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## EDITORIAL

During 1986 the Knights of Lithuania organization, along with others, had made attempts to have a commemorative stamp issued honoring Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas for their historic transatlantic flight on July 15, 1933. Apparently, this project did not materialize at that time. With the current events taking place in Lithuania today, it is of utmost importance that we again begin bombarding the Postmaster General and the Citizens' Advisory Committee, both located in Washington, DC, with letters and petitions. We should live up to our K of L reputation for attempting to get the job accomplished. Perhaps this is a project that our Lithuanian Affairs members should pursue again. Let's get started!

## KATALIKŲ PASAULIS (Catholic World)

*William Wolkovich-Valkavičius.*

"Catholic Magazine Published" - the May 1989 issue of VYTIS reports. Happily, a few copies have reached our shores.

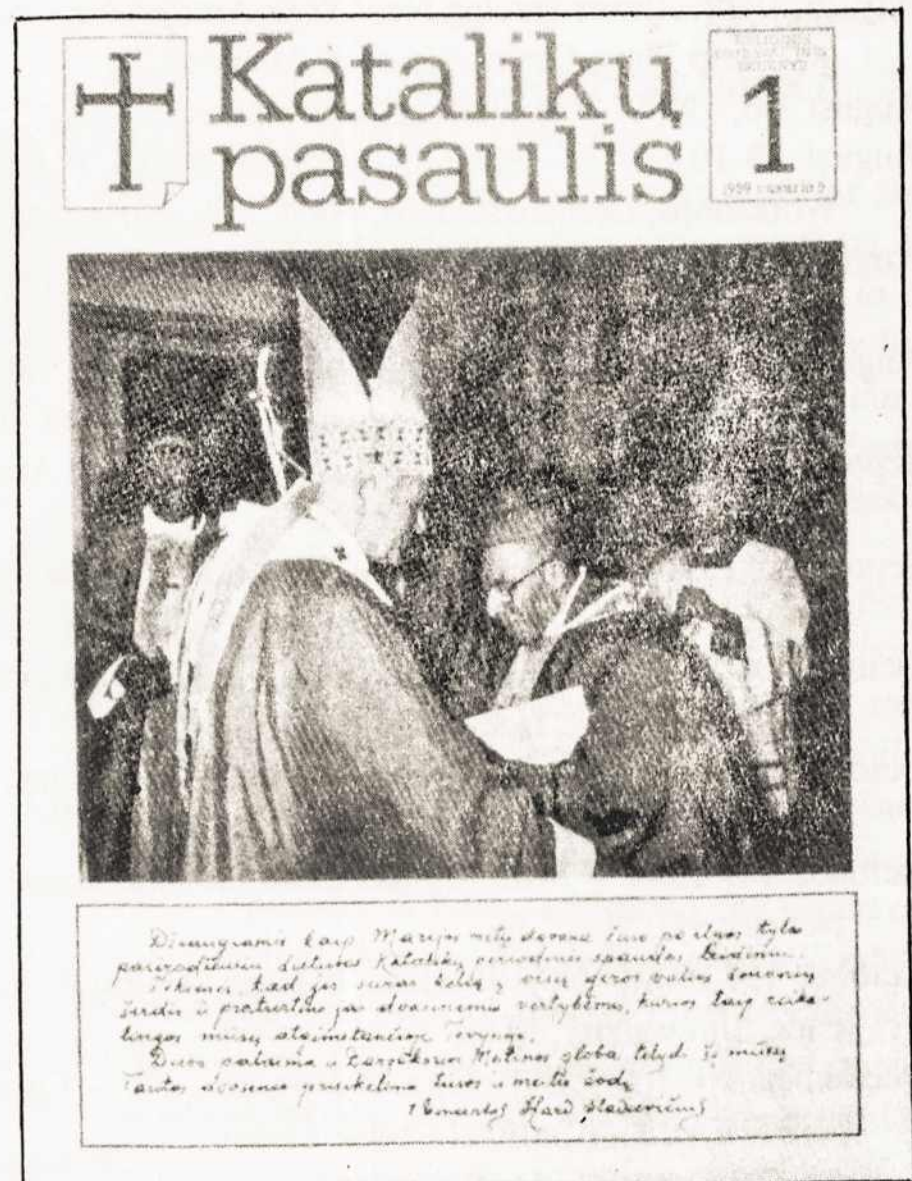
This startling news from Lithuania must pique the curiosity of K of L readers. Accordingly, it is an unusual joy for this writer to share a glimpse at the contents of the first two issues of KATALIKŲ PASAULIS, Feb. 5 and 19, 1989.

A journal of 28 pages, it features color on front and back covers. Expectedly, a picture of Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Sladkevičius adorns the premier issue. Below is the prelate's hand-written message as follows: "We rejoice in the appearance of this publication as a gift of the Marian Year, after a long silence in Lithuania of Catholics' periodical literature. We trust that it [new journal] will find its way into the hearts of people of good will, and enrich them with spiritual values, so necessary for our reviving Homeland. May God's blessing and the protection of the heavenly Mother accompany this word of truth and charity in our nation's spiritual resurrection."

The cover of issue No. 2 shows the Holy Father greeting Bishop Julijonas Steponavičius, who after 28 years of exile, has returned to his episcopal duties.

A sampling of news features and articles includes:

- excerpts from the cardinal's homily on the occasion of the Vilnius cathedral return to use for worship;
- inspirational poetry;
- meaning of Lent;
- Sunday Scriptures and commentaries;



- St. Bernadette and Lourdes;
- religious instruction for children;
- news headlines from around the world;
- two entries on Blessed Archbishop George [Jurgis Matulevičius].

One of the latter is the saintly prelate's letter to Catholics of Vilnius, written Feb. 16, 1919.

## CATHOLIC WORLD (Cont'd)

A distinct photo series in color shows off a set of striking Stations of the Cross in ceramics, found in the shrine at Anykščiai. Issue No. 2 already introduces a question-answer column on morals and doctrine.

N.B. One hopes that zealots in this country take a cue from the faithful in Lithuania when it comes to describing the beatified Archbishop George. Recall the unseemly fuss over his surname in the Lithuanian community in the

USA, when a few (perhaps many) super-patriots bristled over the surname, "Matulevičius," rather than "Matulaitis." Issue No. 1 of KATALIKŲ PASAULIS, p. 18, carries the caption - "Jurgis Matulevičius" - exactly what the devout man called himself. The editors did not tamper with his surname. Editors of our Lithuanian language publication might well follow suit. But then what do I know? Someone with a name like "Valkavičius". But wait, what about surnames like Sladkevičius and Steponavičius?



## K of L CALENDAR

- July 12, 1989 - C-24, "Night at the Races", Sportsman Park - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner and Races.
- July 26, 1989 - Buses leaving New York Area to Ann Jillians Performance at Trump Plaza Casino/Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ
- August 3-6, 1989 - 76th National Convention. Hosts: C-112 Chicago, IL
- August 13-19, 1989 - Eastern European Festival, Lithuanian Exhibit, Workshops, Demonstrations, Food, Entertainment. C-144 Anthracite.
- August 19, 1989 - Mid America K of L Choir - Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL.
- August 27, 1989 - C-152 Riverhead NY - Annual Lithuanian Festival, American Legion Hall, Greenport, NY - 12 Noon - 6 p.m.
- September 10, 1989 - C# 17 So. Boston, MA - 75th Anniversary Dinner-Dance, Lantana's, Randolph, MA.
- September 17, 1989 - New England District Fall Convention, St. Francis Church, Athol, MA.
- October 7, 1989 - C-3 Philadelphia - Concert by Cleveland Octet, Lithuanian Music Hall, Philadelphia, PA.
- October 8, 1989 - Mid-America K of L Choir - Immaculate Conception Church, 75th Anniversary
- October 14, 1989 - 74th Annual Cocktail and Supper Dance, C# 29, Newark, NJ.
- October 15, 1989 - New England District "Cultural Festival", Marionis Park, Shrewsbury, MA
- December 3 - 10, 1989 - C#110 Maspeth, NY - Caribbean Cruise.on FESTIVALE - (Carnival Cruise Lines).

**JEST KIDDING:** A rich old couple was in church and the collection plate was approaching. In a hoarse whisper, she said to him: "Don't put in more than a quarter". "Listen," he replied. "Andrew Carnegie gave 4 million dollars for his seat in heaven. John D. Rockefeller gave 6 million for his seat in heaven. Where do you think I'm going to sit for 12-1/2 cents?"

## IN MEMORIAM

ALBINA EWALT  
C#19 Pittsburgh, PA  
† October 8, 1988

ANNA BACYS  
C#26 Worcester, MA  
† April 19, 1989

JOSEPH BALUKONIS  
C#17 So. Boston, MA  
† April 24, 1989

ANTOINETTE DZWONKAS  
C#140 Syracuse, NY  
† April 26, 1989

VERONICA AVIZA  
C#41 Brooklyn, NY  
† May 21, 1989

MSGR. JONAS BALKUNAS  
C#147 St. Petersburg, FL  
† May 31, 1989

CHARLES STACK  
C#110 Maspeth, NY  
† June 7, 1989



## THE LEGACY OF DARIUS AND GIRENAS

By Edward Baranauskas

The First World War witnessed the introduction, for the first time, of the airplane as a weapon of combat. At the end of hostilities, the application of aviation for peacetime use became obvious. Many young men devoted much of their time, talent, and treasure to become pioneers in the conquest of the air.

Engineering progress was slow at first. Airplanes had to be designed to stay in the air longer and to fly greater distances.



The wreckage of the airplane on display at the Museum of History in Kaunas. (Formerly known as Kaunas War Museum).

More powerful engines had to be built. The conquest of new horizons became the goal of many a young aviator.

Many of these new pioneers were obsessed with the desire to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, but because aviation technology was still in its infancy, such an adventure became a risky undertaking. Many attempts were made to fly across the Atlantic, and many ended in failure and tragedy.

Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas, two Lithuanian immigrants who came to the United States before the First World War, made plans to fly non-stop from New York to Kaunas, and hoped to make the land of their birth famous by doing so. Purchasing an airplane, and modifying it to make such a long flight possible, required a lot of money, which they did not have. They spent a lot of time in fund-raising drives, and their fellow immigrants responded generously. These donations, plus their

own savings, enabled them to buy one of the better small airplanes of its day. After the modifications were complete, the stage was now set for their hopes and dreams to come true. The name given to this airplane was "LITUANICA".

Darius and Girenas realized the risk they were taking. A few months before their flight, they wrote their now-famous "Flight Testament" and dedicated it to the land of their birth, which they called Young Lithuania, as it was only in its fifteenth year of independence after being subjugated by the Czars of Russia for over a century.

