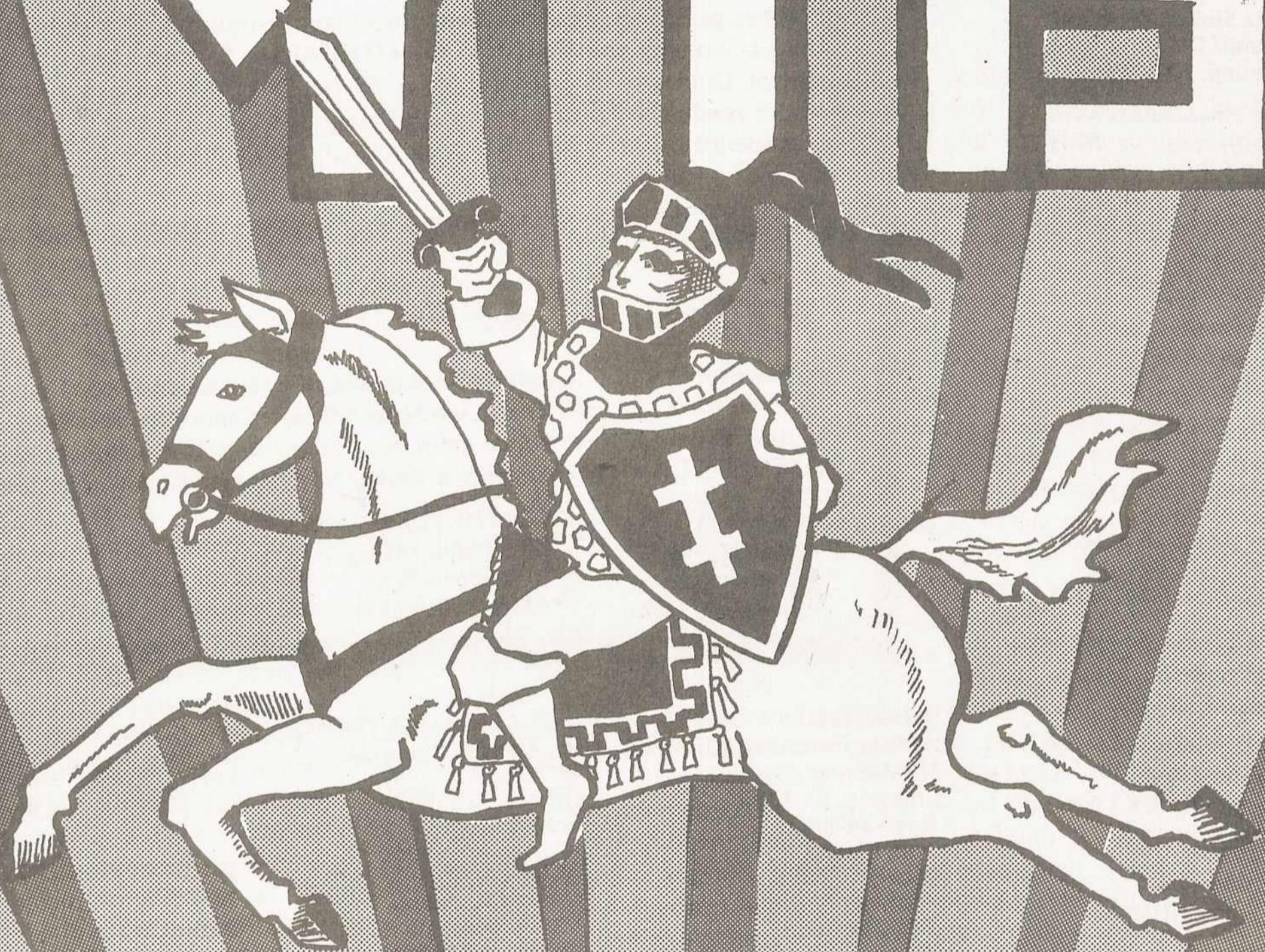


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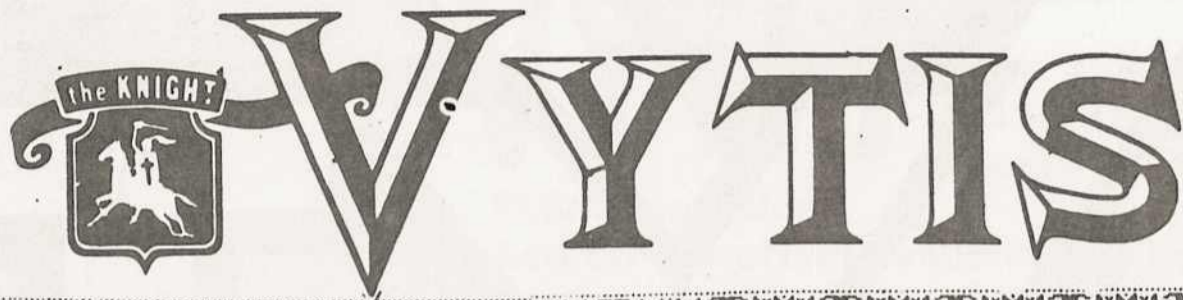
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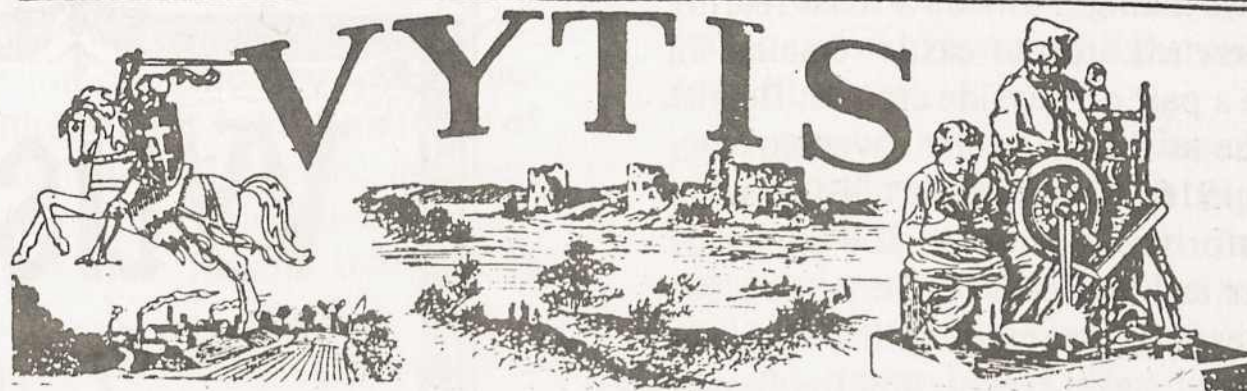
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“The Early Years of *Vytis* in the Immigrant Press”

Father William Wolkovich

The Knights of Columbus, founded in 1884, did not begin their house organ, the *Columbiad*, (later - *Columbia*) until nine years later. In contrast, within a little over two years after foundation, the Knights of Lithuania started publishing their own voice - *Vytis*. The Lithuanian Knights' haste to have their own journal can be understood and appreciated only in the context of events in the Lithuanian community at the outset of the second decade of this century.

Though churchgoers were in the majority among Lithuanians, a large and articulate dissident minority of immigrants opened their wallets in supporting a variety of newspapers and magazines reflecting socialist and freethinking views. As a part of the Catholic counter-movement to the inroads of their antireligious churchless brethren, the Lithuanian Priests' League was revived in 1909 by Father Antanas Staniukynas. As clergy priority endeavor, the weekly *Draugas* hit the newstands in July of the same year from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. This newspaper was to become the leading religious voice among Lithuanians, alongside several other endeavors. There was *Katalikas* in Chicago (1899-1917), a weekly that became a daily in 1914, and again a weekly in 1916 shortly before its demise. At one time the paper reached a peak of 9,000 subscribers. Possibly the competition of *Draugas*, transferred to Chicago in 1912, contributed to the cessation of *Katalikas*. Editorial staff members included future lights of the Knights of Lithuania such as: Ignas Sakalas, Leonardas Šimutis, and Matas Zujus. Only a few other notable Catholic publications could be found in the immigrants journalistic marketplace. E.G. Father Antanas Milukas was providing essays and local newsbits in his *Žvaigždė* (1901-1923, 1926-1944). Likewise, Catholic workingmen had just launched their *Darbininkas* in August 1915 as a semi-weekly in Boston. Otherwise there were no substantial Catholic publications on the scene when *Vytis* was to fill a dire need to give Lithuanian youth its own outlet.

Not surprisingly, therefore, delegates at the Chicago convention of July 1915 mandated the publication of a

journal, enthusiastically pooling together \$50 for the venture. The monthly got off to a good start in the capable hands of three Lithuanian-born youths, then college students: Aleksandras M. Račkus and Kazys Pakštas as coeditors, with Leonardas Šimutis as administrator. Račkus - future surgeon, numismatist, journalist, and well-known activist - was then studying at Loyola University. Even as a youth, he displayed intense ethnic zeal, earning from his peers the amusing nickname “trumpas Vytautas,” an allusion to his small stature. Pakštas - the future geographer, geopolitist, eloquent orator and famed activist - a fresh arrival from the homeland the previous year was a student at Valparaiso University. He was quickly named “storas Keštutis” because of his patriotic fervor and physical bulk. Šimutis, enrolled at St. Bede College in Peru, Illinois, likewise would eventually establish himself in a distinguished career as journalist and activist in many organizations, including the Knights of Lithuania. He too merited a popular name, “ilgas Leonardas,” a jocose reference to his notable height.

The editorial policy indicated that the journal would be non-political, though the staff would monitor contemporary events and report on their significance. The board disclaimed any intention to polemicize with enemies of the Knights' ideals, but would not remain timid in the face of attacks. Declaring a spirit of tolerance, *Vytis* would seek to answer charges, not with slander and sarcasm, but by the power of persuasion. The editors disclaimed any notion of trampling on the goals of others with whom they disagreed, asking only that dissenters not impede the K. of L. pursuit of its ends. *Vytis* aimed to be “wholly ethnic in Catholic spirit” (grynai tautiškai-katalikiškoje dvasioje)

The magazine began at 731 West 18th Street in Chicago, with the first issue dated October 1, 1915. It appeared in a 6 1/2 x 9 1/2” format of twenty-four pages, with artwork by Izidorius Ileikis adorning the cover. (In August 1917, the size was increased to 7-7/8 x 11”). The Lithuanian-born Ileikis was then a student of sculpture and art at the Chicago Institute of Art. He

later excelled in museum science and diorama. His drawing for *Vytis* shows a knight astride a steed rearing up on its hind legs, perched atop of castle remains. In the distance below are a pair of wayside crosses. Ileikis' design continued in use as the magazine cover through the end of December 1916. (One cannot tell for some issues hence, since unfortunately the ALKA copies of *Vytis* for this period are lacking covers). The August 30, 1917 issue carried a new logo, combining the charging knight, Vytautas' castle at Lake Trakai, and the famed sculpture - "Lietuvos Mokykla," (mother at spinning wheel, with child and family dog) by Petras Rimša.

Contents of the inaugural issue include: editorials; an essay on culture by seminarian "Pr. J-as" (Pranciškus M. Juras); a poem "Meilė" (Love) by "L. Šilelis, pseudonym for Leonardas Šimutis, and the musical score of Aleksandras Aleksandravičius (later shortened to Aleksis) for another Šimutis poem, "Į Darbą" (To Work); photo of the entire assembly at the Chicago 1915 convention, with identification of each participant; the first segment of a one-act comedy, "Kumutes" by "Leonardas" (most likely Simutis); photo and obituary of Petronelė Laurinaitė, the seventeen-year-old Knight of Cicero, Illinois who perished when a pleasure-craft capsized. The correspondence column, "Kas Jaunimo Veikiama" (What's Going On With Youth), that was to be a standard feature, carried notices from Boston, Chicago, Cicero, and Cleveland. The closing pages included comments by the Supreme Secretary, P. Mulevičius; editorial responses to questions; acknowledgements of donations for the press fund; and the roster of supreme officers. The final page contained a list of recommended publications: 1) *Draugas*, 2) *Darbininkas*, 3) *Žvaigždė*, 4) *Pažanga*, 5) *Moksleivis*, 6) *Išėivių Draugas*, 7) *Tikyba ir Dora*, 8) *Tautos Rytas*, 9) *Šviesa*, 10) *Žvirblis*. The little-known local papers were No. 6, published at Shamokin, Pennsylvania by Father Joseph Norbut; No. 7-Forest City, Pennsylvania; No. 8-Westfield, Massachusetts; No. 9-Waterbury, Connecticut; and a surprising No. 10-a comic publication from Mossend, Lanarkshire in Scotland.

Despite a momentary, initial, optimistic mood, *Vytis* went to press under an uncertain, shaky financial cloud. With little cash on hand, the editors barely managed to put the first issue into print, as the "Knights began to grumble and engage in impatience," wondering aloud if the magazine would last. Immediately councils were urged to submit the reduced rate of fifty cents per member, as the annual subscription cost. The regular fee was \$1.50 for the year, with a \$2 charge for foreign readers. To reach beyond the membership, agents were recruited in various locals with the lure of a twenty-five



per-cent commission. The November 1915 issue listed names and addresses of salesmen in Akron, Ohio; Athol, Boston, and Worcester in Massachusetts; Chicago and Cicero in Illinois; Cleveland; Hartford; Lewiston, Maine; and Waterbury, Connecticut. Overseas promoters included four agents in England, reaching subscribers in that country and in Scotland. Despite the hazards of overrun, the staff undertook to print 2500 copies by summer of 1916, and 3350 a year later.

Under adverse conditions, the paper just managed to survive its first few months to the end of 1915. For this first quarter year, Pakštas received a salary of \$70, and Račkus pocketed \$62.87. Šimutis generously waved his wage to allow the *Vytis* to survive. Still, the journal periodically struggled to avoid deficits, sometimes running late in meeting deadlines. A chronic complaint by the business manager was the failure of most members to pay for their subscriptions. Eventually, the staff was forced to solicit paid announcements as an obvious means of income. The Supreme Committee voted to permit such advertising, with the first two notices appearing in the issue of May 30, 1920. In December of 1927 a successful drive netted many Christmas greetings from businessmen and professionals. By winter of 1928, there were numerous notices, including full-page ads for presidential candidate Al Smith, and for the team of Hoover and Curtis.

Overcoming financial pitfalls, nevertheless, *Vytis* was destined to play an essential role in the internal life of the Knights. The annual convention, to be sure, provided a platform for expression of viewpoints and resolutions. But travel costs limited access for the majority of members. Meanwhile, the journal furnished members with a readily-available forum for airing ideas, recommendations, and criticisms. The journal itself was a target for adverse views.

In the early years, readers did not hesitate bluntly to criticize and to recommend style-change of Lithuanian, admixture of English, selection of contents, and frequency change from monthly to weekly. Periodic curt editorial replies drew several district resolutions for more politeness. Contributors too had to be toned down. Some correspondences reeked with personal attacks, and accordingly were refused publication. In response to requests, a news review-"Apzvzalga"-was added to the layout. Self-initiated improvements soon appeared, such as a book review column called "Bibliografija ir Kritika."

A momentary critic in 1918 was the future renowned writer, Vincas Mykolaitis Putinas. While an exile in Russia, he came across a few issues of *Vytis* which to him "truth to tell, seemed rather mediocre." But in Switzerland, he later changed his mind when he became better acquainted with the journal, coming to regard it as "one of the respectable and attractive" Lithuanian publications.

