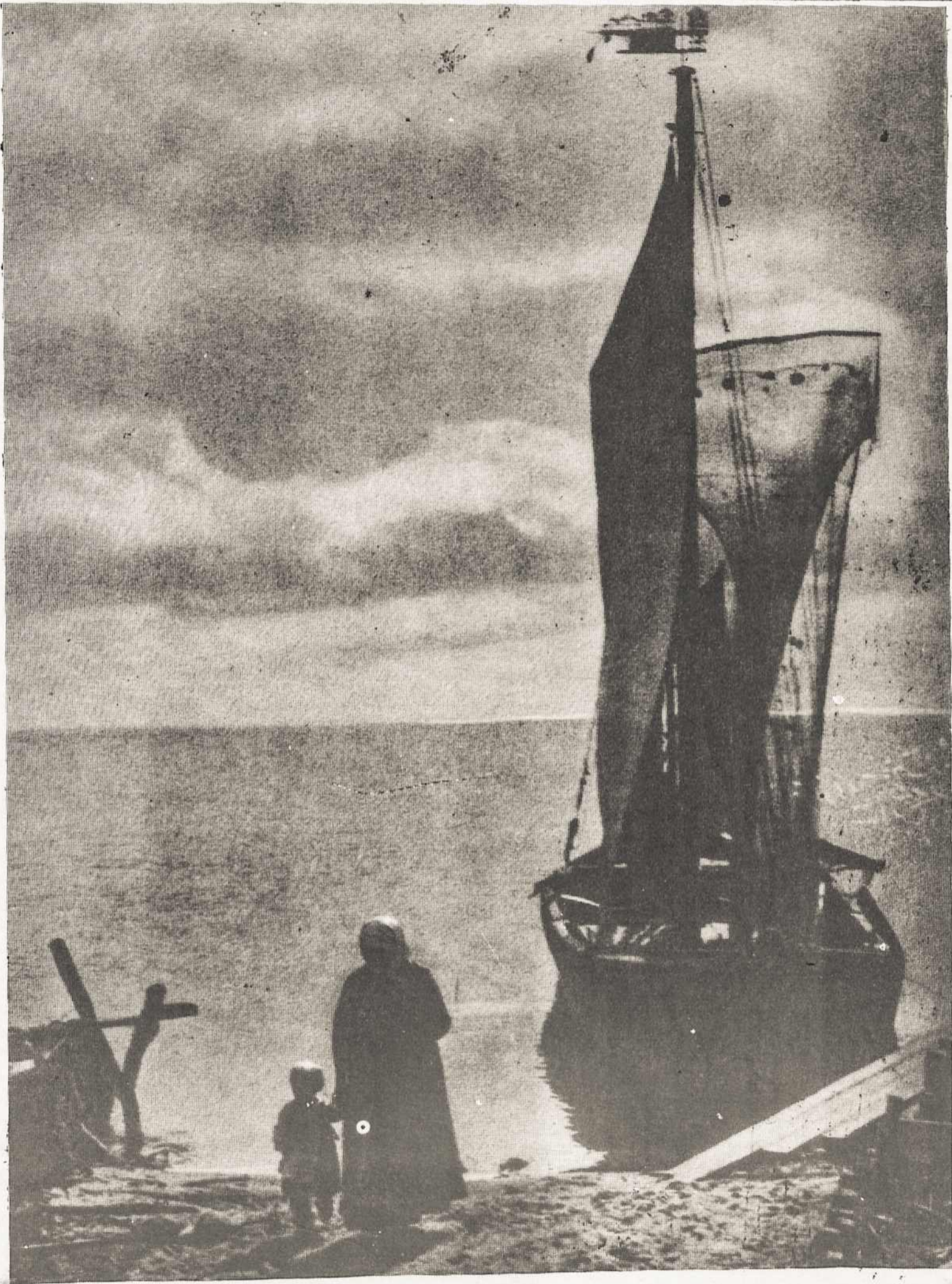


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EDITORIAL

Are you perhaps wondering why we have a picture of a seashore on the cover of our January issue? Here's why!

The month of January is one of the happier months in the history of Lithuania. In 1923, on one brisk January morning, a cry reverberated throughout Lithuania - "the streets of Klaipėda are filled with Lithuanian troops!"

What could this mean? Klaipėda belonged to Lithuania since the time of Mindaugas (1251). However, eventually it was possessed by the Teutonic Knights (Germans). After Lithuania's Declaration of Independence in 1918, the council of Lithuania Minor (Klaipėdos kraštas, Mažoji Lietuva) demanded to be rejoined to Lithuania Major. After World War I, and the defeat of Germany, Klaipėda was taken over by France. But not for long. The Lithuanians, who made up the greater part of the population in Lithuania Minor, staged an insurrection on January 9, 1923. After a few battles with some casualties, on January 15 the white flag appeared on the window of the commander of Klaipėda. Once more Lithuania regained her gateway to the sea.

So much for history. This is the beginning of 1989. Have you paid your dues? If not, make out a check to: KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA and mail it today. According to our constitution, if not paid by March 30th, the member is suspended at which time your VYTIS will also be cancelled. You don't want that to happen, do you?

We have been noticing that not too many of us wear our blue and red degree pins. Examine them closely. Are they not beautiful? Too nice to put someplace in a drawer. Pin them on and wear them proudly!

Gyvenimas Lietuvos ir scenos šešėliuose

Visuomet malonu aplankyti Apreiškimo parapiją Brooklyne, NY. Ne tik pabūvoti jos šiltoje atmos-feroje, dalyvauti mišiose, bet ir pasigėrėt jos puikiu choru, vadovaujamu muziko Viktoro Ralio.

Sekmadienį Lapkričio 13 d. pasitaikė gera proga vėl apsilankyti. Lietuvių Katalikių Moterų Kultūros Draugija rengė popietę su aktorium Joe Boley-Bulevičium. Mišias koncelebravo klebonas Kun. Jonas Pakalniškis ir Kun. Kazimieras Pugevičius, vargonais grojo Kun. Danielius Staniškis (nes muzikas Viktoras dalyvavo KASOS posėdžiuose Floridoje).

Po mišių per 100 svečių nuskubėjo į parapijos salę. Malonu buvo matyti daug Lietuvos Vyčių. Tarp jų organizacijos garbės narius, Dr. Jokūbą ir

Loretą Stukus, Vyčio redaktorė Marytę Rusas Kober, ir Vidurio Atlanto. Apygardos pirmininką Joną Adomėną. Nenuostabu šia proga juos čia matyti! Juk pagerbėm organizacijos garbės narį buvusį centro valdybos pirmininką ir visų narių mylimą patriarchą.

Popietės programai vadovavo Lietuvių Katalikių Moterų Kultūros Draugijos pirmininkė Birutė Lukoševičienė. Ji pakvietė Pranę Ažuolieneį prisegti Juozui baltą gvazdiką. Vyčių 41 kuopos (kurios Juozas yra narys) pirmininkas Bill Kumeta solenizantą papuošė gražia lietuviška juosta.

Pagrindinis kalbėtojas buvo ilgametis Juozo Boley draugas ir bendraveikėjas Juozas Laučka, kuris supažindino klausytojus su Juozo daugiašake

veikla. Gimes Homestead, PA, bet galima sakyti jis yra "pasaulio pilietis", kurio širdis yra Lietuvoje o pirma meilė yra Vyčiai. (Turbūt todėl jis ir niekados neapsivedė, speliojo J. Laučka, nes jo pirmoji meilė Vyčiai. Kokia moteris būtų patenkinta būdama antroje eilėje).

Kelias žodeliais bei eilėraščius prabilo ir solenizantas. Pagrindinė jo tema buvo lietuviškos kalbos išlaikymas. Supažindino su savo veikla radijo programose (New York Times WQXR pranešėjas), televizijoje, teatre ir filmuose, kuriose jam dažnai tekdavo vadinamos "character rolės", kurios gal ir nepažaro artisto "žvaigždė", bet yra gero filmo pagrindas. Baigdamas publikai parodė kelis baltus akmenėlius. "Jūs turiu jau 60 metų" kalbėjo Juozas. "Atsivežiau iš Lietuvos." Ant kiekvieno buvo smulkiom raidėm užrašyta "Gedimino kalnas", "Palanga", "Vilnius" ir t.t. Po to, lyg brangenybes, suvyniojo ir įsidėjo į kišenę. Padeklamavo kelis eilėraščius iš savo draugo Leonardo Simučio neseniai išleistos knygos *Ilgesio*

Valandos. Pabaigėsu juokingu faljetonu "Neturiu laiko".

Savo sveikinime konsulas Anicetas Simutis kalbėjo apie Juozo didžia talka konsulatui ypatingai kaippo verteju. Juozas tylus darbininkas, niekas iš jo nesą girdėjęs žodžio "neturiu laiko" (tik galbūt ant scenos). Dr. J. Stukas ir Kun. K. Pugevičius supažindino su Juozo talka radijo ir televizijos darbuose.

Po programos pirmininkė visiem padėjo ir pakvietė prie vaišių stalo. Čia saldumynų mėgėjam nušvito akys, pamatant gausybę tortų tarp jų, kaip spėjų B. Lukoševičienės "napoleona".

Lieka tik padėkoti mielom kultūrininkėm už šią gražią popietę. Jos Juozo asmenyje suvienijo "mus" ir "jus". Jis gi veikia su visais vienam tikslui. Tegu šį popietę lieka panašių renginių pradžia.

Dalia Bulvičiūtė

(We are writing this article in Lithuanian since we are sure Our Juozas would like it that way. So grab a Lithuanian-English dictionary and get going. - Editor))

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SHOW SHOPS

Ex-Pittsburgher Returns from Long
USO Tour of Islands—Other Items

By KASPAR MONAHAN

Joseph Boley, formerly of Homestead, Pa., one-time student at Duquesne and Tech's drama school, dropped in to see me the other day. He was still in his USO uniform and had an interesting tale to tell of his seven-months tour of the South Pacific with a company of other players, including Grant Mitchell of the movies.

The troupe, carrying scenery and costumes with them, traveled by plane, covering some 18,000 miles and presenting Sidney Howard's splendid play, "The Late Christopher Bean" at scores of places and in the most unlikely spots—on air strips, on the plane elevators in carriers, on the crowded decks of troop transports, in make-shift outdoor theaters in the jungles



Mr. Boley

—anywhere as long as they had space enough to move. Sometimes on crowded ships they would be entirely surrounded by soldiers and sailors—but the show went on, regardless of conditions or the state of the weather.

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On a number of occasions rain swept down on both audience and cast alike—but the show went on. Sometimes while "Christopher Bean" was in progress the roar of plane motors warming up would drown out the dialogue. The cast would pause then continue during the quiet interludes—and "the fellows loved it," according to Boley. Many of them had never before

A PAGE FROM THE PAST IN THE LIFE OF JOSEPH BOLEY *Pittsburgh Press* April 24, 1946

seen a "real stage show." Prior to the arrival of "Bean" they had been regaled by song and dance, monologues and the like. "We're tired of variety shows," they'd say, "send us some real shows like this."

Average audience, Boley said, was around 2000; smallest 350; largest 6000—and always they received rapt attention from these show-starved young fellows.

Co-starring with Mr. Mitchell was Louise Lorimer who gave up an important role in the Broadway hit, "I Remember Mama" to go on tour. And Mitchell just let slide a lot of lucrative movie commitments to go barnstorming, to live in quonset huts, in over-crowded rooms aboard packed transports, etc. And he's not so young as he used to be, either. He's going on 72.

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"But he never griped," says Boley. "None of the company did—and, for that matter, why should we? Actors just love good audiences and these service boys are the tops. Their applause, their vast appreciation and enthusiasm, made the long tour a delight from beginning to end, and I wouldn't have missed the experience for the world."

Mr. Boley has returned to New

JOSEPH BOLEY

York where for years, after leaving Pittsburgh, he was commentator for Paramount Newsreel. During the war he broadcast propaganda by short wave to Germany for the O. W. I. The tour of "Christopher Bean" took him to the Johnston Islands, Kwajalein, Wake, Ebi, Tinian, Saipan, Guam — just to mention a few of them.

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It seems like yesterday...

The Knights were never much on financial stability. They were not business people nor did they understand budgets. They only understood dues and individual donations. The first dues were 10 cents a month or 40 cents per year. The Supreme Council Treasurer always complained that members and councils did not pay their dues. His request for money appeared often in VYTIS. No big treasury was realized. The Knights had no foresight in investments or building their of club house. For their meetings and social gatherings parish halls or rented buildings were used.

Despite this, the organization was and still is generous. During the First World War, the Knights raised funds for the liberation of Lithuania. After the Second World War the Pittsburgh District donated \$1000 to BALF (Bendras Amerikos Lietuvių Fondas — United Lithuanian Baltic Fund). The Supreme Council donated \$1000 to our Lady of Šiluva Chapel in Washington, D.C. In 1974 \$1000 was donated to the Lithuanian Committee for expenses in hosting the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia. Donations were solicited for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty wherein the Mid - Atlantic District raised more than \$5000.

AL WESEY

Dwight H. Green, Governor of Illinois speaking at a Lithuanian forum in Chicago (Lithuanian Bulletin, Spring 1946): "I have no sympathy with the attitude of some Americans, who have enjoyed the blessings of our freedom so long that they have forgotten that the ancestors of all of us once were immigrants, who sometimes doubt if a man can be loyal both to the land of his birth or his father's and to the country of his adoption. To me it is as simple as for a man to be loyal to his father and mother and still be a good husband and father at his own fireside."

Mįslės

Mįslių tėvas klane guli.
Ožys troboj, barzda lauke.
Jauna buvau — rože žydėjau, kai pasenau, akis
igijau, pro tas akis pati išlindau.