### FLIGHT TESTAMENT

*We shall fly to Lithuania!*

*The Lithuanian nation is awaiting from her sons further more courageous deeds. It is imperative that her sons contribute to the combined efforts to explore the very little known air currents of the northern Atlantic Ocean and to utilize the newly invented methods of navigation and equipment, making them suitable for everyday use.*

*Young Lithuania! Inspired by your spirits, we will endeavor to accomplish our chosen task. Let our success strengthen your spirit and your trust in your own power and ability. But if Neptune or the mighty, stormy Perkunas would be angry at us, would terminate our passage to Young Lithuania and would call*

*LITUANICA to himself, then you, Young Lithuania, will have to determine, sacrifice, and prepare yourself for a new flight, so that the tempestuous gods of the oceans are satisfied by your efforts and determination, and will not call you to the Last Judgment.*

*Let the success of LITUANICA strengthen the spirit of the young sons of Lithuania and inspire them to new and noble deeds.*

*Let LITUANICA's defeat and sinking to the depths of the Atlantic Ocean teach young Lithuanians of stubbornness and determination, so that a winged Lithuania overcomes the treacherous Atlantic to the glory of Lithuania!*

*Then this flight we are dedicating to you, Young Lithuania!*

## Legacy of Darius & Girenas (Cont'd)

*This great experiment we will start, having faith in Heaven's blessing.*

*(Signed)*

*Stephen Darius      Stanley Girenas*

(Perkunas, incidentally, is the God of Thunder and Lightning in the ancient pagan Lithuanian religion.)

In the early morning hours of July 15, 1933, Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas lifted "Lituanica" slowly off the ground at Floyd Bennett Field in New York and headed for their beloved Lithuania. Two days later, on July 17, they were found, lifeless, beside their smashed airplane in the woods of Soldin, Germany.



*The Soldiers Cemetery at Aukštieji Šančiai, Kaunas, where Darius and Girenas are buried.*

Their worst fears had become a reality.

The Lithuanian government was notified of the tragedy and a delegation of officials arrived at the crash site. The bodies of the two pilots were flown to Kaunas, where they were embalmed and placed into copper coffins. Following the state funeral, their remains were put into the mausoleum of the Kaunas cemetery. What was left of the wreckage of the airplane, the flight clothing that the pilots wore during their flight, and their personal belongings were put on display in the Kaunas War Museum in 1936, where they may be seen today. (The

museum is now called the Museum of History).

During the German occupation of Lithuania, the coffins were removed from the mausoleum in 1943 and secretly walled up in the Faculty of Medicine for safety. They remained there until 1964 when the coffins which were damaged during the war were removed and buried at the Kaunas Soldiers Cemetery in Aukštieji Šančiai.

The giant stone of Puntukas, located in the forest near the city of Anykščiai was made into a memorial in 1943 to honor forever these two brave men. Only several sentences of their "Flight Testament" were made part of the memorial, as there was not enough room on the stone for every word. The following words appear below their bas-relief profiles:

*Lietuvių tauta laukia iš savo sūnų ir drasesnių žygių. Jaunoji Lietuva, mūsų pasisekimas tegu sustiprina Tavo dvasią ir pasitikėjimą savo jėgomis ir gabumais. Bet jei Neptunas ar galingasis audrų Perkūnas ir mums bus rūstus - pastos mums kelią į Jaunąją Lietuvą - tada Tu turėsi iš naujo ryžtis, aukotis ir pasirengti naujam žygiui, kad audringųjų vandenųjų dievai būtų patenkinti Tavo pastangomis, pasiryžimu ir nekviestų Tavęs į Didįjį Teismą.*

*1933 VII 15      Stepas Darius      Stasys Girėnas*

Plans are now in the preliminary planning stage in Lithuania to construct a more elaborate memorial to these two brave men, a design something along the lines of a combination mausoleum and memorial. Since the funding for this project will not come from government sources, financial support from private citizens can only make this possible. According to the press in Lithuania, the response by the public has been encouraging. Donations are coming in to the committee organizing this memorial, not only from the people of Lithuania, but also from Lithuanians living in the United States, Canada and Australia.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the people of Lithuania have the greatest love, respect and admiration for Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas. These two men have certainly earned their places in history. No wonder that Lithuania is also known as "The Land of Heroes".

The year 1989 marks the 56th anniversary of the ill-fated flight of Darius and Girenas and it would be fitting if we should all pause for a moment of silence on July 15 to honor the memory of these gallant men.



## LITHUANIAN FOLK SCULPTURE

By Stella Matulonis

The Lithuanian peasant did not sit idly in his cottage, especially during the long winter months. The women concerned themselves with the preparation of wool and flax for spinning, weaving, sewing, preparation of food and caring of children. The men were also busy. Using the wood from the great forests surrounding their homes, the farmer cut and carved wood, produced and repaired the household articles needed to carry out the daily routine of living. The peasant made his own farm tools

- the spinning wheel, the distaff, the loom, nutcrackers, household plates, cooking utensils, musical instruments, buckets, pails, cups, saucers and so on.

Not only did the peasant farmer produce his own utensils, he also decorated them to make them pleasing to the eye. Using a knife or sharp object like a hone or stone, he embellished the objects with designs. Usually, the ornamentation consisted of geometric figures, triangles, circles, zigzags and crosses which were intertwined and renewed to form designs that were appealing. Tree forms, tulip, rose, daisy and rue designs were also common; but figure decorations were rare. Thus, ordinary objects carved with care and precision became precious items.

However, it was in the carving of the *dievukai* or deities that the wood carvers did their most memorable and unique work. The carving of tree trunks goes back to prehistoric and pagan times. The trunks of trees were erected in prehistoric cemeteries; these funeral posts were placed at the foot of the deceased and contained a roof with a small niche. The wood carver gave his imagination free play to produce complicated designs. These early shrines had no similarity to a cross. In addition, the pagan Lithuanians placed these wayside chapels along the side of roads to celebrate a joyous event. These chapels were celebrated by ancient rites. As early as 1426, the Catholic Church proscribed them, refused to bless them and tried to remove them.

Some of the wayside chapels of Lithuania are nailed to a tree and shelter small deities, like the *dievukai* or *rupintojeliai*. This religious art, though not an art of the church, spread in spite of campaigns by the clergy to prohibit it. Such figures were denied benediction and their admission to sanctuaries was forbidden. In due time, however, the crucifixion and the Christ-like figures were permitted but were exceptions to the rule. As

a result, the wayside chapels populated the fields, woods and roads. Because it was driven out of the church, this sculpture was cast of convention and developed freely. These statues which were made from parts of the tree were hewn by hand with vigorous blows by the peasant carver.

The wood carvers' deities are memorable. The deities are characterized by a scale that is out of proportion, with body parts that are often elongated or distorted. The wood of the tree helps

to animate the deity. The tree trunk is alive. Most of all, this sculpture belongs to the forest.

Looking at the statues that are carved today, the viewer can experience the past and in this respect, the *dievukai* remain timeless.

With the passage of years, the wood carvers began to carve religious figures like saints and angels and placed these figures onto the chapels of the wayside crosses. Today, the wayside shrines are fully accepted and can be found outside of a Lithuanian Catholic Church, true to outdoor tradition.

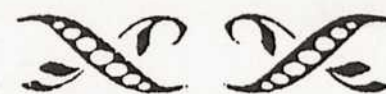
In a legend from *Žemaitija*, it is said that the deity "*Rupintojėlis*" represents Christ returned to earth after his Resurrection. He rests by the wayside and weeps over the misery of mankind. Anyone with problems, could turn to the Sorrowful Christ. The symbolism of *Rupintojėlis* entered Lithuanian literature and art and remains to this day.

The wood carvers or god-makers of Lithuania were among the most creative people in the village. Many of them were also musicians, carpenters and craftsmen. Although untrained as professional artists, they used their natural talents and followed their own intuition. Most carvers are unknown except for a few who have been active in recent times.

It is without doubt that the articles created by the wood carvers have contributed immeasurably to the enrichment of our common Lithuanian heritage. Even today, the folk sculpture has not changed. It remains forever.



*Rūpintojėlis - The Sorrowful Christ.*



## JOHN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS SOVIET STUDENTS

*By Pat Van Den Beemtt*

John Carroll High School in Bel Air, MD recently hosted 15 school students from Lithuania in an exchange program. They arrived on March 3 for a four week visit. This was the first time that Soviet students were permitted to stay in individual American homes rather than hotels. It is believed that for Soviet teens to live unchaperoned was probably the biggest thing to ever happen in Soviet education. The cost of the Soviet students' trip was borne entirely by the Soviet government whereas the 15 American students visiting Lithuania, their expenses were borne by local businessmen and individuals and then matched by the federal government. There wasn't much of a language barrier during the Soviets' visit to the U.S. because all of the students have been studying English since they were seven years old. When asked how they enjoyed their visit to America, the response was unanimously favorable. John Carroll High School is looking forward to the exchange again next year and, hopefully, for many years to come. We list below comments made by the Lithuanian student and also the American student regarding their exchange program while living in the United States and in Lithuania.

### ME IN AMERICA

*By Dovile Budryte, 17 yrs. old*



photo by Nicole Roesch

At first I couldn't understand why everybody's smiling here. But after meeting people and doing practically only pleasant things, I can smile much more than I did before. I'm able to be

Just a "hi" and a very friendly fascinating smile. Such are my very first impressions about American people. I've never seen so many smiling faces in my country. It seems that in America, everybody is satisfied and happy too. That's very nice - if you are in a bad mood, you don't find it necessary to show it to everybody around you, and you don't spoil the atmosphere. To tell the truth, I expected to find really different people in America.

myself.

My first surprises in America were: the first things I've seen, of course, beautiful and cosy houses on the country side, large skyscrapers in the city, and a great variety of cars and shops. But, still, it's only one face, one side of the United States. To know the life better, you'd live not just in a hotel, but together with people, in their houses, with their families. I was lucky to do this with Becky Kloplic in her house, with her family. At first, I was amazed; so many children in the family (5 of them)! I've only got one sister. But everybody has his own duties; everybody's busy. There's no time wasted and there are no disagreements. In our own country, sometimes teenagers can't do with their parents so well. In my opinion, religion also helps to set such friendly relations between parents and children.

To tell the truth, at first the lessons in your school seemed a little boring for me. A teacher explores almost everything; everybody's just sitting and listening by himself or herself. In Lithuania we usually sit with another girl or boy at the same desk. (They are called "desk friends".) But when I went to the lessons more and more, I found them much more interesting. The relations between teachers and pupils are warm; you don't need to be afraid to go to a lesson if you're not prepared very well. (Still, I'm not quite sure about it...) Pupils are very eager to learn. They are industrious. After their lessons, they study in the library and do a lot of their work there. (Most Lithuanian students are too lazy to stay in school after the lessons; we usually take books from the library house and do the job at home.) I'm comparing Lithuanian and American students all the time because that's the way I look at American schools. It seems that some of the teachers are real friends of the students. They talk to each other not only about the school but about life, family, home, and just solve everyday problems. That's very important for keeping in high spirits. Now I can understand why most students are smiling all day long.

Your country is very beautiful. In spite of the fact that it's "only" 200 years old, it has got a rich culture already and most people value it. That's very good because history is the mirror of the whole nation. If young people don't respect their roots, the nation is dying then. That's why I value those pupils who study history which is my favorite subject, too.

An Eastern philosopher said that the year is good if you're



making friends with somebody or if you're going to unknown countries. Then you're really rich, really happy. That's me in America.

## ME IN LITHUANIA

*By Rajiv Goel*

Bewilderment, excitement, and nervous tension encircled my mind as I first entered into a new family, a new country, and a totally different lifestyle than I was accustomed to. Questions such as "What can I expect? Will I like my new family and would I fit in?" pervaded my deepest thoughts and emotions. However, those feelings were quickly removed as I was received with the utmost care, friendship, and love from my new Lithuanian friends and family. After the first night, it had seemed as though I had known everyone for a long time.

