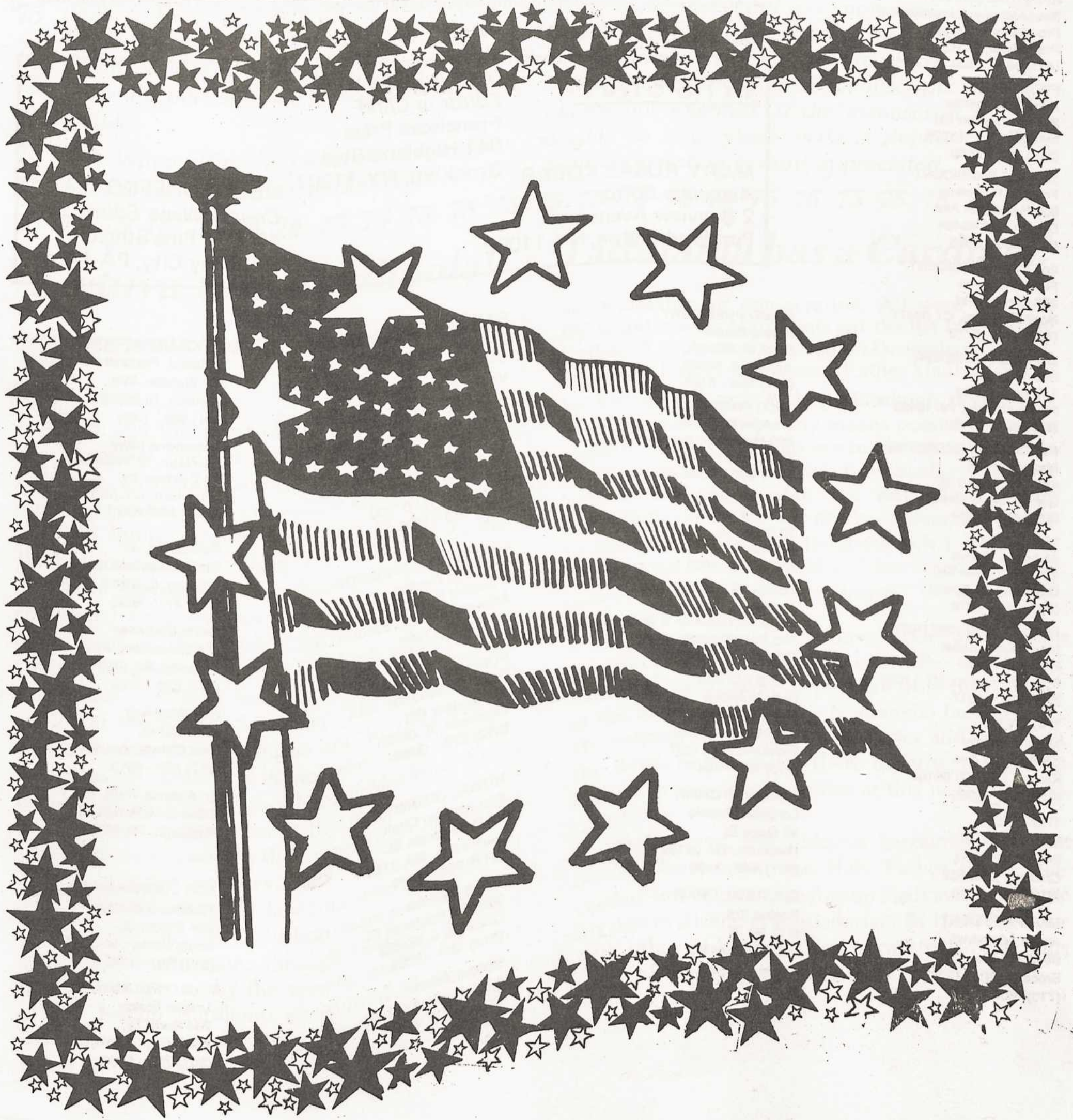


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JO EMINENCIJA VINCENTAS SLADKEVIČIUS

This year, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity was a special one for Lithuanians here and in Lithuania. Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II presented us with a great gift — a Cardinal.

The future cardinal was born in August 20, 1920 in the Guronų village, the county of Žasliai, district of Kaišiadoriai. Born from poor parents, he completed his preliminary education with the aid of the pastor of the parish of Žasliai — the Rev. M. Cijūnai. Vincentas attended the high school of the Lithuanian Jesuits in Kaunas. In 1939 he was accepted at the Kaunas Seminary. He finished with a degree of Sacrae Theologiae and in 1944 was assigned as an assistant in Kietaviskės and later became chaplain in the High School of Merkinė. From 1952 he was an instructor at the only seminary in Lithuania in Kaunas. At the same times he served as prefect of the seminary.

In 1952 Father Sladkevičius was consecrated bishop by the late bishop-martyr Teofilijus Matulionis. Having gone through years of physical and mental torture by the soviets, and at 80 years of age Bishop Matulionis envisioned Sladkevičius as his possible successor. He presented Sladkevičius name among others for the governments approval

Lithuania has a Cardinal!

as candidates for consecration. All were rejected. By secret means Matulionis got the list to the Holy Father. A reply was received on December 2, 1957. The Holy Father had chosen Father Sladkevičius to be Bishop and gave Bishop Matulionis permission to consecrate him by any means possible (even in secret). So, on Christmas eve in Bishops Matulionis private chapel in Birštonas, Rev. Sladkevičius was consecrated bishop. On the next day, Bishop Matulionis presented the newly consecrated bishop to the then Minister of Religious cult J. Rugienis. The minister was enraged and screamed: "This so called Bishop which you "baked" (iškepiei) shall never rule a diocese!"

From the day of his consecration, Sladkevičius was forced to move to a parish in the outposts of Lithuania as far away as possible from his diocese, at the border of Latvia — Nemunėlio Radviliškyje. He refused to assume these duties and only with the death of the pastor there in 1970, the Bishop agreed to assume the duties at this now priestless parish.

After long and arduous bargaining with the Soviet Government the Holy Father finally succeeded, in 1982, to have Bishop Sladkevičius assume his seat as Bishop of Kaišiadoriai. In 1983, together with other bishops, he was permitted to make his first "Ad limina" visit to Rome.

Here, far away from our native land, we know very little about the new Cardinal. But we respect the choice that the martyr-bishop of Lithuania — Teofilus Matulionis had made and rejoice at this generous gift of the Pope.

He is to receive his red hat in Rome at St.

Peter's bazilika on June 29, the feast of SS Peter and Paul Let's all pray that our new cardinal will be permitted to come to Rome and receive his red hat from the hands of the Holy Father.. Te Deus Laudeamus!

Dalia Bulvičius



Bishop Vincentas Sladkevicius was reinstated as apostolic administrator of the diocese of Kaisiadorys after twenty-three years of internal exile. Bishop Sladkevicius, second from left, entered the Cathedral of Kaisiadorys on August 8, 1982 during the singing of a hymn to the Holy Spirit. From left to right: Bishop L. Povilonis, Bishop V. Sladkevicius and Bishop J. Steponavicius.



Bishop of Kaisidorys, V. Sladkevicius in Marijampole at 50th anniversary of Servant of God Archbishop George Matulaitis who died in 1927 as Apostolic Visitor of Lithuania and Founder of Marian Fathers.

It seems like only yesterday...

A REVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

By: Al Wesey

According to the records of the Federal Government, it did not start keeping records of the Lithuanian immigrants arriving to the United States until 1910. Up until 1918 immigrants coming here stated that they had come from Poland or Russia. One historian, A. Kucas stated that before 1900 there were between 50 and 100,000 Lithuanians in the United States. From 1913 when the Knights were organized until 1921 the largest number of immigrants which joined the Knights was 4655.

What do these numbers mean? Several priests, back in 1921 stated that there were only 400 really "patriotic" Knights. In 1921, a Catholic could not join an organization unless it was under the guidance of a priest. Many did not approve of such "dictatorships" and did not join any Lithuanian - Catholic organizations.

For this reason, at this time, the Socialists and Communists started organizing into groups. Many immigrants flocked to them. These radical organizations attempted to solicit members, even Knights by their biased newspapers and books. Many Catholics did give up their religion, joined these groups "to make new friends".

The Knights started to lose members. Dues were not paid and various squabbling took place not only on the council level but even nationally. Many members quit the organization never to re-join. Many of the newspapers began to question the benefits gained from the Knights of Lithuania organization in the Lithuanian community. Norkunas was angered and hurt at such smear tactics and accusations. He wondered how the media could pick on an organization with such high ideals.

A few words on the languages. The Constitution of the K. of L. did not mention language. It was taken for granted that the language was Lithuanian. The Constitution did remind the members to go to night school and learn more about Lithuania: language, history, geography. This was indeed difficult for many of them since many immigrants were illiterate.

In 1915 the English language began to infiltrate K. of L. meetings and crept into the VYTIS. This

caused some of the hard liners to leave the organization. Now, even in the Lithuanian churches it was mandatory to read the Gospel in both languages. The VYTIS in 1923 had some articles in English which resulted in many letters of protest. But the practice of using both languages continued. In 1933 the editor reported that one half of the readership did not read Lithuanian at all. In 1933 HM Joseph Boley-Bolevičius in a forceful article urged the Knights to return to their beautiful Lithuanian language.

Up until 1960 the idealists and realists were debating the use and value of the Lithuanian language. It was well known that many of the 3rd and 4th generations of youth had no interest in the Lithuanian language. In many cases at this time the meetings were opened with the Vyčių Hymnas and a Lithuanian prayer, the rest of the meeting was in English.

