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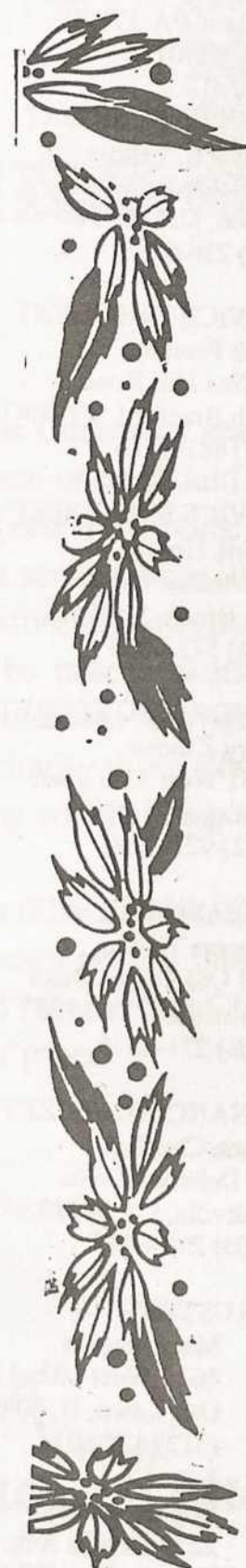
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## EDITORIAL

The season of Christmas and New Year is upon us. May this time of year be one of joy and love, in particular, a season of peace for all our Knights of Lithuania members and friends.

Vytis staff and our Supreme Council take this opportunity to thank all our districts, councils, members and business associates who were so kind to take a Christmas ad in this issue. Only with your help can we succeed in a better Vytis for your reading\ pleasure.

A magazine can only be as good as the material submitted by our writers. There are many councils that we rarely hear from, such as C-17 So. Boston, C-41 Brooklyn, C-90 Kearny, C-116 Worcester, C-142 Washington, C-150 Kansas City and many others. Council news articles received are all printed; none are discarded. If you do not read anything about your council, the fault lies with your Vytis correspondent. Please get after this person to promise that articles will be forthcoming regularly. We all would like to hear about your members and your activities.

Lai Deivas laimina visus Vycius per 1989 metus ir visuomet!

## CHRISTMAS – KALĖDOS

The season of Christmas has many lessons for all of us. We are taught about the generosity of God allowing his only Son to enter this world. We are taught about Mary and Joseph, living a quiet life, making the unseen sacrifices and showing the same kind of generosity that, like Christ, determines to make the place where they lived a place of peace. Each century has had its writers and scholars talk about the child from Bethlehem who went about preaching this gospel of peace. The message has been the same for 2,000 years. It should remind us that if we desire to leave this world a better place, we can do it by bringing a greater degree of peace into the life of those with whom we work and live.

St. Francis of Assisi, in his beautiful prayer "Lord, make me an instrument of thy Peace", captured the lesson

Christ wanted us to learn from the first Christmas season. Each season should be one of peace, each of us should be a peacemaker. St. Frances also said each one must bring love where there is hatred, joy where there is sorrow, hope where there is despair. Peace really is the individual vocation of each one of us. We are all called to be peacemakers, no matter what your age, income or education. We should reach out, touch with compassion and charity those who are carrying some particular cross. In doing so, we bring them a degree of peace.

There is no question that peace is a difficult task. There is no reason that this has to be so. If each person imitates Christ, radiates his love and those who receive that Christ-like love will achieve a greater degree of peace.

*Linksmų  
Šv. Kalėdų*

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*Laimingų  
Naujųjų Metų!*



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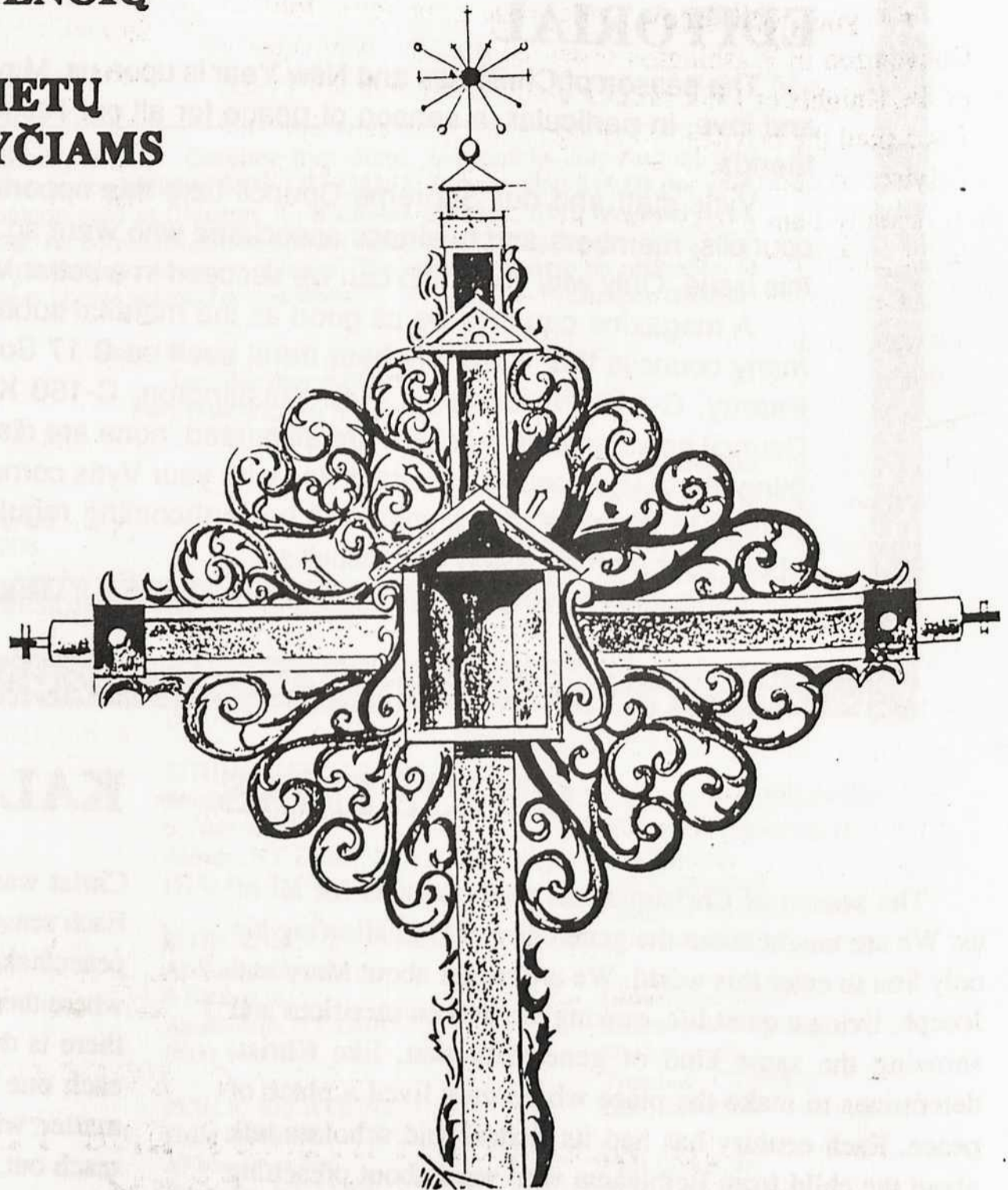
Pasaulis buvo tamsumoje,  
O žmonės nuodėmių klanuos  
Vis skendo, skendo gilumoje...  
Nebuvo kas išgelbsti juos.

Didžiūnai spaudė vargo žmones,  
Kankino, mušė nekaltai,  
Nerodė jiems jokios malonės –  
Tik žudė, smaugė taip šaltai.

Atėjo laukiama gadynė,  
Nušvito žemė ir dangus;  
Vergijos pančius tuoj sutrynė –  
Lengvai atsikvėpė žmogus.

Tarp varguolių gimė Kristus –  
Palaimą atnešė visiems;  
Praverė priespaudos Jis spąstus –  
Ir laisvę suteikė žmonėms!

1918 m. Leonardas Šimutis (Ilgesio valandėlės)



from  
Officers and Members of

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA  
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## A Message from the Spiritual Advisor

As you well know, this past summer's Jubilee Convention in Washington observed the 75th Anniversary of the Knights of Lithuania. In conjunction with this event, I accepted the privilege of being named your new Spiritual Advisor to continue the fine work done by Fr. Jurgelaitis. Personally I am most humbled by this show of confidence, and I pledge to you my interest and my best effort.

Let me share with you at this time a few direct thoughts about our role as Knights of Lithuania. 1987 and 1988 have been momentous years for Lithuanians throughout the world. In 1987, we marked the 600 Jubilee Year of Christianity for Lithuania. Celebrating those festivities, we were painfully aware of the sufferings, pain and anxiety of those living in our oppressed ancestral land. Our celebrations honored the courage of these people and the glory of our forefathers. 1988 brought with it a time of optimism and hope, as a new climate of openness and restructuring swept across much of the Soviet Union, in particular the Baltic Republics. It seemed as if all the dashed hopes and prayers of the years since 1940 had suddenly found new life. To witness the flag of the Lithuanian Republic flying proudly in the breeze, to understand the in-

tense emotion of people's hearts as in Vilnius they sang fervently Lietuva Tėvyne Musu, and to receive reports of honest and frank discussion for a better daily life in Lithuania - all these have caused our souls to swell with dignity, pride and a prayerfully optimistic hope for the future.

In line with these events, we, Knights of Lithuania, have before us a golden opportunity. We must rededicate ourselves with a fervor to doing all we can to bring to pass a new chapter in Lithuanian history. Remarkably we stand much in the same position as the founders of our movement in 1913 who looked forward to a new Lithuania freed from Czarist domination. Hopefully, the Lithuania of the future will be the master of its own national fate, preserving its religious and cultural identity and offering its heritage as a gift both to the East and to the West. What lies ahead we do not know, but of this much we are sure - the blood, tears and trials of this Amber people, ancient and noble, have brought us to a new "dawn" in our history. We must love and cherish our heritage as never before.

*Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, S.T.D.*



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## OUR LADY OF SILUVA SHRINE IN MAIZEVILLE, PA

The first Lithuanians came to Maizeville in 1871. For over 30 years some went to Shenandoah and others to Mahanoy City for Sunday Mass until Rev. Antanas Miliukas, the pioneer priest, in 1907 came to organize a parish for them. The following year Rev. S. Pautienas had the Church of St. Louis built and blessed but in 1914 it was destroyed by fire.

A larger church was constructed the following year by Rev. P. Augustaitis. Because the small parish could not support a parochial school at the time, classes in religion and Lithuanian hymns were taught to the children in church and in the hall below the church. Lithuanian language and culture classes were added by Rev. A. Alauskas in 1934 to 1938. When Rev. A. Degutis was appointed pastor he invited the Sisters of St. Casimir to teach the children on week-ends.

In 1955 Rev. J. Neverauskas as next pastor embellished the church interior, renewing it tastefully and artistically. However, Rev. Albinas Bielskis, appointed to the parish eight years later in 1963, saw the entire edifice go up in smoke when on November 6, 1965, a huge fire destroyed the church and rectory. A Lithuanian parish of 50 years was left in ruins under an open sky.

After such a catastrophe the new pastor, Rev. A. Bielskis, approached the bishop for permission to rebuild the church as a shrine to Our Lady of Siluva. At this time Lithuanian Catholics in the United States were responding generously to a drive for funds to include a chapel of Our Lady of Siluva in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. It became a reality and was blessed in September of 1966 before thousands of pilgrims of Lithuanian descent.

Skeptical that Maizeville's small parish could shoulder such a burden the bishop was reluctant to grant permission. However, with the next visit to the chancery Rev. A. Bielskis was able to give tangible proof that a shrine could be built in Maizeville. Many Lithuanians in Northeastern Pennsylvania who heard of the pastor's plan to build a shrine in honor of Our Lady of Siluva, the Patroness of Lithuania, sent sufficient offerings to make the shrine a reality. Constructed in two years it was blessed on November 26, 1967.

From the outside the shrine is not too impressive. The general appearance is reminiscent of the style of the architect J. Mulokas. However, upon entering the shrine the feeling uppermost is one of seeing a part of Lithuania's history emerge. The religious and national details are the inspired work of the Lithuanian artist Vytautas Jonynas

whose creative art of impressive beauty is also found in Our Lady of Siluva Shrine in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC,

On the front wall above the altar is a mosaic of the Annunciation designed in three dimensions. The stain-glass windows radiating a variety of brilliant colors on both sides of the shrine reflect the artistic creations of the same artist. At the back of the shrine a huge stain-glass window contains a reproduction of the three crosses which had been built in Vilnius in memory of the early Franciscan martyrs. The Gate of Gediminas is at the side of the crosses.

Also included in the artistic creations is a likeness of Saint Casimir, the patron of Lithuanian youth, whose feast day is marked on March 4th. Among the folk creations is a monstrance, a likeness of a true masterpiece of Lithuanian folk art. On a bright sunny day a rainbow of colors streaming on the crosses and the Gate of Gediminas enhances and accents their beauty. The yellow, green and red of the Lithuanian flag at the altar leaves no doubt in the minds of visitors that this is a Lithuanian national shrine.

Every third Sunday of each month a Lithuanian Mass had been celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva. A choir from Easton led by the organist of the parish sang Lithuanian hymns. Each year beginning on September first, a Novena in honor of Our Lady drew pilgrims from far and near. Reporters from Lithuanian newspapers would be there to record the event. All this activity at the Shrine was planned and led by a tireless leader, Rev. Albinas Bielskis.

Rev. A. Bielskis, responsible for the building of the shrine, although born in the United States had lived in Lithuania from his childhood. Here he completed his studies in jurisprudence before studying for the priesthood. When ordained he served as chaplain at the Cathedral in Vilkaviskis. After World War II in 1946 as a citizen of the United States he was allowed to return to this country.

When faced with the responsibility of building a Church for the people of Maizeville his love and veneration for the Blessed Virgin Mary was the source of strength and perseverance in attaining his goal. All the national and religious past of the Lithuanian people as embodied in the shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Siluva can be found in a coal region of Pennsylvania. It is a monument to the efforts of a humble, hard-working people, the Lithuanians.

As at Cedar Lake in Crown Point, Indiana, as at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Elizabeth, NJ, as at the Shrine in Washington, DC annual pilgrimages and solemn novenas can draw the faithful to Our Lady of Siluva Shrine in Maizeville.



Lithuanians in their own country are forbidden by the Soviets to make pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva. No better choice can be made by the Catholics of Northeastern Pennsylvania to atone for this restriction than by going to Maizeville in organized groups to sing Lithuanian hymns, to hear the word of God, to pray for

freedom for Lithuania and all suppressed nations. The little town of Maizeville will come alive as a Lithuanian Marian Center, especially in this year dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

*Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC*

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SILUVA

Holy Mary, Vessel of election,  
Mother of God and Mediatrix of all graces,  
Love came to you that memorable day  
When the Word took flesh in your virginal womb.  
You gave Him to us in human form  
To begin His Kingdom on earth.



