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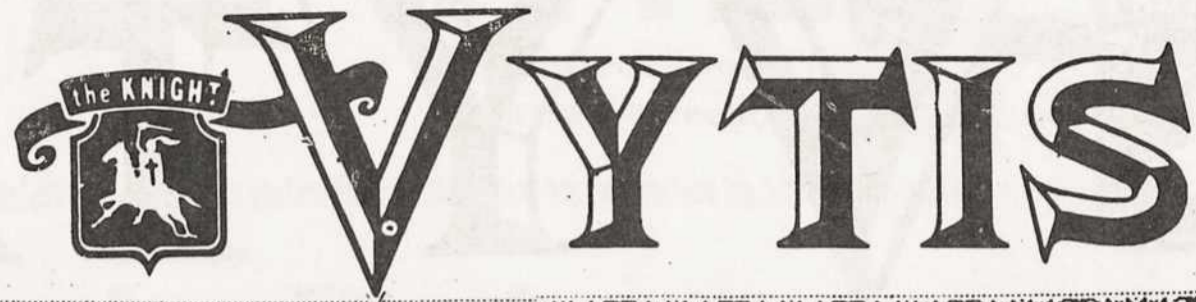
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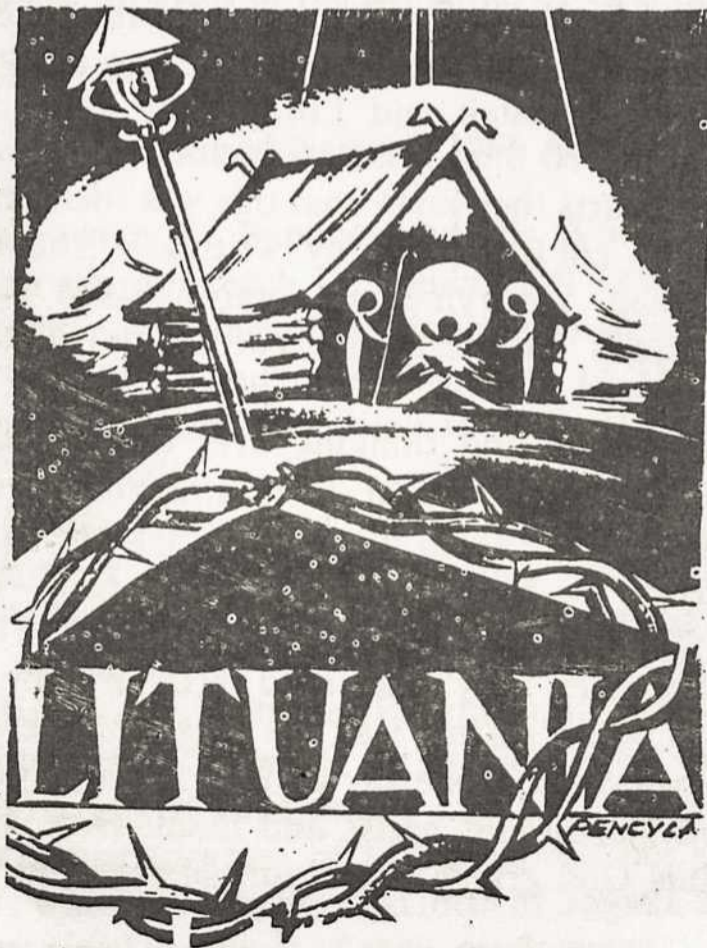
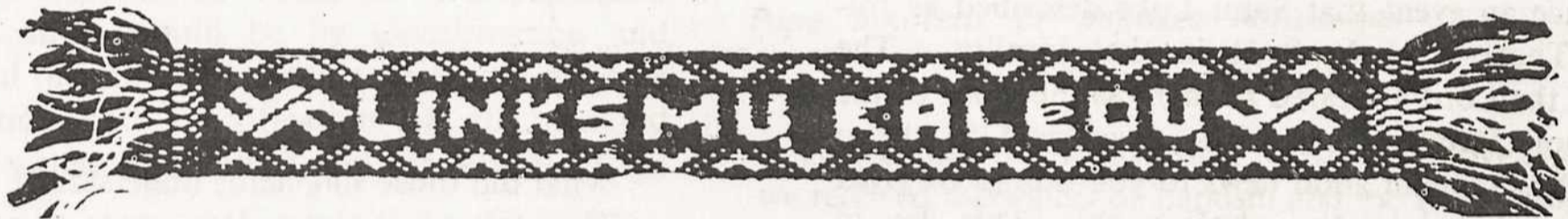
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It's the season of His birth.
Let us rejoice in loving
adoration as we celebrate
and remember the true
meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

Frank and Irene Petrauskas



AS WE CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON,
LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY
FOR OUR LITHUANIA AND FOR HER PEOPLE
THAT THEY SOON WILL BE FREE

We exult in the glory of the
Birth of Our Lord. With
thanks we greet this
wondrous holiday.

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and the "VYTIS" Staff

Understanding THE GOOD NEWS!



GOOD NEWS — 1 A.D.

On the first day of the Christian Era, 1 A.D., there took place an event that Saint Luke described as follows: "There were shepherds in that locality... The angel of the Lord appeared to them as the glory of the Lord shone around them. The angel said to them: 'I come to proclaim good news to you-tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day in David's city a savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord.'

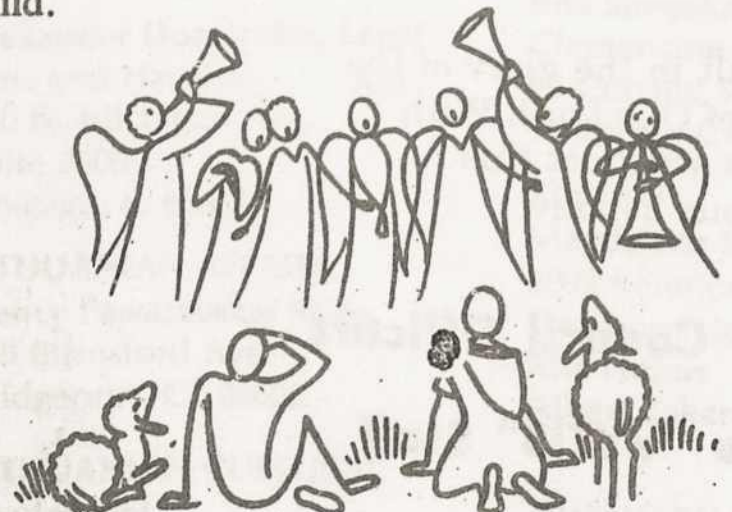
The shepherds were startled, struck with fear, even though the angel had told them not to fear. Then they heard the heavens ring with: "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom his favor rests." This encouraged them, so they went over to Bethlehem to see this event, and once they saw they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

What did those shepherds understand?

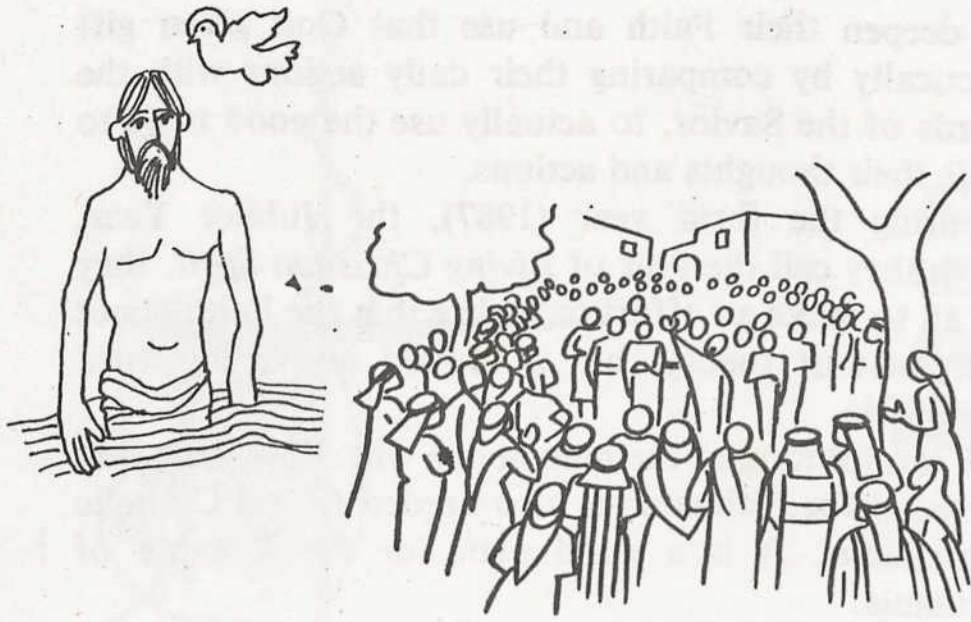
They felt a joy and a deep peace surrounding them and within them. When their eyes fixed themselves on the Baby and his mother and the man in the shadows, Saint Joseph, they understood that here was the Promised One, the Messiah and Lord. They might have knelt down, bowed their heads, speechless at the sight. But in their hearts they knew that this was the Lord.

Saint Luke confirms this by writing: "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen in accord with what had been told them."

In looking back and thinking over this event, we would say that God caught their attention through the angels and gave them an invisible gift—the gift of Faith to accept the angels' words as God's own words, as words of truth. They obeyed and hastened to Bethlehem. Once there, they understood through Faith that the Babe in Mary's arms was the Messiah, the Lord God. So, what does one do in the presence of the Lord? You glorify and praise and thank Him. In return for this God grants His favor, blesses and gives peace.



"Glory to God in the highest: heaven!" (Lk 2:14)



"Listen to me." (Ac 2.14)

Good News — 30-33 A.D.

Some thirty years after the glorious event of 1 A.D., we see Jesus of Nazareth (who was born in Bethlehem) criss-crossing Judea preaching about the Kingdom of Heaven and trying to convince all who would hear Him that He was the Promised One, the Messiah. He explained His Kingdom, which was not of this world, to 12 hand picked Apostles, who under the leadership of Peter would establish that Kingdom on earth. This was to be the Church, which would spread the "Good News" to the farthest corners of the world.

Initiation to this Church would be by Baptism and participation in it would be by Confirmation and Eucharist and the other Sacraments. Its goal was to be the redemption and sanctification of all mankind through the waters of Baptism and the Words of the Redeemer.

Almost two thousand years of world history describe the progress of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Good News — 1251 A.D.

The waters of Baptism and the Words of the Redeemer did not reach Lithuania until 1251 A.D. when King Mindaugas heard the good news of salvation. He and his nobles and other members of his household received Baptism, promising to share the Good News with his people.

It would be more accurate to say that the Gospel—the good news of the Savior—reached Lithuania around 997 A.D. Saint Voitek (Adalbert) is mentioned as the first missionary to visit Lithuania. He was martyred. So also was Saint Bruno (Boniface) in 1008.

Mindaugas, however, is credited with the official introduction of Christianity into Lithuania. The complete christianization of Lithuania did not occur until 1387, when the combined efforts of Jogaila and Vytautas crowned the work of their predecessor.



Pope Innocent IV baptizes Mindaugas

Good News — 1985 A.D.

The reason for the historical references above is that we received the waters of Baptism and the Faith through our parents who came from Lithuania, which is preparing for the 600th Anniversary of the Baptism of Lithuania. This event is of very great importance to all Lithuanians, not only those living in Lithuania, but to those living all over the world—even to us in the United States.

The Bishops of Lithuania in their letter of January 16, 1985, pointed out its importance. What they wrote to their own people, applies to us. They saw the need for *spiritual renewal* in their country. We have that same need in ours. The whole Catholic Church needs an inner, spiritual renewal, as our Holy Father has declared so often.

The Lithuanian Bishops outlined three steps in their plans for the renewal of the Faith in their oppressed country—a three year plan: During the first year, which they will call the *Year of the Good News*, they urge the faithful to become better acquainted with the Gospels, to ask and try to answer the question: What does the Good News mean? What does my Baptism mean? During the second year, which they call the *Year of Faith Consciousness*, they ask that the faith-

LET US WALK
IN THE LIGHT
WHICH THE LORD
GIVES US. ISAIAH 2:5



ful deepen their Faith and use that God given gift practically by comparing their daily actions with the Words of the Savior, to actually use the good news to guide their thoughts and actions.

During the thrid year (1987), the Jubilee Year, which they call the year of *Living Christian Sprit*, they ask all to make an effort to realize that the Faith is not a dry-as-dust theory, but a blessed and enlightened way of life.

A careful look at the plan above will show that what is needed for Lithuania is also needed for all Catnolic Lithuanians. It is a good plan for the Knights of Lithuania.