Šimtas lapų, šimtas palapių, patsai ant vienos kojos.
Raudonas gaidelis po žemėmis gieda.
Žalia žolė, bet ne žolė, su uodega bet ne pėlė.
Ten vištelė repetinė, jos gūžtelė lapatinė, dėš
kiaušinį šimtatrynį.
Vienas sako: "Man žiemą geriau".
Antras sako: "Man vasarą geriau".
Trečias sako: "Man vis tiek pat".

Stiklinis puodas
puode vanduo juodas.
kaip semi — kalba.

RASK ŽODŽIUS!

Šiame kvadrato rask šiuos patriotinius žodžius:
VASARIS, ŠEŠIOLIKTOJI, LAISVĖ (2x),
NEPRIKLAUSOMYBĖ, LIETUVA, TĖVYNĖ, AKTAS,
VILNIUS, DIDVYRIAI, SAVANORIAI, KOVOS,
PRIESPLAUDA, VĖLIAVA, VYTIS, HIMNAS, VALIO,
VALIO!

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Ready For Bed

Two 5-year-old boys were bragging about their fathers. One boy said, "My father can take his teeth out."

The other boy replied, "Well, my father can take his teeth out *and* his hair off."

—Paul Short

LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MR. REAGAN

By Participants of Lvov Conference - Representatives of Nat'l Democratic Movements of the

Nations of USSR from Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Estonia and Armenia.

We, the representatives of social organizations and national movements of people of the USSR have carefully followed your speeches, where our national rights are defended, particularly in the course of election campaigns. Your fundamental position has convinced us that you are deeply aware of our situation and understand that, without solving the national question in the USSR, neither democratization, nor an overall peace for the world is possible. Therefore, your visit to the USSR and your willingness to meet us is appreciated as one more expression of the direct attention toward intense national problems which have emerged in the Baltic, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine.

Mr. President, we hope that you, being aware of this, would have, in our meeting, stressed the attention you devote to the most acute problem, that is, the national problem. We recall that the U.S. has always been the most ardent champion for the freedoms of those nations within the USSR - in comparison to other Western states - has always been the most ardent champion of freedom for the nations in the USSR; and as the truest followers of this conviction, we awaited that your trip to Moscow would help to bring a considerable change in the fate of our nations.

Unfortunately, this did not take place. In your speech, the question of freedom in its highest meaning, the freedom for a nation, was replaced by general human rights. From your answers, given to correspondents, we judge that this position is not a coincidence, but your new view of the condition of national future in the USSR. Evidently, the USSR no longer is "the evil empire" for you and national problems are so insignificant these are no longer worth being mentioned. But we, Mr. Reagan, conscious of our responsibility, state that there is no need for such reorientation. The fate of those nations inhabiting the USSR remains the same as before. The solution to the acute national problem remains the same - "Nation killing" continues. It manifests itself, every day, in russification, eliminating national languages from state administration, in science, education, deliberate fostering of migration, the intensification and centralization of economy and in many other forms. If, according to Lenin, the Russian Empire was the "prison of nations", then the use of such a term as "Soviet people" sounds like a requiem for the nations within the Soviet Union. The process of an internal

disintegration of a nation as a complex social system continues everywhere, because social antagonism and class hatred are being preached.

The doctrine of class hatred is particularly anti-Christian; because the love for fellow man, who espouses Christianity can be achieved and overcome social contradictions. Nowadays the philosophy of hatred has failed utterly, but mankind placed on Christian love, is the sole constructive force able to save the world. Faith will save states from two extremes; meaningless internationalism or national hostility, both foundations of imperialism, where the second exists under the guise of the first. This is very characteristic in the centuries-old practice of the Russian Empire.

Mr. President, we can hardly envisage the struggle for human rights without a struggle for the national rights of nations. The history of mankind has convinced us that when national rights have been gained, then human rights are quickly consolidated and not the other way around. As today, so in the future, the freedom of nations is one of the main guarantees for human rights.

Mr. President, we are convinced that true history is not written on paper but in the hearts of people, and the Good Lord reads these, because the Lord judges not according to results but according to the clarity of challenges and intent.

We do remember your encouraging words that the U.S. should not stand by placidly observing the fate of nations locked in the Soviet straight-jacket. Your retreat from this issue of freedom for nations in the USSR is caused by the strong resistance of Soviet authorities, particularly in this area, since glasnost and democratization in the national question will prove, beyond any doubt, that violence created and gives life to the Soviet Union which - whatever it may be - is not a union of nations possessing equal rights. But principles will guide toward the good for all only if these are realized thoroughly, to their ultimate end.

We wish a successful and honorable completion of your Presidency and that you leave behind you the repute of the champion of freedom for all nations.

PROVERBS

Submitted by Stanley Pieza

Tik lapši ir varstū sukala kiti - gyvenima kali pats.

Kaip pasiklosi lovą, taip išmiegos.

THOUSANDS IN VILNIUS CELEBRATE LEGALIZATION OF NATIONAL FLAG

Thousands of people recently converged on one of the Lithuanian capital's main squares to celebrate the legalization of the national tricolor flag and to witness its hoisting atop a tower of a former medieval castle.

Reliable sources have informed that the Vilnius municipal government's executive committee called a public meeting in Gediminas Square following a public announcement over Lithuanian television the previous evening that the tri-color flag would be raised on Gediminas Castle tower located on the highest point of the city.

The Lithuanian Soviet press published a decision by the presidium of the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet announcing that the long-banned yellow-green-red striped flag which flew over independent Lithuania was now considered a legitimate national symbol for the Lithuanian people.

"The mood was festive and joyous. People were congratulating each other and singing and the events provided an emotional boost from the oppressive atmosphere created by other events during last year."

The one-hour meeting in Gediminas Square featured addresses by at least one local government official as well as representatives of the Movement to support Perestroika who spoke about the significance of the tricolor symbol.

It was estimated the crowd to be at no more than 10,000, though other sources reached in Lithuania put the figure closer to 100,000 and added that public manifestations of the flag in celebration of its legalization were not restricted to the Lithuanian capital. The number of participants in Gediminas Square would have been much larger if more advance notice of the public rally had been provided



SOVIET GOVERNMENT DECLARES CATHOLIC HOLY DAY A STATE HOLIDAY

The Soviet government in Lithuania gave workers the day off on November 1, All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation for Roman Catholics, marking the first time Soviet authorities in that predominantly Roman Catholic country declared a state holiday to coincide with an important religious feast.

Lithuanian television featured reports on Nov. 1 from a Vilnius cemetery and broadcast a Roman Catholic Mass from the Kaunas Cathedral. This was believed to be only the second time in over 4 decades that state-controlled television in Lithuania broadcast Catholic church services.

Historically, on All Souls' eve, Lithuanians honor deceased family members and friends with religious services and visits to gravesites. During the Stalinist era, processions and visits to cemeteries were forbidden. Later, they were openly discouraged because of their religious overtones, sometimes resulting in arrest. In addition, the Nov. 1 visits were often condemned as manifestations of nationalism - some visitors would place flowers at gravesites of national heroes, i.e., leaders from the time of Lithuania's independence period, as well as soldiers who had

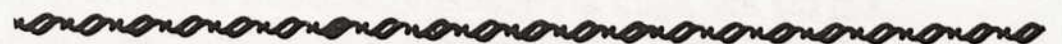
fallen in the defense of the pre-Soviet Lithuanian nation-state.

"There were throngs of people at Rasai cemetery. People used to be afraid to come, but this year you couldn't keep them away", according to a spokesman. A 5 p.m. Mass was held at the cemetery, located in Vilnius. Solemn music was piped over a loudspeaker from a bus.

FOUR POLITICAL PRISONERS RETURNED FROM SIBERIAN EXILE

Sources in Lithuania have confirmed the return of four prominent Lithuanian political prisoners from internal exile.

Helsinki monitor Viktoras Petkus arrived in Vilnius on Nov. 2, poet-journalist Gintautas Iesmantas and Catholic priest Fr. Sigita Tamkevicius on Nov. 4, and Helsinki monitor Balys Gajauskas returned to Kaunas on Nov. 7.



Sixth Lithuanian World Youth Congress in Australia

Rima Hartvigas and I arrived in Sydney on December 19, 1987 and taken by bus to the Lithuanian Club for registration and assignment of living quarters for our stay in Sydney. I stayed with a Lithuanian family, Mr. & Mrs. Juozas Maksytis, who treated me like a queen. On Dec. 20th, we attended Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral and on to the Hilton for the opening ceremonies. Each delegate was called by name to come up on stage and receive three branches tied together with Lithuanian ribbons to be passed out to the audience. There were many greetings from various dignitaries. Later that evening, the opening ball took place in the Hilton Ball Room. The food and dancing were wonderful but we were too exhausted from jet lag and could not keep our eyes open. On Dec. 21 we left the Lithuanian Club at 7:00 a.m. to take the bus to the Hills of Sydney, where we would be for the next three days. The scenery was beautiful, however, the living quarters were a bit crowded - 16 girls to one cabin!! We began our sessions sharply at 9:00 a.m. Topics included selecting presidium and new candidates for PLSS Valdyba, discussing what previous conventions each country accomplished in past four years and what our goals should be for this convention. During these three days at Naamaroo, Rima and I presented two talks as part of the symposium. The first talk was presented in English, where we expressed our ideals and goals of the Knights of Lithuania organization. Many of the delegates had little or no conception of what the Knights of Lithuania organization is. Many thought Knights of Lithuania is mainly an English speaking organization consisting of the older generation. The second talk was given in Lithuania since many delegates got upset that our first speech was in English and we could speak a little Lithuanian. Our second speech, however, was in Lithuanian. Giving the speech in Lithuanian was a great accomplishment for me, since I've only had been taking language lessons for seven months.

Rima and I were asked to lead a group discussion in English concerning how to get young people involved in Lithuanian organizations and in their activities.

On the last night in Naamaroo, sessions ended early and all the delegates were taken by bus to Argyle Tauen in the old part of Sydney. Here we experienced an Australian BBQ and participated in an old fashioned Bush Dance (or Square Dancing). After dancing, we all got in a circle and sang

Lithuanian songs. We had a fantastic time!

On the morning of Dec. 24, all the delegates were taken for a scenic bus tour of Sydney. I saw the famous Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour and also toured along the Tasmanian Sea. Australia is absolutely breathtaking. Instead of going to the Lithuanian Club for "Kucios" with the other delegates, I had kucios with my adopted Lithuanian family in Sydney - Onute and Juozas Maksvytis. We had an 18 course dinner consisting of oysters, mussels, salmon, shrimp, vodka, etc. It felt like Christmas except for the very hot weather in the 80's. On Christmas Day, after attending Mass, all the delegates headed to the beach for suntanning and swimming.

On Dec. 26 we left for Canberra by bus, where we would be for the next five days. Here we continued our "Study Days" and heard more lectures and special presentations from guest speakers like Viktoras Nagis and Ginte Damusis from Lithuanian Information Center in Brooklyn and Daiva Skoudyte who arrived from Lithuania five months ago. During this time, Rima and I gave our last, longest presentation; the topic being "What does it mean to be Lithuanian without speaking Lithuanian." If the language is so important to learn, then why don't we speak it? The desire to learn is there but many have grown up in an American household and find learning the language very difficult. Many have tried, gotten frustrated and quit whereas others do not have the time. This is where we are trying new things such as having the Lithuanian Propagation Committee which encourages us to use more of the Lithuanian language in our affairs, Lithuanian speakers with translators and Lithuanian lessons for younger children. In Amsterdam, NY, children are taught Lithuanian words and are tested at the next meeting. We are a very active organization that cannot be overlooked because we all don't speak Lithuanian. Our speech went remarkably well. Most of the delegates did agree that being Lithuanian is not just speaking the language but what is in your heart.

Our last day in Canberra, it was decided that all delegates participate in a peaceful demonstration condemning the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact on Aug. 23 1939 which divided Eastern Europe between the USSR and Nazi Germany and helped precipitate World War II. The day before the demonstration, I was asked to accompany five others to the American Embassy to present the petition

which indicated why we were demonstrating the next day. On Dec. 31 the demonstration took place. Dressed in black and white clothing and carrying flags, banners and black balloons, we marched two metres down the main road chanting "Neit, Neit Soviets, Da Da Lithuania". When we came to the Soviet Embassy, a barbed wire wreath was laid outside its compound. Outside the Embassy the petition was read and Lithuanian anthem was sung. In my opinion, the demonstration was very impressive and well organized.

From Canberra we flew to Adelaide for Camp. We spent 7 days here at Roseworthy Agricultural College, one hour out of Adelaide. The pace was slower at camp than at Study Days. We had time to relax, lay out in the hot sun, swim, play sports, and take long walks. In the afternoon, we each were assigned to different camp groups. I attended Lithuanian Music, Chronicle of Catholic Church and Mixed Marriages. Of the three discussions, I enjoyed the group discussion of Chronicle of the Catholic Church led by Victor Nagas from Washington, DC. He brought out many interesting facts that I was not aware of.

I also attended a session on letter writing led by Victor Nagas and Ginte Damusis. They informed us that letters to prisoners in concentration camps will not be received; however, better treatment is given to them. Prisoners not only want to hear they are receiving letters but also that we talk about them and know why they are in prison. They also stressed importance of letter writing to inform Congress and others about the situation in Lithuania. If we just talk to Lithuanians about Lithuania, nothing will get done and Lithuania will never change. If people start writing and Congress sees it is necessary, then they will hear our voices. If Russia sees everyone is looking at them, changes may take place. It is difficult to say that Lithuania will be free, but changes could take place.

We also saw a film about Prisoners of Conscience in psychiatric hospitals. According to the film, there are 6,000 healthy men and women in these hospitals and the KGB has the right to prescribe medication to any one of them.

