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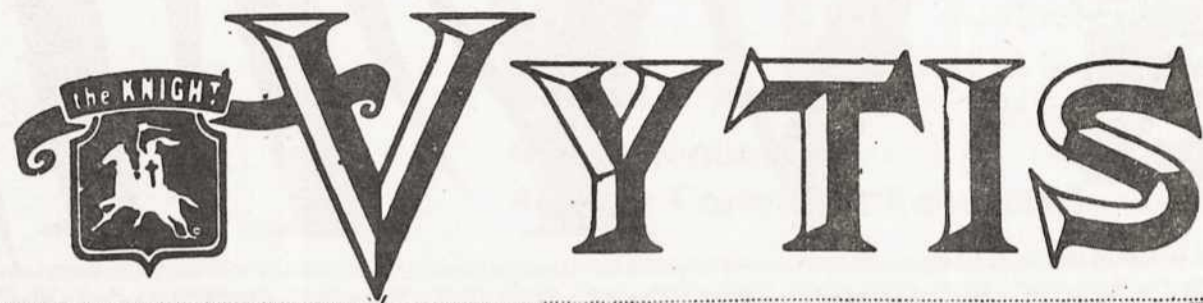
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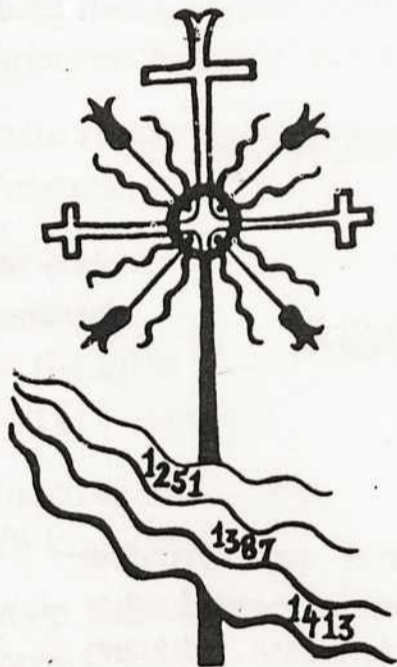
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**AS WE CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON  
- LET US REMEMBER  
TO PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

### **St. Casimir's College The Vatican-Rome**

Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, Pro-Rector of St. Casimir's College and Seminary in Rome, and also long-time K of L member, addressed the Convention on Friday afternoon.

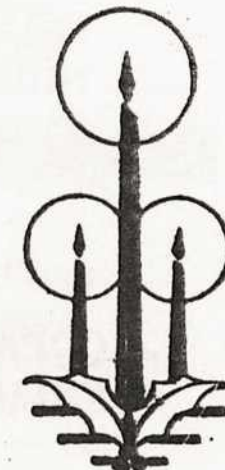
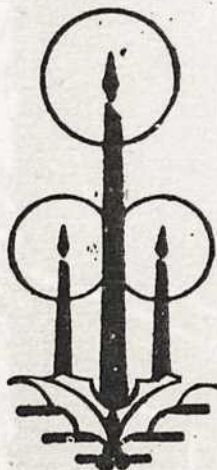
Msgr. Bartkus presented a plea in regards to St. Casimir's College. We

need help not only financially, but also your moral support, especially prayers for vocations...from the Knights of Lithuania and all their friends. He thanked us for the support we have given in the past, both financially and by "adopting" the college. Many coun-

cils and individual Knights have sent donations to the college - on Christmas, on the Feastday of St. Casimir, and some just on no particular occasion. The list of donators will be sent to the VYTIS for publication.



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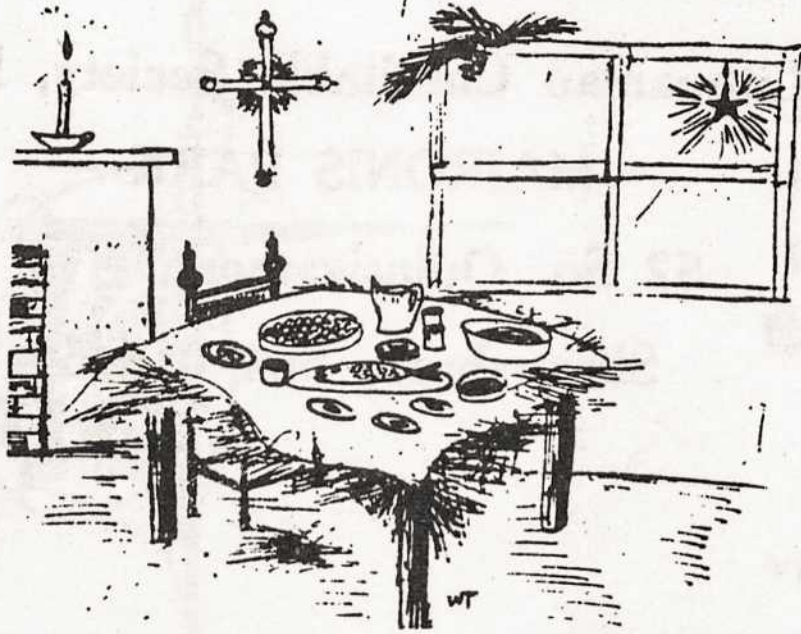
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The Kūčia Table

**Kūčios (vakarienė) yra valgomos vakare.**  
Christmas Eve Meal is eaten in the evening.

**Pirmajai žvaigždei pasirodžius danguje.**  
After the first star appears in the sky.

**Kūčių dieną žmonės pasnikavo.**  
Christmas Eve day, people did not eat food.

**Kūčių (vakarienės) valgiai gaminami be mėsos.**  
Christmas Eve food is prepared without any meat.

**Ant stalo turi būti nemažiau kaip 12 patiekalų (buvo 12 apaštalų).**  
On the table has to be not less than 12 different kinds of food (12 apostles).

**Visokios rūšies žuvis.**  
All kinds of fish.

**Visaip pagaminta silkė-rūkyta silkė, rūkytas ungurys.**  
Herring, several different kinds were prepared-smoked herring, smoked eel

**Virtų daržovių mišrainė, bulvių, morkų, burokėlių, pupelių, kiaušinių.**  
Cooked vegetable salad, potatoes, carrots, beets, beans, eggs.

**Bulvių košė su žirniais ir morkomis**  
Hashed potatoes with peas and carrots

**Burokėlių sriuba su grybais, grybų virtiniai**  
Red beet soup with mushrooms, mushroom "ravioli"

**Marinuoti burokėliai, virti žirniai, virtos pupos**  
Pickled red beets, boiled peas, boiled big beans

**Rugštūs kopūstai, troškinti su grybais ir aliejumi.**  
Steamed sauerkraut with mushrooms and oil.

### KŪČIŲ VAKARAS (CHRISTMAS EVE)

Apolonija (Polly) Žiaušys

**Džiovintų vaisių kompotas, spanguolių uogienė, bruknių uogienė.**

Dried fruit compote, cranberry preserves or jelly, red billberry or lingonberry jam.

**Virti kviečiai su medumi pasaldytu vandeni.**  
Boiled wheat and water sweetened with honey.

**Sližikai su aguonų pienu, pyragai kelių rūšių.**  
Little bread nuts with poppy seed milk, several kinds of cake.

**Kas yra ant stalo po staltiese?**  
What is on the table under the tablecloth?

**Porą saujų šieno.**  
A couple of handfuls of hay.

**Priminti žmonėms prakartėlę.**  
To remind people of the manger.

**Kur padedamos plotkelės?**  
Where are the Christmas wafers placed?  
**Plotkelės padedamos ant lėkštės stalo vidur.**  
The wafers are put on a plate and placed in the middle of the table.

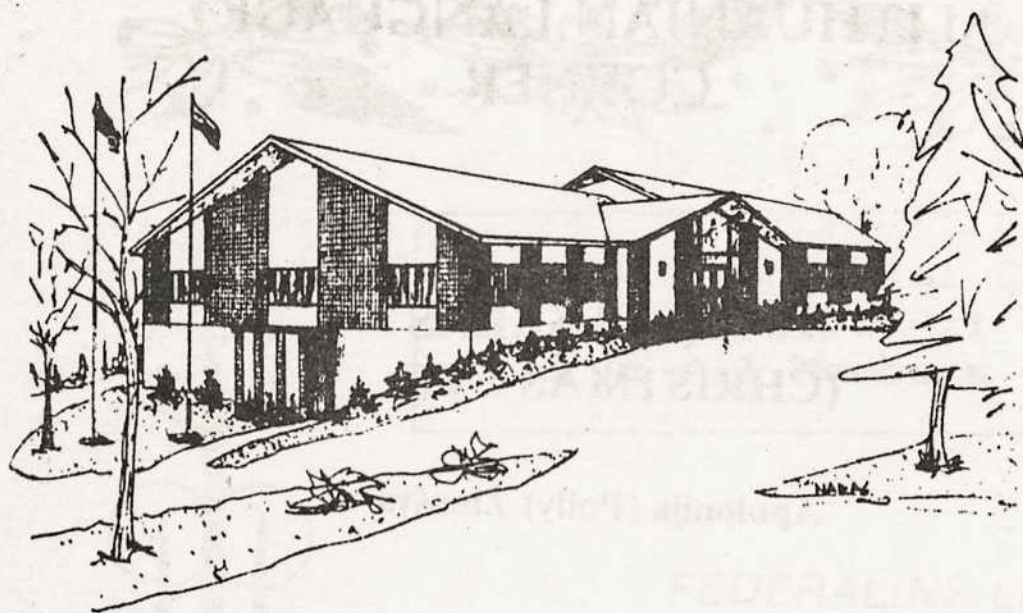
**Kas sukalba maldą prieš valgi?**  
Who says the prayer before the meal?

**Vyriausias šeimoj žmogus (tėvas).**  
The oldest member of the family (usually the father).

**Po maldos jis duoda gabaliuką plotkelės atsilaužti.**  
After the prayer, he passes the Christmas wafer to break a piece

**Ir pasidalinti su kitais.**  
And to share with each other.

**Prieš Kūčias tėvas uždega eglutę.**  
Before the meal, father lights the tree.



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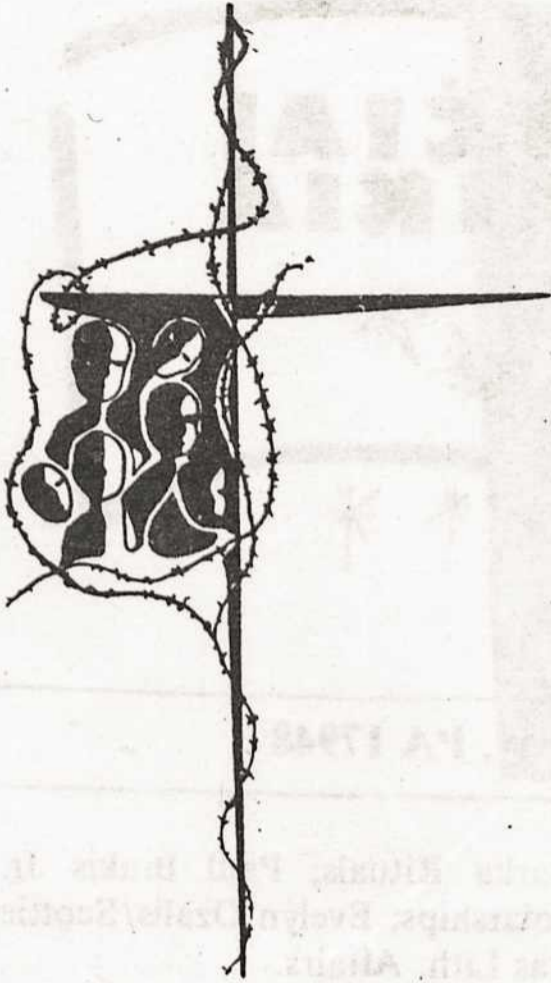
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All of us at Maironis Park  
(in Shrewsbury, bordering Worcester, on the shores of Lake Quinsigamond)  
join in extending our K. of L. friends everywhere  
The happiest of Christmas Seasons and a Happy and Healthy New Year!*



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

**Viktoras Petkus writes:**

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

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

For information on how to help Viktoras Petkus and  
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**Viktoras Petkus**



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The small but ever energetic committee should take great pride in hosting another successful K of L Day (July 4th) Picnic, which was held on the grounds of K. Pocius in Beverly Shores Indiana. Everyone who attended, including the two busloads from Chicago enjoyed the beautiful weather, the atmosphere and K of L spirit. Kudos to: Al/Aldona Brazis, Irene Sankus, Al/Julie Zakarka, Estelle Rogers, Harry Petraitis (our Florida member), Ellie Kasputis, Gerry Mack, Mary, Josephine/Peter Juzenas, Paul/Susan Binkis and super aides Dutchie Yuknis, Aldona Gylys, Peter Burns, Konnie

Savickus. Most of the committee spent the weekend at the Shore and enjoyed the hospitality of Al and Aldona at their super lakeside home.

