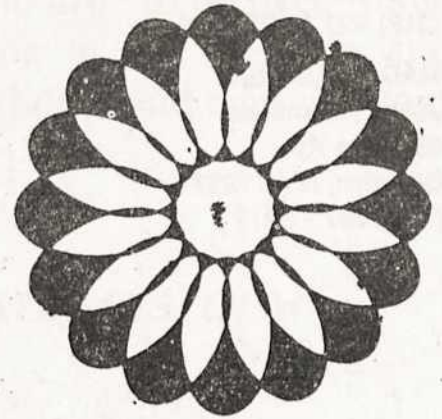




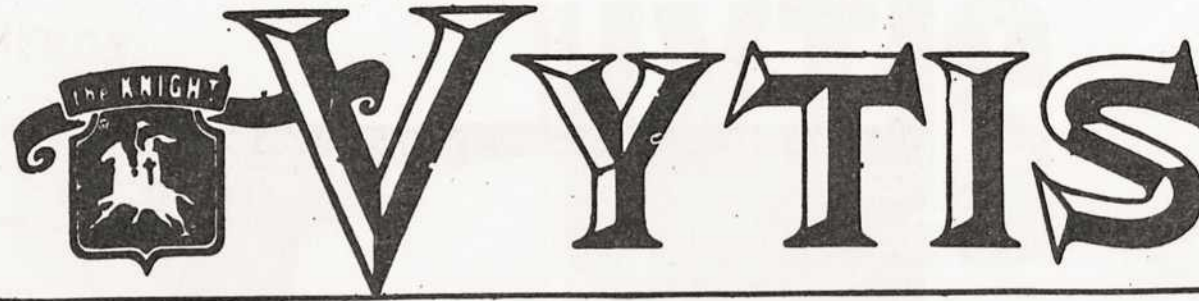
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Resurrection: Christ's and Ours

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

There is really no direct, positive, scientific way to prove that Jesus rose from the dead on that first Easter Sunday morning.

No one saw Him begin to breathe again, sit up and then walk out of Joseph of Aramathea's tomb, in which He was laid to rest on the previous Friday afternoon. The tomb was closed and sealed, you remember, with an armed guard posted. There were no scientific instruments available, no brain scanners to prove that He was dead on the Cross and fully alive on Easter morning.

What Mary Magdalen, Peter and John saw early that Sunday morning was an empty tomb. All they could say was: He is not here!

To say "He is risen!" they would have had to make an act of Faith, after recalling what Jesus had told them previous to his death.

Faith is the acceptance of a statement by someone who knows the Truth, who cannot deceive, who is not deceived.

As did the Apostles and disciples, we believe that the same Jesus Christ who suffered and died on the Cross rose gloriously from the dead by His own power. We believe, because scientific proof of the resurrection is not attainable. We need more than scientific knowledge: we need the Faith.

Easter Sunday and the whole Easter season, as well as every Sunday of the year, is set aside to remind us of the mystery, the miracle and the truth that Jesus Christ truly rose from the dead, thereby showing his divine power and revealing that He was both man, who could die, and God, whose power surpasses the powers of nature that states: "Once dead, dead forever!"

Christ's Resurrection teaches another truth: "Once resurrected, alive forever!"

The amazingly notable thing about our Lord's Resurrection is that it was meant to be an exemplar and a pledge of our own future resurrection.

What is it we mumble each Sunday after the Homily in the Profession of Faith? "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." We look for, we believe in our own resurrection one day. And we believe in life after death. But this is not all we believe.

We believe that we, through Baptism, have already been resurrected — raised to a new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This is what Saint Paul is telling us in the second reading of the Easter Mass: "You have died", he said to

the Colossians who were standing around him while he preached, adding: "You have been raised up in company with Christ."

What was St. Paul talking about? Those healthy looking Colossians did not look like men and women who had just crawled out of tombs, anxious to get the daily paper to read their obituaries with their own eyes. No, they were believers in Jesus Christ, who had been recently baptized. He was explaining to them what their Baptism meant.

As then, so today, Baptism signifies that the believer has died to things of earth, was raised to a new life based on Faith in and love of the Son of God and seeking the things above, as Christ, Himself taught.

It is simply not enough to think of Baptism as merely the washing away of Original Sin. Rather, it is an amazing breakthrough introducing the soul to a higher life in Christ. Baptism does "wash away", but it also "pours in" a newness of life, new knowledge, new strength, new attitudes.

Easter recalls this double truth: Christ rose from the dead; we rise from sin through the grace of Baptism. Just as Peter, John and the others could believe in the Resurrection without understanding exactly how it happened, so can we.

Jesus Christ was not merely man, but man and God, "true God from true God, one in being with the Father." We, after Baptism, are not simply human beings; we become "Christened" human beings.

Which means?

We are formed in Christ, modeled after Christ, sharing the mind and outlook of Christ.

As such it is no wonder that we go all out in celebrating the glorious Resurrection of our Lord with triple "Alleluias".

But this should not be our only response to the Victorious Christ. The Easter Liturgy provides with another and more perfect response to the Risen Christ, namely, the renewal of our Baptismal promises, an active response. What better moment could have been selected by the Church to proclaim our Faith in the Resurrection of Christ and in our own? So, the wise thing to do is to take this moment most seriously, to make a decisive act of rejection of sin and worldliness which weaken or even destroy the life of the soul which the Risen Christ shares with us. The promises of Christ to us will not be fulfilled, if our promises, Baptismal promises are not fulfilled by us. This, in simple words, is the connection between Christ's Resurrection and ours.

FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

-By ALDONA RYAN

Have you ever wondered how it is, that some small incident changes the course of history and affects the lives of many people? How is that one humble person is born with a destiny to be remembered by thousands while great, rich giants are often forgotten in a short while?

Mykolas Norkūnas was born in Dzūkija, Lithuania on December 1, 1869. His family were not great landlords nor were they national figures.

Mykolas Noarkūnas grew up to be a medium-sized, handsome fellow with dark, curly hair and sparkling eyes. Of better than average mentality, he loved words and books and he became a "book-carrier" (smuggler - Editor) during the time that owning Lithuanian books was a major crime. For this activity, he was caught by the Russians and was imprisoned.

When he realized he would have to serve in the Russian Army, (the service lasted 25 years — Editor) he came to the United States in 1892. For a while, he worked as a farmer and in a factory.

In Boston, he met a priest, kunigas Zdanavičius. Together, they published a Lithuanian newspaper. When Father Zdanavičius was transferred out of Boston, the paper was sold to Father J. Zebrius of Waterbury, CT.

Mykolas Norkūnas lived for a while in Havershill, Brockton, and finally settled in Lawrence, Mass. Before coming to the United States, his wife had been a gifted artisan — sewing and embroidering flags, Mykolas joined her in this work and they were soon kept busy by Lithuanians across the nation. His special hobby was carving unique canes which he often presented as gifts to friends.

In his early forties, he became obsessed with the worry of what would become of Lithuanianism after his generation had passed on to glory. From 1910 to 1920, he worked many hours to further the idea of organizing America's Lithuanian youth. Many articles were published in Lithuanian papers and magazines urging the children of Lithuanians to unite.

On April 9, 1912, a society known as "The Hope of the Lithuanians" held a meeting at Orchard Lake, Michigan to discuss and make plans for organizing their young people. Many meetings were held but did not result in action.

That same year, 1912, the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance held its convention in Boston. Two delegates, Mykolas Norkūnas of Lawrence, Mass.



Mykolas A. Norkūnas — Man of Destiny

and Stasys Bugnevičius of Lewistown, Maine, made a strong appeal which did result in action. The Alliance agreed to begin organizing the Lithuanian youth in the United States.

Norkūnas immediately began a campaign by publishing the news to every Lithuanian in the country through Lithuanian Newspapers and journals.

