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We wish all our members, friends and business associates a very Happy Thanksgiving - Linksma Kalakuto Diena!!!

IMAGES OF LITHUANIA

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After visiting Lithuania, I believe I have a much greater appreciation of my Lithuanian heritage and the freedom I possess as an American. The aims of this essay are to give the reader an account of my trip to Lithuania and to show why any citizen of the United States should be grateful for individual rights and freedom.

The Leningrad Express

The train which my father and I had taken from Warsaw, Poland to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania was the Leningrad Express. The trip took a total of twelve hours, four of which were spent waiting at the border of Poland and the Soviet Union. During these four hours, Polish customs went from compartment to compartment checking passports and luggage. Then the train had to switch tracks, I believe from the smaller Polish rails to the wider Soviet rails. I was told this was a practice started after the turn of the century in order to make it more difficult for invading armies.

After the train switched tracks, it was the Soviet Union's turn to check passports and visas. They then asked us to leave our compartment so they could search it. We were then asked to open three suitcases and one carry on. Fortunately nothing was confiscated.

Roads and Cars

The conditions of the roadways, whether inner city or highway, were very poor. There were potholes everywhere,

from three inches deep to nine inches. While driving with a professor from Vilnius University, he said that every year they pave the roads, but every year more pot holes turn up. It reminded me of New York City.

The cars all look pretty much the same with only slight variations due to the year they were made. They look like Volvos, with the exceptions of the latest model, which look like Hyundais. The reason for this, I was told, is that all cars come from Russia and are mass produced with a minimum of change.

Housing

The majority of people live in apartments. The exterior, grounds and hallways are not very well kept, due to the fact that nobody wants to put money into something they do not own.

The apartment itself is another story. All of the apartments, a number of six, were furnished nicely and kept very clean. Since most people have the same apartment most of their lives, they spend time and money improving what little the government has given them. Apartments are very scarce. Newlyweds move in with their parents and it is not uncommon for five people to live in a two bedroom apartment.

The cleanliness may only be due to the fact that they knew guests were coming. But, I feel that is how the apartments are kept at all times.

The people living in the same building usually work at the same place.

People living on a collective farm do have their own houses, but the houses are very primitive by American standards. They have four rooms, no indoor plumbing, and no telephone. The heating system in the house is merely a brick oven which measures eight feet by eight feet. What the farm houses lacked in modern utilities, it made up for in the beautiful Lithuanian countryside in which it was situated.

Jobs

The government chooses what you do for a living. Since they do follow a communist philosophy, everyone must have a job. But that does not mean everyone works. Lack of interest in one's job is very common since everyone gets approximately the same pay (about 200 rubles per month - official rate of exchange about 60 cents to one ruble).

Since money is truly not the objective of getting a good job, status is. Having a high ranking job simply gives you greater opportunities to obtain goods.

Even though living on a collective farm is not a high status position, it has one valuable advantage. You are able to keep livestock, which means you do not have to stand on line for milk, eggs, or meat, all of which are in scarce supply in the cities.

Shopping

The task of shopping is a long and arduous one. "Waiting" is the key word, whether you want to buy food or clothing.

Stores are divided into several different sections (meat, bread, fruits, etc., or hats, shirts, coats, etc.) You stand on line, then get admitted to a particular section. Then you stand on line to pay for that item. The lines are quite long, and it is easy to see how it could possibly take an entire day to shop for food.

Food is not too expensive, but clothing, stereo equipment and automobiles are. A simple button down shirt costs twenty rubles, a small cassette player about two thousand rubles and a car nine thousand rubles. It takes about four years of an average workers earnings to buy a car. Cars may be bought on time, but you must pay for the car in advance completely before delivery.

Ideologies

Aside from a gentleman whom I knew to be a member of the Lithuanian Communist Party, the people I talked to all wanted pretty much the same thing. They know that "glasnost" and "perestroika" (change for the better) are simply a joke. Those are just terms used by the Soviet government for public relations with the rest of the world. The ordinary Lithuanian person is not truly concerned with the question which is better, communism or capitalism. They simply want a better way of life.

The Church

There are many beautiful, old, historic churches in Lithuania. I was shocked to see the Vilnius Cathedral turned into a picture gallery, something unspeakable in America. I do not think Lithuanians are any more religious or irreligious than most Americans. But, I was impressed by their religious fervor in the churches I did visit during Holy Week and on Easter morning. Those who do believe, I feel, believe more passionately and strongly than in America. The Easter morning Mass in my grandmother's village lasted about three hours. The church was packed. The Mass was said and sung in Latin with the priest facing the altar most of the time. The men stood to the right side of the church. The women stood to the left side. Almost every woman received Holy Communion. Almost every man did not.

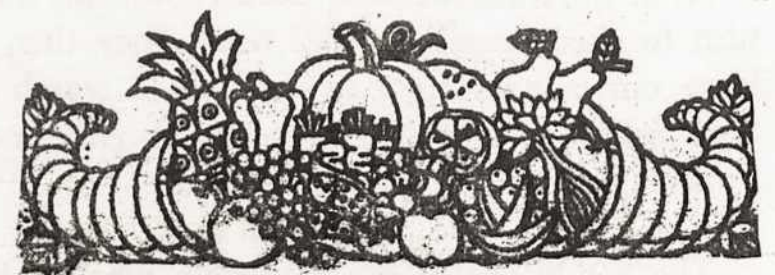
A priest friend of my father's visited us in Vilnius. He showed us around the many beautiful churches of the city. He wanted to take us on a tour of some of the churches and shrines in the countryside, but was denied permission to do so by government authorities. I felt very bad about this, because here was a good human being, mistreated simply because he was a priest. But I admired how he handled himself and the situation with true Christ-like humility and dignity. Such a situation would be unthinkable in America. I wondered about how many more silent martyrs there were in Lithuania.

Oppression

I detected a serious feeling of oppression in Lithuania, which is hard to describe to a person who has not been there. Perhaps it could easily be summed up by what a young student friend of mine had said.

We were on a street corner and the light was red, but no cars were coming. I said, "In New York, we'd cross now." Then my friend turned to me and said, "We wait until it's green. What do we have to hurry to?"

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



GOD AND GORBACHEV

by Albert Cizauskas

What is it with Gorbachev and religion? Has he become a closet Christian? He has permitted rumors to circulate that his mother is an old believer, with images of Christ hidden in her home behind those of Marx and Lenin, and that he, Gorbachev, might even have been baptized. In a recent interview with the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*, he referred to his difficulties in restructuring (perestroika) the ailing Soviet economy by stating, with a mixture of sarcasm and humility, that he cannot duplicate the miracle in the desert when Christ fed 20,000 men with five loaves and two fishes. Can this really be a successor of Stalin, the butcher of millions of Christians, speaking?

Perhaps a small clue that Gorbachev is still a card-carrying communist is that his knowledge of the New Testament is deficient. The gospels mention five thousand men as being miraculously fed. Gorbachev was the typical, Soviet exaggeration, although this time on the side of religion. More importantly, the dynamic Soviet dictator, in a much-publicized interview with the head of the Russian Orthodox church, confessed that the Soviet Union had made "tragic mistakes in its past treatment of religion". He then pledged that the government would "no longer interfere with the rights of believers." An unprecedented pledge? No. In fact, the Soviet legal system has long guaranteed freedom of religion, as it does freedom of speech. Yet, in the words of a political analyst, never before in history has a state persecuted religion as brutally as the Soviet Union.

So is Gorbachev putting on a show without substance? If so, what are we to make of his release of religious prisoners of conscience and the ceremonial reopening of churches? And what of Glasnost, the official Gorbachev policy of openness which is said to include religion?

What we can say thus far is that about 250 prisoners of conscience have been released, among them Vytautas Skuodis, and the restrictions on Jewish emigration have been slightly relaxed. The seizure of a Roman Catholic church in Klaipeda has been ended and the building is to be returned to religious use. The Orthodox Danilov monastery near Moscow has been restored and scrubbed clean of years of enforced neglect in time to show it to President Reagan. Other instances of gloves-on handling of religion can be cited but these are enough to indicate their selective nature.

That's one side of the icon. The other side is that about 200 dissidents still remain incarcerated, Balys Gajauskas among them, and Bishop Steponavicius of Vilnius continues in compulsory exile for his twenty-eighth year. One of the most insidious acts of persecution is that the KGB continues to screen Lithuanian applicants to the priesthood. The great Cathedral of Vilnius, erected 600 years ago on the ruins of a pagan temple, remains a communist museum. And near to Russia's Danilov monastery is another Orthodox monastery, restoration of which is still forbidden and which is off-limits to the President.

During a recent White House seminar on religious rights in the Soviet Union, the assembled representatives of various faiths attested that, while the Leninist doctrine of religious oppression has been eased somewhat here and there, glasnot has made little headway against the Soviet state's underlying hostility toward religion. Religious activists continue to be beaten, imprisoned and deprived of their rights.

In the meantime, as President Reagan declared at the seminar, "The more religion is suppressed, the more it grows." Faced with this phenomenon, and wishing to gain popular support for his economic reforms, Gorbachev has cleverly, and with considerable publicity, handed out small favors to various groups. With regard to religion, these favors have been virtually costless, like a few church reopenings. But still he faces a dilemma in that the more religion is recognized, the less Soviet the Soviet state becomes. And with many of the subject peoples of the communist empire, religion is inextricably bound up with nationalism, as with the Ukrainians, the Armenians, the Moslems, and the Lithuanians. Even the prestigious "Economist" of London has recognized this political fact of life in Eastern Europe. It recently wrote:

"Lithuania, a staunchly Catholic land which received its Christianity not from the east but from the west, has been much influenced by events there is in Lithuania a close connection between the local Catholic church and the struggle for more autonomy."

So what can we say of Gorbachev and religion? As has been Russia's fate throughout its long and troubled history, the more things change in that unhappy land, and more they remain the same.

QUICK QUOTES:

A housewife hires a woman to do her cleaning so that she can do volunteer work in the nursery where the cleaning woman leaves her children.

The Name of the Tune

—What do you call a Russian symphony orchestra after a tour of the West?

—A String Quartet!

LIETUVOS KREPŠINIO IR PLAUKIMO TĒVAS

V. GRYBAUSKAS

Šiomet sukanka 51 m., kai Lietuvos krepšinio rinktinė 1937 Rygoje iškovojo pirmąjį Europos krepšinio nugalėtojo titulą. Tuo laimėjimu krepšinis pasidarė mūsų tautinis sportas. 1939 buvo laimėtas antras Europos krepšinio nugalėtojo titulas, po antrojo pasaulinio karo išėmimo krepšininkai toliau "pynė" laimėjimų vainiką Europoje, P. Amerikoje, Australijoje, Kanadoje ir kitur, o Lietuvoje likę krepšininkai su Kauno "Žalgiriu" toliau tęsia šią tradiciją ir garsina Lietuvos vardą.

Šia proga tikriausia ne vienam dar būtų įdomu išgirsti ką nors apie tuos garsiuosius mūsų krepšininkus, žvilgterėti kur jie atsidūrė ir ką nuveikė po karo ir kaip leidžia šiuo metu savo senatvės dienas.

DR. K. SAVICKAS ATVYKSTA Į LIETUVĄ

Dr. K. Savickas už tas dvi mūsų garsias rinktines nežaidė, bet jis davė joms pradžia — ne tik joms, bet ir visam mūsų krepšiniui, o taip pat ir plaukimui. Iš tikrųjų krepšinio pradžia Lietuvoje laikoma 1922 metai: buvo atsiradę keletas komandų, vyko ir rungtynių net ir tarpvalstybinių. Tačiau krepšinis nepajėgė išsivystyti iš primitivios padėties, nerado pritarimo, nerado entuziazmo. Reikėjo kad 1935 į Lietuvą atvyktų būrys Amerikos lietuvių sportininkų ir vienas iš jų, būtent dr. Konstantinas Savickas (iš tikrųjų Savickus), nutarė pasilikti Lietuvoje.

Jis vienerių metų amžiaus kartu su tėvais atkeliavęs į Ameriką. Apie Lietuvą buvo girdėjęs tik iš tėvų ir, pats ją pamatęs, panorė iš arčiau pažinti ir ką nors gero jai ir lietuviams duoti. Jis pasiliko, nepaisydamas, kad Čikagoje jau turėjo advokato darbą. Tuoju pradėjo dirbti su krepšininkais, — iš įvairių klubų, įvairiuose miestuose, parodė pirmuosius tikrus žingsnius, techniką, mokė ir taktikos, dėstė teisėjų kursuose, net parašė brošiūrą apie krepšinio pagrindus. Iš krepšiasvydžio pasidarė krepšinis, kurs pradėjo plėstis kaip "ant mielių". Tačiau apie tai jau esame nemažai skaitę. Todėl nenuostabu, kad dr. Savickas yra laikomas mūsų krepšinio tėvu.

Už metų jis grįžo į Čikagą, bet neiškentęs ir galvodamas, kad dar per mažai padarė, 1938 jis vėl atvyko į Lietuvą, šį kartą laimė nusišypsojo plaukikams ir šuolininkams į vandenį. Jiems Savickas dėstė treniruočių metodus, gerino techniką, mokė šuolių į vandenį. Pažanga matėsi jau pirmose plaukimo varžybose, kur rekordai "krito" vienas po kito.