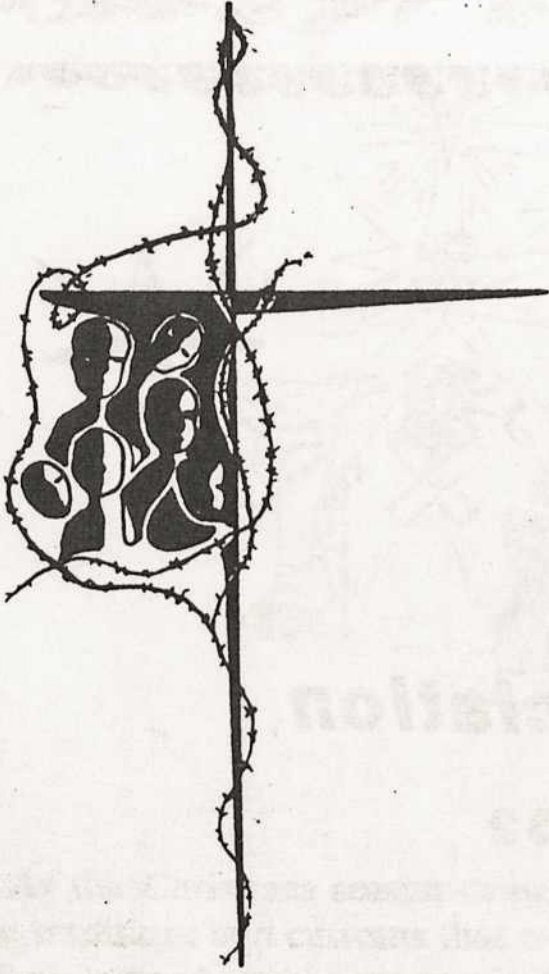
Bishop Paulius Baltakis, OFM (Honorary Member, Knights of Lithuania) in a recent letter stressed the spiritual renewal aspect of the Lithuanian Christianity Year which we in the United States are preparing to celebrate in union with Lithuanians over there.

The Christianity Jubilee in Lithuania challenges us this Christmas to take a long, careful look at our Baptism and at the gift of God's Faith to us to check up on our *faith consciousness*. In other words, to ask ourselves, if the Good News of the Lord really makes a difference in our lives. Are we Catholics in name or in fact: in our attitudes, our thought and speech, our deeds? Honest answers to this question will lead all of us to realize that our Faith can be better informed by the Good News, more active in our daily living. We will realize that we all need spiritual renewal! And since only God gives the gift of faith, only He can renew it and strenghten it. So we ask Him to do so. A good time to start is this Christmas.

— Fr. A.A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

Linksmu Kalėdu ir Laimingu Naujų Metų

As we celebrate this Holy Christmas Season and reflect on that Silent Night almost Two Thousand Years ago, may the Peace and Contentment that surrounded the Virgin Mother Mary and Her Newborn Child, Jesus, fill our hearts and dwell there always, reminding us of the True Spirit of Christmas, the Birth of our Saviour.



**AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST,
LET US REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN LITHUANIA**

Viktoras Petkus writes:

“On August 23, the sum of the years I have spent in prison will be a round and solid twenty. In the twenty years I have spent in houses of detention, I have never seen a fellow countryman who did not celebrate Christmas or Easter. Of course, at Christmas, we had no tree, but on the table we had a beautifully ornamented tree clipped from “Horticulture” magazine. I made „šližikai” from cut-up dried bagels, and there was a white “plotkelė”.

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**MAY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER GRANT ALL HIS
CHILDREN THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRISTMAS!**

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others of our brothers and sisters, contact:

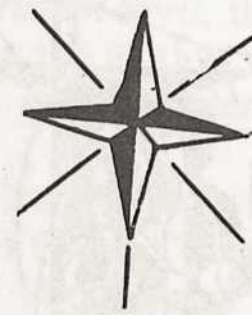
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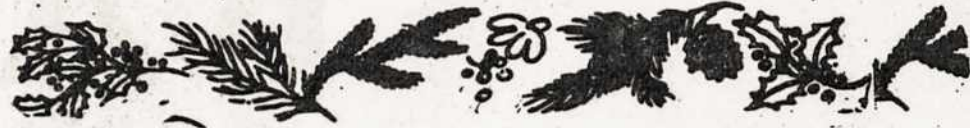




CULTURAL CORNER

By Regina (Gerutis) Kot

LITHUANIAN TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS



As the Christmas season draws near, we remember the traditions and customs that we grew up with. Some of us learned these customs in Lithuania first hand; many of us learned from our immigrants forebears. These customs have many variations. They varied from region to region. Nevertheless, our Lithuanian customs and traditions are rich, meaningful and precious.

Kucios-the eve of Christmas brings all the members of the family together, even from afar, for a festive meal. The table is covered with a layer of straw, symbolic of the manger, over which, white woven tablecloth was placed. Kucios was a day of fasting and only one meatless meal was served. No manual work was done on that day, such as chopping of wood or using a handmill. The only work that was done on this day, was the preparation of the meal for the evening. They had to have 12 dishes to prepare, symbolic to the 12 apostles.

Traditional dishes were kisielius (a jellied cranberry dish) misraine (a salad of diced beets, potatoes, and other vegetables), slizikai su aguonu pienu (small hard biscuits with "milk made from honey mixed with poppy seeds), barsciai (beet soup) variety of baked fish dishes, including herring (silke), mushroom dishes, kompotas (a soup of cooked dried fruits) and mushroom cookies.

After seeing the evening star, the family sits down to eat, leaving an empty place for a missing family member, who died or can't be with them for Kucios meal. The head of the family says grace and starts to break wafers (plotkeles or kaledaicial) with each other, wishing a Merry Christmas (Linksmu Kaledu) and a healthy prosperous year.

After the evening meal, the family dresses up and attends the Berneliu Misios, (The Shepherds Mass) leaving the rest of the food on the table for the night, because the dead come to visit their homes and may enjoy the food. Or Christ, God's Lamb and angels may come. Bread and salt are placed under the table for visiting souls.

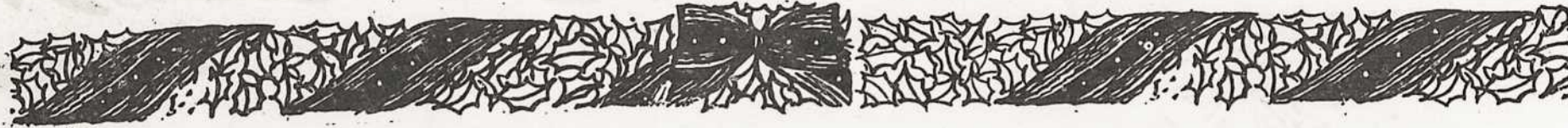
The hay from the table is given to the animals to eat, but none to the horses, because as tradition has it, the horses did not warm the Jesus in the stable.

Christmas day is time for resting, singing of Christmas Carols and playing games. Some of the games were "Leading a Bear" and "Frying a Crane". There were also "burtai" (games of chance) to guess the future-about one's career or a possible marriage.

Straws from under the table were drawn by members of the family, and the one who drew the longest straw will have a long life. Marriage minded girls would run barefoot and grab a pile of firewood. After bringing the wood inside, she would count it. If an even number is brought in, she would marry soon, if an odd number results, she will remain single.

These are recollections of the more widespread and popular traditions, customs, and foods. Some may be new to you or possibly one of your most favorite may have been omitted, however, this short sketch was not intended to be all-inclusive. These interesting and important customs that we recall from our childhood must be preserved and passed on to our children and through them to future generations.

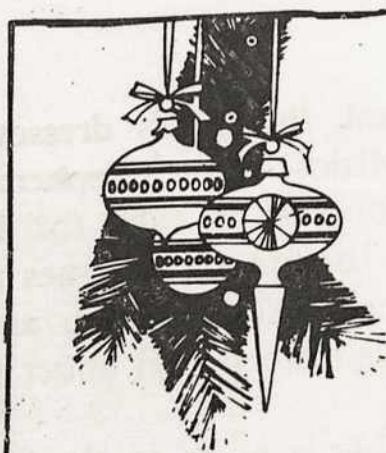
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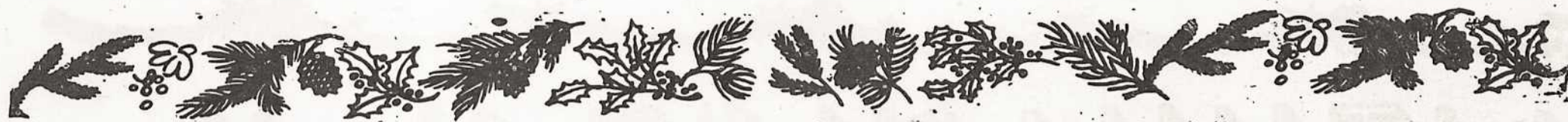
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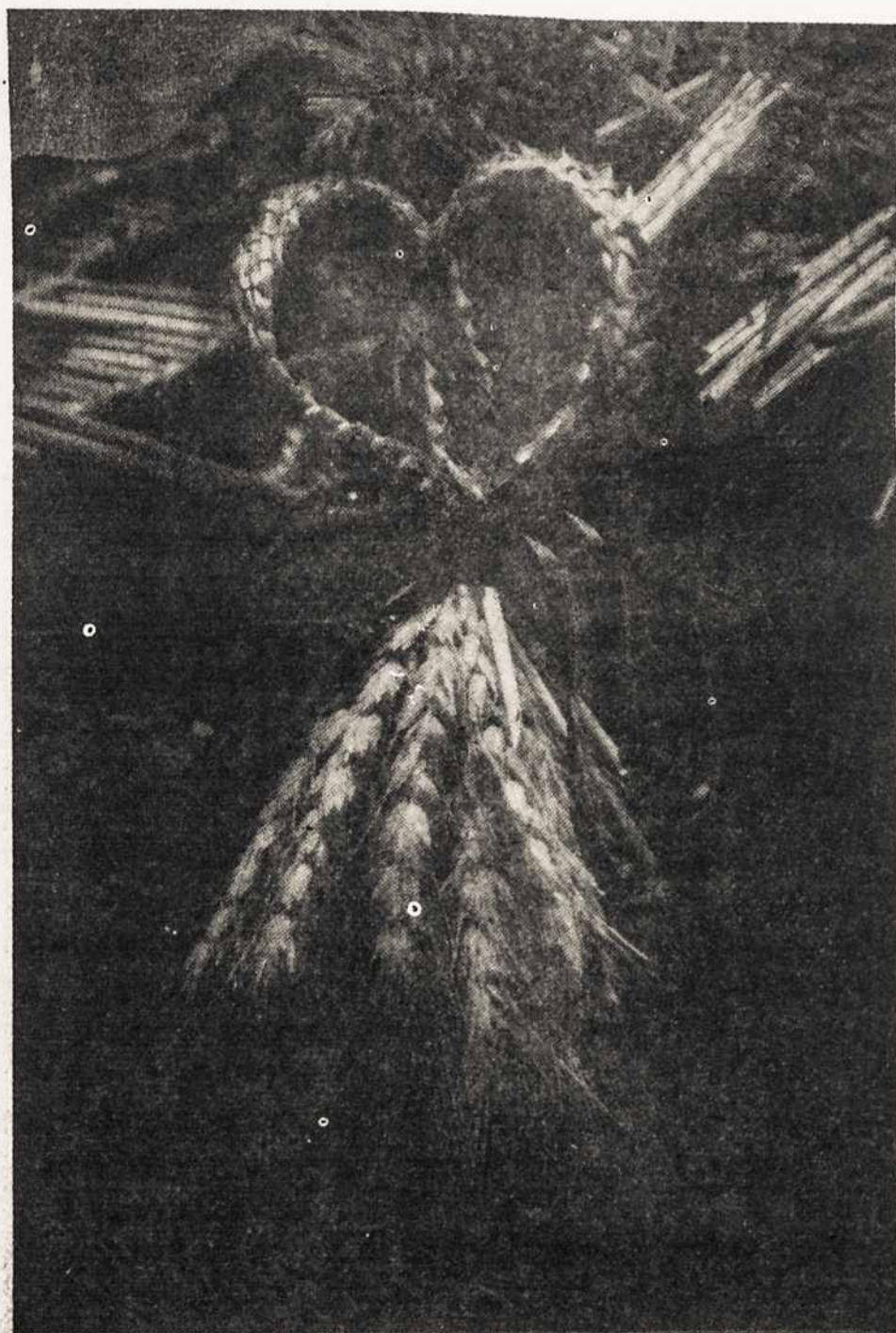
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LITHUANIAN *in the* NEWS

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An example of the many straw ornaments that festoon Lithuania's traditional Christmas tree was featured in the "Sunday Patriot-News", Harrisburg, Pa., a couple of years ago. The ornaments were created by ANNIE MORGÁLIS, Anthracite C-144, who is also the Lithuanian commissioner on the Governor of Pennsylvania's Heritage Affairs Commission..



**Sr. Ursula Stepsis
will write history
book on nuns in
health care**

In an effort to preserve the heritage of Catholic nuns in the history of health care in America, St. Augustine Sister URSULA STEPSIS, former administrator of St. Vincent Charity Hospital, has initiated a project which she hopes will lead to writing of a history book on nuns in health care, according to the "Catholic Universe Bulletin".

Sister Ursula is Lithuanian, attended St. George's Lithuanian parish in Cleveland, Ohio, and was taught by the Lithuanian Sisters of St. Francis.

Sister Ursula said her book will begin roughly around 1800. She has written to religious congregations throughout the U. S. asking for archival data and records attesting their work in health care. In poring over the material supplied by the religious orders, Sister Ursula learned of nuns who "died on Civil War battlefields and received military funerals". She said Catholic nuns who were nurses were the best-educated women of their day in the last century. Many of them had come to the U. S. from Europe and taught nursing to American nuns.