Essays and letters-to-the editor touched on debates such as: opposition of the clergy to the Knights; use of English instead of Lithuanian, at council meetings; members' participation in organizations or publications inimical to Catholic ideals; dangers of assimilation to the host culture! In regard to the last-named dispute, certain styles of dancing (e.g. the tango), loitering in poolrooms and saloons, and use of cosmetics were among the contested issues. Chronic were complaints about apathy in membership ranks and failure to pay dues and subscriptions. Loss of ethnicity ("istautejimas") was the most common topic of concern, provoking many letters and essays.

In response to the prime issues of the era, World War I and happenings in Europe received major attention in *Vytis*, coloring the selection of material. Activities in behalf of the homeland were regularly transmitted to the readership, such as the nationwide "Lithuanian Tag Day" in the fall of 1916 to aid war victims. As Knights entered military service, their departure receptions were publicized. Gratis copies of the Knights' publications were sent to various military camps around the country. Accounts of injuries and fatalities began to darken the pages of *Vytis*. Along side other Lithuanian publications, this voice shared in promoting the drive for

restored independence, and pioneered in fostering the formation of a Lithuanian Brigade. This military unit was to travel overseas to fight with homeland forces for total liberation.

To support revival of Lithuanian, editorials often urged readers to enroll in night courses to equip themselves in basic learning. Furthermore, *Vytis* encouraged as a patriotic duty the acquisition of crafts and skills and entry into professions in preparation for permanent return to Lithuania. This fervent though unrealistic call was frequently sounded in the columns of the journals.

In its own endeavors to enhance cultural awareness among readers, *Vytis* periodically printed short plays, poems, and musical scores. Among contributors who were to carve a niche for themselves in Lithuanian circles one finds: the above-mentioned Putinas; also, Aleksandras Alekšis, Faustas Kirša, Stasys Pieža, Leonardas Šimutis, Simas Sužiedelis, and Tumas-Vaizgantas.

The early editors' efforts were not always appreciated. Their scholarly bent was perhaps above the heads of many of the readers of limited literacy. An anonymous article of May 15, 1921 pleaded for greater variety in content, asserting that "Today it's (*Vytis*) too serious, indigestible to our youth, serving only those who are educated." In time, competent writers like Pakštas and Račkus withdrew from their editorial duties, to pursue full-time careers elsewhere. Subsequently editorial hands changed a number of times. The sophisticated efforts of Stasys Pieza notwithstanding, by 1927 the quality of the journal plainly deteriorated. Pieža had been running a series of remarkable articles under the title-"Criticism, Reviews, Poetry." But there was nothing else of comparable value. Meanwhile, the lengthy correspondence columns were splattered with childish prattlings that the editors hesitated to edit or omit. Such nonsense became a further topic of controversy, some favoring wide latitude in accepting such copy, while others clearly saw through such vacuous scribbles. The debate over such "trash" spread over many months. On one occasion even a column on astrology found its way into the pages of *Vytis*!

Happily, in time to come the K. of L. organ regained its stature, and achieved some admirable heights of contemporary vintage, for example, under the hand of Loretia Studkas and Aldona Ryan. To name only a few achievements, there come to mind the commemorative issue of St. Casimir's 500th anniversary of death and splendid articles on Lithuanian language by Algirdas Budreckis, Ph.D. But these later accomplishments are another story that remains to be told.

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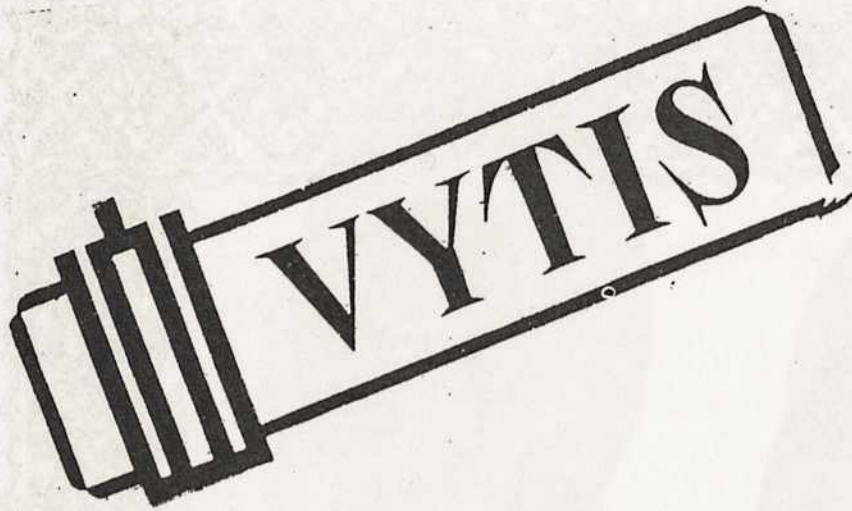
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**VYTIS
1915-1985**

by Aldona Ryan



At the third National Convention which was held in Chicago in July 1915, it was decided to publish a Knights of Lithuania organ. The first issue of VYTIS appeared on October 21, 1915 edited by Dr. Al Račkus and Dr. K. Pakštas with Leonard Šimutis as business administrator. I. Ileikis designed a symbolic cover with a knight on a horse. The first issue contained 16 pages "filled with pictures, plays, prose, poetry, official news, council news and articles to inspire action."

After Dr. Pakštas and Dr. Račkus, the editors were M. Zujus (1916-1920) and Ignas Sakalas (1920-1926). The practice of publishing VYTIS every two weeks in the Lithuanian language continued through 1926.

For a short period, K. Jonaitis took over editorship. He was followed by P. Zdankus as editor from 1927 to 1930. The English language was introduced in 1927 over much controversy.

Mr. Zdankus returned to Lithuania in 1930 and the helm of VYTIS was taken over by A. Lapinskas followed by Rev. A. Valančius and K. Savickus in turn.

The editors for next four years were M. Petraitis (1938-1939), Antanas Skirius (1939-1941) and Ed Kubaitis (1941-1942).

A crisis was reached when many male writers went off to war in 1942. Ed Kubaitis, J. Pilipauskas and Ignas Sakalas returned for awhile.

In 1946, the VYTIS press was liquidated and the publication of VYTIS was transferred to S. Boston for printing by the DARBININKAS presses. It was then edited by Phyllis Grendal and J. Kumpa.

In 1947, Dr. Pakštas came back for a short term. In 1948, A. Vaiciulaitis assumed editorship with Phyllis Grendal.

Dr. Juozas Leimonas worked with dedication from 1951 to 1961. During that time, the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Putnam, CT printed VYTIS.

It should be noted here that Phyllis Grendal was listed as an "assistant" for 15 years but it was her devotion as a promoter and writer that made VYTIS become a well-known publication by the Lithuanian community.

In 1961, the cost of publishing VYTIS became greater than the dues money and donations available. The Supreme Council looked into "offset" printing. VYTIS was moved to Chicago to be printed by Vladas Vijeikis, owner of ViVi Printing Company. Fr. P. Cinikas was appointed editor with Marilyn

Kareiva as assistant editor. Father Cinikas had to resign due to unexpected change in duties and Loretta Kassel, Eleanore Laurin and Marilyn Kareiva assisted by Irene Sankus and Ignas Sakalas launched the "new" VYTIS.

For the years 1961-1963, Loretta Kassel, with her staff, edited VYTIS encouraged by the expressions of appreciation for dependable scheduling, interesting use of photography and continued monetary savings.

When Loretta was forced to devote less time to VYTIS, Ann Pieza (for several issues) and Linda Vaicekauskas (1964) took over the helm.

When Irene Sankus took over editorship in 1965, she found yet another way to save K of L money with the institution of a Christmas Greeting campaign which helped offset a portion of the printing expenses.

Irene found it necessary to resign in 1970 and Loretta (Kassel) Stukas became the editor. During her term, staff members included Rita Ochs, Regina Malakas, Josephine Zukas, Marilyn Kareiva and Lucille Kilkus.

Loretta Stukas continued as Editor-in-Chief for ten years with many improvements and interesting innovations taking place. VYTIS was a stable publication and monetarily sound.

Due to her organizational abilities and devotion to Knights of Lithuania causes, she was elected National President in 1981. Her VYTIS duties were taken over by Aldona Ryan from Centerville, Ohio.

Aldona started writing stories for VYTIS in 1965. She had spent terms as National Cultural Chairman, Mid Central District President and she had a journalism background as a special feature writer for the DAYTON DAILY NEWS. She gave up her job at the NEWS to become editor of VYTIS in 1981.

She continued many of the features as started by Loretta Stukas and added some others such as "Language Lore" by Algirdas Budreckis, and "Cook's Corner" by Mary Lucas, Honorary Member.

She was assisted by Stefanija Rastikis as Lithuanian Editor, and Vida Gecas doing lay-out. Gerry Mack became the new Circulation Manager and was later replaced by

Scottie Zukas of Chicago.

When Aldona Ryan suffered a serious hand injury from a fall in the summer of 1984, Bernice Aviza was appointed Associate Editor and took over many of the duties. Ruth Kazlauskas remained as the "Lithuanians in the News" editor and Helen Chesko has been the "Council Activities" editor for the past four years.

Throughout all its changes in

staff, format and language, VYTIS stood firm in its role as the "Pulse of the K of L". Its effectiveness is the result of a joint effort of the staff, writers and readers.

Note: Much of the material for this story was taken from an article written by Eleanore Laurin and Loretta Stukas in the November 1975 edition of VYTIS.





Paulius A. Baltakis, O.F.M.

Bishop for the Spiritual Assistance of the Lithuanian Catholics Living Outside of Lithuania.

AN URGENT CONCERN FOR VOCATIONS

SPEAK LORD... TO OUR LITHUANIAN YOUTH...

THEY ARE YOUR SERVANTS
AND THEY WILL LISTEN..

The question of vocations to the priesthood and religious life is of vital importance to the CHURCH at the present time. The future of the Church and its missions depends on how this question will be solved. The concern for vocations is the concern of all of us.

The Holy Father repeatedly brings up this question. On Good Shepherd Sunday, Vocation Sunday, the Pope turned to the entire Catholic world, urging the people to be concerned with vocations. This past March, he issued a letter to the youth of the world on the occasion of the International Youth Year. He speaks about religious values, moral consciousness, and openness to the call of Christ inviting them to leave all and follow Him.

The Vocation crisis is acute throughout the whole world, but especially the the West. Many of the so called Catholic countries are beginning to fear for the existence of their faith. In Western Europe, for example, 40% of the parishes already have no priests!

The Vocation crisis is also very real to us Lithuanians! Not too long ago, the deep faith of our nation was manifested in a family's deep concern that one of its sons would be called to the priesthood. Even today despite severe religious persecution, Lithuania is not lacking in vocations to the priesthood or religious life. In spite of the mandatory atheistic education, the youth of Lithuania are drawing closer to religion. This year 19 seminarians were ordained to the priesthood! As for the free world? We must admit the prospect is a very sad one.

Vocations do not come of themselves. Various current statistics confirm this. Vocations take root and are nurtured in a proper Christian environment: by community prayer and penance, a strong communal faith and virtuous living. This is what will inspire youth to follow Christ fearlessly.

One the occasion of the anniversary of our Christianization, let us deepen our interest in our nation's Christian vocation, and our responsibility for the future of its faith.

THE POPE SPEAKS TO OUR YOUTH

- ... On March 31, 1985, on the occasion of the International Youth Year, Pope John Paul II issued an apostolic letter to the youth of the world.
- ... Pope John Paul II wishes that the paths of our youth meet in Christ — that our youth return to Christ and the Gospels.
- ... Each of our young people has been entrusted by God with an individual task. Let us encourage our youth to enter into themselves, to enter into a prayerful conversation with Christ that they may find that eternal thought which God their creator has for them — we must encourage them to find their Christian vocation.
- ... We urge our youth to pray, for it will help them to become more fully human and to know other human beings. We grow through contact with God. The truth of man has its incomparable culmination in Jesus of Nazareth. Let us give of ourselves and become fulfilled people.

FOR OUR LITHUANIAN YOUTH...

- ... A list of religious institutions of Lithuanian origin
- ... A list of people who also had doubts, questions about what their Christian vocations were to be. They, too, were once youth.

1. **St. Casimir College**
Rev. A. Bartkus
Via Casalmonferrato, 20
0082 Rome, Italy
2. **Jesuit Fathers**
Rev. A. Saulaitis, S.J.
Lithuanian Jesuit Fathers
2345 W. 56th St.
Chicago, Il. 60636
3. **Marian Fathers**
Rev. Timothy Roth, MIC
Novitiate Director
Box 73
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4. **Franciscan Fathers**
Rev. Bernardine Grauslys, OFM
St. Anthony Friary
Kennebunkport, Me. 04046
5. **Salesian Fathers**
Rev. St. Sileika, SDB
3426 Parthenais
Montreal, Que. Canada
H2K 3T7
6. **Sisters of St. Francis**
Vocation Director
Sisters of St. Francis
Grove & McRoberts Rds.
Pittsburgh, Pa 15234
7. **Sisters of St. Casimir**
Sister Regina Marie, SSC
Sisters of St. Casimir Motherhouse
2601 W. Marquette Rd.
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8. **Sisters of the Immaculate Conception**
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10. **Sisters of Jesus Crucified**
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DO WE NEED DEACONS?

YES! John Kavaliunas raised the question concerning the need of Lithuanian deacons in his article "Let us help our brothers in faith", which was published in DRAUGAS and DARBININKAS.

in America at the present time there are 7120 active deacons and 2114 preparing for ordination. Lithuanian deacons, however, are only a few. If English speaking parishes need deacons, so much more do we, if we want religious services and assistance in our own language.

Anyone desiring to become a candidate, may apply to the local bishop or to Bishop Baltakis, OFM. He will consult with the diocese or a special seminary concerning the preparation. It is possible to choose the parish or diocese in his jurisdiction, in which the deacon would like to serve the Lithuanians.

CHRIST STILL SPEAKS TODAY:

"You did not choose me, but I have chosen you..."

ARE YOU LISTENING TO HIS CALL???

SCHOLARSHIP FOR LITHUANIAN SEMINARIANS

Father Joseph Prunskis, Associate Pastor at St. Symphorosa Parish, Chicago and also Director of Information for the Lithuanian-American Council, has established a scholarship fund for Lithuanian students for the priesthood.

The Father Joseph Prunskis Scholarship Fund is to be administered by the Brooklyn-based Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. Recipients of scholarships will be chosen by a committee consisting of the Bishop for Lithuanians outside Lithuania, the President of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, and the president of the World Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests' League. The jury currently consists of Bishop Paul Baltakis, OFM, Bishop Vincent Brizgys, and Fr. Augustine Simanavicius, OFM, Provincial of the Lithuanian Franciscans.

In general the shortage of priests to staff over 100 Lithuanian parishes in the U.S. alone, is particularly acute. Moreover the cost of training a priest has risen along with all other costs.

Information on the scholarship can be obtained from:
Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid
351 Highland Blvd.
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 647-2434

CULTURAL CORNER:

In the Frackville, Pennsylvania Lithuanian Cultural Museum, sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania, Anthracite Council 144, there are many old and valuable Lithuanian newspapers and books.

