions for religious rights in Lithuania..." We commend the efforts of all Lithuanians who are struggling to maintain their national identity and look forward to the day these efforts prove to be successful.

Sincerely yours,



George P. Shultz

Dr. Stasys Backis,
Chargé d'Affaires of Lithuania.



LANGUAGE LORE:

PROVERBS A THROVE OF FOLK EXPRESSIONS

Algirdas Budreckis

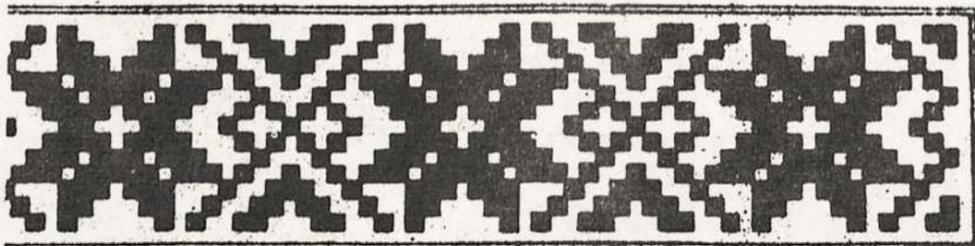


The wisdom of the ages, the experiences of our forebears has been preserved in an art form known as proverbs — patarlės. A proverb or patarlė is a short, pithy saying, an adage which expresses a common truth universally accepted or acknowledged as folk wisdom based on actual human encounters. Proverbs are common to all peoples. A number of proverbs are truly universal in that they have been rendered into many languages.

It should be remembered that a proverb is a poetical gem and has passed as such into the living, verbal tradition of a people. Like other forms of poetry it is idiomatically expressed in an economy of words, and thus, easy to remember. The Lithuanian verbal and written tradition is rich in proverbs. Prior to World War II, the Folklore Archive of Lithuania (Lietuvos Tautosakos Archyvas) collected and systematized over 16,000 authentic Lithuanian patarlės and priežodžiai. According to the noted Lithuanian folklorist Prof. Jonas Balys on January 1, 1940 the Folklore Archives had 63,325 variations of proverbs. Let us review some of the folk sayings that have gained coinage among Lithuanians.

1 Adages borrowed from Classical Antiquity:

1. Kiekviena pradžia yra sunki — Each beginning is difficult (Roman).
2. Aukso kalnus pažadėjo — He promised mountains of gold (Greco-Roman).
3. Meilė yra akla — Love is blind (Greco-Roman).
4. Drumstame vandenyje žvejoja — Fishing in troubled waters (Greek).
5. Ką Dievas nori nubausti, pirma atima protą — Whomsoever the Gods wish to punish, they drive mad (Greek).



II International proverbs borrowed from neighbors and other cultures:

1. Varna varnai akies nekirs — Honor among thieves (Russian).
2. Koks tėvas, toks ir sūnus, kokia motina, tokia duktė — Like father, like son, like mother, like daughter.
3. Vienokie paukščiai vienur tūpi — Birds of a feather flock together.
4. Laikas — pinigai — Time is money (English).
5. Viena kregždė dar ne vasara — A single swallow does not herald summer (German).
6. Girebti jautį už ragų — Grab the bull by the horns (German, English).
7. Kietas riešutas — A tough nut (to crack) (German).
8. Visur gera, kur mūsų nėra — The grass is greener on the other side (Polish).
9. Prieš vėją sunku pūsti — It's hard to go against the wind (Polish).
10. Uždėjo savo pirštą — He put his finger on it. (French).
11. Dėl skonio nesiginčijama — One does not argue about taste (French).

III. Priežodžiai.

A simple form of the patarlė is the priežodis which is a poetic or graphic idiomatic comparison (palyginimas). It does not convey a moral the way the patarlė does. However, the comparisons are often funny or striking.

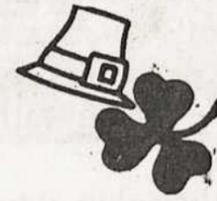
1. Nusiminė, kaip žemę pardavęs — Downcast as if he sold the land.
2. Džiaugiasi, it geleželę radęs — Pleased as if he found a lump of iron (i.e., a windfall).
3. Reikalingas, kaip šuniui penkta koja — As useful as a fifth leg to a dog.
4. Pritiko, kaip šuniui botagas — He mixes like fire and water.
5. Skubinasi, kaip vokiečiai į dangų — He scurried like a German to Heaven.
6. Gudrus, kaip lapė — Clever as a fox.
7. Durnas per visą pilvą — A dumbbell down to his belly button.
8. Suktas kaip gyvatė, kvailas kaip kiaulė — Crooked as a snake, dumb like a pig.
9. Miegojo, kaip akmuo — Slept like a log.
10. Teisingas, kaip žydų besmėnas — As honest as a Jew's scale.
11. Liesa, kaip bitė (vapsva) — Shaped like an hourglass.