As a sign of predilection you first appeared  
To the persecuted people of Lithuania,  
In the village of the Pines, in Siluva.  
You came to save the nation  
From the errors of the Calvinists,  
The destroyers of love and veneration  
For you as the Mother of God.



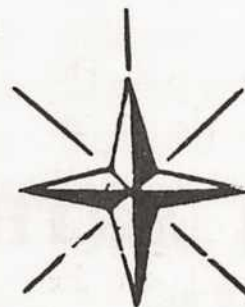
Holding the Christ Child in your arms  
You revealed yourself again as the Mother of Fair Love.  
Then freedom and peace descended on the land  
Of the people of Lithuania.

Dear Lady of Siluva, we beg of you once more  
To come to the aid of Lithuania  
As you did three hundred years ago in 1608.  
Come with your grace to a people who trust in you.  
Regain for them the right to love you and your Son,  
That freedom and peace may reign once more  
In a Nation dedicated to you as Mary's land.

*Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC*

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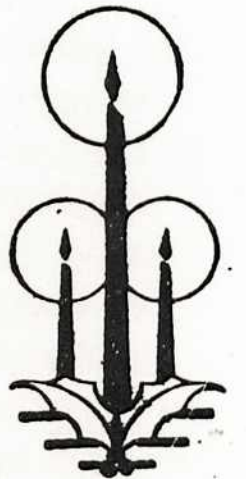
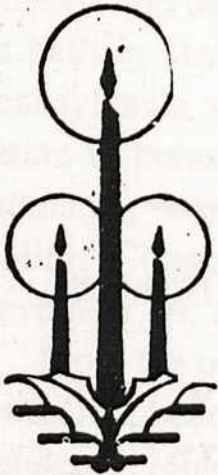
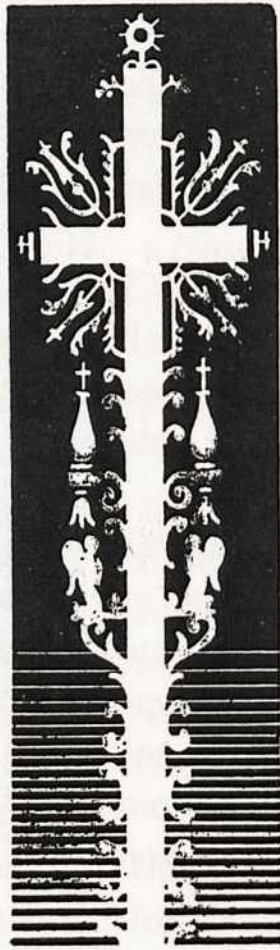
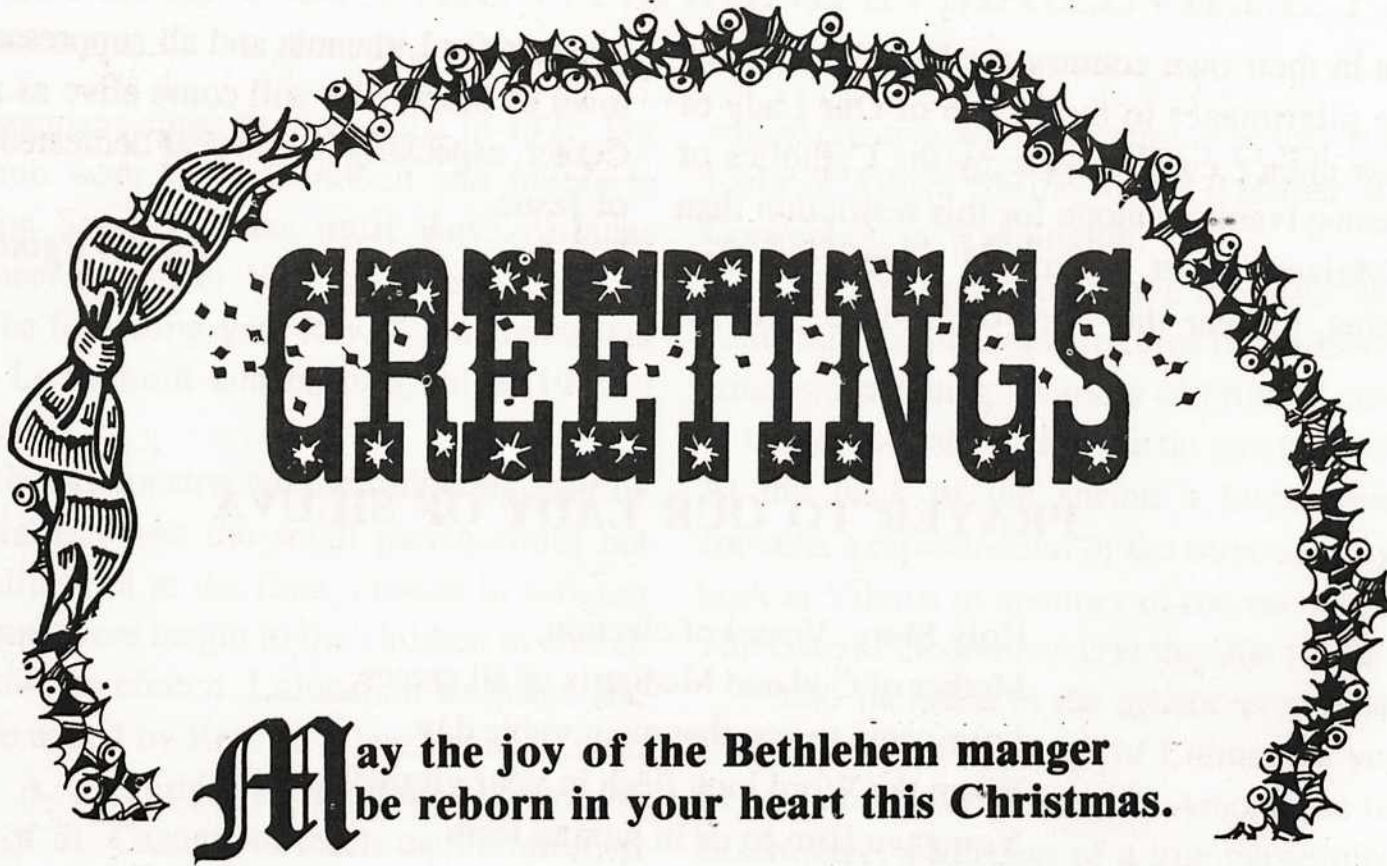
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## A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION TO THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION 1988 ESSAY CONTEST

*By Loretta Stukas, Chairman*

Early in 1988, the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Knights of Lithuania, the Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc. announced its 1988 Essay Contest. The contest was one of the Foundation's activities to commemorate the Knights Diamond Jubilee, and was made possible by a grant by Rev. Msgr. Juozas Prunskis.

Essay writers were to respond to the topic "How I Can Help Assure a 100th Birthday for the Knights of Lithuania" in 450 to 500 words. The contest was open to all regular and associate members in good standing, and also to junior members. Algirdas Budreckis, Aldona Ryan and Loretta Stukas were designated judges.

The Contest was indeed a success, as entries were received from regular and associate members, as well as juniors, in English and Lithuanian. All 5 Districts were represented, as were 13 regular councils and 3 junior councils. Judging was difficult, because so many excellent ideas were presented. Some essays strayed a bit from the designated topic, but presented good suggestions nonetheless.

Contest winners were announced during the 75th Nat'l Convention, and the winning entries are published in this issue of VYTIS. It is our pleasure to congratulate the winners, as follows:

1st Prize (\$300.00) - Sabina Henson, C-36 Chicago, IL  
2nd Prize (\$200.00) - Dana Butts, C-24 Chicago, IL  
3rd Prize (\$100.00) - Gene Gobis, C-100 Amsterdam, NY  
*Honorable Mention:*

Bronius V. Krokys, C-3 Philadelphia, PA  
Christine Cius, C-36 Juniors, Chicago, IL  
Beatrice Jasewicz, C-100 Amsterdam, NY

An Essay Contest sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc. is an annual event. The prizes will be approximately the same each year, only the topic will be changed. The 1989 Contest will be announced shortly.

The Knights of Lithuania is most grateful to Rev. Msgr. Juozas Prunskis for his generosity in donating a special grant to the Foundation, with the specification that the interest from the grant be used for an Essay Contest,

encouraging members to think about and write about the betterment of the Knights of Lithuania.

We urge all members to give serious thought to the next Contest's topic, to express those thoughts in writing, and enter the Contest.

### **Sabina Henson - 1st Place Winner**

Our roots are very deep and are on a sound and prosperous basis. With all the love I have for the Knights of Lithuania, I can honestly say, I can help secure a 100th birthday for our great organization through youth and increased membership. I have formed a Junior Council (C-36) in Chicago and am willing to follow in the footsteps of Mykolas Norkunas as he loved the youth and was delighted to spend time with them.

Showing appreciation, praising, better practicing of Catholicism, love for culture, for Lithuanian language, songs, dances, customs are primary objects, I will bring out with working with them. Taking an interest in our Junior members with meetings and outings that is of interest to them. Giving them the opportunity to grow, by having faith in them, keeping them involved, giving them a sense of belonging with us so when they get older they will want to stay with us. They will even encourage their friends to become Knights. This being our future is our greatest help in reaching our goal. Through examples and hard work and all will be accomplished. Remember "Actions Speak Louder than Words". We must teach, mold, direct the youth and hold their interest just as our great people have, leading the way for leaders of today.

No organization can maintain its identity or advance socially and reality without committing itself to the development and education of the youth. It will be a milestone which we will be justly proud as teachers and workers with our gifted youth. As we help them recognize their gifts, reaching their potentials in leadership and better understanding of their moral and civic responsibilities of furthering their love for our great religion and heritage.

Our Knights of Lithuania has earned a place of honor in our churches, members hearts, non-members, respect in all communities. We also have many memories of the works that our forefathers accomplished. They respected the



youth and prepared them with their good works. We must find ways to keep our members interested so that they stay with us and find ways and means to interest new members.

With good counseling, advice, great works and love that has been passed on to us, we must pass on to our youth. We must work with youth, keeping our faith strong, love our Lithuanian culture, carry on the great traditions to the century mark and beyond.

Our continued increase in membership always plays a very important and vital part in our lives. Showing enthusiasm when talking to a prospective member. Explain about the organization rules, regulations and goals. Arranging meetings that are informative and interesting, as it deepens their love and concern to belong. Catholic faith strengthens with all the religious activities. Reading our Vytis magazine is essential. It broadens our minds about religion, Lithuania, culture, heritage. Keeping our Juniors active, informed are important and constructs a mind that is willing to do and build interest in our club so they will continue in our footsteps.

For God and Country will always be remembered. Therefore, we will always render an outstanding love for the one and only Knights of Lithuania organization and our great nation now and forever. With God and our country and working of the youth, keeping membership growing, how can we lose? Each of us can use our minds more effectively if we think through just what Knights of Lithuania means to us as an individual member, then have the courage to act on your own idea, to live by our own originality of getting and keeping members. As loyal, active members, we must never be too busy to take time out, think about new members and youth.

Striving for One Hundred Plus will be enfolded because of our love for God and being proud of our heritage. Remember, love is what it is all about and Today's Juniors, Tomorrow's Leaders.

This has been my goal and will be as long as I'm able to carry on.

### **Dana Butts - 2nd Place Winner**

I have always been proud to say that I am a member of Knights of Lithuania. It is indeed a distinguished organization.

One way I can help assure a 100th birthday for the Knights of Lithuania is to be fully involved in the monthly meetings or other Knights of Lithuania functions. Since I have been president of our junior council, I feel I have grown more closer to the organization and to my heritage. I have worked close with my council and by being in it I feel like I am part of a family, and not in just some ordinary, dull organization.

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Also by going to yearly conventions I can help assure a 100th birthday because then we, the members, can unite into one large family. And like a family we can talk things over for the upcoming year. Also at conventions, we, the juniors, are able to get together and share our feelings about being in the Knights of Lithuania and also talking about being Lithuanian. I feel good about meeting juniors my age because many of them share the same ideas as I do about the Knights of Lithuania.

Another way I can assure a 100th birthday is to read the monthly magazine, VYTIS. By reading the VYTIS I feel inspired by the members in my council and in the members of other councils. I feel inspired by the things the members do and by the things the members do to make others happy. And I hope that I, in 25 or more years, will be in authority to do things to make people happy, so people would feel inspired in me when my time comes.

Another way I can help to assure a 100th birthday is to get more people to join my council. I have encouraged many of my friends to join the Knights and many have joined. They enjoy it and share the same feelings as I do about the Knights of Lithuania. People are the reason why councils and the Knights of Lithuania prosper. Surely getting more people to join the Knights of Lithuania can help assure a 100th birthday.

Another way I can help assure a 100th birthday is by promising myself to stay with the Knights of Lithuania until I get my fourth degree. Although I'm only 14, and I'm still working on my first degree, I am willing to stick with the Knights of Lithuania. I am hoping to become president of my council and put all my efforts toward the members especially the juniors. I want to teach the juniors, of the future generation, all the goodness and values the Knights of Lithuania has.

I think this is how I can help assure a 100th birthday for the Knights of Lithuania.

### **Gene Gobis - 3rd Place Winner**

Yes, I will and I have been attempting to make certain that the Knights of Lithuania will survive and be able to commemorate its 100th anniversary.

The main point of survival is the continuous membership, especially of the youth. If we cannot get the young generation to become active members, then we are lost!

Let's be honest, most of our members are over fifty years of age. So, how many of us will be around to observe this anniversary?

Our Knights of Lithuania is considered a family organization. Therefore, first and foremost, the parents should strive to have their children join the junior councils.



Here, they will become the nucleus of new members ready to step into the regular councils.

In Amsterdam, we have had a junior council for over ten years. Regina Kot has been the counselor from its organization until this year when Beatrice Jasewicz took over. I have been assisting both counselors from the very beginning. We must have done something right, since eight of our juniors received K of L scholarships. Nine juniors are now regular council members. Most of our juniors are second and third generation Lithuanian whose parents speak little Lithuanian. We endeavor to spark an interest in their ethnic heritage, touching on history, geography, language and folk lore. Special projects, such as egg dyeing, creating straw ornaments, wood carving, learning to sing Lithuanian folk songs and perform a few folk dances, have been attempted.

Most of our juniors, at present, represent one family. Beatrice Jasewicz has one son and ten grandchildren in the council.

The task of increasing membership in our regular council is attacked by me in the following method. When I see someone whom I believe would be an asset to the organization, I approach the person and give my sales pitch. In many instances, I get a "bite" and a new member is signed up.

If all members took such an initiative, our membership would grow by leaps and bounds! Specifically, go after the younger age group!

Wherever possible, the Knights of Lithuania, "For God and Country" should be publicized with local council activities in the newspapers, radio and television. The more recognition we get, the more the public will be made aware that we exist and this will arouse the interest to join the organization.

New members should be asked to volunteer their services on various committees, especially the Lithuanian Affairs. Being involved on committees, motivates a member to be active. The younger members should accept official duties on the local, district and supreme council levels. With some young blood added to the helm, new ideas may be introduced to keep our organization healthy and alive for its 100th anniversary.

I will do my part to keep our "VYCIU" group strong and active, and I hope that every member will do likewise.

