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*Ma' da — Prayer
 The Heart of Our Renewal
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APRIL IS FOUNDER'S MONTH
Happy Birthday K of L
„Ilgiausių Metų!”

Mykolas Norkūnas speaks to us . . .

„Mažiau kalbėti, daugiau veikti”.

Action — ceaseless, untiring and correctly channeled
 action — is the principle ingredient of a useful life.

„Vyčiai — tautos ateitis”

The Knights of Lithuania are destined to leave an
 indelible imprint on the world community of Lithuanians.

The Servant of God



The process for his beatification was commenced
 in Rome on May 15, 1953. He was declared
 Venerable on May 11, 1982.



ARCHBISHOP GEORGE

MATULAITIS-MATULEVICIUS

1871-1927

Let us not be afraid
 to suffer for God's glory
 and the good of the Church,
 let us not be afraid, so to speak,
 to take a risk.

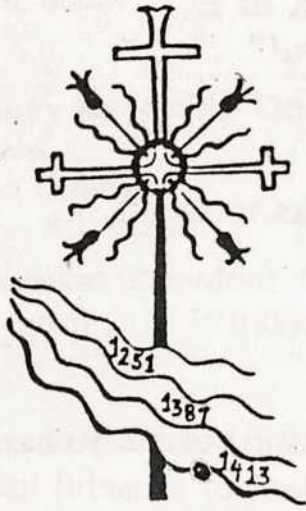
A veil hides the future from our eyes,
 and so we are often forced
 to take risks in everyday life.
 We can all the more afford
 to take chances

because here we need not fear losing.
 Even if our plans or work
 be unsuccessful,

God will accept our good will,
 our plans and our efforts.

With God we will lose nothing;
 we will gain.

*(Taken from the diary of Archbishop
 George Matulaitis, October 24, 1910)*



CONNECTICUT LITHUANIANS WILL CELEBRATE THE 600th ANNIVERSARY OF LITHUANIA'S CONVERSION TO CHRISTIANITY

Dr. Juozas Kriaučiūnas

The conversion of the Lithuanian people to Christianity occurred during three time periods:

- 1./ In 1251, during the reign of King Mindaugas;
- 2./ In 1387, through the efforts of the Grand Dukes Jogaila and Vytautas, the former, also being king of Poland,
- 3./ The baptism of the Zemaiciai people in 1413.

The adoption of Christianity in Lithuania was a very important event in the nation's history. It eliminated the pretext of German crusaders to conquer Lithuania and to enslave its people. It made Lithuanians resistant to the Protestant Reformation and fostered a deep religious faith and was in part responsible for a keen sense of national consciousness. This deep religious and national consciousness remained unvanquished either by Russia's czars who attempted to convert the people to Orthodox faith and to Russianize them or by Soviets who have for decades attempted to instill atheism in an effort to make the people more accepting of Russianification.

That the Lithuanian nation has remained tenacious to this day is in large part the result of the adoption of Christianity 600 years ago.

The Lithuanian Catholic clergy, with the consent of the majority of Lithuanians, including those of other faith, have selected 1987 as the year to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the baptism of Lithuania.

Preparation for this commemoration is going on in Lithuania and in the free world wherever there are significant numbers of Lithuanians or people of Lithuanian descent. It should be understood that these commemoration celebrations cannot be conducted in occupied Lithuania in the manner in which people, particularly Catholics, may wish. But religious celebration, as

such, is not forbidden by the government. It is impossible that ethnic and nationalistic feelings will find expression in Lithuania during the commemoration year even though these are forbidden, especially the latter. Outside of Lithuania a number of commemorations are being planned including Rome, where Pope John Paul II is expected to participate. Other major celebrations include Chicago and Toronto.

The State of Connecticut has a number of Lithuanians and people of Lithuanian descent. It contains 6 Lithuanian parishes, an order of Lithuanian monks and a Lithuanian convent. The Lithuanian Priests'



Jogaila christianizes Lithuania

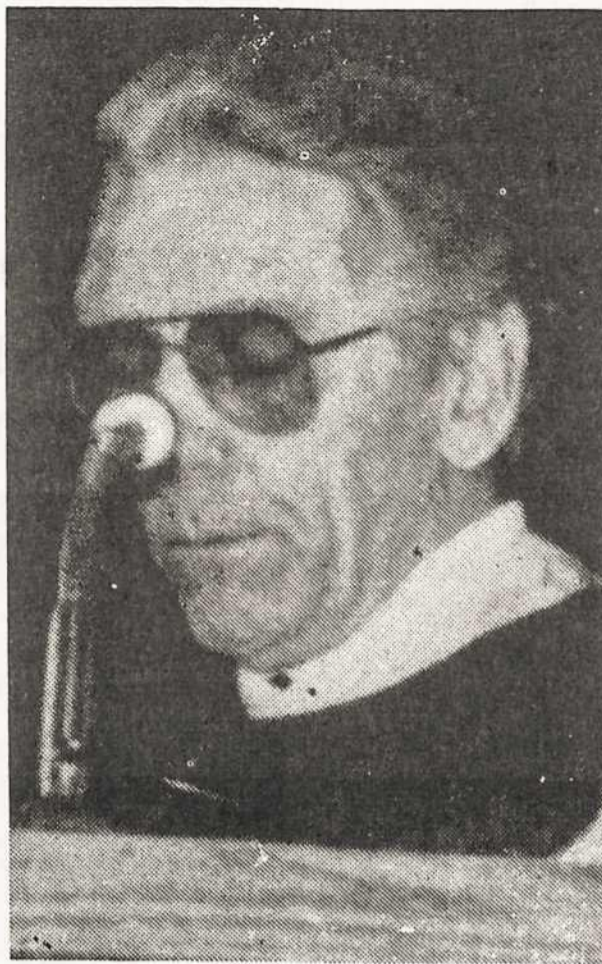
League plans to have a commemoration in Hartford and has designated the following representatives in Connecticut: 1./ Rev. J. Rikeraitis, Pastor of St. Andrew parish in New Britain; 2./ Rev. V. Cukuras, Chaplain of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception in Putnam, and 3./ Rev. J. Matutis, pastor of the Holy Trinity parish in Hartford.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Rikeraitis, a meeting of Connecticut Lithuanian Catholic organizations and American Lithuanian Community district and chapters' representatives was convened on the evening of January 15 of this year. This meeting took place at St. Andrew's parish hall in New Britain and was attended by some 30 people, including five priests.

The meeting was opened by the Rev. Rikeraitis. The opening prayer led by the Rev. Cukuras, was the specially prepared Jubilee Year prayer and was read by all. There followed a memorial of recently deceased Lithuanian activists, especially of Rev. G. Vilciauskas, former pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Waterbury. The Rev. Matutis offered a prayer for the souls of those being commemorated.

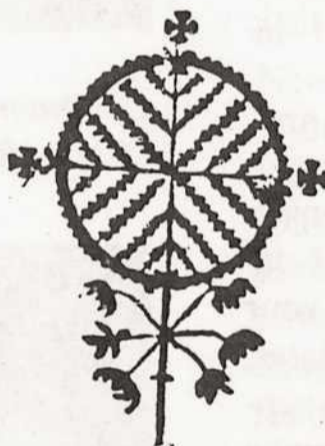
The following persons have been elected to the committee to plan the upcoming commemoration in Hartford: 1. Ingas Budrys, chairman. Mr. Budrys is also chairman of the Connecticut District of the American Lithuanian Community, a member of that organization's XI Council and the Chairman of the Council's Public Affairs Committee; 2. Delores Jonaitis secretary; and 3. Viktoras Vaitkus, treasurer.

Later, as the need arises, subcommittees will be formed to plan specific events. The Religious Subcommittee is presently comprised of the three earlier mentioned priests



Rev. Valdemaras Cukuras, Chaplain, Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Putnam, CT

IN MEMORIAM



Rev. G. Vilciauskas, with Joseph Boley and Rev. R. Yuskauskas, Waterbury, CT

but all priests of Lithuanian parishes will be drawn into its activities.

It has been decided that the Hartford commemoration of Lithuania's conversion to Christianity will encompass three areas: Religious, national and political. The religious celebration will take place on May 17, 1987 in the Hartford Cathedral where the Archbishop promised to officiate, the bishops of the Archdiocese, and many other religious will be invited. The national facet of the commemoration will include such activities as a procession, a display of Lithuanian art and artifacts and a religious concert. Political activities will include the invitation of high administration officials to participate in the commemoration, explanations to them of important events in Lithuania's history and that nation's current enslavement and the persecution and destruction of its people. These officials will also be acquainted with the efforts of the Lithuanian people to regain independence. It is hoped that through these efforts the officials will become more disposed to assist Lithuania and Lithuanians.

Efforts will be made to acquaint by means of communication, as widely as possible, all Americans with Lithuanian affairs.

All Lithuanians and Americans of Lithuanian descent are invited not only to attend the commemoration events but to participate in their planning and implementation. They are also urged to invite their friends and acquaintances regardless of national ancestry.

In the future it is planned to hold meetings to plan the commemoration at approximately monthly intervals in various communities where Lithuanians are more numerous. In time, a detailed commemoration program will be composed and publicized.

— Juozas Kriauciunas

AN EXQUISITE COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION...

TO CELEBRATE LITHUANIA'S CHRISTIANIZATION

In 1987, Lithuanians throughout the world will celebrate the 600th Jubilee of Lithuania's Christianity. Christianity actually came to Lithuania in three phases. In 1251, King Mindaugas adopted Christianity and a small number of Lithuanians also accepted the faith. But Christianity did not "take" in Lithuania until 1387, when, through the efforts of Grand Duke Jogaila, "Aukstaitija", the Highland Region, was baptized, and Lithuania joined the community of Christian nations. In 1413, Grand Duke Vytautas completed the Christianization by bringing the Lithuanian Lowlands, "Zemaitija", into the Christian fold.

These three phases of Lithuania's Christianization are exquisitely portrayed on the Jubilee Medallion that is being struck to commemorate this important Jubilee. The Medallion, which is currently in production at the Medallic Art Company, was designed and sculpted in high relief, by the renowned Vytautas Kasuba, whose works, exhibitions, and awards span several continents. The illustrations above provide a glimpse of the artistic beauty and meaningful content of the Medallion.

The Medallion will be struck in bronze, with an antique finish. It will be 3 inches in diameter (as shown), done in art form with the three phases of Lithuania's Christianity portrayed in beautiful three dimensional detail. It can be yours, as a handsome addition to your own collection or a welcome gift to friends and associates. By purchasing one or more medallions, you will also support the Jubilee Committee's many other plans to make this Jubilee a truly memorable one.

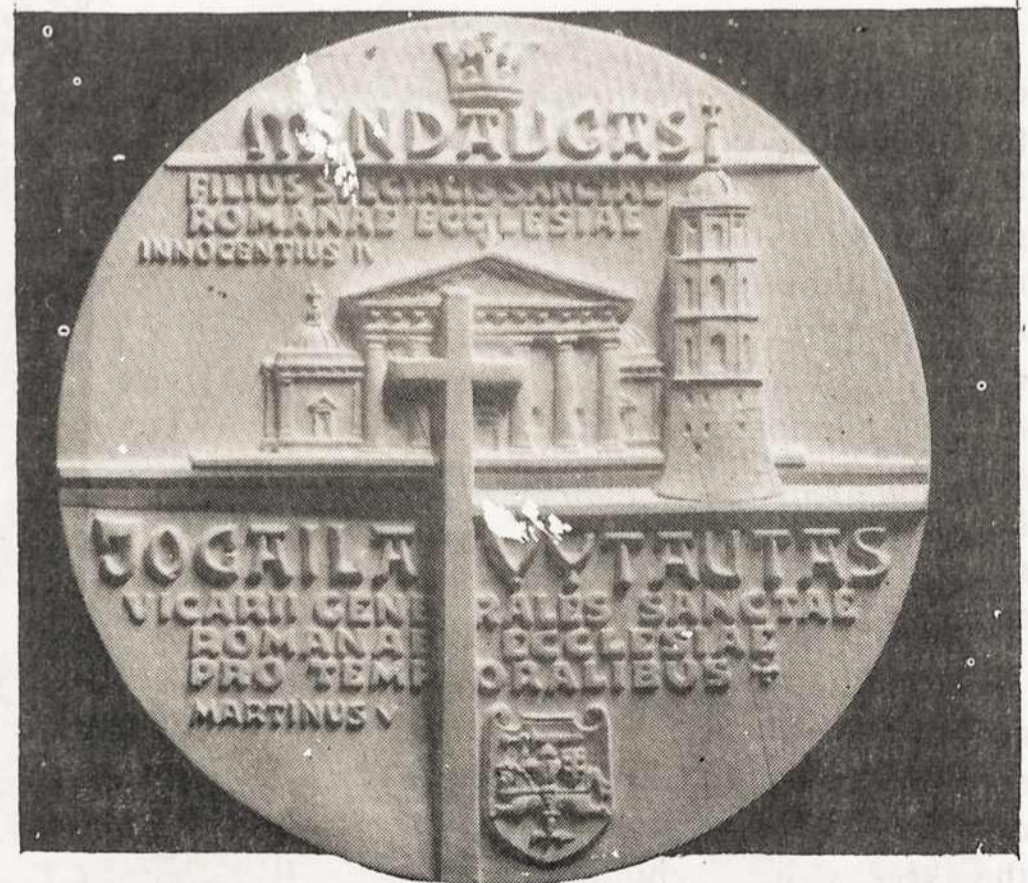
It will be available about July 15, 1986. At that time, the Medallion will be sold for \$30.00 each. As a SPECIAL OFFERING, anyone ordering and paying for the Medallion before July 1, 1986, can obtain it for \$25.00.

The Medallion is also available in gold or silver plating over the bronze, for an additional \$5.00 for the silver-plating, an added \$10.00 for the gold-plating. Solid silver medallions are available by special order, as are Galvano plaques, 12 inch bronze castings of the original art work, suitable for hanging. Galvano prices depend also in the number of orders received.

Orders can be placed now, through Medallion Chairman Loretta I. Stukas, 234 Sunlit Dr., Watchung, NJ. 07060.



Commemorative Medallion's Oberse Side portraying Lithuanian leaders of Lithuania's Christianization.



Commemorative Medallion's Reverse Side — Text emphasizing the phases of Lithuania's Christianization.

ABOUT THE MEDAL...

ABOUT THE ARTIST...

THE OBERSE SIDE...

portrays the Lithuanian leaders King Mindaugas and Grand Dukes Jogaila and Vytautas and indicates the year each led a specific phase of the Lithuanian nation's Christianization.

Each leader's profile is cast on a background of a shield. The rhythmic outline of the shields emphasize the unity of purpose of the leader's determination to bring Christianity to Lithuania.

Three crosses atop the crowns accentuate the three major phases of Lithuania's Christianization.

