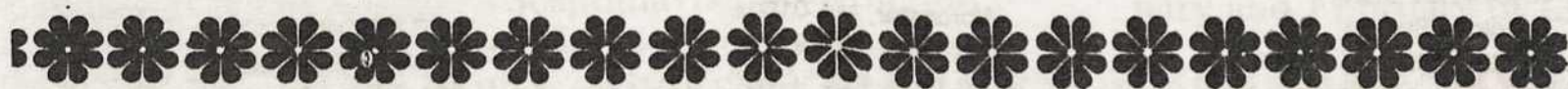
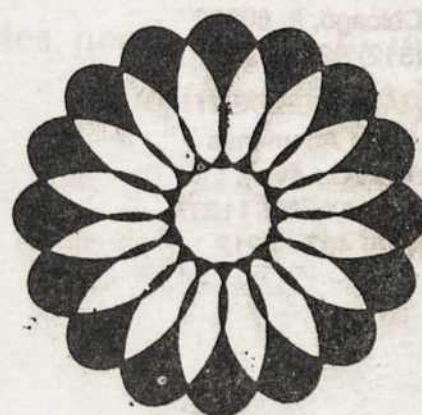




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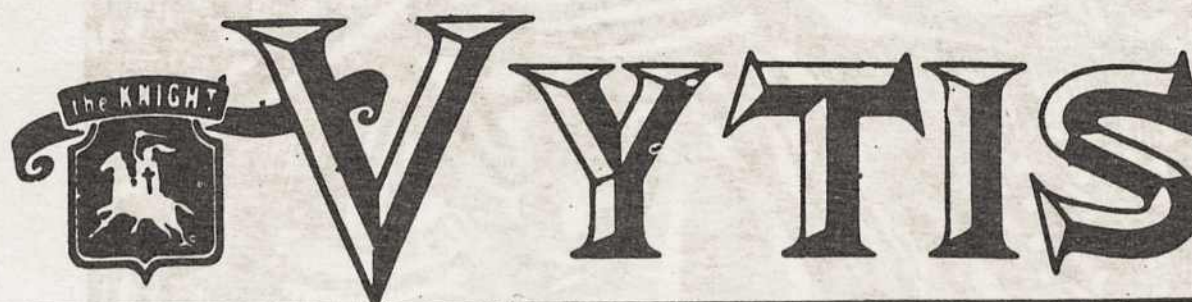
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## Editorial

A most sincere AČIŪ LABAI to all our friends, districts, councils and members who were so generous with the Christmas Ads. A better VYTIS will be the result!

Helen Chesko and we have been getting a few letters inquiring about articles, pictures or news items which were submitted but never appeared in the VYTIS. Please remember — we just recently took over and are sorting out the material left by our previous editor. PRAŠOME JŪSŲ KANTRYBĖS!

Again we repeat — we want to hear from you! How about starting a letters to the editor column? That is usually one of the most popular columns in any magazine. Let's hear from you!

Our April 1988 issue will be our Jubilee issue. Do you have anything to contribute. (the older the better).

Telaimina Jus Dievulis per 1988 metus ir visuomet!

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## FROM CROSS TO CRIB NUO KRYŽIAUS IKI PRAKARTĖLĖS

REV. ANTHONY A. JURGELAITIS, O.P.

Each of the many Feasts and Solemnities of the Church is a challenge to recall the event being celebrated, to think about it, to make it come alive here and now.

One way to meet this challenge is to daydream: to remember, to imagine, to pretend we are there. This can be a daring spiritual adventure, leading us to insights we perhaps never have experienced before.

First, we must set up some limits, because runaway day-dreaming is a waste of time. We choose a focal point suggested by this year's Christmas, which falls during the Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee, 1387 - 1987.

The first Lithuanian Christmas might have been celebrated as early as 860 A.D., when, as is believed, Saint Ansgar, a Scandinavian Benedictine monk visited parts of Lithuanian Prussia. Be that as it may, it is historically true that Saint Adalbert — Vaitiekus was the first known preacher of Christianity in Lithuania around 990 - 995. He must

have preached more than one sermon about the Birth of Jesus, Son of God, before he was martyred in 997. No doubt there were other instances of individual missionaries preaching the Gospel from the West, before Mindaugas, his family and court accepted Baptism and learned of the miraculous birth of the Savior of the world in 1250/51.

Unfortunately, these early Christians did not have time to deepen their knowledge and strengthen their Faith. After a few years, because of a lack of priests and for political reasons, King Mindaugas' court drifted away from the Faith and returned to the beliefs of their ancestors.

So, it must be said that Christmas did not become an annual celebration until the time of Jogaila and Vytautas, after the widespread Baptisms of January and February of 1387. Ten months were to go by, before the very first official Lithuanian Christmas.

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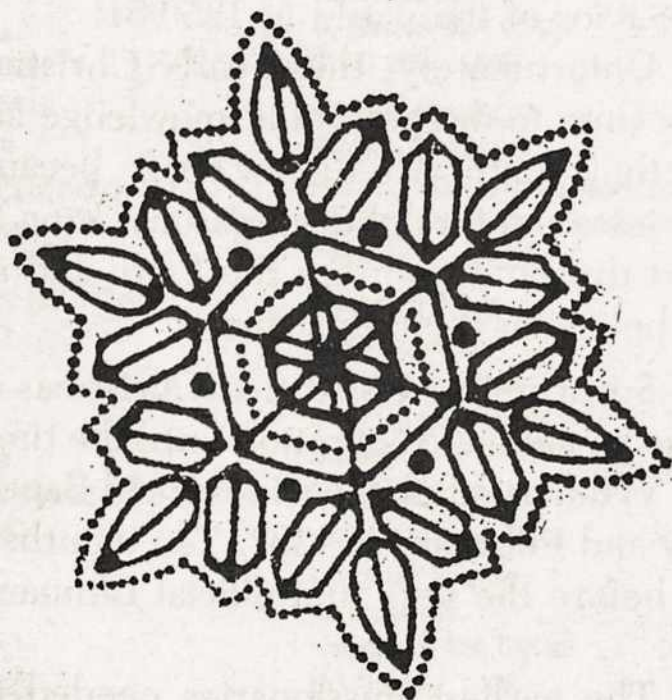
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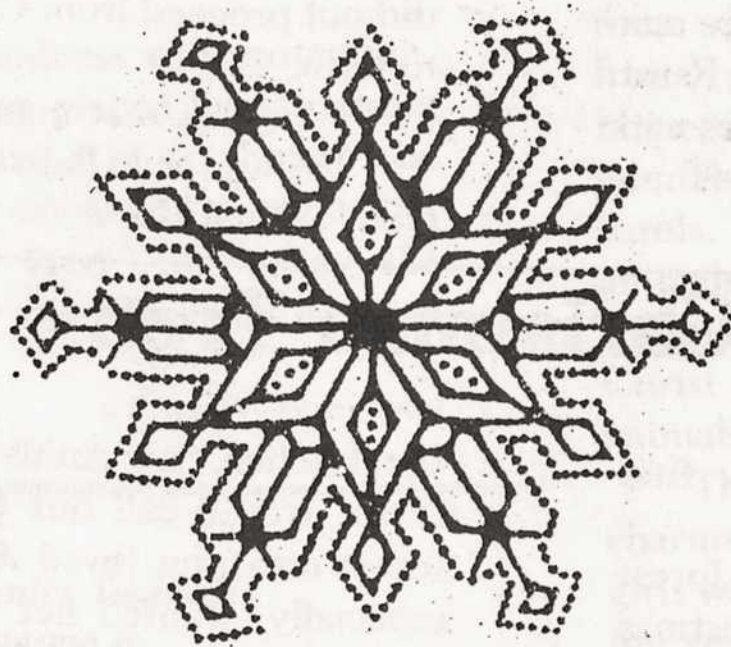
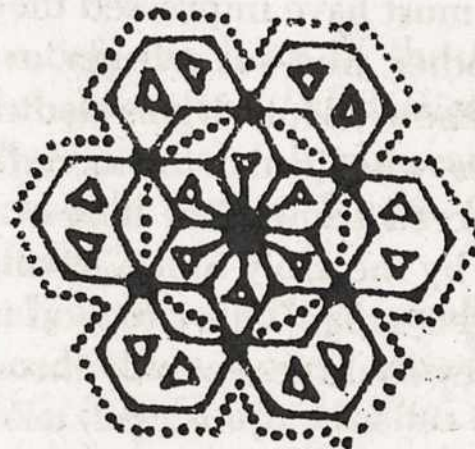
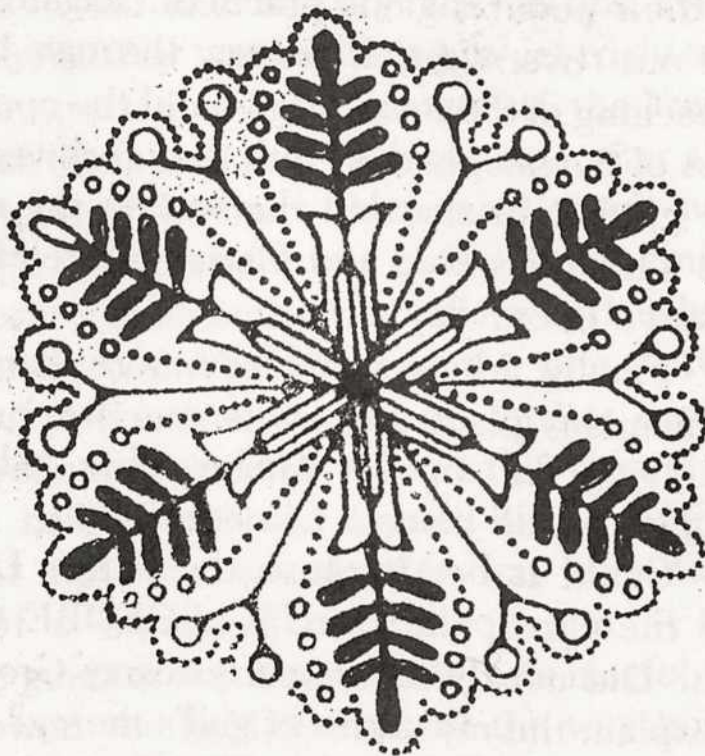
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struct and prepare the very small Christian communities to appreciate the truth that God the Creator sent His Son to earth to save all people, including Lithuanian converts to grasp the significance of the Bethlehem event. But the Faith that flowed from Baptism helped them with an inner light which led them to accept a truth they could never fully comprehend. After all, the Nativity of the Lord is a mystery even to this day.

The early Lithuanian Christians listened to the same Gospels we hear at the Christmas Masses. They learned about Mary and Joseph and the Child, who was given the name Jesus - Savior. They were quite at ease with the shepherds (there were shepherds on their farms) and even with angels (their previous beliefs included messengers sent to the people from above.)

But what must have impressed them most was the Child's Mother. She was a virgin, as the Gospel taught. They knew about virgins dedicated to the gods, *Vaidilutės*, who lived in the sacred oak groves, tending the sacred flame. But here was a virgin, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, giving birth to a Son, while angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest...." This they could accept only through the gift of faith.

And what was Christmas Eve like in those almost ancient times? Certainly, there were no *Kučios*, as we know them today, although the converts may have fasted in preparation for the Feast. There were no choirs to fill the small churches with joyous song, but there was music, very simple

church music. This was so, because the earliest missionaries were Franciscans, Dominicans, Benedictines and others, who had been trained to sing the praises of God in the Mass and in their daily singing of the Psalms. The sermons were in broken Lithuanian, at times, — the missionaries were foreigners.

In such simple surroundings and among hostile neighbors in some places, Lithuanians observed their Christmas.

For many, many years thereafter the newly baptized Lithuanians had a problem: to determine which of their former customs would be appropriate in their new religious practices. Paganism did not die out overnight. However, through the patient preaching of the missionaries and the open mindedness of the people the Faith they received provided the guidelines that led the way to the richness of the Christmas Eve and Christmas celebration we observe in our day.

