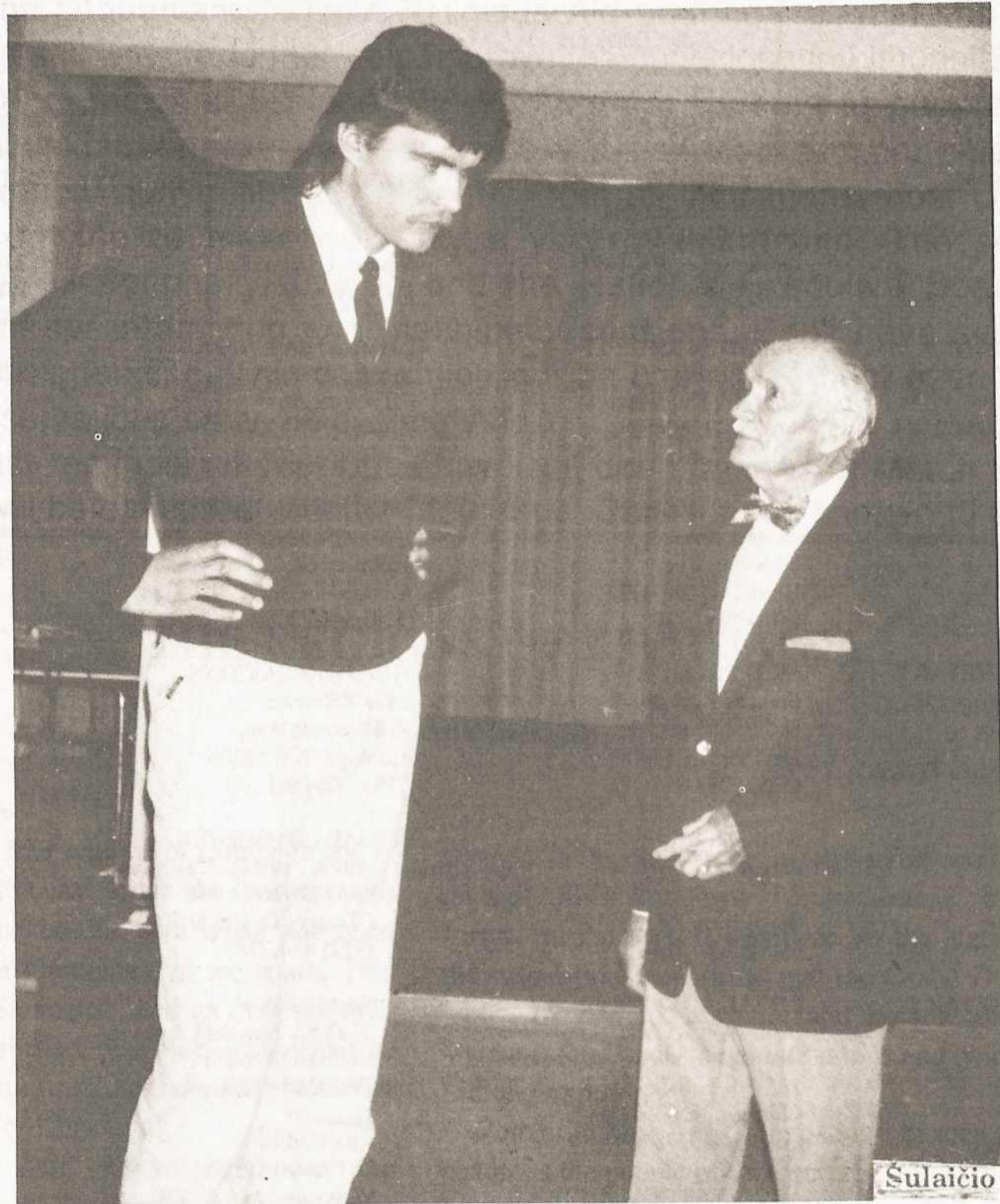


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## EDITORIAL

Lithuania has witnessed a dramatic resurgence of national awareness over the past year. We thank God that he has answered many of our prayers, collectively and individually. However, we do realize that with the improved conditions, the Lithuanians will need much assistance in many ways, whether it be from their relatives, friends in the United States or from the K of L members. We read that Mass is being celebrated in several of the churches and the tri-color flag has finally been permitted to be openly displayed in Lithuania. We rejoice over these changes. We, as individuals, perhaps feel there isn't much that we can do to help Lithuania. If that is the case, then why not contact the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid and inquire what you can do, in a very small way, to further help improve the conditions in Lithuania.

As Spring showers displace winter blizzards, it's time to pack away your snow shovel, start packing your suitcase and plan for a summer getaway to the 76th annual convention in Chicago. From all indications, host C-112 Chicago, is striving to make our stay a very pleasant one. The social programs are exceptionally diverse and the National Executive Board is finalizing plans for interesting and meaningful sessions. Don't have second thoughts about attending. This convention will be one of the best ever held. Make your reservations early. Iki pasimatymo.

One last reminder: If your dues have not been paid as of March 30th, your VYTIS will be cancelled with the May issue. Don't let this happen to you.

## THE REGIONS OF LITHUANIA

### Part 3 Žemaitija

*By Edward Baranauskas*

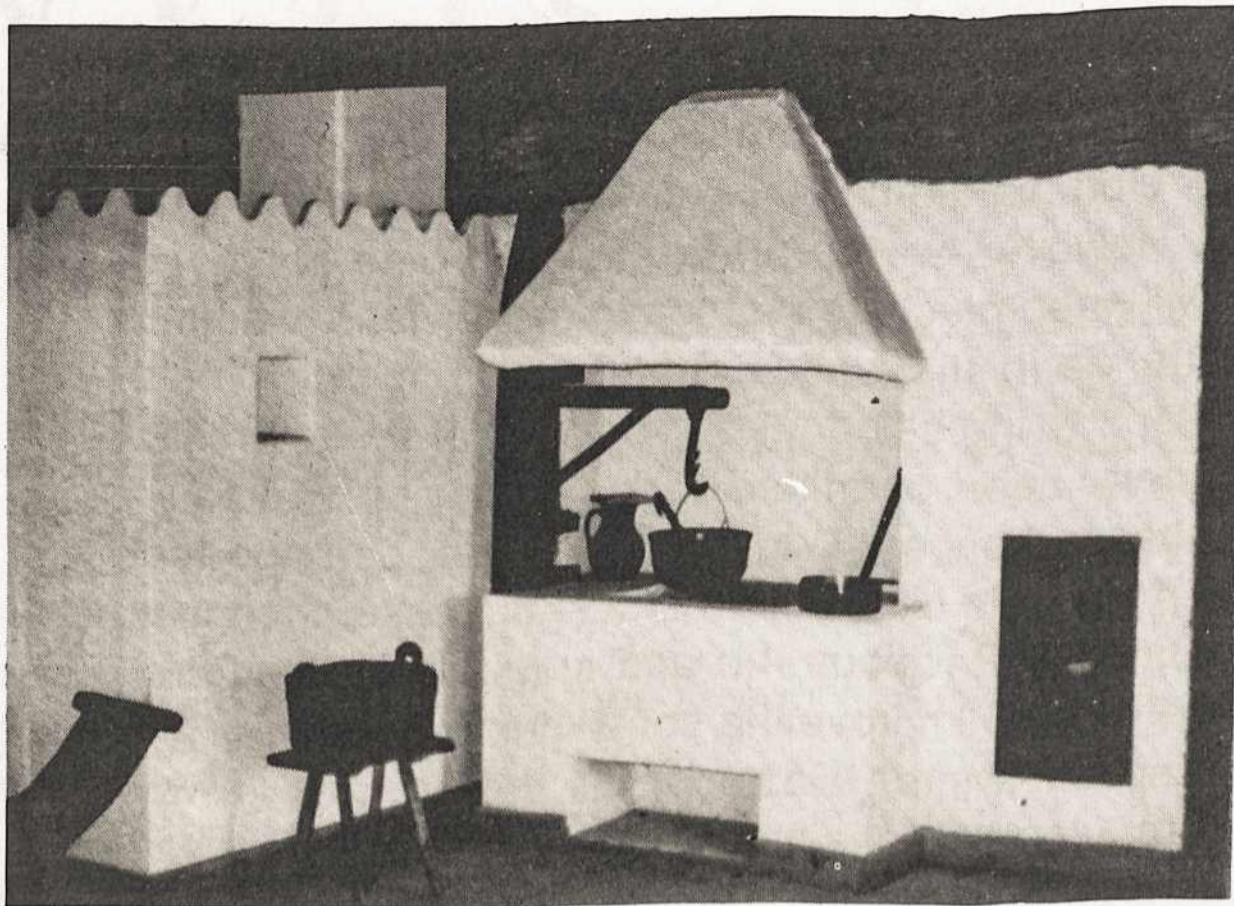
Žemaitija is one of the four regions of Lithuania and is situated along the Baltic coast from the border with Latvia in the north, to the border with what was once known as East Prussia (or Germany), in the south. This region is also known as Samogitia, and its dialectal area is more than three times smaller than that of Aukštaitija. This dialect is very different from the language spoken by the rest of the inhabitants of Lithuania.

In comparison with their eastern neighbors, the Aukštaičiai (or Highlanders), the people of Žemaitija are Lowlanders, hence the name of the region comes from the Lithuanian word "žemas" which means "low". The name of Žemaitija was first mentioned in the thirteenth century Russian chronicles.

The western shores of Žemaitija are fringed with green pinewoods, sand dunes, and numerous hills, which are

steeped in legends. One of the more well known and revered hills is known as "Birutes Kalnas", or the "Hill of Birute" in Palanga. It was here, so the legend goes, that the pagan priestess Birute met the Grand Duke Kestutis, who took her for his wife and became the parents of Vytautas the Great, the most famous and beloved of all of Lithuania's rulers.

Žemaitija has an interesting history. For many centuries the people of this land resisted numerous attacks from the invaders who sought to subjugate them, and their fiercest enemies were the Teutonic Knights. The age-long struggles against their enemies molded typical traits of their character. The Žemaičiai are reserved, cautious, modest, strong-willed, and the most stubborn of all Lithuanians, for it must be remembered that it was not until 1413 that they gave up their pagan beliefs and



*The hearth of a 19th century cottage in Žemaitija.*



*The interior of a 19th century cottage in Žemaitija.*

accepted Christianity, while the rest of the Lithuanians did so in 1387, twenty-six years later.

Lithuania's hills have always been rich in clay and this was sticky and elastic. The hard working and skillful Žemaičiai would take it into their hands and try to shape it. Pottery is an old craft. People always needed crockery and the potters were busy shaping, firing and baking it. These old traditions of pottery are still alive in Žemaitija, for many potters live in the environs of Plunge, Alsedžiai, Telšiai and Kuršėnai. They learned the secrets of their craft from their fathers and grandfathers. Whenever archaeologists turn up the earth on a castle hill, in an ancient settlement or

burial ground, fragments of pottery are the first objects to be discovered.

One of the most widely known shrines in all of Lithuania is "Žemaičiu Kalvarija" (since 1964 called Varduva) and it is located along the banks of the Varduva River, northwest of the city of Telšiai. Thousands of worshippers make the pilgrimage to the shrine annually.

Some of Žemaitija's most prominent personalities who contributed much to Lithuanian culture and the revival of the Lithuanian spirit were: Dionizas Poška, a writer; Simonas Daukantas, a historian and prose writer; Povilas Višinskis, a journalist and editor who contributed to the abolition in 1904 of the ban on printing of the Lithuanian language in Latin characters; Žemaitė, a writer; Motiejus Valančius, Bishop of Samogitia who was instrumental in organizing and financing the illegal practice of printing Lithuanian books in East Prussia and smuggling them into Lithuania, which served to stimulate the emergence of the Lithuanian national movement.

There can be no doubt that the sons and daughters of Žemaitija earned their places in the hearts of the Lithuanian people. It was their love and dedication to the land of their birth that sustained the survival of the Lithuanian consciousness during some of the most difficult and trying years in the history of the Lithuanian nation.



## AN ETHNIC FAMILY ROSARY AT ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL IN SCRANTON, PA

*Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC  
C-74 Scranton, PA*

February's Family Rosary at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton was very special because, designated as an Ethnic Family Rosary, Lithuanians were represented in the third mystery of the rosary, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The Knights of Lithuania from Scranton and Pittston, Councils 74 and 143, prayed the first part of the 10 Hail Mary's as the congregation responded in Lithuanian or English.

The Service became even more significant because Anelė Juknevičienė, a retired language and cultural professor from Vilnius University in Lithuania, attended the Rosary Service to pray for Lithuania. A relative of Sister Virginia Vytell and of Blessed George Matulaitis, she caused quite a stir by her presence. Deeply impressed that the Lithuanian language was used publicly in a multi-national Cathedral, it was a joy for her to hear beloved Lithuanian echo through the vaults of the Cathedral. It was a spiritual experience she had not anticipated.

After Services, the two Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Sister Virginia Vytell and Sister Eugenia Glineckas, along with Anele, were invited by Richard and Marie Laske to their home in Scranton. Over Colonel Sanders chicken dinner, Anele heard of the many activities of the Knights of Lithuania to preserve their language and culture in the United States. She was impressed with the many Lithuanian artifacts in the Laske home, truly a miniature Lithuanian museum.

The following morning Nellie Bayoras Romanas, C-143, came to St. Mary's Villa to drive Sister Virginia and Anele to the Ponderosa Restaurant in Pittston. Here Anele saw so much food at the salad bar - fruits and vegetables of every variety - she couldn't believe her eyes, and exclaimed, "If only the people of Lithuania could be here to see for themselves what can be had in America!"

After what Anelė considered "a banquet" at the Ponderosa, Nellie Bayoras took her two guests to her home. Here they met Professor Vaclovas Romanas, a retired musician and organist, of both Lithuanian and the United States. Needless to say, they both had much to discuss concerning Lithuania's past and their hopes for the future.

The sincere concern of the Knights of Lithuania for the land of their forefathers as shown by Marie and Richard Laske, Nellie and Vaclovas Romanas, raised the hopes of the visitor from Lithuania. The spark of love for Lithuania and her culture remains alive in the hearts of the descendants of Pennsylvania's coal miners who had endured so many hardships to build Lithuanian schools and churches. They remain as monuments to their memory.

Anelė Juknevičienė boarded the plane for Moscow and ultimately for Lithuania on February 16th, the seventy-first anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. The Knights of Lithuania hope and pray that much significant progress has been made in the process of perestroika (Persitvarkymas or restructuring) in the lives of all Soviet citizens, especially of those in our beloved Lithuania. Let us double our prayers for this intention. Our Lady promised the conversion of Russia and all unbelievers in answer to our prayers, especially the Rosary.

What better outcome can be had as a consequence to the decade in Lithuanian to the Holy Spirit in the Family Rosary at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton! May our fondest hopes for Lithuania be realized as we continue to pray the Rosary and encourage others to do so for peace and freedom in the world.