Thus it was, that on April 27, 1913, eight men and two women gathered together after Mass, in the parish hall, in Lawrence, Mass, to seriously begin this work. They were: Mykolas Norkūnas of Lawrence, Father J. Aleknavičius of So. Boston, Father A. Jusaitis of Lawrence, Stasys Bugnavičius of Lewistown, Maine, A. Simonaitis of Lawrence, K. Urbonas of So. Boston, S. Mačiulskis, of Lawrence, A. Jankauskas of Lowell, Mass, V. Paulukaitis of Lawrence, and A. Mačiulskaitė of Lawrence, Mass. A Constitution and By-Laws were proposed by Norkūnas, Bugnevičius and Father Jusaitis.

They decided to call the new group "The Lithuanian Falcons" and they elected a slate of officers naming Mykolas Norkūnas as President. It was agreed to refer their actions to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance.

At the convention of the Alliance in 1913, the Rev. Father Kaupas pointed out that the historic symbol of Lithuania was the knight and, therefore, very suitable for a youth organization. The name "The Lithuanian Falcons" was dropped and the new society became the "Knights of Lithuania". They decided that their theme would be: "For God and Country".

In the first year of its existence, twelve councils were formed with a membership of 700. Among the students who were active leaders at that time were Ignas Sakalas, Aleksandras Aleksis, Leonard Simutis and Peter Dausvardis.

The second national convention was held in Brockton, Mass. in July of 1914. Father Gustaitis, who was a noted poet and author, revealed that he was writing the words of the Knights of Lithuania anthem. That year, it was decided to use the colors of the Lithuanian flag — red, green and yellow, as the colors of their official flag. Mykolas Norkūnas designed and made the first flag himself. It was decided to establish a youth section in the daily newspaper *Draugas* for communication purposes.

A system of degrees was established where by hard work could result in official merit. President Norkūnas was the first recipient of an honoray degree.

The organization grew by leaps and bounds. When the third national convention assembled in St. George's Church, there were forty delegates representing a membership of 3000.

That year, 1915, the official anthem with words by Father Gustaitis and music composed by Professor Aleksis was adopted.

All Americans, especially Lithuanians, should be aware that the present individual, 3rd in line for the Presidency, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Jim Wright of Texas, is not well-informed and should be watched very carefully.

I respectfully suggest that the VYTIS publish fully the story "House Speaker Displays Strange Flag" as found in the June 1987 issue of ELTA No. 6 (338). The article relates to the remarks of the House Speaker on April 19, 1987 on soviet television, of his pointing to his lapel pin of crossed Soviet and American flags inviting listeners to write to him for a free pin "as a sentimental expression of our will to work together" the full text of his speech is available in the Congressional record. (April 21, 1987. Extension Remarks, E1434.)

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee of the K. o L. should publish a list of Area Code 800 telephone numbers of U.S. Senators that they may

An official magazine called the *Vytis* was established and Leonard Simutis was named its manager. By 1917, *Vytis* had reached a circulation of 4000.

By 1921, there were 102 councils and over 5000 members. By-Laws for Junior Departments were written that year.

Then, the national organization became cumbersome and the councils were divided into districts.

The work of the Knights of Lithuania has continued for 75 years. At this time, councils exist from New England to Florida to California.

Over the years, Mykolas Norkūnas actively participated in the work of the Knights of Lithuania. He was known for his making of K. of L. pins which he presented to members at national conventions at which they were in great demand.

As he grew older, he lost his hearing and suffered from arthritis. His frailties did not stop his eager vitality until he died on April 1, 1951. He was buried in Lawrence, Massachusetts, the city where he began and ended his life's greatest work.

Mykolas A. Norkūnas, born a humble person, became a man of destiny. May our loving memories of him remain forever.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

be contacted during any emergency which may occur.

For a copy of the ELTA Information Bulletin (published also in Lithuanian) write to Lithuanian National Foundation, Inc., 1611 Connecticut Ave. N.W. Suite 2, Washington, D.C. 20009 — tel. (202) 667 - 1980. This is MUST READING material.

Much was said and written and he was ridiculed many times in media articles and maligned in political cartoons, but the former Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives from neighboring Massachusetts "Tip" O'Neil was very worthy of the title "The Honorable Speaker". The Representative from Texas leaves much to be desired for one in such a high position in this country.

Un qui pri pour Lithuanie.
One who prays for Lithuania
Victor G. Mathieu
C-103 Providence
Associate Member

I have received the latest issue of VYTIS and I was very pleased to read the excellent article that you compiled, regarding 'Amerlith Productions.... Thanks to you I have received letters requesting the cassette.

I appreciate your efforts in this endeavor. Tikrai "Savi pas Savus"! Ačiū labai!

Joe F. Thomas
Council 12, N.Y.N.Y.

(Every council should have your cassette, Joe. We are happy to endorse it. — Editors)

At this time may I congratulate the VYTIS editors for the wonderful work they are doing. It is a periodical worth waiting for and reading each issue. Valio!

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Rev. Justin Steponaitis — A Priest For All the Right Reasons

In 1987 a great event took place at the beautiful church of St. Francis in Athol, Mass. Its beloved pastor — Rev. Justin Steponaitis was celebrating his golden anniversary in the priesthood. People from as far as Toronto and Hamilton, Canada filled the church to help Father celebrate this happy event.

Justinas Steponaitis was born on September 1, 1912 in the village of Skaisgiris, Sintautai parish, in Lithuania. He was one of ten children born to Kazimieras and Petronelė (Stalioraitis) Steponaitis. When Justin was four years old Justin lost his mother. He was raised by his older sisters. The family was close and all had to work hard. As soon as Justins was old enough he became the shepherd. He started with sheep, graduated to pigs and finally he had the honor of watching the horses. His education was at Katilai, Naumiestic and Sakai. Heeding God's call, Justin entered the Seminary of Vilkaviškis and on June 13, 1937 was ordained by Bishop Antanas Karosas at the Vilkaviškis Cathedral.

Father Steponaitis first assignment was at the village of Plutiškis. His second was the Cathedral where he enjoyed working with the young people. With the Red Army approaching Lithuania for the second time in 1944 Father fled to war-torn Germany, where he ministered to the needs of his fellow Lithuanians in various displaced persons camps.

He arrived in the United States on July 23, 1953 and worked in various parishes: Dallas, Worcester and finally at Athol, Mass. at the Church of St. Francis. Here he became not only very popular but also beloved by his parishioners and all who got to know him.

He inspired all those who came in contact with him and encouraged active participation in all the parish organizations, especially the Knights of Lithuania. Through his efforts the parish church and hall were renovated and he was instrumental in erecting a large Lithuanian style wayside cross.

Father Steponaitis is a great lover of nature. The Church and parish grounds are always ablaze of color — a proof of his talents. When his rose garden and rhododendrons come into bloom — what a sight to behold.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was concelebrated by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan and 33 priests. A reception at the Elks Club followed. Father received many congratulatory messages, including one from his Diocese of Vilkaviškis, from Archbishop Liudas Povilonis and from his nephew Rev. Gintautas Steponaitis, pastor of Grasziskai. Citations were received from Governor Michael Dukakis and State Senator Robert Wetmore.

This beautiful event was a grand tribute to Father Stepie, (as he is affectionally called, for years of unselfish, untiring fidelity and devotion: a life of total commitment to his priestly vows. Father you can proudly walk tall!

Mes visi ir vienas linkime kun. Justinui dar ilgai tarnauti Dievui, Tėvynei, lietuviams ir kitataučiams. Dievo palaimos bei geros sveikatos linki visa parapija, draugai ir VYČIAI!