(Bus daugiau - To be continued)

[In this brief summary which will appear throughout our jubilee year in the VYTIS, Al Wesey only touches upon the highlights of our history. For a complete version — beautifully written by the historian Father William Wolchovich, please obtain a copy from your district presidents. Their addresses are listed on the inside front cover of the VYTIS. — Editors)

GLORY TO OUR LITHUANIA

Glory, glory to our Lithuania
Steadfast in all her prayers
One of God's memorable nationals
And as her shining sun
Will forever stand together tall
Glory, glory to our Lithuania.

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Dear Brother and Sister in Christ,

On April 24 — **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, we prayed for Lithuanian vocations as well, which we need so very much. Strong and continuous prayer is one of the conditions the Lord set so that "the Father may send out more labourers into his harvest". Therefore we should not limit ourselves to just one day of prayer, but through our daily prayers and good works we ought to implore God for more saintly Lithuanian vocations.

For the very first time I am turning to all our fellow Lithuanians concerning the more earthly and material affairs of our College (seminary) in Rome.

The Lithuanian College (seminary) of St. Casimir is not only a seminary but also the only Lithuanian spiritual center in Rome and all of Italy. Besides, it is and will remain in the future the only unofficial permanent link (representation) of the Lithuanian faithful, especially those outside of Lithuania, with the Holy See. Until now the College has been supported by Lithuanian Benefactors in the free World. If some day in God's plans the doors to Lithuania's freedom will open, the Lithuanian episcopate will already have its College (seminary) in the center of Christianity built on strong foundations, and will then be able to administer it by itself. But that time may still be far away.

Thus I turn to you with the matter which should have been raised several years ago: the further support of St. Casimir's College and especially the guaranteeing of its future. We turn to you at this present time for various reasons: the depreciation of the dollar to half its original value, the constant increase of the already high cost of living in Italy, the urgent and necessary renovation required for some of the College's buildings, as well as more rapid growth of the **COLLEGE'S SUPPORT ENDOWMENT FUND (CSEF)**.

The question of the College Support Endowment Fund is quite urgent. We began it in 1984, on the occasion of the St. Casimir's 500 year Jubilee, when the Knights of Lithuania "adopted" the College (71st National Convention — Chicago) and began to send donations to this Fund. The Knights of Lithuania's contributions so far total more than 50,000 dollars. On this occasion we wish to express much appreciation and thanks to all the Knights for their generosity and continuous support. But they cannot

carry the weight alone. We invite every Lithuanian priest and layperson in the free world to contribute to this Fund.

In every country, wherever there is a Catholic Diocese, there is a yearly diocesan collection for the support of the seminary. This is not only permitted but also required by the Code of Canon (Church Law) (especially can. 263 and 264). Therefore, with the blessings of H. E. Bishop Paul Baltakis, O.F.M., we turn for the first time to the whole Lithuanian Catholic community inviting all to help us: **ONCE A YEAR TO MAKE AT LEAST ONE MATERIAL DONATION TO THE ONLY LITHUANIAN SEMINARY OUTSIDE OF LITHUANIA**. Not every family can offer to God a son or daughter, but every family can and is obligated to help the cause for vocations not only through prayer, but also through material support.

On May 29th of this year the Holy Father ordained the College alumnus deacon Paul Maliska to priesthood. This is a big feast not only for the College but also for all Lithuania and the Universal Church as well. Then, on July 10th of this year, in the Our Lady of Vilnius church in New York, Bishop Baltakis will ordain the College alumnus Robert Rakauskas to the diaconate.

Unfortunately, the number of Lithuanian vocations, as elsewhere, is substantially reduced. We hope with the financial campaign to begin publicizing broader this dear institution of ours as well. We have no doubts that not only in Lithuania but also in the free world there is a good number of first rate young men who would be ready to offer their life, energy and talents for the glory of God and the well-being of their Nation.

Thus, we turn to you, dear Lithuanian believers, in this important matter, since after 40 years of the College's existence the time has come not only to modernize it somewhat, but especially to do the urgent repair work, which is required not only for some comfort and a nicer exterior image, but indeed for the safety of the buildings and inhabitants themselves. Moreover, it is already required by the Italian government itself. Laws change, and old buildings (our College is truly old and not properly suited for a seminary's work and living requirements) have to adapt themselves to the demands of our day.

About a month ago we personally contacted every Lithuanian priest concerning this problem, asking that they not only send a donation but also approve and bless our project. We sincerely thank all those priests who have already responded to our call. As we asked them so we ask you, dear fellow Lithuanians, not only for a single offering or pledge, but we dare to request that you remember in your last will (testament) this very important in-

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stitution (seminary) of ours in the center of Christianity. Be God's instrument — work with us in the making of new priests.

We for our part have instituted this year the **Seminary Purgatorial Society** and every day we offer one Holy Mass for our dear Benefactors, just as most seminaries do. We rejoice that at least this way we can return thanks to you for your supporting us.

In advance we thank you for any donation, even a very small one, to our Lithuanian seminary in Rome. For 40 years we have seen the hand of the Divine Providence blessing us through each and every Benefactor. We are certain that through you the Lord will continue to bless us, our Church and our Nation for many years to come.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Msgr. Algimantas A. Bartkus, Rector
Rome, Marian Year, V.13.1988.

P.S.: Make checks payable to
"Pontificio Collegio Lituano", at the above address.

DO YOU KNOW THAT:

☆ THE ONLY LITHUANIAN SEMINARY in the free world is the Pontifical Lithuanian College of St. Casimir in Rome (PCL).

1945.X...: The PCL began to establish itself in Rome.

1948.V.1: the PCL was officially recognized by the Vatican.

1950.X.31: the Vatican recognized its statutes and rules.

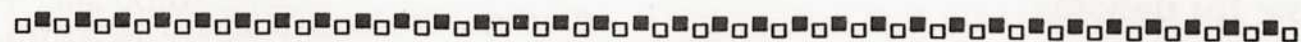
1952.VIII.30: by a special decree the Government of Italy officially gave the College/Seminary **juridical status**.

1963.XII.18: Pope Paul VI granted to the newly established Lithuanian seminary the title of "Pontifical College".

1979.VII.6: Pope John Paul II personally visited the College.

1984.IX: the Knights of Lithuania (the first and only Lithuanian Organization) at the 71st. National Convention "adopted" the College to give her moral, spiritual & financial support.

- ☆ The College is intended to form young men of Lithuanian origin for the priesthood and for pastoral work among Lithuanians everywhere.
- ☆ To date the College has had over 80 Lith. seminarians and more than 50 were ordained for the priesthood.
- ☆ Any young man having finished high school or the equivalent may apply to be accepted to the College.
- ☆ Lithuanian language is not a prerequisite for acceptance.
- ☆ The College also accepts Lith. priests who want to continue their studies.
- ☆ All you need to do for registration/information is to write an informal letter to the rector Msgr. Bartkus: Pontif. Collegio Lituano, V. Casalmonferrato 20, 00182 Roma, Italia.
- ☆ There are various scholarships which cover a seminarian's basic expenses (e.g. room & board, tuition).
- ☆ One can study theology in Rome in English.
- ☆ The College has a guest house (Villa Lituania) open to all visitors and pilgrims to Rome, which helps to support her.
- ☆ The College has a small farm and country villa about 25 km. from Rome for retreats and rest.
- ☆ The PCL is basically financed by private donations.
- ☆ The PCL gladly accepts offerings for Holy Mass intentions.



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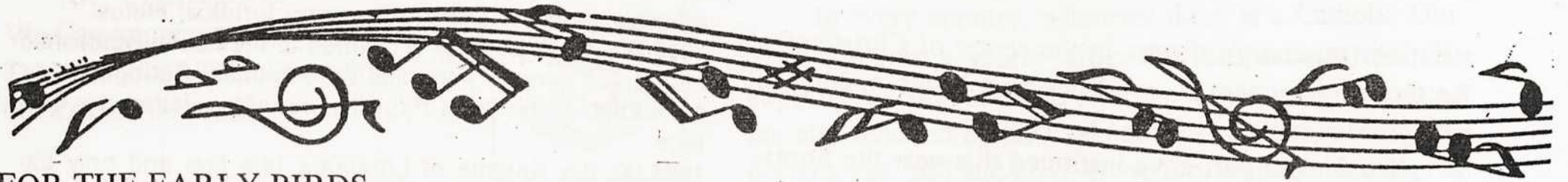
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THE 75th NATIONAL CONVENTION SOCIAL PROGRAM IN A NUTSHELL



FOR THE EARLY BIRDS ...

To be in Washington and not take advantage of the two tours offered seems a real catastrophe. Washington has so much to offer. As a nation's capital and political hub of the Western world, Washington has attracted an appealing blend of cultures and nationalities. The result: a multitude of regional and international restaurants, shops, festivals and embassies, as well as thriving performing arts groups and commercial art galleries. With these attractions and many historical sights and museums, Washington has more to offer visitors than most cities. On Wednesday, July 27th one tour will begin at 1:30 p.m. for the real early birds and the other tour for just the early birds at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$15.00 per tour.

TO GET ACQUAINTED ...

Thursday's Anniversary Party is meant to encourage renewal of old and the start of new friendships in an atmosphere of nostalgia. Buses will transport the group at 6:00 p.m. to the Ukrainian National Shrine & Hall to enjoy food, refreshments, music and memories. Joe Thomas of C-12, Manhattan, NY, and his orchestra will be on hand with his outstanding music of today and yesterday.

AN APPROACH TO LITHUANIAN CULTURE ...