### *IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY .....*

*Norkunas*, straipsnyje (1939): "Kokia kalba tokia ir dvasia ... Amerikoj Vyčių yra daug, bet kuom mes galima įrodyti jog esame Lietuvos Vyčiai? Atsakas trumpas: Tuom kuom skiriasi tauta nuo tautos - tai sava kalba."

*Ed Pavis Juozui B.* (1947): "Tendencija kuopose rodosi vien tik pasilinksminimo veikimas. Tai smėlio pamatas ir tokia kuopa ilgai negyvuos. Sulaukus rimtesnio amžiaus jau toki 'pasilinksminimai' neturi jokio patraukimo kaip anksčiau."

# WHO REALLY WON THE SEOUL, KOREA . . . . . . . . . . WORLD BASKETBALL OLYMPICS?

By Vyt Grybauskas

With all the countries of any consequence represented this year at the basketball games in Seoul, you'd think a huge nation like Russia or the United States would win the title because of the prestige that goes with it. It didn't happen that way. Under the Soviet banner, not having any other choice, little Lithuania was the winner. The Soviet team consisted of four Lithuanians - Arvydas Sabonis, V. Chomicius, R. Kurtinaitis, S. Jovaisa, a sub Marchulonis and an Estonian Soka.

The reason the Kaunas players are so experienced is because they took up the game early in life. In 1935 they were trained well and skillfully by Dr. Konnie J.

Savickus resulting in winning the European title, in 1937. After that, it was easy for Savickus to find other instructors for the Lithuanian Champs such as W. Budrunas, All American from Marquette University and Frank Lubin who came in 1938. The second European title followed in 1939.

The Russian team has toured the United States playing various teams here with good success and perfecting its technique by learning more from the Americans. The Liths are being exploited as Russians - and finally they're getting a little more freedom as a reward.

## THE OLYMPIC WORLD CHAMPIONS



M. LEKARUSKAS V. JANKAUSKAS. A. SABONIS  
R. CIVILIS S. JOVAIŠA G. KRAPIKAS  
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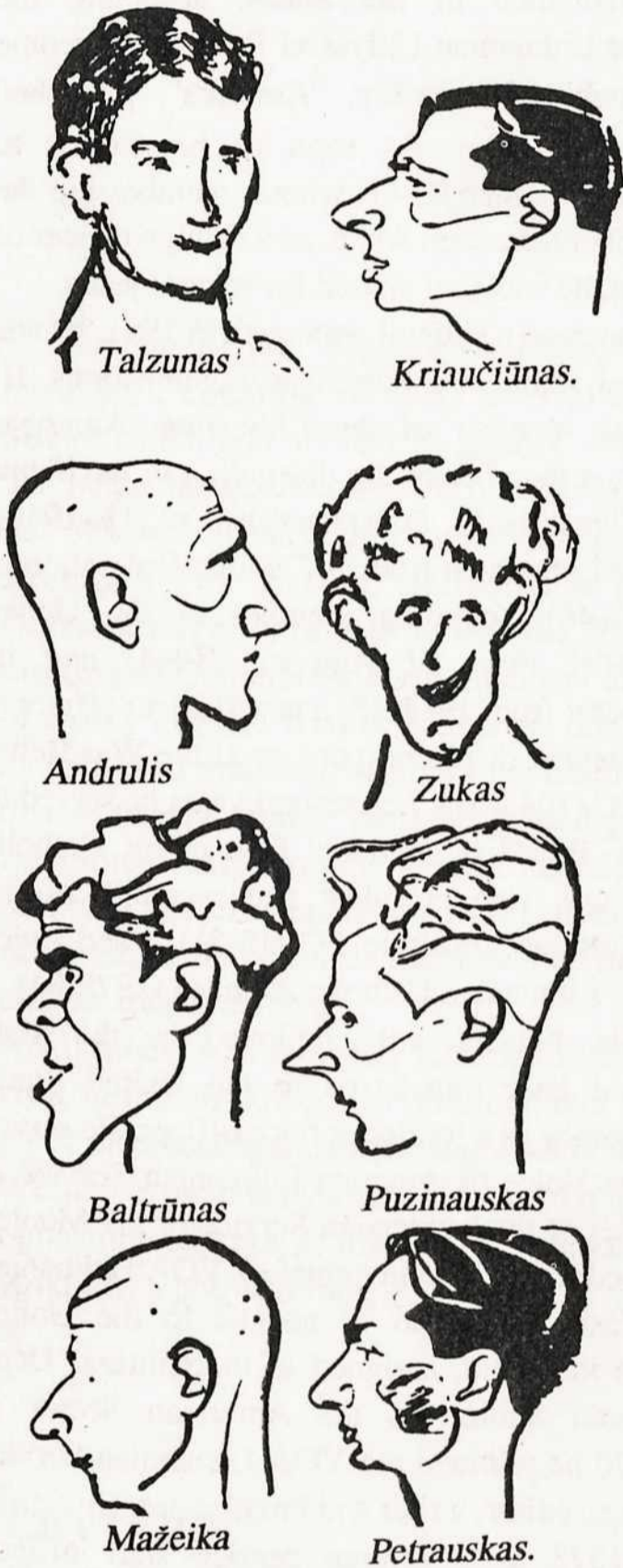
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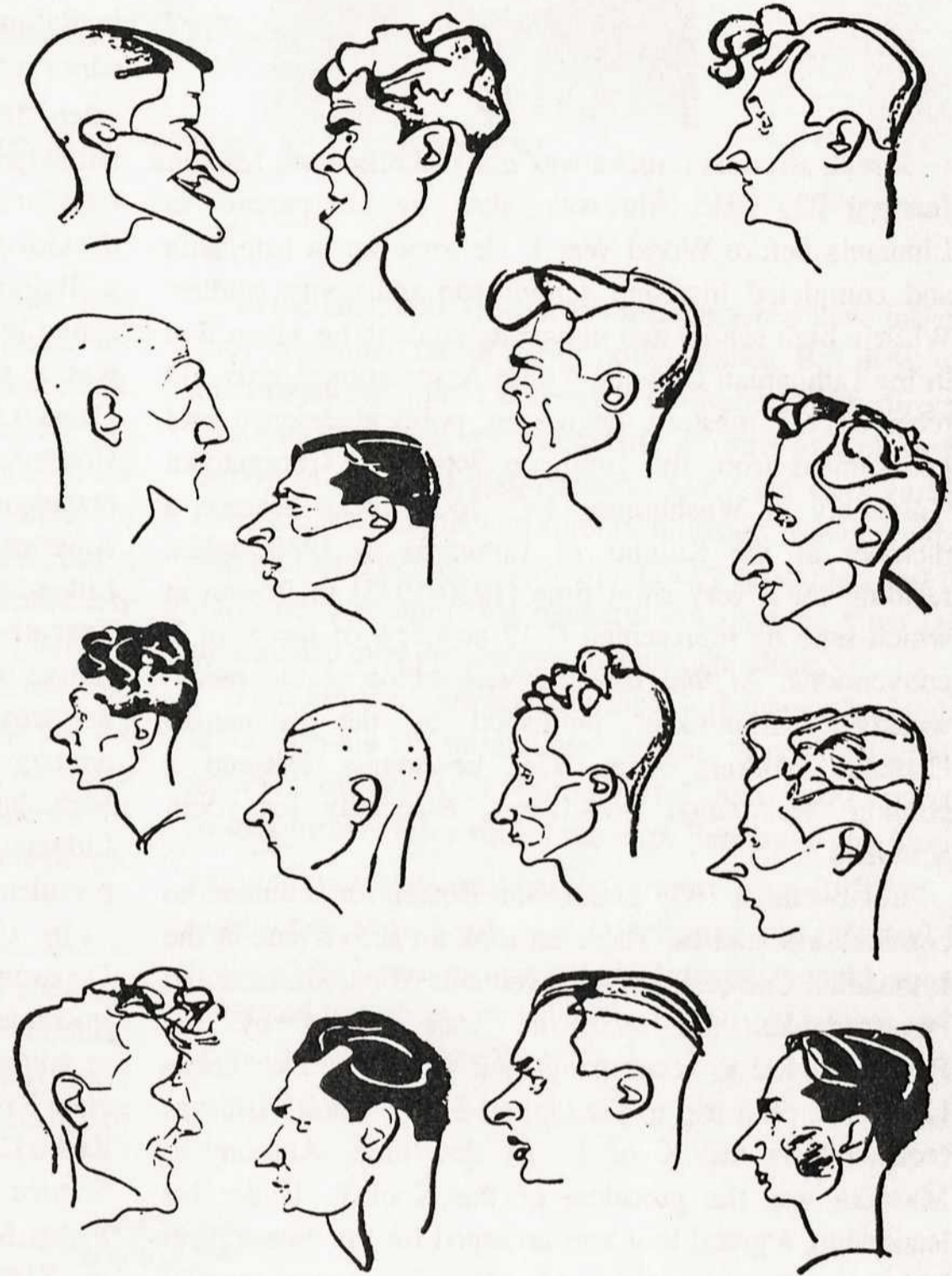
Fifty Years ago Lithuania won two European Basketball Championships.

## 1937 TEAM

## 1939 TEAM



Also: Petrauskas, Nikolskis, Sackus, Kapalas, Dauksa.



Lietuvos, Europos krepšinio meisterio, žaidiku šaržai. I. eilėje: Lubinas, Baltrunas ir Leščinskas; II eilėje: Andrulis, Kriaučiūnas, Ruzgis ir Jurgėla; III eilėje: Nikolskis, Mažeika, Norkus ir Puzinauskas; IV eilėje: Budriūnas, Cenfeldas, Sliūpas, Petrauskas.

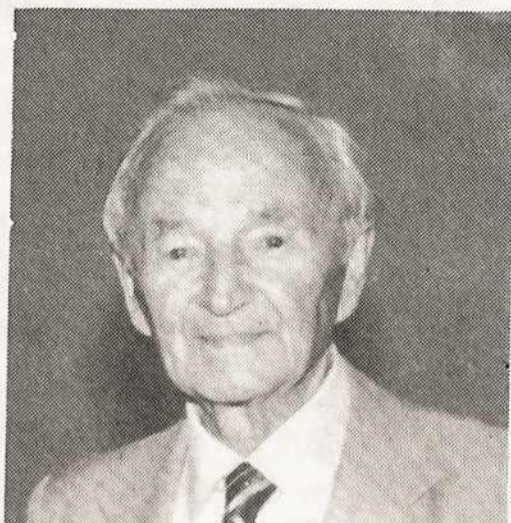
Note: We are really proud that our K of L member, Dr. Konnie J. Savickus, is recognized as the "Father of Basketball" in Lithuania. It was his idea to sacrifice one year of his law practice and remain in Kaunas in 1935 to teach all phases of that sport and assemble the team that won the first European Championship for that country. It

gave them something to be really proud of. He said he had a premonition it could be done and it was done.

This year they're celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of winning the second European Championship Title, May 10th and 11th and have sent a special invitation to Mr. Savickus to join the festivities in Kaunas.

## CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. . . . .

### JOSEPH B. LAUCKA



Joseph Bronius Laučka was born in Brockton, MA on January 23, 1910. He was taken by his parents to Lithuania before World War I. He grew up in Lithuania and completed his high school and university studies. While a high school and university student, he was active in the Lithuanian Catholic Youth Association Ateitis. He received his master's degree in political science and government from the Graduate School of Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Joe Laučka became a member of the Knights of Lithuania in 1930, while residing for a very short time (1930-1933) in Boston at which time he represented C-17 at a few of the K of L conventions. At that time he was editor of the twice-weekly "Darbininkas" published by the Lithuanian Catholic Workers Assn. This newspaper featured a column "Kas nauja Broadway?" especially for youth activities.

In November 1933 Laučka left Boston for Lithuania to continue his studies. There he took an active part in the Lithuanian Catholic youth movements of Ateitininkai and Pavasarininkai. In 1936 he was invited by the Pavasarininkai to accompany their president, Dr. Juozas Leimonas, on a trip to the United States. Their visit was requested by the K of L. At that time, Anthony J. Mazeika was the president of the K of L. Under his leadership, a grand tour was arranged for the guests from Lithuania. Dr. Leimonas and Laučka visited more than 50 cities where the councils or their friendly priests had special arrangements for lectures and meetings. At each location, the guests displayed a rich exhibit of folk handicraft donated by the Pavasarininkai. They spoke about Lithuania's youth, about the cultural and economic progress of the re-established republic, about the need for close relations between the diaspora and the nation at home. Both Dr. Leimonas and Laučka participated at the national convention in Providence, RI and officially presented the exhibit as a gift of Pavasarininkai to the Knights of Lithuania.

Laučka wrote a series of reports to the newspapers in Lithuania about his U.S. tour emphasizing the contribution of the K of L to preserve and enhance Lithuanian heritage. Dr. Leimonas returned to Lithuania and Laučka remained in the States, accepting the invitation of the Lithuanian Universal Bureau to become editor of its published weekly, "Amerika", published since 1933 in Brooklyn. As soon as he moved to Brooklyn, Laučka joined C-41 whose membership he kept for about 50 years, even when, as a foreign officer of the Government, he was sent abroad for several years.

Before Joe became a Federal employee in 1951, he was active in several Lithuanian American organizations. He was a founding member of the Lithuanian American Council (1940); a member of the delegation to the White House to visit President F. D. Roosevelt (Oct. 15, 1940); president of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America (1941-46); founding member of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America (1944) and its Executive Director from 1945-48; a resettlement officer in charge of Lithuanian displaced persons at the War Relief Services-NCWC (1948-51). For several years he served as director on the Board of National Council of Catholic Men. he also was vice president and secretary of the Lithuanian Cultural Institute (1943-51), and vice president of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance (1978-84).

In 1951 Mr. Laučka was employed by the State Department and later transferred to the United States Information Agency as a foreign service officer. He served as editor of the Voice of America Lithuanian Service in New York, chief of the Lithuanian Service of the Munich Radio Center, editor and deputy chief of VOA Lithuanian Service in Washington, and as attache to the United States Mission in Berlin, assigned to the Cultural Dept. of RIAS (Radio Station in the American Sector in Berlin). In 1970 he rejoined the VOA Lithuanian Service in Washington as editor, writer and broadcaster. He retired in February 1973 as a foreign service staff officer. However, he did not remain idle. He was invited to become a free-lancer for the VOA. In January 1975 Laučka was asked by Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty in Munich, a private American institution financed by the U.S. Congress, to initiate its Lithuanian language programs. In Munich he served as chief of the Lithuanian Service until March 1978.

Joe and his wife Isabel now reside in Bethesda, MD.



Joe has transferred his K of L membership to C-142 in Washington, DC.

For years, Laučka has written numerous articles on cultural and political subjects for several periodicals and newspapers, and is still active in this field. From 1979-83 he was president of the Lithuanian Catholic Federation Ateitis. In 1984 Pope John Paul II appointed him as a

Knight of the Order of St. Sylvester. In 1987 the Baltic Youth Congress presented Mr. Laučka with their special award in "appreciation of his contribution to the future of Baltic heritage." He is also an honorary member of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America (BALF).