Bill Wisniauskas

*Tegul prisikėles Išganytojas laiminą mus,
Lietuvos Vyčius ir mūsų draugus!*

*May our risen Saviour bless all of us, the
Knights of Lithuania and those dear to to us.*

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Jack J. Stukas, Chairman

On a trial basis, two pages of each issue of Vytis will be devoted each month to LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE work. We can thus reach 4,000 readers instead of the 250 recipients we have now. In addition to sending in of clippings of news items, editorials, and materials concerning Lithuania and Lithuanians, our LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE activists are encouraged to respond by LETTERS to the press and/or officials involved, also to arrange flag raising and proclamation ceremonies, marking our holidays.

FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

On February 11th, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN proclaimed Lithuanian Independence Day, 1988! This was authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 39. The President emphasized: "We have never recognized the forcible incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union, and we never will!"

The Reuters News Service, as reported in the New York Times, datelined, Vilnius, stated that the Lithuanian authorities held a meeting to protest President Reagan's call for celebrations Feb. 16 to mark the 70th anniversary of a declaration of independence in the Baltic state. The public gathering, attended by some 2,000 people in Gediminas Square, was an officially organized protest against "foreign interference" in Lithuania's internal affairs. However, correspondent Charles Mitchell reported as follows: "Government speakers labeled Reagan and the Congress 'bullies'. Many of the demonstrators appeared to be Russian rather than Lithuanian, and when asked, were unable to read banners printed in the Lithuanian language.!"

WRITE PRESIDENT REAGAN A "THANK YOU" LETTER FOR HIS UNIQUE PROCLAMATION AND INTEREST IN OUR CAUSE!

PAUL G. KIRK, JR., Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in a special release stated: "On Lithuanian Independence Day, the Democratic Party salutes the Lithuanian people, and the thousands of Lithuanian-Americans in the U.S. who have preserved their culture and heritage, and who continue the struggle for liberty in their native land."

THANK HIM! His address is: 430 So. Capital St., S.E., Washington, DC 20003.

HUGH T. FARLEY, State of New York Senator, embodied information on Lithuania sent to him by Genevieve Gobis

(C-100) Amerstam, NY in his LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION No. 372, proclaiming February 16, 1988 as Lithuanian Independence Day. THANK HIM AT THIS ADDRESS: Legislative Office Bldg., Rm. 706, State of New York Senate Albany 12247.

We have received copies of comments on Lithuanian Independence Day, made in Congress on Feb. 16th. Notably, Samuel S. Stratton (thanks to Genevieve Gobis), and William O. Lipinski. IF YOUR LOCAL CONGRESSMAN OR SENATOR HAS COMMENTED ON LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, WRITE AND THANK HIM OR HER FOR IT!

Dr. Algirdas Budreckis has informed us of a "Massachusetts First". Namely, a resolution of the Mass. House of Representatives directing the President and Congress to raise the Lithuanian Question at future summit meetings. A word of appreciation would be in order to REP. WM. J. GLODIS, JR., who also sponsored the law making February 16th a public observance in the Commonwealth. His address is: Mass. House of Representatives, Committee on Taxation, Rm. 236, State House, Boston, MA 02133.

Honorary K of L member, Loretta Stukas, who represents the Baltic nationalities on Gov. Thomas H. Kean's Ethnic Advisory Council, was instrumental in getting the Governor to proclaim Republic of Lithuania Day in New Jersey. Thank the Governor at this address: State of New Jersey, Office of the Governor, CN-001, Trenton, NJ 08625.

EDITORIALS

On the occasion of Lithuanian Independence Day, the following major newspapers printed an editorial. PLEASE RESPOND BY THANKING THE EDITORS AND INCLUDING YOUR OWN REMARKS:

NEW YORK POST (Feb. 17) "No Glasnot in Lithuania." "The Sovietshave accused the U.S. of instigating the independence day furor in Lithuania, as well as the demonstrations in the West. Sad to say for Moscow, no such instigation was necessary." Address: 210 South St., New York, NY

THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL (The Evening Bulletin) Providence, RI.

"An Anniversary in Lithuania." "For while we rejoice at the prospect of the Soviet Union's retreat from the land of the mujahideen, we must not forget its destructive and apparently unrelenting grip on not only the cou

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tries of the Baltic, but those in the rest of Eastern Europe." (Victor Mathieu tells us that this is the first time an editorial has appeared in this paper on Lithuania, and is an important milestone).

CHICAGO TRIBUNE (Feb. 18) "A Silent Observance in Lithuania."

"A massive police presence in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, ensured that there would be no news Tuesday from that small but grand old nation, no demonstrations to mark the 70th anniversary of its independence - a freedom wrested away by the Soviet Union, in 1940....."

DEMONSTRATIONS & RALLIES

Amsterdam Recorder, on Feb. 18th, reported on raising of Lithuanian flag at City Hall by Mayor Paul Parillo, and included a photo of participants from Council 100. The paper also reported on the commemoration planned by C-100, as well as the *Schenectady Gazette*. Vice-President, Genevieve Gobis, was taped by station WCSS about Feb. 16th, which was aired twice on news broadcasts.

Evelyn Ozalis of C-36, Chicago, sent us *Chicago Tribune* report and photos on Lithuanian demonstrations held at Daley Plaza Feb. 15th - 16th, to symbolize Soviet occupation of Lithuania.

Marie Laske, C-74, Scranton, PA sent us photo and report from *Scranton Times* of Feb. 15th, of Lithuanian Independence Day celebration and principals taking part.

The Ottawa Citizen, reported on February 16th, including a photo, of Nine Ontario University students standing outside the Soviet Embassy on the third day of a hunger strike to protest Soviet treatment of Lithuanians.

OTHER BALTIC STATES REPORTS

For the first time the *Asbury Park Press*, of New Jersey, has written an editorial on one of the Baltic States..... On Feb. 24th, it published one entitled: "An Estonian Milestone," on the 70th anniversary of a short-lived independence. **THANK THE EDITOR AND MENTION THE SIMILAR PLIGHT OF THE OTHER TWO BALTIC STATES - LITHUANIA AND LATVIA.**

The Philadelphia Inquirer published a lengthy article on an Estonian family and the Estonian cause, "A Free Homeland, Always, Forever, Estonians Recall." (Feb. 23).

The Chicago Latvian Newsletter (Feb. 1988) reports that a third new independent religious group has been formed in occupied Latvia. Gloria Dei, which plans to work in conjunction with Helsinki 86, Rebirth & Renewal, and the new underground publication, "Auseklis".

For those Lithuanian Affairs Committee activists who have sent in materials, that have not been mentioned, our thanks to: Nancy Miro, Katherine Kravetts, Louis Stukas, Sabina Henson, Rev. Savukynas, Millie Pietz.



LIETUVIŲ KALBOS SKYRIUS

Proverbs

Apolonija (Polly) Ziausys

Lietuviai turi labai daug patarlių (proverbs) ir pamokymų. Čia surašiau tik dalį tų, kurių dar nepamiršau. (P.Ž.)