Among these is a complete set of the magazine, "Ausra", printed in 1885. Rather than write an article this month, I thought a few poems from these volumes would be a reminder to the Knights of Lithuania of what our forefathers wrote and read.

Most interesting is the way this was printed. As you can see it was printed "Ausra" not "Aušra".

Anna Klizas Wargo
National Cultural Chairperson

Abejojantiems!

Daug metu dingo bedugnėj laiko
Ir užmirszimo jurėj nuskendo,
Kaip kalba skamba Lietuvos vaiko
Ir kaip ją prieszai naikinti bando;
Bet-gi Lietuva buna ik sziolei,
Lietuvis savo kalba užlaikē,
Nors prieszai mumis vaikys, kaip vaikē,
Bet deimants szitas spindes patolei,
Ik žemė risis aplinkui saulės
Ik augs ant josios augalai, vaisei...
Kol nežus szilma ant mus' pasaulės,
Kol vamzdis sudo neužusz baisei!

Ką drįsau tarti?!... Neliaus skambeti,
Svėtui pas'baigus, kalba Lietuvos;
Tenai — danguse tėvu mus' kruvos —
Labai jie mėgsta savaip kalbėti!
Ir mes numire jus atlankysim:
Vos į jūs žodį tik iszkalbėsime
Ir meilei jūsius vos pasveikšim.
Szeip jūs atsakant iszgirist galėsime:
Vaikai! garbingi ēsat ir buvot,
"Kad dulkes, kaulus musu gūdojot,
"Ant savo spēku viltį vis klojot
"Ir meilėj kraszto nebeužkliuvot!
Sėskit su mumis garbint vis Pramžiu —
"Czion liūsi busit nu nedorybiu;
"Galit czion likties tarp mus' ant amžiu:
"Nepristoksit czion tokiu ramybiu!"

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Ei, abejone! szalin nū musu!
Szalin pailsims ir nus'minimas!...
Szenai, viltis, eik, noras prie trusu,
Iszkilmė dvasės, nepailsimas!
Norš maži ēsam, tik nesidūkim —
Neleiskim prieszu šesti į kerczią,
Bet tą patarlę suprasti dūkim:
"Ir mažas kupstas vežimą verczia!"
Tam ne daug metu vos keli buvom,
Ir rasztu jokiū kad neturejom
Szendien jau szimtais į darbą griuвам
Ir turim daug to, ko neregėjom;
Už keliu metu stipresneis busim.
Mindžiokim szendien tą nusiminimą!
Lai isz mus' kožnas tur supratima,
Jog mes Lietuvei nekad nežusim!
Lai prieszu būna ir kiauri šimtai,
Bet mes ant juju vilties neklosim,
Savo vedėjei, syki paimtai,
Tarnaut, neilstant, nėkad nestosim.

TRETI METAI.

AUSZRA.

Laikrasztis iszleidžiamas Lietuvos mylėtoju.

N. 7 ir 8. Tiltėje. Liepos ir rugpiucio m. 1885 m.

"Ausra" iszeina Tiltėje 20. kožno mėnesio pavyzdėje kaigtės 32—48 pusiu. Prekia: ant metu 4 rubl. = 4 mark. Atskiras lum. 35 pf. = 35 kap. Apgarsinimai, "Ausros" rėdystėje priimami kasztėja už kožną pusiau dalitą eilutę po 20 pf. = 10 kap. "Ausros" skaitytojams pusė tick. Vokietijoje galima "Ausra" prie kožnos cėcoriszka karaliszkos pasztos parsikviesdinti

Gromatu raszėjai, norėdami szikia-wohia žine isz rėdytavės gauti, meilingai užpraszomi, gromatose dėl atsako už 10 kap. (20 pf.) markucziū pridėti. Mūns be galo daug pinigū ant žigunės reikalū iszeina. Ausros reduve.

Bunant vedėjos szios pasekėjais,
 Ko mes stokojam, viską patirsim,
 Tik abejonė ein lai su vejais—
 Lai nėkad spēku sav nepakirsim!
 Akmū sukruzsta, medis supuva,
 Geleži, pliena rudys suėda,
 Lietuvos vaikui yr didė gėda
 Tarti, jog jausmai szventi jo žuva;
 Nės szitie jausmai negali nykti,
 Pakol krutienj szirdis taksena,
 Gyslose kraujas pakol sriavena,
 Pakol krutinej szirdis taksena,

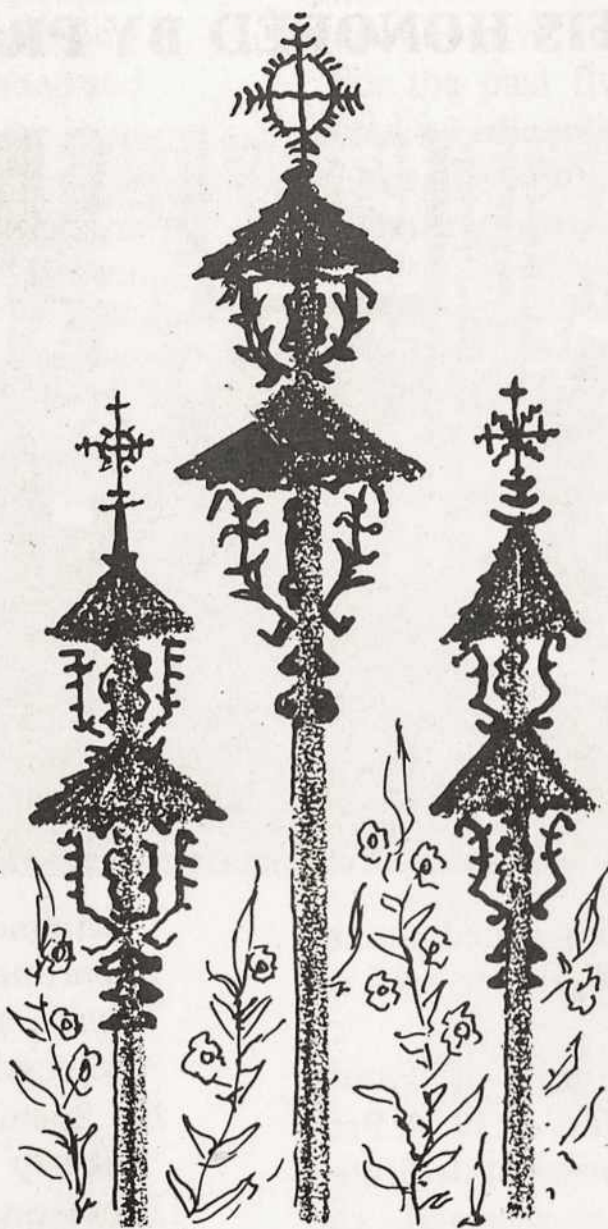
Tuls nors isz musu amžiu užsnaudžia,
 Ant jojo kapo rutu pasėsim,
 Jam užgiedosim mes rauda graudžia
 Ir Toliaus mes szventą darbą tesėsim.
 Kad iszaugs rutos isz jo krutinės,
 Klaistjį ju kvapa pusdamas vėjas;
 Ju kvaps sės karsztą meilę tėvynės,
 Krutinen žmogaus nusu iėjes.
 Pre kožno darbo viltis tur buti,
 Nes ji suszildo kožną vedėja;
 Ir mus vedėjoj ji netur žuti,
 Norints but gaujos prieszu sus'ėje.
 Be vilties ka-gi dirbdams ispėsi?
 Tikrai sav pelno jokio nedūsi!
 Lygei vežiman kad važiut sėsi,
 Vadžias paleidęs, kur nuvažiūsi?!

P. 26 gegužio 1885 m. K.S.V.

Atsibuskim!

O Lietuvei, atsibuskim!
 Savo kalbą nepameskim!
 Židinelį sav papuskim
 Ir-gi malkos ten užmeskim!
 Juk suiręs musu krasztas,
 Padalitas į tris dalis,
 Juk atimtas ir-gi rasztas,
 Apie tai skelb visos szalys.
 Kas kum galim, prisidėkim,
 Kad Lietuvon mokslas žengtu,
 Kaip igalint knigas sėkim,
 Kad žmonelei savę remtu.
 Musu žemė bus laiminga,
 Kad savę pažis Lietuvei,
 Musu dvasė bus laisvinga,
 Busim žmones, kaipo bu
 Kas jau Lenkais, Gudais virtot,
 Dar jums laikas atsibusti,

A. B. Sziurpulys.



Tėvynė.

Asz tėvynėj jusū bunū
 Ir ant amžiu dabar žunu,
 Savo kalbą tik dabaju,
 Vis taip verkiu ir dumojtu;
 Aszaromis nei nuplaunu,
 Dar gilesnią roną gaunu.
 Sunki valanda ateina,
 Akys man kraujais apeina,
 Kaip pamislyju ant anu,
 Szitai, vaiku žemės mano,
 Ant ju noru ir kaltybiu,
 Ant ju turtu ir linksmybiu.
 Dėl ju viskas yr per nėką,
 Nenumano sunku grėka;
 Dėl ju turtai ir linksmybė
 Stojos laimės uz czėlybe.

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Nei, Lietuvei, jus dumokit
 Ir kaltybiu nerokukit;
 Tiktai gikit po teisybe,
 Neszkit szviesą ir vienybę
 Dėl tu vaiku dar jaunuju,

Kad ju dvasė neklaidžiotu,
 Tiesos kelia kad dabotu,
 Jau nuėję į szviesybe
 Su ta szirdyj malonybe
 Dėl tos kalbos, kur lopszelėj
 Jiems dainavo matuszėlė
 Szitai graudžei, aszaringai,
 Taip malonei, o teisingai.

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Savo kas nemyl tėvyne,
 Tegul atmen tas gadyne,
 Kad czia pradžia amžiaus gavo
 kad jos kalbą szirdyj savo
 Liki smerczio tur žinoti,
 Liki grabo tur neszioti
 Szirdies savo atminime,
 Kad nebutu užmirszime.
 Ir jos vardą tur neszioti,
 Ir jos ginklā tur daboti;
 Dėl jos prakaito liejimas,
 Dėl jos vargas ir kentimas;
 Mus' tokie tėvai buvojo
 Ir Žemaicziūs, Lietuvoje,
 Tegul aptur jieje garbę
 Tam szventamiam juju darbe.
 Vyturio sesu.

Kad jus moczei ausin kirtot,
 Pas'taisykit — nepražus'te.

Laikas kilo datyrimo:
 Lietuvos kalbelė graži;
 Svies kaimynai paklydima,
 Seni, jauni, didi, maži.

O lietuvei mylimiausia...
 Dirbkim visi dėl tėvynės;
 Musu kalba juk szvelniausia,
 Nors užlikro prie milinės.

Mokslingiejie jau sukilo
 Savo krasztą užtaryti,
 O artojams lai bus meilu
 Noris Auszrą paskaityti;

Czia atras kiekvienas tiesa,
 Kas Lietuvoj panaikinta,
 Czia atras taipogi szviesa,
 Ir prikels-gi, kas paminta.

27. spalinio 1884 m.

FR. JURGELAITIS HONORED BY PROVIDENCE COLLEGE



*Fr. Jurgelaitis receives
Providence College
29th National
Alumni Award*

Providence College honored six distinguished alumni at the 29th National Alumni Awards Dinner held on May 31st at Providence College.

This year's honorees included our own Father Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P. of the Class of 39. A Professor of Spanish, he was cited for 36 years of dedicated service as a priest/educator. He received the Faculty/Staff Award for Religious. A member of the Modern Language Department since 1949 Father Jurgelaitis epitomizes the quiet, unpretentious, but highly talented Dominican teacher who forms the foundation of Providence College.

Present at the dinner and the presentation were more than 50 Lithuanians: Fathers I. Gedvila, pastor of Saint Casimir's parish, Father P. Shakalys, pastor of St. Casimir's parish in Brockton, Father V. Cukuras and Sisters Apollinara and Ona from Putnam, Conn. There were Knights of Lithuania from Brockton, So. Boston, Norwood and Providence.

When Father received the award, five tables stood up as one and sang "ILGIAUSIŲ METŲ".

Dr. John J. Cunningham, of the Class of 47, member of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association read the citation. Dr. Cunningham is husband of Biruta Ciocys, former President of Council 103.

The citation began: "Rev. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., Class of '39—Devoted Dominican priest for 41 years, prominent linguist, skilled teacher, and above all a compassionate and warm human being...your life has wonderfully enhanced the spiritual and academic life at Providence College since 1949."

Dr. Cunningham then noted the accomplishments of Father Jurgelaitis including his service as Dean of

Discipline, as Chairman of the Modern Language Department, as member of the Committee on Rank and Tenure, as Moderator of several student organizations. Also cited were his activities outside the college, such as his Spanish classes on television, his radio work (on "Liberty Bell" a Lithuanian Radio Program in Brockton, Mass.)

He continued: "Especially noteworthy has been your service as spiritual and educational advisor to the New England and Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania for which the Lithuanian community holds you in great esteem.

Present at the Awards Dinner were Father Jurgelaitis' sisters: Nellie Yanovitch, Sister M. Baptista, CJC, Sister M. Paulina, CJC and his nephew Robert and his niece Marie and her husband, Dennis.

After receiving the award, Father Jurgelaitis thanked the College and the Alumni Association. Then, explaining that in a very special way he was most thankful to his sister Nellie "who by her patient and self-sacrificing care of our mother during her failing years gave me the time and freedom to do my Dominican thing with you and for you here on campus," he presented her with a bouquet of red roses, as the alumni showed their appreciation by sincere applause.

Loretta Stukas, President of the Knights of Lithuania, sent the "congratulations of all 4000 members of the Knights of Lithuania" via Mailgram: "As our national Spiritual Advisor you have been ever vigilant in providing us with significant spiritual and temporal guidance. We applaud the Alumni Association for also recognizing your sincere dedication and unselfish contributions to Providence College and the

Lithuanian community. We are very proud of you." Father Jurgelaitis has been a member of the K of L since his high school days. After a lapse of fifteen years during which he prepared for the Dominican priesthood and completed his university studies in Lima, Peru, he joined Council 103 in Providence. He began writing for *VYTIS*, directing a monthly K of L Religious Education program and participating in New England District activities.

Nine years ago he was appointed Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor. During this time his by-line appeared under about 75 articles in *VYTIS*.

For the past five years Father Jurgelaitis has conducted a Lithuanian Language class at Providence College for about 20 interested members of Council 103. *Ilgiausiu metu, Teveli.*

Vic Mathieu and Helen Denisewich



Stephan Darius and Stanley Girėnas

Sincere thanks for your effort in the campaign for the issuance of a Commemorative Postage Stamp to honor Stephen Darius and Stanely Girenas for their historic transatlantic flight. But it is not over. Our 1984 campaign for the issuance of the stamp in 1985 was not effective.

We are again attempting to achieve this goal - a commemorative stamp to be issued in 1986. We must show the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee that the Lithuanian-Americans do not give up, that we are proud, stubborn and strong, and will work endlessly until we reach our goal. To give up now would admit defeat.

Our work to date has not been wasted - we are very close. It is of the utmost importance that we bombard the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee with letters and petition signatures.

