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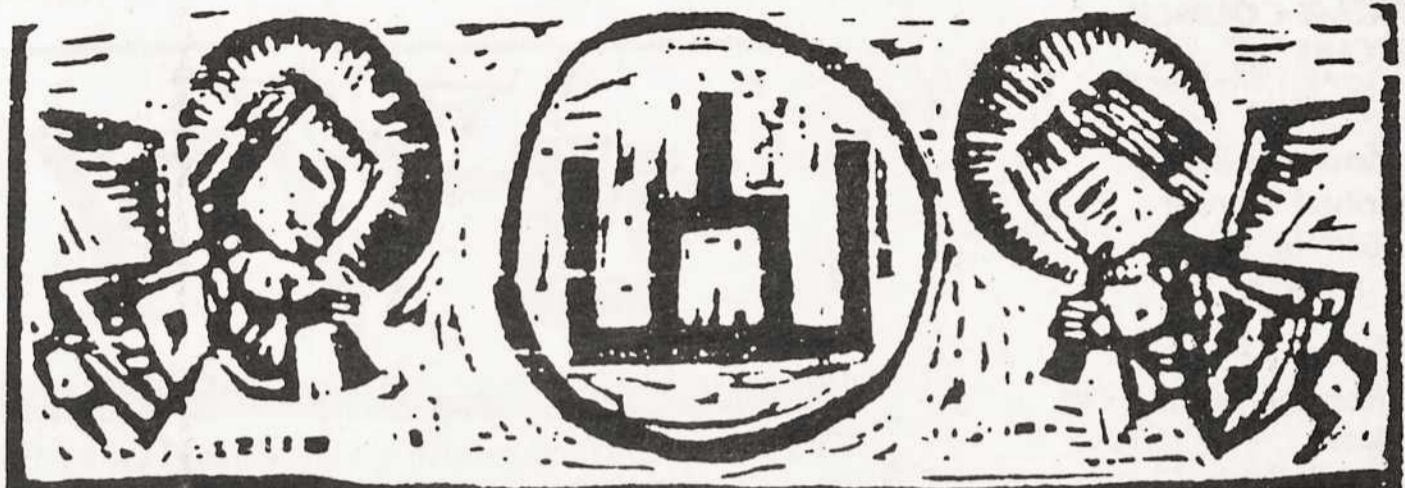
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*Our nation promises you,
Saint Casimir
To stand firmly under
the cross,
And await the dawn..*

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ST. CASIMIR - KNIGHT

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Muscovite forces had attacked and laid siege to the Lithuanian fortress of Polock in 1388 and a small Lithuanian relief detachment hesitated in fear before the Danguva River. Suddenly, a Knight in white armor on a white charger appeared and led the vastly outnumbered Lithuanians to a crushing victory over the Russians. Not a single Lithuanian soldier at Polock that day doubted that the Knight was their patron, the saintly Prince Casimir.

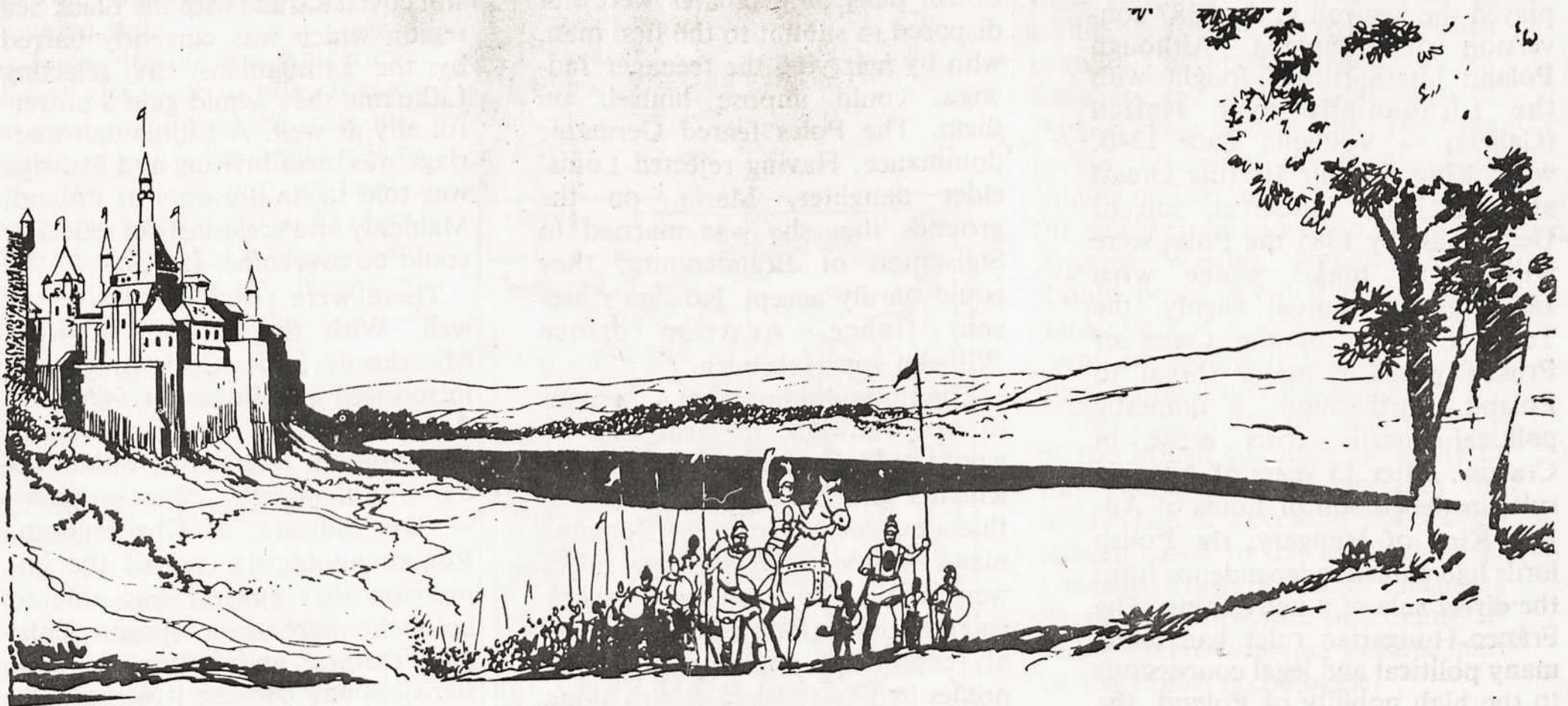
This miraculous victory saved Lithuania for a time and slowed the western advance of the Russians for all Europe. But it did more than this for the devout Lithuanian Catholics. Following this and many more mirac-

les, the cause of Casimir, Prince of Lithuania and Poland, was so advanced that he was canonized a saint of the Roman Catholic Church in 1521. A prince of the fifteenth century was proclaimed a saint in the sixteenth century for all time.

A prince of the Middle Ages always became a knight and was expected to live his life according to the knightly code. The prime requisite in this code was devotion to God and His Church. Saint Casimir, Prince and Knight, certainly fulfilled this requirement. But the knight was also expected to live a life of honor, to respect his fellow man, to work for the benefit of all people, to live his life as an example of good for all.

Saint Casimir lived and died by the code of knighthood, and after his death he continued to serve his beloved Lithuanian people as a true knight. His perfection in this matter made him so familiar to the knights of Europe that in the latter part of the seventeenth century the famed order of the Knights of Malta chose St. Casimir as their patron.

With a heritage from a country whose symbol is a white knight on a red field, with a Patron who lived as a true knight and performed a great miracle as a knight, we who are also known as knights have a wonderful source of help and example so that we too may live according to the spirit of the knightly code.



Lithuania 1387: Polish Moves

Algirdas Budreckis



To be sure Catholic Poland played the key roll in the 1387 conversion of Lithuania. Although Poland intermittingly fought with the Lithuanians over Halich (Galicia) — Volhynia since 1340, when King Casimir III (the Great) attacked Duke Liubartas, son of Gediminas, by 1385 the Poles were willing to make peace with Lithuania. A mutual enemy, the Teutonic Order of the Cross of Prussia posed a major threat to Poland. Furthermore, a domestic political-dynastic crisis arose in Cracow. After 13 years of Angevin rule, in the person of Louis of Anjou, King of Hungary, the Polish lords had gained independence from the direct rule of a native king. The Franco-Hungarian ruler had made many political and legal concessions to the high nobility of Poland, the magnates. His younger daughter — Hedwig or Jadwiga was now destin-

ed to be the ruler of Poland. The Polish pans or magnates were not disposed to submit to the first man, who by marrying the teenager Jadwiga, could impose himself on them. The Poles feared Germanic dominance. Having rejected Louis' elder daughter, Maria, on the grounds that she was married to Sigismund of Brandenburg, they could hardly accept Jadwiga's present fiance, Austrian prince Wilhelm von Habsburg.

The Poles did not want a German to wed Jadwiga, for fear that he would side with the Teutonic Knights and introduce German influences. As suitors, the Pomaranian, Mazovian, Wallachian rulers were weak. The strongest neighbor was Lithuania. The earlier attempts at expansion, southern Polish nobles had established estates along the Dniester and Bug Rivers. They still coveted the fertile plains of

Halich-(Galicia) and Volhynia. They still coveted trade with the Black Sea region which was currently barred by the Lithuanians. By selecting Lithuania they would gain a powerful ally as well. A Lithuanian marriage was most inviting and Jadwiga was told to do her duty to Poland. Maidenly and ecclesiastical reticence could be overcome. It was.

There were religious motives as well. With the baptism of King Mieszko I, Latin Christianity was introduced into Poland in 966 A.D. At times, like Hungary, Latin Christendom referred to Poland as the "*Antemurale christianitatis*" — the Bulwark of Christendom. Roman apologists created the impression that Poland was able to hold the barbarians (pagan Balts and Tartars, and schismatic Russians) at bay because it was solidly Catholic. And without a doubt fervent Catholicism radiated from the

earliest times of christianization in Poland.

King Casimir III, the last of the Piast or native kings, on several occasions tried to act as intermediary between the Holy See and the Grand Duke of Lithuania. It would be a feather in the square cap of the poles to be known as missionaries to the pagan Lithuanians.

And so it came to pass that marriage arrangements were made between Jogaila and Jadwiga, which were sealed by the Acts of Kreva. On the eve of Jogaila's departure for Poland, Jadwiga dispatched her trusted courier Zawisza to visit the bridegroom. Jogaila received Zawisza graciously returned to Cracow and reassured Jadwiga that Jogaila was no physical monster, but rather a handsome man of goodly proportions. All obstacles were removed.

Having obtained Jogaila's writ, the Poles went through the motion of a formal regal election and sent a special diploma to the new king.

Indeed it was a novelty in those days for a ruler to acquire another kingdom through marriage. He was supported in this venture by brothers, by cousin Vytautas and other princes. All of them were concerned with the strengthening of the Lithuanian state.

As far as Jogaila was concerned, it was all the same to him. It mattered little to him which state was adjoined to which, he would rule in both. By promising to unite dynastically his two states, he merely demonstrated that he had no intention of yielding the throne of Lithuania to another ruler.

It soon became apparent that the Polish lords interpreted the agreement differently; they assumed that Lithuania was to become a province of Poland. Jogaila was compelled to leave hostages in Poland — the dukes of his escort. But these warriors were needed at home. Andrew of Polotsk the Livonian Order, and Grand Duke Sviatoslav of Smolensk were waging war against the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.



Being warriors, Skirgaila and Vytautas were the first hostages permitted to leave Poland. However, before they would be released, they had to deposit sworn writs to the effect that they would "forever" remain loyal to King Jogaila and Queen Jadwiga of Poland, and that they would return to Poland immediately when summoned. Lithuanian dukes departing later were compelled to deposit similar writs. All these presentations were in vain, however, Lithuania could not be ruled by Cracow.

The Teutonic Knights were quick to react to these developments, their propaganda to the Vatican and Western Europe argued that the baptism and marriage of Jogaila was a travesty, that Poland was allying herself with a pagan nation. The Poles could only challenge the propaganda of the Teutonic Knights by speeding up the christianization of their new ally, Lithuania.

What is surprising in 1387 is the fact that the Poles did not accord any great significance to the christianization. During the first baptisms in Vilnius in 1387 neither Bishop Jan Radlica of Cracow, who the year before had baptized the Lithuanian dukes, nor Queen Jadwiga saw any reason to come to Lithuania for the event. The Polish primate, archbishop Bodzant of Gniezno, and Bishop Dobrogost of Poznan were also absent. The only prelate attending the baptisms in Vilnius on February 18-22, 1387 was the newly elevated bishop of Vilnius Andrew Wasillo. Nonetheless, it should be observed that the christianization of Lithuania was a rare event in medieval times. It took place without any bloodshed.

One reason for the complacency of the Polish Catholic hierarchy in this matter was the fact that the newly created diocese of Vilnius was subordinated to the archbishop of Gniezno. Thus, instead of Lithuania becoming a province of Poland, its newly created diocese became part of the Polish archdiocese.



Bishop Olesnickis

Istorikas Simanas Daukantas, betvarkydamas Maskvoje Rusijos valstybinius archyvus, užtiko sukrautus ten Senosios Lietuvos valstybės metraščius bei kronikas, ir, turėdamas laisvo laiko, surinktomis žiniomis iš tų užrašų, parašė tikrą ir neiškraipytą Lietuvos Istoriją, kurioje lietuvių tautos įvykius ir tuos visus jų kariškus žygius labai puikiai ir smulkiai aprašė. Toje pat istorijoje yra gražiai ir smulkiai aprašytas visas lietuvių 1387 metais krikštas. S. K. Lukas.

Gruodžio mėnesyje, 1386 metais, Lietuvos valdovas Jaugalius (pravardžiuojamas Jogaila) su daugybe aukštos kilmės savo palydovų išvyko Lenkijon krikštytis, su Jadvyga susituokti ir Lenkijos karaliumi vainikuotis. Už kelių mylių dar toli nuo Krokuvos juos visus pasitiko lenkų karvedys Spitko Mielštinkis su savo raiteliais ir atlydėjo juos visus Lenkijos sostinėn, kur jų laukė, šūkaudama ir džiaugsmingai krikštaudama, susirinkusi minia žmonių. Lietuviai buvo čia labai šiltai ir iškilmingai sutikti.

Keletą dienų čia paviešėjus, Gniezno archiepiškupas Bodzentas perkrikštyjo Jaugalių ir parinko jam Vladislovo vardą. Taip pat kunigaikščius Vigantą ir Vytautą antru kartu perkrikštyjo ir suteikė

LIETUVOS KRIKŠTAS

(Ištrauka iš Lietuvos Istorijos parašytos S. Daukanto.)

Rašo S. K. Lukas.

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jam Aleksandro vardą. Pakrikštyjęs Skirgalių ir Karigalių pavadino Kazimieru, Švitrigalių pavadino Boleslovu, o visus kitus Jaugaliaus palydovus numazgojo šventu vandeniu. Po krikštytųjų ten vėl lenkai kėlė dar kelias dienas jiems puotas, vaišino juos ir linksminosi. Po visų tų vaišių, linksmybių ir puotų, 17 dieną sausio 1387 metais, archiepiškupas Bodzentas sutuokė Jaugalių su Jadvyga, juos palaimino ir ten pat Krokuvos katedroje apvainikavo. Jaugalius Vladislovas atsisėdo Lenkijos soste ir pradėjo Lenkiją valdyti (Liet. Ist. p. 173).