She has received encouragement from many sources. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin wrote, "I have read your proposal with interest. As far as I know, there is no comprehensive history of the Catholic health apostolate in the U. S. Consequently, your project could make an important contribution to the Catholic health care field"

POWELL JANULIS of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, has a way with words — in 42 languages, reports the "Chicago Sun-Times". The 46-year-old linguist has talked himself into a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Janulus operates the Geneva Language Institute in Vancouver. His Ukrainian mother and Lithuanian father spoke a half-dozen languages each.



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Michele Poulik, Production Designer for "The Singing Birds".



Kimberly Conely, Director of "The Singing Birds".

A Detroit, Mich. area newspaper reports the production of a short film "Singing Birds", a period piece about Lithuanian immigrants set in Detroit of 1928.

Kimberly Conely of Birmingham, Mich., and Michele Poulik of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., both Lithuanian, run Sparkle Films, a Birmingham-based commercial production company.

"Singing Birds" is about rival families — a sort of Lithuanian "Romeo and Juliet". It includes pathos and comedy, dialogue in both English and Lithuanian, and an authentic 1920's look.



LORRAINE GRABAUSKAS, Camp Hill, Pa., was hired as Fairview Township's first woman police officer according to "The Patriot", Harrisburg, Pa.

Lorraine, a K of L Scholarship winner in 1981, is the daughter of Helen and Vity Grabauskas, C-146 Harrisburg. She holds a bachelor of science degree in police administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

*Merry Christmas**

"The Courier" of Trumbull, Conn. notes that CLEMENCINE MILLER, a school nurse for four years and first and second grade teacher for 22 years at Samuel Staples Elementary School in Easton, Conn., retired last June.

Born of Lithuanian parents who lived in Bridgeport, she spent her childhood overcoming language difficulties by persistent study. Later her desire to become a nurse was fulfilled and she joined the McKesson Co. where she stayed for 15 years. Her spirit of volunteerism took her to Bridgeport Hospital for two nights a week; to the local Red Cross on many occasions, and even into the Army for a while.

As a community volunteer, she worked for the local Public Health Nursing Association in Easton. As a result, she was called, one day, to relieve the public health nurse who was attending to HELEN KELLER'S needs. It was then, in the mid- 1950's that she began what was to become a two-year period of duty to both Helen Keller and her trusted companion, Polly Thompson. Polly had a stroke and needed special care as well.

Helen Keller and Polly Thompson didn't need another nurse during the day after the two years, so Clemencine resumed her education and obtained her teaching requirements, earning a bachelor's degree, master's degree and a six-year certificate.

Clemencine stated: "It was the most humbling experience of my lifetime. to be with those two ladies".

FATHER VYTAUTAS GORINAS, 68, pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Menominee, Wis., has three daughters, one son and five grandchildren, according to "The Chicago Catholic".

Father Gorinas grew in Lithuania, graduated from business college and successfully completed studies for the priesthood at the Catholic seminary in Telšiai, Lithuania. But instead of becoming a priest, he joined the Lithuanian army and married.

In 1948 the Gorinas family came to the United States and settled in Chicago. After his wife died of cancer and his children passed into adulthood, he wondered what to make of his life.

He made the acquaintance of Msgr. Arthur J. O'Neill, now bishop, and as their friendship grew, so did his inclination to enter the priesthood. He went to the seminary in Milwaukee, and on June 6, 1970, he was ordained.

Father Gorinas stated, "I am maybe the only priest in the whole world who has presided at a daughter's wedding and baptized a grandchild".



In the last 14 years, a private Philadelphia "shipyard" has launched six racing yachts and replicas of an old-time Mississippi river boat, a luxury pleasure cruiser, and a three-masted early sailing ship. Now under construction in its "drydock" are replicas of the historic Mayflower ship, a Coast Guard inland patrol boat which once chased rumrunners, and a New York City fireboat.

You can't board these ships and boats though, because they are all radio-controlled models 30 to 73 inches long. They were meticulously built from scratch from original blueprints by JOSEPH GUDONIS, JR., a television engineer at Temple University Medical School, reports "Pennsylvania", a quarterly magazine.

Building and racing radio-controlled model boats has become a popular pastime in Pennsylvania. It is a pleasurable sport which tests the skills of people of all ages and in all walks of life.

Joe belongs to three model clubs, each serving a different segment of the hobby. Joe is the son of JOSEPH J. GUDONIS, member of C-3 Philadelphia.

KALĖDOS

AT THE MANGER (ĖDŽIOS)

Child
Virgin
Mary
Joseph
straw
stable
dove
cow
star
sheep
shepherd
angel
Three Kings
camel
donkey



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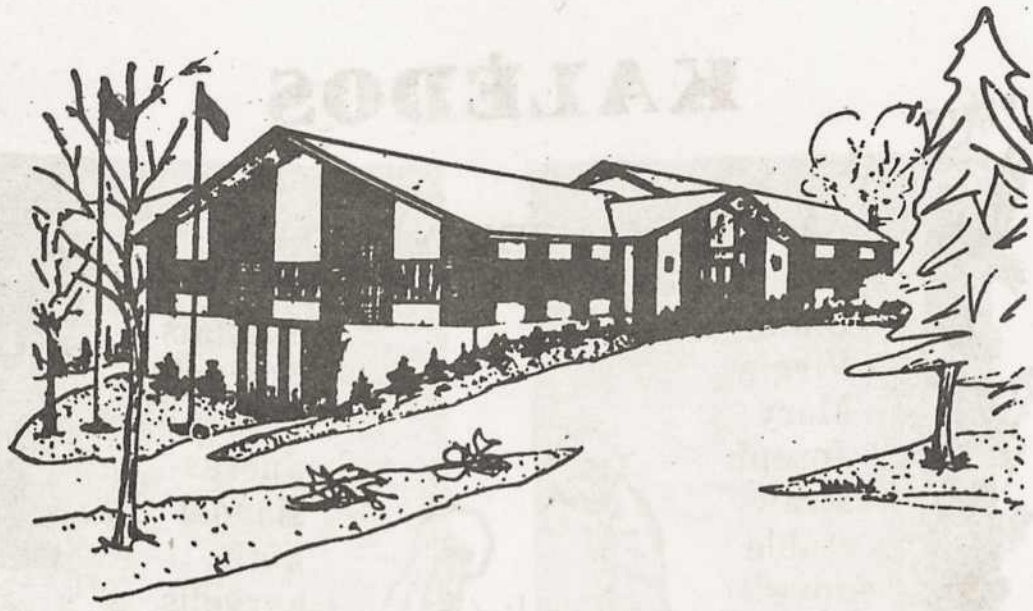


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Regina (Gerutis) Kot
National Cultural Committee Chairperson



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Past, present and future: always in support of the undertakings
of the Knights of Lithuania. All of us at Maironis Park (in
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; bordering Worcester) join in extending
our K of L friends everywhere the happiest of Christmas Seasons
and a happy and healthy New Year!



Edited by HELEN CHESKO, 1000 E. Pine St., Mahanoy City, PA 17948

MID-AMERICA DISTRICT



President Algerd Brazis announced the following appointments: Trustee, Albert Zakarka; Chairpersons--Lithuanian Affairs and English Publicity, Ruth Kazlauskas; Lithuanian Cultural, Susan Binkis; Rituals, Ann-Marie Kassel; Vytis, Irene Sankus; Trumpet, Valeria & Joseph Stanaitis; Civic Affairs, Sabina Klatt; Public Relations, Estelle Rogers; Financial, Al Mockus, Al Zakarka, Irene Sankus, Paul & Susan Binkis, Mary Juzenas.

Our K of L Choir, directed by Faustas Strolia and new President Stasys Stasiunas and officers, have just completed a new project--the taping of a cassette of the "7 Last Words of Christ" with our own Algerd Brazis as one of the soloists. This project was co-sponsored by the District and sale details will appear elsewhere in Vytis.

The K of L Dancers continue to flourish and receive much acclaim for their outstanding performances. Frank Zopolis is their dynamic leader and welcomes all young dancers to join the group on Wednesdays at the Lithuanian Jesuit Center.

Our Captive Nations Committee representative Sabina Klatt reported that a successful rally was held in July commemorating Captive Nations Week.

National President Frank Petrauskas was a special guest of C36 during their 70th Anniversary celebration. The next day he attended the Supreme Council meeting in New York City and was joined by our District members Mary Juzenas and Irene Sankus. The ladies expressed their appreciation of C110 President John Adomenas for the ground transportation and to C12 hosts Larry & Jeanne Janonis and Millie Pietz for their hospitality.

The Supreme Council reappointed Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, Dr. Leonard Simutis and Evelyn Ozalis as the national K of L representatives to ALTAS.

During the recent meeting of the LRCF Chicago District, Paul Binkis was elected to their Board and will represent the K of L.

Our condolences to the family and friends of long-time K of L bowler, Edward Pratt, who resided

in Hot Springs AR but was still a member of C36.

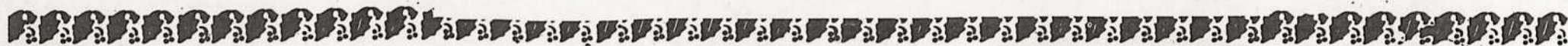
We extend an invitation to all our K of L friends to join us on February 23 for the 26th Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet, Martini-Grand Ballroom, Chicago. iks

C-36 — Chicago

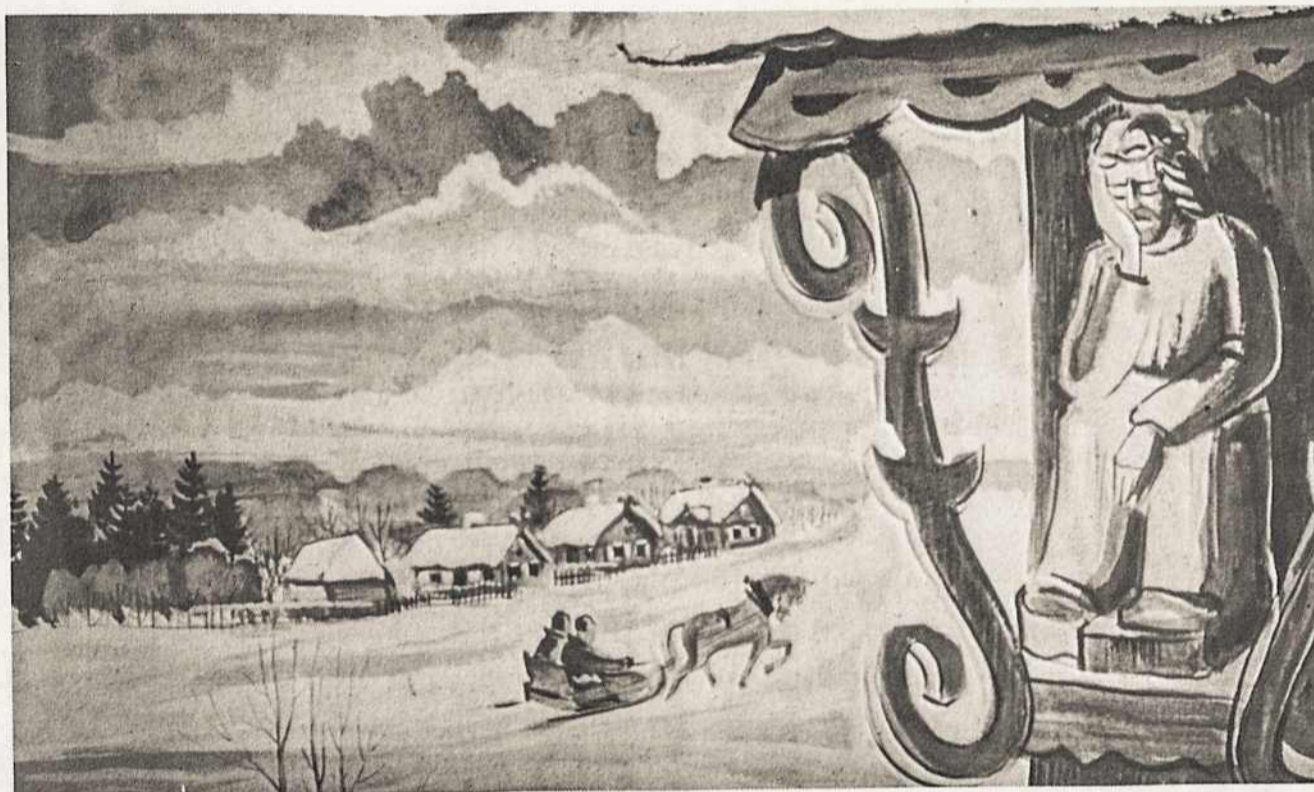
Election of officers for Council 36 took place on October 28. Newly elected officers are Mary Kincius, President; Ray Wertelka, First-Vice President; John Meizis, Second-Vice President; Sabina Klatt, Third Vice-President, Ed Valskis, Treasurer; Evelyn Ozelis, Recording Secretary; Lucille Kilkus, Corresponding Secretary; Scottie Zukas, Financial Secretary; John Petraitis, Jerome Jankus, Vyto Abraitis, Joe Martikonis, Sergeant-at-Arms; Victor Utara, Walter Kalvaitis, Trustees.

The new "Valdyba" members are energetic, have new ideas, and will fulfill their duties well. Many "kudos" to the outgoing President Bruce Neberieza and his officers.

