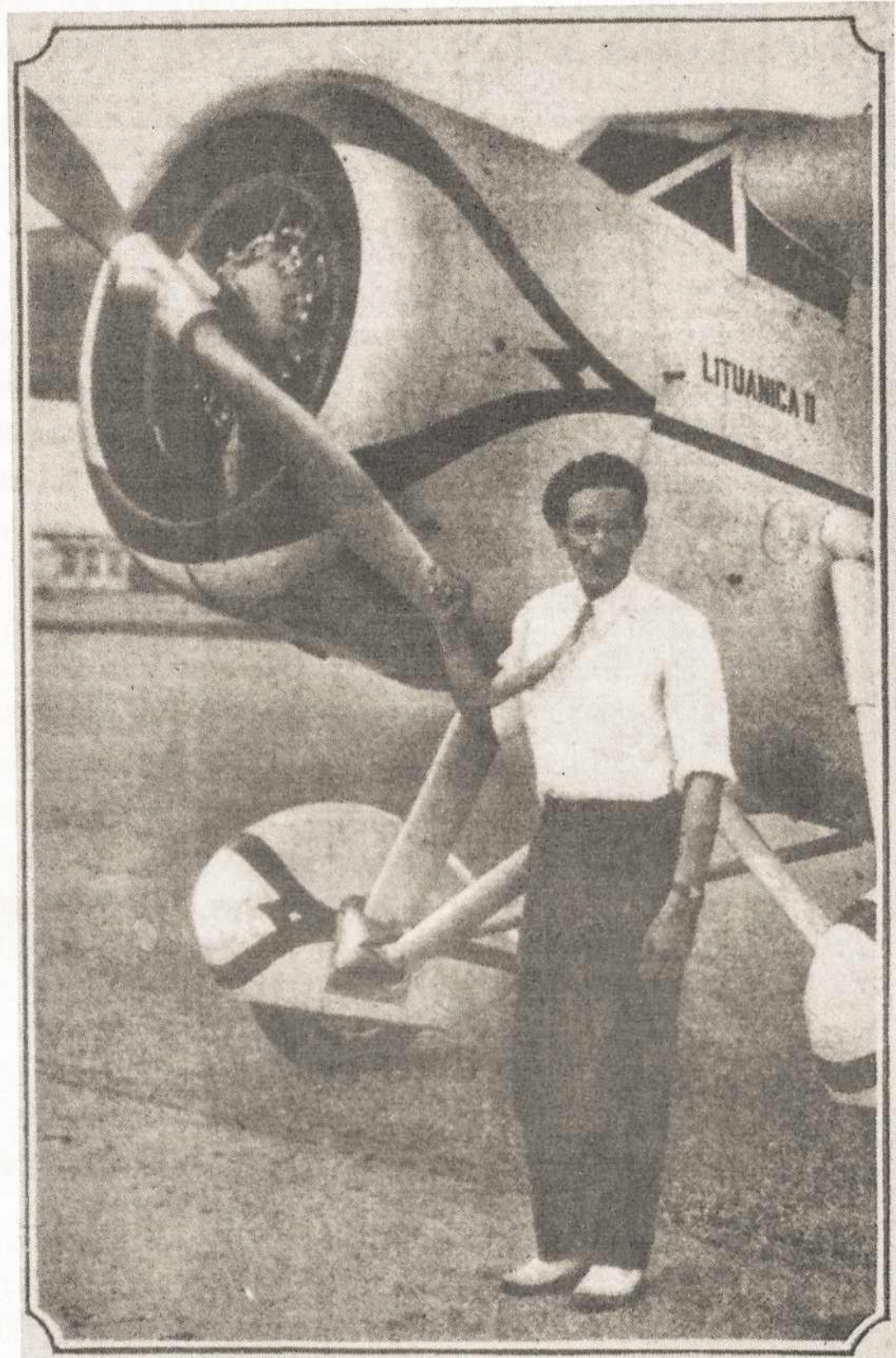


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Editorial

The picture cover of Felix Waitkus entitled "Forgotten Hero - Užmirštas Lakūnas" and the feature story in this issue are reminders for all councils and districts to have a celebration of some sort commemorating the 55th anniversary of his flight to Lithuania. Excellent research material can be obtained from the book entitled "The Second Transatlantic Flight" written in English by Edmund Jasiūnas of 3704 W. 70th Pl., Chicago, IL 60629 or by purchasing it from any Lithuanian bookstore; price \$20.00.

At the 76th National Convention held in Chicago, a resolution was passed whereby "the Knights of Lithuania organization is to be a participant in the 1990 commemoration of the 55th anniversary of Felix Waitkus' flight and in loving memory to honor him for his courage to fly non-stop to the land of his forefathers in 1935". This would indeed be a very interesting project for all Cultural Committees.

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FELIX WAITKUS, THE FORGOTTEN HERO

Edward Baranauskas

I am sure most of us know about the non-stop transatlantic flight the two Lithuanian flyers, Darius and Girenas, attempted to make from New York to Kaunas in July of 1933. The flight ended in a forest in Germany, only four hundred miles from Kaunas, when their plane, named *Lituanica*, crashed killing both men.

But, how many of us know there was another non-stop transatlantic flight attempted from New York to Kaunas, two years later, in 1935? Do we remember who the pilot was, and whether or not this flight reached a successful conclusion?

A few months after the *Lituanica* tragedy, some prominent members of the Chicago Lithuanian community discussed the possibility of another transatlantic flight and this idea was approved with much enthusiasm. Several weeks later, the American-Lithuanian Trans-Atlantic Flight Association (ALTAFA) was founded and incorporated in the state of Illinois as a non-profit organization. These were the years of the "Great Depression" and the United States was still struggling with very high unemployment and a shaky economy. Still, the idea of a second flight was greatly supported by Lithuanians everywhere and ALTAFA branches were organized in many Lithuanian communi-



Felix Waitkus climbs into plane for takeoff

ties.

The manager and organizer of the flight was Dr. Pius Grigaitis, chief editor of the Lithuanian language newspaper in Chicago, *Naujienos*. The main office of ALTAFA was located in the newspaper's building.

By the end of January 1934, ALTAFA's treasury had sufficient funds to negotiate the purchase of a much faster and more modern airplane (as compared to *Lituanica*) called the Lockheed Vega, from the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. It was christened *Lituanica II* on Sunday, April 22, 1934. When the pilot originally selected to fly *Lituanica II* resigned unexpectedly in the spring of 1934, the Board of Directors of ALTAFA turned to Felix Waitkus and he accepted the challenge to fly to Lithuania.

The parents of Felix Waitkus (*Vaitkus*) came from Lithuania in 1904 and settled in Bridgeport, a Lithuanian neighborhood in Chicago, where he was born on June 20, 1907. He enlisted in the army in 1928 and after graduating from advanced pilot's training school, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Corps. He was a first lieutenant at the time he was decommissioned and returned to civilian life in 1931.

At first, it was hoped that the flight would take place sometime during the summer of 1934, but the date had to be changed to 1935. Modifications were needed to strengthen the aircraft structure in order to accommodate a bigger and more powerful engine and the extra fuel tanks.

Unfortunately, weather conditions during the summer months in 1935 were very unfavorable along his planned route. He was in constant touch with the chief meteorologist in New York, hoping for a break in the weather. On the evening of September 20, Waitkus was informed that the weather along his route had improved to the point where the conditions were average with no major changes predicted in the next 24 hours. Waitkus decided to fly.

