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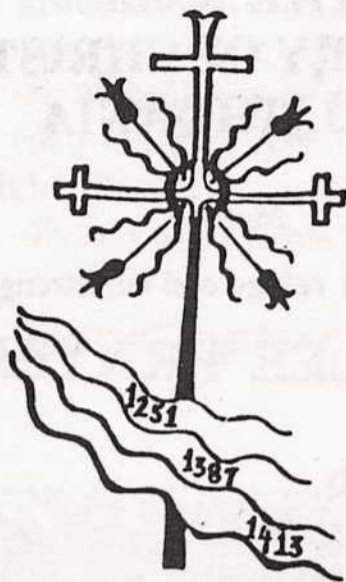
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LITHUANIAN CHRISTIANITY JUBILEE

“RELIGIOUS RENEWAL PROGRAMS”

1986 brings us nearer to the 600th jubilee of Lithuania's baptism. In preparation for that anniversary the Bishops in Lithuania have proclaimed 1986 as the **Year of Faith Consciousness**. Lithuanians through out the world are asked to unite themselves in prayer to prepare themselves spiritually for the celebration of the grace of baptism they received as a nation 600 years ago.

Full Christian expression has been discouraged in Lithuania by Soviet authorities. Yet, comparatively few Lithuanian Christians have lost their vigor to live their faith despite obstacles thrown before them. 1986 is a year for we and they to renew our spiritual consciousness, to make our faith become even more active in our daily living. Let us boldly proclaim the joy of Christ that fills our lives.

Preparations for the Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee has gained favorable consideration from many sources. The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II encourages our proper commemoration of this great spiritual event.

The Lithuanian Christianization Jubilee Committee is involved in various preparations for the commemoration. The committee has proclaimed a Prayer Campaign For 1986. The committee needs people who believing in the motto “God is our refuge and our strength” and who will agree to pray that we fulfill our Lord's plans for ourselves and our nation. Prayer is one way all can join in the preparation for the Jubilee and everyone is invited. To be involved in the Prayer Campaign is a personal and free decision. It is possible to be part of this campaign by private prayer, by gathering in small groups or by providing for larger group or parish prayer gatherings.

We are asked to keep the First Sunday or Monday of every month as the common day of prayer uniting all Lithuanians throughout the world.

Prayer and God works will help us foster spiritual renewal and intercede for a faith renewal for our entire Nation responding to Our Lord's plan.

All the prayers and good works will be “gathered and presented to Our Heavenly Father through the hands of Our Holy Father, John Paul II during the offertory procession at St Peter's Basilica in June 1987.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PRAYER CAMPAIGN:

1. Individual prayer (please inform the aged and the infirm)
 - Pray the Jubilee Prayer every day or once a week (at table, mornings, evenings, alone or with the family)
 - Read Scripture or other spiritual material
 - Take on some good works or other forms of assistance to those in material/spiritual need
 - Refrain from that which weakens your faith; choose that which fosters your faith;
 - Perform family obligations willingly
2. “Where two or three are gathered in my Name, there am I”
 - Together with the family, friends, or members of an organization form a prayer group, which would meet once a week/month for prayer; (a group could gather in a private home or the church hall; besides prayer, you could read Scriptures, share insights, or discuss a religious topic leading to spiritual growth).
 - Form a living rosary (various people agree to say a part of the Rosary once a day/month so that all together one complete rosary is recited)
 - Together with others, undertake some spiritual or corporal work of mercy, helping out those in spiritual or material need;

KRIKŠČIONYBĖS LIETUVOJE 600 METŲ SUKAKTIS

Šūkis:

Dievas mūsų prieglauda ir stiprybė

JUBILIEJINĖ MALDA

VIEŠPATIE DIEVE,
Tautų Kūrėjau ir žmonijos Tėve!
Tu per vienatinį savo Sūnų
vaduoji kiekvieną žmogų
iš nuodėmės vergijos
ir teiki dieviškąją įsūnystę.
Nuoširdžiai dėkojame,
kad pirmąjį mūsų tautos
karalių Mindaugą
paženklinau savo Sūnaus
išganinguoju Krikštu;
o prieš šešis šimtmečius
visą tautą pakviete
į Jėzaus Kristaus Bažnyčią.

ŠVENČIAUSIOJI MERGELE MARIJA,
Dievo Motina!
Padėki tinkamai įvertinti
mums ir mūsų tautai
suteiktą didžią tavo Sūnaus Dovaną.
Jo prisikėlimo viltis
nuolat teskatina mus
krikščioniškai gyventi ir dirbti
savo bei tautos dieviškam sužydėjimui.

ŠVENTASIS KAZIMIERAI, Lietuvos globėjau!
Saugok Krikšto malonę mūsų jaunime:
Lietuvoje jam skirta stoti
į persekiojamų krikščionių eiles,
o išeivijoje — budėti dažnai
nepastebimo prieš akivaizdoje.

KRISTAU, mūsų Broli ir tautos Rūpintojėli!
Tau pavedame save, savuosius
ir Tėvynę Lietuvą.
Tegu Tavo atsiųsta Šventoji Dvasia
gaivina, stiprina ir veda mūsų tautą
į pergalę ir į amžinojo gyvenimo pilnatvę.

Amen

THE 600th ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIANITY IN LITHUANIA

Motto:

God is our refuge and our strength

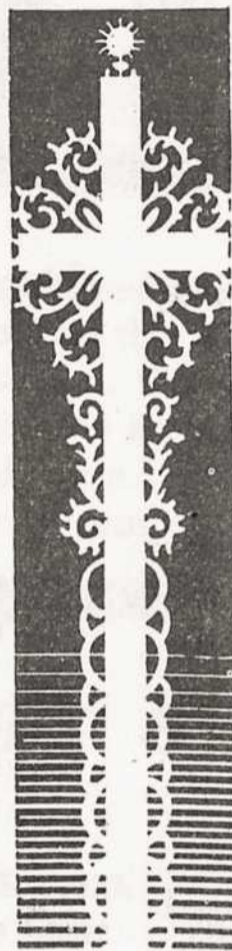
JUBILEE PRAYER

LORD GOD,
Creator of Nations,
Father of mankind!
Through your only-begotten Son
you saved us from the bondage of sin
and made us your children.
We thank you for granting
our first king, Mindaugas,
the grace of rebirth
through the waters of Baptism
and for inviting Lithuania
into the Church of Jesus Christ
six centuries ago.

MOST HOLY VIRGIN MARY,
Mother of God and our Mother!
Help us to appreciate
the great gift of Baptism
given us by your Son
so that we may live and work
for our personal and national renewal
full of hope in the mystery
of His Resurrection.

ST. CASIMIR, Patron of Lithuania!
Preserve the grace of Baptism
in the hearts of our youth:
those in Lithuania are destined to join
the ranks of persecuted Christians,
while those outside their native land
must be on guard
against more subtle enemies.

JESUS, our Brother and Rūpintojėlis!
We dedicate to you ourselves
and those we love
as well as the land of our fathers.
May your Holy Spirit renew, strengthen
and lead our nation to victory
and to the fullness of eternal life. Amen



3. Lithuanian parishes or organizations may:

- Form a group which would discuss, plan and organize special prayer services for the parish, Lithuanian community or organization;
- Besides customary prayer forms or the Mass, you might organize a Scripture reflection evening, discuss a religious topic...

The Committee would like to know how you have responded to this challenge to prayer. With your response, suggestions or requests write to:
Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee
Religious Renewal Programs
Immaculate Conception Convent
Route 21; Putnam, CT 06260



FATHER MICIUNAS HONORED



*Worcesterio Nevėžio ir Neringos
Tuntų ir Lietuvos Vyčių 26 ir 116
kuopos suteikiama dovana kun.
Miciūnui*

Photo Eric Koslowski



An over-flowing assembly of priests, parishioners and friends gathered at Maironis Park, in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts on November 17, 1985 to honor Father Anthony J. Miciunas, MIC, pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Worcester, Massachusetts, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, 45th anniversary in the holy priesthood, and near-14 years as pastor of Worcester's St. Casimir's Church.

Son of the late John and Veronica Miciunas, Father Miciunas was born on Oglesby, Illinois on October 9, 1915. After graduating from Immaculate Conception Parochial School in Chicago, he attended Marian Hills High School in Claredon Hills, Illinois, Marianapolis College in Thompson, Connecticut (both conducted by the Marian Fathers), followed by studies in the Marian Seminary in Hinsdale, Illinois. Father Miciunas was ordained a priest in the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception by Bishop B. Sheil on May 26, 1940.