With the sale of the K of L Hall in Chicago-it made it necessary to find other facilities for meetings and activities. The newly elected President's priority duty was to find a suitable meeting location. Monsignor D.A. Mozeris, of the



**As we celebrate the birth of Christ
let us pray for world peace, and for our brothers and sisters
in Lithuania**



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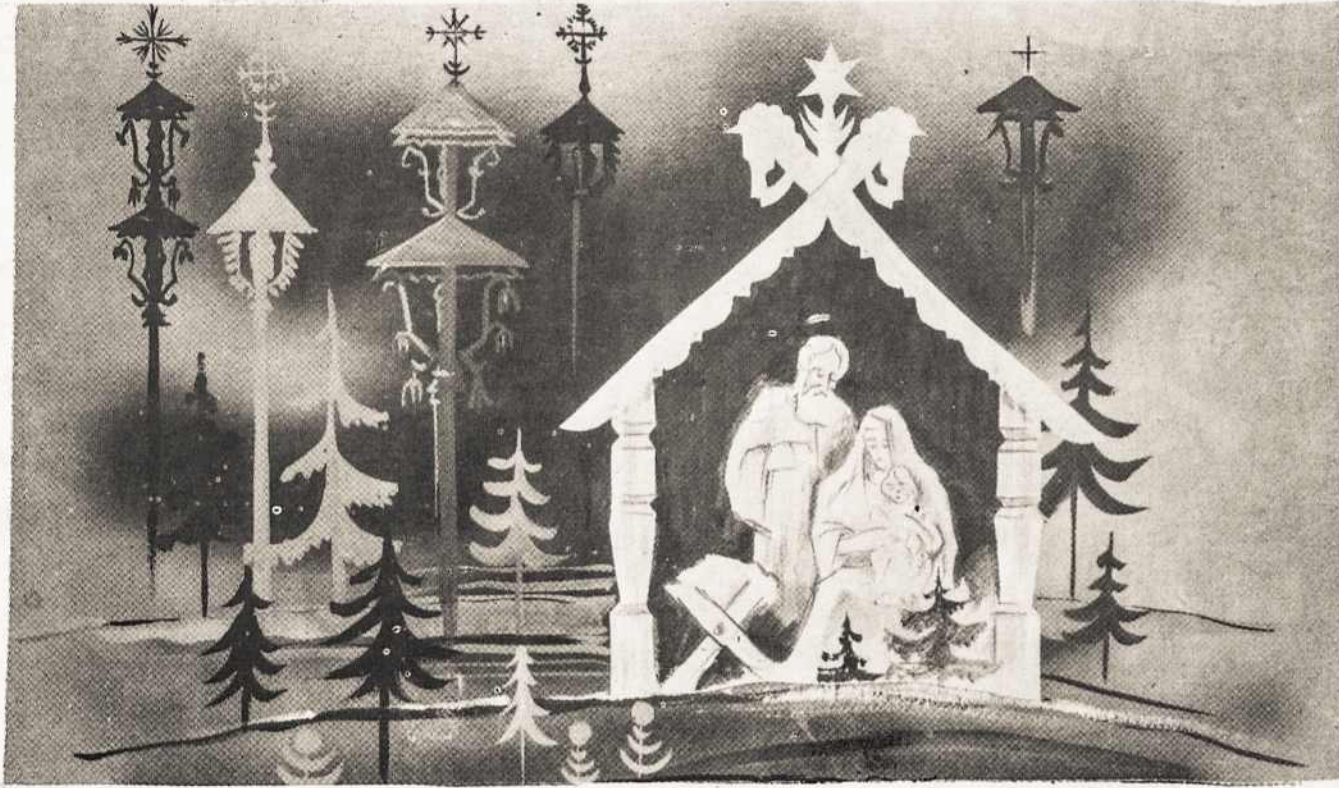
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**HAPPY and HEALTHY
HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!**



**Ask the Lord for good health
the rest takes care of itself**

Konnie J. Savickus, President, C-5



Immaculate Conception Parish, has given full sanction and permission to Council #36 to have their monthly meetings at the parish halls.

— Balandelis

C-112 — CHICAGO

Council chairpersons were announced at our October meeting. They are as follows: Courtesy, Estelle Rogers; English & Lithuanian Publicity, Rita Zakarka; Membership, Eleanor Kasputis; Ritual, Irene Sankus; Sergeants at Arms, Louis Rogers, Pete Gagle and Peter Juzenas; Trustees, Albert Cekanor, Dolores Wainaukis and Al Mockus; Vytis, Ruth Dagis.

Our October board meeting was hosted by Dolores Wainauskis with all board members present. The meeting was momentarily interrupted by what appeared to be a Peeping Tom peering at us through the patio doors. The peeper turned out



Committee members for the 70th Anniversary Dinner-Dance of the Knights of Lithuania Council 36 Brighton Park which was held at Landmark Banquet Hall, Chicago, are (seated L to R) Sister M. Joanella, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Casimir; President Bruce Neberieza; Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Spiritual Director; Aušra Padalino, Secretary.

Standing (L to R) Stanley Pieza, Honorary Member and John Paukstis, Banquet Chairman.



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to be none other than our District president Al Brazis strolling through the parking lot on his way to join our meeting.

Our newest little Junior-to-be Andrea Marie Deksnis, daughter of Ed & Maria, enjoyed a very beautiful christening ceremony on October 13 with Father Anthony Zakaras officiating. Following the ceremony, a beautiful song entitled, "God's Eye," written by her godfather Louis Rogers, was sung to her by him with a violinist accompanying. A truly lovely ceremony was much enjoyed by those attending.

Our Council's Champagne Brunch on October 20 was very successful. Many members did a great job in assisting Julie Zakarka, our chairlady in this mammoth assignment. Many verbal congratulatory bouquets to her on tackling and putting this event together.

The potato peeling crew consisting of Julie & Al Zakarka, Susan & Paul Binkis, Ruth & Al Dagis, Sophie Nieminski and Liz Matuszek outdid themselves the night before. Much "peeling" fun was had by all. That 80 lbs. of spuds was nothing to sneeze at, and many hands sure made this labor lighter. Also, our sincere thanks to Chief Cook Vera Paukštis and her assistant daughter, Ann Marie Juraitis, for their hard work and efforts in making this brunch the success it was.

Super Traveler Sophie Nieminski reports she just returned from an Oktoberfest in Toronto and is planning a three-day shopping spree in Iceland. Also Millie Rochkes and Eleanor Treonis reported they are just back from a nine-day tour of Europe and much enjoyed visiting Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. The highlight of the trip was

the Oktoberfest in Munich.

Sincere condolences to Dolores Rupp Krueger on the death of her sister, Bernice Butkus.

Congratulations to Council 36 on their 70th anniversary. Congratulations to Val Stanaitis on receiving a beautiful plaque honoring her 20 years of dedicated service to Don Varnas American Legion Post. Get well wishes to Al Cekanor who had heart surgery.

A very, very Merry Christmas to all!

ARDEE,





HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM CHICAGO

H.M. His Exc. Vincentas Brizgys

H.M. Lith. Consul Gen Josephine Dauzvardis

Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas

Canon V. Zakarauskas

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Al/Julie Zakarka

Algerd/Aldona Brazis

Al/Ruth Dagis

Al/Alice Cekanor

Ed/Maria Deksnis

Frank/Lorraine Svelnis

Ed/Anele Pocius

Louis/Bernadine Rogers

Peter/Josephine Juzenas

Alexndras/Emilija Pakalniskis

Valeria/Joseph Stanaitis

Salius/Roma Kuprys

Dutchie Yuknis

Al J. Mockus

Irene Rakaitis

Dolores Wainauskis

Peter V. Gagle

Eleanor Kasputis

Sophie Nieminski

Al Svirmickas

Millie Rochkes

Mary Juzenas

Felix Mackevicius

Estelle Rogers

Peter Burns

Gerry Mack

Albertas Matulis

Algis/Helen Skudra

Irene Sankus

Members of Council 112 - Marquette Park

TO
ALL OUR FRIENDS
AND
FELLOW KNIGHTS



*Linksma
Kalėdu Švenčių
Laimingu
Nauju Metu!*



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST

COUNCIL 45

IN SCRANTON, PA

Mid-Atlantic District

EXECUTIVE BOARD

AND REGULAR AND JUNIOR COUNCILS



**RAMYBĖ GEROS VALIOS
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LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲJŲ METŲ
VYČIAMS IR PAVERGTIEMS LIETUVOJE**



**3 Kuopa
Philadelphia**



*Gul šiandiena jau ant šieno
Atpirkėjas žmonijos
Tam Karaliui Visagaliui
Nėra vietos tinkamos....*



LIETUVOS VYČIŲ 12 KUOPA
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LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ!
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BIG APPLE
HOME OF KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COUNCIL 12
ED COOK — PRESIDENT



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT



C-29 — NEWARK

On July 28, a group of our members journeyed by bus to Putnam to visit with the Sisters of Immaculate Conception. It was a day well spent, and we thank Bernard Skripata for taking care of the necessary details.

On August 18, we ran another bus trip. This time we went to Rocky Glen for the 71st Lithuanian Day. A good time was had by all, and we thank Walter Brazaitis for his efforts in making this affair a success.

On September 7 and 8 our council participated in the Annual Ethnic Festival held in Liberty Park, Jersey City. Chairlady Emelia Sadonis and a very able and dedicated committee set up a table of delicious and authentic food. They had saltibarsciai, kugelis, desros su kopustai, pyragas and for the sweet touch, the ladies baked batches of ausiukes and grybai. They really outdid themselves this year.

For entertainment Emelia arranged to have the Lithuanian Dance Group "Liepsna" to perform for us and perform they did. They were great and a joy to watch. Emelia supplied the music for the group by playing her accordian. She is quite a gal!

The affair was a financial success as well as an enjoyable one. The council voted to send the proceeds of \$750 to the Lithuanian College in Rome.

Condolences to Adele Maleckas whose husband Peter passed away this summer. We will miss him and pray that he rest in peace.

Eva Coll



Emelia Sadonis chaired C-29, Newark Lithuanian Booth at the Ethnic Festival held at Liberty Park, Jersey City.

C-74 — SCRANTON

Our Annual Fall Frolic held September 21 was chaired by Peg & Ed Romanauskas who did a terrific job. The hall was decorated with flowers from the gardens of members by Rose Stanches and Ann Lisowski.

Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas led the grace. We had a delicious catered meal. Anna Galenas, Margaret Laibinis, Agatha Sueta, Ann Patelnas, Patsy Simms and Josephine Profkas took charge of community singing. Mary Costello who sings so beautifully sang a Lithuanian song which brought tears to our eyes.

Everyone enjoyed the chicken dance led by Marie Laske and Mary Bulger. Peppy Anna Galenas didn't miss a step. Jerry Costello and Dick Laske danced our lady guests. Ruth & Casimir Yanish added to the international flavor by dancing the Irish Jig. Eve & Bob Koboski came with Helene & Tony Rice. The Rices were on the dance floor constantly. Ann Huffstutler requested her favorite, Spanish Eyes. Of course everyone got on the floor and danced Noriu Miego and Suktinis.

Isabelle Romanauskas had a table of her friends. Ed Lewis was the bar-

tender. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to our chairpersons and our Knights.

Martha Brack

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

Fifteen council members attended the National Convention in August at Yale University. They were Tony & Ann Radzevich, Gerard Drenzek, Gene Gobis, Regina & John Kot, Bernice Aviza, Eleanor Olechowski, Steve & Adeline Raila, Polly Ziausys, Frances DiBart, Helen Dylong and Annacetta Guzielek. Kristin Olechowski was a delegate to the Junior Convention.

Predident Frank Peterson and members of Council 50 are to be congratulated for a job well done.

While at the convention, we received the sad news of the loss of our good member Leonard Hartvigas. Leonard formerly directed the Lithuanian Hour over Amsterdam's WCSS. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Regina, daughter Rima and son Leonard. Sophie Olbie conducted the K of L wake ritual.

Frank Petrauskas, our council's good friend, was elected National President. We wish him a successful year at the helm of our organization.

Council 100 is well represented on the Supreme Council. Bernice Aviza took over the editorship of Vytis. Regina Kot was named National Cultural Chairman and Polly Ziausys will translate K of L articles for Draugas. Congratulats!

On August 25 a large delegation of Lithuanians attended Lithuanian Day at Auriesville Shrine of the Martyrs. President Radzevich represented our council in the presentation of the offertory gifts. National President Petrauskas gave one of the readings. The Brockton Choir sang. Bishop Baltakis celebrated the Mass with some 20 concelebrants. Father Casimir Pugevicius was homilist.

We renewed friendships with Sister Angela, Phil & Marianne Ska-

Mums toli Betliejus. Čia nér trijų karalių. Tik mažam miestely ra Vyčių būrelis kuris siunčia savo meilę mažam, jaunam, senam, meldžia Aukščiausio taikos pasauliui — visam . . .

Linksmiausių, sveikiausių, gražiausių šventų Kalėdų ir Laimingiausių Naujų Metų linkim visiem Vyčiam.

**100-oji kuopa
Amsterdam, N.Y.**



**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**



We celebrated our 70th Anniversary this year. We are proud to have served God and country for the past 70 years. With God's help we hope to serve many more years!

