

the KNIGHT **VYTTIS** 1989

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA



VYTIS

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

BIRŽELIS - JUNE
1989

VOL. 75: No. 6

SUPREME COUNCIL
OFFICERS
1988-1989

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR
Rev. Joseph Anderlonis
St. George's Rectory
3580 Salmon St.
Philadelphia, PA 19134
(215) 739-3102

PRESIDENT
Anne (Klizas) Wargo
125 So. Morris St.
St. Clair, PA 17970
(717) 429-0132

1st VICE PRESIDENT
Frances R. Petkus
800 Haldeman Ave.
Dayton, OH 45404
(513) 236-0395

2nd VICE PRESIDENT
Frank Peterson
256 Sea Hill Road
North Branford, CT 06471
(203) 481-0776

3rd VICE PRESIDENT
Sabina Henson
45 Windsor Drive
Oak Brook, IL 60521
(312) 573-0066

RECORDING SECRETARY
Mary Kincius
2461 West 45th Place
Chicago, IL 60632
(312) 927-4990

TREASURER
Theresa Trainis
111 Old Towne Road
Cheshire, CT 06410
(203) 271-2876

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Anne Cheplick
28 Delwood Drive
Oakville, CT 06779
(203) 274-6487

TRUSTEES

Mary Juzenas
4613 West 102nd St.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(312) 425-6014

Eugene Ashley
2219 Orville Ave.
Kansas City, KS 66102
(913) 342-5065

VYTIS (663680) published monthly October thru June, bi-monthly July-August and September-October by the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, a Not-For-Profit organization. Subscription \$10.00 per year. Second class postage paid at Chicago, IL. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: VYTIS, 5112 Mayfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.

VYTIS STAFF:

Mary (Rusas) Kober, Editor
Two Bayview Avenue
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516) 767-1517

Dalia Bulvicius
Feature Writer
30 Montrose Ave. - #9-P
Brooklyn, NY 11206

Helen Chesko
Council News Editor
1000 E. Pine Street
Mahanoy City, PA 17948

AMBER DISTRICT PRESIDENT
Joseph E. Simmons
1645 Hillside Drive
Quakertown, PA 18951
(215) 536-6320

MAMD PRESIDENT
Algerd Brazis
8022 W. 85th Place
Justice, IL 60458
(312) 598-6193

MAD PRESIDENT
Jonas Adomenas
69 Irving Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11237
(718) 497-5212

MCD PRESIDENT
John P. Baltrus
5325 Orchard Hill Drive
Pittsburgh, PA
(412) 881-1716

NED PRESIDENT
Albert Jaritis
75 Gates St.
So. Boston, MA 02127
(617) 269-1503

LEGAL ADVISOR
Saulius V. Kuprys
Henehan, Donovan & Isaacson
135 So. LaSalle St., Room 3905
Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 346-5275

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE
Longinas Svelnis
43 Gage Street
Needham, MA 02192
(617) 444-7499

CULTURAL COMMITTEE
Maryte Lepera
117 Boulder Rd.
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
(215) 825-2740

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
Stanley Vaitkus, Chairman
518 Hialeah Court
Vandalia, OH 45377
(513) 898-3030

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS
Michael Yuknis
1882 Monroe St. NW
Washington, DC 20010
(202) 232-6799

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE
Apolonija Ziausys
4 Bartlett St.
Amsterdam, NY 12010
(518) 842-7208

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Dalia Bulvicius
30 Montrose Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11206
(718) 782-1541

RITUAL COMMITTEE
Albert Zakarka, Chairman
6958 So. Rockwell
Chicago, IL 60629
(312) 434-7785

Sophia Zukas
5112 So. Mayfield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60638
(312) 582-3820

Rita Pinkus
76 Providence St.
Worcester, MA 01604
(508) 757-1439

LCR COORDINATOR
Florence Zalaskas
264 Bowen St.
So. Boston, MA 02127
(617) 269-1873

ST. CASIMIR'S COLLEGE
— ROME
Dr. Jack Stukas
234 Sunlit Drive
Watchung, NJ 07060
(201) 753-5636

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
William J. Piacentini, Jr.,
Chairman
362 Webster Ave.
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 943-3495

Clemencine Miller
Secretary & Treasurer
80 Cottage St.
Trumbull, CT 06611
(203) 268-2350

Paul Binkis, Jr.
7126 S. Fairfield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60629
(312) 471-4804

Gloria Dauchess
516 Greenwood Ave.
Pottsville, PA 17901
(717) 628-5700

Rita Shevokas
87 Water St.
New Philadelphia, PA 17959
(717) 277-6913

Sr. Alvernia Walls, O.S.F.
Grove & McRoberts St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

John Contons
25 Sherwood Forest Drive
Gilford, NH 03246
(603) 528-2272

K OF L FOUNDATION
Loretta Stukas
234 Sunlit Drive
Watchung, NJ 07060
(201) 753-5636

EDITORIAL**Spring ... Summer ... Fall**

Glancing at your June Vytis, you perhaps might wonder what the cover symbolizes. It is created by the Lithuanian artist Kazys Šimonis (1887-1978) and depicts "The Meeting of Springtime". We are all familiar with the happenings in Lithuania at present. A rebirth has taken place in the Springtime and hopefully will be nurtured in the Summer and bear fruit in the Fall. All Lithuanians, here and abroad, are wishing for such a miracle.

As we continue to hope, we dare not forget the past and the terrible June days. If we do not learn from our history, it will surely repeat itself. Let's not rest in the rosy glow of *glasnost*, but listen to the words smuggled from Siberia: "Mylėkim Tevynę, ne žodžiais, bet darbais. Tai pareikalaus iš mūsų daug savivardos, daug jėgų įtempimo, nes didis dalykas veltui neduodamas - ji reikia darbu ir krauju įsigyti. Nors rankos skaudžiai surakintos, bet dvasios niekas nesuriš."

True, the Lithuanian soul will never be shackled. Let's all help our heroic brethren achieve a fruitful and lasting Fall!

IR DIEVAS SAKĖ "NE"

Aš prašiau Dieve atimti nuo manes puikybė,
Ir Dievas sakė "Ne".
Jis sakė neman atimti, bet tau atmesti.
Aš prašiau Dieve išgydyt mano invalida vaika,
Ir Dievas sakė "Ne".
Jis sakė, jo dvasia sveika, tyra, jo kunas tik laikinas.
Aš prašiau Dievo duoti man kantrybės,
Ir Dievas sakė, "Ne".
Jis sakė, kantrybė yra šalutinis produktas paeinas nuo
vargu, ji ne dovanota, ją reikia nusipelnyti.
Aš prašiau Dievo duoti man laime,
Ir Dievas sakė "Ne".
Jis sakė Jis duoda palaiminimus, laimė tai man isigyti.
Aš prašiau Dievo saugoti mane nuo skausmų,
It Dievas sakė "Ne".
Jis sakė vargai skiria tave nuo pasaulinių veiksmų ir
traukia arčiau prie Manes.
As prasiau Dievo, kad mano dvasia augtu,
Ir Jis sakė "Ne".
Jis sakė aš turiu augti savyje, tačiau Jis apkarpys ir
prašalins kas nereikalinga, kad aš būčiau vaisingas.
Aš paklausiau Dievo ar Jis manė myli,
Ir Dievas sakė "Taip".
Jis davė Jo vienatini Sūnų kuris mirė del manes, ir aš
viena diena būsiu danguje delto, kad aš tikiu.
As prašiau Dievo padėti man kitus mylėti tiek kiek Jis
manė myli.
Ir Dievas sakė, "O, galutinai, tu supranti."

*Claudia Minden Weisz
Išvertė Vincas Gražulis, C-25*

I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this one world be better
If the folks we know would say,
"I know something good about you!"
And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp warm and true
Carried this assurance,
"I know something nice about you!"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking too?
You know something nice about me!
I know something good about you.

Submitted by Al Gedrim - C-50

THE STORY OF PUNTUKAS

Edward Baranauskas

There are many interesting places in Lithuania connected to legends and folklore and one of them is the famous rock called Puntukas. It is located a little to the northeast of the center of Lithuania and about four miles southwest of the town of Anykščiai, on the road to Kurkliai. Heading north from Vilnius by automobile, the trip takes just a little under two hours of driving time to get there.

This rose colored granite was brought from the north by glaciers many, many centuries ago. It is about 350 cubic feet in size and weighs approximately 265 tons. Puntukas was considered to be the largest stone in Lithuania until an expedition of geologists in 1942 found one about twice that size in the vicinity of Barstyčiai, not far from the Latvian border.

The legend of Puntukas disputes the belief that the glaciers left this large stone in the forest. This interesting folk-tale tells us that one night the devil was carrying a large stone on his back with the intention of destroying the church in the town of Anykščiai. He trudged as far as the forest when he heard the crowing of a rooster early in the morning and dropped the stone in his tracks. He left it where it fell and scurried back to Hell. The stone has remained there ever since.

Puntukas is also one of Lithuania's most famous

monuments. Countless numbers of people, whether with tourist groups or by themselves, come to see it. It became popular as an attraction, not only because of its size, but also because it was made as a memorial to honor two of Lithuania's most beloved heroes, the flyers Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas.

These courageous aviators planned to make a 4,900 mile non-stop flight from New York to Kaunas in their small, single-engine airplane named Lituanica. If they succeeded, they would have then set a world aviation record because no one had ever before flown such a long distance without landing. The risks were enormous. They had no radio, no parachutes, no life jackets or life raft, no modern navigational equipment and very little food. Space on board was critical and so was the weight of the airplane. Lituanica was so heavily loaded with fuel that it virtually became a flying gasoline tank.

Early in the morning of July 15, 1933, Darius and Girenas took off from Floyd Bennett Field in New York. The airplane barely got off the ground, and this was the closest brush with disaster in the history of the airfield. As they headed out over the Atlantic towards their native Lithuania, there was no way to determine the progress of their flight because they had no radio. All that anybody could do was pray and wait.



Puntukas as it appears today. The author is standing next to the rock.

Story of Puntukas



Back view of Puntukas. According to legend, the marks on top of the rock were made by the devil's fingers as he carried the stone.



A carving out of a tree, showing the devil carrying the stone on his back on his way to Anykščiai. The legend is carved underneath him. This is located on the outskirts of Anykščiai.

On July 17, two days later, the world received the bad news that they both were killed when their airplane crashed into a wooded area near Soldin, approximately 70 miles northeast of Berlin, and less than 400 miles from their destination, Kaunas. (The scene of the crash was then a part of Germany but is now a part of Poland).

Darius and Girenas became national heroes in Lithuania and plans were made to build a monument in Kaunas to honor these two brave men. In 1935, a sum of 111,000 Litas was raised by the monument's fund raisers towards that goal. Bronius Pundzius, a noted sculptor, submitted a design that was selected by the committee. With the outbreak of the war in 1939, the monument was never started and was never built.

The Central Darius-Girenas Committee, headed by Tomas Zauka, was still in existence despite the war and the occupation of Lithuania by the German forces. They were just as determined to memorialize forever their nation's two heroes and their Flight testament.

The building of a monument in Kaunas was, of course, out of the question. The feasibility of using the stone Puntukas as a memorial was discussed with the sculptor, Bronius Pundzius. The stone itself was a good tourist attraction and the surrounding forest of Anykščiai was made well-known by the poems of the noted poet and writer, Bishop Antanas Baranuskas. Work was started on November 18, 1942 and was completed on July 16, 1943. Pundzius sculpted the bas-relief profiles of Darius and Girenas and a part of their Flight testament, on the stone's flat side.