Lietuvos valdovo Algirdo sūnus Jaugalius, tapęs Lenkijos karaliumi ir sutvarkęs ten valstybinius reikalus, jau vėlyvą rudenį dar tais pačiais metais, su savo žmona Jadvyga ir su daugybe aukštos kilmės lenkų svietiškų ir dvasiškų asmenų, atvyko Lietuvos sostinėn Vilniun lietuvių krikštyti. Atvykusiųjų lenkų tarpe buvo Gniezno archiepiškupas Bodzentas, Krokuvos vyskupas Jonas, kunigaikščiai Janušas, Žemovitas ir Konradas Olesnickis, Poznaniaus vaivados, Baltramiejus iš Weizenburgo, iš Kožieglavo Sadecenos Kristinas, Mikalojus Osolinskas ir Vislacos pilies vyrai, iš Miedzygorza Zaklinas, Mykolas Maskorauskas, ir iš Tarnavos vyriausias rūmų asmuo Spitko. Visi jie buvo iškilmingai čia sutikti ir vaišinami. Visą savaitę čia jiems



besilinksminant, puotaujant ir vaišinant, Jaugalius sukviėtė visų luomų asmenis seiman, kovo mėnesyje, gavėnios metu Lietuvos valstybinius šalies reikalus apsvarstyti, ir savo senų protėvių tikyba nauja tikyba pakeisti.

Visi lietuviai žinojo, kad senoje tikyboje savo aprūkusiame trobelėse patarlėmis ir pasakomis motinos mokė savo vaikus dorybės ir išminties, o nuo nedorybės draudė. Žmonės sekė gamtą ir dorriai gyveno. Tėvai rodė savo vaikams naudą ir žalą, o savo elgesiu buvo visur teisingi. Tai buvo privalumas kiekvienam žmogui, be kurio nevienas negalėjo gyventi. Jiems gerai derėjo javai, augo gyvuliai, ir visi gyveno sau linksmi ir laimingai, ir savo dievą Perkūną gerbė, mylėjo ir garbino. Džiaugėsi laisve. Mūšiuose nesuskaitomus savo priešus nugalėdavo, ir tuo pasidarė labai garbingi ir kartu baisūs tų laikų pasaulyje žmonės. Dabar labai jie rūpinosi, ką duos jiems nauja tikyba ir ką joje ras. Gal reikės priešams amžinai vergauti ir gyvulio vietoje būti (Liet. Ist. p. 176).

Šiame seime valdovai aiškino žmonėms, kad dabar jau atėjo ta gdynė, kad ir lietuviams reikia taip tikėti, kaip ir kitos tautos tiki, kad reikia tą savo seną tikyba nauja tikyba pakeisti, ir tik vieną Tikrąjį Dievą garbinti, o ne stabus. Šitame seime pravedė įstatymą, kad nuo

dabar Lietuvos valstybės tikyba jau yra tik krikščionių tikyba. Patys vyriausieji šio seimo dalyviai dumčiai, kurie dar nebuvo krikščionys, čia pat apsikrikštyjo. Paskui buvo liepta visur amžinas ugnis užgesinti, kurios buvo aukūruose Perkūno garbei dieną ir naktį kūriamos, namsargius žalčius išnaikinti, ažuolus, po kuriais žmonės meldėsi, iškirsti ir šventus gojus išskinti.

Nežinia, kaip greitai Lietuvoje krikščionybė būtų praplitusi, jei Aukščiausias Viešpats nebūtų tenai savo stebuklą parodęs. Atsitiko taip, kad čekų kunigas Jeronimas, norėdamas Perkūno stabą sutrupinti, užsimojęs kirviu smarkiai mosterėjo stabui, bet prasprūdęs kirvis pataikė jam pačiam į koją ir ją prakirto. Tą pamatę pagony lietuviai tuojau sušuko: „veizėkit, kaip mūsų dievas stiprus“, bet tuo tarpu jų akyvaizdoje tą savo žaizdą su kryžiumi kunigas palaimino, ir, bematant, ta žaizda užgijo, o antru kartu, mosterėjęs kirviu Stabui, jį sutrupino. Tai regėda ėi pagony lietuviai tuojau įtikėjo, ir net pusė viso Vilniaus miesto gyventojų pasikrikštyjo.

Vilniaus pilies klojime stovėjo didelė ažuolinė žinyčia, kurioje buvo kūriama amžinoji ugnis dievo Perkūno garbei, archiepiuskupas Bodzentas pašventino tą žinyčią ir, pavertęs ją bažnyčia, davė jai švento Stanislovo vardą. Toji bažnyčia šiandien yra vadinama Katedra (Liet. Ist. p. 177). Karalienės nuodėmklausį vienuolį kunigą pranciškoną, vardu Endriejus Vasilius Jąstržebiec, paskyrė Vilniaus vyskupu, kuriam ir jo kanauninkams pragyvenimui pavedė kelis didelius valačius (Liet. Ist. p. 178). Tuojau buvo pastatytos bažnyčios Vilmergėje, Nemenčine, Maišogaloje, Medininkuose, Krevėje, Obalčiuje ir Ainėje. Jas karalienė Jadvyga aprūpino dvasiškiais ir visu kuom reikalingu pragyvenimui. Tame pačiame seime buvo nutarta ir padarytas įstatymas, kad gudų



tikybės lietuvius negali tuoktis su katalike, kol jis nepakeis savo tikybės į katalikų tikybą, nes tuo laiku gudai jau buvo nuo katalikų tikybės atsiskyre ir atsisakę popiežiaus klausyti. Ligišiolai vedybų reikale buvo laisvė, kas su kuom norėjo, tas galėjo su tuo tuoktis. Taip pat šiame seime nutarė, kad valščiai pavesti dėl bažnyčių ir kunigų yra paliuosuoti nuo visų valstybinių mokesčių ir kariškų pareigų bei tarnybų, kad nei vienas teismas, nei viena vyriausybė ir net pats kunigaikštis negali dvasiškų asmenų teisti ar jų valsčius tvarkyti, kurie yra su visu nuo valstybinių tiesų išimti. Tie visi nutarimai čia pat seime dumčių, Trakų valdovo Skigaliaus, Kijevo valdovo Valdimiero, Severijos Naugardo valdovo Karjebuto, ir Gardino srities valdytojo Vytauto buvo patvirtinti ir pasirašyti (Liet. Ist. p. 178).

Po to seimo Poznaniaus vyskupas Dobrogastas vyko homon pas Šventą Tėvą Urboną VI jam papasakoti, kas -ietuvoje įvyko, ir jį paprašyti, kad Lenkų karalių Jaugalių prie krikščioniškų valdovų priskaitytų, ir to seimo visus nutarimus patvirtintų, o karalienė Jadvyga grįžo su savo palydovais atgal į Lenkiją. Jaugalius dar pasiliko Lietuvoje, krikščionių tikėjimą platinti, nes nė vienas iš tų atvykėlių nemokėjo lietuviškai kalbėti. Todėl pats Jaugalius skaitė evangelijas ir jas aiškino žmonėms. Liepė jis visur tas amžinas ugnis gesinti, aukūrus naikinti, šventus ažuolus kirsti ir šventus gojus išnaikinti. Iš pradžios nenorėjo žmonės aiškinimų apie naują tikybą klausyti ir krikštytis, sakydami, kad tapę krikščionimis nustos savo laisvės ir savo priešų vergais pataps; o moterys skundėsi, kad apsikrikštyję negalės savo baltų nuometų dėvėti, skraistelių ir vilnonių drabužių nešioti. Turėjo vargo Jaugalius kol juos visus įtikino ir užtikrino, sakydamas, kad jie kaip buvo laisvi taip ir bus, kad moterys galės dabintis ir rėdytis kaip joms patinka. Jaugalius žmonėms padovanojo čia pat baltų audeklų, drobių ir milų, ir liepė jiems drabužius nešioti tokius, kokie jiems patinka. Žmonės, išgirdę tuos Jaugaliaus tvirtinimus, pradėjo būriais eiti krikštytis, kad tik veltui gautų audeklų. Buvo net ir tokių, kurie ėjo net pu du ar daugiau kartų krikštytis, kad tik dovaną gautų.

Panėrin susirinkus būriui žmonių, ar pošvenčiui suėjus vienan būrin vyrams ar moterims, kunigas ta būrį kryžiškai pašlakstydavo švėstu vandeniu ir pavadindavo juos visus vienu Petro ar Jono vardu. Kitas kunigas ten pat kryžiškai apšlakstydavo kitą būrį moterų ir taip pat jas pavadindavo visas vienu Onos ar Elžbietos vardu. Taip pakrikštyti žmonės, pasiėmę savo dovanas, išsiskirstydavo, ir stengėsi kiekvienas savo krikšto naują vardą atsiminti ir jį nepamiršti. Nuo šio laiko pakrikštyti žmonės jautėsi tarp

savęs lig ir giminės esą: Petraičiai, Mykolaičiai ir Jonaičiai yra tų pirmųjų Petrų ar Jonų palikuonys. Tuo vienu žygiu buvo apkrikštyti net 30.000 žmonių. Dabar Lietuvoje suspindėjo šviesi katalikiško tikėjimo saulė ir apšvietė visą Lietuvos šalį. Po to krikšto linksmas Jaugalius sugrįžo Vilniun, savo sesers Aleksandros, susituokančios su Mozūrų kunigaikščiu Žiemovitu, vestuvėse dalyvauti. Dar tais pačiais 1387 metais, palikęs Lietuvoje savo vietoje savo brolių Skirgalių ją valdyti, Jaugalius grįžo Lenkijon, pašlijusius ten valstybės reikalus tvarkyti (Liet. Ist. p. p. 178 ir 179).

Neužilgio Jaugalius susipykęs su Vytautu įsivėlė į ilgą naminį karą, kiek vėliau į karus su Lietuvos ir Lenkijos priešais, ypač su kryževiais. Taip tarpusavyje bekariaujant praėjo net keletas metų, ir tik susitaikius su Vytautu, ir vėliau su juo pagelba sutriuškinus ties Žalgiriu kryževių galybę, Jaugalius kartu su Vytautu ir su būriu mokačių jau lietuviškai apaštalu vyko Žemaitijon krikščionių tikybą platinti. Apkrikštyjus žemaičius, Vytautas įsikūrė tuojau ten vyskupiją su 6 kanauninkais. Vyskupu paskyrė iš Vilniaus kleborą Motiejų, kuris savo gimimu buvo lietuvis. Tuo pačiu žygiu Vytautas pėstatė bažnyčias

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I Have Completed My Part (REMEMBERING LARRY JANONIS)



On November 14, 1986, Larry Janonis, Knights of Lithuania Mid-Atlantic District President, had scheduled a meeting of the District's Executive Board. But Almighty God, in His divine wisdom, had a different meeting in mind. He called Larry to a meeting in heaven. On that day, here below, with deep sadness, the Knights buried their organization's honorary member.

The heart, which for many years, beat for God and Country was silent. Larry Janonis, a most active member of Manhattan's Council 12, left this world on November 9, 1986.

A huge crowd of knights, friends, and relatives filled the Castle Hill Funeral Parlour in the Bronx. They came from all over the greater New York area; Bayonne, Newark, Maspeth, Brooklyn, Great Neck, Kearny, Manhattan and elsewhere. The official Knights of Lithuania wake services were presided over by MAD Vice-President John Adomenas. The rosary and a few other prayers were led by District Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Frank Bulovas. At the end of the ceremonies, John Adomenas placed a white carnation

on Larry's casket, which was surrounded by a multitude of floral arrangements, some of which had come from as far off as Chicago.

On November 14, a great crowd filled Transfiguration Church in Maspeth, NY. The Mass was concelebrated by Larry's long-time friend Msgr. Frank Bulovas, Rev. Vytautas Palubinskas, Rev. Jonas Pakalniskis, and Rev. Kazimieras Pugedvicius.



In his sermon, Msgr. Bulovas called Larry a true Christian and Lithuanian Knight, who early in his life learned his catechism well. "To know, love and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him in the next", Monsignor praised Larry's wife Jean, who even though not of Lithuanian descent, is a beautiful example for all Lithuanians to emulate. She was Larry's right hand. We never saw Larry without Jean, recalled Msgr. Bulovas.

John Adomenas contributed much to the dignity of the funeral. In front of the church, the Lithuanian tri-color, at half mast proclaimed our loss. The district flag, which Larry had served so faithfully, stood by his casket. The mournfully tolling bells proclaimed our grief. Perhaps the most moving touch was the guard of honor, led by National President Frank Petrauskas, flanking the coffin as it was carried into church.

Larry Janonis joined the Knights of Lithuania in 1937, at the age of 18. His activities were not limited within the scope of the council but branched out into the district and national levels. From 1949 to 1955, he served as President of Council 12. Here, among other things, he organized sports clubs which featured basketball, softball and bowling. In 1950, he presided over the National Convention which was held in New York. In 1952 he was elected District President, a post which he held with a few interruptions for the rest of his life. In 1956, at a banquet in his honor, he was awarded the 3rd Degree. In 1960 he was elected to head the Presidium at the National Convention, a post which he continued to hold until his final convention in Allentown, PA in 1986.

In 1967, during the 54th National Convention in Dayton, Ohio Larry received his 4th Degree. At the Providence, Rhode Island convention he was awarded the organization's highest honor - honorary membership.

During his tenure, the district grew like mushrooms after the rain. The num-



Jean Janonis is joined in her grief

ber of councils and the membership increased dramatically. New councils were established in Washington, DC, Pittston, PA; Riverhead, NY and elsewhere.

We all miss him. The Supreme Council misses him, who hardly ever missed one of their meetings, sometimes traveling over a hundred miles in order to attend. At the District Board meetings we will miss his firm, but friendly, suggestion.

It will be difficult to find another more experienced and gentlemanly leader to head MAD. He was always eager to support and assist. We not only saw him presiding over a meeting, but also afterwards sweeping the parish hall's floor. No work was too great or too menial for him.

Dear Larry, we all miss you!

Dalia Bulvicius
MAD Public Relations
Chairman

IN MEMORIAM

LAWRENCE (LARRY) JANONIS

November 9, 1986

*Mes maldaujame kad Dievas
suteiktų jam ramybę ir amžina
atilsį*



A 60 YEAR SPAN BETWEEN A LIGHTED CANDLE AND A RISING STAR

1927



1987

(Translated from the Lithuanian of C. Masaitis)
(by Sr. Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC)

Sixty years ago on January 28, 1927, a wax candle was lighted at the bedside of the dying Archbishop George Matulaitis, M.I.C. This year the star of his new life with God will shine on the altar of the Church and in our hearts. It will be a light of solace and encouragement for many who are in the shadows of unrest and enslavement.

Those who were close to the Archbishop during his lifetime were unaware of his heroic virtues hidden by his exceptional humility as expressed in his memoirs, quote: "Again I reflect more deeply upon my life... Lord, what powerlessness... how many faults and failings...". He repeated the same sentiment of unworthiness in many of his writings.

Yet to his friends and co-workers he appeared in a different light. Canonist J. Sabaliauskas in 1933 had written in his book, "After listening to Archbishop George Matulaitis speak, the

thought came to me that here a saint is speaking. I had no doubt that we would await the process of his beatification."

And now the process is complete. In the month of June he will be crowned with the halo of a saint when Archbishop George Matulaitis will be declared "blessed".

