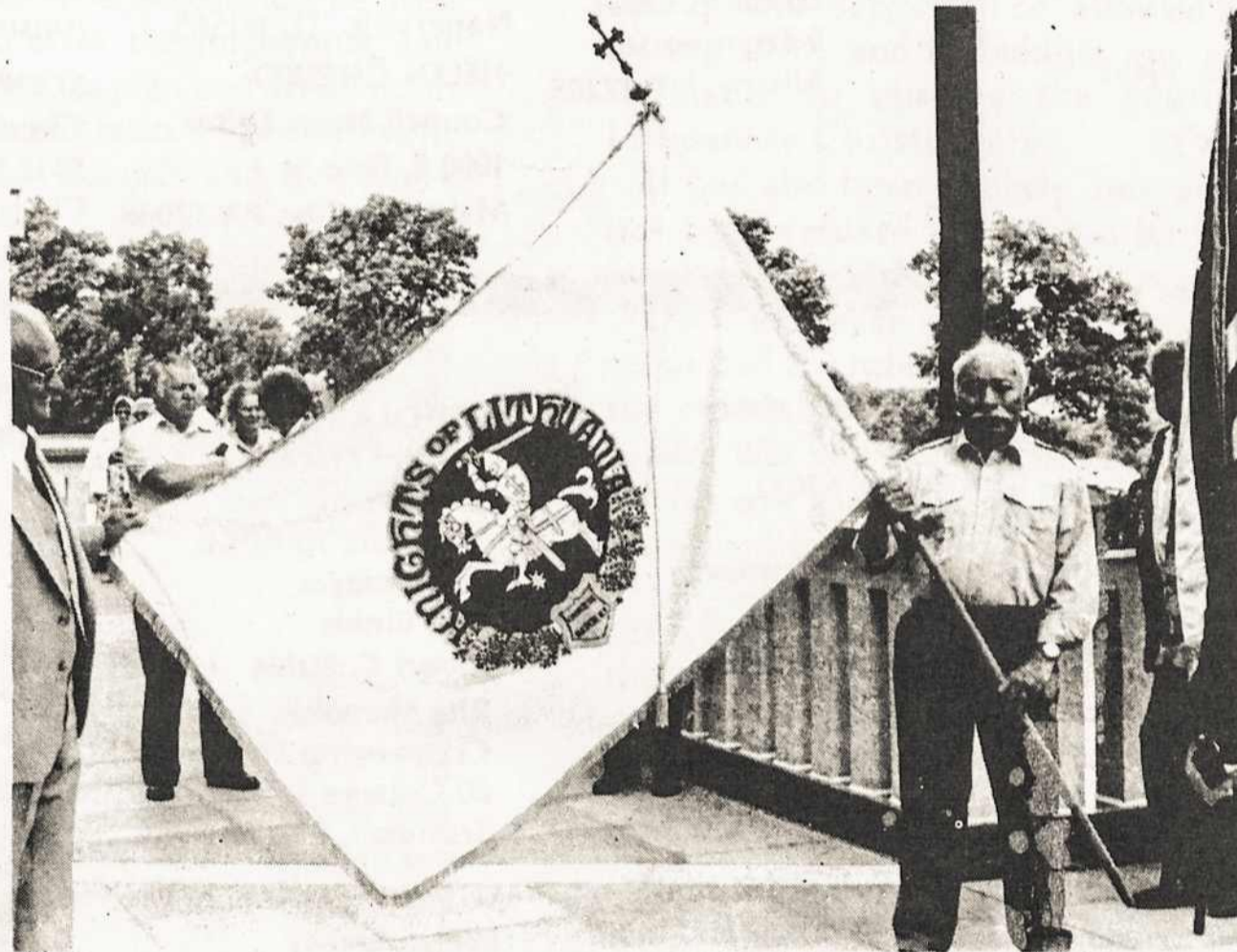


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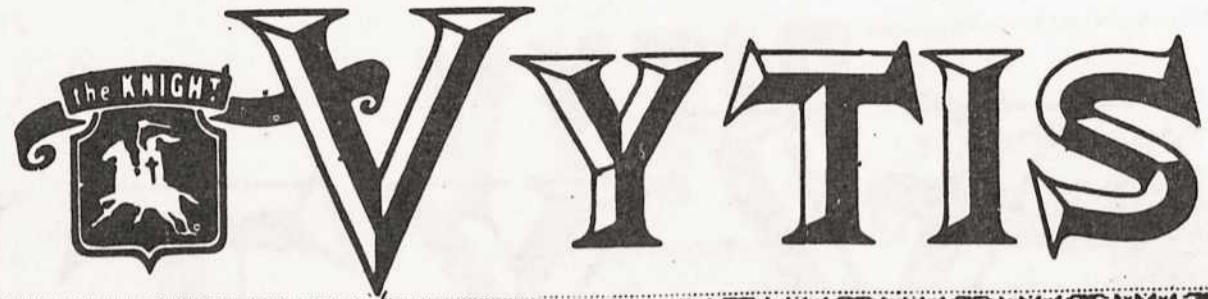
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## THREE IMPORTANT EVENTS

Frank Petrauskas  
National President

There are three upcoming events which I would like to bring to your attention in this writing:

### 1. 1987 — The 600th Anniversary of Lithuania's Christianization

It would be nice if each council had, during 1987, some type of celebration tied in with a Holy Mass. It could be done on a grand scale or it could be done on a small scale, dependent upon the wishes and desires of the council members. What you do should be well publicized both before and after the happening. Let your community know what you plan and invite them to participate with you. This anniversary is a big event and I'm sure some of your friends and neighbors would like to participate.

The reason I ask you to publicize your event is twofold. First we should let the general public know that this is a major event in the Lithuanian community. We have a right to be proud of our accomplishments. Secondly, there are Lithuanians out on the highways and byways who are not involved in Lithuanian activities. Publicity could bring some of these into the fold.

### 2. The Jubilee Papal Mass in Rome

This event will be the highlight of our Christianization celebration. All of the pomp and ceremony of that day and the few days before and after will be aimed at Lithuania and Lithuanians worldwide. We will be in the forefront of the eyes of the world.

Each one of us who is able should make every effort to attend this magnificent affair. How many times in a lifetime does a person have the opportunity to attend such an affair and to be a part of history? Very, very few. We, Knights of Lithuania, should be the dominant force in the Rome celebration, just as we were in the 1984 St. Casimir celebration. We are leaders and other Lithuanian organizations look to us for leadership, especially in religious participation.

BULLETIN  
June 28, 1987

### NEW DATE for LITHUANIA'S CHRISTIANITY JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Soviet Commissioner for Religious Affairs, Petras Anilionis, has issued a mandate declaring that neither bishops nor clergy will be allowed to leave Lithuania during 1987, and forbidding any groups to come to Lithuania to observe the 600th anniversary of Lithuania's Christianity.

It has also been publicly announced that the Pope has been refused permission by the Soviet government to visit Lithuania.

Due to these circumstances the Holy Father requested the Jubilee Committee to change the date of the events at the Vatican to coincide with the day the Jubilee will be observed in Lithuania.

This will allow him and all Lithuanians throughout the world to be joined together in spirit.

The Jubilee Committee and the various travel agencies planning trips to Rome for the occasion are in the necessary changes in arrangements. Exact details will be announced in the very near future.



### 3. The 1987 National Convention in Kansas City

Those of us who attend the National Convention in Kansas City will be most pleasantly surprised by C-150's true Lithuanian hospitality. I experienced a sample of that hospitality this past July. I was really impressed. They will go all out to serve and please the delegates and guests.

There is a fair-sized Lithuanian population in the Kansas City area. At one time they had a Lithuanian church and school. The school was staffed by the Franciscan Sisters from Pittsburgh.

Yes, there are Lithuanians west of Chicago. There are a lot more than you realize. In the near future, the

bulk of new growth of the Knights of Lithuania will come from this area. Speaking more specifically, I note the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado.

Do you want to be part of history? Start saving your money for the Kansas City convention. This will be the 2nd national convention of the Knights of Lithuania held west of Chicago. The first was in Los Angeles in 19.

Airfare is very reasonable if reserved one month in advance. Some may want to drive, some may want to take a train, some may want to take a bus. Whichever way you want to travel let's meet in Kansas City.

## A LOOK AT THE KANSAS CITY LITHUANIANS



On October 12, members of C-150, Kansas City participated in the Kansas City centennial parade. Flag bearer is Charles Purduki; other proud members of the entourage are Bill

Strumillo, Margaret and Chuck Zemaitis. They are anxiously awaiting arrival of the Knights of Lithuania to Kansas City next summer

**74<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**  
**CONVENTION** Host C-150, Kansas City

# OFFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### VYTIS NEWS

VYTIS exceeded its 1985-1986 budget. This was due to increased printing and mailing costs, and increase number of pages per issue. There is no practical way to avoid increased printing costs. However, in order, to keep costs down in other ways, we must limit the number of pages per issue. At the National Convention, members did express positive comments regarding the broader scope of material presented by VYTIS. We will try to retain this factor in an abridged form.

Likewise, council news will also have to be re-edited. Presently there is much double coverage of events between councils, councils and their districts. Occasionally, a little too much personal news . . . The VYTIS staff realizes that when such editing is done, people's feelings are occasionally hurt. We receive many letters regarding this. However it is a necessity for the overall well-being of VYTIS and the K of L. No partiality or intentional harm is considered in such editing.

### COUNCIL NEWS DEADLINES FOR 1986-1986 VYTIS YEAR:

December — November 1  
 January — December 1  
 February — January 1  
 March — February 1  
 April — March 1  
 May — April 1  
 June — May 1  
 July-Aug. — June 15

### 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.

Help it grow . . . with your contribution of \$100.00 or more, which will entitle you to membership in the Foundation. Send your investment in the K of L future TODAY.

### NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY

#### ATTENTION ALL COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES:

Please note that a new National Financial Secretary was elected at the 73rd National Convention in Allentown, Pa. Membership applications and dues payment forms should now be sent to:

Mrs. Mary R. Kober  
 Two Bayview Avenue  
 Port Washington, NY 11050

Should you need a supply of constitutions, dues payment forms or membership applications, the new Financial Secretary will supply you with your needs.

We thank Helen Skudra for the excellent work she did with respect to duties of the Financial Secretary for the past three years.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

STOP THE PRESS! WE'VE GOT YOUR FRONT COVER FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF VYTIS. THE K OF L FLAG, and its dedicated flag bearers, bonded together to commemorate the history of the Lithuanian people, and to pursue goals of justice for our oppressed homeland.

The photo enclosed (this month's front cover) can serve as motivation to the sometimes reluctant members of the Knights of Lithuania to perform duties related to membership.

I am a member of C-110, Maspeth, NY. I am of age 68, but *not* retired. I am still employed as a court clerk in the Brooklyn Supreme Court of New York State.

On June 14th, I grumbled when President John Adomėnas twisted my arm to carry this *heavy* K of L flag, to lead the procession.

The photo was printed in the Observer. I received compliments on my beauty. The event highlighted my insignificant life. My children suggested that I send this photo and short story.

Respectfully,  
 Walter Klosis

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

	Total 1985	Regular	Assoc	Clergy	Life- Time	Honorary Members	1986 Totals	
<b>NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT</b>								
1	35	27	1	2			30	
7	127	88	9	2	1	1	101	
10	41	43	5	1			49	
17	172	143	5	4		5	157	
26	137	115	5	1	1	3	125	
27	39	28	2	1			31	
30	26	25	5	1			31	
50	166	162	34	7	2		205	
78	27	24	3	1	2		30	
103	60	46	5	4	5		60	
116	51	48	3	1	1	1	54	
135	52	46	9	2			57	
141	49	50	2	1			53	
145	29	17	2	1			20	
<b>MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT</b>								
3	82	54	8	7		1	70	#
12	82	62	2	1	10	1	76	
29	160	150	10	2	1	5	166	
41	40	38		2	3	2	45	#
46	43	36	5	2	1		44	
52	35	34		2	1	1	38	
61	54	33	5	14		1	53	
63	77	90	9				99	
67	19	10					10	
72	23	20	1	1			22	
74	76	69	7	5			81	
90	32	39	4	1			44	
100	104	87	14	4	1		106	#
109	53	49	13	2		2	66	
110	330	312	54	33	11		410	
118	28	28	7	1			36	
136		13	5	2			20	
140	48	36	10				46	
142	50	39	5	1	1		46	
143	57	47	2	1			50	
144	257	217	27	14			258	3#
146	42	36	6				42	
147	74	68		4	4	4	80	
152	72	90	16				106	
<b>MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT</b>								
19	56	46	1	6	2		55	
25	64	51	11	2			64	
Srs	23	22					22	
79	128	112	10	3	1	1	127	
86	51	46	15	1			62	
96	138	108	24	1		1	134	
102	32	29		2		1	32	
139	22	15	1	1			17	
149	26	23	2	1			26	
<b>MID-AMERICA DISTRICT</b>								
5	8	13			1		14	
13	28	17					17	
14	25	24		1			25	
24		98	15	3			116	
36	264	208	11	25	3	1	248	
Srs	27	23					23	
38	19	20					20	
40	21	17					17	
82	14	3		2			5	
112	244	237	6	7	5	4	259	#
117	0							
150	18	21	3				24	
36-112 Jrs.								
<b>OTHER</b>								
133	36	46		1			48	
151	0	5					5	

TOTALS							
New England	1011	862	90	29	12	10	1003
Mid-Atlantic	1838	1657	210	99	33	17	2016
Mid-Central	492	452	64	17	3	3	539
Mid-America	660	681	35	38	4	5	763
Other	36	51		1		1	53
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4037</b>	<b>3703</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4374</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Skudra  
Financial Secretary  
as of 6/30/86  
# Juniors Council

## AN IMPRESSIVE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR THE MID-AMERICA DISTRICT KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA



*MAD membership drive chairlady Ellie Kasputis, 2nd prize winner, Estelle Rogers, and MAD officers Al Brazis. Irene Sankus*

**By Chairlady Ellie Kasputis**

July 4th marked the final day of the past year's campaign for new members. The results were announced during the annual MAMD picnic, held at the Pocius Estate in Beverly Shores, Indiana.

There were two phases of competition: one, between Councils, and the other between individual members. A transfer of a member between councils was not considered as a new membership.

A detailed summary follows:

On council to council competition for new members: First Prize — Council 24, Second Prize — Council 112, Third Prize (a tie) — Council 150, Kansas City and Council 5, Chicago.

On individual competition for new members: First Prize — John Paukstis, Council 24, Second Prize — Estelle Rogers, Council 112. Third Prize (a tie) — Mary Kencius, Council 36 and Konnie Savickus, Council 5.

The total number of members recruited during this competition was . . . 228. This indicates a significant effort on the part of the participating competitors and is an indication that the organization has made noteworthy progress in the past year. We are grateful to such dedicated members and thank them for the excellent results.



**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER  
PROUDLY WEAR YOUR K of L  
EMBLEM PIN  
PROUDLY DISPLAY YOUR  
OTHER EMBLEM ITEMS OF  
K of L OBJECTIVES**

## DUES SCHEDULE – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1987

LIFETIME Member.....	\$150.00
Spouse of a Lifetime Member.....	75.00

### COUPLES (Husband and Wife) - First Year Only

If a couple joins during the year, payment is as follows:

January 1st thru June 30th.....12 month dues .....	15.00
July 1st thru December 31st..... 6 month dues .....	8.00
Each year thereafter .....	10.00

### SINGLES - (16 and over)

If an individual joins during the year, payment is as follows:

January 1st thru June 30th.....12 month dues .....	10.00
July 1st thru December 31st..... 6 month dues .....	5.00
Each year thereafter .....	10.00

### SINGLES - When there are two members of family joining

(Not Husband and Wife) first member pays the "Singles" dues and receives VYTIS; other members of family pay the following dues but do not receive VYTIS:

January 1st thru June 30th.....12 month dues .....	5.00
July 1st thru December 31st..... 6 month dues .....	3.00

### JUNIORS (up through 16/18 years of age)

Per Council, per year.....	5.00
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<u>VYTIS SUBSCRIPTION (Not a Member of a Council)</u> .....	10.00
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Amended as per Resolution passed at the 73rd National Convention held in Allentown, PA - August 1986.

Breakdown approved by Supreme Council - October 18, 1986.





73rd National Convention

Copies available: \$3.00 black and white. \$6.00 color.

Contact: Adolf Klova, 622 Greenwood Street, Allentown, PA 18103

## LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID REPORT

A Wrap Up report from the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Drive of 1985-86. Because of the Districts, Councils, and Membership we reached \$3136.17 for this Term.

I must pay special acknowledgment to a few People: To Council #63 Allentown, Penna. for their donation of \$550.00. We can not thank you enough for the tremendous Kick-Off you gave the Drive.

Special thanks to Bronislaw Lazauskas. This year, like last, Bronislaw set a personal goal to raise 10% of the Knights of Lithuania goal. This year he raised \$353.10.

I must mention another faithful supporter—Irene Tamulevich. Irene showed her continued support of this special project of the Knights by her donation IMO Edward.

Also to all the Councils who took up Membership Drives. A total of \$477.00 was raised thru these Drives.

Many other Members have been faithful donors each year. Because of you we continue to succeed.