Day after day, I met the same affection in the classroom, on the street, or on an excursion. People did not hesitate a moment to give a friendly smile or say a few kind words. Through such interactions, I came to realize that Americans and Lithuanians are so much alike. Both cultures gain much enjoyment through

simple things - playing jokes on one another, relaxing, taking a stroll in the park, playing in friendly competitions, talking about the day's events, or watching a comedy on television. In these ways the cultures of the world are quite similar.

As I was shown the beautiful sites, the dances, the songs, the literature, and the language of Lithuania, I better understood why the Lithuanians are so nationalistic. Every aspect of their culture is rich in tradition and deep rooted history. I gained wonderful knowledge while visiting medieval castles, collecting amber on the shores of the Baltic, singing and dancing traditional songs at various festivities, going to museums and ballets, and reading history that dates back to the 1300's. I can see why Lithuanians are so proud and patriotic.

My trip was one that I will never forget. Although it was difficult to adjust to different foods, languages and customs, I gained experience that taught me to appreciate what America offers and not to take my freedom for granted. I learned as much about myself as I did about a new culture. I am certain that this journey will prove to be the highlight of my life for many years down the road.

## LITHUANIANS ARE COMING!

We are all practically sure that many of us know that the Lithuanians Are Coming! In fact, these Lithuanians are yachtsmen who left Klaipeda in May with three small yachts, propelled only by the wind, hoping to reach the United States sometime the latter part of June. The definite date is difficult to determine since everything depends on God's will and which way the wind will be blowing.

The three yachts started from the Baltic port of Klaipeda - Lietuva, Daile (Art) and Audra (Storm) - and are heading for final destination at South Street Seaport in New York City.

MEET THE CREW; Audra Crew: Ignas Miniotas, captain and instigator of this bold venture, Algirdas Boguševičius, Aleksandras Jankoveckas, Darius Miniotas, Audronis Paulauskas, Ričardas Sartanavičius and Kazys Stasiūnas. Dailes Crew: Žvaigždzius Drėma, captain; Algyrdas Dovydenas, Gendrutis Katinas, Algimantas Patašius, Raimundas Slyžys and Gintaras Žukauskas. Lietuvas Crew: Osvaldas Kubiliūnas, captain, Andrius Balbieniūnas, Rimas Dargis, Steponas Kudzevičius, Jonas Limon-

## LITHUANIANS ARE COMING!

*By Dalia Bulvicius*

tas, Sergiejus Mockevičius, Gediminas Pilaitis, Algimantas Reika and Robertas Tikuišis. The 22 yachtsmen average age is 41.5. The oldest is 58 and the youngest 24. Audra's crew is made up of various professions, most of them from Kaunas.



*"Lietuva" docked at Klaipeda just before sailing to the United States.*

## Lithuanians Are Coming! (Cont'd)

Many of the crewmen of Daile are artists, all from Vilnius. They are bringing with them approximately 45 pieces of their work of art which they plan to exhibit in the United States. Lietuvos crew is mostly from Klaipeda. On every yacht there is a doctor and two reporters. For the return trip to Lithuania, nineteen different crewmen will fly from Lithuania to man the trip back home. The yachts progress is monitored by radio by Lithuanians in the United States.

WHAT HAPPENED SO FAR: As they were approaching the Azores, the main mast of Lietuva broke and was immediately replaced at the Islands. Daile has very weak radio contact

and was lagging behind some 40 miles. On June 4, word was received that Audra is ahead and has practically made the trip half way. With a weak radio reception, Daile is in second place and Lietuva is lagging behind. If the wind holds out, Audra hopes to reach New York around June 16. No matter which yacht comes first, they will all meet at Sandy Hook, NJ and then proceed to New York with a large variety of boats manned by Lithuanian-Americans. After a large reception in New York, the yachts will dock at Sea Cliff Yacht Club on Long Island awaiting their return to Lithuania.

At present, we can only pray for them but by the time you read this, let's hope we can shout: Lithuanians Are Here!

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## UNREST IN THE SOVIET EMPIRE

*America's Future*

Day after day, week after week, bring ever more reports of seething unrest and riots within the Soviet Union and its satellite empire. Within the U.S.S.R., troops and tanks have been rushed to the south in efforts to quell rioting between Azerbaijanis and Armenians, two of the country's some 100 ethnic groups scattered across 15 national republics, 20 autonomous republics, 8 autonomous regions and 10 autonomous areas. Throughout much of this patchwork of 285 million people, nationalist fevers are on the rise, threatening Moscow's central control as never before.

In the three Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, swallowed up by the Soviets in 1940, there is open defiance of the Kremlin. In Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, East Germany and Bulgaria, protests against political and economic repression have communist rulers running scared. Communist but non-aligned Yugoslavia also is torn by ethnic strife and economic despair.

Much if not most of the ferment stems from Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of *perestroika*, or restructuring, and *glasnost*, or openness, which the Soviet leader hoped would revitalize the stagnating communist society. Instead, it has aroused public anger at unfulfilled promises and expectations and released long suppressed bitterness over the crimes, corruption and bureaucratic ineptitude of the Soviet system. After more than 70 years, communism's dismal failure is seen in continuing shortages of food and other consumer needs and deteriorating living

standards. The CIA has counted 600 popular disturbances in the Soviet Union since 1987, and major nationalist demonstrations in 9 of the 15 Soviet republics since last January. Says CIA Deputy Director Gates: "Gorbachev has set loose forces it will be immensely difficult and painful to leash."

Gorbachev is well aware of the severity of the crisis, but thus far has relied on compromise and persuasion rather than naked power. While overruling greater autonomy for the Baltic states and warning that ethnic strife could produce "disaster", the Soviet president issued a plaintive plea for unity. In a speech to the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet in November, Gorbachev declared: "There is only one aim, comrades. We are one family...."

But it's an unhappy family that could be falling apart. As Russian exile Vladimir Bukovsky said in a recent speech: "Gorbachev has much more than he bargained for. He has people coming up to him with demands on behalf of nationalities, religious freedoms, human rights, and with social and environmental agendas. The Soviet country is becoming slowly uncontrollable. There is a chance the Soviet authorities will not be able to control the process they started....It is a struggle between the people and the system." Whatever happens, the Western allies have no choice, but to remain alert and united, while encouraging the forces of freedom, wherever possible.



## News from Lithuania

### Tallest Tree or Tallest Church - Found in Trivia Book

Did you ever wonder which is the highest tree in Lithuania? Or the tallest church? A book of records is soon to be published in the Soviet republic of Lithuania giving such trivia.

The book is to report the facts such as the highest church is the 231-foot St. Peter and Paul Church in Shaulai and the highest tree in Lithuania is a 152-foot larch growing in the Prenayska region.

Arvidas Sabonis, the basketball player, reckons he's got the title of the tallest man in the republic all sewn up. He is 7-foot-3-1/4 center from Kaunas.

### The Choir's Success

AŽUOLIUKAS, a young boys choir in Lithuania returned home from a European coach tour. On Feb. 1 the choir left for France to take part in the Nantes Festival. A total of 35 choirs performed representing Great Britain, Japan, Spain, West Germany, Belgium, Hungary, France, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. Six choirs got to the final round where AŽUOLIUKAS and a Czech choir shared first place. The judging panel and the local press favorably commented on the performance of the Lithuanian choir.

The 8,000-kms trip from the Baltic coast to the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean took three weeks. The choir gave a total of 16 concerts in West Germany and France.

### Youth Evangelization Goal

Evangelizing youths who have grown indifferent to religion under communist rule is the "primary objective" of Archbishop Julijonas Steponavicius of Vilnius. Young people have fallen into indifference because of government prohibitions on religious education.

*Long Island Catholic*

### Baltics Defy Moscow

The parliaments of the Baltic republics of Lithuania and Estonia passed laws yesterday granting them far more inde-

pendence than Moscow authorities want to allow.

In Lithuania, the Supreme Soviet also declared the tiny republic "sovereign". Both republics approved laws giving them control over virtually all industry on their territories and declaring them the sole masters of their natural resources.

The laws fly in the face of recommendations from a Moscow commission headed by Politburo member Yuri Maslyukov on how much freedom the Soviet Union's 15 republics should have.

*Newsday*

### Miss Lithuania 1989



Liucija Gruzdytė, an 18-year-old fashion show girl from Ramunė clothes factory in Vilnius was selected as Miss Lithuania-89. It is reported the pageant had representatives from Poland, Norway and Estonia.

With her crown, she received 3,000 rubles, a trip to Canada and a computer. She will also take part in Miss Europe's pageant.



# LET'S SPEAK LITHUANIAN - KALBĖKIME LIETUVIŠKAI

*Apolonija (Polly) Žiaušys*

	<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>INCORRECT</u>
Bakery	Kepykla	Pekarnė
Bath sponge	Kempinė	Ragožka
Black pudding sausage	Kraujinė dešra, vėdaras	Kiška
Boss	Viršininkas, šeimininkas	Činas
Bottle	Bonka	Butelka
Compass	Skriestuvas	Cirkelis
Couch	Sofa, guolė, kušėtė	Kanapa
Dictionary	Žodynas	Tlumočius, Šlovníkas
Dish of food	Patiekalas	Patrova
Dumpling	Kukulis	Kleckas
Each	Kiekvienas	Kožnas
Errogant, pride	Išdidumas	Fanaberija
Fertile, productive	Derlingas	Vėžlyvas
Fireplace, hearth	Židinys	Pečius
Flood	Potvynis	Patapas
Forester, Forest Officer	Miškininkas, eigulyš	Lesvinčius
Gravy	Padažas, dažinys	Sosas
Hide (I)	Šikšna, kailis, oda	Skūra
Hide (II)	Slėpti, slapstyti	Kavoti, kavotis
Hood	Gobtuvas	Kapišonas
Hours	Valandos	Adynos
Honor	Garbė	Onaras
Improper, indecent	Nepadoriai	Neviežlybai
Iron bars	Geležinė užtvara	Grotai
Intestine, gut	Žarna	Kiška
Just like	Kaip tik	Jakras
Material	Medžiaga	Materiolas
Milliner	Modistė	Kepalūšnikė
Maybe	Galbūt	Musėt
Oil cloth	Vaškytinė	Klijonka, cirata
Peace, calm	Ramybė, taika	Spakajus
Piece	Gabalas, vienetas	Šmotas
Pillar	Stulpas, Kolona	Piliorius
Pillory	Gėdos stulpas	Sarmatstulpis
Pimple	Spuogas	Spaugas
Play	Žaisti	Bovitis
Play cards	Lošti kortomis	Grajiti
Room	Kambarys, rūmai	Pakajus
Room servant, chambermaid	Kambarinė	Pakajava
Spy	Šnipas	Špijonas
Stork	Gandras	Starkas
Towel	Rankšluostis	Abrūšas
Toy	Žaislas	Zabova
Veil	Šydas, vualis, priedanga	Valiumas
Vouch	Kvitas, laiduoti	Žirantas

	<u>CORRECT</u>		<u>INCORRECT</u>
Wafer	Plotkelė, Dievo pyragas		Aplotka
*****			
Corncob	Kukurūzu burbuolė	Snore	Knarkimas, knarkti
Sealing Wax	Smalka, kietas lakas	Sorell	Rugštynės (barščius virti)
Shrimp	Krevetė	Sink	Vandentekio kriauklė, vandeniui išpilti, virtuvėj išlaja
Sibyl	Pranašautoja, spėjikė, ragana		
Silica	Titnagžemis, putnagis		
Silt	Dumblas, nuosėdos		

## PATARLĖS

Atsarga gėdos nedaro.  
 Užsimanė, kaip sena boba ridikų.  
 Didelė išmintis mažoj galvoj sutelpa.  
 Galva visą žmogų vedžioja.  
 Išėjo šunims uodegų mezgioti (pasileidimas).  
 Greitas, kaip aitvaras.  
 Ilgą iešmą bedrožiant šuo kepsnį nuneš.  
 Gamta dalina kortas, o žmogus jomis lošia.  
 Nėra tokis galybės, kurios neįveiktu popierinis  
 durklas (spauda).  
 Blogas ūkininkas, kurio dirvas tik vytureliai  
 tręšia.  
 Plaukia, kaip skruzdė ant skiedros.  
 Niekas nepiauna šakos ant kurios sėdi.  
 Žuvis ieško kur giliau, žmogus kur geriau.  
 Kas daugiau paveža, tam daugiau padeda.