## CONFLICT IN THE KREMLIN

### *America's Future*

Members of the "Mikhail Gorbachev fan club" who have been counting on their hero to democratize the Soviet Union and abolish its goal of world domination, had better hedge their bets. While the Soviet leader was out of town on vacation last year, Yegor Ligachev, the Kremlin's No. 2 man, delivered a public blast at Gorbachev's policy of detente with the West. Addressing a meeting of Communist Party members in the closed city of Gorky - where Andrei Sakharov, the famed physicist and political dissident was once banished - Ligachev said Soviet foreign policy must be guided primarily by the traditional class struggle against capitalism. Too much talk of peaceful cooperation with capitalist countries, he declared, "only confuses the minds of the Soviet people and our friends abroad."

Ligachev, who is widely regarded as Gorbachev's chief rival in the all-powerful Politburo, also admonished the Party members against adopting what he called "ruthless" Western economic methods. He served notice that political opposition will not be tolerated and denounced the use of strikes as a political tool.

In the past, both Gorbachev and Ligachev have insisted they are united on all major policy issues. But there was no mistaking that Ligachev's Gorky address directly challenged Gorbachev's domestic reforms as well as his policy of peaceful coexistence. Only ten days earlier, Gorbachev's handpicked foreign minister, Shevardnadze, had told a conference of foreign policy specialists just the opposite, stressing that peaceful coexistence must take precedence over the struggle against capitalism.

Thus far, there are no signs that Gorbachev's leadership is in serious or immediate danger. But Gorbachev's policies of *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (restructuring) have raised the expectations of the Soviet people, expectations that have not been fulfilled. If Gorbachev should lose out in a power struggle and be replaced by Ligachev or another hardliner, it could mean a reversion to tighter controls over the Soviet people and a new cold war with the West.



### LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I am a member of C-3 and thoroughly enjoy receiving VYTIS magazine.

In the last issue I received, January 1989, there was a list of words that were shown as "correct" and "incorrect". I have used many of those words, as my mother taught

my brothers and sisters those words, in conversations with other Lithuanians with no problem.

My mother was born in Anysčiu in 1901. Could you please tell why these words are "incorrect". Ačiu labai!

Dolores J. Herbert

(After the war when Lithuania regained its independence, it decided to change some of the words because they were derivatives from either the Russian or Polish language and wanted a vocabulary to be entirely their own.-Ed.)



## *News from Lithuania*

### HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS PARTICIPATE IN LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

The first part of festivities marking Lithuanian Independence Day proceeded without any major hitches in Lithuania. The two-day celebration in Kaunas, Lithuania's second largest city and temporary capital during much of Lithuania's period of independence, concluded in the current capital, Vilnius. According to Sajudas, the independent group which organized the festivities, the first event was a flower-laying ceremony attended by 15,000-20,000 people at a cemetery containing the remains of soldiers who died in Lithuania's 1919-1920 war of independence. Last year, Lithuanians were forcibly prevented on Feb. 16 from laying flowers at this cemetery and other sites of national and historical significance.

The flower-laying ceremony was followed by a six-hour meeting of the 220-member Sajudis national assembly at the Kaunas Music Theater, during which the delegates adopted a declaration calling for a democratic and independent Lithuania. No representatives of the government were present. The organizers had hoped for live, nation-wide television coverage of the assembly's proceedings, as has been the case during Sajudis' founding congress in October, but were denied permission. Instead, Lithuanian television carried a one to two minute report on the assembly session.

A scheduled event was Mass at the Kaunas Cathedral by Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevičius. The Cardinal blessed a rock brought from the village of Taučiunai in central Lithuania where the first soldier in the Lithuanian war of independence died during a battle with Bolshevik forces. The rock was then transported to the War Museum Square and placed at the spot where the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier once existed.

Following Mass, a long procession of marchers proceeded to War Museum Square for the rededication ceremony of the Freedom Monument, which had been removed after the Soviet annexation of Lithuania. Before

a crowd estimated at 200,000, Vytautas Landsbergis-Žemkalnis, one of the few surviving veterans of Lithuania's war for independence and father of Sajudis president Vytautas Landsbergis, unveiled the monument to the accompaniment of fanfare and the release of a flock of doves.

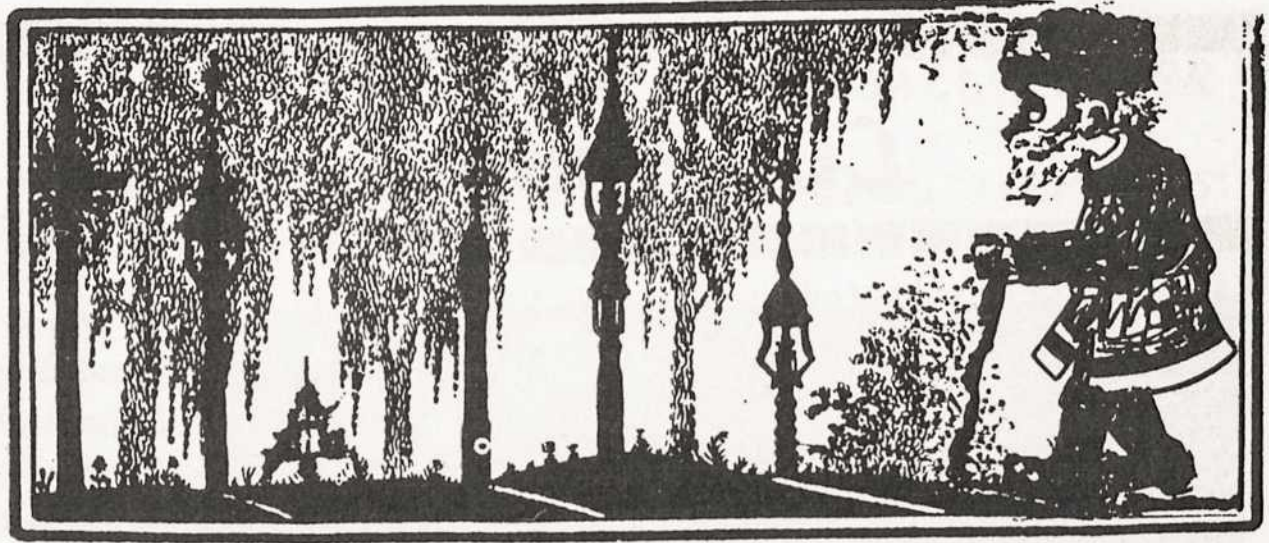
Speakers at the rally included the Cardinal, representatives of the Estonian and Latvian popular front movements and members of various independent Lithuanian organizations. Tape recorded remarks by Juožas Urbsys, last foreign minister of independent Lithuania and a witness to the high-level negotiations surrounding the Soviet annexation of Lithuania in 1940, were played to the crowd. Urbsys, a Kaunas resident who is nearly 93 years old, was unable to attend because of ill health.

One unexpected speaker was Lithuanian Communist Party First Secretary Algirdas Brazauskas, who was allowed to address the crowd despite a vow by Kaunas organizers to prohibit any government or party representatives from speaking, in retaliation for government repression of last year's independence day commemorations. Brazauskas called on Lithuanians to work together.

Eight Americans mostly affiliated with organizations were denied permission to travel to Vilnius for Lithuanian Independence Day. According to independent and government sources, the visas were approved by Brazauskas, but blocked by Moscow. In a statement issued to the USSR Foreign Ministry and the USSR by some of those denied visas, the signatories declared, "one thing is for sure, all efforts to regain some semblance of independent rights for Lithuania have borne no fruit. Isn't it strange that a country that has declared a national holiday doesn't permit us to mark it....". However, at least two Lithuanian-Americans were granted visas.



"Dede  
Kastukas  
Sako" ~



### Don't Be a Snipper

I know a little old lady in the City who starts work in her garden as soon as she sees her first robin in the tree. Not a worm is safe when she gets out her garden tools. The worms know their life is in jeopardy and that only sixty percent of them will survive so they keep yelling their danger signal, "Run for your life, the little old lady's got a hoe in her hands".

She grows all sorts of flowers and weeds, to which she gives fancy Latin names like "E Pluribus Unum" and so on. They do look pretty, much better than the empty tomato cans and beer bottles that grow in the yard next door. Sure enough some people do appreciate her efforts because they're kind enough to stop, look in front and to the rear, then reach into the yard and snip off a rose or a geranium. I think you call such people snitchers or 1 X 7 8 !! ...

### Church was O.K. on Sunday

Were you sleepy when you went to Church on Sunday morning because you stayed up late on Saturday nite? The moment Rev. Klimas began his sermon, you felt so comfy in your seat, then very properly kept your head up looking straight ahead. He began telling a biblical story about pilgrims traveling in the warm desert. The tone of his voice was even soothing and you dozed off contentedly. No one noticed you at all ... until the hard-cover song book fell off your lap to the hard floor with a resounding "Thud!" Then everyone looked and knew you wouldn't get any plus on computer points for the sermon you didn't hear.

### Just a Rough Idea

There's quite a bit of concern about the present drought around the world. Imagine what could happen if there isn't enough rain to grow crops for the people and animals. Just a small shortage of water would be devastating and

everyone would feel the pinch immediately. The Lord could give us a rough idea how the world could be wiped out in a short time without Atom bombs. The prolonged dry spell would bring everyone to his knees, even the Commies. Who else could they turn to for help? Let's hope we can continue to say, when we get home, "What's for dinner, Mom?" instead of "Is there anything at all to eat?"

### Last of the Cannibals

Joe Simons experiences in the U.S. Army during the war in the Pacific Islands against the Japanese were rather unusual. You don't always meet or have lunch with cannibals. He happened to be stationed on the Solomon Islands, then on New Guinea where the last known cannibal tribes live. That Island is several hundred miles north of Australia and the natives can be friendly; they are short people and like to use paint and powder, but no eyelashes. Joe was in the Commissary Corps of the army. They would drop in on Joe for lunch and he would be glad to give them a meal as long as his name was not on the menu as an entree - in this way, a good relationship was maintained with the neighbors. He said the cannibals probably didn't know the difference between Japanese and Americans, they probably tasted the same.

Joe stayed on the Island, not by choice, until the end of the war right after Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As a dietician, he would tell the natives to eat more vegetables so they'd grow taller. Of course, it was a self-preservation argument, too, since once or twice two natives did pat him on his paunchy stomach. he wondered why. At present, he is a K of L member and says he has no desire to return to that Island and visit those old friends by himself - that it's too far away. When he bid them good bye, the Chief offered him a shrunken head as a parting gift. That was life in the war years in one corner of the Pacific.

## Lithuanians in the News



**Aldona Saimininkas**

### HAIL TO THE CHIEF

Harold Kay, member of C-29 Newark, newly elected president of Newark Lions Club district. Looking on is Kay's wife, Jean. The ceremony was held at the group's annual installation of officers' dinner.

*Newark Ledger - Photo B. Branch-Price.*

According to *The Hartford Journal* Aldona Saimininkas wove straws into stars and bird cages for the family Christmas tree in Lithuania. She still works with straw but preserves the folk tales of her homeland by making paintings with straw on velvet. Her work is part of an exhibition at the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, MA which displays Christmas tree in Lithuania. She still works with straw but preserves the folk tales of her homeland by making paintings with straw on velvet. Her work is part of an exhibition at the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, MA which displays works by many artists representing many ethnic groups. Aldona's art and her heart are of her native Lithuania. Every time she makes a painting with straw, she retells her country's history, protests Soviet oppression and revives the folklore of her homeland.

Twenty years ago, Saimininkas wove Christmas tree ornaments the way women traditionally did in Lithuania. When she came to America in 1950, she expanded the craft to small pictures of snowflakes and daisies, then to vignettes weighted with symbolism - such as a hill of crucifixes planted by Lithuanians, then torn out by the communists, only to be replaced by Lithuanians. Aldona picks rye grasses in many tones. After the harvest, she sorts, cleans, splits, boils and irons each stalk, taping them into shapes. She has taught the craft for the past 15 years.



## Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

On Cable Channel CN, Larry King Live, December 27, 1988, the topic discussed was *Homosexuality in the Catholic Church*. Guest speaker was Rev. Peter Stravinskas, pastor of the Lithuanian Holy Trinity Church in Newark, NJ, editor of "Catholic Answer" and spiritual advisor to C-29. Rev. Stravinskas challenged the other guest speaker, John McNeill, an expelled Jesuit who still considered himself a priest in spite of his being homosexual. John McNeill is the author of "Taking a Chance on God". Rev. Stravinskas was exemplary in his challenge with John McNeill.

Then, on February 20, 1989, Rev. Stravinskas appeared on Larry King Live. The topic discussed was *Feminism and the Catholic Church*. Challenging Fr. Stravinskas was Frances Kissling, a member of "Catholics for a Free Choice". Ms. Kissling felt that the Catholic women should take a greater part in the Catholic Church, such as becoming priests. Again, it was interesting to listen to Fr. Stravinskas challenge.



Three ethnic groups receiving awards: l to r: Croatians, Mexicans and Anita Strumillo, Lithuanian.. Kansas Photo by Rich Grosko

## THE LONG DISTANCE LITHUANIAN BASKETBALL PLAYER

*The New York Times* reported that a 29 year old, 6' 5" Lithuanian, Rimas Kurtinaitis, mustachioed and innocently controversial, competed in basketball since his recent arrival to the United States from Lithuania as guest of the National Basketball Association.

Kurtinaitis had been invited by the NBA as a good-will gesture. He said he was "very surprised" to receive the invitation. He was invited because of his excellent performance when the Soviet Union upset the U.S. team last Sept. scoring 82-76. It was said that one other All-Star participant was unhappy that a "Communist" would be allowed to compete with the NBA players. Kurtinaitis was asked how he felt about possibly tainting the American players with Communism.

"I'm not a Communist," he said, smiling.

"You're not a Democrat or a Republican, are you?"

"No party," he said. "I have not time to be in any party. I play basketball."

"Then the players here should have nothing to fear from Russians?"

"If they're afraid of Russians," he said, "they don't have to be afraid of me. I'm Lithuanian."

He brought the red, green and yellow Lithuanian flag with him. He said that only within the last few months have Lithuanians been allowed to fly it again since the Soviet annexation in 1940. He said that February 16, Lithuanian Independence Day, was an important day for him. Basketball in Lithuania, he said, is the most popular sport. He talked about growing up and shooting at a hoop on his garage door and in schoolyards.

Meanwhile, he was delighted to purchase video cassettes of two American heroes. One is Michael Jordan. And the other? "Michael Jackson" he said in perfect English.



## C-150 KANSAS CITY PARTICIPATES IN FESTIVAL

Kansas City Aidas Lithuanian dancers were the featured entertainers at the Winterfest dinner-dance held in January, sponsored by the Kansas City, KS Ethnic Council. The Lithuanians presented an honorary award to Anita Strumillo, director of the dance group, who is also a member of the Knights of Lithuania C-150. Though Anita is of Irish ancestry, her husband Bill is Lithuanian.