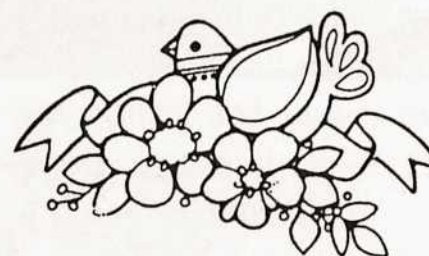
Story of Puntukas



The legend, carved out underneath the devil reads: "Nešės Velnias Akmenį didumo kaip gryčios, Ir Sudaužyt norėjes Anykščių Bažnyčios. Translation: The devil was carrying a stone as big as a house and he wanted to smash the Church of Anykščiai.

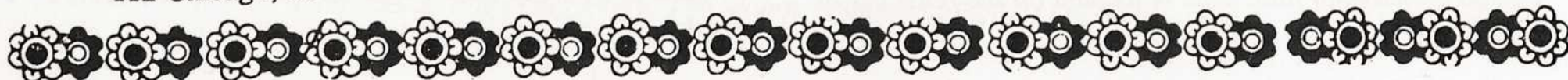
During the work on the stone, the German occupation forces never ventured into that area and Pundzius was able to do his work unhindered. Everyone knew it was a risky undertaking for they were wondering what would happen to them if the Germans ever learned of what was going on. A canopy was erected over the stone to deaden the noise, and to protect Pundzius from the elements of the weather. He had two helpers to sharpen his chisels.

While the stone Pundzius worked on may be a marvel of nature and a tourist attraction, it is really a lasting memorial to honor forever two of Lithuania's most beloved heroes.



K of L CALENDAR

- | | |
|--|--|
| June 3, 1989 - C-3 Philadelphia, PA - Bus trip to Baltimore, MD - Lithuanian Fair. | August 13-19, 1989 - Eastern European Festival, Lithuanian Exhibit, Workshops, Demonstrations, Food, Entertainment. C-144 Anthracite, PA |
| 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 19, 1989 - Mid America K of L Choir - Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL. |
| June 9-11, 1989 - C#7 Waterbury, CT. Festival St. Joseph's Home & School Association. | August 27, 1989 - C-152 Riverhead NY - Annual Lithuanian Festival, American Legion Hall, Greenport, NY - 12 Noon - 6 p.m. |
| June 11, 1989 - Amber District meeting. Host C-144 Anthracite, PA. | September 10, 1989 - C# 17 So. Boston, MA - 75th Anniversary Dinner-Dance, Lantana's, Randolph, MA. |
| June 17, 1989 - Mid-America District Meeting, Host C-24. | September 17, 1989 - New England District Fall Convention, St. Francis Church, Athol, MA. |
| June 17, 1989 - Lithuanian Day of Prayer, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA | October 7, 1989 - C-3 Philadelphia - Concert by Cleveland Octet, Lithuanian Music Hall, Philadelphia, PA. |
| June 20-23, 1989 - Mid America K of L Choir at Dainavos Stovykla in Michigan. | October 14, 1989 - 74th Annual Cocktail and Supper Dance, C# 29, Newark, NJ. |
| June 23-24-25, 1989 - NED Retreat, Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, ME | October 15, 1989 - New England District "Cultural Festival", Marionis Park, Shrewsbury, MA |
| July 12, 1989 - C-24, "Night at the Races", Sportsman Park - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner and Races. | December 3 - 10, 1989 - C#110 Maspeth, NY - Caribbean Cruise on FESTIVALE - (Carnival Cruise Lines). |
| August 3-6, 1989 - 76th National Convention. Hosts: C-112 Chicago, IL | |



LIETUVOS VYČIU MALDOS UŽ TĖVYNĘ

Vytautas Skuodis

Mes džiaugiamės visais teigiamais pasikeitimais Tėvynėje ir nuoširdžiai norime kuo nors prisidėti prie to, kad Lietuvoje laisvėjimo procesas vyktų dar intensyviau, o iškovoti laimėjimai būtų dar labiau sustiprinti. Tačiau turbūt, ne taip dažnai pagalvojame, kad visų tų netikėtų ir džiugių pasikeitimų priežastys gali turėti ir antgamtinę prigimtį.

Mes čia išeivijoje ir jie ten tėvynėje stebimės visu tuo, kas ivyko per tokį trumpą laiką ir dažnai visą tai vadiname stebuklu, šitam žodžiui suteikdami tikrai nesitikėto netikėtumo prasmę. Kitaip ji supranta Lietuvos Vyčiai. Jie, patriotiniu dažnai būdami pavyzdžiu kitiems, yra įsitikinę, jog pagaliau Dievas išklausė visų mūsų maldų ir po ilgų mūsų tautos išbandymu jai suteikė didelę malonę, kurią dabar vadiname stebuklu.

Vidurio Amerikos apygardos vyčiai balandžio 23 dieną kvietė visus į pamaldas Šv. Jurgio parapijos bažnyčioje padėkoti Dievui už šį stebuklą ir paprašyti jo toliau globoti mūsų tautą.

Šv. Mišios buvo laikomos Lietuvos laisvės, žuvusių už Lietuvos laisvę ir tu, kurie, kovodami už laisvę, praėjo kalėjimus ir lagerius intencija. Pamaldos buvo ypatingai dvasingos, nuoširdžios ir gražios. Joms buvo atspausdintas specialus leidinėlis – programėlė-giesmynėlis.

Šv. Mišias aukojo Šv. Jurgio parapijos klebonas kun. Richard Dodaro, kuris, pats būdamas Italų kilmės, jaučia prielankumą lietuviams. Tai išryškėjo ir jo pasakytame



Vytautas Skuodis, author, expressing comments during reception after the Mass of Hope for Lithuania.

pamoksle. Jis pabrėžė, jog ši Šv. Jurgio bažnyčia yra seniausia lietuvių bažnyčia Chicagoje, kad ja visą kadaise užpildydavė vien tik lietuviai. Jis kalbėjo apie pavergtąją Lietuvą ir jos pastangas išsivaduoti. Kun. R. Dodaro pabrėžė žmogaus iš prigimties Dievo duota teisę būti laisvu.



Main Celebrant Rev. R. Dodaro, pastor of St. George's Church (center) with concelebrants, Revs. Anthony Markus, C-112 Jrs. Spiritual Advisor, John Savukynas, member of C-112 and Peter Cibulskis, Spiritual advisor C-24.

Malda Už Tėvynė

Prieš pamaldų pradžia, inešus vėliavas, kalbėjo Kun. Antanas Markus. Jis dabartinius pasikeitimus Lietuvoje sulygino su tuo ivykiu, kada Dievas savo išrinktą tautą išlaisvino iš Egipto nelaisvės. Ir vienu, ir kitu atveju įvyko stebuklas, einantis iš Dievo valios. Savo įžanginiame pamoksle kun. Markus taip pat pabrėžė kad kiekvienas žmogus turi gerbti savo etnines šaknis. Tas, kuris yra kilis iš lietuviu, visada turi pasilikti lietuviu.

Tenka tiktai apgailestauti, kad šis geras ir nuoširdus lietuvis kunigas, nors dar laisvai ir nekalbantis lietuviškai, iki šiol neturi galimybės dirbti kurioje nors lietuviškoje parapijoje.

Kun. Dodaro aukojant Šv. Mišias, koncelebrantas buvo kunigai Petras Cibulskis MIC, Jonas Savukynas MIC, ir Antanas Markus. Jie visi trys yra Lietuvos vyčiai.

Šių nepamirštamų pamaldų metu giedojo Vyčių choras, vadovaujamas Fausto Strolios. Su vandeniu ir vynu Šv. Mišių aukai, kuriuos atnešė Algirdas ir Aldona Brazis, ant altoriaus buvo taip pat padėta rūpestingai sulankstyta Lietuvos tautinė vėliava, lietuviško koplyt-stulpio medinė skulptūra, rožinis ir gėlės. Giliai prasminga ši simbolinė auka Dievui.

Gilų jausmini įspūdi tylos minutėmis darė ramus



Organizing Committee with Mr. & Mrs. Vytautas Skuodis at Mass of Hope for Lithuania and her Prisoners of Conscience.

MAM District Organizing Committee including District and Council representatives bringing Offertory Gifts, Juniors in Lithuanian Costume, Flag Bearers and Special Readings by members of C-13, 16, 24 and 112. Rita Zakarka, chairlady, far left.



Malda Už Tėvynė

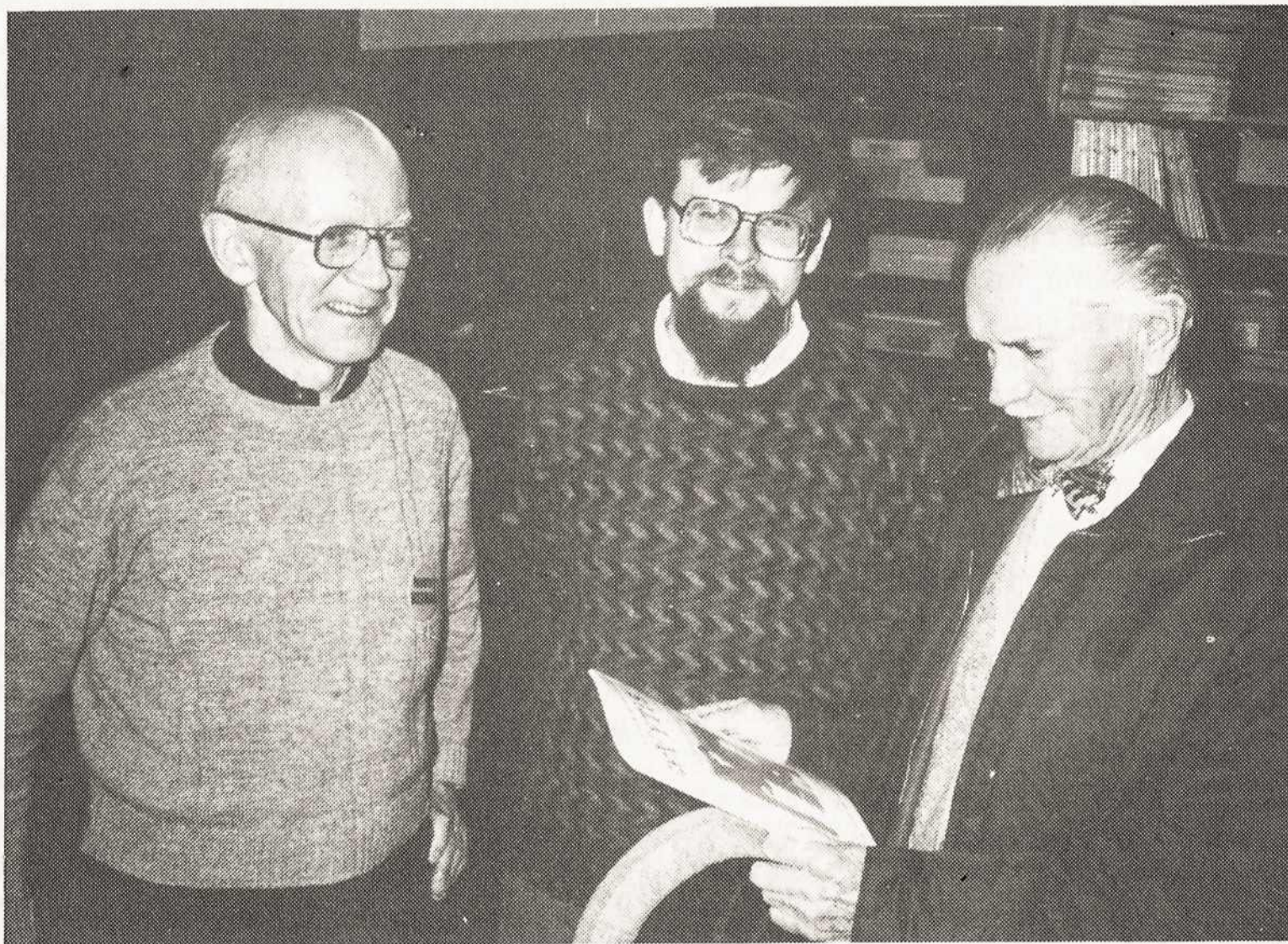
vandens čiurlenimas, kaskadomis krentančio iš miniatiūrinio fontano, irengto altoriaus priekyje. Tai Amžinojo Gėrio šaltinis. Jis visas buvo apsuptas gyvų gėliu geltonas, žalios ir raudonos spalvos.