### CORRECTION;

Michael Yuknis, 1882 Monroe St. NW.,  
 Washington, DC 20010 has assumed the Editorship of  
 the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin only. Please forward all  
 newspaper articles and items that can be used in the  
 Bulletin to him. He would also appreciate the name and  
 address of all Council Lithuanian Affairs chairpersons.

*Anne Klizas Wargo, Pres.*

### DID YOU KNOW!

Lithuanians fought in every war in the United States  
 from the Revolution to our last in Viet Nam. Many  
 newly arrived immigrants enlisted in the United States  
 Army in WWI, sailed into France and laid down their  
 lives for their newly adopted country.

## COLLECTORS TREASURE TROVE

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You do not have to be a stamp collector to enjoy owning  
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### The World of Tomorrow:

Fifty years ago in 1939, New York World's Fair featured  
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 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:

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 Richmond Hill, NY 11419

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## Lithuanians in the News

### JEOPARDY CONTESTANT

Christine Zaleskas from Boston, MA, a student at Harvard University, appeared on "Jeopardy \$25,000 College Championship" hosted by Alex Trebek and aired on ABC, Channel 7, May 15, 1989. She scored as one of the semi-finalists.

When interviewed by Alex Trebek, he asked "...We had a team tournament earlier this year in which one of the students did not know that Paul McCartney was in a group called Beatles. She thought his first group was Wings. Now you are a Beatle fanatic, does that mean you know everything about them and you collect all of their works?"

Christine replied, "I collect all of their works and I am sure there is something I do not know about them but I know a lot about them."

"Do you have a favorite song?"

"Every day it changes."

"Do you have a favorite performer in that group?"

"Probably John Lennon."

The final determining question asked of all contestants "What country will have the greatest population in the world by 2050". The correct answer was "India". Unfortunately, Christine lost out against a Tulane University student by giving the answer as "United States". However, she did walk away with a prize and we congratulate her on her accomplishments.

Christine is the niece of Florence Zaleskas, member of C-17 So. Boston and Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Coordinator.

### Mūsų Žvaigždė Ann Jillian Performs

We list a few of Ann Jillian's performances that either have or will be taking place around the country:

1. Ann performed in Concert in Midland, MI on June 16 at their Academy for the Arts Theatre. This was a special evening of romantic and love songs for all.
2. Guest soloist with the Los Angeles Pops Orchestra on June 23 at the Biltmore Hotel.
3. Ann was in concert for a benefit for the American Cancer Society in San Diego, CA on July 8.
4. She will headline with her concert act at Trump Plaza Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City, NJ from July 25 thru July 30. Peter Nero, the famed musician, will open the show for Ann on this week-long engagement. All Lithuanians are ALWAYS invited to come backstage for a good hug from Ann. She will also sing a bit of a Lithuanian song whenever she knows her own are in the audience.
5. Ann Jillian will have her own weekly TV series, "The Ann Jillian Show". It will debut about December on NBC-TV. It is a comedy and Ann assures it will be good, clean family fun. Family entertainment with Ann is always "Clean", thereby making it enjoyable for all to see. Ann plays a widow with a teenage daughter who moves from New York to California where the two hit on all the emotions possible between a mom and daughter and her assorted new friends along the way.

*(It certainly would be a pleasant surprise if Ann Jillian stopped in at the convention on her way home from Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, NJ)*



Art Walunas Cowboy Band. L to r: Joseph, Mary Ann, Vladimir, Edward and Art Walunas.

### Band Plays at USA/USSR Gymnastics

Art Walunas Cowboy Band, a/k/a Coors Cowboy Band played at the 1989 USA/USSR Gymnastics Friendship Tour festivities in Cedar City, Utah. The band consists of Mary Ann, Ed, Joe and Art Walunas of Parowan, UT. The band played a mixture of traditional country/western songs and delighted the crowd attending with a standing ovation. Members of the Soviet delegation took to their feet and danced a jig to a song Art Walunas introduced in Russian. It was noted there were no Lithuanian gymnasts this year.

## Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

From a small cafe in Parowan, the Walunas Cowboy Band has become rodeo's No. 1 touring musical group, according to a spokesman for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Art Walunas is a K of L member with C-133 in Los Angeles, CA.

### Woman's Invention Catches on in Majors



Carol Stanley

"It was an idea that made the majors". That's how Carol Stanley describes her brain-child, a protective batting/catching glove that's being used by several big-name baseball pros. Carol patented an athletic glove called the Stan-Mitt Mitt used by players from New York Mets, Los Angeles Dodgers, Boston Red Sox and

Oakland A's. Stanley could be the only female inventor represented in the Hall of Fame.

During an interview, Stanley talked about her reasons for designing the mitt eight years ago. While catching, she caught from some pitchers that threw 45 to 50 miles per hour from 40 feet away and "It hurt".

For the most part, Stanley marketed the mitt herself by approaching professional baseball players. A lot of the players viewed her as "just another saleswoman" but that perception changed once they learned of her athletic background. This year, however, Stanley is looking for buyers of a different sort. If she can't find a major distributor or marketer for her mitt by year's end, she'll try to sell the patent. Her intentions are not to reap profits but to realize a dream.

Carol Stanley is a member of C-3 in Philadelphia, PA.

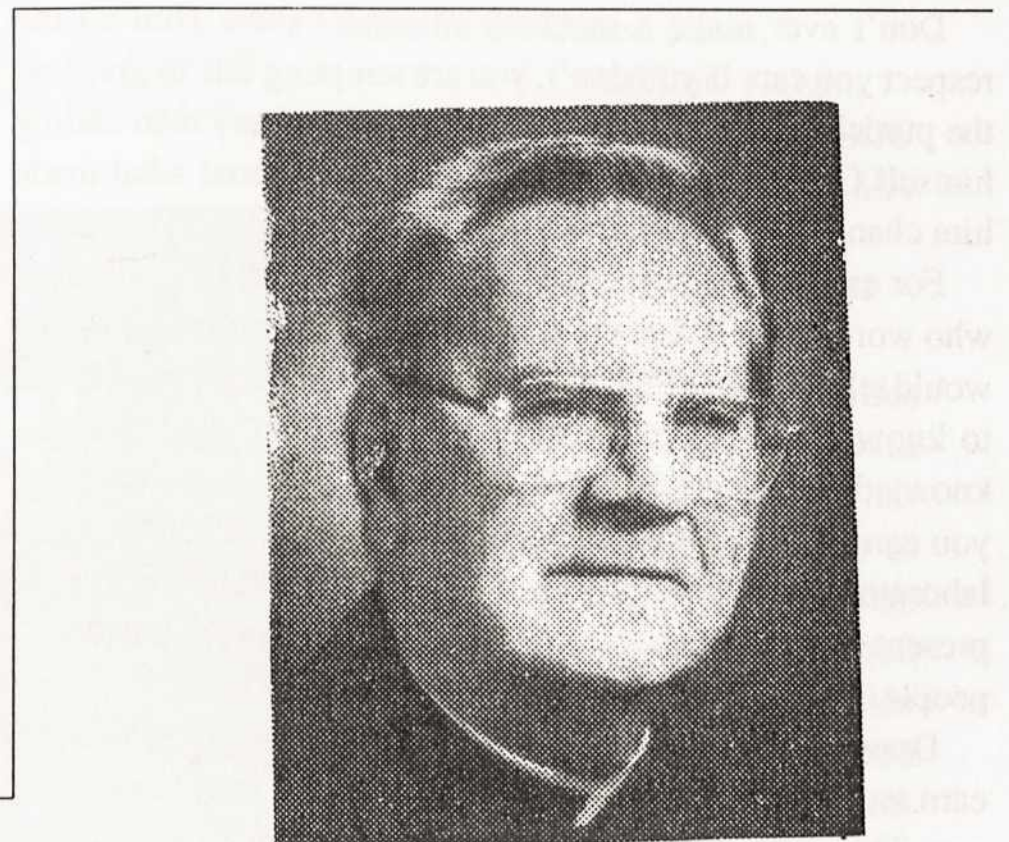
*Courier-Post*

## Another Rising Star in the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

Carol Veness, a rising young soprano of the Metropolitan Opera in New York and other opera companies throughout the world is proud to admit that she is Carol Vyšniauskaitė, a Lithuanian. Her parents were born in the U.S. and told her all about the country of her forefathers. Last season at the Met she received most brilliant reviews. This season she will appear in Charles Gounod's *Faust*, Johann Strauss' *Die Fledermaus (The Bat)* and Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. Should you go to one of her performances, visit backstage. She would like to meet a fellow Lithuanian.



Carol Veness



*Msgr. Michael Ozalas, former spiritual advisor of C-74 Scranton and Fourth Degree member, was honored on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.*

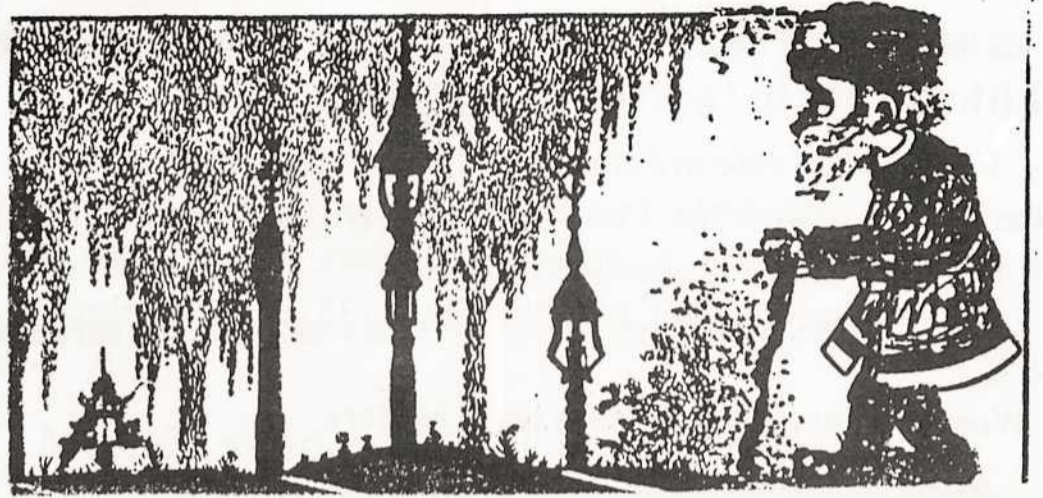
## IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY .....