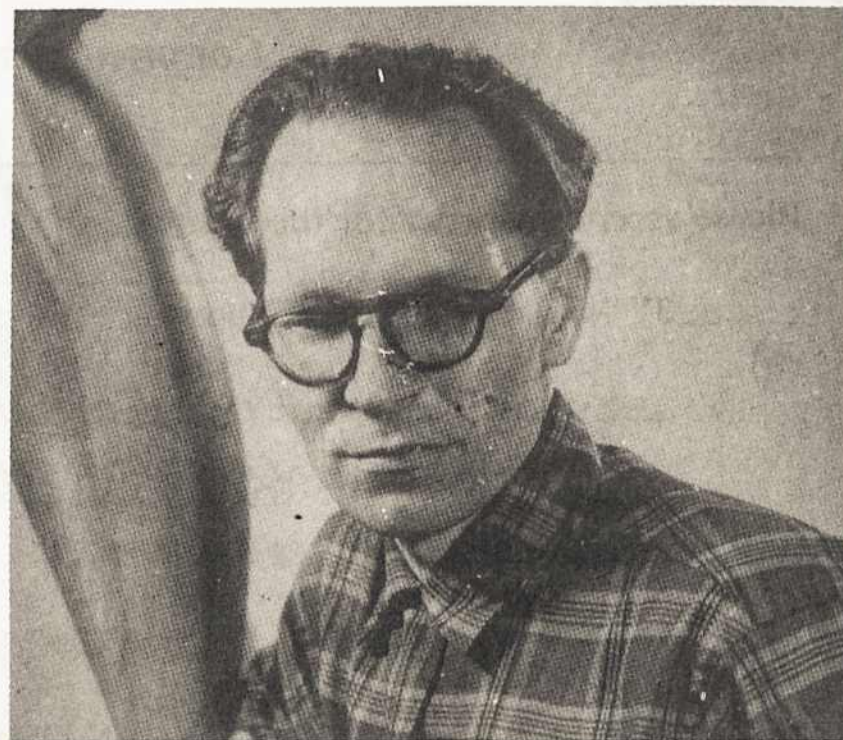
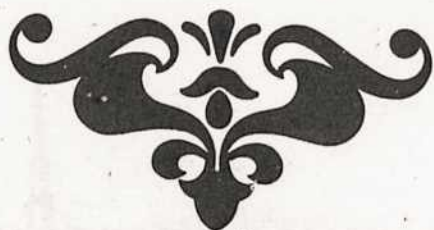


THE REVERSE SIDE...

provides the text of the titles and honors assigned the leaders by the Holy See during the Christianization, and the names of the Popes responsible for the titles. The text is placed symmetrically at the top and bottom of the medal, again emphasizing the phases of the Christianization, and those responsible for those phases.

A central dominant cross symbolizes Christianity. In the background, the Vilnius Cathedral and Bell Tower symbolizes the strength of the Christian faith in Lithuania.

A Knight (VYTIS), the National Symbol, emphasizes the fact that the entire nation accepted Christianity.



Medallion Sculptor — Vytautas Kašuba.

The artistic beauty and meaningful content of the Lithuanian Christianization Jubilee Commemorative Medallion reflects the remarkable talents of sculptor Vytautas Kasuba, whose exhibitions and awards span several continents and two oceans, and include work at three World's Fairs, exhibitions in Paris, Tokyo, New York and his native Lithuania.

Born in 1915 in Minsk of Lithuanian parents, Mr. Kasuba returned to Lithuania in 1918, graduated in 1939 from the National Art School in Kaunas, Lithuania and later returned there to teach sculpture and serve as head of its Department of Sculpture. Kasuba emigrated to the United States in 1947 and currently resides in New York with his wife, Architect Aleksandra.

Since 1952, Mr. Kasuba has been engaged primarily in commissioned architectural work on liturgical themes, executing large scale works in hammered lead, cast, bronze, stone and wood. He is also responsible for several commemorative art medallions, including one commemorating the 300th Anniversary of Vilnius University.

Large or small, Vytautas Kasuba's work pulsates with artistic insight. Aleksis Rannis of Yale University and member of the International Association of Art Critics, Paris, says of Kasuba's work:

"...The contour of his heavy, architectural figures show a hard and archaic quality, but the surfaces of these sculptures pulsate with an extraordinary, sensitive, lyrical colorfulness, infinitely faint yet severely disciplined..."

LIETUVOS KRIKŠČIONYBĖS JUBILIEJUS
LITHUANIAN CHRISTIANITY JUBILEE, INC.

Commemorative Medallion Order Form

Please accept my order for the following:

_____ 3" Medallions, in the following finishes:

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_____ Gold-Plated (@ \$35.00 each)

Amount enclosed: _____ (Add \$2.00 per Medallion for mailing.)

Make checks payable to "LITHUANIAN CHRISTIANITY JUBILEE, INC."

(Note: these special discounted prices for the 3" Medallions apply only to advance, pre-paid orders, made before July 1, 1986.)

The Medallions will be available about July 15, 1986.

Please send me information about:

_____ Solid Silver Medallions _____ 12" Galvano Plaques

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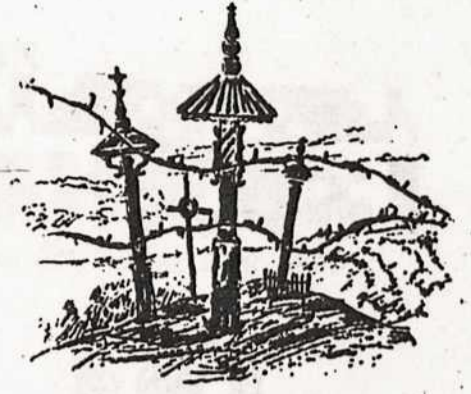
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 234 Sunlit Drive
 Watchung, NJ 07060



ANNOUNCING
**A DAY OF PRAYER
 FOR
 LITHUANIA**



Saturday, June 14, 1986

"BALTIC FREEDOM DAY"

To commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the mass arrests and deportation of the thousands of Lithuanian people from their homeland begun on June 14, 1941.

The Program will begin at 1:00 P.M. and will include:

- * Mass offered for Lithuania
- * Solemn Procession
- * Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



- * Display of Lithuanian weavings and artwork
- * Lithuanian food available in spacious cafeteria
- * Colorful participation of Lithuanian organizations, and parishes

PLAN TO ATTEND!



**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
 FERRY ROAD • DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18901**

Coordinator: Father Timothy Burkauskas, O.S.P.



OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS



PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

WHEREAS, under Article III, of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, the duties of the Third Vice-President are described as follows:

“The Third Vice-President directs the organizing and activities of the Seniors”.

WHEREAS, there remains only two Senior Councils of the Knights of Lithuania;

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania have become more actively involved in large projects of civic, national and religious natures, on national and international levels, which has increased the responsibilities of the National President;

BE IT RESOLVED that the duties of the Third Vice-President be changed to Special Assistant to the President. The Third Vice-President would assist the President in organizing and implementing special projects and events. The duties of the Third Vice-President would also include supervising any existing Senior Councils.

Fund Raiser for Junior Conventionship to Lithuanian World Youth Organization Convention in Australia

At the 1985 National Convention it was announced that the Knights of Lithuania youth had been invited to participate in the Lithuanian World Youth Organization's Convention to be held in Australia in 1987.

In order to raise the needed funds to send a person to that Convention, 2nd Vice-President, Mary Ann LePera has designed and printed notepaper. It bears a ruta design laid over a yellow, green and red rainbow. It will be sold at a cost of \$2.00 per package. The notepaper and additional information can be obtained by writing to: Mrs. Mary Ann LePera
117 Boulder Road
Pymouth Meeting, PA 19469

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION

The KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC. is a newly-organized endowment fund of the K of L. Its capital will remain intact while its interest will be used for special charitable, cultural and educational purposes of the K of L.

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KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.
234 SUNLIT DRIVE
WATCHUNG, NEW JERSEY 07060

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Ads should be sent to Mrs. Loretta Stukas
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CORRECTION . . . CORRECTION

There was a typographical error on Page 7 of the February '86 issue of VYTIS. The date of the 6-man Lithuanian delegation met with President Harding was May 30, 1921 (1981). Atsiprašau!



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 ANNIVERSARY**

APRIL

- 12 C-27 Annual Spring Dance
 St. Mary's Parish Hall
 East Walpole, Ma
- 19-20: MAD Annual Lithuanian Fair
 Transfiguration Church Hall
 Maspeth, NY
- 27: NED Convention
 Hosts: C-103, Providence
- May
- 16-17-18 Mid-Central District Convention
 Mid-West Bowling Tournament
 Hosts: C-86, DuBois, PA
- June:
- 1: MAD 70th Anniversary Dinner & Dance
 Transfiguration Church Hall
 Maspeth, NY
- 8: MAD District Convention
 Hosts: C-46, Forest City, PA
- 14: BALTIC FREEDOM DAY
- 14: Day of Prayer for Lithuania
 Shrine of Our Lady of Czechochowa
 Doylestown, PA
- 22: St. Mary's Villa Annual Picnic
 Sisters of Jesus Crucified
 Elmhurst, PA

JULY

- 6-19: Camp Ausra
- 27: Annual Lithuanian "Piknikas"
 Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
 Putnam, CT

AUGUST

- 3-16: Camp Neringa
- 7-10: 73rd NATIONAL CONVENTION
 Allentown Hilton Hotel
 Allentown, Pa
- 17: 72nd Annual Lithuanian Day
 Rocky Glen Park
 Moosic, PA
- 24: Northeastern U.S. Annual Pilgrimage
 For the Suffering Church in Lithuania
 North America Martyrs' Shrine
 Auriesville, NY

SEPTEMBER

- 26-28: Mid-Central District
 Fall Convention and Pilgrimage
 Hosts: C-25, Cleveland, OH

OCTOBER

- 18: 71st Annual Dinner and Dance
 C-29, Newark, NJ
- 19: C-27 Annual Fall Dance
 St. Mary's Parish Hall
 East Walpole, Ma





ANNOUNCEMENT



VYTIS

MEMBERSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

As per a donation given to VYTIS from Father Juozas Prunskis of Chicago, we decided to have an essay contest. The purpose of the donation was to increase subscriptions to VYTIS and to be used for the betterment of the magazine. The best way to increase the number of subscriptions was to increase the membership. Therefore, the title of the essay was conceived: *"What I would tell a prospective member about the Knights of Lithuania."*

The essays have been judged and the results are as follows:

FIRST PRIZE WINNER:	LEN BARCOUSKY Bethlehem, PA
SECOND PRIZE WINNER (TIE):	ANN SIKORA Pottsville, PA
SECOND PRIZE WINNER (TIE):	SISTER VIRGINIA MARIE VYTELL, CJC Elmhurst, PA
THIRD PRIZE WINNER:	GENE GOBIS Amsterdam, NY
HONORABLE MENTION:	SABINA KLATT Chicago, ILL

We send our congratulations to the winners. Prizes awarded were \$200, \$100 and \$50.

As in all contests, there were those who did not win. We thank all of the contestants for their efforts. We wish we could have offered prizes to all.

The essays were judged on the amount of information contained, and how pertinent the information was to the subject. Correct grammar and writing ability were also important.

The five top essays will be published in VYTIS for use by the membership — to give them ideas when approaching a prospective member.

Aldona Ryan and Loretta Stukas

VYTIS MEMBERSHIP ESSAY CONTEST FIRST PRIZE WINNER

LEN BARCOUSKY

WHAT WOULD I TELL A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

I would tell him or her since women are full members that there are many good reasons for joining.

First, meetings offer great opportunities for fellowship. Knights come from varied backgrounds that cross occupational and educational lines. At the monthly sessions of our small friendly Council 63, factory foremen talk and tell stories with sewing machine operators. Retired salesclerks serve on the same committees with school administrators. Department store vice presidents exchange opinions with truck assemblers. We all mix with interesting people whose paths we otherwise might not cross.

Second, there are cultural reasons. Certainly we don't speak enough Lithuanian at our meetings. But for many of us younger members, council and district activities provide the only chances to hear and to talk a little Lithuanian. We open every meeting with prayer in our ancient tongue and by singing the national anthem of independent Lithuania. Members bring in records and tapes of Lithuanian folk songs. We have had slide shows about Trakai, the seat of medieval Grand Dukes, and art displays featuring Our Lady of Vilnius.

To hear those old prayers and traditional songs takes me back to my earliest boyhood memories when my grandmother would worship in Lithuanian.

Third, membership in the Knights increases political and ethnic awareness. Members trade books and magazines dealing with Lithuanian history and culture. There is discussion of current events in the Soviet Union and the status of Catholics in an officially atheist country. The Knights also serve as a consciousness-raising group for the community and for political leaders. We try to make non-Lithuanian aware of how different Lithuanian and the other Baltic nations, Latvia and Estonia, are from their larger neighbors, Poland and Russia.

Finally, the last thing I would tell a prospective member about the Knights is that it is an organization small enough so that every member's contribution counts. Two Knights, Joe Ogint of Allentown and Joe Simons of Quakertown, wanted to have an old-fashioned



First Prize Winner Len Barcoucky, at left, with friends at 1985 National Convention.

Len Barcoucky, who lives in Bethlehem, Pa., joined Lehigh Valley Council 63 in 1983, shortly after the council was formed.

He has served the council as vice president, president and public relations chairman. In 1985 he attended his first national Knights convention as a delegat.

He is married to the former Barbara Stewart of Bethlehem.

Born in Coaldale, Pa., he is son of Nora Muskelavage Barcoucky, formerly of Shenandoah, and the late Peter Barcoucky (Barkauskas), formerly of Mahanoy City.

A graduate of both Penn State and Columbia University, he has worked as a newspaper editor in Pennsylvania and New York State.

Christmas Eve "Kūčios" celebration. With the help of their wives and other members, they put one together. The event was a hit and another is planned for this year. Members Anthony and Mary Sockel of Allentown pushed for a "Ruta Ball" that has become the council's biggest fund-raising event. I have talked the Knights into "blynai-making" at Bethlehem's Christmas City Fair, an event which introduces thousands of Lehigh Valley people each year to Lithuanian cooking.

We have other members who write letters, help translate documents, make coffee, bake cakes and mail meeting announcements. Some of our older members participate by coming regularly to meetings, loyally supporting our activities and sharing their memories.

I would tell a prospective member that the Knights of Lithuania offers good company, a chance to renew ethnic roots and increased political awareness. And it is an organization where every member matters.

LCRA REPORT



A very belated 'wrap-up' report from the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Drive of 1984-85; Because of the districts, councils and membership we reached our goal for the term!

Special acknowledgement must go to a few people:

To the family and friends of Edward Tamulevich, C#116-we can't thank you enough for the tremendous beginning you gave the Drive. Edward and Irene have always been very generous in their support of this special project of the Knights for quite some time. You showed your appreciation by your donations. IMO Edward.

To Bronsilaw Lazauskas, C#7, like last year Bronislas set a personal goal to raise 10% of the Knights of Lithuania goal. Like last year, Bronislaw surpassed his goal-he raised \$422.87!

Another faithful supporter of this fine K of L work-John Alanskas, C#7. Joh who passed away last year, has been one of our anonymous donors. Many other members have been faithful donors each year. Because of you we continue to succeed!

(Please excuse any misspelling of names. At times the handwriting was difficult to read. Thank You.)

My donation to this K of L Special Project has been absorbing expense in the mailings, printings, etc. For the past four years I have served on this committee and have enjoyed it tremendously. You memebtrs have made the job very pleasurable and I thank you for that.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frances R. Petkus



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The Cathedral of Vilnius, converted into an art gallery in 1956.

Lithuania has the densest concentration of practicing Catholics of any area in the USSR. Its tragedy is that it is a tiny, forgotten nation of 3.4 million people.

Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid annually publishes a "Calendar of Prayer"- assigning all Lithuanian parishes, religious orders, organization and institutions an individual day or prayer. This ensures a continuous and unyielding devotion to survival of the Faith in Lithuania. It serves as a reminder to the faithful to react in prayer and in deed. In fulfilling our day or prayer we display our awareness of injustices inflicted on believers in Lithuania. This recognition gives our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ in Lithuania immense encouragement.