On September 21 at 6:45 in the morning, New York time, *Lituanica II* lifted off the ground at Floyd Bennett Field and hoped to follow the trail made by Darius and Girenas two years before. Unfortunately, he encountered very bad weather over the Atlantic. For the next twenty-two hours, he fought the worst possible weather conditions flying through rain, fog, head winds and icing conditions. With his gasoline supply falling low and his physical strength exhausted, Waitkus knew he could never make it to Kaunas and decided to land in Ireland. As luck would

have it, all the airports were fogged in and he had no choice but to land in a pasture. The right wing plowed into the ground and the landing gear was torn away. Waitkus was fortunate to come out of the ordeal alive and without a scratch. The farmers near the town of Ballinrobe welcomed him.

Responding to the instructions given by the Aero Club of Lithuania, *Lituanica II* was crated and shipped to Klaipeda for repairs. Waitkus received an invitation to visit Lithuania as an honorary member of the Club and arrived in Kaunas on October 2. He was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of about 40,000 people who were waving Lithuanian and American flags. He was literally buried under mounds of flowers. His wife, Martha, arrived from the United States on October 5 and joined him in all the receptions.

Felix and Martha spent a little over a month traveling around the countryside and visiting a number of cities and towns. They were met by big crowds of people wherever they went and were honored at all public functions. On the last day of their visit, Felix gave a farewell address over national radio. Several thousand people bade Mr. and Mrs. Waitkus a fond farewell as their train pulled out of the railroad station in Kaunas on November 7. They sailed back home and arrived in New York on November 20. On March 26, 1936, the Lithuanian nation honored Felix Waitkus by issuing a series of air mail postage stamps bearing his portrait.

When all the repairs were completed on *Lituanica II*, it remained at the Kaunas Airport and later went to a military base near Šiauliai. After the Soviet Army marched into Lithuania in June of 1940, *Lituanica II* disappeared from the Lithuanian scene and nothing is known of its fate.

Felix Waitkus was called back to active duty in 1940 with the Air Corps and was assigned as the chief test pilot with the Boeing Aircraft Co. in Seattle, WA. He test-flew hundreds of B-17 and B-29 bombers. At war's end, his military service ended temporarily until he was recalled once during the Korean War. He was stationed in West Germany where he died of a heart attack on July 25, 1956 at the age of 49. His body was shipped home and interred in his wife's family plot in the Kohler Cemetery at Sheboygan, WI. At the time of his death, he held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Even though Felix Waitkus did not reach Kaunas, his ultimate goal, his name is entered into aviation's record books as being the sixth pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic, joining such distinguished company as Charles A. Lind-

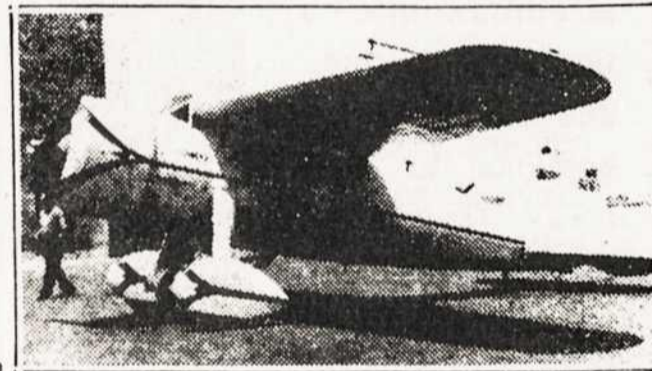
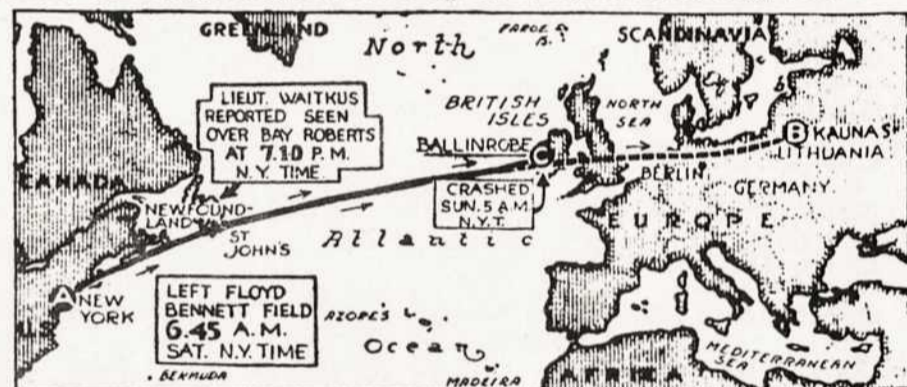
bergh, Amelia Earhart Putnam, James A. Mollison, James Mattern and Wiley Post. He was the only pilot to cross the Atlantic in 1935.

I was appalled in 1985 when not a single Lithuanian newspaper made any mention of the 50th anniversary of his flight. Felix Waitkus is most certainly a hero in every respect and should not be forgotten.

Flies Ocean But Crashes In Irish Fog

(By United Press.)

Ballinrobe, County Mayo, Irish Free State, Sept. 22.—Lieut. Felix Waitkus, attempting a non-stop flight from New York to Lithuania, cracked up in a forced landing near Bal-



On his non-stop hop from New York to Lithuania, Lieut. Waitkus (left), fogbound and battling storm brought down his monoplane (shown at right) in Ireland. Craft was badly damaged. Map at top shows time of his takeoff from Floyd Bennett Field (A), the route he planned to follow to Kaunas, Lithuania (B) and the point where he cracked up, Ballinrobe, Ireland (C).

linrobe, today. Exhausted but uninjured, the slim 27-year-old aviator scrambled out of the wreckage of his overturned white and orange Lockheed-Vega.

Waitkus immediately prepared to continue his journey as soon as his plane is repaired.

"I had a terrible time over the Atlantic," he said. "Most of the time I was flying blind. As I ap-

proached the Irish Coast I struck particularly stormy weather.



FROM LITHUANIA

Eventful 1988 Laid the Ground for Today's Headlines

Compiled for VYTIS by Aleksandras Maldutis, Lithuanian Information Center

In January 1988, the U.S. Congressional Committee for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Liberty got colleagues to sign a letter asking the USSR to release political prisoners. The citizens of Lithuania petitioned Gorbachev to allow public commemoration of February 16.

February 2, 1988, Petras Gražulis was sentenced to 10 months in labor camp for refusing to report for compulsory military service. When, after being sentenced, he announced to those in the court-room that he was beginning a hunger strike, guards beat and kicked him.

In anticipation of the first public commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day since 1940, the Soviets arrested four prominent activists, cut telecommunications to Lithuania, and warned the populace to stay away from the demonstrations. That day, some forty people were detained in Kaunas after a march in which 3000 participated. In Vilnius, 10 to 15 thousand people demonstrated. Some were thrown into buses and hauled 40 kilometers out into the country and ejected. There were other incidents of police brutality.

In March, the Congressional Committee for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Liberty collected signatures of colleagues on a petition urging the release of Lithuanian prisoners of conscience Father Alfonsas Svarinskas and Father Sigitas Tamkevičius from labor camp, and permission for Bishop Julijonas Steponavičius to return to his

diocese of Vilnius, from which he had been banished in internal exile.