Prieš prasidedant Šv. Mišioms choras gražiai atliko Vyčių himna ir Maironio "Lietuva brangi", pritariant visai bažnyčiai. Pamaldos buvo užbaigtos giesmėmis "Marija, Marija" ir himnu "O Kristau, pasaulio Valdovė". Visų rankose tuo metų degė žvakutės.

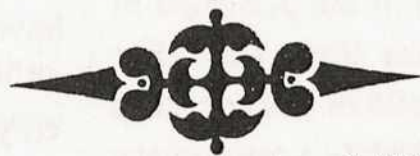
Po palaiminimo, kuri kun. Dodaro davė lietuvių kalba, buvo perskaityta ištrauka iš LKB Kronikos, paminint Kun. Sigito Tamkevičiaus, Gintauto Iešmanto ir Viktoro Petkaus vardus. Po to sekė nuoširdi Laisvės malda.

Malonų įspūdį darė ir tai, kad pamaldose dalyvavo nemažai jaunimo, kurių dalis lietuviškai nekalba arba tą kalbą moka silpnai. Tai buvo lyg ir irodymas, jog tikras lietuviškumas pasireiškia ne lietuvių kalbos mokėjimu, o žmogaus širdyje. Pamaldose buvo gražus lietuvių ir angliu kalbu derinys.

Po pamaldų čia pat esančioje parapijos salėje buvo pavaišinimas užkandžiais, lietuvišku kugeliu ir pyragaičiais su kava. Kadangi tai buvo Šv. Jurgio diena, visi susirinkusieji į salę pagerbė šia parapija ir jos dabartinį gerą kleboną kun. Richard Dodaro, sugiedodami ilgiausiu, geriausiu, laimingiausių ir ... šventų metų.



Rev. Peter Cibulskis and Jonas Kuprys, Draugas administration, reflecting on Vytis printing with Konstant J. Savickus.



DID YOU KNOW!

St. Casimir, Patron Saint of Lithuania (1458-1484) was the son of Casimir IV, King of Poland and Grand Prince of Lithuania; grandson of King Jogaila and great grandson of Algirdas, Grand Prince of Lithuania.

MINKLĖS

Koks laikrodis be ratukų?	<i>Lausė</i>
Kas lekia be sparnų	<i>Besysed</i>
Ko lauke nepagausi?	<i>Jėvo</i>
Ko vėjas nepaneša?	<i>Mensak</i>

Seeing the Difference AND CHOOSING

By Walter Polovchak - Insight Magazine

I was 12 years old when I made the most important decision of my life: I refused to return to the Soviet Union with my parents. I did not have too much time to think about it because my parents were ready to leave, but my choice was pretty obvious. I decided that I would do anything to stay in this country.

I didn't have any guarantee that I would be able to stay here and I had to fight for more than five years. All that time I lived in fear that I would be forcibly returned to the Soviet Union. Finally, on my 18th birthday, I was granted U.S. citizenship.

Many people I talk to here say that I should have gone with my parents, to avoid all the court battles, and just come back to America when I turned 18 years old. People don't understand that I never would have been able to leave the Soviet Union again once I returned.

Even if I were to go there now as an American citizen, I wouldn't be able to return. People like me, and many others who defected or who spoke out against the Soviet Union, are considered to be traitors. For this, people get thrown in jail or sent to concentration camps.

Foreigners who visit the Soviet Union think that it's a great place. That is because they get to stay in the best hotels and eat the best foods. Visits to the Soviet Union are limited to particular places that are approved by the government. The government will not allow you to go outside the city limits into the small villages. That's why a lot of people say it's a nice place. I agree with them 100 percent - it's a nice place to visit. But I didn't want to live there. I have lived in both countries, and I have seen the difference.

Religion is outlawed in the Soviet Union. Any students who are caught attending church are punished in school the next day. The teacher makes them stay after school, clean the chalkboards, wash desks or collect scrap iron. Children go to school every day; they spend every religious holiday in school watching films about communism.

After eighth grade, most children go to work; very few go to college. You need to have a lot of money or know somebody in a high position to go to a good college. And you must be a member of the Communist Party.

There is no such thing as a protest or strike in the Soviet Union. If you do strike, you are jeopardizing your future and the future of your children. You need the government's permission to travel to another town. An average citizen makes about 75 rubles, about \$95 a month. Food is hard to get. You have to wait in line to buy just about everything.

Everything is owned by the state. Very few common people own an automobile, since you have to wait five years or longer to buy one. Many people in the Soviet Union sleep on dirt floors in rooms without any heat. They have to worry about what they are going to eat the next day. How many Americans worry about what to eat tomorrow? How many Americans worry about where to sleep? Many of us here complain when we don't get to take a shower. In the Soviet Union, people take baths once a month. Few houses have bathrooms inside; most of them are outside. In cities, you have to wait in line for toilet paper, and in many villages, people don't know what toilet paper looks like. They use newspaper.

In the Soviet Union, people do not know what is going on in the rest of the world. Newspapers and television broadcasts do not say anything about other countries, unless it serves the propaganda goals of the state. The Soviet press doesn't even cover the news around the Soviet Union. If there is a plane crash or a similar calamity, nobody hears about it at all unless some high official died in the accident.

When I lived in the Soviet Ukraine, I didn't hear one good thing about the United States. Everything I heard was horrible. People would say "It's very dirty over there" and that black people are slaves. They would say that this country is run by bums, and that people are starving and have no place to sleep.

When I came to this country early in 1980, I saw a very big difference. In this country our pets eat better food than many Soviet people eat. Any Soviet citizen would give his right arm to have anything that this country has to offer. Soviet people would do anything for many things we take for granted.

In America it is no big deal to have a pair of jeans. On the black market in the Soviet Union a pair of jeans costs the equivalent of \$190; a pack of gum is about \$3.75. A

Seeing Difference and Choosing

wool scarf that costs \$20 here can sell in the Soviet Union for \$150. You can't buy them in stores.

A lot of people I talk to, especially the young, think that life in the Soviet Union is almost the same as it is here. They are mistaken. People in America take freedom for granted. I don't, and I never will. There is no place like the United States of America. 🍏

SEEING IS BELIEVING

So many of us shun the polling place on election day, reasoning that our vote makes little difference in the outcome. We had recent evidence of that in Bel Air, the center of our country, when three of its leaders were selected. There, only a few dozen votes could have swayed the outcome, the margins in county-wide, state and national elections often are much greater. Why bother, ask many of us, too busy with our personal agendas to devote a few minutes to exercise this vital privilege.

Perhaps this situation can be contrasted to something that is happening in our midst today. Several local families are hosting a number of Lithuanian high school students. The visitors are getting a taste of America. Among the biggest eye-openers for them have been the abundance of material goods here, and our ability to go where we choose and say whatever we wish.

Soon they will return to their native land. We suspect that what they have experienced in Hartford County will live long in their memories. They will attempt to tell family and friends of what they have seen and learned. In an admittedly small way, another nation will have received a sample of what life can be in a democracy. We suspect that there will be an appreciation, indeed an envy, for what Americans take for granted.

Through this historic exchange program, in which 15 local students will soon visit Lithuania, can come personal understanding of values, on each side of the globe, that is bound to help improve world relations in the future.

We believe that what the Hartford County students experience in their visit to Lithuania may be just as meaningful in their futures. Perhaps a greater realization, and appreciation, of the benefits of living in this country can result.

Just as one vote can make a difference, so too can a sample of experience such as these young people are receiving.
(*Editorial - The Aegis*)

Soviets one day will beat damn Yankees

The worst baseball team in the country right now appear to be the Yankees and the Reds, Mikhail Gorbachev's Reds, not Pete Rose's.

A betting man, however, would want to know that Gorbachev's team appears to have more of a plan than George Steinbrenner's. Thus, we make the Soviets even money to cop a medal at the Olympics before the Yankees again win the pennant.

"The children are learning now at the sports clubs", the Soviet coach said. "That's where they must learn. In 10, 15 years, we'll see." The Soviets want to field an Olympic team by 1996. That gives them more than half a decade to improve. There is nothing that you'd call a baseball diamond yet in the Soviet Union. There are no pitching mounds. Whatever balls they have are used until the stitching comes out. Then they are re-sewn. Most of the players have been recycled from other sports. They are mostly in their mid-to-late 20s and early 30s, past their primes for those other games like tennis, handball, track and field. Several of them say their favorite American team is the Yankees, which must be why they believe one is never too old to play.

The Soviet pitcher with a reddish beard, and wife and daughters said the government doesn't provide money or material benefits, except for the glove, a couple of balls, red CCCP cap and the red-and-white uniform with yellow trim. He doesn't have a job. He supports his family with assistance from his mother.

The Soviets have been playing baseball for two years and already they understand that "parallel pitches" get parked. Steinbrenner has owned the Yankees for 16 years and pitching is still Russian to him. The Soviets once were beginners in basketball, hockey and soccer - you start somewhere.

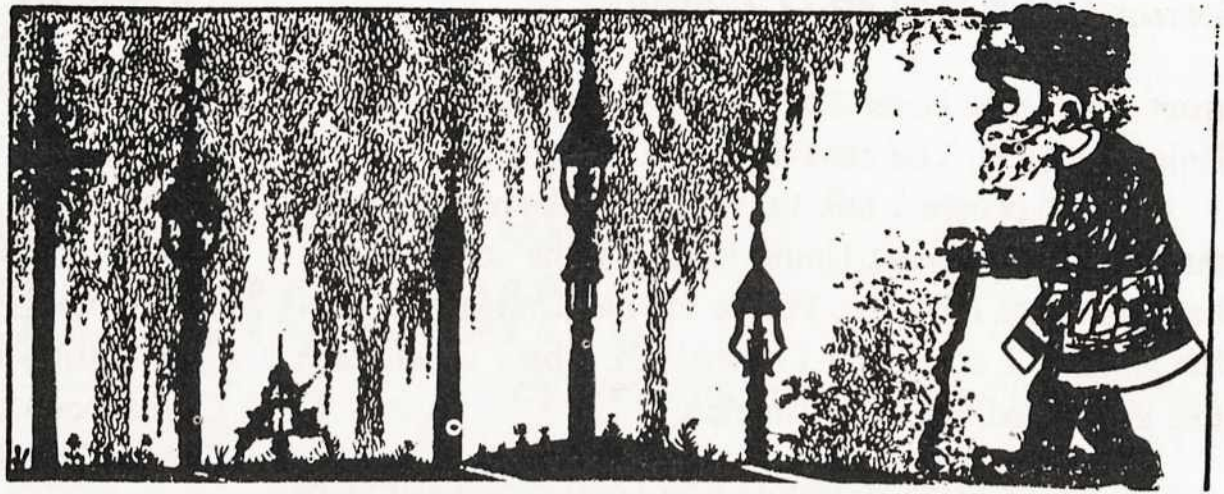
When discussing their baseball favorites, the Soviet player remarked, "The Cardinals and the Yankees. I've seen many tapes of the Yankees." He was asked, "Do you know who George Steinbrenner is?" His reply was "Nyet."
(*Harvey Araton - Daily News*)

-0-

A chambermaid in a Moscow hotel came upon a tourist watering flowers in his hotel room.

"Please don't water the flowers," she implored, "the microphones will rust."

"Dede
Kastukas
Sako" ~



Puppy Love

One of the most dreadful times of life to live thru is shattered "Puppy Love" or your first love being rejected after the relationship was established on a permanent basis. Your parents warned you of such a period. However, you defied them and now you suffer intense emotional pain when you find your girl fell in love with a better dancer or with a guy who got a brand new second-hand car, or an inheritance from an uncle. Oh, cruel fate.