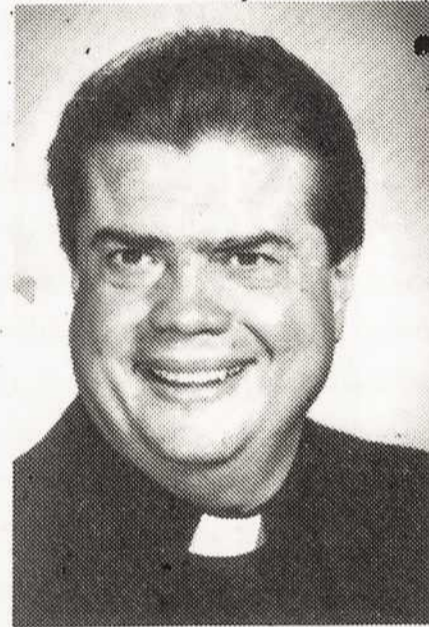
One of the most special memories I have of camp is that of Kryziu Kalnas. Each person went out of their way to make their cross unique. As the sun was setting, each carrying their own cross, we proceeded down the road to a hill where we placed our crosses. We ended the evening with a Candlelight Mass led by Rev. Saulaitis.

We left camp on Jan. 7, 1988 via bus to Melbourne. The bus ride was to take 12 hours; however, our bus got two flat tires - so the entire trip took 17 hours. We arrived in Melbourne and registered at the Lithuanian Club. No one was in the mood for dancing since it was time to start saying good-byes since many delegates were leaving the

next day. On Jan. 9, we all attended the formal closing ceremonies of the convention. The ceremonies were followed by a closing ball at Alberta Banquet Center. We had an excellent prime rib dinner and then danced into the wee hours. I said my good-byes to everyone and we promised to see each other at the next convention in South America. Australia will be a trip I will always remember. I came home fired up with new enthusiasm and ideas and am determined to be a better Vyte.

Rita Zakarka, C-112 Chicago, IL

NEWLY APPOINTED PASTOR



Rev. Anthony Puchenski, newly appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Chicago, IL as of March 1988 was born on the southwest side of Chicago on January 16, 1945. He attended St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish Grammar School for eight years and then Quigley Preparatory Seminary High School and Niles Junior High School.

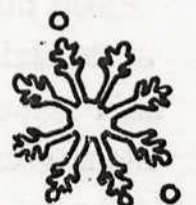
His final years for preparation for the priesthood took place at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary at Mundelein and was ordained May 12, 1971. Prior to coming to Immaculate Conception, he was assigned at Nativity Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, St. Damian, Oak Forest and St. Patricia's at Hickory Hills.

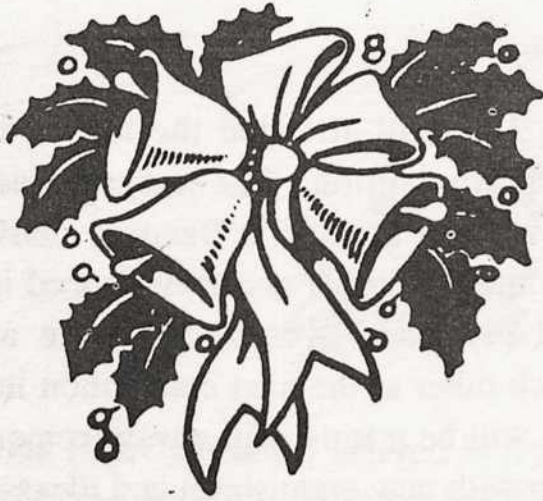
We welcome Father Anthony to C-36 and wish him much success with his parishioners at Immaculate Conception.



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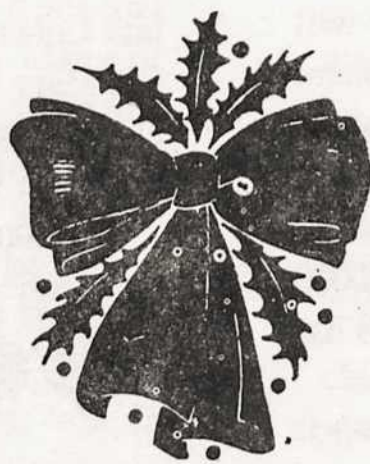
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HELLO CHINA - GOODBYE EUROPE

The Slow Boat has a New Motor

By Konstant J. Savickus

China, realizing that Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, progressed economically in rapid fashion after the Second World War to End War, finally decided to open up the Great Wall and let the sunshine in. The American tourist finding a new place to visit is packing his suitcase to get there a la Marco Polo. Despite the hardships such as jet lag, change of sleeping hour and Chinese food, the experience is well worth the effort. One of our guides in Shanghai said with a smile, "Welcome, you bring us your money and make our country green".

Our tour consisted of 28 persons, representing New York, Chicago and various parts of California. As usual, there are some people you like in the group and others you dislike, so you avoid the latter. I didn't like the forceful old lady from New York who always pushed her way to be the first one off the bus every time it stopped at a palace or a temple. If she was rushing for the washroom, I then forgive her. We visited seven cities, i.e., Shanghai, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Xian, Guilin and Hong Kong. Each of them offered a distinct experience. Total cost was \$2,900 which included air fare, meals and hotels. If you've traveled in Europe, you know how expensive meals are.

Shanghai has 12 million people and 3 million bicycles. It's an industrial city, therefore, not the cleanest. Some of the factories work three shift a day, six days per week. The pay for labor per day is \$1.00 US or 2 yen. The streets are lined with sycamore trees to shade the bicyclists and pedestrians. Buses built to carry 60 passengers are overloaded with 110 passengers - they don't complain. It's an accepted inconvenience. Autos are not seen often. Wherever our bus stopped, the Chinese gathered around to observe the strange Americans. They haven't seen too many tourists for years. After the first look, they would smile. I wondered if they were with us or against us, since you can't tell what the Chinese are thinking. When asked if we could take their picture, the smile was bigger; they felt flattered. Mothers would hold up their child to be photographed so we found the people were tender in their kindness and consideration to make us feel welcome. This is just the opposite of a visit to Russia where the citizen is afraid to talk to any foreigner for fear the KGB is watching him. The most amazing thing we found is that the Chinese feel they are now prosperous because they eat regularly. They do not have many refrigerators or TV sets, and owning an auto is an impossible dream - a bicycle is enough. They are happy and

proud of their country and government and the products they produce.

The government owns everything - shops, factories, land, buildings, buses, etc. A license is given to individuals to do business and the government takes most of the profit. There are no taxes - medical care and education are free. There are no vacations for workers with only five public holidays per year. A one or two room apartment rents for about \$5.00 US per month. There are no elevators in apartment buildings six stories high.

China is not an aggressor nation. It broke with Russia in 1949 for ideological reasons and is now more socialistic in nature than communistic. Semblances of capitalism are creeping in also. The talented worker is paid more than the average worker and the farmer has his own plot of land to grow anything he wants and keep the profit and eventually build his own home. However, he has to meet the quota of production set by the government. The rulers found that such individual incentive is beneficial to both parties, so in general, farmers are better off than factory workers.

In the suburbs there are communes - villages with factories or industry or farming. The government sets the quota for them to produce and the excess is used for the benefit of the community. If you don't work, your relatives must support you - there isn't any welfare. Pensions start at 55 years of age for women and sixty for men and the amount is 60% of the wage earned. One works eight hours per day, six days per week. Both sexes are equal. It's a novelty for the tourist to see two young ladies working together dressed in regular fashion cleaning streets. One lady uses the broom while the other goes along with the shovel. Another usual sight is to see horses with diapers! Two ends of the diaper are attached to the harness and the other two ends to the wagon. Thus, the streets are kept clean and the digested hay is used as fertilizer.

With one billion people in China, there are about 50 different dialects. The country had some 18 Dynasties and most Emperors and rulers were either corrupt or incompetent. One Empress was urged to build a Navy by officials to protect the country. She obliged them with a huge stone ship built in the lake next to her summer palace in Peking. It stands there today as an odd museum piece. Beijing (formerly Peking) is the favorite city since it displays China's present progress. The main streets are eight lanes wide, the two outer lanes used by bicycles, push

carts and horse drawn vehicles. The inner lanes are for buses and trucks and an occasional auto. The new subway is four stories underground and is beautifully and sturdily built - in case of bombings, no doubt. You'll also find the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, Palaces, Ming Tombs and other unusual attractions in this capitol city or nearby.

As to hotels - new ones are being built each year to accommodate the influx of visitors. The government furnishes the land free to any foreign business men who want to erect a hotel with no taxes for a period of ten years. After that, the hotel is turned over to China without any payment to the builder. Evidently it's a profitable venture for both parties since more hotels continue to spring up. Four or five years ago, the returning U.S. tourist didn't like the uncleanliness of the lodgings in China and discouraged his friends from going there for that reason. Today, tourists are put up at first class establishments so that complaint has been eliminated. Each hotel we stayed in had two vacuum bottles - one with hot water to make tea or coffee and the other with previously boiled cold water for drinking. Half the hotels also had TV sets.

At meals, orange soda and light beer are served for tourists since ordinary water is unsafe for drinking. The waiters and waitresses speak some English since it is being taught in schools and spoken on TV. Before the break with Russia, the second language was Russian. The meals consisted of 18 to 24 large dishes of assorted vegetables, meats, fish, etc. which are placed in the center of the table one after the other at three minute intervals. You reach for your share and put it on your small plate. We didn't care for bamboo shoots, sea weed or for the large fish with its open eyes pleading "Please be gentle". We concentrated on the sweet and sour pork, scrambled eggs, noodles and rice. Soup was served in a large tureen at the end of the meal. You can pass on the chopsticks and request a fork. An apple or pear is the dessert. Breakfasts are American style, if you wish. There is no tipping in restaurants. Even the city guide will not take a tip but a small gift like a pen or key chain is welcomed.

Food is rationed in China such as rice, wheat, vegetables, fruit. Each citizen gets coupons. For example, 30 coupons per month for 30 pounds of rice. If he eats in a restaurant, he can pay cash or give up coupons. Believe it or not, there is no Chop Suey in China.

To curtail the population, the government issued an edict permitting only one child to each family. If a woman has a second child, she loses her job and her family supports her. The neighbors become unneighborly since the new mother didn't care to conform with government policy. If anyone steals a bicycle, probation for one year is the sentence. However, for a second offense a year in jail is

mandatory, plus being ostracized by friends. As to religion, the government tolerates it but doesn't encourage it. 90% of the population is atheist, and the other 10% consist of Moslems, Buddhists, Laotians, Tibetians, Christians and Confucians.

Wherever one goes in China, "Friendship Stores" are found. Prices are set with foreign currency. After a visit to a silk factory where strands of thread are taken off a cocoon wound up on spools and made into beautiful scarves, ties and blouses which can be purchased at the local Friendship Store at \$3.00 US for a silk scarf, \$2.00 US for a silk tie. We also visited an embroidery, tea, jade, cloisonne, wood and ivory carving factory. It takes a worker all day to finish a 2" cloisonne heart which sells for \$2.00 US. Part of our group wished to go shopping rather than tour the Emperor's palaces.

The city of Xian, pronounced "Sian", is where a well digger found the first life-sized terra cotta soldier. There is an entire army of soldiers and horses buried under clay. A huge stadium covers the digging site. Excavations show 300 of the restored men ready to march with different expressions on their faces. The horses, also, are life-sized. The entire army of some 6,000 was made about 217 B.C. The reason for this army is conjectural - perhaps Emperor Qin wanted to conquer heaven. At present, this is another prime China tourist attraction.

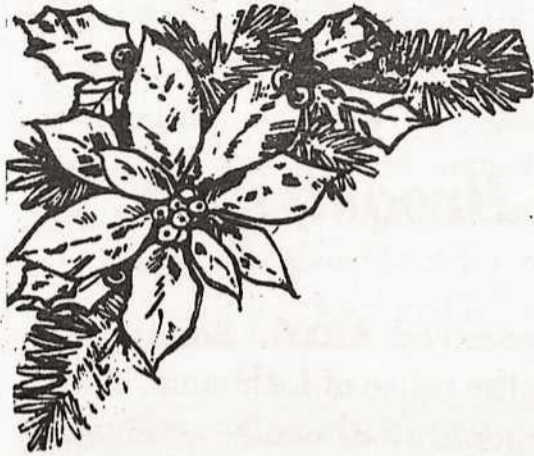
We cannot forget to mention the colossal Great Wall of China which stretches for over 2,500 miles snake-like over the mountains. It was built about 214 B.C. to keep invaders out and the Chinese within its confines. In places, it is fifty feet high and thirty feet wide and shows signs of crumbling so restoration work is taking place. One is free to regard it in one's mind as a stupid brick fence, the prototype of the one in Berlin. Also, imagine how many homes could be built with all those stones.

When Marco Polo went to China about 1247 A.D., he thought the city of Hangzhou was the chosen place to live between heaven and earth. Our group thought it was comparable to several small cities in the States which bordered on a lake. Evidently, Marco hadn't seen too much of Europe either, like Switzerland. If he had substituted Guilin in China with its fantastic and fairyland limestone mountains, we could believe he was right. You can discover much that you haven't seen before in China. It is a new and educational adventure. So save your money for such a trip since you are welcomed there but you'll lose weight also.



If life were a bed of roses, some people wouldn't be happy until they developed an allergy.

Good Reading



As We Celebrated this Christmas Season
 May our prayers for freedom
 for our brothers and sisters
 in Lithuania
 be answered



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NAUJI METAI

Ir vėlei jau metai prabėgo kiti,
 Mums karstą arčiau nešdami.
 Ir vėlei mes metais vienais senesni -
 Nuliūstame tai jausdami.

Iš naujo vėl žengiam per slenkstą toliau ...
 Su džiaugsmu į naujus metus!
 Vis minam gyvenimo taką giliau ...
 Gyvenimas daro vartus.