Sixty years have passed between the day of his passage from this earth and the time of the announcement of his beatification. It is a very short span. True, some processes of beatification were shorter, as that of Maximilian Kolbe, murdered in a concentration camp during the Nazi Holocaust. He was declared a saint within the span of 40 years. In some cases a century or more goes by before sainthood is declared. In comparison 60 years is really a short time.

What makes it really surprising is that in the land of his birth, in Lithuania, no one is allowed by the atheistic

government to speak openly of the heroes and martyrs of the faith, whether they be saints of the past or heroes of the present day through patient endurance of the torments of the Gulag.

A significant contribution in the process of beatification is "fama sanctitas", a reputation of sanctity. A knowledge of the heroic life of the Archbishop would have been more widely spread if the people were permitted to publish at least one Catholic newspaper, not an underground Chronicle, as circulated secretly to the outside world, but through the modern means of communication, the radio and television.

Another factor is the natural tendency of the Lithuanian temperament as an introvert to keep everything locked in one's heart. The holiness of Archbishop George Matulaitis would have been known throughout the land of his birth, in Lithuania, no one is allowed by the atheistic

been known throughout the world at large, not only within the confines of the borders of Lithuania, if the people were natural extraverts. But this is not so.

Lithuanians shun the custom of bestowing titles on individuals such as earls, counts, or barons. They are imports from other nations. Not even the usual titles of Miss, Mister, or Missus were used. The endings on the family name specified these attributes. The only Lithuanian titles inherited from the past were "vaidila" - pagan priest, and "kunigaikstis" - prince or duke. The latter is a common noun like boy or girl, uncle or aunt. It is not a title.

Lithuanians are also reluctant to bestow a title of sanctity. It is a paradox of their pride and unpretentiousness.

They proudly choose models of exemplary life, and not expecting others to point them out. They keep their chosen models to themselves, not revealing them to anyone.

If Lithuanians were more of the extravert type they would reveal their devotedness to the martyrs of Kraziai, men and women killed for defending their church, to the heroic book-smugglers who risked their lives to bring books and newspapers to their people, and myriads of others known to them for their heroic acts of

self-sacrifice. The names of Lithuanian saints would be long, and without doubt, would include Siberia's martyrs.

The sanctity of Archbishop George Matulaitis would be appreciated by all. More pronounced would be his exhortation, "Love God and His Church, Love your neighbor and your Fatherland... May your love each day be the wings to rise in virtue".

The beatification of the Archbishop will be for all an encouragement to follow Christ's greatest commandment - to love the Creator with all of one's heart and soul, and thy neighbor as oneself. An effort must be made daily to instill this virtue.

The Archbishop further instructs us, "If it behooved a person to attain this virtue through his own strength, it would be a reason for despair. But God is our refuge and our strength. Through Him all things are possible."

While commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Archbishop's death, recall his exhortation: - As a foundation for one's works and plans, it is important to have personal holiness. Then one's deeds have a firm basis on which to rest."

These words tell us that holiness, an attribute of heroes, is to be desired and sought by all. In doing this, a person will extend the highest tribute to a new Lithuanian saint, whose death was commemorated January 29th as we all await the day of his beatification.

Notice how beautifully everything falls into place...

Archbishop Jurgis Matulaitis died January 29, 1927, just 60 years ago.. Pope John Paul II proclaimed 1987 as "Mary's Year"...

It is symbolic that the Lithuanian Archbishop is the renewer of the Marians, an order dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. As the renewer of a world-wide organization, the Archbishop belongs to all the Catholics of the world.

Lithuania, as a Christian nation, belongs to the entire Catholic Church. The Holy Father remarked "Among other 1987 events we wish to mention a special celebration for the Catholic Church, the 600th anniversary of Lithuania's Christianization."

To sum up, Archbishop Jurgis Matulaitis left this world in 1927, and will be beatified 60 years after his death, at the same time Lithuania commemorates the 600th Jubilee of her Baptism in 1987.



1987 – LITHUANIAN CHRISTIANITY JUBILEE – 1987
"Year of the Living Christian Spirit"
- Allowing Christ's Love To Overcome Sin -



1987 has been designated the "Year of the Living Christian Spirit". In this anniversary year of our baptism we especially strive to attain perfection as a witness of Christ. What does this mean?

One month before his death, Archbishop George Matulaitis, was addressing a group of young people gathered in Kaunas Cathedral. He told them,

"We have a variety of learned people - engineers, lawyers, politicians, scientists, but we lack people of high morals and sanctity. There can be no talk about the education and morality of man without God."

When we reflect on Archbishop Matulaitis' statement it relates very much to the struggle we face daily at work, in school, watching television, reading the newspaper. And we live in a supposedly "Christian" nation. Just think of the struggle endured by our brothers and sisters in Lithuania. Our Christian values are frequently not accepted. Much in society tells us to use the gifts which Christ gave us - to compare and to compete with one another. We find ourselves struggling against the Holy Spirit who is trying to help us use our gifts to compliment one another, to establishing loving relationships and to build a better world.

Both we feel we are "alone" in the practice of Christianity. Likewise, and probably under greater obstacles, do the people in Lithuania. But together we can affirm our Christian values - love, fidelity, understanding, sharing, forgiveness. Together we are not alone. Together we encourage and strengthen one another. Together we can confront what is unjust and oppressive in our lives. We know it is will not be easy. The Lord has told us how He suffered, how He was

ridiculed. He has also told us of the inner peace we will receive if we do not give in the mediocrity and apathy in today's world.

We thank our brothers and sisters in Lithuania for sending us the following prayer. It has encouraged us. Our rejection of sin and affirmation of our Christian values after reading it will likewise encourage them and all people around us.

PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR
 Vilnius
 February 10, 1987

Lord God, Creator of the Nations and Father of all Mankind!
 Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your fatherly love,
 Which six hundred years ago
 Called us through the baptisma of our forefathers
 To the Church of Your Son, Jesus Christ
 The Blessed Kingdom of Freedom, Peace and Love.

We thank You, Lord, for remaining with us not only in peaceful times,
 But in days of hardship, pain and battle;
 And for making so many of our people
 beacons of faith and moral courage
 We thank You for the fidelity and valiance of our youth,
 For the holiness and self-sacrifice of our mothers and fathers,
 For the apostolic zeal of our bishops and priests.

Today we not only thank You for Your grace, Lord,
 But we also repent of our sins.
 Forgive us, gracious Lord,
 For our frequent lack of love and justice,
 That our Christian life didn't always radiate or witness to others,
 As the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

Trusting in Your never-ending generosity, O Lord,
 We commend ourselves, our loved ones and our Country to You,
 And we pray that the Holy Spirit and Giver of Life sent by You guide and strengthen us
 So that we may always be people of living spirit and conscious Christian faith,
 By our word of truth and example of virtue
 Widely proclaiming the Good News of Christ. Amen.

600TH JUBILEE LITHUANIAN CHRISTIANITY COMMEMORATIONS AROUND THE U.S.A.

HARTFORD, CT
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL
MAY 16-17, 1987

Lithuanians in Connecticut are busy preparing for their Jubilee commemoration which will take place the weekend of May 16-17th in Hartford.

There will be a concert-cultural program at the Bushnell Memorial on Saturday. Sunday's festivities will be highlighted by a concelebrated mass at 2 PM at St. Joseph's Cathedral. A banquet is also planned.

The Most Rev. John F. Whealon, Archbishop of Hartford is the honorary chairperson for this event. Official chairman of the commemoration is Rev. John Rikteraitis of St. Andrew's Church New Britain, CT.

For further information, contact:
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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART
MAY 31, 1987

In New Jersey, Lithuanian Americans plan a special celebration on May 31, 1987. The highlight of the festivities will be a Concelebrated Mass at 3:00 PM in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Newark's Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph A. Francis, as well as Bishop Paul A. Baltakis will be concelebrants. The homily will be given by Rev. Dr. Peter Stravinskas, Administrator of Holy Trinity Church.

A gala banquet will follow at the Town and Campus Restaurant in West Orange, NJ at 6 PM.

For further information contact:
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WASHINGTON, D.C.
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
JUNE 28, 1987

In Washington, DC Lithuanian-Americans plan a special celebration on June 28, 1987.

The highlight of the festivities will be a Concelebrated Mass at 12 Noon at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. His Excellency Archbishop Pio Laghi, the Apostolic Pronuncio in Washington will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. His Excellency Archbishop James Hickey will be the homilist.

The Lithuanian Folk Art Ensemble "Ciurlionis" from Cleveland will sing a Lithuanian Mass and other Lithuanian hymns at the Shrine services. This will be done with the orchestra accompaniment of the traditional Lithuanian

folk instrument "kankles". The mass was composed especially for this group by its founder and long time director, the late Alfonsas Mikulskis.

Following the religious services there will be a theatrical presentation of the significance of Christianity in Lithuania at the Ukrainian Hall, 4250 Harewood Road NE, near the Shrine.

Jubilee festivities will actually begin Friday evening with a concert by "Ciurlionis" at the Ukrainian Hall. On Saturday an exhibit of Lithuanian crosses, a reception and other events will take place.

For further information contact:
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ETHNICITY

Bonus or Hinderance?

By Rev. William Wolkovitch

ETHNICITY ALL AROUND US

There are signs of ethnicity all around us in these 1980's. Look in the Yellow Pages under restaurants, and you will find speciality shops boasting of cuisine of many lands. Here in Allentown, for instance, you can obtain Japanese, Chinese, Mexican, Greek and Italian food. A motorist nearing downtown Boston from a southerly direction, sees a large highway sign designating "Chinatown". Especially in metropolitan regions, bumper stickers abound, shouting "Proud to be such and such." Travel to upstate New York or to northern New England, and you see road signs in French proclaiming "Welcome". Many an urban hospital posts bilingual signs in corridors and elevators. Large cities produce summerfests in their parks and commons, featuring a succession of ethnic vocal, instrumental and dance programs. In some place, ballots, driving tests, and education are available in Spanish as well as English.

ETHNICITY IN POLITICS

Every four years at the national level ethnicity receives disproportionate attention when the two major political parties go fishing for votes through their ethnic committees. The issue for June 29, 1979 of the Franciscan weekly, *Darbininkas*, carried a half-page July Fourth advertisement from the Republican Party. The caption under a large photo of a Revolutionary War hero rings out "We thank Tadas Kosciuska, of Lithuanian descent, and all Lithuanians who made American independence possible". In the fall of 1980, President Carter stopped for a game of bocce with some Italians in Philadelphia. On Carter's heels, three days later, came candidate Ronald Reagan to visit the Polish-American, Cardinal Krol, and then fly

off to Chicago to meet with some Polish-Americans. It is interesting to see how ethnicity came into the race for governor in the fall of 1982 in my home state of Massachusetts. A blue blood named John Sears boasted in his campaign that his family descended from a long line of Yankees. On his part, second-generation Greek, Michael Dukakis (present governor) rejoiced over his humble beginnings as the son of immigrant parents.

ETHNICITY AND THE PRIVATE AND ACADEMIC SCENE

While the political world takes note of ethnicity only periodically, the private sector and the academic world have been more earnest. Neighboring Ontario enjoys a multicultural society, sponsoring lectures and books such as this new study of Milda Danys on displaced persons coming to Canada. Institutions such as the Immigration History Society issue newsletters and periodicals, like the *Journal of American Ethnic History*, which was begun in the fall of 1981. Two major depositories in this country collect all data relating to ethnic groups. These archives are: the Immigration History Research Center at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies in Philadelphia.

ETHNICITY AND LAW

From time to time, the world of law also faces the issue of ethnicity in its varying and tantalizing complexity. Consider just one instance - the case of a white woman, Susie Phipps, of southwest Louisiana. One day she was shocked to find her birth record marked "col" - i.e. "colored". The feisty woman took action. In her lawsuit she challenged a state law of 1970, one upheld

by the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1974. The statue said you are legally black if you have 1/32 Negro blood! (*Boston Globe*, September 17, 1983).

ETHNICITY AND NATIONALITY

But what is ethnicity? Prior to a close look at this idea, it is necessary to separate nationality from ethnicity. Before the 20th century, neither Latvians, nor Estonians, nor Albanians constituted a separate nation, a distinct political entity. Yet, for centuries, they preserved a sense of separateness, a sense of ethnicity. The word "nationality" designates a political tie, meaning the rule under which you live. Nationality is best reserved to mean citizenship. Take the case of a couple whose ancestors came over on the Mayflower in the 17th century. Suppose such a husband and his expectant wife travel to Ireland on a business trip, and she gives birth while in that foreign land. By law, the child becomes an Irish citizen, an Irish

This is the first of a series of four articles covering Fr. Wolkovitch's presentation on ethnicity to the 1986 National Convention in Allentown.

Subsequent articles will deal with:

1. Objective Elements of Ethnicity
2. Subjective Elements of Ethnicity
3. Ethnicity - A Hinderance

For the past several years Fr. Wolkovitch has been preparing a history of the K. of L. It is scheduled to appear for our 75th Jubilee in 1988. In his research he has noted that several major and prolonged issues have absorbed much time throughout the history of the K of L. The issues were listed in the February 1986 issue of VYTIS. Several of them relate to the objective and subjective aspects of ethnicity addressed by Fr. Wolkovitch in his current work.

While reading this series of articles ponder on these questions as they relate to the K of L motto, "For God and Country" and to the spiritual aspects of our Christian heritage.

national. But the parents certainly continue to view their offspring as an American. Our parents and grandparents who came from Lithuania and became citizens here, thereby became American nationals, while obviously remaining ethnically Lithuanian. Most people fail to understand or to make this distinction. In the Boston area, one of the most popular radio talk-show hosts, Larry Glick, is one such person. If a caller identifies oneself as "Irish", or of whatever ethnicity, the commentator will always politely correct the listener by saying, "No, you are an American of Irish ancestry."

NATURE OF ETHNICITY

What then is ethnicity? How would you define it? Curiously enough, it is commonly spoken about, yet there is no foolproof definition. Perhaps the best one can say is that ethnicity is "a sense of peoplehood and separateness that derives from belonging to a group." It answers at least partially the question: "Who am I?" But what goes into this sense, this awareness?

1. Interethnic marriages have been a source of much controversy. What was your original attitude on this topic? Have you changed your thinking over a period of time? Why?
2. Language retention. Do you hold that speaking or writing Lithuanian (or both) is essential to maintaining a genuine sense of ethnicity?
3. Very few displaced persons joined the K of L. Likewise, relations were not always cordial between Lithuanians, Lithuanian-Americans and the newcomers. What were the reasons, the shortcomings on both sides?
4. The famous non-Lithuanian, Swiss-born Juozas Eretas was a great admirer of the Lithuanian heritage and an intense scholar on things Lithuanian. Yet by the K of L Constitution, he could not have been a member. What is your opinion about restricting interested non-Lithuanians to second-class "associate" status?

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Dear Fellow Members:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Once again, Rev. Joseph Prunskis, noted author, has expressed his great love for the Knights of Lithuania with a generous donation to the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION. His donation has been safely invested, and the interest will be used for awards for an annual Knights of Lithuania Essay Contest.