Finally, I have wondered more than once why Lithuanians place a cross, a crucifix, not upright, but lying flat on the *Kučios* table, where other peoples would place a Christmas crib.

Could it be, because the pagan Lithuanians saw the Cross, the Crucifix, BEFORE they saw a crib? Did not the missionaries carry Cross in hand to explain the mysteries of god's mercy? Only later did they set up the creche. Christianity in Lithuania did not proceed from Crib to Cross, but from Cross to Crib.

Who was that man bleeding on a cross?

He was that Baby born in Bethlehem, Son of God, Son of Mary.

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## First Christmas Tree

You may have wondered how the very first Christmas tree came to be.

The story explains that the fairies in the forest are responsible for our now familiar Christmas tree.

It seems that there once was a thoughtful little girl named Annis who lived in the middle of a large forest with her mother and father. Annis' father was a poor woodcutter who traveled daily to and from the forest and a little shed where he stacked his cut wood.

While her father was working in the woods, Annis would remain at home to help her mother in

the kitchen. As Annis worked, the fairies in the forest would call out to her. You see, all of the forest creatures loved Annis dearly and the fairies, especially, wanted her to come out and play. But Annis always finished working with her mother, telling the fairies that she could not come play just yet.

However, at night while everyone else was sleeping, Annis would hear the fairies come tapping at her bedroom window. She would dash out of bed and run gaily into the moonlit woods to join her magical friends.

As the season changed and the weather grew



cold, Annis would hang a lantern on a small tree outside to guide her father home each evening. The lighted lantern provided Annis' father with a warm welcome every night as he ended his hard day's work.

One Christmas Eve, though, as the woodcutter was heading home as usual, he did not come upon the lighted lantern when expected. He became quite bewildered and realized that he was lost. The snow began to fall and the sky was getting very dark. The woodcutter was beginning to get frightened when he spotted a light on one of the trees ahead of him. Thinking that he was home after all, he headed toward the light. But, much to his surprise he found that this light was certainly not Annis' lantern — for it was an entire tree ablaze with lights. As he approached the lighted tree, the woodcutter saw another tree suddenly light up farther ahead. So, the woodcutter headed toward this next tree. Each time he reached one lighted tree, another would light up! The woodcutter was mystified, when all of a sudden it came upon him — the fairies were guiding him home with their magic!

He followed the lighted trees all the way home and finally arrived safely to the little lantern hanging outside his door.

Because of the fairies' kindness and protection, the woodcutter forever after placed lights upon a special tree every Christmas Eve to honor the fairies. This became such a delightful custom that it spread throughout the land, and today the fairies' Christmas trees are cherished and enjoyed all over the world.

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### CHRISTMAS - KALĖDOS

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As we begin to wish each other Merry Christmas and remember Jesus' Birthday, we also remember the customs of our forefathers in Lithuania.

On Christmas Eve families gather for a festive meatless meal known to Lithuanians as *Kučios*; the table is covered with a layer of straw, symbolic of the manger, over this a hand woven linen tablecloth is placed. Traditionally twelve various dishes are served.

Before eating the head of the family says a prayer and breaks wafers (*kalėdaičiai*) with all the family members present. All wish each other good luck, good health and a Merry Christmas — *Linskmų Kalėdų!*

The meal consists of *slizikai* (small hard bisquits with milk made from honey mixed with poppy seeds), *barščiai* (beet soup), *kisielių* (a jellied cranberry dish), *mišrainė* (a salad of diced beets, potatoes and other vegetables), a variety of fish dishes, mushroom dishes, *kompotas* (a soup of cooked dried fruits), *grybai* cookies shaped into a mushroom, and homemade bread.

The meal ended with singing of Christmas carols. The hay from the table was given to the animals to eat, but none to the horses, because as tradition has it, the horse did not warm the infant Christ in the stable at Bethlehem as did the other animals.

There was a time, when people used spells and charms to foretell the future. For instance, young girls wanted to know if they would marry the following year. So, they would seize an armful of wood, carry it indoors, and count the pieces. If the pieces fell in pairs, a wedding would follow. and if a girl ran out into the yard and heard the dogs barking, she could expect matchmakers to come from that direction. Also, the farmers knew if they would have a good harvest, if there was snow on the ground and starry skies. They considered this to be a good omen.



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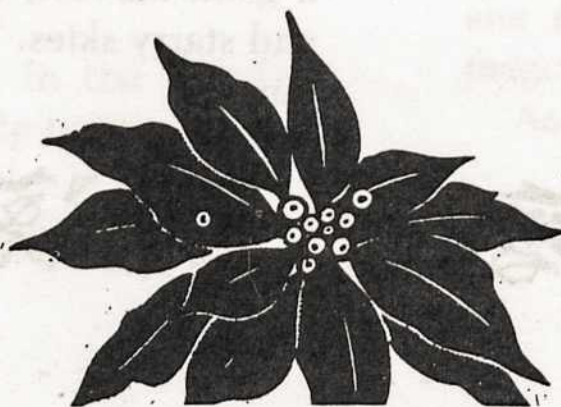
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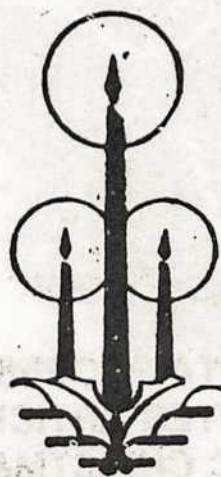
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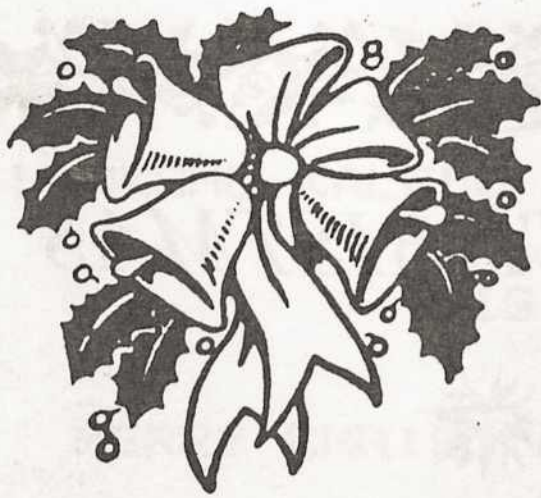
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their own traditions and folk customs. "Christmas on the Baltic," an article by La Vern J. Rippley published in the 1987 volume of *Christmas, The Annual of Christmas Literature and Art*, describes the Special Christmas beliefs and celebrations held by these

peoples. Rippley asserts that even though Soviet rule has suppressed Christmas traditions, there is no doubt that this will not be permanent. He concludes: "...the message of hope that the Christmas story brings annually might best be applied to the fate of these proud peoples... Freedom and the open celebration of Christmas, like the springtime sun, will someday return in all their glory."

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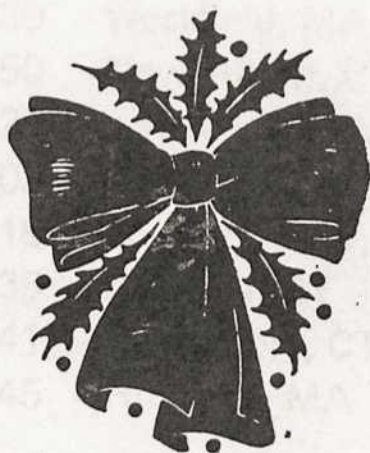
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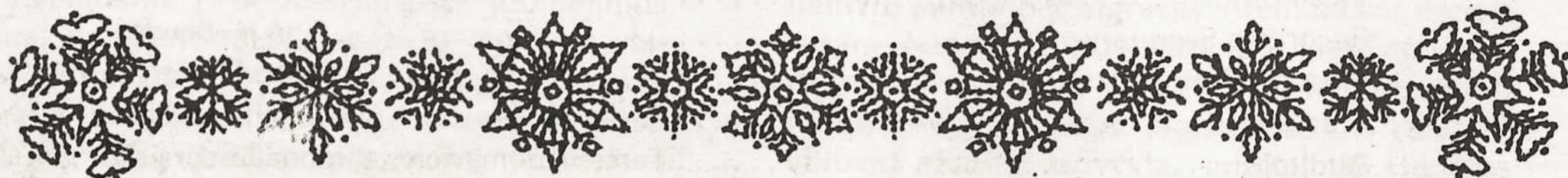
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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

*LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ !!!*



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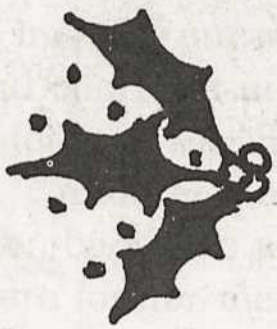
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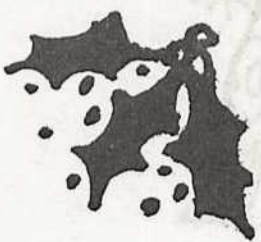
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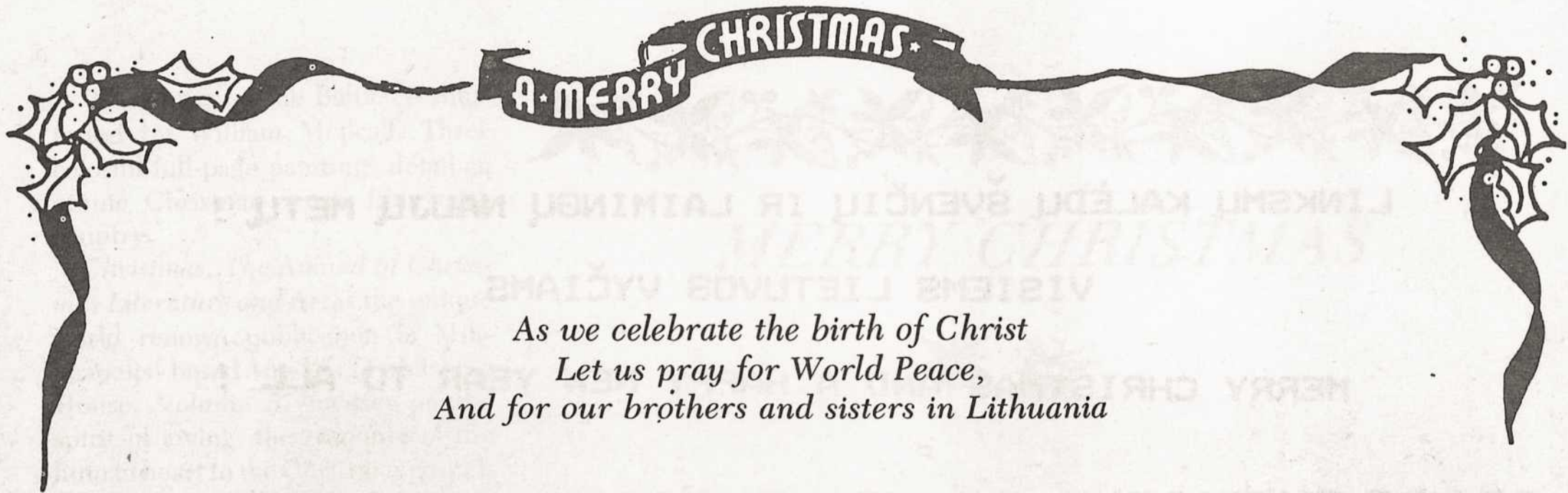
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Council	26	- Worcester, MA
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Council	30	- Westfield, MA
Council	50	- New Haven, CT
Council	78	- Lawrence, MA
Council	103	- Providence, RI
Council	116	- So. Worcester, MA
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 Chicago Juniors, C-36  
 Chicago Juniors, C-112





## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

### More on reorganizing councils...

Recently I wrote about the possibility of reorganizing defunct K. of L. councils. We could make this a big 75th anniversary project. We could try to bring some of the inactive councils back into the fold and let them enjoy the K. of L. just as you and I enjoy the K. of L.

