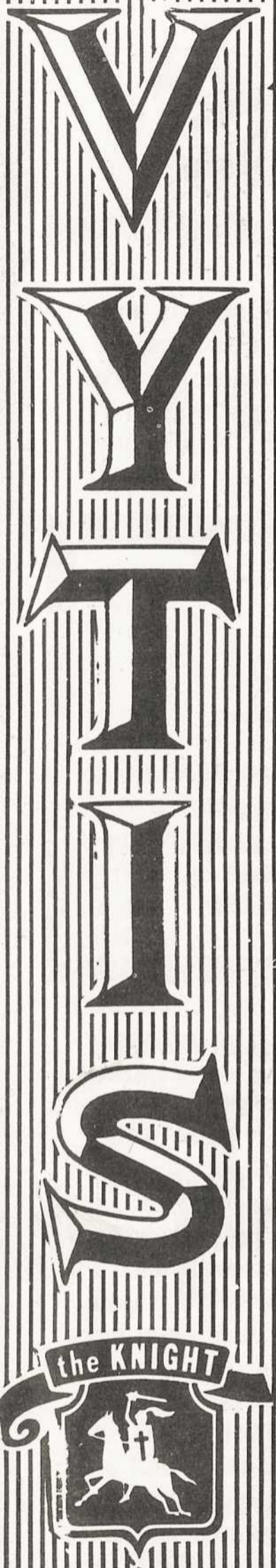


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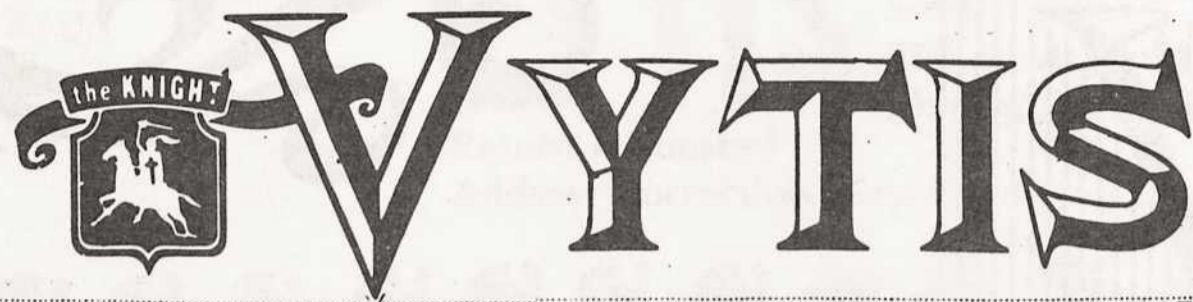
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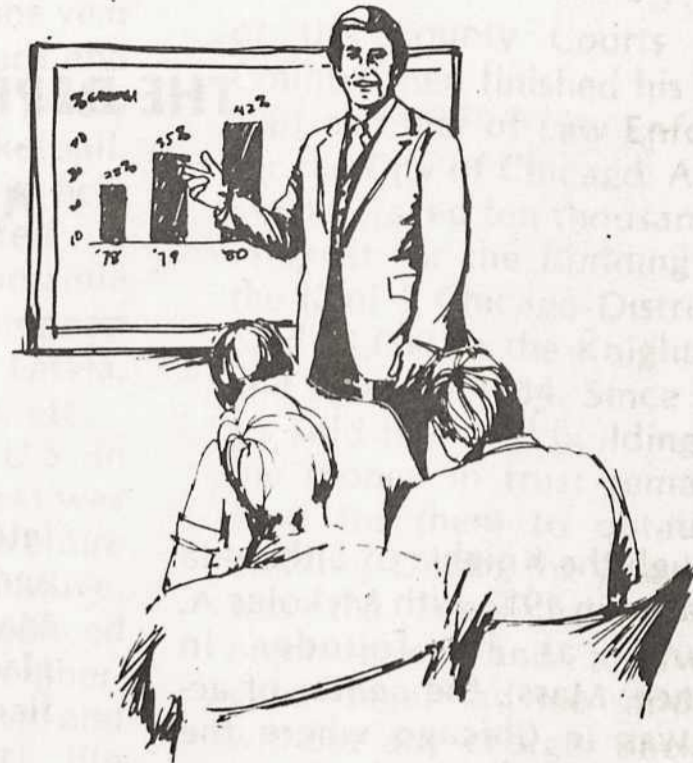
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INVEST IN THE FUTURE

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At the New Haven Convention much talk and discussion was centered on youth. How do we get more young people to join the K of L? How do we get those who do belong to become more active?

After the Convention, I gave this matter much thought. The K of L in its early years was composed mainly of young people. The council sponsored activity was aimed at its members and this activity induced new members to join. As the members became older these activities began to cease. They were no longer interested in athletic team competition and in most cases they disbanded their teams.

Most young people love sports. As a youngster I would play every sport I could when I got my chores done. I would eat, drink and sleep sports. To me sports was the most important thing in life. I'm sure this is true with many young people today.

Sports is the way the K of L can invest in the future. A small investment now can return large dividends in the future.

How do you invest? Every city and town has amateur sport leagues. They begin with Little League and Pee Wee League and go right on up to City Recreational Leagues for adults. Each team must have a sponsor. I'm asking you to sponsor one or more teams, whatever your council treasury will allow. The cost per year can range from \$25.00 to \$200.00. In some cases you may

Now whatever team or teams you sponsor, I strongly recommend that at least half of the players be Lithuanian. This will guarantee your council a good return on your investment. Those kids will be potential members in the future.

Your team also will be a good source of free publicity for your council. First of all with the K of L name on their uniforms. Next with the newspaper, radio and even television coverage these kids get the K of L will be out there before the public at all times.

Each team you sponsor be sure to go out to their games when possible and cheer them on. This is very important because kids play much better when they have strong support. Make sure your support is clean. Don't criticize and condemn and don't be foul mouthed.

There are other fields in which you can sponsor teams, not just sports alone. It could be a Musical group, or a Dance group, or a Drama group, etc. There are many possibilities. And don't keep your sponsorship with just one sex. Share with both boys and girls.

If enough councils take part in this venture, the K of L will be around and active for many years to come. A good successful business man will tell you that you have to spend money to make money. We must spend money to keep the K of L growing. The K of L is a good strong organization, one in which we can be proud to be a member. Let's keep it that way in the future.

THE DEPRESSION — 1929 to 1941**AND ITS EFFECT ON
THE K OF L
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Though the Knights of Lithuania originated in 1912 with Mykolas A. Norkunas as its founder in Lawrence, Mass., the center of activity was in Chicago where the organization obtained its own press for any business printing and editing the *Vytis* magazine. The economic depression that struck the banks, businesses and individuals, did not spare our organization either. The paid-up membership dwindled down from a top of 4,500 to 750 paid-up members in August of 1933.

The Press was in debt for materials to the paper companies, the ink producers, the engravers, and didn't have any money to print its *VYTIS*. The electric, gas and rent were two months overdue; balance on the Linotype machine was \$950. This was the report submitted by the manager and co-editor of the *Vytis*, Mr. A. Lapinskas. He told the Center officers at a meeting in Chicago that the only solution he could see to erase the debts, was Bankruptcy for the K of L Press. The officers who were present, Al Manst, Rev. A. Valancius, Estelle Alisauskas, Bernice Paliliunas, and co-editor Konnie Savickus were definitely depressed upon hearing this report. They tried to think of some solution for the problem to avoid the stigma and embarrassment of a bankruptcy. It was then that Konnie Savickus requested the Center to give him the chance to save the K of L Press. The officers were reluctant to put him in charge — until he pointed out that they had nothing to lose — the bankruptcy could be declared

later if necessary. They finally agreed to try him for a few months. Manager and co-editor Lapinskas gladly relinquished both those offices to Savickus.

The first person who greeted the new manager of the Press was a bailiff, ready to close the place because the rent was two months overdue. Savickus paid \$200 from his own funds so business could be started. The back-pay of the linotype operator Joseph Gudaitis \$360 was on the ledger, the amount due press operator Vete Shilling was \$258. Bills from the ink, paper, engraver companies cluttered the desk. This was a greater challenge than the new manager had anticipated. War veterans were selling apples for 5¢ just to exist, so finding dollars for the press was a real problem. The next matter Savickus had to resolve was convincing the two workers to remain on the job. He convinced them to have confidence in him; besides there were no other jobs available to anyone. He then had to establish credit to get paper and supplies. He called every company to whom the K of L Press was indebted to and explained they would lose all unless they cooperated — because the press was on the verge of going bankrupt. They agreed to accept the offer of being paid 50¢ on the dollar for past accounts gradually, and take cash only for new orders. Accounts due the Press were collected by personal visits by Savickus with an explanation that legal action would be necessary unless the bill was paid. The State

of Illinois had taxes due on personal property — those were disposed of by legal explanations. There were personal visits to new customers in the neighborhood for printing at 25% discounts.

The new manager Savickus cut his salary from \$30 per week to \$15, and as Editor of *Vytis* from \$25 per issue to \$10. The linotype man was told to come in only two days per week, and after a few months when his back salary was paid off he was let go. He gave Mr. Shilling a small raise and reduced the wage balance due him. Within a year all debts were erased. He was a combination manager/lawyer/errand boy/collector/efficiency expert/and editor of *Vytis* — and a fool said his friends for taking on such thankless responsibility. When asked why he was doing it, he replied, "I just knew I could succeed!"

The K of L membership blossomed again to 1,500 paid up members. A revised constitution was printed and the *Vytis* was published on time. There were more articles in English than in Lithuanian, since only 20% of the members could read Lithuanian. His object was to instill and keep the Lithuanian spirit alive in American youth — the same objective that Mr. Norkunas wanted. Within the same year Council activities increased. Together Jack Jatis, Al Manst and Konnie Savickus started a basketball league which had 12 teams by 1934 in the Chicago District. There were golf teams, debating teams, a beautiful choir, Lithuanian Dancers, picnics especially July

4th, social dances, drama, activities before and after Council meetings such as speakers on current topics, ping-pong games. The Parish hall was usually the center of all this interest and action to help the members be happy during such trying years.

In June of 1935 Konnie Savickus was chosen as one of eleven athletes to represent Chicago in the Lithuanian Olympics of Kaunas, and participate in basketball, swimming and track. That was a welcome opportunity for him to see Lithuania. At the K of L Center meeting he explained to the officers that the Press was sound business wise, and that he gave Mr. Shilling a \$10 per week increase to have him act as manager. He intended to return from Kaunas in four weeks, but while he participated in the Olympic sports he realized the 17 year old new country didn't have a basketball or swimming instructor. He saw the intense interest and desire to learn by the students there — then he decided to devote one year of his life to teach them. He approached Director Augustauskas of the Kuno Kulturos Rumai and stated he

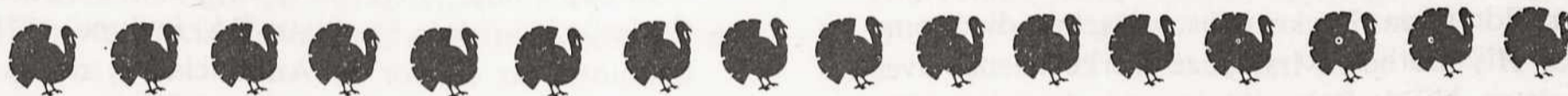
would be an instructor for one year if they took care of his board and room only. The Director gladly agreed. That training in basketball, plus his devotion and idea of how to accomplish it, resulted in Lithuania achieving an impossible dream. It won its first European Championship by beating Latvia, Italy, France, Poland, Egypt, etc.

Upon his return to the U.S. in 1936 he found the K of L Press was doing business as usual. The entire organization was very much alive. At the Convention he introduced the idea of having a Life Membership for \$100 which was passed and he became the #1 K of L life member. In 1937 and 1938 he again edited the *Vytis*, and thus became the first three time editor of the magazine, ready for duty anytime. The depression was nearing its end but World War II happened in 1941 and it presented new problems, causing the Press to be sold in 1945 while Mr. Savickus was in the army.

In 1946 he concentrated on politics and edited the Lithuanian Democratic Leader newspaper, and became an assistant State Attorney. In 1955 he was Supervisor

of the County Courts in Cook County; then finished his career in 1981 as Chief of Law Enforcement for the City of Chicago. After retiring he placed ten thousand dollars in Trust for the Building Fund of the K of L Chicago District which paid \$1,000 to the Knights in 1983 and again in 1984. Since the K of L's sold their old building in 1985, the money in trust remains as a fund for them to obtain a new building. During the years Savickus was the Legal Advisor for the organization and afterward, he gave legal advice and service without any charge. Back in 1930 he was President of Council 5 and now in 1985 he is President again of the Council. When asked about the future, he replied, "I have an unoccupied space in St. Casimer's Cemetary but I'm not in shape for it yet. Besides as a Lifetime member in the K of L's, I want to get my money's worth.

Interview by: Ernie Sutkus C-5



SAY GRACE IN LITHUANIAN

Prieš valgi - Before meals

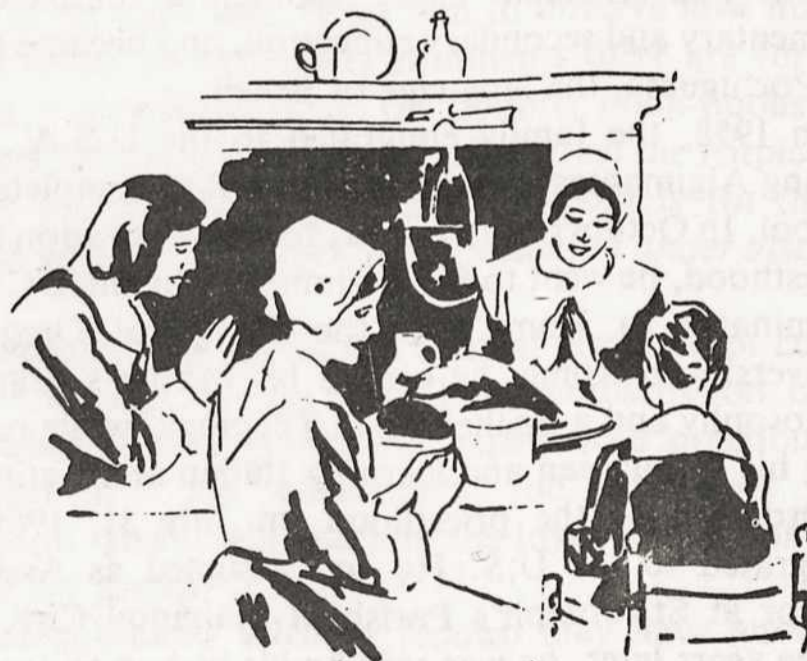
Palaimink, Viešpatie, mus ir šias dovanas, kurias valgysime iš tavo malonės. Per Kristų, mūsų Viešpatį.

Amen.

Po valgio - After meals

Ačiū tau, visagalis Dieve, už tas dovanas, kurias valgėme, ir už visas mums suteiktas gėrybes, kuris gyveni ir viešpatauji per amžius.

Amen.





**FR. ALGIMANTAS BARTKUS
NAMED MONSIGNOR
AND
APPOINTED RECTOR OF
LITHUANIAN COLLEGE IN ROME**

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On October 17, it was announced in Rome that Pope John Paul II had named Father Algimantas Bartkus a Domestic Prelate with the title of Monsignor. Fr. Bartkus was appointed Rector of St. Casimir's Lithuanian College (Seminary) in Rome, effective October 20, the fortieth anniversary of the college.