This is an urgent request for each and every K of L member to again participate in this campaign. We also need our non-Lithuanian friends, other stamp collectors, and individuals of various professions and organizations to support this cause. We must write to our senators, congressmen, state commanders of the American Legion, and others, for assistance in our efforts for the issuance of a stamp honoring these two heroes in 1986. Write to your congressmen, requesting them to co-sponsor Rep. William O. Lipinski's introduced House Resolution #457.

Also please write to the Postmaster General and to the Chairman of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee asking for reconsideration of our petition for the Issuance of a Darius-Girenas Commemorative Stamp in 1986.

The Honorable Paul N. Carlin
Postmaster General
U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Mr. Belmont Faries, Chairman
Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 5536
Washington, DC 20260

We can and will live up to our reputation for getting the job done. We're counting on all of our members for their support in this campaign. We need thousands and thousands of letters and petition signatures.

With sincere appreciation for your assistance.
JUOZAS ZADEIKIS, C-36
5952 S. Washtenaw Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60629

Note: Sample petitions are available upon request.

K OF L CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER 22: New England District Day
Cathedral of the Pines
Rindge, N.H.
Holy Mass at 1 P.M.
- SEPTEMBER 28-29: Mid-Central District
Fall Convention and Pilgrimage
Hosts-Council 86
DuBois, PA
- SEPTEMBER 29: New England District
Convention
St. George's Church
Hosts C-27, Norwood, MA
Holy Mass at 10 A.M.
- OCTOBER 6: Mid-Atlantic District
Convention
Our Lady of Vilnius Church
Hosts C-12, Manhattan, NY
- OCTOBER 13: New England District
Cultural Festival
Maironis Park
Shrewsbury, MA

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your
prayers...

JOHN ALANSKAS
Member of C-7
Waterbury, CT
Died June 21, 1985

JANET BRAINARD
Member of C-135
Ansonia, CT
Died July 16, 1985

ADOLPH KAULAKIS
Member of C-36
Chicago, IL
Died July 19, 1985



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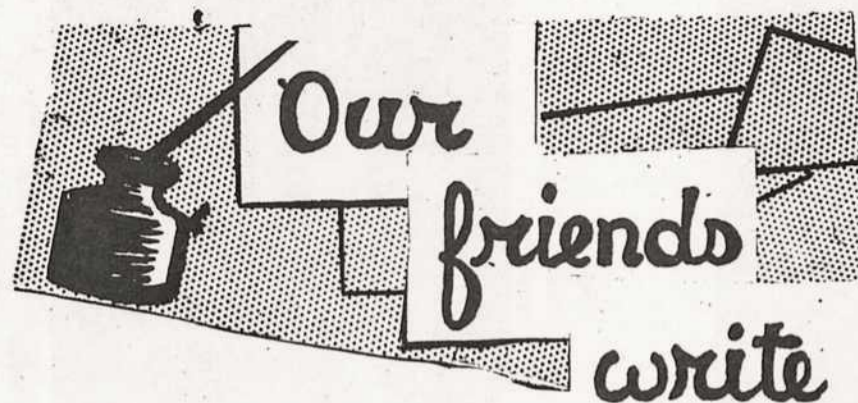
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Our friends write

Was reading your May copy of VYTIS and noticed you had enclosed a list of Lithuanian Broadcasts by the Voice of America. It covered up to April 1985.

Well, I had just sent for and received their latest schedule and thought you might be interested or would like to submit. It is for March 31, 1985 to September 28, 1985. I have listed the times now for the summer. Of course these frequencies depend on the sun-spots and conditions of short wave. Myself I copied the 7120KHZ at 10:15 P.M. pretty well, which is broadcast from England to Lithuania.

I was born in Elizabeth, NJ of both Lithuanian parents which belonged to Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Met my wife while in Navy in Rhode Island and belong to the Council in Providence.

I am also an amateur radio operator. My call is K1AMG and am active on the short-wave bands. Have talked direct to Europe many times, including Lithuania.

I understand there are broadcasts in Lithuanian from Boston, but haven't been able to find out the time for the frequencies. These are on the regular broadcast band. Can you help me?

Anthony Sidla
14 Clackstone Court
Cumberland, RI 02864

Dear Editor:

Today's mail brought the May VYTIS. On page 7, I liked especially how you presented the "To Mom" article. It surely deserves your worthiness for the position you hold. Much happiness and success on your endeavors in publishing.

Aciu-Aciu
Joe Malin

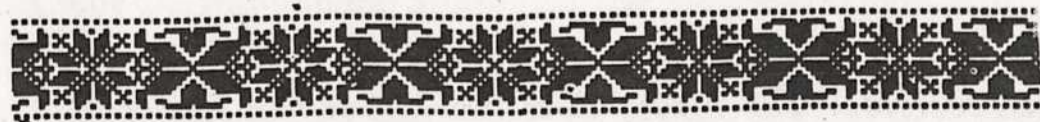
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1400 - 1430 GMT	11960 KMZ 11865 KHZ 15270 KHZ
12:00 Noon - 12:30 PM or	17855 KHZ 15280 KHZ
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NOTE: When we turn our clocks back to Eastern Standard Time, our times will be one hour earlier, 5 hours difference from GMT or Greenwich Mean Time.



Veronica Malin with son, Joseph Malin



Camp AUSRA

ELMHURST, PA

1985



Sr. Angela CJC, director and camper observe old-fashioned candle dipping

The hills of Pennsylvania resounded with Lithuanian singing and dancing, crafts and fun for two weeks in July at Camp Ausra, at Elmhurst, Pa.

Conducted by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, under the leadership of Sister Angela, C.J.C., the youths who attended had two weeks to learn a little language, history, songs, dances, crafts. The theme of this year's camp was the early Lithuanian immigrant who came to

the Anthracite Coal Regions at the turn of the century.

A visit was made to the coal mine village of Eckley, the town where the movie "The Molly Maguires" was produced. They were shown some of the old miner's clothing and learned how hard these early immigrants had to work.

The youth enacted a play which showed a young Lithuanian leaving Lithuania and going to Germany to board a boat to America. They went third class on the long trip and some

did not make it. When they arrived in the U.S.A., they had to go to Ellis Island, where they were examined by a Doctor. Some were not allowed to enter. Others were left to go in the start of life in America.

They learned to do woodcarvings, straw pictures, embroidery, etched Easter Eggs. New Friends were made and when the bonfire at the "Lauza" on the last night was lit, they cried because their time at Camp Ausra was over.



Young campers share the weight of log lifting



Campers at Camp Aušra sponsored by Anthracite Council recreate "The Flying Boat". A Lithuanian folk tale for parents and friends

THE ENDOWED CHAIR OF LITHUANIAN STUDIES UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

AN ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY ENDEAVOR



Dr. Bronius Vaškelis

The academic community and Lithuanians throughout the world celebrated the 400th anniversary of the founding of the University of Vilnius, capital of Lithuania. The year-long festivities gave special cause to ponder the future of Lithuanian studies in North America, where the majority of persons of Lithuanian descent live outside of Lithuania.

The network of Lithuanian cultural school and classes, informal study groups and special courses for students at local levels, summer programs and regular courses with credit at several American universities provide a basic, though variable, foundation for Lithuanian Studies.

On the eve of the anniversary of Vilnius University in 1978, delegates to the Fifth Lithuanian World Congress in Toronto, representing 15 Free World countries, voted to find the most appropriate and favorable location for a permanent seat of Lithuanian Studies in North America. The Executive Committee of the Lithuanian World Community was entrusted with the task and, aided by a special ad hoc committee, supported by the Lithuanian American Community of the USA, the Lithuanian Canadian Community, and the Lithuanian Foundation, selected the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1981.

Representatives of the University of Illinois Foundation and the Lithuanian World Community Foundation signed the gift agreement in Chicago on November 20, 1981 establishing a fund of \$750,000 for the Endowed Chair of Lithuanian Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The fund of \$750,000 is to be raised jointly by the two Foundations. The University of Illinois Foundation will solicit \$150,000 and the Lithuanian community, through the Lithuanian World Community Foundation, promised to raise the Lithuanian contribution of \$600,000 over a five year period. The first Endowed Chair of Lithuanian Studies in the free world will be financed by the interest and dividends from the \$750,000 principal, or endowment, and it will operate for an indefinite period of time.

The net income from the endowment will be used to provide salary and additional support for the professor occupying the Chair, for secretarial services, special equipment, supplies, research and library resources, publications, conferences, and other assistance to enhance the educational quality of Lithuanian Studies.

The Endowed Chair is a permanent center for Lithuanian Studies in a major American university with modern resources on a new campus with 25,000 students/over 500 students of Lithuanian descent/in 66 buildings located over 163 acres of land and situated near downtown Chicago. It is located in the largest Lithuanian population center in the United States and it is the first Endowed Chair in the university sponsored by an ethnic community.

The Endowed Chair of Lithuanian Studies began its work in September of 1984 for the 1984-85 academic year with several graduate students working towards their advanced degrees. A well known Lithuanian scholar, Dr. Bronius Vaskelis was appointed as the first professor to hold and occupy the Chair.

His address is:

Dr. Bronius Vaskelis, The University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures, 1228 University Hall, Box 4348, Chicago, Illinois 60680, phone 312-996-9539. Dr. Vaskelis prepared new courses for graduate students and programs for the advanced degrees. The Endowed Chair of Lithuanian Studies now offers work leading to the master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Lithuanian Language and Literature degrees.

The Chair complements the existing program of Lithuanian Studies in the Department of Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures. This program, now in its twelfth year, supported in part by the Lithuanian Foundation and the Lithuanian American Community of the USA, provides 16 undergraduate and advanced courses, a Lithuanian minor and major. These courses are taught by Assistant Professor Dr. Violeta Kelertas and a student assistant, and they lead to a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The recently established Endowed Chair of Lithuanian Studies will be spreading knowledge about Lithuania and its people from one of the largest campuses in America. Its scholars - both professors and students - will over the years produce scores of articles and books on Lithuanian subjects in English and Lithuanian for the enlightenment of anyone who cares to learn about them. Because they are a part of a great prestigious university, the Chair's staff will draw private and government foundation grants for the pursuit of new research topics in as yet unexplored areas of Lithuanian studies, especially those which cannot be freely studied or researched in the occupied Lithuania under the Soviet subjugation.

The Endowed Chair will never run out of funds, because it will run on an endowment. That means it will operate for an indefinite period of time, for as long as there is anyone in the world speaking Lithuanian or interested in Lithuanian studies. The Endowed Chair now stands as a living and working memorial to one of the world's oldest and most beautiful cultures - the Lithuanian culture. And it will help establish for the Lithuanian community a reputation as a proud and educated community interested in advancing the values of the mind for the betterment of the mankind.

Before the end of 1984 the Lithuanian community had contributed \$300,000 or half of the pledged amount. \$235,000 came through the Lithuanian World Community Foundation, \$60,000 from the Lithuanian Foundation in the USA, and \$5,000 from the Lithuanian Canadian Foundation.

The Executive Committee of Lithuanian World Community and the Board of Directors of Lithuanian World Community Foundation proclaimed the year of 1985 as the year of a special fund drive to raise the remaining pledged amount throughout the free world.

All contributors to the Endowed Chair of Lithuanian Studies will be properly recognized and honored. Their names and contributions/starting with \$1/will be listed in two special books of Contributors to the Endowed Chair of Lithuanian Studies. One book will be permanently kept at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the second book will be at the Lithuanian World Community offices in Youth Center in Chicago. Contributors are classified as follows:

\$1 to \$999	-Donors
\$1,000 to \$4,000	-Sponsors
\$5,000 to \$9,999	-Founders
\$10,000 or more	-Honorary Founders

Anyone contributing \$50 or more will receive a special personal certificate of appreciation.

The names of persons or organizations contributing \$500 or more will be listed on two special Plaques of Honor. One plaque will be displayed at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the second plaque will be at the Lithuanian World Community offices in the Youth Center in Chicago.

Many companies have Matching Gift Program, whereby the company matches the contributions of its employees by adding the same amount/sometimes even more/ to the educational projects such as the Endowed chair. It is an excellent way to increase your contribution. Please check with the employers.

The bequests in the Last Will and Testament would continue to support the Endowed Chair as a fitting memorial to the givers, therefore they are gratefully accepted. A chairperson may bequeath all or a part of his estate to the Endowed Chair of Lithuanian Studies by designating it in the following manner:

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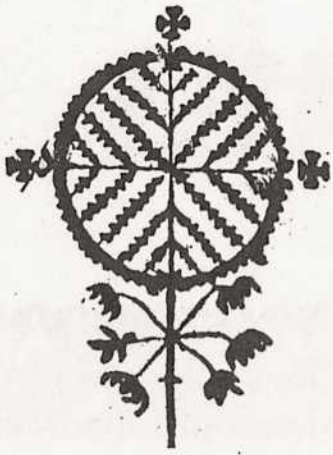
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Remember our Present Day Martyrs By Fr. Joseph Prunskis

The great scientist Max Planck stated, that people need science to understand the world, but men also need religion to know how to act. We are happy that we have complete freedom of religion in this country and can enjoy its benefits. However, we should not forget that millions of other believers are enslaved by atheistic communists, they are living the times of the catacombs and many of them are real martyrs. We can alleviate their plight by our prayers and by spreading the message about their sufferings and so influence public opinion in their favor.

Such severe oppression is now suffered by the believers of Lithuania, the only Catholic country by force incorporated into the Soviet Union. That incorporation is not recognized by the U.S.A. and many other countries of the free world.

I am reading underground papers secretly brought to the U.S.A. In the last issue (No. 66) of the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania", we receive information that of 142 churches in the diocese of Telsiai, including the region of Klaipeda, only 84 have residing priests. Many priests in Lithuania were murdered, deported. Three seminaries preparing candidates for the priesthood are closed and the one that is open has restrictions to accept only a limited number of students. Priests from other parishes are forbidden to have devotions in the church unless officials of the red institutions give special permission.

Fr. Antanas Grazulis for organizing a Christmas tree for children on December 26, 1984 in Alytus was fined 50 rubles. In the city of Zarasai on February 16, 1985 the funeral of the mother of the pastor of the Kalesnykai parish, Fr. Jonas Vaitonis, took place.

After the funeral the participants were invited for a meal in a public restaurant. The administration warned that if some person would dare to make the sign of the cross before the meal he would be forced to leave the restaurant.

On All Saints Day, 1984, the pastor of Linkmenys, Rev. Jonas Lauriunas, after devotions went with the people to the cemetery to pray. After a short while he was called by the president of the administrative committee of that region and warned that he should not dare to repeat "transgressions" such as that.

Rev. Jonas Tamonis, pastor of Vidukle, received three written warnings that he should not say Mass for the priests who are condemned to prison. In Moletai students who received First Communion were interrogated as to who prepared them. In the technical school of Alytus on December 24, 1984, students were ordered to be in school on Christmas Day and they were admonished not to go to church.

In Lithuania, which by military force was made a colony of Moscow, the Church cannot take part in any charitable work, cultural activity. All Catholic papers are confiscated and all Catholic associations and convents are closed.

Priests are forbidden to organize any sport activities, theatrical performances, outings, meetings, pilgrimages, processions. They cannot teach children religion even in church, they cannot have any devotions in private homes. For believers it is forbidden to have any religious meetings, libraries, reading rooms. Children cannot be altar boys. Priests are forbidden to visit members of their parishes, as was the custom around Christmas time. According to government statistics in 1983 in Lithuania 144 churches already did not have a residing priest.