There are many opportunities out there for us to increase our membership. It's going to take work and effort but nothing good happens without some amount of sacrifice.

Another possibility is bringing back former members. We all know one or more persons who were former members. There are many who were active members and some were very active members. For one reason or another they dropped out of the K. of L. Maybe to raise a family, or the pressure of home life, or the pressure of their job or business. It could be a number of reasons.

Now they might be ready to resume their membership. Possibly all they need is a friendly visit from you and an invitation to come back into the

ranks. Tell them about our upcoming big 75th anniversary celebration. Tell them they were once part of our organization and, gee it would be oh so nice if they came back and celebrated with us in 1988.

We have a good organization and we have a lot to offer all Catholic Lithuanians. Don't hesitate to show your pride. Let people know that you are proud of the K. of L.

Lastly we can't forget about signing up new members. There are a lot of potential new members out there. It may take a friendly invitation from you or it may take a sales pitch from you. Whatever it takes give it your best shot.

Let's have a big 75th anniversary celebration with as many people as possible. We have much to be happy about, we have much to celebrate.

Last, but not least, a blessed Christmas — Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų to all and a most fruitful 1988 — our Jubilee year!

*Frank Petrauskas, Pres.*



*May the Peace of the Lord  
be always with you!*

*Tyro kalėdinio džiaugsmo  
Dievo palaimos Naujuose Metuose*



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**LAI LAISVĖS VARPĄ SKAMBA PER AMŽIUS**

**Ne tik Vyčiams, bet ir**

**Broliams ir Sesėms Lietuvoj.**

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**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MASPETH COUNCIL**

**110**

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# THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

## Donations to Supreme Council Scholarship Committee

March 16, 1987 through September 15, 1987

Mid-America District		\$500.00
Mid-Central District		50.00
Mid-Atlantic District		50.00
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Council 7	Waterbury, CT	25.00
Council 12	New York, NY	25.00
Council 17	So. Boston, MA	50.00
Council 25	Cleveland, OH	100.00
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Phyllis Grendal, HM - C-17	25.00
Gene Gobis - C-100	10.00
Frances & George Bumila - C-1	50.00

Total .....\$2,630.75



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The 29th Annual Scholarship Awards presented by the Knights of Lithuania were announced at the 74th National convention held in Kansas City, Kansas from July 30 to August 2, 1987. Clemencine Miller, Treasurer of the Scholarship Committee, made the awards in the absence of the committee chairman. This year's awards totaled \$3,900.00 and were presented to three young Knights of Lithuania who will commence their college education this Fall. Committee members were in agreement concerning the outstanding qualifications of this year's candidates.

Mrs. Miller's presentation remarks reminded the audience that the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Knights of Lithuania was due in part to the wise inauguration of the Scholarship Program twenty-nine Years ago. The program encourages committee service to the Knights of Lithuania by recognizing involvement in the Knights of Lithuania organization on the equal basis with academic achievements in high school. Finishing her congratulatory remarks to this year's recipients, Mrs. Miller issued a challenge to them. The challenge was to continue to grow in awareness of their Lithuanian heritage and service to the Knights of Lithuania.

Prior to announcing the names of the winners, Mrs. Miller thanked the membership of the Knights of Lithuania for their faithful support of the Scholarship Program throughout the years, and, especially during the 1986 - 1987 year. Donations to any cause involves sacrifices made by individuals and the Scholarship Committee members gratefully acknowledge that fact. Many current and active members of Knights of Lithuania are former scholarship recipients. Each new recipient is urged to continue to be the type of individual that won recognition by the Knights of Lithuania, according to Mrs. Miller, so that the organization may continue to serve "God and Country" in its 100th year of existence.

For 1987, the "Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship" was presented to Judianne Nikstenas of Council 100, Amsterdam. The award, in its second year of existence,

was for \$1,900.00. Miss Nikstenas was honored for her active involvement in Junior Council 100 for the past seven years, contributions to the *Vytis*, excellent recommendations, awareness of her religious and cultural heritage, and continuation of a family tradition of Knights of Lithuania involvement. She plans to major in Business administration while in college. While at Syracuse University she has promised to try to organize a Knights of Lithuania council for American-Lithuanian students in cooperation with our national president, Frank Petrauskas.

The next award winner was Kenneth Jasewicz who is also a member of Council 100, Amsterdam. He received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Jasewicz plans to major in Industrial Arts Education while in college. His qualifications include solid academic performance, active involvement in Junior Council 100, and contributions made to his parish, St. Casimir's Church. His recommendations were most praiseworthy of his character.

The final award winner was Barbara Mickūnas of Council 3, Philadelphia. She, too, received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Miss Mickunas plans to major in Business Administration while in college. The Committee was impressed with her credentials which included an excellent academic record, involvement in her Junior Council, and character.

Mrs. Miller concluded her remarks by recognizing the fact that each scholarship recipient had served as an officer in their Junior Council. In so doing, they reaffirmed their commitment to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania and learned leadership skills that may serve the organization in its future years. While three young Knights of Lithuania were singled out this evening, Mrs. Miller stated, each and every scholarship fund benefactor deserved an equal honor and recognition for making the awards possible.

**William J. Piacentini**  
Chairman, Scholarship Committee



# Knights of Lithuania

## Mid-Atlantic District

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW KNIGHTS  
WE WISH

*Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujųjų Metų!*



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### AND MEMBER AND JUNIOR COUNCILS







*Linksmu  
Šv. Kaledu*

ir

*Laimingu  
Naujuju Metu!*



From  
**COUNCIL 3**  
**PHILADELPHIA, PA**

**COME AND CELEBRATE OUR COUNCIL'S 75th ANNIVERSARY**

**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1988**

**1:00 P.M. MASS at ST. CASIMIR'S CHURCH**

**Followed by Banquet and Dance**

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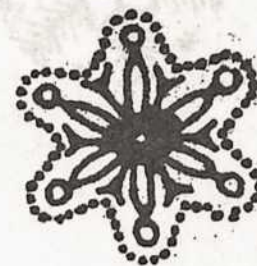
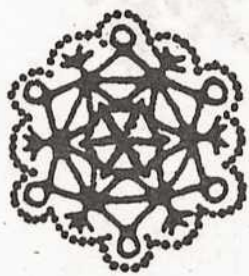
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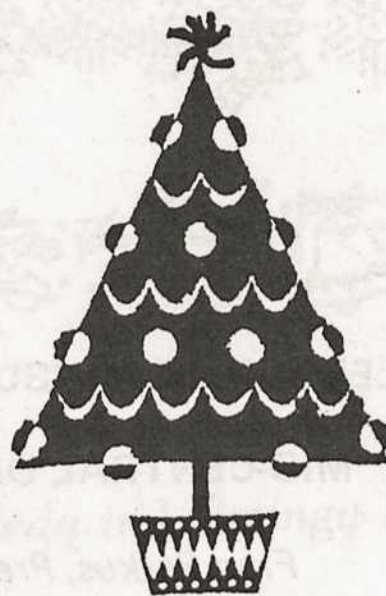
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*from New Haven, Conn.*

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LINKSMŲ ŠV. KALĖDŲ!*

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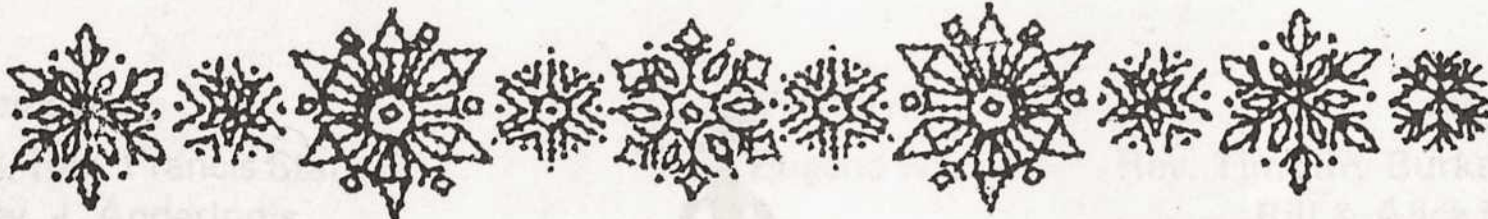
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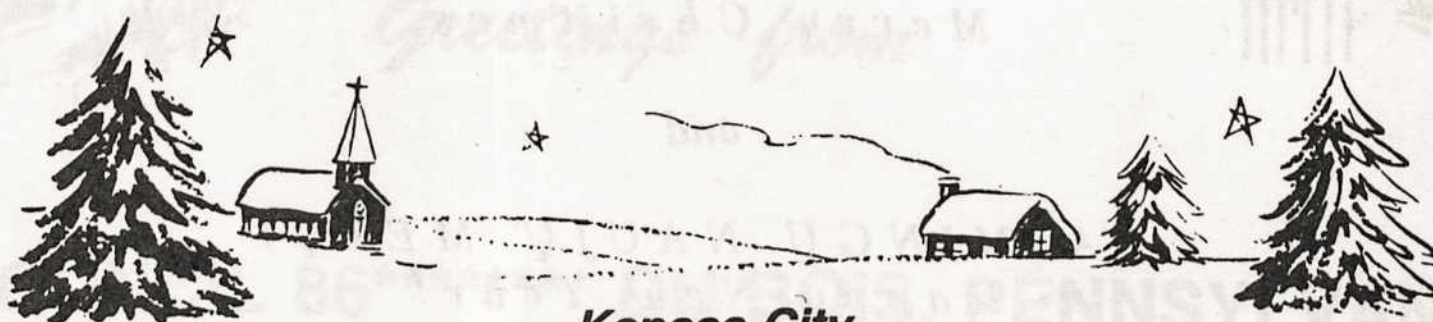




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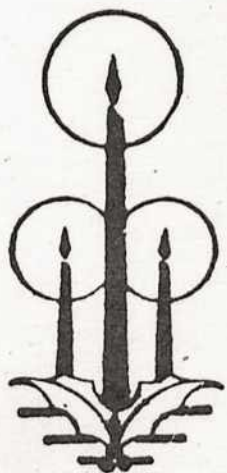
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*Come up to our Standard.*

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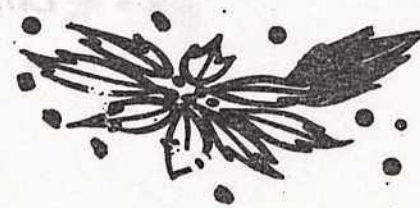
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**COUNCIL 109**

**GREAT NECK, NEW YORK**

**EXTENDS TO ALL**

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MEMBERS**

*LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ!*  
*Merry Christmas*

*and*

*LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ!*  
*Happy New Year!*



*LINKSMŲ ŠV. KALĖDŲ ir*  
*LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ!*

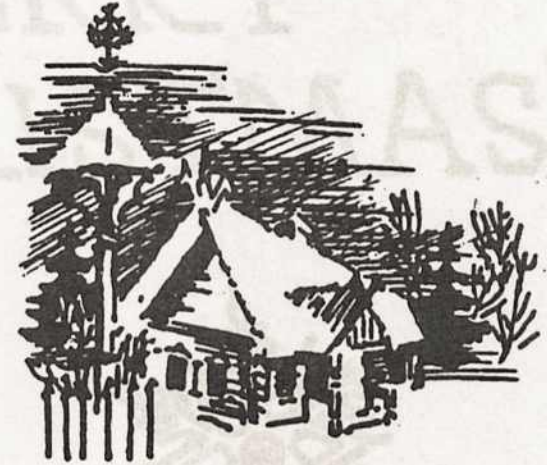


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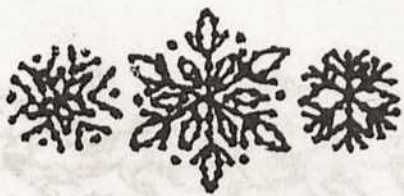


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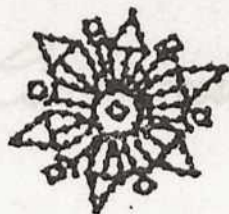


*Greetings from*

**COUNCIL 86\*\*\*\*\* DU BOIS, PENNSYLVANIA**



## SEASON'S GREETINGS



**WHAT MAKES CHRISTMAS?**  
*The Creator made Christmas possible;  
 Friends make Christmas Beautiful;  
 Music Makes Christmas Festive;  
 Giving makes Christmas joyous;  
 Love makes Christmas Complete.*

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA  
 COUNCIL 143 – ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH  
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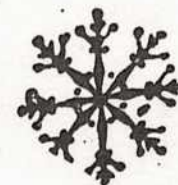
*SEASONS GREETINGS  
AND A PROSPEROUS 1988 TO ALL*



**COUNCIL 17 – SOUTH BOSTON**



*Atsibus tėvynės sūnūs,  
Didžių praeitį atminę;  
Pagimdys vargai galiūnus,  
Ugnimi uždegs krūtinę,  
Maironis*



*Linksmų šventų Kalėdų  
ir laimingų Naujų Metų!*

**NUO  
LIETUVOS VYČIŲ 72-ros KUOPOS**

**Binghamton, N.Y.**





"WE WISH YOU A  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS"

COUNCIL 26  
WORCESTER, MASS.