This year, as Lithuanians through out the world celebrate the 600th Jubilee of Lithuania's Christianity, Knights of Lithuania members should be especially aware of their Catholic faith, and should be happy to share this awareness with others. Under the motto of "For God and Country", we strive to improve our Catholic faith. Therefore, we invite you and your members to join this year's essay contest:

- TOPIC:** "HOW HAS MY KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MEMBERSHIP HELPED ME BECOME A BETTER CATHOLIC?"
- LENGTH:** 450 to 500 words (count all words)
- DEADLINE:** July 1, 1987. Essays received after this date will not be considered.
- PRIZES:** 1st Prize-\$100; 2nd Prize-\$75; 3rd Prize-\$50.
- ELEGIBILITY:** Contest open to Knights of Lithuania members only.
- JUDGES:** Aldona Ryan, Irene Sankus, Loretta Stukas
- MANUSCRIPT:** Must be typed or written legibly, double-spaced. Include name, address and council number.
- MAIL TO:** Aldona Ryan,
6591 McEwen Rd., Centerville, OH 45459
- WINNERS:** Will be announced this August, during the 74th National Convention in Kansas City. Winning entries will be published in the VYTIS.
- Some hints:** How have you been affected by...the celebration of St. Casimir's Feast, reading the Chronicles, writing letters to defend the Church, working to support your Lithuanian parish...has the K of L opened these or other avenues to you?

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Vytiskai
Loretta I. Stukas
President,
Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc.

K OF L CALENDAR



APRIL

- 12 C-29 Newark Annual
Cake Sale for the benefit
of Holy Trinity Parish
- 26 Council 144
10th Anniversary

MAY

- 3 C-96 Dayton, OH
CHRISTIANITY JUBILEE - PILGRIMAGE
The Basilica and National Shrine
Our Lady of Consolation
Carey, Ohio
- 15-17 Mid-Central District Meeting
and Bowling Tournament
Hosts, C-102, Detroit
- 16-17 600TH JUBILEE
LITHUANIA'S CHRISTIANITY
(Connecticut Joint Commemoration)
St. Joseph's Cathedral
Hartford, CT
- 22-24 Pittsburgh, PA
Folk Festival
- 31 600TH JUBILEE
LITHUANIA'S CHRISTIANITY
Our Lady of the Island Shrine
C-152 PILGRIMAGE
Eastport, L.I.
- 31 600TH JUBILEE
LITHUANIA'S CHRISTIANITY
(New Jersey Joint Celebration)
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Newark, NJ

JUNE

- 13 Day of Prayer for Lithuania
Our Lady of Czechtowowa Shrine
Doylestown, PA
- 14 St. Mary's Villa Annual Picnic
Elmhurst, PA
- 27 Lithuanian Day
Marquette Park, Chicago
- 28 600TH ANNIVERSARY
LITHUANIA'S CHRISTIANITY
Pontifical Mass
The Vatican-Rome
Vilnius, Lithuania
- 28 600TH JUBILEE
LITHUANIAN CHRISTIANITY
National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC

JULY

- 10-12 Lithuanian Days
Brighton Park, Chicago
- 12 Franciscan Fathers Picnic
Kennebunkport, Maine
- 12-25 Camp Ausra Elmhurst, PA
- 26 Sisters of the Immaculate
Conception Picnic
Putnam, CT

JULY 29 - AUGUST 2

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

74TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

HOST: C-150, KANSAS CITY, KS

AUGUST

- 2-15 Camp Neringa
- 16 73rd Annual Lithuanian Day
Rocky Glen Park, Moosic, PA
- 23 Annual Pilgrimage for the
Suffering Church in Lithuania
North American Martyrs Shrine
Auriesville, NY

SEPTEMBER

- 5-6 Jersey City International Folk
Festival-Liberty State Park
- 18 Lithuania Christianity Jubilee
Allentown, PA
- 19 Lithuanian Day
Greenport, L.I., NY

OCTOBER

- 4 Lithuania Christianity Jubilee
Boston, MA
- 17 C-29 Annual Dinner Dance
Holy Trinity Parish Hall
Newark, New Jersey

JUNIORS CORNER



YOU AND SAINT CASIMIR BEING 13, YOUNG AND DISILLUSIONED

Being thirteen can be very frustrating. Everything you do is wrong. You have high hopes, but everything you try to do to attain them...goes wrong. St. Casimir knows what you it is like.

At the age of 13, to further the ambitions of his parents, St. Casimir was sent at the head of an army of 12,000 to seize the throne of Hungary.

At this time the King of Hungary was Matthias Corvinus. Some Hungarian nobles did not like him and wanted him dethroned. They asked St. Casimir's father for help. In exchange, they promised to make St. Casimir king of Hungary in place of Matthias.

In October, 1471 St. Casimir and his forces set out for Hungary. In his boyish imagination, St. Casimir thought that he was marching to free the Hungarians from an oppressive ruler. He dreamed that some day as King he would lead a crusade against the Turks.

However, when he arrived in Hungary, he was welcomed at only a few castles. St. Casimir's advisors were unaware of the strong support King Matthias still had amongst the Hungarian nobles. The Hungarian Diet gave Matthias more money to raise a bigger and better army. The Hungarian nobles who were previously against Matthias saw that there was no chance for them to win. In order to protect themselves, they deserted St. Casimir and reconciled themselves with Matthias.

As you can imagine, the campaign went badly for St. Casimir. Many of his soldiers became ill. Many quit when there was no longer any money to pay them. Many died because of Matthias' stronger army. St. Casimir was forced to retreat. The high hopes of this "boy" prince were dashed to the ground.

In Matthew 5, 19-20 Jesus warns us, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where rust and moths consume, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven".

Maybe St. Casimir read this passage of the Bible as he spent the winter recovering from his bruised feelings and bitter disillusionment for never again did he aspire to an earthly throne.

Do you ever become disillusioned? What would St. Casimir say to you if you were down in the dumps because you did not make the school's basketball team, or the cheerleading squad? For not getting that special part in the school play?

His would pass along the message Jesus told him, "Your suffering and disillusionment are trifles, trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle".

You can be like St. Casimir the next time you see one of your friends upset. Repeat St. Casimir's message to him.



MALDA Į ŠV. KAZIMIERĄ PRAYER TO SAINT CASIMIR

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| Melsk, Kazimierai, | We pray, St. Casimir |
| Taikos | For peace |
| Gelbėk žemę | Save our fatherland |
| Lietuvos | Lithuania |
| Gelbėk Vilnių | Save Vilnius |
| Ir Trakus | And Trakai |
| Ir visus gerus | And all good |
| Vaikus | Children |

Copy this prayer and decorate it with lilies and a picture of St. Casimir.

ANNOUNCING

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA JUNIORS AND YOUTH

The 6th Annual Lithuanian Youth Congress will be held in Australia

DECEMBER 20, 1987 ----- JANUARY 10, 1988

The Junior Knights of Lithuania would like to sponsor two (2) youths who are active in Knights of Lithuania activities. Consideration will be given to members 16 to 30 years of age. Members interested should write an essay stating in what Knights of Lithuania activities he/she have been involved and have the ability to understand and speak Lithuanian. Please forward the essay to:

MARYTE LEPERA
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
117 BOULDER ROAD - PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462

Our representatives will be chosen in August at the National Knights of Lithuania Convention in Kansas City, Kansas.

Winning essays will be forwarded to the Lithuanian World Youth Association. Please include a snapshot of yourself.

WHAT IS A LITHUANIAN YOUTH CONGRESS?

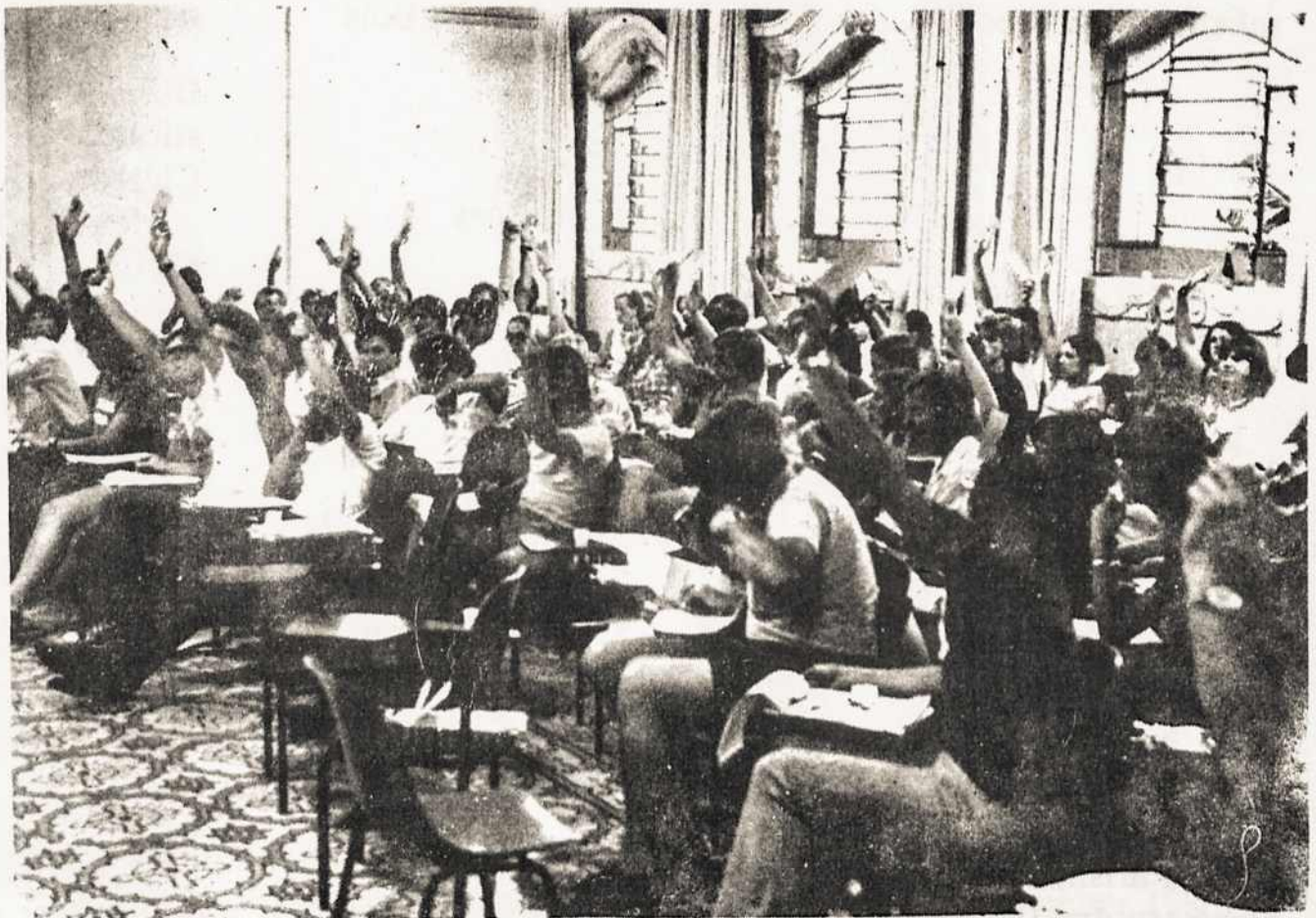
It is an opportunity for young Lithuanian adults to make new acquaintances within the Lithuanian world community..to share ideas and experiences.

The Congress will have two parts: Camp and Workshop

Many countries will be represented. such as Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, France, Great Britain, Italy, Sweden, Uruguay, Venezuela, West Germany and the USA.

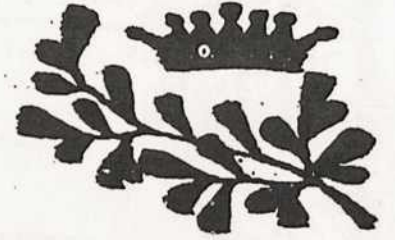
There will be much opportunity for those selected to represent the K. of L. pride in "God and Country".

Please send me your essays today.



Lithuanian youth at earlier Lithuanian Youth Congress.

Lithuanians in The



Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

Lithuanian Independent Club congratulated on its 25th anniversary by DuBois Pa community

An editorial in "The Courier Express", DuBois, Pa., on October 27th, spoke for the entire DuBois community in congratulating its Lithuanian neighbors in the celebration of 25 successful years operating the Lithuanian Independent Club facility in DuBois that has been home for many events, large and small.

The editorial states: "The hospitable and friendly Lithuanian atmosphere prevails whatever the occasion...The formidable structure has become a landmark for its fine reputation and service...The pioneer Lithuanians who settled here nearly a century ago can be proud of the club's history and its accomplishments...The Lithuanian Independent Club has, indeed, taken its honored place among the family of DuBois

organizations who have brought pride and prestige to the city and area."

The event was celebrated with a banquet and dance that attracted over 200 members and guest. TOM BRUZGA, C-86, DuBois, served as Master of Ceremonies, paying tribute to all those who had anything to do with the construction and dedication 25 years ago.

Honorary Members DR. JACK and LORETTA STUKAS, C-29, Newark, N.J., attended as guest speakers. Also in attendance were Mayor and Mrs. Leo Karoleski. Mayor Karoleski stated: "You are a beautiful people. The Lithuanian Club is certainly an asset to the city."

BISHOP PAUL MARCINKUS, president of the Institute for Works of Religion (Vatican Bank) and a Cicero native, notes "The Chicago Catholic."

He joined Cardinal Bernardin and current and former parish priests to concelebrate the anniversary Mass on Nov. 9.

In his homily, Cardinal Bernardin said, "We are an immigrant Church and a Church of immigrants. This church, like so many in our archdiocese, was built by the pennies, nickels and continued sacrifice and generosity of immigrants who fled their homelands because of poverty or political and religious oppression."

St. Anthony was founded in 1911 by Lithuanian immigrants. While the parish today is multi-ethnic, there is still a large Lithuanian population necessitating one daily and two Sunday Masses in Lithuanian. The parish school has been staffed by the Sisters of St. Casimir since 1920. FATHER R. GEORGE SARAUSKAS is administrator of the parish.

St. Anthony's is home to Council 14, Cicero, Ill.



*St. Anthony
Parish
Cicero, IL
Celebrates
75th Anniversary*

*Archbishop
Paul Marcinkus
being greeted by
Konstant Savickus,
president of C-5, Chicago*

Many former parishioners came home to visit St. Anthony Parish, Cicero, Ill., on the occasion of its 75th anniversary, but the award for the person who traveled the farthest probably could have gone to ARCH-

Stamp commemorated Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee



Lithuanian Christianity stamp

De Paul University, Chicago, IL hosts Latvian - Lithuanian Folk Festival

A Latvian/Lithuanian Folk Festival was presented at DePaul University, Chicago, Ill. last November 8th, entitled "The Creativity of Tradition: The Survival and Renewal of Folk Culture in the Lithuanian and Latvian Communities".

Activities included speakers on folk themes, including UCLA archeologist MARIJA GIMBUTAS. Exhibits included photography by ALGIMANTAS KEZYS, and contemporary art plus folk arts and demonstrations on Easter eggs, weaving, spinning, folk costumes and jewelry and pottery making. An evening concert included Lithuanian folk singers and dancers.



Lithuanian Dancers at Expo 86

A stamp has been minted to commemorate the 600 years of Lithuanian Christianity by Lithuanian Scouts Association.

The stamp was designed by Julius Spakenas and printed in four colors. A patch of almost black earth in the foreground of the stamp symbolizes the dark state of occupied Lithuania. Behind it, green land represents hope for the future. A deep purple cross with Lithuanian folk motifs bisects the words, "Christianitas Lituaniae."