1. Mažas akmuo didelį vežimą verčia.
2. Saugo kaip šuo spyną, nei pats ėda, nei kitam duoda.
3. Nekišk nosies kur nereikia.
4. Nutiko, kaip aklai vištai grūdas.
5. Kvaila kaip višta.
6. Užsispyręs kaip asilas.
7. Smirda, kaip šeškas. (Dvokia, kaip šeškas)
8. Sukasi, kaip apatinis girnų akmuo.
9. Juokiasi puodas, kad katilas juodas.
10. Pėlėdai ir pelėdukai gražūs.
11. Lyja, kaip iš kibiro.
12. Ką pasėsi, tą ir piaiysi.
13. Aklas aklą netoli tenuves.
14. Kaip pasiklosi, taip ir išmiegosi.
15. Nespiauk į vandenį, gal prireiks išgerti.
16. Nevyk Dievo į medį su botagu, neišprašysi su pyragu.
17. Verkia duona tinginio valgoma.
18. Kas nedirba mielas vaike, tam ir duonos duot nereikia.
19. Nutvėrė, kaip velnias dūšią.
20. Iš velnio dūšios (sielos) neatimsi.
21. Neik su velniu obuoliauti, neteksi obuolių ir pinctinės.
22. Kas kaltas, kad proto neturi?
23. Vienu šūvių du zuikius nušovė.
24. Blogo žmogaus dūšios (vėlės, sielos) velnias nenori, o Dievui, nereikia.
25. Liežuvis, kaip gyvatės.
26. Pasakė, kaip su nugara!
27. Eina, kaip karvė per ledą.
28. Skanu, kaip du medu, kupetoj.
29. Limpa, kaip musės prie medaus.
30. Pikta, kaip širšė.
31. Supranta (išmano), kaip kiaulė debesį
32. Bijo, kaip pernykščio sniego.
33. Bepigu kiaulei, nei burnos prausti, nei kojų auti, nei poterių kalbėti.
34. Knysasi, kaip kiaulė purvyne.
35. Raitosi, kaip šuo ant pervazos.
36. Laksto, kaip katė su pūsle.
37. Greitas, kaip gyvas sidabras.
38. Nauja šluota, gerai šluoja.
39. Jo liga, kaip mano sveikata.
40. Daug norėsi, mažai gausi.
41. Rašo, kaip višta su koja.
42. Obuolys nuo obels, netoli nukrinta.
43. Koks tėvas, toks sūnus.
44. Ko sėdi nosi pakabinęs?
45. Verkia krokodilo ašaromis.
46. Gudri, kaip lapė.
47. Sviestu, košės nepagadinsi.
48. Kietas, kaip titnagas.
50. Balsas, kaip žuvies.
51. Žaidžia, kaip katė su pele.
52. Katei žaismas, pelei mirtis.
53. Neturtingas, kaip bažnyčios pėlė.
54. Kiauro maišo — nepripildysi.
55. Šaukštu upės neišsemsi.
56. Kai girtas griūna, velnias pagalvę pakiša.
57. Pliksad kaip tilvikas.
58. Durna (kvaila) galva, nei žilsta, nei plinka.
59. Ką ieškai, ar vakarykščios dieos?
60. Vaikšto, kaip durnaropių priėdęs.
61. Girdi, kad skamba, bet nežino, kurioj bažnyčioj.
62. Ieisk kiaulę į bažnyčią, užlips ir ant altoriaus.
63. Skrenda, kaip peteliškė į šviesą.
64. Atlėkė, kaip ragana ant šluotos.
65. Šviečia, kaip vilko akis.
66. Pasišiaušęs, kaip ožys.
67. Iš tų šiaudų, nebus grūdų.
68. Tyla, gera byla.
69. Tyli, kaip pelė po šluota.
70. Tvarka, kaip bažnyčioje.
71. Kas šuniui uodegą pakels, jei ne jis pats?
72. Škada žento, gaila varškės.
73. Ranka, ranką prausia.
74. Už dyką ir arklys arkliui nugaros nekąso.
75. Netepsi — nevažiuosi.
76. Netepti ratai, girgžda.
77. Visų pirštai į save riesti.
78. Auksas ir pelenuose žiba.
79. Ant vagies kepurė dega.
80. Kvaila ir bažnyčioj muša.
81. Kunigo naudą, velnias gauda.
82. Lazda, turi du galu, vienas man, kitas tau.
83. Pats muša, pats rėkia.
84. Ramus vanduo gilus.
85. Varnas varnui akies neilęs.
86. Susikalbėjo, kaip žąsinas su kalakutu.

(Bus daugiau)

LIETUVIU KALBOS SKYRIUS

In 1547, more than 440 years ago, Rev. Martynas Mažvydas had the first Lithuanian catechism printed in Karaliaučius (Königsberg), this catechism being at the same time the first Lithuanian printed book.

Previously to the printing of the first book in the Lithuanian language there existed quite a number of other Lithuanian-spirited publications which, though written in Latin and Ruthenian, reflected Lithuanian life and customs. These were many voluminous chronicles, big codes of laws — the "Lithuanian Statute" (1529, 1566, 1588) — as well as a number of works of public interest, even poetry (odes on the beauty of Lithuanian nature in Latin by Sarbievijus).

The history of Lithuanian literature and letters must be divided into several periods. The writings of the oldest period, being mostly designed for religious and practical use, can hardly be called real literature. These were: catechisms, hymn-books, prayerbooks, grammars, dictionaries, and the like. But even at that time enterprises were started on a large scale, as for instance, the intensive translation of the Bible. The first writer to translate it into Lithuanian was Jonas Bretkūnas (1590), born in Lithuania Minor. The repeated versions of the Bible by other authors were printed in parts, until the whole of it appeared in 1735. Here the peculiar fact may be mentioned that already in 1660-1662 the printing of the Lithuanian version of the Bible had been started at the cost of the London Bible Society, but the work was not completed, and only three imperfect copies have survived.

The first Lithuanian dictionary (*Dictionarium trium linguarum* — Lithuanian - Polish - Latin) was published by the Jesuit Konstantinas Širvydas in 1629. He was also the author of the first written Lithuanian grammar (1630), whereas Danielius Kleinas produced the first printed grammar (*Gramatica Lituanica*, 1653).

The literature of the 16th, 17th, and 18th cents. was mostly religious or scientific. On Lithuanian territory under German rule (Lithuanian Minor) this work was carried on according to a certain plan and even sponsored by the government, but its range was rather limited, the Germans only wishing to make the Lithuanians good and obedient German citizens. However, things were in a much sadder state still in Greater Lithuania, especially in the 18th century when everything depended on private initiative. The nobility being the ruling class and getting more and more polonized, and the common people bearing the heavy yoke of bondage. There was no one to care

The Printed Word in Lithuania

By: APOLONIJA (POLLY) ŽIAUŽYS

seriously about Lithuanian books. But in the meantime, the number of literate people increased, the demand for books was constantly growing.

But even at a time when conditions were extraordinarily unfavorable, an inspired writer rose in Lithuania Minor. He was Kristijonas Donelaitis (1714 - 1780), the gifted son of simple country people. Having gone through many hardships at school, he took holy orders and spent all his life at the country parish of Tolminkiemis, where he composed a didactic idyll of wonderful beauty called *Metai* (The Year). This poem is not only a clear-cut representation of rustic life, but also a picture of the many hardships, the endless work, and rare entertainments in the life of a Lithuanian serf. And all this is wrought with a masterly hand and great love of reality, and set against the background of Lithuanian rural scenery. Donelaitis wrote his idyll before the Englishman Thomson and the German Klopstock had written theirs. Therefore the famous Russian philologist A. Aleksandrow (1880) is quite right when he says: "If Donelaitis had written his work in any of the widespread languages, he would have been acknowledged as ranking among the most illustrious of bards".

Literary life gets more animated in the early 19th cent. with the impetus spread by western European romanticism. The newly established University of Vilnius becomes a stronghold of culture, diffusing its light all over the country and penetrating into many regions of cultural life. The interest in the glorious past of Lithuania and the rising movement of oppression takes hold of those Samogitian rōbles, studying at the University of Vilnius who have the affairs of the native country Lithuania still at heart. And, accordingly they start writing poetry in Lithuanian with unrestrained vigor. D. Poška, influenced by pseudo-classicism and sentimentalism, describes the hopeless state of serfs, Lithuania's romantic past is the subject of S. Valiūnas poems, whereas S. Stanavičius bursts into enthusiastic odes and fables in the revival of the honour of Lithuania and the beauty of his mother tongue.

And, if by happy coincidence, intellectuals begin to rise from among the country folk who hear the voice of their native land by intuition and think it their duty to compose in Lithuanian. The emotions of the serf's soul find expression in the sincere, simple, lyric songs of the romantically disposed Rev. Antanas Strazdelis. His hymn *Pulkim ant kelių* is sung to this day during church services in Lithuania and all over the world, wherever several Lithuanians congregate.