12. Storas, kaip bačka — Stout as a barrel.

IV The themes of the patarlės are as varied as human experience, often the themes conflict and contract one another. Some are sad, others vulgar or comical, some are cynical or moralizing. Here is a sampling of Lithuanian proverbs; their translations are not always literal, because folk sayings must conform to the given culture's speech patterns.

1. Kietas oždys melžti — Hard to get blood from a stone.
 2. Nemesk kelio dėl tako — Don't stray from the road for a footpath.
 3. Tokį kąsnį kąsk, kokį apžioji — Don't bite off more than you could chew.
 4. Kad kiaulė ragus turėtų, visą svetą subadytų — If a pig had horns, it would gore the world.
 5. Tinginiui visuomet šventa — It's always a holiday for the lazy man.
 6. Puodas katilą vainoja — The pot criticizes the kettle (i.e., people who live in glass houses . . .).
 7. Girtas šoka, nors ir nemoka — The drunkard dances even when he knows not how.
 8. Atidaryk akis, šiaip atidarysi piniginę — Open your eyes before you open your purse.
 9. Ir akla višta randą grūdą — Even the fool has his day.
 10. Gudriam juokai, o durniui — teisybė. To the clever — a joke, to the fool — a truth.
 11. Kieno galia, to ir valia — Might makes right.
 12. Aukščiau bambos neiššoksi (literally): You can't jump higher than your belly button.
 13. Karalius turi ilgas rankas — The arm of the law is long.
 14. Kaip paklosi, taip išmiegosi — You'll sleep, the way you set your bed.
 15. Kožnas bajoras — bieso tavoras — Each man is big shot in the Devil's encampment.
 16. Visi keliai veda į Rygą — All roads lead to Rome.
 17. Šaltos rankos — karšta širdis — Cold hands — a warm heart (love).
 18. Užgintas vaisius saldus — The forbidden fruit is sweet.
 19. Giltinė neveizdi į dantis — Death doesn't size you up by the condition of your teeth.
 20. Girgždantys ratai gauna tepalo — The squeaky wheels get the grease.
- And as a parting folk gem which certainly would not be appreciated on Madison Avenue: Gera prekė save garsina — A good ware advertises itself.

Lithuanians in The



NEWS



Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARCINKUS was featured in "The Chicago Catholic" in a series on bishops from Chicago who serve the church in other parts of the country and the world.

As **pro**resident of the Pontifical Commission for the State of Vatican City, Archbishop Marcinkus is like a governor of Vatican City, where the pope lives and where thousands of tourists visit each day. The pontifical commission is made up of six or seven cardinals who set policy for Vatican City. It is then his job to implement those policies. He oversees the city-state's 1500 employees — 400 of whom live within the walls of the Vatican.

The *governatorato* (as the governing body is known) supervises everything on the 108 acres of Vatican City including carpenters, plumbers, laborers, police, the Swiss Guard, the museums, the post office, even the street cleaners. Excluded are the elements that have to do with the Holy See itself.

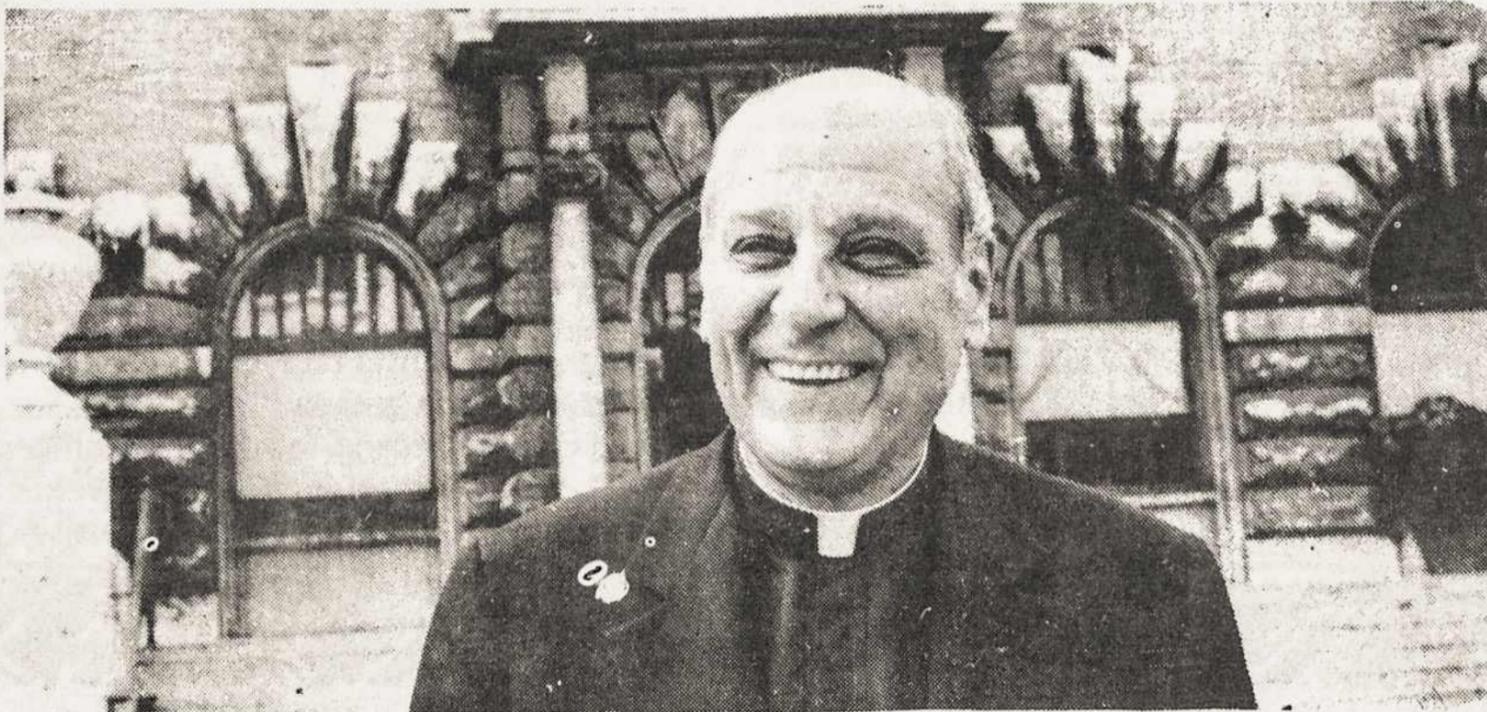
His jurisdiction also extends to Castelgandolfo, where the pope's summer residence is. The pope's residence on 118 acres of mostly gardens overlooks a rich Italian valley.