The Season brings us nearer,  
Tho we live so far apart,  
With Kucia and Kaledos,  
Words so dear to every heart.  
We ask the Kudikeli to Bless each and every friend  
And pray the joys of Christmas never end.

*Linksmu Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų*



COUNCIL No. 74  
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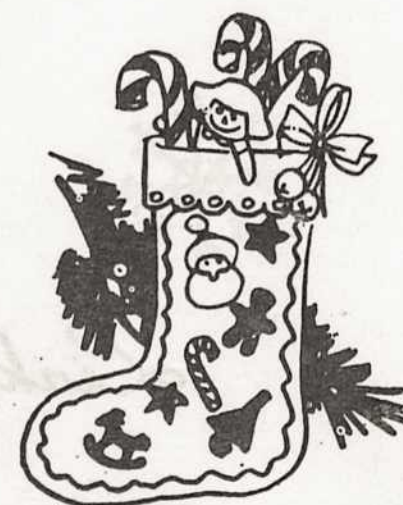
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*Kalėdų taikos ir geros valios dvasia  
Telydi Lietuvos Vyčius Kalėdų Dieną ir per  
Visus Ateinančius metus!*



**WATERBURIO VYČIAI  
COUNCIL 7  
WATERBURY, CT**



*LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ  
VISIEMS VYČIAMS  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL KNIGHTS*



**NATIONAL PRESIDENT FRANK PETRAUSKAS  
and wife IRENE**



**MIELI VYČIAI, VYTĖS, ir VYČIUKAI,**

*Lietuvių Švento Kazimiero kolegijos Romoje vadovybės ir studentų vardu nuoširdžiai dekodamas visiems savo geradariams "Godparents" vyčiams, kuopoms ir privatiems nariams už visokeriopą paramą sveikina su Šventom Kalėdom ir linki ilgiausių, vieningų ir darbingų metų žengiant į darbinguosius 75-rius jubiliejinius savo egzistencijos ir veikimo metus!!!*

**JŪSŲ "ADOPTED GODSON"  
(PREL. ALGIMANTAS A. BARTKUS, REKTORIUS)**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW JUBILEE YEAR!!!**





**LINKIME VISIEMS  
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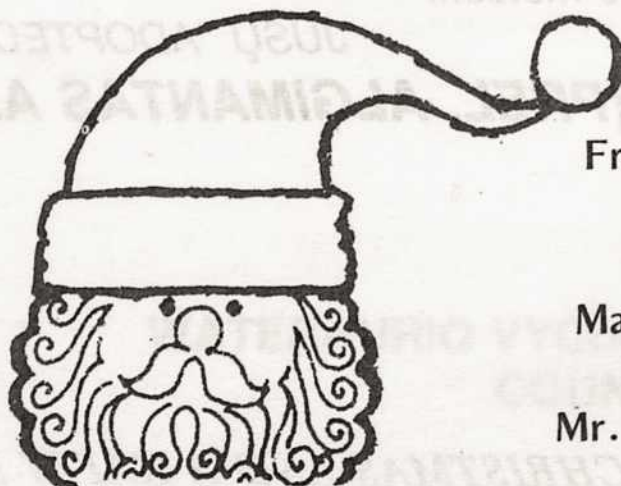
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**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM FRIENDS,  
THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 112 MARQUETTE PARK, CHICAGO**

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## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

This year the Knights of Lithuania held its Mid-Central District Convention and Pilgrimage in Dayton on September 25-27. Council delegates and friends in attendance were from Cleveland, Detroit, DuBois, Pittsburgh, Saginaw, and Southfield. The Rodeway Inn was the headquarters.

The convention session took place on Saturday afternoon at Holy Cross Parish Hall. New officers elected for the coming year are Rev. Gediminas Kijauskas SJ, Cleveland C-25, spiritual advisor; Frances Petkus, Dayton C-96, president; Aldona Ryan, Dayton C-96, 1st vice president, special projects; Ruth Guzauskas, Cleveland C-25, 2nd vice president, membership; John Baltrus, DuBois C-86, 3rd vice president, juniors; Charles Machutas, Cleveland C-25, treasurer; Marian Gray, Cleveland C-25, recording secretary; Joseph Ivoska, Cleveland C-25 and George Mikalauskas, Dayton C-96, trustees; Andrew Rozger, Pittsburgh C-19 and Michael Pant, Dayton C-96, sergeants at arms.

Committee chairpersons for the ensuing term are Mary Vaglia,

Pittsburgh C-19, Lithuanian Affairs; Sally Miller, Dayton C-96, cultural; Alvina Luiza, Cleveland C-25, ritual; Vincent Gray, Cleveland C-25, public relations and Vytis correspondent.

On Saturday morning a very interesting talk was given by Bishop Paulius Baltakis OFM on the 600th Jubilee of Christianity in Lithuania. His Excellency also mentioned a few items of interest from the life of Blessed George Matulaitis MIC. The Knights were deeply honored by the presence of Bishop Baltakis at the convention and pilgrimage which coincided with the Dayton Lithuanian Homecoming Saturday evening. The delegates and friends participated at a banquet at the Lithuanian Hall. The program consisted of many Lithuanian songs by the Cleveland Men's Octet with Irene Grigaliunas as soloist. The Dayton "Vejeliai" danced a variety of Lithuanian folk dances. Very well done!

Sunday morning, the delegates and guests attended Mass at Holy Cross Church at which time all newly-elected officers were sworn in by His Excellency Bishop Paulius Baltakis.

Sunday afternoon all gathered

in the church where the Knights remembered and prayed for all their deceased members. As names were called out by a member of their respective councils, candles were lighted on the altar in their memory. Fr. Vaclovas Katarskis, pastor of Holy Cross Church, was celebrant at the Benediction.

The next MCD Convention and Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Pittsburgh C-19 in May.

Vince Gray



## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

Our council sponsored a bus to the 600th Anniversary of the Christianization of Lithuania held at the Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston on October 4. In spite of the cold, rainy, fall day, it was a grand celebration and a job well done by the committee. The banquet at the Latana in Randolph was a grand affair.



Bill Wisniauskas was a lector and gifts brought to the altar by local members included Nettie Piragis, Bronie Wisniauskas, Dr. Henry Gailiunas and Alice Perekslis.

On the way home a sing-along led by Virginia Linnus was greatly enjoyed.

The NED Fall Festival was a huge success. Many locals attended. Locals working in many capacities included Charles and Blanche Genaitis, Dr. Henry Gailiunas, Clara Zetkauskas, Lennie Davidonis and Bill Wisniauskas.

Congratulations and good wishes for health are extended to Pauline Melaika, mother of Nell, on the occasion of her 93rd birthday. We in Gardner also wish to congratulate Stanley Misevich on his 94th. Stan still works an 8-hour day in his tavern, plays his accordion and dances a good polka at the Lith Club functions.

John Baltakis returned recently from a two-week trip to Lithuania. Bronius Savulis became ill while on a trip and was hospitalized in the Suwalku Hospital. Celia Maher is recovering nicely after a stay in the Gardner Hospital.

"Vincukas"

## C-26 — WORCESTER

While each of us has returned to the intensity of day-to-day living we find a pleasant glow remaining. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas!

Special thanks to GERALD

dine Tagman and her committee whose careful planning and special efforts netted a successful military whist in October.

Joe Evaska and Joanne Jacobson made it all look easy when probably it was not. Thanks to this father and daughter team for the delicious beef stew supper which preceded the October meeting.

The New England Knights of Lithuania Cultural Festival at Maironis Park on October 18 was strictly a standing room only event. Many councils were represented from as far as New Haven. Ann Bender's choral group provided Lithuanian songs for pleasant listening.

Congratulations to our own Sister Joyce Ridick SSC, Ph.D., who was home from Rome to commemorate twenty-five silver years as a Sister of St. Casimir last August. Congratulations to Sue and Frank Roland who were honored by their family and friends on November 8 on the occasion of fifty golden years of marriage.

Warmest of welcomes to Patricia and Bruno Sharkus, our newest members.

Father Vincent Parulis MIC, our new pastor; Father John Petrauskas MIC, his assistant; Rita Pinkus, our president; and all of us in Council 26 wish our K of L friends everywhere — including our former pastor and spiritual advisor Father Anthony Miciunas at St. Peter's in Kenosha, Wisconsin — a very happy and healthy New Year! Su Dievuliui iki sekancio numerio!

... "Dzukele"

## C-50 — NEW HAVEN

Our New England District meeting was held in Waterbury on September 20. Frank and Isabel Peterson, Ann Meskins, Helen Medley and Al Gedrim were delegates. Father Karalis, Ann Gedrim and Bruno and Diane Lazauskas also attended. Al Gedrim was elected trustee and Isabel Peterson re-elected second vice president.

Fifty members travelled by bus to Maironis Park for the Lithuanian Cultural and Scholarship Festival on October 18. This beautiful park is situated on a lake on the outskirts of Worcester. It was a beautiful sunny day. The autumn hues were well into their spectacular beauty on the hillsides. This alone made our trip well worth it.

Dinner was served promptly at 12:30. As always, Rita Pinkus prepared the most delicious Lithuanian meal. Seconds, thirds and even fourths were in order to scoop up the kugelis, desra and sauerkraut. With Ann Bender at the piano, an ensemble of men and women entertained us with Lithuanian folk songs and some American hits. They were excellent.

There were plenty of booths laden with articles pertaining to our heritage. You could find something from 50 cents to 125 dollars. It was a wonderful display of Lithuanian keepsakes. There was also plenty of good polka dancing.

A good number of mem-



bers turned out on a typical New England November day for our meeting and much was accomplished. Father Karalis opened the meeting with a prayer. Frank Peterson gave us a resume of the Supreme Council meeting. We were proud to hear that New Haven ranks fifth in membership nationally.

All indications show that we are heading for another wonderful big day when our Turkey Shoot and Christmas Boutique takes place on November 14. Michael and Irene Meizies are in charge of the raffle tickets for the Turkey Shoot. Eleanor Gutasukas, Ann Kordorsky and Sophie Aunce are planning the Christmas Boutique.

The following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Father Albert Karalis, spiritual advisor; Frank Peterson, president; Albert Gutasukas, first vice president; Mary Geipel, second vice president; Alex Gedrim, financial secretary; Ann Meskins, treasurer; Audrey Toole, recording secretary; Helen Balchus, corresponding secretary; Anthony Kordorsky, Isabel Peterson, sergeants at arms; Charles Dekas, Helen Medley, Robert Morcus, trustees.