Each sheet of 25 stamps cost \$1.25. Or you may order 10 sheets for \$10.00. Order them by writing to Aleksas Danasas, Lithuanian Scouts Fund Administrator, 29 Welles Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124. Make checks payable to The Lithuanian Scouts Association, Inc. — LSF. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order.

Lithuanian Folk Dance troupes perform at Canadian Expo 86 in Toronto



"Lithuanian Folk Dancers" by Algimantas Kezys

Two Lithuanian folk dance troupes represented Lithuania at Expo 86 in Vancouver, B.C. Canada. Toronto's Gintaras and Seattle, Washington's Lietutis performed traditional folk dances for the well attended world class exposition. (The Observer, November 1986)

Young Lithuanian-American receives National Recognition for teaching handicapped

1986 was a year of recognition for DONALD S. MAROZAS, according to "The Recorder," Amsterdam, N.Y. He won a State University of New York chancellor's award for excellence in teaching in May and was honored with the Association for Retarded Citizens National Educator of the Year award at ARC's 15th annual national convention in Omaha, Neb. in November.

The award recognizes a university professor who has demonstrated excellence in the preparation of teachers of students with mental retardation.

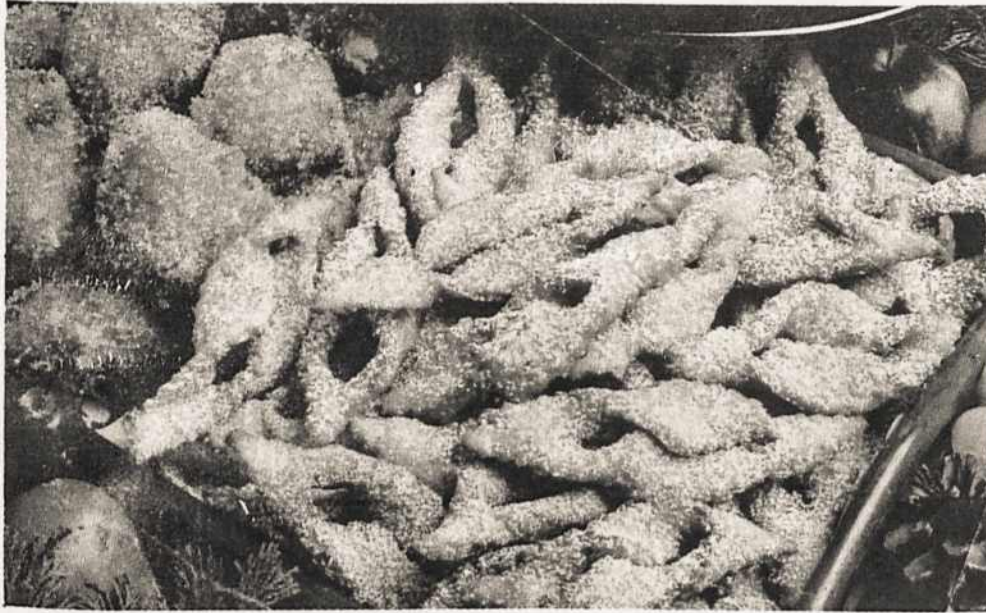
Marozas is an associate professor of special education at the SUNY College at Geneseo, N.Y., and also coordinates its pre-school handicapped teacher preparation program.

His chancellor's award was in recognition of his concern for students, as evidenced by the individual attention given them.

At 32, Marozas has said people frequently ask him if he isn't a little young to have gone so far. He responds that "age is relative. It's what you do with your time that matters."

In addition to teaching, Marozas serves as regional representative to the state Division of Early Childhood and chairman of its Legislative Committee. He is head of the children's service committee of the Livingston-Wyoming ARC, advises the student volunteers in special education support groups at the college and helps coordinate the local Special Olympics.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. ANTHONY MAROZAS of Amsterdam.



Lithuanian treat pictured in McCall's magazine

Lithuanian delicacy (Ausukes) featured in McCall Magazine

McCall Magazine, December 1986 issue, featured a Lithuanian delicacy among its recipes for Holiday Breads — Lithuanian Bow Ties (Chruschiki), or as we know them, Little Ears (Ausukes). Source of the recipe is not indicated.

For a copy of the recipe, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Ruth Kazlauskas, 554 Roxbury Drive, Naperville, IL 60565.

REV. ADOLFAS STASYS
Member C-147 St. Petersburg
Died February 4, 1987

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in
your prayers...

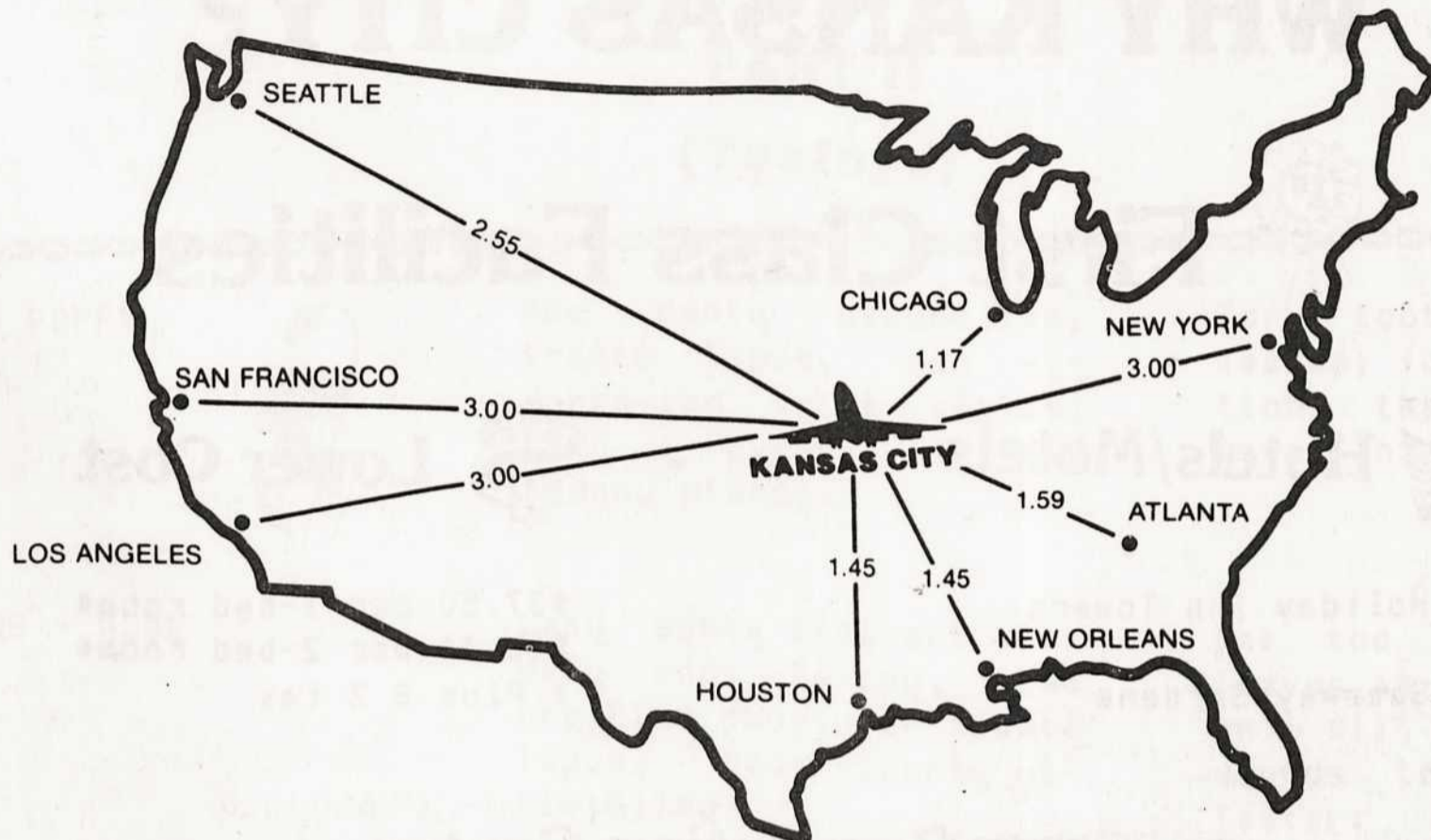
CHARLES TAGMAN
Member C-26, Worcester
Died February 7, 1987





PETER ZUPKO
Member C-12, New York
Died March 1, 1987

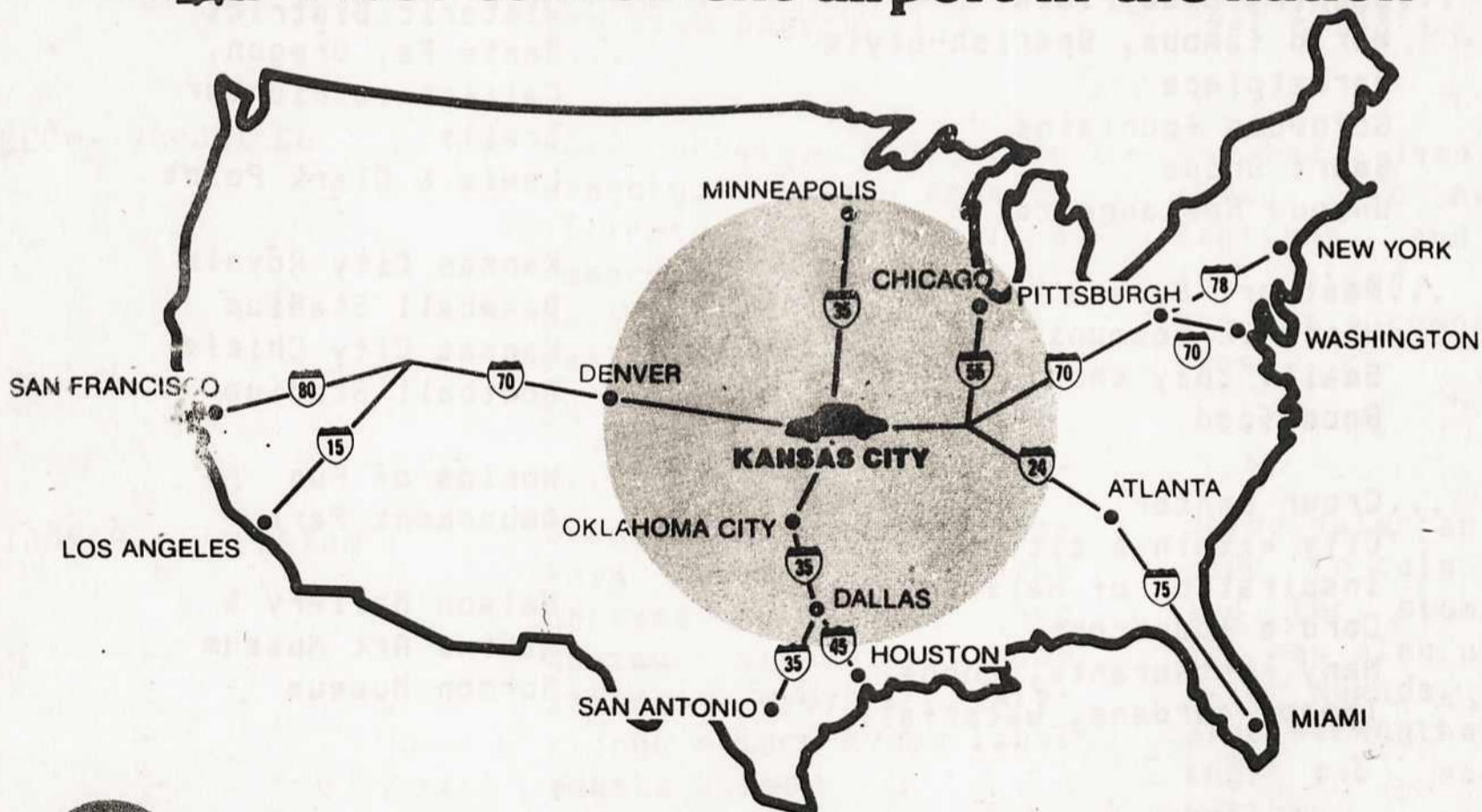
EDWARD ZAKRZEWSKI
Member C-130, Westfield
Died January 18, 1987

JOHN KRUIK
Member C-50, New Haven
Died February 28, 1987

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- ...Worlds of Fun
Amusement Park
- ...Nelson Gallery &
Atkins Art Museum
- ...Mormon Museum

SENOVĖS LIETUVIŲ VAISTAI

(LITHUANIAN FOLK MEDICINE)

PART II

(Tęslnys)

AGUONA - POPPY



Nuo dantų skaudėjimo, kramtė lapus, nuo viduriavimo valgė sėklas, dėjo į pyragus ir malė aguonų pienui.

For tooth ache, chew leaves; for better digestion, the seeds found in bread and poppy seed milk

ALIJOŠIUS - ALOE

Lapų sunką tepė ant visokių odos žaizdų, kad greičiau pagytų ir kramtė lapus, nuo vidurių užkietėjimo.

Use the juice from the leaves as a salve, place on all kinds of skin wounds to make it heal faster; chew the leaves for better digestion, to relieve constipation.

DRUSKA - SALT

Šiltu pasūdytu vandeniu plovė, burna, skalavo gerklę, su keliais krisleliais druskos lengvai patrindavo žaizdas, kad greičiau pagytų.

Use warm salt water as a mouthwash and for sore throat; sprinkle salt crystals on a wound, rub it in lightly to make it heal faster.

RAMUNĖLĖ - CAMOMILLE

Gėrė arbatą, kad geriau miegotų, inkstų akmenys ištirptų, dėjo šiltus kompresus ant žaizdų, pavargusių akių ir šviesiaplaukės naudojo plaukų plovimui.

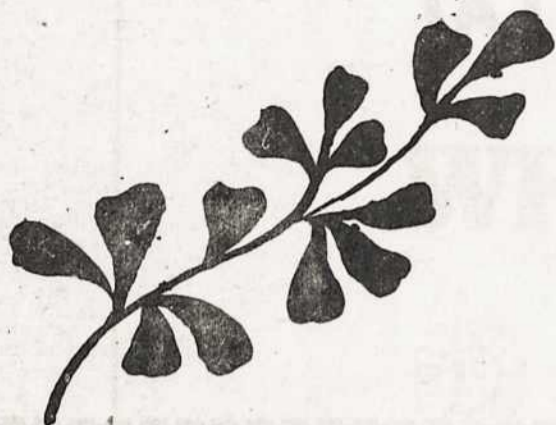
As tea, used for better sleep, to help kidneyfections and disease; for tired, sore eyes use as a compress on the eyes.

VALERIJONAS - VALERIAN

Džiovinotos valerijono sėklys buvo naudojamos nervams nuraminti, nuo spazmu vidaus ir odos žaizdoms gydyti. Valerijono stipru kvapa labai mėgsta kates.

Dried valerian seeds were used to calm the nerves and for stomach spasms. It was also used to heal skin wounds. Valerian also strengthened breathing and made coughs better.

RŪTA - RUE



Viduramžiais raganos duodavo rūtų arbatą moterims, gerti, nuo visokių moteriškų negalavimų. Rūtų aliejus yra nuodingas, bet retai, kas nuo to mirdavo. Arbatą gerdavo ir nuo isterijos, raminančiai veikė nervus. Kad pranyktų karpos, išvirdavo rūtų vyne ir tuo skysčiu jas patepdavo. Vyne virtos sėklos buvo naudojamos, nuo visokių apsinuodijimų (priešnodis). Nuo reumato skausmų, tepė sanarius rūtų aliejumi.