Since its founding, the rector has been Msgr. Ladas Tulaba, S.S.D., P.A. Msgr. Tulaba, a Protonotary Apostolic, retired from these duties October 20, 1985, to become a Canon of St. Peter's Basilica, a rare honor.

Algimantas Bartkus was born November 10, 1940. His father, Edmundas Borkevicius, a teacher, died some years ago. His mother, Mrs. Juzė Borkeviciene, lives with his sister, Nijolė Baltrulioniene, in Jamaica, NY. Another married sister lives in Arlington, VA.

The family left Lithuania in 1943, fleeing the Soviets, and lived in Germany until 1948, when they emigrated to Sao Paulo, Brazil. There Algimantas completed his elementary and secondary education, and became fluent in Portuguese, the language of Brazil.

In 1958, the family emigrated to the U.S.A., with young Algimantas remaining in Brazil to complete high school. In October of that year, feeling a vocation to the priesthood, he went to St. Casimir's Lithuanian College (Seminary) in Rome. At the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, he earned his Master's degree in philosophy and a Bachelor's in Theology, while perfecting his Lithuanian and learning Italian and Latin.

Ordained to the priesthood on July 11, 1965, he emigrated to the U.S. He was assigned as Assistant Pastor at St. Joseph's Parish in Mahanoy City, PA. Three years later, he was sent by his bishop to teach at Cardinal Brennan High School. In 1971, Fr. Bartkus

was assigned as Assistant Pastor to Msgr. Joseph Karalius at St. George's Parish in Shenandoah, PA, then to St. Francis' Lithuanian parish in Minersville, PA, while continuing his teaching duties.

In 1972, Fr. Bartkus was assigned to St. Bernard's and St. Michael's in Easton, PA, with teaching duties at Notre Dame High School. He also ministered to the Portuguese community in Bethlehem, PA, served as Catholic Chaplain at the Northampton County Prison, and produced the Easton Catholic Hour on radio.

In September, 1972, he was appointed Pastor of St. Casimir's Parish in St. Clair, PA. In June, 1978, he was appointed as Pastor to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Frackville, PA.

Father Al, as his parishioners affectionately called him, was instrumental in establishing the Knights of Lithuania Anthracite Council, serving as its spiritual advisor and providing fresh leadership to the nationally famous Pennsylvania Lithuanian Day annual picnic. He also produced weekly Lithuanian radio programs on stations WPAM and WZTA.

An exceptional parish administrator, Fr. Bartkus directed renovation of the rectory, parish grounds and cemetery in St. Clair and the school and church in Frackville.

Fr. Bartkus became a U.S. citizen in 1970. In 1977, he obtained his pilot's license, and flying became his favorite hobby.

In October, 1983, Fr. Bartkus, with the blessing of his bishop, accepted an appointment as Pro-Rector of St. Casimir's College in Rome. On June 25, 1985, he received the Licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

SO NOW YOU'RE A CHAIRMAN!

Algirdas M. Budreckis
First Vice President

You've attended good meetings and poor meetings — you've been on functioning committees and on the "we didn't get anywhere" variety. If you are like most K of L'ers, (and there are over four thousand of us today), you've often wondered how well your group would fare if *you* were council president or committee chairman.

Now the responsibility is yours. Under your leadership (lietuviskai: VADOVYBE) will it be exciting to old members and enticing to new ones? Can you get people to work hard and still retain their respect and friendship? I've talked to some successful chairmen (Larry Jokubas, Povilas P., Vaclovas S. just to drop a few Lith. names), and what follows is a distillation of their views on what it takes to pilot active, result-getting councils, lodges, committees or clubs.

Any council or committee, we're told, has enough members who want to work. Whether they do depends on how much they like and admire their leader (*vadas*). To rate members' plaudits, a chairman has to have these attributes:

- He shows he can get things done.
- He's friendly to members and wins their trust.
- He's willing to delegate responsibility.
- He asks the right people to work.
- He gives precise directions when he asks someone to do a job.
- He's a skillful critic.

A chairman's key role is to prevent a meeting from bogging down, rambling or getting caught up in details that divert it from whatever it's supposed to accomplish. K of L'ers, like almost everyone else, like to think they're on a winning team. They admire a leader who makes them feel their meetings are purposeful and decisive.

Start Before Meeting

Practiced chairmen create this mood, first, by looking purposeful and decisive themselves. Some start the night before by preparing their opening remarks so they can say them without stumbling. A council president says he always starts a meeting by pushing aside anything he might fidget with, like a pencil or paper clip or ash tray.

An effective chairman also starts before the meeting to prime the group for a fruitful discussion and then sees to it that there is one. A district chairman reports that a week before his district board meets, he sends each operating committee chairman an agenda and



checks by phone about the items with which they are concerned.

A council activity chairman says he notes major issues on a blackboard so everyone can keep track of what they've done and where they're headed.

To stay popular, the chairman has to run a productive meeting, but he can't stop there. He also has to try to keep it pleasant and, as you may have discovered, often the two go together. Whether you are a district, council or committee member, you must have come across meeting members who block the group from pursuing its business and make everybody else uncomfortable while they're at it. Organization executives have met so many that they've classified them according to types.

There's the **Doubter**, who thwarts any new idea with the refrain: "It won't work, so we'd better not try it." Add the **Eager Beaver**, who'll try anything without pausing for sober reflection. There's the **Talker**, with his fund of personal reminiscences, and the **Nitpicker**, who stops to question and define everything. There's the **Lout**, who says, "You use my idea or else" — even if it has nothing to do with the discussion. Admit it! You've met these types at meetings. You want to say: "Be gone with them!"

Wear the Velvet Glove, Mr. Chairman!

It's up to the chairman to subdue them all and to do it so gracefully that no one will call him a dictator, tyrant. One way out is to give the disruptive member something to do so he can't talk. (Post him to observe how many people speak or how many comments there are for or against a proposal.) When the doubter pooh-poohs an idea, ask if he'd like to present one. When the Nitpicker stumps for his pet project, ask him politely for three reasons why it might work in the *situation under discussion*.

Sometimes a newly named council president or committee chairman worries that if he curbs discussion, he'll be dubbed undemocratic, but experienced practitioners maintain it's the chairman's job to focus the discussion — and it will win him the loyal support of the rest of the group.

In certain cases a leader (*vadas*) may have another recourse: if he heads a board or committee, he can try to

keep troublemakers from joining it. This may sound difficult, or even foolhardy. Doesn't the chairman need anyone he can get? Experience in Lithuanian and strictly American organizations have demonstrated: that **THINGS AREN'T REALLY THAT TOUGH**. Leaders of flourishing groups insist if you have to beat the bushes for workers, maybe you don't press the right people to work.

Let the Others Share

If you hope to be a successful and popular boss (*Lietuviskai: bosas*) you can't be too bossy. Group members lose interest or just disappear if they have no say in planning programs and making decisions. Or, as several group leaders told us, members will work harder than you might expect if they've helped formulate the program. They'll also say good things about the leader's confidence in them, especially, if he pauses at the next meeting to thank them for a job well done.

Remember this, however: though you get others into the act, your members wouldn't want you to lose your place as a firm and vigorous leader. At a meeting an adroit chairman shows he is in control of the proceedings by tactful comments on how they are proceeding, what remains to be done, when a decision might be reached.

At the same time, the chairman indicates he wants to listen to others' opinions and be fair about them. He

directs a quiet question to the silent members at the back of the room. If the group is discussing a controversial issue, he sees that all factions speak up and he's careful not to intrude his own proposal. (He hopes somebody else will bring it up, and if he thinks no one will, he may call a close friend before the meeting and ask him to mention it.) When it's time to wrap up the meeting he

says something like, "Our time is running out and we'll want to leave the last few minutes to reach a decision. Let's have two more people speak for this suggestion, two against." If he's for or against, he's careful not to show it when they speak.

Outside of meetings, too, a wise chairman doesn't brandish his authority. If he enlists someone for a job, he doesn't hover over him to see he does it. He sets a deadline that suits the volunteer and sends him on his way. When the time is about up, he may call and say, "Is there anything I can do to help?" But when he assigns a responsibility he expects the Knight to fulfill it.

To shine as a chairman, experienced council or committee leaders say the secret is to be diplomatic and decisive without being domineering. It takes positive leadership to get any committee "to commit," but the response and enthusiasm shown by members of the K of L family usually make serving as a chairman satisfying and worthwhile — and, more often than not, fun.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in
your prayers...

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Steigėjai 36-tos kuopos, kuriems rūpėjo pritraukti lietuvių jaunimą Amerikoje po obalsiu: Dievas ir Tėvynė, buvo klebonas Brighton Parko lietuvių parapijos, prelatas Antanas Briška, įsteigėjas lietuvių kolegijos Romoje; Rapolas Andreliūnas, Alicia Aušraitė, ir Petras Kvietkus kuris patapo pirmininku kai kuopa oficialiai tapo įvykdinta.

Nuo pat pradžių kuopos nariams rūpėjo Lietuvos laisvė, ir savo pirmame parengime kuopa paaukoja 28



dolerius ir nariai 500 dolerių. Kitame įvykyje, kuopa paaukojo Lietuvos reikalams 45 dolerius, ir nariai suvirš 1,000 dolerių, ir išpirko daug Lietuvos Laisvės bonų. Kitos aukos Lietuvai sekė.

Sunkų krizį kuopa pergyveno 1920 metuose kuomet kuopa dėl įvairių intrygų buvo priversta laikyti savo susirinkimus McKinley Parko auditorijoje. Nuo pražūties kuopą tuomet išgelbėjo įžymus *Vyties* redaktorius ir kuopos veiklus narys, Ignas Sakalas, Antanas Mickeliūnas, Jonas Stankus, Rapolas Andreliūnas, Kastas Zaromskis, Jonas Brazauskas ir Aleksandras Šrupša.

Pradžioje 1922 metų kuopa

1985

išaugo iki virš 200 narių. Tuomet kuopa turėjo savo dramos, choro ir debatų skyrius; orkestrą po vadovyste Povilo Simučio, ristikų, bowling, ir basketball ir baseball komandas. Kuopos iniciatyva 1923 metais buvo suformuota Lietuvos Vyčių Chicagos apskrities Baseball lyga iš 10 komandų, ir 1924 m., vyčių 36-toji kuopa laimėjo apskrities baseball čempionatą. Narys Jonas Stankus buvo kuopos „sporto širdis” nes per jį baseball lošėjai įsigijo baseball komandos uniformas. Taipgi sporto rėmėjai buvo Adomas Banys ir Juozas Perry. Jonas Stankus mirė sulaukęs 29 metų automobilio nelaimėje.

Vyčių 36-toji kuopa, su Igno Sakalo pagalba, davė iniciatyvą dėl suorganizavimo Chicagos L. V. Vyčių Senjorų kuopos.

Tarpe iškilmingų įvykių savo egzistavime, kuopa parengė 1919 m. su Šv. Cecelijos choru Šv. Kryžiaus parapijos koncertą kuriame susidarė virš 100 dainininkų, po vadovyste vargonininko V. Daukšos. Solistė buvo Ona Straliauskaitė, narė 36-tos kuopos. Taipgi 1919 m. kuopa statė ačenoje trijų aktų dramą, „Sibiro Žvaigždė”. Tarpe rolės lošėjų buvo Ignas Sakalas ir jo žmona Sofija Sakalienė, „Moterų Dirvos” redaktore. Sakalas irgi buvo dramos režisiorius ir Stasys Pieža buvo sufleris.

Kitas žymus kuopos įvykis buvo nugalėjimas krepšijažaidime (basketball) L. Vyčių 47-tos kuopos iš Waukegan skaičiu 15-9.

Tarpe žymiausių kuopos narių buvo teisėjas Jonas T. Zuris, Domininkas Varnas, kuris buvo mirtinai sužeistas antrame pasauliniame kare ir kieno vardas yra įamžinas per Don Varnas Amerikos legiono postą; Ričardas

Durbin iš Springfield, Illinois, kuris yra U.S. kongresmanas; kun. Anastazas Valnčius, buvęs *Vyties* redaktorius ir L. Vyčių centro dvasios vadas; J. Zelis, kitas kuopos herojus, buvo patekęs Japonų nelaisvėje ir Pranas Juškevičius, buvęs klebonas Dievo Apvaizdos parapijos; redaktoriai Ignas Sakalas ir Sofija Sakalienė, ir Jovaišų sūnus dr. Aleksandras Javois, ir jo sesutės Genovaitė ir Ona, abi buvusios mokytojos.

Daug pasižymėjęs 36-tos kuopos narys yra Jonas Paukštis, buvęs kuopos pirmininkas, buvęs Dariaus-Girėno Amerikos legiono posto ir Amerikos First Division komandierius. Jis yra gavęs Illinois Valstijos „Hall of Fame“ pasižymėjimą kraujo davimo programoje, irgi yra buvęs pirmininkas De La Salle alumnų draugijos.

Žurn. Stasys Pieža, buvęs kuopos pirmininkas 1922-1923 m., buvo pagerbtas 1961 metais per Immigrant Service League dėl jo pastangų gerovei etninių grupių Amerikoje. Premiją Piežai įteikė Illinois gub. Otto Kerner bankiete Chicagos Standard Kliube.

Dvasios vadais 36-tos kuopos yra buvę prelatas Briška, kun. Juozas Šaulinskas, kun. Povilas Juknevičius, kun. Vito Mykolaitis, kun. Jonas Stankevičius, kun. Stasys Valuckis, prelatas Viktoras Černauskas, ir kiti. Dabartinis dvasios vadas yra kun. F. Kireilis, Nekalto Prasadėjimo parapijos vikaras. Rėmėjas kuopos yra parapijos klebonas, prelatas D. Mozeris.



Tarpe pirmininkų 36-tos kuopos yra buvę Petras Kvietkus, A. Prečinauskas, Stasys Pieža, Paulina Kelpšaitė, Jonas Gotautas, Petras Balsitis, Bernardas Kvietkus, Vytautas Geštautas, Vincas Semoška, Sabina Klatt, Martin Gestautas, Ruth Kazlauskas, p-lė J. Jakunas, Jonas Paukštis, ir kiti, ir dabartinis pirmininkas yra Bruce Neberieza.

Vienas iš uoliausių rėmėjų 36-tos kuopos buvo visuomenininkas Leonardas Šimutis, *Vyties* ir *Draugo* redaktorius, kurio duktė Ruta Kazlauskas yra buvusi šios kuopos pirmininke. Jo sūnus muzikas dr. Leonardas Šimutis, irgi yra nuoširdus 36-tos kuopos rėmėjas.

Valio! Te gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčių 36-ta kuopa!

Stanley Pieza



*Council 36, Knights of Lithuania,
Immaculate Conception Parish
(1915).*

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OFFICIAL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The National Financial Secretary,

Mrs. Helen Skudra
7927 North Drive
Highland, IN 46322

reminds us that it is dues time. Membership dues are \$8.00 per year for individuals or couples, or \$4.00 per year for additional family members who do not get a separate issue of *Vytis*.

Council Financial Secretaries should be collecting dues. Dues should be collected for all year (1986). Strive extra hard to get the dues in as soon as possible.

To insure your members receiving their *Vytis* promptly, please include members' addresses, so that the records can be verified.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS BULLETIN

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee sends its monthly bulletin to all members who wish it *and* use it. It is intended to be a tool for *action*. If you do not receive it but wish to get involved in Lithuanian Affairs letter-writing work, please send you name to:

Ms. Nancy Miro
Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman
555 Burnsford Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06606

A small donation to help defray mailing costs would be appreciated, but is not mandatory. If you have been receiving the bulletin, but cannot or do not wish to get involved in the Committee's work, please let Nancy know also, to have your name taken off the mailing list.