Kūno kultūros rūmų direktorius V. Augustauskas jį kvietė pasilikti Lietuvoje, sakydamas: "Pasilik, Konnie, čia būsi didelė žuvis mažame prūde, o grįžęs būsi maža

žuvis dideliam ežere. Bet Savicko laukė darbas, o be to jis nujautė artėjantį karą ir atsakė: "Gaila, tačiau noriu būti tik gyva žuvis..." Su juo atsisveikindamas, Lubinas pasakė "Konnie tu pasodinai medį, o aš skinu vaisius..."

Pirmiausiai sporto srityje atstovavo universitetui golfo ir plaukimo (50 ir 100 m nugara) varžybose. Plaukimui: mankštinaisi kartu su garsiuoju Weissmueller, kuris buvo jo draugas. Taip pat žaidė ir krepšinį. 1928 jis įstojo į Čikagos "Vyčių" organizaciją ir tuoj pradėjo reikštis kaip stiprus organizatorius. Suorganizavo 5 komandų golfo lygą ir 12 parapijų komandų krepšinio lygą. Kai tos organizacijos leidžiamam laikraščiui VYTIS grėsė sužlugimas, Savicko iniciatyva ir pastangos jį išgelbėjo. Jis parašė dramą "Prohibicijos darželis", kuri buvo pastatyta trijose parapijose tik nepasiekė Broadway... Daug metų buvo VYČIO leidėjas ir tos organizacijos tiesinis patarėjas. Savo profesijoje daug metų išbuvo valstijos prokuroro padėjėju, vėliau teismų prižiūrėtoju kol pagaliau išėjo į pensiją kaip miesto teisės skyriaus viršininkas.



VYTAUTAS AUGUSTAUSKAS – 1941 M.

Nuo 1934 metų Kūno Kultūros Rūmų ir Aukštosios Kūno Kultūros mokyklos direktorius. Lietuvoje jam kaip Kūno Kultūros Rūmų direktoriui teko vadovauti visam sporto gyvenimui: sporto organizacijoms, tvarkyti visose pradžios, vidurinėse ir aukštosiose mokyklose studentų sportą bei fizinę auklėjimą. Nužudytas Sibire.

'Dede Kastukas Sako'

WHAT'S NEXT FOR ME?

How far do you want to go in Life? Set your goal to go to the top in any job you do, that's the way to success and self-satisfaction. Look back today and see what you have accomplished so far

Did you put away a substantial sum of money for the future? (More money won't make you any happier). Do you have any good dependable friends? (If you have two, you're lucky). Have you taken care of your health? (It's your body, so you're the only one responsible for its condition). Are you taking care of your mind and brain with schooling, learning or reading? (Don't get rusty in that department). Have you helped any sick or unfortunate person get happier? (It's your heart and conscience that says, do it.) Try to improve your life, there isn't too much time to do it. To a certain extent, you're the boss of your destiny, helping others really makes for happiness.

Wow! \$100,000 To Play Ball.

Hey! It's the baseball season again. Does it make any sense to pay one hundred thousand dollars to anyone for playing six months like a kid to hit a ball with a stick, and catch a ball with a glove that looks like a basket? You say that's entertainment, or it gives one a sense of relaxation, and it's the National Pastime so it's a sacred institution Horseradish, I say. Can you live without it? Let those players till the soil, or open up a business, and earn their money. They can engage in the sport on week-ends and be paid a sensible salary. That big money should be given to the poor people so they reproduce and give us more poor kids? Hey Man, where do we go from here?

Let's try Basketball, where grown men get \$100,000 to play for five months with a big air-filled ball, and run like mad between two hanging hoops to put that ball in a basket Big Deal. These ball players should also be growing crops to help feed the poor, so the poor and their kids can become strong and healthy and reproduce more poor offspring. Can there be something wrong in our society concerning priorities of work, play, love, money did God make man to play his life away, or work the fields till he dies, or sacrifice his life to help others till he dies you tell me I'm not good at solving the mystery of life or living, but I do know when it leads to despair then it leads you to prayer.

Let's Beat the Rap

In the larger cities of the U.S. like New York, Chicago and San Francisco - thieves snatch purses, gold chains, wrist watches, from good people who walk on the city streets; then they run away or hop into a waiting auto to get away with the loot. In Moscow there's very little gold

walking around on the streets, but thieves are there too, so they have to concentrate on snatching fine fur hats off the head of walking victims and disappear.

Why do we have thieves all over the world? Even the early Bible refers to them, so one wonders are they born to steal? Generally they're smart alecks who are too lazy to work and think they can out-wit the police and the public. Another big problem in Russia, which they admit to, is the tendency of its citizens to indulge too much alcohol potato Vodka. The U.S. has that problem too, plus addicts for heroin and cocaine. Anyone who is curious and tries those drugs twice, becomes hooked on them for life - that's how powerful they are, and the peddlers know it so they are not users. If you don't get the drug after a couple shots, you go thru a withdrawal period of vomiting and rolling on the floor for hours. Thank the Lord there are sane people on the earth too, otherwise the world would go bananas.

A Little Freedom means Trouble in the USSR.

You haven't heard about ARMENIA in a long time. It's located in the heart of Russia, with a population of three million people, and has had hardships to exist similar to those experienced by Lithuania. The Turks and the Russians thru the years harrassed the Armenians and made life miserable for them. Finally the Russians with an iron fist, conquered that small nation, a la Stalin.

With alleged new civil rights expressed by Commie Gorbachev, Armenian patriots thru demonstrations in their Capitol of Yerevan, demanded more democratic freedom and a return to them of a section of their country called Nagorno-Karabakh transferred to Azarbaijian by Stalin in 1923. The Armenians there are Christians, while the Azarbaijians are Islamic. The Kremlin had to step in and prohibit demonstrations since violence broke out and 34 people were killed. Ethnic unrest and nationalist sentiment remains in the heart of conquered Armenians, just as it does in the hearts and minds of people in the Baltic States.

Communism can't change the love of freedom in any of its conquered nations. Every satellite country under Communist control is waiting for the opportunity to break away from Communist domination and declare its freedom and independence. There's unrest in the Georgia Republic, Czechoslovakia, Poland, etc., so reforms of openness and civil rights stated by Communist leader Gorbachev, are being repressed by the Kremlin and KGB wherever demonstrators demand them. All of Russia is held together by Scotch KGB Tape.

Did you notice that when Russia's Commies need help they get friendly with the United States but between treaties we're a heartless, war hungry Capitalistic bunch of Shnooks.

SON READING BOOK ON HIS NOTABLE FATHER, LEONARD SIMUTIS

"Fame is the perfume of heroic deeds." — Socrates
by Stanley Pieza

Leonard Simutis, outstanding leader of America's Lithuanians, was introduced to the United States in the Latin language.

One day in 1913, the Rev. Michael Krusas (who became the first Lithuanian in America to be elevated to a monsignor) introduced Leonard Simutis, who had just arrived from Lithuania and who was then 20 years of age, to the Most Rev. James Edward Quigley, the second archbishop of the Chicago Catholic archdiocese. When the archbishop began speaking in English to Leonard there ensued a moment of silence... Leonard shook his head for the only English he understood was "O.K."

Father Krusas explained that Leonard had studied Latin in a preparatory seminary in Kaunas, Lithuania, and Archbishop Quigley greeted Leonard in Latin — and they conversed lively in the language of the old Romans for several minutes.

The life-story of Leonard Simutis will be perpetuated in a book which is being documented exhaustively by his devoted son, Leonard Joseph Simutis.

Leonard Simutis Jr. (affectionately called Lenny) is probably one of the busiest men in the world even though he is retired from his college professorial work. He lives with his wife, Zita, a professional musician and his zealous helper, in a two-story home, 3551 W. 98th St., Evergreen Park, Illinois.

A great portion of their home is transformed into a repository for the documents of the late Leonard Simutis Sr. covering his personal life, his career as a writer, poet, editor, leader of organizations, statesman, and his devoted struggle for Lithuania's freedom.

The basement of the home contains a huge copying machine, computers, and filed along the walls in book shelves are over 10,000 pieces of correspondence, newspaper clippings, over 1,000 photos and personal letters.

Like a typical professor who prepares lessons for his class, young Leonard works daily on his book about his famous father, studying each item of his father's archives, indexing them and copying them. He does most of the sorting of his father's materials in a cataloguing room on the first floor which also contains numerous documents, including his dad's original diaries from 1936 to 1975. Also in the room are letters from U.S. presidents in connection

with the restoration of Lithuania's independence, from Lithuanian leaders such as Msgr. Krupavicius, Prof. Pakstas, Dr. Rackus, Prof. Eretas, Lithuania's Consul General Dauzvardis, and many more. Also in the collection is a copy of the history of the Knights of Lithuania written by Lenny's father for the Lithuanian Encyclopedia. There are also a collection of hundreds of badges his father wore attending various conventions across the United States of the Taryba, Balf, Darius-Girenas, the Knights of Lithuania, etc.

Meanwhile, Lenny collected some of his father's poems and published them in a book entitled "Ilgesio Valandeles" (Moments of Longing). The book contains most of the poems retyped by Lenny's mother and those corrected by his father. Said Lenny:

"This book of poems is dedicated to the memory of my father Leonard Simutis who devoted his entire life to his dear homeland, Lithuania."

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 29, 1920, the son of the late Simutis is a composer and music educator and a noted church organist and choir director. He received his bachelor's degree in music from DePaul University in Chicago in 1942 and his master's degree in 1949, the latter with the thesis "Lithuanian Music and the Characteristics of the Lithuanian Folk Song."

In 1961 the University of Ottawa granted him a doctorate — and he is known as Dr. Leonard Simutis.

For 10 years he also directed the Knights of Lithuania chorus of Chicago. Before his retirement recently, Leonard Jr. was a professor at DePaul University and later at the Chicago State University where he was head of the music department.

He has contributed articles on music topics to such publications as Chicago School Journal, the Musical Leader, Lituanus, and Muzikos Zinios (Music News).

He is a member of the American Association of University Professors, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Academy of Sciences and Art, the Institute of Lithuanian Studies, Music Educators National Conference, and the Knights of Lithuania.

In 1961, when Leonard Simutis Sr. was honored at the Lithuanian Youth Center in Chicago for his 50 years of leadership among America's Lithuanians, a Chicago Herald-American reporter asked him whether he would give up his

newspaper career. Simutis answered smilingly: "If I had to live my life over again I would be a newspaperman — without money but happy and with a good conscience."

Lenny described his father as "a genuine Roman Catholic gentleman," who was extremely patient when dealing with them. He was available whenever he was needed among Lithuanians. He was very proud of his family, children, their spouses, grandchildren, and he had many friends among the clergymen. He was a great orator with a sense of humor. At some of the events in the parishes poems written by him, usually under his pseudonym of L. Silelis, were read publicly. In the old days Leonard Simutis Sr. would entertain by playing on his guitar. A creator of dramatic works, he completed his last operetta, "Amerikietis," during July of 1938. His poem "I Tevyne" was composed by Alexander Aleksis and it had its final performance in Chicago by the Knights of Lithuania Choir of the Chicago District, under direction of Professor Anthony Pocius, November 8, 1931.

While working for "duona and druska," the senior Leonard studied journalism and English literature. He became an administrator of the VYTIS, the monthly journal of the Knights of Lithuania. Previously he edited the Katalikas and continued writing articles for other newspapers. He became editor of GARSAS, published by the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1918 and served in that capacity until 1926. He served as editor-in-chief of DRAUGAS from 1927 until 1952.

In the aftermath of World War I, Leonard Simutis Sr. was an outstanding leader in forging the drive for the independence of Lithuania. He was a member of the Lithuanian National Council and of the National Fund; the latter group raised 350,000 under Simutis leadership in one year for the purpose of creating Lithuanian information bureaus. He visited frequently the White House to demand recognition of Lithuania's independence. He and his group met with Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. He also made sure that Lithuania's independence day of February 16th was nationally recognized with official declarations from the U.S. presidents.

After the Soviet Union forcibly occupied Lithuania, he organized various Lithuanian factions into the American Lithuanian Council and served as its president from 1940 to 1965, when he was elected honorary president.

In recognition of Simutis' notable contributions to church and country, President Antanas Smetona of Lithuania, February 16, 1937, conferred upon him the Order of the Grand Duke Gediminas, and on June 25, 1952, Pope Pius XII awarded him the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal. Receiving the papal award at that time was Ignas Sakalas,

the well known Knights of Lithuania leader, a co-editor of DRAUGAS and editor of VYTIS.

Mr. Simutis made two trips to Lithuania, one in 1926, when he was elected and served in the Lithuanian parliament for one year, and again in 1935, when he was elected first vice-president of the Lithuanian Association of the World.

Americans of Lithuanian ancestry are grateful to Mr. Simutis for his cooperation with the United Lithuanian Catholic Charities of America which helped to establish the Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago, directed by the Sisters of St. Casimir, and the Holy Family Villa in Lemont, Illinois, for the care of the elderly.

He served as co-chairman for the "I Am an American Day" celebrations in Chicago's Soldier Field under sponsorship of the Chicago American newspaper from 1940 to 1950. In 1966 he was named as outstanding senior citizen and received an award from Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley. Simutis also served Chicago on a film censorship board and as an inspector for the Chicago police department.