Friday night's concert will be held at Sheridan-Washington Hotel and will feature K of L member Maryte Bizankauskas of C-1, Brockton, MA who is presently a member of the Toronto Opera group. Her accompanist, a classical pianist will be Janet Pettit of C-63, Lehigh Valley, PA. A local Lithuanian Dance Ensemble will also entertain us. You will certainly want to be a part of the celebration. Again, Joe Thomas Orchestra will supply the music for dancing.

CLOSING BANQUET ...

The Convention's Closing Banquet will surely make the event for K of L'ers the culmination of three days hard work. The Annual Scholarship Awards, Friend of Lithuanian Award and presentation of new Supreme Council as well as the introduction of special guests will take place. KONSTANT SAVICKAS will be elevated to Honorary Membership for his many contributions to the organization.

JUNIORS ...

The program for the Juniors promises to be an exciting adventure. On Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Juniors will visit the Washington Zoo and that same evening will attend the same Anniversary Party with adults. On Friday, the day will be spent at the Smithsonian Institute and they will attend the concert in the evening with adults. On Saturday, a surprise is in store for the Juniors. Juniors do not want to miss this exciting event. Then they will attend the Banquet with the adults in the evening.

SCHEDULE ...

Wednesday, July 27th

- 1:30 pm Bus tour of Washington
- 7:30 pm Bus tour of Washington

Thursday, July 28th

- 9:00 am Supreme Council Meeting
- 10:30 am Opening Mass - St. Thomas Apostle Church
- 2:30 pm Opening Session
- 6:00 pm Buses leave for Anniversary Party - Ukrainian Nat'l Shrine & Hall

Friday, July 29th

- 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas Apostle Church
- 10:00 am Second Session
- 12:30 pm Lunch Break
- 2:00 pm Third Session
- 8:30 pm Concert at Hotel

Saturday, July 30th

- 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas Apostle Church
- 10:00 am Fourth Session
- 12:30 pm Lunch Break
- 2:00 pm Closing Session, Elections
- 7:00 pm 75th Anniversary Banquet & Dance at Hotel

Sunday, July 31st

- 10:00 am Brunch at Hotel
- 12:00 N Buses depart for Nat'l Shrine of Immaculate Conception
- 1:30 pm Convention Photo and Procession to Church
- 2:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving - Nat'l Shrine of Immaculate Conception



Dédé Kastukas sako:

KEEN OBSERVATIONS BY THE SAGE!

Our Dede states that at all Conventions many words are spoken but only a few words are chosen to be remembered. It's the same with the people you meet there - only a few are remembered, if any.

The Lord makes a better product than man does. Look at the number of aeroplanes that crash due to a wing or the engine falling off because of metal fatigue. You never heard of an arm or the head falling off a person just because he's old!

THE GENTLE TOUCH

Have you ever been told "You're beautiful" or "That's a hat that becomes you" or "That's a lovely hair-do" or "My, that's a suit that fits you perfectly" or "You look so young" then a minute later you realize you just loaned your friend ten dollars before you remembered he didn't repay you the five bucks he borrowed five months ago.

Oh well, it's nice to be complimented - so you glance in a mirror, tilt your hat a little more, tuck in a loose hair, adjust your suit, put a spring in your walk and keep on living and wondering when you'll get the ten bucks back.... (plus the five, too).

MODERN ADVERTISING

When you buy certain products, there may be a rebate slip attached to the grocery item, or a liquor bottle, so you take all the trouble to send it in. It's not a full refund but you get some money back. That's an inducement for you to try out the product Wouldn't it be a good idea to have rebate slips for marriages. When you find out the product isn't as good as expected, at least you have the satisfaction of getting a rebate back on the investment. With four out of seven marriages ending up in divorce, that's proof the product isn't as good as expected. Now all we have to figure out is which party is the product, and which party is the buyer. Then we figure out how much the package is worth, and who gets the rebate so LOOK before you LEAP or remember, "He who hesitates is lost" - you make the choice. Usually marriages are based on compatibility which means one partner bends over backwards, or forward or sideways to be nice. Does that mean you're a lucky person or a dope, to give in always?

Can You Buy Love?

There are men who feel anything in life can be bought, whether it's justice, friendship, love, respect, lower house taxes, etc. etc. All you have to do is pay off the person involved with cash. You have to agree with them to a certain point since there are honest and dishonest men and women. Those who have a sense of right and wrong and moral prin-

ciples, can't be bought. Yes, some judges can be bribed, some tax assessors can be bribed, but when it comes to real love, respect, and friendship - if you pay cash or gifts for it to the party involved, then that love, respect or friendship isn't worth having; whether the man or woman is the giver or the receiver. True love is based on one of life's most sincere and sensitive human feelings. It can bring you despair or make you float on air.

A cash register for a heart is a sad substitute for a pure relationship, yet we've seen men and women who marry or keep company together for money, and put on a front for their own benefit and the public to show their relationship is a happy one. When one partner dies the other relieves a sigh and says, "At last I got all the Dough!". What a life to live and what a character to have, for that type of jerk or jerkess. In addition, you don't buy respect or friendship, you have to earn it, by having respect for yourself first, and an honest feeling of friendliness for others. False love isn't worth two cents but would you love me for a new Volkswagen? Yes... No ... Yes ... No. (Maybe for a new Cadillac).

INCOME TAX HEADACHES

If you understood and completed your own income tax for the current year, you are an unusual person - especially if you sold your home, or stocks, or had travel expenses, hospital bills, business income. We were promised a simplified tax form by the government; simplified means easy to do; our politicians in-Washington gave us the shaft instead. An ordinary person of average intelligence can't do his own tax; he has to pay to have it done. There are businesses springing up all over the country with alleged specialists who get a good fee to fill out your tax form - without any guarantee that it's correct and you won't be called in for an audit. Those businesses prove that the tax form is not simplified. The average citizen is made to feel he's a criminal by his own government when the computations on his tax form are not correct. There are instances where the computer sends you incorrect amounts on your income because the clerk pressed the wrong button, then you report that amount and the government calls you in, and penalizes you even though you did act in good faith. That's when in your mind you call the federal agent "You Dirty Rat" - just make sure you don't say it out loud.

And talk about getting taxed in triple or quadruple fashion on what you earn - there's the Federal tax, the State tax, Sales tax, License tax, Business tax, etc. Even the sacred Social Security Tax now has to suffer being partially taxed by the government. Don't vote for those in office who introduce new taxes - it means more jobs for their friends or relatives. Have you ever heard of a reduction in taxes once that tax has been put into effect? Whether you call it Internal, External, or Eternal, Revenue Service - you are the victim always till it's your turn to leave for the promised land. Halleluiah.

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First of all, we wish to congratulate those K of L'ers who responded by letters to the Press, Government Representatives and Leaders, Church Officials, etc. concerning Lithuania and Lithuanian affairs...

Special word of thanks to JUDITH A. PETROKAS, of Dayton, Ohio, who protested the pro-soviet bias in Ted Turner's highly promoted "Portrait of the Soviet Union". In her lengthy letter of protest, she pointed out the many inaccuracies on the historical backgrounds of the Baltic States, and the failure of the television series to document true conditions: religious oppression and cultural genocide. She also wrote to Robert Wussler, Exec. V.P. of the Turner Broadcasting System.

K of L archivist LARRY ŠVELNIS, of Needham, Mass., protested to the editor of the *Needham Chronicle*, which published an inaccurate and biased article by Elizabeth T. Graw, "USSR Christians Celebrate." The author, among other inaccuracies, stated: "Religious instruction can be given in church classes or in private." NOT SO!

RITA ZAKARKA, of Chicago, Ill. sent us copies of two letters of greeting, received from imprisoned Lithuanian Catholic activist, VIKTORAS PETKUS. Rita's example of writing to incarcerated Lithuanian dissidents should be followed by other K of L'ers. (The names and addresses can be obtained from the Lithuanian Information Center, 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207).

JOSEPHINE ŽUKAS, of Port Washington, N.Y., (Great Neck Council), sent us two very interesting articles from the *Long Island Catholic*, PO Box 700, Hempstead, N.Y. 11551. One of them concerned statements in mid-April by Pope John Paul II and Soviet political and religious leaders, bringing a clearer focus to Church - state problems in the USSR. The second article quotes the Holy Father...calling for restoration of religious liberty in Lithuania, as "winds of renewal" blow through the USSR. In a Latin-language talk April 18 to visiting bishops from Lithuania, the Pope said the Church there was still struggling against government restrictions in a "decidedly atheistic" environment. He described Lithuania's estimated 2.5 million Catholics as a suffering Church and contrasted this with the social liberalization under way in the Soviet Union. He praised the tenacious faith of Lithuania's Catholics and said they have much to offer their society — above all, a "serene conscience, well-formed, rich in the highest values of truth, justice, brotherhood and peace."

MRS. MARY VAGLIA, MCD Lithuanian Affairs chairlady, sent us a lengthy article which appeared in the *Pitt-*

sburgh Press, written by John-Thor Dahlburg of the Associated Press from Moscow, entitled: "Glasnost Awakens Long-Suppressed Ethnic Sound, Fury." the well-written article gives a good analysis of the historical backgrounds of the Soviet-suppressed ethnic republics, present conditions and reasons for the unrest. Correspondent Elenor Chute, in an article "People Here From Baltic Hope For the Best," quotes the feelings of a Latvian, also Lithuanian, K of L'er Vyto Yucius. Mary also included an article from the *Pittsburgh Catholic* on claims by a Lithuanian activist nun, NIJOLĖ SADŪNAIATĖ, that she was beaten on the streets of Vilnius by the KGB, for helping organize Lithuanian Independence Day celebrations last February.