CONVENTION PHOTOS:

Copies of the Convention Photo are available for \$8.50 plus postage. Members desiring copies should write to:

FRANK PETERSON
356 Sea Hill Road
North Branford, CT 06471

ELECTIONS

District and Council officer elections **MUST** take place either in September or October. Immediately after your council elections, **PLEASE** send the names and addresses of all the officers to the NATIONAL RECORDING SECRETARY,

Ms. Mary Juzenas
4613 W. 102nd St.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The Supreme Council and National Committee Chairmen cannot operate efficiently without your cooperation. Let's cooperate and get those addresses to Mary.

STATUE OF LIBERTY DONATIONS

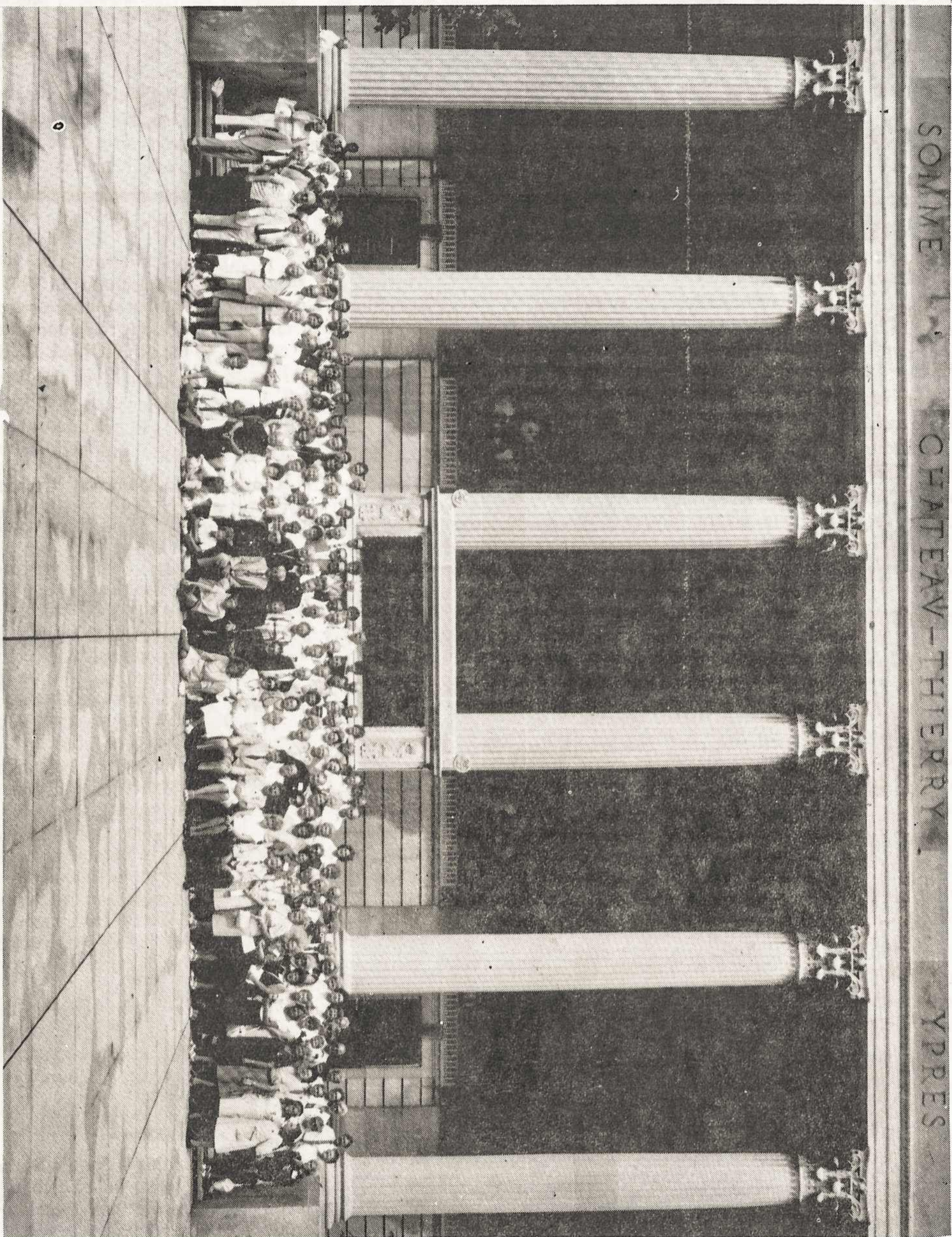
Mary York, of the Mid-Atlantic District, recognized the need to support the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, and at the 72nd National Convention she raised \$575. Our organization has many very dedicated members who have contributed to the Statue of Liberty; their donations have been submitted, but the Knights of Lithuania were not given credit for all donations (perhaps because they were submitted personally.) At the National Convention it was recommended to have one person in charge of receiving money and sending out one Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council check, so that proper credits are given to our organization. Teresa Trainis was appointed for this assignment, and she has submitted a check for \$575 to the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.

She recommends that:

The treasurer of each district be the "collector" (for this project) from the individual councils and that the District Treasurer submit to her once a month all the donations received. District and/or Council check should be made payable to:

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA,
SUPREME COUNCIL

Make a memo notation that this is for the Statue of Liberty. The form below may also be used to submit monies to her. *Let's work together and meet our national goal of \$5,000 + + +.*



1985 Knights of Lithuania National
Convention Yale University, New
Haven, CT

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WE GET LETTERS ...

*To Loretta Stukas
 Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc.*

On the occasion of the impressive 70th Anniversary of the Knights of Lithuania Anthem's public debut, July 1-2, 1915, I lovingly and heartily wish to perpetuate the singing of the "Vyciu Himnas" by contributing \$1000.00 to the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC., a most viable investment in our K of L future.

*Vaio Lietuvos Vyčiai!
 Marcelle J. Aleksis
 Honorary Member*

Dear K of L'ers:

On behalf of the 71st Annual Lithuanian Day Committee, I wish to thank all who in any way helped make the 71st Annual Lithuanian Day work at Rocky Glen Park in Moosic, Pa.

To members of Council 143 and 144, who served on the committee, to those who placed an ad in the program book and those who attended the Mass and program, we are most grateful.

Because of your continued support, we were able to realize a profit of \$7,000 which was forwarded to the Lithuanian College in Rome.

We sincerely hope that you will all be with us again on the 17th of August, 1986 for the 72nd Annual Lithuanian Day.

*Vytiškai,
 John Joseph, Council 144
 Chairman, 71st Annual Lithuanian Day*

TO ALL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMEN:

I would appreciate your sending me newspaper clippings on K of L activities in your local councils.

Please try to keep the K of L in the public's eye. This is so important.

Vytiškai,
Anna Klizas Wargo
National Public Relations
Chairman

CORRECTION!!!

John J. Antanavičius, C-12, New York reports an omission in the St. Mary's Villa picnic article which appeared in the August-September issue of VYTIS. C-12 arrived with a bus load of Knights in addition to C-110, Maspeth.

K OF L CALENDAR

- Jan. 11 K of L Choir Benefit Dinner
Sauliu Namai
Chicago, IL
- Feb. 15 Independence Day Mass and Dinner
St. Casimir's Church
Amsterdam, NY
- Feb. 16 Independence Day Mass and Brunch
Transfiguration Church
Maspeth, NY
- Feb. 23 Mid-America District 26th Annual
"Memories of Lithuania"
Martinique Ballroom
Chicago, IL

**ALLENTOWN, PA in 86!!!**

Aug. 7-10, 1986

KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA
73rd NATIONAL CONVENTION

Allentown Hilton Hotel

Rates: \$40 single

\$46 double

Parking included

SEE YA THERE!!!



OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP COUNT

(AS OF JUNE 30, 1985)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

	Total 1983	Total 1984	Regular	Assoc	Clergy	Life- Time	Honorarȳ Members	1985 Totals
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT								
1 Brockton	31	37	31	1	2	1		35
7 Waterbury	116	115	110	12	2	2	1	127
10 Athol-Gardner	36	45	35	5	1			41
17 So. Boston	164	171	158	5	5		4	172
26 Worcester	141	150	122	7	4	1	3	137
27 Norwood	26	24	37	1	1			39
30 Westfield	24	25	24	1	1			26
50 New Haven	112	143	131	28	6	1		166
78 Lawrence	21	24	25	1	1			27
103 Providence	62	59	47	6	4	3		60
116 Worcester	61	55	45	3	1	1	1	51
135 Ansonia	60	60	41	9	2			52
141 Bridgeport	48	48	45	3	1			49
145 Holyoke	32	32	25	3	1			29
MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT								
3 Philadelphia	79	83	63	11	7		1	82 #
12 New York	79	84	66	4	1	10	1	82
29 Newark	166	160	144	10	2	1	3	160
41 Brooklyn	43	43	33		2	3	2	40
46 Forest City	38	44	34	6	2	1		43
52 Elizabeth	27	30	31		2	1	1	35
61 Patterson	45	56	43	4	6		1	54
63 LeHigh Valley	61	94	72	5				77
67 Bayonne	20	20	18		1			19
72 Binghamton			20	2	1			23
74 Scranton	82	81	65	7	4			76
90 Kearney	31	36	27	5				32
100 Amsterdam	104	101	86	13	4	1		104
109 Great Neck	17	42	39	10	2		2	53
110 Maspeth	287	338	254	39	31	6		330
118 Hazelton	24	27	21	6	1			28
140 Syracuse	54	48	39	9				48
142 Washington	34	48	41	6	1	2		50
143 Pittston	56	54	54	2	1			57
144 Schuykill Ct	241	250	218	26	13			257 ###
146 Harrisburg	52	42	36	6				42
147 St Petersburg	82	75	62		6	4	2	74
152 Riverhead			59	13				72

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

19	Pittsburgh	59	57	47	1	6	2		56
25	Cleveland	61	66	52	10	2			64
Srs	Cleveland	26	23	23					23
79	Detroit	131	157	113	10	3	1	1	128
86	DuBois	66	68	37	14				51
96	Dayton	128	135	114	21	1		2	138
102	Detroit	38	36	29		2		1	32

MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

5	Chicago	5	1	7			1		8
13	Chicago		22	28					28
14	Cicero	25	25	24		1			25
36	Chicago	511	627	225	15	22	2		264
Srs	Chicago	29	35	27					27
38	Kenosha	18	14	18		1			19
40	E St Louis	18	11	18	3				21
82	Gary	12	14	4		2			6
112	Chicago	220	227	222	8	6	5	3	244
117	Darien	5	2						
150	Kansas City	5	4	16	2				18

OTHER

133	Los Angeles	47	41	34		1	1		36
151	Austin		5						

TOTALS

New England	934	988	876	85	32	9	9	1011
Mid-Atlantic	1622	1756	1525	184	87	29	13	1838
Mid-Central	555	572	415	36	14	3	4	492
Mid-America	848	982	589	28	32	8	3	660
Other	47	46	34		1	1		36

GRAND TOTAL	4006	4344	3439	353	166	50	29	4037
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Respectfully submitted,

Helen Skudra

Helen Skudra
Financial Secretary

as of 6/3085

Juniors Council



Supreme Council Officers

and the "VYTIS" Staff

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Donations received March 1985 thru July, 1985

C-1...Brockton, Mass.	\$50.00	C-141...Bridgeport, Conn.	25.00	Veronica Kazlauskas	25.00
C-3...Philadelphia, Penn.	50.00	C-142...Washington, D. C.	25.00	I. M. O. Stanley and Mary Plungus	
C-7...Waterbury, Conn.	25.00	C-143...Pittston, Penn.	25.00	Anna M. Matalavich	25.00
C-12...New York, N. Y.	50.00	C-144...Anthracite, Penn.	100.00	I. M. O. her Father John	
C-17...South Boston, Mass.	50.00	C-146...Harrisburg, Penn.	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. Victor J. Miller	10.00
C-26...Worcester, Mass.	50.00	Mid-Central District	50.00	I. M. O. Edward Simons	
C-29...Newark, New Jersey.	250.00	Illinois-Indiana District	100.00	Mr. and Mrs. Victor J. Miller	10.00
C-41...Brooklyn, New York.	10.00	Mid-Atlantic District	50.00	I. M. O. John Butkus	
C-46...Forest City, Penn.	25.00	Mary Sue Agone	15.00	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petrauskas	25.00
C-50...New Haven, Conn.	50.00	Nancy Angwill	20.00	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Radzevich	30.00
C-52...Elizabeth, New Jersey	25.00	Florence M. Chipley	25.00	Irene Sankus	25.00
C-74...Scanton, Penn.	25.00	Lewis Simmons Jr.	20.00	Mgdalena Smailis	10.00
C-79...Southfield, Michigan	50.00	Janice Tuce	10.00	Joe and Josephine J. Zukas	20.00
C-86...Du Bois, Penn.	50.00	Mr. and Mrs V. Veneroso	10.00		
C-100...Amsterdam, New York	50.00	Above I. M. O. Alexandrine Angell		TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE	
C-109...Great Neck, New York	10.00	Frank and Aldona Bunikis	10.00	\$1,565.00	
C-140...Syracuse, New York	50.00	Danial Degulis	10.00	I. M. O. In memory of	
		Peter Kasilionis	10.00		

Donation received at 72nd National Convention, New Haven, Connecticut

Council 110, Maspeth	\$100.00	Stella McLeod	10.00	Susan & Paul Binkis, Jr.,	100.00
Council 25, Cleveland	100.00	Alphonse & Anastasia Krariyalis	10.00	IMO Adele Gablis	
George & Frances Bumila	100.00	Phyllis C. Gendreau	10.00	John J. Antanavicius	10.00
Lungen L. Sveinis	41.50	Helen T. Shields	10.00	Gene Gobis	10.00
Sabina Klatt	20.00	Helen V. Kulber, IMO	10.00	M. Cruz, IMO	
Helen Chesko	20.00	Nellie Skabeikas		L. Palonis	10.00
Frances Petkus, IMO	20.00	Rita & Ted Pinkus	10.00	Helen Balcus	5.00
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Anthony & Mary Sockel	20.00	Eva K. Ball	5.00	IMO Walter Alexander	
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Stanley Vitkus	19.00	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mazeika	5.00		
Jewel Ushka, IMO	15.00	Council 112	25.00	Total Donations Received	
husband		Mary York	5.00	at National Convention \$1,050.50	
Anna Supernavage	10.00				
Susan Banditelli	10.00				



LIETUVOS VYČIŲ SEIMAS



Lietuvos Vyčių 72-ras seimas įvyko rugpjūčio 8-11 d. Yale universitete, New Haven, Conn. Dalyvavo 400 su viršum delegatų bei svečių. Ne tik gamta, bet ir universiteto studentai, sutiko vyčius labai šiltai ir kruopščiai prižiūrėjo nuo pirmos iki paskutinės dienos. Seimui šeimininkavo New Haveno 50-toji kuopa.

Seimas buvo atidarytas 12 val. su mišiomis kurias aukėjo vysk. Paulius Baltakis, OFM, ir lietuviai kunigai. Per pamokslą vyskupas mum priminė, kad artinasi 1987 metai — Lietuvos krikšto metai. Ragino mus tinkamai pasiruošti tai didžiai šventei.

Pirmoji sesija įvyko 2 val. po pietų. Visus pasveikino 50-tos kuopos pirmininkas Frank Peterson. Fran Petkus, Religinės Šalpos Koordinatorė, įteikė kun. Kazimierui Pugevičiui 4000 dol. Lietuvos bažnyčios Kronikos No. 66 bus spausdinamas vyčių vardu.