His relationship with the Vatican's employees is a welcome change for the archbishop. "Working with

people like this gives me the human element I need as a priest," he said. "I come from that stock too. I'm not adverse to doing hard work."

Though he has been working outside of Chicago for more than 30 years, he still feels close to the Archdiocese. He keeps in touch with family and friends through letters and visits about twice a year. Because he has met many people along his routes, a lot of Americans stop by to see him at the Vatican.

He also reads *The Chicago Catholic* to keep informed on developments in the Church in Chicago and the United States. "I try to keep abreast of what is happening there. I feel as an American in the Vatican I need to make some input as an American," the archbishop said. "After I leave here someday, I'd like to still be useful as a priest. That contact with people is important to me."



Archbishop Paul Marcinkus is pictured in front of the *governatorato* at the Vatican.



EDMUND LIBERIS

EDMUND LIBERIS, member of C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y., has been elected commander of American Lithuanian Veterans for 1985, notes "The Recorder" of Amsterdam, N.Y.

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"The Sunday Republican", Waterbury, Conn., featured an article about SIMAS AUGAITIS, a self-taught wood-carver who specializes in the folk art of his native country.

A tour of his home in Watertown, Conn. is a lesson in Lithuanian culture and history. Hand-carved flowers decorate a towel rack made from a cherry tree, the delicately carved tulips representing one of Lithuania's most popular flowers. In his den is a wooden statuette, a facsimile of a traditional religious symbol once found along roadsides in Lithuania. A few of his pieces, including wood-carvings, copper reliefs and pen and ink drawings were on display at the public library in January.

He recently completed a crosier for the Lithuanian bishop in New York, Paulius A. Baltakis. The staff is made of dark walnut, inlaid with amber. In its curved top is the dove of peace.

His next project will be for the Knights of Lithuania in Scranton, Pa. — 18-inch high wooden statues of Mary, Joseph, Jesus and St. Casimir, the patron saint of Lithuania.

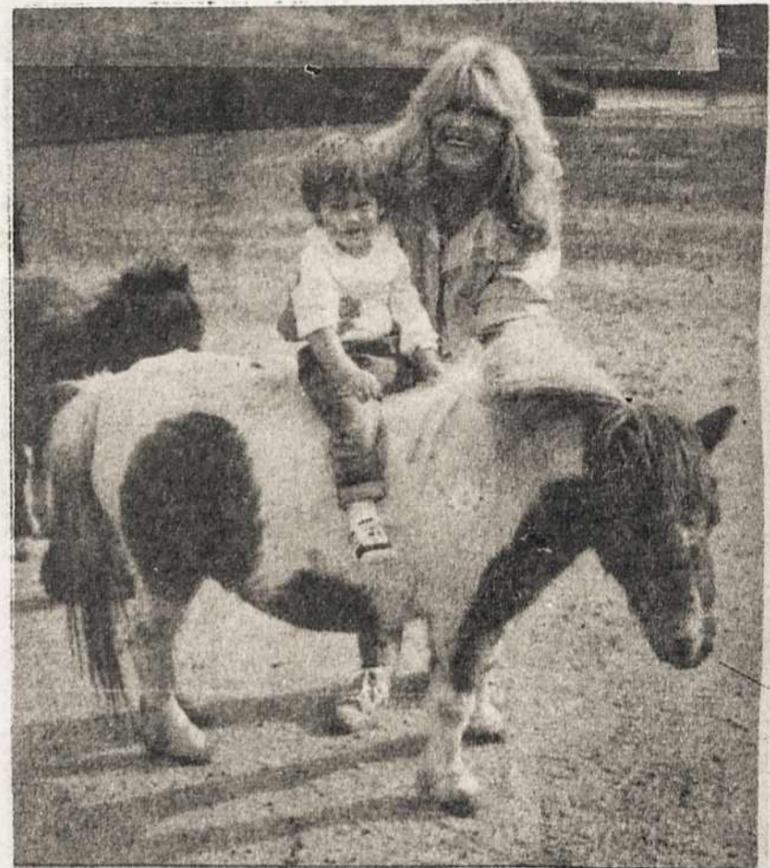
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GENE GOBIS, C-100 Amsterdam, N.Y., was contacted by Phil Spencer, Manager of Radio Station WCSS in Amsterdam, to arrange a special Christmas program. With the assistance of REGINA KOT, LEONARD HARTVIGAS and POLLY ZIAUSYS, an hour-long program of Lithuanian records, material on Christmas customs, and poetry was aired on Christmas eve.