Į džiaugsmą: į laimę keliai atviri,
 Vilioja, vadina viltis ...
 O šmėklą praėjusių metų senų
 Baugina ... ir vėjas mirtis! ...

Jei sveikinsim dvasioj naujuosius metus,
 Mums siela nurims ir nebevaitos! ...
 Žadės nauji metai palaimų raktus,
 Gyvenimą naują jie duos.

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Let's speak Lithuanian — Kalbėkime lietuviškai

Apolonija (Polly) Žiaušienė

Išmokime keletą naujų žodžių ir nevirtokime svetimų.

	<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>INCORRECT</u>		<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>INCORRECT</u>
Airplane	Lėktuvas	Aroplanas	Gossip	Paskalos, liežuvavimas	Pletkos
Alcohol	Degtinė	Arielka	Hair	Plaukai	Čiupryna
Apron	Priejuostė	Kvartukas	Hat	Skrybelė	Kepalūšas
Bandage	Tvarstis	Bandažas	Honour	Garbė	Onaras
Banquet, feast	Puota	Balius	House	Namas	Gryčia
Bay leaf	Lauro lapeliai	Babkavi lapai	Iron	Laidynė, lygintuvas	Prosas
Beans	Pupelės, pupos	Šabalbonai	To iron	Laidyti, lyginti	Prosavoti
Beggar	Elgeta	Ubagas	Jacket	Švarkas	Žakietas
Big round Lith. sausage	Skilandis	Kindziukas	Judge	Teisėjas	Sūdžia
Blanket	Antklodė	Kaldra	Ladder	Kopėčios	Liesvos
Blouse	Palaidinukė	Bliuska	Letter	Laiškas	Gromata
Bowl, tureen	Dubuo	Bliūdas	Letters	(as A, B, C) Raidės	Litaros
Bra	Liemenėlė	Stanikas, papinyčiai	Medicine	Vaistai	Liekarstvos
Bracelet	Apyrankė	Brunzalietas	Mirror	Veidrodis	Zerkolas
Brush	Šepetys	Ščiotka	Mind	Protas	Razumas
Bunch of flowers	Gėlių puokštė	Buketas	Neck tie	Kaklaraištis	Šlipsas
Breathe	Kvėpuoti	Dvasuoti	Newspaper	Laikraštis	Gazieta
Candy	Saldainiai	Cukierkos	Oven	Krosnis	Pečius
Can not	Negalima	Nemožna	One can, permissible	Galima	Možna
Celebrate	Atšvęsti, minėti	Apvaikščioti	Pail, bucket	Kibiras	Viedras
Chain	Retežis, retežėlis	Lenciūgas (-ėlis)	Passport	Pasas	Prašportas
Chair	Kėdė	Krėslas	Pastor	Klebonas	Praboščius
Color	Spalva	Koliaras	Pancakes	Sklindžiai	Blynai
Collar	Apykaklė	Kalnierius	Piece	Gabalas	Kavalkas
Cuff	Rankogalis	Mankietas	Pills	Tabletės	Pigulkos
Curtain	Užuolaida	Firanka	Pillow	Pagalvė	Paduška
Drunkard	Girtuoklis	Pijokas	Pin	Sagužė	Broška
Drum	Būgnas	Barabonas	Plate	Lėkštė	Torielka
Earrings	Auskarai	Kolčikai	Pole	Lenkas	Paliokas
Eraser	Trintukas	Risorius	Polish	Lenkiškai	Polskai
Envelope	Vokas	Konvertas	Postman	Laiškanešys	Paštorius
Eye glasses	Akiniai	Akulioriai	Postage stamp	Pašto ženklas	Markutė
Explain	Paaiškink	Patlumočyk	Pouch, bag	Maišas	Mašna
Faucet	Čiaupas	Kranas	Print	Spausdinti	Drukavoti
Fire	Gaisras, ugnis	Pažaras	Ready made	Paruošta, pagaminta	Gatava
Fire fighter	Gaisrininkas	Pažarnikas	Sandwich	Sumuštinis	Butterbrogas, sandvičius
Floor	Grindys	Padlagas			
Flower	Gėlė	Kvietka			
Frying pan	Keptuvė	Petelnė			
Fool	Kvailys	Durnius			
Funeral	Laidotuvės	Pagrabas			

	<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>INCORRECT</u>
Scarf, kerchief	Skepeta	Skarelė
Shoes, boots	Batai	Čeverykos
Secretary	Raštininkas, raštininkė	Pisorius, pisorka
Seal	Antspaudas	Pečiantis
Sin	Nuodėmė	Griekas
Skin	Oda	Skūra
Skirt	Sijonas	Undarokas
Sock	Puskojinė	Škerpetka
Soldier	Kareivis, karys	Saldotas
Sausage	Dešra	Kilbasa
Stinks	Dvokia	Smirda
Stockings	Kojinės	Pančėkos
String, rope	Virvė	Špagatas
Strength	Stiprumas	Syla
Spinning wheel	Ratelis, verptuvas	Kalavartas
Taste	Ragauti	Kaštavoti
Table cloth	Staltiesė	Skotertė
Tailor	Siuvėjas	Kriaučius
Tea pot	Arbatinukas	Čainikas
Tell fortune	Burti	Varažyti
Time	Laikas	Čėsas
Think	Galvoti	Mįslyti
To keep watch	Budėti, saugoti	Keravoti
Towel	Rankšluostis	Abrūsas
Tray	Padėklas	Taca
Umbrella	Lietsargis	Parasonas
Violin	Smuikas	Skripka
Waif	Našlaitis, našlaitė	Sirata
Waive, curl	Garbanuoti plaukus	Kundzeravoti
Wardrobe	Spinta (drabužių)	Šėpa
Watering pot	Laistytuvas	Liveris
Wish	Noras	Ukvata
Whip	Botagas	Bizūnas
Wound	Žaizda	Rona
Wedding	Vestuvės, sutuoktuvės	Veseliija
Monday	Pirmadienis	Padielnikas
Tuesday	Antradienis	Utarnikas
Wednesday	Trečiadienis	Screda
Thursday	Ketvirtadienis	Četvergas
Friday	Penktadienis	Pėtnyčia
Saturday	Šeštadienis	Subata
Sunday	Sekmadienis	Nedėli



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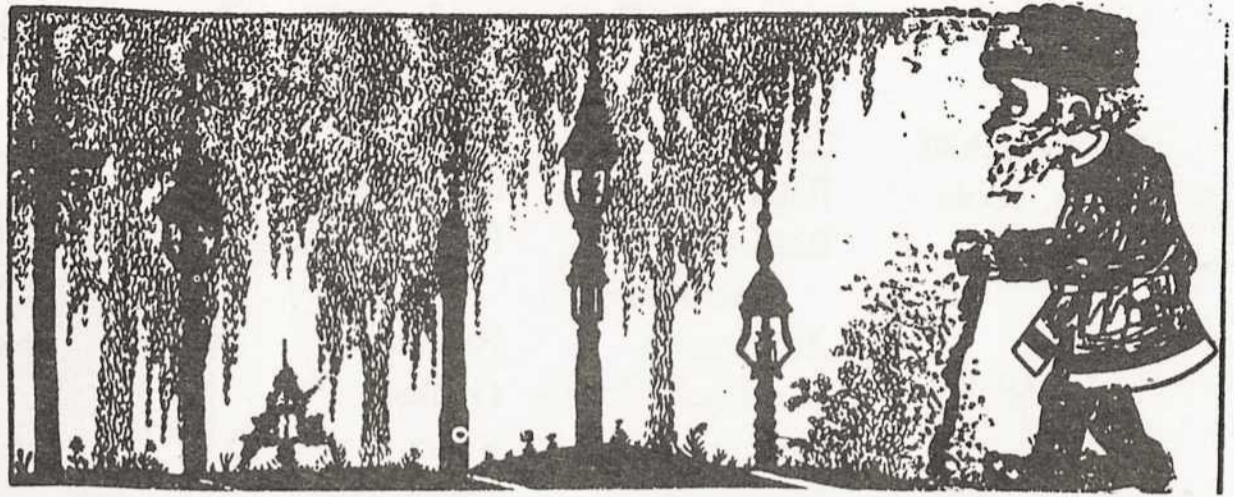


Stella McLeod of C-149 Saginaw, MI with daughter Stella Martell awaiting bus transportation to activities.



Helen Meizis, C-36, at Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in Washington, DC.

"Dede Kastukas Sako"



Animals As Pets

If you have a dog in your house, that means the dog has you. You think you're taking him out for a walk? Wrong, he's taking you out. Most dogs are protective of you and your property; however, they're protecting their own place and feedbag at the same time.

You've heard of friendly dogs, too. They love everybody - and if a burglar gets in the house, that type of dog snuggles up to him and wants to be petted before he lets him take out the TV set and the gold coins you saved. I think they're called Golden Retrievers. When you wake up in the morning and find out what happened, you yell at your dog, "Why didn't you bark and bite him?" The dog looks up at you with his dreamy eyes which silently say "I'm a lover, not a biter".

We Dream of the Past

The third in a series of six weekly episodes of "Peter Ustinov's Russia" on television was exclusively about Lithuania. It presented a map showing Lithuania as the power country of Europe in 1430 A.D. with its boundaries extending from the Baltic Sea on the North to the Black Sea on the South, and next to Moscow on the East. The scenes of Vilnius and Kaunas at present, showed both cities as being very modern, and economically sound.

There was a human interest touch, too, of young girls and boys playing basketball in a gymnasium with a young girl as the star of both teams. Ustinov commented that Lithuanians dominated basketball in all of Russia and that they were champions of Europe in the past, as well as being the stars on the Russian team at present.

What he didn't mention is that religion and freedom of expression is repressed in Lithuania by the Communists..... and that one-tenth of the nation's population was imprisoned and removed to slave labor in Siberia by Stalin to hasten Russianizing of Lithuania. That has been tried before without success.

Got Any Stocks? Help!!

In the old days tourists arriving in New York were sold stocks in the new Brooklyn Bridge with the sales pitch that there are so many cars going back and forth on it that you're bound to make money. It was a good selling point to farmers from Iowa who found out their stock was phony after returning home.

The same type of con-men are in operation today selling Gold Mine stock or Oil Well stock everywhere ... easy money. Before you buy anything, argue with yourself, "Why should he sell me that stock? If it's so easy to make money on it, why doesn't he keep it?"

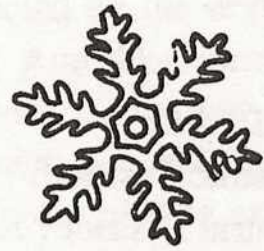
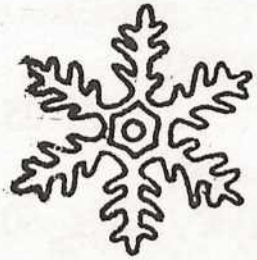
Stock brokers who are legitimate live and breathe stocks every day for years; they live on commissions made on sales. If they knew what stocks are always good and whether they'll go up or down, they'd all be millionaires - so don't put too much faith in their opinions since you can make guesses, too. However, if you want to give away your money, send it to me and I'll force myself to take it. Sure, I've got some stock. I just manage to come out even on my investments.

Remember - what goes up, must come down - so watch out for the next stock market tumble - it will be a Lu-Lu. With all the foreign investments in American stock, a real beating would take place by Japan, Germany and the Arab countries ... no place like the old mattress for good security.

Paragon - Are You One?

A paragon is something that's contradictory, as opposed to common sense, yet it may be true in fact ... like some women may think she's a paragon of virtue, whereas her lady friends may think she has to use a full ounce of perfume every day to get by.

A paragon is also "a perfect diamond of 100 carats or more". If your husband calls you a Paragon, don't kick him instead kiss him, and then wonder if he picked up the word at a bar or the poolroom. Now your vocabulary is enriched with another new word.