Disregarding that oppression in 1983, 37,000 believers traveled to the most famous shrine of Lithuania-Siluva. In spite of various difficulties, believers in Lithuania are so attached to their religion that numbers of members of the religious, functioning secretly, is increasing considerable. One believer, Balys Gajauskas, in his letter from the Kuchin slave labor camp writes: "The peace of the Bolshevik empire is the peace of the concentration camps. That is what we have now. Peace proponents outside the U.S.S.R. freely present their demands and demonstrate their convictions. We, who have the peace of the Bolshevik empire, cannot express our views freely. We gaze through prison bars and concentration camp barbed wire and see that the way of the so-called friends of peace leads directly to us. So their peace will not bring happiness to mankind. It will only reenforce the chains of the captive nations and impose them on other nations. The modern slavery of the twentieth century will grow even more. Therefore, peace cannot be bought at the price of freedom. Peace must be honorable and humane, without chains, without prisons, without concentration camps, without physical or moral terror. This is the only peace to seek".

THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA AT ST. MARY'S VILLA PICNIC

Although the annual fund-raising picnic at St. Mary's Villa is attended by people of a variety of ethnic backgrounds, this year's event was special for 3 good reasons. Bishop Paulius Baltakis OFM accepted an invitation "to come and see", to get acquainted with the Sisters and their work in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Next, a bus-load of Knights from Maspeth, New York, Council 110, came to make the day look and feel like a special Lithuanian Day at St.

Mary's Villa. Their jovial presence added much to a beautiful sunny day.

On top of it all, the Anthracite Combined Choir directed by Eleanor Vaicaitis, filled the Pocono Mountain air with lively Lithuanian tunes, rivalling the songs of the birds. It was a joy to hear them.

It was later learned that a number of cars with New Jersey license plates were spotted on the picnic grounds. The Sisters hope and pray that this is only the beginning of a

generous gesture on the part of their out-of-state friends to support their Community's work in this area.

The day was spent in renewing acquaintances, winning prizes, and enjoying a delicious chicken dinner and snack foods and drinks. The grateful thanks of the Sisters at St. Mary's Villa are offered to each and everyone who contributed in any way to make their June 23rd. picnic a merry Lithuanian day! Labai aciū ! Iki pasimatymo.



Bishop Paulius Baltakis, OFM, center. At his right is Joseph Yezulinas, director of the Lithuanian Radio Program broadcast from Pottsville, Pennsylvania. On the

Bishop's left is Eleanor Vaičaitis, director of the Žarija Choir of the Anthracite District. At the far left of the photo is Sister Verna Cickavage, superior of St. Mary's Villa Convent

Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



Sister JULIE SHAINAUSKAS, SSC, principal of Maria High School in Chicago, and member of C-36, was pictured in "The Chicago Catholic" last May, during a papal audience, giving Pope John Paul II a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Maria students. They had raised the money at their Charity Day which was held to benefit charities around the world.

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Noted in the Holy Cross Hospital "Intercom", Chicago, Ill. — Last year Lithuanians celebrated the 500 year anniversary of St. Casimir. In 1985, Lithuanians again celebrate a 500 year anniversary, the death of Blessed Michael Giedraitis.

Blessed Giedraitis, like St. Casimir, came from a royal family of Lithuania. He became a monk and moved to the Krakow Monastery of St. Mark's. He became known for his love and devotion to Mary. The fifteenth century painting of Our Lady, known as the Giedraitis Madonna, remains in St. Mark's Church.

In 1977 John Paul II, then Archbishop of Krakow, wrote: "The elevation of God's servant (Michael Giedraitis) to the glory of Blessed, lies close to our hearts." Blessed Michael died on May 4, 1985.

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Eyewitness News Channel 7 TV, Chicago, was at Holy Cross Hospital on May 22 to photograph Doctors, Administration, and Trustees on "Doctor Day in Springfield" (Ill.). The camera crews photographed everyone as they had breakfast, then as they boarded the bus for Springfield.

The efforts of the HCH doctors in making the trip to Springfield was a resounding success. On May 24, the efforts of the Illinois Medical Society and the doctors of Illinois culminated in the passage of malpractice reform legislation in both the House and Senate.

A reception was held for the HCH delegation in the private offices of Senator FRANK SAVICKAS, Assistant Majority Leader, member of C-112 Chicago.



Sr. Julie Shainauskas, SSC, presents gift to Pope John Paul II

Congratulations to Father BERNARD J. GUSTAS, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Schenectady, N.Y., who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination on May 26th, according to the "Schenectady Gazette". Father Gustas is a member of C-100, Amsterdam.



Fr. Bernard Bustas



MARYTE BIZINKAUSKAS

The June/July issue reported that MARYTE BIZINKAUSKAS of Camden, N.J. was one of 11 finalists in the National Council Auditions of the Metropolitan Opera, held during a glittering recital in Lincoln Center. In addition —

Bill Zakariasen of the "Daily News" reported: "Perhaps the singer with the most house-filling sound was New Jersey soprano Maryte Bizinkauskas, whose limpidly full-toned performance of the Song to the Moon from "Rusalka" gained the biggest "bravas".

Robert Baxter of the "Courier-Post": "The soprano . . . (Maryte) recently appeared in the auditions' concert finale and won an ovation from the audience and critical raves . . ."

Eugenia Cook from "Special to The Inquirer": ". . . While she was singing her way through the semifinals, Sam Muni, director of the South Jersey Symphony Orchestra, was contacting the finalists, looking for an operatic vocalist for the symphony's spring concert series. 'Maryte was overwhelming — definitely the best singer,' Muni said, giving her the opportunity for a six-concert tour."

Maryte's father, Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, is past president of the New England District.

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Future Junior K of L'er KELLY OLSON (Grandmother's name ŠATAS), was named the winner of a schoolwide essay contest held in honor of the city of Amsterdam, New York's 100th birthday, reports "The Recorder".

Kelly, a third grader at St. Stanislaus School, received the key to the city from Mayor Mario Villa during the centennial celebration held April 16th. Kelly states in her essay: ". . . I am told that my great-grandparents came from Poland and Lithuania and had a part in the growth of this city. After regular working hours, my great-grandfather helped others to build St. Casimir's Church."

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The Business report of "The Recorder," Amsterdam, N.Y., notes that the KERBELIS Travel Agency of Amsterdam has been awarded a contract worth \$8.5 million a year in corporate travel bookings from the General Electric Co. in Schenectady.

The KERBELIS family have been active members of C-100 Amsterdam for many years. The late MICHAEL Kerbelis and his wife LOUISE have three children — MIRGA (Bablinskas) BABLIN, VALENTINE and MICHAEL.

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CORRECTION

Apologies to BILL DAILED A, C-143, Pittston, Pa., for the misprint of his name, not once, but twice, in the May issue article "Once a Scout, always a scout!"



PRAYERS TO OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA

O Mother of Perpetual Help, miraculous Mary, who at Šiluva manifested God's abundant graces, be mindful of me, a sinner, here before you. Obtain for me from your Son the forgiveness of my sins and the favor I request. Help me to gain everlasting hap-

piness with you in Heaven.

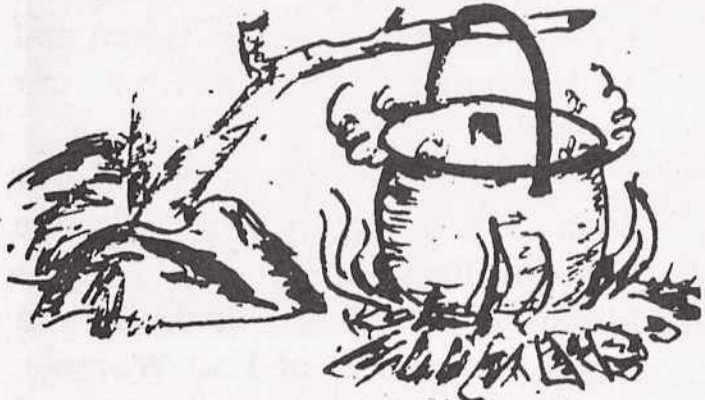
O miraculous Lady of Šiluva, pray for us who have recourse to you.

O Mary, who appeared at Šiluva, intercede for us who pray for your help.

Hail Mary . . . three times.

Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

On May 12 St. Francis Parish had the honor to have the first Confirmation by Bishop Paulius Baltakis OFM since his elevation by Pope John Paul II. Bishop Baltakis is caring for the spiritual needs of all Catholic Lithuanians in the free world.

The class was comprised of 32 young persons and four adults. The church was filled to capacity and

was beautifully decorated. St. Casimir's Choir of Brockton under the direction of Vytautas Rastonis sang the Mass.

A reception for the Bishop, confirmants and their families was held in the parish hall with St. Francis Women's Guild as the hostesses. Lennie Davidonis did a fine job as photographer and publicity chairman. Fr. Steponaitis and Mr. Riciti, instructor, also deserve a big thank you for all the work involved in preparing the class and incidentals.

Our June meeting was held in the Lithuanian Club in Gardner and was attended by 24 members. The Gardner girls prepared a nice lunch. A Living Rosary was formed at this meeting with Fr. Steponaitis and Margaret Sinkas as coordinators. Our members never fail to pray for their adopted parish of Vabalninkas at each meeting.

A collection of Lithuanian woven bookmarks and literature on Lithuanian folk art was on display in the Athol Public Library during the month of May. The display was arranged by Lennie Davidonis.

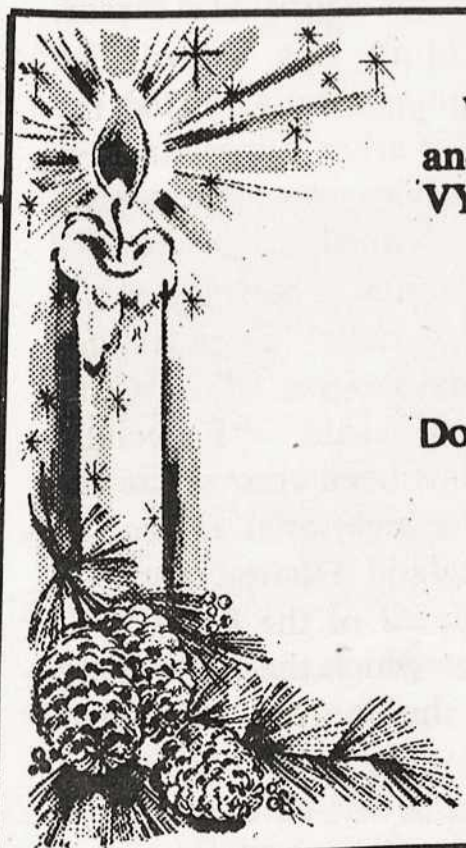
Ann Ambrose, Julia Meehan and Tina Piragis were ill, have recovered and are back in the swing of things.

Charies and Blanche Genaitis received their Third Degree at the Spring Convention held in Holyoke. They were most deserving of the honor. Bravo!

This month I introduce to you James and Barbara Eacmen who joined our ranks about three years ago and who have proved to be proud and dedicated Lithuanians. Jim now retired was a Lt. Col. in the US Army. He is now a bookkeeper at Stasukelis Appliance in Gardner along with his duties at the Lith Club, his family and apartments. He never turns anyone down as he is a very talented "fix it all" person.

Barbara Greatchus was born in Lawrence and grew up in E. Pepperell where she received her education. She began her career in Washington with the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. Her marriage brought her to Gardner where she reared four children. She knits, sews, cooks and finds time to travel with her family. We wish both good health, long life and many more years of service in the Lithuanian community.

Vincukas



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Merry Christmas Happy New Year

C-17 — BOSTON

Council 17 extends its profound sympathies to Phyllis Grendal who recently lost her mother. After a long illness, Lucy Grendal passed away on January 28. Born on July 4, 1981 in the town of Varėna, Lithuania, Ljucija Baravykiutė came to the United States at an early age at the invitation of her uncle in Newton, MA. She met and married Felix Grendal of South Boston. Old-timers remember her as a tireless worker in the parish activities of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in South Boston.

Sister Christine Kleponis was assigned to a new post in East Hartford. Her departure is a great loss to St. Peter's. As an educator, she served as principal of St. Peter's School. She was active in educational circles of the greater Boston area, and her contributions to teaching were acknowledged by many educators. Of course, Council 17 will miss a cheerful and conscientious officer and member.

A reception in honor of Sister Christine was held on June 3 at the Chapel. Several hundred people gathered to fete Sister. The following organizations cooperated in the arrangements: St. Peter Home and School Association, St. Peter School Board and Staff, St. Peter Ladies Sodality and Knights of Lithuania Council 17.

Dr. Charles Souris acted as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Albert Contons said the opening prayer. Among the speakers were our pastor; Annette Zebris, president of St. Peter Home and School Association; the Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas, pastor emeritus; Alexander Akule, president of Council 17 and Mrs. Cathie Flynn who represented her husband Mayor Ray Flynn of Boston.

"A Salute to Sister Christine" was narrated by Lorraine

Harrington. We K of L'ers join in the "Salute" and subscribe to the sentiment. "Just to say 'thank you' would not be enough for the many ways you have involved yourself in the life of the school and parish community. May God's love and Mary's protection be with you always."

Apuokas

C-27 — NORWOOD

Our council was represented at the NED Convention in Holyoke. Helen and Stan Dallalis were inducted into the Third Degree. Congratulations!

On the 20th of April, our council had Ray Henry at St. Mary's Hall. The members, like Lithuanian elves, sold the tickets, ran a raffle and everyone asked for a repeat performance. For the future, please mark your calendars. On November 30, the Swinging Brass will play, and we will dance at St. Mary's. For 1986, please note Ray Henry will be at St. Mary's on April 12 and October 18.

On May 31, Helen and Stan Dallalis had the distinct honor of being present at the Providence College Alumni Association Dinner where Father Anthony Jurgelaitis was presented the Religious Faculty Staff Award. In a hall holding 500 people, there were fifty K of L'ers plus Father Anthony's family. When the honor was bestowed, all fifty rose and sang "Ilgiausią Metų." We are proud of you, Father.

Another proud day for our Knights was when Barbara Zukas was graduated from St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Worcester. Barbara worked hard to achieve her goal. Somehow "nurse" is Barbara and Barbara is "heart." Good luck Barbara!

After Mass on June 8, our pastor Fr. Bill in English told us of the Lithuanian Terrible Days. His talk was inspirational. Helen Dallalis,

our president, Algys Yurkstas and Stan Dallalis were present.

In June Kay and Joe Aidukonis flew to London for a weekend. They picked up their tour and visited Europe for three weeks. We are all very happy for them. It seems they just sprouted wings; to use one of Fr. Bill's quotes, Joe said, "Let's wing it."

The New England District sponsored a mini retreat at Kennebunkport in June. Helen and Stan Dallalis attended from our council.

Four new members joined our council. It is indeed a real pleasure to welcome Valerie and Charles Miksis of Walpole and Anne and Frank Mucinskas of East Walpole. We hope you enjoy all the council activities.

Stasiukas

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

On May 31, a large group of Knights from Providence, Brockton, Norwood and South Boston Councils attended the Providence College Alumni Awards Dinner at Providence College to honor distinguished Providence College Alumni. Among those honored was Professor Anthony A. Jurgelaitis OP of the Class of 1939, our Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor.