I would like to thank all the councils and members for their support this past year. It has been a privilege to serve on this committee. I thank all the Supreme Council members for their support. You have all made the job pleasurable and I thank you for that. And now may I ask for your continued support as we start the 1986-87 Drive.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joni Reinhart

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

### DONATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Kazys Adomavicius C #26	5.00	\$5.00, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Janonis \$5.00, Barbara Kar- tanowicz \$3.00, Millie Pietz	
Helen Chesko C #144	20.00	\$5.00, Connie Siatsis IMO	
Ann & Edward Carlitus C #144	6.00	Albin (Monk) Monckawich	
Mary Gustus C #144	10.00	\$30.00, HM Helen Shields	
Reverend Matthew Jarasunas C #144	20.00	\$25.00.	
Peter J. Kasilionis C #52	20.00	C #17 So. Boston	50.00
Elsie & Klem Kosmisky C #144	10.00	C #25 Cleveland	100.00
Bronislaw Lazauskas C #7	353.10	C #26 Worcester	25.00
(The Amber Club, Inc.—\$25.00)		Membership Drive:	40.00
(Fraternal Order of Eagles—\$25.00)		Anthony Anton, Mary E. Anusauskas, Ann Bender, Tony Brazauski, Ann Bucinskas, Adella Cereska, Dwight Cum- mings, Adele Degutis, Francis Degutis, Vito & Ruth Gadilauskas, Helen Gillus, Walter Grimala, Vincent Grazulis, Emily Gudzevich, Wm. Karas, Rita Karrytais, An- na M. Kersis, Olga O. Kersis, Frances Kulakusky, Charles & Mildred Lapinskas, Bill Leseman, Irene Mamavich, Marion March, Nell Mitchell, Francis Olaskas, Ted Pinkus, Marion Racicot, Marion Shapiro, Anne & Diane Skrocki, Geraldine Tagman, Mary Ulevich, Anna & Steve Walinsky Sr., Steve Walinsky Jr., Eleanor M Walinsky, Lynn Walinsky, Tillie Zelesky.	
Mary Narcavage C #144	5.00		
Florence Orzechowski C #144			
IMO Edward Orzechowski	10.00		
Ted & Rita Pinkus C #26	5.00		
Fran Petkus C #96	25.00		
Ann & Anthony Radzevich C #100	10.00		
Joni Reinhart C #144 IMO Jen- nie C Achenbach	10.00		
Bea & Joseph Rudzinski C #144	10.00		
Irene Sankus C #112	25.00		
Longinas L Svelnis C #17	10.00		
Irene Tamulevich C #116 IMO			
Edward Tamulevich	100.00		
Anne & Joseph White C #17	35.00		
Ann Klizas Wargo C #144	10.00		
Mid-Atlantic District	50.00		
Mid-Central District	50.00		
Mid-America District	100.00		
C #7 Waterbury	100.00	C #30 Westfield	30.00
C #12 Manhattan	100.00	C #36 Chicago—Membership Drive	113.00
Membership Drive:	88.00	\$10.00-Edward Valskis,	
Anonymous \$10.00, John An- tanavicius \$5.00, Jean Bent		\$5.00-Alexander & Frances	

	Domanskis, Mr. & Mrs. Tamulis, Ruth & Edward Kazlauskas, Justin & Mary Kin- cius, Scottie Zukas, John Adomaytis, Julia Trekauskas, Vyto Abraitis, Evelyn Ozelis, Val & Ray Longenecker, Anne Gendrolis, Donna Gapshis, Father John Kuzinskas. \$3.00-Peggy Zakaras. \$2.00-Paul & Ona Naureckas, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Marcinkus, John & Helen Meizis, Mr. & Mrs. John Petraitis, Mildred Burbatt, Janice & Florence Patocka, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Leone, John & Marcella Sinutis, Sue Suski, Frank Grigaliunas. \$1.00-Juozas Bacevicius, Jerome Jankus, Julie Diksas, Dave Gaidas, Vytautas Dijokas, Vyto Abraitis (2nd donation), Stella Yocius, Alice Kent, Father Peter Cibulskis, Salomeja Daulys, Harriet Palait, Helen Kernagis, Valerie Vilunas, Josephine Kilkus, Anne Caspers.	
C #40	Illinois	150.00
	Membership Drive:	25.00
C #50	New Haven	50.00
C #52	Elizabeth	10.00
C #63	Allentown	550.00
C #74	Scranton	25.00
C #79	Southfield	100.00
C #86	Du Bois	65.00
C #96	Dayton—Membership Drive	28.00
	\$5.00-Pat & Bill Anthony, Mary L Lucas, George & Frances Mikalauskas, Cecelia Yankus.	

	\$2.00-Chris & Joe Fletcher, Ber- nadette S. Noreikas, Kitty Prasmantas, Štefanija Rastikis.	
C #100	Amsterdam	25.00
C #102	Detroit	10.00
	Membership Drive:	11.00
C #110	Maspeth	100.00
C #118	Hazleton	25.00
C #140	Syracuse	50.00
C #141	Bridgeport	14.45
C #143	Pittston	100.00
C #144	Anthracite	100.00
	Membership Drive:	52.00
	\$3.00-Mary, Bill & Helen Labadis, Eleanor Vaicaitis, Lucy Zelonis. \$2.00-Gloria Dauchess, Ginner Kazlauskas, Florence Kobluskie, Mary & John Koons, Joe Martunis, Helen Matunis, Ann Pancari, Ed Pelsinski, Stanley Silkunas, Ann Zaldaris, Olympia Zelinski. \$1.00-Anna Bender, Catherine Bernatonis, Mary Brennan, Frances Brillus, Anna Butts, Vicky Caldwell, Helen Chesko, Julia Dopkin, Mgt. Gervalis, Alma Linder, Marge Marousky, Ann Paul, Ann Radzavage, Pat Roberts, Ann Supernavage, Bet- ty Tumas, Bea Wasley, Eleanor Yancofski, Alice Yokimas, Eva Yurkewicz, Bernard Zelaitis.	
C #146	Harrisburg	10.00
C #149	Saginaw—Membership Drive	10.00
C #152	Riverhead	25.00
		<u>\$3,080.55</u>
	Bank Interest	55.62
	Balance 8/3/86	<u>\$3,136.17</u>

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judėjimas liks.  
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gyvenimas liks.  
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## CULTURAL CORNER

### VĖLINĖS — THE DAY OF DEPARTED SOULS

By Regina (Gerutis) Kot

We observe All Saints and All Souls Days as religious holidays. This calls to mind some of the ancient traditions, beliefs, and folklore that preceded our conversion to Christianity 600 years ago. Many of these interesting ancient beliefs are still remembered and talked about. They are handed down from generation to generation. Ancient Lithuanians believed that the souls of the dead remain active in earthly life.

For instance "vėlė" is defined by noted Lithuanian folklore scholar Dr. Jonas Balys as "a different entity from the body, yet one which has not broken all ties with the body". It could be called "diluted" or "translucent", but it is still considered a being which has a soul. A "vėlė" is human-spirited and serves as a connection between the body and the soul, it prevents the memory of the deceased loved one to die.

"Vėlės" (plural form) bear the shape, the faces and the clothing of the deceased. In a form "transparent like fog" and "soft like wool" they physically resemble the deceased and roam about us.

Our songs, poems, art and even our language are permeated with, and still include vestiges of and allude to ancient folklore related to death. On Christmas Eve, do we not set a place at the "kūčios" table for the deceased member of the family?

It was also believed that on All Saints Day night the souls returned to old haunts, and to complete unfinished business. Ancient Lithuanians, in order not to disturb or hinder the soul's movements or activities, would change their daily schedules. They would stay indoors and remain quiet. Children would stare through rings, anxiously awaiting the apparition of souls. They would gaze through windows, trying to see the souls dancing in the night.



This original tribute fashioned over 200 years ago by a Lithuanian husband to the memory of his wife has outlasted many other monuments. The fond husband fashioned his heart in stone to lay it at the foot of the burial monument he had carved from a granite boulder. Flanking the boulder are two hearts representing his two sons while beside his are those of his daughters.

Marija Alseikaitė-Gimbutas, in writing about ancient Lithuanian religion, mentions that after death the soul leaves the body never to return again. The soul does not die with the body, it only loses its contact with the body and finds another body or being:

Oh my true father, do not chop down the birch tree by the roadside,  
 Oh my true mother, do not draw water from the spring,  
 Oh my true brother, do not mow hay by the marsh,  
 Oh my true sister, do not pick flowers from the garden.  
 The birch tree by the roadside, I am Myself,  
 The water from the spring — my mournful tears,  
 The hay by the marsh — my blond hair,  
 The flower in the garden — my azure eyes.

## LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE CORNER

By Coordinator, Apolonija Žiaušys

During our National Convention in Allentown, Pennsylvania we all had a good time, lots of fun and even discovered surprises of all kinds.

My pleasant surprise was that so many members wanted to talk to me in Lithuanian. They like to hear their grandparents' and parents' beautiful language being spoken. Most of them were very sad, however, because they have no chance to speak Lithuanian, they do not hear it often enough, and are therefore forgetting what they had learned in the past.

Everyone who spoke with me, tried to speak Lithuanian. They were proud even if they knew only a few words. Most of them apologized, "We are sorry that our parents did not teach us when we were young." I encouraged them to talk more. "Just keep talking," I said. "You are doing very good." The longer we talked, the better the Lithuanian became.

Most of my new Lithuanian friends expressed their desire to learn more words, to find more opportunities to speak and learn Lithuanian . . . so that they do not forget what they know now and to learn a little more.

Hearing all this, gave me the incentive to ask all K of L Council Presidents and all Cultural Chairpersons to encourage and to help the members find time to learn at least a few new words at every meeting. Let's try to speak Lithuanian during refreshment time or on other occasions. It does not have to be perfect. Nothing is. We do not have to be embarrassed that we know only a little. If you can say or understand just two Lithuanian words out of five, that's fine. If you know more than that, consider yourself an expert — help others who know less than you. Let's keep this old, beautiful language alive forever.

Lithuanians are known to be very intelligent people, also very fast learners. All we need is 5-10 minutes at each meeting to recall what we already know and to learn a few new words and phrases of our beautiful Lithuanian language. By next year, when we meet again in Kansas City, everyone will be speaking much better and we will be very proud of our achievement.

From now on, I will be putting in this column some Lithuanian words and phrases that I hope all will understand . . . and try to use. It will be easy, simple, nothing fancy, or hard to learn or to understand. If it is too simple, or too difficult, let me know. I will try to adjust the content to accommodate as many Knights and Ladies as possible.

Let's start right now!

Today is Friday — Šiandiena yra penktadienis.

We will have fish for dinner — Turėsime žuvį pietums.

We will eat fish with mashed potatoes — Mes valgysime žuvį su bulvių koše.

Types of fish:

Flounder — Plekšné

Pike — Lydeka

Trout — Upėtakis

Herring — Silkė

Smelt — Stinta

Perch — Ešerys

Tuna — Tunžuvė, smulki jūrų žuvis

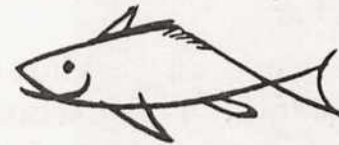
Lobster — Omaras, arba, jūros vėžys

A Lithuanian Tongue-Twister (liežuvio sukimas)

— Say it fast (pasakykite greitai):

Žešios žąsys su šešiais žasyčiais.

Six geese with six goslings



## WE THANK YOU ...

*Dear Mr. Piacentini, Members Of The Scholarship Committee and Fellow KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA,*

At the recent Knights of Lithuania convention in Allentown, PA, I was honored to be selected as the first recipient of the "ALICE KARKLIUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP". Although I was not able to be present to accept this generous award, due to academic commitments, it is with sincere gratitude and humble pride that I accept it now.

This scholarship not only honors the memory and spirit of Mrs. Alice Karklius, who gave so much to the Knights of Lithuania; but it will also help nurture and perpetuate our "Youth's Strength and Vyciu's Hope" in all those who follow.

"To those to whom much is given; much is expected."

I firmly agree with this statement, and will strive to meet that challenge. As I was growing up, I was active in many Lithuanian organizations; a Lithuanian dance group, the 'Sialai', as well as founding a Lithuanian youth group called 'Gelezynis Vilkas'. These activities, as well as my trip to Lithuania, and my involvement in the K of L have served to strengthen my already deep resolve to work for the Lithuanian cause; to nurture its cultural heritage and customs; and to assist in the endeavor to return our country to independence; and to keep the flame and spirit of love for Lithuania alive.

Therefore, I wish to thank Mr. Benjamin Karklius for his generosity and thoughtfulness in establishing this scholarship in his wife's name; the scholarship committee for their consideration and confidence; and the many members of the Knights of Lithuania who all work together for a common cause, our homeland.

*SIRDINGAI AČIU,  
LIUDVIKAS JAGMINAS  
Council 103, Providence, RI*



*Liudvikas Jagminas*



*Joseph E. Nikstenas*

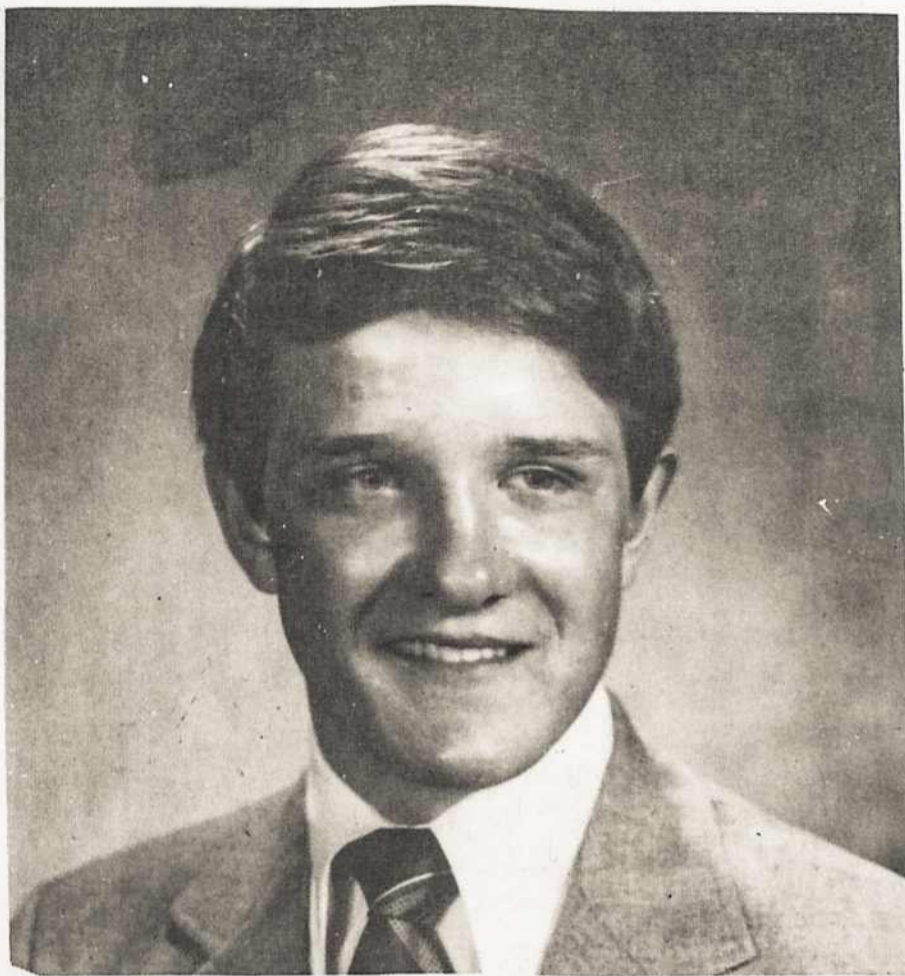
*Dear Scholarship Committee and Knights of Lithuanian Members,*

I am writing to convey my sincere thanks to you for making a decision to award me the \$1,000 Knights of Lithuania Scholarship. I was honored. I hadn't even expected to win, but when I heard that I had, I was ecstatic.

I have already put the award to good use. I have commenced my college studies and am doing well.

Again, I thank you very much for the award.

**SINCERELY YOURS,  
JOSEPH E. NIKSTENAS  
Amsterdam, NY Juniors**



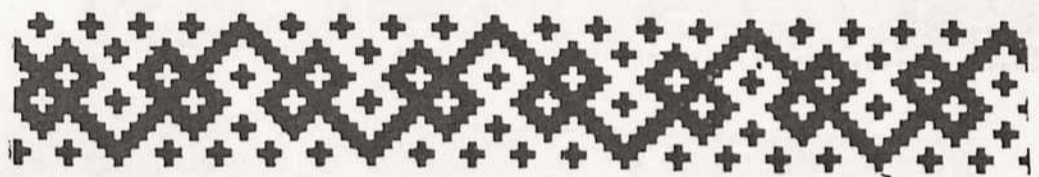
*John Marcinauskis*

*To The Supreme Council And The Scholarship Committee,*

I would like to express my sincerest thanks for the honor you have bestowed upon me. It was a great honor to be one of the eight recipients of Knights of Lithuania Scholarships.

You have given me the opportunity to pursue my academic career and I hope to return the favor by service to the Knights when I finish school.

Širdingai ačiu  
VYTIŠKAI,  
JOHN MARCINAUSKIS  
Council 141, Bridgeport, CT



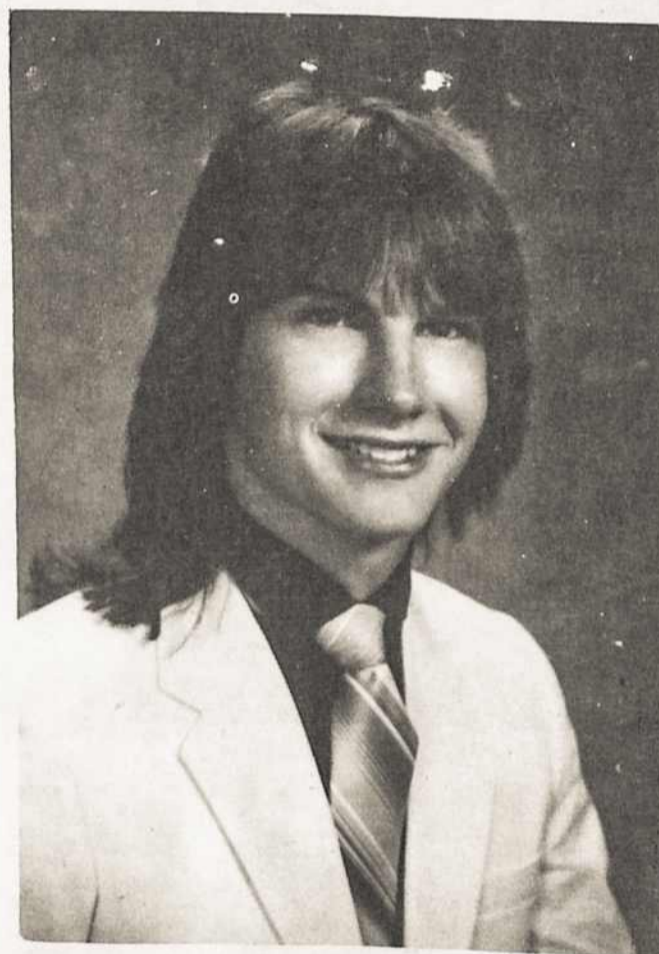
*Dear Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee,*

I would like to express my utmost gratitude on receiving a scholarship from the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council. It was a pleasant surprise to receive the first of two installments of the generous gift of \$750.00 which you have awarded to me.