He was a member of the committee which succeeded in getting Mayor Daley and Chicago's city council to designate the area in Chicago's Marquette Park, wherein are located the Lithuanian Nativity of the Blessed Mary Church, St. Casimir convent, the Holy Cross hospital, and the Darius-Girenas monument, as The Lithuanian Plaza. He was also a member of the commission to raise funds for the Darius-Girenas flight to Lithuania and to erect the Marquette park monument in their memory. He served as secretary of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation in America from 1932 to 1952 and a member of its board for nearly 50 years.

Simutis was born in 1892 in a farm family of eight children in a small village of Serikai in the district of Taurage located in Zemaitija part of Lithuania.

The last formal function that Lenny's father attended was the annual Chicago district Knights of Lithuania banquet held at the Chicago Martiniue on February 9, 1975, when Dr. George Wiltrakis was honored. His father — Leonard Simutis — was soon hospitalized after the banquet and died of cancer on April 17, 1975.

He was buried in St. Casimir cemetery following funeral services in the Nativity B.V.M. Church located in Chicago's Marquette Park area. A concelebrated Mass was held by Bishop Vincent Brizgys. The co-celebrants were Auxiliary Bishop Alfred Abramowicz, who represented Cardinal Cody; Bishop William Cousins of Milwaukee; the Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Nativity B.V.M. pastor; the Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas, Marian Fathers provincial, and the Rev. Joseph Vaskas, M.I.C.

Leonardas Simutis Sr. is buried in a plot of the St. Casimir cemetery near which are some of his buried friends... and today his living family members and his living friends pause in prayer and gratitude at the grave of Leonardas Simutis.

JEST KIDDING;

The father looked up from his racing news and noticed the baby in her buggy. Turning to his wife he says: "Baby's nose is running again." His wife snorted and snapped, "Don't you ever think of anything except Horse Racing?"

The First Family of Lithuania

Edward Baranauskas

The recently concluded superpower summit meeting in Moscow gave quite a bit of news coverage to the wives of the leaders of the two nations involved. It is interesting to note that history has been somewhat obscure in mentioning the personal lives of some of the great leaders of Lithuania. Who were some of these women?

Vytautas the Great, the most famous and most beloved of all of Lithuania's rulers, was the son of Grand Duke Kestutis and Birute. His mother was, at one time, one of the vestal virgins who tended and guarded the sacred fires atop the hill of Palanga before she renounced her vows in order to marry. She had three sons and three daughters, but it was her first born, Vytautas, who left his mark in history.

Birute commanded the love and respect of Vytautas and she exercised a marked influence upon him. During his lifetime, there were instances when he showed a strong devotion to this family. For example, he captured and executed a Teutonic Knight, Marquard Salzbach, during the battle of Tannenburg for insulting his mother some years before. On another occasion, he was ready to declare war against Alexander, Duke of Moldavia, for his unfair treatment of his wife, Ringaila, who also happened to be the sister of Vytautas.

Vytautas was married two times. His first wife was Anna, daughter of Algimintas, Duke of Alsenai. They had but one child, a daughter named Sophie. She was married at the age of 15 to Grand Duke Vasilii of Moscow, who had hoped the union would result in assurances from her father that he would not annex additional Muscovite territories to Lithuania. Vytautas, on the other hand, had sought to use the marriage as a means of strengthening his influence in Slavic lands.

Dutchess Anna died on July 31, 1418 and was buried beneath St. Michael's Altar in the Cathedral of Vilnius where Vytautas, too, wished to be interred.

The Grand Duke's second wife was Julianna, daughter of Duke Jonas Algimantaitis, the niece of

his first wife Anna. Since she was a near relative of Vytautas, Bishop Peter of Vilnius refused to perform the marriage ceremony for that reason. However, Bishop John Kropidlo of Kujawsk, a close friend of Vytautas, came to Vilnius with Jogaila and performed the marriage. This union produced no children and Sophie was the only child that Vytautas had.

He was as devoted to his wives as he had earlier been to his own family. He lavished riches upon his mates, and Duchess Anna's jewels were considered the most magnificent collection. During the illness of Julianna, he brought to her bedside the most able specialists that the Teutonic Knights could supply. In 1428, he named her heir to the Duchy of Naugardukas.

On October 13, 1430, while traveling from Vilnius to Trakai, he fell from his horse and had to complete the rest of the journey in his wife's coach. He remained in bed from that day on and his condition did not improve. He realized that the end was near and he reconciled with his cousin, Jogaila, and requested him to be the protector of his wife, nobles and dukes. Bishop Matthew of Vilnius administered the last rites and on October 27, 1430 Vytautas passed away at the age of 80. He was buried in Vilnius under the Cathedral.

The Lithuanian people lost its greatest leader with the passing of Vytautas and from that moment on, the destiny of Lithuania became more and more complicated and uncertain.

Can you unscramble the following Lithuanian cities?

1. SAKUNA
2. LUNIVIS
3. DĒPILAKA
4. IULAŠIAI
5. KARATI

Trapped in Amber

By: Gloria W. Lannom

One hot, sunny prehistoric afternoon an ant took a walk along a pine tree branch. Along the way it stepped in a drop of sticky tree pitch or resin. Have you ever touched the thick, sticky resin oozing from a pine tree or pine board? Then you know how hard it is to get it off your fingers.

The ant was unable to escape. It was trapped in the resin. More resin slowly covered its body. The drop of resin hardened in the air and sealed in the ant.

Many years later the pine tree died and fell. The lump of resin with the ant inside it was buried in the earth. But it did not decay with the tree. The resin turned into a fossil, called amber. Most of the ant's body dried out and left a mold in the amber. Now there was a fossil of the ant inside the amber fossil. In this form both would last for ages.

Millions of years later the piece of amber with the ant inside washed up on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Today amber is still found there, sometimes washed up by waves after a storm. Insect fossils in amber have also been found in other parts of the world, from Alaska to Indonesia.

Many fossils preserved in rock show only the outlines of plants or skeletons of animals that once were alive. All you can see are "printed" outlines of their bodies and scales or feathers. But amber has sealed plant and animal fossils in a hard, glasslike substance. They loom almost the way they did when they were alive.

You can find insects such as ants, flies and wasps in amber. Leaves, feathers and seeds have been sealed in amber too. Even spiders and tiny lizards have been preserved in this way.

Of course not all amber holds animals or plant fossils. Some is clear and free of extras. Other pieces have air bubbles in them that make interesting designs.

A lot of amber was formed at least 40 million years ago. But scientists now think that some amber may have begun to form as long ago as 100 million years.

Stone Age people wore rough amber beads thousand of years ago. Later people traded amber for things they wanted.

Because of its beauty, amber has long been used to make jewelry and other pretty things. Amber rings, beads, tiny perfume bottles and small amber statues have been dug up near the bay of Naples in Italy. They had belonged to the Romans who lived in the ancient city of Pompeii.

During the Middle Ages, people collected amber along the Baltic coast in northern Europe and took it all the way to Constantinople in Turkey. There the amber was carved into jewelry.

People once believed that amber could cure or prevent some diseases. They also wore amber around their necks for good luck or to keep danger away. Today amber is still carved and polished. And it is still valued as a beautiful jewel.

The best amber for jewelry is translucent. Light seems to shine down into its depths. But cloudy amber is beautiful too, even though you can't see through it.

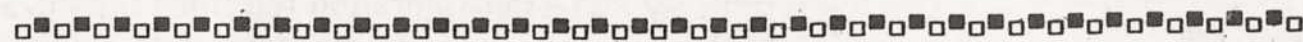
Amber comes in different colors. It can be light yellow or deep orange brown. Black and blue pieces of amber are rare. Some amber is fluorescent and shines under special light.

How you can tell if it is real or fake?

The ancient Greeks called amber "electron". They knew that when amber is rubbed, it makes static electricity-causing little pieces of dust or lint to cling to the amber. The same kind of electricity sometimes makes your clothes cling to you. Some kinds of plastic may look very much like amber. But when you rub them they won't make static electricity. This is one way of telling them apart.

Another way to tell whether amber is real or fake is to see whether it floats in a strong salt solution. Real amber will sink to the bottom. Fake amber will float.

Amber burns too. It smells like pine when it's on fire.



That's Incredible, Camrade

"I used to watch soap operas when I lived in Russia," says comedian Yakov Smirnoff. Like "One Day to Live" or "Last Days of Our Lives". Then there were game shows like: "Bowling for Food" and "Marx and Mindy," "Love Barge" and "Leave it to Brezhnev". but the best show was one about the man who had opportunity to leave Russia but stayed. It was called "That's Incredible".

The Good Word

A Soviet dissident pushed his luck too far and was condemned to death. The day before the execution, a high ranking church official visited him in jail.

"What are you doing here?" the dissident asked.

"I bring you the word of God," the official said.

"Are you kidding?" the dissident said. "Who needs you? Tomorrow morning I'll be able to talk to Him myself."

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Florence Zaleskas
L. C. R. A. Coordinator

Monsignor Frank Bulovas Celebrates His 45th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood



Reverend Monsignor Bulovas was born of Lithuanian parentage in the small hamlet of West Pullman, which is located on the outskirts of Chicago, IL on April 21, 1916. When he and his sister Viola, were of school age, their parents migrated East and settled in Brooklyn, NY. There Monsignor Frank attended Public Elementary School No. 5 and Cathedral High

School. His college years were spent at Marianapolis College in Thompson, CT where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He attended Marian Hills Seminary in Clarendon Hills, IL and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on August 8, 1943.

For ten years Msgr. Frank labored zealously for the Marian Fathers Congregation. He fulfilled assiduously diverse assignments: Assistant Pastor at their parishes, taught high school students and conducted Missions and Novenas.

In 1953 Msgr. Frank applied for admission to serve in the Brooklyn Diocese. Most Rev. Archbishop Thomas Molloy accepted him into the Diocese and later incardinated him. It has been thirty-five years since Msgr. Frank entered the Diocese. He has served as an Assistant Pastor for the past thirty-two years at Transfiguration Church in Maspeth, NY and its Pastor for 16 years. He was elevated to the rank of Monsignor on July 3, 1982.

Msgr. Frank is involved in many Maspeth community and Transfiguration religious organizations. He is spiritual advisor for the Great Neck Knights of Lithuania C-109 and also spiritual moderator for the Mid-Atlantic District of the Knights of Lithuania.

The Knights cordially congratulate Msgr. Frank on his 45th Priesthood Anniversary and thank God for having him serve us with dedication and devotion. We pray that our Blessed Lord should keep him in good health and continue to perform his priestly work as God had ordained him to do forty-five years ago. Ad Multos Annos!

MY MEMORIES OF MSGR. JOHN J. SCHARNUS



Rev. Dominick Pocius and late Msgr. John Scharnus

I was saddened when I learned of the unexpected passing of Msgr. John J. Scharnus several weeks ago. Father John, as I always called him was the longest tenured pastor of my former parish, St. Ann's Lithuanian Church in Jersey City, NJ. He served for twenty-three years, from 1941 to 1964, when he was transferred to Our Lady of Sorrows in nearby Kearny. Coming over from that parish to become the ninth pastor of St. Ann's was Father Dominic Pocius.

As a point of information, the year 1968 saw several changes made in the make-up of our Lithuanian parishes in the New Jersey area. With the resignation of Msgr. Ignotas Kelmelis as active pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Father John returned to his old parish in Newark as pastor, Father Dominic went back to become pastor of Our Lady of

Sorrows and Father Vladas Karalevicius became the tenth pastor of St. Ann's and remained there until its closing in 1974.

In June of 1987, I was a member of the Lithuanian R.C. Priests League tourist group that went to Rome to participate in the celebration of the 600th anniversary of Lithuania's Christianity and the beatification of Archbishop Jurgis Matulaitis. The day following the Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, we all went to the beautiful basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore for the Mass of Thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the Mass, all the clergy who participated stood on the steps outside for a picture-taking session.

Imagine my surprise when I spotted my former pastors of St. Ann's Church standing on the steps. Somehow I was able to get their attention to pose for a picture for what I considered to be a historic moment. I couldn't remember the last time I saw Father John but I did see Father Dominic at the Hotel Lietuva in Vilnius during the Song and Dance Festival in 1985.

Several weeks later, after returning home from Rome, I attended the annual picnic at the Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam, CT. Again, I was pleasantly surprised to see Father John with several other priests participating in the mass. In the years that I have been attending these picnics at the Convent, I could never recall seeing Father John there. After Mass, we chatted for a few minutes and asked him if he was going to spend his retirement years at the Convent. His answer was negative for he did find room at a home for retired priests in New Jersey.

Father John is no longer with us and he will most certainly be missed by those of us who knew him.

Edward W. Baranauskas

ONE SENTENCE THOUGHTS

The goal of marriage is not to think alike, but to think together.

Words are better understood when they are spoken with a kind accent.

Season your living with loving and giving.

Let everyone sweep in front of their own door, and the whole world will be clean.

I am the key to happiness.

A friend is a present you give to yourself.

Diligence is the mother of good luck.