Committees will be chaired as follows: Bernice Barile, ritual; George Kisielius, Lithuanian affairs; Jonas Saulys, Lithuanian cultural affairs; Eleanor Gutasukas, sunshine; Elizabeth Gybowski, publicity.

Luncheon was served after the meeting by Ann Meskins, Bernice Barile and Pat Illingworth.

Classes in Lithuanian

straw ornaments brought out the artistic talent in so many of us. Ann Kordorsky, Helen Medley, Eleanor Gutasukas, Irene and Michael Meizies are all doing a great job.

Veronica Pausa and her daughter Jane Serbent travelled to Lithuania and Moscow recently. They had a very enjoyable trip and noticed that restrictions had loosened up a bit.

We will miss Alberta and William Simon who moved to North Carolina and Sophie and John Aunce who moved to Danbury, Connecticut. We wish them happiness in their new homes.

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## C-135 — ANSONIA

C-135 sends greetings to all their fellow Knights everywhere. We have been kind of strangers to this column from time to time and we've been asked, "How's Ansonia doing?" So far, so good. We have the same type of problems as you all do out there.

We started the year with our annual flag raising ceremony on February 16 at City Hall. Mayor William Menna read a proclamation commemorating Lithuanian Independence. Following the ceremony we all returned to the Mayor's office for "coffee and". Anne Sabulis and Helen Roman provided the "and".

This was followed by a fantastic communion breakfast with a capacity crowd attending to celebrate the feast day of St. Ca-

simir. Christine Slushinski and J. P. Sabulis were the chefs again this year and did an outstanding job. That's a team that's hard to beat.

This year, instead of a guest speaker, President John A. Sabulis delighted the crowd with a newsreel showing in color the procession and ritual in the erection of our beautiful Wayside Cross. For many it was the first time they saw it. For others, like our Father Ray Yuskauskas, it brought back many memories of years gone by.

In May our council members gathered at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford to commemorate the 600th anniversary of Lithuanian Christianity. This was truly an outstanding event. Our council's banner was carried by our religious member, Sister Mary Arline Bujanauskas. Thank you, sister! Of course, recognition must also be given to our artisan, Walt Stachowicz, sister's brother-in-law, for the construction of the banner's staff.

In June, a special Mass of Thanksgiving was offered at St. Margaret's Church in Waterbury to commemorate Sister Arline's Golden Jubilee as a nun. Sister Arline is a member of the Sisters of Mercy. Her dedicated service over the years to many parishes were recounted by the many well wishers in attendance. A buffet dinner followed. May God be with you sister for many more happy years.

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*Merry Christmas*



*FROM YOUR FRIENDS  
IN SYRACUSE*



**COUNCIL 140**



**"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"**

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**



**COUNCIL 36**

**Immaculate Conception Church, Brighton Park**

**GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**



# Linksmų Kalėdų

TO ALL MY K. OF L. FRIENDS

MARY L. LUCAS\*\*\*\* HONORARY MEMBER  
Council 96\*\*\*\* Dayton



SEASON'S GREETINGS

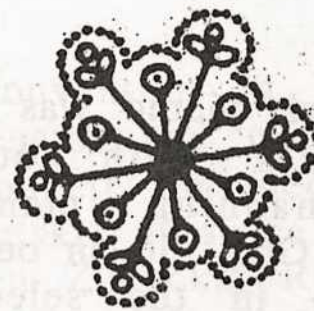
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COUNCIL 102 DETROIT, MI



May the light of the Christ Child's peace shine in your  
heart all through the year  
MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR



COUNCIL 46  
FOREST CITY, PA



## ŠVENTOJI NAKTIS

Kotryna Grigaitytė

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

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

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

Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų  
Širdingai Linki



C - 135 VYČIAI – ANSONIA, CONN.

Linkime visiems Vyčiams  
Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų ir  
Laimingų Naujų Metų — 1988!

COUNCIL 146  
Harrisburg, PA





Our parish picnic was a great success with our members manning many booths. Olga Gray did an outstanding job in the selection and supply of materials for the Council's New and Improved Bottle Booth. Lillian Chaplik our gypsy merchant and her assistant Violet Brazaitis did an outstanding job on the Used But Not Abused Booth. Sales were active throughout the picnic period.

We, being happy wanderers, hired a bus and travelled to Moosic to Help C-144 and C-143 celebrate Lithuanian Day. We've done this before and enjoyed the experience. It was nice to meet new and old friends and enjoy the hospitality of Lithuanians from near and far. We spent money, ate a lot of food and even did some dancing to the great bands. Sophie Thomas was in charge of reservations and did an outstanding job. We must do it again next year. We wish to thank everyone for the kind hospitality extended to us.

We wish to extend our best wishes for a happy retirement to Millie "Milda" and Walt Stachowicz who have relocated to the sunshine state of Florida. We'll miss you folks, but you won't be forgotten.

Of course, we had election of officers. Our new selection is as follows: Olga Gray, President; Albert Shurkis, Vice-president; Mildred Driznus, Secretary; Chris Slushinski, Financial Secretary; Ruth Tyson, Treasurer; Alfonse Barauskas, Ritual Chairperson.

Best wishes and good

luck in all future endeavors to our new officers. Thanks to all our outgoing officers for a job well done!

Nakties Peleda

## C-7 — WATERBURY

Council 7 elected the following officers in October: Rev. Francis Karvelis, spiritual advisor; Ann Cheplick, president; Edward Bebrin, vice president; Dolores Jonaitis, secretary; Alma Torre, treasurer; Virginia Kosa, financial secretary; Doris Blinstrubas and Alexander Kosa, trustees; Victor Rusgaitis, sergeant at arms.

Committee chairpersons are Victor Vaitkus, Lithuanian affairs; John Jonaitis, Lithuanian culture; Victoria Silliman, ritual.

Edmund White and Walter Blinstrubas will serve as housemen.

The board of directors is comprised of John Jonaitis, Edmund White, Victor Vaitkus, Betty Bebrin, Frances Januska, Joan Shukaitis, Teresa Shukaitis, Arlene Supranavicius, Joseph Blinstrubas and Walter Blinstrubas.

Congratulations and best wishes to the 1988 officers and thanks to the 1987 officers for a successful term of office.

Virginia Kosa



### Definitions:

A Communist: Someone who has read the works of Marx and Lenin.

An anti Communist: Someone who has read the works of Marx and Lenin and understands them.

## MID AMERICA DISTRICT

### C-112 — CHICAGO

We had an interesting and informative October business meeting with our new president, Mary Juzenas officiating.

Hats off and many kudos to Julie Zakarka who chaired our recent and most successful annual Champagne Brunch on October 18. Julie spent many hours prior, during and after this event to help make it the success it was. Also, much praise to her large hard-working committee comprised mostly of our board members, from the lowly potato peelers, who peeled 100 lbs. of potatoes for the kugelis, to the super raffle ticket sellers whose excellent salesmanship made the raffle a huge success.

Many thanks, also, to Vera Paukstis, Ann Marie Juraitis, and Jean Maranda who were the chief cooks and worked hard to prepare the delicious entrees that we served. All in all, this event can be termed as the most successful champagne brunch our council has hosted.

Our super traveller, Sophie Nieminski, spent five days in St. Thomas in October attending the wedding of her granddaughter and enjoying an unexpected vacation as well.

Congratulations to Stepha-nie and Felix Mlodzik on the birth of their first grandchild, a granddaughter.

Welcome to Vaclovas and Asta Kleiza. Mr. Kleiza is





*C-112 Officers for 1988: Seated l to r: Julie Zakarka, ritual chairlady; Al Zakarka, vice president; Mary Juzenas, president; Al Dagis, treasurer; Ellie Kasputis, second vice president. Standing l to r: Susan Binkis, rec. sec.; Alice Cekanor, fin. sec.; Pete Gagle, sergeant of arms; Al Cekanor, trustee; Al Mockus, trustee; Josephine Juzenas, associate corresponding sec.; Matt Valutis, sergeant at arms; Peter Juzenas, associate corresponding sec.*

the new Counsel of Lithuania. We are honored to have him in our council.

Also welcome to Charles Jonaitis, Constance Bergaila, Vitas Daulys, Maria Stasaitis, Angele Gecevis, Leonas Gudis, Irene Jonusys and Joseph Brundza.

Welcome back to our council to Dr. Birute and Klaudius Pumputis who rejoined our council.

Welcome to Adella Latonas who transferred from Council 36.

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## MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT

### C-46— FOREST CITY

October is the month for election of officers. Fortunately, most of our officers remained for one more term. The following will serve for 1988: Father Joseph Sitko, spiritual advisor; Michael Yavorosky, president; Anthony Yavorosky, vice president; Robert Trusky, treasurer and financial secretary; Margaret Cyzeski, secretary; Albert Kuzakevich and Edward Yeskatalis, trustees.

Committee chairpersons are Frances Yavorosky, ritual and Stasia Wallace, sunshine. Beatrice Tanis will be Vytis correspondent.

On September 20 we attended the Mid-Atlantic

Convention in Pittston. Delegates and guests from our council included Mary Prezelski, Beatrice Stanis, Helen Zlatucka, Robert Trusky, Frances Yavorosky, Michael Yavorosky, Dorothy Andzulis, John Morris, Amy Morris and Margaret Cyzeski.

A delegation from Council 46 was present at Mass in St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton on November 1 to commemorate the 600th Jubilee of the Christianization of Lithuania. Dinner-dance followed at the Pittston Convention Center.

Blanche Motsko

### C-29 — NEWARK

Our council participated in the Annual New Jersey Ethnic Festival held at Liberty State Park in Jersey City on September 12 and 13. As in the past few years, our council members cooperated.

The Lithuanian food table was laden with authentic food donated and prepared by our members. On sale were desros with kopustai, kugelis, salti barsciai, pyragai, ausukes and an assortment of delicious cookies. In spite of threatening weather the first day and an all day of rain the second day, this hard-working and dedicated group of people sold every morsel of food they prepared. Their efforts are certainly worthy of mention.

We thank the following: Margie and Walter Brazaitis, Adele Matthews, Antanina Skruodys, Betty Luciw, Jennie Miklasavage, Nellie Ne-





*C-29 leading Lithuanian group in Liberty Park Ethnic Parade at Jersey City, NJ. l to r: Bernard Skripata, Danguole Didzbalis, Edward Skripata, Loretta Stukas and Kazys Sipaila.*

cheporuk and the many members who donated baked goods. Last but by no means the least, we thank our chairlady Emelia Sadonis for a job well done. The proceeds were donated to our Holy Trinity Church to defray expenses of renovating the rectory.

On October 17 we celebrated the big event of the year, our 70th Annual Dinner and Dance. More than 200 members and guests came out for this gala affair, and I am happy to report that no one went home disappointed. Our chairladies, Mary Stonis and Anne O'Neill, did a fantastic job of making the necessary arrangements for this successful affair.

Anne and her committee concocted some of the best cocktails and goodies to get the ball rolling. Mary followed with a delicious catered full-course dinner served by Mrs. Niva and her family. To make it a perfect event, the music was furnished by our favorite personality Joe Thomas and his

band. A good time was had by all and we will do it again next year.

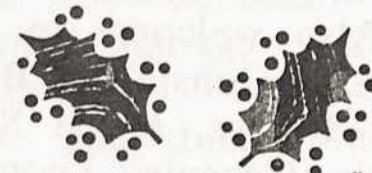
On October 18 we held our election of officers and committees for 1987-1988. The results are as follows: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Peter Stravinskas; President, Kazys Sipaila; Vice-President, Bernard Skripata; Recording Secretary, Margie Brazaitis; Treasurer, Adele Urbanas; Financial Secretary,

Rita Susko; Corresponding Secretary, Betty Luciw; Trustees, Valentinas Tumelis, Eva Coll and John Petrenas; Vytis Correspondent, Eva Coll; Sergeant-at-Arms, Adele Mathews and Walter Brazaitis.