The dancers also formed an arch of sashes for the Mayor and other honorees to march through to accept their awards. Ed Grisnik, representing the Croatians, was honored -- his polka band has played for many Lithuanian dances. The other honoree was Karmen Martinez, from the Mexican-American community.

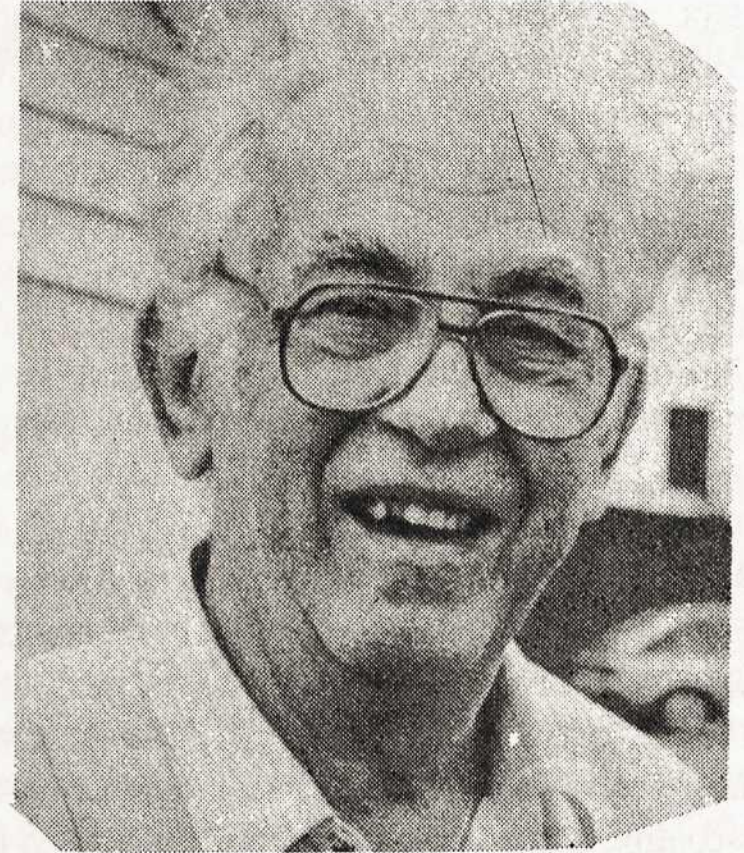
Those knights who attended the 1987 convention in Kansas City at the convention center where most of the meetings were held, has now been renamed the John Reardon Civic Center in honor of the personable young mayor who died this past fall. His wife, Helen, is of Lithuanian ancestry and they were helpful in implementing the convention activities.

Lou Ann Rayn

## Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

### FROM NYC LIFE TO PORTAGE, PA

According to the PORTAGE DISPATCH, an article written by Linda Bialas, Charles Nekiunas recently moved from Long Island to Pennsylvania. He was impressed with the friendly, neighborliness of the people of Portage. Charles was a New York City fireman. After three years with Company 122, he transferred to the fire boats until his retirement in 1957. Upon retirement his career took him to fire safety and hospital maintenance. He has written articles on safety for hospital magazines, pointing out hazards and calling attention to needed applications of safety hazards. His concerns arise from a life-long involvement in seeking solutions to life-threatening situations. He published an article, "How fireproof is fireproof" wherein he discusses simulated conditions in which asbestos was applied with SAE40 motor oil. He showed the flammability of contaminated asbestos. Charles and his wife Catherine presently are members of C-109 Great Neck, NY.



Charles Nekiunas



**LITHUANIAN ANNIVERSARY:** *Principals at the Pontifical Mass held in St. Peter's Cathedral commemorating 600th anniversary of Christianity in Lithuania. From left, front row: Fr. John Rikteraitis, Msgr. Anthony Norkunas, Bishop Timlin, Msgr. Wm. Pakutka, Fr. Joseph Sitko. Second row: Fr. Joseph LoRusso, Fr. Peter Madus, Fr. Joseph Lasky, Fr. Francis Skitski, Msgr. Michael Ozalis, Msgr. Frank Yashkas, Fr. John Kazlauskas. Third row: Fr. Obe Brouwer, Fr. Leonard Butcavage, Fr. Peter Alisaukas, Fr. Thomas Hudak. Top row: Sister Virginia Vytell, CJC and Commander Clement Maslow, USNR, Retired, lector.*



New Yorkers were deeply moved with this unusual story in the *New York Post* on the front page: SAMARITAN SAVES FAMILY IN CAR BLAZE, BUT DISAPPEARS AS HELP ARRIVES . The hero pulls two kids and mom from fiery car crash. The secret Samaritan-hero is Bro. Terry Messer of the Lithuanian Franciscans in Kennebunkport, ME who, at present, is in Brooklyn, NY studying theology at St. John's University. Bro. Terry was on his way to the post office to pick up the friary mail when he saw the accident. He left his car and rushed to the rescue of the family, suffering burns himself.

Why did he not stop to identify himself? He did not think it was important. He did not even mention it to the friars. It was only when he gathered presents to bring to the children in the hospital that he was recognized by the mother and then the news spread.

## Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

## FOUR WOMEN



The homeless black woman stood on the corner of a New York City street, directly in front of a white Madonna. She held a table leg like a staff in her right hand and a photograph of a Lithuanian movie actress, RUTA LEE in her left hand. A baby doll was tucked into the wrapping of her clothes. *Newsday* staff photographer, M. E. Ach was caught by the mixture of symbols. He calls the photo 'FOUR WOMEN'.

William Senkus



*The Daily Journal, Elizabeth, NJ* once again writes about C-52's William Senkus. Bill was born and grew up in Elizabeth, NJ. Following graduation from high school, Bill attended Drake Business School and became very active in St. Peter & Paul Lithuanian Church in Elizabeth. He is married to the former Anne Barcas and are the parents of one son.

Bill was also a "saver" - clipping and saving every little item which pertained to Elizabethport. "Proud of his heritage", he is also a historian of sorts, and has compiled a history of the Lithuanian-American community in Elizabeth since the early days of their settlement in 1878. Like so many other immigrants of their time, Lithuanians found employment with Singer Mfg. Co. The need for a place in which to congregate, socialize and relax in recreation resulted in erection of Liberty Hall with Bill serving as secretary and vice president. The building was eventually sold in 1980, but not without much sadness in the hearts of Lithuanians.

Bill serves his church in Elizabeth and is also a member of its senior citizen club. He has also been a volunteer for seven years at Alexian Brothers Hospital which has also been recently sold.

## Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

### Hail Lithuanian tenacity

I wish to express my congratulations and thanks for reporting the momentous return of the re-consecrated Cathedral of Vilnius to the people of Lithuania. Congratulations in that The Inquirer ran this story while other newspapers, such as the Detroit Free Press and the New York Times, carried nary a word. I thank you for sending Moscow correspondent Steve Goldstein to Vilnius to report on the occasion, so that citizens here in the Delaware Valley had a chance to read about and savor this moment in history.

The return of the cathedral is not only a personal joy for people of Lithuanian lineage, but for all peoples of the world. This is a symbol of both social and religious justice that eventually comes about to those who never give up their desire for freedom. Over the centuries the Lithuanians courageously and tenaciously retained their cultural identity in the face of both czarist and socialist oppression. Even under heavy pressure and severe penalties the Lithuanian people preserved their language and religion.

**Walter A. Mameniskis**  
Drexel Hill

As appeared in Philadelphia Inquirer Feb. 14, 1989.

## LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Dear Friends:

Exciting changes have taken place in Lithuania: Most political prisoners have been released, three main churches have been returned, the tri-color and national anthem are legal. Christmas is recognized, and the seminary boasts 124 students.

While thanking God for all this, we realize that the struggle is not over yet. With improved communications, we are receiving more requests for assistance than ever before. For example, government permission has been given for the publication of a new Catholic magazine. We are being asked to provide modern typesetting and paper.

Lithuania needs medical supplies, and the people are starving for religious and other reading material.

For twenty-seven years, Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid has been the only organization in the world helping the Catholics of Lithuania full-time. This year three young Lithuanians from Suvalkai are studying for the priesthood in Rome. Their support amounts to \$25,000

### A Tribute to His Father

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

The book of poetry is easily understood Lithuanian and is a truly living memorial to a great man. All Knights should have a copy.

The book is available from: Dr. Leonard J. Simutis, 3551 West 98th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60643. Price: \$8.00 plus \$1.50 postage and handling.



annually. Religious Aid's long-standing annual subsidy for Lithuanian-language Vatican Radio broadcasts last year totalled \$10,000.

Widely acclaimed as the most effective agency relaying news from Lithuania, a valuable service to Lithuania, the Lithuanian Information Center last year cost Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid \$400,000! Long before perestroika, LCRA was supplying vast amounts of direct aid to Lithuania.

Cardinal Sladkevičius recently said, "We admire the concern of Lithuanians abroad for Lithuania, and we want their care not to diminish, but to manifest itself in support of all sorts."

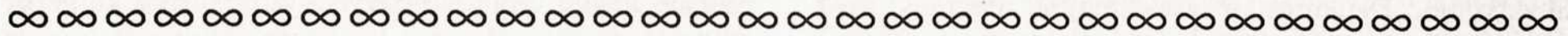
There is no better material support to Lithuania than your tax-exempt contribution to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. We ask every working person to consider a contribution of at least \$100, either at one time, or spread through the year. If you cannot give as much as you would like, we shall be grateful for any donation. Benefactors are remembered during Mass daily.

Sincerely yours,  
*Bishop Paulius Baltakis, O.F.M.*  
President, LCRA





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Brush up your Lithuanian (it's the primary language in Marquette Park) and pack your bags for Chicago. We promise you a wonderful time.

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# LIETUVIŲ KALBOS KAMPELIS

## Kalbėkime lietuviškai - Let's speak Lithuanian.

### Žemaitiškos Vestuvės

Apolonija (Polly) Žiaušys

Įvairiuose Lietuvos kampeliuose, pagal gyventojų papročius vyksta ir vestuvių papročiai, Lietuvoje - Suvalkijoje, Dzūkijoje ir Aukštaitijoje įvairiais savo papročiais yra ruošiamos vestuvės. Žemaitijoje vestuvės dažniausiai ruošiamos pas jaunąja. Prieš vestuves jaunas su piršliu turi atvykti pas jaunosios tėvus, paprašyti dukters rankos ir susitarti dėl vestuvių. Katalikiškos šeimos šliūbą priima bažnyčioje (ir dabartiniu laiku civilinės metrikacijos skyriuje užregistruoja santuoka).

Vestuvių išvakarėse, pamergės turi nupinti vainiką ant vežimo ar kariatos, o dabar ant automobilio, kur važiuos jaunieji. Vyresnioji pamergė tuo laiku pina rūtų vainikėli jaunajai, kuris bus prisegtas į plaukus. Vestuvės prasideda jaunųjų atsisveikinimu su tėvais. Jaunieji prieina prie tėvų pro pabrolių iškeltas tautiškas juostas. Piršlys sako su svočia atsisveikinimo žodį, o jaunieji bučiuoja tėvus ir jų rankas. Atsisveikine jaunieji sodinami į kariatas, vežimus o dabar į mašinas. Jaunąją sodina į viena mašiną kartu su piršliu, o į kita mašiną jaunąją su svočia. Atlikus visas apeigas, vadinasi susituokus, jaunieji kartu su piršliais grįžta viename vežime - mašinoje, o pabroliai su pamergėmis grįžta kitose. Grįžtant, visa vestuvinė palyda važiuoja į kapines padėti gėlių ant artimuju kapo, žinoma, jeigu šiltas oras. Galima važiuoti į gamtą, į mišką pasivaikščioti. Sugrįžtant iš po santuokos, pravažiuojant pro kiekviena tiltą jaunieji bučiuojasi, o per didžiausią tiltą jaunas neša jaunąją. Grįžtant į namus, paprastai būna užverti keliai, piršlys ir pabroliai turi išpirkti kelią, o įvažiavus į kiamą prasideda jauniesiems paruoštos kliūtys. Jaunieji turi mokėti ir malkas pjaustyti, jaunojo vysto lėle, jaunas turi pernešti jaunąją per suolelį. Įėjus į vestuvėm paruošta patalpą, visada būna užsėsti stalai ir be išpikos niekas neįleidžia, nes reikia įrodyti, kad jaunieji yra tikri, mat už stalų sėdi aprengti netikri "jaunieji", po įrodymu, kai visi keliai atviri, tada visi vestuvėse esantys sodinami prie stalų. Piršliai įteikia jauniesiems santuokos liūdijimus, pasveikina juos. Svočia linki "brunginti (branginti) ir tausoti šeimos laime". Tėvai jaunųjų įneša deganti fakela (torch) ir uždega jaunųjų šeimos ugnelę. Įteikus ugnį jauniesiems, visi atsistoja ir sugeida "Ilgiausių metų". Po to tėvai pasveikina jaunuosius ir išsako savo linkejimus ir jaunojo ir jaunosios. Piršliai suruošia ivairius laimės šulinius jauniesiems ir tėvams į

kuriuos dedamos dovanos. Prie stalo piršliai išrenka komendantus, šokių vedėjus (dabar ministrus) dainų vedėjus, meilės vedėjus, blaivybės pirmininkus, kurie per visas vestuves, turi raudonuoti ir eiti savo pareigas, nes nei vienas neturi tai pareigai gabumų. Toliaus tesiantis vestuvėms jaunuosius sveikina seneliai, kūminai (krikšto tėvai), pabroliai. Pertraukos metų visi vestuvinininkai eina į šokiams skirta vieta šokti. Organizuojami ivairūs žaidimai. Pradžioje šokių piršlys paskelbia jaunųjų valsą. Šoka jaunieji ir kartu visi vestuvinininkai.

Susėdus antrajam staliu, piršliai iteikia jauniesiems albumą su irašytais savo sveikinimais, tas albumas yra siunčiamas aplink stalą ir kiekvienas irašo savo linkėjimus. Jauniesiems iduodama medaus puodynė (ąsotis) "Meilė - kaip medus, galima ją pasigardžiuojant ragauti bet neimanoma jame maudytis". Prie stalo yra sudeginama jaunosios mergautinė raidė. Iteikiami naktiniai marškiniai ir jaunieji eina miegoti. Vestuvinininkai, žinoma, linksminasi, kol muzikantai groja.