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**Officers and Members
of
Council 29 — Newark, NJ**

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Laimingų Naujų Metų.**

**LINKIME DŽIAUKSMO IR
LAIMĖS**



**Steven and Adeline Raila
C-100, Amsterdam**

**LINKIME
LINKSMŲ ŠV. KALĖDU**



**Mr. and Mrs.
Anthony Radzevich
Amsterdam, N.Y.**



**Anne Challan
C-143, St. Casimir's
Pittston, PA**



Rev. A. Contons, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests League, assists in the Northeastern U.S. Pilgrimage for the Suffering Church in Lithuania held at the North American Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville, NY.

beikis and Mary Shallins and her sister.

We had a cook-out at Mickey's Tavern in Perth on September 8. Sophie Olbie and Aldona Abeling were co-chairmen. They were assisted by Aldona's husband Paul. Over 60 attended. Anxiously awaiting the arrival of National President Petrauskas and his wife Irene, Regina Kot and Gene Gobis announced him and presented him with a whip to keep everyone in line at the meetings. He liked it! Anacetta Guzielek was the winner of the fund-raiser conducted by Fran DeBart and John Kot.

Prof. George Gravrogkas told the members that Hudson Valley Community College was sponsoring a course in Lithuanian language and Lithuanian heritage with Genute Baranaskas as the instructor. Classes began on October 3 and will run for ten weeks.

Our first fall meeting, preceded by a Lithuanian Mass celebrated by Rev. Baltch, was held on September 16. Convention reports were given by the delegates. Congratulations to Eleanor Olechowski who received her Fourth Degree.

Birthday greetings to Father Anthony Grigaitis who celebrated his 84th birthday on September 21.



Natl President Frank Petrauskas receives whip from C-100 to keep everyone in line.

Ilgiausiu metu, laimingu metu, teveli! Birthday greetings to Father Bernard Gustas and Gerry Drenzek and happy anniversary to President Anthony & Ann Radzevich.

The slate of officers for the coming year was presented by the Nomination Committee, Harold & Irene Tice, at the October meeting and was unanimously accepted. The following will serve: Anthony J. Radzevich, president; Gene Gobis, vice president, Sophie Olbie, treasurer; Eleanor Olechowski, secretary; Gerard Drenzek and Vincent Rossi, sergeants at arms and Rev. Robert K. Baltch, spiritual advisor.

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Laimingu

Naujuju 1986 Metu!



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MASPETH COUNCIL 110

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Spiritual Program: Father Stasys Raila

Committee chairmen are Lithuanian affairs, Edward Baranauskas; cultural, Steve & Adeline Raila; ritual, Elizabeth Kuzmich and Mary Stanionis; public relations, Gene Gobis; junior counselor, Regina Kot, assisted by Gene Gobis.

For the finale of the October meeting, Steve & Adeline Raila showed a video tape of a few events from the New Haven National Convention.

Father Baltch, Sadie Dzekciorius and son Algimantas visited Lithuania in October while Jack & Mary Sweet were in Hawaii.

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-110 — MASPETH

At our annual business meeting, we elected our executive officers for 1985-1986. John Adomenas continues as president, and the other officers are Tony Yakaitis, first vice president; Al Kraujalis, second vice president; Marie Loehmann, recording secretary; Adele Dauzickas, corresponding secretary; Karen Dagis, treasurer; Jean Mactutis, financial secretary; Walter Klosis, John Lekstutis, Ed Sirgadas, trustees and Theresa Dagis and Helen Yakaitis, sergeants at arms.

We welcome new members Violet Burchill, Eva & Pius Kazlauskas, Marie Loehmann and Irene Shucavage.

Multi-Profile. Very special commendations to Muriel Lekstutis, chairperson of the fall dinner dance. Muriel reported very favorably on this event and thanked the following members for their outstanding contributions: John Adomenas, Helen Cummins, Adele Dauzickas, Louise Dauzickas, Mary Gilbert, Amy Girdauskas, Mary Johnson, Josephine Kayeš, Al Kraujalis, Stasia Kraujalis, John Lekstutis, Helen Matulonis, Jean Mactutis, Al Resavage, Theresa Thomson, Lot-

LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDU GENE GOBIS

Amsterdam, NY C-100

BLESSINGS at CHRISTMAS

Harold and Irene Tice
C-100, Amsterdam, NY

tie Ulrich, Igni Walles, Pete Yuskevich, and Violet Zvirvblis. Many thanks to all!

Travel News. Adele Dauzickas is on her way to a well-deserved vacation, a Trans-Caucasian Odyssey. Tony and Fran Migliore just returned from Kennebunkport and soon are on their way to Philadelphia for Tony's 66th Fighter Wing Reunion of the Army Air Force. Igni Walles came in from Greenville, NC, for our annual meeting. Nancy, John and Allison Craddock are vacationing in California.

Get-well and stay-well wisher to Ann Ruginis and Bill Myers.

Kucios. Helen Matulonis and Amy Girdauskas co-chaired this special event on **December 15**.

Profile. Adele Dauzickas served as recording secretary for the Supreme Council last year. Currently, she is membership secretary for the Mid-Atlantic District. In C-110, Adele served as recording/corresponding secretary for some years. By her wish, she will serve, as corresponding secretary this year. Our Golden Profile Award is yours, Adele, for performance par excellence. We especially appreciate and commend the remarkable effort you have expended over the years on behalf of C-110 and the Knights of Lithuania.

Su meile - Brenda Bell Razickas

C-144 — ANTHRACITE

Council 144 proudly announces that Father Al, our member and former spirital advisor, is now Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus (Prelate of Hon-

Linksmų Kalėdu Visiems Vyčiams!

Edward and Apolonia Ziausys
C-100, Amsterdam, NY



or of His Holiness) and Rector of Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome. Congratulations!

Father Al writes, "In the name of the faculty and students of the Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome, I wish to express our deep admiration and gratitude to you for your super donation of \$7,000 to our Institute. Only God can repay properly each and everyone of you for the input that you gave this year's Lithuanian Day and consequently at its proceeds. God bless you all!"

The 72nd Lithuanian Day will be held on Sunday August 17, at Rocky Glen, Moosic.

Eva Yurkewicz was recently honored for 47 years as organist by the parishioners of Our Lady of Siluva. Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Father Matthew Jarasunas with Zarija Choir singing the Mass Dinner, program and dancing followed in the church hall. Many Knights attended. Best wishes for many more years in serving Our Lady of Siluva!

Mary Pieri, Marcella & Joseph Kashalonis, members of Holy Cross Parish, Mt. Carmel, participated in the Diocesan Celebration commemorating the eleventh centenary of the death of St. Methodius, co-patron of Christian unity, apostle of Eastern Europe, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Harrisburg.

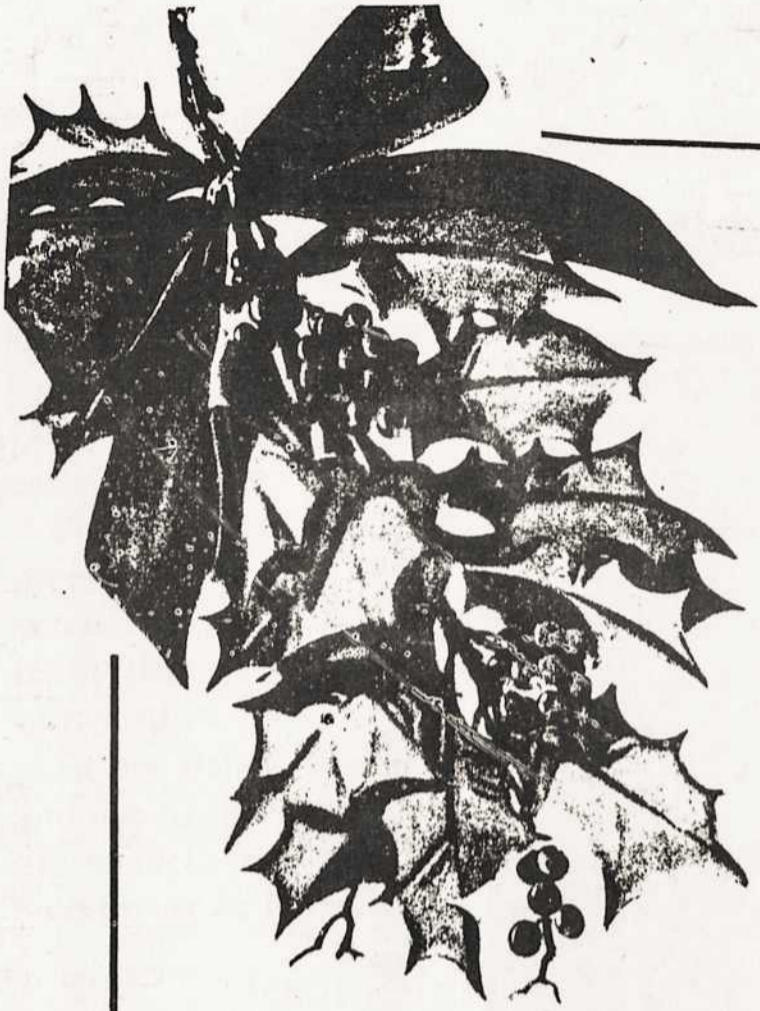
With other Easter Europe groups in native costume, Marcella & Joseph carried the Lithuanian flag in the processional. Lithuania was remembered in the prayers of the faithful. Mary Pieri said a Lithuanian prayer in the concluding rite.



Kalėdų švenčių ir
 Naujųjų Metų proga
**LINKIME JUMS DŽIAUGSMO
 IR DIEVO PALAIMOS**



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COUNCIL 143

Pittston, Pennsylvania

What Makes Christmas?

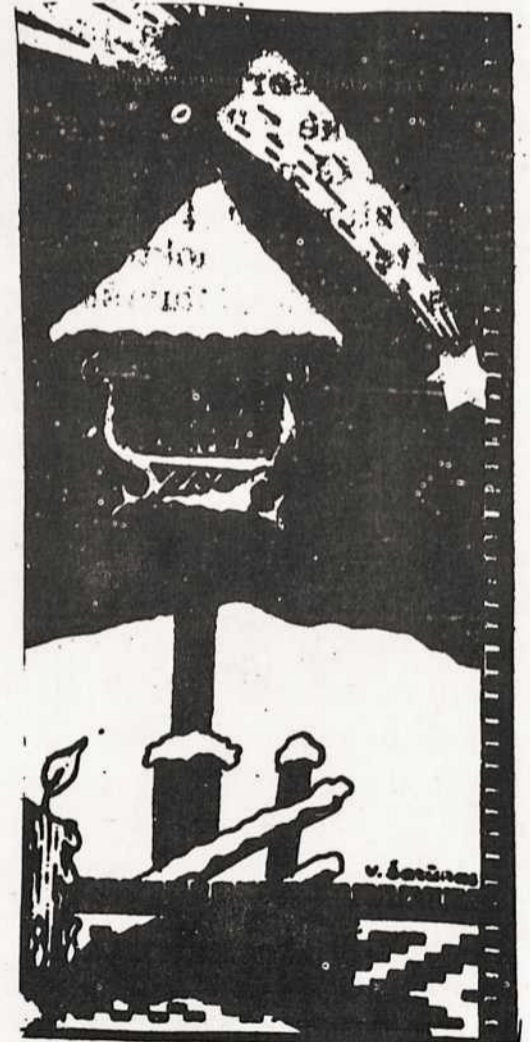
The Creator made Christmas possible;
 Friends make Christmas beautiful;
 Music makes Christmas festive;
 Giving makes Christmas joyous;
 Love makes Christmas complete.



**May the
 Joy and Peace
 of Christmas
 be with you
 through
 The Coming Year**

**LINKSMŪ ŠV. KALĖDŲ IR
 LAIMINGŲ IR SVEIKŲ NAUJU METŲ**

**COUNCIL 140
 Syracuse, N.Y.**



Attending the Supreme Council meeting at Our Lady of Vilna in New York City were Elise Kosmisky, Joni Reinhart and Ann Wargo, our council representatives. National President Petrauskas announced the 73rd National Convention will be hosted by Council 63 Lehigh Valley at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown on 7-10.

Council 144 will host the Mid-Atlantic District St. Casimir Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 9, at Annunciation BVM Church in Frackville.

Joining the Baltic Lithuanian Folk Art & Crafts Tour to Lithuania and Finland in October were Elsie & Clem Kosmisky, Beatrice & Joseph Rudzinski, Eleanor Vaicaitis, Helen Smulkstis, Eleanor Yancofski and Helen Chesko. All reported a delightful visit with relatives and made many friends in Lithuania.

C-146 — HARRISBURG

Summer ends much too soon. July 14 was one day that many of our members will remember. Vity and Helen Grabauskas invited us to their backyard for a pool party and picnic. Good food and drink, swimming and fellowship made the day a very enjoyable one.



C-146 Harrisburg members at pool party.

On September 15, Nell Berulis, Frances Boyle, Joanna & George Gilbert and Helen & Vity Grabaus-

kas attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg for the diocesan celebration commemorating the Eleventh Centenary of the Death of St. Methodius, patron of Christian unity and apostle of Eastern Europe. It was a beautiful event. Besides the Lithuanians in colorful costume, there were also other nationalities in their costumes. Mass was celebrated by Bishop William H. Keeler with priests of the diocese as concelebrants.