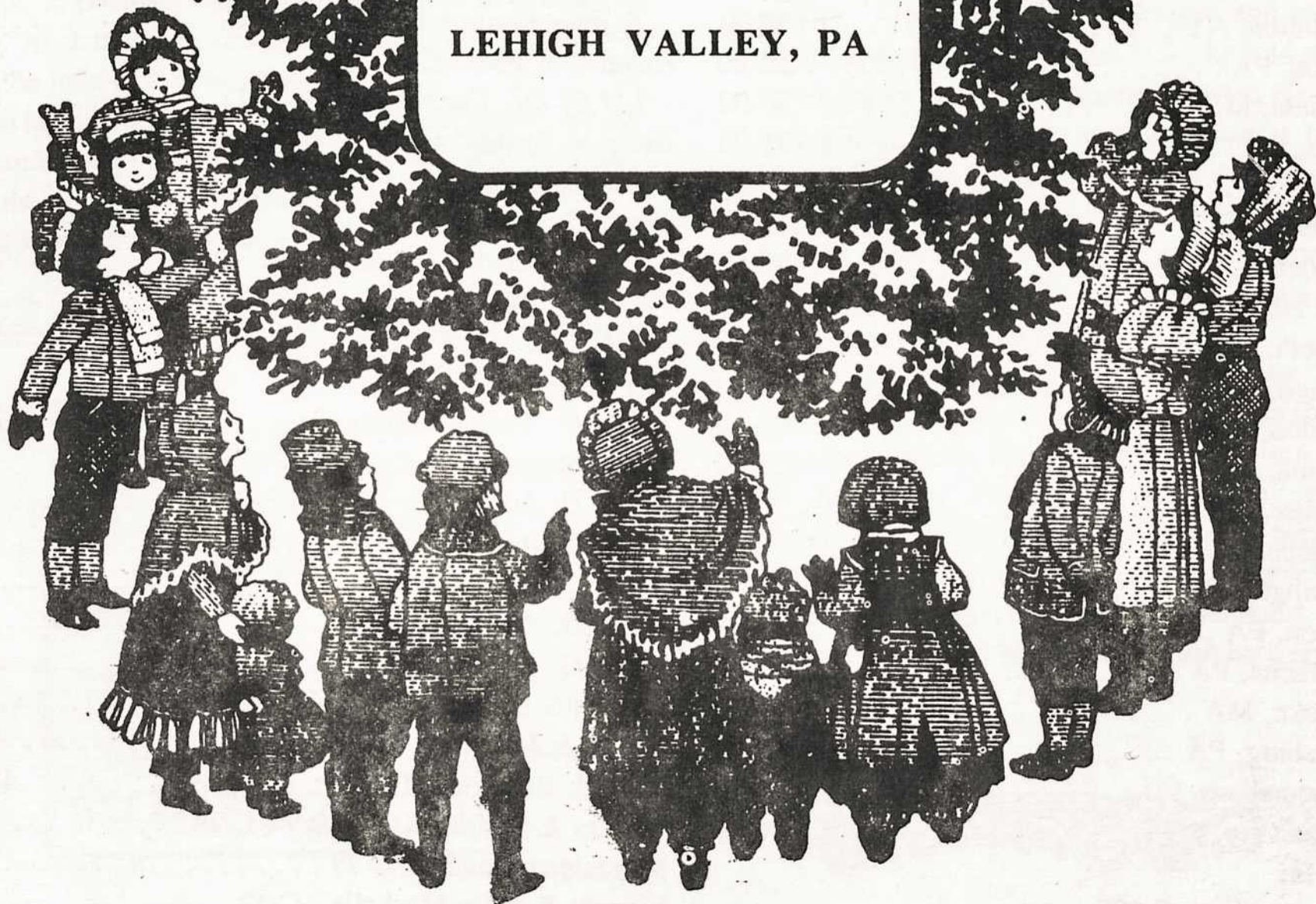


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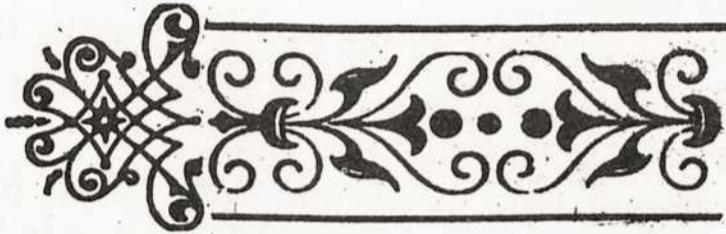
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LITHUANIA TODAY

Glasnost

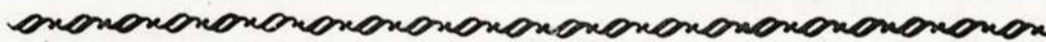
Perestroika

Maryte Lepera, Cultural Chairman

These two words can be heard on almost every Lithuanian's lips in Lithuania. Glasnost meaning opening and Perestroika meaning reconstruction.

Although Lithuanians are far from being free and independent, a certain amount of well being can be felt. In the past year, cooperatives in the Soviet Union have grown from 3,709 to 32,561, of which according to the *Financial Times*, printed in Frankfurt, Germany, Aug. 1988, there are 917 in Lithuania. Cooperative can be anything from catering, to making consumer goods to recycling discarded equipment. A positive side of cooperative is the ability to "employ" as demand increases. Progress is slow, will we ever see the light at the end of the tunnel?

As you have noticed and read in your local papers, we are reading quite a bit about "Glasnost" and "Perestroika". When your paper comments on these two words, send me a copy. Let's keep an eye on it together.



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Laimingų Naujų Metų!

HELEN SHIELDS, HM

MAKING THE CASE FOR AMERICA

America's Future

It's a paradox without parallels. A 1987 Gallup study, the most exhaustive ever conducted by the organization, found that 71 percent of the American people have unfavorable opinion of the Soviet Union and that 70% strongly identify as anti-communist. Yet, judging by other recent surveys, few Americans seem able to explain just how the Soviet system differs from ours. Indeed, the message increasingly conveyed by much of the media and in many of our schools is that the U.S. and Soviet societies are roughly the same.

Gary Bauer, former Under Secretary of Education and now an assistant to Pres. Reagan, relates the experience of a substitute teacher in a suburban Washington, DC high school who asked the seniors in his three advanced government classes what they saw as the most significant differences between the United States and the Soviet Union. Only two of the 53 students could cite any moral difference between the two systems. One of the two students were foreign born. He had fled Vietnam, as a "boat child" after the communists took over in 1975 and had no difficulty in distinguishing between democracy and totalitarianism.

The difference has been stated with simple eloquence by another naturalized citizen, Ukranian-born Walter Polovchak. He defected to the United States at the age of 12 when he refused to return to the Soviet Union with his parents. After winning a prolonged and anguished-filled legal battle to remain in the U.S., he told an interviewer: "It's hard to explain to Americans what it's like inside the U.S.S.R.....You've got to experience it to understand. Here's the idea: In this country, my America, I could go to any city I wanted without being bothered by the authorities. I could go to church. I don't need an internal passport. It's real hard to explain to Americans what it's like in a place where you don't have those rights."

"Our schools," continued Gary Bauer, "must begin to take some positive steps to make the case for America, the case for freedom. We must insist on a return to the teaching of American history, at both the secondary and undergraduate levels We must make accessible to our children the great deeds as well as the great words of the past. Such understanding is the heart of American democracy" - and to the distinction between freedom and tyranny.



Lithuanian Sashes

How Much Do You Know About Them?

By Dalia Bulvicius

In the ancient times in India, sacred symbols and words expressing love and happiness were woven into a sash. The Near East mythology believes that a person's life is like the woven material, the designs in it symbolize events in the person's life. Meanwhile the German and Prussian mythological tales state, that when a child is born, a weaver starts to weave its sash of life. This sash is the symbol of the child's fate and continues from birth to death. It is "placed" on the child's lucky star. When the person dies, the weaver's threads break, the star is extinguished and falls to earth with the torn sash.

In ancient times, Lithuanians had a custom that at the baptism the godmother of a newborn presented it with a sash. This sash was given in order to bring the child luck and protect it against evil spirits. At a wedding the newlyweds are presented sashes, which were supposed to inspire them with love and happiness in their new life together.

In the old days the designs woven into the sashes were very often in red color. Red meant blood and fire - symbolizing life. Red is also the color of the sun - symbolizing hope. Sashes which were of predominantly red designs protected the individuals against evil spirits. On the other hand, the color black meant evil spirits and death.

Among the other colors, blue was a favorite and often used. Blue is the color of sky symbolizing nobility and the mysteries of the great beyond. The background was often white, which denoted a happy and prosperous life. The good fairies and good spirits were always pictured in white. The Lithuanian beekeepers used to believe that to approach the beehive one had to wear a garment of white linen. The bees will welcome that person and will not object when their honey is taken.

In the Lithuanian sashes of the 18th and 19th centuries, words were often woven into them. This was especially prevalent among the Prussian Lithuanians. The words were woven either at the beginning or the end of the sash. Often words from the Bible were used. Such sashes were supposed to bring blessings to the wearer and his home. Often symbols of nature were woven into the sash, for example, the sun and stars. Later on, oak leaves and lilies were favored.

Lithuanian mothers passed on the art of weaving to their daughters. When the girls were still young, they were busy herding the animals. As they grew older they were taught the art of spinning and weaving. At the age of fourteen, most girls already knew how to spin and the art of weaving

sashes in a variety of complicated designs. At this age, they were already preparing to fill their hope chest with beautiful dowry of sashes.

During a wedding, all the sashes woven by the bride were exhibited to the guests. The most beautiful of them was presented by the bride to her groom.

At present time sashes are still woven by many Lithuanian girls and women here and in Lithuania. They are given as gifts during special occasions. Some of these sashes bear the dates, names of the occasions or words of popular poetry or prayers.

(Taken from *Lithuanian Sashes* by Anastazija and Antanas Tamosaitis. A luxurious book filled with many colored and black and white illustrations. A beautiful gift for anyone. Available for \$50 (mailing included) from: Darbininkas, 341 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207).

LETTERS TO EDITOR

ENJOYS READING VYTIS

Dear Mary:

I want you to know how much my husband and I enjoyed reading November issue of VYTIS. You must have a great staff to supply us with articles that are of interest to everyone. There has been an increased improvement since issues printed last year. God bless you all and keep up the wonderful writing in VYTIS.

Anna Petchell, C-17 So. Boston, MA

Dear Editor:

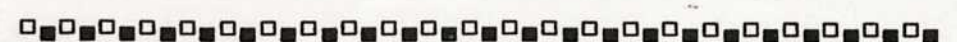
Keep up the good work! All the members enjoy reading the "new" Vytis. The selection of articles is always interesting.

*Nellie Ruggles, Pres.
C-145 Holyoke, MA*

Dear Vytis Staff:

Each issue of Vytis elicits complimentary remarks from our members as to how much it has improved since the present staff took over the publication. Our many compliments to them.

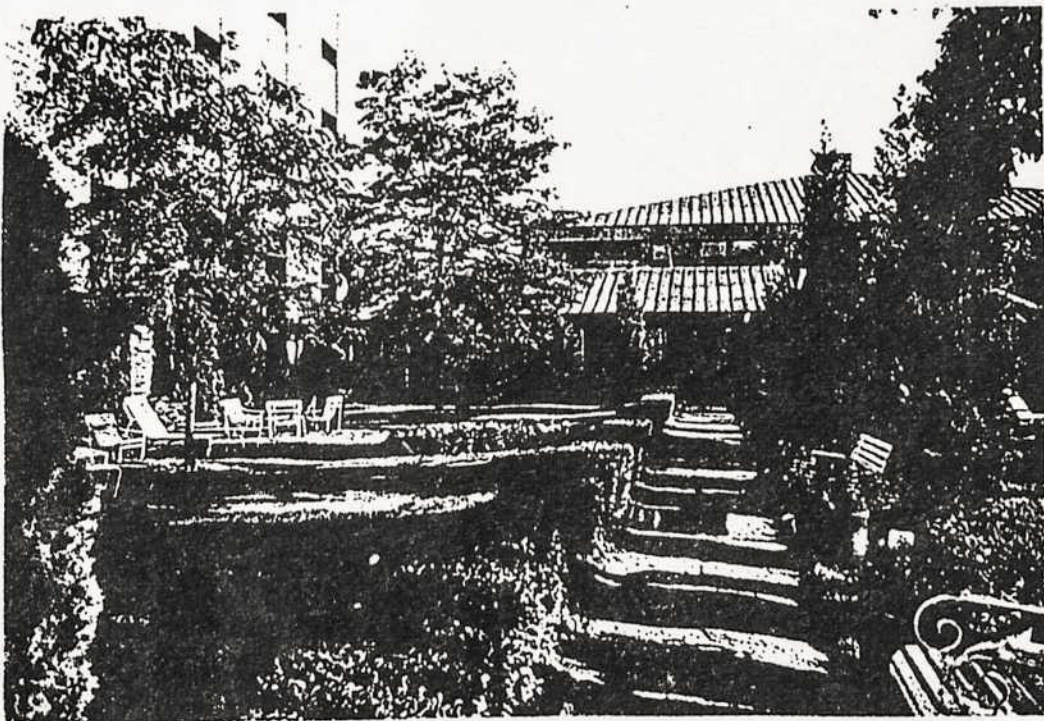
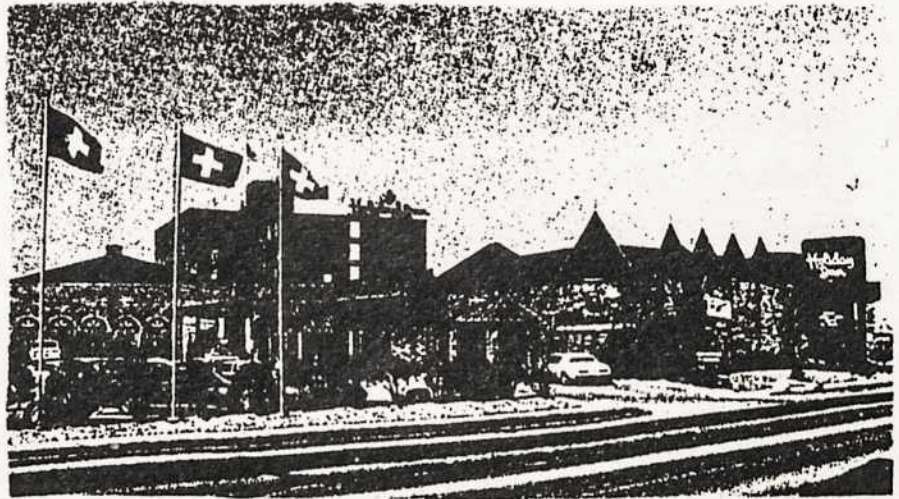
*Joseph F. Ogint
C-63 Lehigh Valley, PA*



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NEW KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COUNCIL FORMED ON FLORIDA'S EAST COAST

Submitted by Loretta Stukas

Wishing to keep alive the appreciation of their roots and the culture and heritage of their forefathers as well as to enhance their Catholic faith, a group of Lithuanian Americans gathered Oct. 31, 1988 to form the nucleus of a new "Treasure Coast" Council of the Knights of Lithuania. The Council includes members from Palm Beaches, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Tequesta, Port St. Lucie, and other parts of Florida's Treasure Coast.

The meeting was organized by K of L Honorary Members, Dr. Jack & Loretta Stukas and was held at their winter home in Jupiter Inlet Colony. They explained the goals and activities of the organization and encouraged all to join. The "Treasure Coast" Council's charter members include current and former members of various councils in New York, New Jersey, Michigan and elsewhere who have settled in Florida and several new members who expressed an interest in preserving their roots.