Girls feel the same way when losing their one and only Jimmy with his red hair and moustache. Who took him from you? Of all girls - that Lorraine with the sweater. Those are trying days - what should you do to survive? You don't believe there could be another boy like him ever, even though your mother assured you there are others. These first loves can happen to older people also and the emotions don't subside until three months later. One way to combat that lost feeling is find a new love as soon as possible. Then you will start to realize that love is like a bus, it comes and goes, and another comes along. Or, get love insurance. Have a few girl friends or boyfriends, and if you lose one, you still have others left.

If you find you survive "Puppy Love", you are now more wise and have better control of yourself. O.K. here comes the next bus.

How Far Will They Go

Every day people keep asking and wondering how far Gorbachev and his henchmen will let the land of freedom stretch for the Baltic countries and Poland. In effect, they confess those nations were stolen by Stalin in his treaty with Hitler when he permitted the attack on Warsaw by the Germans. The Poles had approximately 35 million people, Lithuania had 3-1/2 million, Latvia had 2-1/2 million and Estonia had 1-1/2 million.

The question of freedom is tied up with the Communist economy. The worse the food problem becomes, the more freedom the captured countries can demand without

reprisal. Then there is a limit, the old time Commies hate to give up power - perhaps they're too old to fight, or feel their leader is too entrenched in his job so they don't dare oppose anything he does. There are cracks in communist as it is practiced at present. If things get worse, Communism can disappear. History has seldom shown that governments fall without a revolution. We can hope with the present leaders they will disappear in Stalin style. We look to the Lord for a free Lithuania.

Fussy Pickers

Have you ever gone out to dinner with someone who says, "I like everything - I'm not fussy". When the waitress takes their order, they complain the roast beef is too well done, the mustard is not Gulden's, instant coffee is taboo - and so it goes on. Now, I know I, too, am considered fussy. As a youngster I never learned to eat everything on my plate. My mom spoiled me and others in my family. Sunday dinners included chicken for father, salad for Mom since she was always dieting, kugelis for my sister with sour cream and zepolnai for my brother. Can you imagine, cooking a la carte for everyone? I found food tasted better by eating with my fingers, especially when the corner butcher gave me a slice of bologna when I was in the store shopping for Mom. With Vienna finger cookies, I always opened the two vanilla crackers first and then licked the white icing. I never liked chocolate cookies. It was fun to bite the bottom of an ice cream cone and suffer the consequences. See, I was considered spoiled and I believe this applies to most of us, one way or another. Am I right?

If sleep be sister to Death,
Oh how sweet Death must be.

Lithuanians in the News

Culinary Tour of Old World tastes is real adventure

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, William Rice took a mini-tour of a Lithuanian neighborhood and stopped to dine at Tulpė Restaurant on W. 69th St. in Chicago which presented to him several vivid contrasts to a typical restaurant in the Soviet Union. It is small - five counter stools and only eight tables. The stereotype luncheonette is very clean and the waitresses not only know how to smile, they are helpful and enthusiastic.

The author went to the restaurant with a Lithuanian friend. The most important observance was that at Tulpė (meaning tulips) the food is freshly made with first-quality ingredients and cooked with care. As is often the case in Lithuania, a woman is in charge of the kitchen. Mrs. Južė Augaitis, the owner, was trained as a chef in Lithuania and has cooked here for more than twenty years. She cooks herself, producing from scratch items for a lengthy menu.

Highlights of the tasting lunch were *Kaldenai*, savory beef dumplings in a thin, pasta-like casing; *Cepelinai*, meat-filled potato dumplings, and sauteed blintzes with a delicate veal filling. A delicious spinach soup was tried. The smiling waitresses urged on us tasty stuffed cabbage that had not been subjected to



Chef-owner Josephine Augaitis (left) and waitress Irene Taras in Tulpė.

long imprisonment on a steam table and tender beef tongue in a milky cream sauce flavored with horseradish.

Throwing diet to the winds, the author tasted some firm, moist herring as well as spiced homemade sausage and fragrant sauerkraut. Before eating dessert, exercise was called for, by shaking sugar and cinnamon over a deep layer of sour cream and fragrant sauerkraut. Before eating dessert, exercise was called for, by shaking sugar and cinnamon over a deep layer of sour cream atop a sweet cheese blintz. The Lithuanian

friends remarked as they struggled into their coats and at soul-warming prices "Lithuanian soul food". Only three of the items on the menu were priced at or above \$5.00. No beer or wine is served, but one can bring their own.

(Having dined at this restaurant, Vytis Editor highly recommends that the pre-convention Lithuanian sight-seeing tour be a MUST stop for all delegates and friends while in Chicago).

SOVIET STAR: CLOSE TO WARRIORS PACT

Soviet Basketball star **Sharunas Marchulenis** says he has discussed a contract with the Warriors that would make him the first Soviet player in the NBA. Marchulenis, who won a gold medal with the Soviet team in last year's Olympics, said that a representative of the

Warriors arrived in Vilnius to negotiate terms. He is a teammate of Arvidas Sabonis who has been drafted by the Trail Blazers. Marchulenis said the Soviet Lithuanian government approved of his plans to move to the U.S. sometime in June. It is rumored that Marchulenis was to sign a contract reported to be worth \$1.5 million.

Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

LITHUANIAN SPIRIT

332 W. Gordon St.
Bel Air, Md. 21014
March 15, 1989

Editor
The Aegis
Dear Sir:

This morning at Harford Community College, I had the opportunity to visit with the students from the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, and I realized for the first time what my fellow Lithuanians have endured for the past 49 years. I was struck by the fact that only recently have they been able to fly their flag with pride in their own homeland.

Only since perestroika have they been able to show that they are Lithuanians and proud to be — in their own neighborhoods.

I grew up in a Lithuanian neighborhood in Pittsburgh, so I have always had that pride. I was a member of a Lithuanian parish and belonged to a

Lithuanian dance group. I remember taking part in ethnic festivals and being proud of the Lithuanian flag and country. (I still celebrate Lithuanian independence day on Feb. 16 each year with homemade cards to friends and relatives.)

I remember my parents and relatives and friends talking about Lithuania and how sad it was that the Lithuanian people were not free. But I was a child and did not realize what it meant.

And today I talked to some Lithuanian teens who glowed when they talked of their last independence day celebration. They wore pins that said, "I'm proud to be Lithuanian." And they impressed me with their spirit.

I find it hard to believe that countries overtake other countries and try to suppress their nationality. Intelligent leaders cannot possibly believe that by suppressing a nation they can control it. National spirit cannot be undermined, and pride in one's na-

tionality and country will not disappear. This pride and spirit has continued in the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic and it has certainly continued here in our country.

Perestroika has helped to free that spirit and pride in Lithuania, as well as other Soviet countries, and I pray that it will continue.

Tonight I am even prouder of my heritage because I realize what Lithuanians, in their own country, have been through. They have not allowed themselves to lose sight of their nationality and they have instilled their passion in the children of each generation. I am honored to have met some of these children and happy to have had the opportunity to learn, through them, how precious freedom is.

Sincerely,
SHEILA ROMUTIS ALLEN

GOLDEN JUBILEE FOR MONSIGNOR MOZERIS

Rev. Msgr. Mozeris celebrated his Golden Jubilee in the priesthood on April 16, 1989 in Chicago. He is pastor emeritus of Immaculate Conception Church and also a member of C-36 in Chicago.

Father was ordained by Cardinal Mundelein on April 15, 1939. After three years of graduate studies in Sacred Theology, then in Canon Law, he was assigned to the Tribunal of the Archdiocese by Cardinal Stritch with residence at Holy Name Cathedral.

In November of 1953, he was assigned to Immaculate Conception Church succeeding the late Msgr. Briska. While at this parish, his first priority was an addition to the church and renovation of the existing school. In community participation, Msgr. Mozeris is a charter member of Archer Brighton Community Conservation Council and remains on the executive board. He has also been on the annual Home and Garden Contest for the past 30 years.

On January 1, 1986 he was named Pastor Emeritus of Immaculate Conception Church where he continues to

reside. A Jubilee Mass was celebrated with a reception following the Mass. *Ilgiausų Metų Pralotai!*



MSGR. D.A. MOZERIS

Let's Speak Lithuanian - Kalbėkime Lietuviškai

Apolonija (Polly) Žiaušys

Ar žinote kokie medžiai auga Lietuvoje?

Girios ošia, medžiai paslaptinai kalba. Lapų šnarėjimo, medžių šnekos, žmogus nesupras niekad.

Ažuolas medžių karalius, buvo garbinamas mūsų senolių prie jo šventa ugnis ruseno. Stelmužės azuolas virš pusantrų tūkstančio metų gyvena.

Alder (black)	-	Alksnis (juodalksnis)	Larch	-	Maumedis
Ash tree	-	Uosis	Linden	-	Liepa
Asp	-	Drebulė	Maple	-	Klevas
Beech	-	Bukas	Mountain Ash	-	Šermukšnis
Birch	-	Beržas	Nut tree	-	Riešuto medis
Cedar	-	Kedras	Oak	-	Ažuolas
Chestnut	-	Kaštanas	Osir	-	Žilvytis
Cherry	-	Vyšnia	Pine	-	Pušis
Christmas tree	-	Kalėdų eglutė	Poplar	-	Tuopa
Elm	-	Guoba (vinkšna)	Spruce	-	Eglė
Fir	-	Balteglė (kėnis)	Thuja	-	Tuja
Fruit tree	-	Vaismedis	Willow	-	Gluosnis, karklas
Hew	-	Kukmedis	Willow twig	-	Verba
Hornbeam	-	Skroblas			

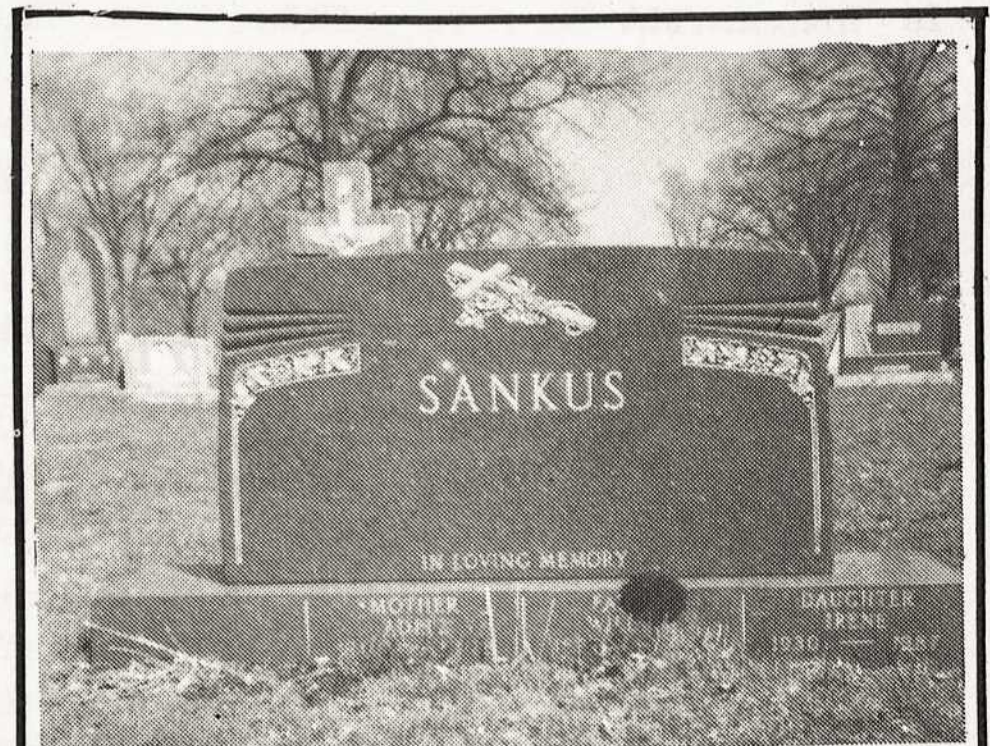
GRAŽI TĖVYNĖ LIETUVA

Ten kur Nevėžis ramiai teka
Ir tankios girios tyliai ošia,
Ten vyturėliai padangėje šneka
Ir pievas, ramunėlės puošia.