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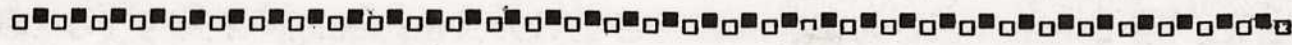
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The Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee Year has ended but it is NOT too late to obtain a permanent reminder...the commemorative medallion of the Jubilee Year.

For yourself, as a gift for a loved one, as a gift to take to your relatives in Lithuania, you can order a 3" antique bronze for \$30.00 plus \$2.00 mailing expenses, 1-1/2" antique bronze for \$10.00 plus \$1.00 mailing expenses, and 1-1/2" fine (.999) silver for \$40.00 plus \$1.00 mailing expenses. Make checks payable to LITHUANIAN CHRISTIANITY JUBILEE, INC. and mail to: Loretta Stukas, 234 Sunlit Drive, Watchung, NJ 07060.

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Žodžiai Balio Gdž.
muz. Kl. Griauzdės

Jau pra - žy - do so-džiuj vyš-nios taip bal - tai, bal - tai. —

Ska-nų kva - pa net už my-lių pa-sklei-dė žie - dai. —

Ska-nų kva - pa net už my - lių pa - sklei-dė žie - dai. —

2. Vėjas vakarų į rytus
Gainioja žiedus,
Neša juos į Vilniaus žemę
Pas tėvų kapus.

3. Vilniaus žemėj taip pat žydi
Vyšnios pakelės.
Balti žiedai kraštui kalba:
- Pasikelt reikės!

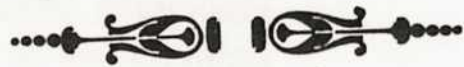
4. Kai atsisuka čion vėjas,
Atneša garsus:
Su pakvipusiomis vyšnioms
Laisvės žygis bus!

Lithuanians in the News



SUN-TIMES/Jim Klepitsch

The Chicago Sun-Times profiled Genevieve Giedraitis as the parish organist for 60 years at St. David Roman Catholic Church in Chicago. She is now playing her third organ which was recently dedicated to her. She does hold a record of being the longest continuing liturgical organist at the same Church. She has soloed in "little parts" with the Chicago Opera Company and has sung in many operettas, musicals and concerts in the Lithuanian community. She describes herself as "One who is not an organist but one who sings and a singer who plays the organ. I was married at St. David's and my two daughters were baptized and married here." Genevieve now lives with daughter in Alsip. She has earned a degree at American Conservatory of Music and sang at '33 Chicago World Fair. She met her husband, Joseph, at a Knights of Lithuanian dance who died in 1970. Her advice to the young: "It doesn't matter what you are, but do it good and enjoy it, even if you're a doughnut fryer. I feel God has been so good to me. I'm able to work and drive. As long as I can contribute, that's my job. I'm working 'til they carry me out." Genevieve is presently a member of C-36 in Chicago. Bravo!



BUTKUS IN FOR SNYDER

Hall of Fame linebacker Dick Butkus reportedly will replace Jimmy (The Greek) Snyder on CBS' "NFL Today" show. The vacancy was created in January when Snyder was fired for remarks he made about black athletes during an interview. A network source said Butkus will not pick winners of the NFL games as Snyder did. *Newsday*

WORTH REPEATING

Soviet basketball star Arvidas Sabonis, a Trail Blazers draft pick, on the friendliness of women in Portland:



"If I had known this six months ago, I would have known English by now."

Newsday

Lithuanians in News (Cont'd)



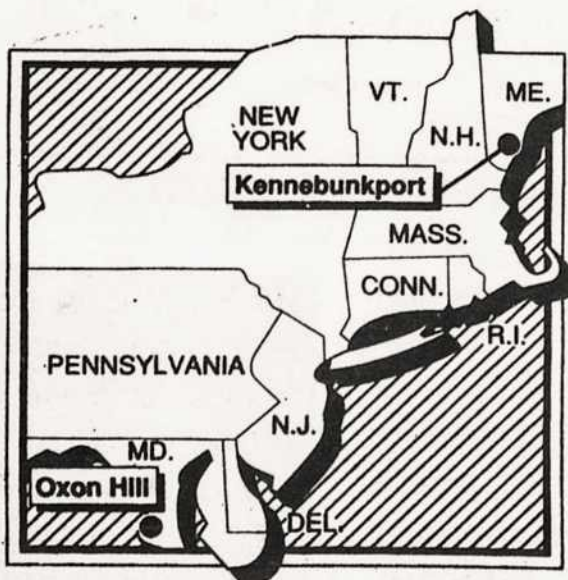
Following his proclamation of a day of prayer for Catholics in Lithuania, Arch-bishop Stafford receives a goose egg painted with his coat-of-arms from artisan Bernice Feliss, coordinator of the American Lithuanian Catholic celebration in Colorado. Watching is Richard York, president of the American Lithuanian Community of Colorado. Bernice is a member of C-112, Chicago, IL. Picture courtesy of M. O'Meara of The Denver Catholic Register.



SAINT'S REMAINS STOLEN IN MAINE

The New York Times reported that the friars at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine are once again relying on St. Anthony, the saint of lost articles.

The 10 priests and 10 seminarians at the Lithuanian monastery are praying for the safe return of a glass and bronze case containing some of St. Anthony's remains, which were stolen from the base of a statue of the saint in the monastery during July. Rev. Gailusis commented he is not sure why anyone would want to steal the case which is worth about \$200 but holds great religious significance. He is hoping, however, that St. Anthony will answer their prayers by recovering the stolen item. The case was stolen once before about 10 years ago. Police found the case in a closet of a local youth a month after it was taken. A tapestry of St. Anthony, valued at \$3,000, was stolen off the chapel wall and returned anonymously through the mail, postmarked Boston.



A theft at a monastery and a search for warm history.

Lithuanians in News (Cont'd)

BALTIC YOUTH CONGRESS AWARDS



Two Lithuanian Americans, Loretta Stukas and Gintaras Grusas, were among the recipients of the 1988 Baltic Youth Congress Awards on April 23, 1988. The awards were made during a dinner and ceremony at the Estonian House in New York. In addition to the Lithuanians, two Latvians and two Estonians were also honored. The awards are given annually to Baltic Americans who have contributed to the future of the Baltic Heritage by working directly with youth or by setting an example for Baltic Youth by their work and achievements in various Baltic organizations. Mr. Grusas received the award for his work in the Lithuanian World Youth Congress. Mrs. Stukas was recognized for her work in the Knights of Lithuania. The Awards Dinner, which was attended by over 200 people, included a program in which each awardee was introduced with a synopsis of his/her accomplishments, then was presented a plaque by the Congress. Each recipient responded with short comments. The cultural program also included selections by an Estonian pianist, recently arrived from Estonia. A delicious dinner of ethnic Baltic food, accompanied by champagne and cocktails followed.

Actors, Actresses, Authors and Assorted VIPs do a lot of traveling in their professional lives, but what do they do on vacations?

Regina Resnik, opera and Broadway star. "Now that 'Cabaret' has closed, my husband (artist Arbit Blatas) and I will fly to Venice, and then continue our vacation in Soviet Lithuania where Arbit was born".

Daily News

BOOK REVIEW

LITHUANIAN SASHES is an academic work complete with bibliography, index and symbol keys for various sash motifs. As part of their documentation for the book, the authors closely examined several thousand ancient Lithuanian sashes, of which roughly one thousand were reproduced in the book, for the greater part in the original color. To date this is the only existing book about sashes in English.

In ancient Lithuania, a sash constituted a symbolic gift, especially at weddings. The tradition of sash weaving has been preserved to this present day, not only in Lithuania but in all countries where Lithuanian families have established themselves.

LITHUANIAN SASHES addresses itself to a wide public — university students, artists and sash weavers who fashion sashes for Lithuanian national costumes, or ceremonial sashes commemorating some cultural endeavor.

The book by Mrs. Anastazija Tamosaitiene and Antanas Tamosaitis provides basic and universal information about ethnographic Lithuanian sashes concentrated in one volume. The co-authors are artists, Lithuanian Folk Art experts, specializing in textiles and especially in sash traditions, their patterns, colors and weaving. The hard cover book sells for \$50.00 and may be obtained from; The Lithuania Folk Art Institute, 1573 Bloor St West, Toronto, Ont. M6P 1A6, Canada.

1988 Scholarship Recipients

Dear Knights of Lithuania
Scholarship Committee:

I wish to sincerely thank the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee for selecting me to receive a Knights of Lithuania scholarship. It will be a help to me and my family.



I was especially honored to receive this scholarship because my father is president of Council 46 in Forest City, Pennsylvania. Also many members of my family are long-time members of the Knights of Lithuania.

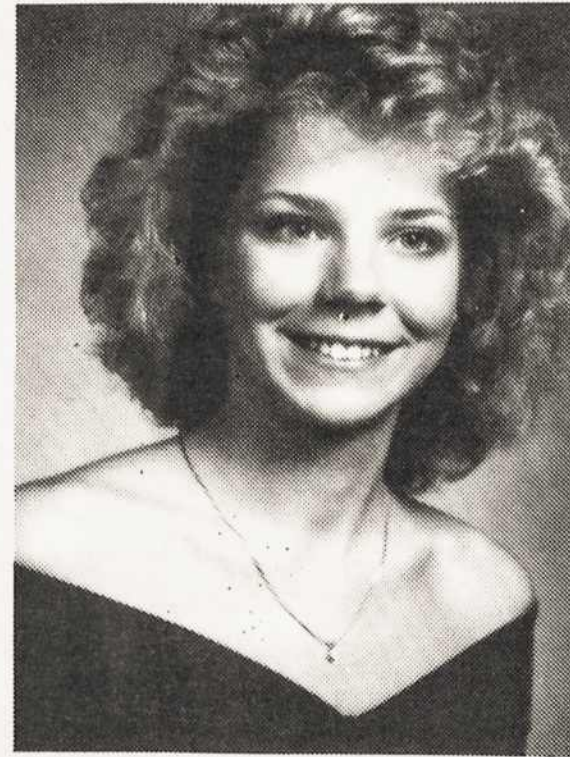
Once again,
thank you very much.

Ačiū labai,

Barbara Mykolina Yavorosky
Council 46, Forest City, PA

Dear Mr. Piacentini,
Members of the Scholarship Committee,
and fellow Knights of Lithuania,

Receiving the Scholarship award from the Knights of Lithuania made me feel proud. Proud of their work and their love and willingness to help young students. I am one of these young students that have received this honor.



I, for one, will always remember and will try my best to show my appreciation, the best way I can. One way is to show my love for my Lithuanian heritage and to pray for God's blessing for Lithuania, home of my maternal great-grandparents.

Širdingai ačiū,

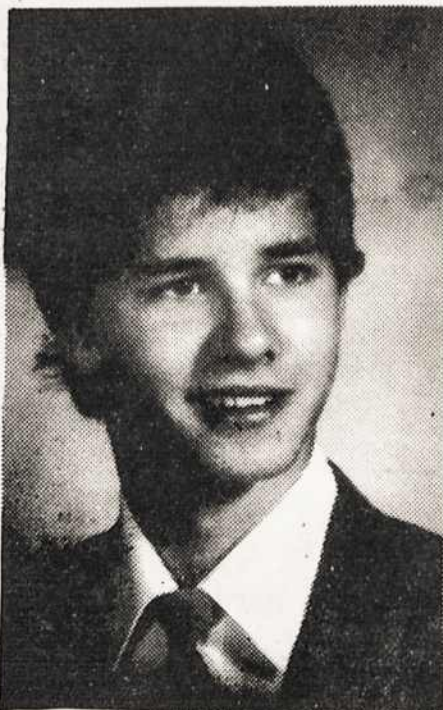
Janet A. Pettit

Council 63, Lehigh Valley

Dear Knights of Lithuania:

As a recipient of Knights of Lithuania \$1,000 scholarship, I was surprised and grateful to have such an honor bestowed upon me.

I am a descendant of Lithuanian parents and grandparents and I am proud of my heritage. I was fortunate to attend Camp Neringa in Vermont once and that really left a great impression on me. I couldn't believe that in the United States there is a place where I truly found my identity — children of other Lithuanian families.



I have been an active member in St. Casimir's Church and in the Junior K of L and now I am continuing my membership with the regular K of L.

My plans for the future are college at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. My course of study is Criminal Justice. This scholarship will help me pay for my education. Thank you again.

Vytiškai,

Richard V. Jasewicz
C-100, Amsterdam, NY



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Į saulutę kaitrią, šviesią
Pro lapus galvutę tiesia.

—Kilk saulute, kilk, meilioji.
tu taip glostai, taip vilioji!
Kai tik saulė spinduliais
Gėlės pumpurus praskleis,
Pasistiebęs iš pavėsių,
Aš taip pat jau prašydėsių.

Duosiu žiedą tokį skaistų,
Nuo kurio džiaugsmu užkaistų
Kiekviena šviesi akis,
Kiekviena jauna širdis,
Kilk, saulute, kilk, meilioji!—

Ir į kvapnią sodo tylą
Saulė kyla, kyla, kyla...
Traukiasi kertėn šešėlis
Skleidžias rausvas pumpurėlis.

V. Mykolaitis-Putinas

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Far be it for me to quibble with my elders, but "Dėdė Kastukas" slipped up a little bit in the June edition of your "Dėdė Kastukas Sako" feature.