In the middle-ages ruta was used to protect oneself from witchcraft. Drinking ruta tea would cure all kinds of women ailments. It was also used for hysteria and to calm one's nerves. Oil or salve from ruta was used on warts to make them disappear. It was used as an antidote for many kinds of things. For rheumatic conditions one was advised to rub it on the affected joint to make it feel better.

SVOGŪNAS - ONION



Keptą šiltą svogūną dėjo ant voties, kad ištrauktų pūlius.

Place baked, warm onions on an abscess or wound to help draw any infection out.

SAKHAROV ASKS FOR RELEASE
OF BALYS GAJAUSKAS

During a Peace Forum held in Moscow this February Andrei Sakharov submitted a list of 19 prisoners of conscience to several Americans attending the conference.

At the top of this list was Lithuanian Balys Gajauskas. Two other Lithuanians on this list were Fr. Alphonsas Svarinskas and Viktoras Petkus.

Sakharov noted that of the 100 confirmed prisoner releases no one has been released from Perm Special Regime Camp 36-1, one of the most severe of the Soviet penal colonies

BALTIC FREEDOM DAY 1987

On January 6, 1987 Senate Joint Resolution 5 was introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senators Alphonse D'Amato (R-NY) and Dan Riegle (R-PA) to designate June 14, 1987 as "Baltic Freedom Day".

Sen. D'Amato stated that the Soviet Union, as a signatory of the Helsinki accords and the United Nations Charter must accept the political and legal obligations that these agreements entail. We must not permit the past 47 years of Soviet repression in the Baltic States to dull our sensitivity to the injustices imposed upon

the citizens of those nations. The leaders of the Kremlin must know that Americans will never accept the status quo, and that we will continue to support the Baltic people in their efforts to secure their fundamental human rights.

Ask your Congressional representatives to co-sponsor S.J.Res. 5.

HELP THE SUFFERING PEOPLE
IN LITHUANIA

Send a donation to the
K of L LCRA Fund.

REMEMBER YOUR PRISONER
OF CONSCIENCE

Send him/her Easter
greetings.

LITHUANIAN MUSEUMS

THEN AND NOW

By Regina (Gerutis) Kot

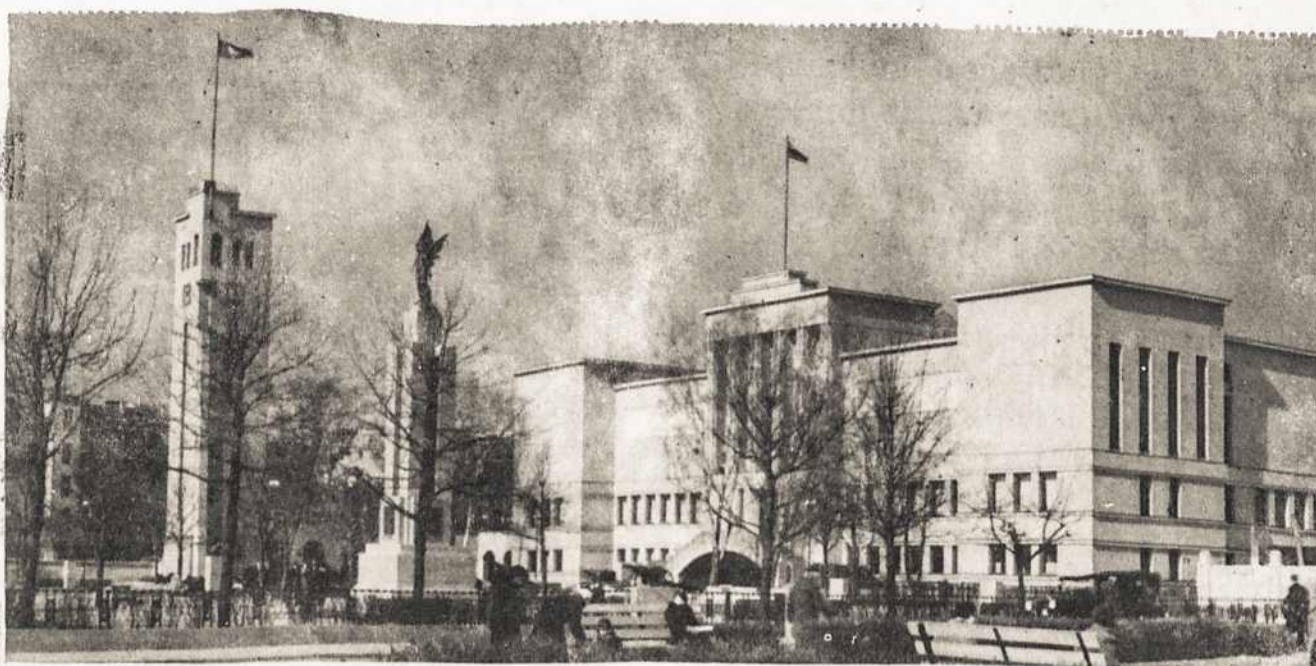
Author Dionizas Poska decided in 1812 to put his collection of various artifacts and old coins on display to share them with the public. Thus, reportedly, was born the first museum in Lithuania. It was located in Bijotai, county of Taurage.

Soon thereafter, in 1856, at the University of Vilnius, a library-museum was established to house a collection of prints, lithographs, documents and manuscripts. It also included an archaeological section.

In 1897 the State Museum was established in Kaunas. The first curator of the museum was Colonel E. Golishkin who had donated a sizeable collection of archaeological and mineralogical items. In 1907, after expansion of the museum, Jadas Daugirdas was appointed curator. He transferred his collection of amber, silver, stone and bronze artifacts to the museum from his manor near Ariogala. Daugirdas also served as director until his death in 1917.

In 1935 the Vytautas the Great Museum of Culture was constructed in Kaunas. One of the functions of this museum was to instruct the other museums throughout Lithuania. The grounds consisted of monuments, wayside crosses, and a garden of roses. The main monument was dedicated to those who died for Lithuania's freedom. It carried the inscription:

*Vigilant through the ages,
We won freedom through sacrifices
and dedication.*



Vytautas the Great Cultural Museum

Flag raising ceremonies were conducted daily accompanied by a small brass band. The Lithuanian National Anthem and "Marija, Marija" were also sung.

On Sundays could be heard the ringing of the bell in the tower of the Museum of War. This bell was a gift from Lithuanian-Americans and bore the inscription:

*O ring through the ages
For the Children of Lithuania
That he is not worthy of freedom
Who does not defend it!*

In 1936, two independent museums were founded in the Vytautas the Great Museum building: the Ciurlionis collection of paintings and the Museum of Culture.

Before World War II there were 40 provincial museums in Lithuania. Many of them are gone now. After the war the Soviets changed the name of the Vytautas the Great Museum to the State Museum of Fine Arts. Many of the objects, materials, paintings and statues which the Soviets deemed "undesirable" were liquidated.

One of the largest museums organized after World War II in Lithuania is the Museum of History and Ethnography which was established in Vilnius in 1968. This museum is divided into five sections. The Ethnographic Section is the most popular and consists of folk weaving, national costumes, wooden sculptures and ceramic articles.

Vyčiai Veikia

Edited by HELEN CHESKO



Council Activities

1000 E. Pine St., Mahanoy City, PA 17948



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT



C-29 -- NEWARK

Our council held its annual Chinese auction on November 30, and I am happy to report that it is still one of our best money makers. It takes months of preparation to get this kind of an affair off the ground. Chairlady Eva Sharon and her committee deserve a big hand for their efforts. "Sirdingai aciū" to all the members who donated prizes, to the ladies who baked cakes, to those who worked the prize tables, to those in the kitchen and last but not least to all who attended.

Our annual Christmas party was held on December 14 and what a party it was! Our Cocktail Hostess, Ann O'Neill, got the festivities started with a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres and the expertly mixed "bubbly" put us all in a jolly Ho-ho-ho Christmas mood. Next on the agenda was a gourmet buffet dinner prepared by Chairlady Betty Luciw and all her little helpers.

The food was delicious, and the decorations a work of art. They served fresh ham, Hawaiian chicken, sausage and peppers, seafood casserole, kugelis, mushrooms, cucumbers in sour cream, a variety of gelatin molds and for dessert chocolate mousse and home baked cookies. Betty and her committee did a terrific job, and our council is indeed fortunate to have such talented and dedicated members. Thanks a million!



C-29 Newark Cleanup Crew - the Day after the Christmas Party. (Front row) Kazys Sipaila, Betty Luciw, Ann O'Neill Nechiporuk, Bernie Skripata; (Back row) Adele Matthews, Mary Honeyman, Mary Gouba, Viola Skripata, Marge Brazaitis, Mary Stonis



Walter Brazaitis, Bernie Skripata and Kazys Sipaila check food donations from Council 29 Newark members for St. John's of Newark

On display at our Christmas party was a table piled high with food collected and donated by our members to help feed the needy from St. John's in Newark. Many thanks to all our members for their contributions and also to the men who contributed time and muscle to transport the food from our parish hall to St. John.

Condolences to the family and relatives of Charles Strolis who passed away this past December. Charlie, as we all knew him, was a member of our council for 42 years. He was a Fourth Degree Member and also a past president of our council. We all pray that he rests in peace.

Eva Coll

C-46 -- FOREST CITY

Council 46 elected officers at the October meeting. The following officers served the council for nine years: John Morris, president; Anthony Yavorosky, treasurer; Anne Zelinskas, secretary. We wish to express our thanks for a hard job well done. We experienced many interesting events during the nine-year reign as officers.

At Mass on January 4, Father Sitko, our spiritual advisor, installed the following officers for 1987: Michael Yavorosky, president; Anthony Yavorosky, vice president; Robert Trusky, treasurer; Margaret Cyzeski, secretary; Edward Yeskatalis and Albert Kazokevich, trustees.

Blance Motsko continues to serve as Vytis correspondent.

We know our new officers will serve us equally as well and generate more new ideas. Congratulations and best wishes!

New members joined throughout the year and our juniors were installed in our council.

We had a large attendance of members and guests at our Christmas party. Favors, raffle gifts and door prizes were donated by Stasia Wallace, Adele Armstrong and Alice Puntar. Special thanks to the ladies and hosting committee for a most enjoyable party.

St. Anthony's is the only Gothic church in our town. Our church was beautifully decorated with many poinsettias and wreaths. A large cut tree was trimmed with handmade Lithuanian ornaments. Many thanks to all who helped decorate.

Blanche Motsko

C-70 -- KEARNY

Kathy Rokas, Paul Gelenitis and Joan Benvenute did an extraordinary job of making our Reunion Dance such a tremendous success. The blending of our mature and young adults was like a mellow wine - enjoyed by all. Friends from Newark, Jersey City and Bayonne really made this a reunion.

February 15 is our flag raising commemorating "Lietuvos Nepriklausomybes" at the Kearny Town Hall. Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the services.

December was our covered dish supper. Fran Grinewich was coordinator along with her committee Mildred Miola, Ann Pringle, Mary & Stan Przychocki. The buffet table looked like a page from a gourmet magazine. Willie Grinewich provided the music. From all of the comments, everyone was delighted with the variety of food served.

Dorothy Songile

C-100 -- AMSTERDAM

The St. Casimir Social Center beautifully decorated for the Christmas season by Gerard Drenzed was the scene on December 14 for Council 100 Christmas dinner and program. Greeting members and friends as they arrived was Santa Claus, Harold Tice. Chairing the affair were Mr. & Mrs. Harold Tice. Jennie Burimauskas and Sophie Malkowicz headed the ticket committee. Helen Zytkowski chaired the special prize committee. Co-chairing the refreshment committee were William Burimauskas and Walter Malkowicz.

For hors d'oeuvres, to the delight of the guests, Edward & Polly Ziausys prepared a table of Lithuanian foods that were served on Christmas Eve Kucios which includ-

Hd such appetizers as herring, homemade cheese, pyragas and slizikai with poppy seed milk.

Master of Ceremonies Vincent Rossi presented Rev. Robert Baltch who began with a prayer of thanksgiving and then asked everyone to share the plotkeles with each other. Dinner followed.

National President Frank Petrauskas and wife Irene attended. President Petrauskas brought greetings. Local President Radzevich also wished everyone a joyous Yuletide and presented a gift to Spiritual Advisor Rev. Baltch. Rev. Matthew Cyvas, pastor of St. George's Church, Albany, also extended the seasons greetings.

National Cultural Chairman Regina Kot led the carol singing with Rev. Baltch at the piano. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Raila distributed Santa's gifts and grab bags. The winners of the special gifts were Sophie Malkowicz, Irene Petrauskas and Anthony Radzevich. Thanks to Olga Wilkevich for her donation.

Harold & Irene Tice, co-chairmen, thanked the committee for their untiring efforts in preparing the feast. The guests expressed their appreciation with a tremendous round of applause.

Congratulations to Paul D. Tonko who was reelected assemblyman of the 105th Assembly District of New York State.

A belated but a well-deserved thanks to Helen Hugo who served as general chairman of the October 4



C-100 members enjoying some Christmas spirit



Anne Radzevich, Gene Gobis, Tony Radzevich and Bernice Aviza at C-100 Christmas party

COUNCIL 61 - PATERSON

Praėjusių metų gruodžio mėn. 21 d. įvykusiame kuopos susirinkime buvo išrinkta nauja kuopos valdyba. Iš tikrųjų, buvo perrinkti tik kuopos pirmininkas Juozas Balutis ir sekretorė Elena Balutienė, kurie dėl sveikatos ir kitų svarbių priežasčių atsisakė iš valdybos pareigų. Kiti valdybos nariai sutiko pasilikti savo pareigose. Tokiu būdu kuopos valdyboje yra šie asmenys:

Janina Meižienė:

Pirmininkė;

Antanas Masionis:

Vicepirmininkas;

Valdybos narys

spaudos; Viesiems reikalams

Elena Trucilauskienė:

Sekretorė;

Povilas Trucilauskas:

Finansų

sekretorius;

Išdininkas

Angelė Stankaitienė:

Lietuvos ir

kultūros

reikalams;

Vytautas Gružas:

Meno reikalams;

Marija Kemezine,

Gediminas Klimas,

Klemensas Pralėika:

Revizijos

komisijoje

(trustees)

pasiliko taip pat

tie patys asmenys

Šių metų pirmas kuopos susirinkimas įvyko sausio 18 d. kuriam pirmininkavo jau nauja pirmininkė Janina Meižienė ir sekretoriavo Elena Trucilau-

skienė. Parapijos klebonas kun. A. Bertašius sukalbėjo malda.

Pradžioje kuopos valdybos nariai padarė pranešimus iš savo veiklos. Paskui buvo svarstyti Nepriklausomybės šventės ir Kaziuko mūges reikalai. Kadangi Nepriklausomybės minėjimą vyčiai rengia su Lietuvių Bendruomene ir praėjusiais metais, vadovaujant vytei Onai Preikštienė, po visos programos buvo surengtos labai visiems patikusios vaišės, nutarta ir šiemet tokias vaišes rengti ir vėl pakviesti Oną Preikštienė tų vaišių parengimui vadovauti ir jai į pagalbines dar pakviesti Ireną Eitmanienė, Sofija Klimienė ir Marija Kemezienė. Nutarta tam reikalui jokios rinkliavos nedaryti - padaryti vaišės suneštines.