*Norkunas giminaičiams Meskūnams ir Lušams (1/1/51)*  
"Brangūs ir brangios, prašysiu vieno dalyko. Sužinokite kada būna Ateitininkų susirinkimas. Šis man daugiau rūpi kaip viskas. Aš būtinai norėčiau būti nors mažame jų tarpe.

Mano brangi Nelytė, tu tikra darbšti bitukė, paskubėk surasti ir kaip galėsi man greit pranešti. Nelaukim neikada rytojaus. Ką turim daryt skubėkim daryti šiandien ... Jūsų neramus giminaitis, Mykolas."



# "Dede Kastukas Sako"



## Now Everybody is Waiting

All of free Europe wants the Committee leader Gorbachev to proclaim to the world "I hereby declare Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia free countries and no longer a part of the Soviet union. They will be completely autonomous and I hereby order all Russian personnel and Army troops to also vacate Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Bulgaria, Poland, Rumania and Hungry." What a dream that would be. If freedom could be regained that easily, what a wonderful world this would be. Instead, we expect revolutions and the overthrow of governments by force with the battle cry "Down with Communists" being shouted in the streets as people kill each other.

## Quick, Get the Net

Don't ever make a mockery of God - show Him all the respect you can. If you don't, you are tempting fate to give you the punishment you deserve. When I read of any man calling himself God and acting subnormally, I wondered what made him change from our normal way of living.

For example, a man called Ronald of Palo Alto, California who wore robes and strolled around in bare feet like a prophet would tell us he was Ptah X Siki, the Egyptian God Ptah. He had to know some Egyptian history and be intelligent. He was knowledgeable and preached that once you find you are God, you can be free. He is 51 years old and has a job in a dental laboratory at \$40,000 per year. He carries a hand made flute. At present, he hopes to be elected City Councilman to help free all people. In 1978 he found out he was Ptah.

Draw your own conclusion. He has to be a good worker to earn an above average salary and he's a kind man but a queer one. The only problem he is presenting to the City is storing seven autos and three boats in his home. He, therefore, is normal in keeping with our idea of sanity but subnormal in thinking he's God. Is that a new religion? At least, it's not a dangerous or violent one.

## Burma Drugs

The Oriental Triangle of the drug trade consists of Burma, China and Thailand. The governments of the three countries are supposedly fighting to control the traffic of drugs. Their efforts

show little success. One of the biggest growers and dealers in drugs is Kuhn Sa who has huge poppy fields in the mountains in Central Burma plus an army of 2,000 trained soldiers to protect his operation. There is no evidence that the government intends to stop his activity since it's a profitable operation for all people in that Burma District. Mr. Kuhn Sa allows interviews to newsmen who can reach him; is affable, states he has been shot at 40 times and is willing to make a deal with Pres. Bush to stop growing and dealing in drugs only if the United States President will pay him 48 million dollars per year for six years. That money would be used to feed and house the people he now takes care of, implying he is working for the public welfare. The idea sounds good except that other growers would also turn up.

His entire operation was shown on TV; alive and doing very well.

## Who Do You Know?

Do you want something done in the legislature in Washington? That's a big order but it can be done. First of all, contact the Representative or Senator of your City and explain your problem. He may tell you to hire a lawyer who is friendly with the legislators or to hire a lobbyist who knows them. For their services you pay from \$125 an hour up. Regardless of what you want whether it be protection against a regulatory bill that may hurt your business, or get a foreign shipping license, or introduce a safety measure to protect certain factory workers, they will explain how it can be done, whether it can be done and when it can be done. It's all legitimate. Former senators and legislators are good lobbyists. They present a short concise statement of your problem to their friend in Congress, and it can get started but it will take months or maybe a couple of years to get it done. The general public thinks all lobbyists are illegal - tain't so. This is the way some problems are resolved. We have two very capable K of L members doing just that kind of specialized work in Washington, DC.





## NAUJAS LIETUVIS KUNIGAS

Gegužės 13 New Yorko kardinolas John O'Connor įšventino devynis naujus ir jaunus kunigus. Jų tarpe yra ir Matthew A. Yatkauskas, gimęs iš lietuviškų tėvų Yonkers, N.Y. Jo tėvai yra Albertas J. ir Amelia Jatkauskai, kurie priklauso prie Aušros Vartų parapijos, Manhattane, N.Y. ir yra Lietuvos vyčių 12 kuopos nariai.

Jis baigė Šv. Juozapo seminariją Dunwoodie, N.Y. Seminarijos koplyčioje gegužės 14, sekmadienį, 3 val. popiet aukojo pirmąsias mišias.

Iš profesijos jis buvo muzikas, baigęs karališką muzikos konservatoriją Briuselyje, Belgijoje ir Manhattano muzikos mokyklą. Dešimtį metų buvo vargonininku įvairiose parapijose, buvo vargonininku ir Šv. Petro ir Pauliaus lietuvių parapijoje Elzabethe. Kurį laiką akomponavo

Harmonijos kvartetui, kuriam vadovavo Viktoras Ralys. Nuo kvarteto pasitraukęs įstojo į kunigų seminariją ir buvo tos seminarijos vargonininku ir drauge studijavo teologiją ir filosofiją.

Nuo pat mažens norėjo būti kunigu, mėgo patarnauti bažnyčiai. Norėjo būti vienuoliu kapuacinu. 16 metų būdamas nuvyko į Romą, kad ten galėtų įstoti į kunigų seminariją, bet nepavyko. Idėjos niekada nenumetė, vis traukė jį prie kunigystės. Buvo vargonininku Šv. Petro ir Pauliaus parapijoje Larchmont, N.Y. Svečias kunigas, atvykęs ten vasaros metu, paragino jaunąjį muziką tuoj apsispręsti ir būti kunigu. Tą jis ir padarė. Studijuodamas dar dirbdavo parapijose, ligoninėse.

Linkime, kad šis lietuviškos kilmės kunigas ateitų dirbti į lietuvių parapijas.



Kun. Matthew A. Yatkauskas prie kunigų seminarijos vargonų.

## LETTERS

### C-12 New York organized in 1916 - not 1941.

In the April 1989 (Vol. 75, No. 4) issue of VYTIS, page 24, we find the following statement: 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 later became the Very Rev. Provincial of the Marian Fathers in the United States.

In his history of the Knights of Lithuania, Father William Wolkovich, on page 239, lists that C-12 was founded in New York City in October of 1916.

In October of 1916, John Navickas, a LaSalette Brother, was a philosophy student at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He died September 8, 1941. At that time he was the Provincial of the Marian Fathers in the United States.

A fellow Knight,  
Rev. John C. Petrauskas, MIC  
C-26, Worcester, MA

### History - 140 Lithuanian Parishes

At the request of Bishop Paulius Baltakis, OFM, Rev. William Wolkovich-Valkavičius, has undertaken a multi-volume series to summarize the history of all Roman Catholic parishes in the United States. To this end a "Lithuanian Parish History Project" fund has been set up, to which tax-deductible donations are now solicited. The priest-historian is donating the next six years of his leisure time, together with the use of his archives, computer, and microfilm reader. Research assistance and secretarial aids, nevertheless, must be a fair wage. Efforts are underway to obtain funds from large foundations, but naturally each application requires

## LETTERS (Cont'd)

information about other donations from within the ethnic group itself. A special effort is being made to receive help from the National Foundation on Arts and Humanities. Meanwhile, endorsements have been given by academic leaders in the United States, including Oscar Handlin, Harvard University; Msgr. John Tracy Ellis, Catholic University of America; Rudolph Vecoli, Immigration Research Center, University of Minnesota; Christopher Kauffman, Editor, *U.S. Catholic Historian*; R. Joseph Anderson, Library Director, Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, Philadelphia. At least three volumes are planned: 1) eastern seaboard, 2) Pennsylvania (50 parishes), 3) midwest and beyond.

This series can be a major contribution to U.S. history and to U.S. Catholic history in showing the power of ethnicity, and the inner life of one group of immigrants, in response to other ethnics and to the host society. Donations may be sent to:

Lithuanian Parish Hist. Project  
36 St. George Ave  
Norwood, MA 02062

*N.B. The Knights of Lithuania were gracious enough to donate \$500 at the convention of 1988.*



*Lithuanian College in Rome.*

## PONTIFICIO COLLEGIO LITUANO - S. Casimiro-Rome

Dear Brother & Sister in Christ:

Every Diocesan Administrator (Bishop) addresses himself at least once a year to the faithful of his diocese asking for support of one of its most important institutes: his priestly seminary. This year, like last, with Bishop Paul Baltakis' blessings, we turn to you, dear Brothers and Sisters Lithuanians, on the occasion of this College's Feast Day, March 4, asking you to remember the College in prayer and to support it with a material offering.

God has blessed this St. Casimir's College-Seminary in Rome for over 40 years now. It is the principal Lithuanian base in the center of Christianity, the Holy See. It has already done very much not only for Lithuanians in the emigration but also for the Church in Lithuania. With difficulty would the Church of Lithuania have lived to see such wondrous events if it were not for the creation and activity of St. Casimir's College in Rome. It is the house where the Diocesan Administrators of Lithuania and other clerics and lay people always find so needed help in many areas. It is the

only Lithuanian religious institution in Rome which is officially recognized by the Vatican and the Italian government, playing quite an important role. Unfortunately, as almost everywhere in the west, we, too, are now experiencing a shortage of Lithuanian vocations.

We express special thanks to the Knights of Lithuania who were the first to help in the creation of the College Endowment Fund in 1985. Thus, I invite all our Lithuanian Brothers and Sisters to support this Fund with any donation, since one day, it should be the guarantee of this institution's future. Also on this occasion, I thank those Lithuanian Brother Priests who supported us so generously in the last year. We thank all our benefactors as well, whose number increases significantly each year. We sincerely appreciate every offering, since through it we vividly experience God's providential hand blessing thanks to the goodness of our benefactors.

St. Casimir's College in Rome deserves all of our attention and support, especially now that we are obligated to conform to the Italian government's present and new laws concerning our activity. Repair work is costly and takes a long time. Therefore we turn to all Lithuanians asking for support in favor of this unique institution in Rome. Please send your donation (check) in the name and address of this College.

Pontificio Collegio Lituano  
Via Casalmonferrato 20  
00182 Roma, Italy.

If anyone offering a larger sum would like to have it tax deductible, he/she can send it to us through Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, 531 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207 which for many years has kindly helped us in this way.

Yours in Christ,  
*Msgr. Algimantas A. Bartkus,*  
Rector

**76th National Convention  
August 3 - 6, 1989  
Holiday Inn, Countryside, IL**

***IMPORTANT!***

**CHECK YOUR HOTEL CONFIRMATION CAREFULLY**

Be sure your hotel room is waiting for you when you arrive. Check your confirmation to be sure the check-in and check-out dates are correct. Remember, convention dates are Thursday, August 3 through Sunday, August 6. If you don't have a written confirmation, call toll-free 1-800-HOLIDAY to confirm.