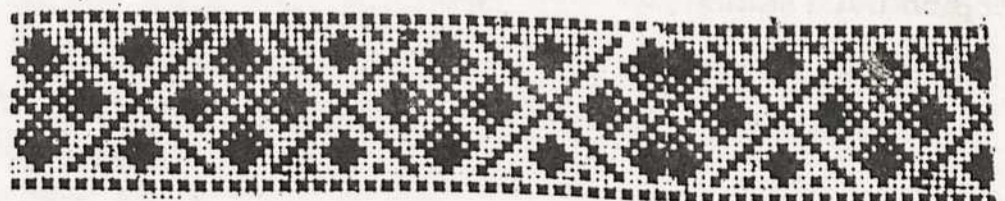
My four year term at the University of Dayton (A Catholic institution founded by the Society of Mary) will be a very costly expense, but thanks to your generosity it will sufficiently ease the burden of the upcoming tuition. I will major in the field of business and also persue my interest in Graphic Arts.

May I thank everyone involved in the selection of scholarships, also a big "Thank You" to my family, who were instrumental in my involvement in the Knights of Lithuania Juniors from the year 1976 to the present year as a first degree member of C-96. My years with the Knights of Lithuania have been very gratifying, happy and most enlightening.

Su draugišku Vyčių Ačiu,  
James L. Pacovsky  
Council 96, Dayton, OH



*James Pacovsky*



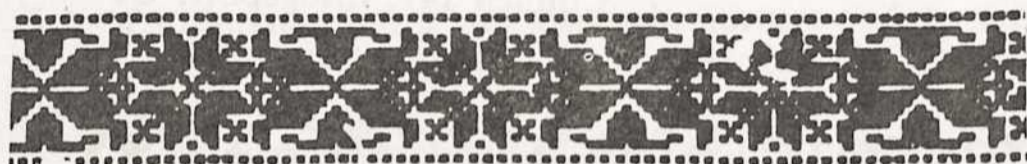
*Dear Knights of Lithuania,*

Thank you very much for selecting me to receive a K of L scholarship. In today's world a college education is needed for one to get ahead. Your generous gift will help me in achieving the goals that I have set for myself. I appreciate your generosity.

SINCERELY  
ELENA MIKALAUSKAS  
Council 96, Dayton OH



*Elena Mikalauskas*



*Mark Walinsky*

*Dear Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania,*

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for the National Scholarship you granted me. My Lithuanian descent has always meant a great deal to me, and I intend to keep up the Lithuanian traditions.

I am extremely proud to be a member of K of L Council 26 and will continue to remain active during my school year. Once again, thank you for this great honor.

ACIU  
MARK WALINSKY  
Council 26, Worcester, MA

*Dear Knights of Lithuania,*

I am writing to thank you for the \$500.00 scholarship which was awarded to me this month. It is much appreciated and will help in the price of tuition. I am looking forward to beginning my studies at the American Academy of Art in September. Thank you once again.

Sincerely yours  
MICHELE ROGERS  
Chicago Juniors



*Michele Rogers*





Kristin R. Olechowski

*Dear Mr. Piacentini and the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee,*

I wish to thank you and the committee of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund, for selecting me for a scholarship award in the amount of \$500.00 for the school year 1986-87, which is very much appreciated.

Ačiū labai  
SINCERELY YOURS  
KRISTIN R. OLECHOWSKI  
Amsterdam, NY Juniors



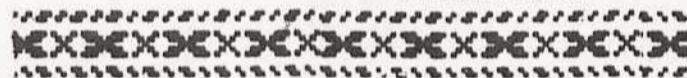
## **Sisters of Saint Casimir Ask The Help of the Knights of Lithuania in the Beatification Process of Their Foundress, Mother Maria Kaupas**

After expressing greetings to us from the Sisters of St. Casimir, Sister Marilyn Kuzmickus asked the help of the Knights of Lithuania in the efforts of the Sisters of St. Casimir to promote the cause of beatification of Mother Maria Kaupas, their founder.

In May 1986, Sr. Marilyn was appointed by her superior, Sister Joanela and Joseph Cardinal Bernardin to be Diocesan Postulator on behalf of Mother Maria Kaupas. Materials are being prepared, Mother Maria Kaupas' writings are being translated, interviews and depositions are being taken from those who knew Mother Maria in order to submit a diocesan inquiry to her qualifications for beatification.

Some of these qualifications were described to us, by Sr. Marilyn, in a brief biography of Mother Maria Kaupas. All through Mother Maria's life her joyful dedication and fidelity to the Lord was exemplary. We indeed should act on her behalf.

Sr. Marilyn appealed to anyone who knew Mother Maria Kaupas personally or through someone to contact the Sisters of St. Casimir. More depositions are needed from the laity and other clergy. In 1987 the Sisters of St. Casimir plan to issue a newsletter in order to acquaint more people with Mother Maria Kaupas. Prayer, however, stressed Sr. Marilyn, is a constant need. She concluded her talk with this prayer dedicated to the beatification of Mother Maria Kaupas.



### PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF MOTHER MARIA

O LOVING Jesus, we beseech You, grant that Your servant, Mother Maria, who was imbued with Your Eucharistic Presence while on earth, may through the intercession of Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Casimir, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for Your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by Your power be declared Blessed.  
Amen.



MOTHER  
MARIA KAUPAS  
January 6, 1880 —  
April 17, 1940  
Foundress  
Sisters of Saint Casimir

## "DAY OF PRAYER FOR LITHUANIA — JUNE 14, 1986"

The Knights of Lithuania were among an estimated 3,000 people who gathered at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA for an unprecedented observance of June 14th Baltic Freedom Day. Although the Shrine has been the site of prayerful gatherings for many ethnic groups this was the first time Lithuanians had gathered at the Shrine for their own day of prayer.

The day's events began with Holy Mass concelebrated by 15 priests. Rev. Ladas Tulaba, former rector of St. Casimir's College, presided. Fr. Casimir Pugevičius, of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, preached the sermon in English. We must seek justice for the tragedy that befell Lithuania in 1940-41 and which continues today. Fr. Anthony Paskus, of Brooklyn, NY preached the sermon in Lithuanian. The Annunciation Choir from Brooklyn led the people in the singing of traditional Lithuanian hymns.

A solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the church took place in the afternoon. Knights of Lithuania, in national costume, participated in this memorable event.

The event concluded with a dramatic presentation in the pavillion. Rasa Krokys, speaking as a young, expectant mother at the time of the deportations, conveyed a sense of the personal emotions that affected those who were mercilessly deported.

This event was arranged by Fr. Timothy Burkauskas, one of the Paulist Fathers, who run the Shrine. It was in fulfillment of a promise he made when he visited Lithuania. The people he met in Lithuania asked that he pray for them. He did, along with many, many others. On behalf of the people in Lithuania, Fr. Timothy, we thank you. Ačiū labai.

*(Cassette tape recordings of the hymns from this mass, and the English and Lithuanian sermons are available for \$10.00. Write to Fr. Timothy Burkauskas, Czestochowa, P.O. B001.)*

## ST. MARY'S VILLA ANNUAL PICNIC

### "THEY DID IT AGAIN"

Sure enough! The Knights of Lithuania kept their promise to come to our annual picnic June 22nd at St. Mary's Villa in Elmhurst, Pa.

The day was superb . . . sunshine all over . . . the crowds were magnificent . . . the food was super . . . the stands were filled with tempting prizes . . .

Everyone found real bargains for themselves and their families at Sister Justine's "Trash and Treasure"



*Lithuanian ladies take part in solemn procession at Doylestown Day of Prayer*

area. Sister Angela had something different at the Lithuanian stand. Sister Virginia took care of the party doll stand (they were all gone by 6 P.M.). Sister Augustine dresses dolls with fancy frills and laces, bride dolls too.

Although no alcoholic drinks were served this year, the Knights of Lithuania, seated in the fast food section, were able to sing their favorite Lithuanian songs with root beer and coke wetting their throats. (Who needs beer???)

Our sincerest thanks to all organizers of the buses and pooled rides. Be assured of our prayers for all who came. May the good Lord bless each and everyone!

Sister Virginia and all the Sisters of St. Mary's Villa.

## "THE FIRST STRIKE" of the LITHUANIAN CHRISTIANITY JUBILEE MEDALLION

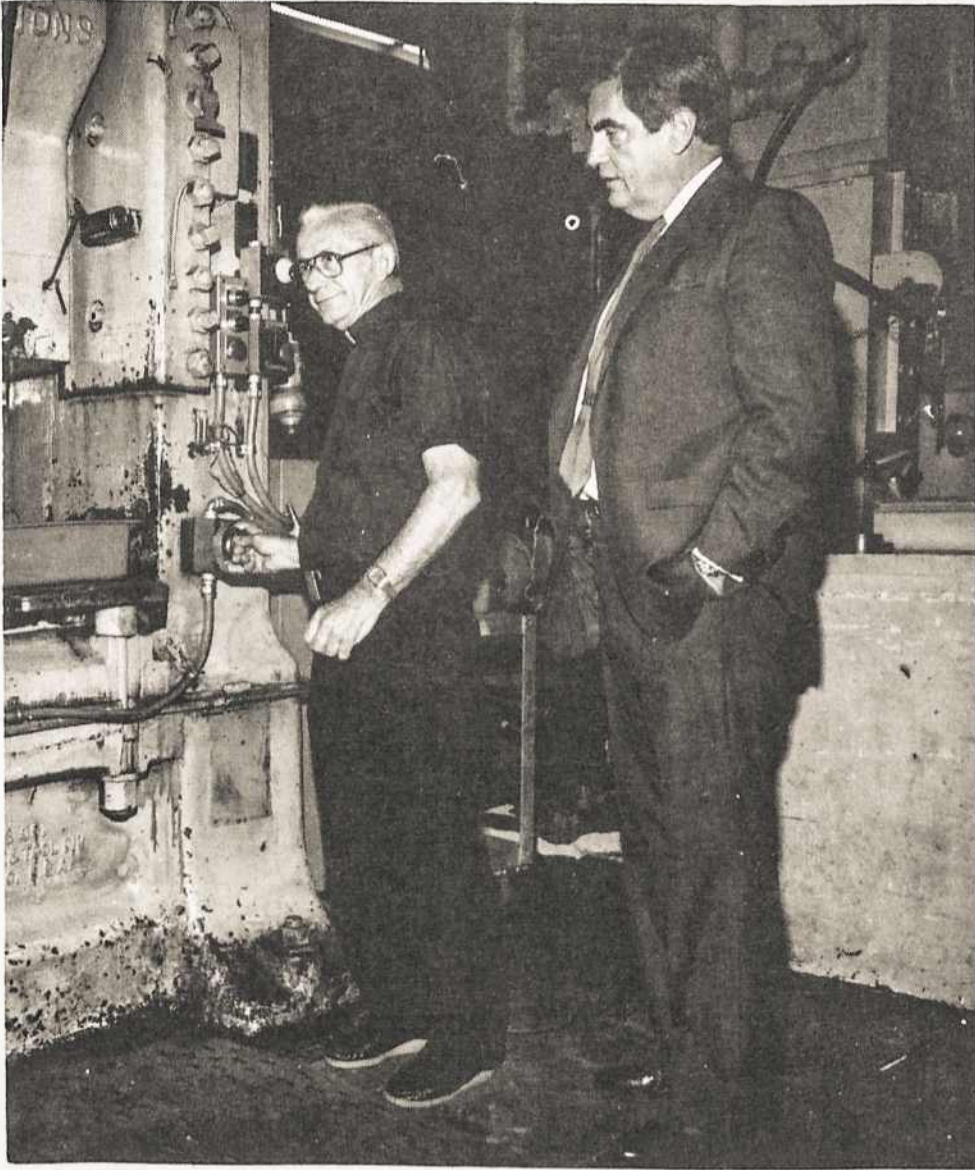
In July, a first-strike ceremony, commencing the minting of the Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee Medallion took place at the Medallic Art Company in Danbury, Ct.

Present at the event were Rev. L. Kvedas, Derby, Ct., Teresa Trainis, K of L National Treasurer, Nancy Pawasauskas Miro, C-141 President, Loretta Stukas, Medal Committee Chairman, Msgr. F. Pranckus, Bridgeport, Ct., Rev. J. Rikteraitis, New Britain, Ct., and Msgr. J. Scharnus, Newark, NJ. Medallion designer and sculptor, Vytautas Kašuba, unfortunately, was unable to attend the ceremony.

It was an exciting moment when the first strike was initiated, pushing the button to set the machinery into action, watching the dyes come down, and making the first penetration, the first strike, into the first of the Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee Medallions.

Shipment of the orders for bronze medallions has taken place. The silver and gold issues of the medallion have begun. Most recently a 1-1/2" bronze medallion has been made available.

Order your medallion now! See attached order blank.



*Msgr. Pranckus initiates the "first strike"*

### PILGRIMAGE FOR THE SUFFERING CHURCH IN LITHUANIA SHRINE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS, AURIESVILLE, NY

A pilgrimage for the suffering church in Lithuania took place at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY on August 24th.

Several hundred Lithuanian pilgrims converged on the Shrine whose atmosphere is a perfect setting for such an event. Following the Way of the Cross, which has been adapted from the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, Holy Mass was celebrated. Bishop Paul Baltakis was the principal celebrant. Homilist was Rev. Albert Contons of South Boston.

Although the weather did not cooperate, the pilgrims who traveled to the shrine displayed true dedication. Many relaxed in the company of their compatriots at a picnic afterwards.

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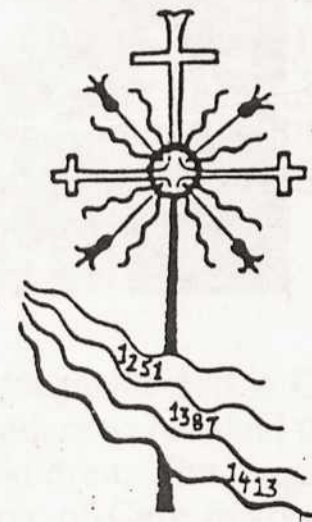
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# Lithuanians in The

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



## K of L Junior crowned Miss Mount Ephraim

BARBARA MICKUNAS, daughter of JOHN and AGNES MICKUNAS, C-3 Philadelphia, Pa., was recently crowned "Miss Mount Ephraim" in the community of Mt. Ephraim. Barbara won the title over 27 other contestants and reigned over the community's annual Fourth of July parade.

As noted in the "Suburban" and "Gloucester City News", Barbara a student at Gloucester Catholic, was inducted into the National Honor Society, represented the Mt. Ephraim's Women's Club at Douglass College at Rutgers University's Girls Citizenship Institute, has been president of Junior Council 3, Philadelphia, and has attended K of L Conventions in Cleveland, Philadelphia, Chicago, New Haven and most recently Allentown where she assisted the Vice-President as Junior Convention Assistant.

## Congratulations to Dr. Anne M. Mockapetris

Doctor ANNE M. MOCKAPETRIS, the daughter of JOAN (MARCULAITIS) and the late VINCENT MOCKAPETRIS, Council 17, South Boston, Mass., received her M.D. on May 30, 1986 from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York City.

Anne will intern and do her residency at the University Hospital in Burlington, Vermont.

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## Volume of Russian jokes authored by Lithuanian

A Cleveland man has compiled a book of Russian jokes that he hopes will find its place in the political science stacks as well as on the humor shelves, reports "The Plain Dealer", Cleveland, Ohio.

"On the face of it, it is a book of humor, but in fact it is also a critical analysis of the nature of the Soviet system through the lips of people themselves," said ALGIS RUKSENAS, who collected the jokes.

The book, which is making its way to stores, is called "Is That You Laughing, Comrade? (The World's Best Russian Underground Jokes.)" Citadel Press is the publisher, cost is \$5.95.

The material was gathered mainly from Ruksenas' conversations with Russian defectors, emigrants and friends who have visited the Soviet Union.

The jokes in the book deal chiefly with familiar themes in the Soviet Union — standing in line for goods, politics, history and Soviet leaders.