Our District Membership Drive Awards were presented during the picnic by Chair Eleanor Kasputis: Congratulations to all for a job well done.

Our District was represented at the Natl. Conv. by delegates Mary Juzenas and Irene Sankus, who served on the Resolutions and Nominating Comm., resp. Congrats to Dist. members who were elected to national office: Mary Juzenas, Rec. Secy; Mary Kincius Trustee; Albert

Zakarka Rituals; Paul Binkis Jr. Scholarships; Evelyn Ozalis/Scottie Zukas Lith. Affairs.

C112 members Michelle Rogers was awarded a Nat'l Scholarship and Elanor Kasputis, her 4th Degree.

During the summer months, we attended many functions: representing the K of L such as the picnics of DIRVA, BALF, DRAUGAS, Lith. Chamber and the anniversary banquets of the SLA, Lith. National Cemetery and DRAUGAS.

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture held the grand opening of its new museum building and it was indeed a gala event. Many of our

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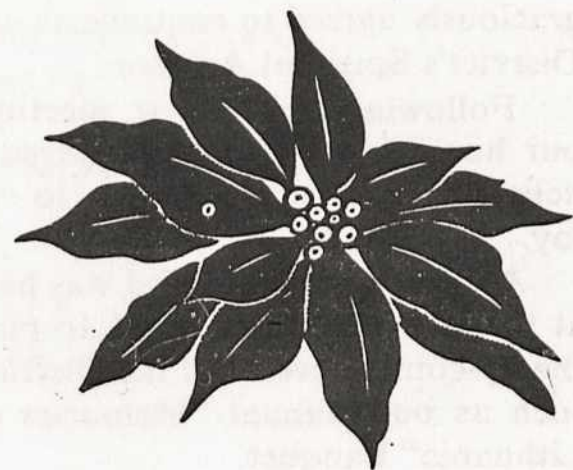
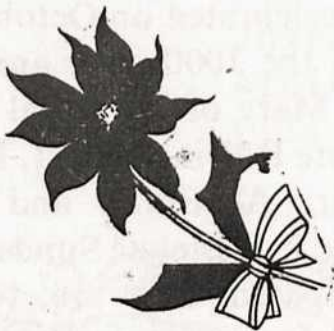
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members are "Founders" and continue to actively support this most worthy Lithuanian project. The K of L Choir under the direction of Maestro Faustas Strolia and soloist Algerd Brazis performed at the Gala and Frank/Eleanor Zapolis and Denise/John Vaikutis were among the committee planners. A great tribute was paid to our beloved Lith. Cons. Gen. Josephine Dauzvardis, Emer. during the program.

Our condolences to former Chicagoan Loretta Kassel Stukas and her entire family on the death of her father, Paul Kassel.

Our Annual Convention Meeting was held in October with C24 Chicago as hosts at the Marian Monastery. As usual, both the Marian Fathers and Father Peter Cibulskis and the members of C24 and Pres. John Paukstis were most cordial in their welcome and reception.

Elected to serve as District Officers for 1986-1987 were: President Algerd Brazis; 1st VP (Ass't to Pres.) Irene Sankus; 2nd VP (Membership) Eleanor Kasputis; 3rd VP (Juniors) Maria Deksnis; Sec'y. Mary Juzenas; Treas. Albert Zakarka; Trustees Paul Binkis Jr., John Paukstis, Vincent Samaska; Sgts.-at-Arms Walter Kalvaitis, Vyto Abraitis, Vincent Neberieza, Joseph Martikonis.

Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas graciously agreed to continue as our District's Spiritual Advisor.

Following the regular meeting, our hosts and hostesses prepared a delicious buffet for everyone to enjoy.

A meeting of the Board was held at the home of Gerry Mack to plan the up-coming events of the District, such as our Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet.

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## C-24 — CHICAGO



John Paukstis, President of Council 24, presents the "K of L Survivor's Plaque" to Past President Bruce Neberieza for being a "good sport" at their annual dinner banquet.

Council 24 recently honored its Past President Bruce Neberieza before a capacity crowd at their annual Prime Roast Dinner at the Lithuanian National Guard Banquet Hall.

Neberieza, a police officer, is assigned to Area 3, Violent Crimes Division. Bruce is also past com-

mander of the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post. Bruce and his wife Sally have three children, Andrew, David and Sarah.

Jack Paukstis, president, made the presentation of the K of L Survivor's Plaque to Bruce for being a good sport.

## C-112 — CHICAGO

We were pleased to have an outstanding attendance at our October business meeting as we had a special guest speaker. Raymondas Lapas presented a film made by Charles Matuzis and his brother for the 1939 New York World's Fair. The film was interesting and informative. Mr. Lapas also gave a brief presentation on his book "It Happened on the Silver Screen: Lithuanian Ethnic Cinematography 1909-1979." Thanks to hostess for the evening, Philomena Vilutis, for bringing all the goodies which put the finishing touch to this pleasant and informative evening.

Congratulations to Al and Alice Cekanor on celebrating 51 years of togetherness in August and to Al and Julie Zakarka who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on October 9.

Also congratulatory bouquets to Rob Mockus who conducted and directed the music in the beautiful Mass written by Franz Schubert which was celebrated on October 19 in honor of the 100th year anniversary of St. Mary of Perpetual Help Church where Rob is organist. The K of L Choir, Al Brazis and new member Eglė Rukštelytė Sundstrom also participated and are to be commended for their excellent performances. If, while singing Psalm 98, you thought the music was no



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familiar to you, you were right. Rob wrote the music especially for this Centennial Mass. Approximately 900 people, including many K of L members, attended this two-hour long special Mass.

Following our November business meeting, First and Second Degrees were awarded. Congratulations to First Degree recipients: Susan Binkis, Peter Burns, Matt & Philomena Valutis and John & Elizabeth Wilkes. Also congratulations to the Second Degree recipients: Mary Banky, Antoinette Barvitz, Aldona Brazis and Zena Savokaitis Gallagher.

Many of our members assisted at the annual fall Fun Fair at Nativity BVM Church on November 15 by working at the Council 112 wine and

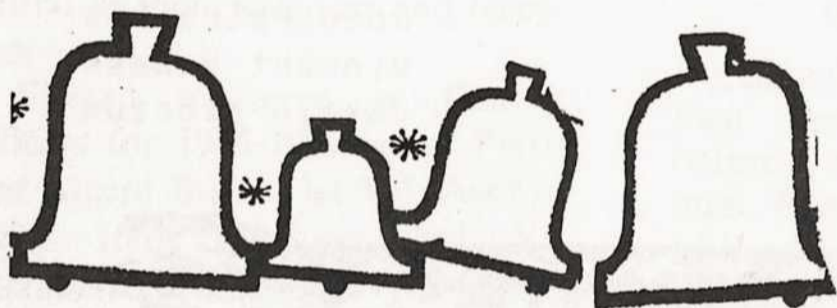
deli booth and the refreshments bar was chaired by Julie Zakarka and Mary Juzenas and featured only lady bartenders wearing eye-catching big bow ties, sparkling neckties, flashing head bands and other items. Needless to say, the bar attracted a bit of attention.

Our Champagne Brunch on November 23 was proclaimed a huge success for the second consecutive year. The potato peeling crew consisted of Susan & Paul Binkis, Ruth & Al Dagis, and Julie & Al Zakarka who peeled 100 lbs of potatoes. They worked quickly and diligently to get ready the makings of the next day's kugel. Board members and committee worked equally as hard on the day itself to make it the success it was. Chairlady Susan Binkis is to be commended

for her hard work. Our Juniors, too, were such a big help pitching in where needed to replenish the sweets and coffee for 180 guests whom we served. They were ready and willing when called upon to do almost anything. Chalk this up as another great successful event for our council. Thanks to the ever hard-working committee people.

Get well wishes to Ann Marie Juraitis who is recovering from recent surgery. Welcome to new members Angela Krauceliunas and Eglė Rukstelytė Sundstrom.

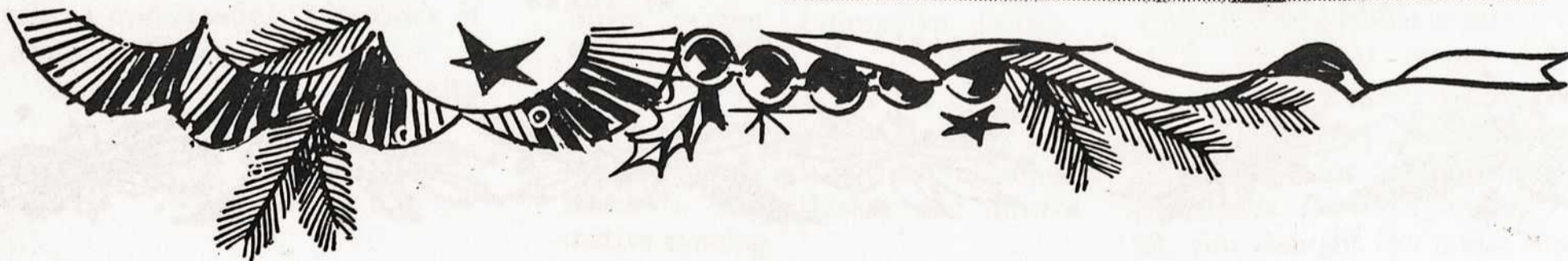
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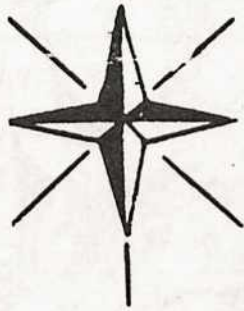


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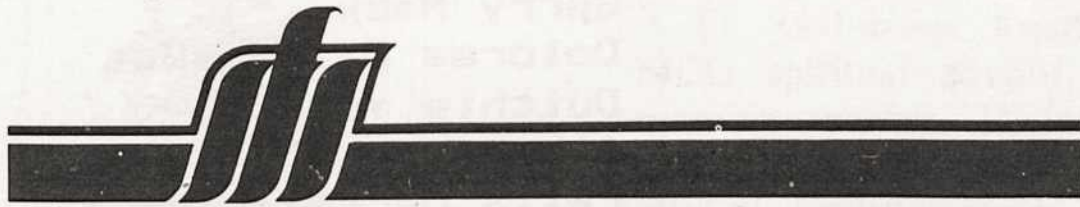
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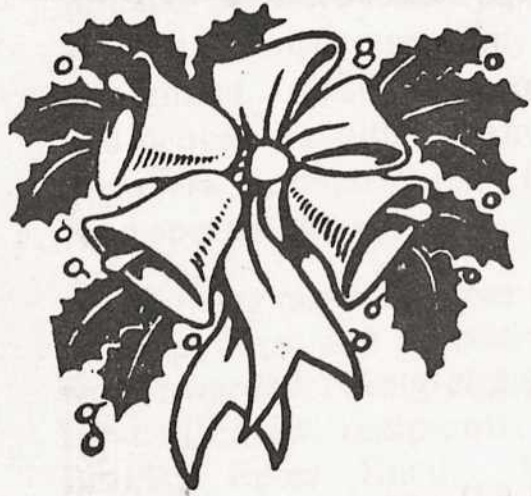
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Extend  
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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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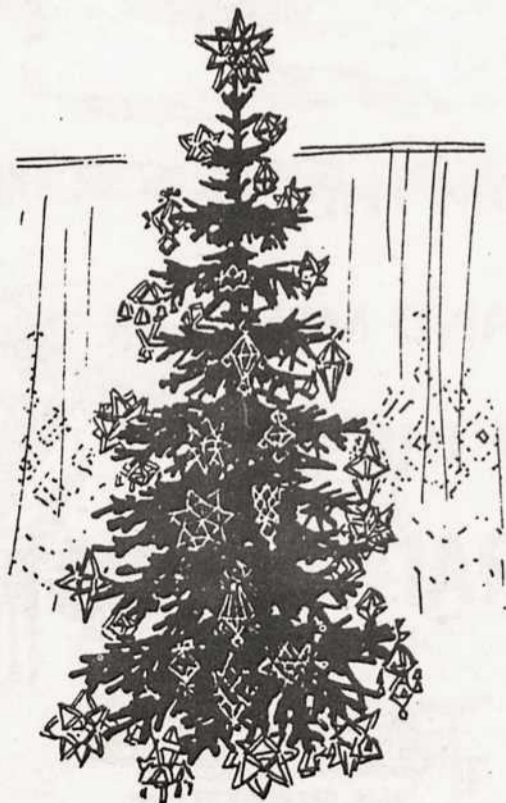
We wish to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 1987 to "VYTIS" and all members of the Knights of Lithuania.