Vladimir was not "Czar Vladimir I" but is more commonly known as "Prince Vladimir" or, better still, "Saint Vladimir" since he is acknowledged as such by the Roman and Byzantine Rites of the Catholic Church as well as the Ukrainian and Russian Orthodox Churches. The Muscovite state that we associate with the czars did not exist in 988 A.D. Rather, Vladimir, both prince

and saint, (like our own beloved St. Casimir) ruled a state we call Kievan Rus, whose people were Slavs and whose territory more or less corresponds with what we now call Ukraine. Thus we may more accurately speak of the millenium of Christianity for the peoples of the Rus, and not the millenium of Russian Christianity or certainly not the millenium of the Russian Orthodox Church, which began quite a few years later, especially when considered as an entity distinct from Rome.

It **is** proper to say that the Christianity which began in Kievan Rus and spread throughout what we now call Ukraine, Byelorussia and Great Russia is celebrating a millenium. and let us not forget those Christians, Catholics and Orthodox, on the other side of the Carpathian Mountains — "Potkarpatska Rus" — who can also lay claim to the date.

Finally, Vladimir did not adopt the "Greek Orthodox rite" but rather the Byzantine Rite which is used not only by Greeks, Russians, Ukrainians, Ruthenians, etc. but also by Arabic Christians such as the Melkites. In 988 there was no Greek Orthodox Church to adopt a rite from, as the split between Eastern and Western Christians did not occur until 1054 A.D.

Historical accuracy serves the cause of truth, so I've taken the time to clarify these details. Along with these clarifications, please accept my compliments on the continually improving *Vytis*.

With best wishes,

Rev. Daniel Staniškis
Spiritual Advisor C-41
Brooklyn, N.Y.

I hope I've directed this letter to the proper address for this matter.

Regarding "Dėdė Kastukas Sako" in the June issue of the *Vytis*, there is some misinformation in the paragraph about Russian Christianity.

First of all 988 A.D. was not the beginning of Christianity for Rus-

sians: The Russian Church is Orthodox.

Vladimir I adapted the Greek Byzantine Rite for Kievan Rus, part of whose land is now in the Ukraine. It is the Byzantine Church which is celebrating the millenium, not the Orthodox Church.

If this is **not** true, then all of the history books I've been reading this past year have much misinformation in them.

Thank you for educating me, through the *Vytis*, on the homeland of my grandparents, Lietuva.

Sincerely,

Emilie Tihansky

Oversight on our part in the May issue of the *Vytis*. The Eulogy written for Honorary Member Mary Lucas, of C-96, Dayton, OH, was the hand work of C-96 member, Elinor Sluzas.

Fran Petkus
President C-96

Somewhat belatedly, but not due to my fault (mail distribution) I would like to refer to "Letters" in the May issue of *Vytis*, specifically to Pres. John P. Greketis, C-149 of Saginaw, MI.

The purpose of texts in Lithuanian is to enable us to pick up our "non fluency" in Lithuanian. How else can we carry on the existence of the language that our fathers, forefathers left us? Translating the text into English involves not only time, but an added printing expense. These, we do not have in abundance and, therefore, we must practice economy.

A dictionary has its purpose too! Use it — there is much knowledge within its folds!

Congratulations to the editors in their determination to "accept" and "print" the Lithuanian word LAI GYVUOJA MŪSŲ KALBA!

Helen Matulionis
C-110 Maspeth

Vyčiai Veikia



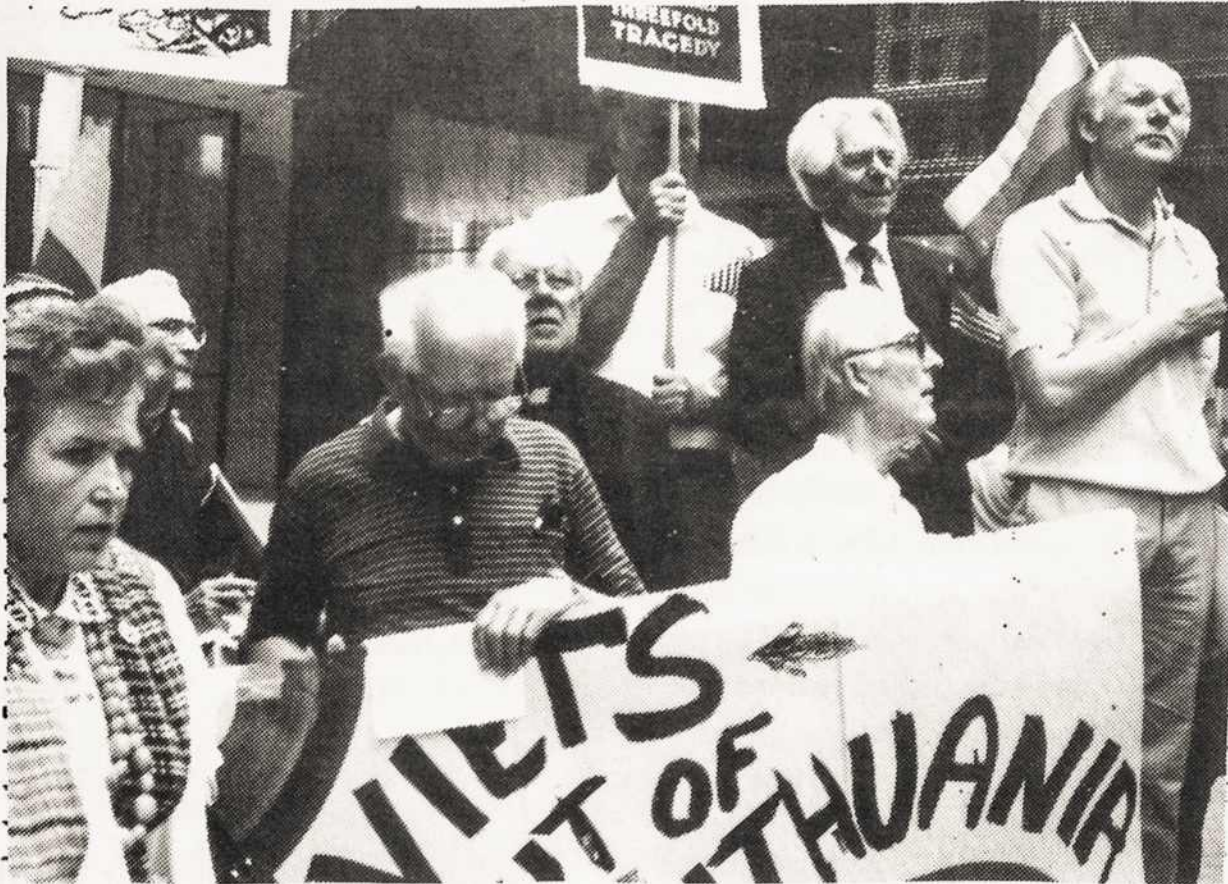
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MID-AMERICA DISTRICT



Mid-America District demonstration in front Federal Building, Chicago. On right, Dr. Algird Statkevich, just arrived in USA after being imprisoned by Communists for stating "Every man is entitled to freedom". In background, Msgr. J. Prunskis, C-5 and Rev. John Kuzmickas, C-112.



Stalin's Day of Shame and Genocide in Lithuania on June 14, 1941 - Street demonstration against Communist rule in Baltic States. Estelle Rogers, Rita & Julie Zakarka, C-112 members.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Mid-Central District Convention and Bowling Tournament was hosted by C-19 Pittsburgh in Bridgeville on May 20-22. There was a very good turnout. The members with guests enjoyed the convenient set-up that C-19 provided. St. Anthony Church and meeting hall were within walking distance of the Knights Inn Motel where everyone stayed. The bowling alley was just a five-minute drive away.

The registration and early bird get-together at St. Anthony Hall on Friday night indicated that the convention was off to a good start.

The district meeting was held Saturday morning in the church hall. President Fran Petkus introduced Fr. Alexander Ziubrys OFM to lead the opening prayer. Father said, "You should be proud to belong to a glorious church and to a glorious organization." Father has been with St. Anthony's for 37 years, and the shrines with the beautiful landscaping surrounding them show the efforts he has put into his church.

Bertha Kuzma, C-19 vice president, welcomed the delegates to Pittsburgh. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Marion Gray, recording secretary. John Baltrus, chairman, gave instructions for the bowling meet and invited everyone to have a good time at the dance.

The delegates unanimously voted to commemorate the Knights of Lithuania's 75th Diamond Jubilee in

conjunction with the MCD Convention and Pilgrimage to be held in Cleveland on September 18 and hosted by Cleveland Council C-25. A special program with speakers is being planned and also a dinner dance which will be open to the public.

Saturday at 1:30 p.m. the Bowling Tournament was held at Sports Haven Bowl Lanes. Fourteen teams participated. C-102 Detroit, captained by Joe Guerriero, won the beautiful Traveling Trophy. They were also the winners in 1987.

That evening in St. Anthony Hall all were entertained by the Neris Dancers in their beautiful Lithuanian costumes. Dancing for everyone followed.

Sunday, the delegates and guests assembled at St. Anthony Church for Mass. The celebrant was Fr. Alexander Ziubrys OFM. After Mass we assembled in the church hall where a Lithuanian style meal was served. Bowling trophies and prizes were handed out to the lucky winners. The winner of the MCD annual 50/50 drawing was Charles Mitchell, Livonia, Michigan, a member of C-79 Southfield. The prize was over 500 dollars.

The next Mid-Central District Convention and Bowling Tournament will be hosted by C-79 Southfield next May.

Vince Gray



Rev. Paul Sabulis of St. Joseph's Church, Waterbury, Ct. and member of Council 7.

C-7 - WATERBURY, CT

Rev. Paul Sabulis celebrated his 45th ordination anniversary on June 12, 1988. The beautiful event took place after the 11 a.m. Mass in the church hall. Fr. Paul was greeted by his parishioners, friends and family from Ansonia. Linas Balsys was the host and Victoria Silliman was the hostess for the afternoon. Guest speakers were Rev. David Lonergan from Church of St. Anthony in Prospect and Rev. Frances Karvelis from St. Joseph. Fr. Paul's brother introduced his family and spoke highly about his priest brother. The choir sang a Lithuanian Anniversary and also in English. The celebrant thanked everyone for attending and to all who worked so hard to put this party together. Fr. Paul is an active member of the K of L for many years. We are proud to have him with us.

Fr. Peter was born in Ansonia, CT and attended Lincoln Grammar and Ansonia High School. He received his B.A. at Marianapolis College in Putnam, CT. He was ordained on June 3, 1943 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, CT by Bishop Henry J. O'Brien. He has served at Sacred Heart, Stamford, Holy Trinity in Hartford, St. Anthony in Ansonia and St. Joseph in Waterbury. He was Principal at Holy Trinity High School in Hartford. He received his M.A. at Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT. Ad Multos Annos!

C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

A group of C-10 members attended the New England District 75th observance of the founding of the Knights of Lithuania in Lawrence on May 15.

Thank you Westfield for the excellent hospitality extended us at the district convention.

Our May meeting was preceded by church devotions to Mary conducted by Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis. A cultural topic was read by Kathryn Paliulis and discussed during the meeting.

Martha Norkunas, relative of founder Mykolas Norkunas, was the guest speaker at the June meeting that was attended by 31 members. Martha is a scholar in residence at the Gardner's Visitors Center Museum and is working toward her Ph.D. in Folk Lore. Her talk on recording your family history and the importance of being ethnic was well received. A question and answer session followed.

An excellent lunch was prepared by the Athol group and was held at the Lith's Club in Gardner. The Gardner News carried a picture of the gathering.

The welcome mat is extended to Maryann Rodsky Langlois who has rejoined C-10 after years of absence.

Condolences are extended to Mary Minkus of the Westfield Council on the death of her husband Bernie.

Prayers go out for Stanley Perkslis of happy memory on the occasion of the first anniversary of his death. Stan, a business man of Athol and past president of C-10, is sadly missed by family, friends and members.

Congratulations to David Rodsky of Gardner and James Hunter of Athol on receiving the Eagle Scout Award. Hunter was accepted at the Naval Academy.

The president and vice president of the Gardner High School Class of 1988 are both Lithuanian. Congratulations to David Rodsky and Timothy Liptrap.

Our annual barbecue scheduled for the home of Frank Anoris was held at the Lith's Club in Gardner because of the threat of bad weather. It turned out to be a fine summer day and was enjoyed by all in attendance. The girls

again outdid themselves with all their goodies.

A group of K of L'ers traveled to Westbrook, CT and visited with Fr. Steponaitis. The grounds and gardens are manicured, the result of his tireless efforts. No matter where he has been, he has left his unmistakable mark.

K of L'ers sporting new cars are Blanche Genaitis, the Baltakises and the Wisniauskases.

Condolences are extended to Kathryn & Bob Paliulis on the recent death of their mother Pauline Paliulis of Orange. K of L'ers attended the wake and offered a Mass for the repose of her soul.