Fran Petkus, Religinės Šalpos Koordinatorė, įteikė kun. Kazimierui Pugevičiui 4000 dol.

Sekė daugybė sveikinimų bei centro valdybos pirmininkės Loretos Stukienės pranešimas. Į prezidiumo pirmininkus išrinktas Larry Janonis.

Vakare Šv. Kazimiero lietuviškoje parapijoje įvyko susipažinimo vakaras. Šioje parapijoje klebonauja kun. Albertas Karalis.

Penktadienį 9 val. ryto antra sesija prasidėjo su centro valdybos pranešimais. Sužinojome, kad dabartiniu metu vyčiai turi 4 apskritis, 55 kuopas, 29 garbės ir 4037 narius. Šiais metais taip pat gimė 2 naujos kuopos: 75-ta Binghamton, N.Y. ir 152 Riverhead, N.Y. Šioje sesijoje, Mary York, mūsų „liberty lady“ pranešė, kad jau surinkome 5,000 dol. su viršum Laisvės Statulos remontui. Iki statulos 100-jo gimtadienio ryžomės surinkti 10,000 dol.

Loreta Stukienė vadovavo simpoziumui „Nuspalvuok mane lietuviškai!“ Pagrindinis kalbėtojas John Chervokas, „Madison Avenue Magazine“ redaktorius, prabilo į mus lietuviškai: „Man yra garbė būti lietuviu ir lietuviui kalbėti.“ Prie pulto pakabino didelį plakatą ant kurio buvo 44 kartus iškraipyta jo pavardės rašyba. Mes nesame graikai, kalbėjo Chervokas, nors ir mūsų pavardės baigiasi su „is“, „us“, ir „as,“ (daug ką prajuokino balsas iš salės — kad graikai yra tikrai pietiečiai lietuviai). Mum nėra svarbios spalvos mėlyna ir balta. Mum svarbu geltona, žalia ir raudona. Nors mūsų būdai ir aplinkybės keičiasi, bet spalvos palieka tos pačios, tik jų prasmė mum kartais

pasikeičia. Kada mūsų vėliava buvo sukurta — 1920 metais — geltona mums galėjo reikšti — grūdus — laisvę nuo bado, todėl laimę, laisvę taip pat nuo okupantų. Šiandien ta spalva reiškia saulę, optimizmą, skaidrią jaunystę — mūsų ateitį. Šalia tada reiškia miškus, augimą. Šiandien mums reiškia viltį į laisvą rytojų. Dėl laisvės turime kovoti ne tik darbais, bet taip pat aukoti. Juk ir mūsų doleriai yra žalios spalvos. Raudona — kraujo, gyvybės spalva. Šiandien ji primena mum uolumą kovojant už mūsų teises. Vyčiai pralegėntą pagerbė atsistojimu ir gausiu plojimu.

Per visą seimą už kalbėtojų pulto kabėjo plakatas „Mūsų jainimas — mūsų ateitis.“ Tad penktadienio popietė buvo skirta jaunimui. Paulius Strolia vadovavo simpoziumui „Ko jaunimas reikalauja.“ Dalyvavo Rita Shevokas, ir Susan Gudeczauskas. Kalbos buvo iliustruotos Jono Strolios sukurtais



„Ko jaunimas reikalauja“ dalyvavo Susan Gudecžauskas.

paveiksliukais. Jaunuoliai pateikė galybę idėjų kaip mes galime juos pritraukti. Man atrodo, kad gerai būtų, kad vyresnieji daugiau jais pasitikėtų ir leistų laisviau dirbti. Kartais mum labai tinka angliškas posakis „The worst vice is advice.”

Per šį seimą 5 jauniem vyčiam buvo įteiktos stipendijos, siekusios 3300 dol. Jos įteiktos: Anthony Paul Jankauskui, Charles Michael Grabusky, Nancy Ann Dallalis, Lynné Marie Walensky, Anthony Petr Capelli.



Vyčiai įteikia dovaną stipendijų komitetui.

Vakare buvo kultūros vakaras — koncertas su perpildyta programa, kurią sudarė Šv. Kazimiero parapijos choras, duetas — motina ir duktė, šokių grupė „Vėtra” ir net trys solistės. Tarp jų, man kaip operos mėgėjai entuziazmą sukėlė Valerie Abate, 14 m. su jos krikščionišku ir puikiai kontroliuojamu balsu. Nors jai dar daug teks dirbti, bet ateitis gera. Brava! Koncertas baigėsi visiem giedant „God Bless America” ir „Lietuva brangi.”

Šeštadienį buvo išrinkta nauja centro valdyba: dvasios vadas — kun. dr. Antanas Jurgelaitis, OP, pirmininkas — Frank Petrauskas, vice pirmininkai — dr. Algirdas Budreckis, Marytė Lepera, Elsie Kosmisky, išdininkė — Teresa Trainis, išdo prižiūrėtojai — Frank Peterson, Paulius Strolia, sekretorės — Marija Juzėnas, Elena Skudra, viešiem reikalom — Anna Klizas

Wargo, lietuviškiem reikalom — Nancy Pavalauskas Miro. Komitetam vadovaus: kultūros — Regina Kot, apeigų — Rita Pinkus ir Al Zakarka, Religinės Šalpos koordinatorė — Joan Reinhardt, Lietuvių kalbos koordinatorius — Edmundas Vaičiulis, „Vyties” redaktorė Bernice Aviža.

Šeštadienio darbai buvo užbaigti iškilmingu banketu kuriam dalyvavo New Haveno burmistras ir kiti pareigūnai.

Šiais metais sukanka 70 metų Lietuvos vyčių himnui. Tad užbaigiant seimą, kompozitoriaus Aleksandro Aleksio našlė, Marcelė, pageidavo, kad mes tą himną ypatingai gyvai ir džiaugsmingai sugiedotume. Giedojome, kad nei seno Yale universiteto sienos drebjų.

Turiu pagirti 50-tos kuopos komitetą už gerai atliktą darbą. Man, kaip ilgametei spaudos darbuotojai, malonu buvo į rankas paimti seimo programos beveik 100 puslapių knygą, kruopščiai ir švariai išspausdintą. Joje, tarp sveikinimų buvo prezidento Ronald Reagano ir New Haven burmistro Ben DiLieto. Taip pat trumpa biografija vyčiai buvo supažindinti su vyskupu Pauliu Baltakiu, OFM.

Komitetas neužmiršo iškelti trispalvę virš universiteto stogu. Neužmiršo pakviesti svečių, kurie nušvietė šios dienos lietuvių bei Lietuvos problemas. Kun. Algimantas Bartkus mum priminė mūsų adoptuotos kolegijos, įsteigtos 1942 metais, džiaugsmus ir vargus. Iki šiol kolegijoje įšventinta 50 kunigų. Kvietė visus atsilankyti kolegijos viešbutyje.

Antanas Mažeika, dirbęs su Coalition for Constitutional Justice and Security, nušvietė mums Office of Special Investigations darbus, persekiojant lietuvius. Mes turime ginti lietuvius, kalbėjo Mažeika. Jei mes neatsiliepsim, kas nors kitas atsilieps už mus ir pasakys tą kas gali mums nepatikti.

Tarp rezoliucijų buvo prisiminta



Marcelle Alexis, garbės narys, diriguoja Vyčių Himnui, švenčiant Himno 71-sias metines.

Klaipėdos pagrobta bažnyčia, Dariaus ir Girėno pašto ženklas bei Viktoro Petkaus nominavimas Nobelio taikos premija. Pravesta rezoliucija rinkti aukas, nusiųsti nors vieną vyčių jaunuolį į Jaunimo kongresą Australijoje.

Seimas pasireiškė dosnumu. Be kitų aukų vyčių adoptuotai Šv. Kazimiero kolegijai įteikta 5,000 dol. Iki dabar jau davėme 13,000 dol. Vysk. Baltakiui iki 1987 m. bus įteikta 600 dol. minint Lietuvos krikščionybės sukaktį.

Vyčių garbės narystė buvo suteikta vysk. Baltakiui ir Estelle Rogers. Dvidešimts vyčių gavo 4-tą laipsnį Lietuvos bičiulio titulas įteiktas Hartfordo arkivyskupui John F. Whealon, kuris per uždarymo mišias pasiskundė, kad komunistai ir jam, kaip ir Šv. Tėvui, uždraudė aplankyti Lietuvą.

Dalia Bulvičiūtė





IT WILL NEVER GO AWAY . . .

*Anthony Mazeika Jr., President,
Coalition for Constitutional Justice
and Security.*

Saturday morning, Anthony Mazeika Jr., President of the Coalition for Constitutional Justice and Security, addressed the Knights of Lithuania. He spoke of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, the history of its creation, its procedures and policies, and how it now seriously affects the Baltic community in the United States.

Mazeika stated OSI is staging an unethical, immoral, arbitrary and discriminatory attack against our community. 60% of the 300 or more individuals being charged by OSI with Nazi war crimes are Lithuanians. To charge them OSI is using processes which are unconstitutional, as well as dangerous to the United States, noted Mazeika. Individuals charged with Nazi war crimes are not receiving due process.

Because they are being tried under civil law proceedings, Mazeika said, they do not receive a trial by jury, access to a public defender, or equal rights to the cross-examination of witnesses.

In conjunction with this is the fact that OSI is supplied evidence and witnesses by the Soviet government. It has been proven that vast amounts of this information are not credible. It is believed to be part of the misinformation and destabilization network of the

Soviet Union. OSI's cooperation with the Soviet government is a security risk to the U.S., stated Mazeika. Working with the Soviet government automatically means working with the KGB and the Communist Party.

In order to correct this situation, Mazeika explained that something has to be done in Washington.

. . . We have to go back and demand oversight hearings.

. . . We have to change the Holtzman Amendment.

. . . We have to seek legislative reform requiring mandatory trial by jury, cross-examination of foreign witnesses, access to a defense lawyer.

. . . We need legislation barring the deportation of Baltic peoples, or Ukraines to the Soviet Union. This need being based on the fact that such deportations are in violation of the current non-recognition policy of the U.S. regarding the Soviet incorporation of the Baltic nations into the Soviet Union; and in violation of long-standing U.S. foreign policy.

In January 1985 the Coalition for Constitutional Justice and Security was organized to begin a campaign of education for political reform. The Coalition included representatives of all the important na-

tionalties. They approved a basic plan of action to go back to Washington and pressure members of Congress, the Senate and the White House for legislative reform.

Since then other prominent American organizations and conservative groups have endorsed the CCJS.

Mr. Mazeika appealed to the K of L for their active support across the country on this issue. He asked for the K of L endorsement of the CCJS legislative program in Washington. Members were also encouraged to join together with other nationality groups to mobilize and work together a plan of attack and to educate the American public.

The issue regarding OSI and Nazi war criminals is not one we can just walk away from, remarked Mazeika. It will never go away. We must act, we must do everything to make this one of our priorities. By strengthening ourselves and working together we will be sending a strong message to Washington that we will have a strong voice not only on the constitutional issues and rights of our people, but also in the affairs of the United States and the foreign policy of this country where this is concerned.



Honorary members gather at the close of National Convention in New Haven.

Bishop Paul Baltakis and Estelle Rogers, C-112 were raised to honorary members at this year's Convention.

Seated: J. Boley, A. Mitchell, E. Rogers, M. Alexis, A. Mazeika, M. Kober. Standing: L. Janonis, H. Shields, S. Vaitkus, L. Stukas, Fr. A. Janiunas, R. Pinkus, A. Jaritis.



Prof. Jack Stukas, Mrs. Loretta Stukas and Mrs. Ann Valatka at the Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ.

K of L Council 29, Newark sponsored Lithuanian foods and craft exhibit. The "Liepsna" dancers performed.



Lithuanians in The

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



Gen Baranauskas, participant in Schenectady, N.Y.'s Festival of Nations.

GEN and EDWARD BARANAUSKAS, C-100 Amsterdam, N.Y., participated in the 11th annual Festival of Nations last May, held at the Schenectady (N.Y.) Museum grounds, notes the "Schenectady Gazette".

Gen baked mushroom cookies on top of the stove using a mold from Lithuania, then decorated them for the festival with melted chocolate, sugar and poppy seeds.

Edward is chairman of the Lithuanian Affaris Committee for C-100.

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Last June,

Lithuanian artifacts were displayed at the E. C. Doren Public Library, Dayton, Ohio, in conjunction with the Old North Dayton Days Celebration, courtesy of H. M. MARY LUCAS and ADA SINKWITZ, C-96 Dayton. Various ethnic groups were represented. C-96 council members ELAINE PACOVSKY, KITTY PRASMANTAS and MARYLOU LASTOSKI assisted by selling Lithuanian "goodies".



CHRISTOPHER DEGUTIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Degutis, Amsterdam, N.Y., has been accepted at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, reports "The Recorder", Amsterdam. Chris is the nephew of Helen and Leo Druziak, C-100, Amsterdam.

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Featured on the cover of "People" magazine, August 19th — ANN JILLIAN. Her article told of her struggle to fight back for her life and her career after cancer surgery.



C-96 Lithuanian exhibit at E. C. Doren Public Library, Dayton, Ohio.

K of L DEBUTANTES

Five young K of L'ers "bowed" at the 25th annual Amber Ball sponsored by the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club. The ball, held at Chicago Palmer House on June 23rd, features Lithuanian music, dances, flowers, and the debutantes in white ball gowns, reported the Chicago Tribune.

The K of L'er "gintareles" (amber gems) pictured in "Sandara" are — ELIZABETH KATAUSKAS, C-13 Chicago, also a member of the K of L Dance Group; JOYCE VAIKUTIS, C-13 and K of L Dance Group; JUDITH NORKAITIS and twin sister KRISTINA NORKAITIS, C-13, (Kristina's picture not available); and ANN MALUSKA, C-36 Chicago and K of L Dance Group.

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Ann Maluska



Elizabeth Katauskas



Judith Norkaitis



Joyce Vaikutis

ROBERT ZEMECKIS' latest film "Back to the Future" received rave reviews this past summer. He was interviewed on Chicago's Radio Station WGN — the Roy Leonard Show — and stated that he grew up on the South Side of Chicago, the Roseland area, and went to Fenger High School.

He was interviewed by Roger Ebert, movie critic for the Chicago Tribune. His parents, Al and Rose Zemeckis, enjoy all of his movies. His sister, Mrs. Carol Klimas of Warrenville, Ill., is so proud of him she thinks she should put her maiden name on the nameplate on her desk at work.

Robert and his wife had their first child in December and he was planning to take six months off to get to know the baby. His next project will be a film version of "The Shadow".

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Robert Zemeckis, director of "Back to the Future".

COUNCIL 13 OUTLINES 1986 ACTIVITIES PREDICTS THEY WILL SEND BUSLOADS OF MEMBERS TO 1986 CONVENTION IN ALLENTOWN, PA

Council 13, Chicago is proud to congratulate 1985 K of L scholarship recipient, Tony Jankauskas, our youth council vice-president. The past year for Council 13 was a busy one. Founded a little over two years ago, the council now boasts close to 30 members, all of whom are of high school or college age. Our officers are: John Strolia, president; Tony Jankauskas, vice-president; Judy Vaikutis, recording secretary; Joe Vaikutis, treasurer; Lidija Bilius, financial secretary; and Ron Ostis, *Vytis* correspondent. Our spiritual advisor is Father Anthony Puchenski.

In the past year we have had various activities, including a membership drive picnic and a fund-raising dance held at the K of L Hall in Chicago. Music was provided by Chicago band, AIDAS! A nice profit was raised for our council and a good time was had by all.