HELEN VENIS, of Woodhaven, New York, gave us two articles from the Archdiocesan publication of Brooklyn, *The Tablet*. Both NC articles; one from Rome, concerns religious oppression in Lithuania. Correspondent Greg Erlandson writes on Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Soviet Department of Religion, saying "Soviets Seel To Improve Religion Laws"; the other, from Toronto, by Patria C. Rivera, saying: "Glasnost No Help to Lithuanian Church."

ANNIE MITCHELL-MATALAVICH, of C-52, Elizabeth, N.J. and an Honorary Member, sent us several articles on the Lithuanian Independence Day celebration in St. Petersburg, Fla.; from the *Catholic Review* on St. Alphonsus Church of Baltimore 'Pastor, Rev. Anthony Dranginis, about the rosary made by Kazė Puraitė while serving a 10 year prison sentence in Siberia for teaching catechism in Lithuania, which was being displayed, also articles on Nijolė Sadūnaitė.

HELP IN OUR CAUSE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND STATE LEGISLATORS...

On March 3rd, a group of U.S. Senators wrote to the Minister of Justice in behalf of imprisoned Lithuanian Catholic Priest, Alfonsas Svarinskas.

SENATOR CARL LEVIN, of Michigan, in recent talks in Moscow, with top Soviet officials, brought up the cases of Bishop Julijonas Steponavičius, who has been forced to live in internal exile for 27 years, also two Lithuanian priests serving lengthy terms in labor camp for their religious activism: Rev Alfonsas Svarinskas, 63 and Rev Sigitas Tamkevičius, 49.

On April 14th, 51 Congressmen sent a letter to the top military prosecutor in the USSR, protesting the imprisonment of a Lithuanian religious and national rights activist who refused to report for military reserve services,

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and asking him to investigate the abuse of military reserve duty as a method of political repression: PETRAS GRAŽULIS.

FROM THE PRESS AND CHURCH LEADERS

KEN ADELMAN, of the *Washington Times*, on April 1st, called Nijolė Sadūnaitė "The Joan of Arc of Lithuania", and a "Martyr of Our Times," in his beautiful article.

In his March 28th letter to Konstantin Kharchev, Chairman of the Council for Religious Affairs of the USSR, Monsignor Daniel F. Hoye, wrote a strongly worded letter, criticizing Soviet treatment of Catholics in Lithuania, especially the imprisonment of the two priests already mentioned and the internal exile of Bishop Steponavičius. Msgr. Hoye is the **General Secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference**. In an earlier letter to Yuri Dubinin, Soviet Ambassador to the U.S., Msgr. Hoye took issue with Soviet handling of efforts on Feb. 16th to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the reestablishment of independence on predominantly Catholic Lithuania. He mentioned the attacks against protestors, reprisals against the leaders, etc.

DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$100. from Lithuanian National Club of Montello, Mass.; \$25. from K. of L Council 103, Providence, R.I.; \$5.00 L. Svelnis, Needham, Mass.

the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, of March 24th, (2100 N. Globe Rd., Arlington, VA 22203), published a guest editorial, written by **Congressman Frank R. Wolf**, in behalf of a Lithuanian Catholic, imprisoned most of his adult life by the Soviets for his religious beliefs: VIKTORAS PETKUS, arrested in 1947 at the age of 17, and sentenced to 10 years in a hard labor camp for his participation in the local Catholic Youth organization. He was released in 1953. Four years later, in 1957, he was arrested again for "keeping and distributing anti-Soviet propaganda." He was sentenced to 8 years for this offense. In 1976, when the Soviet government signed the Helsinki agreements, which promised full human and religious rights, Petkus helped set up a **monitoring group** to make sure the agreements were kept. Nine months later, he was arrested for the third time and sentenced to 7 years in prison, 3 years in a special regime camp, and 5 years in exile. He has spent most of his life in Soviet prisons, and remains there today.

As RITA ZAKARKA has done, we should write letters to help Petkus gain his freedom and to console him in his involuntary solitude.

OTHER HELP

The President of the International P.E.N., Francis King, and the Executive Director of the P.E.N. American Center, Karen Kennerly, have urged Mikhail Gorbachev to release an imprisoned Lithuanian writer and to return his confiscated manuscripts to him. The writer, GINTAUTAS IEŠMANTAS, sent a letter to the P.E.N. President last August, informing him that his entire poetic output, which has escaped seizure at the time of his arrest, in 1980, had been confiscated in 1986 in Vilnius, while he was still in prison. Iešmantas asked P.E.N. to help him to get his manuscripts back. Iešmantas, born in 1930, was sentenced in 1980 to six years at hard labor and five years in internal exile for his poetry and his role in publishing the underground journal *Perspektyvos* (Perspectives) in soviet oppressed Lithuania. He was named Honorary Member of the American Center of International P.E.N. in the Spring of 1986.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In addition to the K of L activists already quoted in this Bulletin, we are indebted to ELSIE KOSMISKY, for articles from the Hazleton, Pa. *Standard Speaker*, entitled: "Glasnost Still Leaves Many Questions about Soviets". and in the *Palm Beach Post*: "Soviet Officials Hold anti-U.S. Rally in Lithuania". (Feb. 16, 1988)

LOUIS STUKAS, of Morganville, N.J. sent us an article from the *New York Times* of April 3rd: "Soviet Union's Ethnic Minorities Find Little Room At Top: A Sea of Slavic Faces in the Central Committee."

On April 27th, 32 Congressmen in a letter to President Reagan, urged him to meet with 7 well-known activist Lithuanians when he meets with Gorbachev in Moscow: Bishop Steponavičius, Nijolė Sadūnaitė, Rev. Kastytis Matulionis, Jadvyga Bieliauskienė, Petras Cidzikas, Vytautas Bogušis and Antanas Terleckas.

On the occasion of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz visit with Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze in Moscow, on April 21st., Shultz met with 3 Lithuanian dissidents: Petras Pakenas, Povilas Pečiulaitis, and Dr. Algirdas Statkevičius in the American Embassy. About 30 people met with Shultz who wish to leave the USSR. U.S. Undersecretary of State for Human Rights, Richard Schifter, met a day earlier in the U.S. Embassy with 100 Human Rights activists from Lithuania, Latvia and the Ukraine. Each talked about conditions in their respective countries. Sadūnaitė was queried for 30 minutes, Dr. Statkevičius — 15 minutes.

Lithuanians in the News



ARTHUR C. WALUNAS

The Polka News, St. Charles, MI writes about our K of L member, Arthur C. Walunas, presently residing in Parowan, Utah stating that after an absence of nearly 20 years from the Midwest polka areas, Art and his Orchestra are making plans for a 1988 tour through Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania areas. Art and his group were very active during the late 50's and 60's. Art was the first polka band to record "In Heaven, There is No Beer". This record went on to be a hit and subsequently was recorded by many polka bands. It is now considered a standard. This was one of many recordings that his group did during the 60's. Many of his singles are still on the Juke Boxes and played on radio. As a young boy growing up in a tavern in Michigan back in the 30's, while other kids his age were playing the "slots", Art was playing the juke box and the record he played most was "The Beer Barrel Polka". Art now says, "It's such a warm feeling to have good friends and memories of good times. I hope to get a chance to play polkas for all the nice people I remember back east from the old days".

Charles Petronis, member and former president of C-3 Phila., was recently elected Philadelphia's Chapter Commander of the Catholic War Veterans, U.S.A. at their recent convention. In his new capacity, he is in charge of all C.W.V. posts in Philadelphia, encompassing over 1,000 members.



George Chevanne (l.), Commander of the Philadelphia Municipal War Veterans congratulates Charlie Petronis on his election to C.W.V. Chapter Commander.



LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS (Cont'd)



Father Anthony Bukauskas displays on his wall in Union Mo., a typical Lithuanian folk cross, similar in the style of three he sent to the Vatican to commemorate the 600 anniversary of Christianity in his native Lithuania. [Photo: Courtesy of The Washington Missourian).



Three elaborately carved Lithuanian Folk art crosses created by Father Anthony Bukauskas, retired pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Neier, MO, were used in the Vatican's commemoration of six centuries of Christianity in Lithuania. Father Bukauskas remarks: "I have a few articles in the Vatican and they liked my wood carvings.....Lithuania is known as the land of crosses." Crosses torn down by the communists are replaced overnight, according to Father Bukauskas. Today, Father Bukauskas helps out in many parishes in his area. And in addition to painting and sculpting, he is devoting much of his time to writing his memoirs.



STANLEY

The Recorder in Amsterdam informs that William Stanley has been named to the LeMoyne College Athletic Hall of Fame. The 6'2" former basketball and baseball star was recently inducted into the Hall at a dinner held at LeMoyne College. Stanley graduated from a Jesuit school in 1962 and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Amsterdam. Stanley has been a teacher and coach for the past 25 years in the Capital District area. He currently is in his 16th year with the Saratoga public school system where he teaches health education. He also coaches tennis there and is a former basketball coach. As a basketball referee, he has finished 12 years of officiating in the tri-city area. It is noted he attends St. Casimir's Church in Amsterdam.