With sorrow I report the death of Barbara Grecius Eacmen of Gardner who was a K of L member. in good standing for some years. Her failing health kept her away from many councils events but was last seen at our June meeting. The K of L wake service was led by Pres. Bill Wisniauskas in the absence of our chaplain. The Mass of Christian burial on Labor Day was largely attended with a delegation of ten K of L'ers as honor bearers. Condolences are extended to the family. May she rest in the bosom of the Lord after a life well lived. Tina Shatos and daughter spent a vacation in Spain and Portugal. Julia Meehan and Nettie Piragis went to the Poconos. Blanche Genaitis visited with her daughter in the State of Washington. Bill Wisniauskas recovered nicely after surgery. Best wishes for continued good health in the service of the K of L.

Vincukas

C-16 — CHICAGO

Forty-six persons went on a Lithuanian Church and Monastery Tour recently sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania Council 16. Rev. Michael Dodaro, pastor of St. George Church,



All Saints Church in Roseland visited by members of St. George C-16 and friends on their tour of Lithuanian churches.

blessed the pilgrims on their departure from St. George Church.

President Glenn Edward Perutis carried the K of L Flag into each church where he led the pilgrims in Lithuanian prayers. St. Casimir Church in Gary and St. Anthony in Cicero were the two most distant churches visited as reported by Agnes Bernadette Rainis, treasurer.

The Marion Fathers Monastery at 6326 South Kilbourn and the Jesuit Monastery at 2345 West 56th Street were included. Sts. Peter and Paul in West Pullman and All Saints in Roseland were also visited stated Peter Paul Zansitis, vice president and tour co-leader.

The group had a typical Lithuanian menu for luncheon at the Seklyčia Lithuanian Manor Inn on West 71st Street.

After luncheon the group visited Holy Cross in Town of Lake and Providence of God in Pilsen and viewed Our Lady of Vilnius from the bus.

After praying in each church, the group took photographs of the interior

of each church and posed for a group picture in front of each church.

The parish council of St. Casimir Church in Gary served coffee and rolls to the pilgrims in the church hall.

Our tour ended with Mass at St. George, the oldest (1892) Lithuanian Church in the Midwest.

This pilgrimage was the first sponsored by Council 16. Another one is being planned. Persons interested in joining should contact Deborah Anne Martin, secretary, at St. George Rectory.

Petras Povilas Zansitis

C-19 — PITTSBURGH

Most of Mid-Central members were aware that Council 19 was less than enthusiastic about hosting the Mid-Central Meeting and Bowling Tournament May 20, 21, and 22. However, we couldn't escape the fact that it was now "our turn." But what a great occasion it turned out to be!

In the initial planning stages, we were faced with a number of unfortunate events among which were the illness of our President Bill Kolicius and Treasurer Sam Alleliunas and a long period terminal illness and death of the husband of our member, Marge Turner.

At this time C-19 members wish to extend our sympathy to David Wenslovas on the recent death of his mother.

Then, in organizing a bowling team, we faced a problem that most of our members bowled infrequently, but to their credit were willing to participate. Needless to say, no trophy or cash were realized in that event.

To go on to a positive note, we were more than fortunate to have in C-19 an extremely talented, hard-working, efficient young organizer, John Baltrus. Everything then began to fall in place from Margaret Papeaka's proficient advance planning with Father Alexander at St. Anthony's Church in Bridgeville and the fortunate location of Knights Inn Motel. The fantastic kitchen crew consisted of Bertha Kuzma, Alice Lewellen, Helen Bernardi and Eleanor Lewicki. Generous contributions of food, money, bushel of cheer items were contributed by our members. The beautiful weather made it a delightful weekend.

We cannot overlook the table decorations and registration cards created by our ever talented Sisters M. Francesca and M. Alverna.

The business meeting on Saturday morning was presided over by Fran Petkus, our competent MCD President. A pilgrimage to Cleveland in the Fall of 1988 and a future meeting and bowling tournament in Detroit were among decisions agreed upon.

That same evening, we enjoyed a night of entertainment with a performance of the Pittsburgh Lithuanian

dance group "Neris," which included our hard-working leader, John Baltrus, and a happy evening of dancing and singing.

On Sunday morning a Mass was conducted at St. Anthony's Church by Father Alexander Ziubrys. The congregation joined with the choir in singing the traditional Lithuanian hymns. Mass was followed by a buffet dinner and presentation of bowling awards, bushel of cheer and 50/50 raffle.

Our thanks to Father Alexander who extended warm hospitality and graciously welcomed our Knights.

C-19 members would like to express to K of L members present from DuBois, Cleveland, Dayton, Southfield and Detroit how much we enjoyed their presence on this occasion. This is further proof that this group of Lithuanians helped make this a really beautiful event.

Mary H. Tamy

C-25 - CLEVELAND OH

Heartiest thanks to the Pittsburgh council for hosting one of the most memorable Mid-Central District meetings and bowling tournaments ever held. Accommodations were more than convenient, weather ideal and serious and fun time.

Congratulations to JoAnn Shigo and J. Thompson and all other trophy and money winners.

At our meeting, we took the bid to have the fall meeting and pilgrimage in Cleveland on the weekend of Oct. 21 and petitions were signed asking to release the Cathedral of Vilnius for religious purposes.

There are still a few K of L history books to be had. They're going fast. Get yours!

On June 19, C-25 sponsored the Koffee Klatch to benefit Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish after the ten o'clock Mass. Thanks to all who gave their time and the delicious baked

goods to make this occasion a pleasant event.

Members attended the annual Lithuanian Club Picnic. A pot-luck meal was served. A summer cookout at the Machutas Marimar Mansion was planned for July 20.

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C-27 — NORWOOD

Spring has sprung; the flowers are out in all their glory. Since I attend the University of Massachusetts, Boston Campus, I have a two-hour break between classes. Like clockwork, most of us who share this experience walk the track of this beautiful campus and enjoy the not cluttered skyline of Boston at dusk. I truly understand why the John F. Kennedy Library is adjacent to the campus. It's all because of this panoramic view.

Our council celebrated many happy occasions in May. On the first our heartfelt congratulations on his 40th anniversary were extended to Father Albert Contons, spiritual advisor C-17.

The following week we paid tribute to all our moms, both living and passed on. Of course, we remembered our precious "mamas" who were God's gift to all of us.

May 15 the New England District made a very impressive appearance in Lawrence to pay tribute at St. Francis Parish for Mass, a visit to the gravesite of our founder along with a visit from one of his daughters who thanked every one for remembering her father. It was then off to St. Francis for a supper. All fourteen councils were represented.

On May 22 Fr. Albin Janiunas celebrated his 40th anniversary. Fr. Janiunas is spiritual advisor of Council 78.

For these two dedicated priests:

we wish "ilgiausiu metų and ačiū."

On June 6, our Father Bill had surgery on his left knee, but there is no stopping this man. We wish him God's blessing to heal quickly and run up the stairs three at a time.

June 12, we commemorated our annual observance of the 1940 Baltic Holocaust. Our speaker was Aristids Lembergs, a well-known Latvian activist who happens to be one-quarter Lithuanian. He is a truly remarkable speaker who came with a group of Latvians, his family and beautiful Lithuanian mother.

June 17-19 was the New England District Retreat in Kennebunkport. Those attending considered themselves very lucky to have a pre-season week-end within a radius of two miles of Vice President Bush's summer home.

Irene Skrieki is off for the summer at the University of Delaware doing a ten-week seminar. Have a safe one.

We wish all those attending the National Convention a good and cool one. Here's hoping you get the message across to those in Washington that there is such a place as Lithuania.

Nancyte



Lillian & Joseph Ruzga, C-29 Newark wearing medals won at 1988 Senior Olympic Athletic Games.

C-29 - NEWARK, NJ

During the summer of '88, all the action took place in July with two special events of interest to some of our members. The first event was a trip to Lithuania sponsored by our Council's Sunshine Lady Viola Skripata. The following joined Viola: Brone Vencius, Petre Pliskaitis, Sally Delunas, Genevieve & Peter Podolsky, Nellie & John Petrenas, Gaydra Chapulis, Pauline Paskas and Bernard Skripata. They all came home exhausted but happy they went. Those who previously visited Lithuania were happy to report that they were given more freedom to travel on their own and the Soviets almost seemed friendly.

The second event took place on July 28. Ten of our members traveled to Washington to attend the 75th Nat'l Convention. Your Vytis reporter was one of them. It was a good convention with plenty of activity, good entertainment and hundreds of K of L'ers from all over the country. I was impressed with the concert which was not only entertaining but was filled with outstanding talent. The Mass of Thanksgiving at the Nat'l Shrine of Immaculate Conception on Sunday opened with a colorful procession of council



Ann O'Neill, Ritual Chairperson C-29 Newark joins Eliz. Luciw, Mary Honeyman & Rita Sussko, Fourth Degree Recipients at National Convention.

delegates displaying their banners and wearing Lithuanian attire. The choir from the Catholic Faith Community of St. John the Baptist in Silver Springs, MD, with organist Susan DeCamp was superb. The celebrants, nine in all, were led by Bishop Paulius Baltakis. Homolist was Msgr. Backis from the Vatican.

A highlight for our council was the opportunity to witness three of our members, Rita Sussko, Elizabeth Luciw & Mary Honeyman receive their fourth degree medals. Congratulations are also in order to Bernard Skripata, council vice president. He was to receive his fourth degree but, unfortunately, was unable to attend the presentation ceremony.

It is with deep sorrow that I report the death of our former spiritual advisor and pastor of Holy Trinity, Msgr. John Scharnus. He passed away on June 18. Our council conducted the K of L Ritual at the funeral home. Mass was celebrated at Holy Trinity in Newark and Our Lady of Sorrows in Kearny. In his eulogy, Archbishop McCarrick referred to Msgr. Scharnus as a kind and gentle man and that is how we will all remember him. He was never too busy to attend our meetings, never too busy to have friendly



chats with us at our social affairs. He even joined us on trips to Hawaii, Rome and most recently to Vermont. Please remember him in your prayers.

Congratulations to Ann Abramaitis on the marriage of her daughter Ann to Frank Kopel. The wedding ceremony took place on May 7 at Holy Trinity followed by a reception in the parish hall. We wish them a long, happy and healthy married life.

On June 4, Helen Radisch, a long-time member of our council, celebrated a dual occasion - her retirement from the business world and her 65th birthday.

Our council is proud to announce that we have two super Senior Athletes as members. Lillian and Joseph Ruzga competed in the 1988 Senior Olympic Athletic Games held at the Delaware Valley College in June. Lillian won 3 first-place medals in the 2400 meter walk, basketball shooting and softball throw; second-place ribbons in 2 swim events and a third-place ribbon for stationary bike pedaling. What a gal!

Joe also walked away with 3 first-place medals in table tennis, badminton and bocce; 2 second-place ribbons in bowling and basketball and a third-place ribbon for the 2400 meter walk. Not bad for two seniors!

Eva Coll

C-46 - FOREST CITY, PA

A warm welcome to new members who were installed by Pres. Michael Yavorsky. They are Jennifer Trusky, Barbara & Bart Yavorsky.

On June 12 Fr. Pete Alisuskas of Pittston celebrated 45 years as a priest. Noon Mass was followed by dinner at Convention Hall. Attending this special occasion were Dorothy Andzulis, Charles Cyzeski, Mary Markunas, Blanche Motsko, Frances Stungis and Frances Yavorsky.

Council made a donation to the

National Scholarship Fund. A Sunshine Drawing is held at our monthly meetings.

Joey Marshall and Michele DeSera were chair and co-chair for the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Democrat Women. It was held in Scranton at the Hilton in June. Helen Zlotucka and Bea Stanis served on the Executive Committee. Joey attended the Democratic Nat'l Convention as an at-large alternate delegate. A quote from Mrs. Marshall "I am deeply honored to be a part of this historical moment".

Old Home Week was conceived by the Commercial Association in Forest City and has become an annual event. Area craftsmen, artists, civic groups and others participate in this event. Our council has been participating for the past 6 years. The first year we had only a card table selling raffle tickets. John Morris & Michael Yavorsky built a booth decorated in Lithuanian tri-colors. Bob Trusky is chairman of this affair. Much could be said about Old Home Week, but it is one of our big fund-raisers.

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C-50 - NEW HAVEN, CT

May 22 was a day of great rejoicing in St. Casimir's Church in New Haven. Our pastor, Father Albert Karalis, celebrated his forty years of service in the priesthood. It was moving to see so many happy parishioners and friends fill the church hall after the Mass to greet their friend and spiritual guide as he entered the hall to take his place at the banquet table.

Father Francis Karvelis, pastor of St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church in Waterbury, and Father Roman Golumba of the Ukrainian Community extended congratulations to Father Karalis. Frank Peterson was master of ceremonies. George Petkaitis Quartet from Hartford entertained us with some en-

dearing Lithuanian favorites. Valerie Abate, granddaughter of Viola and Bill Plante, made a big hit with her beautiful voice when she sang "Karvelis," other Lithuanian greats and a special opera rendition. Valerie was named Miss Greater Wallingford in a local pageant.

Theresa Strimaitis did a tremendous job of planning and preparing the banquet buffet. All those who assisted her are to be commended for their cooperation to make this special occasion so beautiful. The choir also was superb.

Plans for the national convention were discussed at our June meeting. Al Gutauskas, our vice president, was filling in for Frank Peterson. Even Al Gedrim, our financial secretary, took off. Al was really crammed with the agenda, but managed to keep everything intact.