Father Miciunas did post graduate work in Philosophy, Education and Journalism at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and Laval University in Quebec, Canada, followed by an M.A. Degree in Philosophy from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1944.

From 1944 to 1952, various Marian assignments in Chicago included editing the Lithuanian monthly "Laivas" (The Ship), business manager of the Lithuanian daily newspaper, "Draugas" (The Friend), and was superior of the Marian's West Side Monastery, while serving as a member of the Provincial Council.

Father Miciunas was appointed, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin from 1952 to 1957. Then in 1957, he was named superior of the Marian Monastery in Chicago until 1960 when he returned to Kenosha, again as St. Peter's pastor.

In 1963, Father Miciunas was sent to Rome, Italy where he served as General Councilor of the Marian Congregation until 1969. He returned to Chicago in 1969 and was named superior of the Monastery and was elected Vice-Provincial of the St. Casimir Province of Marian Fathers, a position he holds today. Here he also served as editor of the English monthly magazine, "The Marian".

Father Miciunas was named pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Worcester, Massachusetts in February of 1972 where he continues to serve to this time.

His mental brilliance as a student marked him out for assignments of leadership throughout his priestly

career. Though modesty prevents his admitting this, he was more often than not the head of his class throughout his scholastic training.

Last July, when Father was diagnosed as suffering phlebitis in his right leg, his parishioners joined in prayerful concern for his successful surgery. Soon this grave concern for Father's health was overtaken by rejoicing: he was on the road to recovery! Thanks to the goodness of Our Heavenly Father!

Father Miciunas has long since returned to his full time pastoral duties where his concerns in a large



Fr. Anthony J. Miciunas, MIC, accepting key to the City of Worcester from Councilor Thomas Early, Mayor's Representative.

Photo Eric Koslowski

parish complex include the church, rectory, school and convent. In addition, he is spiritual director to several parish and non-parish organizations, including Council 26 of the Knights of Lithuania.

Because Father Miciunas is a native of Chicago, we are especially grateful to that Marian associate who furnished us with these brief biographical facts on the first 45 years of Father's religious vocation.

Ad multos annos, Father! Congratulations! God loves you ... and so does your grateful spiritual family!



AGNES WERBITS DILLIS

Member, C-135
Ansonia, Ct
Died November 9, 1985

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MILDRED VAIKNESS

Member C-140, Syracuse, NY
Died Oct. 9, 1985

ANTHONY ZYREN

Member C-102, Detroit, MI
Died November 1985

K OF L CALENDAR



- 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
- March 2: St. Casimir's Day Mass and Brunch
Transfiguration Church
Maspeth, NY
- March 9: Mid-Atlantic District Convention
Frackville, PA, Host C-144
- March 15: Supreme Council Meeting
Allentown, PA
- August 7-10, 1986:
73rd National Convention
Allentown Hilton Hotel
Allentown, Pa

New Year Greetings



Several dedicated Lithuanian Catholics in their country, occupied by the Soviet Union, are locked in jails, concentration camps, even psychiatric wards for issuing an underground paper, "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania". However, the number of heroes, ready to risk their freedom and even life for their faith and country is inexhaustible and this "Chronicle" is being secretly published without interruption. We have already received its 67th issue in Chicago.

Therein it describes how a former soloist, but now a priest, Jonas Kastytis Matulionis, upon his release from the concentration camp of Smolensk, returned to his native land and in the capital city, Vilnius, approached the altar, kissed the ground with tears in his eyes and started the Mass. During the homily he mentioned about the camps, reminded of jailed Lithuanian priests Alphonsus Svarinskas and Sigitas Tamevicius. After the Mass many young people congratulated him, as they also did when he returned to his former parish. Unfortunately, on June 25, 1985 he was again arrested.

Many thousands of Lithuanians from 77 parishes have sent petitions to the Soviet General Attorney asking the release of Fr. J.K. Matulionis, Fr. S. Tamkevicius, Fr. A. Svarinskas.

Lithuanian Catholics are being jailed one after another without interruption. Vladas Lapienis was sentenced in March, 1985. Even Soviet law requires that court sessions should be open. However, in cases like this, in most instances, the courtroom is filled with KGB men and even close relatives are obstructed from observing the trial. When V. Lapienis was sentenced, he loudly stated: "I go to jail joyfully having the opportunity to suffer for Christ and my country". Before he was taken into incarceration his wife Elena wanted to kiss him goodbye but a KGB man stood in between them and would not permit this gesture.

In Klaipeda, a harbor of Lithuania, Mr. Murauskas and Mr. Jonulis were arrested because they printed holy cards for Christmas, Easter, for the commemoration of baptisms, confirmations and First Communions.

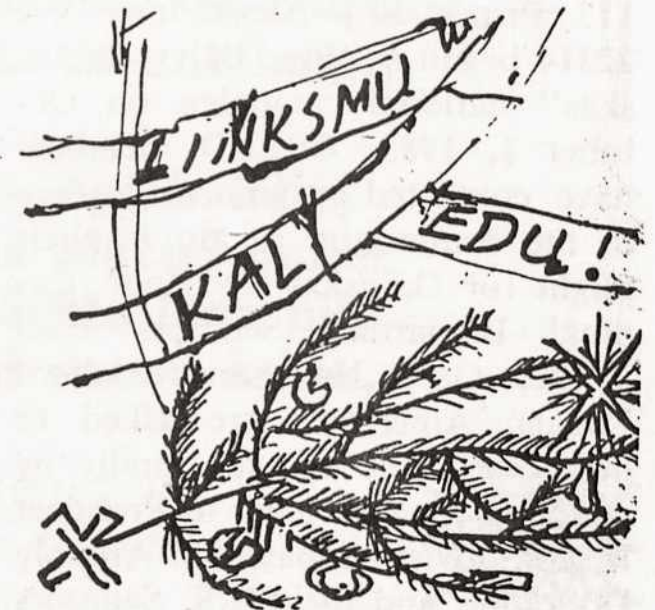
In the concentration camp of Mordovia an American citizen, Vytautas Skuodis, born in Chicago, is being kept. He declared to the Soviet Attorney General that he would observe a hunger strike one day each week until unjust anti-religious decrees in Lithuania will be revoked. Unfortunately, after his day of the hunger strike he is being punished by placing him in isolation where food is scarce and harassments ample.

REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS IN CHAINS

By Father Joseph Prunskis

Soviet authorities do not give permission to some Lithuanian young men to study for the priesthood. There is but one priest's seminary (during the time of independence Lithuania had four) and students are forbidden to have typewriters. Such obstructions have forced the establishment of the secret education of future priests, such as an underground school of theology. However, those who are being ordained after such an education encounter very great difficulties to perform pastoral work.

To have a Christmas tree in the church enclosure and to have a special holiday program for the youngsters assembled around the Christmas tree is considered a crime in occupied Lithuania and priests who organize such are being punished. It is strictly forbidden for

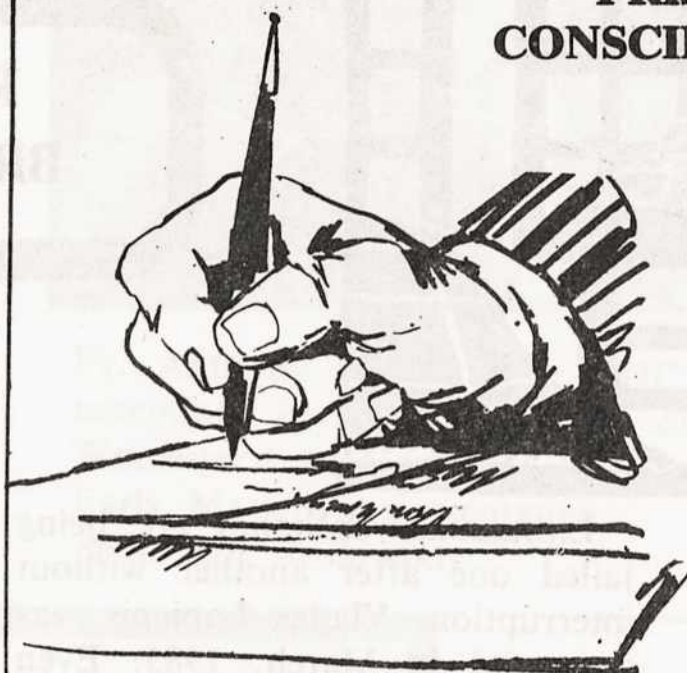


priests to lead a procession to the cemetery on All Souls Day. Boys, younger than 18 years of age, are prohibited from serving Mass or singing in the church choir. On Sundays, during the time scheduled for Mass, students are, in many localities, forced to take part in some other, even atheistic, programs and activities.