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"The New York Times" reports that RAY KLIVECKA, a native of Lithuania, was named as head coach of the Cosmos, the New York based Soccer team, for the remainder of the indoor season.

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Lena Valaitis and son

LENA VALAITIS, popular recording star, and her son were featured on the cover of the November issue of "Neue Welt", a magazine printed in Germany. Pictured are Lena and son Don sitting on a pony at the Munich Zoo.

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Gilda, (Diana Vytell) is intrigued by the deceitful Duke of Mantua (Peter Harvey) in Verdi's opera, Rigoletto, performed in New Britain, CO

Last November DIANA LUCILLE VYTELL of Wallingford, Connecticut, gave a thrilling performance in her rendition of the leading feminine role of "Gilda" in Verdi's opera Rigoletto, sponsored by the Greater New Britain Opera Association.

Diana is the daughter of Joseph Vytell (Vaitelavicius) and Valerie Kaunietis Vytell of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Meriden, Conn. Her 3 aunts, Sisters Lidwina, Maria Celine and Virginia Marie Vytell, are Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother.



"Daina Ensemble" Dutch group specializes in Lithuanian folklore

She has attained many operatic and musical theatre credits, among them her parts in *Così fan Tutti*, *La Traviata*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Old Maid* and *the Thief*, *The King and I*, *Kismet*, and *Mame*.

As a soprano soloist, Diana's concert and recital experiences include Handel's *Messiah* with the Yale Strings, Brubeck's *Fiesta de la Posada* with the Wallingford Symphony, and Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* with New Britain's Symphony. She made her debut on Greek television as featured soloist for the Perteli Festival in Athens, Greece.

According to the New Britain news "The Herald": "Diana Vytell as Gilda, the daughter of Rigoletto, was elegant, her voice as pure as the heart of the young woman she represented. The shading of her singing . . . was truly exquisite."

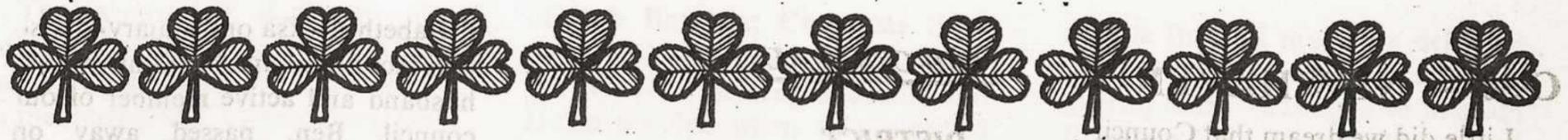
The orchestra for the performance of Rigoletto at New Britain was conducted by David Katz, a protege of the eminent Lithuanian maestro Vytautas Marijošius.

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Noted in the October issue of "The Observer" — Eight natives of Holland got together in 1982 to form the "Daina Ensemble" exclusively for the purpose of cultivating Lithuanian folk songs. In Europe they have performed in concert and over radio in Holland, Belgium, and France. Recently, they concluded their first concert tour of the United States and Canada. These Dutch singers plan to delve more deeply into the beauties of Lithuanian music and learn to speak the language itself.

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Vyčiai Veikia



Council Activities

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C-1 — BROCKTON

This past fall was very busy for our council. In October our new officers were elected. Congratulations to John Statkus, president; Veronica Bizinkauskas, first vice president; Veronica T. Bizinkauskas, second vice president; Pat Achorn, secretary; Joyce Psicatelli, treasurer; Doris Fralick, financial secretary; Fran Bumila, cultural chairman and Ann Statkus, Lithuanian affairs.