Los Angeles, CA, 1957 m.



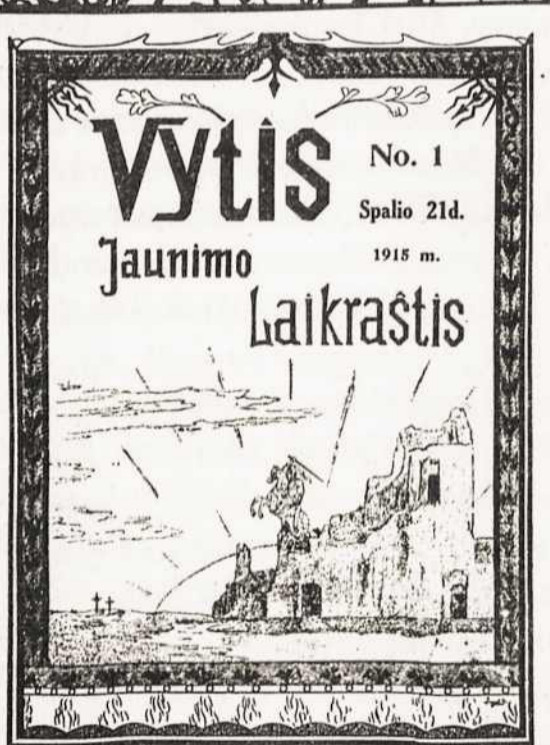
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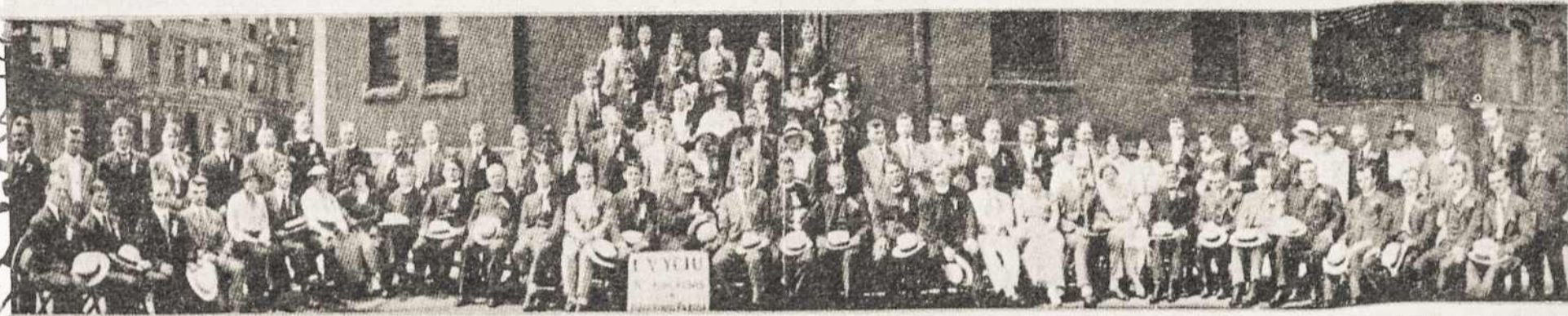
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1913



Mykolas A. Norkūnas, 1915 m.



Brooklyn, NY, 1917 m.

LONG
LIVE
LITHUANIA



Philadelphijos vyčių talka II-jo pasaul. karo metu



Tautinių šokių grupė, Pittsburgh, PA

ter, MA, 1962



Vyčiai įteikia auksinį kardą ge. Žukauskui 1927 m. Kaune



Steigiamasis seimas 1913 m.



Beisbolo rinktinė Brooklyn, NY, 1921m.

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

MICHELE DeSERA has been appointed Director of the Bureau of School Audits by PA Auditor General Don Baily. Prior to her appointment, Michele served as elementary principal for the Sullivan County School District. She previously served as a special education teacher. She is a graduate of Bloomsburg University and earned her master of education degree in special education from Mansfield University. Michelle is a member of C-46, Forest City, PA.



**MICHELE DeSERA
and
JOEY MARSHALL**

History was made in Susquehanna County on Nov. 3, 1987 when **JOEY MARSHALL** was elected the County's first woman County Commissioner. Joey is a long-standing member of the Susquehanna County Democratic Women's Club and serves as Parliamentarian. She is a two-term member of PA Democratic State Committee. She has been active in politics since 1973 when she was first elected as a School Director in Susquehanna Community School District. She resides in the Borough of Susquehanna with her husband, Joe, and daughters Stephanie and Shelley. Joey is a member of C-46, Forest City, PA.

INJUNCTION REJECTED

The Long Island Catholic reports that a New York judge has rejected a request by Archbishop Paul Martinkus for an injunction against furthering sales of *IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER*, a novel that depicts the U.S.-born Vatican official as an instigator of the 1984 death of Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov. Judge Ethel Danzig of the N.Y. State Supreme Court, issued the decision recently. Martinkus' N.Y. attorney, Alan Gelb, had charged that use of Martinkus as one of the principal characters in the novel was a "commercially calculated" invasion of privacy. He said the archbishop would appeal the decision.

LITHUANIAN LEADER NAMED

The New York Times writes that Vitautas Astrauskas has been named president of the Baltic Soviet Republic of Lithuania, which information was reported by the Soviet press agency, Tass. Mr. Astrauskas, 57 years old, has been a member of Lithuania's top party body and a Central Committee secretary since 1981.



At the U.S. House of Representatives commemorating Lithuania's Independence Day on Feb. 16th. From the left: The chaplain of Congress Rev. James D. Ford, Speaker of the House Jim Wright, Bishop Paul Baltakis, OFM, who gave the invocation, and Member of Congress Frank Annunzio.

75 Years Ago Rev. Juozas Montvila Drowned on the Ill-fated "Titanic"

by Mary R. Ko

We are all familiar with our history wherein just prior to World War I, the largest, most powerful and expensive ship was built named "Titanic". On its maiden voyage from London to New York, it allegedly struck an iceberg and sank on April 14 - 15, 1912.

But not all might be familiar with the fact that aboard the "Titanic" sailed a Lithuanian — Rev. Juozas Montvila, only 27 years old. Persecuted by the Russians, who at that time occupied Lithuania, and upon the invitation of a pastor at a Lithuanian Church in Worcester, Mass, Father Montvila decide to leave his homeland Lithuania and travel to the United States. He never reached his destination.

Father Montvila was born January 3, 1885, at the village of Nendriškiai, district of Marijampolė. His parents were Kazys and Magdė (Karalevičiūtė) Montvila and he came from a family of ten children, being the oldest. His education was mostly in Mariampolė and in 1903 he completed his training in the priesthood. However, in the village, Seinai, there was no bishop to ordain him, therefore he had to travel to Warsaw, Poland. He was ordained there on March 22, 1908 by Bishop Kazimieras Ruskevičius-Ruskys, also a former seminarian from Mariampolė, who lived mostly in Warsaw.

Rev. Montvila performed his priestly duties in Lithuania for only four years. During that short time, he was a vicar in two parishes. His first assignment was at Lepskė, near Augustava. In that area, there was a significant number of Russian Orthodox churches controlled by the Russians. The Roman Catholics were continually persecuted. Being a newly ordained Catholic priest, Montvila secretly baptized children and heard confessions for which he was punished. He was fined and not permitted to continue to practice his duties in the parish. Later he was transferred to a parish in Luibavco, near Mariampolė, where he remained for only three years. In 1911, when he was once again relieved of his duties by the authorities, he started working on a local newspaper *Šaltinis* (The Source). It was at this time, he felt the urge to migrate to the United States. A friend in London, the Rev. Kazimieras Matulaitis, assisted Father Montvila to book his passage on the "Titanic" which was to sail from London on its maiden voyage on April 11, 1912. It had 2340 passengers: 330 in first class, 320 in second class and 750 in third. The young priest traveled second class.