We, who enjoy freedom in this country, have to remember our brothers in chains.



HAVE YOU WRITTEN A PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE TODAY?



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Chusovskoy raion
pos. Kuchino
Uchr. VS-389/36
SVARINSKAS, ALFONSAS

USSR
RSFSR
g. Moskva
Uczrednie 5110/1
LAPIENIS, VLADAS

USSR
431200 Barashevo
Mordovskaya ASSR
Tengushevsky raion
Uchr. ZhKh 385/3-5
SKUODIS, VYTAUTAS

- ...January 1: 6th anniversary of the arrest of Vytautas Skuodis
- ...January 26: 3rd anniversary of the arrest of Fr. Alphonse Svarinskas
- ...February 26: Balys Gajauskas' birthday.

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Uczrednie 5110/1
MATULONIS, JONAS-KASTYTIS

USSR
6182363 Permskaya oblast
Chusovskoy raion
pos. Polovinka
uchr. VS 389/37
TAMKEVICIUS, SIGITAS

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BRIEFS...

—CREED (Christian Rescue Effort for the Emancipation of Dissidents) 117 Prince St., Alexandria, VA 22314 began a "Free Balys Gajauskas" national campaign on October 1, 1985. CREED members have contacted prominent leaders in the community to aid in their plight for Gajauskas' freedom (Cardinal Bernardin, Senators Paul Trinle, Gary Hart and Richard Lugar). Americans are asked to help Gajauskas and his family by writing a personal letter to President Regan, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, and their U.S. Senators and Congressmen. They are also asked to publicize Gajauskas' plight in any newsletter or periodical.

—At their meeting November 11-15, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops unanimously passed a resolution calling upon the Soviet authorities to return the Queen of Peace Church in Klaipeda to Lithuanian Catholics before 1987, the Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee.

Write to your bishop expressing your gratitude for his support. Also write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper praising the action on the part of the bishops.

—A news release issued by Freedom House, 48 East 21st St., New York, NY 10010 on Human Rights Day (Dec 10) stated that at least 824 Soviet prisoners of conscience are spending Human Rights Day in prison, and almost one out of every 10 Soviet political prisoners is a woman. More than half of the women

are incarcerated for religious beliefs. Jadvyga Bielauskiene is one of four women specifically noted in the report.

Freedom House urges others to publicize the plight of prisoners of conscience in Soviet captivity.

—The Lithuanian Catholic Federation participated in Amnesty International's current campaign to abolish torture in the Soviet Union (Oct 1-Dec 10). The Amnesty International Campaign focused on the abuse of psychiatry and the ongoing mistreatment of prisoners of conscience held in Soviet captivity.

Amnesty International have organized appeals from members of the medical and scientific community, religious groups, peace organizations and trade unions.

Saulius Kuprys, President of Lithuanian Catholic Federation

stated that this campaign deserved the support of all members of our community.

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—On 9-17-85 a meeting took place in Washington between the Justice Department and delegates of the Coalition for Constitutional Justice and Security. CCJS President Anthony Mazeika stated the Justice Department and the OSI must take responsibility for the escalation of defamation carried out by the apologists of the OSI to violence, terror, and death committed by extremists (i.e. T. Zoobzokov, Patterson, NJ-died 9/6 as a result of bombing 8/16; E. Sprogus, Brentwood, L.I., NY, 9/6). The CCJS delegation also charged the OSI is in continued defacto violation of the U.S. policy of non-recognition of illegal Soviet annexation of Baltic nations. The meeting produced no new response from the Justice Department or OSI.

We are urged to continue to push for legislative reform including trial by jury, equal access to counsel, and guarantee of equal access to evidence from foreign governments.



"I have no hands or feet but yours!"

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- “LITUANIKOS” SPARNAIS — The tragic pioneering flight across the Atlantic of the two Lithuanian-Americans Darius and Girenas
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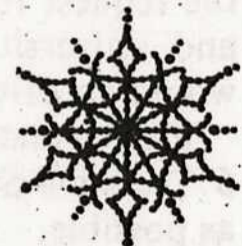
TIK ŽIŪRĖKIT!

Ritonė Jotvingytė

Visą naktį pustė vėjai,
Krito snaigės dvi ir trys, —
Tai bus juoko, kai iš ryto
Saulė žiemą pamatys

Nes dar vakar rudenėlis
Dažė lapą tarp šakų,
O šiandieną, tik žiūrėkit, —
Dėdė šaltis ant langų

Tapo smilgą ir leliją
Ir takus plačiai nuties
Į žvaigždėtą ledo pilį,
Pasakai dausų šalies.



OFICIALUS SKYRIUS



OFFICIAL NEWS

President Frank Petrauskas recently received a letter of resignation from our legal advisor Al Domanskis. Mr. Domanskis explained that because his expertise is not in "not-for-profit: corporations, but rather civil litigation he feels the K of L would best be served if they appointed a lawyer specializing in that field.

Mr. Domanskis has suggested Saulius Kuprys to be our legal advisor. President Petrauskas has contacted Mr. Kuprys and received a response. Mr. Saulius V. Kuprys, Henehan, Donovean & Isaacson, Ltd., 135 South LaSalle Street, Room 3905, Chicago, Illinois 60603 will serve as the new K of L Legal Advisor.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES

Financial Secretary, Helen Skudra has hundreds of "Get Involved...Join the Knights of Lithuania" brochures and hundreds of the Knights of Lithuania prayer cards. They can be gotten for free by simply writing to her:

Mrs. Helen Skudra
7927 Norht Drive
Highland, IN 46322

DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY HOW WOULD BENEFIT FROM RECEIVING VYTIS?

At the National Convention it was announced that Fr. Juozas Prunskis donated \$1000. for the betterment of our organization and NYTIS.

It was decided to use some of this money to mail our VYTIS to local colleges and universities to be placed in their libraries. Our membership was asked to submit the names and complete addresses of any colleges and universities in their area so that a selection could be made of those to receive the free copies.

Due to the smallness of response we are repeating the request for the names and addresses of colleges and universities in your local area who you feel would benefit from receiving VYTIS.

Please mail this information to Bernice Aviza, 6 Tremont Street, Albany, NY 12205 — as soon as possible.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Commencing January 1, 1986 the Knights of Lithuania have launched a new national membership drive. As we approach the organization's diamond jubilee, it is our intention to reach out and bring as many of our Lithuanian American friends and relatives into our organization. Each member is a vital part of our amber mosaic.

HERE ARE A FEW HINTS ON HOW TO FIND THOSE NEW MEMBERS:

1. Every member should contact one friend or relative of Lithuanian descent who is a practicing Roman Catholic, but not a member of the Knights of Lithuania. Ask your Council Vice-President for a membership brochure, and deliver it to that person. Invite the prospective member to be a guest at your next Council meeting or social. Make that person feel welcome.
2. Use your local news media. Your local newspapers and radio stations are valuable sources of free advertising. Send an announcement of the date, time and place of your next Council meeting or social event and invite interested Lithuanians to attend. Local newspapers publish weekly calendars of events and are happy to print your notices. Many local radio stations will announce meetings and socials as a community public service. Use local color in your notices.
3. Consult an organization guide on how to conduct a successful membership drive. (i.e. Knights of Lithuania-New England District-Albert Jaritis)
 - a. Have an "Invitation to a Prospective Member Night"
 - Get an interesting speaker
 - Have a covered dish supper
 - Explain the history and the aims of the Knights of Lithuania
 - Lithuanian culture
 - Lithuanian affairs
 - Lithuanian cooking class
 - b. For the younger people invite a speaker (notably a sports figure) in your area and again invite the youth both male and female to this event. (This should be gratis and then have some refreshments.) A sports program is popular.