Antra dieną vestuvės prasideda keltuvių rytu. Muzikantai kelia svečius "maršu". Svečiams sukilus keliama jaunieji. Jaunieji turi duoti sūri, kokį "suspaudė per nakti". Atidavus sūri kuris yra kietas, jis kapojamas ir vaišinami svečiai, o piršlys vaišina gėrimu "jaunosios ašaros". Prie stalo svočia nuima jaunąją veliuma ir uždeda vyriausiajai pamergei. Vainikėlis rūtų idedamas į dežutę ir padovanojamas jaunajam amžinam saugojimui. Jaunąją užrišama skarytė (skepetaitė) ant galvos ir uždedama priejuosė, jaunajam kepurė. Jaunieji tapo vyru ir žmona. Jauniesiems iteikiami ivarūs suvenyrai, šeimyniniai reikmenys, kaip šaukštas, kočėlas, šalmas, jei žmona muš vyrą su kočėlu, tai šalmas apsaugos. Vestuvės eina į pabaiga, jaunųjų jau nėbera, jie jau šeimos nariai. Dabar kaltinamas piršlys melagis, kuris daug žadėjo, o mažai teištesėjo. Piršlys kuom nors persirengia, kad būdeliai nepažintų bet pagaliau papuola į būdelių nagus. Kai piršliui nuteista mirties bausmė, piršlys skaito savo testamentą, išdalina savo "turtą" pamergėm - nosinukai, svočiai rankšluostis, pabroliams žiebtuvėlius. "Turtas" būna ivairus kiekvienos vestuvėse, jis priklauso nuo piršlio turtingumo. Kai piršlys yra vedamas pakarti, jaunoji užriša jam rankšluosti. Tada būdeliai pakaria iškamša (čiūčėla). Tuom vestuvės ir

## BOOK REVIEW

*William Wolkovich-Valkavicius. LITHUANIAN FRATERNALISM: 75 YEARS OF THE U.S. KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA. Brooklyn: Knights of Lithuania, 1988. 303 pp.*

The work is a monograph on the first 75 years of the history of the Knights of Lithuania in the United States. It conforms to the original meaning of the word history, "Histos" from the Greek meaning to weave a web, because the author does just that - he weaves complex strands into one web. The strands, woven together, shed light on the issues of religion, ethnicity, inter-ethnic marriage, dual allegiance, organizational struggle, assimilation, clash with second wave Lithuanians, finances, culture and the question posed by themselves on whether they are Lithuanians or Lithuanian-Americans. These issues carry the discussion into historical dilemmas on a personal and group level for the descendants of not only the original Knights of Lithuania but for the descendants of all those with roots in the pre-World War I and post-World War II Lithuanian community in America. In a word, this work is a mirror of issues and how the Knights attempt to reconcile these issues in an American environment.

There are many surprises presented not for the sake of sensationalism but as part of a design to share historical facts. The first surprise, at least for this reader, was the complex character and life of the founder of the Knights, Mykolas Norkunas. Norkunas had been a book smuggler during the Czarist era. Hence, he had been active in the linguistic and cultural struggle prior to his immigration to America. Once in America, he moved in Polish circles, organized Polish societies and married a Polish woman in 1903, recording "Narkun" on his marriage certificate and using Polish for his church and home life. However, soon after his inter-ethnic marriage, he immersed himself solely into Lithuanian activities for the rest of his life. Affectionately called "Gerbamasis Vyčiu Tėvas", Norkunas (1869-1951) founded the Knights in 1913 in Massachusetts at the age of 43. Many of the original members were in their 20's and some in their teens. Valkavicius presents this for the historical record without injecting his own opinions. Consequently, he sets a tone of balance and examination of issues, like ethnic identity in America, based on the sources themselves.

He does not shy away from sensitive issues. He deals with the issue of inter-ethnic marriages. For example, Valkavicius uncovers a 1943 Knights Yearbook essay on inter-ethnic marriage which states, "The founder himself forty years ago had already formed such a mixed (ethnic)

marriage. Unable to undo his own error, he wanted to protect others from such a mistake." In the body of his work, Valkavicius points out that marriages outside the Lithuanian fold were seen by pre-World War II Knights as danger to preserving ethnic identity. This danger was first voiced in print as early as 1912, echoing across the years to as late as 1950, when Knight Helen Shields openly stated: "When you are contemplating marriage, choose your own." After decades of resistance, this strand of thinking appears to have come to an end for the Knights in 1959. That year, symbolically, the Knights Journal published a photo of its Supreme Financial Secretary, Winifred Skudis, engaged to a Robert Reardon in South Boston. It was in that year that the organization granted an associate basis for non-Lithuanian spouses. He also puts into context the pitfall known as the "mobility trap", a situation faced by upward bound educated and professional individuals. When a promising engineer, doctor or other professional accepts his/her first appointment far removed from the sub-community, he/she is put in the position to make a physical and mental move beyond the confines of his/her own ethnic group.

These, as well as a host of other issues, must be read in context. Chapter by chapter has been carefully conceived in that each deals with process and resolution that is not normally seen in a work that restricts itself to nostalgia and picture records. At the same time, by focusing on a sub-structure within the first wave sub-community which lived within a larger American community, Valkavicius outlines the function of an ethnic community: to keep cultural traditions alive, to provide members with preferred associates, to help organize the social structure, and to enable men and women to identify themselves in the face of threatened chaos by a large and impersonal Anglo community beyond the fragile sub-community and its sub-structure or organization.

While the bulk of Valkavicius' monograph centers on the first wave, he offers new information on the relationship between the Knights and organizations as well as officials in pre-World War II Lithuania. The relationship continues into the DP camp era and ends with the clash between the Knights and the new arrivals from Europe in their midst after 1949. The author states the Knights' case via primary records, without losing sight of

the traumatic experiences of the transplanted newcomers, yet he spares nothing in describing the mutual hostility between two groups. He strikes a sensitive cord when he makes the point that "Some newcomers soon forgot those who took legal responsibility as their sponsors, seldom if ever sending so much as a greeting card." The author brings this to the attention of the potential reader of Lithuanian Fraternalism because it is a point of constructive confrontation with an unresolved historical situation between two waves to America and because it is a matter of historical record. Again the author does not point a finger of accusation but rather handles with the issue with sensitivity and without censorship or omission.

Valkavicius, by his organizing principles, converts his monograph on a fraternal organization into a historical statement. Past, present and future are not isolated from each other by the author as he sees past, present and future generations faced with the same set of issues looming over them -- namely, the central issue of preserving a Lithuanian heritage for themselves and future generations in America. Consequently, there is another dimension not to be overlooked: a craving for a spiritual, self-determination to be historically recognized. Valkavicius accomplishes this in an interesting writing style. He does not use the monograph as a forum to propagate ideas or point fingers at detractors of the Knights --but rather, he shares and re-lives experiences using original documents. The author's record of what "eigentlich" (really) happened, through the special form which this took in the history of the first wave, offers much room for thought.

Valkavicius, by design, is long on history and short on theory -- refreshingly so for the reader with a specialized frame of reference. Consequently, what "eigentlich" was experienced in this drama is presented in a style that lends itself, through analysis and application, to other fields of study. That is to say, the author's style leaves room for the reader to follow developments as they unfold and to draw conclusions according to his own frame of reference/area of expertise. For example, one of these thoughts could include sociologist/ethnic historian Andrew M. Greeley's theory on the six steps in ethnic assimilation. Interestingly, Greeley, like Valkavicius, is an ordained Roman Catholic priest. Neither flaunts a title in publications, preferring to let the quality of the work to be his badge of identity. Greeley's outline may be kept in mind when reading Lithuanian Fraternalism. The "Six Steps to Ethnic Assimilation" theory consists of:

1. culture shock (first experience by new immigrants)
2. organization and emergence of self-consciousness.
3. assimilation of elite.
4. militancy.
5. self-hatred.
6. emerging adjustment.

All six of these steps can be traced in Valkavicius' monograph of the Knights' sub-structure within the first wave sub-community. Thus, his style is centered more in triggering thoughts on the level of the reader who is interacting with an epic narrative covering 75 years.

Historical daylight (food for thought) is offered as material that historians can use to reinforce controlling concepts and to apply to theories of assimilation. In other words, one may read this work in a number of ways, each valid within its own right: a history of Knights of Lithuania; a window in the Lithuanian first wave; a work in the field of American ethnic history since it is in the spirit of an historical chain conceived by Louis Adamic, who in the 1930's wanted to record ethnic experience in America; or a work that can be utilized by historians in analyzing and applying the group's experiences in terms of theories of assimilation.

The appearance of Lithuanian Fraternalism creates the opportunity to read and internalize a record of a fraternal spirit articulated by an outsider (M.A., Boston College, 1980 in American Studies) and an insider (born to Lithuanian immigrant parents in Hudson, MA, in 1929). It may well be worth noting the thoughts of former Chairman of the Harvard University history department, David S. Landes, who observed during a discussion on "What is history?" that "Ethnic criteria of the validity of historical research and teaching are unacceptable because they are anti-intellectual. It may well be that some things are knowable only to 'insiders'; but then there are other things that are especially perceptible to 'outsiders' precisely because they are outside." Valkavicius functions in a unique manner -- both as an "insider" of the group under study and an "outsider" who brings sensitivity and light in a work that can be read by other "insiders" as well as "outsiders". As Valkavicius traces the various issues confronting the Knights, he allows all sides to present their case in their own words. In the process, he creates conditions for the reader to follow strands in a historical process of accommodation.

This 1988 first printing of 2,000 soft cover and 500 hard cover book is, it is hoped, only a first printing. A

second printing would "flesh out" a sound research design by including a short paragraph in an appendix of the book on prime movers mentioned in the text. For example, as it stands, historical figures such as Antanas Kaupas, Fabijonas Kemesis, Kazys Pakstas, Jonas Sluipas, Antanas Staniukynas, Antanas Milukas, Adolfas Damusis, Juozas Lauksa, as well as hosts of equal or lesser lights, are assumed to be familiar to the reader. This may not always be the case. For example, the identity of "Fr. Kemesis" could appear in the appendix as: Fabijonas Kemesis (1880-1950). Wrote doctoral dissertation "Cooperation Among the Lithuanians in the United States of America" (1924) at Catholic University of America. Major work *Ivadas i socialine ir politine ekonomija* (1938). Some of his prolific activities could also be listed in a sentence or two. This annotated procedure for individuals as well as books is a proven aid to the general reader and future researcher. At the same time, the procedure becomes a history lesson in itself to the uninitiated without interrupting the narrative within the text.

It is indeed tempting to offer an in-depth interpretation of the work in terms of intellectual history and, in the process, step outside my role as a reviewer of an historic monograph. Valkavicius began, I trust, to write a history dealing with issues, inner workings and structure of the Knights. All this appears in the work. However, to his credit, he has published a historical work opening a new

chapter in the life of the Knights and the Lithuanian experience in America. Fortified with this book, Knights may not only look back but also forward to enhancing the lives of many Americans born of Lithuanian or part Lithuanian descent who have little or no command of the Lithuanian language but feel attracted to learn about their Lithuanian heritage.

Lithuanian Fraternalism has the potential to speak to present and future generations based in a historically verbalized past in which the historical players never fade from the scene but rather "live on" as progenitors of a drama that reaches into our time and beyond. It is not for amusement that Benjamin Franklin, one of the founders of America, said "The pen is mightier than the sword." The Knights are now armed with their own book created by the pen of Vincas Valkavicius. He is presently busy on a series of three or four volumes to provide a summary of all 140 Lithuanian parishes in the USA as per request of Bishop Paul Baltakis. Based on the finished product of Lithuanian Fraternalism, his present monumental task on gathering all published and unpublished data is in the finest tradition of the original meaning of the word "kunigas", which (Kazys Pakstas reminds us) means leader -- a leader in an armed struggle. Without "armed leaders", like Valkavicius, and finished historical works, like Lithuanian Fraternalism, Lithuanians cannot step out of a Platonic cave in which neither they nor anyone else has access to the Lithuanian experience in America.

Reviewer: Antanas Adomenas, Ph.D. in Intellectual History, University of Chicago. (Adomenas presently teaches comparative intellectual history at the University of Chicago).



#### LET'S SPEAK LITHUANIAN

baigiasi, nėra jaunujų, nėra piršlių. Buve piršliai apdovanoja komendantus, šokių vedėjus ir visus pirmininkus. Jaunieji duoda dovanas savo tėveliams, piršliams ir šeiminkėms.

Tai tokios Žemaitiškos vestuvės, bendrai aprašius.

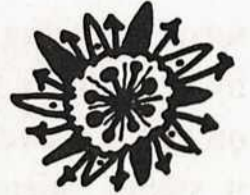
Po vestuvių padideja giminų skaičius, atsiranda šešūras, uošviene ir kiti:

Father-in-law - Husband's father - Vyro tėvas - Šešūras  
 Mother-in-law - Husband's mother - Vyro motina - Anyta.  
 Brother-in-law - Husband's brother - Vyro brolis - Dieveris.  
 Sister-in-law - Husband's sister - Vyro sesuo - Moša.  
 Mother-in-law - Wife's mother - Žmonos motina - Uošvienė

Father-in-law - Wife's father - Žmonos tėvas - Uošvis.  
 Brother-in-law - Wife's brother - Žmonos brolis - Svainis.  
 Sister-in-law - Wife's sister - Žmonos sesuo - Svainė.  
 Sister-in-law - Brother's wife - Brolio žmona - brolienė.  
 Brother's son - Brolėnas.  
 Brother's child (nephew) - Brolvaikis.  
 Sister's son (nephew) - Seservaikis, sesėrėnas.  
 Sister's daughter (niece) - Dukterečia, seserėcia.  
 Male cousin - Pusbrolis.  
 Female cousin - Pusseserė.  
 Stepsister, stepbrother - Netikroji sesuo, netikras brolis.  
 Half brother, half sister - Įbrolis, įseserė.  
 Second cousin - Antros eilės pusbrolis, antros eilės pusseserė.



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## A LAW THAT BECAME A REALITY IN NEW YORK STATE

With the invaluable help of the Senate and Assembly of New York State, February 16th has been designated by law as "Lithuanian Independence Day" which became effective January 1, 1989.

Inasmuch as the Governor had other commitments on February 16th, the Mid Atlantic District was invited to the Governor's Chambers on February 14, 1989 to celebrate the occasion. Representatives from various councils of the District journeyed to Albany by bus (total expenses absorbed by Maspeth C-110 due to the kind efforts of Pres. John Adomenas). Upon arrival at the State Capitol, the group entered the Red Room of the Governor's Office and were greeted by Gov. Cuomo and Legislatures Connors, Tonko, Schmidt and Bruno. The K of L presented the Governor with two large loaves of Lithuanian bread and each of the Legislatures received a small stand consisting of the Lithuanian, United States and New York State flags. John Adomenas, President of the District, thanked the Governor and Legislatures for enacting this law and also introduced the various councils represented: C-41 Brooklyn, C-100 Amsterdam, C-109 Great Neck, C-110 Maspeth, C-136 Albany and C-152 Riverhead. After the ceremonies were over, the Lithuanian flag was then flown over the State Capitol in Albany.

The Governor thanked the K of L for the bread and all of their efforts to enact February 16th into law with the following speech:

"I am very glad to be with you and the distinguished group of Legislatures Paul Tonko, Joseph Bruno, Fred Schmidt, A. Connors and also Art Gray.