George Kisielius, our true patriot and wonder worker, is always distributing literature to keep us posted on the latest developments in Lithuanian affairs.

Leo Tamulis completed the list of living and deceased veterans, also those presently serving in the Armed Forces. A special plaque with all the names engraved will be displayed in the church. It is quite an accomplishment, Leo, for you have established an honorable memorial to St. Casimir's Church.

Welcome to our newest members: Theresa Mehringer, Bill Alleshunas Jr. and Ann and Jo Serafinko.

On Aug. 14 our annual K of L family picnic took place at Fort Hale Park in New Haven. Fr. Karalis enjoyed the beauty and easy accessibility of the park. In addition, the availability of enjoying the water and sunshine along Long Island Sound or just sitting under the pavilion made this a really ideal spot with all accommodations for a Sunday afternoon get-

together. Edith Kazlauskas lavished us with her fancy baked chicken, Betty Gybowski with peppers and onions, others with all varieties of baked breads, salads, etc. Games topped the rest of the afternoon, and a good time was had by all.

Eleven members traveled to Washington for the Nat'l Convention - Helen Medley, Mary Geipel, Magdalen Cronis, Isabel & Frank Peterson were delegates; Agnes Chestnut, Anna Yoga, Nellie Ericson, Theresa Mehringer, Ann & Al Gedrim were guests. The outstanding events were tours of Washington, cultural night, concert, banquet and the Mass of Thanksgiving at the Nat'l Shrine. Some also staged a rally at the Russian Embassy to speed up some glasnot action in the Baltic satellites. Everyone came back pleased for having attended the convention.

Our newest members are Horace Viola and Valerie Abate. Welcome.

Catherine & Tony Mott celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 28 aboard the Camelot Cruise in Haddam, CT. Congratulations!

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C-52 - ELIZABETH, NJ

C-52 members are taking part in the spiritual, cultural and social activities of Sts. Peter & Paul Lithuanian Church in Elizabeth. Fr. Peter Zemeikis is pastor and Fr. Joseph Pragulbickas is an associate.

The Altar Society sponsored a four day vacation at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport in Sept. Many of our members vacationed with the group. On Sept. 17 the Altar Society members and friends attended Mass and devotions to Our Lady of Siluva, followed by an Italian dinner.

The St. Francis Shrine in the parish rose garden recently completed will be dedicated in memory of our parish benefactors, Anne Ryan, Vera Arevicius and Winifred Boyle.

A New Year's Eve Gala is planned

with dinner and dancing with the proceeds to benefit Sts. Peter & Paul Church.

William Senkus

C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MI

Our council sent the following 7 delegates to the recent Nat'l Convention in our nation's capital: Richard Danielak, Bertha Janus, Mary Keller, Magdalena Smailis, Ann Uzdavinis, Gerald & Sophie Zager. Stella and Walter Hotra were also due to participate, but Stella had to undergo surgery. Our thoughts and prayers were with her, and she is now recuperating satisfactorily.

We had the pleasure of seeing two members receive their Fourth Degrees. Mary Keller & Marianne Newberry were the honorees. We also had the distinction of carrying our council flag in the impressive procession preceding Sunday Mass at the Nat'l Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Jerry Zager was the proud bearer. Mom Carol was equally proud of their two young sons, Matthew & Nicholas, being selected and acting as altar boys.

Mary Keller injured her foot at the Shrine but was able to continue her vacation in Pennsylvania with her son Richard. Ann Uzdavinis became so engrossed in her inspection of the Shrine and missed being included in the super panoramic convention photo.

I always said and believed "you can never be lost as long as you know how to talk!" No more will I repeat that because Sophie Zager and I got separated from the group in the Museum of American History. At least 3 people gave us inaccurate directions to the door where we thought our tour bus left ten minutes ago. We were almost destined to spend the rest of our days in that very complicated maze of floors with patriotic memorabilia.

Even though a disappointed Supreme Council member was heard to remark that "it looks like a senior

convention", we think it was an enlightening get-together.

Our annual Family Day Picnic was held Sat., Aug. 20. After record-breaking heat, Mother Nature cooperated with a beautiful, clear day in the 70's. At least 55 members took advantage of it. A new "jarts" champion emerged - Karen Panavas. Horseshoe-pitching "king" Ed Sackle now holds the trophy until next year. Vince Bridzvaitis was the lucky 50/50 raffle winner. Mary & Richard Keller had charge of the tasty refreshments. However, there was a casualty. Bethann Marzolf was bitten on the lip by a bee and required emergency medical attention. NOTE; Plant marigolds in the area; they ward off the pesky beasties.

Our next social affair is the annual luncheon and card party in conjunction with the Women's Alliance.

Bee Jay

C-96 - DAYTON, OH

Hello to all of our fellow Knights! During the past months C-96 members were involved with so many activities that we were unable to produce the Vyciu column regularly. Not any more! Dayton is not a dormant council. We are alive and promoting a strong commitment to the survival of the Lithuanian community in Dayton.

This is the exciting 75th year of the Knights of Lithuania. Our councils celebration began with Mass at Holy Cross with 55 marching in procession. Past Supreme Council Pres. Frank Petrauskas and wife were visiting. We later dined in the morning at the Sugar Creek Country Club. Frank enlightened us on many interesting tid-bits about Fran Petkus.

On July 17 we were blessed with a beautiful summer day and the enjoyable company of members at the annual picnic. Kitty Prasmantas began cooking the ribs and chicken with Joe

Mantz, Sr. and George Mikalauskas finishing the tasty barbecue. All the ladies brought covered dishes. Joe Ryan won the 50/50 raffle. Our monthly meeting was held beneath the sun with many interesting news items revealed.

The Lithuanian community in Dayton is strong in ethnic commitment, yet few in number. Many of us belong to all of the organizations. At times, it seems as if our work is never finished, only in different phases. Fellow Knights and all who believe in what our ancestors fought for, we need to be recognized as a unified people working toward Lithuania's freedom. Participate in council activities and encourage others to do so. Be proud of our heritage!

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C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

On May 9 council members attended the Lithuanian Mass celebrated by Spiritual Advisor Father Baltch. Beautiful hymns to the Blessed Virgin were sung by the congregation. Polly Žiaušys did the readings and President and Mrs. Radzevich brought the offertory gifts.

The meeting followed in the Social Center with President Radzevich presiding and Father Baltch saying the opening prayers. The members sang the Vyčių Himnas.

Correspondence on the Essay Contest sponsored by the National Foundation was read. Edward Barakowski, President C-136, was present. The point system for degrees was discussed with Ritual Chairman Betty Kuzmich. Betty announced that four members were eligible for Fourth Degrees. Twenty-five members attended the first meeting of C-136.

Cultural Chairman Polly Žiaušys spoke on Lithuanian wayside crosses and shrines. Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Baranauskas announced the

Festival of Nations on May 14. Lithuanian artifacts were displayed in the Schenectady Gazette's office window for a period of two weeks.

Father Baltch displayed some photographs of Antanas Sutkus, one of the best photographers in Lithuania. Father also spoke of Sabonis, the Lithuanian basketball player. The Portland Team is sponsoring the cost of an operation in the Houston Clinic. Sabonis, in turn, will play on their team for a certain period. Sports books were also displayed. The Jaunimo Teatras from Vilnius recently gave a performance to a capacity audience in Brooklyn.

Edna Stokna, Jean Maldutis, Helen Radzevich and Ann Czerw prepared a beautiful table of refreshments. Many thanks for the delicious treats.

Members of C-100 met on June 13 at St. Casimir's Social Center for the last meeting before the Nat'l Convention. Pres. Radzevich presided. Father Baltch asked the blessing and the Vyciu Himnas was sung.

Regina Kot & Apolonija Ziausys, both members of Supreme Council reported on the meeting at the Washington Sheraton in final preparation for the Diamond Jubilee Convention.

Joseph & Judianne Nikstenas attended the district convention in Brooklyn in June. Joe served as sergeant at arms while Judianne served on the resolutions committee.

Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Ed Baranauskas thanked the members who worked or attended the Festival of Nations at the Schenectady Museum.

Rev. Baltch spoke on the elevation of Bishop Vincentas Sladkevicius, an apostolic administrator in Kaisiedorys, to the office of Cardinal. Rev. Peter Jonaitis, a good friend of the new cardinal, planned to attend the induction ceremony.

Members wished Pres. Radzevich birthday greetings in song. Refresh-

ments were served by Walter Sargalis, chairman, Steve Raila, Vincent Rossi, Gerard Drenzek, A. J. Radzevich and Edward Ziausys.

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Smile & Sparkle

C-102 — DETROIT

With the Showbirds back from Florida, our meetings have a better attendance. We welcomed new members Casey and Irene Ambrose and renewed Vince Boris membership in our council. We hear Vince is a great asset in the planning of the 75th National Convention as he lives in Maryland.

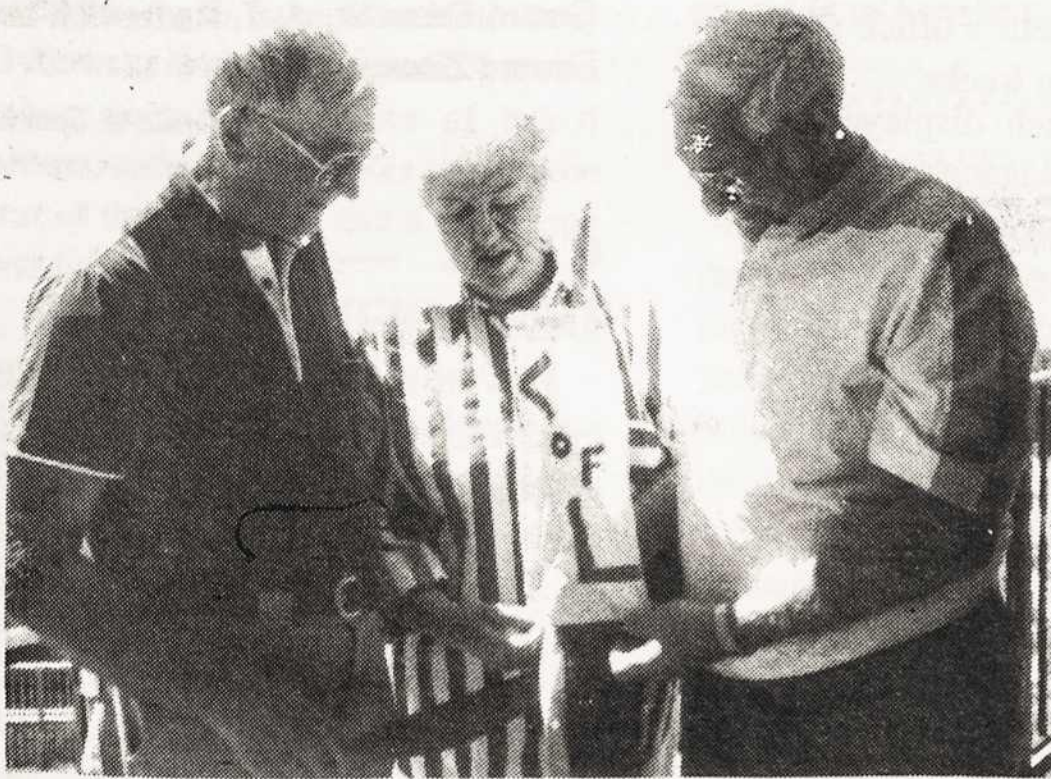
Detroiters were very honored when Archbishop Szoka and Michigan born Archbishop Hickey of Washington were named Cardinals by Pope John Paul II. Lithuanians were twice proud with the naming of Vincentas Sladkevicius, the apostolic administrator of Kaišiadorys, as Cardinal also. Congratulations to all.

Council 102 was invited by Council 79 to join their St. Casimir Day celebration with Mass and brunch following.

In May Council 102 accepted Pittsburgh Council 19 invitation to the Mid-Central meeting and bowling tournament. The meeting was run smoothly by President Fran Petkus. Fr. Alexander gave a very stirring speech on the pride of being Lithuanian and encouraged us to get the young people involved.

The bowling tournament produced our council as winners again this year with Beth Marzolf, Maryanne and Joe Guerriero, Gus Baibak and George Kayganich as the winning team. Thank you Pittsburgh for the wonderful weekend. Who said you couldn't do it? We are looking forward to Council 79 Southfield next year.

After Pittsburgh, Joe and Maryanne Guerriero drove to Connecticut



Joe & Maryanne Guerriero and Frank Bunikas admire K of L windsock made by Aldona Bunikas, members of C-102 Detroit, MI.

to visit with her brother and sister-in-law, SCVP Frank and Isabel Peterson. Frank is recovering from surgery and get well wishes were extended from Council 102.

Memorial Day is always celebrated by the Lithuanian Veterans with Mass and brunch. This year was special as Bishop Baltakis celebrated the Mass with Fr. Stan and Fr. Chris concelebrating. Prayers were also said after Mass at the Wayside Cross with the placing of the wreath.

Our bowling league ended the season in May with a banquet. The new season will start in September. Anyone wishing to join may call Ruth Wagster, president, or Maryanne Guerriero, secretary. We are registered under the Knights of Lithuania, Mixed, and do have a good time. Do hope for new bowlers.