- c. Use posters to advertize by placing them in markets, church, malls. Use flyers, pass them out at church functions.
- d. Seek out a teacher and have:
 - 1. Lithuanian language classes
 - 2. Lithuanian folk dance class
 - 3. Dance class...to learn the polka, foxtrot, waltz, etc.
- e. Don't forget a religious event
 - 1. Invite the public.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

RULES

- 1. The drive will be conducted from January 1, 1986 through June 30, 1986.
- 2. Awards will be given as follows:

COUNCILS

- Under 50 members
- 51 to 100 members
- Over 100 Members

INDIVIDUALS

- From Council with under 50 members
- From Council with 51 to 100 Members
- From Council with over 100 Members

Awards will be calculated from a point system, as follows:

- Organizing a new Council 100 points
- Organizing a Junior Council 100 points
- Reorganizing a dormat Council 100 points
- Recruiting a Regular or Associate Individual Members 10 points

BONUS POINTS

- If new Member is Youth, between 18-30 years of age 20 points
- If new Junior Member 20 points

3. **Additional Rules:**

- Only new members brought into Council between January 1, 1986 and June 30, 1986 will count towards the drive.
- Payment of one year's dues is required on new members.
- New Members will be classified as follows:
 - People joining the K. of L. for the first time.
 - Former members rejoining the K. of L.
 - Junior members advancing to Regular Members.
 - Transfers from other Councils do not count.

4. Records of the Supreme Council Financial Secretary will be used in determining the winners.

5. Special circumstances may arise during this Drive and they will judged on an individual basis.

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Lithuanians in The

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



Nellie Bayoras serves Lithuanian delicacies to two of her neighbors. Mrs. Anne Walatkas and Mrs. Dorothy Banos

Last October, for the 10th consecutive year, the Luzerne County Folk Festival celebrated the many and varied ethnic traditions of Wyoming Valley, reports the "Citizens' Voice," Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Featured were traditional singing, dancing, folk arts and crafts, and especially the foods of the county's ethnic groups.

Two locally based national organizations, the Lithuanian Alliance of America District 7 and the Knights of Lithuania Council 143, Pittston, displayed their cultural background during the festival, showing the color, the excitement, and the unique flavor of Lithuanian traditions.

NELLIE BAYORAS, C-143 Pittston, offered Lithuanian recipes for publication in the article, which included Fried Cakes (Pampuskes, Spurgas), Grated Potato Dumplings (Bulviniai Kukuliai arba Kleckai), and Herring with Mushrooms (Silkė su Grybais).

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"The Recorder", Amsterdam, N.Y. has chosen KRISTIN RISCH as Recorder Carrier of the Year for 1985.

Kristin is a member of Junior Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y.

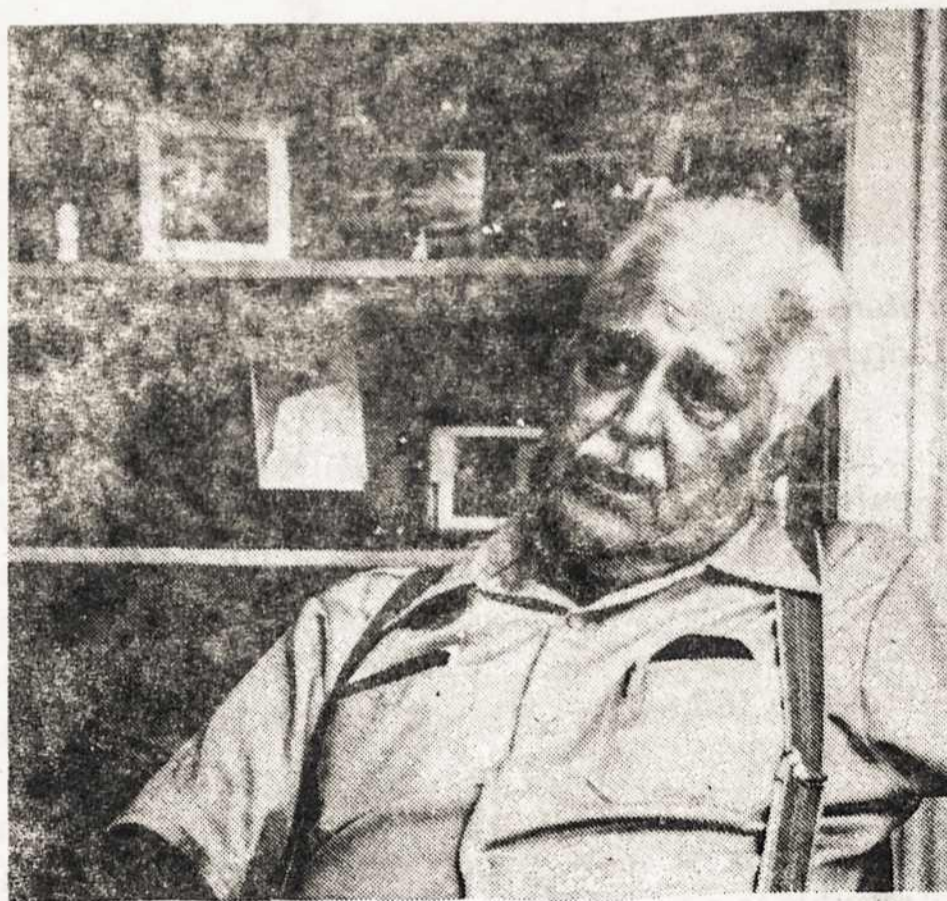


Detective WILLIAM ABROMAITIS, Queens, N.Y. is president of the Honor Legion, a police organization which honors heroic officers, especially those killed in the line of duty, notes the "Sunday News".

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On the cover of "Golden Age Sentinel" last October, a publication by "The Recorder", Amsterdam, N.Y. — Dr. ADAM A. KINDAR enjoying his retirement after many years of serving the Amsterdam area as a general practitioner.

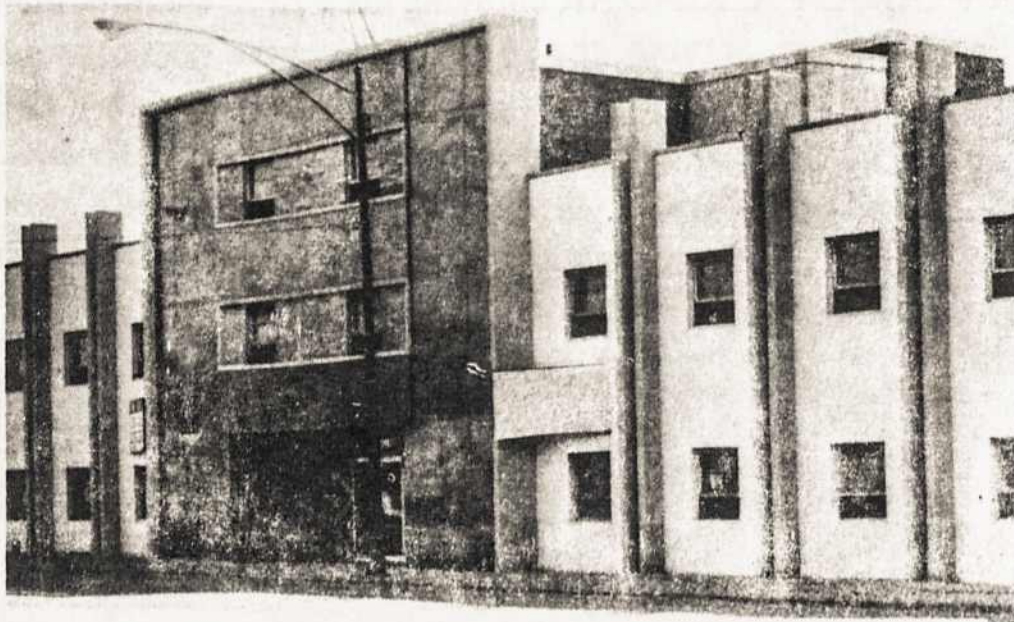
Dr. Kindar is the brother of NANCY KAZLAUSKAS and uncle of GLORIA FLECK, both members of C-100 Amsterdam. His summer home was the scene of many K of L outings.



Adam Kindar enjoying retirement



Six Sisters of Mercy celebrated their golden jubilees last year with a liturgy and reception at the Convent of Mercy in Albany, New York. Among the jubilarians pictured is SISTER MARY LOUISE AVIZA (back row, 1st on the left). Sister is the cousin of "Vytis" Editor-in-Chief BERNICE AVIZA. ("The Evangelist")



Future site of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture

STANLEY BALZEKAS, JR., has announced the purchase of a new home for the **BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE** which has been located at 4012 S. Archer, Chicago, Ill. since it was established almost 20 years ago. The vacant former Von Solbrig Hospital located at 65th and Pulaski is a much larger building.