As well as participating at our own church bazaar and the NED Cultural Festival in Worcester, we had a Kūčios at our December meeting. George and Fran Bumila were our hosts for the evening. After a sampling of the Kūčios traditions and evening meal, all the participating councils — Brockton, South Boston, Norwood and Providence — raised the roof with a beautiful combination of voices singing Lithuanian Christmas carols. Of course, they were spurred on by the fabulous potluck dinner and desserts that were available.

Congratulations to Anthony Grein, winner of our council scholarship for 1984.

Our annual Snowflake Ball was held on February 16 at the Canoe Club in West Bridgewater. We had a delightful night of dancing and fun.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-17 — SOUTH BOSTON

Council 17 lost a devoted and hard-working member on January 20. He was Charles P. Mikalonis of Randolph, MA. May he rest in peace.

Eva Ball

C-27 — NORWOOD

Žiūrėk, it's 1985! Linksmų naujų metų visiems!

Our council can boast of new and rejoined members. Al Yurkstas joined in the fall, and we welcome him along with Albie & Lenore Jarvis (Sister Eugenia's sister and brother-in-law), John & Betty Skricki, Eddy Jessick, Peter Zukas and Joe & Alice Sipas. Do you believe it? Well, it's great. We hope they live up to their reputation.

First of all, I wish to inform you that I have retired from the business world. It's great to keep my Mrs. company.

Over the Christmas holidays, Fred & Adelle Picard with their son Chris went to Florida to visit Fred's sister. Helen Kontrimas also spent the month of December in Florida.

On January 13, our Father Bill led us on a mystery ride. Mary Ann Tamasanis, his driver, only gave directions until we were at the parking lot of the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA. Father Bill knew the innkeeper who told us the history of this inn saying even one Lithuanian named Jurgis Washingtonas passed by on the way to Concordas. Too bad Mykolas Norkunas wasn't around to sign him up to join the K of L. The group consisted of Fr. Bill, Sisters Victoria and Bernadette, Mary Ann Tamasanis, Sandy Melish, Fred & Adelle Picard, John & Betty Skricki and Stan & Helen Dallalis. We had such a godd time; we hope to do it again.

Our students went back to school. On January 20, Nancy Dallalis received her nurse's cap.

We look forward to our communion breakfast, concert, cake sale and dance featuring Ray Henry on April 20.

Well, pasimatysime kitą mėnesį. Nesušalkit — laikykities sveiki.

Stasiukas

C-50 — NEW HAVEN

Little did we dream that Council 50 would be the hosts of a phenomenal coming together of Lithuanian peoples from far and near.

Luckily, our ambitious pastor, Father Karalis, has been drumming up a sort of scenario preparing us to make the 72nd Convention in New Haven something we will always cherish.

St. Casimir's Church where Convention Masses will be held is closing the St. Casimir Jubilee with a banquet and ball on March 2.

In 1984, St. Casimir's celebrated the 75th anniversary. Rev. Albert Karalis in his anniversary message said, "The Lithuanian community and the people of greater New Haven have enjoyed these beautiful facilities garnished with the love of the people who have been a part in this glorious, historic, and priceless parish. The church building is over 100 years old. The 1874 Hook Hastings Organ made in Boston is an antique. But then, the spirit of our people is still young and vibrant."

Helen Balchus



MID-CENTRAL

DISTRICT



C-25 — CLEVELAND

Through the sale of K of L "Save the Lady" pins, a stipend was donated by our members for the renovation of the Statue of Liberty. Wear your pin proudly.

Our Christmas party was held at the Lithuanian Club on December 15. The committee of Jim & Joan Thompson, Vince & Marian Gray, Dick & Jean Marks and Fran Prunskunas was headed by Alvina Luiza. They deserve a big round of applause.

A heartfelt representation of the council was present at Mass, communion and brunch on December 16 to support Ben Karklius in acknowledging the first anniversary of the death of his wife Alice. You're among friends and they are all yours, Ben.

Bowling tournament plans are going into effect. General chairpersons, Gene & Ursula Kunsitis, have started the ball rolling. Committees are being formed. Remember — We are hosting the Mid-West Bowling Tournament on May 17, 18 and 19.

Our first council bowling session and social was hosted by the Kunsitis to establish averages early.

Rumors have it that the Senior Council is considering merging to make it one big, happy Council 25 for Cleveland. Glad to have you!

The members of C-25 extend deepest sympathy and condolences to John & Helen Garnis and their family on the loss of her mother,

Elizabeth Aleksa on January 4. Also to Grace Derus and her family whose husband and active member of our council, Ben, passed away on January 6. May they both rest in peace.

S. Sankal

C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

It was the second day of the great Michigan ice mess. While thousands faced the prospect of no power, it did not deter fifteen brave members from attending the first meeting of 1985 on January 2. The paralyzing power outage began on New Year's Day.

New Year's Eve revelers in the Cultural Center at Divine Providence hailed in 1985 with non-stop enthusiasm and high fashion pomp. Through the efforts of Joe & Jeanne Yakstys this occasion gets bigger and better each year. Five tables of C-79'ers attended. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres were served. The revelers then sat down to a full-course dinner of Lithuanian food. Each table was decorated with three-tiered smoked candles. The women attracted admiring glances in their fashionable silver and gold sequin gowns.