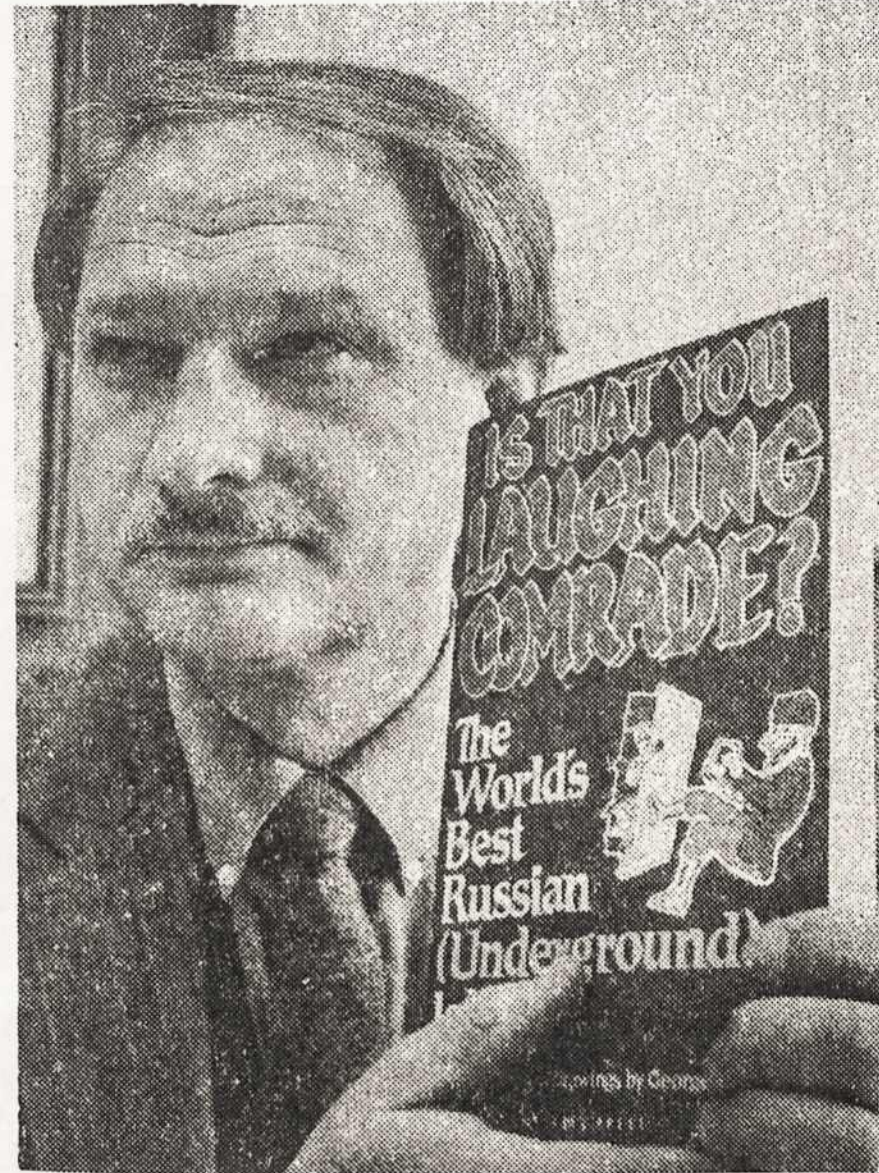
For example:

A friend visited the home of a Russian cosmonaut and found only the children there.

"Where are your parents?" the guest inquired. "Will they be home soon?"

"Father is on a space flight," they replied. "He'll be home soon. But mother went to the store to buy butter. We don't expect her for some time."

Ruksenas was born in Lithuania. This is his second book. His first, "Day of Shame," told the story of Simas Kudirka, a Lithuanian who sought asylum from the U.S. Coast Guard after escaping from a Soviet freighter in 1970.



## Adelle Zunas appointed Regional Director of the National Society of Arts and Letters

ADELLE ZUNAS, of Evanston, IL, a member of C-112 Chicago, has been appointed director of Region IV of the National Society of Arts and Letters, covering activities of the society in seven states.

Last fall "Woman's Day" magazine ran a Care-a-Lot Kids Campaign in which readers were asked to send reports of the good deeds of children. The magazine's co-sponsor was the manufacturer of Care Bears.

Among the 71,500 entries was BETSY BALCHUNAS, 7, of Mendham, N.J., who was selected as one of five grand prize winners and received \$5,000, a free trip to Washington, D.C., with an adult and a giant Care Bear.

Betsy's good deed — she was asked to undergo surgery to give her bone marrow for transplantation into her sister. Betsy said yes and saved her sister's life.

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**Betsy Balchunas, 7,  
Mendham, NJ, donated bone  
marrow.**

## Chicago Mayor Harold Washington speaks at Lithuanian Fair



On Saturday and Sunday, July 12th and 13th the Brighton Park Lithuanian Homeowners staged one of the most successful parties in the history of Brighton Park in Chicago, IL — the Fourth Annual Brighton Lithuanian Fair. According to the 9th District Chicago Police Commander Timothy Daley, official estimates set the crowd at more than 72,000.

The event was held on the Western Avenue Midway from 43rd to 47th Streets. The Lithuanian Homeowners sponsored event was planned and administered by the Lithuanian Fair Committee. ROBERT ZEBRAUSKAS, Fair coordinator stated that fairgoers stopped to comment how impressed they were with the operation and organization of the event.

VICTOR UTARA, member of C-36 Chicago, is president of the Lithuanian Homeowners Association. Council 36, under the leadership of President MARY KINCIUS, maintained a Lithuanian arts and crafts booth along with refreshments.

Among the many dignitaries present were: Illinois Governor James Thompson, Chicago Mayor Harold Washington, Congressman William Lipinski, former Mayor Jane Byrne, and candidate for Governor, Adlai Stevenson.

## K of L members in Soviet Union during Chernobyl disaster

Mary & Vincent Tamy, Margie Turner C-19 members and Julie Cimador were in Vilnius on April 23 and left for Moscow on the 29th. They were unaware of the Chernobyl accident.

"We wondered why the Soviets allowed us to go through customs in Moscow without checking our luggage," said Mary Tamy who with her husband had made four trips to the Soviet Union.

On arrival in Helsinki they heard the news on television and found little concern until they boarded the plane for New York and learned the full impact of the accident.

Interviewed by the press on arrival in Pittsburgh they had no fear for their own health but some worries about those in Lithuania.



*Margie Turner, Mary Tamy, Julie Cimador and Vincent Tamy of Pittsburgh who were in Vilnius April 23-29 at the time of the Chernobyl accident only learned about it on arrival in Finland on April 29*

## C-140 members celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to JOHN and MARY ZUTANT, members of C-140, Syracuse, N.Y., who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last July. Fellow K of L'ers were in attendance as they renewed their vows in St. Lucy's Church. Many, many more happy years!

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**BILL BENDOKAS**, a native of Naugatuck, Conn., is owner and president of New England Airlines whose primary business is ferrying passengers to Block Island, R.I. from the mainland at Westerly, R.I., 12 miles away.

In the summer when the isle is jammed with 40,000 visitors, it flies emergency medical patients from the island's clinic to the mainland.

Bendokas says he has flown everything — including the kitchen sink; he has dropped replacement parts to disabled fishing vessels and has flown sheep and goats, cats and dogs, to the shoreside veterinarians.

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### Scranton Lithuanians aid farmers in North Carolina



*Richard Laske (center) and Scranton Rotarians piloted a truckload of Northeastern Pennsylvania hay contributed by North Scranton Rotary Club to drought-stricken farmers in North Carolina*



## K OF L CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

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C-110 Kucios  
Transfiguration Church  
Hall, Maspeth, NY

### FEBRUARY

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C-100 Annual  
Lithuanian Independence  
Day Commemoration  
St. Casimir Church Hall  
Amsterdam, NY

### MARCH

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C-152 Annual  
Lithuanian Independence  
Day and St. Casimir  
Commemoration-Communion  
and Brunch  
St. John the Evangelist  
Riverhead, NY  
The Tolendoll Inn  
Mattituch, NY



## BECOME A JUNIOR KNIGHT OF LITHUANIA! LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR ROOTS!

Marytė LePera, 3rd Vice-President

At the National Convention the Junior delegates expressed a desire to do more things "Lithuanian-style", to become more knowledgeable of their heritage and to take a more active role in exemplifying an American youngster of Lithuanian descent. Where do you start?

I recently attended a Mid-Atlantic District Meeting in Amsterdam, NY and was pleased to see the Amsterdam Junior Knights actively at work.

I would like to share with you a report which they presented to me at the time. It explains some of their activities which in turn illustrate the sense of involvement the Juniors are looking for.

At Council 100 Junior's next meeting the annual election of officers will take place. They are also talking about ways to recruit new members. The seriousness will be mixed with the fun of a Halloween party. They are also getting things ready to make straw Christmas ornaments.

They talk about the upcoming Lithuanian World Youth Congress in December 1987. Their Advisor,

Mrs. Regina Kot, has spoken to them on numerous occasions about today's continued persecution in Lithuania, how it affects all Lithuanian Catholics — even Lithuanian youth.

One Knight, Joey Kot, is a veteran camper at Neringa. Others have also, on occasion, gone to Lithuanian heritage camp. In addition to learning more about their heritage, they also meet many new friends, who just happen to be of Lithuanian descent also.

The Amsterdam Juniors are also willing to lend a helping hand to the "older" Knights. Kenny Jasewicz, Judiane Nikstenas, and Kristin Olechowski assisted their council in hosting the district meeting. They willingly assisted me also by selling the Junior stationery I brought with me.

It's not too difficult to make your Junior Council shine like a star. The Amsterdam Juniors said they enjoy being active. Developing a sense of their Lithuanian heritage is both educational and lots of fun.



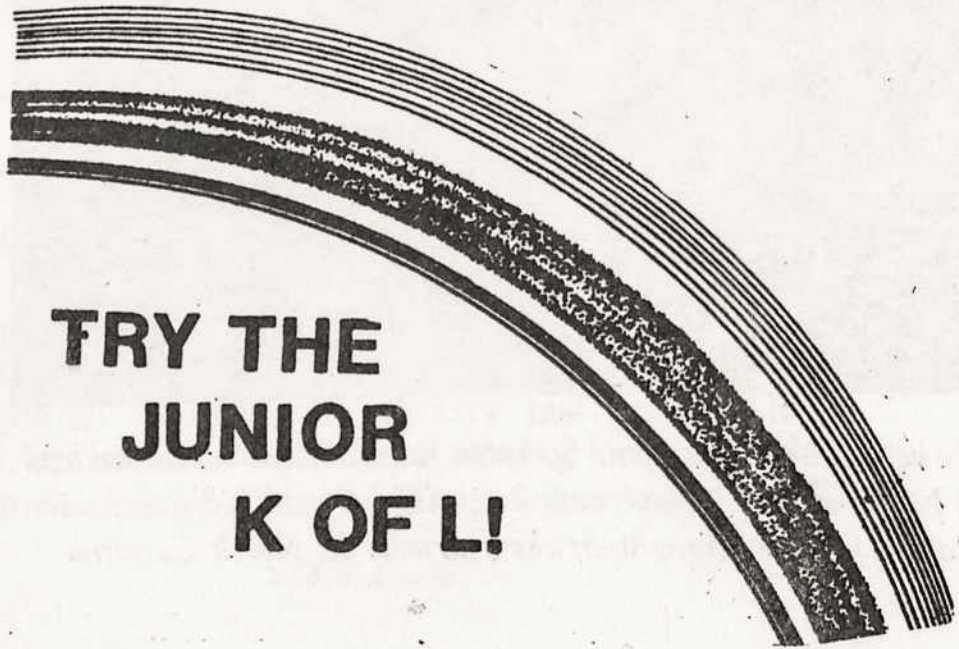
*Amsterdam Juniors, Judiane Nikstenas, Kristin Olechowski and Kenny Jasewicz*



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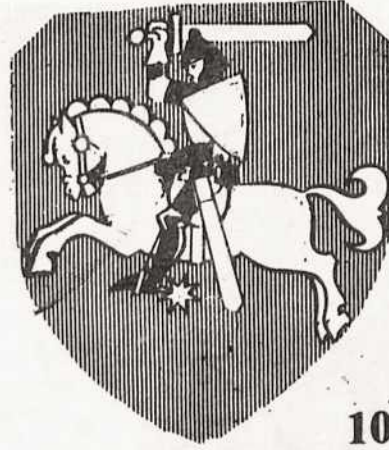
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# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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## IN MEMORIAM

Mid-Atlantic District President  
Larry Janonis died suddenly  
on November 9, 1986.

The next issue of VYTIS  
will contain more  
information

Please pray for his soul  
Prašau

Over 100 delegates attended the MAD Convention held on October 5 in Amsterdam, NY. A report on the National Convention was given by Dale Bulvicius, C-12. The annual election of officers took place. Resolutions passed at the meeting referred to Lithuania's Christianity Jubilee and Soviet abuse of

Helsinki Monitors.

A special one was passed honoring long time C-100 member Rev. Anthony Grigaitis on his 55th anniversary in the priesthood, 85th birthday and 20th year in Amsterdam



Delegates at Mid-Atlantic District Convention in Amsterdam



Nat'l President Frank Petrauskas, MAD President Larry Janonis and MAD Treasurer Connie Siatis scan meeting agenda

## C-29 — NEWARK

Our summer began with a bus ride to Doylestown, Pennsylvania, to celebrate a Day of Prayer for Lithuania at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Bernard Skripata, Vice President of our council, made all the arrangements for this affair, and we all agreed that it was a day well spent. It was an inspiring sight to see thousands of Lithuanians in prayer at the Mass and then watching them all participate in a procession at the conclusion of the Mass.

Congratulations are in order to two of our younger members, Rita Grazulis and Edward Skripata. Rita graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson College in Rutherford and plans to continue her education in the field of dentistry at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Edward graduated from Union High School in Union and plans to continue his education at Kean College and will major in computers. Good luck to both.

On June 29, we celebrated the retirement and 75th birthday of our spiritual advisor Msgr. John Scharnus. A Mass of Thanksgiving was held at the Holy Trinity RC Church in Newark with Msgr. Scharnus as the Jubiliarian Celebrant, with nine concelebrants and two deacons.

Our parish organist Klem Bagdonavicius and the choir were in full attendance and at their best. Immediately following the Mass, a banquet was held in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall where more than 300 parishioners, family and friends gathered for the celebration. The invocation was made by Rev. Peter Zemeikis, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Elizabeth. The toastmaster was Bernard Skripata, president of the parish council. Greetings and introductions were made by Rev. Dominick Pocus, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kearny. It was a great celebration but a sad one.



*Msgr. John Scharnus, spiritual advisor of C-29 Newark, was honored on his retirement. Bernard Skripata, president church council, served as toastmaster. Dorothy Mikalauskas (L) and Helen Lambert (R), sisters of Msgr.*



*Council 29 Newark members and friends attended the Day of Prayer for Lithuania at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania*

Msgr. John Scharnus will be missed by all of us and may God bless him with a happy, healthy retirement and many more birthdays to come!

On July 12, our parish organist, Klem Bagdonavicius celebrated his 65th birthday and retirement. His wife Anna planned a surprise party for him at their home in Brick and many of our council members were there to help Klem celebrate his big day. Although Klem retired from business, we were pleased to learn that he plans to continue as our parish organist. *Ilgiausių Metų, Klem!*

Fifteen of our council members attended the National Convention. One of the highlights of the convention for our group was having Bishop Baltakis as the celebrant at the closing Mass held at Lehigh University Chapel. Four of our council — Ann O'Neill, Adele Urbanas, Eva Coll and Walter Brazaitis — were the proud recipients of the Fourth

Degree. Having the Bishop present our medals to us was a blessing and honor we won't forget.

On August 17, we went to Rocky Glen in Moosic, Pennsylvania, to celebrate the 72nd Lithuanian Day. Walter Brazaitis chaired the affair. All who attended had a grand day. Good food, good polka music, good weather and great friends.

Condolences to the family of Julius Paskas who passed away in July. May the Lord have mercy on his soul.

On September 6 and 7, our council participated in the Annual Ethnic Festival held at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Chairlady Emelia Sadonis and a terrific committee outdid themselves this year with one of the most eye appealing tables at the festival. Thanks to all the ladies that donated all the baked goodies, to Margie and Walter Brazaitis for making all the *dešros*,

kopūstai and kugelis and to Adele Mathews for making and serving her delicious šaltibarščiai! To all the members who gave their time and helped in any way, many thanks!

Our council celebrated the annual day of prayer this year on September 21. We were fortunate to have our recently retired Msgr. John Scharnus as the celebrant at this special and meaningful Mass. Adelė Urbanas and Anne O'Neill were the readers. Immediately following the Mass, we assembled in the parish hall where we held our September meeting.

Rita Sussko and Margie Brazaitis gave their reports of the 72nd National Convention. Both were commended for their efforts. Adele Matthews presented a slate of officers for the October election. Plans were made for our annual dinner dance in October and Chinese auction on November 20. At the close of the meeting, Adele Matthews invited all of us to help her and her husband Joseph celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A good time was had by all and from all of us "Ilgiausią Metų, Adelė and Joe."

Condolences to Loretta Stukas whose father passed away in September. May the Lord have mercy on his soul.

Eva Coll

## C-46 — FOREST CITY

Old Home Week is a very special occasion in our town because it brings many past residents back and a lot of reminiscing. Everyone enjoys the activities. Our fireworks are spectacular and the Saturday big parade and dinner dance are the finale.

Our K of L group again won a prize for being the best dressed ethnic group in the parade. That gives us two trophies to be proud of.

September 7 was our annual picnic. Each member brought a covered dish. It's amazing there is always more food and drink than can

be consumed. Everyone is very talkative trying to catch up on the summer happenings of each member. We always end our picnic with the feeling that we won't eat for a week.

Blanche Motsko

## C-63 — LEHIGH VALLEY

As one of our fundraisers 43 of our members and friends journeyed to Atlantic City, Sunday, April 6, to enjoy the boardwalk and make a survey of the casinos. The trip was suggested, organized and chaired by Dora Lushis

On Saturday, April 26, in line with our Council's support of ethnic affairs in the Lehigh Valley, we participate in the Annual Pulaski Foundation Festival Parade in Bethlehem. Our Lithuanian flag and colors received much recognition and applause from the crowds lining the streets.

On Saturday, June 14, Baltic Freedom Day, 45 of our members and freends experienced a most beautiful and moving commemoration service at the Day of Prayer for Lithuania at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Many Lithuanians from the eastern states witnessed an unforgettable

afternoon of prayer and remembrance so perfectly planned and executed by Father Timothy Burkauskas, resident at the Shrine and a C-3 K of L'er. The general consensus of our members and all others present was that this should be an annual affair that no one should miss.