**LIETUVIŠKOS VAKARUŠKOS**

Thursday night at Anthony & Mary Rudis' farm in Monee, Illinois.

Lithuanian food  
Fresh roasted corn  
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Lithuanian music

Swimming (no birthdays suits)  
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Hayrides  
Childrens' games  
Horseshoes

Available only as part of full registration package. No extra tickets will be sold. Transportation included.

**UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORTS TO HOTEL**

There has been a change in the service available to take you in the hotel from the airports. Tri-State Coach no longer stops at the Holiday Inn Countryside, as was previously announced. Don't look for their buses! Instead, look for the brown

**WILLIAM TELL**

Van. Be sure we know your arrival time so we can set up the schedule.

Also, arrangements can be made from Union Station, if we know when you'll be arriving.

**GALA CONCERT**

Our Cultural Night program on Friday night will feature local artists of renown in a wonderful program. The K of L Choir and Dancers will perform for you, along with Metropolitan Opera Star Algerd Brazis and Mary Juzenas. They will present an exciting and intriguing program.



## RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED TO CONVENTION DELEGATES - AUGUST 3 - 6, 1989

At the Executive Board meeting in Chicago on March 18th, the following Resolution was presented by Mid-America District. A motion was made and passed to present this resolution to the delegates at the upcoming convention:

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija egzistuoja jau 75 metus, ir kadangi per tuos metus, kai kurių žodžių anglų kalboje prasmė pasikeitė, ir kad būdvardžiai dabartiniame laikotarpyje turi papildomą reikšmę, kaip praityje, ir todėl, kad dabartyje, nesudetinga kalba yra pageidaujama ir, kad.....

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba yra žinoma angliškai kaip "Supreme" "Aukščiausia", bet lietuviškai visuomet vadinama "Centro Valdyba",

TODEL tegul būna nutarta kad straipsnis X, 1-moje sekcijoje, Lietuvos Vyčių Konstitucijoje būtų pakeistas į "Centro Valdybą" išimant žodę "Aukščiausioji".

TEGUL TOLIAU BUNA NUTARTA kad, visoje Konstitucijoje, kuri žodis "Aukščiausioji" pasirode prie Centro Valdyba jis būtų išmestas ir organizacija būtų žinoma kaip Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania has been in existence for 75 years, and whereas the common usage of the English language has changed over the course of these years, so that adjectives carry different connotations now than they did in the past, and simple descriptive language is now preferred, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the Knights of Lithuania is called "Supreme" in English, while in Lithuanian it is called simply "Centro Valdyba,"

BE IT RESOLVED that Article X, Sec. 1 of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution be amended to read the National Executive Board, striking the clause "usually called Supreme Council."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every occurrence throughout the constitution of the term "Supreme Council" be replaced with the term "National Executive Board."



*Mid America District K of L Choir performing at Convention Concert on Friday, August 4. Estelle Rogers, President.*

## Council Activities

### Vyčiai Veikia

#### MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Our "baby" council in Riverhead, NY, C-152, took on an awesome task and sponsored the District meeting. It will be a meeting that Yours Truly and many others will remember for a long time. We had a delightful trip on the Long Island Expressway (otherwise known as the "longest parking lot" in the world). The bus passengers were members from C-12 and C-110. The Good Lord blessed us with a beautiful but hot day.

Mass was celebrated at 11:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, which, according to our homilist Rev. Wm. Scroll, was renamed St. Casimir's for that day. Talking about homilists, Fr. Scroll was a "reincarnation" of Msgr. John Balkunas, who was his ordination homilist and who was to be buried the next day. (HINT; Any council needing a guest speaker - here is your chance).

After Mass we proceeded to Southold Town Recreation Center in Peconic, NY. Only the bus did not proceed - it broke down. Passengers were finally picked up in private cars. We arrived at the center to be greeted by a beautiful (but fattening) buffet. Guests and delegates numbered approximately 100. Also present were three members from C-112 Chicago - HM Estelle Rogers, Al Zakarka, National Ritual Chairman and his lovely wife Julie.

After various committee reports, council delegates gave their individual reports. Bill Kumeta, Pres. of C-41 informed that a book drive is being conducted. Both Lithuanian and English should be either sent to him or Annunciation Church in Brooklyn which would be

mailed to Lithuania. The meeting was brisk and short. Many of us were delighted because we would be home in time to say "Su Dievu" to Msgr. Balkunas who lay in state at Transfiguration.

After the meeting, all rushed home but alas, no bus for the Maspeth-Manhattan bound gang. The organizer of the bus deserted us and we were left high and dry for 5 hours in Limbo, not knowing when we would leave Peconic. Resourceful Joe Kscenaitis (C-12) provided some refreshments, but as the evening dragged on, even the most patient dreaded the outcome. Finally, at approximately 9 p.m., the bus was repaired and we all "stampeded" home. We arrived at our destination around midnight. Thank God, the older members survived and there was no tragedy!

All of the "apleisti vyčiai" want to



*New England District 75th Anniversary Celebration at Tevas Norkunas graveside: l to r: Milda Norkunas, Daniel Averka, Maryann Zuber, Jonas Stundza, Rev. Albin Janiunas, Rev. Peter Shakalis, Cecilia Narkun Dick, Rev. Wm. Wolkovich and Albert Jaritis.*

thank the members of C-152 who did everything in their power to make us feel comfortable during our long wait. Ačiū labai mielieji ir tegul gerasis Dievukas jus visus palaimina. Iki pasimatima Chicagoje.

*Dalia Bulvicius*

#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

On April 2 the New England District held its annual Holy Hour at the Convent of the Immaculate Conception in Putnam. All councils were represented in the procession to the chapel. Rev. Peter Shakalis, NED spiritual advisor, conducted the Holy Hour Services. Lithuanian hymns were sung by the congregation of members and guests. The Litany to the Blessed Mother was recited followed by the recitation of the Rosary. The following members led the Rosary: Marion Hobitz C-78, Aldona Markavich C-141, Olga Gray C-135, Irene Tamulevich C-116 and John Walaska C-103. Prayers were said for enslaved Lithuania. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament concluded the service.

Immediately following, dinner was served. Thanks goes out to Vic Mathieu,

chairman, and his committee of Joe & Agnes Waitonis, Irene Walaska, Al & Pat Akule and Irene Landowski. We want to thank the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception for the use of their beautiful facilities. All who attended went away with the feeling it was a great and glorious day with the Lord.

On April 30, NED Spring Convention was held in St. Anthony's Church in Ansonia hosted by C-135. Following Mass, a brunch was served to the delegates.

The business session was called to order by Pres. Albert Jaritis. The usual business reports were given. An opening in the agenda allowed for the district's celebration of Organization or Founder's Day. Since many of the councils of the district do not celebrate Founder's Day on April 24, the district decided to incorporate it into the spring convention. The district president gave a talk on "Tevas Norkunas" to recognize our founder. The convention was attended by almost all of the district council delegates and their guests.

Election of two delegates to the national convention resulted in the selection of Marion Hobitz, C-78, and Rita Pinkus, C-26. Alternate is Ignatius Hobitz, C-78.

Plans for our Cultural Festival which will be held Oct. 15 in Marionis Park in Shrewsbury were taken under advisement.

*Albert G. Jaritis, NED Pres.*

### C-7 WATERBURY, CT

The Connecticut Lithuanian Catholics celebrated their second annual Lithuanian Day on May 7 at St. Joseph's Church in Waterbury. This organization was formed to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the Christianization of Lithuania and continued to keep alive the traditions and memory of Lithuanian Catholicism and Lithuania. Pope

John Paul II publicly stated that "Half my heart belongs to Lithuania." Celebrant for the Mass was Fr. Francis Karvelis with Frs Rikteraitis and Cukurus as concelebrants. Following Mass, everyone went to Sheraton Hotel where cocktails and dinner were served. Guest speaker was Rev. Peter Stravinskas, administrator of Holy Trinity Church in Newark, NJ. His talk was well received by the audience.

Linas Balsys was master of ceremonies. Fr. Karvelis served as chairman with Victoria Silliman, Dolores Jonaitis, Victor Vaitkus and Virginia & Alex Kosa as his committee.

Our spiritual advisor Fr. Karvelis, along with Fr. Rikteraitis from New Britain, CT, with many others made a trip to Lithuania and had an enjoyable tour. Many stayed with the group while others visited their relatives. Also, Fr. Zabelskas, with another group, visited Lithuania. We wish them a beautiful and safe trip.

*Virginia Kosa*

### C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

Local members attended the Spring Meeting of the New England District in Ansonia, CT. Thanks to the host council for their most generous hospitality.

Tina Shatos and daughter visited Lithuania for the first time in May.



*C-10 Athol-Gardner members Maryann Langlois, Gladys Richardson and Nel Melaika*

An heirloom picture of the early days of Athol's K of L appeared in both dailies along with a write-up on the occasion of the granting of the charter on May 29, 1914. The 75th anniversary will be observed on Sept. 17 when Athol-Gardner hosts the Fall New England District Meeting.

The descendants of Gasparas and Marijona Bislytė Švelnis held their family reunion at the Lithuanian Club in Gardner on May 7. The couple arrived in the U.S. in 1908 from Skapiškis and first settled in Brockton, later moved to So. Boston where they operated a bakery and brought up six sons and a daughter. Following dinner, a program was enjoyed by about 50 people. Guests came from as far as Rhode Island. K of L stalwart, and K of L Archives Chairman at ALKA Museum in Putnam, CT, Larry Svelnis was general chairman of the celebration.

Condolences are extended to Sophie Fiorentino and family on the death of her brother Raymond Pierszalowski whose Memorial Mass was held on May 2 in St. Francis Church. Sympathy also goes out to Helen Simkunas and family on the death of her brother Jonas Kemziura of Lithuania and also her brother-in-law Jonas Lekucinskas who died two days later in Kaunas. May they rest in peace.

*Vincukas*

### C-12 NEW YORK, NY

As usual, we have some good and some bad news to report. In this our 75th (1914), we lost another member. Leon Waskiewicz, husband of Betty, brother-in-law of Millie Pietz and Joe Kscenaitis went to his creation recently. Our deepest condolences to the family.

On a happier note, Matthew Yatkas, son of members Pete and Emily, was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal John O'Connor at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Ilgiausiu ir darbingu metu

Viespaties vynuogyne.

We had our June meeting with the Baisiojo Birželio commemoration and now at least 15 of us are busily preparing for the convention in Chicago. Iki malonaus pasimatymo!

*Dalia Bulvicius*

## C-26 WORCESTER, MA

Retracing the footsteps of her dad for four years on the campus of Assumption College, Lynne Marie Walinsky, a recipient of a K of L scholarship, has now completed her college education. Graduation congratulations were extended to her with a reception at the family home.

A dinner of spaghetti and meat balls was the attraction for the April meeting. Steve Walinsky, Sr. did the shopping. Anne Walinsky did the decorating and supervision. Lynne & Mark Walinsky worked in the kitchen with Bill Grigas and Steve Walinsky, Jr. handling the utensils. Ellie Walinsky, Mae Anusauskas and Carol Grigas formed the meatball committee. Helen Gillis, Caryne & Billy Grigas waited on tables. The meal was consumed with great delight.