Stanley, a member of C-36 Chicago, says only minor remodeling is needed, and will be moving in when possible to relieve the crowded conditions in the original museum.

"The Plain Dealer", Cleveland, Ohio, notes that native Clevelander **BRUNO KAZENAS** and New Yorker Douglas **PENNINGTON** have formed **PK Productions**, which in association with the theater department of Lake Erie College, presented a new, full-length musical, "The Creators," last October at the college in Painesville, Ohio. Pennington and Kazenas wrote the book, music and lyrics.

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JOSEPH NIKSTENAS, president of Junior Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y., was featured in a "Recorder" article about life at Amsterdam High School. Joe, a senior, was acting as a guide for the staff writer.



Joseph Nikstenas. Student guide

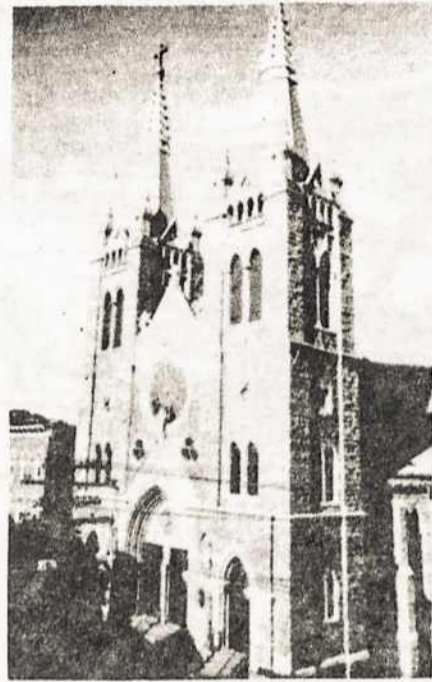
Tentative plans call for the establishment of specific areas for a large exhibit area, library and archives, an audio-visual room with facilities for presenting film and slide programs, an art gallery, and a "little theater" with a stage suitable for many types of productions and seating for about 150 persons.

One area scheduled for major expansion is the children's museum, believed to be the only ethnic children's museum in the world. (The Observer, Brighton/McKinley Park Life)

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Letters from far and wide

The best present I could have received was the subscription to BRIDGES given to me by my daughter after her visit to the Lithuanian Congress last year.

I am English, an Australian married to a Lithuanian. I don't speak Lithuanian but I understand a lot of the conversation. That's one reason I enjoy BRIDGES so much.

I assist on the Lithuanian program with Ethnic Radio. And as an ethnic arts officer, I have given talks in schools on Lithuanian history and culture. I find the articles in BRIDGES a great help.

I encourage young people who don't

speak Lithuanian to subscribe to this splendid journal!

*Joan Einikis
Australia*

I particularly enjoy the articles on Lithuanian history, literature, and other cultural topics. The rare historical photos are a real treat.

*Suzanne Price (Leskauskas)
Seattle, WA*

I keep all copies of BRIDGES in a loose-leaf notebook. My family looks forward to reading them when they come for a visit.

*Mrs. George Sinkevich
Lexington, MA*

BRIDGES is so interesting, so beautifully written, and so full of love for God, for America, for Lithuania, and for all of God's Children.

*Glen McNeal
State College, Pa.*

I have enjoyed discovering my roots. Please write more about the prehistory of Lithuania, archeology of the area, and the culture and general history. Wearing a Lithuanian T-shirt ordered last year, I met several others of Lithuanian and Latvian heritage in Alaska while walking through a mall in Anchorage!

*Karen Bury
Homer, Alaska*

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Cultural Corner



WINTER IN LITHUANIA

Christmas and the time until Lent was a happier time of the year. Even though it was cold, there was hope that spring, sunshine and longer days were coming. During the many holidays...Christmas, New Year's, Three Kings...people worked less. People would meet in church and at parties, so it was a time for matchmaking. This was the best time for weddings.

People had more time since they could not work outside in the fields. They stayed at home and prepared for spring. To make the work more fun; neighbors would get together at one person's home and each would do his or her own work. Men would make ropes, fix rakes, or do some wood carving. Women would weave, knit, tear apart feathers for pillows or sew. They worked and prepared for spring, but it was not as hectic or as serious a time as Lent, which followed.

LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS EXHIBIT

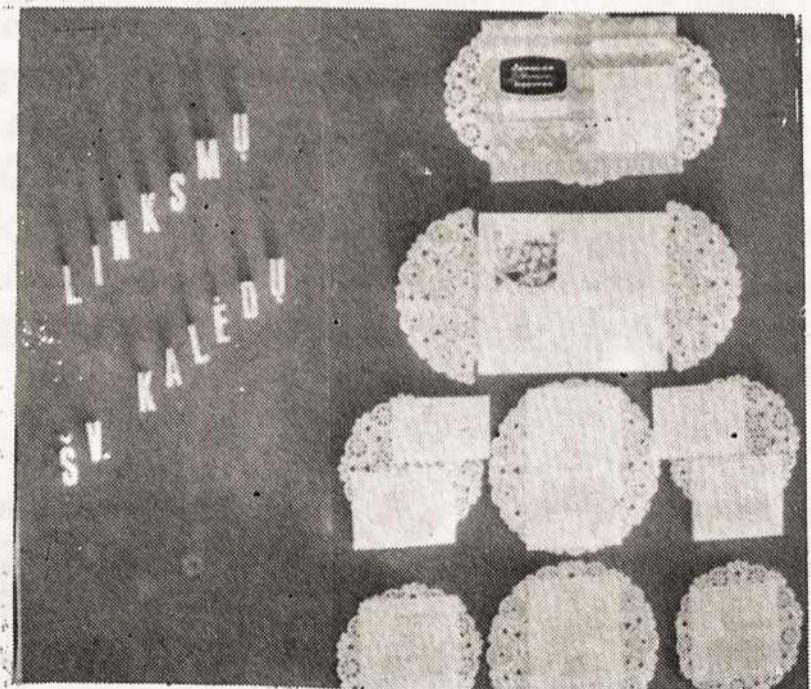
Pictured is a photo of Lithuanian customs and traditions for the Christmas season on exhibit at the Daley Center in the heart of Chicago. The exhibit aroused excitement featuring the Lithuanian ornaments and also Lithuanian recipes from famous Lithuanian cookbooks. Over 125,000 people viewed the exhibit at Daley Center. The traveling exhibit of the Balzekas Museum visited over 25 institutions during 1985. They welcome your ideas and suggestions for places to exhibit Lithuanian Culture and Customs History. Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 4012 Archer Ave., Chicago, Il 60532 (312) 847-2441.

NAUJIEJI METAI (New Year)

New Year's Eve was similar to Christmas Eve. Again families came together for a New Year's Eve dinner. There would also be some fortune-telling. If it snowed that day, it meant that the cows would give a lot of milk. New Year's Day the young people would masquerade as the old and the new year, or as geese, goats, bears, or other animals and visit friends and neighbors.

TRYS KARALIAI (Three Kings)

Three Kings was a holy day and a legal holiday. The evening before, people made crosses and wrote the initials of the Three Kings on their doors — K † M † B (Kasparas, Melchioras and Baltazaras). In this way they entrusted their homes to the care of the Three Kings. Again young people would masquerade. It was also a day for visiting friends and neighbors.



Balzekas Museum Christmas exhibit



Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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



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C-74 — Scranton

We were happy to see members of the K of L Council 74 well represented at St. Joseph's Cemetery for the Rosary on All Souls Day.

Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas, our spiritual advisor, led the Rosary, followed by Ann Galenas, Helen Roginski, Marcella Kukaitis, Helen Cravath, Ed Lewis, Jule Krutlies, Joseph Sabaitis, Sarah Yercavage, Ann Lisowski, Marie Laske, president, and her husband Richard.

We had a procession around the cemetery. The singing was led by Helen Cravath and Ann Galenas.

Many members from St. Joseph Church and St. Michael's Mission Church attended this most impressive Rosary procession.

Martha Brack

C-110 — Maspeth

The formal installation of the Executive Board for 1985-1986 by Msgr. Bulovas opened our November meeting. Our congratulations to John & Helen Birbookas recently enrolled as Lifetime Members. Welcome to Casimir Sypowicz, our newest member. Jean Mactutis reported our membership roster currently has 356 members. Good wishes for a speedy recovery to Helen Wonson. Sunday Mass, November 17, was celebrated for the deceased members of C-110. Wednesday, December 4, will be the Christmas Party. Louise Dausickas was hospitality person for this meeting. Fr. Raila, priest, author and noteworthy scholar, has been conducting lessons in Lithuanian at the meetings.