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# LITHUANIAN FOUNDATION

## Lithuanian Financial Wellspring

By *Ramona Stephens-Steponavicius*

To dream the impossible dream - to fight the unbeatable foe ... The former is disparaged by a skeptical society, keenly aware that tilting at windmills breaks bones. The latter idea is, likewise, frequently misunderstood because of a tendency to externalize the adversary, rather than to perceive the enemy within. Apathetic or fatalistic attitudes whimper defeat before a finger is lifted in challenge. To overcome these odds, even a relatively modest ideal requires a certain combination of foresight, fortitude and faith.

At its inception, the Lithuanian Foundation must have appeared a somewhat Utopian verbal panoply to the doubting Thomas league. This not-for-profit corporation, which last year celebrated its silver anniversary, was established with the goal of raising \$1,000,000 toward the eventual reconstruction of a free Lithuania. At the core of this venture is the specification that the donated sum not be touched, but rather saved for the day Lithuania would regain its independence.

The Lithuanian press, radio, authorized Foundation representatives, and prominent leaders at the local level helped to popularize the idea and to raise substantial sums. Soon bequests also became a major source of funds. Since many people are understandably hesitant to donate their hard-earned money to a cause of which the results are not immediately visible, the Foundation began to sponsor concerts, recitals, plays and banquets.

Colliding head-on with the obstacles of the real world, however, how long can beautiful dreams, noble intentions, and a handful of devoted individuals sustain themselves on empty words and meaningless promises? Recognizing the necessity of fulfilling the short-term needs of Lithuanians abroad, the founders of the Foundation had determined at its conception that capital earnings would be employed for this purpose. Thus, through its generous monetary support, the Lithuanian Foundation facilitates the transferral of ideas from wagging tongues to industrious hands.

A Finance Committee is assigned the task of ascertaining that the capital is invested in the safest, most profitable manner under the given economic conditions. Investment counselors are employed to manage liquid assets consisting of government obligations and corporate shares. The Foundation also owns real estate and, through its subsidiary, the

Lithuanian Institute for Fine Arts, some works of art: paintings by critically acclaimed artist Pranas Domsaitis and collections of work by V. Dobuzinskis and Viktoras Petravicius. The Institute is incorporated in the state of Illinois where it operates independently from the Foundation and has its own tax-exempt status.

This year the Lithuanian Foundation's annual press conference was held on June 10th at the Lithuanian Youth Center in Chicago. Since the meeting was open to the public as well as correspondents, the Grants Committee was able to present its distribution of the 1988 income to a larger and a more diverse audience. Marija Remys, Pres. of the Foundation's Executive Committee, first greeted the assembly and introduced her committee members.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Stasys Baras, took pride in asserting that the Foundation is a rarity of sorts, due to its unreserved disclosure of its financial statements to both members and interested public. This year, by helping to send several South American students of Lithuanian descent to the Vasario 16 (Feb. 16-Lithuanian Independence Day) High School in West Germany (the only one of its kind functioning outside of Lithuania), the Foundation hopes to invigorate a somewhat abated drive to preserve Lithuanian culture in that part of the world. Mr. Baras emphasized that scholarships represent the Foundation's surest investment in the next generation, thereby preparing it to assume the older generation's responsibilities in the future. He dreams of a day when Foundation membership would considerably surpass the present 5,966 members, when capital would skyrocket over the present \$4,200,000-mark to total \$10,000,000. Subsequently, the Foundation would be able to satisfy 100% of its requests for support. Until then, a relatively large chunk of Lithuanian activities suffers from a lack of adequate funding.

The corporation's founder, Dr. Antanas Razma, next ascended the podium. He acquainted the audience with the members of the Grants Committee and the Scholarship Subcommittee and began a detailed reading of the Summary of Grants, copies of which had been earlier distributed to those gathered. According to the Foundation Bylaws, the Grants Committee comprises 3 delegates of the Lithuanian-American Community of the



USA (in conjunction with which the Foundation had been established) and 3 appointees of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, all endowed with equal voting rights. Over its brief existence, the organization has distributed over \$2.25 million in grants and scholarships. This year the Committee was authorized \$271,000 for allocation: \$11,000 undistributed past funds added to the \$260,000 allotted directly by the Board. Seventy organizations and individuals submitted 118 project proposals totalling nearly \$600,000, of which 60 were approved for partial or complete funding. Of the 57 scholarship requests received for a sum of \$130,000, 30 were partially or fully met.

In the 3-page hand-outs, the grants were divided into 4 general categories. Lithuanian education (including funds apportioned to Lithuanian language schools, seminars and summer camp, books and audio-visual materials) received \$54,525 in grants. Cultural preservation work (book publishing, awards, films, exhibitions, theater, and other fine arts projects) was given \$93,800 in support. Yet another \$53,985 was allotted to social affairs: summer fellowships, the press, radio programs, institutions, youth organizations. Finally, \$68,600 in scholarships were distributed to students of Lithuanian descent, including those attending the Vasario 16 High School and the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle Chair of Lithuanian Studies. Foundation Information Committee chairman and Board member Antanas Juodvalkis mentioned that 3 factors are taken into consideration when evaluating scholarship requests: academics, family financial standing and, most importantly, participation in Lithuanian activities.

After an exhaustive question/answer session, participating members of the 18-person Board of Directors and the 3-person Audit Committee were introduced. At the annual meetings, these officers are elected by Foundation members, who receive one vote for each \$100 contributed to the organization. All of the leadership, except for the salaried general manager and accountant, donate their time and efforts to the Foundation and, therefore, deserved the appreciative applause with which their introductions were met. In her concluding remarks, Mrs. Remys invited everyone to partake of some refreshments.

Thus, the Lithuanian Foundation tangibly confirms that small miracles can arise from sincere endeavors and a firm sense of commitment. Never contented by past achievements, the words of each of the evening's speakers reverberated the same restless note: the

Lithuanian Foundation must seek out new members, continually reaching for a brighter and yet more distant star. Inquires for information on fundable proposals or tax-deductible donations are invited. Write to the Lithuanian Foundation, 3009 W. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60629.

*(The K of L Executive Board and Vytis staff thank the Lithuanian Foundation for their generous donation of \$500.00 made to the Vytis Fund. for use in publishing the VYTIS. Aciu labai)*

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Just off the press "Ilgesio Valandeles" by Leonard Simutis, Jr. This collection of poetry (256 pages) was published by Leonard in loving memory of his father, Leonard Simutis, Sr. who was one of the founding members of the Knights of Lithuania. Those who were in Washington, DC will remember Leonard Simutis, Jr. who spoke about his father's contributions to our organization.

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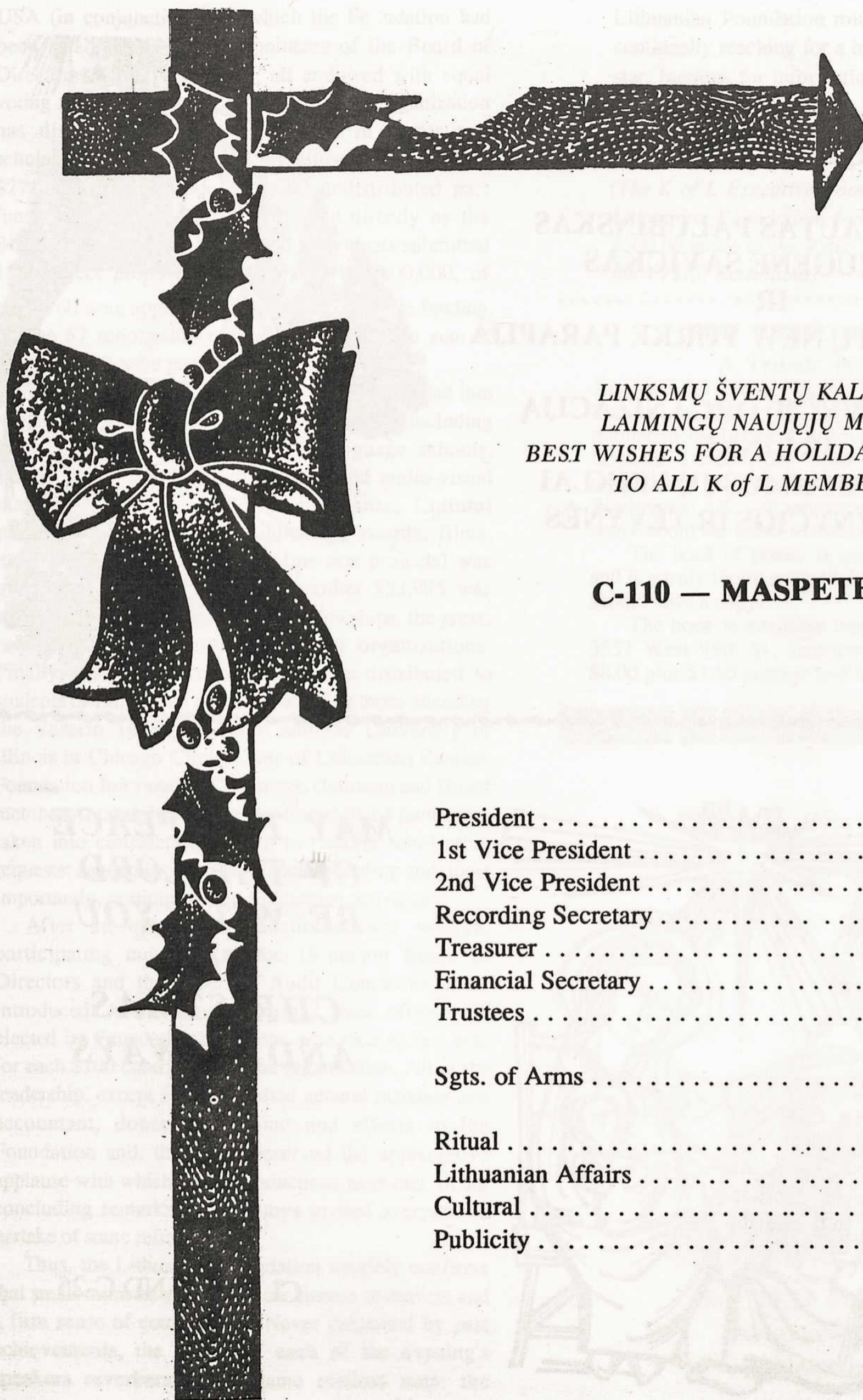
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# "Dede Kastukas Sako" ~

We know what keeps the Knights of Lithuania going after 75 years - our dedicated members who actually do work for God and Country, and expect nothing in return. They don't get paid for the sacrifices they make. They have a true religious spirit, a true American and Lithuanian spirit. All of us want to worship in the Church of our choice, we want to be free to express our thoughts, we want to work where we please, and go where we please, without government restrictions, because freedom belongs to everyone. The K of L's fight for this type of freedom and they want Lithuania and other Captive Nations to have their freedom.

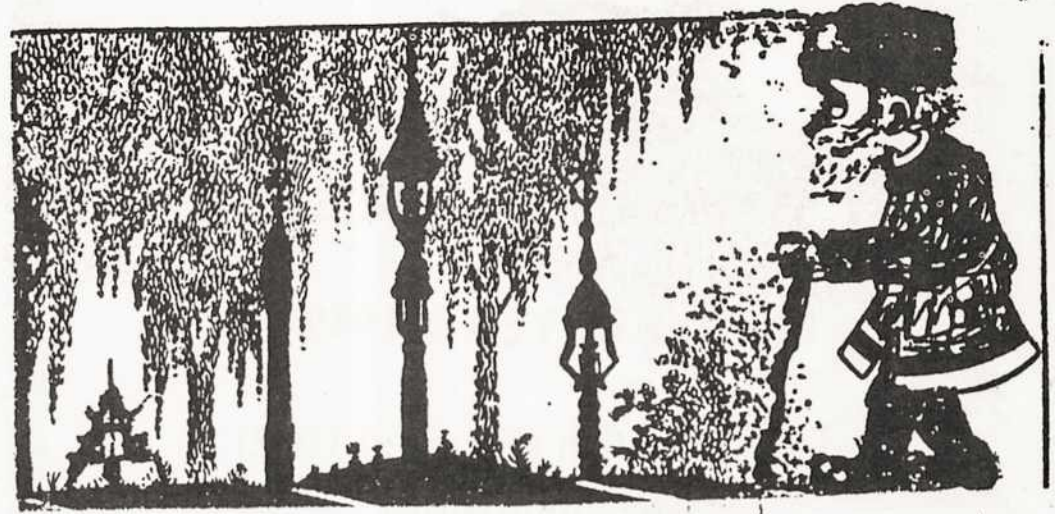
When you do something worthwhile, there's a certain satisfaction in your heart and conscience for having done it - that self-satisfaction is your only reward for the time being. A simple example of a good deed is: dropping a coin in the cup of a blind man, you don't know him and he doesn't know you, but your heart tells you that was the right thing to do.

Some of us do good for others or for a cause. Some of us get partially paid for it, so there are different degrees of sacrifice. Sometime you don't get recognition for this good work, not even a thank you or someone else gets the credit for work you've done which makes you wonder about fair play and human nature. Some like a lot of publicity for anything they do, others may work twice as hard for the public good and avoid public admiration or exposure. Our characters differ in the way we work, or what we expect in return. Keep on doing this good work for Fate has a strange way of saying Thank You.

When dedicated members pass on to eternity, thank the Lord, others do appear to take their place. I believe Father John Jutt and Larry Janonis are up in Heaven organizing the "Knights of Lithuania Angels" and Irene Sankus is the Secretary. This keeps them busy, there are no dues up there, and the VYTIS comes out on time, and if it doesn't, there's hell to pay!

## Fore! Watch that Head

There's a new Believe It or Not about to happen. The Communists say build a capitalistic tainted golf course near Moscow. The Chinese have one near Beijing so the Marxist Gang wants to keep up with world culture.



Who is the sponsor of this new idea? None other than Armond Hammer, the most respected financial wizard and politically recognized man in the universe. He's willing to donate the millions to build the course - so if the money's free, the Russians can use prisoners from Lithuania, Poland, Ukrainia and Latvia to dig out the traps and water holes for the "FREELESS COUNTRY CLUB".

When they invade any adjoining country, the Commies will have a new reasonable excuse for bringing in their army. They're just looking for their golf ball they hit over the fence. The Russian language is well suited for golf; when the Commie misses the ball or tops it, he can swear for an hour without repeating himself. As to swinging the club properly there may be an adjustment problem, since he's accustomed to hitting someone's head with the club instead of a little ball.

Progress goes on - at the nineteenth hole in the locker room. There's where the Commies can show their superiority - downing vodka and cheating on the score, just as they cheat people out of their liberty.

## In Greece Visit Meteora

Most tourists visit Athens on a Greek tour to see the crumbling high columns of the Parthenon, a classical building 2,500 years old. That's where Socrates, Aristotle, Plato, Euripedes, the wise guys of the world spouted the philosophy of life, culture, the good and the bad. It didn't change the world one bit. I can't tell you why Socrates drank his cup of Hemlock to end his life, because I don't know, I wasn't there at the time.