Congratulations to Merri and Lori Hofner on the graduation of their two sons from medical school: Mark as a podiatrist and Kevin as dentist. Good luck to both in their new careers.

Deepest sympathies are extended to Evelyn Barry, our Florida member, on the sudden loss of her husband

Bob. Bob was a fun person and we enjoyed his company while they lived here.

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C-103 — PROVIDENCE

The council's June meeting was held following a cook-out at the home of Jonas and Natalie Gervalis. The yard was simply beautiful with rhododendron in full bloom, a carpet-like lawn that is bordered by annuals and a large vegetable garden. We are grateful for their hospitality and for the servers, cooks and helpers who were John Walaska, Anthony Gudeczauskas guided by Eugene R. Krecioch.

Reports of the council's activities during the previous month were related to the membership under the stewardship of Madam President Bertha R. Stoskus.

Copies of Father Valkavicius' book that should be required reading by all members to acquire a better perspective of Lithuanian life in America during the past 75 years as encountered in the establishment of the K of L were available for purchase.

Upcoming National Convention



It takes 17 muscles to smile, 43 muscles to frown.



was discussed. Five delegates were chosen from the dozen members and guests who are planning to go to Washington.

The most significant topic at the meeting was the announcement on May 29, 1988, by Pope John Paul of a Lithuanian Cardinal, Bishop Vincentas Sladkevicius. We were informed that we have parishioners named Sladkevicius and that our pastor and spiritual advisor, Father Gedvila, was in the seminary at which time the new Cardinal was an upper classman. Father had the honor to be in attendance on the occasion of the new Cardinal's ordination.

Joseph and Agnes Waitonis, Joseph and Veronica Kiela, Vytautas and Sophia Sakalys and Victor and Beatrice Mathieu were in attendance at Mass and reception on Sunday, June 12, sponsored by and at the Convent of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Putnam who were honoring their Chaplain Father Cukurus on his 50th Jubilee celebration.

The 12th consecutive commemoration of the "Terrible June Days," the Lithuanian Holocaust, was observed by Mass in Bristol at St. Mary's Church. Members of the council participated at the 5 p.m. Mass held on Saturday, June 11. The pastor, Rev. Charles B. McDermott, was the celebrant. Included in the offertory procession was a Lithuanian Wayside Cross which was presented to Father McDermott on the occasion of his 25th anniversary to the priesthood.

Un qui prie pour Lithuanie...
Vic Mathieu

C-110 — MASPETH

This council, having survived the winter, greeted Easter with its joy and opportunity to reassess our lives. For Easter gives us all the chance to believe that life is ahead of us, not just behind us.

On April 23, this joy was reflected by the members and their friends who participated in the council's annual spring dinner dance. The luscious meal with all the trimmings was served by Peter Zuyus and his son. Accompanying the meal was a variety of refreshments. The meal was topped off with cheese babka and coffee.

Our monthly meeting was held on May 4. On May 8 we remembered our mothers. The council's monthly Mass was held on May 15 at Transfiguration Church. On June 1, we held our final meeting for the current council year and celebrated with a closing party.

On June 4, according to a periodical published by and in the interest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, it stated that on May 29, 1988, Pope John Paul II named as Cardinal, Bishop Vincentas Sladkevicius, the Apostolic Administrator of Kaišiadorys. At the end of the announcement, the Pope expressed his greetings to the cardinal named in pectore, without public disclosure, in 1979. Some have speculated that the cardinal in pectore is Bishop Julijonas Steponavičius, the Apostolic Administrator of Vilnius in Lithuania who has been exiled from his diocese by the government.

On June 5, the members of this council attended the Mid-Atlantic District Convention hosted by Council 41. Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Annunciation with Rev. Msgr. Frank Bulovas, MAD spiritual advisor, as celebrant, assisted by Rev.

John Pakalniškis, pastor, and Rev. Daniel Staniškis, associate pastor.

Although I don't profess to be a musical critic, I do believe, as did the whole assemblage, that the singing was superb. The Annunciation Choir combined with the Perkūnas Men's Chorus could not have been surpassed as to the solemnity or quality of voices which enhanced the Mass.

Mass was held on June 12 at Transfiguration Church to commemorate the 47th anniversary of the 1941 deportation of Lithuanians from their homeland. In Lithuania under the Soviet yoke, thousands of its inhabitants were arrested and incarcerated and banished to Siberia during the mass deportation on June 14 and 15 in 1941.



C-136 Albany, NY- Lithuanian booth at Festival of Nations in Schenectady.

SCHENECTADY GAZETTE



C-136 Lithuanian display in Schenectady Gazette newspaper window prepared by Gen Baranauskas.

C-136 - ALBANY, NY

The newly formed C-136 representing Albany, Schenectady and Troy has been successful in obtaining active enthusiastic members totalling 35.

Members were active participants in manning the Lithuanian booth at the annual Festival of Nations on May 15 in Schenectady at the museum grounds. They sold Lithuanian food and artifacts realizing a good profit and were able to donate to the Schenectady Museum, the museum in Putnam, CT and the college in Rome. The raffle of a Lithuanian doll netted enough to donate to the council's treasury.

Members attended the outing in Putnam on July 24 and Lithuanian Day at Auriesville Shrine on Aug. 28.

They also joined Amsterdam C-100 for an all-day picnic on Sept. 11th.

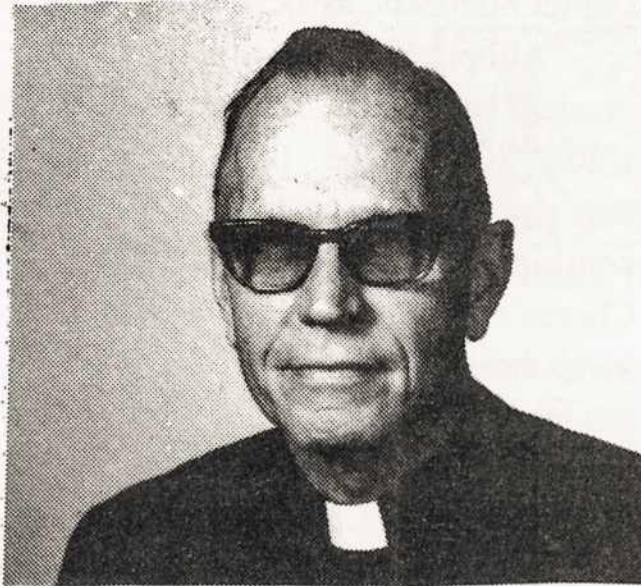
Several members of the council spent their vacation time in Lithuania this summer. The remaining members are looking forward to hearing all about the trips in the fall after the meetings will again resume.

Dorothy Barkowski Richmire

C-143 - PITTSTON, PA

June 12, 1988 will be a date long remembered by the parishioners of St. Casimir's! Our pastor and spiritual advisor, Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas, celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Fr. Pete, as he is affectionately called, was ordained June 5, 1943. After having served parishes in Shohola, Swoyersville, Dushore, Towanda, Wanamie, Scranton and Hanover, he assumed the pastorate of St. Casimir in Pittston on Sept. 14, 1966 and is in his 22nd year of service in this parish.

As a tribute to our Fr. Pete, a committee representing all organizations combined to commemorate his ordination anniversary. Truthfully, Fr. was a bit reluctant to sanction a celebration. He stressed no purses, no gifts, no programs, no speeches - just a good time for everyone. The response to the announcement was overwhelming. Fr. was then elated as plans progressed and the day of celebration was at hand. The weather was perfect, sunny but not too hot. A multitude of priests processed from the rectory to the church as societies formed an honor guard. Fr. Pete together with the Very Rev. Dennis G. Volmi, Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas, Msgr. Francis A. Kane, Rev. John Savakynus, Rev. John J. Jackson, Rev. Julio Serra OSJ, Rev. Joseph Sibilano OSJ and Rev. George Kuzhippallil concelebrated a Solemn High Mass at noon. The brief homily was given by his cousin, Very Rev. Dennis G. Volmi of Wilm-



Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas

ington, DE. The papal blessing was obtained and bestowed by Rev. Julio Serra OSJ. Fr. Serra is Fr. Pete's "right hand" in administering to the needs of St. Casimir's parishioners. The choir, directed by Robert Kelleher, featured special music and soloist concluding with singing of "The Rosary".

Approximately 600 people attended the Mass and dinner which followed at Convention Hall. Clergy and nuns were invited guests. Each guest was presented with a souvenir prayer card and an engraved book mark. A plaque commemorating the anniversary from his parishioners was presented by Geo. Kamage, celebration committee chairman. A legislative citation was presented by Rep. Thomas Tigus from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

A highlight of the affair, Father's surprise, was an impersonation of Fr. Sarducci, a TV personality. He entertained with many comical stories to the delight of all present. Father warmly greeted his guests and they, in turn, wished him well for many years to come. The audience sang two special songs in his honor. The day ended with music for dancing furnished by the Len Charney Combo.

A presentation from our council was given to Fr. at our regular meeting in July. A large handprinted document, under glass, attesting our appreciation of his presence in our parish

and his dedicated interest as our Knights spiritual advisor was our gift to Father. Before, during and after the celebration, he received many expressions of good wishes. It was a big day!

Annamarie Sewatsky

C-144 - ANTHRACITE, PA

Members of C-144 returned home from the Nat'l Convention with the happy news that Anne Wargo was elected Nat'l President and Rita Shevokas served on the scholarship committee. At the August meeting, the members had a surprise reception for our newly-elected Nat'l Pres. and presented her with a briefcase for her presidential papers. Olympia Zelinski gave a precise report on the convention.

The 74th Annual Lithuanian Day Banquet with Jack Joseph as chairman was a success despite the heat. Our guest speaker, Victor Nakas, of the Lithuanian Information Center in Washington, gave an informative talk on conditions in Lithuania today.

The Eastern Ethnic Heritage Week held at the Fairlane Village Mall was a tremendous success. Thanks to Gen'l Chairman Bernard Zilaitis and Food Chairman Edmund Carlitus, the Lithuanian section was very successful. The Lithuanian Cultural display was outstanding; "bulvinos desros" was the hit of the food. The proceeds will go to the Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome. The names of the workers and food contributors are too numerous to mention. Once again it proved what a wonderful group of good Lithuanians and friends we have. We say "simta aciu" to all our members for their cooperation.

A special happy birthday was celebrated for our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Jarasunas, "Ilgiausiu Metu!"

We congratulate Pastor Father Anthony Wassel and the parishioners of St. Joseph Church of Mahanoy

City on the celebration of 100 years of Catholic Faith.

C-146 — HARRISBURG

Father John F. Smith, our spiritual advisor, celebrated the silver anniversary of his ordination. After Mass, a reception was held in the hall of his parish, St. Peter's Church in Columbia. We were all happy to be a part of this memorable day.

Vity and Helen Grabauskas and her mother Helen Venis from Council 110 returned from their trip to Australia. What made it extra special was visiting relatives, some of whom we were corresponding with for many years. We were delighted to find a Lithuanian club in Bankstown near Sydney where we all enjoyed a Lithuanian dinner.

A group from our council travelled to Scranton on March 13 to attend the Mid-Atlantic District St. Casimir's breakfast and meeting. Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church. Seven of our members received their Third Degrees. They are Nell Berulis, Vity and Helen Grabauskas, Joanna Gilbert, Helen Wysocke, Gene and Eleanor Rusatsky. At the luncheon after Mass Scranton Council members were excellent hosts. There was plenty of delicious food even after the meeting.

Our council is now in its tenth year. We celebrated by attending Mass at St. Mary's Church with our spiritual advisor Father Smith as celebrant. We then had brunch at Mackley's Mill in Hellam. Father conferred the Second Degree on Clara and Joseph Gudalonis, John F. Povilaitis and Daniel and Joan Suders.

Sad news was received at the time of this writing. Stanley Berulis after a long illness died at Holy Spirit Hospital. Due to poor health, he was never able to be an active member, but

his wife Nell always held an office and did more than her share of work.

Helen Grabauskas

Hand-lettered sign spotted at a bus stop in Brooklyn:

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K of L Calendar

November 5, 1988 - Annual Fall Dance, C-90 Kearny, NJ

November 6, 1988 - Fall Festival, C-79, Southfield, MI

November 12, 1988 - VETRA Lithuanian Folk Dancers Annual Vakaras, W. Haven, CT. Info: Barbara Schmidt (203) 878-6144.

May 21, 1989 - 75th Anniversary Annunciation Parish, Bklyn, NY C-41.

OLD IS WONDERFUL

Let us take note that it is the old apple trees that are decked with the loveliest blossoms;

That it is the ancient redwoods that rise to majestic heights;

That it is the old violins that produce the richest tones;

That it is the old wine that tastes the sweetest;

That it is for ancient coins, old stamps and antique furniture that many eagerly seek;

That it is when the day is old and far spent that it displays the beautiful colors of the sunset;

That it is when the year is old and has run its course that Mother Nature transforms the world into a fairyland of snow;

That old friends are the dearest and that it is the old people who have been loved by God for a long, long time.

Thank God for the blessings of old age — its faith, its love, its hope, its patience, its wisdom, its experience, its maturity.

When all is said and done, OLD is wonderful!

— Sister M.-Gemma Brunke
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