In April, Lithuanian activist groups expressed solidarity with the Armenian Catholic minority under persecution in Azerbaijan. At the urging of the Congressional Group for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Liberty, 51 Congressmen expressed support for Petras Gražulis and complained about the practice of using military service as a means of oppression. Late in the month the pope expressed dismay that the Soviets prevented him from going to Lithuania for the jubilee.

In May, 32 U.S. Senators requested pardon for Father Sigitas Tamkevičius in labor camp for human rights activities. The previously underground Lithuanian Freedom League surfaced on May 9th and called for mass demonstrations on May 22, the anniversary of many deportations (estimated at no less than 200,000 people) to Siberia on that day. About 400,000 Lithuanians were



Three former prisoners of conscience reunited in Vilnius Nov. 1988. (L to R) Gintautas Iešmantas, Fr. Sigitas Tamkevičius, Viktoras Petkus.

deported between 1940 and 1952.

On May 17, the Communist "Evening News" called for a memorial on May 21 to preempt the memorial on the following day and on May 21, the Soviets strongly warned against demonstrating.

On May 22, 3000 people (not 300 as TASS later reported) broke through police lines in Gediminas Square, chanting "Freedom! Freedom! Freedom!" and demanded that accurate statistics be released about the deportations. The demonstration was broken up by the militia and vigilantes.

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On May 31, the Pope named Bishop Vincentas Sladkevičius of Kaišiadorys, just released after 23 years of internal exile, the fourth cardinal in Lithuania's history.

On June 3, the Movement to Support Perestroika (shortened to SAJŪDIS in Lithuanian) was founded, with several goals in mind: Sovereignty for Lithuania, Lithuanian as the official language, the tricolor as official flag of Lithuania, and rehabilitation of the national anthem. Most importantly, Sajūdis received official recognition. Members included Catholic clergy as well as ranking party members. Sajūdis is responsible for many of the reforms brought about this year.

On June 14, about 6000 people staged a demonstration

in Vilnius to commemorate 36,000 deported in 1941. The demonstration was relatively untouched, but the militia prevented soccer fans exiting a nearby stadium from joining in. The Lithuanian flag was raised for 30 minutes, before the KGB later removed it.

June 25, Sajūdis demonstrated in the Vilnius city square to protest the undemocratic selection of Party delegates. About 50,000 people participated (TASS again understated the figure at only 10,000). Speakers included several Communist Party members.

July saw other demonstrations. Sajūdis called an open meeting with Communist Party delegates at Vingis Park on July 9. 100,000 people attended. Brazauskas, head of the Lithuanian Communist Party, said that the Presidium might recognize the flag.

A demonstration was held on July 12, despite militia interference. On July 19, Father Alfonsas Svarinskas was allowed to return from labor camp to Lithuania, thence to emigrate to West Germany.

On July 22, the Lithuanian Freedom League called for: exclusion of non-Lithuanians from top governmental positions in Lithuania, legalization of Lithuanian citizenship, recognition of Lithuania's right to an army, renewal of foreign ties, Lithuanian as official language, Lithuanian currency, limits on immigration from other republics, monuments to Lithuanian partisans of the 40's and 50's,

legal accountability for the genocide during Stalin's reign, freedom of conscience, separation of Church and State, freedom for political prisoners, and the halt of construction of nuclear and chemical plants.

Prepara-

tions were made for a major rally on August 23, anniversary of the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact between the Nazis and the Communists, spelling the doom of the Baltic states.

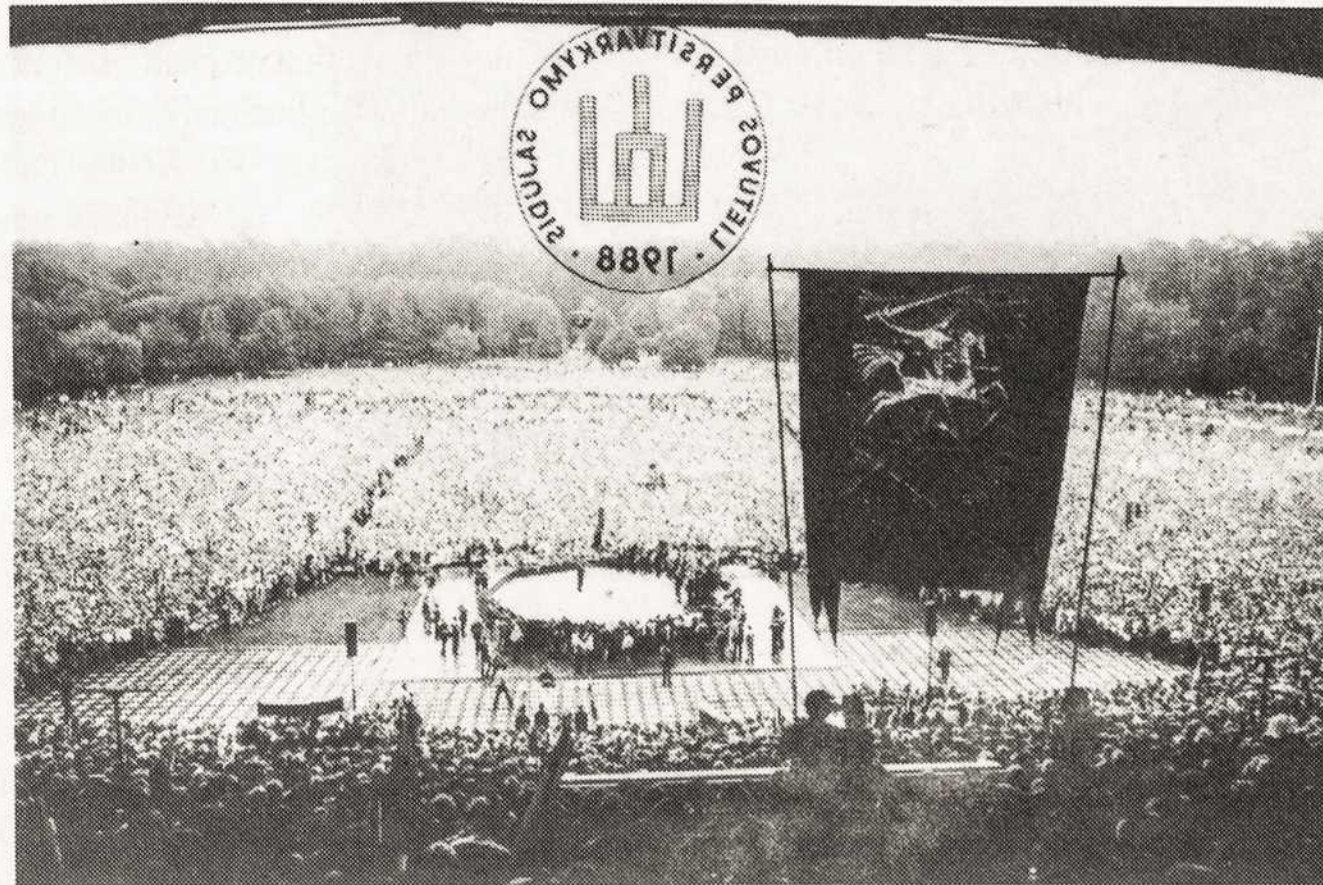
Approximately 200,000 people showed up. Some carried the tricolor draped in black. This demonstration was one of the highlights of 1988.