During 24 years of its existence, the Lithuanian Foundation has contributed nearly \$1,800,000 to support Lithuanian educational, cultural, research and literary endeavors. Our members number over 5,700.

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**MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT**



The Mid-Central Fall Convention and Pilgrimage was held on September 26-28, 1986, in Cleveland, Ohio. Frances Petkus (C-96) president, opened the convention's first session at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, at the Holiday Inn's Cambridge Room, Wickliffe, Ohio.

Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, SJ, MCD spiritual advisor, was the morning speaker. He spoke very interestingly on the 600th anniversary of Christianity in Lithuania. Listening to Father's talk one had to appreciate the hours of research that went into his talk. He told us of what went on before 1387 when Lithuania finally received Christianity. The MCD presented Father with a bronze commemorative medallion.

The Knights of Lithuania are planning their Christianity Jubilee Tour to Rome in June of 1987. During this tour all will partake in the special Mass and the Beatification of Archbishop Goerge Matulaitis. Also, all Knights will be granted a private audience with Pope John Paul II during this visit.

After a luncheon for all the delegates and members, our meeting opened at 2 p.m. Guest speaker, Dr. Viktoras Stankus, spoke in regard to all naturalized citizen's rights in this country and the collaboration of the OSI with the KGB. The United States should not take the word of the Soviets in prosecuting people in our courts. A little known fact is that Lithuania was the first country to put

Nazis on trial in the thirties.

Fran Petkus reported that the book, "Darius and Girėnas", was presented to the Dayton Aviation Hall of Fame. Since this is a national museum and will attract visitors from all over, it is hoped that Darius and Girėnas will get more recognition and eventually may get the commemorative stamp for which we all have worked so hard.

Marion Gray (C-25) was the MCD delegate to the National Convention in Allentown and gave a thorough and interesting report on the proceedings.

Election of officers took place and the new officers are Fr.

Gediminas Kijauskas SJ (C-25), spiritual advisor; Frances Petkus (C-96), president; Aldona Ryan (C-96), first vice president special projects; Ruth Guzauskas (C-25), second vice president, membership; John Baltrus (C-86), third vice president juniors; Thomas Bruzga (C-86), treasurer; William Kolicius (C-19), and Charles Machutas (C-25), trustees; Mary Vaglia (C-19), Lithuanian affairs; Sally Miller (C-96), cultural chairman; Alvina Luiza (C-25), ritual chairman; Vince Gray (C-25), public relations and Vytis correspondent.

Sunday morning the delegates and guests participated at Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

at which time all the newly elected officers were sworn in by Fr. Kijauskas.

A dinner after Mass was served at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid. We then gathered in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the names of our deceased members were called out by a member of their respective councils while a lighted candle was placed on the Altar in their memory. A very touching and impressive ceremony ended our weekend.

The next MCD Convention will be hosted by C-96 Dayton.

Vince Gray



**MAY HIS PEACE BE WITH YOU  
THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR**

**FROM THE  
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

**OF THE  
MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT**



JĖZUI GARBĖ ATIDUOKIM,  
ŠIANDIEN MUMS UŽGINUSIAM!



LIETUVOS VYČIŲ  
19ta KUOPA  
ŠV. KAZIMIERO PARAPIJA  
PITTSBURGH, PA

HARVEST  
GREETINGS  
AND  
MANY BLESSINGS



TO ALL OF  
OUR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FRIENDS  
DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND THE COMING NEW YEAR!



COUNCIL 40



EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

### ŠVENTOJI NAKTIS

*Kotryna Grigaitytė*



Per baltą sniego pūką,  
Šviesiais žvaigždžių keliais,  
Šventasis Kūdikėlis  
Į žemę nusileis.

Nubraukti ašarėlių,  
Paguodos rast vargę;  
Į Betliejaus tvartelį  
Mes skubam pas Tave.

Gimtinės kančią nešam  
Širdelėje mažoj, —  
Įžiebk saulytę skaisčią  
Tėvynėj Lietuvoj.

### LINKĖJIMAI

Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų  
ir  
Laimingų Naujų Metų

Vince & Marion Gray  
C-25 Cleveland



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Merry Christmas*

THE RAZAUSKAS FAMILY  
C-96 DAYTON

## C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

Among the heartiest of our late summer bloomers was our good ole annual Family Day Picnic on August 16. Each member was provided with delicious food, liquid refreshments and entertainment by Charlie Mitchell. Kudos to a fine committee, chaired by Marge Nashlon.

The picnic committee consisted of Joseph Yakstys, co-chairman; Ed Sackle, horseshoe tournament; Marianne Newberry, Mary Keller and Richard Danielak, food department. President Smailis was in charge of ladies jarts game and tickets. Mrs. Rukstele made her delicious kopūstai. Joseph Yakstys won the 50/50 drawing; Karen Panavas was the lucky winner of the ladies lawn jarts; Leo Smilgis took top prize in the horseshoe tournament. Fr. V. Krisciunevicius came after the evening Mass to root for the winners and the players.

Later on the skies occasionally spattered some raindrops, but that did not deter those who were playing cards or other games. There was a fancy array of umbrellas that sprung out, and the 79'ers continued to stay and enjoy the picnic.



**Awards winners at C-79 Family Day Picnic (L-R) Ed Sackle, Karen Panavas, Leo Smilgiss and President Maggie Smailis**

Another gathering buzzing with activity was the third annual luncheon and card party on September 24 at Divine Providence Cultural Center. Following a catered

hot luncheon, games of your choice were played with door and table prizes. The event was jointly sponsored by Council 79 and Chapter 54 of ALRC Women's Alliance. The success was largely due to a fine committee and wonderful donors of various items. Labai ačiū to everyone.

Enlightening and informative was the fine report given by President Smailis on the National Convention in Allentown. Maggie and her grandson Chip Newberry served as delegates. Following business sessions there were get-togethers, cultural and social events. A wonderful hospitality was extended to all the delegates and guests. The next convention is planned for Kansas City.

Cultural chairperson Stella Hotra reported an informative item on "Fables in the Sky," a legend of the beliefs of Lithuanian people of various myths of the moon and the sun.

Lithuanian affairs chairperson Helen Santorum reported from Bridges on the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and the radiation that has escaped over Lithuania. Our prayers and good wishes to the people in Lithuania that God will give her people strength to bear suffering and the misfortune of Chernobyl.

Our pastor Fr. V. Krisciunevicius read a letter from the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport requesting donations to aid support for the education of the novice students and priests. Council 79 responded with a donation of \$100 plus individual contributions. The September meeting ended with a fine social by Cynthia Ostrowski.

Betty & Bob Petroski returned from a memorable visit with their daughter Betty Ann Quinn in California. Stella & Walter Hotra enjoyed a fall vacation in Philadelphia visiting relatives. Sophie & Goerge Leskosky popped into town from their Florida abode for a visit with grandchildren and

attended a lovely 40th wedding anniversary of Aurora & Joe Kent, neighbors in Allen Park.

Members enjoyed a showing of the Shroud of Turin at the Divine Providence Cultural Center on October 12.

Our sincere sympathy to the Salas family, Lenny, Edward and Ann, upon the death of their mother Monica Salas on October 1. Some years back she was a dedicated worker for our annual pre-Lenten chicken dinners which became a popular event at the old Divine Providence Church. Please remember Monica in your prayers. Amžina atilsj suteik jai Viešpatie!

Congratulations to Fr. J. Walter Stanievich, former national K of L spiritual advisor, who celebrated his 45th anniversary in the priesthood with Mass of Thanksgiving on October 26 at St. Mark's Church where he is pastor. Our prayerful good wishes for further success in his priestly duties.

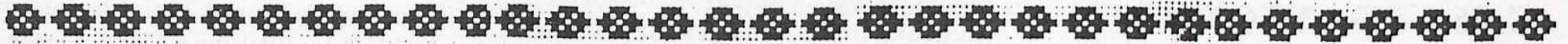
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### COUNCIL 102 Detroit, Michigan

**HOSTS OF THE 1987  
MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT  
CONVENTION AND  
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**



**WISHES TO ALL K OF L'RS  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



*Linksmu  
Kalėdu Švenčių*

**Merry Christmas**

1986



*Laimingų  
Naujų Metų!*

**Happy New Year**

1987

**COUNCIL — 25  
CLEVELAND, OHIO**



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

**LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ  
LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ**

**COUNCIL 79**

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH**

**Southfield, Michigan**



## C-96 — DAYTON

Two of our members, Petrona and William Anthony, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21. A reception was held in the church hall following Saturday night Mass. They recently moved from Torrington, Connecticut, and joined our council. Congratulations!

Elizabeth Zeller, our Columbus member, was recently presented with an award from the program "Outstanding Young Women of America" in recognition of her outstanding abilities, accomplishments and service to her community. Christine Kavy, daughter of Stan and Ida Kavy, is another recipient of this award in our community. This award is presented on behalf of the Outstanding Young Women of America Board of Advisors in Montgomery, Alabama.

Veda Gecas, daughter of Joe and Eugenia Gecas, was graduated from the University of Dayton and was commissioned Second Lieutenant two hours after the graduation ceremony. She is now located at the Army Base and NASA Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Congratulations to Joyce and John Berczelly on the birth of their third child, Andrew Michael.

James Pacovsky and Elena Mikalauskas are happy these days. They received scholarships from the Knights of Lithuania. Jamie is attending the University of Dayton and Elena goes to Wright State University.

Just heard that Stan Kavy was induced into the local Softball League Hall of Fame.

August 3 was the date of our annual family picnic held at the Siebenthaler Cabin on Lamme Road. Forty-four members and

guests attended. It was nice to see the Zeller family from Columbus join us on this beautiful day. Chefs George Mikalauskas, Joe E. Mantz and Kitty Prasmantas prepared the delicious barbecue chicken. Covered dishes included many delectable items. The younger set kept busy playing volley ball preceded by a canoe outing. Council president Fran Petkus conducted a short business meeting before the meal.

Our Vėjeliai Dancers put on their usual good performance at the "Mid-Fest" in Middletown on October 4. This was a huge International Festival similar to Dayton's "World A'Faire" where dancers of many nationalities participate. Food from all countries was featured.

On September 7, twenty-three members and guests met at Calvary Cemetery to visit the graves of our deceased members and placed a flower on each one. This is an annual event.