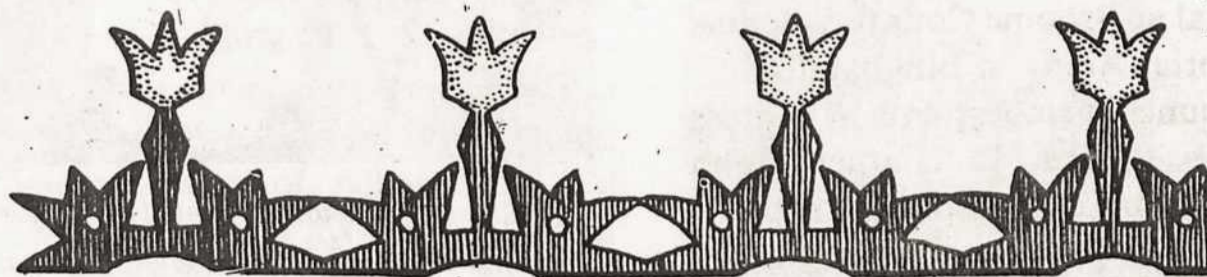
C-63 is deeply involved in preparing for its participation in the Bethlehem's Christmas City Fair, July 18, 19 and 20. In two very Lithuanian decorated booths gourmet "blynai" (made from scratch) and traditional meat "dešros" will be offered to the privileged public. Lithuanian literature and verbal information will be available. We invite all Knights to come at this time, see beautiful Bethlehem and visit with us.

And, last but not least, National Convention arrangements and plans indicate that selection of the Lehigh Valley as the location with convention headquarters at the beautiful and almost new Hilton in Allentown will undoubtedly result in one of the best Conventions ever held. So, all you K of L'ers from all over get your reservations in. Everyone will find the Lehigh Valley a delightful place that is "Easy to visit," "hard to leave" and a great place to work and live.



# 74<sup>th</sup>

## NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION Host C-150, Kansas City



## C-72 — BINGHAMTON

Council 72's monthly spring meetings proved to be lively, entertaining and educational. The result was a marked improvement in attendance and an increase in member participation. Irene Grikenis, our first vice president presided and was ably assisted by secretary Mary Ann Skiba, financial secretary Casey Grikenis and treasurer Mary Guckas.

Our council initiated a cultural discussion of Lithuanian history. Subjects covered to date include early Lithuanian history before Mindaugas unification of the Lithuanian tribes; Lithuanian rulers such as Gediminas, Algirdas, Kęstutis and Vytautas; Lithuanian-Polish Commonwealth; authors, poets, patriots and post-1918 Lithuanian history.

Our May 15 meeting included a pizza and salad buffet which was followed by a discussion and an exhibition of Lithuanian postage stamps. The highlight of this meeting was the attendance of our national president Frank Petrauskas and his lovely wife Irene. Frank addressed the audience on improving member participation, fund raising, community involvement and other pertinent council activities. Frank also installed nine new members into our council. They are Charles and Agatha Almenas, Elizabeth Kunce, Ralph Sadauskas, Mary Ann and Robert Skiba, John Mankus, Helen and Felix Svereifa.

Our members are very active in Saint Joseph's parish social activities such as covered dish suppers, pancake and sausage breakfasts, annual St. Joseph Feast Day celebration, May crowning and two Rivers Ethnic Festival at Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton.

Council members wish to express special thanks to Father John Mikalajunas for his spiritual support and active participation in council activities.

**John R. Mankus**

## C-74 — SCRANTON



*Anthony Sockle, Ann Pettit of C-63 with friends at National Convention*

Scranton Council participated in the Mid-Atlantic District meeting hosted by Forest City Council 46. Mass was celebrated by Fr. John Sitko. MAD meeting followed. Irene Shimkus, William Brady and Ann Dudewicz received their Third Degree.

Members of Council 74 attended the Baltic Freedom Day at the Doylestown Shrine to pray for Lithuania. The following joined the procession: Gertrude Romeika, Sister Joan Yodauga, Mary Costello, Marie Laske, Ann Lisowski, Anna Galenas, Ann Patelunas, Agnes Sueta, Peg & Ed Romanauskas and Richard Laske. Gertrude Romeika and Jean Kavelenis took care of arrangements to the shrine.



*Council 29 Newark Fourth Degree recipients at the 73rd National Convention (L to R) Ann O'Neill, Eva Coll, Walter Brazaitis and Adèle Urbonas*

Council members also participated in a Special Diocesan Rosary for World Peace on July 6 in St. Peter's Cathedral. The Rev. Harry Lewis, pastor of St. Theresa's Church, was homilist. Members formed the coronation court during the crowning of the Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Sister Virginia Marie Vytell CJC carried the crown. Marge Felicissimo of St. Catherine's Church crowned the statue.

The Knights of Lithuania Council 74 in preparation for the 600th Jubilee of Lithuanian Christianity hosted the 84th consecutive Scranton Catholic Diocese Rosary Devotion on September 7

Gertrude Romeika, council president, coordinated the program.



*Ann Dudwicz, C-74 Scranton, received Third Degree from Rita Sussko at the Mid-Atlantic District meeting in Forest City*

Edward Romanuskas and Jerome Costello served as lectors. The principal speaker was Msgr. John M. Dougherty, pastor of St. Patrick.

He is the Moderator of the Curia, the Vicar of Religious and Diocesan Director of the Pro-Life Committee.

Also participating was Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas, pastor of St. Joseph Church and spiritual advisor of C-74, and Rev. Paul Gerosky of St. John the Evangelist in Wilkes Barre and Sister Virginia CJC of St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst.

A program of Lithuanian hymns preceded the services under the direction of Alphonse Bulavich, organist at St. Joseph Church.

Children in the crowning procession were Ruth Ann Powell, who crowned the Blessed Mother, Melissa Gvazdauskas was crown bearer. Susan Elizabeth Powell, Melissa Radke, Emma Foley, Alicia Foley, Rebecca Georgia, Marie Crusier, Nancy Laske, Alan Georgia and Charles Georgia.

Members of Council 143 Pittston joined members of C-74 in the procession.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. George Zvirblis who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 14. Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas renewed their vows.

Martha Brack

## C-90 — KEARNY

After a long absence, we are on the move again!

Our council was represented at the Lithuanian Day of Prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown.

A fall dance is planned for October 4 at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center. The theme is a "Reunion of Family and Friends."

Eleanor Rokus, our new president, has a great many plans to keep us active and interested. With the



C-74 participants in Rosary Devotion at St. Peter's Cathedral. Ruth Ann Powell, Melissa Gvazdauskas, Susan Elizabeth Powell, Melissa Radke, Emma Foley, Rebecca Georgia, Marie Crusier, Nancy Laske, Alan Georgia, Charles Georgia

help of our membership we know these future activities will be successful.

Dorothy Songile

## C-100 — AMSTERDAM

One of our oldest members, Salomėja (Sally) Rusila, 86, passed away unexpectedly on June 14. A large group of our members gathered at the wake where our president Anthony Radzevich led us in the K of L Ritual. Also condolences are extended to member Stanley Stankes who lost his brother Frank that same weekend.

Amžiną atilsį numirusiem duok Viešpatie, ir amžinoji šviesa tegul jiems šviečia!

Mary Ann's Tavern was the site of Council 100's Bake on September 7. Sophie Olbie who chaired the event was assisted by Paul and Aldona Abeling.

Our out-of-town members who attended were Theresa Barnett and Bernice Aviza of Albany and Ed Baranauskas and his wife Genute of Schenectady. Širdingai ačiū to Sophis and her committee for a very enjoyable outing.



Frank DiBart and Gerry Drezak enjoy a game of horseshoes



C-100 Ladies at annual picnic

Our first meeting for the new season began with a Lithuanian Mass held by our spiritual advisor Rev. R. K. Baltch. The scripture readings were done by Polly Žiaušys and President and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich presented the offertory gifts. Led by Fr. Baltch, we sang beautiful songs to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

After Mass we proceeded to the Social Center where President Radzevich presided at the business meeting. We welcomed our member Stella White, Latham, NY, and her guest Marka Kiskis.

Rev. Anthony Grigaitis celebrated his 55th anniversary in the service of the Lord, his 85th birthday and his 20th year with us in Amsterdam. Father Grigaitis, an active Third Degree member, was honored on September 20. Fr. Baltch was honorary chairman with Irene Tice and John Kot as general chairmen. Other parish organizations joined in honoring Fr. Grigaitis on this important milestone in his life.

A report on the National Convention was given by Gene Gobis with additional comments by Anthony & Ann Radzevich, Regina Kot, Steve & Adeline Raila, Polly Ziausys, Gerard Drenzek, Michael Mikolaitis, and Bernice Aviza. Our junior, Kristin Olechowski also attended and was the recipient of one of the K of L scholarships. Junior president Joseph Nikstenas was unable to attend, but he was awarded a \$1000 scholarship. Our council wishes to congratulate both of you, and we wish you success in your studies at college.

Steve and Adeline Raila were the roving photographers at the convention. They video-taped much of the convention activities.

Our charming Regina Kot who is the national cultural chairman was mistress of ceremonies for Friday's cultural night. She was reelected to the post. Polly Žiaušys was elected Lithuanian language chairman. Ber-



Fr. Anthony Grigaitis, (2nd from left) honored by St. Casimir's parish

nice Aviza will continue as editor of Vytis, with Polly Žiaušys as the Lithuanian editor. Good luck in your duties!

Helen Hugo served as chairman for the MAD Convention on October 5. Ed Baranauskas, Lithuanian

## C-110 — MASPETH

**Maldos Diena už Lietuvą.** C-110's pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, on June 14 was an enriching experience sharing in the first annual Day of Prayer for Lithuania. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for persecuted Lithuania. At Mass, as we sat in the Shrine's beautiful church, we recalled with sadness the atrocities perpetrated on Lithuanians in that tragic June of 1941. In song, prayer and with hope we raised our voices and thoughts to freedom for Lithuania. Rev. Msgr. Ladas Tulaba PA, Canon of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, former Rector of St. Casimir's Lithuanian College in Rome, was the main celebrant of Mass and Benediction. We echo Pope John Paul II in saying "Half our hearts are in Lithuania. We pray for yer."

affairs chairman, reminded us of the Festival of Nations in Syracuse on November 1 and 2 and in Albany on November 9.

We wish a speedy recovery to Al Luzinas who is recovering from surgery.

**SMILE & SPARKLE**

On July 4, we visited the lady who in her regalness stands in New York harbor, holding her torch, symbolic of the light of freedom, as she celebrated her one hundredth year, rejuvenated constructively. This splendidly serious but welcoming pose of Lady Liberty greeted our relatives and friends. Long may she have the same meaning for future generations to ponder the wonders of our republic. O, Sweet Land of Liberty!

We congratulate the Supreme Council and the Lehigh Valley Council on the National Convention. C-110 members who attended included Lottie Ulrich, Helen Matulonis, Peter & Joan Yuskevich, Helen Venis, John & Ann Adomenas, Helen Janis, Mary Baltrus, Tony & Brenda Razickas, Nancy & John Craddock. It was great to see so many friends like Stella Marcinauskas, Connie Siatsis, Millie Pietz, Anthony & Susanna Mažeika,

and of course, Marty Rusgi who surely gets around! To another valued friend, Prof. Jack J. Stukas, scholar, teacher, economist and patriot, we offer our warmest wishes for as productive and active a retirement as his life and career has been to date. Hello, too, to Edmund & Joan Vaitis of C-142!

C-110 meetings and social activities are held in Transfiguration Church Hall. The pastoral scenes of the wall murals were painted by Albert J. Balton, undertaker and artist. Al has served the parish council for many years and is currently the president. Al was a Pharmacist's Mate in World War II and subsequently entered the field of funeral director. We congratulate Al and his bride, Theresa, on the marriage of their son, Bruce.

Open Letter to Bernice Aviža, Vytis Editor, and Associate Editors and Managers: We note the "new look" of the Vytis and congratulate you on a wonderful job! In completing this column, I thank all at Vytis and the C-110 membership for their support and cooperation.

Su Dievu, su meile ir su ramybe

**Brenda Bell-Razickas**

## C-118 — HAZLETON

Our council had a dream come true when a wayside cross, designed and built by Albert Launikonis, was erected in front of our church on June 29. His Excellency Bishop Timlin gave his blessing to the cross in conjunction with our church's 100th anniversary celebration.

It was something our council had worked for and was proud to have it finished. Sadly, the same week our member and a brother of Albert Launikonis, Alfred Launikonis passed away. He will be missed.

July brought our annual picnic held at the summer cottage of Val and Joe Dancho who chaired the day. We always have a good time

enjoying the dešros, bean soup and a lot of other goodies.

This year Loretta Youravich was crowned Queen of C-119. As it so happened, her mother-in-law Val Dancho who was last year's Queen crowned her. Loretta, along with her husband, is one of our newest members. The day ended with singing songs and having fun.



C-118 Hazleton '86 Queen Loretta Yurevich joins other C-118 Queens (L to R) Julia Solonoski, Mary Lapinsky and Valerie Dancho

Marcella Gelgot and Albert Launikonis were our delegates to the National Convention in Allentown. They gave their report at the September meeting. Doris Shanahan and Alma Launikonis were also along enjoying the festivities.

At our October meeting, the council gave Doris Shanahan a round of applause for her work as outgoing president. John Lapinsky then took over the job of newly elected president. Other officers are Val Dancho, vice president; Ruth Alansky, treasurer; Dolores Yuscavage, secretary. Marie Alansky and Ann Kaschak were elected trustees. Joe Dancho will serve as sergeant at arms.

In closing we say thank you to our outgoing president Doris Shanahan, and we wish John Lapinsky, our new president, good luck and pledge all our help.

**Alma Launikonis**

## C-140 SYRACUSE



Mr. and Mrs. John Zutant of C-140 Syracuse who were married 50 years ago in St. Anthony's Church in Forest City renewed their vows following Mass celebrated by Father Sitko at the Mid-Atlantic District Meeting on June 8

## C-142 — WASHINGTON

Council 142 met on June 22 at St. Dominic's Church Hall in Washington. The Rev. Thomas Žiuraitis, our spiritual advisor, opened the meeting with prayer in which we participated.

During this session our discussion turned to our election meeting in the fall and some cultural programs which might be set up in advance. Of particular interest was the making of straw ornaments.

This meeting provided us with dual reasons for celebrating. First, President Joseph G. Chaplick presented the Fourth Degree to Father Žiuraitis. He was surprised and appreciative of the honor.

Second, June 22 marked the 82nd birthday of Dr. Constantine R. Jurgela. We had a little cake-cutting



Pr. Ziuraitis, Spiritual Advisor C-142 Washington, received Fourth Degree from Joseph G. Chaplick, President C-142

### C-143 — PITTSTON

When reporting our officers and appointive committees, a correction is noted in two committees for this year: Cultural, Marie Lauck, chairman, Anna Davala and Adele Brooks; Ritual, Frances Shoppel, chairman, Helen Butsavage and Eva Richards. These committees chaired several activities in which a majority of our members participated.

Many members attended the Mid-Atlantic District meeting in Forest City on June 8. On June 14 we travelled by bus to participate in the Lithuanian Day of Prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Members were attired in traditional dress and processed in and around the shrine in a most inspiring tribute to our Blessed Mother.

Our council co-hosted the 72nd Annual Lithuanian Day at Rocky Glen Park in Moosic on August 17. Lithuanians from far and near attended.

On St. Ann's feast day, we attended Lithuanian services at the Monastery in Scranton. We prayed the Stations of the Cross, outdoors, led by Msgr. Michael C. Ozalas and our Moderator, Father Alisaukas. Father Alisaukas held Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church which was followed by the veneration of the relic of St. Ann. All hymns were Lithuanian.



Dr. C. R. Jurgela of C-142 Washington cuts birthday cake on 82 birthday while Pr. Ziuraitis waits for first piece

A representative group from our council in traditional dress marched in the Third Annual Pittston Tomato Festival Parade on August 23. We participated each year and were applauded for our colorful attire, not forgetting our flag and banner.

The following served as delegates to the national convention in Allentown: Frances Shoppel, Adele Brooks, Marie Lauck, Mary Ann Cipolla and Ansatasia Stanley. Alternates were Leo Butsavage, Anne Challan, Dorothy Banos, Helen Butsavage and Anna Davalla.

ceremony in honor of the occasion. Barbara Darlys led us in "Ilgiausių Metų."

Julie Burlen and President Chaplick returned from the National Convention filled with enthusiasm to promote Knights of Lithuania.

Julija



We are foregoing our annual mini-bazaar this year as we prepare to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our council. This special anniversary celebration will be observed on Sunday, October 12, commencing with Mass at 10:30 in our St. Casimir's Parish. Bishop Baltakis was invited to be the celebrant. Parishioners and friends were invited to join us in the Mass of Thanksgiving and the dinner at Convention Hall. Anne Challan and Anna Davalla are co-chairpersons.

Annamarie Sewatsky



Mary Pieri, Mary Najda and Julia Norcross of C-144 in procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa,

Doylestown, Pennsylvania, at Day of Prayer for Lithuania on June 14



## C-144 — ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

Sixty-five members attended the Lithuanian Day of Prayer in Doylestown at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, and everyone came home feeling spiritually refreshed. Our thanks to the Rev. Timothy Burkauskas OFT for coordinating such a beautiful day. The day was inspiring from the Mass, the Holy Hour, the very impressive procession to the program.

Joni Reinhart, Elsie Kosmisky, Anne Wargo and Helen Chesko attended the Supreme Council meeting in Allentown. Joni is working very hard as LCRA coordinator and hopes to meet her goal

Helen Chesko, Pat Roberts and Olympia Zelinski represented the council at the MAD Spring Convention in Forest City and were most impressed with the hospitality of Forest City Council.

Father Dan Yenushosky was transferred from St. Casimir's Parish in St. Clair to St. Francis of Assisi in Minersville. Father Ron Jankaitis will be the new pastor at St. Casimir's. Good luck to both! We are fortunate in this council to have such good, young Lithuanian priests.

A group of Knights and guests traveled to Elmhurst for the annual picnic of the Sisters of Jesus Cricified. It was a very enjoyable day.

Anne Wargo and Helen Chesko represented the council at the 70th Anniversary Dinner of the Mid-Atlantic District in Maspeth. It was a very nice affair and thanks to the MAD officers who chaired this day.