1986 has been declared the "Year of Christian Consciousness" by the Bishops of Lithuania in preparation for the 600th Jubilee of Lithuanian Christianity in 1987. Lithuanians in the diaspora and in the occupied homeland face a crisis in faith, being torn asunder by various ideologies, cultural influences, egocentrism and materialism. It is therefore, crucial to deepen and foster our spiritual



The faithful greet Bishop Julijonas Steponavičius, who has been exiled from Vilnius for 25 years.

values. Prayer is one weapon we can use against threats to our Christian faith. In union, through prayer, we and our brothers and sisters in Lithuania, can make our faith real, alive and accountable.

What a great feeling to know that you are a part of a vast network of prayer for the oppressed people in Lithuania! And what an encouragement it is for them to know that we are making such an effort for them.

A NETWORK OF TO HELP OUR FELLOW IN THEIR HOUR

DATES ASSIGNED PERPETUAL PRAYER

AUGUST

- 6 C-1, Brockton
- 7 C-3, Philadelphia
- 8 C-7, Waterbury
- 9 C-10, Athol-Gardner
- 11 C-12, New York
- 12 C-17, So. Boston
- 13 C-19, Pittsburgh
- 14 C-25, Cleveland
- 17 C-26, Worcester
- 18 C-29, Newark
- 19 C-30, Westfield
- 20 C-36, Chicago
- 21 C-41, Brooklyn
- 22 C-46, Forest City
- 23 C-50, New Haven
- 25 C-52, Elizabeth
- 26 C-61, Paterson
- 27 C-63, Lehigh Valley
- 28 C-67, Bayonne
- 29 C-74, Scranton
- 30 C-78, Lawrence

All K of L Councils should have received a copy of the Calendar of Prayer. If not, you can obtain one by writing to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207. The booklet contains an outline for a prayer service, in parallel Lithuanian and English pages. It includes the Lithuanian, and English translation, of the Jubilee Prayer; and also an English translation of "Marija, Marija" suitable for singing to the original melody.

PRAYER LITHUANIANS OF NEED!

THE K OF L IN THE FOR LITHUANIA

SEPTEMBER

- 1 C-79, Southfield
- 2 C-82, Gary
- 3 C-86, DuBois
- 4 C-90, Kearny
- 5 C-96, Dayton
- 6 C-100, Amsterdam
- 9 C-102, Detroit
- 10 C-103, Providence
- 11 C-109, GreatNeck
- 12 C-110, Maspeth
- 13 C-112, Chicago
- 15 C-116, So. Worcester
- 16 C-117, Hartford
- 17 C-118, Hazelton
- 18 C-133, Los Angeles
- 19 C-134, Cincinnati
- 20 C-135, Ansonia
- 22 C-139, Detroit
- 23 C-140, Syracuse
- 24 C-141, Bridgeport
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- 26 C-143, Pittston
- 27 C-144, Anthracite

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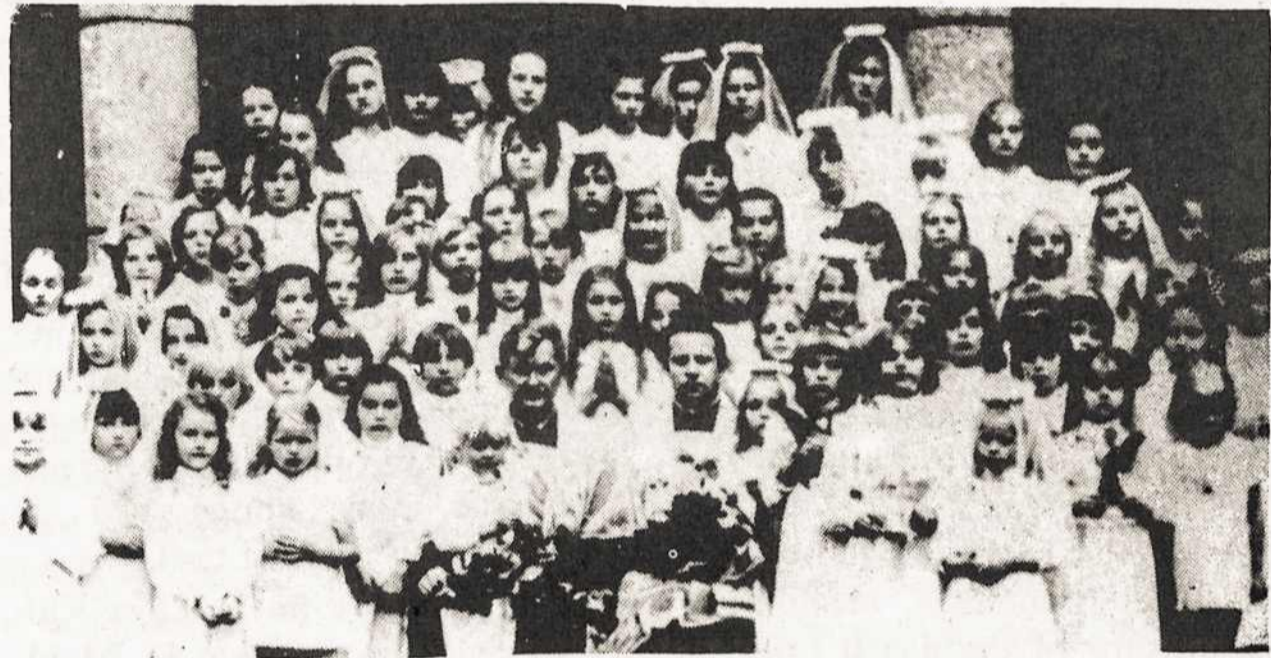
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- 7 New England District
- 8 Juniors
- 9 Supreme Council
- 31 VYTIS



A graduate of the underground seminary, Fr. Jonas-Kastytis Matulonis, was amnestied by mistake and promptly returned to labor camp.



Teacher Jadvyga Bieliauskienė was sentenced to 7 years for "fostering religious and nationalist attitudes" in her pupils.



Despite Soviet regulations forbidding minors to take part in religious rites, many children accept First Communion.

PREPARATION FOR YOUR DAY OF PRAYER:

1. Invite participants by way of bulletin inserts, pulpit announcements, or a special invitation by mail to join in your day of prayer.

2. Suggest and write articles for daily, community and diocesan papers, based on material provided by Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid on the persecution of believers in Lithuania. Send them a news release announcing your day of prayer. Be sure to give prominence to the date, time and place.

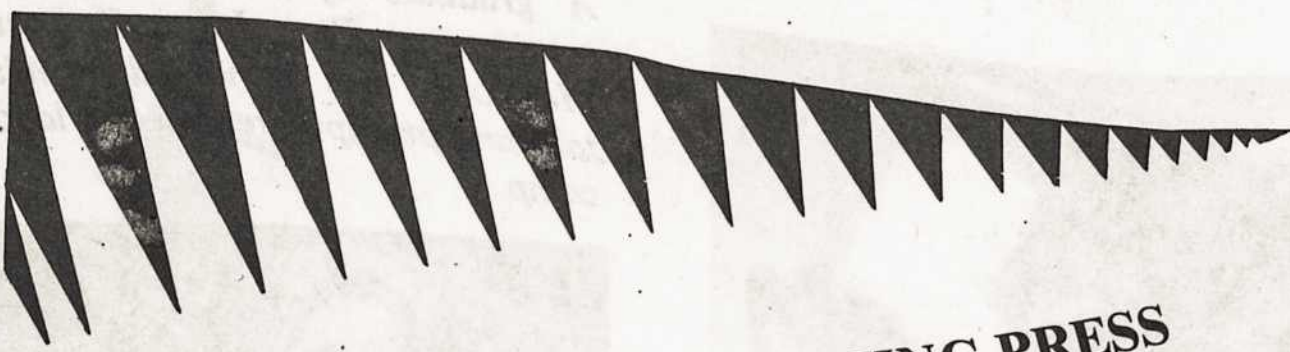
3. Encourage your pastor to mention your day of prayer in the prayers

of the faithful and possibly in the homily. Conduct a prayer service in your community.

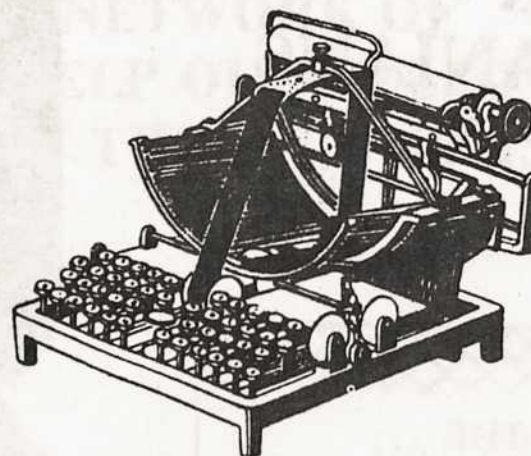
4. Prepare a display on the problems faced by believers in Lithuania, or reserve an exhibit from Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid.

5. Invite a speaker to address your group or parish about life under Soviet occupation following your celebration. Discuss ideas on practical assistance to the persecuted believers in Lithuania.

6. Ask your bishop to designate a day of prayer for the persecuted Catholic Church in Lithuania in your diocese.



UNDERGROUND PRINTING PRESS CLOSED IN LITHUANIA



Five men have been sentenced to terms ranging from one to three years for running an underground printing press, according to the January 21st edition of the Moscow-based *Sovietskaya Kultura*.

The printing press allegedly operated for seven years in the city of Gargždai, in the region of Klaipėda, northwestern Lithuania.

According to the report, sixty Catholic priests were summoned to testify against the men, but only two of them appeared at the trial, the date of which was unspecified.

Stanislovas Murauskas, identified as the director of the illegal printshop, was sentenced to three years by the Supreme Court of the Lithuanian SSR. His partner, Donatas Jonutis, received a two year sentence. Zigmantas Murauskas and Alfonsas Vaičekauskas, received two year suspended sentences, whereas a one year suspended sentence was passed on Stasys Mitkus.

Zigmantas Murauskas, by profession an excavator, and Vaičekauskas, a photographer, had outstanding work records, as did Mitkus, a recipient of numerous professional and honorary awards in his capacity as a power station inspector. Stanislovas Murauskas and Jonutis are artists.

The disclosure that Stanislovas Murauskas and Jonutis printed Christmas, Easter and holy cards, first appeared last year in the

Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania. This underground publication has been documenting human rights violations in predominantly Roman Catholic Lithuania since 1972, despite Soviet efforts to close it down.

The latest issue of the *Chronicle*, No. 67, reported the arrests of Stanislovas Murauskas and Jonutis at the beginning of 1985. The two men, reported the *Chronicle*, were charged with dealing in illegal commerce and imprisoned in Vilnius prison pending trial.

The expose by *Sovietskaya Kultura* special correspondent H. Maidanskaya portrayed the five men as profiteers and alcoholics. In her article, she labelled Stanislovas Murauskas a "parasite" and "embezzler".

According to *Sovietskaya Kultura*, the men were caught red-handed, after a neighbor, suspicious of the nightly going-ons in their second story apartment, located in a condemned building, informed on them. The militia raided the apartment and found one man working a printing press, and the others manning a photo enlarger and duplicator, while religious cards were still drying on a line hung across the room.

An investigation by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Lithuanian SSR, writes Maidanskaya, revealed that the largest consumers of these

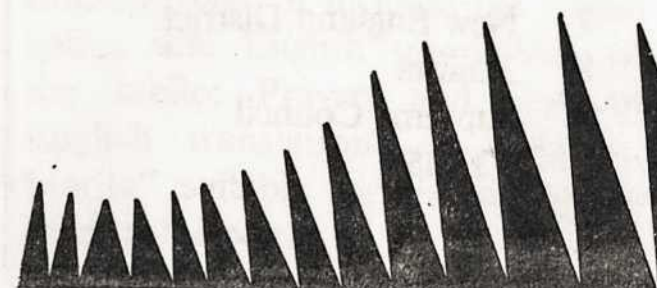
countraband goods, i.e. religious cards, calendars and prayerbooks, were "church personnel".

The author therefore concludes that the priests of Lithuania contributed to the delinquency of these men by supporting their criminal habits. She further reprimands all who "closed their eyes to what was going on" for seven years, from the landlord of the building to other local residents, including the militia.

Towards the end of her article, Maidanskaya mentions another man by name, Communist Party member and propagandist, Vyacheslav Nesterov, purportedly involved in producing religious cards, too. She condemns the collective, of which he was a member, for not expelling Nesterov from the Party.

Help the press roll again!!!

Inform all proper authorities at once.



SOVIET EVIDENCE IN NORTH AMERICAN COURTS:



A VITAL BOOK

S. PAUL ZUMBAKIS, ESQ.



(Chicago: Americans For Due Process, 1986) 168 pp., paper cover. Available from: Americans For Due Process, P.O. Box 85, Woodhaven, NY 11421; single copies — \$15 donation; \$20 donation to permit hand-delivered copies to people in Congress.

“Due Process,” in layman’s language, means basic fairness. The phrase refers to a cluster of legal checks and balances that purports to provide justice, giving each accused his or her day in court. Due Process derives from a sound tradition of law in United States history. Regrettably, from time to time and from place to place in this country, Due Process has suffered erosion, to the detriment of a particular defendant, and to the shame of the nation’s legal system. From the past, one finds well-known, extreme examples in the deplorable narrative of lynchings, and the activities of the anti-Semitic Ku Klux Klan.

In *Soviet Evidence*, Attorney S. Paul Zumbakis of Chicago, raises some serious contemporary issues relevant to Due Process that make one wonder about the arrival of another era of decline in respect shown to Due Process. Is the United States right now undergoing a lack of honoring Due Process in subtle and not so subtle ways? Zumbakis thinks so, and marshalls considerable, convincing proofs to support his assertions.

Through nine, tightly-knit chapters, Zumbakis presents his case. His Introduction furnishes the background of World War II and its “Victims and Villains.” He then mentions the U.S. law that created the OSI (Office of Special Investigations) to track down Nazi collaborators; and next focuses on the “Key Issues” that are at stake. Here it is worth listing the subsequent chapter titles to show the scope of Zumbakis’ study.

- II — Categories of Communist Source Evidence
- III — Gathering the Evidence: “A Wildly Improbable Marriage”
- IV — Why Is Communist Evidence Suspect?
- V — Evidentiary Problems with Communist Source Evidence
- VI — Historical, Political, and Moral Considerations in Using Communist Source Evidence
- VII — The United States Experience with Communist Source Evidence
- VIII — Damage to Our American-Canadian Fiber
- IX — Conclusion

The volume is thoroughly researched and frequently illumined with highly pertinent quotations from Soviet publications as well as U.S. court records of cases that have been settled or are now in progress. Nearly two-hundred-fifty footnotes underlie Zumbakis’ both fascinating and disturbing memorandum. It is a persuasive and provocative piece of writing that gives each thinking person reason to reflect on matters that do not always find their way into the general press. The information that Zumbakis calmly offers makes one flinch and shake one’s head, musing: “Can this be happening right in our own country?”

Concerned citizens, and presumably Knights of Lithuania are surely among them, should immediately put this volume in every library in the country, into the hands of every attorney, and on the reading list of every person in public office, local, state, and especially federal level. Historians of another generation will pronounce a verdict on the present issue with their wide perspective and retrospective vision. Meanwhile, caring people everywhere must remain informed and vigilant about this truly vital question of Due Process.