But I can tell you about Meteora, where there are monasteries high up on inaccessible rocks. These are unusual rock formations and the buildings on top were built by Monks some 600 years ago. You can get to the top by climbing and climbing stone stairs - but on others you have to be hauled up in a net to reach the monastery. In 1350 the monks built chapels in caves to hide from invaders or to be alone. There were 24 monasteries at one time, now there are only six. The place is 350 KM from Athens - you might be lucky and feel an earthquake, too.





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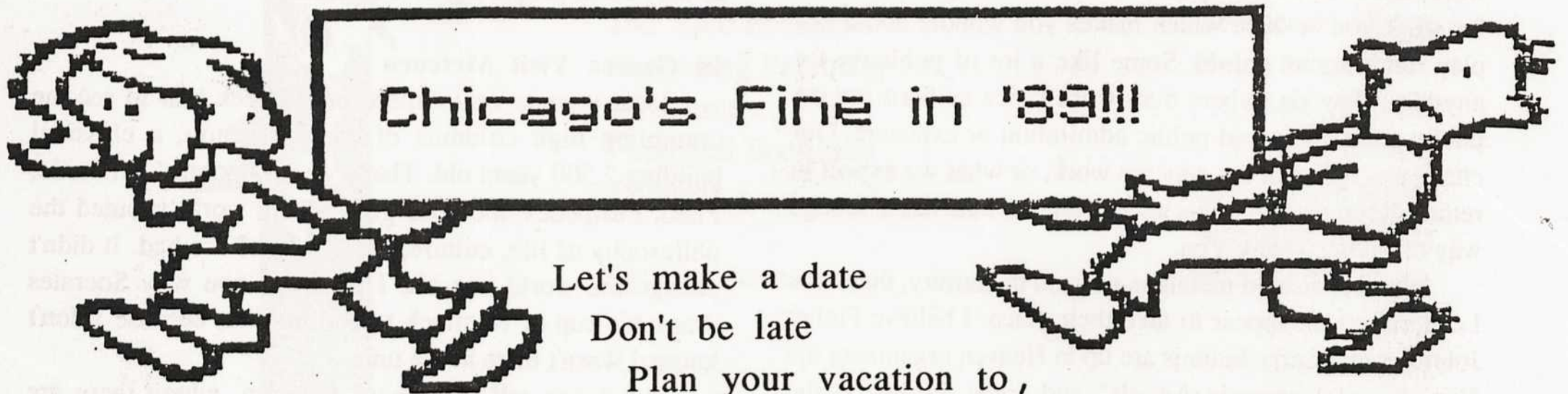


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## A KNIGHT IN DANCING SHOES

I don't know about your own, but here in Kansas City, there is NO central gathering place for those of us of Lithuanian ancestry. There is no Lithuanian parish church and few, if any, first generation Lithuanians to teach us the language. Some of us over 50 can remember a few words ... a couple of songs ... a custom or two ... that our Grandmothers taught us, but that's it.

We hear about the "Bendroumene" ... whatever that is (but to most of us it's just a big word meaning "Lithuanian family" and not much else).

Yes, we have a chapter of the Lithuanians of America, but all it ever does is have picnics or polka dances, thereby putting us all to work sewing banners, cooking semi-Lithuanian food and selling supposedly Lithuanian items at various Ethnic festivals around town. Those of us who have served several years on the Board of the LOA have been exposed to these items and have learned a little, but the vast majority of Lithuanians in Kansas City will only come to party, not to preserve and/or perpetuate or *learn about* our heritage.

So what has kept the Kansas City Lithuanians together? How do we make our area aware of us? By dancing! And since 1982, by K of L activities for those who can qualify for membership. What has held the Kansas City Lithuanians together since a family/factional argument threatened to tear us apart before we even had a good start? It was truly our dance group!

Named "Aidas" (Echo), as a small gesture of thanks to the dozens of people from Omaha who helped us organize our first festival, only those of us in the dance group and on the Board worked to keep in-fighting OUT and members IN! Then we heard about and attended our first Soku Svente ... in 1984 in Cleveland, OH. Being a part of such a large presentation was a thrill. Meeting Lithuanians from all over the United States, Canada and many, far-off countries was almost overwhelming!

This year, the Eighth Soku Svente was held in Hamilton, Ontario, July 2 and 3. This time, we had a fair idea of what was going to happen. We really enjoyed our days of practicing and dancing (even though the tickets for the banquet were sold before we had our letter translated into English and knew there was going to be a Banquet!) Again, we met Lithuanians from all over the world ... including a group from Lithuania. Again we experienced the thrill of a magnificent choir singing in Lithuanian ... inspirational ... although none of us understood a word! We performed our assigned folk dances and marvelled to be accompanied by

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*Lou Ann Rayn, C-150 Kansas City, KS*  
the Hamilton Symphony Orchestra! At the last minute, we were informed that married women had to cover their hair and one of our dancers hastily whipped up pin-on babuskas (that came flying off as we danced). Our biggest regret was that none of us knew about a *full week* of Lithuanian activities that went on in Hamilton and Toronto before the dance festival even began ... many of us would have attended if we had known what was going to take place!

Nevertheless, being one of over 2,000 dancers is a thrill, no matter how many shows one has performed in before. And knowing that our Lithuanian dancing has made thousands of people aware of the tiny Baltic country of Lithuania is a step forward in making the world conscious of the grave injustices done to our tiny Motherland at the turn of the century, in the 1940's and continuing today, much the same way the Knights of Lithuania publish these injustices.

So perhaps a Knight (of Lithuania) in dancing shoes *can* accomplish as much as a Knight in battle armor! Who can say? Entertaining people and making them smile might even be the best way to melt the Communist Iron Curtain ... sort of like catching flies with honey instead of vinegar!



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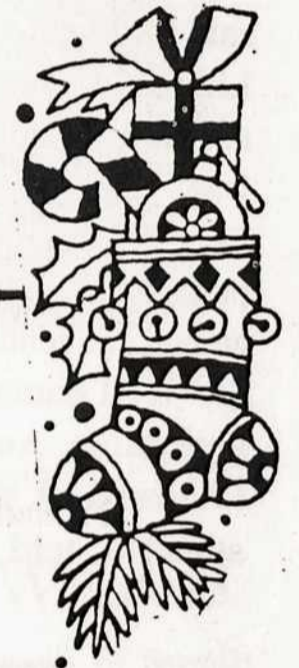
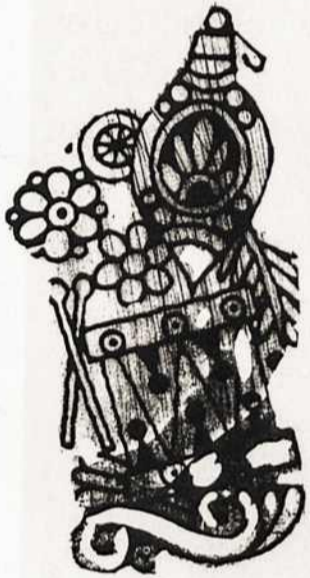




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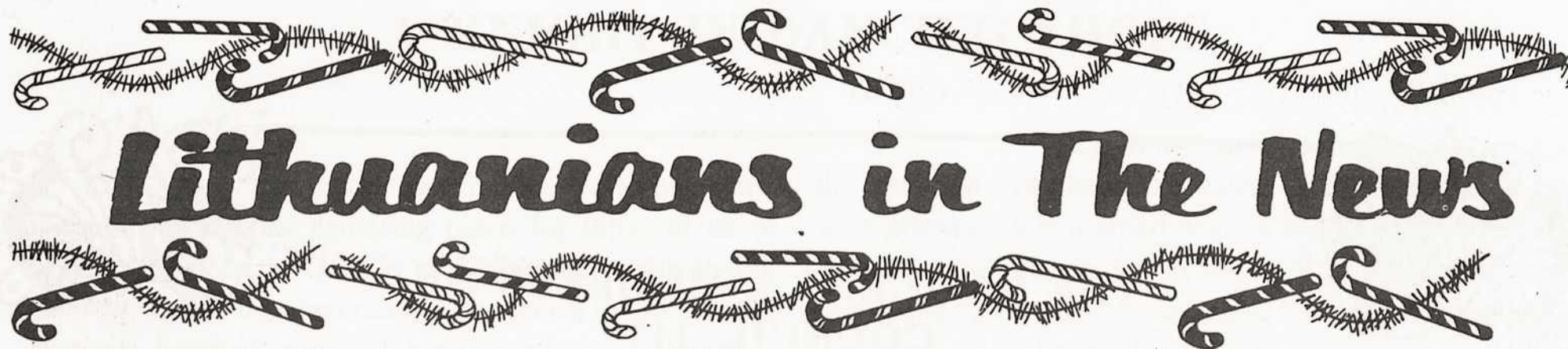
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# Lithuanians in The News

## HE WORKS HARD TO GET LITHUANIA BACK ON THE MAP

A full-page article appeared in *Bristol-Phoenix Providence, RI* regarding our ever-popular associate member, VICTOR MATHIEU. Victor is an American of French ancestry who has spent 40 years working for a country he has never seen. The country is not France; it is Lithuania. He has also painted red, green and yellow stripes on the telephone poles in front of his home.

Few younger people remember Lithuania when annexed by Soviet Union in 1940. "Many times, when you say to people 'Lithuania', they reply, 'What, Lutheran?'" said M. Mathieu. He and fellow members of the Knights of Lithuania work to keep the memory of the independent nation of Lithuania alive, hoping some day it will again be free. The enthusiasm he puts into this cause earned Victor national recognition this summer when the K of L presented him with a distinguished member award at the annual convention.

It all started when he married Beatrice Savickis, a first-generation American whose parents came here from Lithuania. A curate at the church where the Mathieu's attended, told Victor that "the French could get along



*Victor G. Mathieu, wearing the Lithuanian juosta that was presented to him at the banquet where he was honored for his devotion to the Knights of Lithuania.*



*This plaque by the door at the Mathieu's home has the flags of France and of Lithuania.*

without Victor, but the Lithuanians couldn't get along without Beatrice - there are so few of them". These words moved M. Mathieu to become the most enthusiastic adopted Lithuanian a country could hope for. "I've devoted much time to the cause since then," is how he puts it.

Every year he is heavily involved with activities such as the "terrible June Days", the New England Cultural Festival in Worcester held during October, and the Feb. 16th Lithuanian Independence Day in Providence wherein it



## LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS (Cont'd)

is the center of celebrations.

Mr. Mathieu worked with a company for 43 years, wherein he donated his retirement award to the University of Illinois toward establishment of a chair for Lithuanian studies.

Getting the award at the K of L Nat'l Convention was "a complete surprise" to Mr. Mathieu. The award had never been given before. He and his wife hope to get a first-hand look at the Lithuanian situation this summer. They are planning their first trip to Lithuania. The Mathieus presently are members of C-103 in Providence, RI and Victor is their Vytis correspondent. Congratulations!

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### ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS Unearthing Indian Secrets

*The Baltimore Magazine, June 1988* reports that Nomadic Indians came to the Chesapeake Bay region as early as 4000 B.C. but didn't settle down, even though seafood and wild game were plentiful and setting up shelters was easy in this temperate climate. Four millenia later - in about 200 A.D. - the Indians returned to the same part of the Chesapeake and did settle. This shift in life-style has puzzled archaeologists and anthropologists for years.

LAURIE STEPONAITIS, a professor of archaeology at the University of North Carolina, will lead a group of volunteer archaeologists in an effort to unearth clues to the Indians' culture. The project will train volunteers in the basic skills of excavation before digging begins.

Steponaitis says the Indians may have settled after developing stronger ties among themselves and creating command storage facilities to guard against the vagaries of nature.

Steponaitis' interest in the Chesapeake Bay settlements was sparked when she met descendants of the original settlers while conducting an archaeological survey along the Patuxent River in 1981. "Once I'd worked in the area and found the archaeological record to be so rich and yet so overlooked, I found it hard to stay away", she says.



### STANLEY BENDER – HERO OF WORLD WAR II

Among the Lithuanian Americans the name of Stenlis Benderis (Stanley Bender) the World War II veteran is well known. For exceptional bravery he was awarded the highest award for bravery — The Congressional Medal of Honor. That is the highest award by Congress, granted by a special request of the President of the United States. The medal was established in 1862. Through all the wars until the year 1945, it was given out only to 2190 Americans among them Stanley Bender. Stanley at present resides in Fayetteville, West Virginia.







**KALĖDŲ ŠVENTĖS TEATNEŠA  
TYRO DŽIAUGSMO IR  
NAUJIEJI METAI  
STIPRYBĖS IR VILTIES!**

**ANN KLIZAS WARGO**  
*National President*

**HELEN CHESKO**  
*Council News Editor*





Skambinkim varpais, kanklėmis kankliuokim  
 Gimusiam Jėzuliui, garbę atiduokim  
 Su meile širdy ir šypsniais šiltais  
 Minty suartėjam su Vyčiais, draugais.

Linkime Jums laimės ir Švenčių gražių  
 Džiaugsmingai sulaukti ir Metų Naujų.  
 Tegul Dievas duoda sveikatos, veiklumo,  
 Tegul saugo Vyčius, nuo visokio blogumo.

*Apolonija Žiaušienė*

**100-ji Vyčių Kuopa  
 Amsterdam, N.Y.**

**CHRIST AT HOME**

May Christ be at home in your family.  
 May He listen to what you say,  
 May He sit down to eat at your table  
 And Kneel with you nightly to pray.

May His peace and His kindness be with you  
 And His presence in every room,  
 For when Christ is at home in a family  
 Then a family is truly at home.

Cassie Genevich

Veronica Aviza

Emilija Sandanavicius

Stanley Lukosevicius

Joseph Boley, HM

Aldona Zaunius

William Kumeta

With Best Wishes  
 from following members of  
 C-41 BROOKLYN, NY



ALL MEMBERS OF C-3 PHILADELPHIA, PA  
 EXTEND WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES  
 TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
 FOR HAPPINESS NOW AND IN THE COMING YEAR



LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ  
 LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ



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 Rev. Joseph Anderlonis  
 Frank & Sally Andrews  
 William & Alice Bacon  
 Sr. Angela Balchunas  
 Victor & Leonora Balten  
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 Rev. Eugene Wassel  
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**SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD OCTOBER 15, 1988  
By Anne Klizas Wargo, President**

The newly-elected Supreme Council met for its first full session at St. George's Parish Hall in Philadelphia, PA. This is the parish of our Spiritual Advisor, Father Joseph Anderlonis.

Father welcomed the members and opened the meeting with a prayer for a successful one. Joseph Drumstas, President of C-3 welcomed all to Philadelphia.

Officers reports were presented, followed by reports from Vytis Editor and committee chairpeople.

Greetings with a gift were sent to newly-elevated Archbishop Backis. Resolutions from the 75th Nat'l Convention were completed by the President, Spiritual Advisor and Lithuanian Affairs Chairperson.

Helen Shields reported on the Nat'l Convention. Both Sabina Henson and Dalia Bulvicius had articles on the convention published in the Lithuanian and American press and on Lithuanian Radio programs.

Vytis Editor Mary Kober is working hard to improve Vytis. Christmas Ads for the December issue were sent to all districts, councils, members and friends.