On September 28 many of our members went to St. Peter's church in Columbia where our Spiritual Advisor Rev. John Smith said Mass for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Lithuania. After Mass, we had a pleasant dinner at a nearby restaurant and realized how grateful we are to be living in the USA.

Helen Grabauskas

C-152 — RIVERHEAD

Our October 6 meeting was a lively spirited one. After the customary salute to the flag and opening prayer, led by Peter Dykovitz, the 55 members in attendance discussed what made our recent festival so successful and what we can do to improve future ones.

Many worthwhile suggestions were submitted and will be considered. One thing all present unanimously agreed upon was that there will be future festivals. Let's all make a date to be together next September.

Our second annual communion and breakfast commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day and St. Casimir's Day to be held early next year were also discussed.

The meeting was closed with the singing of "God Bless America" and "Ilgiausiu Metu" to ourselves since this was our first anniversary. A covered dish social followed and was enjoyed by all.

Father Charles, our spiritual advisor, is still on the sick list. We

send him our best wishes and prayers for a return to good health real soon.

It was nice to see Natalie Bilunas up and around and looking so good.

October 15 was a big day for the Laukaitis family. Three generations celebrated their birthdays on the same day, Ed, his son and his grandchild. A belated happy birthday and best wishes to all.

We will have election of officers at our November meeting, but at this time we want to congratulate and thank our present board, Alice Graff, Julie Lott, Flo Ostroski and Benita Matthes for a job extremely well done.

As we celebrate one of the most beautiful of holidays, Christmas, may the blessings of this holy season be with you now and always.

Iki pasimatymo - BL



IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in
your prayers...

LEONARD HARTVIGAS
Died August 8, 1985
Member C-100
Amsterdam, NY



A VERY BLESSED, MERRY AND HEALTHY CHRISTMAS
LINKSMŲ, ŠVENTŲ, IR SVEIKŲ KALĖDŲ

A VERY BLESSED, MERRY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR 1986
LINKSMŲ, ŠVENTŲ, SVEIKŲ IR LAIMINGŲ
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Peace to the world*

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Christmas Blessings
To You All

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Laimingų Naujų Metų

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KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
LINKSMŪ KALĖDU
Merry Christmas
LAIMINGŲ NAUJU METU
Happy New Year

1986



*Linksmu
 Kalėdu Švenčiui*
*Šauniamu
 Nauju Metu!*

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*Happy
 Holidays...*



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C-152 — RIVERHEAD



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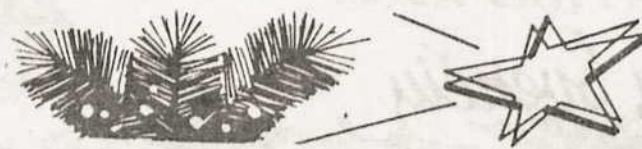


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**WISH YOU ALL
A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**TO ALL FELLOW KNIGHTS
AND LADIES AND THEIR
FAMILIES WE WISH TO
EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT
WISHES FOR A JOYOUS
AND HOLY CHRISTMAS AND
A BOUNTIFUL NEW YEAR
IN 1986!**

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**The Budreckis Family
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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

A group of Gardner Lithuanians entered a float in the Bi-Centennial Parade held on September 19. The theme "A Lithuanian Harvest" (Pugiapiutis) was created by Brone Wisniauskas. Featured on the float in national costume were couples returning from the harvest, a girl at the butter churn and one at the spinning wheel. Rue and our tricolors as well as log cabin, chicken coop, stacks of wheat and rye, and vegetables complimented the harvest theme. A large Vytis and music by Stanley Misevich, our 92-year-old accordion player, added the final note of our "Lithuanian Heritage" as portrayed by the banner bearers preceding the float. The spectators, especially the Lithuanians, rated it the most outstanding float in the parade.

The committee which included four K of L'ers is to be commended for an excellent job. Special thanks to Anthony Krasauskas, a special financial sponsor and encourager, and Sylvester Lucas and Henry Dernalowich for the many hours in the building of the float.

Thank you Norwood for the fine hospitality during the NED Fall Convention.

The Annual Mass at the Cathedral in the Pines sponsored by the district was held on September 22. About 200 persons traveled from

various parts of the district to attend. Fr. Steponaitis celebrated the Mass and gave the homily. Charles Genaitis served as lector and leader of song.

About 125 persons returned to the Lith's Club in Gardner and were served a lunch prepared by Brone Wisniauskas. Assisting her in serving were Anna Wilson, Amelia Vaitkunas, Helen Simkunas, Valeria Smith and Tina Shatas. Boston was well represented with 46 persons attending in a chartered bus with Al Akule in charge. NED President Bruno Lazauskas and C-10 President Bill Wisniauskas were co-chairmen.

A three-part lengthy article written by Lucille Kupstis was featured in the Daily News on her recent trip to Lithuania.

Our September meeting was preceded by services and sermon in honor of Our Lady of Siluva.

Our condolences are extended to the Kuzmiskus family on the sudden death of their mother Catherine that occurred a week after her mother's death at the age of 100. Condolences are also extended to the family of the late John Alauskas of Waterbury.

Pauline Rogers of happy memory is sadly remembered by us all on this the first anniversary of her death.

Congratulations and God's choicest blessings are sent to Stanley and Alice Perekslis on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary. Strangely enough, they met at a National Convention in New Jersey which blossomed into this happy marriage.

In December, let's all try to foster our Lithuanian customs and traditions. Try to celebrate Kucios in true Lithuanian fashion and make and decorate your tree with our now famous siaudiniukus. Rejoice in the revival of our heritage.

Vincukas

C-17 — BOSTON

Boston Council 17 resumed its fall activities with a regular meeting on September 11 at the K of L Club Room at the East Seventh Street Chapel. On September 22, a good showing was made by our council at the Cathedral in the Pines.

Another good turnout by our members was the attendance at the New England District Fall Convention at St. George Parish Hall in Norwood. Our delegates captured the two highest slots on the NED Executive Board. Albert Jaritis was elected district president and Alexander Akule took the number two post. Congratulations to two hard workers.

The second monthly fall meeting was held on October 9. The major item under discussion was nomination of officers for the coming year.

The traditional NED Cultural Festival at Maironis Park drew a big crowd. District President Al Jaritis was interviewed by the Worcester Telegram which had a full page write-up on the affair.

A reminder to all council members: remember we need your active participation. Meetings are still held on every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar was held on November 10 at the Lithuanian Citizens Association Club.

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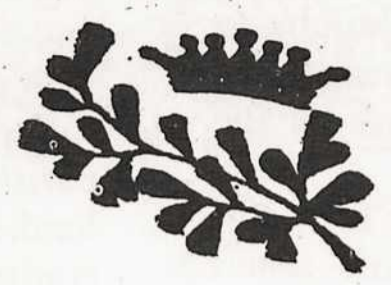
C-26 — WORCHESTER

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Marion Racicot, Ritual Chairperson, awarded First Degrees to Ed Skrocki and to Mary Ulevich at the September meeting. Stephen Walinsky Sr. was to have received his Fourth Degree at the National Convention, but a death in the family necessitated postponement to a future date. Congratulations to all!

Brother Joseph Landis MIC, once president of our council, holder of the Third Degree, will celebrate his

**Council 26
Worcester, MA**



**WISHES TO EXTEND
Very Merry Christmas
and
Happy, Prosperous New Year Greetings
MAY THE CHRIST CHILD BLESS
EACH AND EVERY ONE**



**GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL
DURING THE HOLIDAY
SEASON AND THROUGHOUT
THE NEW YEAR.**

**COUNCIL 30
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Kalėdu Švenčių
Laimingų
Naujų Metų!*

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"Home of the Wayside Cross"**



**MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE
INFANT SAVIOR BE YOURS AT
CHRISTMAS . . . AND
THROUGH EACH DAY OF THE
NEW YEAR.**

Council 1, Brockton, MA



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- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service
- To all men, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.



25th Silver Jubilee as a Marian Brother on December 8. Brother Joseph's assignment is at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson where he serves as treasurer, assistant headmaster, and co-director of development. Ilgiausiu, sveikiausiu metu linkim Broliui Juozui!

Anne Grazulis loved visiting Lithuania and meeting relatives and promises to follow up her recent trip by another before too long.

Mrs. Antanina Atkocius, 90-plus-year-old parishioner of St. Casimir's, spends her time writing Lithuanian verse. Her "Biteles" was published in the June-July "Vytis". If you missed it, we suggest you refer to that issue. Mrs. Atkocius is mother of the late Rev. Valentine Atkocius MIC.

Mildred Lapinskas and Rita Pinkus were official delegates to the National Convention in New Haven. Also serving were Charles and Frances Kulakusky, Helen Gillus and Ann Bucinskas.

Michael Karpicus, son of Mrs. Rita Margosian and the late Karpicus Sr., was promoted recently to Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. Also, Jack Ridick, son of John and Ann Ridick, was promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Army. Congratulations!

Both Charles Lapinskas and Charles Kulakusky suffered sprained ankles recently. We suppose misery loves company! Charles Kulakusky and his wife Frances made another visit to the British Isles recently to visit daughter Margaret and her family.

Francis Tagman was installed as Commander of the Grafton Hill Post 323 of the American Legion.

Lynne Walinsky was the happy recipient of the \$500 K of L Scholarship. She's a freshman at Assumption College. Joey Howard is a freshman at Lowell University. We wish our scholars well in their studies.

Lt. Joseph Pridotkas, June graduate of Holy Cross College, son of Alexander and Ann Pridotkas, took upon himself a bride. Miss Mar-

garet Brown, at nuptials held at St. Joseph's Chapel at Holy Cross on November 23. Congratulations to the newlyweds! Joseph's dad is a senior planner of land use for the City of Worcester.

Death recently claimed Tony Anton's sister; Joseph Sakaitis' sister; Antoinette Ivaska's brother and Vincent Grazulis' brother. Heart felt condolences to the bereaved families.

We're hoping our sick list will be reduced rapidly. It's much too long: John Ridick, Katherine Sullivan, Michael Abraham, Helen Gilus, Eleanor Valinski, Ann Bucinskas and Frances Glaskas. From surgery, to treatment, to strained ligaments, we wish our members good health — and fast!

Bowling remains competitive with one of the largest numbers of bowlers in our council's history: Mildred Lapinskas (bowling secretary), Ann & Ed Skrocki, Steve & Ann Walinsky, Tony Brazauski, Francis Tagman, Geraldine Tagman, Antoinette & Joseph Ivaska, Mike & Sue Abraham, Betty Abraham, Mary & Bob Parker, Charles Kulakusky and Louis & Sharon Gouin.

November 17 is the special date when parishioners will honor their pastor, Rev. Anthony Miciunas MIC, on the occasion of Ather's 70th birthday, 45 years in the holy priesthood, and nearly 14 years as pastor of St. Casimir's Church here in Worcester.

Dzukele

C-50 — NEW HAVEN

Many members traveled to Orange on September 15 to enjoy our annual picnic on the grounds of Mary Geipel's residence. Everyone had a wonderful day.

Our annual parish picnic was held on September 22 at the New Haven Raccoon Club in Durham. Marion Meshako was chairman. She again presented our pastor, Father Karalis, with a generous check.

There was dancing with Walt Sol-ek's orchestra, plenty of Lithuanian and American goodies to satisfy your palate and games and raffles to round out what makes for a perfect parish picnic. Everyone worked very hard, especially those who were recuperating from the convention. They were able to go another round to make our annual picnic successful. We were happy when Frank Antin shouted "the last hamburger was sold." Congratulations on your great spirit and goodwill to serve the Knights.

The NED Convention in Norwood was attended by seven delegates. Congratulations to Al Jaritis who was installed as president and Alex Akule, vice president. Diane Lazauskas served as recording secretary

On October 20 a busload of 46 members went to the cultural day at Maironis Park. It was a good day, especially the dinner and not to say the least for the arts, crafts, entertainment and amusing raffles.

Welcome and congratulations to Alberta & William Simon, Ernest & Sandra George, Frances & John Prishwalko, Peter Klimas and Regina & Joseph Karmuze who were installed at the September and October meetings. Our membership now totals 192.

Helen Balchus

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

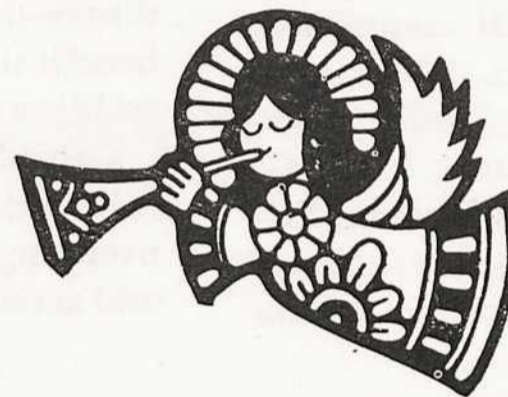
Busy, busy, busy is what our council has been in the past month, and our agenda for the coming months is full of scheduled activities.

Since the NED Convention on September 29 that was attended by 15 members, Lithuanian Conversational Classes at Providence College have resumed for the sixth year with an attendance of 24 students. Prof. A. Jurgelaitis seems elated.