Cecelia Yankus



MAY  
THE PEACE AND JOY  
THAT IS  
THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS  
BE EVERY K OF L'ers GIFT  
THIS SEASON

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



Christmas Blessings  
To You All



ARCHIVES COMMITTEE  
Longinas Svelnis, Chairman

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Kalėdu Švenčių  
Laimingų  
Naujų Metų!*

Council 78

Lawrence



Vince and Clem  
Miles



LINKSMŪ KALĖDŲ  
Regina (Gerutis) Kot

To All Our Friends and Fellow Knights

We Wish A

*Linksmų Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų*

1987

600 Metų Lietuvos  
Dievui ir Tėvyniai



1988

Vyčių 75 metų  
Dievui ir Tėvynei

**Mid-Atlantic District**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**and**

**MEMBER COUNCILS**



### IN MEMORIAM

Lawrence (Larry) Janonis

Died Nov. 9, 1986

Member C-12, New York  
President

### NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN...

On November 9, 1986, the Knights of Lithuania lost one of its most able leaders,

LAWRENCE (LARRY) JANONIS

We will always remember Larry for his ability to "wield" the gavel and as the great "parliamentarian" of the K of L.

Larry's long association with the Knights began in 1937 when he joined C-130 Bronx, NY. He served as general chairman for two national conventions and served as presidium chairman or vice-chairman of each National Convention since 1960.

He was awarded Honorary Membership in 1977. Well aware of the needs for good leadership, Larry conducted many leadership training seminars of the K of L.

On behalf of all the members of the Knights of Lithuania, we extend our condolences to his wife, Jeanne, who herself has been another special asset to the K of L, and his family.

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

*linki visiems Lietuvos Vyčiams, visiems lietuviams ir Lietuvos mylėtojams*

*LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ!*

*A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR*

FROM THE BIG APPLE  
HOME OF  
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA  
COUNCIL 12  
ED COOK — PRESIDENT



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

**LIETUVOS VYČIŲ 12 KUOPA**

**AUŠROS VARTŲ PARAPIJA, MANHATTAN, NEW YORK**

## C-29 — NEWARK

We held our 71st Annual Dinner Dance on October 18 at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. The festivities began with a cocktail hour chaired by Anne O'Neill. Anne and her gourmet committee worked hard for days preparing all the goodies, and they deserve a big hand for the job well done. Our thanks also to Joe Loveikas for mixing the best cocktails ever. A full course roast beef dinner followed and music for dancing was furnished by Joe Thomas and his band. Chairlady Mary Stonis and her committee are to be commended for their efforts in making this affair one of our best.

Our annual election was held October 19, and our new officers and committee chairpersons are as follows: President, Kazys Sipaila; Vice President, Bernard Skripata; Recording Secretary, Margie Brazaitis; Corresponding Secretary, Betty Luciw; Treasurer, Adele Urbanis; Financial Secretary, Rita Sussko; Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. John Scharnus; Trustees, Walter Sharon, Valentinos Tumelis, Eva Coll; Lithuanian Affairs, Dangoule Didzbolis; Cultural, Emelia Sadonis; Ritual, Anne O'Neill, Chairman, Rita Sussko, Viola Skripata; Religious, Mary Honeyman; Vytis Correspondent, Eva Coll; Sergeant at Arms, Adele Matthews and Walter Brazaitis. Congratulations to all and have a good year!

Our heartfelt sympathies to Joseph Sakevich and his family on the loss of his beloved wife Eleanor. Our condolences also to Jeanne Janonis on the loss of her beloved husband Larry. We will miss both Eleanor and Larry. We pray for their eternal rest.

EVA COLL

## C-46 — FOREST CITY

Since Forest City was founded, we have had six ethnic Catholic churches. One of these churches is the Greek Catholic and under a different bishop. About ten years ago, Forest

City was featured on "Believe It or Not" as the smallest town that could boast of six Catholic and four Protestant churches in a town with a population of 6000. Since then, our population has fallen to 2000 and two of our Protestant churches were closed.

Recently we were frustrated because Bishop Timlin decided to close two of our ethnic churches: namely, the Lithuanian and Slovak. They are the smallest with the lowest number of parishioners. Needless to say, we were deeply hurt to know that we were going to lose our Lithuanian church.

We have two Catholic priests, and we felt that these two priests could celebrate Sunday Masses throughout our five churches. All five churches are self-supporting, structurally well built and cosmetically beautiful. The Lithuanian Church is by far the newest and most unique of all five because it is the only Gothic church.

Fortunately Council 46 became concerned and decided to try to save our church. A committee was formed and audiences with Bishop Baltakis and Bishop Timlin were held. Father Sitko and Council 74 of Scranton helped us in our cause. Our committee expressed themselves so strongly, and as a result both of our churches were saved and will continue to have one Mass read every Sunday by our local pastors Father Sitko and Father Sulicki.

This fine job was well done by a deserving competent committee and now it is up to us as parishioners to keep on supporting our church to the best of our ability.

We want to thank all who helped us to save our church and a special thank you to Bishop Baltakis and Marie Laske of C-74.

Blanche Motsko



## LINKSMŲ ŠVENČIŲ



Peter Kasilionis,  
C-52, Elizabeth

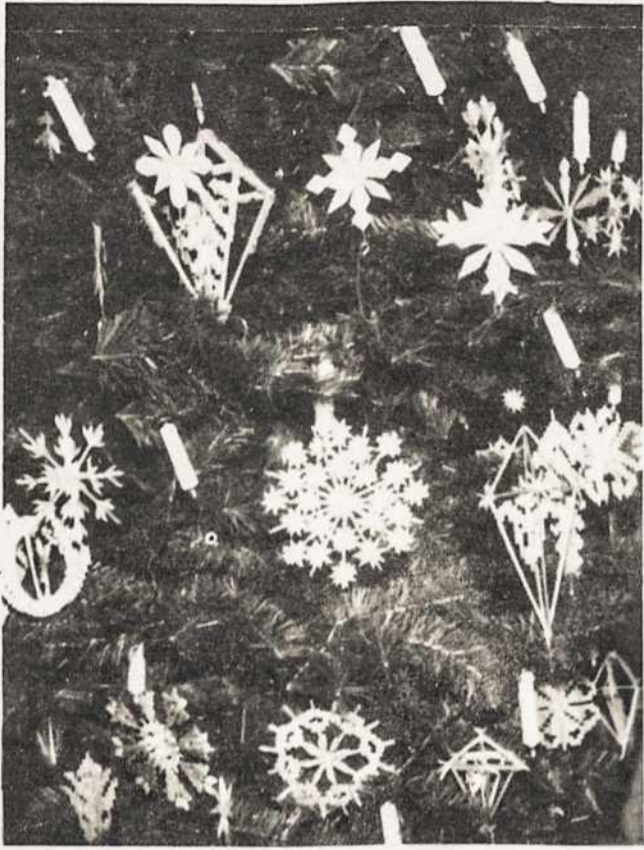


Helen T. Shields C-3  
Honorary Member

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COUNCIL 46  
FOREST CITY, PA.



Straw Christmas ornaments  
exhibited by  
Lithuanian Folk Art Institute of Toronto  
(Lietuviu Tautodailies Institutas)  
at the  
Lithuanian Cultural Center  
Brooklyn, New York

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA. BROOKLYN COUNCIL-41

Officers and Members  
wish all a

\*\*\* MERRY CHRISTMAS 1986 and HAPPY NEW YEAR 1987 \*\*\*

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|---|---|
| - Rev. Danielius Staniskis                | Spiritual Advisor                             |
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Best Wishes for Christmas 1986  
and the New Year 1987!

Helen V. Kulber  
President, Brooklyn Council-41  
Knights of Lithuania

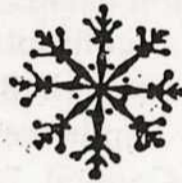
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IR  
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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

ANNIE MITCHELL MATULEVIČIUTE  
Honorary Member  
C-52 - ELIZABETH, N.J.



BEST WISHES  
TO ALL



FOR A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR  
COUNCIL-52,  
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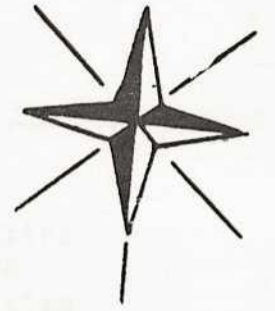
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**Merry Christmas**

**Happy New Year!**



# Holiday Greetings



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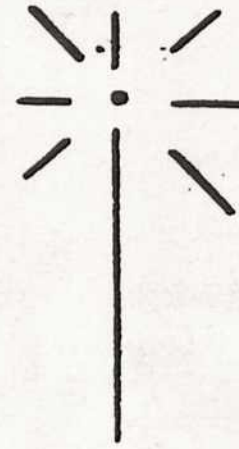


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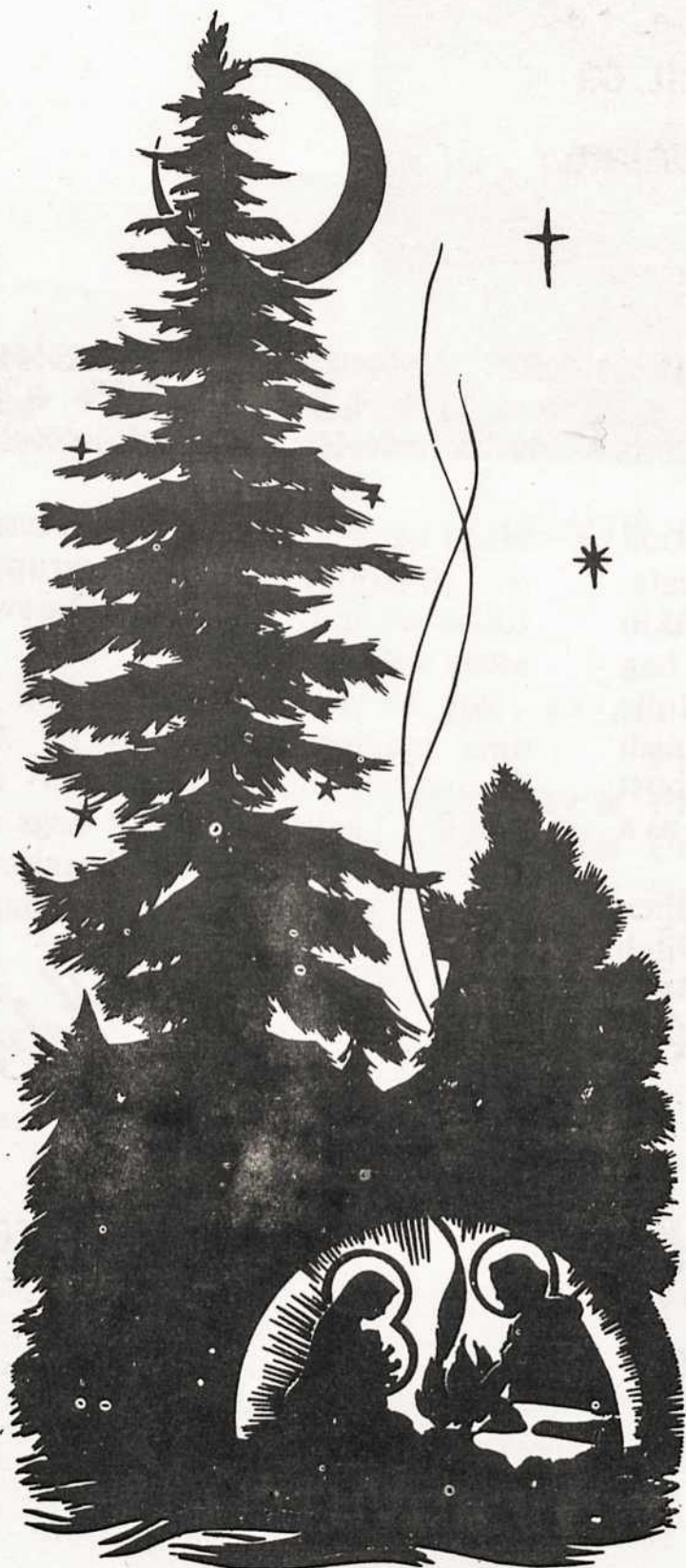
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TO ALL THE KNIGHTS SO FAR AND NEAR,  
WE SEND OUR HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER,  
WE PRAY TO THE SWEET PRINCE OF LOVE,  
TO BESTOW HIS BLESSINGS FROM ABOVE!