Another fund-raising dance, a membership drive social, a bowling outing, and the hosting of the 1986 Mid-America St. Casimir's Day are just a few of the activities C-13 has planned for the upcoming year. Although only two members attended this year's Na-



Young-at-heart-members of Council 13, Chicago.

tional Convention in New Haven, we expect to send members by the busload to Allentown next year! Hope to see you soon.

Ron Ostis

JUNIORS CORNER

**Junior Knights of Lithuania
Council 100, Amsterdam, NY,**

This past summer, two of the Juniors had the opportunity to go to Camp Neringa in Vermont. While there, they learned about Lithuanian culture and heritage. They became acquainted with campers from different states and countries. We experienced procedures of woodcarving and woodburning. They also participated in various sports. One of the camp counselors, Bernie, told us a story of how the Baltic Sea came into existence.

Kristin Olechowski received an award for being the most versatile. Camp Neringa was a very enjoyable experience for both of them. Kristin wishes she could have gone sooner.

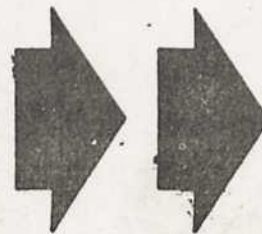
At our October meeting, election of officers took place;

Joey Nikstenas	President
Judy Nikstenas	Vice-President
Kristin Olechowski	Secretary
Kenny Jasewicz	Treasurer
Richard Jasewicz,	Sergeant-at-Arms
Joey Kot	

Our President, Joseph Nikstenas had a very interesting written article written about him in the *Amsterdam Recorder*. He spoke out on issues of discrimination and also about drugs in his high school.

Our council leaders are Mrs. Regina Kot and Ms. Genevieve Gobis. Without them, we would be lost.

Judianne Nikstenas and Kristin Olechowski



**ARE YOU GOING TO
HERITAGE CAMP NEXT
SUMMER?**



C-110, Maspeth, NY members Petras Zujus and John Adomėnas pray the rosary outside Lincoln Center in protest of the showing of the film „Hail Mary”.

K OF L PARTICIPATES IN NYC PROTEST AGAINST “HAIL MARY” FILM

K of L members in the New York area were among the more than 4000 angry Catholics, who on October 7 and 8, converged on Lincoln Center to protest the showing of the controversial film, “Hail Mary.”

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights wants the film banned. They also protest the use of tax dollars to ridicule the Catholic Church, that which is most precious to us. The New York Film Festival is sponsored in part by the NYS Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The K of L joined other Catholics and Catholic groups in a block long march, chanting the rosary, wearing blue arm bands and carrying blue candles.



LITHUANIAN ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TOGETHER

K of L Honorary Member Dr. Jack Stukas was guest speaker at the Worcester (MA) Area of Lithuanian Organizations Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration this past February. Pictured with Dr. Jack and Mrs. Loretta Stukas are C-26 members, Kazys and Terese Adomavicius. Kazys Adomavicius is also President of Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, MA. Soloist, Daiva Mongirdaite, performed for the occasion. She was accompanied by Olga Kersis, also a C-26 member.

Kazys Adomavicius, second from the right, President of the Lithuanian Charitable Society, and member of C-26, presents a \$1,000 check to the Lithuanian Scout Fund. It is received by C-26 member and the Worcester representative of the Fund, Algis Glodas, second from left.



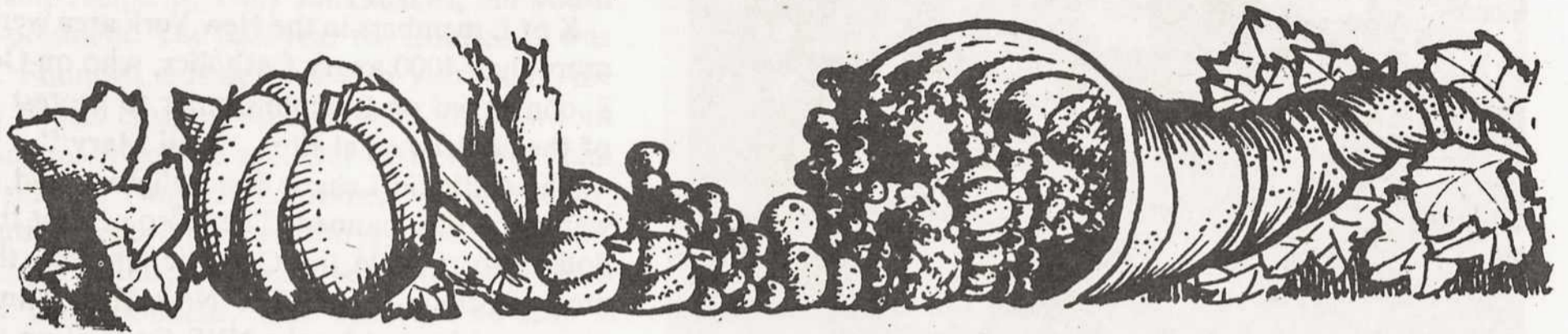
Maironis Park Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration. Left to Right: Kazys Adomavičius, Maironis Park President, Teresė Adomavičius, Dr. Jack Stukas, Loretta Stukas.



Kazys Adomavičius presents \$1000 check to Lietuvių Skautybės Fondui. A. Gloda accepts on behalf of the Worcester chapter. Teresė Adomavičius looks on with others.

Vyčiai Veikia

Council Activities



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NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT

C-10 — Athol-
Gardner

Through the efforts of Lennie Davidonis, our council gained two new members, Robert and Kathryn Paliulis of Orange. Ann Ambrose brought in Amelia Vaidkunas, and the Genaitises were instrumental in enlisting John and Elinor Baltakis of Gardner. Incidentally, John is related to Bishop Baltakis. Welcome aboard.

On August 4 our council gathered at the home of Frank Anoris for their annual barbecue. It was a beautiful day and everyone had just a fine day boating, eating and just socializing. Our guests were Msgr. Kamaitis from England and Mr. & Mrs. Kamaitis of Hamilton, Ontario, who were guests of Fr. Steponaitis. We thank Frank for his wonderful hospitality.

Stan & Alice Perkalis and Charles & Blanche Genaitis attended the National Convention in New Haven. Charles represented the NED and



George and Frances Bumila (standing extreme left) celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 30 at Benjamin's in Tauton.

Joining in the celebration were Phyllis Grendal, Helen Suprin, Joe & Betty Balukonis (standing); Adele Judeikis, Malvina Vilimas, Mary Kilmonis, Sister Helen Ivanouskas, Sister Geraldine Neverkas and Mrs. Veronica Ivanouskas (seated).

the others our local council. They returned with much enthusiasm. Thank you, New Haven!

Condolences are extended to the Kuzmeskus Family on the death of their grandmother, Ann Palaima of Worcester at the age of 100.

On August 24 about 130 persons gathered at the Lith Club in Gardner to honor Blanche & Charles Genaitis on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary. In attendance was almost the entire active C-10 membership. Out-of-town

K of L'ers were the Hobitzes of Lawrence and the Rogers from Westfield.

Both are long-time K of L'ers and are active on the district and council levels. Charles is NED Third Vice President and council Recording Secretary; Blanche serves as NED Scholarship Raffle Chairman and council Telephone Chairman. Mes visi linkime nuo Dievo Palaima ir stipros sveikatos ir sulaukti 50 metu jubiliejus.

We are really happy to know that



Charles and Blanche Genaitis celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary.



Bishop Baltakis administers his first Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Francis Church, Gardner, MA.

our friend Fr. Miciunas of St. Casimir's in Worcester has recovered will after surgery.

Vacations enjoyed by C-10 members were David Lucas, Florida; Wisniauskases, Scandanavian Countries; Fr. Steponaitis, Song & Dance Festival in Lithuania; Richardsons, Austria, Switzerland and Germany; Valeria Smith and Tina Shatas, Israel, Egypt and Greece.

On Thanksgiving Day, let us reflect on the abundance of material goods we enjoy in this country of ours. Our fellow Lithuanians in occupied Lithuania not only lack our bountiful food supply but the fundamental religious and civil liberties we take for granted.

"Vincukas"



Archbishop Whealon presenting Fourth Degree Medal to Anna Voveris of C-17 South Boston at 72nd National Convention.

C-26 — Worcester

Rev. Benjamin Uzdavinis MIC died in May. Father Ben was a Marian Fathers vocation from our St. Casimir Parish, and we knew him well. For the past several years he served in our parish as assistant pastor and our council spiritual advisor. Just last November he was transferred to the Marian Fathers Monastery in Chicago. Father was stricken ill, rushed to Loretto Hospital where he died one week later. Father Ben left a brother and four sisters, two of whom are Sistr Helen Caroline SSC stationed at Loretto Hospital and Sister M. Jeanette SSC stationed at Holy Cross Hospital, both in Chicago. To Father Ben's family, our own parish and to the Marian Fathers and Brothers, we offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathies.

And we lost Donna Ivaska this summer. Donna, a lover of all sports, had just begun bowling with our council league last fall when she became ill. Autumn, winter, spring, summer, and Donna died at the home of her very caring in-laws, Virginia and Withold Ivaska. She left behind her husband, Peter, and

three-year-old daughter Lynn. Officiating at the funeral Mass held at St. Casimir's Church was Peter's uncle, Father Alphonse Volungis, pastor of Our Lady of Vilnius Church here in Worcester.

Ann Walinsky's mother, Mrs. Anna Zaparaskas, died in August. Anne Leseman and Katherine Sullivan's mother (a Gold Star Mother), Mrs. Katherine Maleskas, also died in August. Our Pastor, Father Anthony Miciunas MIC officiated at both these funerals, elevating these fine women in his homily as models of goodness and faithfulness to Our Lord and His Church.

God rest the precious souls of all the faithful departed!

We've had no meetings since the middle of June. Meanwhile, our delegates returned from the fruitful and enjoyable National Convention held in New Haven. The bowling season has begun. Our president, Rita Pinkus, once more asked for serious thinking on up-coming nominations of council officers.

Teresa Adomavicius recently returned from a trip to Lithuania. Lotie Ulrich of C-110 Maspeth was entertained recently by our Ruth

and Leonard Ramsdell. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Godek on the birth of their third child and second daughter!

While most of us celebrated our independence Day with trips to the mountains or the beach, family cook-outs and the like, Father Micunas was admitted to St. Vincent Hospital where he spent a couple of weeks, having undergone surgery. Many prayers and get-well wishes brought Father through this period. Sveikiausiu, ilgiausiu metu linkime gerbiamiam klebonui!

Su Diev iki sekancio numerio!

"Dzukele"

C-27 — Norwood

Our council members have all gone in different directions this summer. Mary Ann Tamasanis took a tour to Mackinac Island. Before reaching her destination, she found a polka dance in Buffalo.

Sandy Melish has been following polka dancers. It's very difficult to keep up with Sandy; her destination varies weekly.

Helen and I, along with Nancy, are headed for Kennebunkport. As we opened the season, so we shall close it.

Louise and Barbara Zukas went to Ireland. They were fortunate to have a native guide to take them through the country.

We wondered why George Barton was walking around very sad. He said that his wife went to Lithuania. Cheer up George; time flies.

Helen Kontrimas became a grandmother again. She and Patricia are beaming. Now there are three Miss Kontrimases.

We rode by Tamarack Road in Westwood and discovered big festivities. Our two-members Lenore and Albie Jarvis both retired July 2. Health and happiness to both of you!

Some of our members attending the National Convention were John, Betty and Irene Skricki. Three members were awarded the Fourth Degree. Congratulations to Rev. Wolkovich, George Barton and Paul Zukas.

That was not all the good news which came from the convention. Nancy Dallalis was awarded a scholarship. She is extremely proud of the honor as she is of being a member of Council 27. Valio to all!

Stasiukas

C-27 — Norwood

Our September meeting started out with much enthusiasm for the coming year, highlighted by the election of new council officers. They are Rev. William Wolkovich, spiritual advisor; Helen Dallalis, president; Fred Picard, vice president; Mary Ann Tamasanis, recording secretary; Sandra Melish, financial secretary; Al Yurkstas, treasurer; Stanley Dallalis and Aldona Jackson, trustees. Vytis correspondent, although active, enjoys silent role and chooses to remain anonymous.

"Our Dinner Is Served" was again a sell-out on October 18. Helen Dallalis and Mary Ann Tamasanis co-chaired this successful event.

Our Fall Dance will be held on November 30 at St. Mary's Parish hall in East Walpole. Chairperson for this occasion is Sandra Melish and her committee of hard workers. Music for this wonderful evening will be provided by the "Swinging Brass." We hope to see all our NED councils there to enjoy a memorable evening.

Not to be forgotten are our council officers of 1984-85 for the wonderful year they provided us with — namely, our increase in membership.

"Dziudziuk"

C-30 — Westfield

Attending the NED Board Meeting held in Putnam were Bonnie and Kunigunda "Cookie" Coach and President Joe "Corky" and Anne Sabonis from our council.

Beautiful is the only word to describe the weather the K of L's had for their annual family picnic. Once more we were guests of Jim and Marsha Rogers at their lovely summer home on the shores of Otis

Lake. The lake is a perfect natural setting for the delicious meal skillfully prepared by the excellent cooks of our council. Good food, drink and good company make for a perfect day. Congratulations to Jim and Marsha who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. May they have many more happy, healthy years together.

One of our faithful members Sally Bakutis is recuperating from a serious operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

August 25 Council 30 chartered a bus for its members so they could participate in a Pilgrimage for the Suffering Church in Lithuania that was held at the North American Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville. Way of the Cross prayers were based on The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania and The Siberian Prayerbook "Mary Save Us." Bishop Baltakis led the procession and the prayers were said in English.

Returning from the splended Calvary atop the hill, the Rosary prayers were said in Lithuanian. A special Mass in Lithuanian was later said at the Coliseum Church with many members of the clergy assisting Bishop Baltakis, making this Mass memorable.

With buses bringing other councils, the attendance was about 600. The Shrine, the Mass and the people praying for those who gave their lives for their beliefs will be remembered. We cannot forget or ignore the Lithuanians and others who are still living and suffering under atheist Communist yoke.

The bus trip home seemed short. Thanks to impromptu entertainment and a very informative talk by Cookie Coach about the history and purpose of K of L.

WWLP, one of our local TV stations, devoted part of their "Reel to Reel" program to St. Casimir Church of Westfield. Our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Foley gave a talk about the church and the people who support it. He mentioned the continual involvement of the Knights in the church and praised them for main-

taining and preserving the culture and traditions of their Lithuanian ancestry. President Sabonis spoke of the early beginnings of the K of L in the parish. The program ended with beautiful pictures of the interior of the church. It left you feeling very proud of your Lithuanian heritage.

Nellie Lord

C-50 — New Haven

"Lietuvais esame mes gime, Lietuvais turim ir but," said Father Karalis of St. Casimir's Church in New Haven.

There was much rejoicing in the New Haven Area when the October issue of Vytis was delivered. The contents were devoted to the 72nd Convention which took place at Yale University. New Haven Lithuanians are bowing to all of you who attended or helped in one fashion or another to make this event so spectacular.

We will not forget that Ann Meskins triumphed over those wicked hot days to put together the most luscious Lithuanian supper to greet our Lithuanian guests in our own beautiful hall. You did a splendid job, Ann, and we thank you. We thank the rest of the gang who clamored in the kitchen to help.