Šventės minėjimas vasario 14 d. prasidės 10:30 veliavos pakėlimu prie Patersono miesto rotušės (City Hall). Betty Dowhen pažadėjo susisiekti su Mayor Frank X. Graves, kad jis pakeltu veliava ir pakeltu veliava ir paprasysu atvykti vasario 15 d. į šventės programa. Programa prasidės 10:30 šv. Kazimiro parapijos bažnyčioje pamaldomis už Lietuvą. Po pamaldų bus minėjimas parapijos salėje. Paskaitą skaitys kun. Kasimieras Pugevičius. Po to dar bus rodomi Lietuvos vaizdai arba filma apie Maironį. Tikimasi dar gauti programai pajavairinti ir "Liepsnos" tautinių šokių grupę. Vytautas Gružas pasirūpins dekoracijomis.

Kaziuko mūge nutarta suruošti balandžio 5 d., nes kovo pradžia perarti prie Vasario 16-sios. Mūgėje bus išstatytas "Lietuviškas kaimas", įvairūs rankdarbiai, gintaro dirbiniai ir bus pakviesta G. Popielienė su savo lietuviškų meno dalykų rinkiniu.

Pirmininkė Janina Meižienė pasiūlė įvesti į mūsų susirinkimus, kad jie būtų idomesni ir patrauktu daugiau naujų narių, ką nors iš kultūrinių dalykų: trumpų paskaitėlių, muzikos, idomesnių skaidrių, savo atsiminimų, vaizdų iš Lietuvos, iš savo kelionių ir pan. Pasiūlymas buvo visų priimtas ir pirmasis toks bandymas jau bus kitame susirinkime: Gediminas Klimas pakalbės apie savo dėdę Petra Klima, kuris yra Lietuvos nepriklausomybės paskelbimo akto signaturas. Kitas susirinkimas bus kovo 15 d. Klebonas kun. A. Bertašius padėkojo 61-kuopos vyčiams už \$500.00 auką Kaledų progą.

Antanas Masionis



SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

SKAITYK IR PLANTINK
"VYTI"

PROUDLY WEAR YOUR K OF L
EMBLEM PIN

PROUDLY DISPLAY YOUR
OTHER EMBLEM ITEMS OF
K O L OBJECTIVES.

Mid-Atlantic District Convention in Amsterdam. Mrs. Hugo thanks her committee for their cooperation and hard work in making the convention a real success. She also expresses her gratitude to all the members who brought in the large variety of delicious food.

Observing the feast of the Epiphany, Father Baltch commemorated the evening Mass in Lithuanian with members of Council 100 in attendance. The first meeting for 1987 followed.

President Radzevich welcomed new members Nancy Yakas, Irene Tice's mother, and Christine Tambasco, Beatrice & Bill Jasewicz's daughter, and acknowledge the presence of Michael Mikolaitis, former recipient of the K of L Scholarship Award. Michael is now in his last year at the State University of New York, Plattsburg, where he is majoring in political science.

Cultural chairman Polly Ziausys read a letter from Lithuania about a young couple's life after their wedding. They live in a one-room apartment with shared kitchen privileges, a room which is some distance away. The couple writes about the long lines waiting to buy food, how small the salaries are and other difficulties, but the main thing is that they get along very well.

Polly also had some Lithuanian riddles and tongue twisters. She asked if we knew the longest word in Lithuanian. Here it is:
pasikiskiakapusteliaudamas! We challenge you to pronounce it.

Father Baltch told the members that on December 7 a new Bishop Vladas Michelevicius was ordained in the Kaunas Cathedral in Lithuania.

Preparations for our Lithuanian Independence Day program on February 14 have begun. Polly Ziausys is heading the committee. Dr. Jack J. Stukas will be our principal speaker. A newly-trained group of Lazdynas Dancers from Rochester under the direction of Jadvyga Regina will perform.

Smile & Sparkle

C-109 -- GREAT NECK

Our recent holiday party for our members and guests held in our brightly decorated parish hall was a stupendous success. Typical Lithuanian cuisine was a surprise delight to all. Donated casseroles and dishes filled the hall with aromas no one could dare to resist. Starcy Wesley with her kugelis and Isabelle Boza with her pickled herring proved our heritage to be at least tasty.

Vacant vice presidency was admirably filled by the election of William Statkevicius to the office. Bill is a native Great Neck and is retired from the postal system. He and his charming wife Regenia are dedicated members.

Congratulations to Jonas and Irene Vilgalys on the marriage of their daughter Arasa. The happy couple are on an extended honeymoon in Europe and will reside in Germany.

Tremendous drive for new members is in full blast! We don't give up.

Illness still takes a toll on our group. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bertha Fuchs and Phil Rutha. May the sun be bright once more forcing gloomy clouds to point afar.

Hearty welcome to Sister Rita Marie and Sister Elizabeth, Sisters of St. Casimir, and Bernice Pingel, who is presently residing in Colorado, as new members. Sveikas!

Our laugh of the week -- Querried for news in regard to the council, Clara Wasoleck retorted, "We put a new roof on the house". A Gracie Allen gem!

We are all agog making plans for our yearly communion breakfast. At this point it seems we will surpass all previous ones with many guests and prospective members. All are invited.

Our auditing committee, Amelia Chapin, Phil & Lou Ann Ruth, are busy checking the books of Treasurer George Bleckas.

•JACKUTIS

C-110 -- MASPETH

T'was 22 days before Christmas, December 3, 1986, about 150 members attended a Christmas party (on the house) held in the Transfiguration RC Church Hall in Maspeth. Congratulations to Terry Pointis, chairperson, Amylia Girdauskas, vice chairperson, and all those happy helpers who assisted to make it a joyful party.

The focal point of Lithuanian Christmas is the Christmas Eve supper -- Kucios. Since we Lithuanians are hospitable and love to entertain or be entertained, the council held their 12th traditional Kucios on December 14 with 210 members and guests attending.

During Advent, the Church asks us to penetrate a different kind of darkness with another kind of light. So leave it to Helen Matulonis and her able assistants, Helen Jambor, Lottie Ulrich, Sophis Zuyus and Stas Kraujalis for another beautiful performance of "Candlelight". Dorothy Sakal narrated the significance of Kucios.

After partaking of the twelve dishes under the supervision of Frances Migilore, the audience started singing Christmas Carols both in English and Lithuanian.

Before the closing prayer for Kucios, John Adomenas announced that Anthony Barris, a member, died on the morning of December 14.

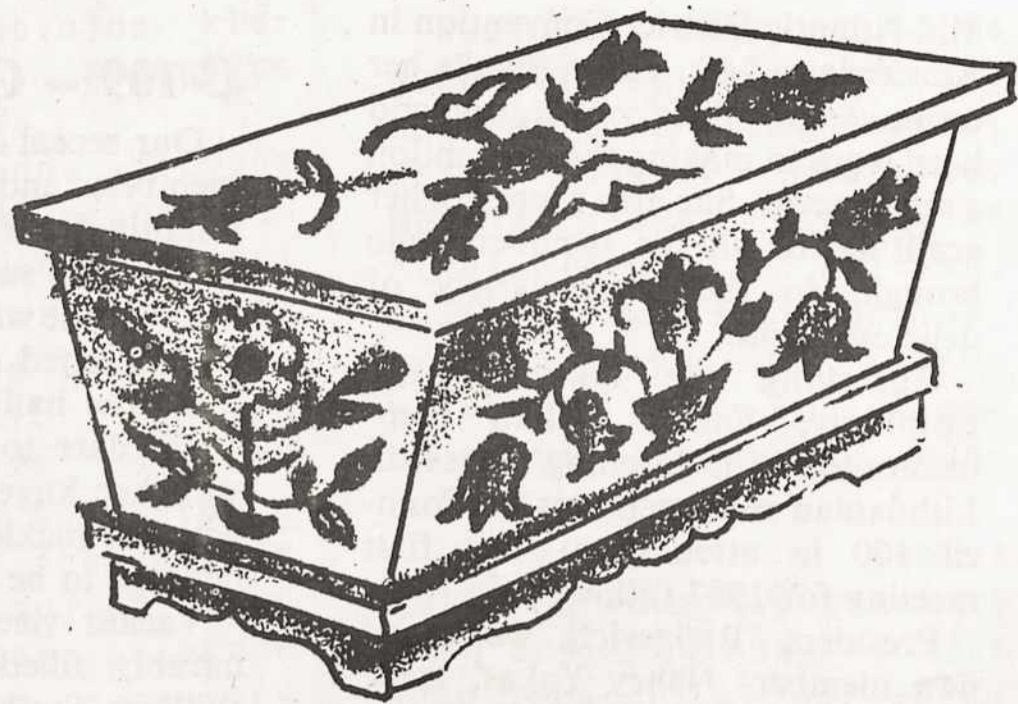
On January 5, a mood of sadness settled over Council 110. Lottie Ulrich, Fourth Degree member, sister of President Adomenas, died after a short illness.

Lottie was an outstanding Catholic, living a life committed to charity and love. Her faith and commitment was identified by the number of organizations she belonged and served. Also she was an extraordinary woman with endless energy and perseverance and whose death will have a profound effect upon Council 110.

When one among us, a member stands tall in their commitment to the ideals of the council, upon death



Ann Lisowski, Ann Galenas, Nancy Laske and Marie Laske (L to R) of Council 74 Scranton displayed Lithuanian artifacts at Anthracite Museum in McDade Park



Among those shown in front of the Lithuanian Christmas tree, decorated by the Knights of Lithuania, Antracite Council 144., Minersville, for the 71st annual "Christmas... An Ethnic Experience", in Harrisburg, include (from left) Annie Margolis, Lithuanian Commissioner of the Governor's Heritage Affairs Advisory Commission; Charles Bojanic, GHAAC chairman; Sister Lourdine SSC; Bernice Mikatavage; Sister Cordia SSC and John T. Martino, GHAAC executive director.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**THE 73RD ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1987**

**ROCKY
GLEN
PARK**
MOOSIC, PA.

the members take humble pride and ask God to give Lottie Ulrich her rest in his care.

Joseph C. Dugan

C-152 -- RIVERHEAD

We hope you had a blessed Christmas and wish you much peace and happiness in the New Year.

Our Christmas party held at the General Wayne Inn, Southold, was attended by 113 members and friends. A gay, friendly atmosphere prevailed, the food was delicious and a lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all. Thanks to our committee, Benita Matthes, Angela Minsavitch and Muriel Lekstutis for a job well done on such short notice. We had the pleasure of having our district president John Adomenas, his wife Anne, his sister Lottie Ulrich and Helen Matulonis with us. John did the honors of officiating at the installation of our new officers for the coming year. Alice Graff thanked all members for their cooperation during the past two years of her presidency.

A correction to the list of new officers is as follows: Anne Tarmey, recording secretary and Julie Lott remains as financial secretary.

Congratulations to Anna and Gabriel Baksys on the happy occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Although a bit late, our wishes are most sincere. "Ilgiausiu Metu".

Still on our sick list is Marian Bealis who underwent by-pass surgery recently. Get well soon, Marian, we miss you. All reports on Shelly Matthes and Irene Sakal are that they are recovering nicely.

Lively discussion of forthcoming events got the new year off to a good start at our January meeting. Our communion and brunch will be on March 15. Mass will be at St. John the Evangelist Church, Riverhead, at 10:30 a.m. Brunch will follow at the Tolendal Inn, Mattituck.

Demesio! Demesio! Of Utmost Importance! Our council will sponsor a pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Island Shrine, Eastport, LI, to commemorate the 600th anniversary of

Christianity in Lithuania. We invite all Knights and friends to join us on May 31 for this momentous occasion. This will be the first Knights of Lithuania or for that matter any other Lithuanian event at this beautiful outdoor shrine. Please mark your calendar on that date and let's all be there. Let's make this an unforgettable religious and cultural commemoration. More details will follow in coming months.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Adomenas and Ulrich families on the recent death of Lottie Ulrich, a long-time member and tireless worker for the Knights of Lithuania cause. God grant her eternal peace.

March 4, St. Casimir Day-- Sventas Kazimierai, musu globejau, melskis uz mus. St. Casimir pray for us.

Beatrice Lucka

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



C-27 -- NORWOOD

It has been a while since the small Council 27 said "Labas" to all. The council was busy. October 18 we held our semi-annual dance with music by Ray Henry. Mary Ann Tamasanis was at the helm with the ever-faithful Geroge Barton, Sandy Melish, Aldona Jackson, Al Yurkstas, Betty & John Skricki all contributing. It was a success and the next dance is scheduled for April 25. Since our parish is celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary, it will be for the benefit of the parish.

On October 17, the Dallalis family, Helen, formerly Sipas of Council 26, and Nancy grieved the passing

of mother and grandmother. She is sorely missed when we think of her coming over as a "mergaite" in 1909 who lived to see a man on the moon and even took to the air for visits with her relatives in far away places.

October 26, we co-hosted the New England District Cultural Festival which was so successful that they ran out of food. George Barton, Mary Ann Tamasanis, Aldona Jackson, Sandy Melish, Dotty Ausevich, John & Betty Stricki and the Dallalises completed the hard-working committee.

Council 27 was off to the Sheraton in Mansfield for their yearly Christmas party brunch. At least everyone got exercise by making trips back and forth to the brunch table. Everyone went home happy. Fr. Bill, Mary Ann Tamasanis, Dotty Ausevich, Sandy Melish, Aldona Jackson, John & Betty Skricki, Al Yurkstas and George Barton enjoyed the party.

At our November meeting, our elections were formally completed. Helen Dallalis stepped down after completing two terms of very successful presidency. The very able George Barton agreed to take on this large task. Fred Picard chose not to run for vice president, and there again we were fortunate enough to have Betty Skricki accept as vice president in charge of membership. The rest of the board remained as officers and aciu for that. Good luck and may we have a prosperous year.

Just because Council 27 is so very social and accommodating, they attended the Kucios in Brockton. Practically everyone went and enjoyed the fine cooking of Council 1. Someone said John Statkus caught a whale to feed the group.

On January 17 Sandy Melish and family, Dotty Ausevich, the Picards, and Mary Ann Tamasinis headed for Council 26 winter weekend and came home exhausted but made reservations for next year.

Helen Dallalis and Birute Barton celebrated birthdays in January. Neither are revealing their ages. The

Our Grand Rapids members, Ann (Sinkwitz) and husband Joe Boeke won a fabulous trip to Australia for the sailing cup races through their local radio station. Bon Voyage!

Kathy and Ada Sinkwitz hosted a block party on the boulevard in front of their home. Many K of L neighbors were present. Let's do it again, gals.

December 6 found many members present at our First Lithuanian Kucios and Christmas Party. It was a tremendous success with so many covered dishes, Kucios foods and gift exchange. Annamarie Berger acted as chairlady of this wonderful event. Her readings, explanations of Old Lithuanian Kucios customs and prayers read by her committee members were most inspiring and will be remembered for a long time.

Our Juniors Choir outdid themselves with a concert in our church following the evening Mass on December 13. We were amazed at the multitude of talents displayed by these young people as instrumentalists, vocal soloists and organists. We are really proud of you kids. They also sang at the Midnight Christmas Mass. Thanks to their directors, Connie Geiger and Elinor Sluzas.

Our Lithuanian Christmas tree was decorated by Aldona & Joe Ryan and Pat & Bill Anthony and daughter Eileen. Thanks to all of you for a job well done. Also, a big "thank you" to Rita Ambrose and her mother for the beautiful decorating of our church at Christmas.