Everyone danced to the music of the Romantics. Rita & Ed Bagdon were among the smooth dancers. Mary Keller, President Smailis, Stella Hotra, Emma & Frank Povilaitis helped in the balloon department. At midnight a colorful sight of balloons descended from the ceiling, highlighted by yellow, green and red leis, festive hats and horns. Later, everyone was served a tasty pizza.

Many of our members are chasing the winter blahs by trekking down to Tampa and other parts of Florida. Bertha Janus and her friends Olga, Verne and Ceil motored south for a month's stay in Florida. Chester & Marge Nashlon with other members of their family are enjoying their stay in Florida.

The arrival of Kimberly on January 26 to Pat & Greg Rachoza makes Ann & Ed Salas grandparents for the fourth time. The mother is the former Patricia Salas. Best wishes on this happy occasion.

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C-102 — DETROIT

The year 1984 brought about a lot of changes in the lives of our members. Fr. Stan and John Stanievich were saddened in the passing of their mother. George Kayganich, Joe Guerriero and Rose Sawnick lost their fathers. Illness befell Mart Wagster and Tony Zyren who are still hospitalized. John Stanievich is home recuperating.

Along with sadness comes much happiness in that Madam President Grazina Veskalis retired from her position with Hudson's and accepted a position with Jackson Prison, not as a prisoner but as assistant buyer of supplies. Happiest of all was Evelyn Galinas when she became the bride

of Bob Barry at Christmas time. Congratulations! Also happiness was felt by Terry & Ray Medonis and Helen Smolek when they received new in-laws in their families. Frank & Donna Bunikis and Rose Sawnick received new grandchildren.

Our Christmas Kūčios, our most socialized event, was held at the home of Bob & Vince Boris. Father Walter Stanievich opened the evening with Mass. Hymns and carols were led by Frank Bunikis and Peter Buksnis. After Mass we broke bread with plotkelės donated by Pat & Joe Krieg. They own a religious store in Grosse Pointe and are the in-laws of Marge Kreig, our California member.

After the cocktail hour, a beautiful buffet was enjoyed by all. During dinner wine brewed by Bob Boris was served. After dinner, Krupnikas (Vititos) was served. It was brewed in the kitchens of Terry Medonis and Aldona Bunikis.

Angela Buksnis made the delicious torte which was lighted and "Ilgiausią Metų" was sung to Madam President Grazina, Gus Baibak and Maryanne Guerriero who celebrated December birthdays.

Bob Boris provided surprise entertainment with the showing of the St. Casimir Jubilee Mass in Rome. It was enjoyed by all, especially seeing Andy from Pittsburgh and Madam President Loretta Stukas carrying the offertory gift. Thanks, Bob, for a lovely evening.

It was nice to see Emil & Marie Podzius and Bill Clucens and his sons. Of course, it is always nice to see Vince Boris at Christmas since he resides in Maryland. The big boys also enjoyed playing with Father George's miniature train set he has set up in Bob's basement, a real nice layout. On this happy note, I will close wishing all a happy, healthy new year.

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K of L CALENDAR

- APRIL 13-14: Mid-Atlantic District 5th Annual Lithuanian Fair and Festival, Transfiguration Church Hall, Maspeh, NY
- MAY 17-18-19: Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Host Council #25 Cleveland, Ohio
- AUGUST 7-11: 72 National Convention Yale University New Haven, Connecticut
- AUGUST 18: 71st Annual Lithuanian Day Rocky Glen Park, Moosic, Pennsylvania
- AUGUST 25: Pilgrimage for the Suffering Church in Lithuania Shrine of the North American Martyrs Auriesville, New York

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MID AMERICA DISTRICT AWARD RECIPIENTS



Mid-America District Award Recipients: Frank Zapolis and Faustas Strolia (top row) escorted by Eleanor Kasputis and Sabina Klatt. Other distinguished guests and escorts: (R-2) Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Julie Zakarka, Vince Samaska, Consul Gen. Josephine Dauzvardis, Rev. A. Markus, Estelle Rogers. (R-3 John Paukstis,

Eleanor Zapolis, Bishop V. Brizgys, Valeria Stanaitis, Frank Svelnis, Theresa Strolia. (R-4) Algerd Brazis, Mary Juzenas, Al Mockus, Charlotte Brazdzionis, Teodoras Blinstrubas, Emilija Pakalniskis (p Hotos J. Tamulaitis)



John L. Paukstis, 1984 National Convention Chrm (C-36) presents \$1000 check to "Memories Banouet Co-Chrmn Irene Sankus and Algerd Brazis, Mid-America District Treasurer and President

(Photo J. Tamulaitis)



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

The Executive Board met December 14 at Our Lady of Vilnius Church. John Adomenas, membership president, announced two new councils on Long Island.