On September 5, the third fire in two months erupted at the Ignalina nuclear power plant. There are allegations that the plant was poorly designed and built, without submitting plans for approval, and that it was a threat to the ecology of the region. The reactor is a Chernobyl-type reactor. Area residents demanded either the closure of the plant or an investigation by the International Atomic Energy Commission.

On September 18, 15,000 people camped in a huge circle around the reactor. Sajūdis promised to continue grass-roots efforts to stop construction of the third reactor block.

The Lithuanian Freedom League planned a ceremony

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Over 100,000 attended Sajūdis demonstration in Vilnius' Vingis Park on July 9, 1988.

on the 28th to mark the signing of the second secret protocol of the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact. The original protocol divided Eastern Europe between Nazi Germany and Communist Russia. According to the second protocol, Lithuania went to the Soviets. The Lithuanian Freedom League demanded: 1) publication of all the pact and all its documentation; 2) a declaration that the pact is a crime against peace and national security; 3) acknowledgment that Lithuania was forcibly incorporated into the USSR; 4) a declaration that Hitler was an international criminal; 5) setting of a date for complete withdrawal of Soviet forces

from 10,000 to 100,000.

The government offered to return the Cathedral of Vilnius to the Catholic Church but only on weekends; it was to remain an art gallery during the week. Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevičius refused to share the Cathedral with the State, but he was allowed to celebrate Mass for the Sąjūdis Inaugural Congress on October 23. The government conceded the cathedral to Church authorities full-time, and the reconsecration took place February 12, 1989, just in time for the first officially sanctioned commemoration since 1940 of Lithuanian Independence Day, February



Many young people actively support the ecological movement in Lithuania which has campaigned for more stringent controls and operating procedures on the Ignalina atomic energy plant.

from Lithuania.

The ceremony was held in Gediminas Plaza. Militia in riot gear attacked the assembly of about 20,000 people, arrested many, beat them, including pregnant women and children, and in general, grossly violated their human rights. The police chased some into a construction site, where the people fought back with bricks. The militia then withdrew, and the demonstration went on, greatly curtailed.

October saw the legalization and rehabilitation of the tricolor Lithuanian flag. On October 7, in an hour-long ceremony featuring addresses by government officials and Sąjūdis leaders, the flag of independent Lithuania was raised over Gediminas Castle. Attendance reports varied

16. At the end of October, the government announced that it was going to free political prisoners and notified three of them, Iešmantas, Tamkevičius and Petkus, but mentioned nothing to Balys Gajauskas.

At the beginning of November, publication of the first ecumenical religious paper in the history of the Soviet Union began with government approval. Another major event was the declaration of November 1, All Saints' Day, as a national holiday, the first time in the Soviet history. It was only the second time that Mass was televised, the first being the Mass broadcast from the steps of the Cathedral of Vilnius the previous week.

On November 7, four political prisoners arrived from exile:

Petkus, Iešmantas, Tamkevičius and Gajauskas. A very important document was released on November 10 by Sąjūdis and the Latvian and Estonian Popular Fronts, which spelled out certain provisions for amendments to the Constitution of the USSR. In general, they called for a system of government in which autonomous republics would create a set of rules for relations between them, and the central government would only have the powers given to it by the republics. The republics would have various rights, including right to sign agreements with other republics and countries, provided they don't conflict with the union agreement and could have embassies in those countries.

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Major decisions of the central government would have to be ratified by all of the republics. Disputes between republics would be settled in third party court, international court or the USSR Constitutional Court. Law enforcement agencies in the republics would only be subordinate to those republics; the central government would have no say in their running. The Popular fronts and new political organizations would enjoy the same right to political activity as existing organizations. But the Kremlin proposed its own much more restrictive amendments.

The Popular Fronts condemned the amendments by saying that they were against glasnost, sov ereignty and democratization, and even more reactionary than the Brezhnev Constitution. Sajūdis launched a massive petition drive with a goal of one million signatures. On November 14, Sajūdis submitted its own Constitutional proposition to the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet, but that session was marred by "crude violations" of voting rules by the leadership, so that the measures submitted did not come to a vote.

On November 21, Sajūdis called for an emergency meeting of the Supreme Soviet to vote on measures similar to those passed by the Latvian government. Sajūdis had collected 1.8 million petitions. Sajūdis wanted sovereignty and veto rights in an All-Union Soviet. The meeting did not take place. About this time, the Lithuanian national anthem was rehabilitated, the Vytis was restored as the symbol of the republic, and Lithuanian became the official language.

Leaders of the Popular Fronts of the three Baltic republics coordinated rallies on November 26, National Sovereignty Day. The League also planned a demonstration in Gediminas Square to protest the government's proposed constitutional changes and to demand withdrawal of Soviet troops.

In December, the Lithuanian Freedom League congratulated President-Elect Bush on his victory. Sajūdis released a document criticizing the pace of reform in Lithuania. Economic reform was rejected, and democratization was also set back.

Sajūdis stated that it is in complete agreement with



Delegates at the Sajūdis founding congress, Vilnius, October 1988.

measures passed by the Estonians, since they "open new possibilities for freedom," and that it condemned the veto of those measures by the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. It stated that the Hitler-Stalin Pact of 1939 is leading to spiritual, ecological, and economic disaster, and that the rule of law is the only basis for normal public life.

Sajūdis acknowledged that the defeat in the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet transformed it from a youthful, idealistic, naive movement into one ready to accept the harsh realities of life. Sajūdis doubts that the gigantic credits being extended to the USSR by some western governments is being used for democratization.

Sajūdis urged extinguishing lights on Christmas Eve and lighting a candle for sovereignty. The movement promised that at least 16 of its members planned to run for election to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. It announced a boycott of milk due to ecological reasons. It established a fund for the victims of the Armenian earthquake tragedy.

In Lithuania, 1988 was a year of key events, which would shape the future of Lithuania. 🍏

*Thanksgiving
Greetings*

LITHUANIAN FREEDOM SAILORS ARRIVE IN AMERICA

Emilia Sadonis, Cultural Chairlady C-29

During the week of June 19-24, three sailboats with 22 Lithuanian amateur racing sailors finished their cross Atlantic passage of 37-40 days and arrived at the shores of New Jersey. This is the first time Lithuanians were able to sail across the ocean, hoisting the trispalvė Lithuanian flag. They are telling the world that Lithuania is alive.

Upon hearing of the unexpected arrival in New Jersey, various New Jersey chapters of Vyčiai, Jaunima Sajunga and Bendromenė unified their efforts and within 24 hours, arrangements were made to host the sailors first cocktail party in the U.S.A. Telephone networking informed New Jersey Lithuanians to come, greet and chat with the sailors on June 22nd. Earlier that day at the State capitol, the sailors were present while a proclamation was read in their honor.

Kearny's Council 90 prepared the Lithuanian Catholic



K of L'ers with a few sailors.

Community Center as the party hall. Close to 300 people attended including many members of C-29 Newark, 52 Elizabeth and 61 Paterson.

The presence of those brave men had joined the various organizations together and all felt the common bond. The sailors were so endearing. It was easy to pick a sailor out of the crowd; many had beards and all were tanned. At the head table, the three captains introduced their shipmates and recalled some of the journey's highlights. A question and answer period followed. After the formalities, everyone mingled and treated the sailors to drinks and food. The hat was passed to donate money to the men. None had to return to their sailboats that night, since people from the audience gladly took them into their homes for a good night's rest. Food brought along was donated to the sailors to eat on board their yachts since their supplies were depleted. Their favorite American food? Potato Chips!