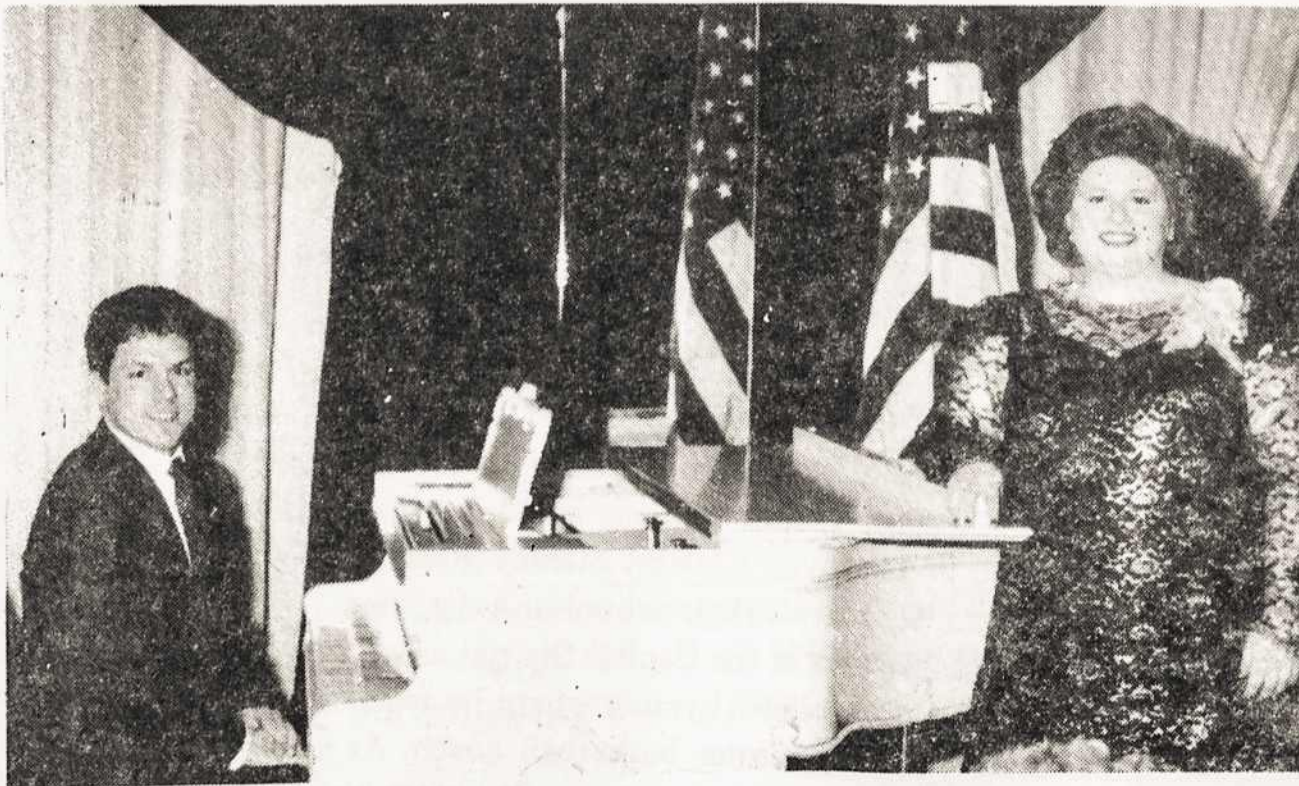
**"MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET
HELD AT THE MARTINIQUE, CHICAGO, IL
HONORING MSGR. J. PRUNSKIS
ON FEBRUARY 7, 1988**



Konstant Savickas with Honoree Msgr. Joseph Prunskis.



"Memories of Lithuania" Banquet Committee: L to r: Al Brazis, Chairman, Al Zakarka, Julie Zakarka, Aldona Brazis, Mary Juzenas, Konstant Savickas, Sabina Henson, Estelle Rogers, Eleanor Kasputis, Gerrie Mack and Evelyn Ozalis. Missing from photo: Mary Kincius, Ausra Padalino and John Paukstis.



Musical Program rendered by Mary Juzenas, soloist and Michael Carso, accompanist.



Honoree Msgr. Joseph Prunskis showing his gift to Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas

(Photos submitted by Julie Zakarka)

KALBĖKIME LIETUVIŠKAI LET'S SPEAK LITHUANIAN

Lietuvos ir kitų rūsų šalies miestų valgiai.

Lietuva yra nedidelė, tačiau kiekviena sritis turi labiausiai mėgstamų patiekalų.

Aukštaičiai — blynus, varškę, kugelį, dešras, šaltieną. Suvalkiečiai — rūkytos mėsos patiekalus, didžkukulius (cepelinus), vėdarus. Dzūkai — valgius iš grybų, bulvių. Žemaičiai — kąstinį su bulvėmis, sūrį, šiupinį, rasalą.

Rasalas gaminamas taip: Išverdi burokėlius (raudonus), supiaustai, dedi į virintą karštą vandenį su pipirais, lauro lapeliais, svogūnais, paskanini silke ir valgai su karštomis bulvėmis (tinka kūčių vakarienei). Kitas žemaičių valgis: spirginė, kanapinė, druska. Tai su svogūnais, pipirais druska keptuvėje paskrudintos ir sugrūstos kanapės (hemp).

Žemaičiai antros vestuvių dienos rytą mėgsta saldumynų persivalgiusius svečius pavaišinti rasalu, spirgine (kad širdis atsigautų). Mėgsta avižinių miltų kisielių. Šiais laikais avižinį kisielių galima pagaminti ir be avižiniu miltų. Avižinius dribsnius (rolled oats) užpilti vandeniu, įdėti juodos duonos (rugienės) porą riekelių ir užmerkti 24 valandoms ir išvirti. Dzūkai tą kisielių valgė su mėšiniu — medumi ar cukrumi pasaldintu vandeniu. Mėšiniu pasaldytas kisielis tinka kūčių vakarienei. Žemaičiai jį valgė su sviestu ir spirgučiais.

Aukštaičiai — virtinių pyragėlių tėslą darė iš miltų ir įdarydavo grybais, mėsa, varške, šutintais rūgščiais kopūstais, uogomis, bulvių koše. Vidurio lietuviai mėgo pyragėlius iš virtų bulvių. Netikėtą svečių vaišino medum, sūriu, kaimiška duona, rūkyta dešra, kumpiu ir t.t.

Lietuvoje labiausiai mėgstama pasigardžiuoti silke su grybais, žemaičių kastiu, žuviene, šaltibarščiais, gira, skilandžiu, lietuviškais dešrelėmis, koldūnais-virtiniais, pyragais, kūgeliu su kiaulės kojytėmis, didžkukuliais-cepeliniais.

Vokiečių gurmanai G. Lindė ir H. Knoblochas po nedidelių sociologinių tyrimų nustatė, kuo rusų šalies miestuose labiausiai mėgstama pasigardžiuoti. Lietuvoje — Vilniuje jau gana seniai cepelinai nukonkuravo virtinius (koldūnus). Cepelinai tai irgi apvaliniai kukuliai (iš tarkuotų bulvių), prikimšti įvairiaus įdaro: mėsos, silkės, varškės, grybų... Paduodant į stalą, jie palaistomi lydytu sviestu arba grietine, spirgučiais, valgomi su įvairiausiais padažais.

Latvijoje — Rygoje — pieniška perlinių (barley)

kruopų sriuba. Maskvoje — barščiais ir blynais, Tobalske — koldūnais (virtiniais). Jakutske — arklienos muštinkais, Samarkande — avienos plovu, Tbilisyje — vištienos čachochbiliu. Norilske — šiaurės elnio liežuvio ragu.

Patarlės:

Škada žento, gaila varškės.

Pagal Jurgį ir kepurė.

PROVERBS (Continued)

181. Genys margas, svietas (pasaulis) dar margesnis.
182. Keičias rūbai margo svieta (pasaulio).
183. Maža garbė svetimomis kalbomis kalbėti, didi gėda savos gerai nemokėti.
184. Tinka, kaip karvei balnas.
185. Miško paukštis į mišką žiūri.
186. Už vieną baustą, šimtas nebaustų.
187. Tinka, kaip katinui akiniai.
188. Meilė ne seilė, nenusispiausi.
189. Už durną galvą, kojoms pakūta (kančia).
190. Reikalinga, kaip šuniui penkta koja.
191. Boba iš ratų, ratams lengviau.
192. Reikia, kaip šuniui botago.
193. Pūčiasi, kaip varlė prieš jautį.
194. Dievas neapleis — kiaulės nesuės.
195. Suktas, kaip trivirvis.
196. Kimba, kaip purvas prie ratų.
197. Nei kvepia, nei smirda, kaip zuikio spira.
197. Pasipūtus, kaip višta perekšlė.
199. Vyras iš stuomens ir liemens.
200. Duok vaikam valią (laisvę), pats būsi nevalioj. (nelaisvėj)
201. Kas daug nori, mažai turi.
202. Auga, kai ant mielių.
203. Nepūsk burbulų į akis.
204. Prarijo, kaip šuo muilą.
205. Nauda, kaip iš rugienių šiaudų.
206. Aš jam kalną pyliu, jis man duobę kasė.
207. Duok kiaulei perlą, bet ji manys, kad tai žirnis.
208. Siūbuoja, kaip nendrė vėjo pučiama.
209. Liekna, kaip nendrė.
210. Kaip šaukia, taip ir atsiliepia.
211. Vienas galas dega, kitas svila.
212. Duok Dieve, kad iš tavo lūpų eitų į Dievo ausį.
213. Viešpatie, apsaugok mane nuo draugų, o nuo priešų aš pats apsiginsiu.
214. Gera prekė pati save giria.
215. Duok užtektinai virvės, pats pasikars.
216. Iš šiaudų nesulipdysi armotos.
217. Turi sukčius įdealą, — neprieiti liepto galą.
218. Iš didelio rašto, išėjo iš krašto.
219. Jam širdi rodyk, jis mano, kad burokas.
220. Kuproto, nei grabas neišlygins.