Kun. Juozapas Montvila

Only 1000 miles from its destination — New York, disaster struck. It took only 3 hours for this gigantic ship to disappear under the waves. Since a disaster was not anticipated, there were only 18 lifeboats and only 711 passengers could be saved. 1,504 drowned. Father Montvila refused a place aboard a lifeboat, quietly ministering to those around him in the same predicament.

Father Montvila had a brother Peter waiting for him in Brooklyn. Peter was never to see his brother again. Annually he recalls the anniversary of the tragedy. In 1977, on the 65th anniversary of the disaster, Peter wrote a book in memory of his brother: *Kai praeitis grįžta* (When the Past Returns).

To this day this tragic event is still very much in the news. Books are written, films made and television documentaries produced. For years it was believed that the ship had hit an iceberg. But in 1985-1986 an expedition with underwater cameras and robots determined that the ship had split in half, possibly an explosion, with the two parts resting on the bottom of the ocean quite a long distance from each other. Time and the icy waters have erased completely the unknown grave of Father Montvila. He died in his prime while doing the work for which God had him ordained.

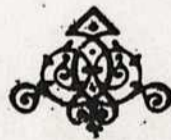
Linksmų Velykų visiems vyčiams ir draugams!

*A Happy Easter to all our fellow
Knights of Lithuania and our Friends!*

C-24 — CHICAGO



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C-24 Chicago - l to r: Clare O'Dea, Olga Eastman, Charles Lelugas, Rev. Peter Cibulskis, Irene Murdock, Bruce Nebereiza, Irene Aizinas, Ausra Krisciunaite-Padalino, Sr. Regina Janusa, Loretta Simon, Frank Jurgaitis, Jonas Levickas and Kristina Norkus.

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Anthracite C-144 commemoration of Lithuania's Independence included (Seated) Victor Prep, co-chairman; Rev. Gerald Gobitas, Pastor Annunciation BVM Church, Frackville; Evelyn Prep, chairlady; Joseph Yezulinas, President. (Standing) Joseph Martunas, proclamation chairman; Rev. Edward Zapjanik, director of spiritual affairs, Cardinal Brennan High; Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, spiritual advisor; John Domalakes, freedom vigil coordinator; Leonard Chaikowsky, master of ceremonies and Rev. Robert Potts, pastor St. George Church, Shenandoah.

Knights of Lithuania Calendar

- April 16, 1988 - Aldona Kepalaite (C-12 Manhattan)
Piano Recital - Carnegie Hall, NYC -
5:30 p.m.
- April 24, 1988 - NED Convention,
St. Casimir's Church, Westfield, MA
- May 15, 1988 - 75th Anniversary K of L Celebra-
tion, Lawrence, MA
- May 15, 1988 - 75th Anniversary, Council 3,
Philadelphia, PA
- May 20-22, 1988 - Mid-Central Convention & Bowling
Tournament hosted by
C-19 Pittsburgh
- June 17-19, 1988 - NED Weekend Retreat,
Franciscan Monastery,
Kennebunkport, ME
- July 28-31, 1988 - 75th National Convention,
Sheraton Washington Hotel,
Washington, DC
- October 9, 1988 - MAD Meeting, Host C-90,
Kearny, NJ
- November 5, 1988 - C-90 Kearny - Dance

IN MEMORIUM

HELEN GRYGOTIS
C-52 - Elizabeth, NJ
Died: October 22, 1987

STANLEY AMBROSE
C-144 - Anthracite
Died: January 30, 1988

ANTOINETTE BINKINS
C-41 - Brooklyn, NY
Died: February 2, 1988

JOSEPH METALONIS
C-86 - DuBois, PA
Died: February 9, 1988

WILLIAM J. GRADY
C-74 - Scranton, PA
Died: February 17, 1988

DR. CONSTANTINE R. JURGELA
C-142 - Washington, DC
Died: February 29, 1988

HAROLD BIRKNER
C-90 - Kearny, NJ

THE ANSWER

He asked for health that he might achieve;
God made him weak that he might obey.

He asked for riches that he might be happy;
God gave him poverty that he might be wise.

He asked for strength that he might do great things;
God gave him infirmity that he might do better
things.

He asked for all things that he might enjoy life:
God gave him life eternal that he might enjoy
all things.

Miracle of Miracles

The famous world traveler was sneaking a bottle across the border when a customs official stopped and searched him. Upon discovering the bottle, the official asked the man what was in it.

"Holy water," the traveler replied, "taken from a shrine I visited."

Doubting the man's word, the inspector opened the bottle, took a sip, and almost fell backward. "This is tequila!" he shouted.

"Good heavens!" cried the traveler, looking up to the sky. "Yet another miracle!"

—Kris Lee

We wish her a speedy recovery and a happy resolve to her problems.

Happy St. Joseph's Day to Messrs. Bacys, Godek, Howard, Ivaska, Sakaitis, Salkaus and Stanley Jr. Geraldine Tagman is chairman of the military whist which will take place that same day, March 19.

God rest the soul of Irene McLush who died in January. Her survivors are Sister Helen Caroline SSC, former superior of our parish school, and Sister M. Jeanette SSC, both of Chicago; Francesca Bosowski of Nashua who was the comic bride in a council play many years ago; a brother George Uzdavinis, professor at a university in Puerto Rico. The late Father Benjamin Uzdavinis MIC, once our spiritual director, and the late Sister M. Amabilis SSC were another brother and sister to Irene.

Paul Puris created a super drawing for our council Christmas greetings in the December Vytis.

Wanda Pajeda Lescord's brother was a recent visitor from Lithuania. A happy family reunion!

Anna Bacys, honorary member of our council, and Agnes Law would be so pleased to know that we miss them and keep them in our prayers. Both ladies are permanent residents of local nursing homes.

Raising a family and keeping house was no deterrent to Carol Tagman Grigas who recently was awarded an Associate Degree in Physical Therapy. Congratulations!

Ann Bender has accepted the role of Cultural Chairperson again for 1988.

Vera Scarbeau was thrilled to hear a Lithuanian "Linksmų Naujų Metų" as she viewed Baltimore's First Night on television.

Happy news: John Jacobson is now off the sick list. Need a gift? Stop in at St. Vincent Hospital's gift shop where Vivian Rodgers is assis-

tant manager. One of her gals Friday is our own Anne Bucinskas.

Sunny Florida is the vacation spot for an entire month for Virginia and Withold Ivaska. Ask Charles Lapinskas to find time to repair your clocks and watches. An expert, is our Charles!

The Marian Year Prayer for the January meeting was read by Anthony and Bea Anton and Charles and Frances Kulakusky. Rita Pinkus and her board were delighted with the large attendance in spite of the fact that January and February meetings are not preceded by a dinner.

In Worcester, commemorations of Lithuania's Independence alternate between St. Casimir's, home of C-26, and Our Lady of Vilna, home of C-116. This year, Father Alphonse Volungis, pastor of our Lady of Vilna, will be host at the special Mass to be held on February 14. Council 116 will serve "coffee and" in the church hall following Mass. The civic commemoration will take place in the afternoon at Maironis Park.

Our observance of our patron's feats was changed to accommodate the annual parish dinner.

Our council is working on local observance of the 75th Jubilee of the K of L. Come on down to the next meeting!

Iki malonaus pasimatymo!