Vytautas Gerulis

LITHUANIANS *in the* NEWS

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

Our beloved Honorary Spiritual Advisor, His Excellency Bishop Vicentas Brizgys, H.H., was presented with the Mid-America District's Annual Award of Distinction at the District's 26th annual "Memories of Lithuania" banquet held February 23rd in the Martini-que grand ballroom, Evergreen Park, Ill. The Bishop was honored for his devotion and dedication to the spiritual needs of the Lithuanian people in the free world. In addition to the award of a beautiful plaque, the Bishop was presented with a gold watch from the Mid-America District. The awards were given by Father Anthony Zakarauskas, Spiritual Advisor to the District.

Distinguished guests at the banquet were the Hon. Vaclovas Kleiza, Consul General of Lithuania in Chicago, and Mrs. Kleiza; the Hon. Josephine Dauzvardis, H.M., former Consul General; Ill. State Senator Frank Savickas; and Theodore Blinstrubas, national president of the Lithuanian American Council.

Mary Rudis, president of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, served as Mistress of Ceremonies, and John L. Paukstis, served as Banquet Chairman.

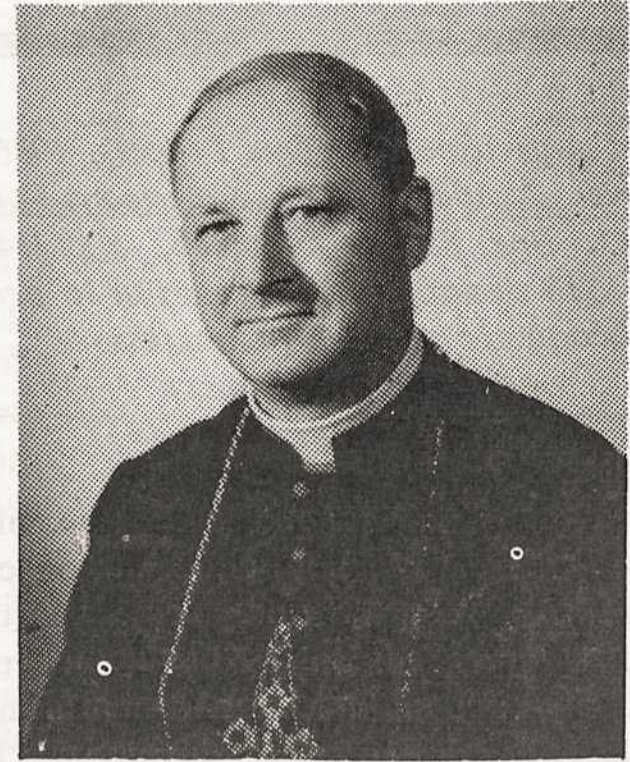
A musical program featured Lithuanian Opera Company soloists Darrell Rowader, tenor, and Algerd Brazis, Baritone (Mid-America District President), accompanied by Robert Mockus on the piano. Music for dancing was provided by the "Aidas" orchestra.

The banquet was well publicized in the Chicago press. The Bishop was interviewed by reporter Michael J. Behr of "The Chicago Catholic" who wrote a very informative article.

Annually, the "Memories of Lithuania banquet is the Mid-America District's commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.

In commemoration of the 68th anniversary of Lithuania's independence, Governor James L. Thompson, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaimed February 16, 1986 as Lithuanian Independence Day in Illinois.

Mayor Harold Washington, City of Chicago, proclaimed February 16, 1986, to be Lithuanian Independence Day in Chicago. Pictured with the Mayor at the Lithuanian American Council's commemoration at Maria High School, Chicago, on February 16th, are Ausra Jasaitis and Theodora Kuzas. The program featured speakers and Lithuanian songs and dances.



His Excellency Bishop Vicentas Brizgys, H.M.

Another commemoration took place at Chicago's Daley Center on February 14th. A musical program was presented by the Knights of Lithuania Choir under the direction of Faustas Strolia, C-36.



Labas! — Chicago's Mayor Washington greets Ausra Jasaitis and Theodora Kuzas at Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration at Maria High School.

NBC-TV, Channel 5, during the 5:00 P.M. news on February 20th, for the commemoration of Lithuania's independence, portrayed Chicago's Marquette Park area, with emphasis on the pride of the Lithuanian people, their culture and language. Lithuanian costumed young ladies were shown in front of Nativity B.V.M. Church (home parish of C-112), and a typical old world Lithuanian bakery was featured.

Standard Federal Savings and Loan Association in Chicago again commemorated Lithuania's independence this year with a display of Lithuanian artifacts. In the display was the private collection of amber belonging to Vincent Samaska, C-36.

"Big John" Stanely



JOHN STANLEY, member of C-140 Syracuse, N.Y., was one of Central New York's best known labor leaders during the 1950s and '60s. He was constantly in the news, usually in the middle of controversy.

He once called 68 strikes in one year. He once was accused of inciting a riot during a strike in 1960. He once told General Electric officials he would quit his union job if they would rehire 15 fired workers.

On February 28th, Stanley's 38 years of work for the International Union of Electrical, Electronic, Technical, Salaried and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO, Local 320, came to an end. More than 400 people gathered at the Hotels at Syracuse Square for a tribute to the man who during the 1950s and '60s represented as many as 7,500 General Electric Co. employees in Syracuse.

Since 1973, Stanley had been a consultant to the IUE/GE conference board, which comprises all of his union's GE locals in the country.

But, he's not going to slow down. He said he was joining the union's retiree group and will be available for consulting work on a call basis.

C-140 is proud to call him one of their own.

Lithuanian receives MacArthur Foundation "Search for Genius" Award.

THOMAS PALAIMA of Cleveland, Ohio, has been named the recipient of a MacArthur Foundation award called the "Search for Genius", notes "The Cleveland Plain Dealer."

A professor of classical studies at Fordham University in New York City, he will receive \$176,000 over the next five years.

He was graduated from Boston College, was a Fulbright scholar at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece, and received his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin. His work explores Bronze Age scripts.

His parents, both Lithuanian, are MICHAEL and ANN PALAIMA of Broadview Heights and are potential candidates for membership into the Knights of Lithuania.

1985 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Bernard Lown, is Lithuanian-born.

According to the "Chicago Tribune" last December, BERNARD LOWN, cardiologist, who accepted the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize to International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, on anti-war organization founded by Soviet and American doctors, is Lithuanian-born. He is a professor at the Harvard University School of Public Health.

Lithuanian named to National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame.

VINCE BANONIS, Detroit University center in 1939-41, was named to the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame. He was captain and center of the Chicago Cardinals National Football League team which played in Comiskey Park in Chicago many years ago.

Well-known actor, Kirk Douglas, is of Lithuanian-Russian heritage.

According to a magazine article about MICHAEL DOUGLAS, son of KIRK DOUGLAS, the well-known actor, his father is of Lithuanian-Russian heritage.

Be proud of your heritage!

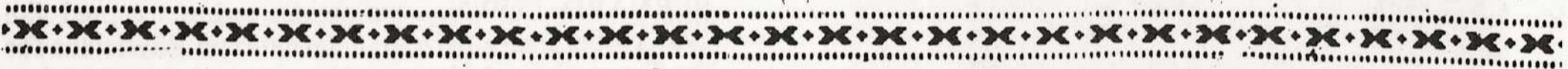
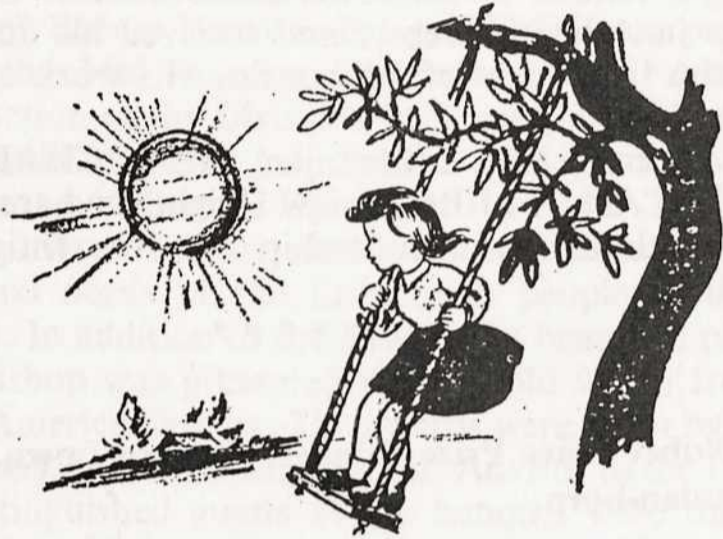
C-110 member becomes U.S. Navy Instructor-Pilot

LIEUTENANT PETER V. YAKAITIS, U.S.N., member of C-110, Maspeth, N.Y., is an Instructor-Pilot stationed at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Peter is the son of ANTHONY YAKAITIS, 1st Vice-President of C-110, and HELEN, Sgt.-at-Arms. His brother PAUL IS C-110's Counsellor-at-Large.



Lt. Peter Yakaitis



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C-110, Maspeth NY members join in PRO LIFE demonstration in Washington, DC



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Cultural corner

KIPRAS PETRAUSKAS (1886-1968)

by Regina Gerutis Kot



Kipras Petrauskas

Lithuanians throughout the world are celebrating the 100th birthday anniversary of famous soloist Petrauskas.

Born in Lithuania on November 23, 1886 in Ceikiniai and died at the age of 83. He is buried at Rašų cemetery in Vilnius.

His parents had great musical talent. His father not only had a good voice, but was a self-taught organist, so it's not surprising that both he and his older brother Mikas leaned towards music.

By the age of 13 he was an organist at Gervėčių parish and a director of the choir at which he did solo parts in his young soprano voice.

As he got older, his voice changed to a magnificent sonorous lyric tenor of broad range.

He studied at St. Petersburg Conservatory art and music. In 1906 he joined his brother Mikas in staging the first Lithuanian opera "Birute", in which he did the part of Birute's brother. That was his first appearance on stage and was greatly applauded.

After receiving financial help from a group of Lithuanian people, he again entered St. Petersburg conservatory to study voice.

While at the conservatory, finding it hard to make ends meet, he started to look for work. By luck he was sought out by famous St. Petersburg pianist Zilotte

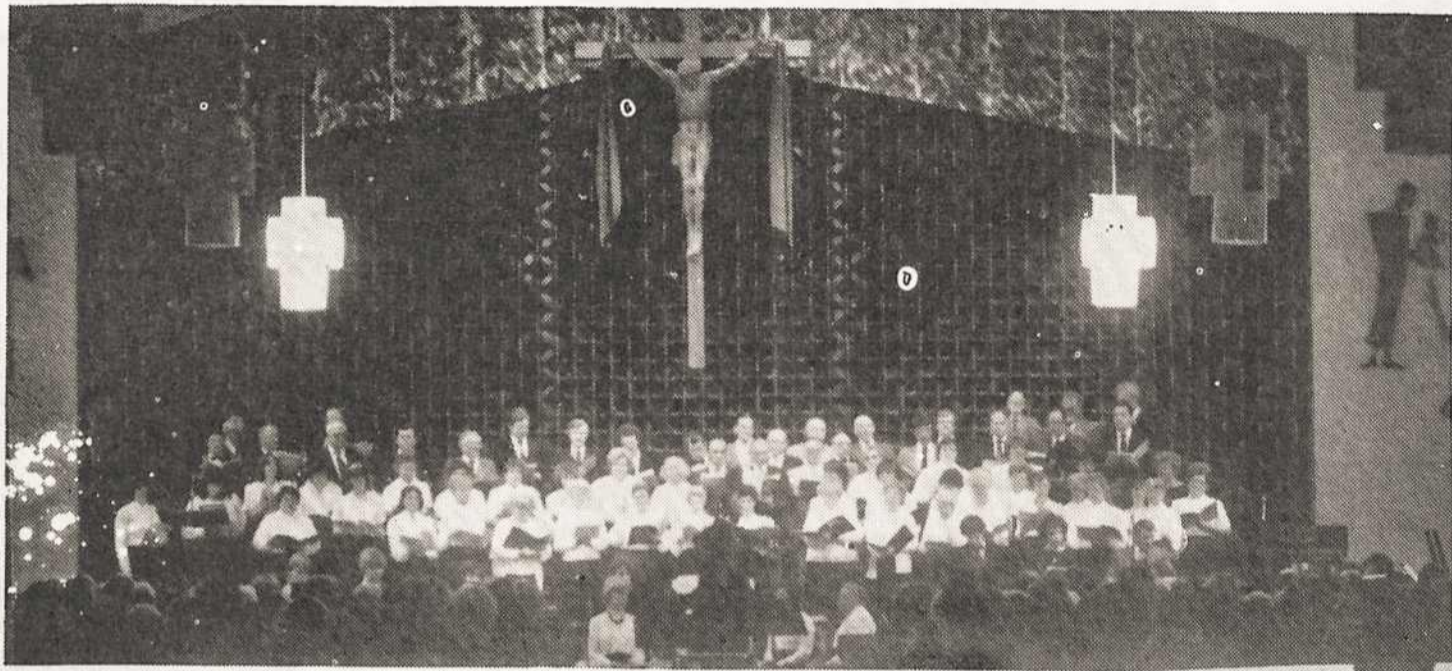
to participate in his organized concerts at which he earned 50 rubles for his first appearance. Thereafter, he got many offers to sing and earn as much as 120 rubles.

Luck had smiled at him again in 1910, while in conservatory he had a chance to appear in Rimsky-Korsakov opera, where prof. Stanislav Gobel really noticed him and started to prepare him for the "Romeo and Juliet" opera to be staged in Moskava's biggest opera theater, at which he appeared in March 5, 1911. Highly acclaimed by the critics, he signed a 1 yr. contract with Marian theater in St. Petersburg. Did a role of Herzogo in Verdi's opera "Rigoletto".

Thereafter, he appeared in many operas, such as Barber of Seville, Eugene Onegin, I Pagliacci, Mefistofeles, La Traviata, La Boheme, Madame Butterfly. At the same time he also undertook concert tours through Russia and Western Europe.

When the war started in 1914, Kipras was unable to visit his homeland, but when Lithuania gained her independence, Kipras returned home in 1920 and started to perform in Kaunas & Vilnius in operas such as Radvila Perkūnas, Carmen, Aida, Tosca, Queen of Spades and etc. He also taught voice in Vilnius conservatory where he ended his famous musical career in Jan. 17, 1968.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST



Knights of Lithuania Choir performing the "Seven Last Words of Christ" at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago.

“DEDIKUOTO ILGAMEČIAM LIETUVOS VYČIŲ VIDURIO AMERIKOS APSKRITIES PIRMINKUI SOLISTUI ALGIRDUI BRAZIUI.”

These words appear on the label of a very special cassette, newly released by the Knights of Lithuania, Mid-America District Choir. The recording is a Lithuania rendering of Theodore Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ." It features soloists Algirdas Brazis, Praurime Ragiene and Rimas Strimaitis; the combined choirs of the K of L, St John Fisher and St. Barnabus Churches. Under the direction of Faustas Strolia, these noted soloists, choirs and an orchestra, have created a unique and beautiful recording. But for Mr. Strolia, the importance of making this tape was also of a personal nature.