*Council 74*

*Scranton, Pa.*



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LINKIME VISIEMS VYČIAMS  
IR JŲ ŠEIMOMS



COUNCIL 63  
LEHIGH VALLEY

### C-74 — SCRANTON

Council 74 had a Halloween Party after the October meeting. The chairpersons were Mary & Jerry Costello. Mary came as a southern belle while Jerry impersonated Mickey Mouse.

Dick Laske looked his usual self dressed as a devil with a pitchfork. Masquerading as Dr. Vytautas,

Marie Laske was taking blood pressure and checking heart beats. Gypsy Ann Lisowski was dressed in the Lithuanian tri-colors. Our bag lady was Sarah Lescavage, and Julie Krutlis was a beatnik. Ruth Yanish surprised all dressed as a ghost along with her husband Casimir as a judge.

Our meeting was in progress when Rose Stanchis dressed as a witch

made her appearance with a basket of poisoned apples, wrapped tomatoes and garlic. Then she swept away with her broom.

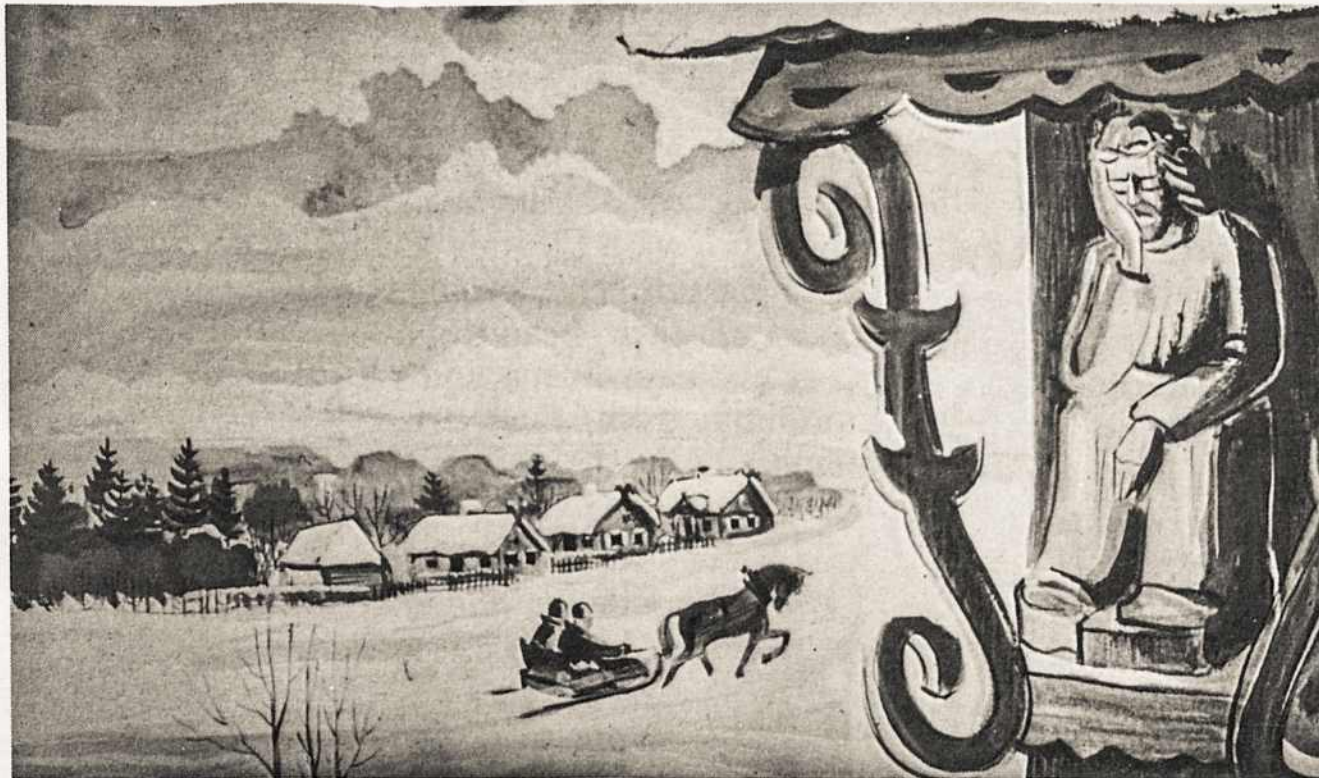
All the young at heart had a fun time playing games led by Ann Lisowski. Jean Kavelinas and Richard Laske served hot dogs and sauerkraut, cider and doughnuts. Marie Laske gave everyone a bag of goodies.

*Linksmų Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų*



Your friends from  
Council 74  
Scranton, PA

LINKIME VISIEMS VYČIAMS IR PAVERGTIEMS LIETUVOJE  
LINKSMŲ ŠV. KALĖDŲ IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲJŲ 1987 METŲ !



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MASPETH COUNCIL 110

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## C-110 — MASPETH

On the whole our 1985-86 year was a huge success as measured by the increases in membership, finance and social activity. As to getting off to a good start for 1986-87 year, council members and friends attended Mass and Novena at Transfiguration Church on September 15 for the persecuted church of Lithuania.

The council was saddened to hear that Adele A. Dausickas, secretary, declined to be a candidate for reelection. The members feel that the success achieved by this council has been attained in large measure due to her earnest efforts and untiring devotion to this council and the Knights of Lithuania. The members want to express their gratitude and good wishes to Adele for success in whatever endeavor she undertakes.

Our 1986-87 newly elected officers are Jonas Adomenas, president; Anthony Yakaitis, first vice president; Alphonse Kraujalis, second vice president; Helen Yakaitis, treasurer; Jean Mactutis, financial secretary; Paul Michael Kazas, recording secretary; Edward Sirgidas, Anthony Migliore, Walter Klosis, trustees; Theresa Dagus, Roscoe Gilbert, sergeant at arms.

Committee chairpersons are Frances Migliore, cultural; Peter Yuskevich, program; Violet Zvirblis, public relations and Stasia Kraujalis, ritual. John C. Dugan is Vytis correspondent and Maria Stungurys serves as junior counselor.

The council at its October meeting generously donated \$1000 toward the purchase of new electric votive lights for Transfiguration Church.

On October 5, 40 members and friends were very disappointed in not being able to attend the Mid-Atlantic meeting in Amsterdam. This disappointment was due to the lack of bus service which was contracted and paid for and not fulfilled by the bus company.

Eighty members and friends took a Hula Holiday to the Hawaiian Islands in October with a stopover at Las Vegas on their return flight.

On October 25, Msgr. John Balkunas, pastor emeritus, and Father Stanley Raila, parochial vicar, of Transfiguration were cited

## C-118 — HAZLETON

Our council's newly-elected president John Lapinsky was happy to announce that our first cultural event was a success. Valerie and Joe Dancho along with Eleanor Kassick chaired the event. They brought and displayed all their beautiful dolls, jewelry, pictures, linens and other memorabilia from their trips to Lithuania. All the pieces were authentic.

Julia Solonoski, Doris Shanahan and Alma Launikonis added color to the event by wearing Lithuanian costumes.

Many parishioners visited our display after the three Sunday Masses. Refreshments were made and served by all our Knights.

Dolores Yosavage, a new member, made beautiful Lithuanian dolls and donated them for our affair. They attracted a lot of attention and sold quickly.



Julia Solonoski admires display

for their contributions to Catholic Religious Aid on its 25th anniversary. Services for this celebration were held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Manhattan, and dinner followed at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Joseph C. Dugan

So many people were impressed with the artistic ability of the Lithuanian people that we are looking forward to sponsoring a similar cultural program in the future.

ALMA LAUNIKONIS



Joe and Valerie Dancho, Co-Chairpersons of C-118 Cultural Festival



Eleanor Kassick, one of program's co-chairpersons, assists at Lithuanian doll display





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LAIMINGIAUSIŲ IR GERIAUSIŲ NAUJŲJŲ METŲ  
LINKI BROLIAMS IR SESĖMS VYČIAMS

*Linksmas laikas Kalėdos  
Pamirštam kasdienines bėdas,  
Šviesos blykčioja, muzika groja,  
Vieni gieda, kiti dainuoja.  
Gražu, gražu šiuo laiku,  
Linkim visiems, švenčiu linksmų.  
Linkim sveikatos, laimės, ramybės,  
Pasaulį taikos, dvasios stiprybės,  
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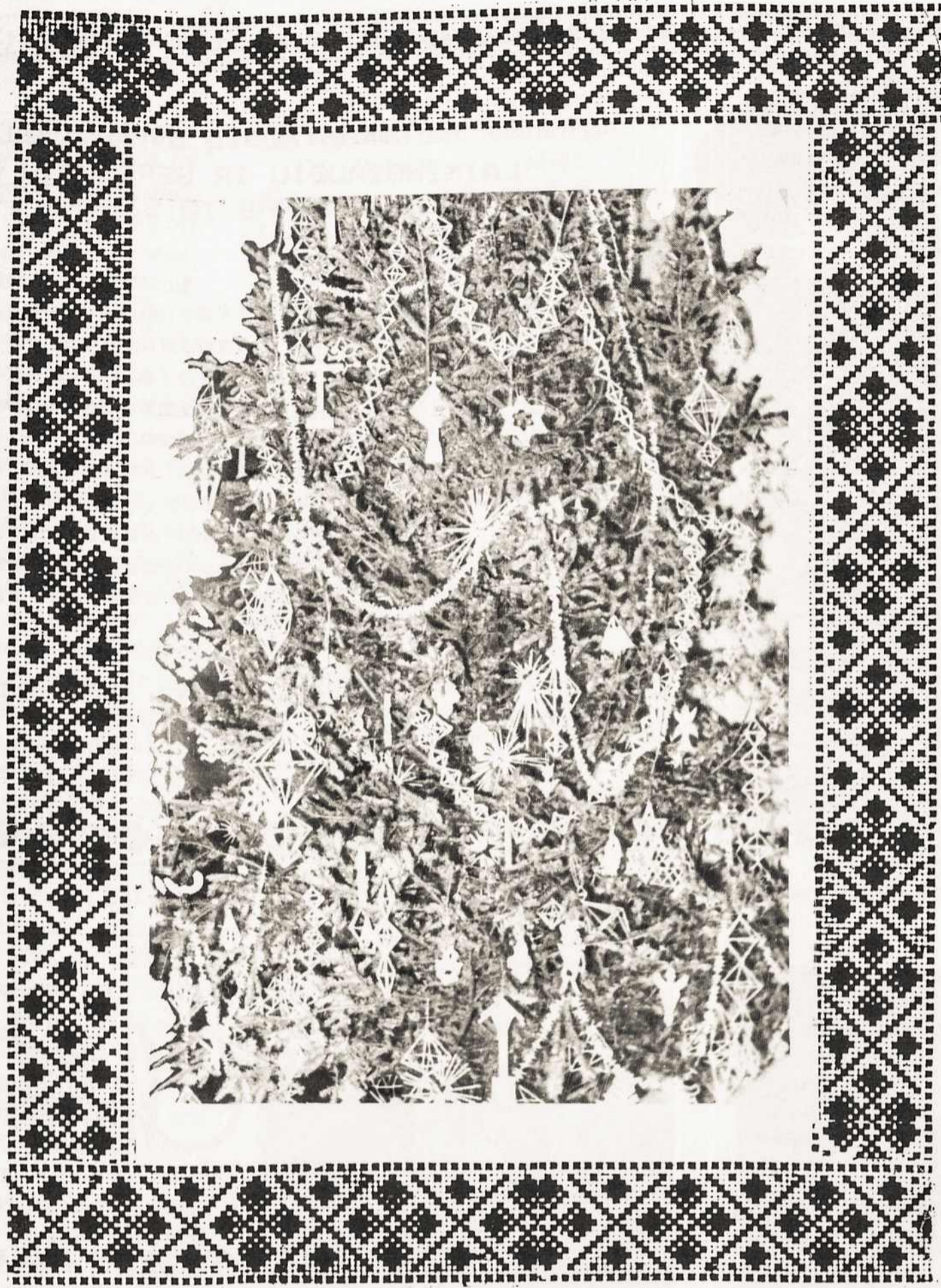


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**Anthracite Council 144**

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**



## LITHUANIAN COLLEGE IN ROME BENEFITS FROM LITHUANIAN DAY AT ROCKY GLEN

Our sincere thanks to Jack Joseph and the 72nd Annual Lithuanian Day Committee for a successful day. We appreciate the help of the members of C-143 Pittston: Ann Challan for her work with the program advertising, Leo Butsavage for the ushers at Mass and Nellie Bayoras for her cultural display.