Can we ever forget the glorious cultural night at Sprague Hall? Didn't Marion Meshako give us the surprise of a lifetime? She discovered a variety of talent that existed in our backyard: our two youngest performers, Matthew Gutauskas, pianist, and Lisa Korodorsky, dancer; Valerie Abate, Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkoski and Diana Vytell, three young vocalists; Vetra, the Lithuanian Folk Dance Ensemble; Anne & Pat Kelly, Amber Singers of Lithuanian and American Folklore and St. Casimir's Church Group. All gave an outstanding and sensational performance.

Weren't we the proudest and most esteemed Lithuanians to grace the Yale Dining Hall? Didn't Helen Medley do a stupendous job in maneuvering all the details to make

our evening the happiest and most memorable?

Can we forget the last gathering of all the Knights who filled the church to capacity to attend the solemn celebration of the Mass? Frank Antin, Tony Kordorsky, John Papeika, Al Gedrim, Billy Buchinskas ushered the crowd to their proper places. Archbishop John Whealon didn't do too badly when he gave his blessing in Lithuanian.

Back to the Yale Commons for the farewell luncheon. Archbishop Whealon received the Friend of Lithuanian Award. Anthony Cappelli was presented with a scholarship award to the University of Connecticut. Helen Medley with the help of Father Karalis and Frank Peterson put on the finishing compliments for the closing of the convention.

Audrey M. Toole handled the registration efficiently and graciously listened to the numerous complaints.

Remember you were all part of this. Do not shrink away and say, "What did I do?" You were there. Thanks for coming. Aciu!

Father Karalis was our guiding light and inspiration. Because of his deep concern we were able to witness a spectacular chain of glorious events.

We had a little setback because of the sudden death of Charles Geipel. Despite his many operations, he never lost interest or enthusiasm. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Mary and family.

Helen Balchus

C-145 — Holyoke

It's true; experience is the best teacher.

Seven years ago, our council hosted their first NED Conference. For us novices at that time, this obligation seemed like an awesome and overwhelming task — but we did it!

This time around, all our planning ran as smoothly as hot double fudge chocolate, gently flowing down a mountain of vanilla ice cream.

The day began with our request that Msgr. Harrington of the Holy Cross Church offer Mass for the oppressed people of Lithuania and for the freedom of Lithuania.

Later we discovered that a shortage of hands at the parish hall could not deter us. In the spirit of good fellowship Helen and Stan Dallalis and Mary An Tamasanis of C-27 Norwood took charge of the mandate table.

At the assemblage, Bruno Lazauskas, NED president, threw the spotlight on our council's spiritual advisor. He announced that Rev. Julius A. Jutt recently received the Harold M. "Kid" Gore Award at the Western Massachusetts Basketball Awards Banques held at the Colonial Hilton Inn in Northampton. Over 350 people attended that banquet. This award, an inscribed wrist watch, is given annually to one who has contributed to Western Massachusetts basketball through the years. Pictures and names of all recipients are inscribed on a plaque at the new Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

Also at a recent survey by the reporter from the Amherst Recorder, it was discovered that Fr. Jutt is an "unsung hero" in this area. His effective direction with the young people has been greatly appreciated by the area residents.

After a catered dinner, the conference adjourned with an invitation from Council 50 to attend the national Convention in New Haven.

Who knows, with persevering courage at our new-found expertise in arranging conventions, we too may one day cast a bid to host a national convention here in Holyoke.

Margaret Picard





MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-3 — Philadelphia

We tried something different this past year. Several meetings were held at homes of members. Members came with a covered dish and had a chance to become friends. "Combining business with pleasure" really works. The last meeting was held at the home of John and Agness Mickunas. Thank you folks!

All roads led to New Haven on August 8 so Council 3'ers got into their cars and drove to Yale University. Our eight delegates, John & Agnes Mickunas, Victor Stepalovitch, Leonora Balten, Bill Miller, Jewel Ushka, Walter Sveikla and Maryte Lepera, hurried back and forth to sessions — from the hotel to the University, from the University to the hotel. Our backup people were Victor Balten, Maureen Miller, Lillian Greymas, Irène Ozalis, Frances Downey, Irene Sveikla, Joe Gudenas and Tom Lepera.

Our Juniors were there too — Barbara Mickunas, Walter & Andrew Sveikla. The kids were great!

Do you remember it being so hot at a convention?

August 18 found Council 3 on the road again to Moosic. This year was the first that Lithuanian Day was held at Rocky Glen. Victor Stepalovitch made all the necessary arrangements.

The offspring of Tom and Maryte Lepera participated in the local Baltic Freedom Day. The kids made their own posters and joined in the demonstration.

Tom Lepera



Ann Mary and Pam Lepera participate in Baltic Freedom Day rally in Philadelphia.

C-44 — Forest City

Our monthly meetings carry a good attendance throughout the year. They are highlighted with a coffee and dessert social after the business meeting.

We express our gratitude to John Morris for serving another term as our president. We also appreciate the services of our other officers.

Many of our members attended the flag-raising ceremony in Scranton to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day.

On June 9 we attended the Mid-Atlantic District meeting in Scranton. Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph Church. Four delegates represented our council as well as many other members.

On June 13 we attended Mass in our own St. Anthony Church in Forest City. After Mass, our Knights were hosts to all parishioners at our coffee and cake get-together.

Many of us were at the 71st Lithuanian Day in Rocky Glen.

Forest City celebrated Old Home Week July 29 to August 4. We participated and all had a good time.

Our annual picnic was held at St. Anthony Church grounds. Our members brought a covered dish of their favorite food and desserts. It was a most enjoyable event.

Blanche Motsko

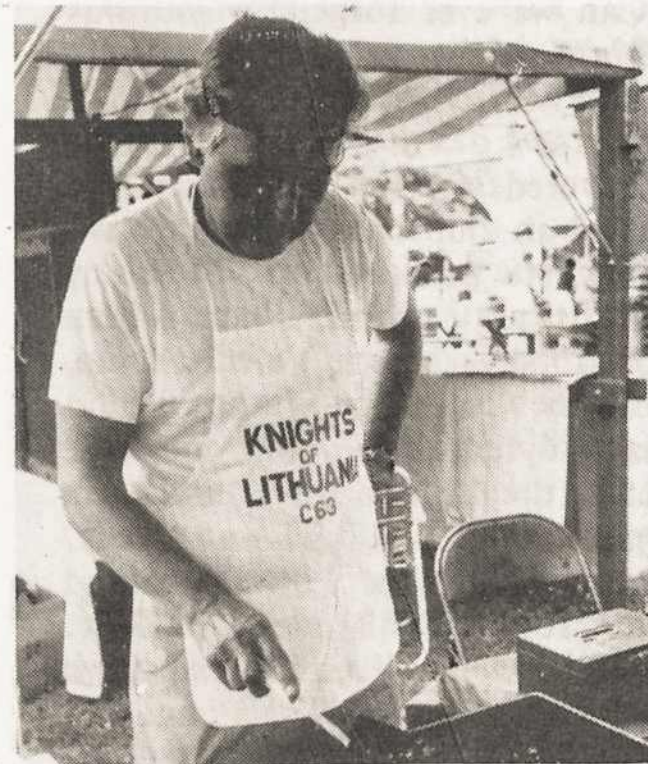
C-63 — Lehigh Valley

"I'll bet you don't even know where Lithuania is," Robert Klova challenged a visitor at Bethlehem's Christmas City Fair. "Sure I do," the man replied. "Isn't it somewhere in New Jersey?"

Klova, treasurer of Lehigh Valley Council, made sure that hundreds of people found out where Lithuania is. They also got a taste of Lithuanian cookery.

For the second year Council 63 operated a stand at Bethlehem's Christmas City Fair. The fair, held each July, draws church groups, ethnic organizations and service clubs to cook and sell local and traditional delicacies. The fairgrounds are always decorated with the flags of the homelands of participating groups. Along with flags of Greece, Great Britain, Germany and Czechoslovakia, the pre-World War II flag of Lithuania flew over the area.

From a double booth on the midway, Knights sold both "blynai" with sour cream and "desros" with sauerkraut. While most people stood in line for potato pancakes, small ruta plants also proved to be very popular.



C-63 Treasurer Robert Klova tends the griddle while he also talks about Lithuanian heritage and culture at Christmas City fairgrounds in Bethlehem, PA

Len Barcoucky, president, was general chairman for the project. Bob and Adolf "Ed" Klova headed the "blynai-making" operations. Joe Ogint, vice president, and Al Klizas oversaw the sausage stand.

Workers included Jeanette Klizas, Jake Zansitis, Anthony & Mary Sockel, Joseph & Marian Wasel, Heide and Louise Klova, Barbara Barcoucky, Anne Pettit, George & Ann Wonsock, Andy & Helen Sabor, Joe & Dora Lushis, Ed & Nelly McGary, Valeria Smickle, Joe & Trudi Simmons, Paul & Louise Stefan, Joe & Blanche Rinkunas, Peter Malinchock and Nora Barcoucky.

Participation in the Christmas City Fair was just one of many events involving Council 63 this summer.

Weather couldn't have been finer when the Knights and their guests gathered at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown in August. About 25 members and friends met in Bucks County for the council's summer outing.

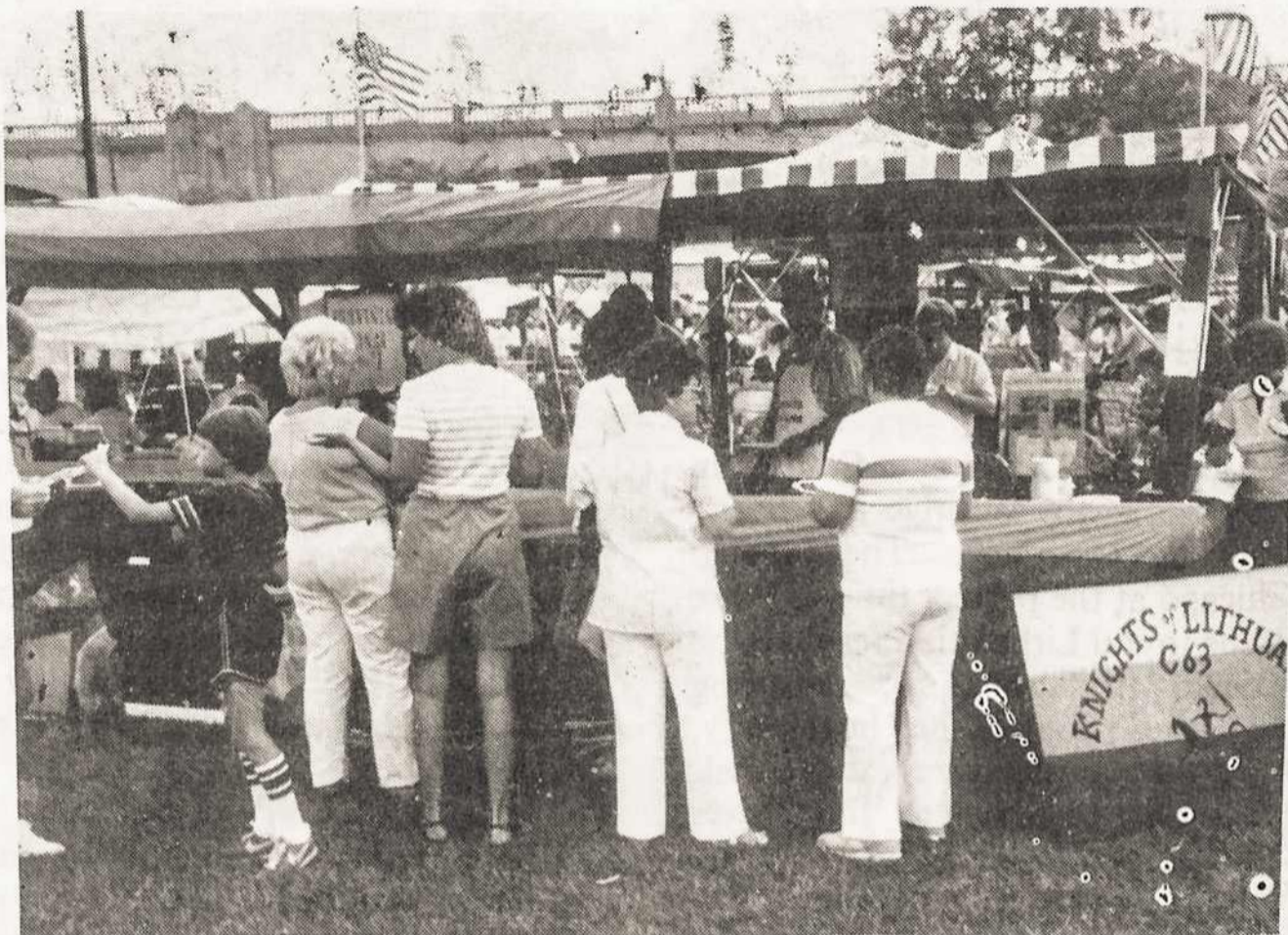
Knights began the day by attending Mass at the shrine. Among the honored guests at the picnic which followed was Father Timothy Barkauskas, a resident Pauline Father at the shrine. A Lithuanian-American, he was made an honorary member of Council 63.

Al Klizas manned an information booth at Ethnic Roots-Strong America Day in downtown Bethlehem. He answered questions and distributed information about current conditions in Lithuania.

A delegation, headed by President Barcoucky and Vice President Ogint, traveled to the National Convention at Yale University. Others attending included Jane Lutick, Walter Balchunas and Anthony & Mary Sockel.

Council members took part in the 71st Lithuanian Day celebration at Rocky Glenn Park, Moosic.

The Knights were one of more than a dozen groups providing volunteers to man phones during the "Summer Spree" membership campaign sponsored by WLVT-TV,



Brightly decorated C-63 Lehigh Valley Knights booth at Christmas City fairgrounds in Bethlehem, PA.

Channel 39, during August. In about five hours the group raised more than \$6,000 in pledges for the TV station.

Len Barcoucky

C-74 — Scranton

Council 74 presented a traditionally crafted Wayside Cross to the Scranton Anthracite Museum for use in the ethnic exhibit, Anthracite People, at the Anthracite Museum, Bald Mountain.

The shrine was created by Joseph Ambrosaitis. Scranton Council commissioned the shrine in honor of St. Casimir's 500th Anniversary. Joseph Sabaitis was the committee chairman.

Ambrosaitis used the figure of St. Casimir in different woods to personalize the honor. The cross will remain at the Scranton Anthracite Museum in McDade Park through the 1987 exhibit on regional history.

The 72nd monthly Diocesan Rosary Devotion was held in St. Peter's Cathedral on September 8. The program held in conjunction with the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, was hosted by Council 74.

President Marie Laske was program coordinator.

Participating in the recitation of the five decades of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary were Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas, Rev. Michael Zipay, Rev. Paul F. Gerosky, Sister Virginia Vytell CJC and Sister Angela CJC. Irene Shimkus and Marie Laske served as lectors.

The Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue was crowned by Nancy Laske with Melissa Radie acting as crown bearer. Coronation Court of Rebecca Georgia, Emma and Alicia Foley, carried sprigs of ruta. Alphonse Bulavich rendered several Lithuanian hymns.

Council 143 Pittston and Council 46 Forest City joined in this 72nd Rosary Devotion.

M. Brack

C-110 — Maspeth

Summer has blended into fall. In review, our June 5 meeting was well attended, and the social following was a huge success. C-110 attended on June 9 a Mass commemorating the deportation of Lithuanians to Siberia. Later that day, we attended the MAD meeting in Scranton. On

June 23 the Drs. Craddock, as well as their Allison, reported that the Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Elmhurst graciously welcomed C-110 to their picnic. Allison said the horse rides were great!