According to Mr. Strolia, the dedication to Algirdas Brazis, expresses the sincere regard many Lithuanians have for Mr. Brazis. He has served the Lithuanian community at large, and the Knights of Lithuania in particular, for many years and in numerous ways. He is noted within the K of L family for his generous spirit and of course, his musical gifts. He has used his talents unstintingly for the benefit of us all. No one knows this better or has observed this more closely than Faustas Strolia.

When the idea of a tape was first suggested to the district by Faustas, his intention was to express his gratitude to Al by making a quality recording of him which could be shared by many Lithuanians now and in the future. It was suggested that the K of L choir be a part

of the recording. And finally, the decision was made to record, "The Seven Last Words of Christ".

Translated and orchestrated by Faustas, the words are from a beautiful religious text which tell of the last suffering and triumph of Christ on the cross. To Faustas, this piece also calls to mind the suffering of fellow Lithuanians in Siberia and within the borders of their own homeland. When asked to comment on what meaning music holds for him, he said, "I think it is nice when the second, third and even fourth generation Lithuanians in America hear the cries of occupied Lithuania, embrace it in their hearts and sing it out so that more people would know of the injustice done to the Lithuanian nation."

"The Seven Last Words" features three moving solos for Soprano, tenor and baritone. Selected to sing the Soprano solo was Praurime Ragiene, a Chicagoan who has sung in many cities throughout the United States and Australia. She has sung with the Pirmyn Chorus and has released a record, "Yra Salis" with string ensemble.

From Toronto came tenor Rimas Strimaitis. He is known to Chicago audiences as a soloist with the Lithuanian Opera Company. Among his many roles has been Romeo from "Romeo and Juliet" by Gounod. He has sung extensively in Canada and throughout the United States.



Algirdas Brazis, K of L member and soloist.

The baritone could only be Al Brazis. Over the years, many fellow K of L members had the opportunity to hear Mr. Brazis sing. He has recorded with the K of L Choir. He is a mainstay of the Lithuanian Opera, the only ethnic grand opera company in the country. And in his career he has sung with the Metropolitan Opera and many other national and regional companies. Certainly not least in his thinking has been his performance for the Knights of Lithuania. Although most of us have heard Mr. Brazis sing on a number of occasions and in a variety of roles, most who have heard the tape of the "Seven Last Words" agree that it is one of his finest performances.

For choir participants the project was a rewarding one as well. Added to the K of L Choir were the St. John Fisher and St. Barnabas Parish Choirs. Many of the newly added members worked hard to learn the Lithuanian translation as well as the music. Our choir members had a chance to share their knowledge and appreciation of the music and the Lithuanian language. Thirty instrumental musicians were gathered from throughout the Chicagoland area. At the organ was Robert Mockus, a promising keyboard artist, who is an accompanist for the Lithuanian Opera Company and a K of L member.

Final recording was made on October 27th of 1985. The tape is now available for purchase at \$10.00 per cassette. We hope all our Knights of Lithuania members will be able to purchase a copy. But copies are already being reserved and prompt order is suggested.

In Chicago, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" has become an integral part of the K of L Lenten/Easter

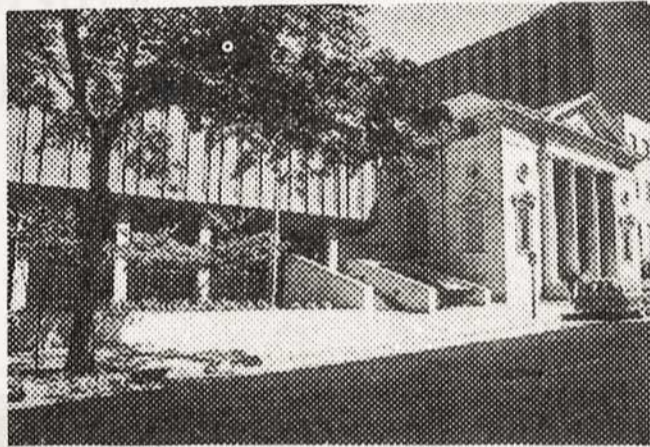
observance. We are happy and proud to be able to share it with others. We hope you will join us in making this project a success for Faustas Strolia, for Al Brazis, and for the many K of L Choir members who worked so hard. It was truly a labor of love on the part of the participants. And it is a great gift to us all from these committed and dedicated people.

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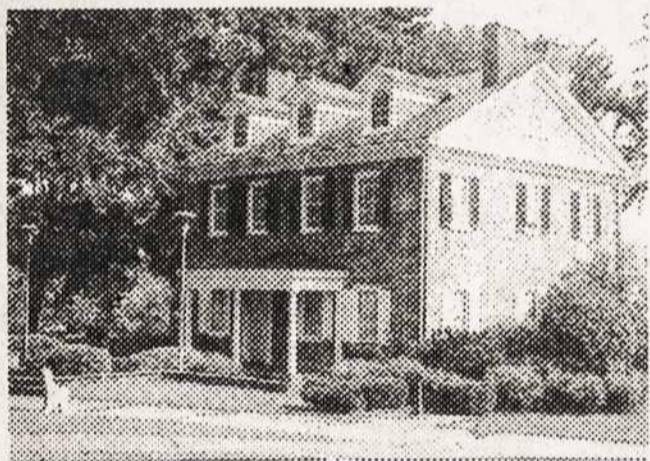
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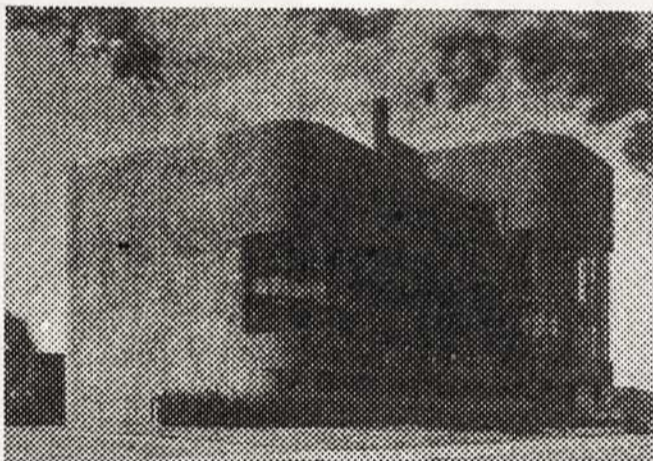
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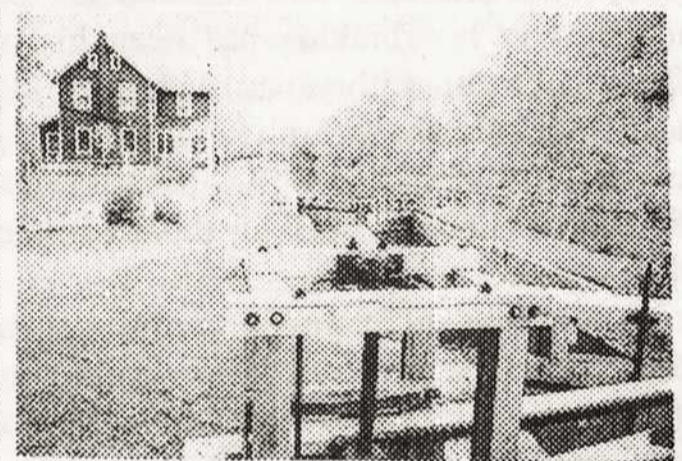
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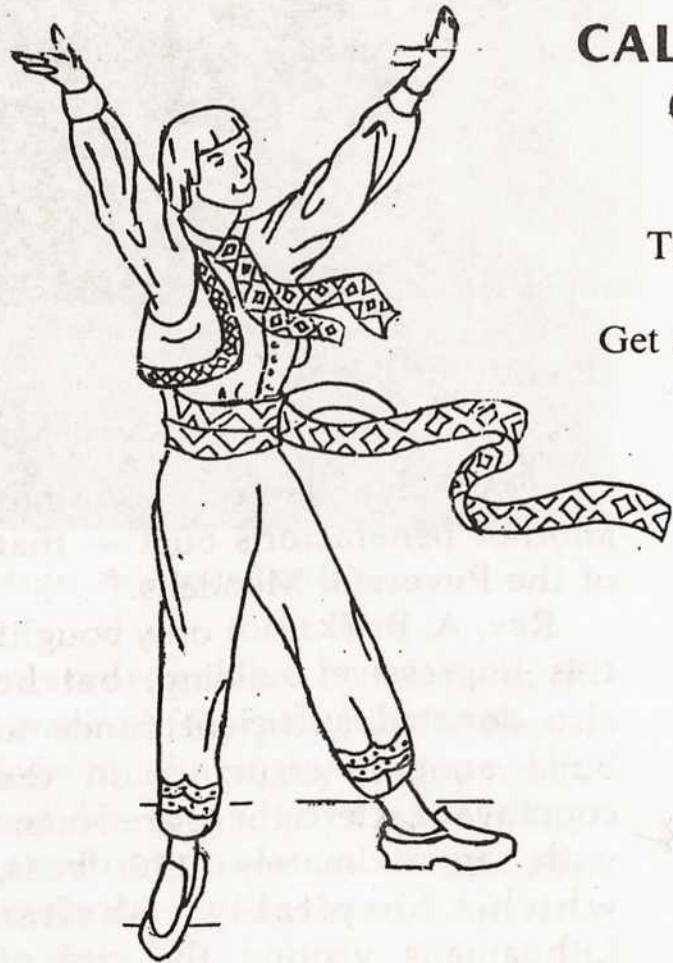
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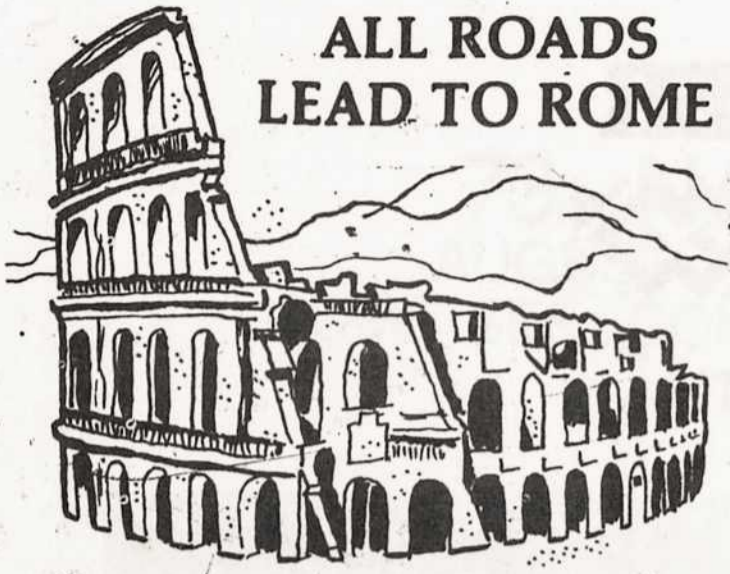
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ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME



Vl. Vijeikis

Translated by A. Pakalniškis Jr.

As out of every major city's airport, so also in Rome one must

Editor's note: *Vladas Vijeikis is a sincere supporter of the Knights of Lithuania. He is the owner of Vivi Printing, Inc., where "Vytis" is printed. Having been moved by the sincerity of the personnel at the Lithuanian college in Rome, he shares some thoughts with us the Knights of Lithuania, who have "adopted" this college (see "Resolutions of the 1985 Knights of Lithuania Convention"), and support its activities both financially and through prayers.*

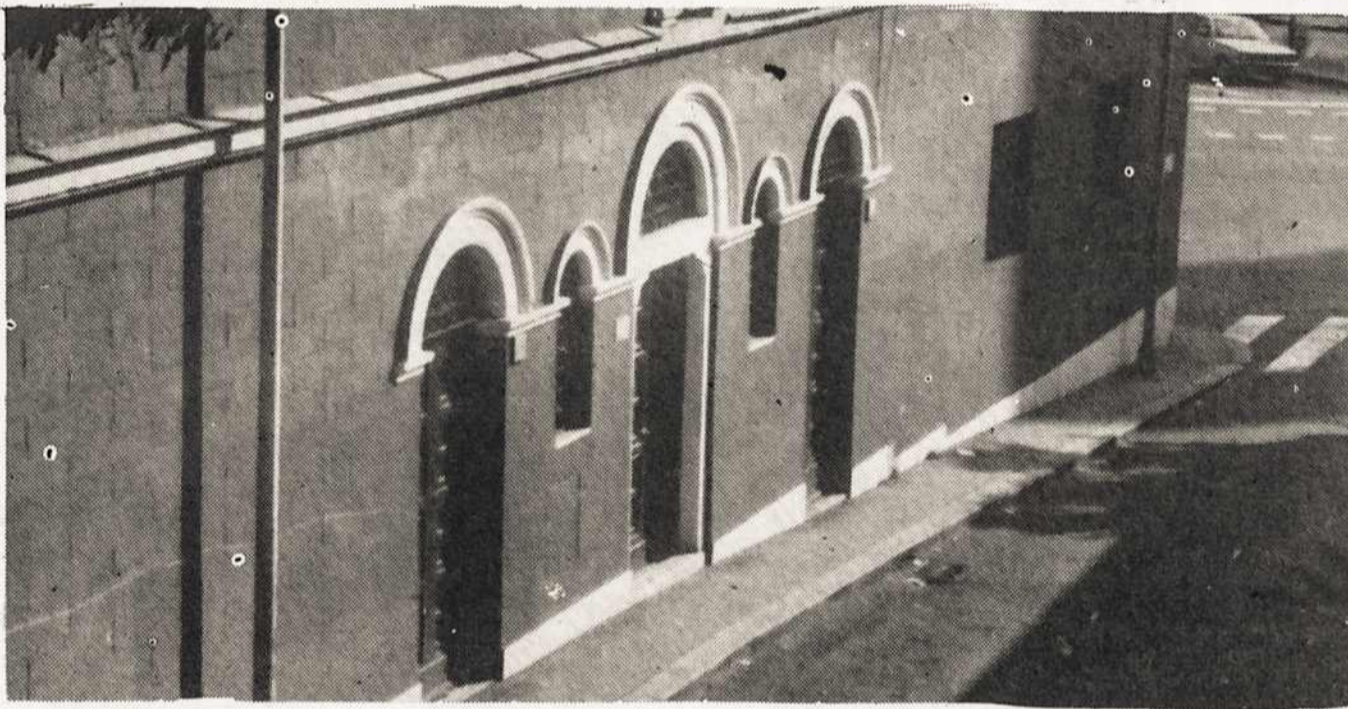


Prel. A. Briška

the vestibule. Here one also finds another benefactor's bust — that of the Reverend Mendelis.

Rev. A. Briška not only bought this impressive building, but he also donated sufficient funds to build another structure in the courtyard. Here there are rooms with approximately 110 beds, which hospitably shelter Lithuanians visiting the city of Rome.