Tenberželiaibaltliemeniai,
Seni šventieji ažuolai
Tenai, Nemunas, Šešupė,
Vilnius, Kaunas ir Trakai.

Tenai Baltija auksinė
Krantą gintaru nusėja,
Laukai, kalneliai ir pakalnės
Daug ką matė, daug girdėjo

Ten narsūs bočiai už laisvę kovojo,
Gyvybę aukojo, tenai jų kapai,
Ten mums brangi žemė, seniausia kalba,
Ten mūsų tėvynė, GRAŽI LIETUVA.



IRENE SANKUS
Second Anniversary
June 22, 1987

May She Rest in Peace
An active member of C-112 Chicago
and
Vice President of Mid-America District

All correspondence should reach the Editors by the FIRST OF THE MONTH, two months in advance of issue. The editors assume no obligation to return any material or photos unsolicited. Use of material from VYTIS permissible only if credit is given to VYTIS, its authors, artists, or photographers.

Knights of Lithuania
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Council and District Donations
As of April 14, 1989

<u>Council No.</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
1 - Brockton, MA	\$50.00			\$75.00	-
3 - Philadelphia, PA	50.00	-	-	100.00	-
5 - Chicago, IL	-	\$50.00	-	77.00	-
7 - Waterbury, CT	25.00	-	-	25.00	-
10 - Athol-Gardner, MA	-	25.00	\$25.00	-	-
12 - New York, NY	50.00	-	-	-	-
13 - Chicago, IL	-	50.00	25.00	-	\$25.00
14 - Cicero, IL	-	-	-	-	25.00
16 - Chicago, IL	-	-	-	-	-
17 - So. Boston, MA	50.00	-	-	-	25.00
19 - Pittsburgh, PA	-	50.00	50.00	75.00	-
24 - Chicago, IL	-	-	-	75.00	-
25 - Cleveland, OH	-	-	-	-	75.00
26 - Worcester, MA	50.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-
27 - Norwood, MA	-	50.00	50.00	75.00	-
29 - Newark, NJ	250.00	50.00	-	75.00	-
30 - Westfield, MA	-	250.00	125.00	379.00	-
36 - Chicago, IL	-	125.00	25.00	75.00	-
38 - Kenosha, WI	-	-	200.00	50.00	25.00
40 - E. St. Louis, IL	-	-	-	-	-
41 - Brooklyn, NY	-	-	-	-	-
46 - Forest City, PA	25.00	-	25.00	75.00	-
50 - New Haven, CT	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	50.00
52 - Elizabeth, NJ	25.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-
61 - Paterson, NJ	-	25.00	25.00	75.00	25.00
63 - Lehigh Valley, PA	-	-	-	-	-
67 - Bayonne, NJ	-	-	100.00	150.00	-
72 - Binghamton, NY	-	-	-	-	-
74 - Scranton, PA	25.00	-	50.00	50.00	-
78 - Lawrence, MA	-	25.00	-	25.00	75.00
79 - Southfield, MI	50.00	-	-	-	-
86 - DuBois, PA	50.00	50.00	50.00	75.00	50.00
90 - Kearny, NJ	-	100.00	50.00	75.00	-
96 - Dayton, OH	-	-	-	-	-
100 - Amsterdam, NY	50.00	100.00	-	50.00	-
100 - Amsterdam Juniors	-	50.00	50.00	75.00	-
102 - Detroit, MI	-	25.00	-	25.00	-
103 - Providence, RI	-	10.00	10.00	-	-
109 - Great Neck, NY	10.00	50.00	50.00	75.00	50.00
110 - Maspeth, NY	-	10.00	-	25.00	-
112 - Chicago, IL	-	100.00	-	75.00	75.00
				100.00	-

<u>Council No.</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
116 - Worcester, MA	-	-	-	-	-
118 - Hazleton, PA	-	-	-	75.00	-
133 - Los Angeles, CA	-	-	-	-	-
135 - Ansonia, CT	-	-	-	25.00	-
136 - Hudson-Mohawk, NY	-	-	-	-	-
139 - Detroit, MI	-	-	-	-	-
140 - Syracuse, NY	50.00	50.00	50.00	75.00	-
141 - Bridgeport, CT	25.00	25.00	-	25.00	75.00
142 - Washington, DC	25.00	-	-	40.00	-
143 - Pittston, PA	25.00	25.00	25.00	75.00	50.00
144 - Anthracite, PA	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	-
145 - Holyoke, MA	-	-	-	25.00	-
146 - Harrisburg, PA	10.00	-	-	25.00	-
147 - St. Petersburg, FL	-	-	-	200.00	-
149 - Saginaw, MI	-	-	-	-	-
150 - Kansas City, KS	-	-	-	100.00	-
152 - Riverhead, NY	-	25.00	-	-	75.00
Chicago Seniors	-	-	-	-	-
Cleveland Seniors	-	-	-	-	-
Mid Atlantic District	50.00	150.00	-	25.00	-
Mid America District	100.00	-	500.00	-	-
New England District	50.00	-	100.00	175.00	-
Mid Central District	50.00	50.00	50.00	75.00	-
Amber District	-	-	-	-	100.00
Total Donations	\$1,295.00	\$1,845.00	\$1,860.00	\$3,296.00	\$800.00

The above report is presented to acknowledge the generosity of the councils and districts that have been loyal supporters of the scholarship fund. It is the Scholarship Committee's hope that many other councils will join this honored circle of supporters. Remember the Scholarship Program is an undertaking of the national Knights of Lithuania organization. If your council does not have any "juniors", that does not mean a potential award recipient is not in its midst. Any member in good standing, regardless of age, who wishes to pursue an undergraduate or graduate college degree is eligible for a scholarship award. Think about that! There is a possibility that a scholarship award may be made to a "mature" K of L'er from your council. However, to do so, we need the financial support of all councils in our great organization. Consider a generous donation to the Knights of Lithuania National Scholarship Fund at your next council or district meeting.

*William Piacentini, Chairman
Scholarship Committee*

IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY.....

Vyskupas Brizgys: pamokslą Lietuvos Vyčių seime, Los Angeles: "Išlaikyti savo lietuvišką individualybę yra Dievo įsakymas."

Norkunas poniai N. Meškūnas, giminaitei (4/16/50) "...Man rodos aš Tamstai pasiunčiau eilutes 'Oi saldus, saldus ryto miegelis' ir vienai Vytei Karpiūtei eilutes 'su žaliu vyneliū'".

"KNIGHTS TO THE SUN"
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA C-#110 MASPETH, NY
St. Thomas, St. Maarten, Barbados and Martinique
FESTIVALE Decks and Rates
DECEMBER 3 - 10, 1989

<u>Cabin Category</u>	<u>Deck</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>20% Discount</u>
12	Verandah Empress	Verandah Suite, Twin Outside, Single	\$2,095	----
11	Verandah	Demi-Suite, Twin	\$1,795	\$1,436
10	Verandah Empress	Outside, Deluxe Queen Outside, Deluxe Twin Inside, Single	\$1,695	\$1,356
9	Verandah Empress	Outside, Queen Outside, Queen Outside, Twin	\$1,565	\$1,252
8	Upper	Outside, Queen Outside, Twin	\$1,495	\$1,196
7	Main Verandah Empress	Outside, Queen Outside Twin Inside, Queen Inside, Twin Inside, Queen Inside, Twin	\$1,425	\$1,140
6	Riviera Upper	Outside, Queen Outside, Twin Inside, Queen Inside, Twin	\$1,365	\$1,092

All prices are per person, double occupancy, plus port charges of \$40.00 each and are quoted in U.S. dollars. A deposit of \$200.00 is required for each passenger as soon as possible. The balance will be due no later than October 1, 1989. Early booking will assure you a better cabin. Please make checks payable to "K. of L. Cruise" and mail to: Knights of Lithuania, P.O. Box 396, Maspeth, NY 11378. For additional information, call (718) 326-3398 or (718) 497-5212.

DO YOU GET YOUR VYTIS?

Are you having problems with your VYTIS - not getting it, getting it at the wrong address, or having to share your copy with your neighbor because he's not getting his? If so, please tell your troubles immediately to Vytis Editor at Two Bayview Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050 so that all problems can be corrected.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Vytis would like to compile a year-long Calendar of Events relating to Council activities. Please submit information pertaining to dates, locations, type of event or related information to the Editor.

DEATH NOTICES

When a member of your Council dies, please inform the Editor the name and date of death in order that it may be included in the "In Memorium" column. This can be reported by any member of the council.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

A new Lithuanian Affairs Committeeman has accepted the chairmanship of this very important activity. Please send your interesting newspaper clippings to:

Michael Yuknis
1882 Monroe St. NW
Washington, DC 20010

IN MEMORIAM

BERNARD KVIETKUS

C-36 Chicago, IL
† March 29, 1988

ANTHONY ROMANAUSKAS

C-7 Waterbury, CT
† April 8, 1989

ZIGMUND GREGOTOWICZ

C-110 Maspeth, NY
† April 14, 1989

LEON WASKIEWICZ

C-12 New York, NY
† April 17, 1989



COLLECTORS TREASURE TROVE

Postage Stamps of Lithuania:

You do not have to be a stamp collector to enjoy owning this book. It's a true collector's item with the history of Lithuania recorded on unique postage stamps. An award winner at International Exhibitions. Published by that prestigious Collectors Club of New York. 220 pages, hardbound, profusely illustrated, limited edition. Price \$18.00

The World of Tomorrow:

Fifty years ago in 1939, New York World's Fair featured Lithuanian Day. This is a film that was widely shown in theaters and later, shortened, on public television stations. Now available, full length on VHS. Producers price \$79.95. Our price \$48.00. Shipping included for both items. Contact:

Charles Matuzas
107-33 - 117th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Feast or Famine?

A Lithuanian was entertaining some friends in Lithuania. He had all kinds of goodies on the table--whatever was available in occupied Lithuania. In the middle of the party, a voice was heard from the kitchen:

"Shall I bring the turkey in already?"

"Not yet," answered the host.

The guests curbed their feasting. They could not believe that they would be served turkey. After a few minutes the voice was heard again:

"Shall I bring the turkey in?"

"Later," was the reply.

The guests almost stopped eating. They had to save room for the turkey. Finally, after the question again, the reply was affirmative and the hostess brought in a live Tom turkey, deposited it on the table and he gobbled up all the leftovers.

Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia

AMBER DISTRICT

The Amber District met at St. Casimir's Church in Pittston on March 12. Joe Simmons, president, opened the meeting followed by opening prayers by Fr. Alishunas. National president Wargo brought greetings from the National Council. She stated it is our duty as Lithuanians and Knights to support the church especially the Lithuanian College in Rome which now has three seminarians at a cost of \$8,000 yearly and the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid which is assisting the church in Lithuania.

Profit realized from the district's first fund raiser was \$890. Winners were: 1st prize \$500, Ann Walatkas; 2nd prize \$100, Roy Allen; 3rd prize \$100, Earl Washington. Thanks to all who participated. It was decided by a vote that in the future, no raffles will be held at district meetings by host councils.

The following resolution was adopted: "Be It Resolved that at the Amber District meeting held March 12, 1989 in Pittston, PA, a committee be formed to fully investigate the feasibility to donate books on Lithuanian history, heritage, customs and culture to free Public Libraries. This distribution will cover areas of Amber District in Central New York, Eastern Pennsylvania and Southeastern New Jersey."