During July, Joan, Shawn, Michael and Christine Fox reported that their visit to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago was a sensitive and heart-warming experience. They visited Chicago at the perfect time to share in the joyful Lithuanian festival, the Annual Brighton Fair, reporting that the people, the hospitality, food and music were exceptional. While in Milwaukee, the Foxes visited the Milwaukee Public Museum which has a permanent exhibit of the Lithuanian Home, displaying carved furnishings, household utensils combined with handwork, instruments, ceramics and religious objects.

The sad news in July was that Nellie Skabeikis passed away. She was a beautiful person who gave very generously of herself to Lithuanian affairs and the community. We shall miss her. To Nellie's son, Philip, and to her family, we express our most sincere condolences. Gentle Jesus, receive her mercifully.

Fond memories include C-110's representation at the National Convention in New Haven; C-50 were wonderful hosts. Cheers to Alice Zupko and Helen Cuprewich, hostesses par excellence of their mini-convention in Room 1610. And to my brother John, the Phantom, I say that I am sorry we missed getting together. We tender a huge bouquet of roses to Loretta Stukas as out-going president. Loretta, and to your Jack, we send you love and thanks for your generous contribution to the Knights of Lithuania.

At our September meeting, the first after our summer hiatus, we welcomed new members Lillian Polis, Edward Stereo, Lillian & Tony Yakstis.

Muriel Lekstutis, our September 28 Dinner-Dance Chairperson, reported favorably on the soon-to-be event. Peter Yuskevich accepted

the chairing of the Program Committee to nominate committee members to serve in the 1985-1986 year.

On the National Convention just past, John Adomenas displayed two awards presented to C-110, one to John Adomenas for recruiting members and the other to the council for increasing its membership. The following were delegates; Mary Baltrus, George & Theresa Dagus, Adele Dausicaks, Helen Jambor, Helen Janis, Alphonse & Stasia Kraujalis, Helen Matulonis, Tony & Brenda Razickas, Lottie Ulrich and Helen Vanis.

On August 18, Nancy, John & Allison Craddock and Tony and Brenda Razickas attended the 71st Lithuanian Day at Rocky Glen Park in Moosic. We enjoyed meeting long-time K of L'ers whom we have not seen for a while, especially Stella Marcinauskas from Connecticut. It was good to see our neighboring Council 12's Larry Janonis, Anna Zindzuis, Connie Siatis, Monk, Joey Kasenaitis, Lillian and Vinnie Cuprewich and Millie Pietz. The highlight of this occasion was the beautiful Mass, very well attended, with the liturgy and choral accompaniment in Lithuanian. The Bishops added most impressively to the celebration of the Mass.

C-110 attended Riverhead's C-152 Lithuanian Festival on September 15. This new council is certainly to be congratulated. On October 27, C-110, in native costume, participated in the Long Island Catholic League mass for persecuted people at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre.

On a busy day at Bloomingdale's in New York, Tony Razickas exchanged cordial greetings with Vitas Gerulaitis, the tennis world's so prominent Lithuanian Lion. A great fellow! Su Meile,

Brenda Bell-Razickas



C-118 — Hazelton

Council 118 had a very full summer. We started off with a rummage sale chaired by John Lapinsky.

The July meeting was held at the home of Pat & Doris Shanahan. President Albert Launikonis presided at the meeting and announced that Doris Shanahan would be our delegate to the National Convention in New Haven. Valeria & Joe Dancho were named co-chairmen for our annual picnic in August. Father Skitzkie gave the closing prayer. Guests attending were Mr. & Mrs. Clem Kosmisky and Bob Nossman.

Our fourth annual picnic was held at Val & Joe Dancho's Grove at Edgewood. Over 50 lbs. of desru were made and enjoyed as well as many other ethnic foods. Games, bingo and dancing made up the day.

Val Dancho was chosen 1985 Queen of Council 118 and was crowned by Margaret Lapinsky, last year's Queen. Julia Solonoski and Mary Lapinsky, previous Queens, were in attendance. Guests were Mr. & Mrs. Clem Kosmisky, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Youravich and sons, Father Gaiardo. Father Skitzki presided over their prayers.



Val Dancho, holding her bouquet, was crowned 1985 Queen of Council 118 — Hazelton. Joining her are three former queens, Mary Lapinsky, Margaret Lapinsky and Julia Solonski.

Slate of officers for the ensuing year was presented at the August meeting by Marcella Gelgot, chairman. Doris Shanahan gave her report on the 72nd National Convention.

President Al Launikonis presided

for his last time at the September meeting. He thanked all the members for their support during his three-year term. He then presented the gavel to Doris who will take over the duties of president.

Father Skitzki installed the following officers at Mass on September 15: Doris Shanahan, president; John Lapinsky, vice president; Marcella Gelgot, secretary; Ruth Alansky, treasurer and Albert Launikonis, financial secretary.

Father Skitzki thanked the outgoing officers President Luanikonis, Julia Solonoski, treasurer, and Alma Launikonis, financial secretary for their services.

Joe Dancho presented the Lithuanian flag in the processional at Mass. Our choir sang some beautiful Lithuanian hymns during the Mass. Later, we all enjoyed a buffet at Holiday Inn.

Alma Launikonis



C-118 Hazleton Rummage Sale workers (L to R) Alma Launikonis, Chairman, John Lapinsky, Julie Solonski, Father Skitzki, Nellie Prokopas, Sophia Doneski and President Al Launikonis (kneeling)

C-144 —

Anthracite Council

Over four thousand Lithuanians and friends of Lithuania contributed to the success of the 71st Lithuanian Day on August 18 at Rocky Glen in Moosic. As a result, we sent the Lithuanian College in



Bishop Paulius Baltakis presided at the Lithuanian Mass at the 71st Lithuanian Day.

Rome \$7,000. C-143 Knights with Ann Challan as president raised \$1,200 in program book advertising and patrons to realize the sum of \$7,000.

Charter buses brought Knights and their friends from the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. Many motored from near and far. Thank you for helping us support the Lithuanian College.

It was gratifying to have over five hundred communicants at the Lithuanian Mass. Rev. Al Bartkus, pro rector Lithuanian College of Rome was celebrant and homilist. Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, executive director Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid of Brooklyn, was concelebrant. Bishop C. Timlin of the Scranton Diocese and our own Bishop Paulius Baltakis presided at the Mass. The Zarija Choir of Schuylkill County under the direc-

tion of Eleanor Vaicaitis sang the Mass.

Rev. Peter Alisaukas, pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Pittston, and Rev. Anthony Wassel, dean of North Schuylkill Deanery, Allentown Diocese, cooperated in arrangements for the Lithuanian Mass.

Rita Shevokas served as mistress of ceremonies at the afternoon program. The Ausra Junior Knights of Frackville under the direction of Suzanne Domalakes; Aidas Quartet from Baltimore, Maria Krasauskas, leader and accompanist, and Aras Lithuanian National & Folkloric Dancers from Baltimore, under the direction of Algimintas Vitkauskas, were enthusiastically applauded by a capacity audience.

Anthony B. Mazeika, president National Coordinator Coalition for Constitutional Justice and Security and vice president Baltic American Freedom League came to us from



Rev. Algimantas Bartkus, Pro Rector Lithuanian College in Rome and Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Executive Director Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, offered a Lithuanian Mass for the persecuted church of Lithuania at the 71st Lithuanian Day.

California to urge us to rally to the cause by writing our legislators on important issues.

Invocation was given by Rev. Peter Alisauskas, St. Casimir's pastor in Pittston, benediction by Msgr. Michael Ozalas, St. Joseph's pastor in Scranton.

Chairman John Joseph and the Lithuanian Day Committee extend a most sincere word of thanks to all who participated in the success of the 71st Lithuanian Day, co-sponsored by C-144 and C-143, to enable us to send the sum of \$7,000 to the Lithuanian College in Rome.

A full delegation of 26 delegates and 11 alternates and guests represented our council at the 72nd National Convention. In spite of room registration problems, the hot humid weather and long walks to the Commons and meetings, we returned home happy to have enjoyed the hospitality of Council 50.

Anne Sikora was installed in the Fourth Degree. Elsie Kosmisky was reelected to serve as third vice president in charge of seniors. Anne Wargo was named public relations chairman. Joni Reinhart will coordinate Catholic Religious Aid. Rita Shevokas continues as a member of the scholarship committee. Charles Grabusky, our Minersville Junior who is attending Elizabethtown College, received a scholarship of \$800.

Congratulations to National President Frank Petrauskas; orchids to our Past President Loretta Stukas.

At our September meeting, we reelected President Anne Wargo and her efficient team of officers to another term. Rev. Matthew Jarasunas was installed as our spiritual advisor.

C-152 — Riverhead

Council 152 extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Nellie Skabeikis who recently passed away. Nell was a very active member of Maspeth Council and many other Lithuanian culture groups. Her mother, Mrs. Maria Strazdos, and son Daniel and his family are residents of Greenport. Another son Philip is a past national

president of K of L. Nell truly lived the Lithuanian tradition. May she rest in peace!

We recently learned that our spiritual advisor Father Charles Mackevicius was undergoing tests to evaluate his health. We hope that with God's help and all our prayers he will be feeling better and will be back to join us real soon.

Those of us who were at the 72nd National Convention in New Haven, Alice Graff, Peter & Camelia Dykovits, Beatrice & Fred Lucka, were very happy and proud that our council received the most new members awards in both the council and individual categories. Alice Graff accepted these awards on behalf of our council and Julie Lott. We were also warmly welcomed with enthusiastic applause as the newest council. All this attention was delightful. We'll have to work real hard and earn some more of it.

To say the least, our festival held on September 15 in Greenport was a huge success. It was the big news of the week and of the summer. We prayed for a nice day, and the good Lord blessed us with a beautiful sunny, warm day. Over 1500 people of all ages came out to see us; to enjoy the Lithuanian dances of "Tryptinis" dance group under the direction of Mrs. Jadvyga Matulaitis; to dance to the music of John Bakowski and his polka band; to enjoy the delicious Lithuanian food and mostly to meet old friends and make new ones.

Our opening ceremonies started at noon with presentation of the flags, a short invocation by Father Rocco of St. Agnes Church, and the singing of the American and Lithuanian anthems by the choir and public. Many of the assembled dignitaries gave short speeches extending their best wishes for our continued growth and success. After that, it was time to enjoy the rest of the day with good fellowship, music and food.

The success of this event was due to the hard work and dedication of so many of our members who so willingly and unselfishly stayed at their posts far and above the call of

duty. To them and to the cleanup squad, we say "Sirdingai Aciu." You are a great bunch of people.

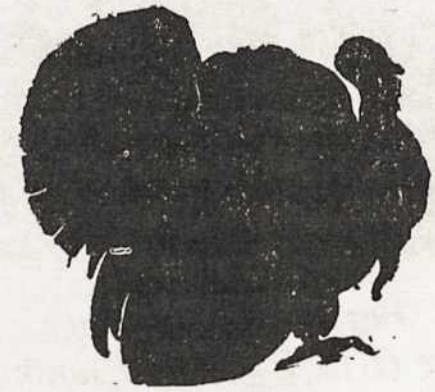
Our ladies must be complimented on the costumes they put together on short notice and wore with dignity. You really looked great and added to the "decorations."

We also express sincere thanks to all our fellow Knights who so wholeheartedly supported us in this endeavor. To our knowledge, eight councils were represented. Maspeth Council arranged to have two buses. It was also a pleasure to have Dr. Jack J. Stukas and Loretta with us. Both are past Supreme Council Presidents. Confidentially, we think Jack has a soft spot in his heart for Long Island having had a home here for many years.

To all of you who were with us, thank you. To those who could not make it this time, we will be looking for you next year!

Now that summer is over and we are all refreshed from our vacations, we are looking forward to our next meeting and another productive year.

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Mid-America District

Our annual convention meeting was held in Sept. and inaugurated a new District policy. With the sale of K. of L. Bldg. the meetings will not be hosted by our councils in their home location. The Sept. meeting was hosted by Chicago's Marquette Park C-112, Nativity BVM Parish Hall. Pastor Rev. Anthony Zakaruskas graciously welcomed all K. of L. members and guests.

The Winter meeting will be hosted by C-36 Brighton Park on Nov. 30th. Immaculate Conception Parish Hall and the Spring meeting, hosted by our Young Adult C-13 in conjunction with the St. Casimir's Day Commemoration.

Officers for the 1985-86 term: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Zakaruskas; Pres. Algerd Brazis; 1st VP-Mbr. Eleanor Kasputis; 2nd VP-Jrs. Maria Deksnis; 3rd VP-Srs. Jonas Jokubka; Secy. Mary Juzenas; Treas. Irene Sankus; Trustees Paul Binkis Jr., John Paukstis & Albert Zakarka; Sgts.-at-Arms Jerome Jankus, Antanas Sereika, Vyto Abraitis, Walter Kalvaitis. Vincent Samaska will continue as Board Chairman.

Our District was capably represented at the Natl. Convention by delegates Paul Binkis Jr. (who served on the Nominating Comm.) and Mary Juzenas (one of the Presidium Secy.). Other District members who also served were: Mary Kincius (Secy.); Evelyn Ozalis (Resolutions); Helen Skudra, Sabina Klatt & Scottie Zukas (Mandate).

Yale Univ. will forever be remembered by Estelle Rogers (112) as Honorary Membership was presented to her during the Conv. Banquet.

Scholarship honors went to Anthony Jankauskas of C13 who received the 1st place award from the Natl. Scholarship Fund Committee. Anthony is the VP of our Young Adult Council and a member of the K. of L. Dancers.

Our District will be represented on the SC by: Rec. Secy. Mary Juzenas (C112); Fin. Secy. Helen Skudra (C36); Trustee Paul Strolia (C13); Rituals Albert Zakarka (C112) & Schl. Paul Binkis. Dist. Pres. Al Brazis is also a voting member of the Board.

The K. of L. Choir continues to maintain a busy schedule of appearances. Congratulations to Director Faustas Strolia and the choir on their most recent endeavor - a cassette of the "Seven Last Words of Christ" featuring Algerd



Mid-America Membership Drive: District Board Chrm. Vince Samaska, C112 Chicago VP Al Zakarka (1st Place Council's Awards), Estelle Rogers (C112 Membership Chrm), Eleanor Kasputis (District Membership VP), Al Brazis (District Pres.), John Paukstis (C36) Photo: J. Janula.



During the Mid-America District's Annual Kof L Picnic, Chicago Sr. member John Kass (now celebrating his 101st year) joined in the festivities. Left to right: Al Brazis, Irene Sankus, Marty Gestautas, Mr. Kass, Ellie Kasputis, Ruth Kazlauskas, Julie Zakarka, and Emily Kass Gestautas. Photo: J. Janula.

Brazis as one of the soloists. This project will be co-sponsored by the District. We extend our appreciation to former Choir Pres. Sabina Klatt and her officers for all of their efforts. Wish new Pres. Stasys Stasiunas and his officers much success.

Belated 80th Birthday wishes to Honorary Member Stanley Pieza (Chgo. Srs.).

Our keeper of the flags - Sabina Klatt requested that the Lith. flag be replaced and she thanks Konstant Savickus (C5) for his donation to cover the costs.

Emilija Pakalniskis who has been the mainstay of our Lith. Publicity and the Editor of the "Vyciu Veikla" column for over 21 years recently resigned. We thank her and her husband Alexandras Pakalniskis for their tremendous efforts.

The Natl. Convention appointed Alexander Pakalnis Jr. C112 and Polly Ziauzys C100 Amsterdam as the new co-editors of "Vyciu Veikla".