On June 24th, the yachtsmen sailed into New York Harbor to officially begin the welcoming ceremonies. Thousands of Lithuanians gathered to greet them at the New York City South Street Seaport. At the end of the day, the sailboats docked in Sea Cliff, Long Island and received much needed repair work and equipment. Meanwhile, another group of Lithuanian amateur racing sailors flew to the United States to replace the original sailors who were scheduled to fly back home.

The three captains and a sailor-journalist met New York City Mayor Ed Koch on June 28th. They presented to New York City a replica of the Lithuanian Statue of Liberty which the Soviets had just recently given permission to be put back on its pedestal in the center of Kaunas.

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Poster presented to Lithuanian-Americans by the Sailors when arriving in the United States.

Sailors (Cont'd)

On June 29th, all the sailors boarded a bus to visit the Lithuanian Americans in Cleveland and Chicago. They attended banquets in their honor in both cities and spent a few days touring the Windy City.

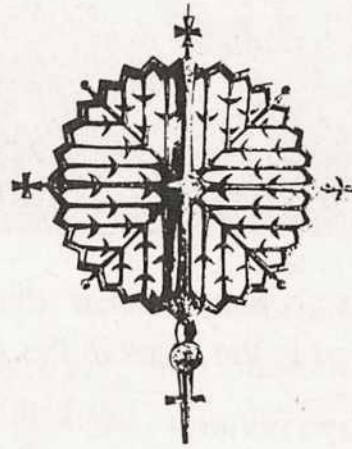
On July 8th, the original sailors boarded an Aeroflot jet in New York for the relatively short trip home again. A few days later on July 11th, the sailboats LIETUVA and AUDRA set sail for Baltimore, remaining there for a few days,

seeing the sights at our Capitol in Washington and finally on July 17th sailed to return to Lithuania. Meanwhile, the sailboat DALIA remained drydocked in New York getting its engine repaired, and subsequently sailing for Lithuania on July 15th. The three sailboats met somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean and finished the 37-40 days back to Klaipėda seaport together. Reports from Lithuania inform us the three finally arrived safely in Lithuania with thousands of Lithuanians greeting them safely back home.

JUBILEE TO REJOICE! Priest of God at St. Casimir's Forty Years



June 11, 1949



June 11, 1989

Rev. Robert K. Baltch celebrated his 40th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on June 11 at St. Casimir's Church, Amsterdam, NY. Rev. Baltch was born on Feb. 17, 1924 in Pennsylvania. He went to Lithuania with his parents in 1933, remaining there until 1947. He studied at the Interdiocesan Seminary in Kaunas. Upon his return from Lithuania, he completed theological studies at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

Rev. Baltch was ordained at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception by Most Rev. Gibbons in Albany on June 11, 1949. All of his 40 years of priestly service has been at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church since Oct. 1, 1949 and in

May 1967 assumed the pastorate.

Music has been his favorite hobby since his early days. He studied at the Panevežys School of Music in Lithuania, has frequently been heard as a baritone soloist and has served as director of the Priests' Choir. Besides his pastoral work, Fr. Baltch's hobbies include traveling, photography and collecting modern paintings from Lithuanian artists.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated followed by dinner and program on June 11 at the Teepee Restaurant in Amsterdam. Sveikinamė miela klebona kuniga Baltch ir linkimė dar daug, daug sveikų, gerų, laimingų ir darbingų metų.



SOVIET CYCLING TEAM TOURS THE UNITED STATES

By Joseph Ogint

On June 13 Council-63 member and Amber district president, Joseph E. Simmons, and his wife Trudi hosted a covered dish picnic at their Spinnerstown, PA home. Their honored guests were the Soviet Cycling team who had been

they climbed back on their bikes. However, this ride was much easier - only 40-miles! The team goes to bed at 10 p.m. Not much time for girls which is regrettable. Smalys mentioned that their coach, Harsutis Dumbauskas, is considered to be one of the best



Joseph Simmons, Amber District President (center) hosted the Soviet Cycling Team, comprised of Lithuanians who competed in the races in the Allentown area.

competing in the races at the Velodrome in nearby Trexlertown (outskirts of Allentown).

This team was quite different from other Soviet Cycling teams in that it was comprised entirely of Lithuanians and, therefore, very special to C-63. The Lithuanian contingent consisted of six cyclists and five who were the coach, manager and mechanics. It included two World Olympic gold medal winners, Arturas Kasputis and Mindaugas Umaras, who are also members of the Soviet Union's 4,000-meter pursuit squad. Kasputis, 22, is the eldest team member. The youngest is 17-year old Arturas Trumpauskas.

The team had been in the United States since May 26 and had raced in New York, New Jersey and Indiana but Allentown had been their United States home base. "Allentown is a very good place" said Saulis Smalys, Secretary of the Lithuanian Cycling Federation. He went on to outline the team's typical training day which began at 7 a.m. with the cyclists working out on training machines. At 10 a.m. they take a 50-mile ride on the back roads of Lehigh and Berk counties. The afternoons were free until 5 p.m. when

they climbed back on their bikes. However, this ride was much easier - only 40-miles! The team goes to bed at 10 p.m. Not much time for girls which is regrettable. Smalys mentioned that their coach, Harsutis Dumbauskas, is considered to be one of the best in the cycling world to which other team members agreed.

Thanks to the Simmons and to about 15 other C-63 members. The team was given a very warm welcome in the Lehigh Valley. The arrangements were made on extremely short notice. It all began when council member, Andrew Sabol, overheard a question being asked in the neighborhood restaurant as to whether or not there were any Lithuanians in Lehigh Valley who could welcome the visiting Soviet team who were not Russian

but Lithuanian. Andy contacted the Simmons and Trudi immediately contacted other members to arrange a picnic style covered dish affair. Joe Simmons was given the use of a Van by his employer, Red Hill Ford, to transport the team. Team members appreciated our hospitality and we all had a warm feeling inside that we could do it for our countrymen. There was an avalanche of discussion in broken Lithuanian and broken English which added to the camaraderie at hand.

The team members mentioned they were eagerly looking forward to participate in their next scheduled race in Philadelphia the following weekend. This was proven to be the biggest disappointment of their U.S. tour. When they arrived in Philadelphia and just minutes before the start of the race, they were given a cable from the Soviet Cycling Federation in Moscow, forbidding them to participate in the race since it would jeopardize their amateur standing. The Core States pro-event is a 156-mile race which had been originally scheduled by Moscow itself! It proved to be

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Soviet Cycling Team (Cont'd)

a very perplexing and frustrating situation because of the timing and some American racing officials speculated the switch in plans could well have had political motivations. The team dejectedly returned to Allentown and the Velodrome where they participated in their last U.S. event, the U.S. Pro, Senior I-II - 120 lap points race. Two of the Lithuanians lapped the field and all top six places were captured by the team!

The team was strongly encouraged by Lithuanians scattered throughout with spectators waving Lithuanian flags and shouting "Lietuva, Lietuva" at the top of their voices.

Most stirring of all, the Lithuanian flag and not the sickle and hammer of the Soviet Union flew above the stadium each time the Lithuanian team raced. The cyclists held Lithuanian flags in their hands as they were awarded their racing honors.