One of the charter members attending was Rev. Vytautas Pikturna, a native of Lithuania who now resides in Singer Island. Rev. Pikturna holds Mass in the Lithuanian language three Sundays a month at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Singer Island. He spoke of the works of the K of L and Catholic spheres, noting especially their work in letter-writing for the cause of Lithuania, which is currently occupied by Soviet Union. He also praised them for their support of Catholic institutions. Father graciously agreed to serve as Spiritual Advisor to the new K of L council.

Initial elections were held, and future plans were made for the new council. A celebration of the Feast of St. Casimir, patron saint of Lithuanians, is planned for March. At that time, the new council will be formally introduced to the community. Monthly meetings will be held on Sundays after the Lithuanian Mass, at the facilities of St. Paul of the Cross parish. Officers elected include: Rev. Vytautas Pikturna of Singer Island, Spiritual Advisor; Constance Scheibelhut of Jupiter Inlet Colony, Pres.; John Tamas of Tequesta, Vice-Pres.; Rose Zukauskas of Tequesta, Treas.; Florence Morris of Palm Beach Gardens, Sec.; Louis Stukas of Tequesta, Cultural Chairman; Albinas Zukauskas of Tequesta, Lith. Affairs Chairman; Aldona Biliunas of Lake Park, Publicity Chairman.

Following the meeting, members were treated to a variety of desserts prepared by several members, and old and new friends had the opportunity to socialize with one another.

Practicing Catholics of Lithuanian descent and their spouses living in the "Treasure Coast" area of Florida are

invited to join this organization. For information, please contact Pres. Connie Scheibelhut, 134 Lighthouse Drive, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Jupiter, FL.

The many members of the Knights of Lithuania throughout the nation cordially welcome C-153 to the fold, and anxiously await news of K of L activity on the East Coast of Florida.



C-153 Treasure Coast, FL "Dessert" Committee for the organizing meeting: l to r: Connie Scheibelhut, John Tamas, Rose Zukauskas prepared a table full of delicious desserts to further "entice" members to the new council.

IN MEMORIAM

VIOLET MAMENISKIS
C-3 - Philadelphia, PA
† September 11, 1988

JUSTIN KINCIUS
C-36 - Chicago, IL
† November 3, 1988

JULES SANTAGATA
C-109 Great Neck, NY
† November 30, 1988

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

PRESIDENT ANN KLIZAS WARGO HONORED

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ann Klizas Wargo has been elected national president of the Knights of Lithuania, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough of St. Clair is very proud of the various ethnic groups which make up our population, and;

WHEREAS, the Lithuanian-Americans have made a significant contribution towards the cultural, religious, economic, and political development of our borough, and;

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania has perpetuated the culture of the Lithuanian-Americans and thus enriched our national culture, and;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ann Klizas Wargo has worked diligently at the local, state, and national levels of the Knights of Lithuania and has made an important personal contribution towards the advancement of the Lithuanian-American culture,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard E. Tomko, Mayor of the Borough of St. Clair, do proclaim that the month of November, 1988 be Mrs. Ann Klizas Wargo, Knights of Lithuania month in the Borough of St. Clair.

Signed: Richard E. Tomko, Mayor

Following tid bits found in *Cleveland Plain Dealer* regarding many Lithuanians playing at the XXIV Olympics in Seoul:

CYCLING:

Danute (Bankaitis) Davis residing in Boulder, CO. She played tennis and volley ball while in high school and earned a volley ball scholarship to Cleveland State. She competed for the United States.

Gintaras Umaras, a Lithuanian from Soviet Union sped past semi final opponents to reach the gold medal race.

TRAFFIC WATCH; *Rev. V. Palubinskas stands beside Manhattan's Holland Tunnel entry and across heavily traveled street from Our Lady of Vilnius Church.*



The Church by the tunnel— who there first?

Who in their right mind would build a church near the mouth of the Holland Tunnel?

That's what many people wonder when they see Jersey-bound traffic roaring past Our Lady of Vilnius Church, by the Holland Tunnel in lower Manhattan.

As it turns out, the 1910 yellow brick church on Broome Street wasn't built near the tunnel, but just happened to be standing beyond bulldozing range when roadways leading to the viaduct were build.

Although it was been kiddingly referred to as "Our Lady of Perpetual Traffic", this church is quite a place. Its pastor Rev. Vytautas Palubinskas explains: "Once this was all residential." That was a zillion tolls ago, counting both the sounds of the church bell and the flap of the fare gates. Numerous intellectual and other groups, (including the Knights of Lithuania Council 12 — Editor) and a theatre group call the parish their headquarters.

When its doors are open in warm weather, sermons are interrupted by the sounds of alarms warning too-tall trucks not to enter. "It is a nuisance—of course but we are used to it", remarks Father Palubinskas. "It is exciting to be here in the Big Apple."

(Courtesy of the N.Y. Post)

1500 METER RUN:

Soviets swept the silver and bronze medals with *Laimute Barkauskaite* coming from behind to pass the 3,000 meter champion by .06 seconds.

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*Kur pažvelgsi, visur balta.
Gal ir saulei kartais šalta?
O kad ji atbėgtu čia
Kailiniais apgaubčiau ją.*

*Man ant krosnies jų nereikia.
Ką gi vėjas tenai veikia?
A, jis baldos į duris,
Mano gal atidarys.*

*Ne, vyruti, neįeisi,
Leisiu — šalčio man priveisi,
Dėl tavęs drebėk paskui;
Girdi, durys apsukui!*

*Bet ir paikas! Patikėjo:
Jau prie lango subraškėjo.
Barškink sveikas dar labiau—
Aš tavęs nebebijau!*

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ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The Archives Chairman, Larry Svelnis, is anxious to secure the following missing National Convention program books. If any one has any or all of these program books and is willing to have them placed in the Archives Room in Putnam, please mail to Larry Svelnis, 43 Gage St., Needham, MA 02192.

Convention	Date	City
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16	1928	Chicago, IL
17	1929	Cleveland, OH
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20	1932	---
22	1934	---
23	1935	---
12	1936	Providence, RI
26	1938	---
31	1943	---
36	1949	---
68	1981	Scranton, PA

THE PERFECT PASTOR

(From a Chain Letter - Christopher Book)

"The perfect pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and is also the church janitor."

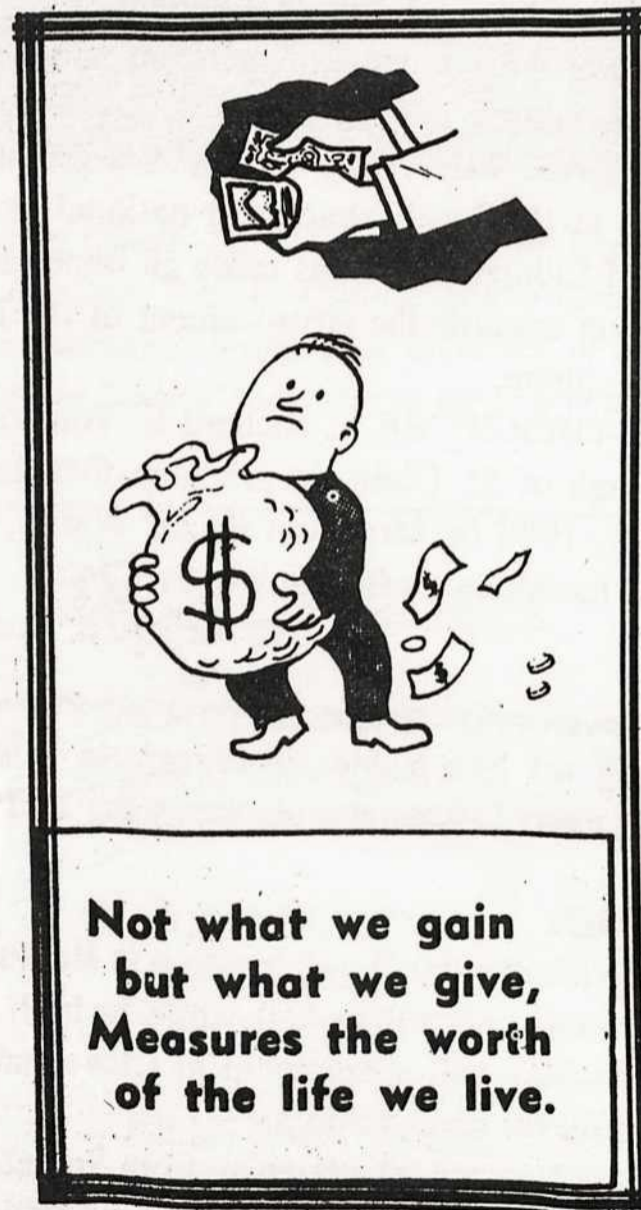
"The perfect pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, and donates \$30 a week to his parish. He is 29 years old and has 40 years' experience."

"The perfect pastor makes 15 house calls a day and is always in his office."

"If your pastor does not measure up, send this chain letter to six other parishes that are also dissatisfied with their pastor, then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors - and one of them should be perfect."

"Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its old pastor back in three months."

Lay not up for yourselves.
Treasures on earth where moths and rust doth corrupt
And thieves break through and steal
But, lay up for yourselves
Treasures in Heaven where neither
Moth nor Rust doth corrupt and thieves do not
Break through nor Steal.

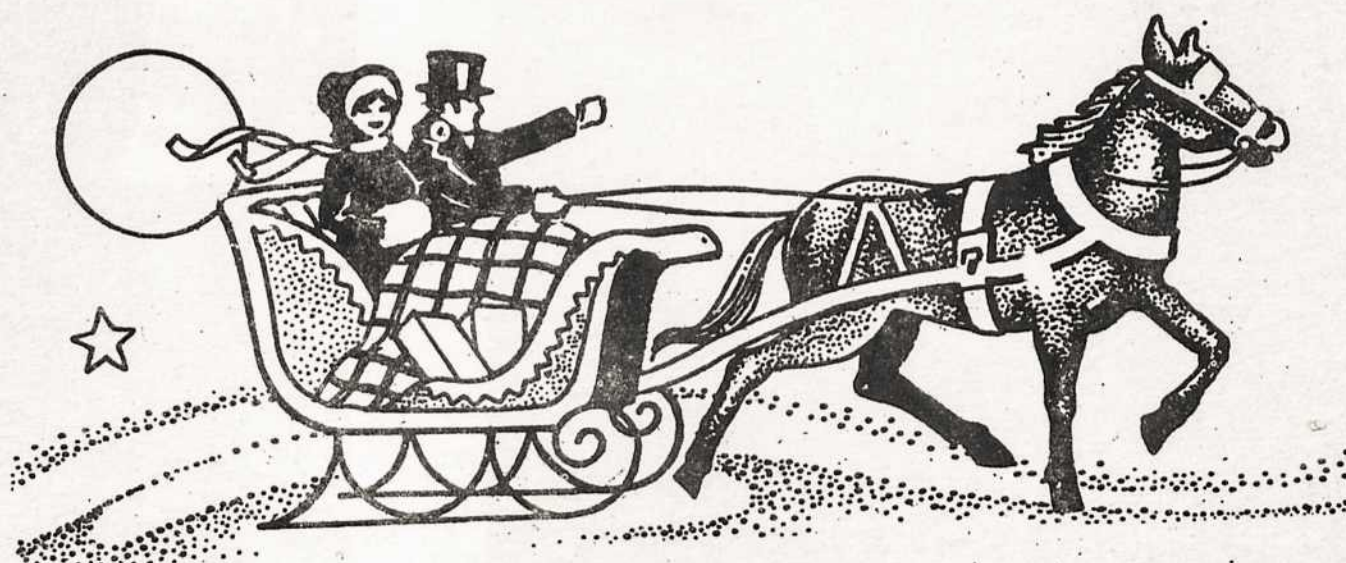


A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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VISIEMS LIETUVOS VYČIAMS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL
FROM
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
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C-1 Brockton, MA
C-7 Waterbury, CT
C-10 Athol-Gardner, MA
C-17 So. Boston, MA
C-26 Worcester, MA
C-27 Norwood, MA
C-30 Westfield, MA
C-50 New Haven, CT
C-78 Lawrence, MA
C-103 Providence, RI
C-116 So. Worcester, MA
C-135 Ansonia, CT
C-141 Bridgeport, CT
C-145 Holyoke, MA



CONVENTION MEMORIES



C-12 members celebrating the success of the 75th Nat'l Convention. Photo taken after Thursday night's concert.



Lee Moore, C-86 and Michael Yuknis, C-112 supporters of demonstration in front Soviet Embassy.



Bertha Stann, C-142, at marble tablet with Eva Migonis name, also C-142, inscribed thereon in Memorial Hall.



Sabina Henson, C-36, and Robert Novak, C-133



AMBER DISTRICT

The Amber District fall meeting was hosted by Lehigh Valley C-63 at St. Michael's Social Rooms in Easton on November 6th. Pres. Jos. Simmons presided at the business meeting. Other officers are: Leo Butsavage (C-143) vice-pres.; Edmund Carlitus (C-144) Treas.; Anne Pettit (C-63) Sec.; Rev. M. Jarasunas, pastor of Our Lady of Siluva, Maizeville, is spiritual advisor. Committee chairpersons are: Jos. Yezulinas (C-144) Lithuanian Affairs; Nellie Bayoras Romanas (C-143) Public Relations; Walter Mameniskis (C-3) Cultural; Victor Stepalovitch (C-3) Vytis correspondent; Ann Challan (C-143) Ritual Chairperson assisted by Helen Chesko (C-1444) and Diane Drumstas (C-3).

Mandate Committee reported delegate representation from Anthracite C-144, Lehigh Valley C-63, Pittston C-143, Hazleton C-118, Philadelphia C-3 and Binghamton C-72. C-140 Syracuse was also accepted into the District.