In presenting this award Dr. John J. Cunningham '47 listed the highlights of Father Jurgelaitis' 36 years of service to Providence College. He recalled his services as Dean of Discipline, Chairman of the Modern Language Department, Faculty Senator, etc. Dr. Cunningham also said, "Especially noteworthy has been your service as spiritual and educational advisor to the New England District and the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania, for which the Lithuanian Community holds you in great esteem."



Dr. John Cunningham congratulates Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, OP, National Spiritual Advisor and recipient of the Providence College Faculty Staff Award on May 31



National President Stukas represented the K of L at dinner honoring National Treasurer Teresa Trainis. National First Vice-President, Nancy Miro, was chairperson of the dinner



National Treasurer Teresa Trainis (center) is honored at a testimonial dinner sponsored by C-141, Bridgeport. Representatives of other Catholic agencies of the Bridgeport area also lauded her for her volunteer services.

After the presentation of the bronze plaque, the K of L's broke out into "Ilgiausiu Metu" in appreciation of the many achievements of their Lithuanian Language Professor.

Our May meeting was held in St. Casimir's Church Hall. Ray Savickas reported on the NED Convention in Holyoke. Bertha Stoskus was voted to represent NED at the National Convention in New Haven. Our May breakfast was a great success. Friends from nearby Massachusetts and Connecticut came and enjoyed the goodies. Thanks to all the cooks and servers for a job well done.

Our June meeting was rather brief. Cultural and Lithuanian Affairs Chairpersons made their monthly presentations. Bertha Stoskus gave a talk on "Joninės," the St. John's Day festivities held in the Lithuanian countryside. William Piacentini Jr. gave a report on the Supreme Council meeting held in Bridgeport.

Our council travelled to Saint Mary's Church in Bristol to commemorate the brutal deportations of Lithuanians by the Soviets in June of 1940 and 1941. Father Charles B. McDermott, pastor, was principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass with Fr. I. Gedvila, our pastor, and Fathers V. Cukurus and Petraitis from Putnam as concelebrants. Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam also participated.

Each year this Mass is attended by many parishioners and others who come to see the Lithuanian costumes, to hear a sermon describing the plight of Lithuania and the church, and to listen to the revered Lithuanian hymns sung by members of the Knights of Lithuania and other Lithuanians who take part in this observance.

This Catholic activity sponsored by Council 103 is our effort to bring the true story of the "Holocaust of

Lithuania" to the attention of as many non-Lithuanians as possible.

A reception for all who came to the Mass followed at the Bristol home of Beatrice and Victor Mathieu. Welcomed especially were the many non-Lithuanians who now claim to be "Honorary Lithuanians" because of their yearly participation in this event.

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The MCD Convention and Bowling Tournament was hosted by C-25 Cleveland on May 17-19. There was a very good turnout. The registration and Early Bird Get-together at the Holiday Inn Hospitality Room Friday night was attended by many. Accordion music by Cecelia Yankus of C-96, Dayton, a tasty buffet and the friendliness of the delegates and guests all contributed to the start of a successful convention.

The district meeting was held Saturday morning in the Holiday Inn meeting room after coffee and rolls. Vyto Balas, C-25 President, welcomed the delegates to Cleveland. Frances Petkus (C-96), president, opened the meeting. Fr. Kijauskas gave a short welcoming talk.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Abena Kurpowic (C-139) who at a moment's notice stepped in to take over the secretarial duties. She was unanimously chosen MCD secretary for the remainder of the term.

All council presidents and MCD officers gave reports on their activities. Many important issues were discussed. Preference for discussion was given to our youth, mainly how we could attract them to become more involved with the Junior Knights. Fran Petkus spoke to all the young people in attendance on an individual basis.



Dayton delegates at Mid-Central District Convention held in Cleveland: John Berzcely, Eloise Berzcely, Cecelia Yankus and Mary Lucas



Joe and Ann Ivaska visiting C-86 Dubois table at MCD Convention

She also asked that names of prospective candidates for national president and other offices be submitted in advance for presentation at the national convention. Tom Bruzga and Vince Gray will represent MCD as delegates. Also on the agenda was a request to present Elinor Sluzas (C-96) for Honorary Membership. The motion passed unanimously.

Saturday afternoon twenty teams bowled for the beautiful traveling trophy, many other trophies and cash prizes. Dayton C-96 took home the biggy. The

winning team consisted of Capt. John Berzcely, Joyce Berzcely, Mike Tokarsky, Chris Mantz and Joe Fletcher. Congratulations! Detroit won second prize while DuBois came in third. A fund time was had by all participants.

The Ten Pin Social was held on Saturday night in the lower hall of the Lithuanian Village. Music for the evening was provided by Marcel Orchid, a one-man band who sounded like a ten-piece orchestra. The dancers enjoyed his music. A beautiful buffet of hot hors d'oeuvres and other goodies was

served. Two Reverse Raffles were held and there were many happy winners. A good time was had by all.

On Sunday morning the delegates and guests gathered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. In procession all proceeded into the church for Holy Mass. Pastor and MCD Spiritual Advisor Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas SJ was the celebrant. During his Homily he praised the Knights for their contribution to the Lithuanian world, its traditions and culture over the past 70 years. The Third Degree was conferred on Helen Jacobs (C-25).

After Mass everyone went to the church hall for coffee and a bit of socializing. They also visited the bookstore and bought remembrances of their trip to Cleveland. Everyone then continued on to the Banquet Hall of the Lithuanian Village where a delicious dinner of good Lithuanian cooking was served. A geranium plant was won by a lucky guest at each table. The 50/50 Raffle, a sum of \$502, was won by a friend of C-86 DuBois. This raffle benefits the MCD treasury. Councils in the district helped by selling these tickets.

The next convention and pilgrimage will be hosted in DuBois by C-86 in October. They have also volunteered to host the convention and bowling tournament next May.

Vince Grazulis

C-25 — CLEVELAND

Our April social bowling session to establish averages was hosted by Nelda & Charles Machutas. An impromptu get-together of those a little short on average and those needing practice was held on May 12.

At our regular monthly meeting in May, preparations for MCD Meeting and Bowling Tournament were finalized. All committees shifted into high gear under the direction of General Chairman Gene



Dayton's winning team with trophy: Joe Fletcher, Chris Mantz, M. Sikorski, Joyce Berczelly and John Berczelly •



Fr. Kijauskas and Marion Gray C-25 at MCD Bowling Tournament Banquet



In front of the Lithuanian Willage during MCD Convention are C-25 members (L to R) Joe Ivaska, Alvina Luiza, Ann Ivaska, Connie Burns, Fran Pranskievich and C-36 member Helen Ivaska

Kunsitis with the approval of President Vyto Balas.

May 17: Early-Bird Get-together and registration went smoothly. Food, refreshments and entertainment were enjoyed by all. Chairman Dick Marks and his group get the four-star rating.

May 18: MCD President Fran Petkus presided at the meeting. A good representation of council delegates attended. It was a very concise and interesting session. Marian Gray won the 50/50 raffle.

Bowling Tournament was held at Pallsades II Lanes. Twenty teams

were entered for competition. Events were handled without incident by the Machutas and their entourage.

Ten-Pin Social was a huge success, partly due to the Reverse Raffle and the numerous winners, nourishments, music, beautiful decorations and flag display.

May 19: K of L Mass was officiated by our Spiritual Advisor Fr. G. Kijauskas. Helen Jacobs was awarded her Third Degree. Congratulations! Coffee hour followed Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall.

Bowling Tournament Awards Banquet was held at Lithuanian Village Club. After the invocation, welcome and hearty home-style meal, awards are as follows: No. 1 Team (Trophies) C-96 Dayton, 3150, John Berzelly, Captain. No. 2 Team C-79 Detroit, 3107, John Kolinski, Captain. No. 3 Team C-86 DuBois, 3076, John Stankavich, Captain. If your name wasn't John, you did not place in the winners. Limited editions of Goebel figurine trophies were presented to the following winners: Hi Single Actual Men Jim Thompson C-25, 247; Women Laura Farrell C-25, 205. Hi Series Hdcp. Men Chuck Mykalaitis C-79, 701; Women Ursula Kunsitis C-25, 659. Hi Series Actual Men John Berzelly C-96, 696; Women Marge Andrus C-25, 578. Hi Single Hdcp. Men Jim Farrell C-25, 276; Women Eleanor Mantz C-96, 238. Hi Junior Bowler, Theresa Marzolf C-79, 239. Congratulations!

MCD Raffle winner was Frank Provisoni.

At 1:43 p.m. Sunday, the MCD event came to a close. To all of the participants of C-25, without reciting a litany, you know who you are, Ačiū labai!

"Dolly"

C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

The Nine Mile Road dominated the entrance to Divine Providence Church on May 26 when members and parishioners gathered to honor the presence of the Rev. Paulius Baltakis who was appointed by Pope John Paul II as titular bishop and leader of all Lithuanian Catholics living outside the Soviet occupied Lithuania.

The day's events began with High Mass in which he was assisted by Fr. V. Krisciunevicius and Fr. A. Saulaitis. In his homily Bishop Baltakis highlighted the importance of a Lithuanian parish which has contributed to the intellectual,



Bishop Paulius Baltakis with Rev. V. Krisciunevicius (left) and Rev. Antanas Saulaitis after celebrating Mass at Divine Providence Church

spiritual and economic life of America.

The services were enhanced by Confirmation of 11 candidates. Among them was Thomas Jackson, father of Cynthia Ostrowski. Her husband Chester was her dad's sponsor. Congratulations! We were honored to have Bishop Baltakis administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Feast of the Holy Spirit.

Dinner and program followed church services. Bishop Baltakis personally met most of the people.

May 17 found many bowlers headed for the MCD Bowling Tournament and district convention in Cleveland. Delegates were President Magdalena Smailis and Mary Keller. The gathering was large with representation from Cleveland, Dayton, DuBois, Pittsburg, Saginaw and Southfield.

The weekend opened with a full house of happy earlybirds for a social of songs, hearty food and plenty of conversation. Many important issues were discussed as reported by Maggie Smailis at the June meeting. The support of the *Chronicles*, plans for the 75th anniversary of K of L and publication of the memory album. Members were asked to collect photos and other memorable material.

In bowling our C-79 bowlers tallied as follows: Rich Danielak won 1st Hi-game Series; Theresa Marzolf took 1st Hi-game plus Handicap. Theresa finished 1st place in the Junior Division for the second year in a row. The team from Dayton won First Honors. Council 79 finished in second place. Our team consisted of Charles & Helen Mykolaitis, John Kolinski and Chip Newberry. Charles won hi-series in 1st game handicap. Congratulations to all the winners! Next year's tournament will be held in DuBois. A quick nod to Cleveland for being good hosts!

Our MCD Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Ann Uzdavinas has been learning and loving the various areas of her foreign travels. Lady Luck played a prominent role for Ann who was in Greece and came home on June 13, a day before an airliner was hijacked from Greece.

George & Marie Kase enjoyed their first trip to Lithuania and other areas of Europe.

Our HM Anthony Dainus continues to be hospitalized and is receiving therapy. Our warm prayers for "daug stiprios sveikatos"!

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Anne Salas whose brother Alphonse Kravez passed away on April 28 and Ann Kratage

whose brother Chalres Shires passed away May 18. We all pray that they rest in peace.

Thanks to the Vytis Staff for putting together a most informative and interesting June-July issue of the Vytis. Bless you all!

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C-96 — DAYTON

Our Founder's Day Dinner on April 27 was attended by twenty-five members. A delicious covered dish buffet was thoroughly enjoyed. Old pictures were brought by several members. Amazing how we have changed! But they did bring back many memories of the early days of our council.

Congratulations to James Pacovsky on receiving his first degree at our May meeting. He was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at his school.

The Junior Choir sang at Mass on Mother's Day. The members are Eric, Aaron and Molly Geiger, Steve and Joe Keival, Missy Knapp, Amy Petkus, Krista Zinkiewicz, Michael and Robbie Pant, Tim Pacovsky and Nathan Bucmys. Elinor Sluzas is busy on Saturday mornings directing the choir, and the youngsters eagerly look forward to rehearsal time.

Many of our council members and bowlers journeyed to Cleveland to attend the annual Mid-Central District Bowling Tournament and Convention hosted by Council 25. It was a wonderful weekend and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Council delegates were President Joe P. Mantz, MCD President Fran Petkus, Eleanor and Chris Mantz, Eloise Berczelly, Frances and George Mikalauskas, Elena Mikalauskas, John Berczelly Jr., Joe Fletcher, Mary Lucas and Cecelia Yankus.

Or the 20 teams participating, we were especially pleased to have our

three Dayton teams winning first, fourth and sixth places. To John Berczelly went special honors — Men's Series Handicap 768, 2nd game Men's Actual 227, Men's Handicap 251, Men's Series Actual 696.

In first place John Berczelly's team had a score of 3150 Team High and won \$100 in prize money. Eleanor Mantz's fourth place team had 3061. Joe Mantz team in sixth place rated 3047.

Congratulations to all bowlers and rooters, too. It was nice to bring home the traveling trophy.

The 50/50 raffle of \$500 was won by Frank Provizano of Penfield, PA.

Our thanks to Cleveland Council 25 for making it a most enjoyable weekend and to Fran Petkus for her first meeting as District President.

On May 31, June 1 and 2, the Dayton Convention Center was once again the scene of "World A'Faire," the annual International Festival in which 36 nations took part. What an experience it is to taste the foods of various countries. The variety was endless.

Our own Lithuanian booth featured the traditional "kugelis, virtiniai, šaltibarščiai ir ausukės".

Sally Miller was again busy selling straw ornaments and kits. The Cultural Council was in charge of selling amber and many Lithuanian artifacts.

Each nation had one booth devoted to a display of its culture. We were proud to win an award of "Excellence" for our display. Thanks to Elinor Sluzas for her work in putting our display together. The subject this year was "Reverence to Our Grandparents." A Lithuanian grandmother was shown sitting in a chair with grandchildren seated at her feet attentively listening to stories told to them. The home scene was enhanced by typical Lithuanian furnishings.

Our Viejeliai Dancers, directed by Greg Blum, performed many times during the three days. Live music was furnished by Judy Petrokas and Cecelia Yankus, accordionists. We were told by many people our group was one of the outstanding ones, and we are proud of them.

This event is eagerly looked forward to every year, and many of our K of L'ers work hard to make our participation a success. Many thanks to each and every one.

Cecelia Yankus



MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

Our quarterly business meeting was held in June with Pres. Algerd Brazis presiding. Donations were appropriated to the Natl. Convention, Scholarship Fund, and Chronicle as well as other charitable groups. Details of the sale of our K of L Bldg. were presented. The new owners are now in possession and will operate the bldg. on a commercial basis. A special Ad-Hoc Committee (Al Mockus, Al Zakarka, Irene Sankus, Al Brazis) was formed to oversee the finances of the bldg. sale and District.

Our traditional K of L Day Picnic was held on July 4th, K of L Bldg/ Gardens and again was a great success. A BIG Thank-you to: Chr. Al Brazis, Co-Chr. Mary Juzenas, Treas. Irene Sankus, M-C Al Mockus, Al/Julie Zakarka, Aldona Brazis, Walter Kalvaitis, Estelle Rogers, Ellie Kasputis, Dolores Yuknis, Frank Svelnis, Ann-Marie/George Kassel, Gerry Mack, Terry Strolia, Peter/Josephine Juzenas, Paul/Susan Binkis, Denise Zakarka, Ed/Maria Deksnis, Al/Ruth Dagis, Ruth Kazlauskas, Al Matulis, Clemente Vidzius, Virginia Buzenas, Helen Mingela, Anele Pocius, Anna Sliteris, Alice Cekanor, Mary Mathes, Sophie

Nieminski, Frances Shillis, Terry Vaitkus and everyone else who helped in any way.