The team was next scheduled to race in Sweden. We wish them Godspeed and good luck. It has become evident that the Lehigh Valley C-63 is very much aware of the Lithuanians in their midst and the cause we espouse. Especially, this is all due to C-63's aggressive activity since being organized in 1982!

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IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY....

Norkunas Sadauskui (11/1/50): "Buvau surinkęs vardus rašytojų VYTI kurie rašo lietuvių kalba. Suradau daugiausiai parašytų Juozo Sadausko (Senelio). Visiems buvau paskyręs dovanėlas, bet Seneliui dvigubas. Priimk, brangus Seneli, aukštos vytiškos pagarbos pareiškima. Te Dangaus Galybė pripildo Tamstos protavimą vytiška dvasia ir stiprina Tamstos dešinę gražiais aprašymais Vyčiui veiklos. Su gilia pagarba, M.A.N."

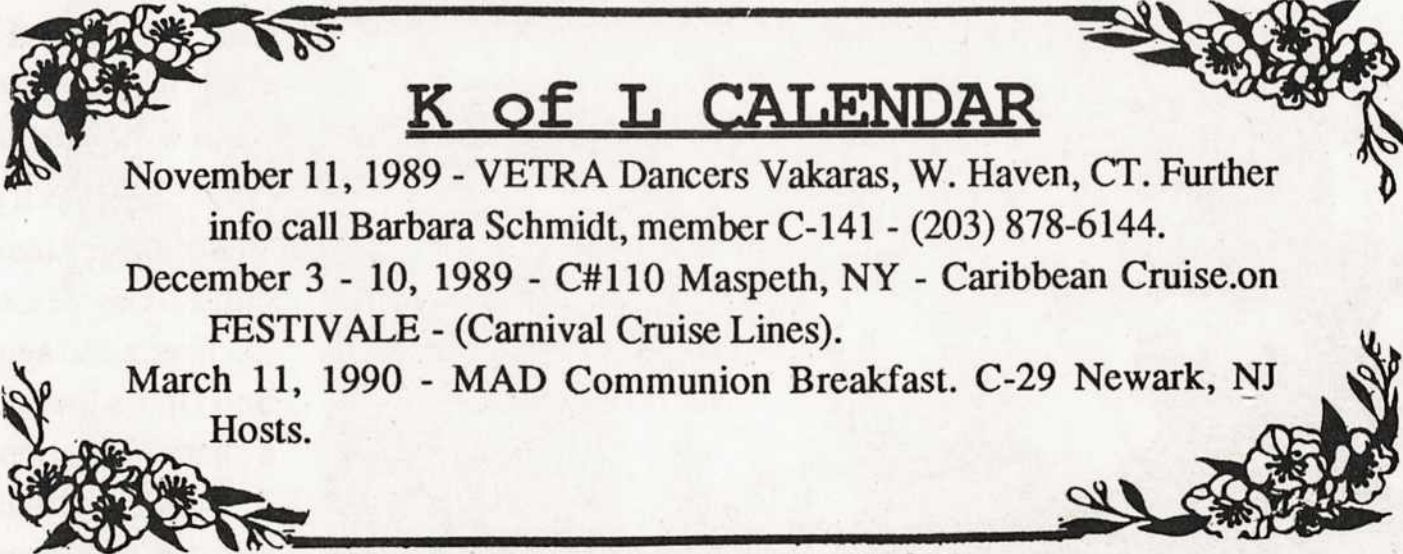
Anonymous, after leadership course: "The unifying and binding quality of Lithuanian songs should be brought out, also theoretically. Their importance is not understood".

WARNING ON USSR

In a lengthy two-page memo, the State Dept. has warned Americans visiting the Soviet Union to be particularly careful about adhering to Soviet customs regulations; to be watchful about where they spend or exchange dollars and has "strongly recommended" that elderly travelers in "frail" health avoid the Soviet Union altogether.

The travel advisory suggests that visitors "carefully observe. . . .Soviet customs regulations" and says that defying them puts tourists at risk of "interrogation, intimidation and harassment" at the hands of officials. Items that are frequently confiscated include religious literature and record albums.

Regarding medical treatment, the advisory says that Soviet care "does not meet Western standards" and urges travelers to purchase independent insurance.



K of L CALENDAR

November 11, 1989 - VETRA Dancers Vakaras, W. Haven, CT. Further info call Barbara Schmidt, member C-141 - (203) 878-6144.

December 3 - 10, 1989 - C#110 Maspeth, NY - Caribbean Cruise.on FESTIVALE - (Carnival Cruise Lines).

March 11, 1990 - MAD Communion Breakfast. C-29 Newark, NJ Hosts.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT RETREAT at KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

By Florence Zaleskas

The New England District sponsored a week-end retreat at the Franciscan Monastery at Kennebunkport, ME from Friday, June 23 to Sunday, June 25. The arrangements and program were set up with Fr. Gabriel by Helen Dallalis, district corresponding secretary. Participating in this retreat were members and guests from the following councils: C-1 Brockton; C-17 So. Boston; C-27 Norwood; C-50 New Haven; C-141 Bridgeport and C-109 Great Neck. Members and guests enjoyed a beautiful, peaceful, prayerful atmosphere on the monastery grounds. The pleasant weather and scenic beauty of the natural gifts of trees, flowers, birds, sky, and ocean refreshed and relaxed us as we contemplated the journey to our body through life and our soul toward eternity. A most wonderful, inspiring and restful retreat under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Dennis Arambasick, OFM.

All during the day, the K of L'ers arrived at Kennebunkport including a bus from New Haven. After unpacking and settling in, the retreatants explored the grounds, shrines and wooded paths around the monastery. After a wholesome, delicious dinner, we met for our first conference with Fr. Dennis. The emphasis of this first reflection was "Our Faith". Father explained that our central focus is the Eucharist. We must reflect and contemplate that Jesus truly was

present in the Eucharist. It is our call to participate often at Mass and share in Jesus' body to strengthen us in our daily lives. Following this reflection, we shared a relaxed evening visiting, getting acquainted and walking in the still, quiet of the night.

"Up with the birds", and even before, was the pattern of a number of the retreatants - to walk alone in the still of the early morning and to contemplate and truly appreciate a sense of God's gifts. What a wonderful time to commune and affirm our faith and desire to perfect our lives. After Mass and breakfast, our second conference took place. At this reflection, the topic was "Our Journey"; we are a people in process. We must continually make changes in our lives. We must convert and live our lives with truly Christian values. Following this reflection and prayer, the guests were free to pray, participate in confession and private conferences, explore the surrounding towns and villages and sea side areas for the afternoon.

Our third period of reflective thought occurred Saturday evening. At this time, Fr. Dennis focused on "Prayer". We learn to love and understand God through prayer. As our love for God continues to grow, we must go out into the world and give it to others. God's great love is to be shared. We experienced many moments of sharing with each other in our interactions and prayers.

On Saturday evening during supper, special recognition and congratulations were extended to three couples enjoying God's gift of forty years of married life. Honored were Al and Pat Akule, Frank and Virginia Markuns, both of C-17, and Stanley and Helen Dallalis of C-27. It was a joy to realize that God's love, shared through these faithful couples, so deeply touched our hearts and again gave us insight into God's love expressed through a shared experience.

Sunday proved to be another gift; a bright, beautiful, sunny day. We enjoyed a hearty breakfast and prepared to vacate our rooms. The



C-50 New Haven at Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, ME.