Committees are Ritual, Anne O'Neill, Rita Susko and Viola Skripata; Lithuanian Affairs, Danguole Didzbalis; Cultural, Emelia Sadonis; Religious, Mary Honeyman; Sunshine, Viola Skripata.

Condolences to the family of Julia Yewaisis who passed away this past summer, to Regina Schmidt on the loss of her husband Helmut, to Jane Goubas on the loss of her sister and to Walter Sharon on the loss of his sister. May they all rest in peace and may the Lord have mercy on their souls.

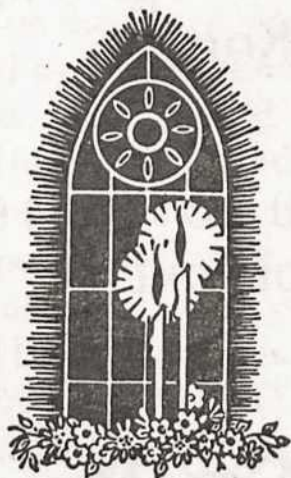
Eva Coll



*C-29 at Liberty Park, NJ l to r front row: Antanina Skruodys, Margie Brazaitis, Betty Luciw, Stella Ellis, Maria Gouba, Viola Skripata. Back row: Emelia Sadonis, Burt Sadonis, Helen Radicsh, Adele Matthews, Kazys Sipaila, Loretta Stukas.*



*Minėdami Kūdikelio Jėzaus gimimą  
sveikiname visus Lietuvos vyčius  
linkdami linksmų Šv. Kalėdų  
ir sveikų bei džiaugsmingų 1988 metų!*



**KUOPA - 96  
DAYTON, OHIO**

*May Christ Child  
and His Blessed Mother  
Bless us, one and all,  
With Peace and Joy  
During this Holy Season  
and the coming year!*

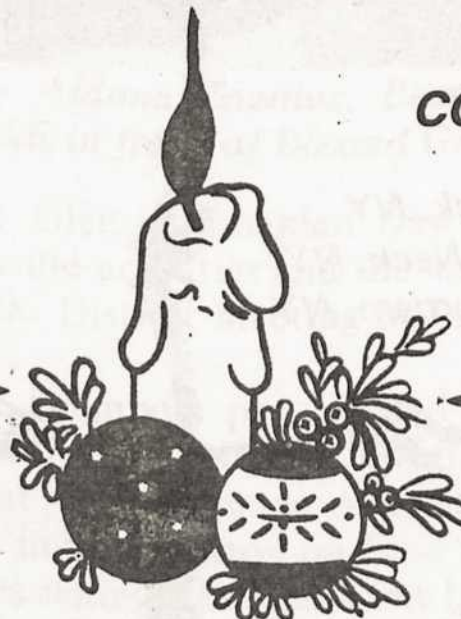


**COUNCIL 30  
WESTFIELD, MASS.**

**LINKIME LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ ŠVENČIŲ  
IR  
LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ!**



**COUNCIL 1 - BROCKTON, MASS**



**"LINKSMINKIMĖS ir DŽIAUKIMĖS,  
DIEVUI GARBĘ DUODAMI GIEDOKIME"**

**Christmas Blessings and Happiness in the  
New Year to All of You and Yours.**



**COUNCIL 27**

**NORWOOD, MASS**



## Best Wishes for a

### Holy & Happy Holiday Season!

#### WELL WISHERS

George & Mary Blecka - 109 - Great Neck, NY  
 Isabelle Boza - 109 - Great Neck, NY  
 Joseph & Adele Carroll - 109 - Great Neck, NY  
 Rev. Viktoras J. Dabulis - 147 - St. Petersburg, FL  
 Gene Gobis - 100 - Amsterdam, NY  
 Marth Krug - 109 - Great Neck, NY  
 Jack Malis - 109 - Great Neck, NY  
 Frances Petkus - 96 - Dayton, OH  
 Stanley Pieza, HM - 36 - Chicago, IL  
 Anne Reardon - 109 - Great Neck, NY  
 Stella Sankal - Cleveland Seniors  
 William Statkevicius - 109 - Great Neck, NY  
 Starcy & Al Wesey, HM - 109 - Great Neck, NY  
 Edward & Polly Ziausys - 100 - Amsterdam, NY

*Happy Holidays to all our fellow  
 Knights of Lithuania everywhere, from*

**Council 40 Immaculate Conception Church  
 EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS**



May the Blessings of  
 the Infant Jesus Inspire  
 the Lithuanian Spirit in every  
 Knight

**COUNCIL 145  
 HOLYOKE, MA**



*Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų  
 ir  
 Laimingų Naujų Metų*

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA  
 COUNCIL 152 – RIVERHEAD, N.Y.**





## COUNCIL-41 — BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Bill Kumet was elected president in October. Helen Kulber was the previous long-time president. She will still remain on the Board. Meeting was attended by MAD president Jonas Adomenas, who wished the council a fruitful future. VYTIS editor Dalia Bulvičius asked the members to choose a PR person, to inform her of the council activities. The complete board will be announced in the near future. Spiritual advisor of C-41 is Father Daniel Staniškis, who also spoke briefly at the meeting.

## COUNCIL No. 72 — BINGHAMTON, NY

Our council members had an active summer. Irene & Casey Grikenis were delegates to the 74th Knights of Lithuania Convention in Kansas City. They want to express their gratitude to the people at the host council for a very enjoyable and educational conference. Many of our members participated at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Lithuanian Day at



*C-41 - Aldona Zaunius, Beatrice Hoff, Helen Kulber and Rev. Daniel Staniskis in front of Blessed George Matulaitis photograph.*

Rocky Glen, Lithuanian Day at Auriesville activities and the Mid-Atlantic District meeting in Pittston.

Our members participated at the Two Rivers Ethnic Festival held at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton on June 16. Besides selling ethnic food, we had a cultural display along with a

Lithuanian wedding cake which took forty eggs to make.

This year's highlight event was the celebration dinner to commemorate 600 years of Christianity in Lithuania. The Most Rev. Paulius Baltakis was the honored guest. We thank Bishop Baltakis for honoring St. Joseph's Lithuanian parish with his second visit within three years and thank Fr. Mikalajunas in his relentless effort and this successful accomplishment.

Guests to help celebrate this occasion included Binghamton Mayor, the Honorable Juanita Crabb, Fr. Michael Yurista, pastor of Holy Spirit Byzantine parish and Fr. Mark Pasik, pastor of St. Casimir's Church.

Lazdynas dance ensemble from Rochester, NY. were very special guests, they performed a variety of Lithuanian Folk Dances for everyone's enjoyment. Historical comments were presented by John Mankus.

Our Nat'l Pres. Frank Petrauskas and wife Irene were in attendance along with Bernice Aviza & Polly Ziausys from Amsterdam.



*C-72 St. Joseph's Celebration dinner commemorating 600 years of Christianity in Lithuania. Joseph Missavage introducing guest at head table - Toastmaster Richard Gulbin and Most Rev. Bishop Baltakis.*



Special mention and thanks should be given to dinner chairperson Joseph Missavage and his wife Edith. Joe worked long hours in organizing and coordinating the effort with the other sponsoring organizations, to make this truly a historic Lithuanian event. Participating organizations included Altar Rosary Society, Choir, Knights of Lithuania, Ladies Guild and Men's Club.

At our last meeting, Fr. John Mikalajunas inducted Hank and Delores Wasileski into our council, all members congratulate them and wish them a rewarding and fruitful association.

John R. Mankus

## C-100 — AMSTERDAM

September 21 was our first meeting date for the 87-88 year. We gathered in church for the Lithuanian Mass held by our spiritual advisor, Rev. R. K. Baltch. The readings were done by Birute Ralys and Regina Hartvigas. The offertory gifts were also presented by them. Led by Fr. Baltch, we sang the beautiful hymns to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The meeting followed in our Social Center with President Anthony Radzevich presiding. Our delegates to the national convention, Steve and Adeline Raila, Polly Ziausys, Betty Kuzmich, Bernice Aviza, Tony Radzevich and Gene Gobis, gave their reports. The Railas videod much of the doings. Tony also purchased the Kansas City tapes. The host council with Gene Ashley as chairman did an excellent job and their hospi-

ality was superb. The entertainment was great! The two churches for the noon Masses were most attractive with the charm of European architecture. We were delighted to listen to hymns sung by opera soloists Al Brazis and Mary Juzenas and the Omaha Lithuanian Choir during the closing Mass. From our delegates, we say "Sirdingai aciū" to the Kansas City K of L'ers.

Our council members were thrilled that Juddianne Nikstenas was awarded the Ann Karklus Scholarship and that Kenneth Jasewicz was one of the recipients of a K of L Scholarship. The final surprise was the announcement that Rima Hartvigas was chosen to be a delegate to the Lithuanian Youth Congress in Australia and that Chicago's Rita Zakarka was the other chosen delegate. Rita's dad, Albert, is a former Amsterdamian.

We welcome Mary Yutes to our council. When Irene Tice accepted the chairman-

ship of our Christmas dinner and program, Mary volunteered her services.

Polly Ziausys will head the Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration activities committee.

We extend belated birthday greetings to our beloved Father Anthony Grigaitis who is at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. Linkime geros sveikatos!

The finale was the showing of slides from Lithuania by Fr. Baltch who visited his relatives in August. Thank you for sharing your slides with us.

Our Refreshment Committee of Betty Kuzmich, Sophie Olbie, Kristine Tuttle and Stella White surprised Bernice Aviza with a birthday cake. We sang "Ilgiausiu Metu" to Bernice. Viskas buvo skanu!

SMILE and SPARKLE



C-100 - At Auriesville - Mary Ann Nikstenas, Judianne Nikstenas, Nat'l Pres. Frank Petrauskas, Danny Jasewicz, Betty Kuzmich, Beatrice Jasewicz, Kenneth Jasewicz, Charles Jasewicz and Richard Jasewicz.



*Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų, Vyčiai Lietuvos  
Maldą sukalbėkime už laisvę tautos,  
Taikoje gyvenkime, vienas kitą mylėkime,  
Būkime vieningi, vargstantiems padėkime.*

*Viešpats laimins mus,  
Ir darbus, visų.  
Neapleis nei vieno  
Per visus metus.*



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of Christmas be yours  
Throughout each Day  
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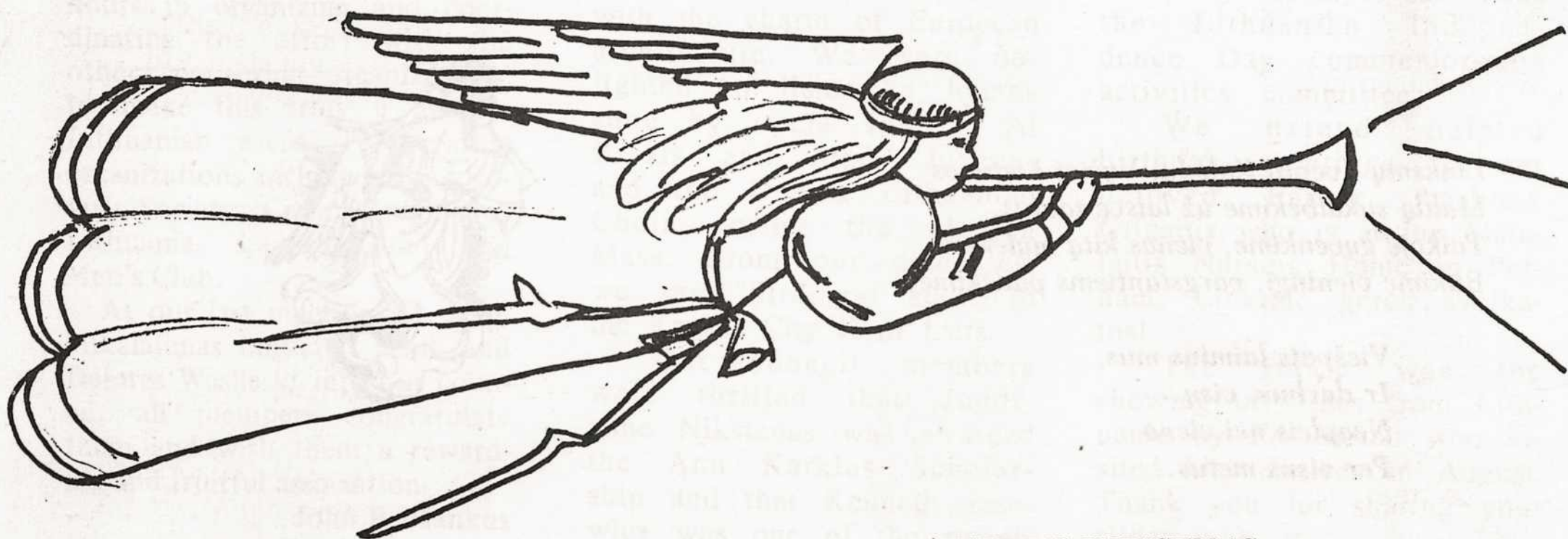
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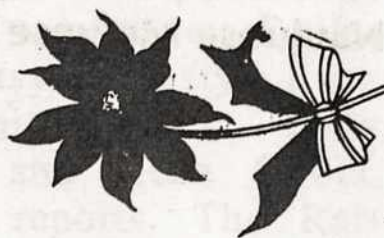