Ačiū to the Lithuanian Alliance and Msgr. Frank Yashkas for commemorating their 100th Jubilee at the Lithuanian Day Mass; to the officers, Ed Carlitus, Anne Carlitus and Helen Chesko for their dedication and hard work; to Eleanor Vaičaitis and her committee for the decorations; to Anna Zaldaris and all who assisted her in the raffle; to Olympia Zelinski and her sales staff for program books and Leona Joseph and her assistants at the hospitality pavillion.

Our special thanks to Joseph Yezulinas for his pleasant performance and to our National President Frank Petrauskas and all our fellow Knights who helped make the day so successful.



*Anthony Marazos and Charlie Grabusky of C-146 Harrisburg at Lithuanian Day 1986 in Rocky Glen, PA*



*Kristy Marazos (R) of Council 146 Harrisburg in her Lithuanian costume poses proudly with Council News Editor Helen Chesko at Rocky Glen at 1986 Lithuanian Day*

The proceeds will be forwarded to the Lithuanian College in Rome.

Širdingai ačiū to Father Ališauskas of Pittston for all his help and to Msgr. Norkunas of Wilkes Barre for his Benediction. We pray we may be able to continue this beautiful tradition.

*Ačiū visiems*

**August 16, 1987  
Lithuanian Day  
1987  
Rocky Glen Park  
Moosic, PA**

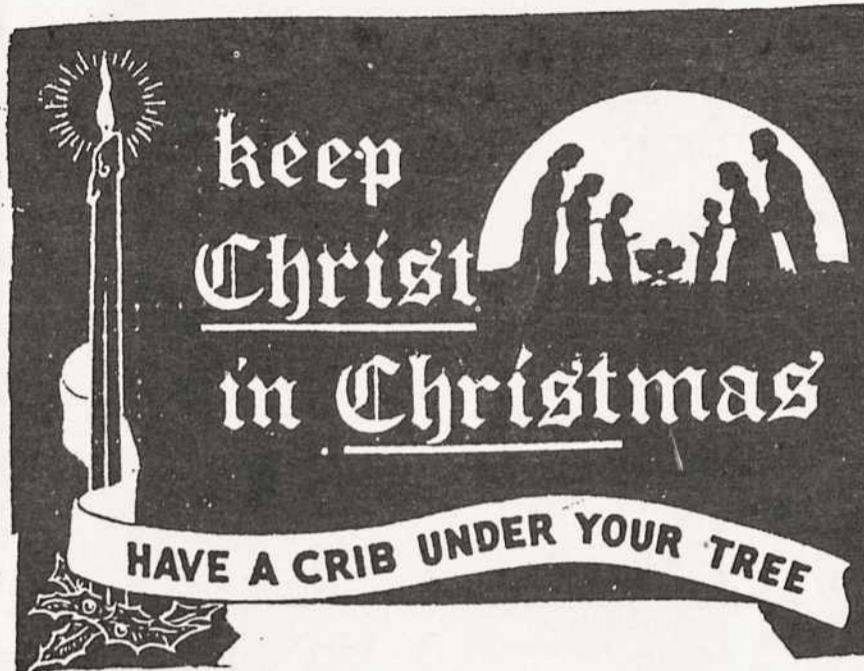


*Joseph Yezulinas (front, right) succeeded Ann Wargo as president of Anthracite Council 144. Pictured in back are the Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, spiritual advisor; Helen*

*Chesko, installing officer; Olympia Zelinski, vice president; Helen Labadis, financial secretary and Ann Dunlap, treasurer. Not on picture Eleanor Yacofski, secretary*

**Council 143**  
**St. Casimir's Pittston, Pa.**

Linksmiausiu  
 Šventų Kalėdų  
 ir  
 Džiaugsmingų  
 Naujųjų Metų



Wishing you  
 a joyful Christmas  
 and a  
 glad New Year!

EXTENDS TO ALL  
 KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

*Council 143 celebrated its tenth anniversary celebration with a Mass at St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, and a dinner at Convention Hall. Most Rev. Paul A. Baltakis,*

*OFM, Titular Bishop of Egara for Lithuanian Catholics living outside of Lithuania, was principal celebrant of the Mass and an honored guest at the dinner*



*Members of C-143 10th Anniversary Committee (L to R) Ursula Danoski, William Daileda, Ann Davala, Ann Challan, Most Rev. Paul Baltakis OFM, Leo Butsavage,*

*Helen Butsavage, Helen Shields, principal speaker, Annamarie Sewatsky and Rev. Peter Alisaukas, Pastor of St. Casimir's, and C-143 Spiritual Advisor*



*Concelebrants of the Mass (L to R): Rev. Julio Serra, OSJ; Rev. Joseph Sibilano, OSJ; Most Rev. Paul A. Baltakis, OFM; Rev. Peter Alisauskas, and Rev. Paul Gerosky*



*C-143 Pres. Leo Butsavage presents Offertory gifts to Bishop Baltakis.*



*Honored guests at anniversary dinner*



*Bishop Baltakis delivers the homily*

## LINKSMŲ RAJONO SVENČIŲ LAIMINGŲ DAUGIJŲ MŪŠŲ

### C-146 — HARRISBURG

Our best wishes go to Frank Petrauskas who was reelected to the presidency of the Supreme Council and congratulations to all the new officers. The convention was enjoyed by seven of our members. Helen & Vity Grabauskas especially enjoyed hearing the Joe Thomas music at the Saturday banquet and the Sunday luncheon because it brought back memories of when he played for their wedding over 30 years ago.

We are proud of Nell Berulis, our financial secretary and treasurer. Nell became a special minister at her parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Congratulations!

On October 4 members attended a Mass for the persecuted Lithuanians at St. Peter's Church in Columbia, the parish of our spiritual advisor Fr. John Smith. We went to a local restaurant and enjoyed dinner and a social evening.

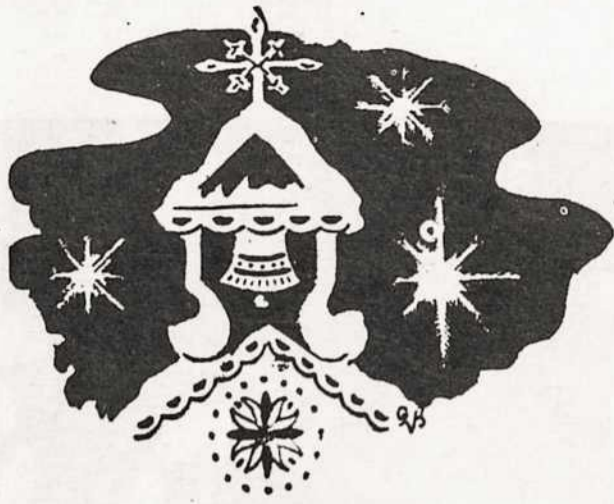
Our November meeting was held at Fr. Smith's cabin on the Susquehanna where he prepared dinner for us. The dinner was delicious. We appreciated his culinary arts. Thanks for a delightful meal. The members brought a nice variety of desserts.

Our council suffered a great loss since John J. Povilaitis died on October 1. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Stephany, his son

John and daughter Joan Suders. He was our Lithuanian affairs chairman and a very faithful member. President Gene Rusatsky led us in the Knights Ritual for our loyal member at the funeral home in Carlisle. Grant him eternal rest!

The Grabauskas, Marazos and Eltringham families picknicked at Rocky Glen on Lithuanian Day in August and enjoyed all the activities of the day. In December Krista Marazos, our Junior, will wear her Lithuanian costume and tell her classmates in the second grade at St. Theresa School in New Cumberland about Christmas in Lithuania.

Helen Grabauskas



**COUNCIL 61**  
PATERSON, NJ  
of the  
**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**

Wishes All

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
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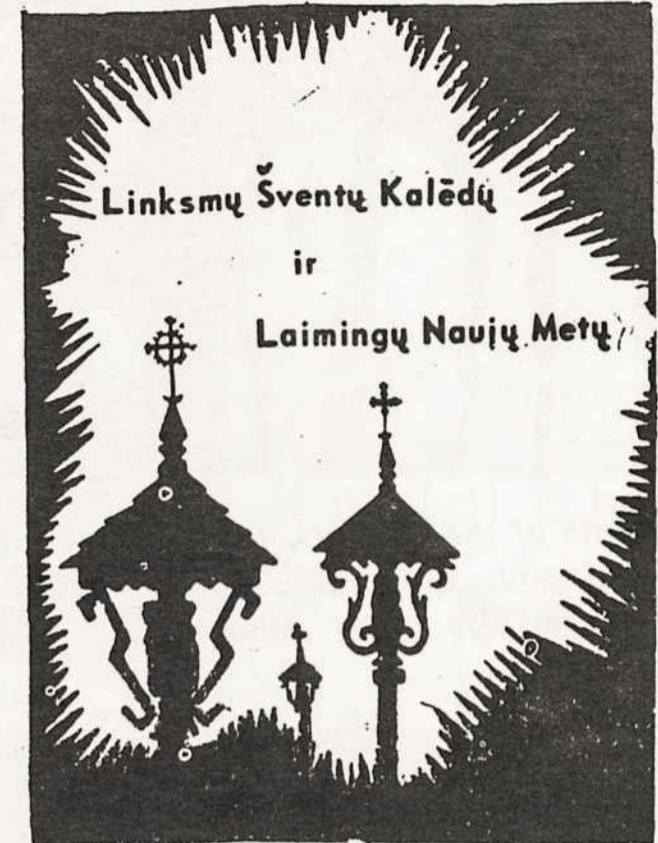
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*Linksmų  
šv. Kalėdų*



**KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA**

**COUNCIL 152**  
**RIVERHEAD**

BEST WISHES  
TO ALL  
FOR A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



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**C-152 — RIVERHEAD**

Congratulations to Julia and John Greicius who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 29. John has been on our sick list for quite a while now but was recovering so nicely that Julia was able to attend our last two meetings. We're also looking forward to John's return soon. "Il-giausiu metu" to a grand couple!

Our council extends deepest sympathy to the Ostroski family on the sudden and tragic death of their young niece Vicki Ann Pilles. Condolences also to Muriel Lekstutis on the loss of her husband John and Jeanne Janonis on the death of her husband Larry. John and Muriel recently transferred to our council from C-110 Maspeth and quickly became part of our family.

Shelly Matthes, daughter of Benita and Frank Matthes, so suddenly stricken with serious illness while attending college classes, is now recuperating at home. Coming along nicely is Irene Sakal, daughter of John and Antoinette Sakal, after her hospital stay.

Wedding bells will be ringing in the Malinauskas household later this year when Stanley Malinauskas' daughter Nora will be married to Tom Lowe of Southlake, Texas.

This year our council participated in the Riverhead Country Fair, an annual event, with a booth where egg decorating and weaving were demonstrated. The public showed great interest in these arts and in spite of foul weather attracted many visitors. The egg decorating was demonstrated by our president, Alice Groff.

Our traveling members recently returned from some very exciting places and heartily recommend visiting all of them. Some traveled to Lithuania and told us of their experiences at our November meeting. Peter Dykovitz, his sixth trip, Bob and Alice Graff, Michael Zukas and Agnes Dunn really enjoyed their trip in spite of many setbacks like a five-hour late start and nine hours to come through customs.

Lucky Alberta Clark! After spending a recent vacation in Alaska, she is now in Florida for the winter.

We congratulate the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Society on their silver jubilee. The Solemn Pontifical Mass for the persecuted Church at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on October 25 celebrating the occasion was truly something special.