Past Pres. Frank Petrauskas, chairman of the K of L History book requested cooperation from members in purchasing individual copies and donating them to local libraries. Pres. Simmons called attention to "The Sword and the Cross", a book on Lithuanian history.

A progress report was given on the designation of February 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in the Commonwealth

of Pennsylvania. Two Fourth and 20 Third Degrees were awarded at this meeting by the Ritual Committee. Albert Klizas was unanimously chosen to serve as district cultural chairman. Donations of \$100 to each of the following were approved: National Convention Program Ad Book, the Scholarship Fund and Pontifical College in Rome.

The district wishes to compliment and thank C-143 for their hospitality and good work at this meeting.

Victor Stepalovitch

MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

District members turned out in force for C-16 get-together for Lithuanian Dumplings. Bravo C-16!

Mid-America K of L Choir is preparing for many upcoming events. With all its activity, Robert Martin, C-16, Donna Juraitis and Rita Zakarka, both of C-112, have joined the choir. Other young new members are on the verge of joining. Also, a few who have taken a leave are planning to return. We welcome all who love to sing.

Our choir will be singing the Memorial Mass at St. Casimir's Cemetery as well as the opening Mass of the convention at Nativity BVM Church. On August 19, the choir will travel by bus to perform at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. Cable TV will video tape a 15-minute program in the near future. Look for us on Cable TV, Channel 23. Also, the choir is going camping! They will participate at the Dainų Šventė, June 20 to 23, at Dainavos Stovykla in Michigan. We are looking forward to singing songs around the bonfire.

On April 23, Mid-America members

and friends attended Mass of Hope for Lithuania and Her Prisoners of Conscience at St. George's in Bridgeport. Celebrant of the Mass was pastor, Rev. Richard Dodaro and concelebrated by Revs. Anthony Markus, John Savukynas and Peter Cibulskis. It was a most beautiful and inspiring Mass to be remembered for a long time. The Mass was in English but the hymns were sung in Lithuanian by the congregation, St. George and K of L choirs. Representatives from all Chicago councils brought the offertory gifts. Other representatives did the special readings in Lithuanian and English. A standing ovation to Rita Zakarka and her committee, Susan Binkis, Tom Strolia, Julie Zakarka, Rob Martin, Donna Juraitis and Rev. Markus. We are looking to next year for even a greater turnout.

Al Zakarka

C-1 BROCKTON, MA

Council officers for 1989 are: Bill Pribusauskas, pres.; Anne Williams, vice pres.; Harriet Dillis, sec.; Doris Fralick, treas. Our spiritual advisor is Rev. Peter Shakalis. We wish them well and hope for a revitalization of C-1.

In December, our annual Kučios was held at the Mother House of Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Brockton. Ronnie Bizinkauskas and her sister, Sister Helen, were in charge of seeing that there was delicious food and beautifully decorated tables. Father Anthony Jurgelaitis explained the meaning of Kučios. A Kučios booklet printed by the sisters was at each place setting. Thanks to Doris Fralick, Peter Bizinkauskas, Pat Achorn, John & Ann Statkus for their help.

In commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day, members attended Mass and joined in a motorcade to Legion Parkway in downtown Brockton where the Lithuanian flag was raised for Lithuanian week.

On Feb. 11, our annual Snowflake Ball was held for the 45th time. The

Sound-A-Bouts played from 8 pm to midnight. The traditional choosing of King and Queen took place. Peter & Ronnie Bizinkauskas were this year's chairpersons. Doris Fralick and Sylvia Shukis handled reservations and tickets. Harriet and Paul Dillis were in charge of refreshments while Pat Achorn handled publicity.

It is great having Sylvia Shukis part of C-1 again.

Wedding bells will be ringing for our secretary. Harriet Dillis will be getting married in September. Much happiness and a long life together, Harriet. Another wedding will be held in October. Veronica Bizinkauskas, daughter of Peter & Ronnie, will become Mrs. To you, Veronica, a long and happy life.

Congratulations to former members now living in New Hampshire. Fred & Mary Boroskas Carleton celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Mary is the daughter of Susan Boroskas. *Gele*

C-3 PHILADELPHIA, PA

Philadelphijoje be Lituanistinės mokyklos šeštadieniais, yra ir lietuvių kalbos kursai suaugusiems. Pamokos vyksta ketvirtadienio vakarais Šv. Jurgio parapijos patalpose. Yra pradedančių ir pažengusių lietuvių kalboje klasės.

Kai lankėsi svečias iš Lietuvos, Vilniaus Muzijos Mokyklos mokytojas Vytis Buivydas, jis atsilankė į mūsų vakarinėje mokykloje. Įdomiai papasakojo kas naujo Lietuvoje. Studentai jo klausinėjo.

Buvo, iš anksto paprašytas vienas studentas, kad jis pamėgintų pasakyti trumpa kalbele lietuviškai mūsų studentų vardu. Tai sutiko padaryti pažengusių klasės studentas Vytis. Ir jis trumpai, bet labai gražiai pakalbėjo. Štai jo kalbos tekstas:

"Labas vakaras. Mano vardas yra Vladas Svekla. Aš turiu žmoną, jos vardas Irena, ir du sūnus, Vladukas ir Andriukas. Aš einu į lietuvių kalbos mokyklą, kad

galėčiau kalbėti geriau lietuviškai. Pirmiau aš kalbėjau lietuviškai labai silpnai. Dabar kalbu jau geriau. Dabar aš žinau kad daiktavardis vardininke, kilmininke, naudininke ir galininke turi skirtingas galunes. Mano mama gime Amerikoje, bet užaugo Lietuvoje, Jaškonių kaime, netoli nuo Druskininku miesto. Mano tėvas gimė Švendurbės kaime. Aš turiu daug giminių Lietuvoje. Viena teta, penkis pusbrolius ir viena pusesere."

(Tai dalis pamokos, ir kad reikia mėginti kalbėti lietuviškai ir viešai kalbėti).

Lietuvių kalba Philadelphijoje moko: Pažengusių klase 3-kuopos Vytis Bronius Krokys ir pradedančių mokyti klase Juratė Krokytė-Stirbienė.

Bronys Krokys

Seven members of C-3 journeyed to New York to attend the 75th anniversary of C-12 at Our Lady of Vilnius on April 2. At the Mass, Fr. Palubinskas, in his homily, gave a slight farewell in which he stated that upon his arrival his first Mass at the parish was addressed to the Knights at a special gathering and ironically his final address was to the Knights who were celebrating their 75th anniversary. C-3 was warmly and graciously greeted on their visit and had an enjoyable time. Congratulations C-12 on your 75th!

Upon returning to Philadelphia, C-3 had the distinct and rare privilege to at-

tend a concert by "Ratilio", a folklore group from Vilnius University. They are making a six city tour of the U.S. for the first time. The concert was held at the Lithuanian Music Hall and the outstanding ovation from the audience brought tears from the performers. This was an evening well spent. A large group of our members attended.

From anniversary to concert, a festival came next for our members. The festival is the 1989 Southern New Jersey Ethnic Festival held April 8 at Glassboro State College. C-3 was well represented.

At our April meeting, we discussed participation in the Day of Prayer for Lithuania to be held June 17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. We are also contemplating a bus trip to the Lithuanian festivities in Baltimore the first weekend in June. All our members send best wishes for a return to good health to Fr. Anthony Wassel, brother of our spiritual advisor. *Victor Stepalovitch*

C-7 WATERBURY, CT

We had an incredible month of April. The month started off with a bang. On April Fool's Day, our council sponsored a bus trip to Atlantic City. Despite the weather, the 46 people who made the journey had a great time. One of our members, Anne Kundrotas, brought her brother from Lithuania along. He was awe-struck between the blinking lights,



C-7 Waterbury Officers: Virginia Kosa, Fin. Sec., Dolores Jonaitis, Sec., Ed Bebrin, Vice Pres., Ann Cheplick, Pres. and Alma Torre, Treas.

the hustle of people and the noise from the slot machines as it spewed out money. By the end of the day, he was addicted. We had a very difficult time getting him away from the slot machines. He is still talking about the trip. A special Thank You to Alma Torre who took on the project. She did a wonderful job.

On April 9 we sponsored a Pancake Breakfast chaired by Doris Blinn and co-chaired by Joan Shukaitis. Breakfast was served after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. It was a huge success. A very big THANK YOU to Doris Blinn, Joan Shukaitis, Eleanor Arnauskas, Anne Kundrotas, Anne Cheplick, Alma Torre, Albert Baranauskas, Jr., Edith, Walter & John Blinn for all their help in making the Breakfast a great success.

Our council is having a raffle to benefit St. Joseph's Church. Prizes include food and gasoline. The raffle will take place at the annual June Festival sponsored by St. Joseph's Home & School Association which will take place on June 9, 10 and 11. We will also have a booth in which we will be serving authentic Lithuanian food.

Our Bowling League held elections on April 12. Those elected were: Al Baranauskas, Sr., chairman; Doris Blinn, Sec.; and Anne Cheplick, Treas. The annual Bowling Banquet took place on May 6, 1989 at Fisherman's Haven in Wolcott, CT.

A special get well wish to Antoinette White. She was recuperating at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, MA from knee surgery.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our members, Anthony Ramanauskas of California. His presence will be missed.

Diane K. Sojka

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

The council sponsored a bus trip to attend the performance of Rutilio En-

semble held on April 9 at the Fontbonne Academy in Milton. The excellent group of young students from Vilnius University spend their summers doing extensive field research of authentic folk music, songs and dances. Their material is drawn from the four ethnographic regions of Lithuania - Aukštaitija, Žemaitija, Suvalkija and Džukija. They sing in the archaic style called "sutartine". Lithuania is the only country in the world where "sutartines" is still sung.

There were approximately 750 persons in attendance and were thoroughly enjoyed by the excellent performance



C-10 Brone & President Bill Wisniauskas.

that brought tears to many especially during the finale and the singing of "Lietuva Tėvyne".

Sophie Fiorentino and Bill Wisniauskas were in charge of the local con-

tingent of 43 persons with Brone Wisniauskas as hostess. On the trip home, a sing-a-long was enjoyed by all with David Lucas being our star soloist. *Vincukas*

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

Sunday, April 2 was a very special day in the life of the "Little Diamond in the Big Apple". We marked two special occasions: first, our 75th birthday. Council was founded in 1914 and, second, the closing of our organization's 75th jubilee year which was founded in April of 1913. The festivities started with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the council's home church, Our Lady of Vilnius, in Manhattan. Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Vytautas Palubinskas, offered Mass and preached the homily.

After Mass, more than 100 guests gathered in the church hall which was beautifully decorated by council member and artist, Vida Kristolaityte. After refreshments, guests were treated to a presentation of "Etched in Amber", a performance of Lithuanian poetry in English translation by the Arts Club Theater, with director, Arunas Ciuberkis, a C-12 member. After the performance, all enjoyed a delicious catered meal.

We had guests from many of our neighboring councils, among them a few hon-

C-12 Jovita Sleder, ritual chairlady, awards Ed Cook, Pres. of C-12 with his Third Degree Pin.



orary members: Helen Shields from C-3 Philadelphia; Joe Boley from C-41 Brooklyn; Jack & Loretta Stukas from C-29 Newark and our Vytis Editor Mary Kober from C-109 Great Neck. There was a large representation from C-3 Philadelphia, C-29 Newark, C-41 Brooklyn, C-109 Great Neck, C-110 Maspeth and even Stella & Mitchel Marcinauskas and sons from C-141 Bridgeport, CT. Also among honored guests was Rev. Nicholas Langenfeld, a dear friend of C-12 for the past 55 years. He is professor emeritus of Fordham University and joins us for every important occasion.

Ritual chairlady, Jovita Sleder, presented our President, Ed Cook, with his Third Degree pin. Ed, we are proud of you.