LETTERS

We want to thank you most sincerely for the beautiful article in the March issue of the VYTIS about our "Family Celebration". We are proud to be K of Lers and would like to take this opportunity to thank our family for that special trip to Lithuania and our dear friends for attending from Council 141 — Bridgeport, CT., Council 135 — Ansonia, CT., Council 29 — Newark, N.J., Council 110 — Maspeth, NY, Council 152 — Riverhead, N.Y. and naturally Council — 12 Manhattan, who helped us set up for this celebration. We also want to thank our fellow K of Ler and friend Dr. Jack J. Stukas for being M.C. and his wife Loretta, A special ačiū to my cousins, Reverend Peter Žemeikis (Pastor of St. Peter & Paul Lithuanian Parish in Elizabeth, NJ) and Reverend Alfred Žemeikis (Pastor of Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ). Also my cousins Sister M. Ignata of the Sisters of Saint Casimir in Philadelphia, PA. and Dorothy & Casimir Bolanowski of Cranford, NJ for reading and distributing the programs. Ačiū labai to the friends who traveled from Florida, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Thank you Mary De-nauski C-110 who was our original matron of honor for being present. (Too bad NY traffic tied you up and you could not assume your role. Thanks to Anna Garbincius who stood in for you).

To our friends and relatives from near and far širdingai ačiū for a memorable occasion that will linger a lifetime.

Stella Marcinauskis
C-12 New York, NY
Mitchell Marcinauskis
C-141 Bridgeport,

Receiving very good comments on the VYTIS!

Gene Gobis
Council 100 Amsterdam, N.Y.

Dear Vytis Staff:

As a new member, I am very happy with VYTIS and your dedication to the cause of free Lithuania.

There is some disturbing news from Lithuania pertaining to a new method of persecution of Lithuanian dissidents, especially the religious and the nationalists: The use of immediate draft into the USSR military forces. Many have died in Afganistan and others are forced to serve in the Red Army, facilitating the oppression of People in the Soviet Union.

Recently, a young Catholic activist, Petras Gražulis, was sentenced to a 10 month labor camp regime for refusing to join the military forces. At his trial, he was physically beaten right in court and eyewitnesses were harassed, also beaten and some were arrested.

As lawyer and a member of the American Bar Association, I requested the president of the ABA to intervene on behalf of Mr. Gražulis with the Soviet Association of Soviet Lawyers (ASL), with whom the American Bar Association has entered into an ill-advised agreement to "advance the rule of law". The ASL agreed to allow the ABA to participate in Soviet trials to witness the fairness of their procedures.

The trial of Petras Gražulis was an outrage, yet in an attempt to inquire into the proceedings with the

Soviets, the ABA has refused to assist me. So much for the agreement to "Advance the rule of law".

I ask that you urge the Knights of Lithuania to contact their lawyers, especially those who are members of the ABA, to press the ABA's action on behalf of Petras Gražulis. We must be heard on this! If the ABA is so gullible as to believe the Soviets, they must account to the Americans for participating in the farce.

It appears that the ABA is not interested in the oppressed Lithuanians, but only in the commercial potential of the USSR. If Lithuanians have no rights, the ABA should not promote Soviet law as a moral equivalent of ours.

We can make the difference. Our fellow Lithuanians are doing their part under harsh Soviet rule, we can at least support them with our demand that the American Bar Association act on our behalf.

Respectfully,

S. Paul Zumbakis

P.S. More up to date information on Petras Gražulis is available from the Lithuanian Information Center, 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207 (718) 647 - 2434; Washington Office, (202) 347 - 3177.

WHAT KIND OF A MEMBER ARE YOU?

A lot of members are like wheelbarrows — no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers — they have to be pulled.

Some are like kites — if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.

Some are like balloons — full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like footballs — you can't tell which way they will bounce.

And then, some are like a good watch — open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...**Happy Birthday to NYC St Patrick's Cathedral
[1958 - 1988]**

The first stone — the cornerstone of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City was placed in the earth in 1858.

March 4, 1898, at the celebration of Archbishop Michael Corrigan's twenty-fifth anniversary of consecration as a bishop, the chimes of St. Patrick's rang out for the first time. A newspaper account reported:

St. Patrick's chime of bells rang out today in the great white Cathedral at Fifth Avenue and Fiftieth Street. It was its first ringing for the nineteen bells of the new chime have waited long in silence since they were first placed in position. The first deep tones came thundering at the stroke of 10 o'clock, and in the vibrant throbbing chords that followed there was heard a clear high melody, It was the Hymn to St. Casimir, played in honor of the patron saint of the day.

(Submitted by Rev. Vytautas Palubinskas pastor of Aušros Vartų — Our Lady of Vilnius parish, (the only Lithuanian parish in the borough of Manhattan, N.Y.) and the spiritual advisor of C-12)

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

It's too hot to think of Christmas in July, however, we will solicit ads for the Christmas issue of VYTIS. Wish your K of L friends a Merry Christmas. Deadline is November 1, 1988. Mail your copy and check made out to KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA to:

Mary R. Kober
Two Bayview Ave.
Port Washington, NY 11050

Full Page	\$100.00
Half Page	50.00
Quarter Page	40.00
Eighth Page	30.00
Well-Wisher	5.00

**IN MEMORIAM**

ANN PACHESSA
C-110 - Maspeth, NY
Died: June 26, 1987

MIKALINA BALTADONIS
C-12 - New York, NY
Died: May 5, 1988

THOMAS SCOTT
C-96 - Dayton, OH
Died: June 5, 1988



Two Sisters of Jesus Crucified Society at Elmhurst, Pa., Sister Eugenia Glineckis, C-17, South Boston, Mass. and Sister Virginia Vytell, C-74 Scranton, Pa. as dedicated Knights of Lithuania, raise a toast of cranberry juice to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the organization which was founded in April of 1913 by Mykolas Norkunas of Lawrence, Mass.

VYTIS 75th**SPOTLIGHT ON****Council 10****Athol - Gardner**

75 The first Lithuanians began arriving in the
75 Athol area in the late 1880's. They left their
75 Russian dominated homeland for various
75 reasons: not to be drafted into the Russian army
75 (for 25 years); to better their living standards;
75 to enjoy freedom of the press and use the
75 Lithuanian language. (At this time the Latin
75 alphabet and use of Lithuanian was forbidden
75 under a penalty of death). Above all, Lithua-
75 nians flocked to America's shores to enjoy their
75 ethnic heritage and the ability to practice their
75 Catholic faith freely.

75 The first Lithuanians to arrive in Athol
75 was Jonas Breška closely followed by Antanas
75 Andraliunas, both from the Vabalninkas
75 parish.

75 Realizing the benefits to be organized,
75 they founded various societies and ethnic
75 parishes. One of these organizations was the
75 Knights of Lithuania founded on April 25, 1913
75 by Mykolas Norkūnas, in Lawrence, Ma. This
75 society took quick root and Athol was granted
75 a charter on May 29, 1914, the same year the
75 parish of St Francis was founded. It is worthy
75 to note that Fr. Juozas Montvila had agreed
75 to come to St. Francis as its first pastor but all
75 were saddened by the news that he went down
75 in the Titanic disaster. (see April 1988 issue of
75 VYTIS)

75 At the first organizational meeting held in
75 the old Eagle Hall, 98 young Lithuanians
75 joined Council 10. The speaker at that occasion
75 was Mykolas Norkūnas. The officer slate was:
75 Spiritual Advisor — Rev. Francis Meškauskas,
75 President — Domininkas Karablis, Vice Pres-
75 ident — Magdalena Verabauskas, Secretary —
75 Juozas Leščinskas, Recording Secretary — An-
75 tanas Grigaliūnas, Treasurer — Elžbieta
75 Braška, and the Trustees — Jonas Tamašaus-
75 kas. Dues collected were \$3.25. A collection
75 netted \$3.37. With a gift from Father Meškaus-
75 kas the treasury was \$16.70 rich.

75 The newly formed council was a beehive
75 of activity. English language classes were held,
75 picnics, dances and concerts were the norm.
75 A drama club was directed by Antanas Lošius.
75 On August 24, 1914 a library was established
75 for members. After World War I, many mem-
75 bers bought bonds to aid their brethren in
75 Lithuania, who at time were trying to win their
75 independence. It is interesting that such a
75 \$50.00 bond was recently found tucked away
75 in an old sofa. The first member to die was
75 Emilija Vinciunas. Some of the more active
75 members in the early days were: Domininkas
75 Karablis, Ladis Matulis, Jonas Gailiunas and
75 Anton Losius.

75 In later years, when the second generation
75 prevailed, the council participated in the New
75 England District basketball, baseball and
75 bowling tournaments. One of the more out-
75 standing baseball games took place between
75 Athol and Hartford. The local girls' bowling
75 team was the district's champion from 1927-
75 1930.

75 The council was generous in supporting
75 for many years St. Francis parish. It was also
75 famous for its Winter Carnival and annual
75 Mother's Day programs.

75 Many members never returned home
75 after World War II. Membership fell and in
75 1952, a group from Gardner was admitted to
75 our council which makes up a large segment of
75 our council.

75 Our motto: "For God and Country" was
75 well lived each year as we commemorate the
75 Feast of St. Casimir, our patron saint. We have
75 a Lithuanian cultural day with various prog-
75 rams. Our late member Charles Geraitis pro-
75 cures annually for us a proclamation from the
75 mayor, commemorating February 16 as
75 Lithuanian Day. We annually observe the
75 Kučios feast, sponsor the Altar boys' Christmas
75 party and hold a summer outing at the summer
75

LITHUANIANS

They came from Lithuania,
Many years ago,
They blended with America,
And a community began to grow.

There were many Lithuanians,
In those difficult years.
They filtered with the fabric,
With happiness and tears.

How can we remain united?
A question that was asked.
How can we share our culture?
Remained the major task.

How can we give our children,
Our Lithuanian roots,
How can we as Catholics
Cultivate these fruits?

And the Lord in all his wisdom,
Granted us our prayer
Thru a man named Mikolas Norkunas,
He developed us with care.