To fund the Treasury, a raffle was suggested with drawing to be held on St. Casimir's Day celebration. Joseph Drumsta volunteered to chair this raffle.

The establishment of a fund for purchasing books to further Lithuanianism to be distributed on a

broad scale to libraries and educational institutions in Pennsylvania was discussed and tabled for further action.

C-143 Pittston extended an invitation to celebrate St. Casimir's Day on Sunday, March 12, at St. Casimir's Church where Rev. Peter Alisauskas is pastor and spiritual advisor.

After the meeting, members of Lehigh Valley Council served a delicious hot buffet. Many thanks C-63 for your warm hospitality.

C-3 PHILADELPHIA, PA

Our Council installed its new officers for the year. Those selected are: Walt Mameniskis, Pres.; John Mickunas, Vice-Pres.; Diane Drumstas, Sec.; Agnes Mickunas, Fin. Sec.; Alice Bacon, Treas.; Joe Marro & Joe Drumstas, Trustees; Rev. Eugene Wassel, pastor of St. Casimir's parish, spiritual advisor.

Committee chairmen are: Ausra Maknys, Lithuanian Affairs; Alice Bacon, Sunshine Club; Irene Svekla, Irene Ozalis and Lillian Greymas, Ritual Committee; Victor Stepalovitch, Vytis correspondent.

The 4th annual Kučios was held Dec. 17th at St. George's Church after evening Mass. Helen Shields served as chairperson. Victor Stepalovitch was coordinator with Alice Bacon, Irene Ozalis, Francis Downey, Nellie Pandza, Diane Drumstas, Irene Svekla,

Ausra Maknys and Lillian Greymas assisting.

The annual Christmas party was held at "Septembers" in Springfield Township. Walt Mameniskis & John Mickunas capably handled arrangements.

The following seven members attended the Amber District meeting in Easton: Walt Mameniskis, Diane Drumstas, Victor Stepalovitch, Francis Downey, Jewel Ushka Edmund and Anastasia Binkis.

VICTOR

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

Our Council elected officers at the November meeting to serve us in '89. We chose: Rev. Jos. Jurgelonis, chaplain; William. Wisniauskas, Pres.; Leonard Davidonis, Vice Pres.; Nellie Melaika, Treas.; Blanche Genaitis, Recording Sec.; Paula Shatos, Fin. Sec.; Frank Anoris, telephone chairman and Brone Wisniauskas, Cultural Chairperson.

Stasi Namajuska, a relative of the Baltakis family of Gardner visiting from Lithuania, spoke to the group on how she viewed the United States and how conditions in Lithuania have changed for the better.

The parish of St. Francis 75th Anniversary was an event long to be remembered, K of L's working on the committee were: Dr. Harry Gailiunas, ticket chairman; Alice Perekslis and Sophie Fiorentino who received citations and proclamations from the governor and senator.

Our council along with Norwood hosted the cultural festival at Maironis Park in October which was attended by hundreds of persons.

Birthday greetings are extended to Pauline Malaika on the occasion of her 94th birthday. Linkimė stipros sveikatos ir sulaukti šimto metų.

Blanche Genaitis erected a beautiful



C-10 Athol-Gardner K of L'ers celebrating 75th Anniversary of St. Francis Church.

monument on the grave of her late husband, Charles. The stone features Lithuanian style wayside cross on black marble.

Leonard Davidonis collected and exhibited old photos of St. Frances parish life at the anniversary banquet. Lennie, a camera buff, is our council photographer. *Vincukas*

C-17 SO. BOSTON, MA

Pres. Al Akule came out the winner with the high single and high triple in the district bowling roll-off in

Auburn. It was put together by Sports Committee Irene Tamulavich & Ann Statkus. This was a trial balloon and there were about thirty people who represented 7 councils. Even though the numbers were small, it was a total success. We had the professional bowlers along with the inexperienced and those who never bowled candlepins. The next roll-off is slated for Johnson, RI where the candlepinners will have to learn how to bowl duck pins.

Get well greetings were sent to

Lillian Bazzinotti, Vytautas Jurgela, Phyllis Grendal, Aldona Keancy & Sr. Kazimira for a speedy recovery. Glad to see Fr. Anthony Jurgelaitis looking better and on the road to recovery.

We take this opportunity to welcome our new members: Christopher Waitekus is a student at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. As a future Lithuanian priest, we welcome him into the K of L. We also welcome a few Franciscans from Kennebunkport who transferred into our council being Revs. Stephen, Gabriel and Bernardas. Al, Julia and daughter Brenda Wachack have also joined our fold.

Congratulations to Walter & Alice Opanasets on their 48th wedding anniversary.

Even though there is no active C-18 in Cambridge, they lost one of their former members, Michael Raulinaitis. Please remember him in your prayers. Congratulations to Joanne Markuns on her recent engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Fr. Contons, our spiritual advisor and pastor of St. Peter Church, is busy planning a building or renovation program for the church and school. Best wishes to Fr. Gedvila of Providence



K of L Honorary Members at Rev. Albin Janiunas' 40th anniversary of priesthood. L to r: Rev. Albin Janiunas, Bishop Paulius Baltakis OFM, Phyllis Grendal, Longinas Švelnis, Rev. Albert Contons, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis OP.

upon his retirement and settling in Florida. May you serve the Lithuanian people of Florida as you served the community in Providence.

Ann Lauzonis served as a delegate to the nat'l convention and Marijona Zebris was a delegate to the district meeting in Worcester.

The Tuesday night bowling league is looking for a few more bowlers. If you have the time and stamina, why don't you show up and join the crowd. Please contact Ann Norinkavich for information.

C-29 NEWARK, NJ

A sad farewell and a big thank you to Eva Coll who served as Vytis correspondent for many years. A fond welcome to Mae Cullen, the new correspondent.

October was election month. Pres. Kazys Sipaila opened the meeting. Then came serious business of electing new officers, but the group of hard workers were willing to stay another year. They are: Pres. Kazys Sipaila; Vice Pres. B. Skripata; Rec. Sec. Margie Brazaitis; Treas. Adele Urbonas; Fin. Sec. Rita Sussko; Corres. Sec. Betty Luciw; Trustees John Pitrenas, Dana Rogers & Joseph Russell; Sgts. at arms Adele Mathews and Walter Brazaitis. Committees: Religious, Nellie Krynichi and Ann O'Neill; Lith. Affairs, Elizabeth Didzbalis & Amelia Sadonis; Sunshine, Viola Skripata; Vytis correspondent Mae Cullen.

Council's annual dinner dance was held Oct. 15. Our chairperson Mary Stonis who served many times but graciously performed the duties once more. This year we prepared and served a sumptuous buffet. Assisting were Eva Coll, Mae Cullen, Pauline Paskas, Mary Honeyman, Nellie Nechiporuk & Jennie Miklasavage. We were fortunate to have Mrs. Niva and her family clean up for us. Ann

O'Neill once again prepared the goodies for the cocktail hour. We danced to the music of Joe Thomas Orchestra. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this event.

Our Chinese Auction was held Nov. 7. Margie Brazaitis and her committee ran it successfully once again. Thanks to the donors of gifts for the auction and prizes for the raffle. All donations helped the affair so greatly and it made the donors feel they really helped make the afternoon a financial success. Thanks to all who, in some way, added to the success of this profitable auction. *Mae Cullen*

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Our Council again had a "blyniu" stand (potato pancakes) at the annual Christmas City Fair in Bethlehem for three days in July. Was that an event!! It was hot!! We got rained out on the second and third days. While the rain and heat plagued us, we still made a profit. We had a great bunch of volunteers who gave their all in making "blynus". It had its share of fun, work and excitement, especially when the wind and rain blew down the tents about us and threatened to blow ours away, too. We physically had to hold onto the tarpaulins and stand frames to keep our concession from blowing away. Electric wires lay on the ground causing some concern for our safety. Charles Buzas who was sitting on a folding chair in a empty stand adjacent to ours, suddenly ended up sitting on a folding chair in the middle of a grassy field in pouring rain. The operation was coordinated by Liz Carey who, with her stalwart volunteers, turned a potential disaster into a success. We are already thinking ahead to next year's fair. We hope to see more Lithuanians there.

Our council is proud of our youngest member, Janet Pettit. Janet performed on the piano at the nat'l convention in Washington and was also awarded a \$600 scholarship. Congratulations!

Speaking of the convention, our members Ed and Bob Klova participated in picketing the Soviet Embassy. It was a chance to stand up for a free Lithuania.

Donations were approved and slated for the Lithuanian College in Rome and also the newly formed Amber District. C-63 joined the new district and hosted a district meeting on Nov. 6th.

Members elected a new board for the 1988-89 term. They are: President Jacob Zansitis; Vice Pres. Joseph F. Ogint; Rec. Sec. Mary Sockel; Fin. Sec. Anne Wonsock; Treas. Robert Klova; Sergeant-at-Arms Charles Buzas; Trustees John Lushis & Valeria Smickle.

C-63 conducted its Kučios portrayal on Dec. 11 at St. Michael's Church in Easton. Chairlady was Florence Buzas assisted by husband Charles, Andrew Sabol & Joseph Ogint.

Our Ruta Ball is scheduled for the latter part of May.

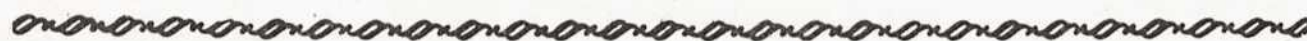
Charter member and council poet, Leo Meshauk, is presently a patient at US Veterans Hospital, East End Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. While Leo is not having visitors, he would appreciate cards or letters from K of L's. Prayerful wishes for your speedy recovery, Leo. *JOSEPH O.*

C-79 SOUTHFIELD, MI

Four members drove to Cleveland for the MCD annual meeting and pilgrimage on Oct. 21. They were: Maggie Smailis, our president, Sophie Zager, Ann Uzdavinis & Bertha Janus. We hoped for a sunny weekend to



C-74 Scranton assisted by members of C-143 Pittston hosted the Diocesan Rosary. Fr. Joseph Kutch was principal speaker. Sr. Virginia Vytell CJC gave the rosary meditations. Lectors were Helen Cravath and Ed Romanouskas. Bob Keller was organist. The Virgin statue was crowned by Emma Foley with Jennie Politowski as crown bearer. The coronation court was comprised of Mae Cruser, Melissa Cravath, Liz Georgia, Alice Foley, Amy Cravath and Stacey McHale. Marie Laske was coordinator of the program.



enjoy beautiful fall colors enroute, but Mother Nature chose not to cooperate, only giving us a peek at the sun for a few hours Sunday morning. Nevertheless, we enjoyed meeting with old friends we had not seen since the nat'l convention. The meeting was informative. During election of officers, our council's Ann Uzdavinis emerged as third vice president.

Sunday, at the Lady of Lourdes Shrine Chapel, after a tasty lunch in their dining room, the annual service for deceased members was held. Everyone heaved a sigh of relief when our council's names were finally read off. There were almost 100. We must remember them often, not only at our annual pilgrimage.

On Nov. 6, we held our annual Fall Festival at Divine Providence Cultural Center. The committee gathered at seven in the morning in the season's first snowstorm to start delicious kugel and other goodies to be served later to hungry parishioners. Mary Keller and her crew of Emma

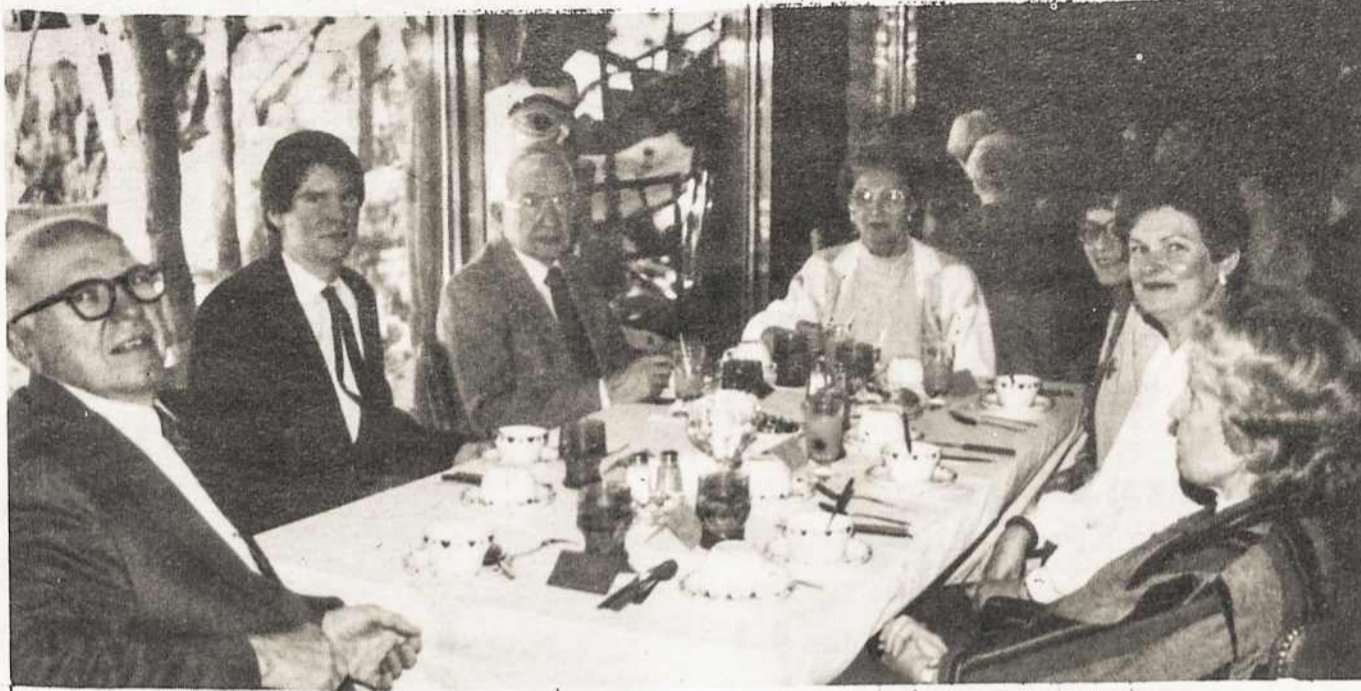
Povilaitis, Marianne Newberry, Virginia Kirsh, Richard Danielak and Joe Chaps outdid themselves. The most popular attraction, the Straw Game, was ably handled by Pres. Maggie, Frank Povilaitis, Bill Dapkus & Joe Yakstys, now northern Michigan resident. Chip Newberry had charge of the bar. Helen Santorum was head lady of the bake sale and dispensing of the weekly parish coffee. Her helpers were Margaret Dapkus, Ann Uzdavinis, Kathy & Karen Panavas. Joe & Violet Panavas took care of ticket and raffle sales. Antoinette Baron, Stella Hotra and Bertha Janus were responsible for sorting and pricing the numerous items donated for the white elephant table.