OLGA K



C-41 — BROOKLYN, NY

Š.m. sausio 10 dieną, po sumos, Apreiškimo parapijos žemutinėje salėje įvyko Lietuvos Vyčių 41-mos kuopos narių susirinkimas, kuri malda pradėjo pirmininkas William Kumeta. Po jo įžanginės kalbos sekretorė Aldo-

na Zaunius perskaitė praeito susirinkimo užrašus, o išdininkė Veronika Kazlauskas pateikė piniginę apyskaitą, kuri yra gerame stovyje. Kuopa turi 49 narius. Helen V. Kulber pranešė, kas yra veikiama. J. Lugauskas pateikė platų planą, kaip padidinti kupos narių skaičių. Tas planas buvo apsvarstytas ir dalis palikta tolimesniam jo svarstymui ir vykdymui. Klebonas J. Pakalniškis savo kalboje pažymėjo, kad parapijos reikalai yra gerame stovyje, pastatai seni ir juose yra daromi reikalingi pataisymai, kad kitą metų bus parapijos ir Lietuvos Vyčių 75 metų gyvavimo sukaktis, prie kurios turime jau iš anksto ruoštis ir jas iškilmingai atšvęsti. L. V. 41 kuopos sielovada kun. D. Staniškis kalbėdamas priminė, kad vasario 5, 6 ir 7 dienomis įvyksta Washington, DC seminaras ir yra organizuojama į ten kelionė autobusu. Jis susirinkimą baigė malda. Po susirinkimo sekė su skariais užkandžiais vaišės, kurių metu buvo paminėta kun. J. Pakalniškio ir vytytės Emilijos Sandanavičienės gimtadieniai, sugiedant jiems ilgiausių metų ir palinkėta dar daug gimtadienių sulaukti ir juos vytiškai atšvęsti.

S. K. Lukas



C-63 — LEHIGH VALLEY

Lehigh Valley Council 63 made plans for a Lithuanian Independence Day Dinner on Sunday, February 14, in the ballroom of the recently refurbished and restored Historic Hotel Easton. Among the invited guests is US Representative Don Ritter, whom some readers might recognize as the recipient of the Friend of Lithuania Award presented him at the 73rd National Convention in Allentown. He will be joined by State Representative

Robert L. Freeman who is noted for having successfully sponsored legislation for road construction which drastically reduced traffic accidents at Easton's infamous Cemetery Curve on busy US Route 22 and for providing for installation of fish ladders to reintroduce anadromous fish migration into the Delaware/Lehigh River systems. Representative Freeman's grandparents emigrated from Lithuania.

The main speaker will be Algimantas Gecys of Philadelphia, an Executive Director of the American-Lithuanian Community, Inc., whose topic will be the August 1987 freedom demonstrations in the three Baltic country capitals of Vilnius, Lithuania, Riga, Latvia and Tallinn, Estonia, and their impact upon the Communist hierarchy of the Soviet Union. Al Klizas will be the master of ceremonies. The dinner will follow the Mass in St. Michael's Church on Spring Garden Street, Easton.

Lithuania's Independence Day, Tuesday, February 16, will mark Lithuanian flag raisings in Centre Square, Easton, at 10 am with Mayor Salvatore Panto, at City Hall Plaza, Bethlehem, at 10:30 am with Mayor Ken Smith and Allentown City Hall at 11 am with Mayor Joseph Dadonna. We've been told that Mayor Smith's mother is Lithuanian which should add a personal touch in Bethlehem. We plan to have news media at all three raisings so that the entire Lehigh Valley is made aware of Lithuania's enslavement and her fervent desire for restoration of her independence.

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C-100 — AMSTERDAM

On January 18, after attending a Lithuanian Mass celebrated by Rev. Baltch, members of Council 100 met in St. Casimir's Social Center for their first meeting of 1988. President Radzevich called on Rev. Baltch to open the meeting with a prayer. Vice president Genevieve Gobis read a letter from the Supreme Council regarding the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Lithuania to be held in the nation's capitol at the Washington Sheraton from July 28 to 31.

Irene Tice, chairman of the Christmas party, thanked all the committee and members for making the event a great success.

Cultural chairman, Polly Ziausys, spoke on the 125th anniversary of Lithuania's poet-priest Maironis, actual name Jonas Mačiulis 1862-1932. He was the poet of Lithuania's national revival. Many of his poems were put to music, notably "Marija, Marija" as well as others. In his memory, 125 oak trees were planted in Lithuania.

Rima Hartvigas reported on her recent trip to Australia where she represented the K of L at the Lithuanian Youth Conference from December 17 to January 10. Rima met Rita Zakarka of Chicago, also a delegate, in Los Angeles. They arrived in Sydney and were transported to the Lithuanian House where Lithuanian families took delegates to their homes. Rima's roommate was Daiva Skuodis, daughter of freed dissident Vytautas Skuodis.

The Congress opened with a Mass at St. John's Cathedral in Sydney after which the 120 delegates walked as a group to the Sheraton

Wentworth Hotel where the sessions began. One of the main issues was "What will the future of Lithuania be without the Lithuanian language?"

The sessions ran from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. for a period of two weeks of intense work. Some of the sessions took place in the capitol of Australia, Canberra. While there, the group had a demonstration. They walked from the Australian Embassy to the Soviet Embassy with a petition. The group, dressed in black clothes and faces painted white, read the petition on Human Rights violations. The Soviet Ambassador refused to accept the petition and had it put in the mailbox. The demonstration made the local press.

The delegates spent a few days in Adelaide where they camped and continued their discussions.

The Congress ended in Melbourne where plans for the next convention were discussed. It will be held during the Christmas season in 1991 in South America in the countries of Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

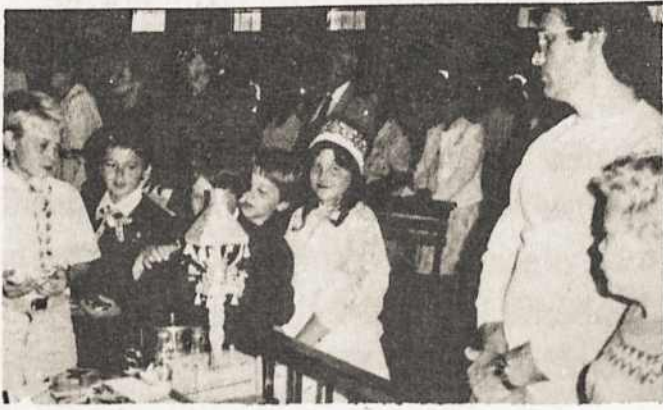
The 70th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence will be commemorated in Amsterdam on Saturday, February 13, with religious services, dinner and program. The main speaker and entertainer will be Vitalis Zukauskas, actor, humorist and director. The public is welcome.

While enjoying the refreshments provided by Beatrice Jasewicz, Christine Tambasco, Joan Rimkunas and Eleanor Olechowski, a video tape on Lithuania, which appeared on Channel 17 hosted by Peter Ustinov, was shown by Edward Baranauskas, Lithuanian affairs chairman.

Welcome back to Council 100 Ann Czerw! She is President Radzevich's sister and also sister of Helen Radzevich.

Gene Gobis

C-100 AMSTERDAM JUNIORS



C-100 Juniors bringing gifts to the Altar.

I am writing to inform you of the activities of the Junior K. of L. of Amsterdam Council 100.

On August 23, 1987, we participated in the Lithuanian Day at Aurieville Shrine. Enclosed is a picture of our members bringing up the offerings at the Offertory.

In October, we had a Halloween party. Prizes were awarded to Rebecca Jasewicz, Robert Tambasco, and Mikalina Tambasco.

In November, our president Anthony Radzevich came to show us his wood carvings, the Vytis, wayside cross and his many ducks. He explained how to make different statues and pictures. It was very interesting and we all wanted to learn how to carve.

Our annual Christmas party was held in December. We had grab bags and a *Kučiy* table. We broke *plotkelės* in the Lithuanian Christmas eve custom.

This year we are planning to participate in many other activities.

Our officers for 1987-1988 are: president — Richard Jasewicz, Vice president — John Saikal, secretary — Daniel Jasewicz, treasurer — Charles Jasewicz, sgt-at-arms — Robert Tambasco and yours truly is the VYTIS correspondent — Mikalina Tambasco. Our Fund raising committee is made up of Richard Jasewicz and Joseph Kot.