We became the Knights of Lithuania
In that early time,
For God and for Country,
We put our cause to rhyme.

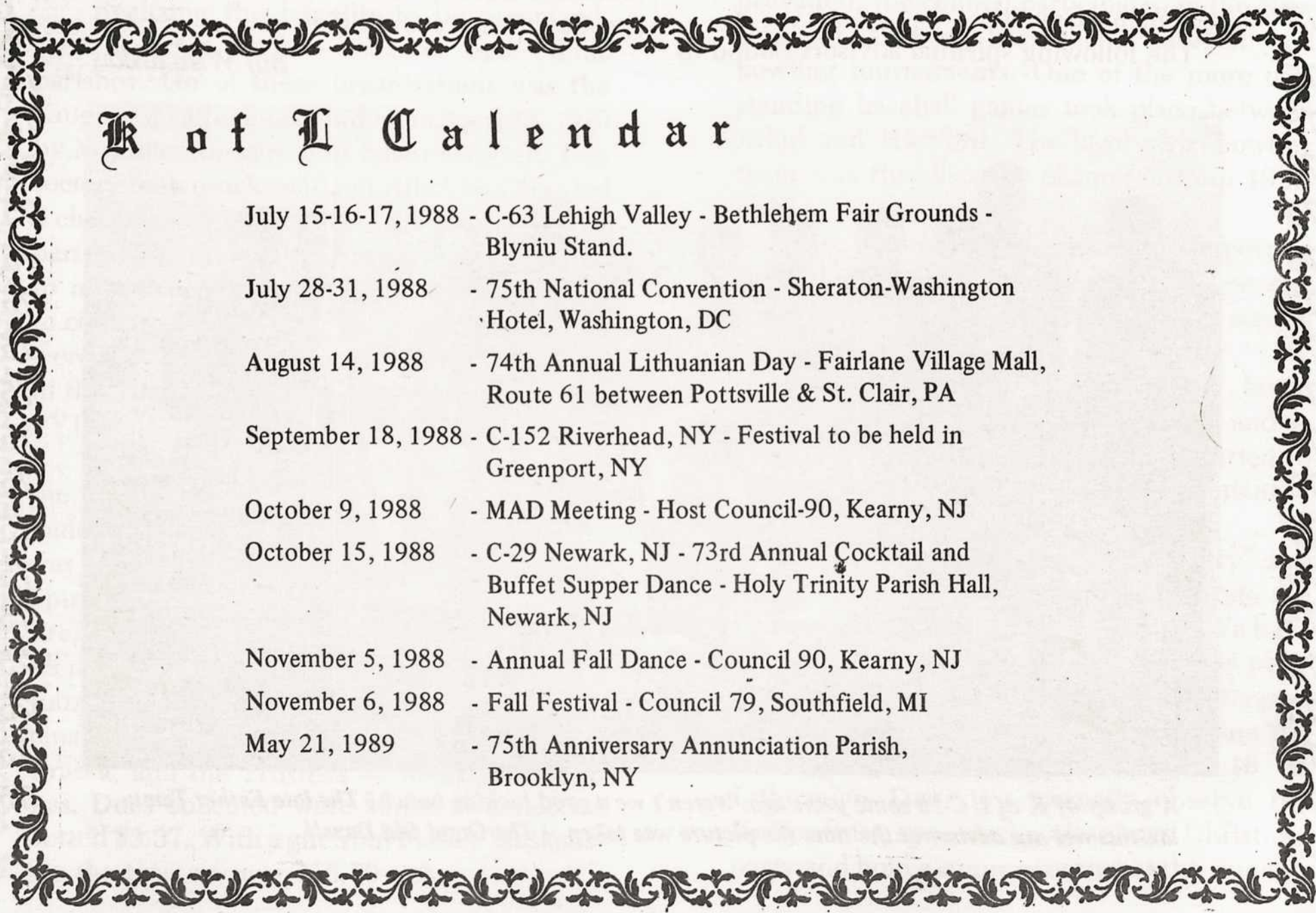
We sing the Vyciu Himnas,
Even to this day
It began in 1913,
And we are strong in every way.

We celebrate 75 this year
A wonderful Jubilee,
So we'll all meet in Washington
In the land of the brave and the free.

Each year we come together,
To attend our national convention,
To work and play, to plan and hope
And to pray for our special intention.

As long as one Lithuanian lives
Lithuania will always be.
We will continue to work,
Until Lithuania is set free.

Maryte Lepera



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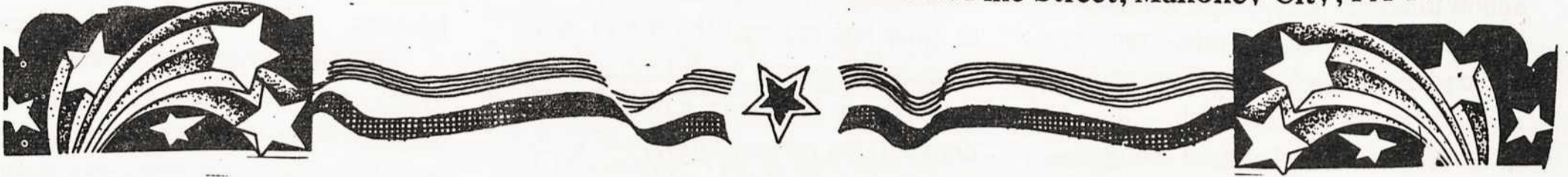
- July 15-16-17, 1988 - C-63 Lehigh Valley - Bethlehem Fair Grounds -
Blyniu Stand.
- July 28-31, 1988 - 75th National Convention - Sheraton-Washington
Hotel, Washington, DC
- August 14, 1988 - 74th Annual Lithuanian Day - Fairlane Village Mall,
Route 61 between Pottsville & St. Clair, PA
- September 18, 1988 - C-152 Riverhead, NY - Festival to be held in
Greenport, NY
- October 9, 1988 - MAD Meeting - Host Council-90, Kearny, NJ
- October 15, 1988 - C-29 Newark, NJ - 73rd Annual Cocktail and
Buffet Supper Dance - Holy Trinity Parish Hall,
Newark, NJ
- November 5, 1988 - Annual Fall Dance - Council 90, Kearny, NJ
- November 6, 1988 - Fall Festival - Council 79, Southfield, MI
- May 21, 1989 - 75th Anniversary Annunciation Parish,
Brooklyn, NY

Council Activities

Vyčiai Veiklia

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MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

The District sponsored a Get Acquainted Pizza Party on March 7, 1988 at Bit O'Magic for the K of L Juniors of Councils 24, 36 and 112.

All the pizza you can eat and soda you can drink including a Magic Show with the help of some of our Junior members. It was a lot of fun!

The Junior Council coordinators (3rd Vice Pres.) are doing a fantastic job. The Junior Councils are growing through the efforts of C-112 Junior Leader Maria Deksnis, C-36 Sabina Henson and C-24 Ausra Padalino.

Julie Zakarka, MAMD 3rd V.P.



Mid-America District Juniors at Pizza Social.



Mid-America Juniors - C-24, 36, 112 - at Magic Show.

C-26 — WORCESTER

We would like to share some news and events with you.

A very successful "no expense" military whist party held in March netted a healthy profit. Quite a feat, but Geraldine Tagman did it and gave lots of credit to her workers.

Mildred and Charles Lapinskas and Frances and Charles Kulakusky tried their luck in Las Vegas in April. Alex and Mary Anusauskas tried theirs in Atlantic City. Guess they made out fine since no one wired home for a barrel!

Wedding congratulations to Leo-

nard and Nancy Ramsdell and to Edward and Geraldine (Tagman) Palilunas who were married in May. Silver wedding congratulations to Carol and Bill Grigas who were honored at a surprise party by their children Caryn and William in May. More congratulations to Caryn Grigas who completed her beautician's education and is now making ladies beautiful.

To Vivian and Alfred Rodgers, congratulations on the birth of their first grandchild and on being selected Square Dance Couple of the year.

Prayerful sympathy to our spiritual advisor, Father John Petrauskas MIC on the death of his sister. And keep in your prayers for their immediate return to good health Vincent Grazulis, Marty Kamendulis, Joseph Sakaitis, Adele Tagman, Mary Ulevich, Leonore Adamonis and Brita Meilus.

Representing our parish at the Cathedral of St. Paul on April 24 for the Vespers in honor of Our Lady for Marian Year were the following K of L'ers whose voices blended in a beautiful special Diocesan Choir: L Beatrice Anton, Frances Degutis, Francis Ginkus, Walter Grimala, Olga Kersis, Lillian and Alphonse Kondrotas, Ann Leseman, Eduardas Meilus Jr., Vivian Rodgers, Ann and Stephen Walinsky and Aldona Waska.

Withold and Virginia Ivaska and committee served a scrumptious Lenten fish dinner for the March meeting, and a general committee planned the pot luck supper for the April meeting. Featured at the March meeting was Brita Meilus who spoke on "Blindness." Brita lost her sight rather suddenly a few years ago. Just recently, Brita was hospitalized for several weeks for treatment of a tumor on her spine. Not to be foiled by life's blows, Brita continues to help others with her talks. For her and all our members who have health concerns,

we pledge our prayers.

Our spiritual director Father John Petrauskas MIC was invited to give the main address at the May graduation exercises of Marianapolis Preparatory School where he served as headmaster for many years. Also Father John has enlisted the aid of K of L'ers in the search for religious vocations. If you have even a hint of being drawn to the religious life, have a chat with Father. He'll help you.

Kudos to Ann Bender who continues month after month to send out a wonderful council newsletter.