The Salkaus and Rodgers families are back in our midst after their winter escape to the Florida sunshine. Welcome home.

Frank Kondrotas is making a slow but sure comeback after surgery. Good to see him walking his dog again! Ruth Gadi-lauskas is back on the active list after a long period on crutches. Adam Anusauskas, Al's and Anna Kersis brother and uncle of Olga Kersis, suffered a heart attack but is now mending. He resides in New Haven, CT.

C-26 recently lost to the wishes of the Lord one of its members, having the longest enrollment on record. Anna Bacys and her late husband contributed much to the continuity of our organization.

Thirty Thursday evenings of bowling were spent in the company of a group of jolly good sports. The season ended on a happy note as the prizes were awarded

during a banquet closing out another pleasant experience. *S.V.W., Sr.*

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Bright and early in the morning of April 30, fourteen members arose to traverse the distance between Worcester and Ansonia to attend the New England District meeting. Happy to report, all enjoyed the trip

Fr. John Petrauskas has attended every meeting since accepting the position of spiritual advisor for our council. His short talks have been informative, inspirational and of subjects which remind us of our Catholic obligations. His topic for the May meeting was enveloped mortal sin, frequency of confession and reception of communion. Thanks Fr. John, hope to see you in heaven.

On June 4th, our annual picnic was held at Marionis Park. It was good to see some new faces on the work crew. Aldona Waska and Marion Racicot have recorded the points earned for all who participated. The faithful Fourth's are still earning points for future consideration.

A comment of praise is made on behalf of the executive body of Lithuanian Charitable Society for their continuous use of the Lithuanian language in the conduct at the business meetings. Pres. Kazys Adomavičius is extremely fluent in the use of our native tongue. All minutes and reports are recorded by our own Anne Bender and Anna Kersis.

Hey John! I could have done the job better than he, but why do it when I can do a better job criticizing.

*S.V.W., Jr.*

## C-46 FOREST CITY, PA

The Amber District meeting was held in Pittston on March 12. Fr. Alisaukas celebrated Mass. Blanche Motsko received her Third Degree and Anthony Yavorsky his Fourth Degree. Council rejoices at their achievements. A luncheon and meeting followed in the church

hall. Delegates were John Morris, Josephine O'Paka, Dorothy Andrulis, Helen Zlotucha and Bea Stanis. Guests were Frank & Betty Kwader, Blanche Motsko, Frances & Anthony Yavorsky.

Celia Barricho had a visit with her daughter in California. Commissioner Joey Marshall is also Celia's daughter.

Margaret Cyzeski was named scholar of the year for 1989 at Sacred Heart School. Congratulations!

*Bea Stanis*

## C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

Our May regular monthly meeting was extremely well attended. Bernice Barile, ritual chairlady, presented First Degrees to Ann & Albin Berzinis and Sophie Zasciurinskas.

On April 16, Frank Antin renewed his pancake and sausage breakfast with all you could eat for so little. It sure was an enjoyable get together.

On April 30 the New England District meeting was held in Ansonia, CT. Eleven members from New Haven attended. A total of ninety people from New England attended. Al Jaritis presided at the meeting. The accountability of the activities and financial standing were very convincing. Everyone had an enjoyable day.

The response for the weekend retreat June 23 - 25 at the Franciscan grounds in Kennebunkport, ME was overwhelming. A busload of 49 attended.

Our newest members are Tillie Poggi, Helen & Frank Zaica, Dell & John Janush, Ann Herr, Tom Yester and Theodore Tamulevich. Welcome!

*Helen Balchus*

## C-74 SCRANTON, PA

The Knights were invited to see slides and listen to Chester Kulesa, curator of Anthracite Museum. He gave a lecture on Dr. Jonas Slupas. Sr. Virginia Vytell, SJC, led the singing of Lithuanian songs and commented on the slides.

Ann Lisowski & Helen Roginsky made

"ausukes". Mary & Jerry Costello donated "kugel" which was mouth watering. Casimir & Ruth Yanish made poppy seed cake. Marie & Dick Laske made "suris". Special thanks to all who contributed.

Nellie Bayoras Romanas thanked everyone for coming and spoke in her beautiful Lithuanian language. Some of our Lithuanian friends who attended were Dr. Joseph & Irene Gustitus, Dr. Kazys & Danute Krivickas, Aldona Grimes, Mrs. Jonas Stepanauskas and daughter Joan and Vice Pres. John Romaska.

Anthracite Museum is planning a special event in December with choir and dancers.

C-74 mourns the loss of our oldest member, Anna Romanauskas, who celebrated her 100th birthday on May 5 and died on May 9. We extend sincere sympathy to her three children and their families.

Congratulations to Tony & Ann Lisowski who are celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary. Tony has been ill for 18 years and presently confined to a nursing home. Ann is one of our best workers.

Get well wishes are extended to Ann Dudewicz, our president, who is hospi-

talized and Jule Grady who is recuperating at home.

Sister Joan Yadouga was the recipient of the St. Theresa Award. We are proud of you, Sister, keep up the good work.

St. Joseph's Lithuanian Parish honored retired Msgr. Michael Ozalas with a Jubilee Mass on June 4, followed by an anniversary dinner. The occasion also marked the 50th year of his ordination to the priesthood. Congratulations and best wishes!

*Marie Laske*

### C-79 SOUTHFIELD, MI

Our Pres., Maggie Smailis, had the wanderlust this Spring — leaving us in March for a seven day trip to England. A few short weeks later, she packed again and was on her way to Mau, that most beautiful of Hawaiian Islands.

Sickness has befallen a number of our members. During the past few months, the following have either been or are still on the sick list: Joseph Racas, George Kase, Anthony Mameniskis, Antoinette Kaminskas & Michael Vale. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Death took a member of many year's standing on March 3 - Elizabeth Tamasauskas. She was confined in a Nurs-

ing Home for the past 10 years. May she rest in peace.

The weekend of May 19-21, we hosted the Mid-Central District meeting and bowling tournament. The arranging committee consisted of Vice Pres. Richard Danielak with mother Mary Keller acting as co-chairpersons. Their helpers (at various times) were Bill & Margaret Dapkus, Betty Petroski, Joe & Violet Panavas, Frank & Emma Povilaitis, Virginia Kirsh, Marge Nashlon (from Florida) and Joe Yakstys. We thank them for their efforts.

On Saturday evening, the 45 out of towners and many more of our locals gathered at the Cultural Center for a scrumptious buffet prepared by our council ladies. Entertainment was provided by the Lakeside Towers Kitchen Band - a group of "young" elderly ladies who sang, played their "make believe" instruments and danced to the delight of the audience. They even merited a standing ovation!

Sunday, during the Awards dinner, we learned that our Council's team was the winner of the traveling trophy. They are Chip Newberry, Janie & Randy O'Daniel and Tracy & Mike Salas. Second place winner were the "Friday Night League". The third place trophy went to C-102 bowlers. Congratulations!

The weekend ended on a happy note with all wishing each other "Have a safe trip home" and "See you next year in Dayton!"

*Bee Jay*

### C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

April 10 started with the unexpected snow squalls - not like the usual April weather! It didn't last long. It was our council's meeting date. Fr. Baltch held a Lithuanian Mass at which Polly Ziausys did the readings and Vincent Rossi & Helen Zytowski presented the offertory gifts. Mass ended with singing of "Marija, Marija."

With Pres. Radzevich down with the "bug", Vice Pres. Gene Gobis conducted



*C-79 Southfield, MI First place team at MCD Bowling Tournament. L to r: Chip Newberry, Tracy & Mike Salas, Randy & June O'Daniel.*



the meeting. A letter from Msgr. Al Bartkus was also read thanking us for our donation to the Lithuanian College in Rome.

Sophie Olbie reported on the Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration. The public's donations will be divided four ways to worthy Lithuanian organizations. She also discussed the outcome of the annual Communion brunch which she chaired.

Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Ed Baranauskas reminded us of the forthcoming Festival of Nations at Schenectady Museum. There will be a Lithuanian booth. Ed's cousin, Lee Van Alstyne, will perform. He also attended a performance by a Vilnius group of young actors. They had ancient musical instruments. Members are planning to attend a performance in New Britain.

Junior Counselor Beatrice Jasewicz spoke on the junior program. They dyed eggs with onion skins and beet juice for Easter at the home of her daughter, Christine Tambasco. At their last meeting, Gene Gobis spoke on Vincas Kudirka, author of Lithuania's national anthem.

Rev. Baltch commemorated his 40th anniversary in the priesthood on June 11. Bishop Howard Hubbard was present. A dinner was held at the Teepee Restaurant. Father brought his shortwave radio and we listened to the Lithuanian program from Vilnius. The station came in loud and clear. It was most enjoyable.

Refreshment committee consisted of Bea Jasewicz, Aldona Abeling, Ann Beleckas, Olga Wilkevitch and Gene Gobis. We serenaded Ann Czerw with that famous birthday song. *Smile & Sparkle*

### C-110 MASPETH, NY

April, the fourth month of the year, a month which brought sadness to C-110. We were notified of the death of Catherine O'Donnell and Sigmund Gregotowicz. Funeral Masses were said at Transfigura-

tion and both were interred at St. John's Cemetery. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to both families in the bereavement of their loved ones.

The council was further shocked to learn of the passing of beloved Msgr. John Balkunas, pastor emeritus of Transfiguration. Funeral services were held at Transfiguration and he was interred at St. John's Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Our meeting for April was attended by a large assemblage of members. At the close of the meeting, the members assisted in setting the tables and chairs for the forthcoming Spring Dinner and Dance. The council is indebted to John Adomenas and Bruno Rutkunas, together with their helpers, for a successful affair which was attended by 205 members and friends.

"Ilgiausiu ir laimingiu metu" to Peter & Sophie Zuyus who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 21.

On June 25, summer put its mood into people at which time our regular meeting was held. All paid up members shared in the luncheon for which Pres. John Adomenas did not spare any expense.

*Joseph Dugan*

### C-135 ANSONIA, CT

The month of January brought in a new year and also introduced two new faces to local politics. To those of you who do not know, as yet, they are Olga Gray and Lil Chaplick. They were appointed to the Commission for the Aging. Good luck, girls, and hope you have fun and serve a long time.

Speaking of serving a long time, Johnny Sabulis was again elected to serve as president of the Board of Police Commissioners and Traffic Authority. This is John's eighth term. This is a very active and busy group handling both police and traffic problems for the city. John has served the City in various leadership capacities.

Our flag-raising ceremonies were a good indication of what cooperation of

dedicated members can achieve. Pres. Olga Gray, together with Johnny Sabulis and the aid of another fellow Lithuanian, Carol Starkey, Ansonia's Mayor's secretary, orchestrated a dedication that will be long remembered. Mayor Thomas P. Clifford III, of Ansonia issued a proclamation declaring Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day. As the Lithuanian flag was raised on the City Hall mast, all present sang "Lietuva Tevyene". Many local and state dignitaries were in attendance and presented citations from the Governor of Connecticut, State Senate and House of Representatives. Neighboring communities sent representation and extended greetings supporting our cause. A delicious "coffee and" was served in the City Hall Chambers following the ceremonies. You folks did a fine job. Congratulations!