Let me tell you first about the Red Room because it has great significance. This is the original Governors' office of the State Capitol. This was built in 1881. It has been restored to its pristine condition as early as possible. It is exactly as it was the day it opened except above the wainscotting, above the mahogany, that was leather, it is now fiberglass and the sconces and chandeliers were gas and now they are electric but they are the exact reproduction. Also, this is the original desk, formerly used by Grover Cleveland, Al Smith, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Thomas Dewey. These steps by the desk were put in for Thomas Dewey who was very short. This place has been devoted to the idea of freedom, the idea of opportunity, to the people from Lithuania, from the Baltic countries, my mother and father from Italy. This is the place to which they came to



*Gov. Mario Cuomo with Vytis Editor Mary Kober.*

many, many years. This is where they started. We had Ellis Island and the folks landed here. They came here and they made it to California, to Texas, to the North country and a lot of people started here in this State. You're a part of that in a special way. Jonas Adomenas. Did I pronounce it correctly? I told some Lithuanians I met earlier on the way here today to my office that when I was a lawyer in Queens, I had a client, The Baltic Painting & Decorating Co., Inc. They had a Lithuanian, Vladas Vasikauskas; an Estonian, John Vytautas Beganskas, and a Latvian, Peter Podzunas. Because I was the only guy who could pronounce their names, they used me as their lawyer.

Matilda and I went to the Soviet Union a year ago in September. We went to Moscow. We met a lot of big shots. We were talking to the press because, then, everybody thought if you're governor of the State of New York, you're suppose to run for president but we fooled them. But a lot of the press were talking to me and they asked me what I thought about what was happening in the Soviet Union and I said: Glasnost is a very interesting thing". Everybody thinks Gorbachev is pushing his people towards glasnost and perestroika. He is not. He is following the people. What is happening in the Soviet Union is that we are now in Moscow, Leningrad. You can imagine what is happening in the

Ukraine, in the Baltic countries - forget about it, the people now have television, the West has been coming in for years. They are tired of the old way, they are not going to take it too long and Gorbachev knows that. Gorbachev knows that his economy is very, very weak because they are putting their money in missiles just to keep these countries that they took over at rest. They are going broke so he has decided he has to relax things, not because he has any choice but because if he doesn't, the place will explode. And I said: That's what's going to happen. You will read all about this [glasnost] in the Soviet Union where they weren't too happy to hear about it. When I returned, I spoke to the Council on Foreign Relations that you're going to see it all over the place, a piece at a time and it happened now in the Baltic, Latvia and Lithuania - everybody is speaking up - because once you open the door, once the people feel that maybe there is a chance to be free again, their confidence goes up, their energy level goes up. This is never going to get turned around again. You are going to move back toward freedom in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania. Maybe not in our lifetime but certainly it is worth committing yourself

to. I went to Pittsburgh to talk to the Macedonians. The Macedonians have never surrendered, they have people all over this country who are there for the Macedonians. They don't want to hear from the Greeks, they are Macedonians. They were a great nation and they want some day to return to it. It's a worthy dream and a realistic one. It's not just remembering the old customs and remembering the old ways and seeing pictures of your grand parents. No Sir. It can be the future as well as the past. And what you are doing is very real and very beautiful and we respect you for it. That is what this country is all about. Fred Schmidt and all these people in Legislature are not doing it for just - look, they didn't put this together for the vote of the Lithuanians. You're going to vote any way you like. This is not why they did it. They believe and I believe this is an important idea that you represent. I am very, very pleased that you do. I am particularly pleased to see the clergy here. I must say the church, the Catholic Church particularly, has always been a great fighter for freedom and liberty. That's part of the Christian idea. That's what God intended for people that they should have dignity as individuals and nations



*Mid-Atlantic District presented two loaves Lithuanian bread to Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York State. Bread was donated by Silver Bell Baking Company.*



when they join as a nation and that the idea the church is represented here with the clergy, I think is a beautiful idea. I do have a proclamation for you - you know, I must earn my bread. The proclamation reads:

Americans of Lithuanian heritage will mark the 71st anniversary of Lithuanian Independence on February 16.

On February 16, 1918, the people of Lithuania threw off the yoke of Russian rule and established an independent, progressive republic which endured until World War II. In 1940, the courageous republic's hope for continued freedom was crushed by thousands of Soviet troops.

It is fitting that we join with our fellow New Yorkers of Lithuanian descent in commemorating the date of Lithuanian independence.

As a free and independent people, we share a common concern for freedom and human rights in the Lithuanian homeland. We use this occasion to remind the world of the continued oppression of the Lithuanian people, and of their enduring yearning for independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mario M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York do hereby proclaim February 16, 1989 as

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



*John Adomenas, president, displays proclamation received from Gov. Mario Cuomo on Lithuanian's Independence Day in Albany. Looking on: Mary Kober, Anthony Radzevich, Fred Schmidt, George Tumasonis, Edward Barkowski and Mike Zukas.*

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## SPOTLIGHT ON 75th ANNIVERSARY

COUNCIL 12, NEW YORK, NY

### A DIAMOND IN THE BIG APPLE

C-12 was organized at a meeting held at Our Lady of Vilna Church in New York City in June of 1941. John Navickas was the organizer and he later became the Very Rev. Provincial of Marian Fathers in the United States. Three months later, John was one of two delegates to the annual convention held in Boston, MA. The first two words written in the minute books (protokolas) were "Deus et Patria". Twenty members signed up that first day. At present there are approximately 80 members.

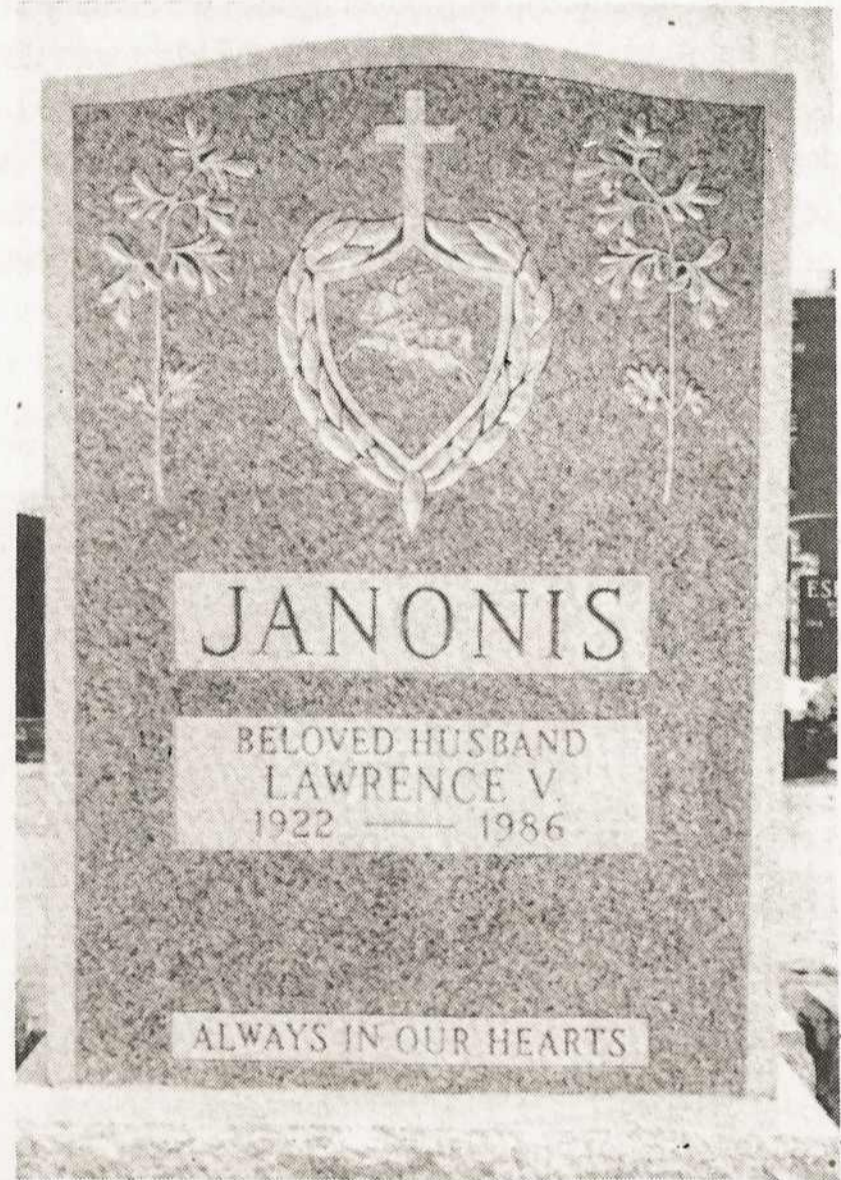
The membership was active in keeping Lithuania's culture alive and worked towards freedom for Lithuania during World War II and still continue to do so. Donations were made for "Lithuanian Flag Day", Relief Fund for Lithuanian Refugees, United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America to help displaced persons. Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in Washington as well as our "adopted" Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome received generous donations. Our adopted church in Lithuania has been visited three times during the past five years with requested Masses and donations made. Donations towards the renovation of the Statue of Liberty was started by C-12's member, Mary York. Of course, we are our beloved Liberty Lady's neighbors.

On the religion side, there were special Masses, commemorations, communion breakfasts, Christmas Eve endeavors and assisting in all church functions.

In 1946, with the cooperation of other church societies, a "Welcome Home Banquet" was held for our service men with an attendance of over 500. Besides dances, picnics, boat and bus rides, there was much activity in sports, including basketball, softball, bowling, swimming, skating and ping pong. Two National Conventions were hosted in 1934 and 1951. The council took a great part in assisting Mid Atlantic District in hosting the 62nd National Convention in 1975.

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, let us remember and pray for those members who have passed on and re-dedicate ourselves to keep working for "Deus et Patria".

Lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčių 12-toji kuopa, ilgus ir laimingus metus!  
Millie Pietz



The late Josephine Katkus (center) celebrating her birthday with C-12 members.

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*Farewell to Helen Shields as she leaves C-12 for C-3.*



*Liberty Lady, Mary York.*

*C-12 Social  
Get-together.*



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*Viešpaties Atsimainymo Parapijo Choras - a.a. Kun. Juozas Čekavicius, a.a. Kun. Jonas Kartavičius, Prel. Jonas Balkunas, a.a. Kun. Pius Lekešis, a.a. vargonikas Antanas Visminas.*



*C-110 Membership - Year unknown.*

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## Council Activities

### Vyčiai Veikia

#### MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

The K of L Choir had another sell-out crowd at their annual fund raising dance. It was nice to see so many of our K of L members supporting their choir. The Choir is entering its 29th year of singing Lithuanian folk songs since its re-organization. Faustas Strolia has been the director for these many years, and we hope he will continue for a long time to come.

The successful dance can be attributed to Estelle Rogers, choir president, and Sabina Henson, dance chairlady, as well as the many committee members and volunteers who contributed their time and effort. The choir members wish to extend a special "ačiu" to Konnie Savickus for donating an oil painting for first prize in the raffle. Konnie has been doing this for the past several years. We, of course, thank all our other donors for their many generous prizes.

The choir will be singing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" in English at St. George Church in Tinley Park on Passion Sunday.

The Mid-America meeting was hosted by C-36 at the Immaculate Conception Church Hall in January. This year, Immaculate Conception Parish will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee.

Evelyn Ozalis of C-36 thanked all the members for advance ticket sales for our annual Memories of Lithuania Banquet held in February. Evelyn was chairlady for the event.

Honored this year was the Lithuanian Freedom League, a group

active in Lithuania since 1978 in the underground, fighting for Lithuanian independence. Accepting the award for the Freedom League were Vytautas Skuodis and Kazys Eringis who have formed a branch of the League in the United States.

Konnie Savickus set the record straight by explaining his gift of \$11,999.33 to the Vytis Fund. Konnie is president of C-5 and a recent recipient of the Honorary Degree. Many thanks, Konnie. Are there any others who would like to make smaller donations?

After the meeting, C-36 under the leadership of Mary Kincius provided gourmet refreshments. A round of applause to C-36, our generous hosts.

A reminder to all district members: C-112 of our Mid-America District is hosting the 1989 convention. Make your plans early to be with us in August.

#### C-3 PHILADELPHIA, PA

C-3's bus trip to Bally Casino in Atlantic City was a tremendous success. Everyone on the chartered bus had an enjoyable day, especially Marge Petronis who came home a big jackpot winner.

On Feb. 4 a large group of C-3 members attended and participated in a Mass and banquet at St. George's Church. The parish was celebrating a special Mass of Restoration of the Cathedral of Vilnius to coincide with the Mass which was to be held at Vilnius Cathedral on Feb. 5.

In his homily, Fr. Anderlonis, national spiritual advisor, spoke of

how joyous this occasion must be to the people of Vilnius and Lithuania to have the Cathedral restored to them. Father also stated the church was a symbol to all these people and to have this and other gains such as their flag and language returned to them was like regaining their national identity.

John & Agnes Mickunas, Walt Mameniskis, Victor Stepalovitch, Irene Ozalis, Lillian Greymas and Ausra Macknys participated in the offertory procession.

Members attended a Mass at St. Andrews on Feb. 19 followed by a program to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day at the Lithuanian Music Hall. Victor Stepalovitch carried the council's flag at Mass and in the opening ceremonies at the hall.

On March 5th, the council celebrated St. Casimir's Day at St. Casimir's Church. A brunch followed at the Lithuanian Music Hall as well as the monthly meeting. Degrees were given after Mass to those who qualified.

Members attended the Amber District meeting in Pittston on March 12. C-3 members are cooperating in opening their homes to members of the Vilnius University Folklore Ensemble who will be appearing in Philadelphia for three days to perform in April.

C-3 expresses deepest sympathy to Lillian Greymas and Irene Ozalis on the death of their mother.

*Victor Stepalovitch*

#### C-12 NEW YORK, NY

The first Sunday of February, we commemorated Lithuania's 71st year since the proclamation of her independence. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Vytautas Palubinskas offered a Mass for the deceased members of the council and the Lithuanian freedom

fighters. Before our regular meeting, in a brief commemoration, Helen Matthews recited a poem, "O neverk motule" (Do not weep, dear mother when your only son goes to fight for his country .) Dalia Bulvicius gave a brief speech about this special commemoration. She mentioned the rebirth in Lithuania and how much assistance she will need from us. A major project is the printing of an unbiased history of Lithuania which will cost thousands of dollars. In the early nineteen hundreds, the Lithuanian coal miners pooled together their pennies and helped Lithuania achieve her freedom in 1918. Let us all do the same now! The hour has come when Lithuania needs our help.

On a sad note, once again we mourn a dear member, Josephine Kaktus. At the beautiful age of 92, she was called by her creator in February. She was a most active member until her later years. Most generous in her contributions and her beautiful afghans which were raffled off to make money for the council. Yours truly should know - she won two of them! Amžina atilsi miela ponia Juozefina!

We are planning to close our 75th Jubilee year in April. A banquet is planned and a presentation of Lithuanian poetry in English translation by the Arts Club Theatre.

We are all looking forward to the Chicago convention. Many early reservations have been made.