The choir of the Church of the Annunciation, Brooklyn, sang beautifully. As members of the choir Angela Minsavitch and Fred Lucka were proud to be part of this celebration.

Our November meeting was well attended and election of officers for the coming year was held. Newly elected are the following: President, John Sakak; First Vice President, Beatrice Lucka; Second Vice President, Felix Zorskis; Recording Secretary, Bertha Laukaitis; Financial Secretary, Anne Tarmey; Treasurer, Charlene Abrohamson; Sergeant at Arms, Peter Dykovitz and Muriel Lekstutis. To the executive board of the last two years, we say thank you. "Sirdinga Aciu" for a job well done. To the new officers, "linkime geros laimes!"

Til we meet again, "Su Diev"

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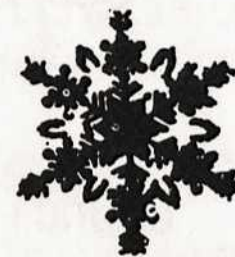
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !

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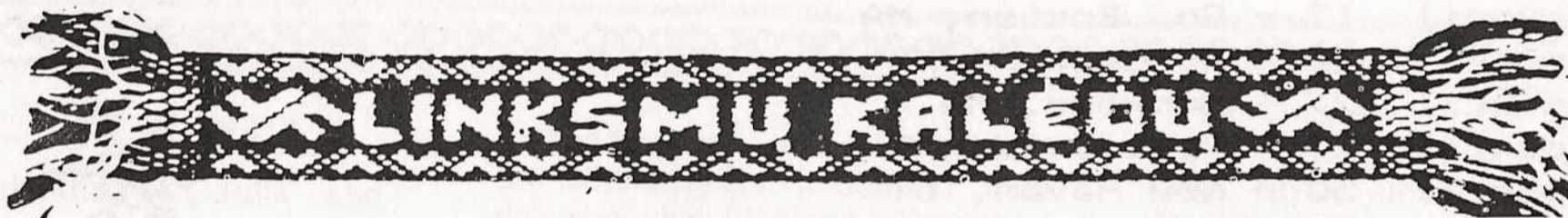
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GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES  
FOR A  
*Happy and Prosperous New Year*



Council 17  
South Boston, Mass.



Council 26  
Worcester, MA

**WISHES TO EXTEND**

*Very Merry Christmas*  
*and*  
*Happy Prosperous New Year*  
*Greetings*





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To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect.

**C-17 — BOSTON**

Council 17 hosted the New England District Fall Convention on September 28. During Mass Adele Martus of our council received the Fourth Degree for dedicated service.

St. Peter's Lithuanian Church Hall was the site of the brunch and convention which followed. Fifteen NED councils sent delegates. The chairman was Albert Jaritis of South Boston.

Several of our members were elected to high district posts. They are Albert Jaritis, president; Alexander Akule, first vice president; Phyliss Gendreau, recording secretary and Joseph White, public relations officer.

The dinner that followed the district convention could have catered a national convention in its variety and abundance of wholesome food and pastries.

Council 17 held elections during the October meeting. Albert Jaritis was elected council president; Adele

Martus became first vice president. The election of financial secretary and recording secretary was postponed because of lack of candidates. Joseph White was reelected treasurer.

Apuokas

**C-26 — WORCESTER**

The oath of office was administered by our spiritual advisor, Father Anthony J. Miciunas MIC to C-26's executive board: president, Rita Pinkus; vice president Mildred Lapinskas; recording secretary, Stephen Walinsky Sr.; financial secretary, Marion Racicot; treasurer, Theodore Pinkus; auditor, William Leseman; sergeant at arms, William Karas; public relations, Virginia Cummings; Lithuanian affairs and cultural, Ann Bender; Vytis correspondent, Olga Kersis.

All this took place following the October supper meeting which featured meat loaf prepared by Rita Pinkus, Mildred Lapinskas and

committee. These supper meetings feature good food and atmosphere and provide an ever-welcome camaraderie, leading to peaceful discussions and positive accomplishments.

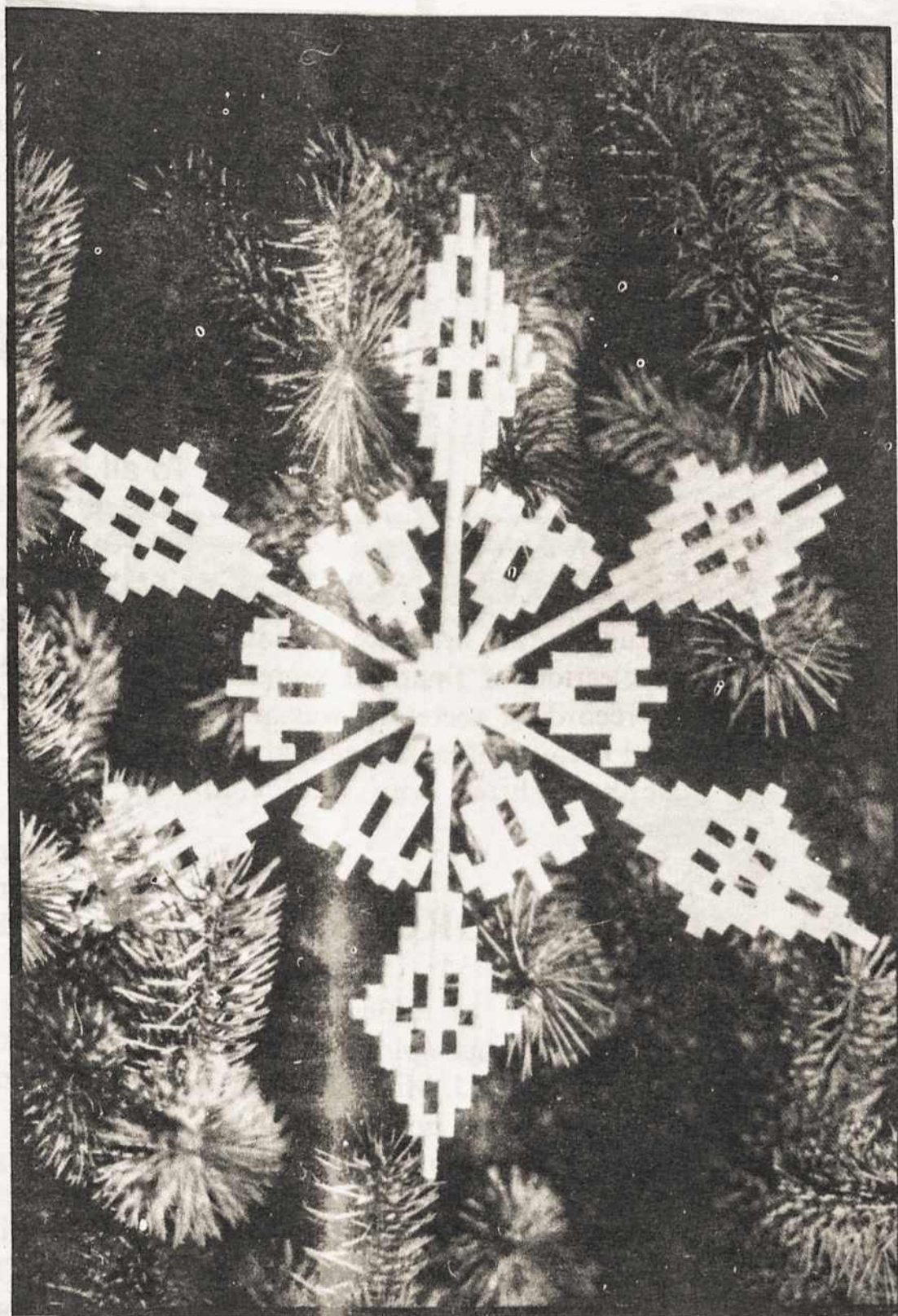
Congratulations to Bea and Tony Anton on the birth of a grandson and to Mr. & Mrs. James Griffin on the birth of their third son. And the warmest of welcome to Beverly Ivanauskas and Joanne & John Jacobson who have rejoined our council.

Congratulations and best wishes to Beverly Ivanauskas and Ronald Valinski who were married at Sacred Heart Church on October 30. Joseph Stoney was named assistant principal at Dartmouth Street School this past fall and it couldn't have happened to a nicer fellow. Congratulations, Joe!

Our sports co-chairpersons, Adele and Francis Degutis, advise that bowling competition is high. For the record, we'd like you to know there are six teams comprised of the following: Team I Capt. Louis

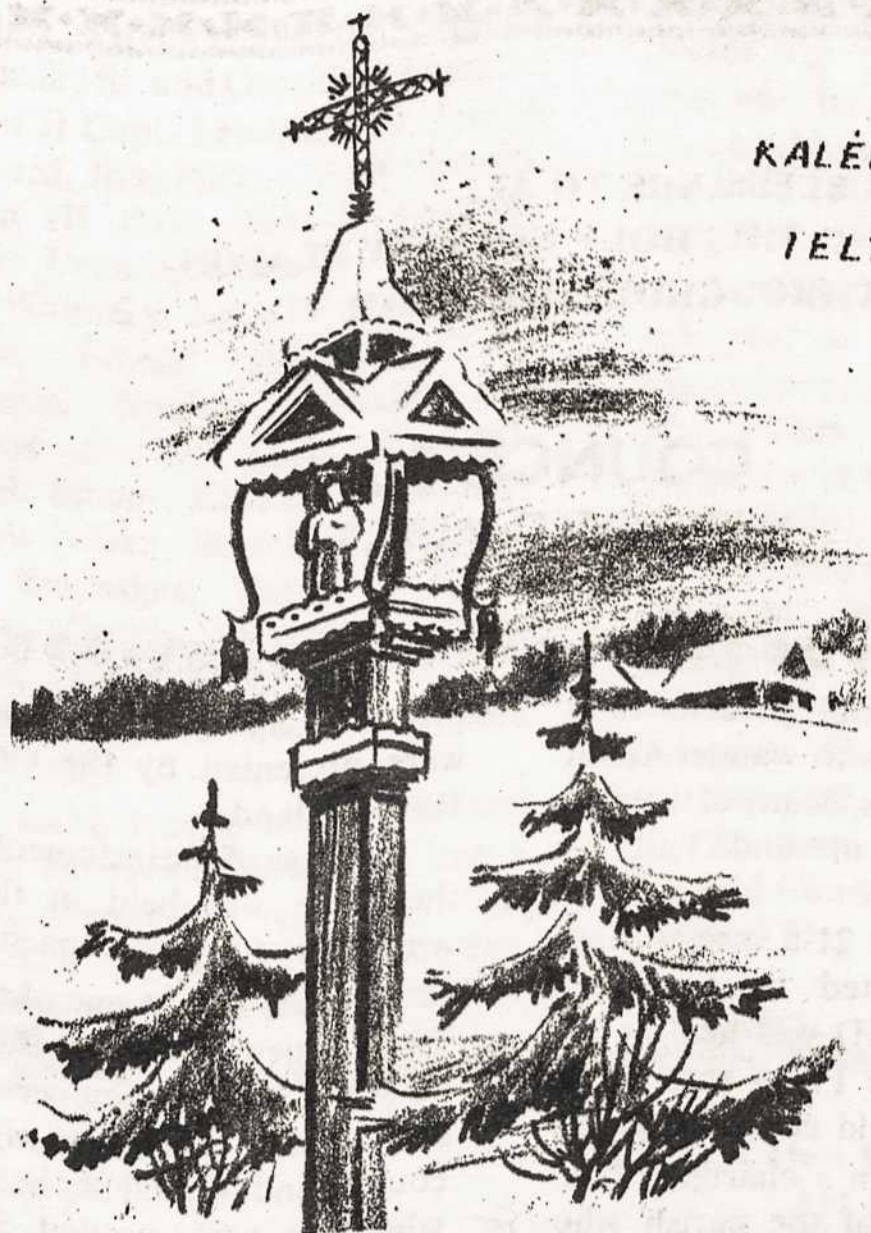
# Holiday Greetings

FROM NEW HAVEN, CONN.