**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
From

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**MAY THIS HOLIDAY YEAR**  
**BRING GOD'S BLESSINGS**  
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### Council No. 3 — Philadelphia

Atėjus šaltam rudenėliui prasideda netik mėnesiniai ir metiniai susirinkimai, bet ir kiti renginiai, kaip Kūčios, Kalėdos ar sukakčių minėjimai. Nereiškia, per vasaros karščius sustoja bet kuri veikla. Kuopa siuntė delegatus į Kansas City Vyčių seimą ir Pittston seimelį. Buvo maloni naujiena, kai Joseph ir Ann Marro pakvietė vyčius į savo styliškus namus. Paplūdimyje maudėmės beveik 80 laipsnių vandenyje, o išalkę ar ištroškę vaišingų šeiminkų nebuvo užmiršti. Visi buvome patenkinti, o jei kas buvome pavargę, tai rūpestingi šeiminkai net save apsisunkdami davė kambarius pernakti. Stebiuosi jų pareigingumu, turbūt retą susirinkimą jie apleido ar atsisakė dirbti renginių komitetuose.

Nesenai išėjusi į pensiją ir grįžusi į Philadelphia garbės narė Elena Šaulytė (Helen Shields), atvykdama į metinį susirinkimą, spalio 11 d., pateikė surprizą, atsisėdama 3 naujas į vyčius kandidates: Irena Huhn, Adelę Albers ir Nancy Winch, kurios su tvarkę formalumus, susirinkimo pabaigoje buvo priimtose L. V. 3-čios kuopos narėmis.

Per rinkimus į kuopos vykdomuosius organus išrinkta: Joseph Drumstas — pirmininkas, Viktor Stepalovitch — vicepirmininkas, Dianne Drumstas — protokolų sekretorė, Agnes Mickūnas — finansų sekretorė, Margaret Petronis — išdininkė. Irene Ozalis — ritualų komisija 3 metams, Joseph Marro — išdo kontrolierius, Nellie Pandza — lietuvių komisija, Walter Mameniškis — kultūros reikalai. Dvasios vadovu lieka kun. Eugene Was-

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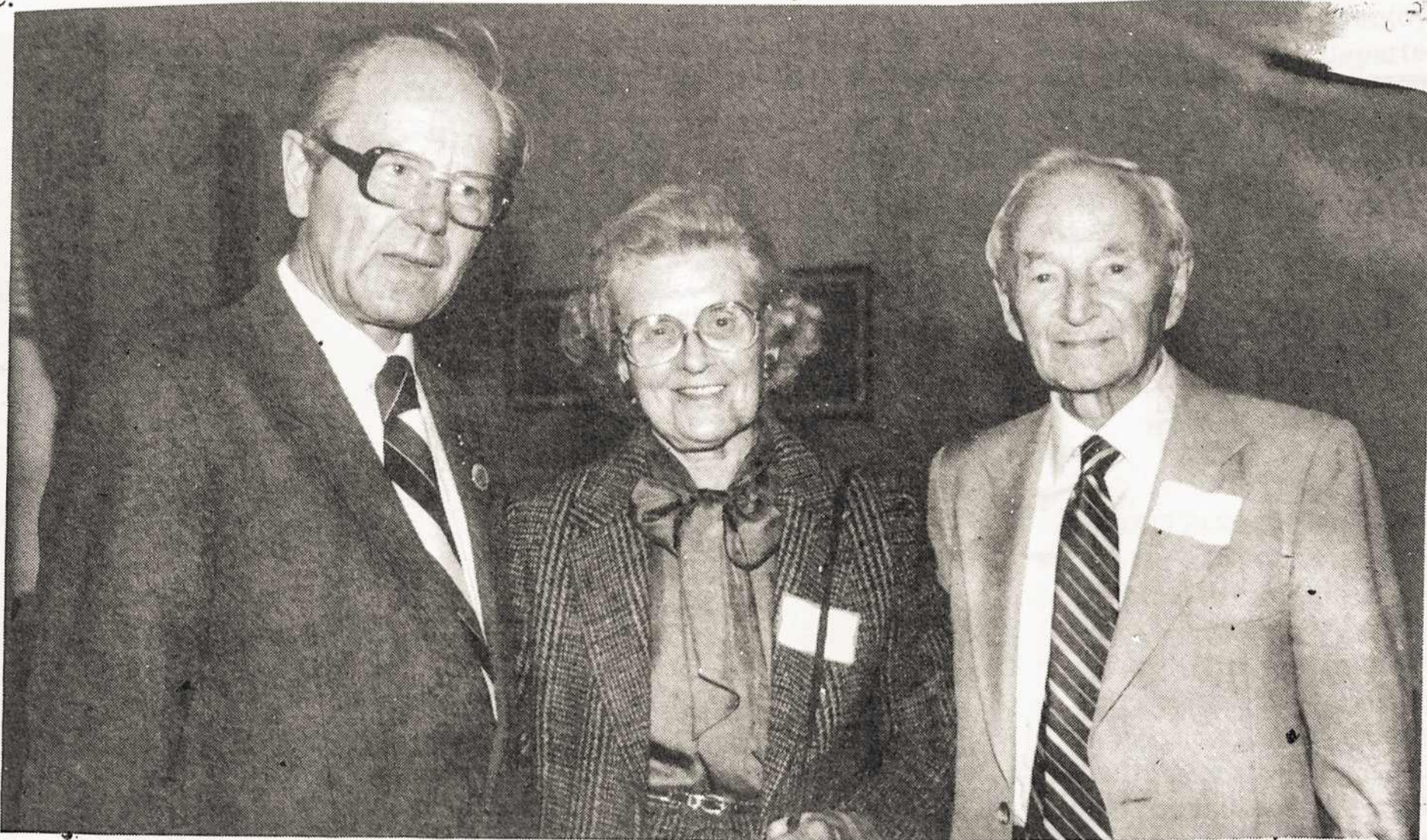
Viktor Stepalovitch pranešė, kad Kūčios įvyks gruodžio 5 d. Šv. Jurgio parapijos salėje. Walter Mameniškis painformavo apie salių paieškojimą Kalėdų pobūviui, bet salė dar neparinkta ir jos parinkimas atidėtas sekančiam susirinkimui. Elena Šaulytė pranešė, kad gautas vysk. Pauliaus Baltakio sutikimas atvykti į 75 m. Vyčių Jubiliejaus minėjimą, kuris įvyks 1988 m. gegužės mėn. 15 d. šv. Kazimiero bažnyčioje. Salė banketui jau užsakyta.  
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*I am a true labourer, I earn that I eat,  
get what I wear, owe no man hate, envy  
no man's happiness, glad of other men's  
good.*

William Shakespeare

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*On Oct. 7, 1987, recently released prisoner of conscience Vytautas Skuodis - with Isabele and Juozas Laucka (C-142 Washington) at the Congressional reception arranged in his honor in Washington, DC. The reception was organized by Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid and Congressman Henry Miller (R-WA) and Edward Feighan (D-OH).*



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**1988**

**COUNCIL — 25  
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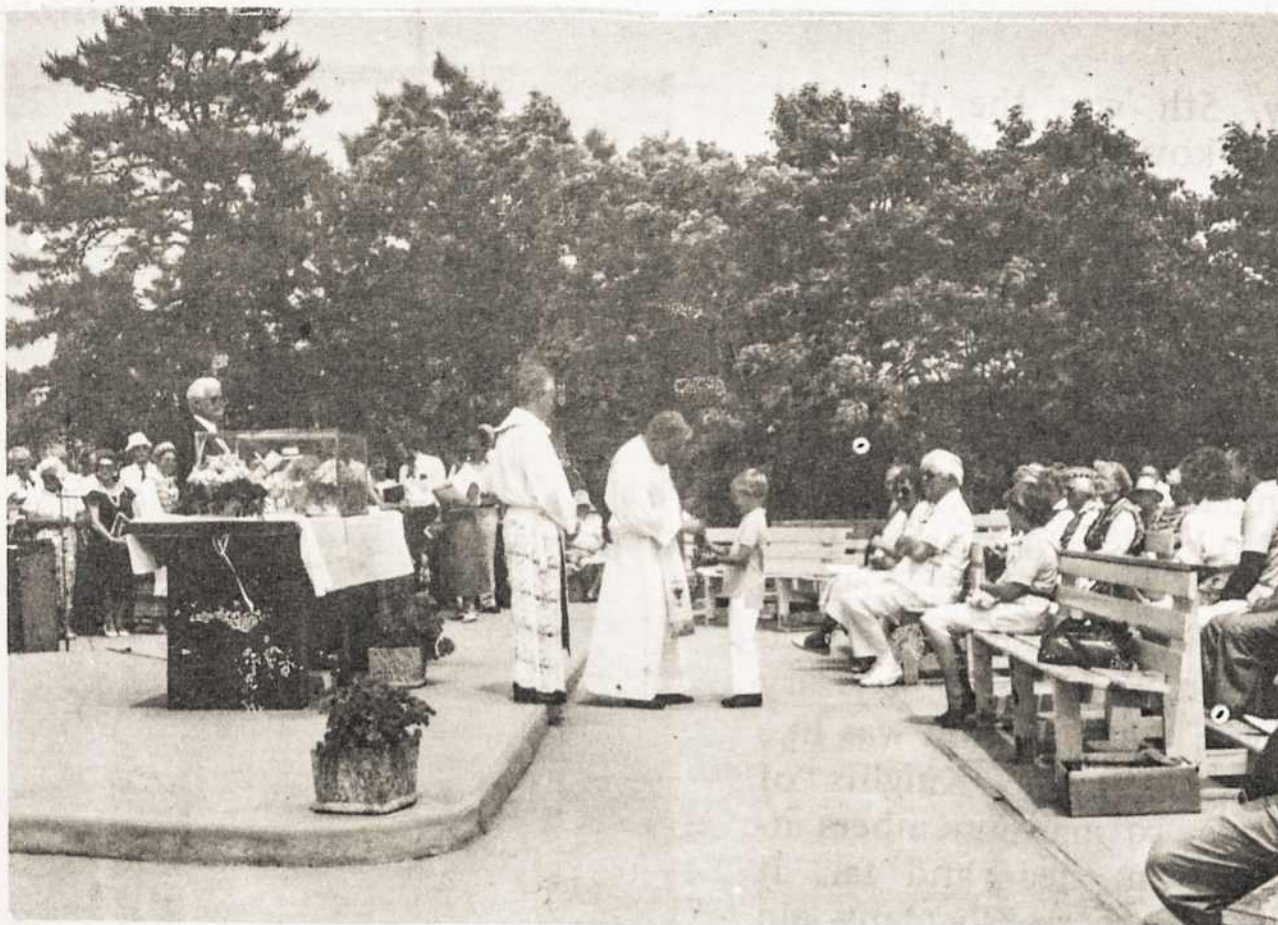
## C No. 152 - RIVERHEAD, NY

Congratulations to our newly elected, and re-elected officers from the top man of our Mid-Atlantic District, John Adomenas, all district councils and our own new executive board who are the following: John Sakal, Pres., Adele Latinis, Vice Pres., Muriel Lekstutis, Rec. Sec., Agnes Marma, Treas., Mike Zukas, Fin. Sec., Peter Dykovitz & Peter Petrowski, Sgts. at Arms. Our best wishes to all for a successful and productive administrations!