Secretary Mary Kincius asks that all councils send her their new officer lists immediately.

Past President Frank Petrauskas is handling the distribution of history books. Members are urged to purchase the book as it is an excellent history of the K of L. A few councils have donated the book to their local libraries. All councils should do the same.

Upon invitation of C-112 President Mary Juzenas, the next Supreme Council meeting will be held in Chicago on March 18th, 1989.

Following the meeting, we all gathered for Mass at St. George's Church. We appreciated listening to the beautiful Lithuanian hymns sung by St. George's choir. After Mass, the members were treated to a delicious Lithuanian dinner, compliments of Father Anderlonis and his staff. We thank Father for the hospitality rendered and also to Pres. of C-3 Joe Drumsta for transportation to and from the airport.



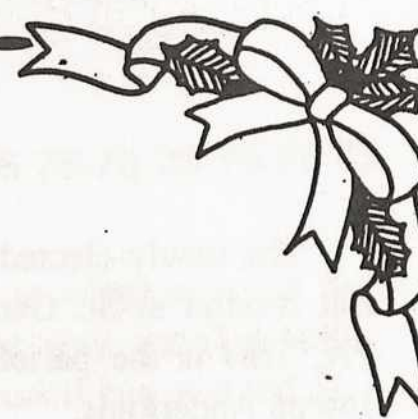
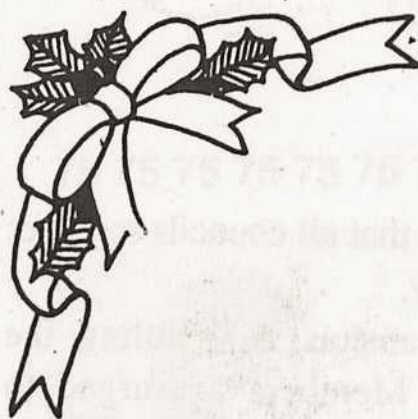
Lietuvių Švento Kazimiero Kolegija, Vyčių "adopted son" vardu, sveikina visus  
Vyčius ir Vytes su Šventom Kalėdom, linkėdamas visiems  
laimingų, garbingų ir darbingų 1989 Naujų Metų!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!  
BUON NATALE E FELICE ANNO NUOVO!!**

Vyčių "adopted son" labai prašo jo neužmiršti Kalėdų Švenčių proga.

Jums visuomet dėkingas Kristuje  
**Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, Rektorius**





**DŽIAUKITĖS SU MUMIS,  
KAD KRISTUS GIMĖ**

**LINKIME LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ  
IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲJŲ METŲ**

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**REJOICE WITH US THAT  
GOD IS BORN**

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
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**COUNCIL 103**

**PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**



**AMBER DISTRICT**

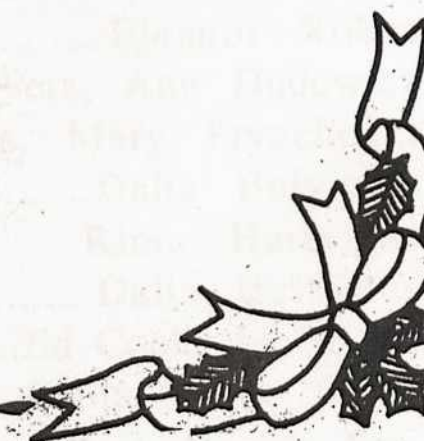
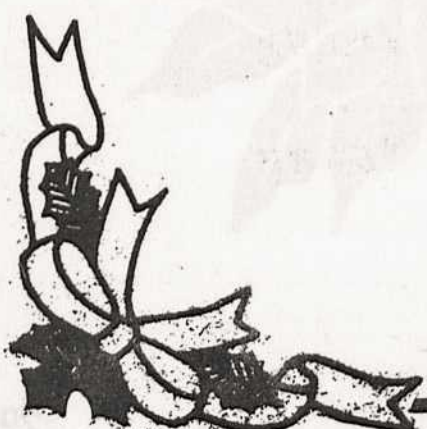
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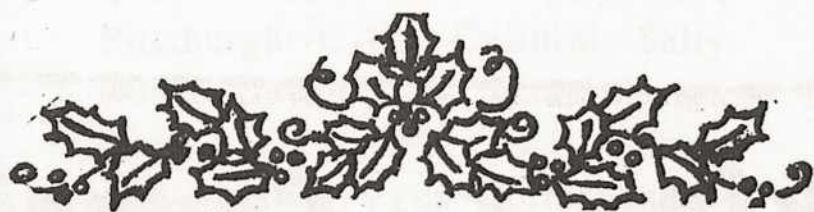
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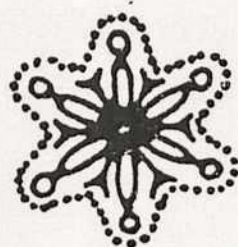
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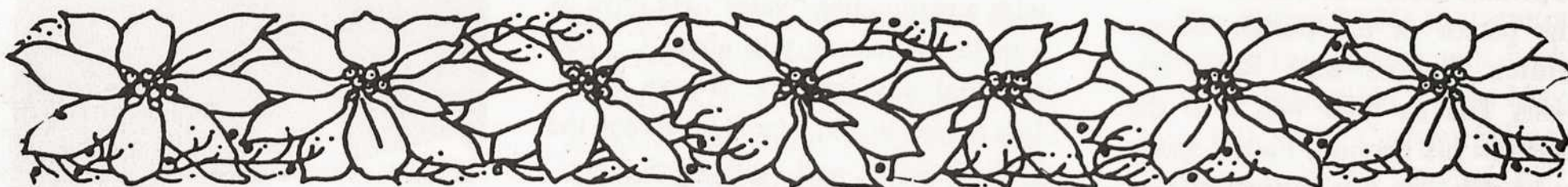


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TO ALL



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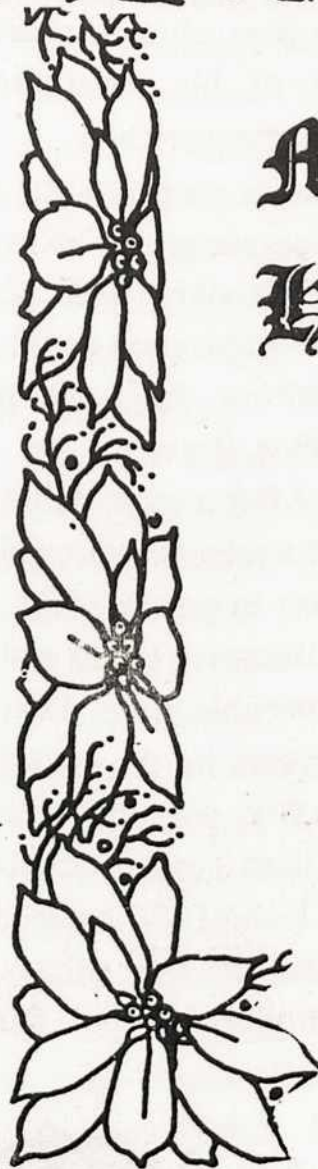
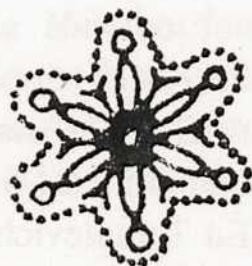
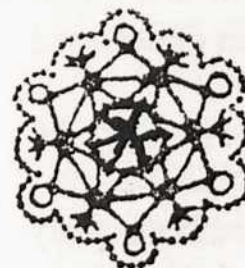
**COUNCIL 140 - SYRACUSE, NY**



May the Christ Child  
and His Blessed Mother  
Bless us, one and all,  
with Peace and Joy  
During this Holy Season  
and the Coming Year

**COUNCIL 30  
WESTFIELD, MA**

**Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year!**



*Honorary Member  
Anthony J. Young  
and  
Mildred S. Young*



# Vyčiai Veikia



# Council Activities



## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT Kearny Convention

The annual fall meeting of the Mid-Atlantic District took place on Sun., Oct. 15, 1988 at Our Lady of Sorrows parish, Kearny, NJ. Host was C-90 whose president is Eleanor Rokas. About 120 delegates and guests attended. 10 councils were represented.

Opening Mass was concelebrated by the pastor of the parish, Msgr. Dominick Pocius and Rev. Dr. Anthony Paskus who was also the homilist. In his sermon, Father spoke about wealth - its role in the Old and in the New Testaments. The sermon and the Mass were in Lithuanian. Although we applaud the use of the Lithuanian language and praise the parish priests and host council for its use; however, it would have been nice to have had a summary of the homily in English. It was truly a gem and a real loss to those who could not understand it.

After Mass, all gathered by the Way-side Cross which was erected in 1961 by the council. Now, beautifully restored, it was blessed by Msgr. Pocius and Father Paskus.

The meeting was opened by Pres. Jonas Adomenas who asked Msgr. Pocius to lead the invocation prayer. Delegates and guests were greeted by Pres. Eleanor Rokas who announced that her council is thriving. It has 120 paid-up members and this is the first district meeting it is hosting in ten years.

Mandate and resolution commit-

tees were formed. District delegates to our Jubilee Convention, Helen Venis, C-110 Maspeth and Ed Burba Cook, C-12 Manhattan, gave their reports.

Election of officers took place. Jonas Adomenas was once again re-elected district president. Congratulations Jonai to you and your "valdyba".

Due to duties at his parish, our Spiritual advisor, Msgr. Frank Bulovas arrived late but was greeted with a resounding "valio". He gave us a most interesting talk about C-110's spiritual advisor Rev. Stasys Raila. Just before World War II he visited the United States and "got stuck here". This year, after 40 years he visited the land of his forefathers. It was a moving experience.

In council reports, it was pleasant to hear about the "reawakening" of C-41 in Brooklyn with 12 new members. Our organization could use many more members like its president Bill Kumeta. Bravo!

After a most delicious supper, we bade a reluctant farewell to our friends. Bravo to pastor Msgr. Pocius and C-90 executive board and members for a memorable time. Don't wait another ten years for the next district meeting! On my way to "fun city" in the Holland Tunnel, beautiful thoughts of C-41 and C-90 crossed my mind. Let some of the others follow their example.

**Dalia Bulvicius**



*NED 75th Anniversary Celebration - Cecily Narkun Dick, daughter of Mykolas Norkunas and Lu Mikalonis at Tevas Norkunas grave.*

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The Scholarship Committee of the New England District chaired by Blanche Genaitis of C-10 Athol-Gardner extends sincere thanks to the following donors of prizes for the raffle: A straw art by Aldona Saimininkas; \$100 in memory of late Ed Tamulevich by his wife of C-116 Worcester; \$100 in memory of Charles Genaitis by his wife of C-10 Athol-Gardner.



Prizes were awarded at the Festival at Marionis Park to the following: 1st Prize - Helen Zuber, Danvers, MA; 2nd Prize - M. S. Fortier, Waterbury, CT; 3rd Prize - Ann Vernis, Methuen, MA and other prizes.

*Blanche Genaitis*

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Mid Central District Convention and Pilgrimage this year in conjunction with the commemoration of its 75th Diamond Jubilee was held in Cleveland on Oct. 21-23. District members in attendance would not hesitate to say that this year's pilgrimage and fall convention was the largest ever in attendance. Participants present were delegates and friends from Dayton, Detroit, DuBois, Pittsburgh, Saginaw & Southfield.

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The convention sessions took place on Sat. afternoon at the Holiday Inn Motel, Wickliffe. Officers elected were: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Gediminas Kijauskas SJ, Cleveland C-25; Pres. John Baltrus, Pittsburgh C-19; 1st V.P. Special Projects Joseph P. Mantz, Dayton C-96; 2nd V.P. Membership Eleanor Mantz, Dayton C-96; 3rd V.P. Juniors Anna Uzdavinis, Southfield C-79; Rec. Sec. Marion Gray, Cleveland C-25; Treas. Charles Machutas, Cleveland C-25; Trustees George A. Mikalauskas, Dayton C-96 & Catherine Kurpovic, Detroit C-139; Sgts. at Arms Andrew Rozger, Pittsburgh C-19 & Tom Bruzga, DuBois C-86.

Committee chairpersons are: Lithu-

anian Affairs Sr. M. Francesca, CSF, Pittsburgh C-19; Cultural Sally Miller, Dayton C-96; Ritual Alvina Luiza, Cleveland C-25; Public Relations & Vytis Correspondent Vincent Grazulis Gray, Cleveland C-25. Saturday morning a very interesting talk was given by Rev. Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas SJ on Christianity in Lithuania dating back to the 7th century.

Saturday night the Knights were honored by the presence of Anna Klizas Wargo, Supreme Council President. As guest speaker, Ann Wargo gave interesting highlights on the Knights of Lithuania dating back to its inception. Aldona Ryan, the evening's MC, had prominent senior members from different councils tell of each council's history. Each speaker read the names of members who are associated with the K of L 40 years or more. They are as follows:

Andy Rozger, Albina Ewalt, Sam & Anne Aleliunas, Julia Alishunas, Mildred Chinik, Ann & Bill Kolicius, Marcella & Albin Onaitis, Stephen Onaitis & Vito Yucius. C-25 Cleveland: Nellie Arunski, Nellie Samas, Ursula & Gene Kunsitis and Ruth Guzauskas. C-25 Cleveland Srs.: Anthony Maciokas, Ignas & Antoinette- Visockas and Mary Trainauskas (Trainy). C-79 Southfield: Edward Salas, Anne Valatka and Anthony Dainius. C-96 Dayton: Bernadette Noreikas (charter member), Veronica Omlor (charter member), Eloise Berczelly, Mary Ann Blum, Eleanor and Joseph Mantz, Frances Mikalauskas, Annadel Miller, Sally Miller, Frances Petkus, Paulette Petkus, Catherine Prasmantas, Anne Scott, Elinor Sluzas, Stanley & Helen Vaitkus, Charles & Frances Vanagas. C-102 Detroit: Gus Baibak, Robert Boris, Donna and Frank Bunikas, Evelyn Galinas, Carl Gobis, Joseph & Maryanne Guerrero, Bill & Edna

Klucens, Raymond and Theresa Medonis, Helen Smolek and Ruth Wagster. C-139 Detroit: Anthony & Adele Wilchesky, Joseph Sirvydas, Theresa Vaitkunas & Catherine Kurpovic. C-149 Saginaw: Stella McCloud (charter member).

Sunday morning, the delegates and guests attended Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at which time all newly elected officers were sworn in by Fr. Kijauskas. Bertha Kuzma & Margie Turner, both of C-19 received their 3rd Degrees from Father at this time. In the afternoon, all gathered at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid to pray for all their deceased members. As names were called out by a member of their respective councils, candles were lit on the Altar in their memory. Fr. Kijauskas was celebrant at the Benediction.

The Spring MCD Convention and Bowling Tournament will be hosted by C-79 Southfield, MI in May. The next fall MCD Convention and Pilgrimage will be hosted by C-86 DuBois in September, 1989.

*Vince Gray*

## C-1 - BROCKTON, MA

C-1 is alive and well! The few active members, approximately seven, are holding the council together. Do other councils have this problem? Many are paid-up members but few are active. Time for rejuvenation!