Contributions: C-110 donated \$500 to the Endowment of a Chair in Lithuanian Studies at the University of Illinois. Our local diocesan Bishop's Appeal will receive \$300. The Lithuanian Scouts will benefit by \$100. Lastly, gifts to Transfiguration Church include a donation of kitchen equipment for the hall, a cash contribution to the Ushers' Society for new jackets and Sr. Damian will be the recipient of a generous cash donation to the annual Children's Christmas Party.

Travel News: C-110 members are again packing luggage and are off on November 8 to the Mount Stratton

Inn in Vermont where the chef is Lithuanian. The Joe Thomas Orchestra will provide entertainment and music for the weekend. Adele Dausickas just returned from her trip to the USSR and presented us with an interesting summary of her visit. In May C-110 will be spending a long weekend at Florida's Epcot Center and then in October it is off to Hawaii!

Council President John Adomenas and other members participated in a vigorous protest rally at Lincoln Center in New York City at a motion picture showing which desecrated and ridiculed the dogma (tenets) of the Blessed Virgin. Media coverage was outstanding. Lithuanians are adamant about our Catholicism.

1986 should be a banner year! In particular, we shall sponsor a very special activity in the form of a banquet honoring His Excellency, Bishop Paul Baltakis, a member of C-110.

Su ramybe ir meile —

Brenda Bell-Razickas

C-140 — Syracuse

Much has happened with C-140 since our last report. The summer time saw our members in a flurry of activity with vacations, travel, moving and repairs on houses and camps.

Syracuse was well represented at the New Haven National Convention. In attendance were John & Veronica Sutkus, Katherine

Cravetts, Jack & Catherine Brandt, Norman Klimas, Walt & Anne Guentert and Frank & Irene Petrauskas. They reported having a good time at ye ole Yale University. Chairman Frank Peterson was a former member of C-140 Syracuse. He learned his P's and Q's in Syracuse. Frank is a hard worker, and we were pulling for him to have a successful convention. A pat on the back to his wife Isabel and the C-50 members who so ably assisted him.

C-140 was indeed fortunate to have our own Frank Petrauskas elected as Supreme Council President.

Some Syracuse members took in Lithuanian Day at Moosic. This was a very successful affair which we hope is the start of a long-term relationship between the Lithuanians of Pennsylvania and the Rocky Glen management. The park is an ideal spot for the many Lithuanian Day activities.

The next Sunday we motored across the Thruway to Auriesville Shrine for the annual Lithuanian Day celebration. This is always a beautiful and inspiring affair but more so this year because Bishop Baltakis was the celebrant. It was good to see the many Lithuanian priests and sisters in attendance. Lithuanian Day at Auriesville is fast becoming the largest religious celebration in the United States. Each year the attendance is increasing as more people become aware of the beauty of Auriesville.

On October 9, C-140 lost one of its founding members. Mildred Vaikness went to her eternal reward. She will be greatly missed by husband George, children and grandchildren and the members of C-140. Mildred was a beautiful person. She was a hard worker who never hesitated to pitch in and help out. She had a beautiful singing voice which was put to good use at our Masses, picnics, parties and other occasions. May your soul rest in peace Mildred. We

used the K of L Wake Service which turned out nicely. George and his family were most appreciative.

Our election of officers for 1986 saw some new faces in the key positions. After 12 years Frank Petrauskas is no longer president. The new officers are Catherine Brandt, president; Bill Cook, vice president; Irene Petrauskas, secretary; Jack Brandt, financial secretary; John Stanley and John Sutkus, trustees. A round of thanks to the outgoing officers and much encouragement to the incoming officers.

The 17th Syracuse Festival of Nations was very successful. A total of 36 nations participated. The Lithuanian booth again was a popular booth. The display area was chaired by Cathy Cook who used the spinning of flax theme. She displayed her spinning wheel along with the other paraphernalia plus a number of woven items. It was a beautiful display. The food area was chaired by Catherine & Jack Brandt and Veronica Sutkus. Again the potato pancakes were sold out. We went through 71 gallons of batter which came from 11 bushels of potatoes. The mushroom-shape cookies and other cookies also sold out. Apple cider was a little slow this year due to other nations selling it also. General chairman was Frank Petrauskas.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members Ray & Sophie Witkowski and Dr. Tom Michalski. They fit right in and are a big help to the council. Tom is a former member of C-41 Brooklyn and is now associated with Cazenovia College.

This being written near Thanksgiving we would like to leave you with this thought: They enjoy much who are thankful for little; a grateful mind is both a great and happy mind.

Pusbrolis

Happy New Year



C-144 — Anthracite

Officers of Anthracite Council were installed at the November meeting by spiritual advisor, the Rev. Matthew J. Jarasunas of Our Lady of Siluva Church, Maizeville.

They are president, Anna Klizas Wargo, Saint Clair; vice president, Eleanor Vaicaitis, Frackville; secretary, Olympia Zelinski, Mount Carmel; treasurer Joni Reinhart, Frackville; financial secretary, Anne Sikora, Minersville; trustees, Joseph Yezulinas, Shenandoah, Anna Supernavage, Minersville, and Elsie Kosmisky, Frackville.

Joseph Yezulinas will serve as the Lithuanian radio program coordinator and master of ceremonies.

Chairmen appointed were Annie Morgalis, Minersville, cultural; Mamie Pieri, Mount Carmel, Lithuanian language; Lucy Zelonis, Anna Supernavage, Minersville, religion; Ann Carlitus, Ringtown, Lithuanian affairs and Statue of Liberty fund; Helen Chesko, Mahanoy City, ritual.

Mamie Pieri and Julia Norcross, Hometown, put on a Lithuanian skit, "Going to the Convention."

A congratulatory card and gift were sent to our former spiritual advisor, Msgr. Al Bartkus in Rome. Msgr. Bartkus was elevated to that rank when he became rector of the Lithuanian Pontifical College, in Rome.

Our annual Kūčios was held at our Lady of Šiluva Church on December 15. Marge Yezulinas and Helen Matunis of Shenandoah co-chaired the event.



Bishop Baltakis and Msgr. Bartkus at 71st Lithuanian Day, Rocky Glen, Moosic

The Lithuanian commissioner of the governor's Ethnic Heritage Commission, Annie Morgalis, decorated the Lithuanian Christmas tree which will be on display from December 8 in the rotunda of the State Museum in Harrisburg.

C-152 — Riverhead

After our brief November meeting, our program and social proved to be a crowd pleaser. Video films of present-day Lithuania, including the 1985 Song and Dance Festival, scenes of historic Vilnius, Klaipėda and some rural areas were shown to us by Gintaras Karosas from Boston who did the actual filming. This hour and a half program was greatly appreciated by the 200 or so people who came to see it. We all agreed that Lithuania is a beautiful country and that her people are keeping the language, songs and dances very much alive. Let us do everything in our power to help them!

We extend our deepest sympathy to our Sophia Valek and Ann

Chapulis of Council 29 Newark, sisters of Benedict Nausedas who passed away recently.

Dr. Jack J. Stukas and Loretta Stukas have for many years worked for all Lithuanian causes, not only in the Lithuanian but also American communities. Just recently they were most highly honored for this work by His Holiness Pope John Paul II and Archbishop Peter Gerety of the Archdiocese of Newark. Congratulations and best wishes, Jack and Loretta.

Because our membership has grown so rapidly in the past several months and because naming everyone individually would be impossible, we want to cordially welcome all our new members at this time. With the continuing enthusiasm and cooperation of all of us, we look forward to our council's continuing growth in its knowledge of the Lithuanian language and culture.

Peter and Cam Dykovitz, Angela Minsovitch and Beatrice and Fred Lucka enjoyed the four-day trip to Stratton, Vermont, which Council

110 Maspeth sponsored in November. It was lots of fun and a good time was had by all especially the shopping.

Our annual Communion and Breakfast will be held on March 2. All are welcome.

Likite sveiki, iki pasimatymo!