New England District (Cont'd)



Retreatants

Sunday Mass was our last sharing of prayerful time together. It was especially rewarding as we reaffirmed our resolution to travel God's road with more fervor strengthened by our special moments away from the routines of daily life. Dinner was again superb and left us feeling both

of steadfast service to God. The retreat was Al's final preparation to meet his God. May we all be so gifted at journey's end. (Before leaving Kennebunkport, Al Jaritis made arrangements for next year's retreat on the weekend of June 22, 1990).

happy, refreshed and a bit sad to think that this week-end had come to an end. But we were people going forth to share God's love.

To most of us attending the retreat, will be a memory our hearts will cherish. It was (unknown at the moment) our last time to share and enjoy the kindness and friendship of one pre-

paring to take a final spiritual journey. For those who knew Al Jaritis, our district president, it was a weekend of "happy memory". Al's quiet, gentle way of reaching out and sharing his life is a gift of God's love we'll treasure. He left us with a remembrance of happy times, laughter, joking, helping others, dedication to the K of L and an example



40th Wedding Anniversary couples at Retreat: Seated: Stanley Dallalis, Frank Markuns and Al Akule. Standing: Helen Dallalis, Virginia Markuns, Rev. Dennis Arambasick and Pat Akule.

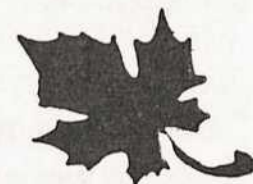
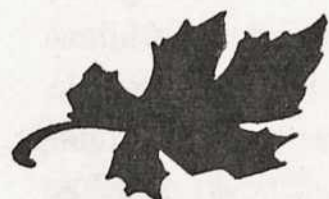
New England District (Cont'd)



The late Al Jaritis, Florence Zaleskis and Aldona Keaney.



C-50 (Seated) Isabel & Frank Peterson, (Standing) Frank Antin and Al Gedrim.



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Lithuanians in the News

CHURCH KEEPS LITHUANIAN HERITAGE ALIVE

Stanley Vaitkus was born three year's after Dayton's Holy Cross Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church was built in 1914. He clearly remembers his days as an altar boy as he walked in below-zero weather from his home to serve Mass. "They made me go to church," he said. "I had to learn Lithuanian prayers before I learned English." That was his parents' way of keeping their language and culture alive and it continues to this day through prayer," he said. "To this day the language is very dear to us," adding that he and his wife, Helen, both speak it fluently. "We'll never let it slip away. It's one of the oldest languages in the world."

Vaitkus is like many other Lithuanian-Americans who moved away from their neighborhood, but they have never severed their ties to Holy Cross.

Holy Cross Church with its pastor, Rev. Walter Katariskis, celebrated its 75th anniversary in June with Most Rev. Paulius Baltakis, who carries the title of bishop for the spiritual assistance of Lithuanian Catholics living outside of Lithuania, was one of the guest clergy for the event.

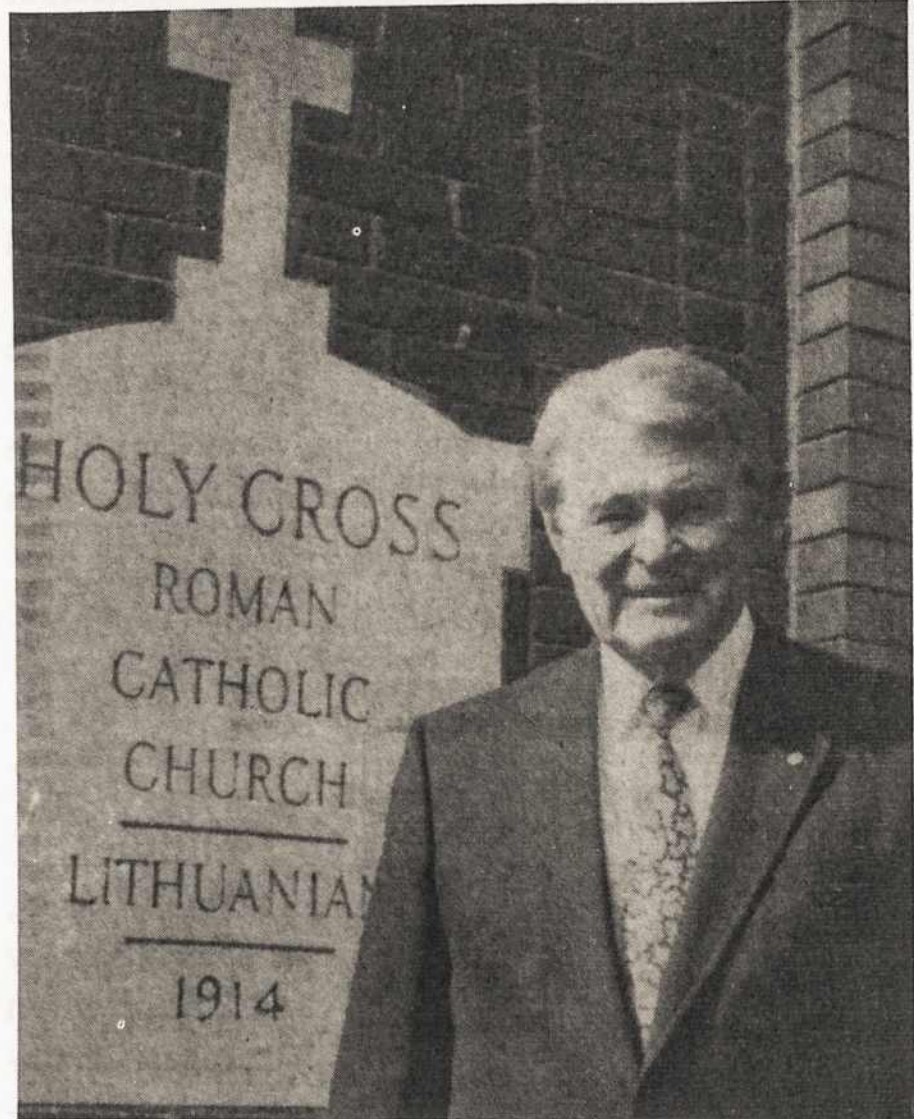
The Knights of Lithuania, a church organization for men and women does the most to preserve the language and culture. The group, which has a council at Holy Cross, also lobbies for Lithuania's freedom from the Soviet Union by writing letters to Congress.

Dayton Daily News

CANDID CULTURE: Images of Pennsylvania's Traditions

Rita Shevokas of New Philadelphia submitted one of 40 photographs selected from a field of 350 as winners in a Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission photography competition. The competition was designed to show the diversity of Pennsylvania's ethnic, occupational and regional traditions.

The winning picture was taken at the 1986 Schuylkill County Fair when she was readying a group of young Lithuanian folk dancers to perform at the fair. As luck would have it, there was a Keystone State symbol right on the stage, which showed up on the picture. "This was taken



Holy Cross member Stanley Vaitkus in front of church



as a candid picture, not to enter in a contest," he said.

A teacher of 8th grade English who also works with gifted students, Shevokas has taken a couple of photography courses, but this is the first photography contest she ever entered. Her winning picture was displayed in the Capitol Rotunda East Wing during the Spring. Rita is a member of Anthracite C-144. Congratulations!

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Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)



Christopher Degutis
at West Point with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

Vice President Dan Quayle was the guest speaker for the 191st graduating class.