Since last year, our calendar of events looked like this: In August, we participated in "A Day in the Park", a cultural event held in D W Field Parkway, Brockton, with different ethnic booths. Thanks to Ronnie & Peter Bizinauskas for chairing this event year after year.

Our council sponsored a Holy Hour at Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in Brockton in October.

Our 1987 Kucios was celebrated at the home of Fran & George Bumila



with many neighboring councils in attendance. Fran & George opened their home for the past few years for this popular event.

We held our 43rd Annual Snowflake Ball in February. It was a huge success. Proceeds were given to our parish and Lithuanian activities.

In April, egg decorating classes were held at Bridgewater State College. Thanks again to Ronnie, Veronica & Peter Bizinkauskas.

C-1 members attended Sokių Svente in Toronto and the 600th Anniversary of Christianity in Rome. Members worked and attended the 90th Anniversary of St. Casimir's Parish and the Labor Day picnic at the convent grounds of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified.

We are headed by this able-bodied team of Ronnie Bizinkauskas, Pres., Fran Bumila, Vice Pres., Harriet Dillis, Sec. and Doris Fralick, Treas.

We will be back with more happenings from C-1.

*Patricia Achorn*

### C-7 - WATERBURY, CT

Congratulations to Ann Cheplick, our President, elected to the office of Financial Secretary of the Supreme Council. Several of our members attended the nat'l convention this year. Alma Torre made arrangements to hire a bus from Waterbury, making a stop in New Haven, and continuing to Washington. In attendance were: Ann Cheplick, Alma Torre, Pat & Anthony Alexander, Dolores & John Jonaitis, Frances Balciunas, Frances Januska, and Victoria Silliman. A good time was had by all.

Our Christmas Party will be held Dec. 10th chaired by Dolores Jonaitis and Doris Blinstrubas. A.R.T.



*Arunas Ciuberskis, C-12 Manhattan, the announcer at the dance festival in Hamilton, Canada.*

### C-12 NEW YORK, NY

It is hard to believe that 1988 is coming to an end. It was a busy year for the Big Apple council. At the beginning we had the usual Vasario 16 and Sv. Kazimiero commemorations. Our Baisiojo Birzelio commemoration was especially moving. Helen Matthews recited a beautiful poem "A Tourist" by Baiba Bicole (Latvian), about a Latvian woman visiting her native land - occupied Latvia.

We really outdid ourselves at the 75th National Convention. About 20

of us were there. (That's pretty good for a council of about 80 members. Councils with membership in the hundreds only managed to produce enough delegates to count on one hand). Most importantly, our dear member, Stella was there with her hubby, Mitch Marcinauskas! What kind of a convention would it be without Stella's pickles, honey and cheese. At all hours their room looked like the subway during rush hour. We are proud of our 4th Degree recipients: Julia Gomes, Anna Lukscha and Mary York (our Lady Liberty who collected money for the renovation of our favorite statue). Our hard working President, Ed Burba Cook, together with Helen Venis of C-110 Maspeth, represented MAD. During our September meeting, Mary York presented her fellow 4th degree recipients with flowers and a beautiful tribute.

On a sadder note, our condolences to Joe Sleder on the loss of his mother and to John Antanavicius on the loss of his brother Joseph. Also, our council mourns the departure of our member, Mikalina Baltadonis. She was a faithful member and a good parishioner of Our Lady of Vilna church. She left a generous bequest to the



*C-12 members singing "Ilgiausiu Metu" to two of its 4th Degree recipients at Nat'l Convention. L to r: Julia Gomes and Anna Luksha (missing: Mary York) while John Antanavicius looks on.*



church and also to our adopted college of St. Casimir in Rome. Finally, one of the matriarchs of our council, Anna Zindzius, the mother of Helen Cuprewich left us during March. May they all rest in peace.

Our sincere thanks to Josephine Katkus, who donated many beautiful afghans for our raffle. This year she surprised us with a generous donation to our treasury. Please keep Mrs. Katkus and also Lillian Almario in your prayers. As of this report, "abi-truputi ne feelina".

On the happier note, our favorite "uncle", Joe Kscenaitis, was surprised with a party on his 70th birthday. All was arranged by his sisters, Millie Pietz and Betty Waskiewicz. Ilgiausiu metu Dede Juozai!

We are planning to close our jubilee in April 1989 with a gala cultural afternoon. Our member and actor, in residence, Arunas Ciuberskis, will be in charge. By the way, Arunas was master of ceremonies at the Dance Festival in Hamilton, Canada this past summer. He did a terrific job and we are proud of him.

*Dalia Bulvicius*

## C-17 - BOSTON, MA

The foliage, the falling leaves, the brisk fall weather are awakening some of our members to participate in our K of L activities. After the hot summer, the weather left many members listless with no desire to leave the confines of their air conditioned rooms.

The first item on the agenda is to thank the outgoing officers for their hard work in keeping the organization together. As in a relay race, the baton is passed on to the new regime to carry on the tradition.

The newly elected board representing C-17 for 1988-89 is Rev. Albert Contons, spiritual advisor; Alexander Akule, President; Frank Markunas, First V.P.; Longinas Svelnis, 2nd V.P.; Ann Markowitch, 3rd V.P.; Joseph White, Treasurer; Virginia Markunas, Rec. Sec.; Corres. Secretary to be announced; Walter Opansetts and John Norinkavich, Trustees. The following will serve as committee chairmen: Lithuanian Affairs, Stasys Augonis; Cultural, Danny Averka; Ritual, Ann Voveris & Pat Akule; Sunshine, Ann Norinkavich, Mary Mickavich & Jo-

sephine Zuzavich; Refreshment, Pauline Tulakis, Ann Jocas and Alice Opanasetts; ALTO's Boston Division Delegate, Stasys Augonis. We wish the incoming officers lots of luck and plenty of cooperation from the membership. The officers were sworn in and plans for C-17 celebration of 75th anniversary in 1989 were discussed.

C-17 was well represented at the Nat'l Convention. The following attended: Eva Ball, Ann Evans, Mary Martus with teenage cousin Adele from Europe, Aldona Keaney, Florence Zaleskas, Phyllis Gendreau, Marian Matachinskaskas of Texas, Alice Opanasetts, Josephine Mason, Eleanor Mikalonis, Ann Voveris, Jack & Mildred Daniels, HM Phyllis Grendal, HM Longinas Svelnis, Frank Yonika and possibly another person or two.

Florence Zaleskas was reelected as chair-person of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. Longinas Svelnis will continue to serve as Archives Chairman.

Members attending the New England District Convention in Worcester were Eva Ball, Monica Plevock, Phyllis Gendreau, Larry Svelnis, Mary

## IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT GELGOT  
C-118 Hazleton, PA  
† June 29, 1988

ALBERT LAUNIKONIS  
C-118 Hazleton, PA  
† July 12, 1988

MARY KAMENDULIS  
C-26 Worcester, MA  
† September 25, 1988

VERONICA MAGILL  
C-110 Maspeth, NY  
† October 18, 1988

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

DEDE KASTUKAS IS  
INFALLIBLE

"Historical Accuracy serves the Cause of Truth" states the good Rev. D. Staniskis of C-41 and adds that Vladimir who ruled the Kievan Russ (Ukraine) was known as Prince Vladimir or Saint Vladimir and not as a "Czar". Also, E. Tikansky points out that the Byzantine Russ are celebrating their millennium and

not the Orthodox Church. Dede Kastukas is happy to know he has two readers of his articles and is appreciative of all corrections. The gist of the article in question shows religion is continuing to fight Communism in Russia. In addition, "Dede" will fire the elderly clerk who prepares his Russian material and will hire a much younger girl.

Question: Which is the largest country in the world?

Answer: Lithuania. Its border is on the Baltic Sea, capital is in Moscow, and its population is in Siberia.



Mickavich, Emily Lehman and possibly others. Due to renovation of the church hall, the meeting was held at Marionis Park in Worcester. Congratulations to Al Jaritis on his reelection to the presidency; All Akule, 1st V.P.; Phyllis Gendreau, Recording Sec. and Florence Zaleskas, Scholarship Committee.

The New England District held its annual Cultural Festival at Maironis Park. Eva Ball, Mary Mickevich, John Norinkavich, Aldona Keaney, Al Jaritis, Florence Zaleskas and other council members worked at this event.

Rev. John Klimas, former associate pastor of St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, passed away after a long term illness. He was waked at St. Peter's. Bernard Cardinal Law presided at the prayer service. Bishops Riley and Banks were concelebrants at the Mass. Fr. Albert Contons was homilist. K of L was well represented.

Condolences and prayers are extended to William Carroll, husband of Ann who passed away; to Bill and Ann Gorski on the loss of their brother Walter.

At the Boston City Hall demonstration of the Von Ribbontrop-Molotov Pact or Black Ribbon Day, many K of L'ers participated by carrying placards denouncing the pact when Germany gave Lithuania over to the USSR.

Florence Zaleskas, Phyllis Gendreau, Aldona Keaney, Eleanor Mikalonis, Alice Opanassetts, Marian Matachinskaskas & Frank Yonika participated in the demonstration organized by Andy Aksten of C-116 Worcester at the Soviet Embassy protesting the suppression of Lithuania during the Nat'l Convention in Washington.



## C-26 - WORCESTER, MA

Summer is officially over; we begin the fall season with lots of pep and vi-tality! We extend very sincere thanks to Steve & Elly Walinsky and their children, Mark & Lynne, for hosting the July meeting at their West Millbury residence. Assisting them in preparing the shish-ka-bob were Anne & Steve Walinsky, Mary Anusauskas and Bill & Carol Grigas.

At home convalescing are Adele Degutis, Vincent Grazulis, Mary Ulevich, Daniel Shimkus and Ted Pinkus. Hospitalized are Brita Meilus, Lenore Adamonis and Adele Tagman. Prayerful get-well greetings to all.

Our council secretary, Aldona Waska, read a detailed report of the Washington convention. Other delegates were Ann Bender, Anne Bucinskaskas, Rita Karrytais, Lillian Kondrotas, Charles & Frances Kulakusky, Rita Pinkus and Anne Walinsky. All agreed that a wonderful time was had in our nation's capital.

Lenny & Ruth Ramsdell's son, Lenny, Jr., took upon himself a bride last May. Congratulations to the newlyweds! Also, wedded bliss abounds in our council. Recent "biggie" anniversaries were observed by Frank & Albina Kondrotas, Alphonse & Lillian Kondrotas and Paul & Genevieve Puras. Congratulations.

Rita & Greg Sokol now reside down Cape Cod way on Buzzards Bay but continue to support our council. Mildred & Charles Lapinskas travelled to Las Vegas recently. Frank & Sue Roland enjoyed Colorado. Rita Karrytais & Irene Tamulevich, Pres. of C-116 enjoyed the luxury of a cruise. Four couples travelled to Atlantic City: Tony & Bea Anton, Alex & Mary Anusauskas, Withold & Ginny Ivaska and Charles & Fran Kulakusky.

Our spiritual director, Fr. John Petrauskas, MIC observed his 45th anni-

versary of ordination earlier this summer. The council honored him with a very special social, arranged by Ann Bender and assisted by Irene Mamavich in September. Heartiest congratulations, Father.

Sister M. Ignata served our parish and its school for many years. Our school was closed and Sister was sent to Philadelphia. She was an active and precious member of our council. Congratulations Sister Ignata on your Golden Anniversary as a Sister of St. Casimir.

Regina Barisas' mother died earlier this year. Anne Bucinskaskas & Pauline Mahoney lost two of their brothers within three months. On Sept. 25 Mary Kamendulis passed into eternity, leaving in grief her husband Stanley, sons Paul & Michael, grandchildren and sister Frances Kulakusky. May the Lord rest the souls of these faithful departed.

The bowling season began in Sept. with 32 individuals competing. For the record, the captains and their team members are Captains of Team 1 Richard Godek with B. Abraham, A. Strocki, A. Ivasko; Captain of Team 2 Louis Gouin with Rita Pinkus, D. Sullivan, K. Sullivan; Captain of Team 3 Lewis Lloyd with Virginia Ivaska, Mildred Lapinskas, Bob Parker III; Captain of Team 4 Bob Parker, Jr. with S. Walinsky, R. Gillus, G. Palilunas; Captain of Team 5 Sharon Gouin with C. Kulakusky, J. Ivaska, V. Walent; Captain of Team 6 Ronald Daucunas with G. Troupes, A. Bucinskaskas, J. Jacobson; Captain of Team 7 Francis Tagman with E. Palilunas, A. Walinsky, M. Parker; Captain of Team 8 M. Abraham with T. Abraham, Sue Abraham, S. Abraham. Sharon & Louis Gouin are co-chairpersons of this sports committee. Thus far Richard Godek and Sharon Gouin hold high average, Mike Abraham & Sharon Gouin hold high







Sussko and their committee who made this day a success.

We feel in this 75th year of the Knights of Lithuania a very special effort was made for this Day of Prayer. Once again we want to extend a heartfelt "aciū" to all who attended or contributed in any way to accomplish this.

Condolences are extended to the family of Joseph Sakevich who passed away. Joe, as we all knew him, was a loyal and dedicated K of L'er. He was past president of the Supreme Council and also C-29. In spite of his failing health, it didn't stop him from attending this year's 75th Nat' Convention. May he rest in peace. *Eva Coll*



Rev. Msgr. John Joseph Scharnus, Pastor Emeritus of Holy Trinity Lithuanian Church in Newark, NJ died on June 18, 1988. Msgr. was born June 11, 1938. Due to being hospitalized, he was unable to attend the Golden Jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral but several members of C-29 attended the commemoration.

In 1963, Father was elected Pres. of Lithuanian Priest Relief Assoc. In June 1964 he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, NJ. One of the highlights at this parish was the establishment of a parochial school. In June 1968, he returned to Holy Trinity in Newark.

Father was elevated to Monsgr. on Jan. 31, 1971. He was Spiritual Advisor of our council until his retirement two years ago. In 1986 he organized an Archdiocesan Committee of representatives of all Lithuanian parishes in New Jersey to plan for the celebration of the 600th Anniversary of Lithuanian Christianity. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. May he rest in peace.

*Rita S. Sussko*

### C-36 - CHICAGO, IL

Our election of officers took place at the Oct. meeting as follows: Pres. Evelyn Ozalis, 1st V.P. Sophia Zukas, 2nd V.P. Victor Utara, 3rd V.P. Sabina Henson, Rec. Secy. Helen Meizis, Treas. Joe Martikonis, Corres. Secy. Irene Norushis, Fin. Secy. Valerie Vilunas, Sgts. at Arms David Gaidas, Justin Kincius, Frank Grigalunas, and Vytautas Dijokas, Trustees Anthony Stakenas, John Meizis and Vince Samaska, Spiritual Advisor Rev. Fabian Kireilus. Best wishes for the newly elected officers in the coming year. Also a big THANK YOU to the past officers for all the hard work they did to keep the council a "working council".

The future looks bright. Plans are being made for the Annual Candle Light Buffet on Dec. 3, 1988.

Our vacationers include Vince Samaska & Irene Norushis spending some time at Disney World, Evelyn Ozalis and Lucille Kilkus spending money at Las Vegas and cheering the Bears in Detroit was Scottie Zukas. And how was your vacation?