July was a sad month for the council. On July 20, one of our charter members, Sara Beckett, died. On the 22nd our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Joseph Shelonis was called to God. Almost all our members attended the Wake Services for Father Shelonis, led by our Spiritual Advisor Father Matthew Yarasunas.



*Sister Angela CJC of Antracite Council joins other religious in procession at Our Lady of Czenstochonna*

We are all saddened by these losses.

At the National Convention, our council hosted fun night on Thursday with President Ann Klizas Wargo as emcee. Folk songs and dances were performed by "Marijos Varpeliai" New Philadelphia Junior Knights, who also staged a skit, "Dangus Griūva" (The Sky is Falling). Rita Shevokas is director of the group.

The Anthracite thespians enacted an old-fashioned coal region Lithuanian wedding. Portraying the bride was Anne Sikora; groom, Joseph Petrosky; matchmaker, Joseph Yezulinas; parents of the bride, Julia Norcross and Mary Gustus; parents of the groom, Edmund Carlitus and Olympia Zelinski; inviters, Mary Pieri and Pat Roberts; best man, Jack Joseph; bridesmaids, Ann Carlitus, Mary Narcavage, Helen Chesko and Verna Danisavich.

Members who were elected to national positions for the new year are Rita Shevokas and Gloria Dauchess, members of the scholarship committee: Joni Reinhart, Chairman Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid; Ann Klizas Wargo, chairman of public relations.

During ceremonies in Parcker Memorial Chapel at Lehigh University, the Fourth Degree was conferred on Ann Panchari, Alma Linder, Eleanor Vaičaitis, Anna Zaldaris and Joseph Yezulinas.

Newly-elected officers for the 1986-87 term of office are Joseph Yezulinas, president; Olympia Zelinski, vice president; Eleanor Yancofski, secretary; Helen Labadis, financial secretary; Ann Dunlap, treasurer; Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, spiritual advisor; Ann Wargo, Anna Supernavage, Elsie Kosmisky, trustees. These officers were installed at a very impressive ceremony followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We wish them much success in their term of office. Outgoing officers were commended for a job well done. The Žarija Choir once again sang beautifully.

The council pledged to furnish a room in the Lithuanian College in Rome. The pledge is to be completed before the celebration of the 600th Anniversary of the Christianization of Lithuania in Rome in June of 1987.

Helen Chesko will chair the trip to Rome to be held June 11-26. Members are urged to attend this special celebration which will also include the beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis, for which all members have been praying for this cause for several years.

Thanks to Natalie Yurickones and her committee for the work done on the concert by the Amber Singers, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It was truly a beautiful Lithuanian night.

Kudos also to Helen Chesko and Ann Wargo for their Knights of Lithuania Booth at the 25th Anniver-

## C-152 — RIVERHEAD

**June 14, 1986. A Day of Prayer for Lithuania, Baltic Freedom Day.**

Those of us who attended the commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the mass arrests and deportation of thousands of Lithuanians from their homeland participated in a most moving, spiritually inspiring and beautiful day at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

Our members, Angela Minasawitch, Anne Tarney and Fred Lucka who are also members of the guest choir, had a busy day. Not only did the choir of the Church of the Annunciation, Brooklyn, sing at Mass but also at the Holy Hour and closing ceremonies. They were privileged and proud to be part of this day of prayer.

A day such as this makes us proud to be Lithuanians and Americans. We thank Father Timothy Burkauskas and the Pauline Fathers for arranging this beautiful, beautiful commemoration which will be long remembered by all who attended.

As usual, our Knights of Lithuania organization was very well represented with many K of L'ers in attendance including our National President Frank Petrauskas and his lovely wife.

sary Family Day Celebration of the Allentown Diocese held at the Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales. The Lithuanian booth was one of the popular displays. Many thanks to Rita Shevokas and the Junior Knights for their performance of Lithuanian songs and dances at the celebration. Once again, they stole the show.

Members attended the 10th anniversary celebration of Council 143 Pittston. Our congratulations to Pittston with wishes for many more successful years as K of L'ers. Joseph Yezulinas sang at the anniversary Mass.

It was nice seeing friends from New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Particularly noteworthy to me was the span of ages of the Lithuanians in attendance. I noted small youngsters, teenagers, young marrieds with small children, middle-aged escorting their parents and our senior citizens.

We cancelled our July meeting in favor of staying home and watching the glorious Liberty weekend activities on the tele. Charles Dumblis and son John were some of the lucky ones who were actually there, anchored in the harbor on John's yacht and saw the parade of tall ships, the relighting of the statue and actually were a major factor that night in the rescue of persons in the water, overboard because of their capsized boat. Because of John's powerful floodlights and expert navigation, these people were saved from serious injury. Bravo, Charles and John!

On July 13, our council held a picnic at the Riverhead Elks Club. An afternoon of easy comraderie and delicious food was enjoyed by over 80 members and guests.

Take a second look when you meet up with a lovely young lady in a Navy uniform. It just may be Denise Swanbig, granddaughter of Walter and Evelyn Niksa. Denise graduated Navy school in Orlando in June

Very, very good news was that Irene Sakal, young daughter of Antoinette and John Sakakl, who was so suddenly stricken with the sometimes fatal virus, transverse myelopathy, is home again after seven weeks in the hospital, has learned to walk again and is continuing to progress nicely. Let's all continue to pray for the brave young lady!

Weren't our Lithuanian athletes great at the Goodwill Games in Moscow? And what a surprise on opening night festivities that the dancers clearly identified themselves as being Lithuanians.

Our delegates to the National Convention in Allentown were Alice Graff, Irene & Joe Allen, Cam & Peter Dykowitz. They came home with fond memories of enlightening sessions and very enjoyable social evenings. Once again financial secretary Julie Lott was the recipient of an award for recruiting members. Our own Joe Allen, to quote him, "had the distinct honor and pleasure of carrying the K of L Supreme Council flag alongside the American, Lithuanian and other council flags" in the parade from the hotel to Allentown City Hall where flag raising ceremonies and speeches took place. Joe, you probably started a new trend wearing that distinctive hat.

How nice it was to see Rūta Lee on the TV once again, this time not promoting any film but with a far greater purpose which she told the world about. We wish her Godspeed in her quest to bring her little cousin to the United States from Lithuania.

Now on a very happy note, our members Anne and John Sidlauskas celebrated a very happy, very special event on September 27.

Our member Peter Zipkas passed away in September. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and ask that God grant him eternal peace. Condolences to Dr. Jack J. Stukas and Loretta on the death of her father.

## C-152 RIVERHEAD FESTIVAL

We did it! We did it again! Several days preceding our festival, a brief flag raising ceremony was held at the Town Hall in Riverhead. A sizable group of our members were in attendance, proudly watching the Lithuanian flag raised above the town. Our festival on September 20 at the Riverhead Armory was a huge success. The day was beautiful, the food was delicious and the entertainment was simply fantastic. In fact, both the Harmonija Singers of New York and the Vėtra Dancers of Connecticut were accorded standing ovations. Such beauty, such professionalism were certainly a joy to see and hear. We wish these young people much success in the world of entertainment.

Oh, that dance music by the Long Island Dominos and the Fantastic Celebrations was so wonderful. It certainly provided our terpsichorean experts a fabulous day of dancing! The bake table, produce table and bread table provided our guests with special treats and were quickly sold out.

Many new friendships were made and many old friendships were renewed; in fact, one woman



*MAD President Larry Janonis and C-12 Manhattan members enjoyed Festival*

recognized one of our members whom she hadn't seen for over 55 years. Amazing what can happen at our festivals! The hats worn by our men certainly attracted attention. Ladies, you can start on this project right now so that we can keep the men happy next year.

To our hardworking members, a širdingas ačiū for a job well done. To all of you who were with us, including Mr. Joseph Janoski, Riverhead Town Supervisor; Mr. Joseph

Sawicki, First District Assemblyman; Dr. Jack J. Stukas and Mid-Atlantic President Larry Janonis, all wonderful friends of Council 152, thank you. Those of you who wouldn't be with us, we'll be looking for you next year.

Our council is looking forward to a busy year ahead and happy holidays to come. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

**B L**



*Two generations of K of L'ers Mrs. Adele Povilauckas and daughter Benita Matthes*



*Irene and Joe Allen working at admissions*

**Rev. Robert A. Pudlo**  
Member C-86, DuBois  
Died July 18, 1986

**Eleanor Barskis**  
Member C-5, Chicago  
Died October 13, 1986


**Peter Vilkelis**  
Member C-112, Chicago  
Died August 30, 1986  
**Sallie Bakutis**  
Member C-30, Westfield  
Died September 29, 1986

**Veronica Ivanauskas**  
Member C-17, South Boston  
Died July 19, 1986

**Gena Baibak**  
Member C-102, Detroit  
Died September 30, 1986

**Walter T. Kash**  
Member C-110, Maspeth  
Died October 1, 1986

**Peter Unger**  
Member C-110, Maspeth  
Died October 6, 1986



**IN MEMORIAM**  
Please remember in  
your prayers...

**Julius Paskas**  
Member C-29, Newark  
Died July 23, 1986

**Eleanor Sakevicius**  
Member C-29, Newark  
Died September 25, 1986

**Peter Zipkas**  
Member C-152, Riverhead  
Died August 27, 1986

**Matthew LaTorre**  
Member C-100, Amsterdam  
Died October 8, 1986

**Helen Raciborski**  
Member C-136, Albany  
Died August 31, 1986

**Rev. Joseph J. Shelonis**  
Member C-144, Anthracite  
Died July 22, 1986

**Margaret Varanavage**  
Member C-144, Anthracite  
Died August 21, 1986

**Sara Beckett**  
Member C-144, Anthracite  
Died July 20, 1986

**Margaret Romanavage**  
Member C-144, Anthracite  
Died October 14, 1986

**Joseph Rudzinski**  
Member C-144, Anthracite  
Died October 17, 1986

**Margaret Lapinsky**  
Member C-118, Hazleton  
Died May 20, 1986

**Alfred Launikonis**  
Member C-118, Hazleton  
Died June 28, 1986

## C-109 — GREAT NECK

One can hardly believe that summer is almost over and the colder weather is upon us. Our winter months promise a busy year for our members. During the summer, our members traveled to different parts of the world. Isabel Boza spent some time in Italy, touring the Vatican in Rome and the suburbs. Amelia Chapin and Gladys Banks spent some time with Gladys' sister in Delaware doing some fishing in the Delaware Bay. Nancy Kober has been spending much of her summer at Fire Island, commuting weekends from New York City with her cousin Janie Zukas. John and Linda Sheshene vacationed in the Outer Banks of North Carolina while Linda's mother, Aldona Dellago, did a

good job dog sitting. It was delightful to meet with Sr. Elizabeth and Sr. Rita Marie from Sisters of St. Casimir who were vacationing in Great Neck with their sister and aunt Martha Krug. We do hope they enjoyed their stay at the Hamptons and on Long Island.

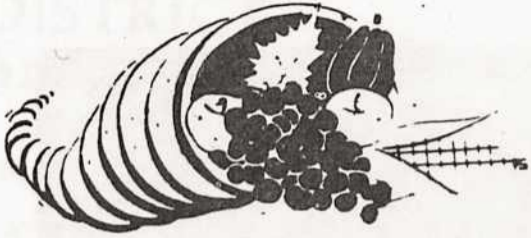
Congratulations to John Sheshene who has recently become Assistant Vice President of the Northeast Region of Bank of America while his lovely wife Linda has also made changes for a new job. We wish both of you much success and happiness in your new field of endeavor.

The 73rd annual convention in Allentown was attended by none other than our President Al Wesey and Mary & Tony Kober. Attending the convention was like getting a shot in the arm and returning with greater ideas and plans.

We congratulate Msgr. Bulovas, our spiritual advisor, who received his Fourth Degree at the convention. This was certainly long past due and we wish him God's blessings on this accomplishment.

We also congratulate our new members: Isabelle & Frank Cella, Albert Twaskas, Frank Bua and also Amelia & Charles Budris from Florida.





## Mid-America District

### C-24 — CHICAGO

Greetings from Council 24. We've been so busy these past few months. First of all we have elected new officers and our energetic Father Cibulskis has agreed to be our spiritual advisor. What a great group we've got.

Council 24 has been discussing many new ideas. For our September meeting we plan to have a "Roast." Our "Roastee" this year will be none other than Bruce Neberieza. It should be a great meeting.

At our meetings, we have been successful in increasing our membership. It's wonderful to see friendly and familiar faces.

Our president, John Paukštis is vacationing in Allentown, site of our National Convention. John says that the Convention will be held in a beautiful city.

Our member, John Pieza's dad, well-known journalist Stanley Pieza, received the Papal Blessing from Cardinal Bernardin. Congratulations!

Our hats off to Bob Gawryla who always attends our monthly meetings even though he lives in Arlington Heights. Everyone applauds when he enters. He inspires many to attend the meetings.

Our Council 24 members keep in touch even though we adjourned until fall. John and Lillian Paukštis returned from visiting Madison, Connecticut, and Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Greg, their grandson, was graduated from Germantown Academy and Lisa Dockus, their granddaughter, was graduated from Daniel Hand High School in Madison. Greg will attend American University, Washington, DC, and Lisa is enrolled at Keane State in New Hampshire. Christine Paukštis, their eldest granddaughter, is in her third year at Catholic University.

The Paukštises are also very proud grandparents of four other grandchildren. Their son John and his wife Beverly and their daughter MariAlice and her husband Al are members of Council 24.

Kristina Norkienė mailed us a postcard from Putnam, Connecticut, where she attended a high school reunion.

Rūta Kosmopoulos sent greetings from Florida where she visited her father and spent time at Disney World and Epcot Center.

With all these vacations, it would be great to help Sarah Hayne Neberieza, daughter of Bruce and Sally, who is eight years old and collects postcards. Please send a card to her at 7235 S. Millard St., Chicago, IL 60629.

Aušra

### C-112 — CHICAGO

The summer months saw many of our members off to near and far places for vacation. Among those who enjoyed a change in their daily pace were Julie and Al Zakarka and daughter Denise who spent three weeks vacationing at their condo in Treasurer Island, Fl. Maria Deksnis, husband Ed and Little Andrea also were there. Treasurer Island seemed to be a popular vacation spot this year as Lorraine Svelnis, her children and Sister Dolores Wainauskas also enjoyed a stay there. Last, but not least, Al Mockus, son Robert and



Chicago's Council - 24 Officers : Seated (L to R) Irene Aizinas, Lillian Paukstis, Bernice Neberieza, Corresponding Secretary Clare O'Dea, President John L. Paukstis, First Vice President Ausra Krisciunaite Padalino, Recording Secretary Ruta Kosmopoulos, Second Vice President Kristina Norkus. Standing

(L to R) Third Vice President Robert Gawryla, Trustee Gary Hoshprung, Spiritual Director Rev. Peter Cibulskis MIC, Vince Neberieza, Justin Kajokas, Casimir Wozniak, Treasurer Bruce Neberieza, Charles Lelugas, Jonas Levickas, Kazys Aizinas, Leonard Surkevicius

Daughter Marija reported a great time was had by their family relaxing and taking in the sights in the area.

Sophie Nieminski took a bus trip to Atlantic City. Ruth and Al Dagis spent a delightful eight days enjoying the hospitality of Lucille and Bruno Shotas at their beautiful lakeside home in Minocqua, WI. Lucille and Bruno celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 8 with a dinner party at Darius Girenas Rathskeller. Relatives and many friends enjoyed a comic program, plus scenes of yesteryear and their wedding, all narrated by daughter Nancy.

Congratulations to Robert Mockus who received his Master's Degree in Music from DePaul University on June 14 with proud parents Al Mockus and Gerrie Chaplin present. Proud Aunt-god-mother Ruth Dagis also attended the ceremony together with Aunt Ann Mockus and other relatives who helped him celebrate his big day.

The 50/50 Raffle at our June business meeting was won by Pete Gagle who went home a mite richer. We closed our preceding raffle for the Statue of Liberty with a nice donation to that fund.

Welcome to new member, Rev. Boniface Vaisnoras of Plano, IL.

Election of officers was held at our September business meeting. The following were reelected for another term: President, Paul Binkis; 1st Vice President, Al Zakarka; Recording Secretary, Mary Juzenas; Financial Secretary, Alice Cekanor; Corresponding Secretary, Susan Binkis; Treasurer, Al Dagis; Sergeants at Arms, Pete Gagle, Peter Juzenas and Louis Rogers.

Elected to new positions were 2nd Vice President in Charge of Membership, Ellie Kasputis and 3rd Vice President in Charge of Juniors, Julie Zakarka. Canon Zakaruskas agreed to continue as our spiritual advisor. Congratulations to them and to Al Zakarka and Mary Juzenas who were reelected to their respective positions as Ritual Chairman and



Ladies in Lithuanian costumes. Elizabeth Tribuisis, E. Ruth Savickis Krecioch, Aldona Kairys, Veronica Kiela and Natalie Gervelis

Photo Bristol Phoenix

Recording Secretary of the Supreme Council.

Michele Rogers, daughter of Bernadine and Louis Rogers, received a \$500 scholarship award at the convention. Ellie Kasputis received her Fourth Degree at the convention. Al Matulis and Juozas Juska will receive their Fourth Degrees at our 1987 St. Casimir's Day celebration. Our council came in second in the Membership Drive. Thanks to our ever hard-working Ellie Kasputis. Estelle Rogers is also to be congratulated in achieving third place for recruiting new members. These ladies are never seen without blank membership cards and do a marvelous job of signing up new members.

We were privileged to have one of the youngest guests present at our meeting. Six-month-old Aušra Buzėnas, daughter of Virginia, drew a lot of „Oh's and Ah's" with her darling face and sweet smiles and hardly caused a disturbance during our meeting.

Also, our meeting was temporarily interrupted by a singing clown, complete with balloons and horns, who surprised Al Mockus and Ruth Dagis with a birthday greeting.

Congratulations to Steve Lack who recently received an award in Springfield honoring him on his 50 years as an undertaker.