*Dalia Bulvičius*

### C-17 SO. BOSTON, MA

With the sun shining brightly and the northwest wind blowing, it surely makes you think that old man winter is walking along with you on the shoreline. This walk is not only invigorating but gives you a chance to think about what to write in

Vytis.

C-17 has designated the second Saturday of the month for members to attend Mass at St. Peter's, their parish, in a body. This helps to solidify our membership and gives the pastor encouragement that he still has parishioners who attend Mass at their parish.

Al Jaritis was selected to chair the council's 75th anniversary celebration. Joseph White, Phyllis Gendreau, Frank and Virginia Markuns, Eva Ball, Al & Pat Akule will assist him. We request that members submit the names of former members and past presidents so that they may be invited to the celebration. Records were misplaced.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Fr. John Zuromskis, our former spiritual advisor prior to becoming pastor of St. Joseph's in Lowell, on the death of his brother Joseph. We also wish Fr. good health after his recent surgery.

Aldona Keaney gets a tip of the hat because she spends one night a week catering to the needs of the homeless by helping to feed them and ministering to their spiritual needs at facilities in the City of Boston.

If you look out into the woods of Westwood and Dover, you will see a horseman. Look closely and you will note it is the old rider Bill Gorski, our Lithuanian cowboy.

Ann Norkavich has sufficiently recovered from her accident and is planning a cruise to the Bahamas. Lillian Bazzinotti is on the road to recovery and thanks all for get well greetings while hospitalized. Ursula Alexsunas is up and around after her fall and was soon at Mass in St. Peter's Chapel. Elaine Kniupis has recovered from her cold and is heading to warmer climate with her hubby. Laura Kniupis finished her

## IN MEMORIAM

ERNEST OMLAR  
C#96 Dayton, OH  
† November 27, 1988

GEORGE ZVIRBLIS  
C#74 Scranton, PA  
† December 12, 1988

AGNES LAW  
C#26 - Worcester, MA  
† December 1988

ZENA GALLAGHER  
C#112 Chicago, IL  
† January 10, 1989

JOHN MEIZIS  
C#36 Chicago, IL  
† January 27, 1989

LEONORA ADOMONIS  
C#26 Worcester, MA  
† January 1989

JOSEPHINE KATKUS  
C#12 New York, NY  
† February 9, 1989

CHESTER NASHLON  
C#79 Southfield, MI  
February 9, 1989

BRITA MEILUS  
C#26 Worcester, MA  
† February 20, 1989

ANNA BAGDON  
C#74 Pittston, PA  
† February 20, 1989

LOUISE SIROKIE  
C#19 Pittsburgh, PA  
† February 28, 1989

tour of duty as a naval nurse and is slowly making her way home while touring and seeing the sights.

We extend a great welcome to our new members, Irene Medonis Regan and Julia Waychak and her daughter Brenda. Brenda co-chaired St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar.

At the parish Christmas party, Ann Norinkavich was a wee bit under weather but she and her daughter Kathy, Adele Martus, Mary Martus, Virginia Markus, Pat Akule, Millie Vallis, Aldona Kropas, Anne White, Mary Mickevich, Ann Evans, Emily Lehman and others helped make the party a success.

Alice Ruseckas with Sr. Celestine at the organ directed the singing of Lithuanian carols and songs. The dancers were Betty Balaconis, Jo Zaikis and Reggie Alexander. Larry Svelnis donated three quarts of honey for the raffle. Al Akule was in charge of arrangements in the hall and the liquid refreshments. Ann Norinkavich & Rita Uzdavinis made certain the food was properly distributed and served. 🍏

### C-25 CLEVELAND, OH

C-25 officers for 1989 are as follows: Dolly Oberaitis, pres.; Alvina Luiza, vice pres.; Jean Marks, sec.; Dick Marks, treas.; Joanna Shigo, fin. sec.; Fran Pranskevich & Isabel Reedick, trustees; Ruth Guzauskas, sgt. at arms, Joe Ivoska, Vytis correspondent. Chairpersons: Albina Wallace, cultural; Edward Pranckus, Lithuanian Affairs; Nellie Arunski and Adelle Svet, ritual.

Members met in a body at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for Mass on March 5 and then to brunch for a social gathering to honor St.

Casimir. C-25 is having bowling practice sessions each month and looks forward to sending a couple of top notch bowling teams to the tournament in Detroit in May. Dick & Jean Marks had the social after bowling at their home.

A warm welcome to our new members Paul & Irene Chalko. Paul is an attorney and we hope he finds time to be active in our council.

Joanna Shigo has our prayers and best wishes while she had her heart tuned up at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. Ursula Kunsitis, our lucky member, hit it big again in the lottery. She just missed by one number in becoming a millionaire.

Greater Cleveland has around 12,000 Lithuanian residents. There are two Lithuanian parishes, St. George with pastor Fr. Joseph Bacevic and Our Lady of Perpetual Help with pastor Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas.

Please display your Lithuanian bumper stickers. It is a good way to meet many Lithuanian folks, and they surely will wave and honk the horn as they drive by.

*Joe Ivoska*

### C-41 BROOKLYN, NY

Šių metų 12 diena Vasario 41 kuopa Vyčių susirinkimas įvyko po sumos Apreiškimo parapijos salėje. Pirmiausia sėkė užkandžiai, o paskui susirinkimas, kurį įžangine kalbele pradėjo kuopos pirmininkas, William Kumeta, ir pakvietė kuopos Vyčių sielovadą Kun. D. Staniški malda sukalbėti. Praeito susirinkimo užrašus perskaitė Aldona Zaunius, o pinigine apyskaita patiekė Veronika Kazlauskas.

Pasikalbėjus kuopos vyčių bėgamaisiais reikalais, buvo priimta

kad Gegužės 21 d. Apreiškimo parapija mini savo gyvavimo 75 metų sukaktį, prie kurios iškilmingo minėjimo prisideda ir 41 kuopos vyčiai.

Kova 5 diena 41 kuopos vyčiai švės ir minės savo globėjo Šv. Kazimiero šventę pamaldomis bažnyčioje ir pasui su pietumis parapijos salėje ir tai šventei pritaikinta programa. Kova 12 diena Atsimainymo parapijos salėje, Maspeth, NY, yra MAD vyčių suvažiavimas, į kurį 41 kuopa išrinko savo atstovus ten dalyvauti ir kuopa atstovauti.

Po kalbų ir diskusijų pirmininkas W. Kumeta pranešė ka kuopa praeitais metais nuveikė ir atliko. Sekantis susirinkimas bus Balandžio mėnesyje. Susirinkimas buvo baigtas malda, kurią sukalbėjo Kun. Staniškis. *S. K. Lukas*

### C-46 FOREST CITY, PA



*C-46 Forest City K of L booth. Old Home Week, l to r: Charles Cyzeski, Pres. Michael Yavorsky and John Morris.*



The February meeting opened by Pres. Michael Yavorsky with a prayer dedicated to the memory of Rev. Papka. Father was a former pastor in Forest City and was instrumental in reactivating the K of L. Father died from injuries received in an auto accident. May your servant and priest, O Lord, have eternal rest.

We welcome Marion Kilonsky, a new member. Barbara Yavorsky made the dean's list. She is attending Pennsylvania State University. Congratulations! Barbara Cyzeski, a senior at Sacred Heart High School attended a three day symposium at Penn State for her outstanding paper, "Acid Rain on Seedlings." Kudos! John Gudaitis received his World War II medal and was honored in the Forest City newspaper for his deeds of valor. It related his many experiences. He was wounded and was a prisoner of war. We are proud of you.

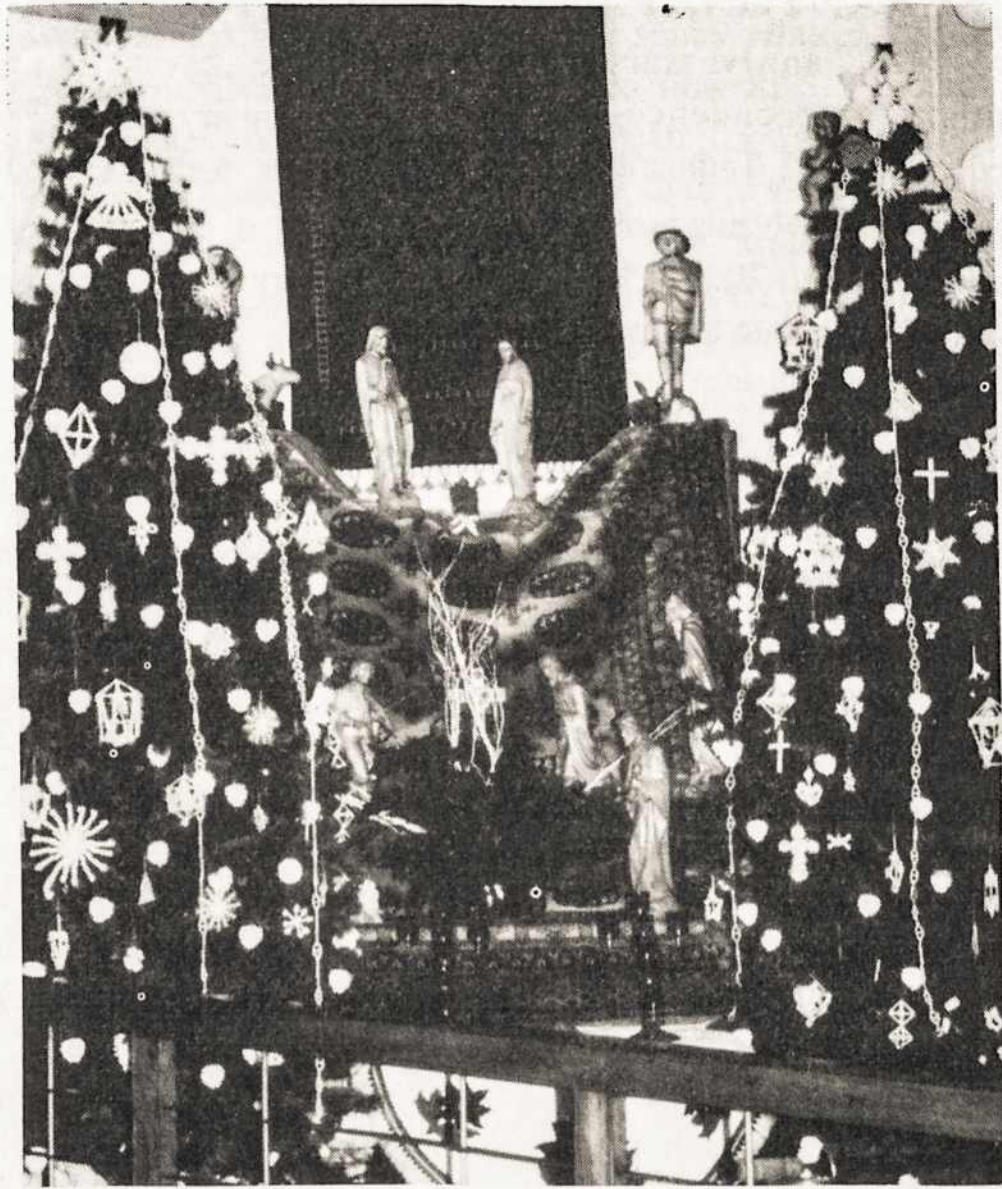
Feb. 12 was the annual flag raising. It marks the 71st anniversary of Lithuania's declaration of independence. John Gudaitis was in charge of the occasion. President Yavorsky related for the first time in decades the Lithuanian tri-colored flag was flying in both Forest City and Vilnius, Lithuania.

*Beatrice Stanis*

## **C-72 BINGHAMTON, NY**

Elections were held at our Nov. meeting. Officers for 1989 are: Rev. John Mikalajunas, spiritual advisor; John Mankus, President, cultural chairman and Vytis correspondent; Charles Almenas, vice pres. and Lithuanian Affairs chairman; Arthur Stankevitz, secretary; Mary Guokas, treasurer; Casey Grikenis, fin. sec.; Irene Grikenis, ritual chairlady.

During the Christmas season, our council under the direction of Irene



*Lithuanian Christmas trees at St. Joseph's Lithuanian church, Binghamton, NY. Rev. Mikalajunas of C-72 decorated all trees with traditional Lithuanian ornaments.*



Grikenis and John Mankus participated in the American Civic Association "Customs and Songs of other Nations" Christmas Traditions Festival. The successful presentation was largely due to Elena Muliolyte Greene. She placed several Christmas selections on the kankles to everyone's enjoyment. Two letters of thanks were received from the Civic Association along with an invitation for future participation.

C-72 also sponsored a Christmas tree with traditional Lithuanian straw ornaments in the International Christmas Forest at the Robertson Center for Arts and Sciences. It was very well received and Irene received a nice thank you note from the chairperson of the event.

Father Mikalajunas provided many different Lithuanian straw

ornaments for decorating the Christmas trees around St. Joseph Church altar to reflect Lithuanian tradition to all worshippers.

Plans are under way for the Two Rivers Ethnic Festival to be held at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton in May. As a result of our participation in last year's festival, we are planning for an even greater measure of success in the selling of ethnic Lithuanian food and an even larger cultural display.

Mention of thanks should be given to our 1988 hospitality chairlady Delores Wasileski for organizing and coordinating refreshments prior to monthly meetings. Congratulations also go out to Henry & Delores Wasileski in their achievement of the First Degree.

*John R. Mankus*

## C-74 SCRANTON, PA

The 71st anniversary of Lithuanian independence was observed on Feb. 11. Lithuanians of Northeastern Pennsylvania assembled at the Northeastern Bank Plaza to commemorate the date and pray for re-establishment of a free Lithuania. John Romoska, vice pres., chaired the event. Rev. Peter Madus, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, blessed the Lithuanian tri-colored flag. Richard Laske, assisted by George Sadauskas, raised the flag. In the absence of Frank Katilus, supreme vice pres. of Lithuanian Catholic Alliance of America, his son read a petition for the President of the U.S., Sec. of State and U.S. congressmen and senators representing Pennsylvania. Dr. Romas Dovydaitis, pres. of the local chapter of Lithuanian World Community, introduced a motion for approval of the petition and Casimir Yanish, Lithuanian Affairs chairman, attested the document. Marie Laske lead the singing of the American and Lithuanian National Anthems. Mayor David Wenzel issued a proclamation declaring Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day.

Ann Bagdon, a third degree Knight, passed away on Feb. 20. Ann will be remembered as a quilt-maker, making and donating the quilt for the Scranton convention raffle. The K of L Wake Service was led by Helen Cravath and responded by Pranas Shimkus, Ed & Peg Romanauskas, Joseph Sabaitis, Rose Stanches, Patsy Simms, Ruth & Casimir Yanish, Ann Lisowski, Joan Noreika, Jule Krutulis, Marie & Dick Laske and vice pres. John Romoska. Helen Cravath placed a floral remembrance with Lithuanian tri-colors in the coffin. May God shower her with His greatest blessings in Heaven.