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COUNCIL 147, ST. PETERSBURG

C-147 held its election of officers at the November meeting. We have a new financial secretary, and all other officers are remaining for another year. The 1986 officers are: Dvasios Vadas — Kunigas Jonas Gasiunas, Pres. Alex Kraujalis, 1st Vice Pres. Anthony Mazeika, 2nd Vice Pres. Teresa Liutkiene, Sec. Victoria Klevia, Treas. Maria Zigaitiene, Financial Sec. Helen Vilnis, Trustees — Msgr. John Balkunas and Charles P. Vilnis, Lithuanian Affairs — Charles Kleiva, Cultural Chairman — Edvardas Praninskas, Rituals — Anthony Mazeika with committee, Public Relations — Victoria T. Jacobson, Vytis (Correspondent) — Violet Kraujalis, Draugas Correspondent — J. Gliosas, Spiritual Program Chairman — Fr. Gasiunas, Flag — Praninskas and Grabauskas.

Anthony Mazeika gave a report on the convention in New Haven, Connecticut.

Victoria T. Jacobson was in Washington, D.C. to see House Speaker Tip O'Neil about the Holocaust Museum.

We welcome a new member, Veronica Pleshkiene, to Council 147.

Happy Holidays to all Vyciai.

V. Kraujalis



COUNCIL 36 - CHICAGO CELEBRATES 70th ANNIVERSARY



Distinguished guests at the 70th Anniversary Banquet of Council 36, of the Knights of Lithuania, were (L to R): Rev. Peter Cibulskis, MIC; Aušra Padalino, Historian; William Aukstik, Attorney; Sister Marilyn Kuzmikus, Assistant General Superior, SSC; John Paukstis,

Banquet Chairman; Frank Petrauskas, Supreme Council President; Bruce Neberieza, Council 36 President; Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Spiritual Director; Algerd Brazis, District President; Stanley Pieza, Honorary Member



Supreme Council President Frank Petrauskas received Council 36's "Distinguished Service Award" at their 70th Anniversary Banquet in Chicago from Council President Bruce Neberieza, Mid-America District Officer Irene Sankus and Sister M. Margaret of the Sisters of St. Casimir



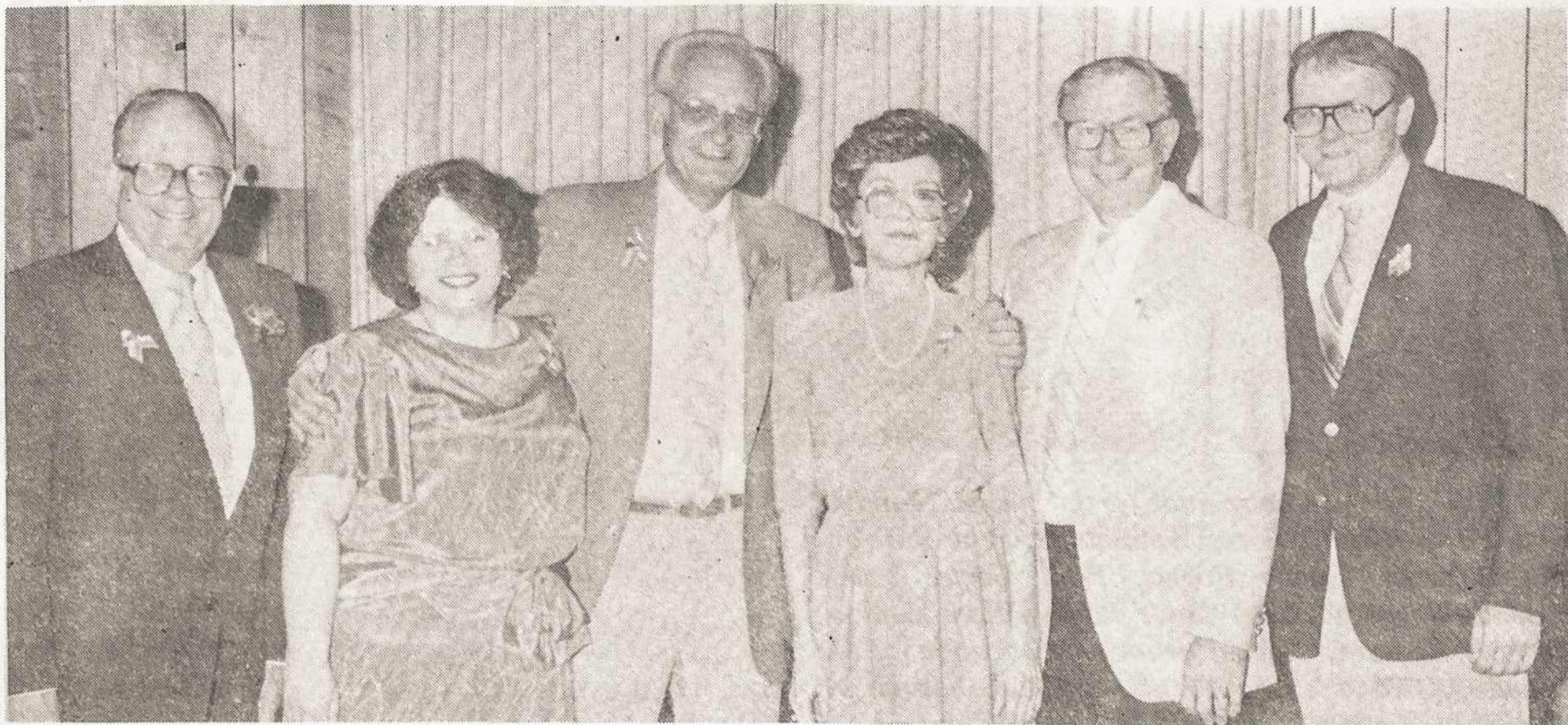
Pointing at the Charter Members of Council 36 on their 1915 Official photo are Banquet Chairman John Paukstis and Past President Scottie Zukas. Photo was taken in front Immaculate Conception Church. Many historic photos were on display at their 70th Anniversary Banquet.



Cordial greetings from Sister Marilyn Kuzmikus General Superior of St. Casimir, at the 70th Anniversary of Council 36



Council 36 members, Ann Marie Kassel, Therese and Faustas Strolia were among the many K of L Choir members in attendance at the 70th Anniversary Banquet in Chicago



Enjoying the 70th Anniversary Celebration of Council 36 in Chicago were the following Supreme Council officers and staff members (L to R): Algerd Brazis, Mary Juzenas,

President Frank Petrauskas, Helen Skudra, Al Zakarka and Paul Binkis, Jr.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF LITHUANIA

A BOOK REVIEW
by Aldona Ryan



Algirdas Budreckis, prolific writer and author of "Language Lore" (VYTIS 1981 - 1985) has written a wonderful book that should find a place in every Knight's library. It is called "An Introduction to the History of Lithuania" and it is written in the English language.

The book contains the history of Lithuania from 1200 to 1940 A. D. It is written in a very concise, readable manner. Because it is written in a chronological order, it should be a quick point of reference to answering any questions that may arise.

The cost of the book is only \$5.00 which includes postage. Please send your checks for \$5.00 directly to Algirdas Budreckis, 147 Clay Street, Quincy, Mass. 02170.

With Easter coming soon, this would make a great gift for children and grandchildren, too. The true history of Lithuania should be passed on from one generation to the next and this is a splendid way to do so.



C-112 Officers and Chairpeople for 1985-1986. Standing from left to right: Dolores Wainauskis, Peter Juzenas, Julie Zakarka, Estelle Rogers, Peter Gagle, Sophie Nieuminski, Ruth Daxis, Louis Rogers, Irene Sankus, Eleanor Kasputis, Seated from left to right: Alice Cekanor, Al Zakarka, Paul Binkis Jr, Mary Juzenas, Al Daxis, Not pictured: Susan Binkis and Al Cekanor

C-112 — Chicago

Our November meeting held a pleasant surprise for us. In addition to our hostesses for the evening Mary Banky and Emily Perkins providing us with a delicious array of home-baked goodies, we were honored to have a special guest speaker, Connie Savickas, who gave a very amusing, interesting and informative talk about his 24-day tour of China last year. Connie also brought some beautiful oil paintings which he acquired while on that tour.

Speaking of tours, our worldly traveler, Sophie Nieminski, reported on her three-day shopping spree to Iceland on November 7. Sophie said she had a wonderful time with good weather with average temperatures of 34 degrees and an enjoyable trip in all. Besides shopping, she spent time touring the city, countryside and viewing a geyser.

Once again, a number of our council members assisted at our parish's annual Harvest Festival with a wine and cheese deli-booth which was organized by Al Zakarka. Despite bad weather during the two days of the festival, our council's booth was quite successful.