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# NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT Annual PILGRIMAGE

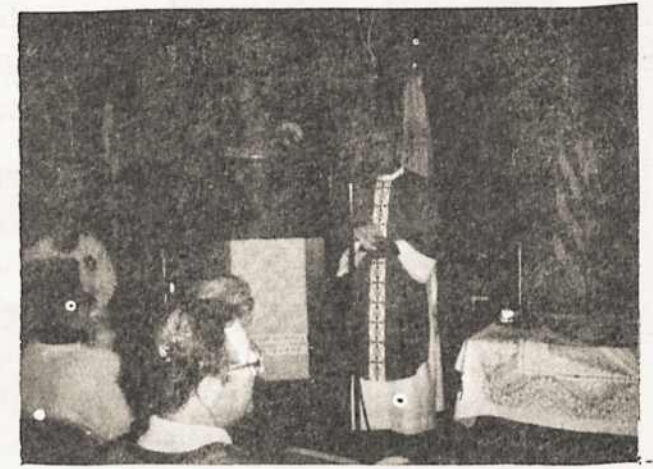
The New England District annual Pilgrimage for persecuted Lithuania was held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe, NH, on September 21. A living Rosary and outdoor Mass were celebrated.

District spiritual advisor Rev. Izidorius Gedvila was the celebrant and delivered the homily. Concelebrants included Revs. Steponaitis, Baltrasiunas, Säulen and Kontons. The combined St. Casimir and St. Mary Choirs of Providence sang during the Mass. Pauline Boisvert did an excellent job of teaching the non-Lithuanian choir the traditional Lithuanian hymns. She also is an adopted Lithuanian. Bravo, Pauline!

The group returned to the Lith's Club in Gardner for supper and filled the hall to capacity. The local press gave the affair good coverage. We were all disappointed with the absence of Bishop Baltakis.



*Adele Martus, C-17 receive 4th Degree Award*



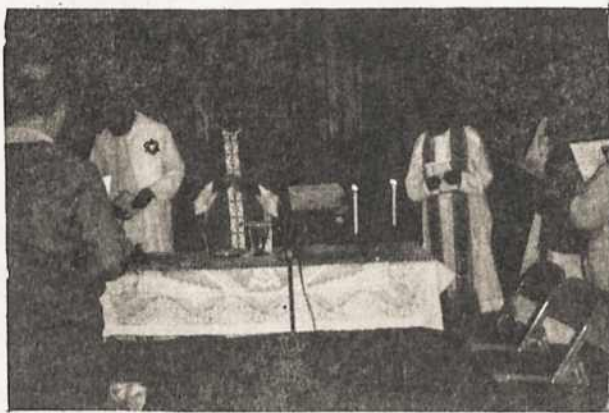
*Rev. Isidorius Gedvila, Spiritual Advisor NED, preaches homily at Cathedral of the Pines*



*NED pilgrims pray for suffering Lithuania*



*Combined Choirs of St. Casimir's and Sacred Heart Parishes of Providence sing at Pilgrimage Mass*



*Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas, Isidorius Gedvila, and Simeon Savlenas concelebrate Mass during NED Annual Pilgrimage*

## NEW ENGLAND Fall Convention - September 28

Council 17 was the host to the NED fall convention on Sunday, September 28. Mass was celebrated at 10:15 a.m. at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in South Boston. A brunch followed in the church hall. The convention proper was held at noon in the church hall.



*NED Pres. Albert Jaritis with assistance conducts NED meeting*



*C-17 Lithuanian Kitchen Helpers - those that provide!*



*NED delegates enter St. Peter's Church in procession*

## C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER



Fr. Steponaitis, Spiritual Advisor C-10, celebrated 49 years in the priesthood

Mes Vyčiai linkime jam ilgiausių metų su daug stiprios sveikatos ir sulaukti 50 metų jubiliejų kitais metais.

At our June meeting held at the Lith Country Club in Gardner, we observed the feast day of Fr. Justin Steponaitis that falls on June 1. Beatrice Richard whose baptismal name is Petronella was also honored as her feast day is observed on May 31. A beautifully decorated cake baked by Gladys Richardson was presented to the celebrants. Incidentally Father observed his 49th anniversary of his ordination in June.

St. Francis Parish of Athol is truly proud of its graduates. From a class of 114, 26 were from St. Francis. The class president was Marnie Shatos. Valedictorian Andrea Cole is the niece of Lennie Davidonis and Margaret Senk. Many St. Francis graduates were recipients of scholarships and awards. The Baccalaureate Mass was something special. Fr. Steponaitis was vested in red, white and blue vestments made by Natalie Ferari as were the altar cloths. The Lithuanian tri-colors were also displayed at the altar.

Peter Radski of Gardner received seven scholarships and awards at the Gardner High School graduation. Also receiving honors were Steve Narkevičius aspiring to be a doctor Karen Radecki and Kathryn I

zinski. The Gardner students through the years have also excelled and we are proud of them.

Lengthy articles on the Christianization of the Lithuanians and the upcoming anniversary planned for 1987 written by Bill Wisniauskas appeared in the Athol and Gardner dailies.

K of L members elected officers of the Lithuanian Outing Association in Gardner include James Eacmen, Dave Lucas and Bill Wisniauskas. Bronė Wisniauskas has for the past 10 years served as head cook for the bi-annual 120 Club suppers and dances.

Mr. & Mrs. James Eacmen spent two weeks in California visiting their son and his family. Alice Perekslis recovered nicely from leg surgery.

## C-10 Honors its Outstanding Members

Stasys Tomolonis Kulisanski was born in Orange but returned to Pasvalis, Lithuania, at an early age. She was graduated from the Pasvalis Gimnazija and later returned to the States where she met her late husband Vince.

She and Vince operated a profitable market in Athol until his untimely death. He was murdered by a robber several years ago. She later sold the market and retired.

Stasys is a reinstated K of L'er and was an active member where she participated in many council plays. Stasys is a good cook, friendly neighbor and friend.

Our annual summer barbecue was held at the beautiful home of Frank Anoris on White's Pond on August 10. That turned out to be the nicest Sunday of the summer. The many members enjoyed their steaks and a bountiful buffet of all the Lithuanian delicacies of kugelis, grybai, dešros and calorie-loaded pastries. Boating, swimming and talking over good old times were enjoyed. Frank was a most gracious and generous host. Thank you, Frank!

The Genaitises attended their grandson's awarding of his wings in Texas.

Members attended the Fall Convention of NED in South Boston. Thank you, Southie!



Charles Genaitis reached a milestone on June 9. He celebrated his 80th birthday. A congratulatory greeting was received from President and Nancy Reagan and was read by President Bill Wisniauskas at the June meeting. Charlie is a retired school teacher who retired at the mandatory age of 70. He served as treasurer of the Gardner Teachers Association and secretary of our K of L council. He is a 45-year member of the Lithuanian Club and a former chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Married 46 years ago to the former Blanche Jonaitis, he is the proud father of two and grandfather of five.



## C-17 — BOSTON

The first autumn meeting was promptly brought to order by council president Al Akule on September 10. A goodly number of members were present at the Chapel in South Boston. National Convention delegates made their reports and the Convention was evaluated. New business took up much of the agenda.



C-17 members at National Convention in Allentown, PA

Quite a few activities have been planned for the fall.

Voting and election of new officers for the 1986-87 season will be held during the October 8 meeting.

Council 17 members, headed by Pat Akule, are busy selling raffle tickets for the annual NED Cultural Festival to be held on Sunday, October 26, at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, MA.

St. Peter's Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on Sunday, November 9, at the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club. The K of L has always helped out with the booths and food.

Another traditional event, "German Night" will be held at the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club. Tickets are \$15 per person. There will be food, dancing and German style entertainment. Please make reservations in advance.

As you can see, Boston Council has a busy schedule!

**APUOKAS**

## C-26 — WORCESTER

Rita Pinkus and Ann Bender, delegates, and their companions returned from the National Convention held last August in Allentown, Pennsylvania, shouting hurrah for the wonderful committee that executed a very smooth, exciting, congenial convention that pleased just everyone.

Special congratulations to our national spiritual director, Father Anthony Jurgelaitis OP of Providence College, who was awarded Honorary Membership at this memorable assembly. And to all the other honorees, including our own Charles Kulakusky who received his Fourth Degree, more special congratulations!

A warm welcome to Ruth Baltramaitis Delaurier, our newest member.

The shish-ke-bab at the West Millbury home of Steve and Ellie Walinsky and the chicken barbecue at the summer home of Ted and Rita Pinkus gave a special flavor to the summer meetings.

Kazys and Teresa Adomavicius returned from a European holiday as have Ann and Steve Walinsky Sr. and Ellie and Steve Walinsky Jr. Frances and Charles Kulakusky flew to the British Isles to visit daughter Margaret and her family.

Mildred Lapinskas handed her charts and records over to Adele and Francis Degutis, who are co-chairpersons of the current bowling season which began Septber 4.

The Jubilee Prayer was read at the September meeting by Adele Ceraska, Victoria Augustine, Emily Gudzevich and Adele Degutis.

Happy wedded life to Linda Gillus, daughter of Helen and the late Gearge Gillus and to Karen Cummings, daughter of Virginia and Dwight Cummings. Both were married in St. Casimir's this fall.

Mark Walinsky was the happy recipient of the K of L \$500 scholarship. He's just begun his

freshman year at Assumption College in Worcester. His sister, Lynne, a sophomore at the same school, was recipient last year.

Nancy Gorden, our member in Bogota, NJ, was house guest of her niece and nephew, Mildred and Charles Lapinskas, giving all friends a chance to catch up on the latest.

Sick list included Antoinette Ivaška, Adele and Charles Tagman, Michael Abraham, Frances Kardokas and Leonard Ramsdell.

Anthony Brozauski's interview with the Man on the Street resulted in his photograph and comments being published in the Worcester Evening Gazette.

A bevy of busy beavers are the planning committee for the formal celebration of our council's 70th anniversary to be held on November 16.

You can always count on Withold (Vitie) Ivaška for an emergency ride to the doctor, downtown, church or wherever! You'd almost think he purchased a new Oldsmobile just for that purpose.

Our pastor and spiritual director, Father Anthony Miciunas MIC and Rita Pinkus, our president, and the board of officers and membership wish each and every K of L'er a happy, healthy and blessed Christmas and New Year!

„Dzūkelė”

## C-27 — NORWOOD

It has been quite a few months since Council 27 let you know what we have been doing.

April 26, our council held another dance with the band of Ray Henry. It was a total success with Betty & John Skricki leading the parade. Of course, Sandy Melish, Mary Ann Tamasanis, and George Barton covered every dance on Saturdays and Sundays with flyers. The rest of the committee, along with the above, are the reason for C-27,s success. They are Aldona Jackson, Al Yurkstas, Fred & Adele Picard, Helen & Stan Dallalis.

At our final meeting of the year, we celebrated our spiritual advisor's birthday with a mini-birthday party. No matter how small we are in number, our wishes for Father Bill Wolkovich are for much health and happiness.

Our council members had three weddings this summer. Debby Jarvis, daughter of Albie and Lenore Jarvis, and Mary Parednia, daughter of Kay Parednia, were June brides. Stephen Dallalis, son of Helen & Stan Dallalis, took a bride on July 5. Much happiness to Steve and the June brides.

Westfield invited everyone to Stanley Park on July 20. It was a lovely day and the event was truly beautiful. Those who did attend could tell you it was well worth the preview, as Beeny Coach mentioned, of heaven.

We could hear for miles the hammering of George Barton and his brother along with the voices of "Mudu du broliukai." Good job, George, on the new addition to your home.

Until another time, as time permits, I remain, **NANCYTĒ**

## C-30 — WESTFIELD

Council 30 is proud of one of their annual projects for raising funds, the making of dešras or kielbasas. This is a two-day endeavor done jointly with our church choir.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers who chair the committee have perfected the job to a science that helps the whole operation to run smoothly.

It was a great deal of work but the firendly good humor and volunteers b to a science that helps the whole operation to run smoothly.

It was a great deal of work but the firendly good humor and volunteers who pitched in really helped to lighten the work.

We also donated enough of dešras for the kielbasa; sauerkraut, kugelis supper which was a sellout.

We welcome the following people, some of whom are new and some who have come back: James & Rita Adamaitis, Theresa Athoiatis, Joseph & Louis Balikites, Connie Martin, Frank & Gladys Jonatis, Isabelle Unatis, Anna & Frank Zakarewski and Della & Mike Zumburski. We wish you Welcome!

Nellie Lord

## C-50 — NEW HAVEN

On June 29 there was a goold old reunion at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Papeika. The occasion was a celebration of 46 accomplished years for six couples who were married in St. Casimir's Church in New Haven during the year 1940. Those attending were Mr. & Mrs. John Papeika, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Gutauskas, Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Stakolnik, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Radziunas, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Yanus and Mr. & Mrs. John Alexsa.

Our prayers and condolences go out to Rose & Goerge Kisielius on the loss of their dear brother-in-law and uncle, Michael Kacillas who died May 10; to Theresa Strimaitis on the loss of her mother Marijona Kronkaitis who died May 14; to Maryann Yanus in the loss of her mother Ann Kripaitis who died May 29. May they rest in peace.

On August 24 our annual summer picnic took place on the beautiful grounds of Mary Geipel's estate in Orange. "Who Could Ask for Anything More?" as the song goes must have been written for occasions such as this. We had everything from a gorgeous sunny day to tables loaded with every salad imaginable, fresh-made pickles, baked beans, real Lithuanian kraut, corn on the cob, hot dogs, hamburgers and clam chowder. There was ample liquid refreshments and a huge whipped cream cake to celebrate Father Karalis' birthday.

Games were played. As the day went on it sounded like the Wimbledon Opens. There was plenty of fun. We had a wonderful day.

The committee, Helen Cae in charge, was assisted by Helen Bohan, Ann Meskins, Bernice Barile, Frank Antin, Agnes Chesnut, Antoinette Lennig, Anna Yoga and Irene Meizies. They did a super job. Frank Antin favored us with his perfect clam chowder. It was a day to remember.

Our annual St. Casimir picnic was held at the New Haven Raccoon Club on September 21.

With Frank Antin in charge of arranging details, George Kisielius' advance mailing of tickets and Betty Gykowski's extensive publicity, our 1986 Parish Picnic was a great success.

Polkas by Walt Solek's Band were wonderful. There was plenty of good choices on the menu.

Theresa and Bruno Strimaitis, Ann Meskins, Bernice Barile, Mary Meshako, Mary Geipel and Frank Antin came very early to prepare the food. Dinners were served promptly at noon. Frank Antin also grilled the hot dogs and hamburgers.

For the sweet palate there was plenty of delicious cakes and coffee served by Ann Gedrim. Liquid refreshments were available from Leo Tamulis, Al Gedrim, Bruno Strimaitis and Frank Antin to quench those thirsts. Rose Kacillas did a mammoth job of handling the tickets for the food and drinks.

Anthony and Ann Kordorsky and Ann Lukaschewski took care of the parking. Betty and Francis Gybowski and Edith Kazlauskas were busy working from table to table selling raffle chances. Helen Case, Joan Augustine and Helen Bohan triumphed again with their fabulous display of raffle prizes.

It was good to see Sam and Marion Meshako drop in to do some lively stepping. They took a break from the Ethnic Lighthouse Park Festival.

New Haveners attending the 73rd National Convention in Allentown were President Frank and Isabel Peterson, Michael and Irene Meizies, Ann Meskins, Bernice Barile, Magdalen Cronin, Mary Geipel, Helen Medley, Audrey Toole, Ann Rinkevicius and Mary Yesukevich. The delegates were Frank Peterson, Ann Meskins, Bernice Barile, Mary

Yesukevich and Audrey Toole. They enjoyed every bit of it from start to finish. It was a wonderful convention.

Corinne Shemeth is our latest newcomer. Welcome!

**Helen Balchus**



"2nd Division" at City Hall, Allentown, PA, 73rd National K of L Convention

## C-103 — PROVIDENCE

Where, Oh!, where has the summer gone? Tempus fugit; je me souvien; remember this; it was such a nice affair. These are some of the many comments, remarks and utterances overheard prior to the schoolmaster himself President William Piacentini bringing the membership back to reality with the admonition, "The meeting will please come to order. The new term will now begin and would Father Jurgelaitis please lead us in the opening prayer."

The regular business session of the meeting proceeded with dispatch. President Piacentini mentioned that

the mandate committee of the National Convention had notified him that our delegates attended every session of the convention. Highlights of the convention were given by delegates John Jacknevich, Beatrice Mathieu and Bertha Stoskus. Twenty of our members made the trip to Allentown.

Helen Gudeczauskas did yeoman work in the trenches, having been asked by the presidium to do typing for the convention. William Piacentini again demonstrated why he heads the National Scholarship Committee with his remarks and presentation of scholarship awards. Our council is justly proud of his work and dedication.

National recognition was given to two members of our council. Liud-

vikas Jagminas in his final year at Brown University Medical School was the recipient of the Alice Karklius Scholarship Award. Father Jurgelaitis was bestowed Honorary Membership in the K of L. A reception was held for him following presentation at the formal banquet hosted by the New England District and members of C-103.

September 10 was the assigned date for C-103 in the worldwide perpetual prayer for Lithuania. Mass was concelebrated by Fathers Gedvila and Jurgelaitis.

On Wednesday, September 17, the sixth year of the Lithuanian conversational class began at Providence College under Profesorius Jurgelaitis.

Delegates to the NED Convention on September 28 in So. Boston's St. Peter's Lithuanian Church were Bertha Stoskus, Helen & Anthony Gudeczauskas, William Piacentini and A. Beatrice Mathieu.

St. Casimir's of Providence, the parish of the NED spiritual advisor and C-103, host the October 7 NED assigned date for perpetual prayer for Lithuania.