It was a pleasure to see our "most senior" member 102-year old John Kass of the Chgo. Senior Council with his daughter Emily and son-in-law Martin Gestautas (a former District Pres.) at the picnic. Mr. Kass is one of our Chicagoland's original members.

The District's Membership Drive (headed by 1st VP Eleanor Kasputis) Awards were presented during the picnic. Individual honors went to Sabina Klatt of C-36 (a Timex Watch donated by John Paukstis). Council honors to: C-112 — Marquette Park (\$50 donated by Petkus



MEMORIES of K of L DAY PICNICS PAST... *Top R: Adolph Kaulakis, John Henson, Stella Kaulakis, Vince Samaska, Josie Negrelli, Sabina Klatt, Virginia Buzenas; Middle R. Susan Bolanos-Binkis, Frances Shillis, Vyto Abraitis, Paul Binkis, Jr., Irene Sankus, Sharon*

Martinaitis; Bottom R: Ellie Kasputis, John Paukstis, Estelle Rogers, Ellie Kasputis, Aldona Gylys, Lucille Kilkus, Terry, Paul and Matthew Strolia. (Photos: Jonas Tamulaitis)

Funeral Homes); C-150 — Kansas City (\$25, by the Chr.-lady); C-40 — East St. Louis (\$15 by a friend).

Frank Zapolis and our K of L Dancers continue to maintain a busy schedule. The group participated in the Lith. wedding reception of Dist. Trustee Paul Binkis and Susan Bolanos.

Lithuanian Fests — We all took part in the 6th Annual Lith. Fest in Marquette Park in June (Al Brazis sang the anthems); and again in July, the 3rd Annual Brighton Park Lith. Fest (our K of L Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia, sang the anthems and performed). Don Sharko (C-112) of Sharko's Restaurants and Anita/John Bosas C-36 of AJay Catering also participated in both Fests.

The District Juniors, under 2nd VP Maria Deksnis, recently enjoyed a Bowling Social and also held their own successful raffle during the July 4th picnic.

Recent and most welcome Chicagoland visitors were Natl. Sp. Adv. Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis of Providence RI and Natl. Membership VP Nancy Miro of Bridgeport, Conn.

Congratulations to our K of L Debs — Beth Katauskas, Judy/Chris Norkaitis, Joyce Vaikutis, all of C-13, and AnnRenee Maluska of C-36, who formally bowed at the Chgo. Lith. Women's Club 25th Annual Amber Ball. Chairlady of the event was Jean Bargaila of C-112 and our own Lith. Consul Josephine Dauzvardis was the Honorary Chr. Many of our ladies are involved with this group. Also participating in the event were K of L members: Tomas Strolia (accompanist); escorts — John Strolia, Joe Katauskas, Joe/John Vaikutis; post-debs — Georgi Kassel, Judy Vaikutis, Romana Stepanavicius, Genevieve/Jackie Maluska, Donna Juraitis.

The Chgo. Chapter of ALTAS commemorated the "June tragedies"

with a flag-raising service, Mass at Nativity BVM and an "akademija" in the church hall. Valeria and Joseph Stanaitis represent us with this group.

Our condolences to the family of Joseph F. Gribauskis at C-14 Cicero. Mr. G was the head of St. Anthony Savings and a most generous contributor to the K of L and the K of L Choir.

Mea Culpa — The printing gremlin struck again. C-38's St. Peter's pastor is Rev. Stanley Saplis, MIC, and Sabina Klatt is the Pres. of the Sisters of St. Frances Auxiliary.

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Knights of Lithuania Choir - Chicago

Our K of L Choir performed not only in the Chicago area but also at the Springfield State Fair in

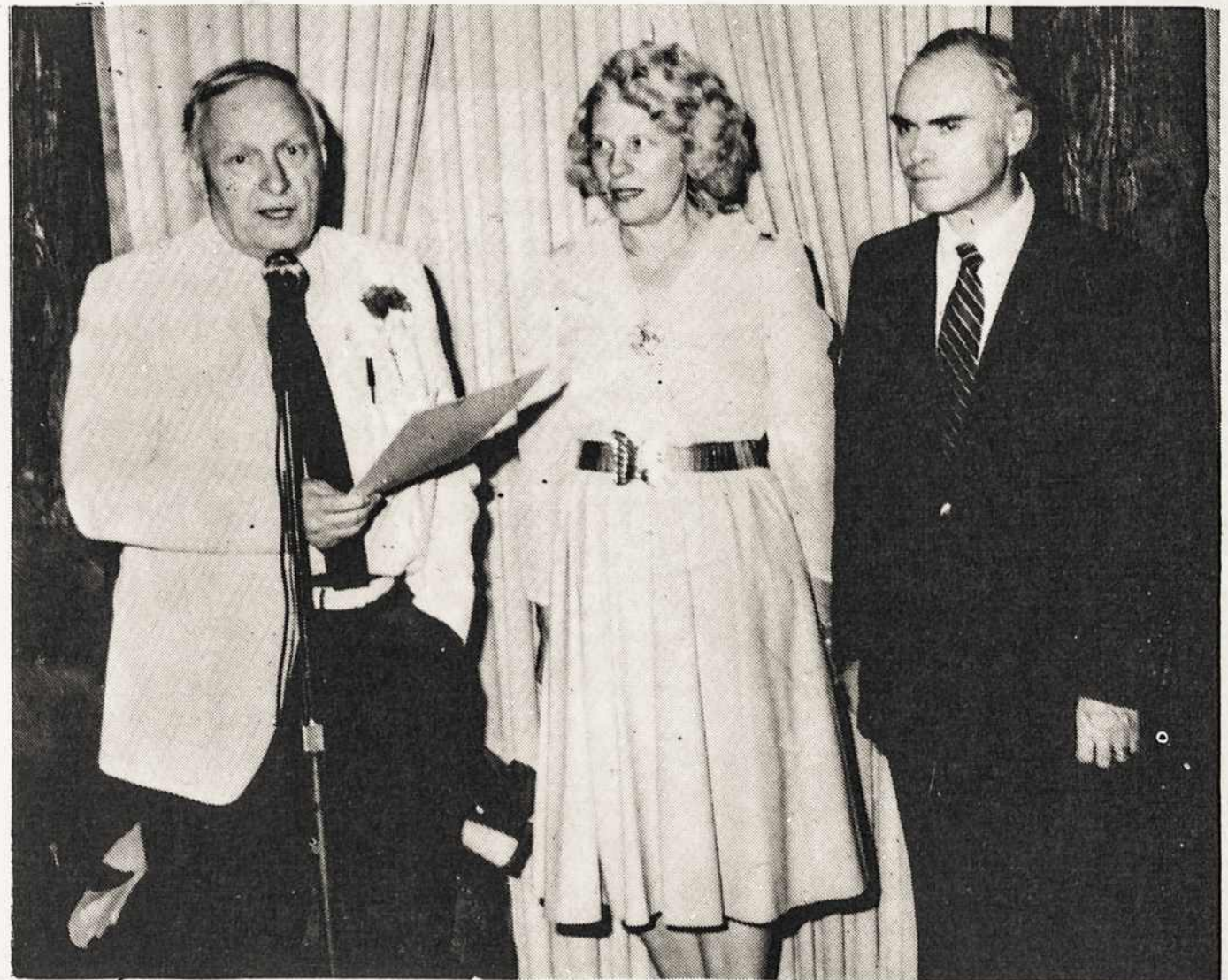
Rockford, in Toronto and Cleveland. Our greatest honor was our performance at the 71st National Convention in Chicago in 1984.

It gives us great joy to inform everyone that recently 71st National Convention Chairman John Paukstis, Past President, C-36, presented a check for one thousand dollars to Faustas Strolia, Director, and Sabina Klatt, President, at the Landmark Banquet Hall. A great many of the convention workers attended. A beautiful program followed the prime rib dinner.

We will always be grateful to Council 36 for such a generous gift.

We thank God as He has blessed us with this tremendous help through His merciful care and love us so we may continue to keep our Lithuanian heritage and culture alive.

Sabina Klatt, President



John Paukstis, C-36 Past President, presents a \$1000 check to Faustas Strolia, Director and Sabina Klatt, President of the Knights of Lithuania Choir

C-112 — Chicago, IL

We express the Council's appreciation to Mr. K. Povilaitis of the Chicago Seniors, who presented us with a treasured memento — a wooden cross, candle & flags on a stand. The cross was used by a Chaplain in the Lithuanian Army and was presented to Mr. Povilaitis at the end of the War.



Susan and Paul at the wedding table in their wedding costumes

Many K of L members attended the truly Lithuanian wedding of our Pres. Paul Binkis Jr. to Susan Bolanos. The ceremony was held at Nativity BVM Church with Pastor Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas officiating. Paul and Susan were dressed in traditional Lith. costumes and best man Al Zakarka, our VP, looked most distinguished in his tux and Lithuanian sash. The reception was held at the Lithuanian Jesuit Center and we all enjoyed the various Lithuanian customs and rites, especially the mock wedding party, with Al Mockus as the blushing bride and Ed Pocius, as his attendant. Estelle Rogers played her role as matchmaker superbly. We wish Paul and Susan many years of happy wedded life.

Our Board continues to meet regularly to plan council activities. Hosts for the May meeting were Al/Julie Zakarka and in June, Irene Sankus.

Following our May business meeting, we all enjoyed slides of Paul and Susan's wedding. Dolores Wainauskis also showed slides of her recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. Hostess for the May meeting was Alice Cekanor, assisted by Mary Mathes, and our new bride Susan



Paul and Susan Binkis entering the Lithuanian Jesuit Center for their wedding reception. The Lithuanian sashes of honor are held by the K of L Dancers

(Photos: Katrina Thomas, NYC)

Bolanos Binkis hosted the June meeting.

Our Natl. Sp. Adv. Rev. A. J. Jurgelaitis joined us for the May meeting and we enjoyed his greetings and comments. Father also met with many K of L members at the homes of Estelle Rogers, Eleanor Kasputis and Irene Sankus, as well as the Spring Dance of C-36 at D-G Hall and a visit to the Chgo. Historical Society, courtesy of his guide, Estelle Rogers.

C-112 was well represented at the events commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Rev. I. Urbonas (C-82 Gary, Ind.) by Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Canon V. Zakarauskas, Paul/Susan Binkis, Ellie Kasputis, Estelle Rogers, Val/Joe Stanaitis, Irene Sankus, Helen/Paula/Algis Skudra.

The 6th Annual Lithuanian Fest in Marquette Park/Lith. Plaza Court was again a grand success. Our council participated with an Ice Cream Booth and a K of L Membership Booth. The Drive was very successful; we even enrolled a new member for our Gary council. Workers for the day — Estelle Rogers, Ellie Kasputis, Al/Aldona Brazis, Al/Julie Zakarka, Paul/Susan Binkis, Virginia Buzenas, Helen Mingela, Maggie Yuska, Al/Ruth Dagis, Irene Sankus, Gerry Mack, Al Mockus.

As usual C-112 members were in the forefront as committee and workers for the District's Annual July 4th Picnic. Congratulations to all who helped make the day a success.

Our ever-travelling „Vyčiu Vėklos" Editor Emilija Pakalniškis and her husband, Aleksandras, missed our recent activities as they were on an extended trip to Europe.

C-112 member and Natl. Legal Advisor, John Narusis, remains in critical conditions. Please remember him in your prayers.

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT



April was a busy month for the Mid-Atlantic District, especially the New York Councils 12 and 110. All Knights were busy preparing for our Lithuanian Fair.

Our talented handicraft artists were knitting and crocheting beautiful items to tempt the eyes of the customers. The cooks were planning the menu for our Lithuanian restaurants, and our expert bartenders were discussing what kind of soft drink or wine would best go with the food.

All of us who were neither cooks, artists, nor bartenders were instructed to collect items for our white elephant table.

Our endeavors proved successful. A nice crowd showed up on April 13 and 14. There was something to interest everyone. In one corner was a "margučių dažymo" demonstration, in another "šiaudinukų varstymas." There were shops with Lithuanian foods for sale, especially popular among which was Lottie Ulrich's Lithuanian white cheese and authentic Lithuanian black bread. When all this shopping around made one hungry, there was a Lithuanian restaurant with foods from "balandėliai" to "dešros su kopūstais."

There was also food for thought — Lithuanian culture. We had a beautiful concert by the Vyčių Quartet and admired the Maironis School Dancers directed by Ray Balsys.

Guests came from far and wide, Mary Anne Lepera, our National PR Chairman, had a table of Lithuanian handicrafts for sale. There were also faces from the Anthracite and New Jersey Councils.

Even though the festival was a success, MAD is not resting on our laurels. Under the leadership of our President Larry Janonis, we are preparing for the convention in Scranton, Lithuanian Day at Rocky Glen and our National Convention.

Mieli Vyčiai iki mielo tenai pasimatymo!

DALIA



Larry Janonis, MAD President, receives Statue of Liberty award from Mary York

C-12 — MANHATTAN

With the commemorations of February 16 and St. Casimir behind us, we did not stop for a breather. There was another commemoration coming up — The Terrible June Days. We had a guest speaker, Rev. Daniel Staniskas. Our talented organist gave a piano recital and some poetry recitations. Perhaps, most interesting was the talk from one of our Knights who just returned from Lithuania. Millions of questions he was showered with about our dear ones in Lithuania and how our adopted parish was getting along.

The Year of 1985 is a special one for Council 12. One of its most faithful members Ona Lukscha

turned a young 80. Of course, there had to be a surprise party. The Holy Father sent his blessing and our Spiritual Advisor Father Vytautas Palubinskas presented Ona with a book about Lithuania. Since Ona loves to sing and listen to Lithuanian music, the guests presented her with a cassette recorder and a stack of Lithuanian cassettes. Joe Kscenaitis who is known for his originality, made a jump rope out of dollar bills — 80 in all.



Betty Waskiewitz, goddaughter of Ona Lukschas, pins a corsage on C-12 Manhattan's octogenarian

Ona is a long-time Third Degree member of Council 12. Seldom does she miss a meeting. Neither snow nor sleet deter her in her long trip from the Bronx. Her neighbors Larry and Jean Janonis often give her a lift. Every parish dinner finds her sweating in the kitchen. She is a great cook, an excellent seamstress and an overall fun-loving person who runs rings around people half her age. She is especially precious to yours truly — my second mother, my dressmaker and dearest friend. Ilgiausių metų miela Ona nuo mūsų visų!

In April we were busy as a beehive. There was our MAD Fair. There was food to prepare, tables to set up and exhibits to arrange. The lottery was a huge success. The Lithuanian artist Paulius Jurkus donated a painting which proved a big draw.

We had special entertainment by the Vyčių Quartet and Maironis Lithuanian Dancers under the direction of Raymond Balsys.

Even though at the end of the fair, many of the workers looked like "death warmed over," it was worth it. It added a nice little sum to the MAD coffers to further our work "Dievui ir Tėvynei."