Prominently displayed was a large billboard with history of C-12 in pictures. A presentation was also made to 14 members of our council as being one of the best long time workers. Major recipients were Jeanne Janonis and Joe Kscenaitis. A souvenir journal was given to all guests outlining the history written by Millie Pietz.

Finally, a word of thanks to everyone who assisted in any way to make this affair a success, especially Jean Janonis, Millie Pietz and Ed Cook.

The occasion was a bit dampened by the sad news that Rev. Palubinskas was being transferred to Annunciation Parish

in Brooklyn. Father consoled us by saying he will cross the East River and will visit us often. But C-12 is never sad too long when sadness turned to happiness when we discovered that Rev. Eugene Savickis will be our new pastor. We wish Father much happiness and success in his new undertaking.

We are certain Larry Janonis watched over us and was pleased with the festivities. I end with the words of C-12's matriarch Anna Lukscha: "Vaikeli, jau užteks!" See all of you in Chicago!

Dalia Bulvičius

C-16 CHICAGO, IL

As part of the celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day, Rita Dapkus spoke to the council following Mass. Her topic was recent political developments in Lithuania. She is very well qualified having just returned from two years of graduate study at the University of Vilnius. She is the American representative to Sajudis.

Led by President Glenn Perutis, twenty-five Knights and friends went on an all day trip to Bloomington, IL where they viewed the oldest "Passion Play" in the States. Christine Beneckis, council historian who chaired the event, remarked, "The presentation was truly inspiring."

Agnes Rainis, secretary, announced there are over forty members in C-16 even though the council was revived only

about a year ago. Vicepres. Peter Zansitis informed that Degrees for several eligible members will be conferred at the next meeting. A successful letter writing campaign was conducted by historian Christine Beneckis. In responding to a letter from our member, Senator Paul Simon from Illinois included a copy of his letter to Pres. Bush regarding Lithuanian Inde-

pendence.

One of the council's major events was a Dumpling Dinner in St. George Church Parish Hall attended by over 100 persons. Deborah Martin, secretary, and Kenneth Rudmin were the co-chairpersons of a very successful event. Pres. Perutis led a delegation to the Mid-America District meeting in Kenosha, WI, where the Feast of St. Casimir was celebrated. On the Feast Day of St. George, the District assembled for a special Mass for Lithuanian Prisoners of Conscience at St. George Church followed by light refreshments. St. George Church, the oldest Lithuanian parish in the Mid-West, will be celebrating a century in 1992.

Petras Povilas

C-24 CHICAGO, IL

Our new President, Frank Jurgaitis, along with his board and members have been busy planning and attending the different functions within the Councils.

Rev. Repšys from Lithuania who is visiting the States for the first time, highlighted our Feb. meeting. A motion was made to accept Fr. Repšys as a member of our council. Council members were saddened to hear that Sister Regina Janusa, SSC, was relocated to Holland, PA. She is still a member of C-24 and we all miss her.

At this time of the year it is a glad memory of the past cold winter. Members who slid all over Kenosha thru a cold, stormy, icy day to attend the District meeting and St. Casimir Day celebration in March are still with us. Pres. Frank and his wife had car trouble when leaving and wish to thank the Kenosha Knight who helped them on their way home. Pres. Jurgaitis was glad to see so many of our members at the "Memories of Lithuania" banquet honoring our Freedom Fighters. They all had an enjoyable evening and it was nice to see our fellow Knights from other councils. Aušra Padalino has been actively meeting with Juniors and they



Members of C-16 St. George Church, Bridgeport, Chicago, journeyed to Bloomington, IL to see the Passion Play.



C-24 Officers: 1 to r: Nijole Butts, Rec. Sec., Frank Jurgaitis, Pres., Rev. Peter Cibulskis MIC, Spiritual Advisor, Clara O'Dea, Treas., Aušra Padalino, 3rd Vice Pres., Bruce Neberieza, 1st Vice Pres.

are planning a fund raiser.

On July 12 at 6 p.m. at Sportsman Park, C-24 is sponsoring a "Night at the Races". It should be a spectacular evening with a dinner feast and races. Vince Neberieza and Aušra Padalino, chairpersons, are available for information and tickets. The big news is the Convention in Chicago. Our members are making their reservations and are anxious to meet K of L members from across the States. The Mid-America District meeting will be hosted by our council on June 17 for the final convention preparations.

A Mass of Hope for Lithuania and Prisoners of Conscience and St. George's Feast Day was held on April 23. Rev. Peter Cibulskis, C-24's Spiritual Advisor, was one of the celebrants at the Mass. Our Juniors, Gail & Donna Butts and Nina Padalino also participated along with members Loretta Simon and Nijole Butts. After Mass, refreshments were served with donations from Josephine Mankus, Councils 24, 112, 16 & 13.

Our past pres. John Paukstis had bypass surgery and is overcoming all his afflictions. We pray that John has a healthy and speedy recovery with his wife, Lillian, as his head nurse. Steve Gay suffered a stroke and his wife, Ceil, is also on the sick list. Our Treas. Clare O'Dea had minor surgery. Best of health to all.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the Kapocius family on the death of Rasa

Kapocius and the Neberieza family who lost their mother and grandmother, Mary Neberieza.

Three new members have joined our C-24: Peter Godels of Westerville, IL and John & Jean Zaukas of Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Bité

C-36 CHICAGO, IL

Congratulations to Vytautas Dijokas, Frank Grigaliunas, Joe Martikonis, David Gaidas and Victor Utara who have done a terrific job hosting the meetings. It shows that the men can do a good job. We're all looking forward to future meetings.

Memories of Lithuania Banquet was well represented by council members. A special thank you to Chairlady, Evelyn Ozelis and her committee for an enjoyable evening. The short speeches and program were very refreshing to all who attended.

Special remembrance of Lithuanian Independence Day was celebrated at the February meeting. Members attending the St. Casimir's Day Mass in Kenosha had a most enjoyable day.

National Executive meeting at Nativity had a good turn out, as usual the meeting was very interesting and getting together with out-of-towners was like a mini convention.

Get well wishes go to Sr. Alphonsine,

John Adomaytis, Irene Norushis and Albina Kodis. Remember in your prayers John Meizis who was a long time member of the Knights, Joanna Zelvis, Mary Stankus and Bernard Kvietkus, a Past President, and also Life Member Rev. Vieages' father who passed away.

FLASH!!! All former members of C-36 are asked to get in touch with any one of the officers. Plans for the 75th Anniversary are being made. Additional information in future issues of Vytis.

Thank you David Gaidas for the wonderful guest, Ruta Juska from Standard Federal S&L, who spoke on why we should continue to put our savings in the S&L establishments. The turnout was great and every one that came went away a bit more confident about their savings accounts.

A hard copy of the K of L History Book, donated by John & Sabina Henson, was given to the Brighton Park Library to add to the collection of Lithuanian books. Others are welcomed to donate any Lithuanian books, maps, etc.

Spring is here which means First Communions, Weddings and Graduation parties. Our Vince Samaska and his able assistant, Irene Norushis, are baking cakes. Anyone in need of those delicious pastries, please contact Vince.

Our April meeting brought out some handy work of Ona Naureckas, who does straw pictures. Anyone interested, con-

tact her and she'll be glad to show you her collection.

A. & S.

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

At our regular monthly meeting, Maryann Cappelli and Helen Case hosted the coffee hour. Rev. Karalis opened the meeting with a prayer. Al Gutasukas, in the absence of Frank Peterson, presided. In his commentary, Fr. Karalis remembered the glorious Easter Holy Week in which we all participated. He was extremely happy and grateful that we made it so joyous. We were especially fortunate to have our member Valarie Abate sing at our Easter Vigil Mass.

Catherine Prishwalko reported on the proceeds from a paper drive held in Branford which amounted to \$178. That's nice going, Catherine and your team consisting of her mother Frances, Nellie Ericson, Sam & Marion Meshako and George Kisielius. Marion Meshako graciously accepted to chair the St. Casimir's Annual Parish Picnic to be held at the New Haven Raccoon Club in Durham on August 27. Ann Meskins, George Kisielius, Al & Ann Gedrim and Frank & Isabel Peterson were delegates to the New England District meeting in Ansonia on April 30.

Three new members have joined C-50:



C-74 Scranton. Ed Romanauskas, Mary Costello, Revs. Fundalewicz, Madus and Ann Lisowski participants in observance of St. Casimir's Feast Day.

Helen Lostys, Rita & Ann Jakubowski. A big welcome!

Helen Balchus

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

Ann Lisowski was chairlady for St. Casimir's Day celebration. We attended Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Edward Romanauskas was our lector. He read the first reading in English and the second in Lithuanian. Mary Costello described the gifts as they were presented. Gift carriers were Peg Romanauskas, Jule Krutulis, Ann Patelunas, Rose Stanches, Patsy Simms, Sister Joan Yoduga and John Romaska. Rev. Peter Madus celebrated the Mass. Council members and friends, together with Fathers Fundelavicz and Madus went for a delicious breakfast at Jay's. C-74 presented Ann Romanauskas, our oldest member who celebrated her

100th birthday on May 5, with a floral bouquet. Ann had ten children, five of whom are still living. Vice Pres. John Romaska presided over our first three meetings while Pres. Ann Dudewicz was on vacation. John did an excellent job. Ačiū John!

Get well wishes go out to Jerry Costello, one of our good workers, who was injured in a car accident on Good Friday morning. Jule Grady, our former publicity person, is recuperating from a fall in her home. Best of health, Jule. Our sympathy goes out to Dick Laske on the death of his sister Charlotte, and to Joan Nor-eika on the death of her mother Helen Stirma. Amžina atilsi!

At our April meeting, Jean Kavelines was presented with a gold pen and pencil set for serving us so well as president. We are happy Mary Bulger returned to our council meetings. It's also nice to have Evelyn Zewicki back after a lengthy hospitalization.

On May 13 the K of L had a table at the Scranton Public Library. The theme was "Books and bubbly and All That Jazz". Those who participated in the baking of delicious food were Ruth Yanish, Ann Dudewicz, Mary Costello, Jean Kavelines, John Romaska, Marie Laske, Ann Kuffstutler, Rose Stanches, Mary Bulger, Ann Lisowski, Patsy Simms and Della Zvirblis. Several organizations had tables and served ethnic food. Of course,



C-90 Kearny, NJ at flag-raising ceremony in commemoration of restoration of Lithuanian Independence Day at Town Hall.

we were proud to say the Lithuanians had the most delicious table! On April 30, Chester Salesta showed slides of Lithuania and ethnic food was served by members at the Anthracite Museum.

Congratulations to Msgr. Michael Ozalas on his 50th anniversary in the priesthood. Ilgiausiu Metų!

Marie Laske

C-90 KEARNY, NJ

It is three years since our re-organization and we are on our way to a very productive future. To date, we have 135 paid-up members. Our meeting room along with the kitchen, cloak room and lavatories were given a face lift. Fran Grinewich added a lovely finishing touch with checkered curtains.

Terry Bilaitis is our bowling social chairlady. We have more of a cheering section than actual bowlers. Gourmet hot dogs are served at the end of each game.

At our April meeting Ann Pringle arranged for an Arts & Crafts Show. The dried floral arrangements were very unusual and will adorn many of our homes. Ann also had a cousin, Gene Kavalauskienė, visiting from Lithuania. Two of our members, Irene Belza and her cousin Paul Shukis, visited Lithuania during May. Several members are planning to attend the National Convention in Chicago.

Kathy Rokas, daughter of our hard working president, will become Mrs. Greg Cerpial on Sept. 16. Kathy is a very active member. We wish her the best in her new venture.