St. Casimir's in Providence will participate in the NED Cultural Festival at Maironis Park in Worcester on October 26

Progress on a new project, advocated by President Piacentini, the assembling of a jigsaw puzzle of Lithuania that will be laminated and displayed, will be reported in the future. **Un Qui Aime Lituanie**



"Un Oui Aime Lithuania" carried the Council-103 banner



### Remembering the Baltic States

Seated from left to right: Sisters Aloysia and Apollinara from Putnam; Sisters Baptista and Paulina from Brockton, sisters of Rev. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis OP, Providence College. Standing left to right: Rev. Charles B. McDermott, St. Mary's Bristol; host Victor G. Mathieu; Rev. Albin Yankauskas, Worcester; Elizabeth Tribuisis, Aldona Kairys, Veronica Kiela, Natalie Gervelis, Rev. Izidorisu Gedvila, all of Providence; Rev. Albert Contons, South Boston; hostess A. Beatrice Mathieu and Rev. Valdemar Cukuras, Putnam. Bristol Phoenix

Jau dešimtį metų Bristolyje, R.I., yra prisiroenami Baisiojo Birželio kankiniai ir uabartinis persekiojimas okupuotoje Lietuvoje. Minėjimai vykdomi kitataučių tarpe. Pavergtųjų pagalbos šauksmas garsinamas plačiau, negu vien savųjų tarpe. Tai Lietuvos Vyčių 103-čios kuopos ir ypač veiklaus nario Victor Mathieu (kuris prašė jį vadinti Viktoru Motiejūnu) nuopelnas. Reikia pabrėžti, kad „spiritus movens“ yra tas pats prancūzas keturiais tūkstančiais dolerių parėmęs ir daugiau aukotojų kitataučių tarpe suradęs Lituanistikos katedrai. Vis daugiau įgyjama Lietuvai draugų, tiek lietuviybės išlaikymo tvirtovei paremti, tiek keliant protesto balsą prieš okupantą, grasinantį likusiai laisvajai pasaulio daliai. Viktoro žmona, Amerikoje gimusi lietuvaitė Beatrice Savickaitė, yra jo artimiausia talkininkė ir įkvėpėja.

Birželio 14 d. minėjimas prasidėjo pamaldomis už Lietuvos kankinius. Mišias laikė kun. Antanas Jurgelaitis, OP. Su juo koncelebravo parapijos klebonas kun. Charles B. McDermott, Lietuvių kunigų Vienybės pirmininkas Albertas Kontautas, kun. Valdemaras Cukuras ir

kun. Albinas Jankauskas. Kun. Jurgelaitis pamoksle vaizdingai priminė baisiuosius išvežimus į Sibirą ir pavergėjo tebevykdomą perskiojimą. Gilios mintys stiprino ryžtą didinti pastangas Tėvynės kančių sumažinimui. Tautiniais drabužiais pasipuošusios moterys atkreipė dėmesį daugiausia kitataučių pripildytoje šventovėje. Parapijos biuletenyje daug vietos skirta reikšmingų pamaldų intencijoms. Kitataučiai supažindinami su jiems patiems gresiančiu pavojumi. O jų kasmet gausiau šiose pamaldose lankosi, atjausdami mūsų skaudžią nelaisvę. Tai prasmingiausias būdas tokius minėjimus rengti, kai mes patys tuos žiaurumus žinome, o salės pustuštės.

Kaip ir kasmet, po pamaldų rinkomės Viktoro ir Beatricės Mathieu šeimos jaukioje sodyboje. Viktoras supažindino su žymesniais svečiais: kun. Jurgelaičio seserims Paulina ir Baptista, Jėzaus Nukryžiuotojo vienuolėmis iš Brocktono, Ma. Trys pašaukimai iš vienos šeimos. Visi stiprina lietuviybę savo aplinkoje. Vietinis klebonas Charles McDermott parodė savo užjautimą ir palankumą mums. Seseles Aloyza ir Apolinara dalyvavo

iš Putnamo. Atsilankė Rene Lafayette, R.I. seimelio atstovas iš Woonsocket ir daugiau amerikiečių. Dalyvavo Regina ir Petras Brikiiai iš Montrealio. Kun. Jurgelaičio vedamos lietuvių kalbos klasės mokiniai padainavo „Leiskit į Tėvynę“, „Vilniaus kalneliai“ ir kit. jautrias dainas, akompanuojant vytei S. Gudečauskaitei.

Kada pavergėjas rusas persekioja lietuvius Tėvynėje, juos kalina ir tremia į koncentracijos stovyklas, bando Lietuvą ištrinti iš pasaulio žemėlapiu, Lietuvos vyčiai protestuoja prieš žiaurią neteisę, šaukia laisvuosius į žūtbūtinę kovą prieš okupantą. Kada lietuvių kalba šalinama iš mokyklų, įstaigų, kasdieninio gyvenimo Lietuvoje, prancūzas Victor Mathieu su kun. Jurgelaičiu pasaulinei kalbotyrai vertingą, seną tėvų, senolių kalbą gaivina šia pus Atlanto.

Pabendravę, pasivaišinę, vėliavas nuleidžiant Lietuvos ir Amerikos himnus sugiedoję, skirstėmės į namus. Rusų bolševikinė tironija grasina likusiam laisvajam pasauliui. Lietuvos Vyčių 103-ji kuopa perspėja nepavergtuosius neišduoti savo vaikų moderniajai baudžiavai.

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## MID CENTRAL Bowling Champs 86



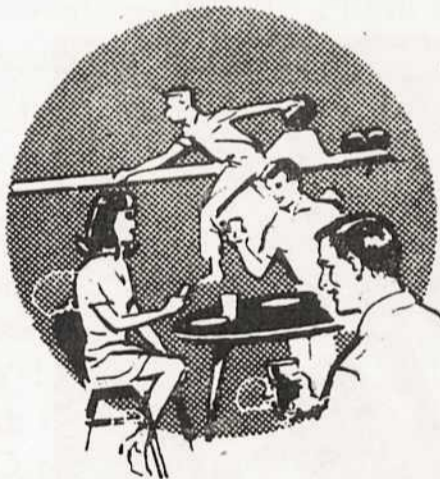
Joanna Shigo, Tony and Dolly Oberaitis, Marian C-25 Cleveland and Vince Gray, Champs 86 Mid-Central Bowling Tournament



Joe Guerriero, Kathy Enruouez and John Cramblet of C-102 Detroit, winners in the bowling tournament at the MCD in DuBois



C-79 Bowlers (L to R) Richard Danielak, Mary Keller, Helen and Chuck Mykolaitis and John Kolinski at the Mid-Central District Bowling Tournament



### C-19 — PITTSBURGH

A quarterly Communion meeting and brunch was enjoyed by C-19 Pittsburgh members on June 1. We attended for the first time a Mass at

Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Homestead. The Mass was offered by Father Francis Plantes.

We received a warm welcome from Father Plantes at the brunch held after Mass and enjoyed the hospitality extended by a few parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul and Al & Virginia Stanton, our C-19 members.

After enjoying a tasty buffet luncheon, a short meeting was held.

C-19 president Bill Kolicus was not present at some of our meetings due to recent illness.

### LITHUANIA—THROUGH THE WALL

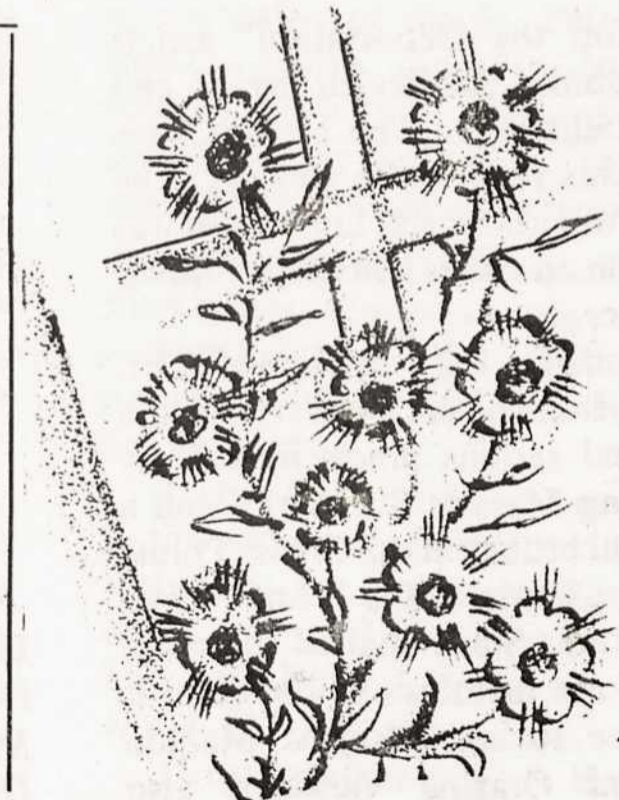
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Loads of good Lithuanian food kept tempting us for seconds. Leonard Balkus, Estelle Gogelis, and Emma & Frank Povilaitis were among K of L members who gave a helping hand to radio club president K. Gogelis.

Congratulations to Vida Gogelis upon receiving her degree in Dental Psychology from Wayne State University. Chet & Marge Nashlon put their home on the market and will permanently reside in Florida.

Condolences to the family of former members, the Neveroucks, whose mother Mary passed away on August 3 in Applegate. She is survived by daughters Dolores Anilionis of Point Pleasant, NJ, and Rita and Diane (Mag) Neverouck of Applegate. **SOFFI**

## C-102 — DETROIT

Congratulations to all the newly-elected Supreme Council officers, especially to Frank Peterson of New Haven, former 102 president, elected to 2nd vice president.

After a beautiful summer, we resumed our monthly meetings at St. Anthony's with President Frank Bunikis opening the meetings with Lithuanian prayers. We had a nice turnout of members, and all are enthusiastic about the 1987 Mid-Central District Convention and Bowling Tournament we will host in May.

"Stop the Deportation" article that Donna Stanievich wrote and was published in The Detroit Free Press was read at the meeting. The article was about Kal Linnas and was based on an article written by Linnas' daughter.

Council 102 celebrated Fr. Walter Stanievich's recovery from a long and serious illness in July by attending Mass at St. Mark's and a beautiful brunch at the Grosse Points Yacht Club. Joe and Eve Austalkanis-Stark chaired the event as they are members of the club. It was nice to see our past Madam President Gražina Vaskalys, also



*A Picture of Health! Fr. Walter Stanievich enjoying his brunch with brother John Stanievich, Joe Aukstakalnis - Stark, and Joe Guerriero, members of C-102 Detroit*



*Enjoying the beautiful weather at C-102 Detroit pool party are John Stanievich, Frank Bunikis, Donna Stanievich and Edna Klucens*



*Council 102 President Frank Bunikis, Maryanne Guerriero, National President Frank Petrauskas and Donna Bunikis at Mid-Central District Meeting and Bowling Tournament in DuBois.*

## C-25 — CLEVELAND

How fast time flies when you're having fun! Our first activity for the summer was a jaunt down to the State Theatre to see Dinettes and PumpęBoys. Twenty-six members helped to fill the cabaret tables. Helen & Bill Jakubs played host for our annual pool party on July 13. What a feast!

On August 3, C-25 Vyčiai sponsored the Koffee Klatch at OLPH after the 10 a.m. Mass. We had a good show with ample baked goods. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen! Petitions were circulated at this time to obtain signatures for the Darius-Girėnas commemorative stamp. This is called persistence.

Our day of prayer for Lithuania was brought to a close with 7:30 p.m. Mass officiated by Fr. G. Kijauskas on the Vigil of the Assumption. Your continuous prayers for the imprisoned and impoverished people of the persecuted nations are needed always, not on just special days.

An old-fashioned "weeny roast" for K of L'ers and friends was held at Nelda & Charles Machuta's estate on August 17. Forty plus were there.

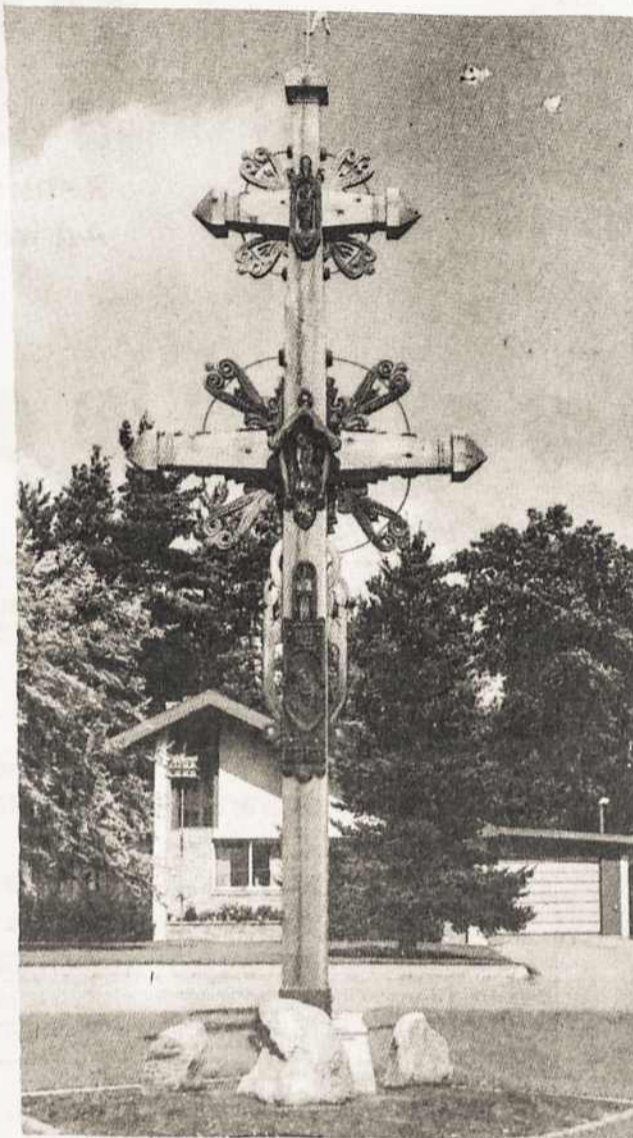
As general chairperson, I would like to publicly and personally thank all of the members of the Knights of Lithuania who made Pilgrimage '86 a memorable and successful occasion. The big weekend was September

Friday night "Welkumpartes," Saturday noon luncheon and evening social, plus Sunday "Vyčiai Višta Vittles," served by the Sisters of the Holy Trinity at St. Ann's Hall made it worth the trip.

Commemorating our dead, two members of each council lighted their candle and placed it before Our Lady's Altar. Vespers were held by Fr. Kijauskas, assisted by A. Skarnus who donated the candles. We were 71 strong. Pray for Sister M. Charles, our moderator for the day.

**Dolly-O**

## C-79 — SOUTHFIELD



*B. Petroski, Mary Keller and Virginia Kirsh of C-79 attended dedication of Lithuanian Wayside Cross at St. Anthony Church, Mackinaw City, Michigan*

Betty Petroski and Mary Keller attended a gala wedding celebration in Hamilton, Ontario, in mid-July. Virginia Kirsh joined them on her visit to the Lithuanian Wayside Cross at St. Anthony's Church in Mackinaw City, Michigan. The cross was designed by Jurgis Daugvilia, erected in 1985 and dedicated on July 20, 1986. It is 24 feet high and is unique in artistic workmanship. Thanks Pastor of St. Anthony's for a hearty welcome.

Our annual Family Day Picnic has come and gone. It is one event that members of C-79 look forward to each summer. Chairperson Margaret Nashlon and her great committee had things well under control at the Divine Providence parish grove. President Magdalena

Smailis returned in time for the picnic on August 16. Maggie and her grandson Chip Newberry flew to Allentown for the National Convention.

Another event worth mentioning is the Lithuanian Heritage Camp near Manchester, Michigan. Mrs. J. Damušis, a grand lady who cares about our future Lithuanian generation, organized the Heritage Camp held July 27 to August 2. There were 84 registered campers from all parts of the country including the Virgin Islands.

Among our local participants were Tanya & Danielle Zager, granddaughters of F. & S. Zager of C-79; John & Robert Stanievich, whose grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. J. Stanievich of C-102; Heather & Charles McLeod, grandchildren of Stella McLeod of Saginaw C-149.

Members bid a warm farewell to Father Albert Cyleicki who was relocated and will continue higher studies. For the last few years Father Al served as our weekend helper at Divine Providence. A farewell reception was held after Mass on July 5.

Our Floridian members, Dorothy Martin and her family, keep us posted with noteworthy news. Granddaughter Dana Ann continues winning various awards in folk dancing and beauty pageants. Dana is a member of the St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre, and of the National Honor Society. Dana plans to attend Trinity College in Texas to study earth science and geo-physics.

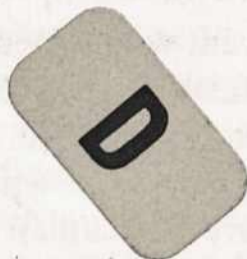
Following hip surgery, Goerge Kase is making good adjustment and is improving steadily. During his surgery, Marie also required hospitalization.

Cassie Bay and Ann Calvin were in town and called on HM Anthony Dain's at the University Convalescent Center. His address is 28550 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. Do drop him a card.

Great weather was on hand for the Lithuanian Voice Radio Picnic.

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HM Bob Boris. Other seldom seen members present were Ruth Wagster, Helen Smolak and Marie and Emil Podzius.

In July, Donna and Frank Bunikis hosted our annual pool party at their condo. The weather once again cooperated. The food was delicious and the pool was enjoyed by our members.

Missed at these outings were Gena and Gus Baibak. Gena was recuperating from extensive surgery. On September 30, our council was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Gena, a faithful, loyal Fourth Degree member. Gena was great in handling our rummage sales and ticket sales for all council functions. Gena hosted many meetings in her home and served delicious lunches. She will be missed in our council. Our deepest sympathies are extended to her husband Gus and her children. May her soul rest in peace.

Deepest sympathies are extended to Joe Yakstys on the death of his wife Jean.

Happy retirement to Vince Boris who retired from government service. Happy retirement to Ray Medonis, may it be a healthy and happy one. A fond farewell to Evelyn Barry and her husband Bob as they retire to Florida. We'll miss you in the bowling league. You've been with us for many years. Thanks to Al Shigo of Cleveland Council for Joe's bowling tournament picture.

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