Council meetings are still the 3rd Monday of the month - would be nice to see some new faces. Come down and get involved, see what is being done, everyone is needed to keep our council active and alive.

See you at the next meeting and don't forget, 1989 dues are now payable. *A & S*

### C-50 - NEW HAVEN, CT

On Sept. 11 we traveled through scenic woodlands in Durham, CT where we attended our St. Casimir's Annual Parish Picnic at the posh New Haven Raccoon Club. Frank Antin chaired the event. Many availed themselves of the picnic area outside of the huge pavilion. There were picnic tables and brick ovens. One could find

a big kettle of piping hot clam chowder prepared by our own chairman and none could match his recipe. It was superb. Leo Tamulis did his best to grill hot dogs and hamburgers. In the very accommodating kitchen of shiny steel ovens and plenty of refrigeration and work space, there were Theresa Strimaitis, Ann Meskins, Mary Geipel & Magdalen Cronin ready to serve their sausage, chicken, kugel, salads, Mary Geipel's pigs-in-blanket and the good old fashioned borscht with dill, cucumber and cream. They certainly deserve much applause for all the hard work of several days to prepare the delicious foods. Joan Augustine and Helen Blachus helped to serve. The desert table was another panorama of delectable goodies. Ann Gedrim and Marie Antin were hostesses. Then there was the attraction of winning some of those nice prizes at the raffle table which Isabel Peterson, Helen Chase and Helen Medley chaired. Betty & Frances Gybowski scored a good surplus on their candy raffle. Al Gedrim and Mike Meizies were the reigning hosts at the refreshment bar. Pat Tamulis graciously greeted all the parishioners and friends in the parking lot. Rose Kacillas equally embraced those coming into the beautiful pavilion where she was unwinding the multiple rolls of tickets as fast as you could ever imagine.

Walt Solek's Band played some long-forgotten classics, symphonic classics as well as polkas. It was a wonderful picnic.

On Oct. 2 New England District Convention was held in Worcester. Frank and Isabel Peterson, Ann Meskins, Helen Medley & Al Gedrim were delegates. Ann Gedrim, Mary Geipel & Magdalen Cronin were guests. They came back very pleased with the all day meeting.

A big welcome to our newest members: Cecelia & Charles Carson,



Helen McDonald & Stanley Morcus.

*Helen Balchus*

## C-90 - KEARNY, NJ

It has been ten years since we had the pleasure of hosting the Mid Atlantic District Meeting. Sunday, Oct. 9, was a beautiful day and what made it even more beautiful were the happy smiling faces of our guests at the 10 a.m. Lithuanian Mass.

Msgr. Dom Pocius blessed our refurbished cross. Our heartfelt thanks to chairlady Irene Belza and her committee of Paul Shukis, John Smith & Stanley Przychocki for their many hours of work. Ten councils were represented and 143 members attended. After dinner, a 50/50 raffle was held. We had three happy winners and \$103. was donated to the Mid Atlantic District. Pres. John Adomenas accepted the gift for the district.

Mary Przychocki was our hostess with the mostest and did her usual excellent job. The food was delicious. Also, a special thanks to our organist, Gen Mazur, and the choir for the enjoyable singing during Mass. Gen is our pride and joy. She is the lovely lady that did such a fantastic job of singing all those wonderful songs on

the Joe Thomas tape, "Amber Melodies".

This fall we had the pleasure of holding our first meeting in our newly decorated "Amber Room". A big hand of applause to our hard working scrub team of Eleanor Gelenitis, Ed McBride & Ann Pringle. Catherine, Eleanor and Lenny Rokas, Fran Grinewich and Elvera Znatas donated the lovely window drapes. This project was a labor of love. It just goes to show what cooperation and elbow grease will accomplish.

Eleanor Rokas & Ann Pringle attended the Lithuanian Camp in Michigan for a week. It was a wonderful place to learn spoken Lithuanian and that they did *Dorothy Songile.*

## C-100 -AMSTERDAM, NY

The '88-89 season for C-100 began with a Lithuanian Mass and Benediction on Sept. 19. The readings were by Polly Ziausys and Pres. and Mrs. Radzevich presented the Offertory gifts. Rev. Baltch led the singing of the Lithuanian hymns.

Vice Pres. Gene Gobis welcomed back Pres. Radzevich who had undergone surgery in August. A letter was received from Msgr. Bartkus,

rector of the Lithuanian College in Rome, thanking the council for the \$100 donation sent him. Sophie Olbie reported that 49 attended the September Clambake with guests from Tri-City C-136. It was held at Black Horse Restaurant with beautiful grounds and food served all day. Bocci, horseshoes, bingo, cards and walking to the banks of the Mohawk River were enjoyed by all. Genute Baranauskas & Regina Kot closed the day's program with a Lithuanian sing-along. Chairman Olbie who was assisted by Helen Hugo were congratulated on organizing the event.

Lithuanian Affairs chairman Ed Baranauskas spent the month of August in Lithuania. He discovered that a large number listen to the Voice of America. Polly Ziausys read a letter from Lithuania informing about the lack of many products in the stores.

Rev. Baltch went to Lithuania on Oct. 4 with Frances DiBart, Helen Dylong, Ann Czerw and other Amsterdammers.

Refreshments at the meeting were handled by Regina Hartvigas, Birute Ralys, Stase Dzekciorius, Sophie Olbie, Helen Hugo & Gene Gobis. Gene Gobis toasted Pres. Tony and wife on their 43rd wedding anniversary.

A report on the 75th National Convention was given by Gene Gobis for the following delegates: Steve and Adeline Raila, Rima Hartvigas, Polly Ziausys, Betty Kumich & Regina Kot. Tri-City C-136 was represented by Bernice Aviza & Edward Barkowski. Rima Hartvigas & Rita Zakarka of Chicago gave an excellent slide presentation of the accomplishments of the Youth Congress in Australia. Gene & Betty Kuzmich visited the office of Congressman Samuel Stratton, a past recipient of Rev. Jutt Award. Regina Kot was mistress of ceremonies at the Cultural evening. She also served on the greetings committee. Polly



C-90 Kearny, NJ - L to r: Paul Shukis, Stanley Przychocki, Rev. Anthony Paskas, Msgr. Dominick Pocius, Audrey Przybilski and Edmund Rokas re-dedicating Wayside Shrine after Mid Atlantic District Mass.



Ziausys was reelected Lithuanian Language Coordinator. Bernice Aviza is assuming Lithuanian Affairs chairmanship. Richard Jasewicz, past junior council pres., was the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations!

The K of L Foundation awarded three monetary prizes in its essay contest. Gene Gobis won third prize and Beatrice Jasewicz merited an honorable mention.

*Smile & Sparkle*

### C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY JUNIORS

The Junior Knights of Lithuania C-100 had their first meeting for the year. Elected new Pres. Charles Jasewicz, Vice Pres. Daniel Jasewicz, Sec. Mikalina Tambasco, Treas. Robert Tambasco, Sgt.-of-Arms Timothy Tambasco, Reporter Jessica Jasewicz.

It was reported that seven Juniors attended Lithuanian Day at Auriesville Shrine on Aug. 28th and brought gifts to the altar dressed in Lithuanian attire.

Coming events for the year: Halloween Party during October and a trip to the Festival of Nations during Nov. with a turkey raffle and a Christmas Party in Dec. for Junior members.

Our teacher, Genevieve Gobis, is teaching us all about Lithuanian culture. Our activities are planned by our counselor, Beatrice Jasewicz.



*C-100 Jrs. Rebecca Jasewicz leading procession with gifts at Mass held at Auriesville Shrine.*

### C-103 - PROVIDENCE, RI

Our council's return from summer recess was highlighted by our attending Mass in a body followed by our prayer day assignment in conjunction with the observance of our organization's 75th anniversary culminating with the Blessing of the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our business session was accentuated with the reports of delegates to the Nat'l Convention, report of the Australian travelers Pres. Bert Stoskus and Bill Piacentini and a report of progress from Irene Landanski on our Xmas party. Guest of Bertha Stoskus was Robert Wilkaitis. It was pleasant to see Bernard Bernatonis. K of L history book was presented to the Providence College Library and the Providence Public Library.

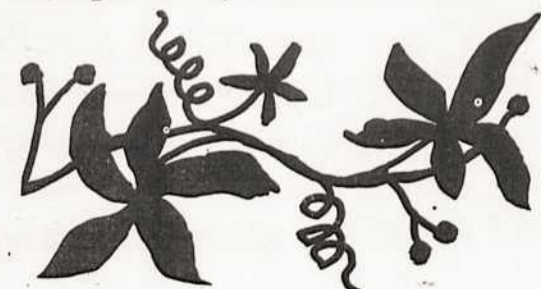
The membership of our council, the parishioners of St. Casimir and the State of Rhode Island were shocked by the news of the sudden demise of Dr. John J. Cunningham, husband of Birute (Ciocys) Cunningham. Birute was for several years vice pres. on the national level of K of L. She was pres. of our council and active with her family in parish affairs. Prayers at his wake were led by our pastor and council spiritual advisor Fr. Gedvila assisted by former nat'l spiritual

advisor Fr. Jurgelaitis. Council members attended. Concelebrating funeral Mass were Frs. Cukura Jurgelaitis and Gedvila.

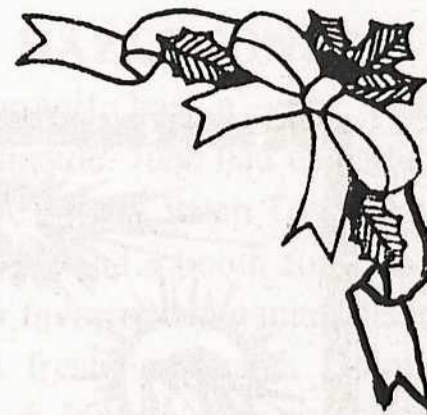
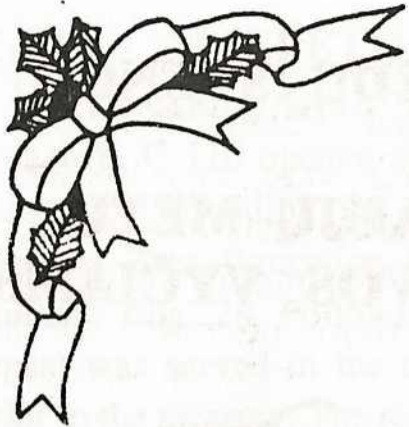
The Oct. meeting featured a long dormant activity promoted in the district by Betty Ciuryla, the NED Bowling Roll-off to be held in Nov. in Johnston. Helen Zielinski and Pres. Stoskus gave a summary of the NED convention. Plans were formulated for our participation in the NED Cultural Festival in Worcester. The council sponsored an ad in the Christmas issue of VYTIS. Funds were allocated from the joint council and heritage committee account for the purchasing of K of L history books for college and university libraries and also libraries wherein reside our membership.

Every Friday evening during Oct., the Rosary and Benediction were sponsored by the council.

Most important and precedent shattering item accomplished by the council at this meeting was the complete reelection of the present officers and committee members for another term. The complete slate is as follows: Spiritual Adv., Rev. Izidorius Gedvila; Pres., Bertha Stoskus; 1st V.P., John Walaska; 2nd V.P. William Piacentini; Rec. Sec., Helen Gudczaszkas; Corres. Sec., Irene Walaska; Treas., Anthony Gudczaszkas; \Fin. Sec., Helen Zielinski; Trustees, Peter Denisevich & John Jacknevich; Lithuanian Affairs, William Piacentini; Sunshine Committee, Veronica Kiela; Cultural, Ruta Krecioch; Ritual, Bette Ciuryla; Social, Irene Landanski; chairlady, assisted by Alice Grybas, Milda Traskauskas & Elizabeth Tribuisis; Vytis Correspondent, Victor G. Mathieu.







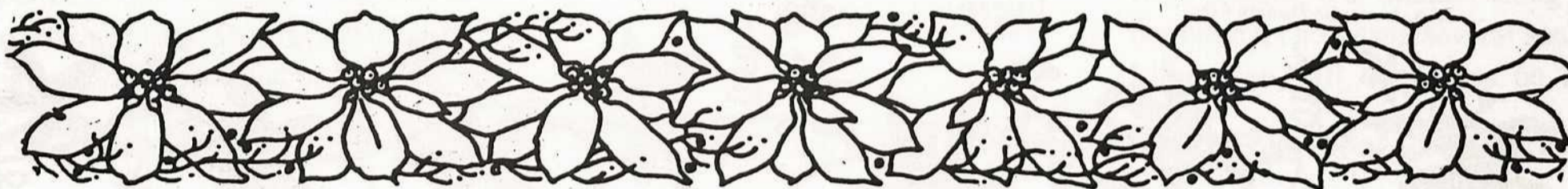
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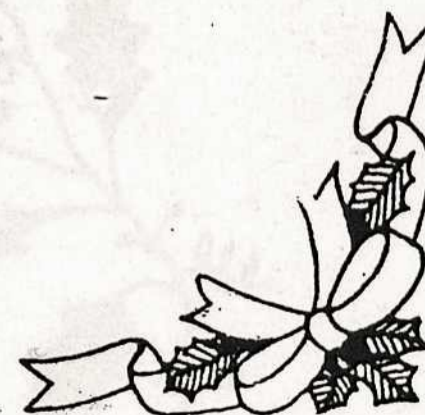
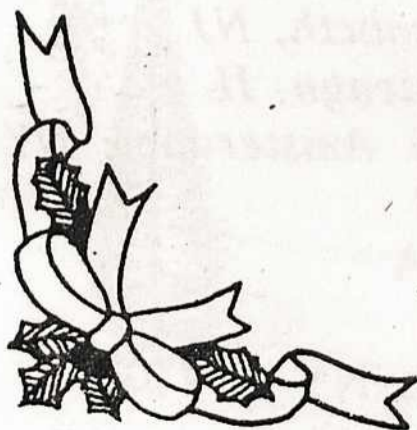


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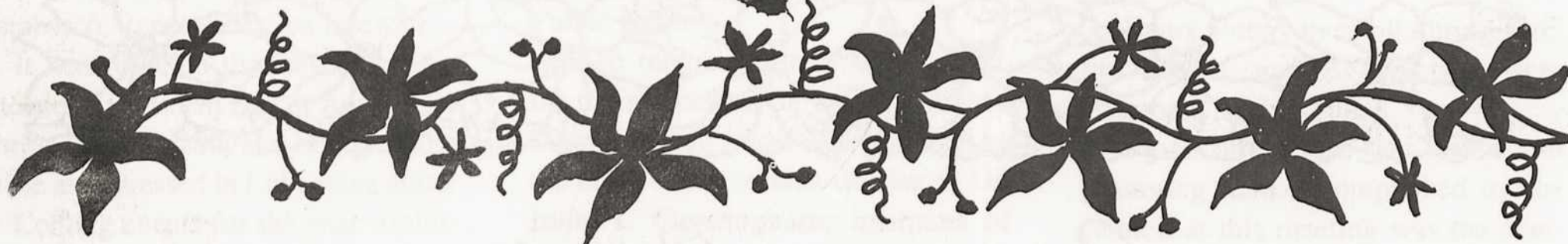
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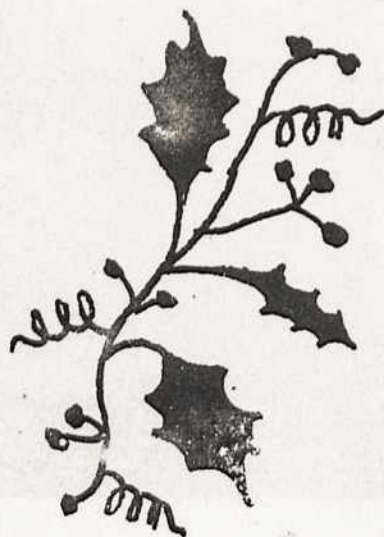
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Anne Challan, C-143, Pittston, PA  
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C-136 Hudson-Mohawk, NY





**C-110 - MASPETH, NY**

As the closing days of summer approached, C-110 opened the 1988-89 season by attending the 11 o'clock Mass at Transfiguration Church on Sunday, Aug. 28. Following Mass, a repast was served in the church hall prior to the meeting. The regular meeting was changed by the majority wishes from Wed. to Sunday after the 11 o'clock Mass.