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Council 112 Chicago, IL

The Sept. business meeting hilite was the election of the new officers. Continued success to: Pres. Paul Binkis Jr., VP. Albert Zakarka; Rec. Secy. Mary Juzenas; Treas. Alber Dagus; Fin. Secy. Alice Cekanor; Corres. Secy. Susan Binkis; Trustees Albert Cekanor, Dolores Wainauskis; Sgt.-at-Arms Louis Rogers, Peter Juzenas, Peter Gagle. Canon V. Zakarauskas graciously agreed to remain as our Spiritual Advisor. Meeting hosts were Julie Zakarka & Louis Rogers.

Our Board continues to meet on regular basis. The July meeting was hosted at the home of Mary Juzenas and the Aug., by Julie/Al Zakarka.

Representing our council during the Natl. Conv. at Yale Univ. were: delegates Al/Julie/Rita Zakarka, Estelle Rogers, Eleanor Kasputis, Helen Mengela, Dolores Wainauskis, Susan Binkis, Irene Sankus. All report a great time was had by all and thank C50 of New Haven for their hospitality.

Estelle Rogers received Honorary Membership during the Banquet and her friends from everywhere enjoyed an old-fashioned convention party hosted by Ellie, Irene and the New Jersey group.

Congratulations to council members now on the Natl. Board: Rec. Secy. Mary Juzenas; Rituals Albert Zakarka; Schl. Paul Binkis Jr.; MAMD Pres. Algerd Brazis.

We also congratulate all of our members who have been elected to positions in the Mid-America District during their Fall Conven-



Kof L's newest Honorary Member Estelle Rogers (C112, Chicago) is congratulated by friends from New Jersey, New York, Phillie, Dayton and Chicago during the National Convention. Photo: Dolores Wainauskis.



Estelle Rogers is congratulated at a post-convention party in Chicago (L to R): Terry and Faustas Strolia, Estelle, Al Brazis, and John Paukstis. Photo by Dolores Wainauskis.

tion meeting which was hosted by our council at the Nativity Parish Hall. Social Chr. Julie Zakarka and the entire Board did a splendid job with the arrangements and refreshments.

Condolances to the families of Bruno Simon and Yolanda Kausis and to Betty Zibas on the death of her mother. Also to Irene Norushis C36 on her mother's death. We shall

remember the deceased in our prayers.

Council members participated in Nativity BVM's Annual Our Lady of Siluva Procession and Novena.

50th Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Alice and Albert Cekanor. In honor of the occasion the council presented them with beautiful engraved crystal vase.

Our Juniors continue to grow thanks to Ed/Maria Deknis and Dr. Birute/Claude Pumputis who recently became parents. Ed and Marie had a baby girl - Andrea Marie and uncle Louis Rogers will be her godfather. Proud grandparents are Al and Julie Zakarka. Dr. Birute and Claude had twins - a boy and a girl, and the godmothers will be Rita Zakarka and Estelle Rogers. We congratulate the new parents - the godparents and the first-time grandparents.

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-25 — Cleveland

The Rev. Gediminas Kijauskas SJ, spiritual advisor Council 25 and Mid-Central District, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 23. Mass was concelebrated by Fathers Zaremba and Goldikovskis at OLPH. The choir directed by Rita Klioris sang the Mass. The gift bearers were his two brothers and sister. Presidents of all church organizations joined the procession.

After Mass in the upper hall, Joseph Stempuzis served as master of ceremonies for a cultural program. Balys Gaidziunas led us on a journey of Father's life from birth to the present. Grandinele Dancers under the direction of Liudas Sagys, selections by Aldona Stempuzis,

mezzo-soprano accompanied by Rita Klioris and piano selections by Angele Karaliute were featured. Finally, Father Kijauskas addressed the assemblage.

After the program the congregation went to the lower hall for coffee, hors d'oeuvres and pastry which was coordinated by Brone Paulionis.

All 29 church organizations participated in this celebration, including C-25 and Cleveland Seniors. C-25 was represented by Ben Karklius, The Kunsitises, The Jakubs, Ray Vanagas, Nellie Arunski, Connie Burns and the Garnises.

C-25 workers were Nellie Arunski, Ruth Guzauskas, Connie Burns, Isabel Reedick, Albina Wallis, Helen Jakubs, Lucy Tabbert and Ursula Kunsitis.

The church and hall were filled to capacity. It was a very happy time. Father was very thankful and awed by the turnout.

Our Annual Pool Party for the K of L members was held at Helen & Bill Jakubs home. Everyone present enjoyed the good food and the opportunity to socialize.

Our deepest sympathy to the Reedick Family on the loss of Joe, husband, father and K of L member. We'll miss him.

Happy 25th wedding anniversary to Jim & Joan Thompson.

Alvina Luiza and Fran Pranskevich visited Lithuania, Moscow and Rome. In Moscow, they visited the Kremlin, Red Square and churches which were converted into museums, libraries and government buildings. On their arrival in Vilnius, they were greeted by relatives with colorful juostas, amber beads, flowers, kisses and tears. A festive banquet followed. After five days in Vilnius, they went to Kaunas, Trakiai and Gedimino Piliai. They had an opportunity to visit the birthplace of their parents in Kapsukiai, formerly Marianapolis, and saw the church and cemetery.

In Rome they stayed at the Villa Lietuva and visited the Lithuanian Seminary. In addition to an audience with the Pope, they observed

Vatican radio broadcasting the Mass which is heard in Lithuania once a week.

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C-79 — Southfield

Our Annual Family Picnic was held at Divine Providence Parish Grove. About 45 members attended on July 27. Joseph Panavas, chairman, did a great job that inspired most of his family to help with various chores.

Good food was prepared by Marianne Newberry, Jadvyga Rukstele and Violet Panavas. Josephy Yakstys served wieners and buns as well as set-ups. Food helpers were Mary Keller, Marianne Newberry, Richard Danielak and President Smailis. Rich was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing. He also decked the grove from tree to tree with colorful banners.

Marge Nashlon was in charge of the dart game, and the winner was Ann Erdman. Tony Repshas emerged as winner of the horseshoe tourney, chaired by Ed Sackle. Charlie Mitchell rounded out the entertainment with lively instrumental music.

Despite hot and humid weather in new Haven, close to 300 delegates attended the 72nd National Convention at Yale University. Delegates from our council were President Smailis, Anne Uzdavinas, Mary Keller, Ann Erdman, Frank & Sophie Zager, John Chip Newberry and Richard Danielak. Richard served as seargent at arms.

The convention convened at Dwight Chapel with a Mass concelebrated by members of the Lithuanian Priests League, followed by five meeting sessions in Yale's Law School Auditorium.

Among the highlights was a speech by John V. Chevokas, editor-in-chief of the Madison Avenue Magazine. He is famous for "Please don't squeeze the Charmin." His theme was "Color Us Lithuanian." In his remarks he advised the Knights to change their traditional recruiting methods and

to look to the youth in their own families.

Cultural night at Sprague Hall consisted of a variety of singing, dancing and instrumental music. In the spotlight were the two Kanklinkes, Anna and Peg Kelly, mother and daughter. They sang a medley of songs in perfect harmony to the accompaniment of the instruments.

The closing banquet was impressive — so was the crowd and the heat. Approximately 600 attended in the Commons Hall. The food was good. A lively band brought out the dance lovers while others just fanned themselves to stay cool and enjoyed visiting their out-of-town friends.

At the closing Mass, 21 Fourth Degrees were presented by the Supreme Council Ritual Committee. Maggie Smailis served on the committee.

Our hearty congratulations to Frank Petrauskas of Syracuse, our national president!

Contending with the hot weather, Frank Peterson, convention chairman, and his C-50 committee did a noble job of handling the convention. Next year's convention will be held in Allentown, Pennsylvania.



C-79 Southfield Annual Picnic Trophy Winners: Horseshoe Game, Tony Repshas; Dart Game, Ann Erdman.



Councils 79, 102 and 149 of Michigan were represented at Heritage Camp at Dainava.

The Heritage Youth Camp was a week to remember. Close to 60 children attended from August 11 to 17. Mrs. Jadvyga Damusis is to be commended for reorganizing the Heritage Camp after a three-year lapse. Among the Michigan campers were Tanya, Danielle and Matthew Zager C-79; John and Robert Stanievich C-102 and Heather McLeod C-149. A two-week camp is planned for next year.

A Day of Prayer was observed on August 30 with a Mass. About 15 members attended and later enjoyed a nice luncheon planned by Mary Keller.

In spite of the humidity and heat, we had a favorable attendance at our first fall meeting. Ritual Chairperson Marianne Newberry conferred First Degree to Helen Usoris and Second Degree to Valentina Bulota. President Smailis reported on the Mid-Central District Pilgrimage and meeting hosted by C-86 DuBois on September 28 and 29.

A luncheon and card party was co-sponsored by Council 79 and ALRC on September 18 at Divine Providence Cultural Center. President Smailis and President Cecelia Balys Chapter 54 co-chaired the event. Sincere thanks to Lithuanian Melodies and Lithuanian Voice for their radio publicity.

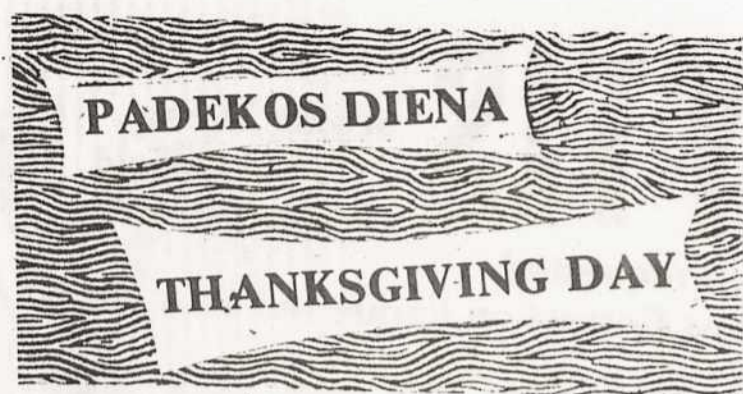
Monica Salas won the 50/50 raffle. Marge Nashlon was the lucky winner of the money tree. Other prizes were donated by members.

Our condolences to Monica Salas upon the death of her sister Sophia Dryza. Congratulations to Clifford Anglewicz, son-in-law of Bertha Janis, upon his appointment at president of the Volvo Automated Systems Facility. Happy sunning and best wishes in your new home in Florida Marge and Chester Nashlon.

A substantial contribution was made by C-79 to the Pontifical Lithuanian College in Rome. The college celebrated its 40th birthday on October 20.

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Marian Skabeikis

As autumn (ruduo) comes to an end, we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving (Padėkos diena). Thanksgiving is a family time, and a table surrounded by family and friends is a wonderful time to practice your Lithuanian. These words will help you to get a head start in your Lithuanian holiday vocabulary.

THE TABLE SETTING

stalas	- table
kėdė	- chair
stiklinė	- glass
lėkštė	- plate (dish)
servetėlė	- napkin
peilis	- knife
šakutė	- fork
šaukštas	- spoon
gėlės	- flowers
staltiesė	- tablecloth

THE MEAL

pietauti	- to dine
pietūs	- dinner
gerti	- to drink
maistas	- food
valgyti	- to eat
malda	- blessing (prayer)

THE MENU

kalakutas	- turkey
bulvė	- potato
kopūstas	- cabbage
morka	- carrot
spanguolė	- cranberry
žirnis	- pea
svogūnas	- onion
obuolys	- apple
apelsinas	- orange
arbūzas	- pumpkin

MCD PILGRIMAGE AND CONVENTION

The Mid-Central District Fall Convention and Pilgrimage was held on September 27-29, 1985 in Du Bois, Pennsylvania. Frances Petkus (C-96) President, opened the Convention at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, September 28th at the Holiday Inn. The opening prayer and a short spiritual talk were given by Fr. Robert Pudlo, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church. All MCD Councils were well represented. Acting Secretary, Marion Gray (C-25) read the minutes. According to each representative's report, all Councils are eagerly working to achieve their set goals.

The following officers were elected for 1986:

Spiritual Advisor:	Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, S.J. (C-25)
President:	Frances Petkus (C-96)
1st V.P. (Memb.):	Margie Turner (C-19)
2nd V.P. (Jrs.):	Joseph P. Mantz (C-96)
3rd V.P. (Srs.):	Mary Trainey (C-25)
Trustees:	Wm. Kolicius (C-19) & John P. Baltrus (C-86)
Rec. Secty:	Mary Pakutinskas (C-19)
Treasurer:	Tom Bruzga (C-86)
Sgt.-at-Arms:	Geo. Mikalauskas (C-96) & Vincent Tamy (C-19)
Lith. Affairs:	Mary Vaglia (C-19)
Cultural Chairman:	Eleanor Mantz (C-96)
Ritual Chairman:	Alvina Luiza (C-25)
Pub. Rel./Vytis:	Vince Gray (C-25)

Preceding the meeting, films of the Chronicle of the Catholic



C-86 President Tom Bruzga and MCD President Fran Petkus.

Church in Lithuania were shown. Many beautifully structured churches were turned into grain elevators, warehouses, or into museums for atheistic purposes. A father would lose his job in a factory because his son served Mass as an altar boy on Sunday. An eight year old girl would be mocked and laughed at in front of her class at school because she participated in a Procession to the Cemetery on All Souls Day. All these and other persecutions against the Catholic Church, too numerous to mention, happen repeatedly.

President Frances Petkus asked that names of Lithuanian friends living in different cities, who may be interested in forming new councils, be submitted to her. She will do the correspondence in bringing new members into the Knights of Lithuania Organization.

John Amilkavich (C-86) made a motion, that was carried, that each K of L member must present a paid up membership card in order to bowl in the MCD Bowling Tournament each year.

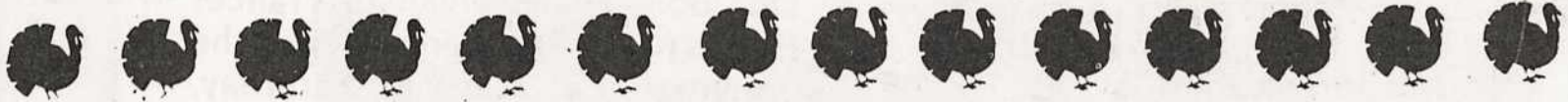
Saturday evening, all members and guests joined together at the Lithuanian Club for an evening of fun and dancing.

Sunday Morning all gathered at St. Joseph's Church to march in procession into the church for 10:30 A.M. Mass. Father Robert

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Pudlo together with MCD Ritual Chairman, Alvina Luiza (C-25) awarded the 3rd Degree to Marion Gray (C-25). Also, the new officers



Fr. Robert Pudlo, Marion Gray, C-25, and Alvina Luiza (C-25) MCD Ritual Chairman.

were sworn in. After Mass a delicious banquet was enjoyed by all at the Lithuanian Club. At 2 P.M. all members drove to the St. Joseph's Lithuanian Cemetery to recite the Scriptural Rosary for the deceased members of the K of L. The rosary, very impressively recited, dates back to the time in the 15th Century when the church repeated a scriptural insert after each Hail Mary. The rosary was said this way for a hundred years. Between each decade of the rosary, the names of our deceased members were called out by a member of their respective councils. This was a very touching moment in front of the beautiful outdoor shrine in the wooded area of the cemetery.

A very heartfelt "Thank you" goes out to Tom Bruzga and all C-86 council members who contributed to making this a very successful and meaningful Convention and pilgrimage.

The next MCD Convention and Pilgrimage will be hosted by C-25 Cleveland.

Vince Grazulis

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