Commemoration of the 71st anniversary of Lithuanian Independence was held on Feb. 12 with the raising of tri-color flag at town hall. After Mass, a wreath-laying ceremony at the Wayside Cross took place on the grounds of Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Catherine Nakrosis, Vice President Catherine Rokas, Elizabeth Nakrosis, John Nakrosis of Lithuanian Community, Msgr. Pocius, Dea-
24

con Jay O'Hara and Deputy Mayor Rosemary Robertson participated in the flag-raising ceremony. Deputy Mayor Robertson presented a proclamation.

Dorothy Songile

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

Approximately 100 members of C-100 and Hudson-Mohawk C-136 attended Mass at St. Casimir's Church on March 5 for their corporate communion. Rev. Baltch was the celebrant and homilist. He commented on the large delegation of members in attendance. Thirty-six years ago, the body of St. Casimir was moved to the church of Sts. Peter and Paul from the Vilnius Cathedral which was taken over by the communists. The body of St. Casimir has since been returned to the cathedral. Over 200,000 people lined the streets of Vilnius in the three-mile span between the two churches to watch the procession. "Through faith, perseverance and hope of the Lithuanian people," he said, "it came to be a reality."

Luncheon followed at the Holiday Inn. Sophie Olbie, chairlady, extended greetings and recognized her committee of Judith Kastraveckas and Helen Wojcik. Pres. Radzevich welcomed everyone especially the delegation from C-136 and a visitor from Lithuania. Vice Pres. Gene Gobis read a letter from Nat'l Pres. Anne Wargo listing a number of projects for councils during the coming year. One project was the continued support of the Lithuanian College in Rome.

The main speaker, Mirga Bablin, reviewed the life of St. Casimir. She believes St. Casimir should be a role model for today's youth with present conditions existing in today's society. "If he were alive today, he would become involved with the same causes as espoused by Fr. Bruce Ritter and Mother Teresa", she reiterated.

Ritual chairlady, Elizabeth Kuzmich presented Helen Zytkowski and Vincent Rossi for installation in the second de-

gree. Edward Barkowski, president of C-136, presented 16 members for installation in the first degree. Rev. Baltch assisted by Rev. Michael Clemente, pastor of Holy Cross Church in Schenectady and spiritual advisor of C-136, served as installing officers *Smile & Sparkle*

C-133 LOS ANGELES, CA

On Sept. 24, 1988 the Los Angeles Knights held a meeting at the home of Pres. Arunas Barkus. Twenty-four members attended with one guest from Australia, Zita Prasmuta. Robert Novak, Bernice Skirius and Mary Oberfield gave their reports and impressions of the 1988 National Convention in Washington. A 20-minute video was then shown about the dedication of the Lithuanian Chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in 1966. New members Laima Baltrenas and Juanita Emerick were introduced.

On Feb. 11, the Knights met at the home of Dennis Petras. The following were elected to office: Marytė Sepikas, pres.; Robert Novak, vice pres. for cultural affairs; Bernice Skirius, vice pres. for membership; Arunas Barkus, sec.; Laima Baltrenas, fin. sec. and Jonas Sturas, Vytis correspondent. A guest from Lithuania, Marytė Petryla, was introduced. After the elections, Robert Novak gave a talk on the events leading up to the Lithuanian Declaration of Independence of Feb. 16, 1918. In Lithuania today, people still get together in private homes to commemorate this day. Although in very recent times, this commemoration has become much more open. The day is also remembered on the floor of Congress by numerous elected representatives and by Lithuanian communities throughout the world. After the talk, a video was shown on the Hill of Crosses.

Jonas Sturas

C-140 SYRACUSE, NY

At our January meeting a letter re-

ceived from Chester & Mary Nowak, our fine members from Niagara Falls, was read and enjoyed by all. Chet & Mary are unable to attend our meetings but their hearts and good wishes are always with us.

February signifies Lithuanian Independence Day. Again, we attended Mass at St. Stephen's celebrated by Fr. Tom. He gave a nice homily on Lithuania and the other captive nations. After Mass, a program and meeting followed with refreshments. Pres. Petrauskas read the proclamation. Delicious refreshments were provided by Kathryn Cravetts and Catherine & Jack Brandt. We also wished happy birthday to Catherine Brandt and John Stanley.

March was a busy month. St. Casimir's Mass was celebrated by Fr. Tom and attended by most of our members. As is our custom, we all go to brunch. This year was even more enjoyable because there was a television in the dining room. We were able to watch the Syracuse-Georgetown basketball game. The dessert was a win by Syracuse. We remembered our birthday people in March: Cassie Stanley, Katherine Cravetts, Jack Zutant, Frank, Irene, Ann and Kathy Petrauskas.

Veronica Sutkus, Katherine Cravetts, Norman Klimas, Irene & Frank Petrauskas attended the Amber District meeting in Pittston, PA on March 12. We were happy to see Veronica Sutkus receive her Fourth Degree and Norman Klimas, his third. Congratulations to Pres. Joe Simmons and his officers who are doing a good job with this new District. Congratulations also to Fr. Pete and the host C-143 for a lovely day and for being such wonderful hosts.

John & Cassie Stanley spent most of the month of February in sunny Florida. Their son Joe and wife Peg, who are also C-140 members, recently moved to Skaneateles.

Frank Petrauskas, chairman of the Captive Nations Committee of Syracuse

and Onondaga County, reported a large celebration is being planned for Sept. 24 for the 50th anniversary of the Von Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact which divided eastern Europe between the Germans and Russians. There will be a banquet and program with many dignitaries. Other affairs are planned before and after Sept. 24 and each affair will be heavily publicized.

Pusbrolis

C-141 BRIDGEPORT, CT

Bridgeport K of L'ers greet all of you after a long silence. Yes, we are alive and hoping to continue growing in spirit, activity and membership. The council has 56 paid-up members and average 30 members at a meeting.

We list the following activities that occupy our time and bring pleasure to many of us. The Lithuanian language and culture courses are an on-going event in our council. The study group meets at Clem Miller's home. Prof. Vitalis Zukauskas conducts the classes. He is well known for his teaching ability and performances as an actor on the Lithuanian stage at home and abroad. We are fortunate to have an instructor of his caliber.

An arts and crafts group is enthusiastically producing lovely creative straw ornaments for the church Christmas trees which frame the nativity scene. It is a very time-consuming art, especially for beginners. By next Christmas we should see two beautifully decorated trees in church. Our inspiration was Elena Abelkiene who donated a few samples of her work. She is a resident of Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. She has produced over 8,000 original design ornaments as give-away gifts to Lithuanian organizations and to our Sisters in Putnam. Her artistic achievements are unforgettably beautiful. We are grateful to this lovely lady for her generous soul. Other projects recently completed were sash weaving, taught by Gintare Ivaska and Easter egg artistry

directed by Mr. Pawasauskas.

Early in the morning of Feb. 16 about 25 representatives of our council, Bendruomene and the Young Men's Club met at Baldwin Plaza in Bridgeport with Mayor Thomas Bucci and Msgr. Pranckus for our flag raising ceremony. The mayor read the proclamation and we sang "Marija, Marija." With full hearts we studied the flag flying in the breeze and knowing that for the first time in 45 years our brothers and sisters in Lithuania were able to do the same without reprisal. What joy they must have felt. Our Independence Day commemoration on Feb. 19 began with Msgr. Pranckus saying Mass. Vladas Barius was reader and soloist. Two flags were carried into church by Peter Putrimas and Sigita Liaukas. The offerings were taken to the altar by Clem Miller, Bob Marcavage and Ann Petrus. Guest speaker for the program was dynamic Asta Baniunas Connors from Washington, DC. If only we had a few more like her! The Vetra Folk Dancers performed beautifully. Program ended with delicious refreshments and a sizable sum collected for the Lithuanian cause.

St. Casimir Feast Day was celebrated with breakfast on March 5. Clem Miller and Lee Marcinka we co-chairladies. Vitalis Zukauskas was guest speaker.

A group of K of L'ers took Msgr. Pranckus out to dinner on March 29 to celebrate his Big-7-0-Birthday. Happy birthday, Msgr.

Our council was represented at the NED Holy Hour in Putnam on April 2 by Clem Miller, Lee Marcinka, Ann Petrus and Aldona Marcavage. Plans are in progress for a Mother's Day flower sale in May and a Sunday afternoon dinner-dance sometime in October.

We welcome our new members: Peter & Aldona Peters, Patricia Silk and Dorothy DeGennaro. Last but not least, meet the new slate of officers and chairpersons: Clem Miller, pres.; Sylvester Marcavage, first vice pres.; Ann Petrus,

325

Lithuanian Inf. Ctr.,
5620 S. Claremont
Chicago, IL 60636 *

Second Class Postage

Paid by
VYTIS5112 So. Mayfield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60638

Address Correction Requested



second vice pres.; Barbara Schmidt, recording sec.; Teresa Trainis, treas.; Lee Marcinka, fin. sec.; Joseph Janiunas, Lithuanian Affairs and Aldona Marcavage, cultural affairs. *Aldona Marcavage*

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

C-144 Knights traveled to Pittston for the Amber District meeting on March 12. Rev. Peter Alisauskas, pastor and spiritual advisor, welcomed Knights from different areas. Meeting opened with Mass at St. Casimir's Church. During Mass, following members received their Third Degrees: John Balesky, Lucy Zelonis, Ginney Kazlauskas, Marcella and Joseph Kaselonis, Esther Bartashus, Frances Rauba and Ann Dunlap. A delicious dinner as well as supper was served and enjoyed by all. Pittston council went all out to make us welcome. Many thanks!

Our regular meeting was held on April 13 at Our Lady of Siluva in Maizeville. Rev. Jarasunas opened the meeting with prayer followed by the flag salute. Helen Chesko, ritual chairlady, presented a brief biography of our founder, Mykolas Norkunas, and installed qualified candidates in the following first and second degrees. First Degree: Beatrice Rudzinski, Florence and Beatrice Shimkus, Helen Mackavage, Bernard Zilaitis and Betty Tumas. Candidates for the following Second Degree were presented Vytis pins: Pat Roberts, Verna Danisavich, Bernard Zilaitis, Beatrice Rudzinski and Betty Tumas.

Mary Koons, cultural chairlady, read an article on St. George as the patron saint of animals who also protected animals. His feast day was April 23.

Next Amber District meeting will be held at Our Lady of Siluva on June 11 with C-144 as host council. Members were reminded that Sister Angela will again have Camp Aušra this summer. Plans are in the making for Ethnic Days at Boscov's on Aug. 12-19. Plan to join us for fun and food.

Plans are also being made to attend the National Convention in Chicago, Aug. 3-7. Get in touch with Pres. Eleanor Vaitaitis if you wish to travel with us by bus.

Donations of \$100 were made to our Lithuanian Bishop Baltakis and the National Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations to Margaret and Joseph Zelonis who recently observed their 55th wedding anniversary. We also extend best wishes to Mary and Joseph Gustas on their 50th wedding anniversary. *Olympia Zelinski*

C-152 RIVERHEAD, NY

Planning is well underway for the Mid-Atlantic District Meeting to be held on June 4 and hosted by our Council. Bertha

Laukaitis presented us with a particularly beautiful sample of Japanese embroidery done by her art teacher, Anna Palma, and offered to us by Mrs. Palma through Bertha. We plan to raffle off this fine item during the District meeting. President Mike Zukas expresses our thanks to Mrs. Palma for her kind donation.

Council members, Irene & Joe Allen, are proud to learn that one of their grandsons, Wayne Louis, currently on the Dean's list at Dowling College, Long Island, has further distinguished himself by being placed on the National Dean's List, thereby being Dowling's only student to be so honored this academic year. Congratulations! *Tom Tarmey*

NATIONAL CONVENTION
August 3 - 6, 1989
Holiday Inn
Countryside, IL
Host Council 112

Make your reservations NOW!



Celebrating Lithuanian Independence Day at Gov. Coumo's Office in Albany - George Tumasonis, C-41, Angela Minsavitch and Michael Zukas, C-152.