**Officers and Members  
Knights of Lithuania  
Council 50**

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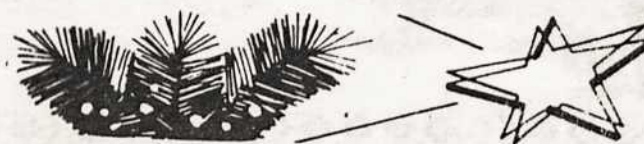


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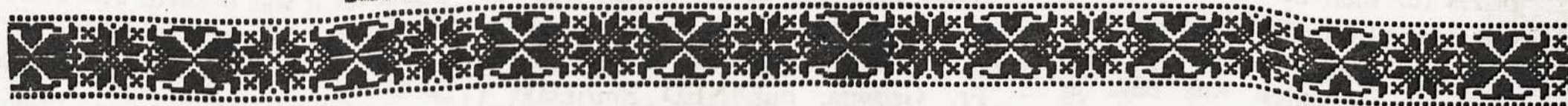
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KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA — COUNCIL 141  
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**GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL  
DURING THIS HOLY HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

## **COUNCIL 30 WESTFIELD, MASS.**

### **C-30 — WESTFIELD**

The often used expression "You're not getting older; you're just getting better" surely applies to our annual family outing at Otis Lake. Our host and hostess Jim and Marsha Rogers welcomed us warmly and the food was fit for royalty. Our women in this council should take prizes for their culinary talent. No one was left hungry or thirsty.

Council 30 were hosts for the NED picnic which was held at Stanley Park in Westfield. It is a beautiful park that has many

gorgeous flowering gardens and many scenic paths to wander about the natural settings. Many of the area councils joined us and had an enjoyable time.

On September 21 a special Mass for the Persecuted in Lithuania sponsored by NED was held at the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, NH. The Westfield council traveled to the cathedral in a chartered bus. Some members of the parish who wished to add their prayers to such a worthy cause joined the K of L's. Fr. Gedvila, our NED Spiritual advisor, celebrated the Mass with many members of the clergy

assisting. Spiritual, moving hymns were presented by the choir from Rhode Island.

Because of the inclement weather, the Mass was held in the chapel which was filled to capacity.

Council 30 lost one of their most faithful members, Sally Bakutis who passed away September 29. Sally served many times as an officer in the council and offered her help willingly whenever it was needed. She will be missed; may she rest in peace.

**Nellie Lord**



### **C-10 — ATHOL- GARDNER**

Our council elected the following slate of officers for 1987: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Justin Steponaitis; President, William Wisniauskas; Vice President, Howard Beaudette; Treasurer, Nellie Melaika; Recording Secretary, Charles Genaitis; Financial Secretary, Paula Shatas; Telephone Chain, Blanche Genaitis and Cultural Chairman Brone Wisniauskas. Congratulations!

The council is working on plans to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day in February and helping in the parish plans to celebrate Fr. Steponaitis' 50th anniversary of his ordination that will take place on Sunday, May 31, 1987.

Howie Beaudette has taken early retirement to care for his ailing mother. Howie worked for years in area state institutions as a head cook.

Many K of L's attended the Gardner Lith Club 60th Anniversary on October 18. May Allen Agnelli issued a proclamation for the occasion, and the local press gave excellent coverage.

The NED Cultural Festival was a fabulous success, attended by more than a thousand persons. Scholarship Chairman Blanche Genaitis announced the three recipients: Anthony Capelli of New Haven, Lynn Walinsky and Scott Walinsky, brother and sister, of Millbury. Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to Council 26 on the occasion of their 70th

anniversary. C-10 sent a delegation of seven persons to the festivities that turned out to be an excellent event.

The Heywood Hospital in Gardner will reopen its maternity unit with Dr. James Ivess, a Gardner native and a third generation Lithuanian, as chief of obstetrics and gynecology. Best wishes to Dr. Jim!

Condolences are sent to Walter Mikas Sr. of Gardner on the untimely and tragic death of his grandson John Mikas on November 1. May he rest in peace and may the family find peace from the Lord.

**VINCUKAS**

*Christmas Greetings*

Gouin, Virginia Ivaska, Stephen Walinsky Sr. and Geraldine Tagman; Team II Capt. Lewis Lloyd, Joseph Howard, Rita Pinkus, Ann Skrocki; Team III Capt. Francis Tagman, Adele Degutis, Gadamin Troupes, Ann Walinsky; Team IV Capt. Helen Gillus, Francis Degutis, Claire Grigaitis, Ronald Valinski, Antoinette Ivaska; Team V Capt. Joseph Staney, Charles Kulakusky, Joseph Ivaska, Beverly I. Valinski, Ann Bucinkas; Team VI Capt. James Griffin, Sharon Gouin, Ronald Daucunas, Betty Abraham, Joanne Jacobson. Progress report next month!

Withold Ivaska underwent surgery in October and we wish him a quicker-than-quick recovery. Ann Bucinkas enjoyed a trip to San Francisco very much, and Geraldine

Tagman must have enjoyed her Las Vegas trip even more! She struck it rich and we are happy for her. Her son, ex-Marine Francis Tagman, was installed commander of the Grafton Hill Post. So, more congratulations!

Sister M. Ignata SSC is stationed this year in Philadelphia. Through this column, all of us greet Sister with best wishes for good health and happiness in her newest assignment.

Prayerful sympathies to Claire and Edmund Grigaitis whose cousin, Sister M. Barbara SSC, died in Chicago last October. Sister Barbara was a native of Worcester and our St. Casimir's Parish. God rest her precious soul.

The team efforts of the New England Councils resulted in the best Cultural Day ever. It took place at

Maironis Park on October 26. Overflow attendance, program, exhibits, games, food, all made for a wonderful day. One could not begin to name all the workers. They were dedicated, hard-working, numerous, younger and senior members, shoulder to shoulder with Maironis Park's president, Kazys Adomavicius and vice president, Francis A. Glodas, did their utmost in welcoming this prestigious group. Kazys and Fran are C-26 members.

Our concentration at present lies on the upcoming celebration of our council's 70th anniversary and our parish fall festival.

Iki sekančio numerio, linkime jums viso ko geriausio. Su Diev.

„Dzūkelė”

SVEIKINAME VISUS VYČIUS  
IR LINKIME

*Linksmas  
Kalėdu Švenčių  
Paimingu  
Naujų Metų!*

Council 27, Norwood, Mass.

C-27 — NORWOOD

The first fall meeting of Council 27 began on September 2 with the happy group of the council. The rest were recuperating from the previous day's activity — the picnic at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent in Brockton.

Our semi-annual dance on October 18 with Ray Henry was a social and financial success. Mary Ann Tamasanis was chairperson with George Barton, Betty & John Skricki, Sandy Melish, Dot Usevich, Adele Picard, Al Yurkstas, Stan & Helen Dallalis as the committee.

Most of these people attended dances east and west, north and south, passing out flyers and selling tickets. That is why Norwood is known to have the best polka dancers.

September 21 our council represented by Helen & Stan Dallalis and George Barton went to the New England District Mass at the Cathedral in the Pines-in Rindge. A living Rosary was said by ten of the fourteen councils present. The administrator of the Cathedral was astonished at the number of people who came. These prayers and Mass were especially noted for the persecuted Lithuanians across the ocean.

September 28 we traveled to Southie for our New England Convention. Two brave souls remained on the board. Helen Dallalis remained for her fourth year as corresponding secretary and George Barton changed places to be a trustee from the ritual. Helen Dallalis was promised a new typewriter from Al Jaritis for her effort. Everyone keep her happy; send in the new listings of officers.

Ačiū visiems and it's back to the books — exercise is over. Since it is the season to be merry, Linksmas Kalėdu!

Nancytė

## C-103 — PROVIDENCE

Privileged indeed has been our council and our parish to have prayed for the persecuted Catholic church in Lithuania twice within thirty days. Our council was assigned the date of September 10 and the New England District having been given the date of October 7 asked our pastor Father Gedvila, spiritual advisor of the district to have it in his church. On both occasions he was joined by our national spiritual advisor Father Jurgelaitis. Church attendance was not that great in spite of announcements in parish bulletins and Vytis publication. The members who participated came away from the services as having fully given of themselves in behalf of their persecuted brethren in Lithuania.

Fortunate indeed is our parish and pastor to have a lady of Canadian-American descent to serve as organist and "šeimininkė" for St. Casimir's Church. Through her

efforts and direction, she directed the combined choirs of St. Casimir's and Sacred Heart of East Providence where she also is the organist at the NED day of prayer at the Cathedral of the Pines. Mrs. PPauline Boisvert deserves the plaudits of everyone for the selection and rendition of both Lithuanian and English hymns during Mass.

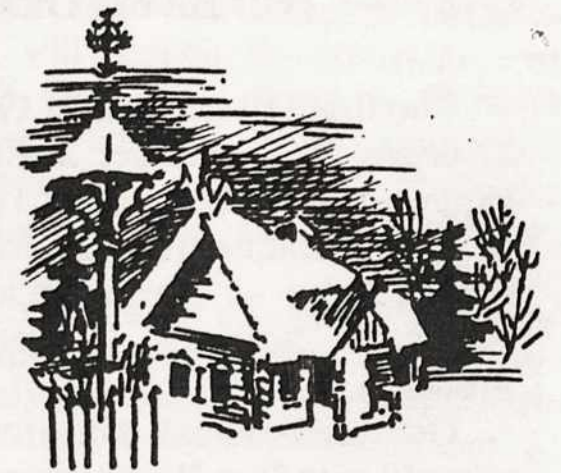
The highlights of our monthly meeting were the final preparation for our participation in the NED cultural picnic at Maironis Park. President William Piacentini gave an oral synopsis of the NED convention followed by the usual well-written report of Helen Gudczauskas concerning this important event.

Election of officers and committee members was conducted with the following serving our membership: president, William Piacentini; first vice president, Anthony Gudczauskas; second vice president, Helen Gudczauskas; treasurer, Ray Savickas; recording

secretary, Bertha R. Stoskus; financial secretary, Joseph Kiela; trustees, Peter Denisewich and John Hacknevich; Lithuanian affairs, A. Beatrice Matheiu; ritual, Betty Ciuryla; cultural, E. Ruth Krecioch; social committee, Irene Landanski, chairman, Elizabeth Tribuisis, Alice Grybas and Milda Traskauskas; sunshine, Vernoica Kiela and Vytis correspondent, Victor G. Matheiu.

The city of Providence has been observing its 350th anniversary which was recently culminated with a mammoth grand jubilee ball in Kennedy Plaza. 350 citizens were honored. Among them was Agnes Waitonis, C-103 member and wife of past president Joseph Waitonis. She was recognized for all her work in her neighborhood on Smith Hill, vicinity of St. Casimir's Church. Congratulations, Agnes!

*Linksmu Šv. Kalėdu ir Laimingu Naujuju Metu!*



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## LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS CAROLS

By Regina (Gerutis) Kot

As the holiday season comes upon us, we get into the "Christmas Spirit". At gatherings of friends, family, or at K. of L. meetings and Christmas parties, inevitably we begin to sing Christmas carols.

Lithuanian Christmas songs are almost always religious or holiday type songs of the nativity of Christ. Not many red-nosed reindeer songs or Santa Claus type

songs are to be found in traditional Lithuanian Christmas music.

At the Shepherd's Mass — „*Tyliąją Naktį*” (Silent Night) will surely be sung, also „*Sveikas Jėzau Gimysis*” (Hail Jesus Born Today) and „*Gul Šiandieną*” (There lies today on the straw, the Redeemer of the World).

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#### TYLIAJĄ NAKTĮ Quiet (Silent) Night

That quiet night a voice cried out:  
Shepherds get up, God has been born.  
Hurry, get dressed and run to Bethlehem.  
Hurry to greet the Lord.

Having gone there, they found Jesus in the manger,  
As it had been prophesied in God's book.  
They acknowledged him God as the angels  
Had taught them and greeted (Him).

And the Savior, desired for a long time,  
For thousands of years awaited by the people.  
The prophets, the kings waited for You, but You  
This night appeared to us.



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