DALIA

C-63 — LEHIGH VALLEY

When more than 100 Lithuanian-Americans, family members and friends danced and dined recently in the family center at St. Thomas More Church, the occasion was more than just a party. Proceeds from the third annual Rūta Ball, sponsored by Lehigh Valley Council 63, will benefit Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid.

Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid seeks to help an estimated four million Roman Catholics living in the Soviet Union. Most of them are in Lithuania. This was the second

year the Rūta Ball, held on May 26, was a benefit for the organization.

The event began with a noon Mass in St. Thomas More Church, celebrated by the Rev. Msgr. John Murphy, church pastor.

The dinner program included greetings from Joe Ogint, vice president. Ogint said the annual dinner was evidence that Lithuanians in America did not forget their heritage. He also said they will not forget the problems Lithuanians living under Soviet rule face in keeping alive their culture and religion.

Ben Aponavicius, Jr., accompanied on the piano by Rita Shevokas of Anthracite Council, sang traditional Lithuanian songs. Instrumental music for the event was provided by Joe Wolfert and his polka and waltz orchestra.

Co-chairmen for the Rūta Ball were Anthony and Mary Sockel. Other committee members were Ogint, Adolf and Robert Klova and Albert Klizas.

"Rūta" is the Lithuanian word for "rue," a strong-scented bushy

perennial. To Lithuanians it is a symbol of purity, innocence and maidenhood.

Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, headquartered in Brooklyn, serves several roles. It sends religious texts to the Soviet Union, supports Vatican radio broadcasts to the area, coordinates an on-going prayer campaign and translates and distributes the underground "Chronicles of the Catholic Church in Lithuania."

Len Barcoucky

C-72 — BINGHAMTON

Sveikas! They are off and flying! Father John Mikalajunas and a group of Knights and parishioners from St. Joseph's to Lithuania, Russia and Italy. Departure takes place in mid-September with a return to Binghamton at the end of the month.

The tour will see harvest time in Lithuania, the museums and castles in Vilnius, Kaunas and visits with friends and relatives.

An excursion to Moscow follows which includes the State University, Economic Exhibition, the Kremlin along with the many other sights of the Russian capital.

The tour will be capped with a visit to Rome which includes St. Peter's Basilica, Our Lady of Šiluva Chapel, a general Papal audience in St. Peter's Square and other attractions. A side trip to Florence is also included.

This is a highlight tour for the members of the parish of St. Joseph's which will long be remembered and discussed.

Iki pasimatymo —

Joseph M. Missavage



C-72 President Cecelia Warnagiris receives her council's charter from MAD Financial Secretary, Adele Dauzickas and MAD President Larry Janonis

C-74 — ACRANTON

Under the capable direction of President Marie Laske, an energetic hostess committee of Jean

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

Kavelinas, Helen Romeika, Ann Kvietkus, Mary Costello, Irene Shimkus, Marcella Kukaitis, Julie Krutlies, Mary Bolger and Ann Riccardo welcomed the delegates and guests to the Mid-Atlantic meeting on Sunday, June 9.

Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas, spiritual advisor and pastor of St. Joseph Church, was on hand at the social quarters to greet visitors.

Coffee and donuts were served by Joseph Sabaitis and Edward Lewis. President Larry Janonis presided at the meeting. Council presidents or representatives reported on their activities. Irene Shimkus served on the resolutions committee.

The tables were attractively decorated by Rose Stanches with rūta and rose vases and flags.

The dinner blessing was asked by the Rev. Michael Zipay. Ed Romanauskas, Pranas Shimkus and Ann Dudevicz were in charge of refreshments. Desserts were provided by Irene Shimkus, Peg Romanauskas, Ann Galenas and Ruth Yanish.

The delegates enjoyed instant bingo supervised by Margaret Laibinis, Patsy Simms and Ann Potelunas. Lucky winners were presented drawing prizes by Helen Roginsky, Ann Lisowski, Martha Brack and Gert Romeika.

The ticket committee was Richard Laske, Jerry Costello, Casimir Yanish and Ann Huffstutler. Ann Bagdon and Della Zvirblis handled the greetings duties.

We were happy to see so many come.

Council members attended the Lithuanian Wake Service for Stanley Smulek. Knights also stood honor guard at his funeral. Stanley will be missed by all.

Our condolences go to Helen Roginski on the death of her brother Joseph Varnis.

Martha Brack

Members of Council 100 attended the Lithuanian Mass held by Father Baltch at St. Casimir's Church prior to the May meeting.

Through the courtesy of Bernice Aviza, we had the pleasure of hearing David Ziomek, Executive Secretary of Keston College USA. His topic was "Religion Behind the Iron Curtain." He spoke of the Lithuanian girls who were sent to Siberia and how their prayers were smuggled to the free world. He mentioned the petitions signed by thousands for the return of the church in Klaipeda. He spoke of Viktoras Petkus testimony and how it teaches us the reality of Christ. Petras Plumpa started the publication of the Chronicle. He focused on the need for prayers and letters to prisoners of conscience and their families.

A list of Christian prisoners in the USSR may be obtained from Keston College USA, Box 1210, Framington, MA 01701, for \$2.50.

Kristan Olechowski and Judianne Nikstenas, our Juniors in attendance, were recognized by President Radzevich. Donations

were made to the Chronicle, Scholarship Fund and Convention Program Book.

Bernice Aviza represented our council at the MAD meeting in Scranton.

Edna Stokna, Jean Maldutis, Helen Radzevich and Beatrice Jasewicz served refreshments. Polly Ziausys brought her homemade cheese and Lithuanian pyragas.

During our Lithuanian Day program, Gloria Kazlauskas Fleck and NYS Assemblyman Paul Tonko were welcomed into membership.

The Rev. Bernard Gustas, member of C-100, celebrated his 25th anniversary on May 27 with a huge turnout which included our K of L member priests the Revs. Baltch, Grigaitis and Jonaitis as well as the Revs. J. Grabys and M. Cyvas. Many K of L'ers attended the Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Schenectady. Dinner and reception followed at the Paramount Lounge with 450 people in attendance.

Congressman Samuel S. Stratton and Schenectady Mayor Karen Johnson were among the guests who spoke. The principal speaker was the Rev. Robert K. Baltch. We wish



Fr. Bernard Gustas celebrates his 25th anniversary with 1978 Friend of Lithuania Award recipient, Congressman Sam Stratton

Father Gustas good health and success in his apostolic work.

At the June meeting, Regina Kot read an article on Lithuanian swords from Lithuanian Days. Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Ed Baranauskas thanked Bernice Aviza and Polly Ziausys for their help at the Festival of Nations. He also was pleased with the number of Amsterdamians who attended.

Spiritual Advisor Father Baltch played Lithuanian language tapes and talked about the deportation of Lithuanians to Siberia, including his family's personal experiences and others from the city of Panevėžys.

Irene Tice wished President Radzevich and Edna Stokna a happy birthday, a happy 36th

anniversary to Father Baltch and happy 35th wedding anniversary to Albert and Edna Luzinas.

Fran DiBart is recuperating from surgery and we missed her. We extend our condolences to George Baranauskas and his sisters and to Edward Baranauskas in the recent passing of Mrs. Sally Svegzda, grandmother and mother-in-law respectively. May she rest in peace!

Refreshments committee included Edna Luzinas, Frances Bobinas, Polly Ziausys, Tony Radzevich, Vincent Rossi, Aldona Abeling and Gene Gobis. We are grateful to Beatrice Jasewicz and Helen Zytkowski for their help in the kitchen.

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-110 — MASPETH

Our May meeting was a lively one! The meeting opened with Fr. Raila reciting the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. In honor of all mothers on their special day, Sister Damian presented a poem which was read by Adele Dauzickas.

Our guest speaker was our newest member, Sister Mary Elena Majikas of the Dominican Community. Sister Mary reviewed her earliest recollections as a nun which brought about her realization that her ethnicity was important. She spoke at length on Lithuania's conversion to Christianity.

C-110's Spring Dinner Dance



Jonas Adomenas, Frances Migliore, Julie Kowrack, Ona Bleming, Maryte Shalinskiene, Helena Zedar, Muriel Lekstotis, Helen Jambor and William Kolicius, President C-19, Pittsburgh, singing "Lietuva brangi" for the Oceanic's Talent Night Show



Jonas Adomenas, C-110, Maspeth, and his happy K of Lers and friends on the Oceanic Cruise Bermuda and Nassau

was a huge success which Chairperson Lottie Ulrich was pleased to report. Congratulations to her and Helen Abbene as well as the members who were so supportive of the committee.

Please pray for the soul of our departed member, Cecelia Koncius.

Profile: Lottie Adomenas Ulrich is one member to whom C-110 should offer a very special accolade. For all occasions, she makes a terrific cheese. The list of charitable efforts in which she participates or has participated is truly outstanding; namely, Red Cross, American Cancer Society, St. Rose Home, Statue of Liberty, Lithuanian Franciscan Community in Kennebunkport and Brooklyn. The list goes on. You are a wonderful lady, Lottie!

An Open Letter to Ann Jillian: We are sending best wishes to you, dear Ann Jillian. In your name, C-110 is making a contribution to the Dominican Community's St. Rose Home in New York City to support them in all their good works, especially in their sensitive assistance to the needs of the sick.

Su meile ir ramybe —

Brenda Bell-Razickas

C-144 — ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

In the midst of preparations for the 71st Lithuanian Day, Anthracite Knights represented C-144 at various events.

Anne & Carlitus, Anna Supernavage, John Balesky, Joseph Yezulinas and Sister Angela were delegates to the MAD meeting in Scranton. Past President Joe gave the council report. Many thanks C-74 for your gracious hospitality.

Testimonial dinner honoring National Treasurer Teresa Trainis in Bridgeport was attended by National Cultural Chairman Wargo, National Third Vice President

Kosmisky and Council News Editor Chesko while in Bridgeport for the Supreme Council meeting. May Teresa enjoy many healthful years in her volunteer service to K of L and area Catholic organizations.

The Žarija Choir performed at St. Mary's Villa Bazaar. Frackville Junior Knights also danced and sang. A chartered bus transported members and friends who had a good time socializing.

Joseph Martunas remembered the 1941 June days of horror in Lithuania by having an article published in the Pottsville Republican.

At the invitation of Governor and Mrs. Dick Thornburgh, Annie Morgalis, Lithuanian Commissioner on the Governor's Heritage Commission, was joined by C-144 Knights at a reception in the Governor's Mansion. Anne Wargo, Anne & Joe Sikora, John Morgalis, Rita Shevokas, Eleanor Vaicaitis, Anne Marie Lithkowsky, Helen Chesko, Bernice Mikatavage, Sister Angela and the Rev. Matthew Jarasunas were privileged to enjoy the hospitality of Gov. & Mrs. Thornburgh.

Rita Shevokas, Gloria Dauchess, Anne Zaldaris and Helen Chesko enjoyed Lehigh Valley's Third Anniversary Rūta Ball. Rita accompanied Ben Aponavicius Jr. in his rendition of several Lithuanian songs. Rita and Gloria participated in the Offertory Procession at the noon Mass at St. Thomas More Church in Allentown. Best wishes Lehigh Valley!

During a workshop on straw art conducted by Aldona Saimininkas, her students took pride in their first efforts. Much of Aldona's fine straw art can be seen in the homes of our members.

After the June Lithuanian Mass, celebrated by Fr. Jarasunas at Our Lady of Šiluva, a large group made their way to BVM Annunciation Bazaar in Frackville. Thanks for the

good food prepared with loving care by the ladies under the supervision of faithful Knight, the Rev. Gerald Gobitas.

A Lithuanian Wayside Shrine, built by Charles Taronis, was dedicated at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Tamaqua. Rev. William Linkhorst is pastor.

OKNCE AGAIN OUR COUNCIL SPONSORED THE 4th annual Camp Aušra Day Camp at St. George's Grove in Brandonville. A "roots" theme was developed by Eleanor Vaicaitis and Helen Chesko in historical presentations about first wave and second wave Lithuanian immigrants. Folk art projects were prepared by woodcarver Jerome Sodaitis and Annie Morgalis, "Margučiu" artist.

Rev. Matthew Jarasunas discussed Kūčios and Kalėdos customs. He hand-dipped wax candles with the students. Eleanor Vaicaitis helped students complete counted-stitch embroidery of Lithuanian motifs. Sister Angela was director, assisted by Rita Shevokas and Marge Valinsky.

At our June meeting we bid a fond farewell with gift and song to our beloved Sister Angela CJC. Sister Angela assumed her new duties at St. Mary's Villa in Elmhurst. Her helpfulness in council activities and unexcelled interest in our Junior Knights creates a void which saddened us. Suzanne Domalakes and Mary Pieri will carry on Sister's work with the Juniors. With our love and prayers, we wish Sister Angela happiness in her new assignment.

In closing, our prayerful wishes that our 71st Lithuanian Day at our new location in Rocky Glen, Moosic will be as successful financially and socially as our Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park, Barnesville, for the past 70 years. From the proceeds, we hope to add a substantial contribution to the Lithuanian College in Rome.

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C-147 — ST. PETERSBURG

Our Council 147 Vyčių flag was represented in procession at Mass and at the American-Lithuanian Club in St. Petersburg for a program on Siberian Exile Day.

At our regular council meeting Anthony Mazeika and Fr. Adolph Stasys were designated as delegates to the 72nd Convention.

An offering was made for a Mass for Eleanora Daknys who passed away on May 20. We extend our sympathy to her husband Kęstutis. Victoria T. Jacobson injured her leg in a fall and is on the recovery list. John Gliosas is recovering from surgery. We wish them well.

The accompanying picture was taken by Edwardas Praninskas of

the 1985 officers of Council 147 and the Fourth Degree members.

From left to right standing are A. Mazeika, H. Petraitis, M. Zigaitis, Msgr. J. Balkunas, V. Kleiva, A. Shukis, V. Kraujalis, A. Kraujalis, E. Praninskas and J. Gliosas.

Seated are A. Paleckis, T. Liutkus, K. Kleiva, H. Vilnis, K. Vilnis, Fr. J. Gasiunas and J. Valauskas.

V. Kraujalis

C-152 — RIVERHEAD

We are really "official" now! On July 7, at our regular monthly meeting, National First Vice President Nancy Pawasauskas Miro presented us with our charter. In celebration, the meeting was followed with a covered dish social including a little music, a little

singing along with a lot of sociability and good food. The 100 or so people who attended left for home happy and contented, promising to be at our Festival on September 15.

Some of us attended our National Convention hosted by our neighbor, C-50, in New Haven. We learned much about the workings of our organization and how important all of us Knights are to each other. Congratulations to Council 50 for a most successful and productive convention.

We welcome back, in good health again, Ed Laukaitis and Fred Lucka both of whom were hospitalized recently. Nice to see you looking so good fellows!

President Alice Graff and husband Bob spent three weeks vacationing in the Phillipines, Taiwan and Japan. They found the customs and cultures very interesting and promise to tell us all about their trip at one of our coming meetings.

To those of you members who already have taken to the seas, the skies and the road and returned safely, welcome home.

Our Festival will probably be a thing of the past by the next issue. We'll tell you all about it then, but don't forget to come one and all to the American Legion Hall, Greenport, on September 15 and enjoy the music, dancers, food, meet the dignitaries and mostly to meet each other, fellow Lithuanians who are eagerly awaiting your visit.

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