Our Communion Breakfast was one of the largest gatherings to be held in our parish. Our guest speaker was Radio Station WICC's weatherman, the popular Walt Devanis. He renewed friendships with many local members who listen to him faithfully.

This event was soon to be followed by our annual fund-raiser. Our cake and bake sale turned out to be a complete success. We needed the funds for the upcoming NED meeting. Prior to this, we had a good-sized delegation who traveled to Putnam to attend the NED Holy Hour. For many, it was their first trip to this location. They enjoyed the visit, the K of L Archives and Matulaitis Nursing Home. At the nursing home, they visited with a local member of St. Anthony's who makes it his new home, William Winkus (Wisniauskas).

The NED meeting was held in Ansonia once again. It was good to get together with old friends and meet new ones. Many favorable comments were heard from members of the district regarding our Lithuanian church doors. Many members also visited our Wayside

Cross and said a prayer.

It was good to see Stanley Twerian after his surgery. We wish you the best for the future and a speedy recovery. It was also good to see our Floridian Millie Stachowicz who was spending a short time here. We understand Walt really enjoys the good life and the fishing. Her daughter Chris spent her vacation with her mom and dad and traveled through the Keys. *Nakties Pēleda*

### C-136 HUDSON-MOHAWK, NY

In February several members were fortunate to be present for the reading and presentation by Gov. Mario Cuomo of the proclamation to provide for the designation of every February 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in New York State. This, of course, was a proud moment for all of us.

A humorous highlight occurred. During his speech, the governor described the restoration that took place in the Red Room where the celebration took place. He pointed out that the original desk used by former governors has steps on one side added on for Thomas Dewey who was very short. Paul Tonko, our local legislator, rising to the occasion, asked our own 6' 8" Tiny Jackson to join him and Gov. Cuomo who both stood on the steps beside Tiny. Mr. Tonko explained he always wanted to top Tiny and finally accomplished his goal.

With a parting word, the governor turned to a few of the female Knights who were wearing native dresses and said, "Lithuanian girls are beautiful." Needless to say, he made our day.

Our council was pleased to join Amsterdam Council in the observance of St. Casimir's feast day in March. We attended Mass, enjoyed a delicious brunch and an informative presentation by Marge Bablin on St. Casimir's life and accomplishments. The highlight of the day was the conferring the First Degree on sixteen

of our members - Edward Barkowski, Genevieve Deery, Stephanie Dwulitt, Frances Fink, Nellie Freer, Helen Hayner, Lynn McCafferty, Frances Max, Betty Parker, Dorothy Richmire, Frances Stanonis, Clara Tulio, Stella White, Anne & Frank Zebuda and Joan Parker. It was indeed a moving ceremony and a proud moment for us, a really special celebration.

On May 13 members participated in the Festival of Nations at the Schenectady Museum Grounds. Many nations were represented. Our council was busy offering Lithuanian food and artifacts for sale. At the same time, it gave us an opportunity to spread the good word and perhaps interested other Lithuanian Americans to join the Knights.

*Dorothy Barkowski Richmire*

### C-143 PITTSTON, PA

This Vytis correspondent is new at the job and proud of her council and am very happy to share our activities with you.

January - Our council installed the new officers for the year. Those selected were Rev. Peter Alisaukas, spiritual advisor; Nellie Bayoras Romanas, Pres.;

Annamarie Sewatsky, Vice Pres.; Peter Dutter, Rec. Sec.; Dorothy Banos, Fin. Sec.; Mary Ann Cipolla, Treas.; John Wisnosky, Sgt. at arms; Anastasia Stanley, Marcella Bartoli, Mary Timek, Trustees. Committee chairpersons are: Frances Shoppel, Lith. Affairs; Rosalie Klizis, Cultural. Dorothy Banos, Mary Chorba & Rev. Peter Alisaukas serve on the Ritual Committee. Anna Walatkas handles publicity and Eleanor Bellanco is Vytis correspondent.

February found our members busy. On Feb. 8 with good K of L representation at a city council meeting, Thomas A. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Pittston, proclaimed Feb. 16, 1989 as Lithuanian Independence Day in Pittston.

Feb. 15 was a day all Lithuanians should be proud of. A ceremony was held at the Pittston City Hall on the anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's independence. At the very impressive ceremony, a greater Pittston native and St. Casimir's Church product, Rev. Paul Gerosky of St. Ann's Church in Luzerne, offered the prayer followed by the raising of the Lithuanian Independence Flag. An informative talk was given by Nellie



*C-143 Pittston Celebrating Lithuanian Ind Day 1989: Seated: Frances Shoppel, Mayor Thomas Walsh, Nellie B. Romanas. Standing: John Wisnosky, Annamarie Sewatsky, Anna Walatkas, Rev. Paul Gerosky, Mary Chorba, Dorothy Banos, Eleanor Bellanco, Charles Dajnoski.*

Bayoras Romanas. The singing of the national anthems brought tears to our eyes and made us very proud to be American-Lithuanians.

During the program at City Hall, Nelli Bayoras Romanas, our president, was presented the Mayor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in recognition of her contribution to the pride and future of our community.

Coffee and pastry were served in the mayor's office before the ceremony. A delicious luncheon followed in the church hall. All the food was prepared and served by council members. Frances Shoppel, Lithuanian Affairs chairlady, and her committee did a superb job on this occasion.

Our council also participated in the Ethnic Family Rosary at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton.

The Amber District meeting was hosted by C-143 in St. Casimir's Church Hall on March 12. Father Alisauskas celebrated Mass and gave a talk about St. Casimir. Gifts were presented by Anna Walatka, Marion Chipalis, Anna Davala and Eleanor Bellanco. It was a fitting way to celebrate St. Casimir's feast day and take

care of business. A delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner was catered by members Filbert & Marcelle Bartoli. The following members were awarded the Third Degree: Frances Shoppel, Eva Richards and Mary Stanonis.

We are sorry to report that our dear member, Grace Kazacavage, went home to live with the Lord. She will be missed by all.

Leo Butcavage is convalescing from surgery. Hurry back, Leo.

We look back on our activities and accomplishments with pride and satisfaction. We look forward to future activities with readiness and anticipation.

*Eleanor Bellanco*

### C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

John Joseph, vice pres., presided at the May meeting which was opened with prayer by Fr. Jarasunas. Cultural chairlady Mary Koons read an article honoring mothers. She also spoke on the custom of decorating homes with young birch branches for the Feast of Pentecost. A special Pentecost tree was planted.

A donation of \$200 for the renovation fund was sent to the Lithuanian Legation

in Washington. Lithuanian Affairs chairman, Joe Martunas, called our attention to some of the concerns about Lithuanian education and the language in Lithuania.

Preparations are underway for Anthracite Council's participation in the Eastern European Festival on Aug. 13 thru 19 at Fairlane Village Mall on Route 61 between St. Clair and Pottsville. Bernard Zilaitis is general chairman and predicts a good time will be had by all. Joe Martunas is busy rounding up members to man the Food Pavilion. Betty Tumas is in charge of the raffle.

Anthracite Council hosted the Amber District meeting on June 11 at Our Lady of Siluva. Eleanor Yancofski was in charge of refreshments.

The 75th Annual Lithuanian Day banquet will be held on August 12 at Our Lady of Siluva Church hall, Maizeville. Pat Roberts is chairlady.

Coffee and cake were served under the direction of Ann Carlitus, and her committee of Ann Sikora, Tessie Balulis, Frances Stefanick, Julie Norcross, Anne Helen McDonald, Helen & Mary Labadis and Al & Anna Yockachonis.

Rita Shevokas of our council was presented a certificate of excellence by Hon. Mark S. Singel, Lt. Gov. of Pennsylvania, at Pennsylvania's Capitol Rotunda on April 24. Rita was among 27 recipients honored for her photo of the Junior Knights of Lithuania in costume at the Schuylkill County Fair. Pennsylvania's Heritage Affairs Committee sponsored the candid cultural competition. The winning images will comprise a traveling exhibition and will be displayed in new Pennsylvania Welcome Centers. The images introduce viewers to the commonwealth's traditions and express pride in diverse cultural identities.

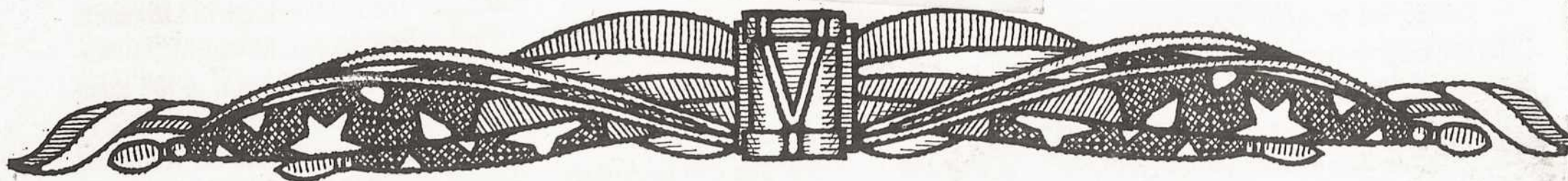
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"Candid Culture" award-winning photo of Anthracite C-144's Junior Knights of Lithuania, Rita Shevokas, Counselor.

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*C-144 members at their Christmas Feast celebration.*

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

Our council's International Correspondent, Anna Baksys, advises that she listens regularly on her shortwave radio band to "Radio Vilnius" which transmits daily broadcasts from Lithuania at 6 p.m. in English and at 8 p.m. in Lithuanian. One of the interesting items of information recently announced by "Radio Vilnius" was that, for the first time, Lithuanians were able, on this past May 7, to celebrate their own Mother's Day. Not satisfied with merely listening to transmissions by "Radio Vilnius", Anna has also been corresponding with the station, whose management expressed great curi-

osity about how Lithuanians in the United States observed Lithuanian Independence Day on Feb. 16. It is, therefore, a matter of particular pride to our own Council that Anna was able to advise the broadcasters of the highly visible way the day was honored by us in Riverhead. There can be no doubt that American efforts, even symbolic ones, undertaken on behalf of ultimate full freedom for Lithuania from Soviet domination are greatly valued as an encouragement to those who must directly confront the aggressor. Accordingly, C-152 heartily endorses Anna's suggestion that those Knights who have the technical means to do so tune in to "Radio Vilnius" for an authentic in-

sight into life in post-glasnost Lithuania.

Belated congratulations are in order for member Muriel Lekstutis, who, on March 4, became Mrs. Anthony Zambuto. We welcome Tony into our ranks!

*T. Tarmey*

### **C-153**

#### **TREASURE ISLAND, FL**

Lietuvos Vyčių "Lobių Pakrantės" 153-kuopos susirinkimas įvyko Gegužės 7 d. po lietuviškų pamaldų A. V. Biliunų namuose. Prieš išsiskiriant vasaros atostogoms, nariai vaišinosi bendrom jėgom pagamintais pietais. Turėjo gerų fantų loteriją ir ne vienas džiaugėsi gražiu laimejimu. Aptarti einamieji reikalai, pasikalbėta ir atsisveikinta iki rudens. Susirinkimą pravedė kuopos pirmininkė Konstancija Scheibelhut, kuri pradžioje Birželio išvyko į New Jersey keletai mėnesių pabūti..

*Aldona Biliuniene*

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