However, beds, conveniences, and buildings aren't sufficient to provide hospitality. One also requires people who can create a comfortable atmosphere. Arriving

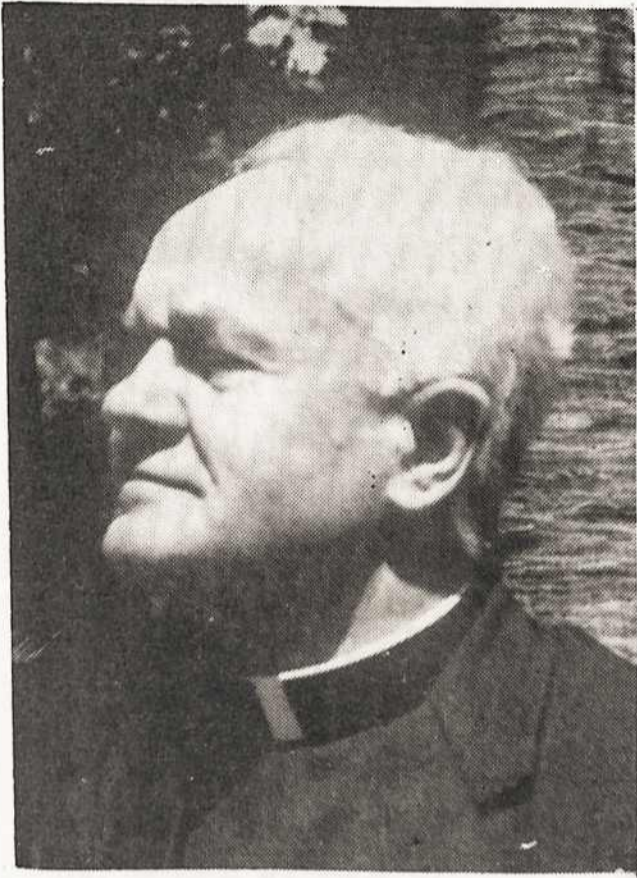


travel a substantial distance before reaching Via Casalmonterato 20. That's the Lithuanian College, better known as Villa Lituania. Two large towers adorn this fortress-like building. Indeed, it was an Italian family's home during troubled times.

Upon arriving from America, it is somehow more reassuring when one discovers that the building was bought by Brighton Park's (in Chicago) Immaculate Conception Parish Pastor Rev. A. Briška. His bronze bust is immediately seen in



View from the plaza



Msgr. Antanas Jonušas

guests are greeted by Sisters of St. Katarina of Egypt, who take care of these buildings' day-to-day needs. And by the soul of this home-away-from-home — a žemaitis (lowlander), Reverend Antanas Jonušas.

Being an aukštaitis (highlander), I always thought that Lithuanian hospitality was a trait of highlanders. Simply coming to Rome showed me that this belief was unfounded. Reverend Jonušas not only received me pleasantly, but he gave me a guided tour of Rome and surrounding sights, which I would probably not have seen on my own. And how does he find the time from all his duties and responsibilities associated with caring for the needs of visitors! Struck by vanity, I assumed that he was giving me special attention, but having talked to other travellers, I understood that the reverend receives all visitors with equal sincerity.

I especially liked the quiet atmosphere of Villa Lituania. Here, after the grueling tours through Rome, visiting churches, museums, historical sites, one can truly rest in a pleasant room or in



Sisters supervising domestic matters

the yard amongst carefully tended flowers.

Thanks to the reverend, I had the opportunity to visit the cemetery and see the Lithuanian chapel. We also looked over the huge Salesian press, whose director, Br. Aleksandravičius, kindly showed us. Quite a few Lithuanian publications are printed here, and the work is of superior quality. I have to admit, though, that I didn't really care for the print shop: it was too orderly and much too clean.



Lithuanian chapel in cemetery

It must be noted that the purpose of Villa Lituania is not simply to cater to travellers. Those studying in Rome or preparing for the priesthood find a place to stay here. Indeed, the buildings are there primarily for that reason. About 100 Lithuanians have passed through this college, having acquired the necessary education. And now, throughout the world, they perform the difficult tasks associated with their spiritual calling.



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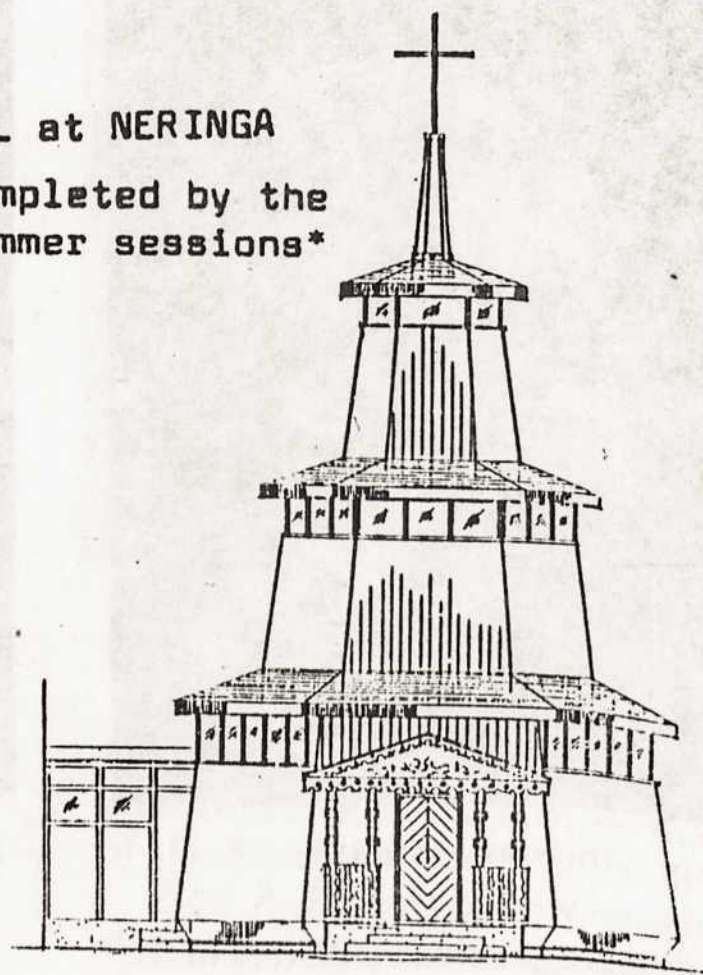


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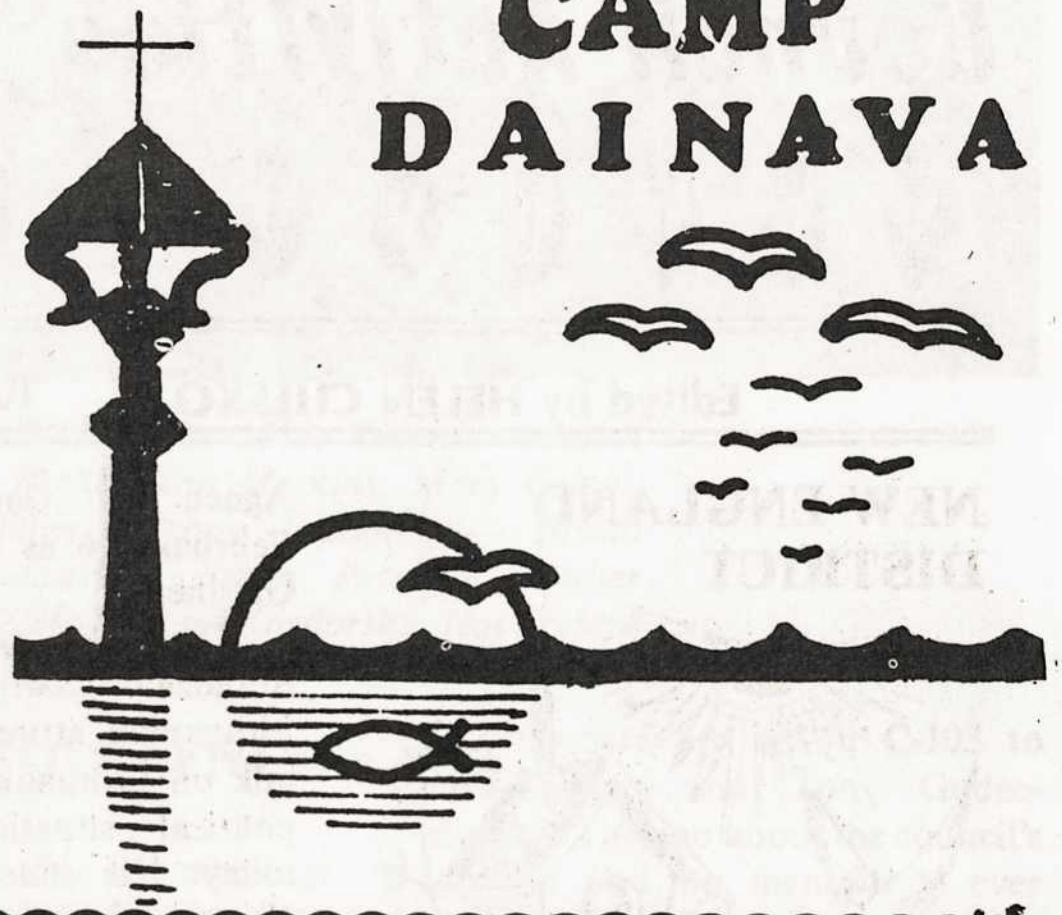
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Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia



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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

Our council sponsored the annual February 16 commemoration of the 68th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence. The day's activities began with Mass offered for Lithuania in St. Francis Church, Athol.

Fr. Steponaitis was celebrant and gave an appropriate sermon. He was vested in our tri-colors and the church was decorated in our national colors. Both hymns were sung after the Mass that was very impressive.

The observance continued in the parish hall. President Bill Wisniauskas gave the address of welcome and acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. Steponaitis gave the invocation. Charles Genaitis read a proclamation by Mayor Allen

Agneli of Gardner designating February 16 as Lithuanian Day in Gardner.

The main speaker was Jonas Stundza of Lawrence who dressed in Lithuanian attire gave an excellent talk on Lithuanian culture and the political situation in Lithuania today. His slide presentation was also superb. Jonas visited Lithuania four times and studied Lithuanian culture and language at the University of Vilnius in 1984. He is a third-generation Lith with more enthusiasm on things Lithuanian than many native-born Liths. He inspired many of us.

The program came to an end with the singing of "Marija, Marija." Cake and coffee was served by our most gracious and hospitable ladies.

Both dailies carried good write-

ups before and after the affair. The Gardner News cartoonist did a caricature of President Bill Wisniauskas in connection with our observance.

Our member of the month is Ann Ambrose of Athol. She was born and received her education in Athol. She is widowed with two daughters and two granddaughters. She is an active K of L'er and parish member and its Women's Guild. She also belongs to the Golden Agers and takes many trips with the group. She is a good cook as are all our ladies and does a lot of crocheting. We wish Ann many years of good health and long membership in the K of L.

April is Founder's Month. Let us all try to recruit a new member — your neighbor, relative or one in your own immediate family.

Vincukas



President William Wisniauskas served as master of ceremonies at C-10 Lithuanian Independence Day observance.



Jonas Stundza of Lawrence gave the main address and showed slides of Lithuania at C-10 Athol-Gardner observance of commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.

C-50 — NEW HAVEN

Our February meeting was well attended despite absence of many due to illness, poor weather and vacations in the sunnier climate.

Nellie Ericson, Ann Harrald and Eva Cheslock are in Florida, and Mary Geipel is visiting relatives in Louisiana and Alabama.

Viola Lougal and Alice Kyrle were hospitalized recently. Eleanor Gutauskas and Al Maculaitis are recuperating after surgery. Alice Dekas has progressed wonderfully and may surprise us by coming to one of our get-togethers. Joe Macknis has also been blessed with a slow but good recovery. May we all pray for their good health.

Our membership stands at 200 members. Welcome aboard Helen Brazauskas. It is evident you are no stranger, and everyone was pleased to see you.

Congratulations to Gerald and Marge Gedrim on their 25th wedding anniversary.

On February 7 Father Karalis said Mass for Spiritual Renewal in preparation for the 600th Anniversary of Lithuanian Christianity designating 1986 as a year of faith consciousness. Sister Igne of Putnam was present and answered questions concerning our faith.

The following is a message from our Spiritual Advisor Father Karalis, pastor of St. Casimir's: All are invited to join in preparation for the jubilee through prayer. We declare a prayer campaign during 1986. The bishops of Lithuania have proclaimed 1986 as the Year of Faith Consciousness so that throughout the year we would prepare spiritually to celebrate the grace of baptism we received as a nation 600 years ago. Let us recognize this as the "time of our Lord's visitation over and above any other preparation." The spiritual renewal of our hearts is most important.

Helen Balchus



C-50 New Haven Officers for 1986: Seated — Isabel Peterson, Bernice Barile, Ann Meskins, Mary Geipel, Audrey Toole, Helen Balchus. Standing — Bruno Strimaitis, Al Gutauskas, Frank Peterson, Father Karalis, George Kisielius, Tony Kordorsky. Not present Charles Dekas and Helen Medley.

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

Little wonder that our meetings are so well attended. Coming into the church hall, the aroma emanating from the kitchen stimulated one's taste buds. However, council business first, then more comments on the collation!

With President William Piacentini back at the helm, various committees reported and plans were made for coming activities.

Cultural Committee Chairperson Sophia Sakalys, with the coming of Lithuanian Independence Day, enlightened all with her comments on the history of the day.

Sophia, her husband Vytautas, Father Gedvila, Agnes and Joseph Waitonis, plus Ray Savickas, on January 31 accepted at the State House, the annual proclamation issued by Governor DiPrete for the February 16 observance of Lithuanian Independence.

The council will honor Lithuania's Patron Saint Casimir on March 2 with Mass to be followed with brunch.

Progress was reported on upcoming NED Convention to be hosted by Providence on April 27.

Council is awaiting reply from Msgr. Bartkus requesting his participation in "Terrible June Days" observance in Bristol on June 14.

Fortunate are we in C-103 to have Helen and Tony Gudcauskas. They go about the council's business and no mention is ever made of their efforts. Tony fills in as president when need be; Helen assumes the position of secretary when daughter Susan is absent. Every Wednesday they provide "coffee an" at intermission of Lithuanian Class at Providence College. Each week Father Jurgelaitis has a new Lithuanian song for the class to sing. Sheet music, accordion accompaniment on cassette by Susan, all provided by Tony, make it very interesting for their classmates. We salute you "Three" for all the extras you do for C-103.

Following our February meeting, we were treated with "bulviniai blynai" (potato pancakes), "varškinis tortas" (cheesecake) and coffee by our Social Committee headed by Elizabeth Tribuisis, Alice Grybas, Sophia Sakalys and Milda Traskauskas. Gratification for their work was in observing many came for seconds and nothing was left to sell or take home. Ačiū — Merci — Thank you! It was delicious.

Council choir then rehearsed with "Pauline at the piano."

Un Ami De Lituanie

C-26 — WORCESTER

How do people deal with their need to "belong"? They join the Knights of Lithuania! It gives them a sense of prestige and identity . . . read on, please:

First half bowling champions are Captain Richard Godek and team mates Rita Pinkus, Judy Ginkus, Mary Ann Parker and Sue Abraham. Air Force 2nd Lt. Ralph Sailius married Karen Lee Krump in Ohio on New Year's Eve. Ralph is the son of our Albin and the late Dorothy Seilius. Congratulations to the newlyweds! Mark Walinsky was best ~~man~~.

Ed Skrocki died suddenly on January 2 while bowling with our council league. To his wife, Anne, and daughter, Diane, go our deepest sympathies. Tony Anton's brother and sister died within a very few weeks of each other. Betty Tamulevich's brother died in California. Sincere condolences.

Nancy Gorden, our member from New Jersey, asks to be remembered to all. She misses us, but we miss her, too! Her beautiful disposition is second to none!