Though we were overtired at the end of the day, the committee wants to thank all who participated with donations, purchases and attendance; but wishes that so many more capable, inactive members would come forward to relieve the over worked few who, year after year, consent to donate their time

and efforts to keep our council's treasury in the black. *Bee Jay*

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

Our October meeting was held in St. Casimir's Social Center with opening prayers by Rev. Dr. Donald Raila, member of the Order of St. Benedict in Latrobe, PA, son of our members Steve & Adeline Raila. Rev. Raila later spoke of his life in the Order. He was valedictorian of his high school class, an MIT and Princeton graduate and an aerospace engineer when he decided to become a religious. He entered the Order in 1977 to become a monk and in 1983 was ordained a priest. In 1986 he was assigned to a mission in Taiwan where he spent 22 months teaching English and mastering the Chinese language. At present he serves as director of Oblates of St. Benedict (a lay associate group), director of public relations and infirmary chaplain. The Order only accepts from four to ten novices a year.



C-100 Amsterdam, NY - At Teepee Restaurant: Ed Baranauskas, Gerard Drenzel, Polly Ziausys, Bernice Aviza Regina Kot and Genute Baranauskas.

Ed Baranauskas represented C-100 at Mid-Atlantic District meeting. Bernice Aviza of C-136 reported that the resolution making Feb. 16th officially Lithuanian Independence Day in the State of New York was passed on July 29. Assemblyman Paul Tonko, our member, was influential in its passage as well as Assemblyman Petraitis of the New York area. Petraitis is the nephew of Rev. Bernard Gustas, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Schenectady. There will be a ceremony on Feb. 16 which will include a flag raising, exhibit and reception at the state capitol. Mr. Simutis, Consul General of Lithuania in New York, will also attend.

After a ten year tenure, Sec. Eleanor Olechowski resigned. We gave her a standing ovation for her excellent work. Polly Ziausys, chairperson of the nominating committee, recommended that all officers remain in their present offices and presented name of Beatrice Jasewicz for secretary. Members unanimously approved the slate consisting of Rev. Robert Baltch spiritual advisor; Anthony Radzevich, Pres.; Gene Gobis, Vice Pres.; Beatrice Jasewicz, Sec.; Sophie Olbie, Treas.; Walter Sargalis and Gerard

Drenzek, Sgts. at Arms. Committee chairmen: Rev. Robert Baltch, religious; Elizabeth Kuzmich, ritual; Ed Baranauskas, Lith. Affairs; Beatrice Jasewicz, juniors, assisted by Gene Gobis, and Christine Tambasco and Polly Ziausys, cultural.

Refreshment committee of Sadie LaTorre, Regina Kot, Eleanor Olechowski & Elizabeth. Kuzmich surprised Rev. Raila's parents with a cake for their 40th wedding anniversary. *Smile & Sparkle*

C-102 DETROIT, MI

Congratulations to all new Supreme Council Officers! Delegates from C-102 to nat'l convention were: HM Bob Boris who helped organize the demonstration at the Soviet Embassy, Vince Boris who was a great help in organizing of the convention, John & Donna Stanievich, Joe & Eva Stark & Pres. Gus Babiak. John and Joe also helped with the musical entertainment. They all reported on the meetings and the great hospitality and fun time.

Donna & Frank Bunikis, Pres. Baibak, Joe & Maryanne Guerriero attended the district meeting and pilgrimage in Cleveland sponsored by

C-25. They were able to meet the new supreme council Pres. Anne Wargo, a lovely lady. We are sure she will be great in her position.

Congratulations to John Baltrus, the new district president and to outgoing Pres. Fran Petkus on her nomination for Honorary Degree. The weekend was very nice but the pilgrim-age at the Shrine was most impressive. Donna Bunikas read the names of our deceased council members. Maryanne Guerriero lighted the candle. Thank you, C-25 Cleveland, for the lovely weekend.

Our pool party in July was hosted by Donna & Frank Bunikas at their condo. Our honored guest was Sr. Ignatius (Aldona Trimmer), a student from St. Anthony's Parish. She was the house guest of Edna & Bill Klucens.

In Oct. council members attended Mass at St. Mark's Church where Fr. Stan is pastor. After Mass, John and Donna Stanievich hosted a cocktail party at Fr. Stan's summer home on Harsens Island. We then dined in a local restaurant and returned to his home for card playing.

Fr. Stan journeyed to Rome with Cardinal Szoka for the ordination of Cardinal. While at the ceremony, Fr. Stan joined the Lithuanian delegation honoring Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevicius.

Fr. Babonis happily reported the visit of his brother from Lithuania. However, we didn't get to meet him as he was busy seeing the sights and left before our meeting.

With the perseverance of Ruth Wagster, our K of L Mixed Bowling League started its 43rd year. We sure would like to have bowlers from C-139 join us. We have lots of fun and the poor bowlers chalk it up to exercise.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Donna Bunikis on the loss of her

brother Ed. Nausedas after a long illness.
Meriutė

C-109 GREAT NECK, NY

Our California member, John Blecka, came east to attend the 50th Reunion of his graduating class at St. John's University, Queens, and also joined us on the bus ride to Atlantic City with his wife and son. While this Jersey trip is a fun day - though no one speaks of his losses - it is also good for the council's treasury.

In Nov., the Kober's, the Zukas', Anele & Petras Povilaitis and Al Wesey attended the Testimonial to Joseph Boley held in Brooklyn. The guest speaker was the entertaining and dynamic Joseph Laucka from Washington, DC. The event was sponsored by the Liet. Kat. Mot. Kulturos Draugija. In addition to other readings, Joe Boley spoke of "happenings" in his long, loyal K of L lifetime, and it seems regrettable a few of them weren't included in the "75 Years of Knights of Lithuania" history book just published. It would have made for additional interesting reading. We were pleased that our friend was so honored; he is an individual of incredible kindness, a Lithuanian patriot, the Lord's faithful servant, certainly a fine actor - and if ever the title of HONORARY K of L MEMBER applied, this man heads the list. We love you, Joe.

We congratulate Eufemija Cibas on her election to Pres. of Great Neck Chapter of Bendruomene. She has been seen, of late, in the company of a fine Lithuanian gentleman from out of state. Isabelle Boza has not been feeling up to par. We pray that her illness is only temporary. It seems that Ann & Kestutis Miklas have been traveling all over the country. While in Canada, they were fortunate to meet Arvidas Sabonis, the 7'4" Lithuanian basketball star playing on the Russian Olympic team. Their photo appeared

in "Darbininkas" and he was, indeed, a towering presence. Our sincere sympathy to Lou Ann & Phil Rutha in the loss of their very dear boxer friend who met death in such a tragic way. He was from England, visiting and temporarily residing in NYC, where he was fatally shot. Our hearts go out to them. The Kobers haven't been staying at home either - traveling to vacation in Kennebunkport, ME; to the Nat'l Convention in our nation's capitol; attending supreme council & district meetings; attending local K of L functions, etc., etc. Jean Mactutis accompanied her family to New Orleans, LA where she enjoyed some cajun cooking. Mary Wesey returned from two weeks in Orlando, FL, Disney territory, staying with members Kay & Dick Boza who recently moved to the sunny south. Al and Starcy Wesey are planning to visit relatives in California.

Our members are busy, our council active. We sure would love to see the rest of the roster of members whom we haven't seen. Let us know what you're doing. Come on down, we need you!

The following members were elected to serve the council in 1989:



C-109 Great Neck, NY - two brothers John Blecka at left from California and George Blecka from Huntington, NY at recent reunion.

Pres. Al Wesey, V.P. Bill Statkevicius, Secy, Mary Wesey, Fin. Secy. Jean Mactutis, Treas. Josephine Zukas, & Cultural Chairwmn. Stacia Wain. The energetic Social Committee remains the same: Martha Krug, Bertha Fuchs, Clara Wasoleck, Beatrice Jamison & Amelia Mileskie.

The Wash., DC Nat'l Convention was attended by delegates Al and Mary & Tony Kober. Also attending some of the functions were Connie Metz and Mary & Geo. Blecka. The



C-109 Great Neck NY Arthur Nelson, Wallie and Jean Mordes & Adele Nelson.

Blecka's, at the same time, were able to visit with family in Virginia. Mary (Rusas) Kober came away from the convention with the VYTIS Editorship. We congratulate her on assuming this great responsibility and wish her well.

Our latest picnic was successful, the day beautiful, the food excellent. Though the picnic tables up-ended (twice), we were fortunate our ladies were not seriously hurt. We had two picnics during the year and depend on our always faithful Pres. Al Wesey for setting us up with refreshments & barbecue items. Our Social Committee plans for other "eatables" which are donated by members. We always enjoy the camaraderie that exists during these socials; it's a good way for all members to meet each other. Even Jean & Walter Mordes of E. Northport put in a rare appearance; good to see you! It was also nice to welcome guests, Aldona Zaunius and Pres. Bill Kumeta of C-41 B'klyn.

Jack Malis, Dorothy Andryauskas & Clara Wasoleck visited Lithuania. During our picnic, Jackie recounted his "adventures" and it was good to hear that the usual restrictions were a bit more relaxed. Of course, there were many tears when seeing their loved ones, and they certainly will be making a return trip. (Is it time for a K of L excursion to Lietuva? Deja vu!) Jack presented each of us with a small Lithuanian calendar which will be very much treasured. Ačiu labai!

Al & Starcy Wesey had a stop-over guest from Lithuania, Daniute Staneviciene, who later left for Dallas, PA. to visit with relatives. It is always heart-warming to see visitors from Lithuania; there seems to be a special ingrown bond between us - esame visi lietuvai.

Everyone enjoyed the bus ride to Atlantic City. Thanks to Martha Krug

who invites most of her Rosarian friends, the bus filled up quickly. Martha's dear friend, Mary Murphy, enjoyed the day with us but two days later, was taken by our Lord. Let's remember her in our prayers.

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, Rector of Lithuanian College in Rome, writes, "The most generous check for \$6,500, gift of the proceeds from this year's Lithuanian Day-Week at Boscov's, organized and realized by K of L C-144 was received on Oct. 13.

"Please convey our most sincere Lithuanian thanks to the officers and hard-working members of Anthracite Council from all of us at the Lithuanian College, the superiors and the students.

"In the name of all of us, I wish all the choicest Lord's blessings upon you and all your loved ones."

The Nov. Lithuanian Mass was celebrated by Spiritual Advisor Rev. M. Jarasunas at Our Lady of Siluva for

deceased members of C-144. A cake and coffee social followed in the church hall.

The well-attended Kucios was chaired by Helen Labadis and Elsie Kosmisky.

C-144 will commemorate Lithuanian Day on Feb. 12 with Lithuanian Mass at noon at Our Lady of Siluva with Rev. Jarasunas as celebrant. Dinner will follow in the social rooms. Rita Shevokas and Helen Chesko are co-chairs.

Joni Reinhart will head the committee for St. Casimir Day Mass and social.

Pres. Eleanor Vaicaitis announced the appointment of Joseph Kaselonis as Sgt. at Arms. Congratulations!



Six Sisters of Jesus Crucified : Sr. Virginia Marie Vytell, C-74; Sr. Marie Celine Vytell; Sr. Mildred Brice; Sr. Eugenia Glineckas, C-17; Sr. Joanna Gruodis; Sr. Verna Chickavage, C-144.

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C-150 KANSAS CITY, KS

Newly elected officers are: Leo Srubas, Pres.; Eugene Ashley, Vice-Pres.; Lou Ann Rayn, Sec.; Paul Purduski, Treas.; Charles Purduski, Spiritual Program Chairman; Ann Girnis, Fund Raising. These officers will serve during 1989 term. Eugene Ashley is also Trustee of the Nat'l organization.

The Knights of Lithuania has become a family organization under St. Casimir, the patron saint of Lithuania. Anyone interested in membership in C-150, is encouraged to contact one of the officers listed above or Gene Ashley, whose address is listed on the inside front cover of Vytis.

Lou Ann Rayn

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 12, 1989 - C-144 - Lithuanian Independence Day
Mass at noon Our Lady of Siluva - Dinner following.
- March 12, 1989 - Amber District Communion Breakfast -
St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, PA
- March 18, 1989- Supreme Council Meeting, Chicago, IL
- April 2, 1989 - C-12 New York, NY - 75th Anniversary
Celebration
- May 21, 1989 - C-41 Brooklyn, NY - 75th Anniversary
Annunciation Church
- May ?, 1989 - C-63 - Lehigh Valley, PA Ruta Ball
- August 3-6, 1989 - 76th National Convention. Hosts: C-
112 Chicago, IL

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Joe Kscenaitis, C-12 New York finds name of Pete Vysniauskas on the Vietnam Monument in Washington, DC.