Our Annual Fair will be a two-day affair, April 13 and 14, at Transfiguration Church, Maspeth. We will have a raffle with beautiful prizes, including a specially commissioned painting of a Lithuanian scene by a Lithuanian artist.

Maspeth C-110 Kūčios was a huge success with 250 Vyčiai and friends gathered. At this time Maspeth adopted two Lithuanian parishes, one in Žagarė and another in Panevėžys. Vyčiai from nearby MAD councils with our President Larry Janonis and his wife Jean were present.



Msgr. Frank Bulovas, pastor of Transfiguration Parish in Maspeth, Jeanne and Larry Janonis, MAD President at C-110 Kūčios



Council 110 Maspeth Kūčios Kitchen Crew



Helen Matulionis, C-110, writing letter to Lithuanian prisoner of conscience

Yours truly prepared a table for letter writing to prisoners of conscience in Siberia. Many guests wrote greetings to our poor suffering brethren. Those who did not have a talent for writing donated towards

postage. Each registered letter is \$4.25. If the letter is returned to the writer, the US Postal Service will return the money. This is proof that our letters do not get to Russia. Please keep the letter and send it in



*Candle lighting ceremony at C-110
Kučios*

the original envelope to Catholic Information Center, 355 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207.

Our Communion Breakfast will be hosted by Council 29 in Newark. We always have a beautiful meeting there so all you MAD delegates be there!

Dalia Bulvicius

C-29 — NEWARK

Our Christmas party, as always, was a huge success. The festivities started with a cocktail hour planned and prepared by our very own Anne O'Neill. When I say everything served was out of this world, I'm putting it mildly. The buffet dinner that followed deserves honorable mention also. Betty Luciw chaired the affair with the able assistance of Adele Matthews, Margie & Walter Brazaitis and John Luciw. Thank you all; we all had a super time!

On January 6, our parish was honored by having Bishop Baltakis accept our invitation to visit with us. He was celebrant at the noon Mass. I am proud to say that our council played a large part in making this a special occasion. The entrance procession was led by Edward Skripata and Michael Sisak. Adele Urbanas and Rita Grazulis in their colorful Lithuanian attire and Kazys Sipaila and Bernard Skripata proudly wearing their juostas followed.

After Mass, the Bishop joined us for coffee and cake in our parish hall. Bishop Baltakis was very warm and friendly and chatted with almost everyone present. Thanks to all the ladies for baking all those cakes and babbas.

Our January meeting was well attended in spite of snow and near zero weather. On the agenda was our upcoming annual dinner dance. Chairman Sipaila made a plea for special support reminding us that this will be our 70th. With the help of members like Danguolė Didzbolis

and Mary Stonis and a long list of committee members, we are going to help him make this occasion something extra special. Plan to spend Saturday, October 12, with Council 29 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Newark. We promise you a good time.

Condolences to Michael Sussko on the death of his sister Mary who met with a tragic death on Christmas Day. May the Lord have mercy on her soul.

Eva Coll



IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in
your prayers...



CHARLES P. MIKALONIS
Member of C-17
So. Boston, MA
Died on January 20, 1985

EDWARD SIMONS
Member of C-141
Bridgeport, CT
Died on February 5, 1985

ROZE SANKALIENE
Member of C-25, Seniors
Cleveland, OH
Died on December 27, 1984



C-63 — LEHIGH VALLEY

Kūčios, the traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve meal, was recreated in December by 40 members of Lehigh Valley Council and their guests.

The celebration was held in the social rooms of St. Michael's Church, formerly a Lithuanian Parish, in Easton.

"There are many regional variations on how Kūčios is celebrated; consequently, there is no correct or incorrect manner of celebrating," Joseph Ogint of Allentown explained at the dinner.

Vice President Ogint and Joseph Simmons of Quakertown co-chaired the first of what council officers hope will be an annual event. No less than 12 different foods, all meatless, were served. Dishes included several kinds of herring, both mushroom and potato dumplings, sauerkraut salad, smelts, crab patties, dried peas and rye bread. Desserts included whole wheat soaked in honey, mushroom cookies and poppyseed milk.

Tables were covered first with straw, then with a white cloth. One place was left empty at the head table for Jesus, whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas.

Ogint described Kūčios customs and why various foods were traditional. Salty herring represents the distasteful things in life; sauerkraut, the mix of sweet and sour in everything; bread, a hope for plenty in the new year. Others on the committee who put together the dinner were Trudy & Bertha Simmons, Al & Jay Klizas, Jack & Dora Lushis, Jake & Florence Zansitis, Anthony & Mary Sockel, Jane Kaiaune, Pat & Jennie Lushis, John & Louise Stefan, Ann Pettit, Nellie McCarry, Madeline Slopik and Mary Sabol.

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C-74 — SCRANTON

Kūčios, our traditional Christmas Eve supper was held at St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church Hall in North Scranton.