Many of our Council 112 members attended the Day of Recollection Memorial Mass on November 17. Through the efforts of Estelle Rogers and Julie Zakarka, co-chairladies, a memorable day was had by all.

It was good to see Al Cekanor at our meeting. Al recently had heart surgery and is looking extremely well. Here's hoping you're back to your usual self very soon, Al.

Congratulations to Elanor Treonins on winning the big turkey at the drawing held following our November meeting. Needless to say, she received several offers to help dispose of it!

"ARDEE"



Paul Binkis Jr., C-112 President (left) with Saulius Kuprys, president of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation, after addressing the council on the history of the Federation following the October meeting.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-10 — Athol-Gardner

After years of search, the Titanic was found in her final resting place in the North Atlantic Ocean. It is worth noting that Rev. Joseph Montvila agreed to come to Athol and take over the spiritual leadership of the Lithuanians and become the first pastor of St. Francis. Unfortunately, Fr. Montvila never reached the shores. He boarded the ship that "God Himself could not sink." The Titanic hit an iceberg on Sunday, April 14, 1912, and among the passengers who drowned was young Fr. Montvila. He refused to enter a lifeboat, went down comforting and hearing confessions to the end. He was the only priest among the 1513 lives lost.

Through the efforts of Paula Shatos we have a new member, Stacy Kulisanski. Welcome Stacy!

Despite the inclement weather, hundreds of K of L's and friends attended the K of L Festival at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury. Our own Blanche Genaitis chaired the raffle that netted close to a thousand dollars.

Deepest condolences to Fr. Steponaitis on the tragic accident that took the lives of his nephew, wife and their five-year-old daughter in Lithuania. May they rest in peace and their families find peace in their faith.

On Sunday, October 20, several of us had the pleasure to be the guests of Paula Shatos and family of Erving to witness an old-fashioned sauerkraut making party at their home. This has been a family tradition for years, and relatives from the entire area come in with their crocks. It was an experience that brought back memories of years gone by as most people have discontinued the practice of putting up sauerkraut



A busy worker at the Shatos Sauerkraut Party

by the barrel or crock and buy it by the bag or can when needed. It all ended with a beautiful harvest supper. Thanks Paula and family!

Congratulations to Pauline Melaika on the occasion of her 91st birthday. Born in Vabalninkas parish, she has lived all of her married life in Athol. We all wish you good health!

Broné Wisniauskas' brother returned to Poland after an extended 10-month stay in this country visiting with relatives.

Our council elected the following slate of officers at the November meeting: Justin Steponaitis, spiritual advisor; William Wisniauskas, president; Howard Beaudette, vice president; Nellie Melaika, treasurer; Charles Genaitis, recording secretary; Paula Shatos, financial secretary; Broné Wisniauskas, cultural chairman; Frank Anoris, religious chairman and Broné Genaitis, telephone chairman. The Athol girls hosted an excellent lunch following the meeting. Thank you!

Masses of Thanksgiving were held at St. Francis on November 9 for

Stan & Alice Perekslis and for Charles & Blanche Genaitis on November 10. Both couples observed their 45th wedding anniversaries. Congratulations!

Condolences are extended to Dr. Henry Gailiunas on the death of his mother Kastancija Matulis Gailiunas at age 92. K of L'ers attended the wake and funeral held on November

11. May she rest in peace. Her late husband was an active member of C-10 in the early days of our council.

Congratulations are sent out to Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis on the occasion of his 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Also to Rev. Anthony Miciunas, pastor of St. Casimir's in Worcester, whose 45th anniversary banquet was held at Maironis Park on November 17.

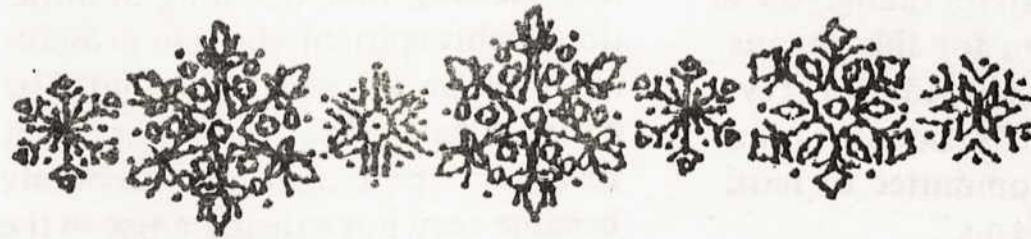
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C-27 — Norwood

Our council enjoyed being host to the NED Convention on September 29. We were all pleased to see our NED councils enjoying this occasion in the comfortable atmosphere of St. George's Founders Hall. Much to the delight of our delegates and guests, our Spiritual Advisor Father William Wolkovich provided everyone an afternoon of warmth and pleasure with choice selections of music played on his violin.

Once again our October "Dinner Is Served" was a success with Helen Dallalis and Mary Ann Tamasanis co-chairing the committee.

It was nice to see everyone smiling and happy as all extended con-



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Be generous and understanding.
Let no one come to you without feeling better
And happier when they leave.
Be the living example of God's kindness:
With kindness on your face,
Kindness in your eyes,
Kindness in your smile,
Kindness in your warm greeting.

Mother Teresa

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gratulations to Nancy Ann Dallalis on receiving the NED scholarship award at the Cultural Festival on October 13 at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury. Nancy is a senior at La Salle Junior College in Newton. Best wishes for good luck, health and happiness in the future!

On November 3, our council members enjoyed a wonderful and most glorious evening hosted by Council 1 of Brockton. It is marked as "the occasion of the year" in the hearts of all our Knights. On this evening, we all shared in a testimonial dinner honoring our National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis on his 40th Anniversary in the Dominican Priesthood. Council 27 proudly wishes you, Father Anthony, many more years of health and happiness in the service of Our Lord.

We extend a grateful thank you to Council 1 Brockton for this joyous occasion. To Spiritual Advisor Rev. Peter Shakalis, President John Statkus and the committee of hard workers, "ačiū visiems."

Our council members enjoyed the trip to Bridgewater-Raynham on December 1 for the traditional Lithuanian Kūčios in a wonderful Christmas atmosphere provided by Council 1 Brockton and hosted by George & Frances Bumilla.

On December 8 our members attended an enjoyable evening of dinner and Christmas play at Sherwoods in Stoughton.

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C-103 — Providence

Congratulations and many thanks to the clergy, parishioners and members of Council 1 of St. Casimir's Parish in Brockton for the 40th Jubilee Dinner in honor of our council member and national spiritual advisor Father Anthony A. Jurgelaitis OP on November 3. Joined by his three sisters, family members, clergy and K of L'ers from all of Southern New England, he was the recipient of much well-deserved praise, many gifts and donations. Students of the Lithuanian conversational class that he conducts each week at Providence College presented him with an elaborate "juosta."

Newly-elected officers headed by William Piacentini conducted their first meeting that was long in duration, highly spirited, thought provoking, productive and educational. The church hall was very cool but member participation certainly became very hot causing a rise in the temperature.

Cultural committee reports proved to be a new highlight. Sophie Sakalys read from a letter that she received from a Lithuanian prisoner. It was very touching and moving to hear of his fears, thoughts, desires and needs during his forced confinement.

Bertha Stoskus and Sister Ruta Kreicioch gave a thorough summation of their October trek to Lithuania. They were fortunate

indeed to visit interesting areas, some that perhaps were not scheduled. It was very educational and of great interest to the membership.

Council 103 again leads the way. Thank you, editors of Vytis, for publishing our council member Anthony Siola's letter concerning the Voice of America in the August-September issue, page 17. Ironic, is it not, that President Reagan used the Voice of America to get his message to Russia and hopefully to the captive Baltic nations behind the iron curtain. Hopefully, Anthony's letter was of some benefit to K of L'ers.

Current issues of the Observer and Bridges caused much concern, interest and discussion. Must reading for everyone is September 85, Vol. 2, No. 9, p. 4, editorial in Observer titled, "Chauvinism in Czestochowa." Bridges article "Going Home" in October issue, Vol. 9, No. 10, p. 10, should be read and Photo Diary by Algimantas Kezys SJ should be purchased.

Council 103 is going to have a Calendar of Events for 1986 with input to be formalized at next meeting.

Membership is looking forward to coming Kūčios and NED Officers Meeting at Fran & George Bumila's Rayham Facilities. Our council's Christmas party looks to be a great success on December 8 due to the efforts of Agnes Waitonis.

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