On October 6, our parish celebrated the 50th anniversary of the building of our present church with

Holiday Greetings

FROM NEW HAVEN, CONN.
The 72nd National Convention City



*Linksmu
Kalėdu Švenciu*

*Visu Raimingu
Nauju Metu!*

Rev. A. Karalis
Pastor
St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church

Officers and Members
Knights of Lithuania Council 50

a banquet in the church hall. That was put up by mostly K of L'ers. Joseph Waitonis was general chairman with his wife Agnes heading the kitchen crew. John Walaska served as toastmaster. Remarks were heard from guests at the head table that included Father Anthony Kacevicius, a parish vocation and former curate, Father Jurgelaitis, Father Izadorus Gadvila, present pastor, and former pastor Val Cukuras, who was the main speaker.

Our new officers were elected on October 12. Congratulations to William Piacentini Jr., president; Anthony Gudeczauskas, first vice president; Vito Kapiskas, second vice president; Susan Gudeczauskas, recording secretary; Irene Walaska, financial secretary; Ray Sauickas, treasurer; Peter Denisewich and John Jacknevich, trustees.

Serving on council committees are Francis Kapiskas, Lithuanian affairs; Bette Cuiryla, chairperson, and John Walaska, ritual; Victor G. Mathieu, Vytis correspondent; Elizabeth Tribuisis, Sophia Sakalys and Alice Grybas, social; Sophia Sakalys, sunshine.

A long and loud "Adieu" to outgoing president Joseph Waitonis and his complete entourage for their untiring efforts in our behalf during their tenure.

The foul weather on Sunday, October 13, did not deter our going to Worcester, Maironis Park, for the Annual NED Cultural Picnic. A great time was had by all.

Back to work for our Annual Oktoberfest in the parish hall. Members will be flocking around Bertha R. Stoskus and her sister E. Ruth Krecioch to hear all about their trip to Lithuania.

Preparations are being made for coming events of great interest to us being held out of state. St. Casimir's of Brockton is honoring Father Jurgelaitis on his 40th jubilee as a Dominican. The Sisters of Jesus Crucified of Brockton are having a dinner-dance in Randolph, MA, to benefit the construction of the new addition to their convent.

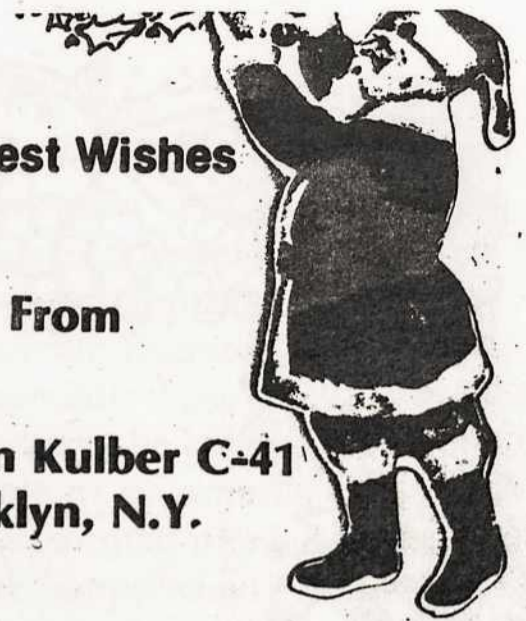
Calendar of coming events is quite full, and the holiday season is just over the horizon. Let's keep busy and active!

Un Ami de Lituanie

Best Wishes

From

Helen Kulber C-41
Brooklyn, N.Y.



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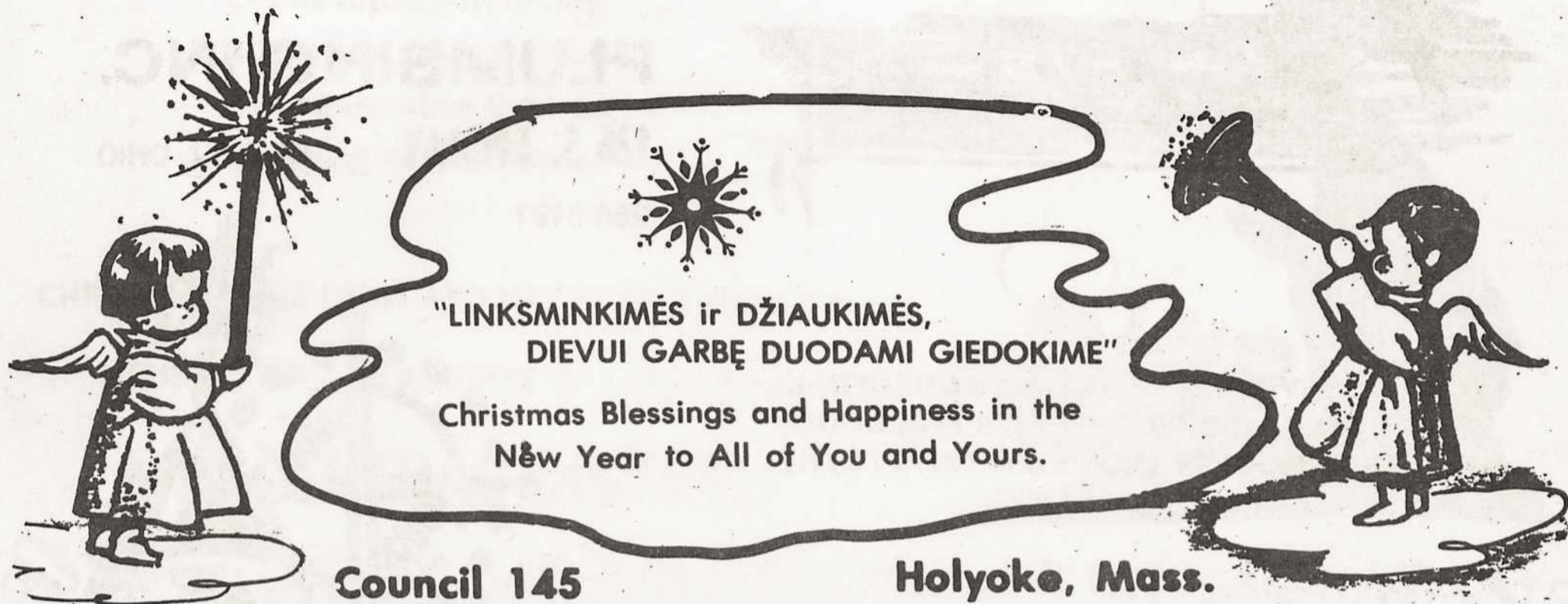
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Peter Kasilionis,
C-52, Elizabeth

K OF L CALENDAR

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| Jan. 11 | K of L Choir Benefit Dinner
Sauliu Namai
Chicago, IL |
| Feb. 15 | Independence Day Mass; Dinner
St. Casimir's Church
Amsterdam, NY |
| Feb. 16 | Independence Day Mass; Brunch
Transfiguration Church
Maspeth, NY |
| Feb. 23: | Mid-America District 26th Annual
"Memories of Lithuania"
Martinique Ballroom
Chicago, IL |
| AUG. 7-10: | 73rd NATIONAL CONVENTION
Allentown Hilton Hotel |



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bridgeport, Connecticut Council #141

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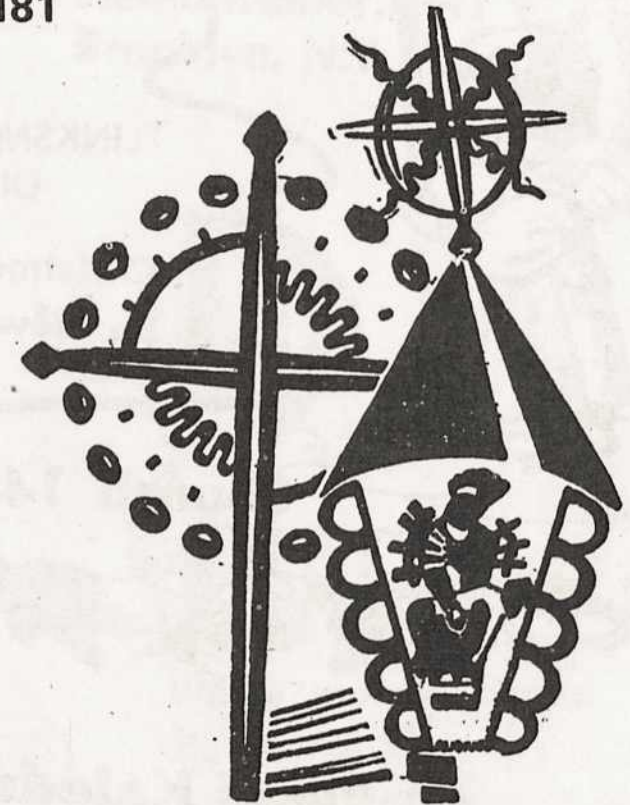
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*Greetings for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous New Year to all Knights of Lithuania members*

It's the season of His birth.
Let us rejoice in loving
adoration as we celebrate
and remember the true
meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



C19 — PITTSBURGH

We know that when our Mid-Central meeting is in DuBois on the weekend of September 27, we will be **enjoying** not only busy sessions and lively meetings but a great variety of good food and enjoyable social activities.

Our first meeting opened with a stirring slide and commentary on current life in Lithuania and a history of our Lithuanian prisoners of conscience. Our Mid-Central President Fran Petkus managed to keep the meetings well organized with one exception when it almost became a bowling seminar. Marge Turner capably assisted Fran during the entire afternoon session.

C-19 was well represented with 15 members present. Ten **arrived** the first night in a van driven by Andy Rozger. Among them were Sisters M. Francesca and M. Alverna who were happy to again return to their home town.

The spiritual program consisted of Sunday's Mass at St. Joseph's Church with Father Robert Pudlo, spiritual advisor C-86, delivering an inspiring homily and a memorable Scriptural Rosary at St. Joseph's

Cemetery. The beautiful sunny weather and gorgeous scenery combined to make this pilgrimage unforgettable.

Council members who were fortunate to attend this pilgrimage are deeply appreciative of the hard work and excellent planning of Tom and Jean Bruzga and C-86 members who assisted.

Mary H. Tamy

C-25 — CLEVELAND

Ten representatives from our council took part in the activities of the Mid-Central District Fall Convention and Pilgrimage. Joe & Ann Ivaska who were attending a relative's 50th wedding anniversary celebration joined us on Sunday to total 12.

Marian Gray, acting secretary at the MCD meeting, received her Third Degree pin and recognition after Mass on Sunday. Congratulations!

A good report was submitted by our delegates, Alvina Luiza and Frances Pranskevich. Alvina won the 50/50 raffle at the meeting, an Adele Svet won the raffle at the dance. No trophies — just money. Lucky ladies!

Elections of officers was postponed until the November meeting due to the illness of our president, Vyto Balas. Wishing you well, Vyto!

A theater party of 22 K of L'er went to see "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Reflect Up?" at the State in downtown Cleveland on October 24. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Welcome back to the USA, Helen and Bill Jakubs, after visiting China. Sorry you were unsuccessful in establishing a council in the Orient.

Dolly

C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

October signifies bright pumpkins, apple cider, beautiful fall days and our meeting night on October 2 when President Magdalena Smailis called for election of officers. The following members will serve for one 1985-86 season: Fr. V. Krisciunevicius, spiritual advisor; Magdalena Smailis, president; Richard Danielak, vice president; Marianne Newberry, secretary; Jeanne Yakstys, trustees; Lenoard Balkus, sergeant at arms.

The following will chair committees: Marianne Newberry, ritual;



The Officers and Members
of
East St. Louis Council No. 40
of the Immaculate Conception Church

Extend
To all of our Knights of Lithuania,
Friends

Warmest Wishes for most blessed and joyous holidays!



Helen Tucker Santorum, Lithuanian affairs; Stella Hotra, cultural; Mary Keller, Catholic action; Sophie Zger, Vytis; Emma Povilaitis, sunshine; Violet Panavas; Rosary and Richard Danielak, social.

Divine Providence Cultural Center was filled to capacity for the 40th Anniversary of the Lithuanian Voice Radio Program on October 19. Close to 400 people sat around elegantly set tables, enhanced by candle centerpieces, surrounded with fresh rutas and dainty autumn flowers.

Kazys Gogelis, president of the American-Lithuanian Voice, opened the evening's activities with greetings and introduced the master of ceremonies, Jonas Krisciunas.

The first Lithuanian Radio Hour began on September 8, 1945, at the WJLB radio station in Detroit. Among

the first program directors were Harry Aronas Kapturauskas and Mirga Michaels-Motzaite. The program was called "Amerikos Lietuviu Balso" which later expanded as "Lithuanian Melodies." Among its directors and performers was the late C-79 member Ralph Valatka Sr.

Joe Yakstys and Frank Povilaitis helped in the refreshments department while 79'ers helped to round out a nice evening.

Albertas Misiunas participated in the evening's entertainment. The "Gintaro Ansambles," a women's vocal group from Toronto, gave an excellent performance, Detroit's Audinys group of singers and folk dancers also performed.

President Gogelis and the Radio Directors of American-Lithuanian Voice have aided the radio staff in

developing up-to-date materials which have had a significant impact on the Lithuanian Community. Ilgiausu metu--and we will keep listening!

Divine Providence parish hosted an adult enrichment weekend on October 11 which was conducted by Loretta Girzaitis, adult education director of the St. Paul Diocese. This workshop with presentations in English was sponsored by the religious education commission of the parish council and also intended for Lithuanian parish leaders in general with the cooperation of Bishop Paulius Baltakis.