Sincerely,

Mikolina Tambasco

C-102 — DETROIT

Congratulations to all the elected Supreme Council officers.

October was a very busy month for our council. Newly-elected officers were installed at our meeting held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The occasion was to honor Fr. Stan, as we do each year, on his ordination to the priesthood. The brunch was hosted by Eve and Joe Aukstakalnis-Stark.

Gus Baibak was elected president, Aldon Bunikis, recording secretary; Edna Klucens, corresponding secretary; Terry Medonis, financial secretary; Joe Guerriero, treasurer; Joe Aukstakalnis-Stark, vice president; John Stanievich and Ray Medonis, trustees.

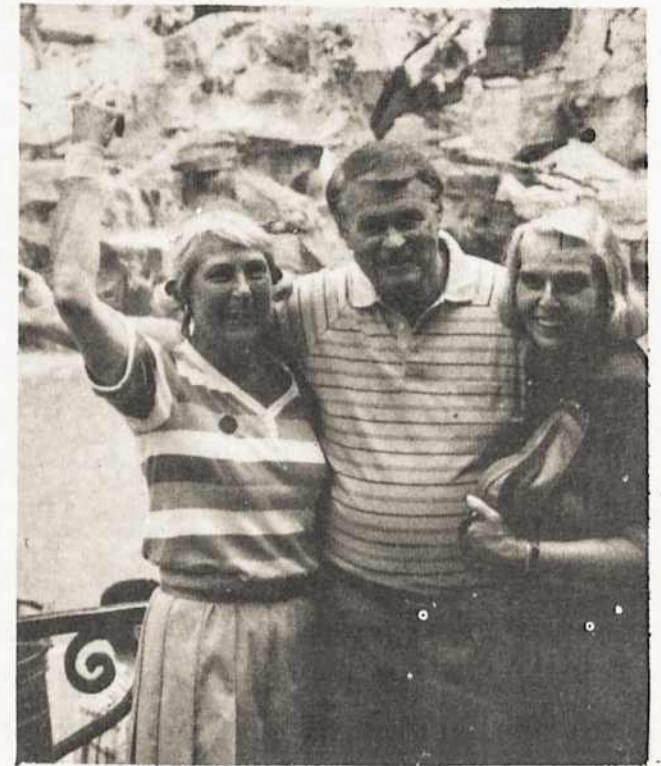
A beautiful Mass, Lietuvos Krikščionybės 600 metų Jubiliejaus Mišios was said at Divine Providence Church on October 18. Celebrating the Mass were Archbishop Edmund C. Szoka, Bishop Paulius Baltakis and Bishop Moses B. Anderson. The Lithuanian and English blended beautifully in the Mass and the choir was out of this world. In his sermon, Archbishop Szoka told us his father was born in the Archdiocese of Vilnius. Celebrating the Mass also were Rev. Krisciunavicius, Rev. Babonas, Rev. Butkus, Rev. Simaitis and Rev. Stanievich.

October was also a happy month for former Madam President Gražina Vaškėlis. She became the bride of Al Giroux. The wedding took place in Carson City, Michigan, where they now reside. Fr. Stan concelebrated the Mass with their pastor. Donna and Frank Bunikis hosted a bridal shower at the home of Joe and Maryanne Guerriero. At the wedding we were happy to see Ann Marie Kassel, her

daughter and fiance from Chicago. The honeymoon must still be going on as we haven't seen or heard from the bride and groom.

Our bowling league is going strong and all are hepped up about the tournament in Pittsburgh in May.

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Ruth Krecioch, C-103, Providence, H.M. Stanley Vaitkus & Helen, C-96, Dayton, tossing "Three Coins in the Trevi Fountain" in Rome.

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

The monthly council meeting, chaired by President Bertha R. Stoskus with 24 members in attendance, featured the usual business reports. Of great interest was the report of the recent NED Executive Board meeting, the financial results of the NED Cultural Festival and the proposed agenda of the district for the coming year.

President Stoskus asked for suggestions and help in setting up the agenda of the council for the coming year. Social committee chairperson Irene Landanski briefed the membership on St. Casimir's Day Mass scheduled

for March 6 and the May 1 breakfast.

The council is working with members of the Lithuanian Community on the observance of the 70th anniversary of the Independence of Lithuania to be held in the church hall on Sunday, February 14.

The Executive Board of the council was charged with the reception in the parish hall on Sunday, February 21, after Mass to honor Father Izidorius Gedvila on his 40th anniversary of the priesthood.

Members were given a report on the public relations activities of the Vytis correspondent in their behalf.

Un Qui Pri Pour Lithuanie



C-109 — GREAT NECK

Merry Christmas, Linksmų Kalėdų, was heard throughout the clubhouse as we greeted all members and their guests as they arrived to help us celebrate our Kūčios. And what a party it was!

It was good to see everyone having and sharing all the good food of casseroles and goodies prepared by our social committee and other members who voluntarily brought their much appreciated contributions to help make our Kūčios a nice success.

It was also good to see Mr. and Mrs. Wally Mordes and don't be strangers!

What's this we hear Mary Kober slept with two men at the Supreme Council meeting in Syracuse. How lucky can she be!!!

Congratulations to the happy grandparents, Theresa and Al Barton. We hear that another grandchild is due soon.

We extend our good wishes to

Joe Zukas for a happy retirement. Enjoy your well-deserved years ahead with your wife Josie.

Phil Rutha is looking better each time we see him. It is good to see him and his wife Lou Ann attending our meetings regularly.

Stanley Simmonovich is recuperating nicely after a serious operation. To Stanley Blecka who is seriously ill, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Condolences to Bill Berataovich and his family for the loss of his beloved brother Peter.

Jackutis (Jack Malis) has taken on a new position in our council and is now our financial secretary. Jack did a marvelous job writing our columns for the Vytis. Your dancing shoes will be hard to fill.

Despite the cold weather and lots of snow, we had our January meeting with a nice turnout of members. President Al Wesey thanked everyone for braving the cold. It was good to see Starcey.

Don't forget to attend our meetings which are held every second Sunday of each month. We ask all our members to come and support our council.

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C-112 — CHICAGO

Following our January business meeting, under the very capable direction of our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Rita Zakarka, approximately 60 letters were written pertaining to various subjects on Lithuanian Affairs.

Rita, who was one of the delegates to the recent Lithuanian Youth Convention in Australia, also presented a very informative and interesting report on her visit to Australia. She

told us that this convention really involved lots of hard work with lectures starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 11 p.m. In addition to the hard work involved, Rita told us she made many new friends while there. We are sure that with her sparkling personality she created a lot of good public relations for the Knights of Lithuania organization.

We are envious of Ellie Kasputis, Estelle Rogers and Al and Aldona Brazis who are beating the cold weather and are off to St. Petersburg, Florida, to bask in the sun and also attend the Lithuanian Independence Day celebration of Council 147.

Welcome to the following new members: Vidas Noreika, Al and Bertha Jundul and social member, the well-known violinist, Franz Benteler.



C-136 - ALBANY, NY

Several Americans of Lithuanian decent are enthusiastically trying to organize the Capital District Council of Knights of Lithuania representing the Schenectady, Albany, Troy area.

Two meetings have been held so far, and a slate of officers has been elected: Pres. - Edward Barkowski; Vice Pres. - Frank Zebuda; Sec. - Dorothy Richmire; Treas. - Nell Freer. Our focus has been geared toward generating interest in membership to Knights of Lithuania and so far we have 23 active members and spouses.

On Sat., Feb. 13th some members joined the Amsterdam Council for dinner and a program celebrating the 70th anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. On Sun., Feb. 14th, we traveled to Albany for another celebration and finally on Sun., Feb. 21st, we celebrated mass at our own parish church, Holy Cross in Schenectady and hosted a reception. On all of these occasions our thoughts and prayers were united with Lithuanians and Lithuanian Americans all over the world.