Gus & Mary Ann Blum acted as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus during our children's Christmas party. Gus is doing quite well after his bout with surgeries three times in the hospital but now he is back and working with us again.

The K of L ladies enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner on December 9 at Hickory House Restaurant. Fritzie Mikalauskas was responsible for arrangements as was daughter Elena and dad George for the whimsical favors given to each lady.

Fruit baskets were again presented to our aged and sick parishioners. This is an annual charity project of our council. Bill & Ann Gitzinger did a fine job of delivering all.

At our first meeting of the new year, Tina & Stan Kavy showed slides and video tapes of the "Old North Dayton" Celebration. We all enjoyed seeing and hearing them.

C-102 -- DETROIT

October 26 was a very memorable day for Rev. J. Walter Stanievich. After the amazing recovery of his long illness at the beginning of the year, he celebrated forty years of ordination into the priesthood. The celebration started with a beautiful Mass he offered at his parish, St. Marks in Warren, Michigan. Brother and Sister-in-law, John and Donna Stanievich brought up the offerings. His parish honored him with a beautiful dinner banquet. Attending the happy occasion were his nephews and families from New York and Allen Park. K of L members also helped him celebrate.



Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

Ordained Priest

October 26, 1946

Join me in thanking
God for my 40 years
in Christ's priesthood.

Our Junior Council held their meeting at the new home of Joe & Christine Fletcher. Election of officers was held and a bake sale planned for February 7.

Congratulations to George Mikalauskas II upon graduating from the University of Dayton in December with honors. Goodluck with your future.

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The November meeting was hosted by Joe and Maryanne Guerriero in their home. We had a good membership showing and are busy planning the Midwest District Meeting and Bowling Tournament in May. We also welcomed new members Lori and Merri Hofner. After the meeting, desert and coffee were served.

November also brought Frank and Isabel Peterson from Connecticut and David and Holly Peterson and daughter from Syracuse Council to Detroit to attend the Petterson Family Reunion and wedding of their niece and cousin. It was nice visiting with them.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Lord, it is your will that all men know the truth and be saved, -- we pray that you send laborers for your harvest and grant them the necessary grace to preach your Word with complete confidence. May your Word be glorified any way it spread throughout the world so that all may know You, the one, true God and your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, whom You have given us and who now lives and reigns in unity with You and with the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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MAY 15-16-17

HOSTS: C-102, DETROIT



C-79 -- SOUTHFIELD

The December meeting was highlighted by the announcement that a substantial profit was realized from our annual Fall Festival held on November 9, 1986. All who participated were thanked.

As is our custom, during the last meeting of the year, we generously donate to various charities and others who were of help to us. Those benefitted were Lithuanian Melodies, Lithuanian Radio Voice, a needy parish family, the Capuchins' Soup Kitchen, St. Francis Motherhouse in Pittsburgh, and a goodly sum went toward the utility bills of the church and cultural center. Of course, Fr. Kris, our pastor and council spiritual advisor, was not forgotten.

We mourn the passing of the following members and relatives of members: Monica Salas and Anthony Kratage, long-time members, and Kimberly Marzolf, young daughter of Larry and Carole, and Helen Walsh, mother of David.

On the sick list we have Isabel Pavlichek and Charles Bagdon. Emma Povilaitis is recuperating after a hospital stay. Please remember them in your prayers.

In a lighter vein, we congratulate Clem and Helen Patocki on their 50th wedding anniversary which occurred in November. Helen Santorum spent a month in Florida with

daughter Colleen who presented her with granddaughter #2.

We hope Chester and Margaret Ann Nashlon are enjoying their move to Florida as much as we are enjoying our mild Michigan winter at this time.

We plan to observe St. Casimir's day with a catered dinner after Mass on Sunday, March 8. Our sister Councils 102 and 139 will also be invited.

If our wonderful weather holds and this reporter is able to journey thirty miles to the next meeting, there will be another column next month.

Bee Jay

C-96 -- DAYTON

Let us take a peek back to several events not yet published. On April 19 a surprise birthday party was given to Elinor Sluzas by her daughter, Annamarie Berger. Many K of L friends enjoyed the fun and hospitality of the newly-wed's home.

We forgot to mention that during Pat & Bill Anthony's 50th anniversary Pat's cousin, Arnold Voketaitis of the Metropolitan Opera, sang beautiful hymns during the Mass. A sumptuous banquet was served by Elaine Pacovsky and her helpers. This also was the second appearance of our K of L Polka Band led by Cecelia Yankus.

Members of this band are Cecilia on accordion; James Pacovsky, drums; Mary Agnes Jensen, guitar and Frank Ambrose, piano.

On July 27, another Golden Wedding Anniversary was celebrated by Aldona Ryan's sister and brother-in-law, George & Frances Zelinskas who met while members of our council. We wish these couples many more happy years together.

Kitty Prasmantas and Elaine Pacovsky prepared kugelis and cabbage rolls for the Annual "Old North Dayton" Celebration at Patterson Park to which several ethnic groups were invited to participate.

That same day, a city representative interviewed several of our members and took slides and video tapes. Members of C-96 interviewed were Stan Kavy, one of the parade marshals, HM Mary Lucas, Aldona Ryan, former Vytis editor, Tina Kavy and Ada Sinkwitz.

Peter & Ann Zeller, our members from Columbus, traveled to Dayton for our Annual Lithuanian Cultural Council Homecoming. The banquet was prepared by Elinor Sluzas and Judy Petrokas with help from many K of L members. Our Vejeliai Dancers, under the direction of Greg Blum, performed beautifully.

We continue to be proud of our very hard-working Frank Petkus. She did us proud by being elected to serve as one of the presidium officers at the National Convention.

good clean New England air plus the tender loving care of Stan and George is bound to show up somewhere and it's on their smiling faces.

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C-50 -- NEW HAVEN

At our January meeting, our ambitious president Frank Peterson presented the agenda for 1987. All members in attendance were in accord with all the projections made to accomplish his objectives for the coming year.

Father Karalis inspired us with hope and visions of the tremendous events of the year involving the 600th anniversary of our Christianity, the canonization of Archbishop Matulaitis, the availability of a travel package sponsored by Father Contons of St. Peter Church of South Boston. Father Karalis was pleased with the generous financial support and splendid cooperation given by the Knights toward St. Casimir's Church.

We thank Alex Gerrim for tipping the scales of the membership totals over and over again. Congratulations!

Al and Ann Berzinas were installed as our newest aspiration to Knighthood. Welcome!

Our condolences go out to Ann Meskins in the loss of her husband Joseph who died December 10 and to Father Karalis in the loss of his father who died December 22.

From the St. Casimir Church Bulletin of December 14: "The parish is most grateful to the Knights of Lithuania, Council 50 of New Haven, for the tremendously beautiful statue of St. Casimir of Lindenwood placed above the tabernacle...a wonderful gift to St. Casimir's Parish. God bless all of you and help you achieve your goals for God and Country, "Dievui ir Tevyne." Thank you!

Helen Balchus

C-103 -- PROVIDENCE

Prior to the start of our January meeting, everyone was reminiscing about the activities of the holiday season: the annual Christmas party with Father Cukuras coming from Putnam, the Kucios in our parish hall sponsored by members of the Lithuanian World Community, the large attendance at the Christmas Eve Mass and the many members attending the New Year's Eve party organized by the Women's Auxiliary of the American-Lithuanian Club.

President William Piacentini sought our attention with the sound of his gavel. He asked Father Gedvila to open the meeting with prayer. President Piacentini welcomed as our guest Mrs. Aldona Kairys of the Lithuanian World Community.

Chairpersons of three committees reported as follows: Cultural: E. Ruth Krecioch sought the help of members to support the efforts of the Sisters of St. Casimir to have their foundress, Mother Maria Kaupas, beatified. Members were asked to refer to November issue of Vytis, page 17, read the article and say the prayer in behalf of Mother Maria. To stimulate the use of the language, Ruth placed cards at all the tables that evoked much interest. Boldly printed were thought-provokers such as "Pirmininkas", "Kasininkas", "Rastininke" and others.

Social: Irene Landanski summarized past and coming activities with gratefulness for the support that all give to this vital committee.

Lithuanian Affairs: Bea Mathieu spoke of participation in peaceful demonstration in behalf of Human Rights in Vienna and London; mentioned the letter to the editor of Robert A. Milkaitis correcting newspaper article on Soviet Union basketball team, composed of many Lithuanians, that played Providence College and finally brought to the attention of the members that the latest Jewish dissident to be released spoke of his concern of his many

Lithuanian friends still detained by the Soviets.

President Piacentini reported on the success of the Cultural Picnic of the New England District held at Maironis Park. The council fundraiser is to be held in conjunction with our annual May breakfast on Sunday, May 3.

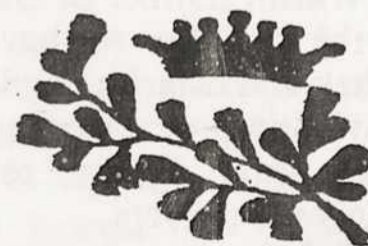
Members wishing to participate in the 600th Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee Tour in Rome were told that three tours are available and to contact Victor Mathieu.

Members in possession of Lithuanian memorabilia are asked to donate same to Larry Svelnis for Lithuanian Archives.

Projected calendar events for 1987 were discussed. The request was made that all the Lithuanian organizations in the state participate in the observance of the Independence of Lithuania by working for the issuance of a proclamation by the Governor, projected activities at the State House and attendance at the exercises planned by the Lithuanian World Community, as outlined by Mrs. Aldona Kairys, on Sunday, February 15, at the American-Lithuanian Club.

Observance of the 600th anniversary of the Christianization of Lithuania in St. Casimir's parish was thoroughly discussed and our council is to work for its success. All organizations are to send representatives immediately to a meeting that will launch this effort. Consensus was that the affair would possibly be held with annual parish banquet preceded by Mass with our Ordinary presiding during the latter part of the year.

Un qui prie pour Lithuanie



December once again was our Christmas Kucios held at the beautiful home of HM Bob Boris. We had a good turnout, but sorely missed were chairwoman of the Kucios and Council President, Frank and Donna Bunikis. Donna is recovering from hip surgery and Frank from hears surgery.

The evening started with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Stan and assisted by Fr. George. During the Offer-



Fr. Stan celebrating Mass, assisted by Fr. George, before C-102 Christmas, Kučios

tory, all the names of our deceased members were read. Surprise guests at the Kucios were Rita and Meg Neverouck and Isabel Caldwell. They were 102 members years ago and believe me they still look the same. Can't believe they are retirees! We expressed our deepest sympathies to them on the recent loss of their mother. It was nice having former Madam President Grazina Vaskelis, sister Vitalia and daughter in attendance.

Maryanne Guerriero's first attempt at kugelis was ho-hum, but everyone was kind and enjoyed it. The dinner buffet was beautiful with all the delicious food and topped off with the Lithuanian torte baked by Angela Buksnis. We missed singing the Lithuanian carols because Frank Bunikis was not here to help Pete Buksnis carry all of us carolers.

Hoping to see all of you in Detroit on May 15, 16, and 17 for the Midcentral District Meeting and Bowling Tournament.

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MID-AMERICA DISTRICT



Mid-America Dist. Pres. Algerd Brazis honored by Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture recent banquet in new Museum building. Pictured are some of the K of L members in attendance. (Seated) Natl. Ritual Albert Zakarka, Algerd and Aldona Brazis, Natl Secy Mary Juzenas. (Standing 1st row) H.M. Estelle Rogers, Peter Burns, Lucille Shotas, Casey Oksas, Irene Sankus, Julie Zakarka, Eleanor Kasputis, Ms. Shotas, Bruno Shotas. (Standing 2nd r.) Rev. Tony Puchinski, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jagiella, Konnie Savickus, Jack Yerkes

Photo J. Tamulaitis



K of L Choir Officers and Committee enjoying holiday party at Gintaras Hall, Chicago. (1st row) Stase Rudokas, Juozas Juska, Pres. Estelle Rogers, Director Faustas Strolia, Albertas Matulis. (2nd r.) Al Zakarka, Peter Bagdonas, Ona Narvaisas, Steve Rudokas, Sabina Klatt, Peter Gagle.

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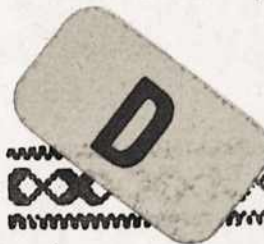
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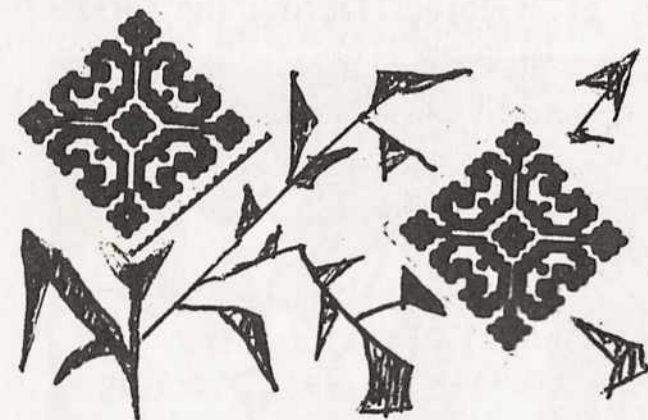
Mid-America District presents Degrees in Chicago. (Seated are 2nd Degree recipients Mary Banky, Antoinette Barvitz, Aldona Brazis, Zena Gallagher along with Dist. Ritual Chr. AnnMarie Kassel (center) and Canon V. Zakarauskas. Standing Ritual mbrs. Albert Dagus and Irene Sankus with 1st Degree recipients Jonas Elizabeth Vilkas, Matthew Philomena Vilutis, Peter Burns, Susan Binkis and Ntl. Ritual Mbr Albert Zakarka. Photo J. Janula

C-112 -- CHICAGO

Our January meeting was a bit small in attendance, but those in attendance wrote letters on subjects provided by our Lithuanian Affairs Chairlady, Rita Zakarka. Rita reported that 50 letters were written this year prior to this letter-writing session. We also enjoyed viewing a very informative tape entitled "My Lithuania" provided by the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

Congratulations to, President Paul Binkis who was awarded a scholarship in Stockholm for social services. Beginning in early May, Paul will spend six weeks studying the social service program in Sweden. He will live with a family.

Welcome to new members: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Shagg and Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Maldunas, transferees from Council 36.



C-112 Chicago - Officers and Chairs. (Seated) 1st VP Albert Zakarka, 2nd VP Eleanor Kasputis, Pres. Paul Binkis, Cor. Secy Susan Binkis, Treas. Albert Dagus, Rec. Secy. Mary Juzenas. (Standing) 3rd VP Julie Zakarka, Vytis Ruth Dagus, Sgt Peter Gagle, Lith. Afrs Rita Zakarka, Ritual Irene Sankus, Eng. Pub. Sophie Nieminski, Courtesy Estelle Rogers, Sgt Peter Juzenas. (Missing: Canon V. Zakarauskas, Fin. Secy Alice Cekanor, Trustees Dolores Wainauskis and Albert Cakanor, Historian Lorraine Svelnis)

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Get well wishes to Ann Sliteris and Al Cekanor. We understand Al had emergency surgery in early January and wish him well.

Sincere condolences to the Yerkes

family on the death of John, Sr.

Financial secretary Alice Cekanor urges those who have not paid their 1987 dues to please do so.

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