Father Gabriel OFM of St. Anthony's Monastery in Kennebunkport will be host to the NED retreat to be held the weekend of June 17, 18, and 19.

Sharon Gouin decided to change her occupation and her dream of becoming an electrician will soon become a reality!

Final scores and awards for bowling are in the works right now, to be announced in May.

Have a healthy, safe and happy summertime and see you all at the National Convention in Washington. Iki malonaus pasimatymo!

"Dzūkelė"



C-50 New Haven Officers - Front row: Bernice Barile, Audrey Toole, Alice Gedrim, Helen Balchus. Back row: Helen Medley, Isabel Peterson, Anne Meskins, Pres. Frank Peterson, Mary Geipel, Al Gutasukas, Anthony Kordosky, Geo. Kiselius, Rev. Albert Karalis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church.

C-50 — NEW HAVEN

Our annual St. Casimir's Palm Sunday Food Fair was a great success. Thanks to all, especially Theresa Strimaitis, Betty Gybowski and Irene Meizies.

Welcome back, Mr. Girdauskas! Thanks for your first-prize Lithuanian sausage. Special thanks to Edith Kazlauskas for her all-butter raisin Easter bread. Thanks to all who baked beautifully decorated cakes. Thanks to Helen Medley for those beautiful straw crosses.

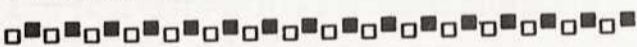
Easter Sunday celebration started with a solemn procession with Leo Tamulis leading, followed by Al Gedrim, Mr. Markevicius, Helen Balchus, Julia Glynn, Frank Peterson and Father Karalis, singing "Linksma Diena" with the choir. Theresa Strimaitis, Mary Yesukevich, Marion Meshako, Stella Leikus, Isabel Peterson, George Kisielius, John Saulys and Sam Meshako formed the choir. They presented their special Easter Lithuanian Mass arrangement with John Bernardini, organist. Father Karalis was the celebrant. It was another joyous Easter Sunday morning commemorating the



C-74 Scranton ladies serving dessert for MAD Meeting guests on March 13, 1988. From left: Ona Matulevich, Rose Stanches, Patsy Simms, Ann Patelunas, Mary Costello, Della Zvirblis.

Ann Lisowski, Marie Laske, Dick Laske, Nellie Bayoras, Dorothy Banos, Marcell Kukaitis, Della Zvirblis, Lillian Labas, Julie Krutles, Joan No-reika, Jean Keregas, Ann Smith and Helen Roginsky. Thanks to all!

Congratulations to Richard Laske who was recently named Volunteer of the Year at the 17th annual recognition luncheon of Voluntary Action Center for his work at Holy Family Residence.



C-96 — DAYTON JUNIORS

In October we had our Halloween party at the home of our advisors, Joe and Chris Fletcher. There were costume prizes given out.

We had our Christmas party in December. Election of officers was held. We met at the home of our advisors.

Our new officers are Julia

Goecke, president; Aaron Geiger, vice president; Missy Knapp and Steve Keivel, secretaries; Dara Goecke, treasurer and Molly Geiger and Rob Pant, sergeants at arms.

In February we had our Valentine Bake Sale and Raffle. We made a profit of 230 dollars.

Right now plans are underway for our annual May Crowning, Mother's Day breakfast and program.

We Juniors will also sell Lithuanian T-shirts at the International Festival.

Julia Goecke



C-100 — AMSTERDAM

Following attendance at the Lithuanian Mass celebrated by Rev. Baltch, members met in St. Casimir's Social Center for their regular monthly meeting.

President Radzevich asked Fa-

ther Baltch to say the opening prayers. Secretary Eleanor Olechowski thanked Irene Tice for substituting for her at the February meeting. Sophie Olbie reported on the favorable outcome of the Lithuanian Independence Day Dinner.

Betty Kuzmich, chairman of the March dual commemoration of the national organization's diamond jubilee and St. Casimir's Day corporate communion and luncheon, thanked all who attended. Rima Hartvigas, Michael Mikolaitis and Joseph Nikstenas received their second degrees. Adeline Raila was commended on her interesting talk on St. Casimir. Judy Kastraveckas and Helen Wojcik assisted her.

Rev. Baltch installed Sadie Dzekciorius and Nancy Yakas in the First Degree and Harold and Irene Tice in the Second Degree.

Rev. Baltch, Sophie Olbie, Sadie Karbocius, Ann Beleckas, Gene Gobis and Edward Baranauskas were recognized for their continuous membership since the reorganization of the council.

Cultural Chairman Polly Žiaušys touched on the works of Bishop Antanas Baranauskas, one of the best-known Lithuanian poets. "Dainų Dainelė" (The Song of Songs) consisting of 24 stanzas and "The Forests of Anykščiai" are considered the best-known. He died in 1902 at his desk



C-100 Amsterdam - Anthony Radzevich showing the art of carving wood to Jessica Jasewicz at their meeting.



C-100 Amsterdam, NY — 3 members receiving Second degrees. L to r: Rev. Baltch, Spiritual Advisor; Rima Hartvigas, Michael Mikolaitis, Joseph Nikstenas. Ritual Chairman Betty Kuzmich presiding.

while working on the translation of the Bible into Lithuanian.

Lithuanian Day at the Auriesville Shrine will be held on August 28 with Bishop Paul Baltakis celebrating the Mass.

Congratulations to Joseph Shatas, Jr., and wife Mary on the recent addition to their family. It was a girl!

Refreshments were served by Sadie LaTorre, Polly Žiaušys, Adeline Raila, Nancy Yakas and Irene Tice.

Smile and Sparkle

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

Talk about dedication — two meetings in a month! The second meeting was held on the eve of our annual May breakfast. At the conclusion of the brief business session, all enjoyed the New England Saturday night fare of franks and beans and then pitched in to set up tables and booths for the following day's activities.

Sunday, after 10:30 Mass over 120 parishioners and friends relished a breakfast in the church hall. That is traditional in this state.

The committee consisting of all of the membership was headed by

Irene Landansky. Special mention for the cooks, waiters, ticket sellers and to the people who supplied and manned the booths. Brisk business was noted at the raffle tables and especially at the plant sale table.

Beatrice and Victor Mathieu left for South Boston immediately after their meal to represent the council at the Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Peter's Church on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the priesthood of Rev. Albert J. Contons.

Plans are under way for our participation in Lawrence, MA on May 15 for the NED 75th anniversary celebration Mass to be followed by graveside ceremony for Tėvas Norkunas. On May 22 we hope to attend Father Janiunas 40th anniversary to the priesthood Mass of Thanksgiving.

Treasure your priests. Where would the K of L or Lithuania be if it were not for their dedication? We pray that God will keep them healthy and that by their continued example may spur and foster sorely needed vocations.

UN QUI PRI POUR LITHUANIE

C-109 GREAT NECK, NY

The month of June has kept many of our members very busy with graduation, weddings, cookouts and vacations. Nevertheless our final meeting for the summer season held on June 12th had a good attendance perhaps because our wonderful Social Committee headed by Martha Krug served pizza, coffee and cake. Our annual picnic held at Kings Point Park on June 26th was a social success with good food, drinks and several out of



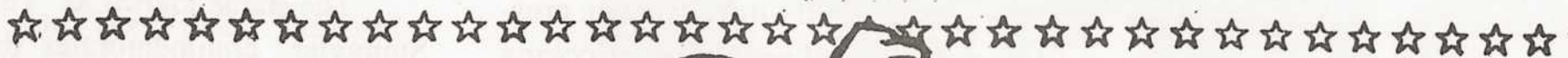
C-109 Great Neck, NY - Members at Annual Communion Breakfast - Linda Sheshene, Aldona Dallago, Phil & Lou Ann Rutha, Jack Malis and Stanley Simonavich.

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nic Week Committee, the 74th annual Lithuanian Day will open the Eastern Europe Ethnic Week at Boscov's in the Fairlane Village Mall, Route 61 between Pottsville and St. Clair, on Sunday, August 14.

Entertainment will be provided by the Vėtra Dancers and the local Knights Lady of Šiluva Choir. Chairman for the Lithuanians is Bernard Zilaitis of Frackville, assisted by Ed and Ann Carlitus of Ringtown.

A Lithuanian Day banquet will be held at Annunciation BVM Hall, Frackville, August 13. Jack Joseph, Frackville, is chairman.

Donations were made to the National Scholarship Fund and Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid.

Members of the council will attend the International Lithuanian Dance Festival in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Helen Chesko, Frank Volin, Mahanoy City, and Anne Wargo of St. Clair represented the council at the 75th anniversary of Council 3 in Philadelphia.

Chairman of the cultural center, Eleanor Vaičaitis of Frackville, announced the center located at 27 S. Broad Mountain Ave., Frackville, will be open Saturdays and Sundays during the summer months from 2 to 5 p.m.

Council members and friends are urged to attend the Lithuanian Mass at our Lady of Šiluva Church, Maizeville, at noon, the last Sunday of the month. Music will be provided by the Šiluva Choir under the direction of Regina Straka of Shenandoah with Eileen Barlow at the organ.

ONA

C-152 — RIVERHEAD

Due to the fact that Easter fell on our regular meeting date, our meeting was held on April 10. The meeting was chaired by Adele Latinis in the absence of President John Sokel.

The main topic of discussion was our coming festival. Muriel Leksutis, the chairman, said that things are progressing well and beginning to fall in place.

This will be our third annual affair. Music will be by Joe Thomas for dancing and listening pleasure. There will be crafts, baked goods, raffle prizes, food and various vendors.

The festival will be held at the American Legion Hall in Greenport, September 18, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission will be two dollars for adults and one dollar for children.

More information will be available at the next meeting.

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