Pres. Adomenas informed the members of the following deaths that occurred during the past two months: Charles Sable, Walter Umbrazis, Anna M. Denauski and Michael J. Zielinski, the son of Ann Kokoszko. Officers and members extend their deepest sympathy to the survivors.

Pres. Adomenas and Helen Venis reported on the 75th Nat'l Convention in Washington. The members were somewhat disappointed to learn that 7

councils in Pennsylvania formed the Amber District. Pres. Adomenas introduced our newest member, Sister M Immaculata (Miltenis) of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who was visiting relatives and friends. On Sept. 18, a bus load of friends and members went to Greenport, L.I. where they attended the Third Annual Lithuanian Nat'l Day Festival sponsored by C-152 of Riverhead.

On Sept. 19 at 6 p.m., members and friends attended a Mass for the Persecuted Church in Lithuania at Transfiguration Church. Following Mass, a service was held at the Wayside Shrine. A short speech was given by Pres. Adomenas. A prayer was offered by Rev. Msgr. Frank Bulovas, pastor. Singing of the Lithuanian Himnas and God Bless America closed the service.

*Joseph C. Dugan*

**C-118 - HAZLETON, PA**

Our council has a very busy summer schedule. June had us participating in the Eckley Patch Town Days at Eckley. We had a booth for 2 days serving our favorite Lithuanian dishes along with fresh lemonade. Dolores Yuscavage & Irene Norris co-chaired the event. Val Dancho displayed many of her Lithuanian articles.

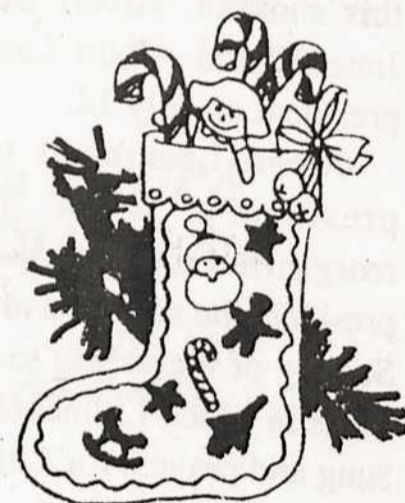
In August we had our annual picnic at the Dancho Grove. The Danchos chaired it while serving our favorite foods. Nellie Prokopas was crowned Queen for the year by outgoing Queen Nellie Masyjada. A great time was had by all.

In Sept. we were one of the many ethnic groups who participated in the United Way Program at the Hazleton High School. Our council along with our church choir sang several songs in Lithuanian. All the ladies on stage



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*Father Skitzki, spiritual advisor, applauds C-118 Queen Nellie Prokopas who was crowned by outgoing Queen Nellie Marsyada.*

wore Lithuanian costumes, six of which were made by Valerie Dancho. Along with some of our male Knight they made a colorful appearance. Our group was chosen to have their picture in our city's newspaper.

Two of our Knights passed away this summer. Albert Gelgot died on June 29 and Albert Launikonis, past president on July 12.

Albert Launikonis took over the presidency when the council reorganized six years ago. While being president, he arranged to have the third Sunday of the month to be our K of L Mass in which Lithuanian hymns were sung and prayers for Lithuania and our adopted church in Lithuania were said. He was responsible for arranging the Lithuanian Independence Day to be brought back and celebrated in our community. He arranged for a Lithuanian cheese sale at our church. He also helped to purchase a K of L banner and started a 50/50 to defray expenses of our annual picnic. For the last 4 years, he served as Fin. Sec. Most of all, he will be remembered for his designing and building the outdoor shrine at our church which will stand as a memorial to a loyal dedicated Knight. May he rest in peace. **ALMA**

#### **C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA**

Installation of officers for the 1988-89 term of C-144 took place at Our Lady of Siluva Church in Maizeville. Ann Wargo, Nat'l Pres., was in charge of the installation. The following were installed: Eleanor Vaicaitis, Pres.; John Joseph, Vice Pres.; Anna Helen McDonald, Treas.; Ann Supernavage, Sec.; Eva Yurkewicz, Fin. Sec. Rev. Matthew Jarasunas will continue to serve as our spiritual advisor. Father closed the ceremony with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The monthly meeting was held in the church hall with the men of the council serving refreshments. Pres. Vaicaitis appointed the following committee chairpersons: Lithuanian Affairs, John Martunas; Cultural, Mary Koons; Ways & Means, Bernard Zelaitis; Public Relations and Vytis reporter, Olympia Zelinski; Ritual, Helen Chesko and Elsie Kosmisky; Greetings, Alma Linder. Past Presidents Joseph Yezulinas, Elsie Kosmisky & Ann Wargo will serve as Trustees.

Nat'l Pres. Wargo was honored by her community when St. Clair Borough Council met and Mayor Richard Tomko designated the month

of Nov. as Ann Klizas Wargo, Knights of Lithuania Month. Congratulations, Madam Nat'l President! We are proud to have you as a member of Anthracite Council.

#### **C-152 - RIVERHEAD, NY**

With the unprecedented hot weather, our meeting in August was rather short. Tom Tarmey gave a report on the Nat'l Convention. Beatrice Lucka stated that although our council only had 4 delegates, they participated in all activities.

Word was received that John & Marjorie Bodnevich will no longer be with us as they moved to Arizona. We will miss them and wish them the best of luck in their new home.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Frank Malin (Malinauskas) and Peter Yankevich. May they rest in peace. John & Antoinette Sakal hosted a meeting and pool party at their home. After the meeting, those who wished went for a sail around the bay. Peter Dykovitz made arrangements for the sail. We were blessed with a beautiful day for our festival. Fred Lucka introduced the guests of honor; namely Rep. Geo. Hockbrueckner, Assemblyman Jos. Sawicki, Jr., Supervisor Frank Murphy, MAD President John Adomenas and Spiritual Advisor Rev. William Scull. Following the speeches and the singing of the Nat'l Anthem, the festivities began. Music was furnished by Joe Thomas. His Lithuanian music is familiar to many K of L'ers. He played a variety of selections for the enjoyment of all present. Folk dancing by the young group of dancers from Brooklyn was most enjoyable. Many of us don't get an opportunity to see these dances. Mrs. Matolaitis deserves credit for working with this outstanding group. There was a variety of baked goods and craft items made and donated

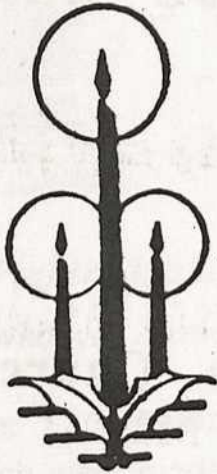








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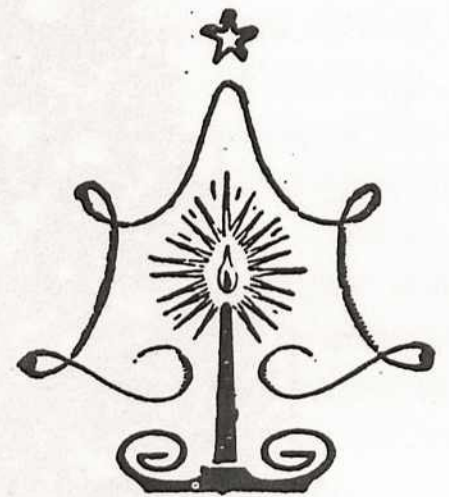
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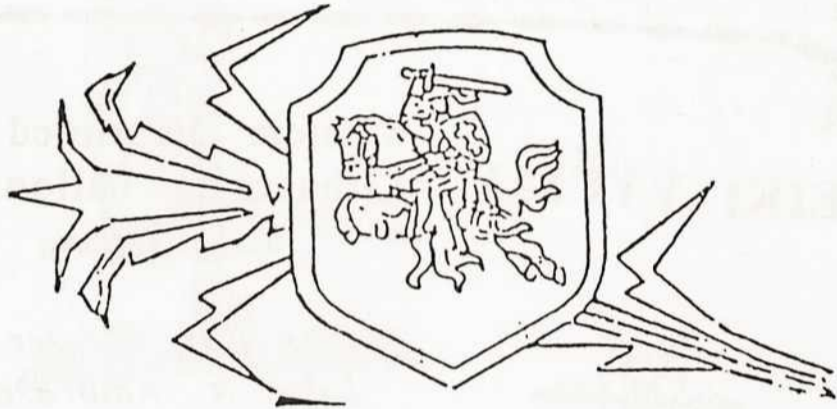
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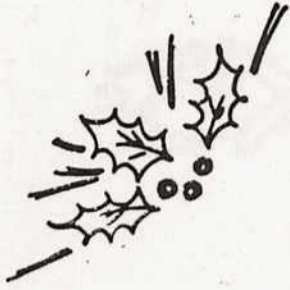
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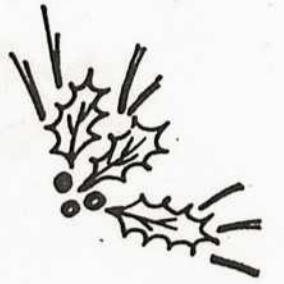




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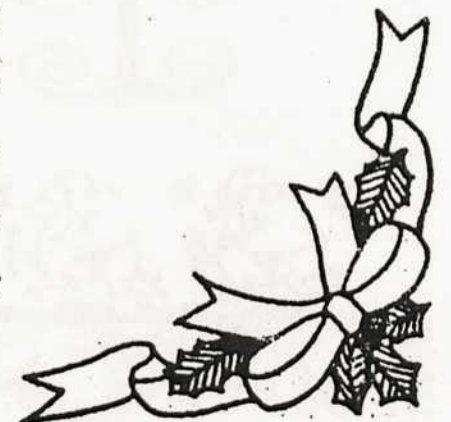
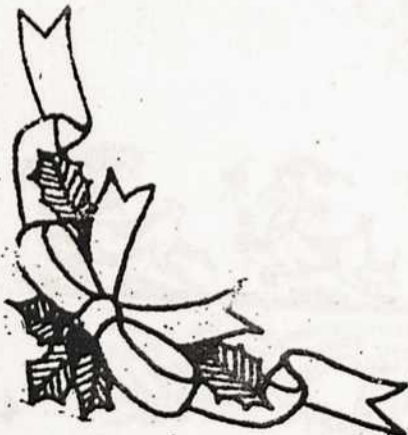
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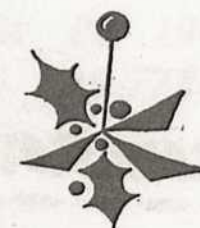
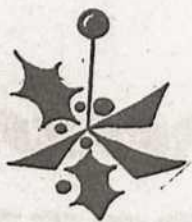
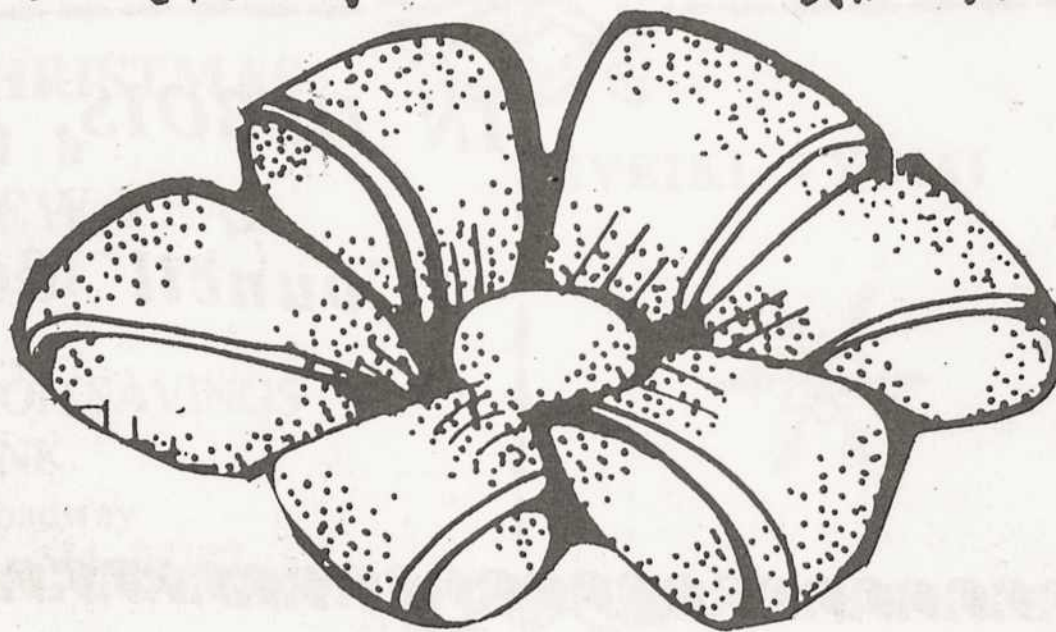
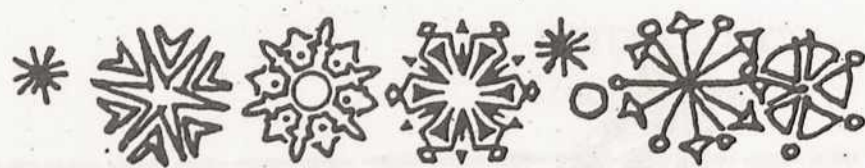
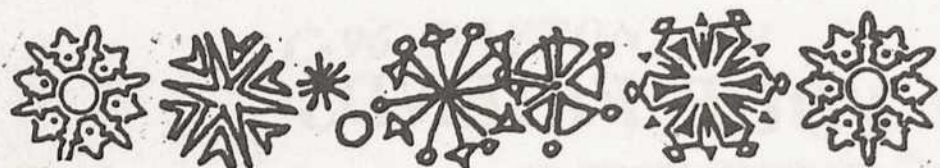


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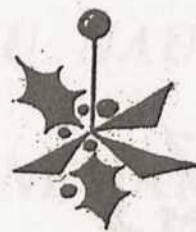
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