You won't believe this! Bones are a big problem in our council. Geraldine Tagman with fractured ankle, Sister M. Ignata SSC with injured ribs, Ann Bender and Ann Bucinkas both with broken wrists, Terry Adomavich with bone surgery of the hand. Oh my! Rita Brazauskas is coming along nicely, as is Michael Abraham. Both recovering from surgery. May casts and stitches be removed sooner than soon!

Carol and Bill Grigas skiing in Switzerland, Mark Walinsky in Austria, Bill Buckley in Myrtle Beach, Charles and Frances Kulakusky taking an Easter trip to England to visit daughter Margaret and her family, Rita Karrytais on a

cruise, Bart and Mary March spending the winter in Florida and Ted and Rita Pinkus with Charles and Millie Lapinskas in Las Vegas.

The White Mountains attracted Ann and Steve Walinsky Sr., Elly and Steve Walinsky Jr. with son Mark and daughter Lynne, and Carol and Bill Grigas with son Billy and daughter Caryn. Terry and Kazys Adomavičius wre in Aruba.

We are so pleased and proud to congratulate Dr. Jack and Mrs. Loretta Stukas upon receiving the highest lay people's awards from our Holy Father.

Marion and Arthur Racicot are proud grandparents of a baby girl, born recently to their daughter Mickey. Congratulations to all!

A warm welcome to our newest members: Mary Ann Parker and Robert Parker.

Ann Walinsky was chairperson of our Valentine Party and a lovely event it was. Assisting her were her husband Steve and the following: Francis and Adele Degutis, Mildred Lapinskas, Mary Anusauskas, Eleanor, Lynne and Mark Walinsky, Bill and Carol Grigas.

We've just heard that Mrs. Rackauskas, mother of Aldona Sweeney, is very, very ill and is in special need of prayers.

Anthony "Morky" Morkunas has been in and out of the Veterans Hospital in Boston but is now home in his apartment at 200 Vernon St., Worcester, MA 01607. We thought Tony's friends would like to know.

A 10-point buck was the victim of Bill Leseman's recent hunting trip. Bill has just retired after 45 years as a welder. Hunting is his favorite sport.

Very impressive commemorations of Lithuanian Independence Day and St. Casimir's Feast Day will be reported in the next issue. This year promises to be a busy one. Stephen Walinsky Sr., our resident travel agent, has all kinds of jaunts coming up.

The highlight of 1986 will be the celebration of our council's 70th anniversary. Isn't it a wonderful fete?

And a word concerning Louis Stukas, music teacher, organist, choir director and composer, of Morganville, New Jersey. We were introduced to the music of Louis Stukas, Dr. Jack's brother, by a super Lithuanian patriot, Joseph Jacobus of Fairlawn, New Jersey. Since then, Louis has given our St. Casimir's Men's Choir a lot of wonderful support. We have been singing his Mass and several of his hymns in our St. Casimir's Church and other churches on invitation. Without exception, beautiful comments are made about his compositions. We thank him from the heart. We wish him good health and energy to continue.

Iki sekančio numerio —
"Džukelė"



C-17 — BOSTON

The traditional Council 17 Christmas Party took place on January 11 at the "Chapel" meeting hall. About a hundred members and guests attended.

Al Chaplik provided the party with potent cheers — paaukojo gėrimų net ir stipresnių.

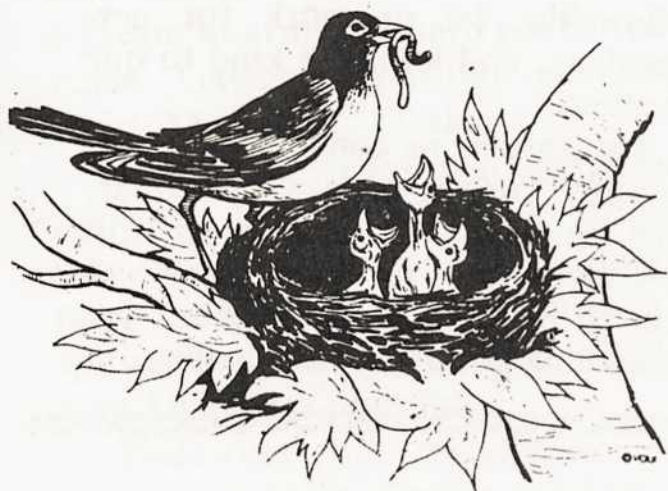
As in the past the party was highlighted with grab-bag presents. The buffet followed.

The Christmas Party was attended by our Reverend clergy: Father Albert Contons, pastor, and Father Anthony Baltrashunas, former pastor of St. Peter's parish.

Our annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast was held on March 2.

APUOKAS

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT



C-63 — LEHIGH VALLEY

The flag of independent Lithuania flew for a few hours in cloudy skies over the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton. Flag-raising in all three cities are an annual event, part of Lehigh Valley Council 63's Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence.

Mayor Sal Panto of Easton, Joseph Daddona of Allentown and Paul Marcincin of Bethlehem all issued proclamations noting the occasion. Small crowds gathered in the three cities for the flag raisings.

Commemoration events in the Lehigh Valley also included a special Mass at St. Michael's Church in Easton, the traditional Lithuanian parish of the Lehigh Valley, and a luncheon at the Sheraton Inn in Easton. US Representative Don Ritter, State Representative Robert Freeman and Ginte Damusis, an expert on religion in the Soviet Union, spoke.

Joseph Ogint of Allentown, vice president of Council 63, spoke at the Allentown flag raising about Lithuanian history. Despite its occupation by the Soviet Union since 1940, "free Lithuania continues to live and it reminds the entire world of her suffering," he said.

In Bethlehem, the small crowd sang the "Lietuvos Himnas" as the

yellow, green and red flag of free Lithuania was raised.

A choir from St. Michael's Church performed at the flag raising in Easton.

Al Klizas, president of Council 63, coordinated the Bethlehem presentation. Violet Price oversaw the Easton program and Robert and Adolf Klova co-chaired the flag-raising in Allentown.

The Rev. Thomas J. Benestad, administrator of St. Michael's, celebrated the commemoration Mass and gave the invocation and benediction at the commemorative luncheon.

Both Ritter and Ms. Damusis described case histories of priests, journalists, poets and ordinary citizens who had been persecuted by Soviet authorities.

Both Ritter and Freeman brought proclamations taking note of Lithuanian independence and expressing hope for a free Lithuania in the future.

Len Barcoucky

C-74 — SCRANTON

Council 74 Scranton marked the 68th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuanian independence in 1918 and the 735th anniversary of the founding of the Lithuanian State with flag-raising ceremonies on

February 15 at the Northeastern Bank Plaza.

Mayor David J. Wenzel read the proclamation commemorating the anniversary, and the Rev. Michael Zipay, pastor of St. Michael's Church, delivered the independence rite.

Casimir V. Yanish, chairman of Lithuanian Affairs, commented on the yearnings of the people of Lithuania for their freedom. The raising of the Lithuanian flag annually signified that Americans, especially those of Lithuanian heritage, share the hopes and strivings for peace and justice of the people of Lithuania, Yanish explained.

Gertrude Romeika, president of C-74, led the singing of the American and Lithuanian national anthems.

Other participants were the Rev. Jerzy Urbanski, pastor of the Providence of God Lithuanian National Catholic Church; Romas Dovydaitis, president of the local chapter of the Lithuanian World Community; Frank Katilus, supreme vice president of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance of America and George Sadauckas, Lithuanian Beneficial Association president.

Our newly-elected officers are president, Gertrude Romeika; vice



C-74 Scranton flag-raising ceremony commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day at Northeastern Bank Plaza.



Saint George "Patron of Lithuania's Animals"

The Feast of St. George

April 23rd is the Feast of St. George. It has been written that St. George was martyred during the reign of Diocletian. In the 12th century legends had it that St. George, as a courageous knight on a horse, slew a dragon — which represented evil in the world. St. George is still a very popular saint in Eastern Europe. His Feast Day has become entwined with the real beginning of Spring.

In Lithuania, St. George is one of the most popular of saints. As in other countries, he is held as the patron of animals, especially horses.

In Old Lithuania, on the Feast of St. George, one could not till the fields with horses or disturb the earth as it was necessary to let the horses rest — for it was their holiday. If this were not done, it was believed you would go against the saint's wishes, your animals would get sick and die, especially horses who would then be prey to wolves.

In some stalls in old Lithuania, you would find a picture of St. George. It was thought that he would see to it that the animals favorably multiplied.

A Year Round Garden For Club Members by Fleda A. Rittenhouse

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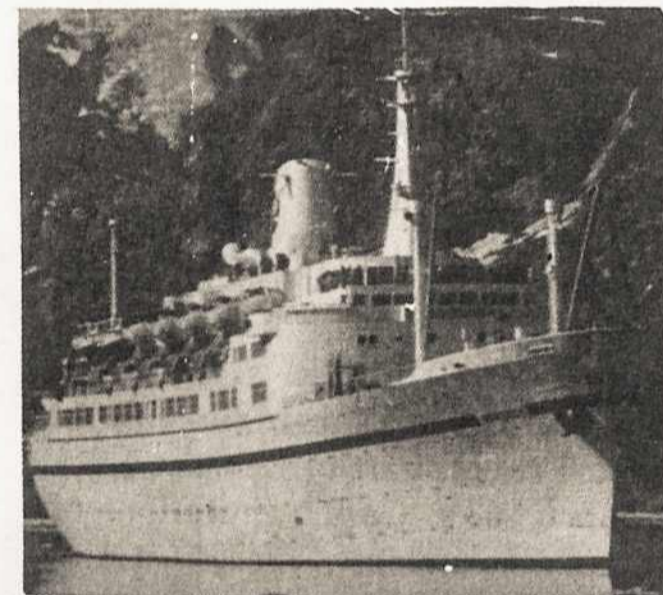
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Committee chairmen are as follows: Martha Brack, public relations; Casimir Yanish, Lithuanian affairs; Helen Romeika, spiritual affairs; Marie Laske, ritual; Ann Dudewicz, cultural.

Following the installation of officers by Msgr. Ozalas, we had a combined installation and appreciation dinner for all our hard-working members. Marie Laske was chairman. Her husband Richard and Ann Lisowski assisted her. The tables were decorated in our tri-color flowers. Council 74 members presented Marie Laske a gold charm for serving as a conscientious president for 1984 and 1985. Marie Laske presented Ann Lisowski an amber necklace for being an outstanding worker for the council.

Members who attended are Della Zvirblis, Sarah Yescavage, Ann Huffstutler, Rose Stanches, Josephine Profko, Ann Patelunas, Patsy Simms, Ruth Yanish, Helen Roginski, Marcella Kukaitis, Margaret Laibiñis, Mary Bulger, Agatha Sueta, Jule Krutlies, Jerry Costello, Frank Shimkus, and Helen Cravath.

C-74 welcomes Lee Bozenko, Joseph Roland, Sister Joan Yodauga, Joan Noreika and Joseph Sarnauskas into membership.

Martha Brack

C-100, AMSTERDAM, NY

A special mass was held Saturday at St. Casimir's Church in observance of the 68th anniversary of Lithuania's independence. Rev. Robert K. Baltch celebrated the Mass and Rev. Joseph P. Dworak, chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital was the homilist. The first

reading was given in Lithuanian by Mrs. Polly Ziausys and national Knights of Lithuania president Frank Petrauskas gave the second reading.

English and Lithuanian hymns were sung by St. Casimir's Choir with organist, Joh Nye.

The dinner-program sponsored by Council 100 of the Knights of Lithuania followed in the Social Center. Some 125 people from Washington, D.C., New York City, Kew Gardens, Syracuse, Albany, Menands, Rexford, Schenectady, Hagaman and Amsterdam attended.

The commemoration began with the presentation of colors, Gerard Drenzek and Vicent Rossis carrying flags and led by Mrs. Polly Ziausys and Mrs. Adeline Raila dressed in Lithuanian national dress.

The invocation was by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis. President Anthony J. Radzevich welcomed the guests and Mrs. Irene Tice was mistress of ceremonies.

Mr. Miroslaw Swiderski, representing the large delegation of Ukrainian-Americans who were in attendance, extended his greetings on the occasion of Lithuania's 68th anniversary.

Congressman Samuel S. Stratton, a recipient of the Father John Jutt Knights of Lithuania award, told the audience of how the Russian government knew of his speech which he had made during the Captive Nations week where he had expressed the wish for independence for Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, the Ukraine and all the other captive nations. Their spokesman, asked him, "Why do you people want to dismantle our country". Mr. Stratton was very surprised that they had all this information on him and he remarked that they realize that they are oppressing these nations.

He spoke of his recent trip to the Phillipines and commented "There is a difference between the Phillipines and Lithuania. They

at least have elections in the Phillipines. One day there will be free elections in Lithuania, also." Mr. Stratton ended his speech with "kas bus, kas nebus, O Lietuva nepražus!"

Assemblyman and Council 100 member Paul Tonko, co-sponsor of a resolution asking Gov. Cuomo to proclaim Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Day presented the resolution to the Council. He stated, "It is sad that 68 years later the independence is only on paper. Nevertheless, the spirit of freedom of the Lithuanian people will not die."

City Controller John H. Bintz read Mayor Mario Villa's proclamation whereas Feb. 16 would be Lithuanian Independence Day in the City of Amsterdam and he noted that the Lithuanian flag flew over City Hall on Feb 14.

V.P. Genevieve Gobis read Lithuania's Proclamation of Independence which the Council of Lithuania signed in Vilnius on Feb 16, 1918 plus Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's proclamation, proclaiming Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in the state of New York.

The Recorder was commended for its excellent editorial in the Friday (2-14) issue "Love of Freedom Marks Lithuanian Independence Day". She noted the articles in the Recorder, the Schenectady Gazette and the announcements over Station WCSS.

Others introduced by Mrs. Tice were Miss Bernice Aviza, Vytis Editor of the national magazine of the K. of L., Alderman of the 4th ward David Pietrusza, Mrs. Regina Kot, national Cultural Chairman of the K. of L., Dr. Aldona Baltch and Professor George Gravrogkas.

Mrs. Tice presented the principal speaker, the national president of the Knights of Lithuania, Frank Petrauskas, Syracuse, NY. The topic he chose was the Helsinki Final Act

of 1980, the part of the memorandum by the Lithuanians. The memo had four requests: 1. Withdraw all military forces and other personnel from Lithuania; 2. Release all Lithuanian political prisoners; 3. Halt official harassment of people who wish to practice religion; 4. Establish international procedures to have free elections.

He stated, "When you deal with the Russians, you must be forceful. They only recognize force." He asked, "Has there ever been a change in Russian policy?... I say a strong and emphatic no!" Prayers, he declared, was is, and will be the only way to the conversion of Russia and the freedom of Lithuania.

The Amber Singers, Ann Valincius-Kelly and daughter Pat Kelly-Cote of New Britain, Conn. sang Lithuanian folk songs in Lithuanian and English to the accompaniment of the kankles, an ancient Lithuanian musical instrument. Mrs. Kelly told the audience the kankles which she was playing was given to her father by Professor Joseph Olsauskas who had been St. Casimir's Church organist until his passing in Aug. 1973. She explained the songs which they sang and asked for audience participation to the songs which they knew. The audience enjoyed the beautifully blended voices of the mother-daughter act and the singers received a standing ovation.

Benediction was given by Rev. Robert K. Balch and the program ended with the singing of the K. of L. hymn.