Rose Stanches, chairman, selected the following committee: Ann Galenas and Agatha Sueta, prizes; Richard Laske, Jerry Costello, Leo Zewichi, changes; Ann Bagdon, Ann Matulevich, Ann Lisowski, greetings; Joseph Sabaitis, Agatha Sueta, Ann Potelunas, decorations; Mary Bolger, Marie Laske, Margaret Labinas, refreshments and Mary Costello, tickets.

Marie Laske, president, opened with greetings. Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas and Rev. Michael Zipay led with prayers and holiday wishes. Rose Stanches explained the meaning of Kūčios.

The tables were covered with hand-loomed snowy linen cloths under which was placed sweet, fresh hay, a reminder of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Martha Brack

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

On November 12 our council members gathered at St. Casimir's Church where a Lithuanian Mass for

the deceased members of Council 100 was read by our Spiritual Advisor Rev. Baltch. Polly Ziausys did the readings. President Anthony J. Radzevich and wife Ann brought the offertory gifts. Gene Gobis read the list of deceased members.

The business meeting followed in the Social Center with President Radzevich at the helm. Polly Ziausys announced that the Lazdynas Dancers from Rochester will perform on February 9 in Amsterdam for our Lithuanian Day program.

Refreshments were furnished by the following male members: Bill Jasewicz, Walter Sargalis, Walter Wilkevitch, Charles Karbocius, Gerry Drenzek and Ed Bablin. The fellows put on a real treat!

The special feature was the showing of Steve and Adeline Raila's trip to Lithuania on video tape. We congratulate them on an excellent production.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Sophie Olbie on the unexpected passing of her brother Felix on November 25 and to Nancy Kazlauskas in the loss of her sister, Alexandrine (Connie) Angell on December 27.

Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus portrayed by Harold & Irene Tice greeted the members of our council as they arrived at Parillo's Armory Grill Restaurant for our annual Christmas banquet. A social hour preceded the dinner.

Toastmaster for the event was Irene Tice. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Baltch delivered the invocation and followed with the traditional breaking of the Christmas wafers and wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Between dinner courses, Irene & Harold Tice held drawings for prizes. Ann Beleckas won the centerpiece and Adeline Raila, the basket of cheer. Many other gifts donated by the committee were awarded to happy winners.

Polly Ziausys presented gifts to Rev. Baltch and Rev. Grigaitis.

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The yearly meeting was held on November 25, 1984, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. E. Bartkus.

Council President Helen Bartkus opened the meeting with a prayer. Officers gave their reports. They were Treasurer Leo Oksas, Financial Secretary Anthony Skirius and Corresponding and Recording Secretary Bernice Skirius.

Arunas Barkus was introduced as a member with full rights and Maryte Sepikas as a candidate for membership. Both are young college graduates with responsible positions. The Los Angeles Council is very happy to have them in their midst.

The present council officers were reelected for another term by acclamation. Additional members were added to the official family.

The officers for 1985 are Rev. Algirdas Olsauškas, spiritual advisor; Helen Bartkus, president; Julius Kiskis, first vice president; Robert Novak, second vice president for cultural affairs; Arunas Barkus, recording secretary; Bernice Skirius, corresponding secretary; Leo Oksas, treasurer; Anthony Skirius, financial secretary. Ed Bartkus, Ann Laurinaitis and Ann Barkauskas will serve as auditors. Special committee chairpersons are Mary Kiskis, fund raising and Isabel Oksas, hostess.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Barkauskas in North Hollywood.

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Amsterdam Council 100 Christmas banquet (L to R) Rev. R. Baltch, spiritual advisor; Anthony J. Radzevich, president; Gene Gobis, vice president, and Rev. Anthony Grigaitis

A Christmas message and benediction was given by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis. Rev. Baltch led the guests in the singing of Lithuanian and English carols.

President Radzevich thanked the committee of Harold & Irene Tice, Steve & Adeline Raila and Edward & Polly Ziausys for arranging such a grand affair. Everyone really enjoyed a wonderful evening.

Gene Gobis and Regina Kot co-hosted a Lithuanian Christmas program on radio station WCSS on Christmas day.

Mass with prayers for the Freedom of Faith preceded the January business meeting. National Secretary Adele Dauzickas requested pictures of our council for the K of L History to be published in 1987. Once again, we were asked to sign petitions for the issuance of a Darius-Girenas commemorative postage stamp.

President Radzevich read a letter from the Pontifical Lithuanian College which included special greetings and a report. Cultural Co-chairman Kot read an article "Italian Scholar's Lithuanian Culture" from Bridges. Guido Michellini studied in Vilnius University. Bernice Aviza announced the arrest of still another clergyman in Lithuania, one who was ordained in the underground. The former mayor of Kaunas now residing in Florida is under much mental torture because of deportation to Russia threats.

President Radzevich welcomed Vincent Rossi and Helen Zytowski into membership.

Refreshments were served by Helen Druziak, Regina Hartvigas, Ruth Ralys, and Gene Gobis.

Get well wishes to Helen Hugo and Josephine Redding. We wish you a speedy recovery.