*Marie Laske*

## C-96 DAYTON, OH

We are having a great and pleasant January month. The weather brought us sunshine and carefree days. This is certainly not the cold and blustery month we have come to expect.

Bringing in the festive holiday season was a beautiful midnight Mass at our home parish, Holy Cross. Many Junior Knights are in the Young People's Choir which sang the joyous celebration of our Lord's birth. The choir sang in three languages, Lithuanian, Latin and English. We are very proud of you.

Congratulations to chairlady Joyce Berczelly and her telephone squad of Christine Fletcher, Ann Gitzinger, Barbara Goecke, Joan Kavalauskas, Sue Kievel, Frances Mikalauskas and Eugenia Gevas.

Special get well wishes to Fran Petkus and Barbara Goecke. Fran recently spent a few days in the hospital and Barbara is home recuperating from surgery. Please keep these ladies in your prayers.

Congratulations to George Mikalauskas on his fine wood workmanship. George now has two carvings on display at the ALKA Museum in Putnam in the K of L archives.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming events: May 14, Mother's Day Mass; June 11, Holy Cross Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Stefanija Rastikis is our Dayton recognized chef. Stefanija had an interview with the Dayton Daily News. A full page article on her remembrances of Lithuania and a special recipe appeared in the Daily News. (Article appeared in March *Vytis*. Ed.) *Marutė*

## C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

Presiding at our first meeting for the new year, Pres. Anthony

Radzevich greeted the members with "Linksmu ir laimingu naujuju metu." Spiritual advisor Fr. Baltch, was vacationing with Fr. Peter Jonaitis in sunny Spain.

Beatrice Jasewicz, chairlady of the Christmas banquet, reported on the outcome. Sadie LaTorre, member of the committee, told us that most of the Kučios food for the hors d'oeuvres table were made by Beatrice. Pres. Radzevich thanked Beatrice and her committee.

Preparations for the 71st anniversary of Lithuania's independence were discussed. Polly Ziausys, general chairlady, reported that we will be observing it on Feb. 18 with evening Mass followed by dinner and program in the Social Center. Main speaker: Rev. Dr. Joseph Grabys, pastor of St. Bridgit's Church, Watervliet. Sophie Olbie is chairing the dinner reservations.

Betty Kuzmich, chairlady of the ritual committee, requested that



## BROTHER JUNIPER



"Seems like George Washington comes to church oftener than Abe Lincoln."

candidates for the first and second degrees make reservations to attend the annual communion brunch to be held the first Sunday in March at the Holiday Inn.

Refreshments were served by Irene Tice, Jennie Kensell, Helen Zytowski, Gerard Drenzek and Nancy Yakas. 🍏



*Julianne M. Nikstenas, K of L Scholarship recipient of C-100 Amsterdam, was named to dean's list at Syracuse University for the second consecutive semester. She is a sophomore enrolled in School of Management, majoring in Accounting. She also performs on the flag team with the marching band.*

### **C-109 GREAT NECK, NY**

We were saddened by the death of member Jules Santagata, who was a former Fire Chief of the local Fire Company, and held office and membership in most of the

Firemen's Associations here and in New York State. Members gathered together at the funeral home, recited the rosary and had a Mass celebrated for the repose of his soul. Sincere sympathies are extended to wife, Mary (Petronis) and son, Jules, Jr.

Our holiday party with 33 participants was one not to be beat. We thank Fr. Joseph Dunn who stopped by to greet members. We all had a happy time, and a busy one. The food was brought out, desserts devoured, pleasantries traded, grab-bag gifts distributed, Lietuviškos giesmės sung, dancers whirled to the polka beat, dishes were washed, the oven cleaned, the kitchen made spotless, good-bye's with kisses exchanged, and the lights were turned out - ALL IN THE MATTER OF THREE HOURS! We, Lithuanians, sure do set Olympic records!

At the party, we were glad to meet member, Veronica (Pakinkis) Drummond, who was accompanied by her friend from Annapolis, MD. and also her lovely sister. We hope you'll be back, Ronnie. Stanley Simanovich also put in one of his rare appearances. Last year, Stan had triple by-pass heart surgery and he sure proves that good health can truly be restored. While everyone brought something for the "covered dish" buffet, all most palatable, some of us thought the winning recipe of the evening was Lillian Werben's cheesecake. (Her Lithuanian bow ties, "ausukės", were not bad, either). Lillian always comes up with something "extraordinary" and we sure do appreciate her culinary skills.

Anne & Kestutis Miklas are now proud owners of a condominium on Singer Island, FL. While Kestutis is not as yet retired, and not able to vacation as frequently, Anne enjoyed

a very sunny winter. Jean & Wally Mordes flew to St. Thomas in the Caribbean for two weeks in Jan. Guess that wasn't hard to take, either. Jack Malis has a condo in Boynton Beach, and while we wish him well in disposing of his Great Neck residence, we don't want him to leave us too quickly. With all our Lithuanians moving to Florida, we should soon be hearing about a National K of L Convention being held somewhere in that State.

Our active Pres. Al Wesey is back home from the hospital recuperating from heart surgery, a double by-pass, on Feb. 1. Vice-Pres. Bill Statkevicius has had to take over at K of L functions for a while, until Al is once more able to be in our midst. We wish Al a very complete and healthy recovery. We miss you!

Joan & Bill's daughter, Rita Bernatovich, is pursuing her studies at C.W. Post College, and still has time to win some blue ribbons while on the Equestrian team. We're proud!

We were happy to hear of the union of Eufemija Cibas, widow of the late, very popular organist, Mykolas Cibas, to Balys Steponis of Seven Hills, OH. They are now residing in that state. We wish both of them much happiness.

On the occasion of the Feb. 16 Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration, Mary & Anthony Kober traveled to Albany, NY on the bus provided by Mid Atlantic District, originating in Maspeth. They met with Gov. Mario Cuomo in the State's Executive Mansion. We hope the Governor enjoyed the two loaves of Lithuanian black bread presented to him, donated by Silver Bell Bakery (proprietor of which resides in our town). Our hats are off to John Adomenas, Pres. of the District, who initiated and made arrangements for this trip. 🍏

## C-110 MASPETH, NY

The first meeting of 1989 was held on Jan. 22 with eighty members in attendance. They were enlightened by the news from Lithuania. A relative of Mrs. Adomenas requested a Lithuanian flag so they could display it in Lithuania.

We were also informed by Helen Matulonis that it is possible to send packages through the US Mail provided the package does not exceed 10 lbs. and the recipient pays the duty. Fr. Raila informed us on the status of the Catholic church in Lithuania.

On Jan. 23 a bus of members and friends, after receiving Fr. Raila's blessing, left for Washington to participate in the March for Life.

On Feb. 14, Msgr. Frank Bulovas blessed forty members for a safe arrival in Albany where they met with Gov. Cuomo and received a proclamation establishing official recognition of Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day. Pres. Adomenas presented the Governor with two large round loaves of Lithuanian rye bread. Shortly afterwards, John raised the Lithuanian flag over the State Capitol. This meeting was recorded by Walter Klosis on his camcorder.

On Feb. 19, after attending Mass at Transfiguration Church, the Knights commemorated Lithuania's independence in the church hall. Videos of meeting with Mayor Koch and Gov. Cuomo were shown. A video from Lithuania entitled "Rebirth of a Nation" was well received. In watching the tape, one can feel the optimism and faith flowing from those who gathered at the Vingis Park rally in Vilnius.

*Joseph Dugan*

## C-112 CHICAGO, IL

Greetings from your 1989 Convention Host Council!



*C-112 First Degree Recipients: Bruno Shotas, Lucille Shotas, Carl Beinoras, Joe Brundza, Sophie Beinoras, Jim Vilutis, Grazvyda Giedraitis.*



*C-112 Second Degree Recipients, l to r: John Vilkas, Elizabeth Vilkas, Stanley Stasionis, Philomena Vilutis & Matt Vilutis & JoAnn Vilutis.*



Our council extends sympathies to the Deikus and Macke families on their recent losses. Both gentlemen were members who will be missed. We also extend our sincerest sympathy to the Gallagher family on the death of Zena Gallagher. Zena was very active with the K of L choir. Her Mass of Christian Burial took place at Nativity BVM Church, still decorated in Christmas splendor with Lithuanian straw ornaments, on Jan. 14. Celebrant for the Mass was our council spiritual advisor, Rt. Rev. Vaclovas Zakarauskas. The K of L Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia, sang for the Lithuanian Mass. Algerd Brazis sang

several solo hymns and was accompanied by Mr. Strolia on the organ and Hercules Strolia on the violin. After the sound of words and music filled the church, many handkerchiefs were openly displayed. Our choir will truly miss Zena.

Congratulations to our members Albert & Bertha Jundal who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Jan. 13. Albert & Bertha are now living in Point Roberts, WA.

Our January letter-writing meeting was a great success. All present members were very cooperative and wrote many letters. Many thanks to Alice Cekanor & Mary Mathes who





*C-118 Hazleton flag-raising ceremony on the lawn of St. Peter & Paul's Lithuanian Church with Rev. Frank Skitzki and Mayor John Quigley at right.*

guest. Goodies were served in the church hall.

In December, we welcomed a new Knight, Judy Leonard.

*Alma Launikonis*

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

Anthracite Knights observed the 71st anniversary of the restoration of Lithuanian Independence on Feb. 12 at Our Lady of Siluva Church, Maizeville. Rev. Matthew Jarasunas celebrated Mass in the Lithuanian

language. Lithuanian hymns were sung by Friends of Siluva choir under direction of Jean Straka with Eileen Barlow at the organ, both of Shenandoah. A social hour, dinner and program followed in the church hall. Master of ceremonies for the program was Dr. Jos. Lobichusky of Mahanoy City. Rev. William Linkhorst of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Tamaqua, delivered the invocation. Featured speaker was Marian Skabeikis, associate director

of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid from Brooklyn. This year, an optimistic and joyful spirit prevailed. The perestroika campaign for restructuring the Soviet Union produced some changes. With the restoration of the Cathedral of Vilnius to religious use this past year, the long-banned tri-color flag flying over Gediminas Castle tower and the singing of the Lithuanian Anthem were reasons for rejoicing. Mrs. Skabeikis was presented a check for \$500 to continue the work of the



*Schuykill County commissioners Franklin Shollenberger and Richard Higgins present Lithuanian Independence Day proclamation to Joseph Martunas and Ann Helen McDonald of Anthracite Council.*



*Anthracite Council participants in Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration were State Rep. Edward J. Lucyk; guest speaker Marian Skabeikis, associate director, Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Brooklyn; Joseph Lobichusky DDS, master of ceremonies; Anna Wargo, National President; Helen Chesko, co-chairlady and State Sen. James J. Rhoades.*



Catholic church in Lithuania. Proclamations were presented by Sen. James Rhoades and Rep. E. J. Lucyk. Program concluded with benediction by Rev. Gerald Gobitas of Annunciation BVM Church of Frackville. Co-chairladies for the event were Helen Chesko, Mahanoy City, and Rita Shevokas, New Philadelphia.

Vice Pres. John Joseph presided at the first meeting of 1989. Mary Koons, cultural chairlady, read an article on the Lithuanian language. Joseph Martunas, Lithuanian Affairs chairman, called our attention to a radio program from Lithuania which was coming in on short wave. Bernard Zilaitis also recommended that we listen to the interesting programs that are heard every evening.

Helen Chesko, ritual chairlady,

proposed eleven candidates for the third degree given at the Amber District meeting in Pittston on March 12.

Lithuanian Americans were honored by the Commissioners of Schuylkill County. A Lithuanian national flag was on display in the commissioner's office. Joseph Martunas, Lithuanian affairs chairman, and Anna H. McDonald, treasurer, accepted the proclamation declaring Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in Schuylkill County from Commissioner Franklin J. Shollenberger.

National Pres. Anne Wargo, Council News Editor Helen Chesko and Sr. Angela were guests of C-100 Amsterdam at their commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. 🍏

## C-152 RIVERHEAD, NY

C-152 takes pride in its presence at two recent events, one at state and the other at local level, aimed at establishing the ongoing identity of our Motherland.

On Feb. 14 Pres. Mike Zukas, accompanied by Angela Minsavitch, Blanche Zeidat, Anne & Tom Tarmey, joined with members of four other councils in a bus trip to the State Capitol in Albany to be present for a reading and presentation by Gov. Mario Cuomo of a proclamation amending the Executive Law of the State of New York to provide for the designation of every Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day. In his remarks on this occasion, our Gov. paid eloquent tribute to the contributions made by immigrants, including those from Lithuania, to the benefit of New York State as well as of the United States. This sentiment is a point of special pride to Gov. Cuomo, who is himself the son of immigrants from Italy. In an interesting comment on

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the contributions made to America by immigrants, the Gov. told us that he disagreed with the concept of America as a "melting pot" for the assimilation of foreign cultures into one homogeneous "stew". He said he thought that the concept of a mosaic of foreign cultures, each identifiable and each retaining its own specific and unique national characteristics, represented a more accurate description of the American experience.

The second high point for our council during Feb. came on Feb. 16 and involved the presence of many of our members at a flag raising and proclamation by the County of Suffolk at the county seat in Riverhead, recognizing that date as Lithuanian Independence Day. Presiding County Leg. Gregory Blass presented the proclamation to Pres. Zukas in a brief but impressive ceremony which was also televised for presentation that evening on the station's coverage of local news events.

*T. Tarmey*



### Homesickness

A Russian seeking political asylum in the West was being interrogated by an official.

— What do you have in that little box?

— My pills for stomach ache.

— And what's in that little bottle?

— My pills for a headache.

Suddenly the interrogator saw a picture of Stalin among the Russian's possessions.

— and what's that for?

— That's to prevent being homesick.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2, 1989 - C-12 New York, NY - 75th Anniversary Celebration

May 7, 1989 - C-103 Providence, RI - Annual St. Casimir and May Day Breakfast

May 19-21, 1989 - Mid-Central District Bowling Tournament and meeting. C-79 Southfield, MI Hosts.

May 21, 1989 - C-41 Brooklyn, NY - 75th Anniversary Annunciation Church

June 4, 1989 - MAD Meeting - Host: C-152. 11:30 a.m. Mass: St. Patrick's Church, Southold, meeting following at Southold Town Recreation Center, Peconic Lane, Peconic, LI

August 3-6, 1989 - 76th National Convention. Hosts: C-112 Chicago, IL

August 27, 1989 - C-152 Riverhead NY - Annual Lithuanian Festival, American Legion Hall, Greenport, NY - 12 Noon - 6 p.m.

## SMILE

Smile tho your feet are aching

Smile even tho it's taking

Time -- to get well

And how long we can't tell,

If you smile thru your pain

and sorrow

Smile for maybe tomorrow

Things will be so much better yet,

don't fret

So you just keep on going

Soon efforts will be showing

And you'll feel great

And then we'll celebrate

Remember you must not

stop trying

We've had our share of crying

Forget your troubles for a while

And you'll just smile!