Mrs. Polly Ziausys was general chairman, Mrs. Sophie Olbier-Reservation chairman, Mrs. Regina Kot-program chairman, William Burimaskas-refreshment chairman. The committee also included, William Jasewicz, Ed Bablin, Walter Sargalis, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Raila, Irene Tice, Eleanor Olechowski, Ann Radzevich, Gene Gobis.



NYS Assemblyman and K of L member Paul Tonko addresses C-100 Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration.



K of L National President Frank Petrauskas repeats Lithuania's demands to the Helsinki Conference during Independence Day commemoration.



"The Amber Singers" a melodious interpretation of Lithuania's revered folk songs.

Special thanks were expressed also by President Radzevich to all who donated the hors-d'oeuvres. Also a big aciū to all who helped clean up, including Gerry Drenzek and Joe Kot, also Jennie Kensell.

The centerpiece in the colors of the Lithuania flag was won by Mrs. Beatrice Jasewicz.

— Smile and Sparkle.



C-110 — MASPETH

Father Stasys Raila opened the February meeting with prayers in both Lithuanian and English, commemorating the 600th Anniversary of Christianity in Lithuania. We also prayerfully remembered the astronauts who died in the shuttle Challenger at Cape Canaveral.

To our council roster of 404 members, we added the newest, Helen Johnson. We have added our newest Counsellor-at-Law, Attorney Paul Michael Kazas, who is with the Department of Transportation for the City of New York. Welcome!

Contributions were made to Prof. Jack J. Stukas' Memories of Lithuania Radio Program (Rūta Lithuanian Club), Lithuanian National Art Ensemble of Cleveland and Lithuanian Youth Congress.

It is regretfully that we bid adieu to our very able treasurer, Karen Daxis who will be leaving to join her husband in Hunter, New York. We shall miss you, Karen, but we wish you happiness! Helen Yakaitis will be assuming the position of treasurer and Roscoe Gilbert, once again, volunteered to serve as sergeant at arms.

C-110 sends congratulations to Council 45 of Scranton, the newest council in the District.

On March 2, we will honor St. Casimir at a Mass followed by a Communion Brunch in the Church Hall. At this time the following will be installed in the various degrees: First Degree — Helen Abbene, Ann Kinglsey, Dorothy Kinsky, Albina Niewerowski, Isabel Peleckis, Helen & John Verbookas, Catherine Zaveckas. Second Degree — Sophie & Peter Zuyus. Third Degree — Mary & Roscoe Gilbert and Helen Matulonis.

Theresa Thomann is the Communion Brunch Chairperson. A great big hurrah to Dalia Radziunas, proprietress of the Silver Bell Baking Company, for your cooperation in providing your marvelous Lithuanian bread.

On March 9 we look forward to the MAD Frackville St. Casimir's Mass, brunch and district meeting. C-110 plans to arrive in two buses which will include some members from the Great Neck and Riverhead Councils.

Standing committee persons for the 1985-86 year include Muriel Lekstutis as Cultural Chairman, Helen Matulonis as Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Peter Yuskevich as Program Chairman, Brenda Razickas as Vytis Correspondent and Special Assignments, Violet

Zvirblis as Public Relations Correspondent, Stasia Kraujalis as Ritual Chairperson and Father Raila coordinating the Spiritual Program.

Profile: Marie Visnauskas-Loehmann, a science teacher and our new Recording Secretary. We are fortunate to have her services. Marie joined C-110 last fall. She

hails from Parma, Ohio. Marie matriculated at the College of New Rochelle where she met her husband Frederic Loehmann. He is one of New York's "Finest," serving the Police Department of New York City. Happy to have you aboard!

Su Meile — Brenda Bell-Razickas



C-118 Hazleton marked the 68th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of Lithuania with a flag-raising ceremony at West Hazleton Borough Annex.

C-118 — HAZLETON

Council 118 started off the New Year with President Doris Shanahan thanking the members for their cooperation in making Kūčios a success. Marcella Gelgot chaired the affair.

This year we will have many activities in conjunction with Father Skitzki due to our church's 75th anniversary. Plans include Lithuanian Cultural Day, ethnic food sales, a trip to the Immaculate Conception Shrine in Washington as well as other activities.

Our ethnic food sale in January proved to be a lot of fun plus work, but again everything was sold.

February brought our first Mardi Gras which consisted of a turkey dinner prepared by Valerie and Joe Dancho, dancing and games. A good crowd enjoyed the festivities. We look forward to doing it again.

Albert Launikonis chaired the flag-raising ceremony for the com-

memoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. It was held at the West Hazleton Borough Annex. Norman Getz, West Hazleton Mayor, participated in the ceremony. President Doris Shanahan was joined by the following members: Albert & Anna Launikonis, John & Mary Ladinsky, Charles & Dolores Yuscavage, Albert & Marcella Gelgot, Margaret Lapinsky and Joe Dancho.

C-144 — ANTHRACITE

Anthracite Council held a Vigil Service at Annunciation BVM Church, Frackville, on February 16, to commemorate the day Lithuania proclaimed its independence from Russia. The Vigil was also held to pray for freedom of the persecuted church in Lithuania.

Rita Shevokas coordinated the Vigil. Atty. Paul Domlakes served as lector and presented the first and second readings. The Rev. Francis Baransky read the Gospel, followed



The Revs. Jarasunas, Gobitas and Yenushosky examine Lithuanian Day Proclamations presented to Joseph Yezulinas, master of ceremonies, at Anthracite Council Banquet commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day.



Anthracite Council Junior Knights from New Philadelphia, Rita Shevokas, Counselor, reciting prayer from "Mary, Save Us" at the Vigil Service to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day.

by Schurbert's "Ave Maria" sung in Lithuanian by Joseph Yezulinas.

The Rev. Gerald Gobitas delivered a moving homily. Edmund Carlitus read "A Prayer of Victor Petkus, a Soviet Prisoner." Margaret Valinsky read excerpts from testimony at the trial of Nijolė Sadūnaitė.

While the Žarija Choir softly sang "Lietuva Brangi," The Junior Knights of New Philadelphia in

procession carried to the altar a Lithuanian wayside shrine, tricolored candles and lilies, symbolic of Lithuanian culture.

A Prayer from "Mary, Save Us," prayer booklet written by four Lithuanian girls confined to a Siberian prison, was recited by four Junior girls at the portrait of Aušros Vartų Marija.

The Rev. Matthew Jarasunas presided at the Benediction of the

Most Blessed Sacrament in Lithuanian, joined by Fathers Baransky, Gobitas and Yenushosky.

The Žarija Choir under the direction of Eleanor Vaičaitis and accompanied by Wilhelmina Verbitsky sang "Marija, Marija," "Šiluvos Marija" and the Lithuanian Benediction hymns. The congregation joined the choir in "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The recessional hymn "How Great Thou Art" was sung in Lithuanian.

A banquet followed in the church hall where Father Jarasunas opened the festivities with a Lithuanian invocation followed by "The Lord's Prayer," sung in Lithuanian by Joseph Yezulinas and "The Star Spangled Banner" by the assembly.

Following dinner, a proclamation from the State Senate sponsored by Sen. James J. Rhoades was presented. Rep. E. J. Lucyk personally presented a similar proclamation from the State House.

Anna Klizas Wargo, president of the council, gave a concise explanation of the Lithuanian Declaration of Independence.

The Žarija Choir rendered several Lithuanian selections. Guest soloist Arlene Sadusky sang "Kur Bėga Šešupė" and "Follow Me." After an audience sing-along, Joseph Yezulinas and Mary Najda blended voices in "Kaip Gražiai Žiba Žvaigždutės."

The program closed with the assembly singing "Lietuvos Himnas" and Father Yenushosky leading the closing prayer.

Joseph Yezulinas served as master of ceremonies and chaired the banquet. Eleanor Yancofski was his capable co-chairperson.

Kudos to Anne Sikora! We are proud of our Anne who tied for a second-place award in the essay contest sponsored by Vytis on the topic, "What I would tell a prospective member about the Knights of Lithuania."

C-152 — RIVERHEAD

Our nation and the rest of the world was stunned and saddened by the tragedy we suffered at the failure of our shuttle Challenger and the loss of our heroic astronauts. The tremendous knowledge in the field of aerospace that fell with them cannot be estimated. With the rest of the world we mourn and pray for them and for their families.

We too suffered a loss of our own when Anne Colombo passed away recently after a short illness. Anne, her husband and daughter Elissa helped to make our festival the success that it was. We will miss her and extend our deepest sympathy to her family. May the blessing of God be upon them!

Lithuanian Independence Day was commemorated by Lithuanian Americans throughout the free

world. Through the efforts of our President Alice Graff a group of about 15 people were received by Riverhead Town Supervisor Joseph Janoski who issued a proclamation marking the occasion. After several speeches and the singing of the American and Lithuanian anthems, the flag-raising ceremony followed. What a thrill seeing that flag flying high above the town. Thanks Alice for a job well done.

Julie Lott's demonstrations of Easter egg decorating are always popular and proved so again after our February meeting. In fact, Julie made the headlines of the New York Daily News on February 7, 1986, when her picture and story of how she, as a child, learned this ancient art from her parents. Congratulations Julie and thanks for sharing your expertise.

Of recent interest was the New York Times article on the meeting

between Soviet and American writers held recently in Vilnius, Lithuania. These exchanges between academics and writers began in 1976, but the decision to hold this one in Lithuania was a surprise to them. These writers found the people warmly generous hosts, a people proud of their language, rich graphic and musical culture. They were entertained by folk dancers and singers and attended some of the finest theater they had ever seen.

Reservations for our trip to Lithuania are closed. Since it was limited to a small group, our enthusiastic members were quick to take advantage of this opportunity to travel together and visit the country of our forefathers.

We reached another milestone this month going over the 100 mark in memberships. Welcome to all!

Smile, spring is in the air! — B L



C-147, St. Petersburg, Fl

The Vyčui flag of Council of 147 was in procession at the Mass honoring St. Casimir on March 2 at Holy Name Church in Gulfport, Florida. Following the Mass around 50 Council members attended a dinner in a private room of the American-Lithuanian Club in St. Petersburg. Honored guests were the Kunigai: John Gasiunas, Vytautas Zakaras, Adolfas Stasys, Sakalis, and Msgr. John Balkunas.

The president, Alex Kraujalis, welcomed all the attendants, and Anthony Mazeika read the names of the members who will be presented to the Supreme Council for their approval for 3rd degrees.

The master of ceremonies, Edvards Praninskas, presented a reading of a poem composed by Felix Breimeris, who was present with his wife Eugeina. Charles Vilnis was acknowledged as being the only Casimir at our St. Casimir's celebration. At the closing, Fr. Zakaras led the singing of "Lietuva Brangi".

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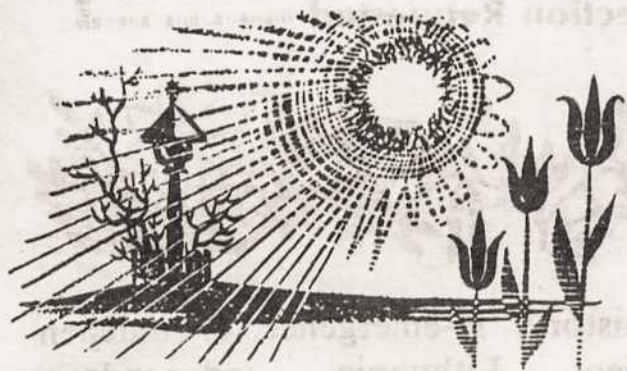
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C-5, CHICAGO, IL.

We're sorry to report one of our members, Peter P. Leppa departed this world on Feb. 7, 1986. We extend our sympathy to his wife Catherine and to his three daughters. In Chicago he was a well known Police Lieutenant. Upon retiring he established residency in Florida. "Amziua Atlisi".

Get ready for the next K. of L. Convention in Pennsylvania! Last years affair at Yale Unversity was exceptional with cultural and historical environment. The sessions were very well organized and presented. Even the speeches were short and interesting at the concluding banquet. The only uncomfortable event was the crowded chicken nite. So — an accolade to New Haven!

With new officers, the President and the editor, we expect to see new faces for a change in the Vytis and we look forward to further progress for God and Country.

— Konnie

C-112 — CHICAGO

Although a number of our board members were not present, we had a productive board meeting on February 4, hosted by Paul and Susan Binkis. Estelle Rogers, Ellie Kasputis and Al Brazis were happily basking in the warm Florida sunshine and Sophie Nieminski was off again for a two-week vacation in

Las Vegas. Nevertheless, we accomplished the necessary business and also enjoyed the hospitality of the Binkises.

Estelle and Ellie reported that they received red-carpet treatment from our St. Petersburg council members. They attended two Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration ceremonies. Our own Father Anthony Zakaruskas who was also in St. Pete's was the celebrant at the commemoration Mass which was seen on television.

We were honored to have State Senator Frank Savickas and Alderman Frank Brady present at our February regular monthly meeting. They spoke on community affairs. Many thanks to our hostesses for the evening, Ann Sliteris and Lucille Vanas who provided a lovely and tasty snack table after the meeting. Also a thank you to two fairly new members who have been attending our meetings and social functions

lately. Mr. & Mrs. Matt Valutis come all the way from Frankfort, IL, just because they enjoy being with us. This should be an inspiration to those of us who at times do not feel like making the effort to go just a few blocks or miles to be present at the meetings. Nice to have you as members, Matt and Philomena, and we hope to see a lot of you in the future.

Welcome to more new members: Peter & Marie Chapis, Alvina Giedraitis and Genevieve Mazeika. Also to John & Elizabeth Vilkis who recently transferred to our council. Sincere condolences to Del Zunas on the loss of her mother.

Be sure to put our May meeting on your calendar. Arvydas Žygas will be our guest speaker. He will tell us about his visit to the Lithuanian community in Brazil. He will also have an accompanying slide presentation.

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C-25 — CLEVELAND

The newly elected roster of officers, officially installed at the January meeting, follows: President, Vince Gray; First Vice President, Alvina Luiza; Recording Secretary, Marian Gray; Treasurer, Dick Marks. Congratulations to them and all the other members who assumed the varied official positions. Our support and cooperation are at your disposal.

About Mike Krivinskas of Grafton, not only is he our newest member, a new father again, but he has taken the role of cultural chairman for our council. Philadelphia's loss is our gain.

The council has started their bowling socials to establish averages in preparation for the Mid-Central District May Bowling Tournament in DuBois. Hosts for January were Gene & Ursula Kinsitis. Alvina Luiza was our February hostess. Thanks for good food and entertaining visit!

A very well organized and informative report of the Lietuvių Bendruomenės Krašto Valdyba meeting was given by Ed Prancus, our Lithuanian affairs chairman. His enthusiasm was felt throughout the group. Several periodicals were passed around regarding the trials and tribulations in Lithuania. Prayers, letters and support are badly needed.

At our February meeting we had Mrs. Ingrid Bublienė and Dr. Victor Stankus discuss the work and goals of the Lithuanian World Community. Pamphlets were handed out covering the main facts about Lithuania. The country and people,

history, re-emergence of independent Lithuania, independence suspended but not abolished, World War II and post-war developments were covered.

A hearty handshake and "ačiū" to all of the nice people for their help when sponsoring the "Koffee Klatch" at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on "our" Sunday.

We are looking forward to a promising year and to meeting the new bride of Ben Karklius. Bring her with you — we'll sign her up. No applause, just points!

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