We thank our last year's officers for their hard work and dedication; it was a very good year.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Vytis Correspondent for the past 3 years but it's time now to pass that pleasure on. Your new correspondent will be my friend Mary Zipkas whom I know will do a splendid job.

Our November meeting was very well attended, 61 members and guests. Visiting with us that day was a woman from Lithu-

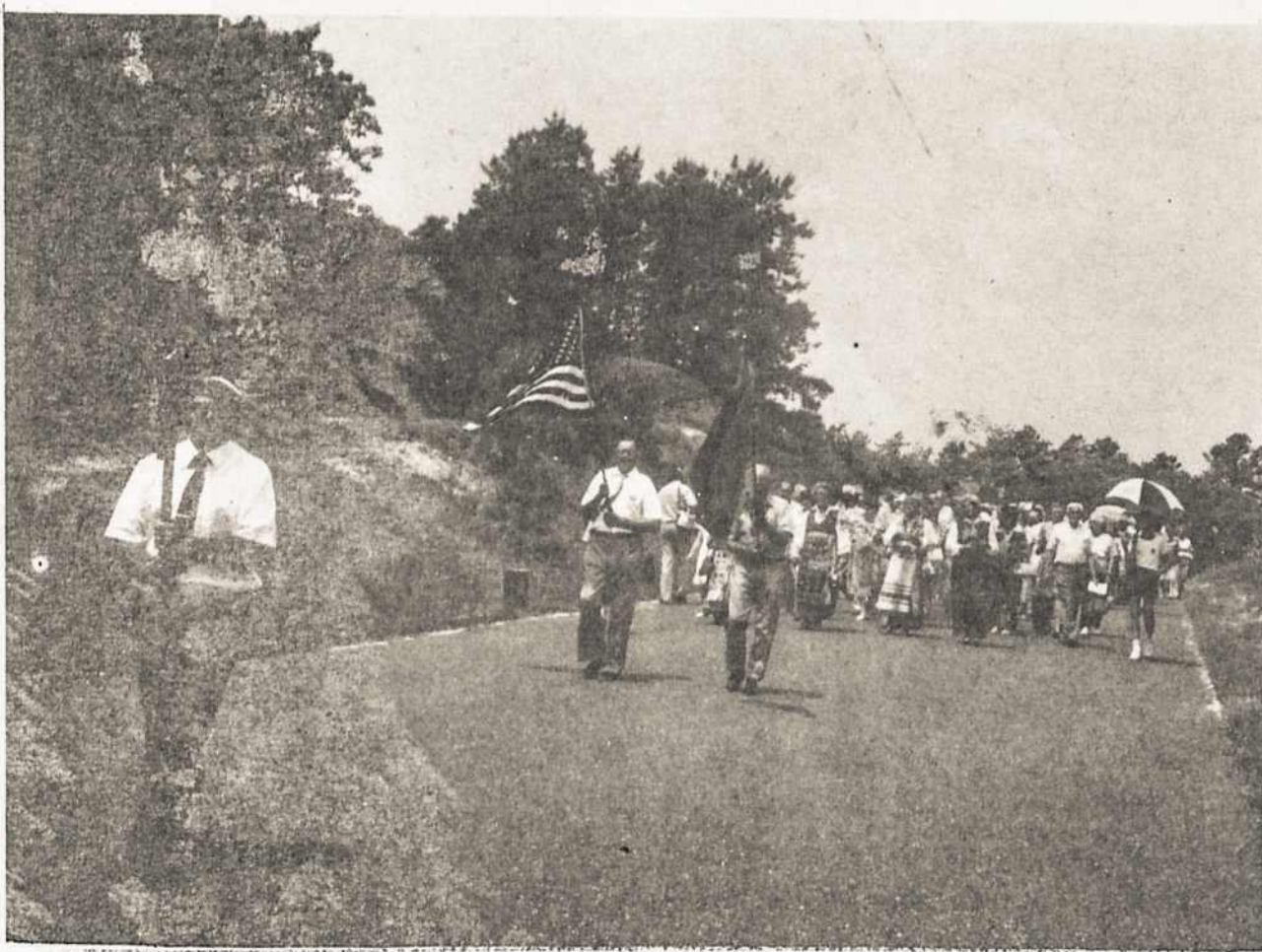


*C-152 - Presentation of Gifts at Mass held in May 1987 at Pilgrimage in Eastport, LI.*

ania. It was interesting to hear her impressions of her country and of ours. Election of officers was held, important matters were discussed. Our Communion & Brunch was set for March 13, 1988 and Sept. 18, 1988, the

date of our next festival. Not having had one this year, we're looking forward to a bigger and better one in 1988. Under the leadership of Agnes Marma and her committee, a very successful Chinese Auction followed the meeting. We then enjoyed a lovely social and departed for home, to meet again at our Christmas Party on Dec. 13th.

Twenty of our members journeyed to Manhattan to attend the 600th Anniversary Celebration Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Nov. 8th. Cardinal O'Connor was the principal celebrant and Homilist. He is such a warm, gracious man with a special feeling for the Lithuanians. It was a beautiful service, well attended by thousands of Lithuanians from all over the Metropolitan area. Fred Lucka and Angela Minsavitch actively participated in the Mass, singing with the guest choir, Annunciation Parish Choir from Brooklyn. As always, many other K of L councils were represented. It was truly a memorable day.



*C-152 - Pilgrimage in Eastport, L.I. Group marching to Mass.*



Nov. 5th was the day that Peter Dykovitz and Bill Newalis took off from Kennedy Airport for a visit to Lithuania. For Peter, it was a return trip but for Bill, it was a first. We're anxiously waiting to hear all about their experiences in the "old country".

Congratulations and "Ilgiausiu Metu" to our friends and fellow K of L'ers from Conn. Stella & Mitch Marcinauskas celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary in Nov. Their reception was like a roll call of the Knights of Lithuania, so many members attending from near and far. It was so nice to see so many old friends and we certainly celebrated the happy occasion "Vy-tiskai".

Happy Holidays and God Bless you all!

Beatrice Lucka



*John Adomenas, MAD President addressing members of C-41 at their recent meeting.*



*President Frank Petrauskas (C-140), Bishop Paulius Baltakis and Rev. Timothy Burkuskas (C-3) at Doylestown, PA.*





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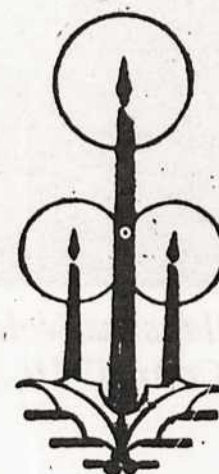
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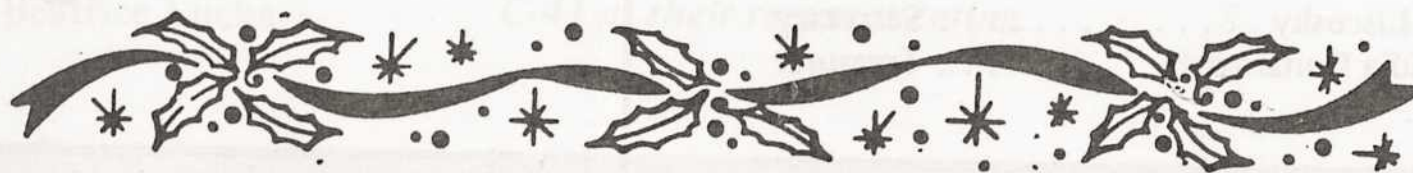


*Pres. Bill Wisniauskas welcomes Fr. Joseph Jurgelonis to Council 10 Athol-Gardner.*



*C-10 Athol-Gardner members enjoying a summer barbecue.*

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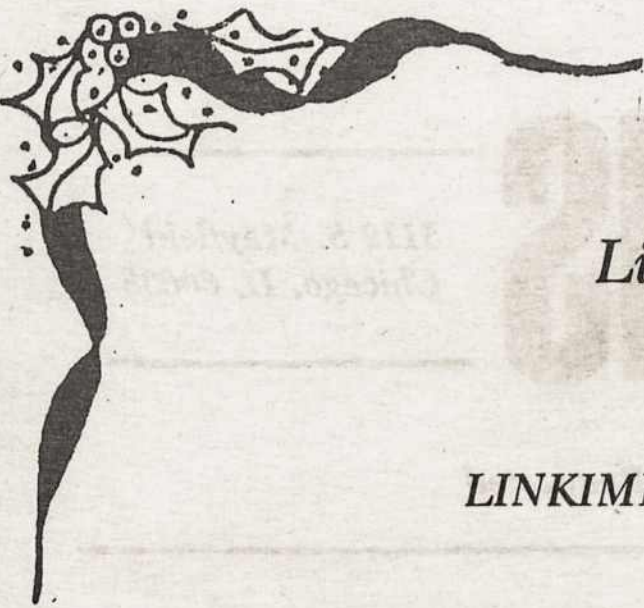



*C-25.— Cleveland - Installation Ceremonies.*



*C-100 - At Auriesville - l to r: Mary Ann Nikstenas, Gene Gobis, Judianne Nikstenas, Nat'l Pres. Frank Petrauskas Kenneth Jasewicz and Danny Jasewicz.*



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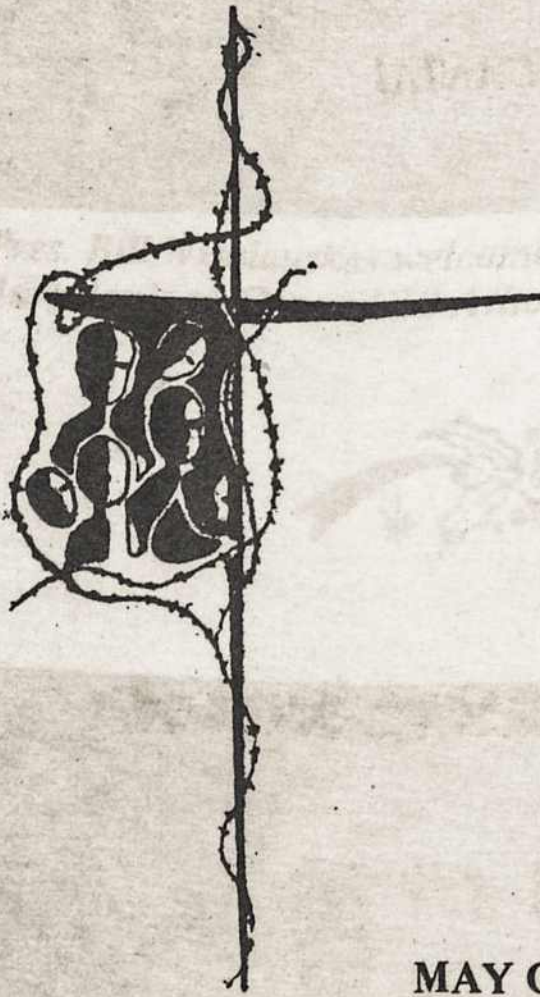
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**AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST,  
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**Viktoras Petkus writes:**

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

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

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For information on how to help Viktoras Petkus and others  
of our brothers and sisters, contact:

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