"What does it mean to use one's gifts for the Lord?" "Adult religious education," and "How can I be prayer and prayer be me?" were topics for discussion. Liuda Rugienius



Su artejančiomis šventėmis
Pittsburgh 19-tos kuopos
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Lietuvo Vyčių
19-toji kuopa

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coordinated the workshop.

HM Anthony Dainus is still confined to University Convalescent & Nursing Home, 28550 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154. Following a stroke, his progress is slow, and it would be in good fellowship to drop Tony a card or a cheery note.

Richard Danielak gave an outstanding talk on the importance of enrolling more youth in the K of L. He encouraged parents with young people in their families to bring them to meetings and participate in our organizational activities. At the October meeting he distributed youth flyers on various phases of interesting activities.

George & Sophie Leskosky, our members from Winter Haven FL, visited their son Georgie and family in Allen Park.

SOFFI

C-96 — DAYTON

The following delegates traveled to DuBois to attend the Mid-Central District Pilgrimage and Convention on the weekend of September 27: District President Frances Petkus, Joe & Eleanor Mantz, George & Frances Mikalauskas and Eloise Berceley.

Father Pudlo, Spiritual Adviser C-86, took from scriptures the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians, Chapter 6, Part 10, using Christ's words in relating to the struggle of the Lithuanian people to see Lithuania free. At the cemetery he also led us in the spiritual Rosary. Each council lighted a candle and names of deceased members were read.

Thanks to Marian Skabeikis, Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Coordinator from Brooklyn, we were

able to obtain a slide presentation of a trip to Lithuania taken by a young lady. This was shown at the district meeting and also at our council meeting in October.

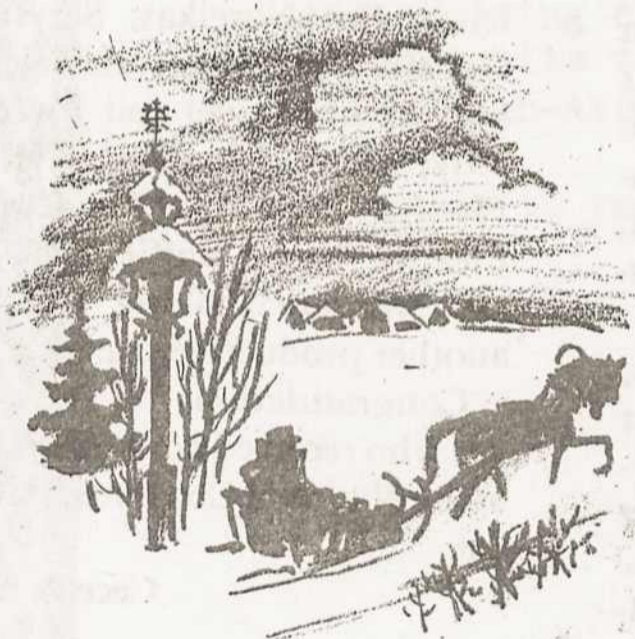
Congratulations to Fran Petkus for retaining Joe Peter Mantz as Second Vice President of the District. Eleanor Mantz is Cultural Chairman and George Mikalauskas remains as Sergeant at Arms. Good weather prevailed during our visit to DuBois, and thanks to Council 86 for being excellent hosts.

Congratulations to Carol Noreikas DeChito who graduated with honors from Sinclair College in the upper 10 percent of her class.

The Juniors enjoyed a swim party and picnic at the home of Loretta & Henry Pant on July 14. Thanks to Loretta and Henry for the use of their pool.



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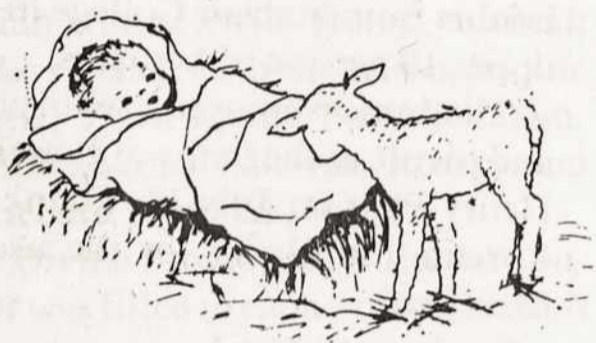
Southfield, Michigan





The true meaning of Christmas be with all our fellow Knights and Ladies.

May the Infant Jesus shower His graces on each of you. Now, and throughout the new year.



**Council 86
Dubois PA.**



MAY THE JOYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BE YOURS!

C 96

Dayton, Ohio



On Saturday, October 19, Anna Marie Sluzas and Mark Berger exchanged wedding vows at Holy Cross Church which was filled to capacity with friends and relatives. Anna Marie is the daughter of Elinor Sluzas. The wedding reception was held at the Greek Orthodox Hall where guests danced to the music of the Strolia Brothers Orchestra from Chicago. It was a rainy day but did not dampen the happiness that prevailed in wishing the couple many happy years of marriage. Anna Marie and Mark are dancers in our "Vejeliai" dance group. Our congratulations to both.

Congratulations to Mary Agnes Mikalauskas who was married to Robert Jensen on Saturday, August 31. Their wedding reception was held at the Antioch Shrine Hall in Dayton. Mary Agnes is the daughter of Frances & George Mikalauskas.

Our sympathy is extended to Kitty Prasmantas, her family and relatives on the death of a cousin, Rev.

Father Casimir Servaitis, a Spiritual Director and teacher at Villa Joseph Marie High School in Holland, PA. A few months ago he reached 50 years in the priesthood. He passed away on October 16.

On Saturday, October 26, our Election Night Dinner was held in the church hall. Stanley Vaitkus conducted the election after which Father Vaclovas Katarskis, who continues to be our Spiritual Adviser, installed new officers and committee chairmen.

New officers are Frances Petkus, President; Elena Mikalauskas, First Vice President; Michael Petkus, Second vice president; Peter Mantz and Michael Petkus; Kitty Prasmantas, Recording Secretary; Sally Miller, Treasurer; Frances Mikalauskas, Financial Secretary; Rick Noreikas and George Mikalauskas, Trustees; Karl Keivel and John Berczelly, Sergeants at Arms.

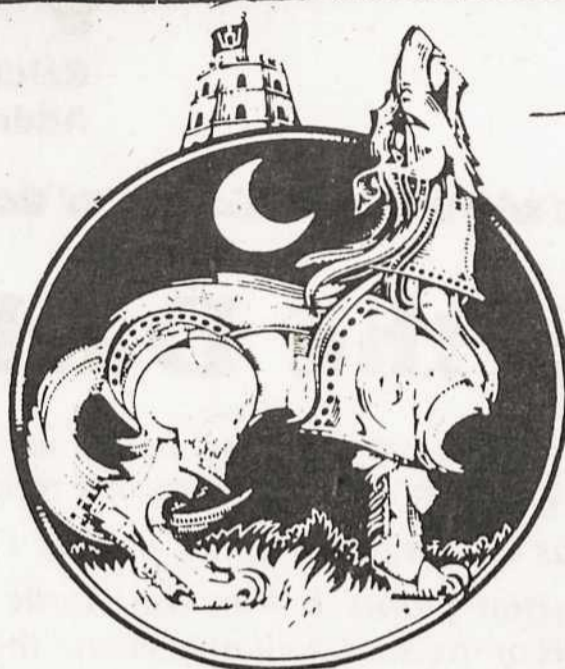
Committees will be headed by the following: Religious, George & Fran-

ces Mikalauskas; Lithuanian Affairs, Stefanija Rastikis; Cultural, Aldona Ryan; Ritual, Fran Petkus; Vytis, Cecelia Yankus; Bulletin Editor, Kitty Prasmantas (published quarterly); Historian, Eugenia Gecas; Condolence, Bea Noreikas; Sarysis, Joe Gecas and Helen Keivel; Telephone Squad, Sue Keivel and Joyce Berczelly; Sports, John Berczelly and Joe Fletcher; By-Laws, Joe Ryan and Eleanor Mantz; Raffle, Rick Noreikas. We are looking forward to another productive year.

Congratulations to Judy Petrokas who received her Fourth Degree at the National Convention in August.

Cecelia Yankus





Baltic Associates of Boston greets the Knights of Lithuania during the 1985 Christmas and New Year's season.

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Light in the Darkness

"The Lord will come, he will not delay. He will bring to light that which is in darkness, and reveal himself to all the world."

So runs an antiphon in Advent, as Christians prepare for the Feast of Christ's Nativity.

Those who endure the long Siberian nights within the Arctic Circle, those who live in an environment that is truly a dark night of the soul, will appreciate the Scripture's use of the images of light and darkness in a way we in the free world do not.

And from the suffering prisoners, comes a Christmas message for us: It is a Christmas Prayer, composed by four Lithuanian girls in Siberia:

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

With icy lips
with tear-filled eyes,
tormented by despair, we fly
to your straw-covered crib,
O Holy Babe!

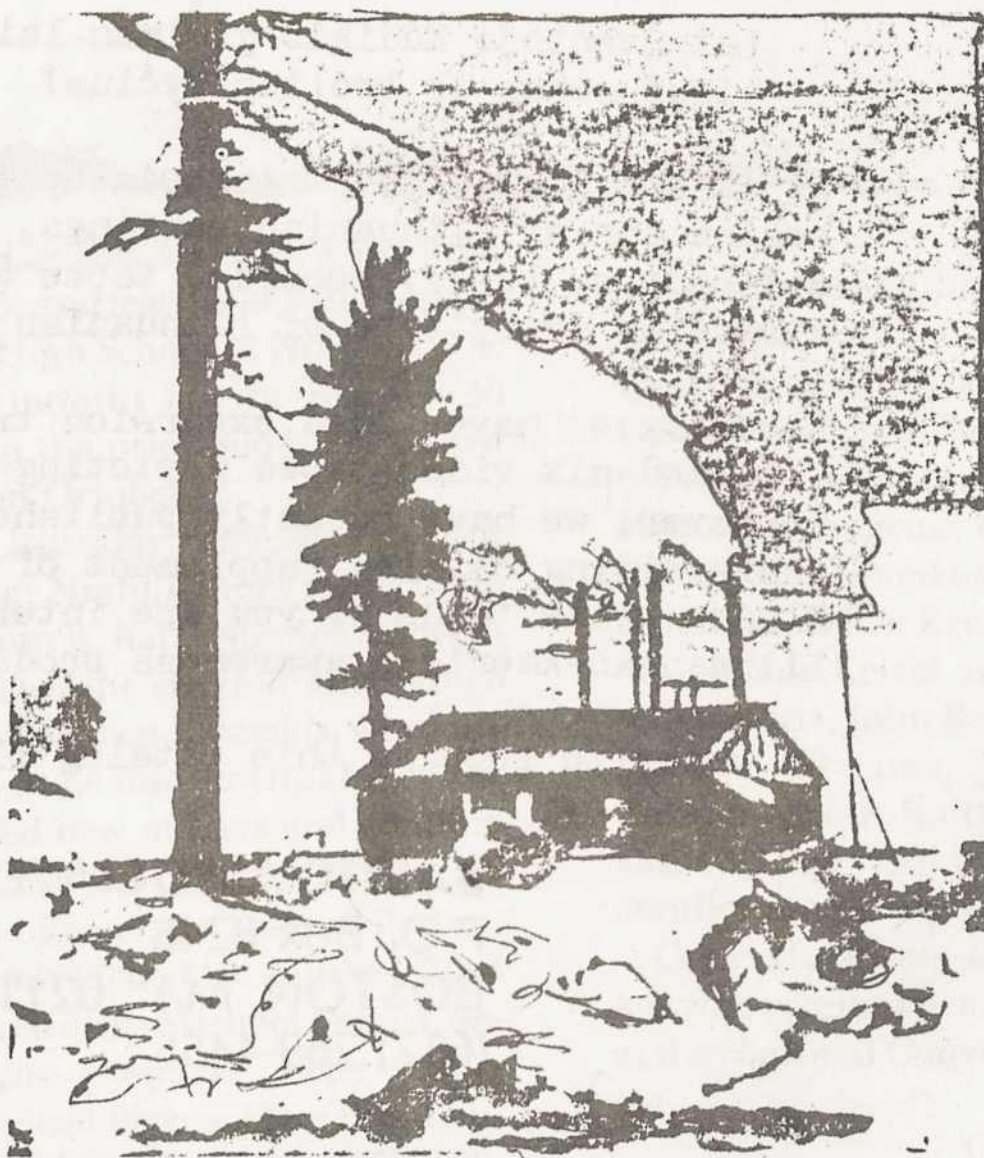
Accept our petitions
and prayers,
accept our longing
and resolves.

Accept the sacrifices of our
freedom-fighters.

Accept the tears
of our loved ones,
their prayers, their grief
and their anxieties.

Preserve us all
for a bright future.
Grant heavenly bliss
to those who have died
from hunger and hardship
in foreign lands.

With a bruised heart,
I implore You —
cut short the days of our trials.
If sacrifice is needed,
take it from me,
but give me
the courage and fortitude
of martyrs. Amen.



● A Soviet concentration camp in Siberia: one of 2,000 prisons, camps and psychiatric prisons now in operation in the USSR. A new source of spiritual inspiration for the materialistic West.