Chris was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Medical Service Corp., and reported to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX to complete his officers basic course. From there, he will report to Fort Lewis, Washington, for his first assignment.



Mary M. Rimkunas
Bank.

Rimkunas received her bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. She is currently enrolled in the MBA program at Russell Sage College. Congratulations!

Degutis graduates from West Point

Christopher Degutis, nephew of Helen & Leo Druziak, members of C-100 Amsterdam, graduated from the U. S. Military Academy

She Sings about Unrequited Love and Pickup Trucks

Nancy Remkus realizes that when fame and publicity are being handed out, local residents of her town in Sag



Nancy Remkus

Harbor, Long Island can be a little short changed. However, earlier this summer she was on the receiving line of some recognition when Suffolk County Executive Patrick G. Halpin on Long Island awarded her the county's first Performing Artist Award. "I'm definitely a local girl," she says, strumming a guitar. She has written "Local Girls" - *Local girls / they've been around the block because they've got nowhere else to go / local girls / their boyfriends drive pickup trucks and never let their feelings show.*

Remkus has also written "Sag Harbor", a song about salt-water laced air and a smile that greets you everywhere of her hometown, and "Small Town Christmas". "I write about the highs and lows of life, mostly the lows. People say I write a lot about unrequited love." She supports herself by teaching at the local elementary school. She accepts singing jobs from people calling her.

Nancy Remkus has been told that her musical genes are inherited from a Lithuanian-born grandmother who was a singer at church. There's a religious background in her own musical evolution that started, she says, when she and a girlfriend would sing a *Cappello* as they walked home from the school bus. As a teenager, she was inspired by a guitar-playing nun. Borrowing a guitar, she locked herself in a room and taught herself to play. She also began to write music, liturgical as well as secular. The religious songs are

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Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

"based on the hymn tradition with a little bit of gospel, a little bit of folk." She's trying to make them lively; striving to get some of the more conservative Catholics singing.

Newsday

All-Saints Catholic Church Ground Breaking

By Stanley Pieza

The 102-year old All Saints Catholic Church in San Pierre, IL, known as "Little Cathedrals" was destroyed by fire in 1988 and the new church will be erected on the same spot of the old edifice.

During ground-breaking ceremonies, the earth was shoveled by Msgr. Witte and Fr. Spranger, assisted by members of the new church's building committee, including Stanley Pieza as public relations coordinator.

With a seating capacity of 135, the new church will cost \$250,000. The building will be 58' long and 54' wide. A steeple with a cross will be about 33' high. Mr. Pieza is a member of C-36 in Chicago.

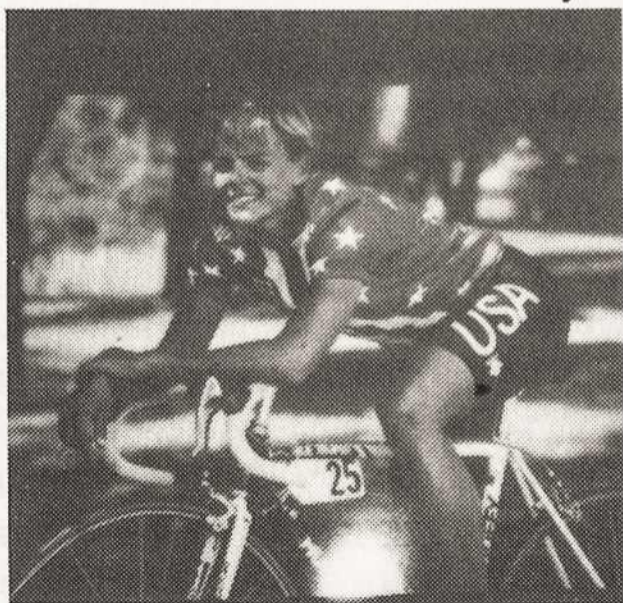
Transplanted Montrealer Scores a First in B.C.

Dr. Virginia Gudas, a former Montrealer and a graduate of Newfoundland's Memorial University, ushered in a new era for B.C. when she performed the province's first heart transplants last year. The 35-year old surgeon led a team of 10 surgeons, anesthetists and nurses at Vancouver General Hospital to give two British Columbians new hearts. She is the only woman in Canada performing cardiac transplants.

(The Medical Post, Toronto, Ont.)

A Lithuanian Cyclist Does Well

Dr. Danutė "Bunki" Bankaitis-Davis is a 3-year member of the seven-eleven women's cycling team. She is also a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic Cycling team and for the past 5 years a member of the U.S. National team. This year she competed in Tour de France finishing 9th overall. After that, she competed in 3,000 m. team pursuit



Danutė "Bunki" Bankaitis-Davis



Ground-breaking ceremony at site of new All Saints Catholic Church. Stanley Pieza, first from right.

national qualification races at Redmond, WA, finishing in 2nd place. During August, she returned to France to compete with the U.S. National team in world championships.

Danutė is the third oldest of the Bankaitis family's nine children born in Detroit, MI. She moved with her parents to Cleveland and in 1962 graduated from high school as well as from Valančius Lithuanian School, receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Science Degree in Chemistry at Cleveland State University.

While living in Cleveland, she was a Kanklės soloist with Lithuanian National Artist Ensemble "Čiurlionis" and performed throughout South America, Canada and the United States. She was also an active participant in the Lithuanian Sport Club "Žaibas", having competed in U.S.A., Canada and Australia.

After achieving her Master of Science degree in Chemistry, she enrolled in the graduate school at University of North Carolina and in 1986 received her Ph.D. in Synthetic Organic Chemistry. Following graduation, she moved to Boulder, CO to pursue her cycling endeavors, where she resides with her cycling enthusiast husband, Phillip "Chip" Davis.

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REAP THE REWARDS OF YOUR HARVEST . . .

Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

LAWYER MAKES CURTAIN CALLS Delivers Red Bloc heirs' money for families in the USA

Most lawyers don't shop on the job.

But lawyer Paul Chalko is one of an estimated half-dozen Cleveland lawyers who deliver money to heirs behind the Iron Curtain. He takes them to "dollar" stores in Lithuania that accept U.S. money, and helps them get their dollar's worth. He took one family on a \$3,000 shopping spree that lasted 4 days because they were allowed to spend only \$750 per day. The family bought 12 pairs of shoes, two cars and, most importantly, a garage to protect the precious cars from thieves.

Chalko is able to get clients to make him a trustee with broad power of attorney to deliver the inheritance when and how he saw fit. Then he persuaded Soviet officials to let him set up bank accounts directly for heirs in Lithuania. The heirs could either use the money at dollar stores or convert it to rubles at about five times the usual exchange rate, a special privilege for inheritances. The Soviets gave official status to this arrangement in a 1985 letter of understanding to the U.S. State Dept. Chalko speculated that the Soviets softened not out of generosity but because they needed hard currency, especially U.S. The authorities make customers with rubles wait three years for a car but accommodate people with dollars in 60 days, Chalko stated.

Chalko would like to boost the bounty he brings to Lithuania. He said he was negotiating for permission to deliver advances on the estates of the living.



Paul Chalko

Skysti kiaušiniai

Juozukas atostogavo pas močiutę. Jis kasdien nunešdavo vandens į vištidę ir pripildavo į ten padėtą indelį. Bet vieną rytą, kai močiutė išvirė kiaušinių pusryčiams, jis tarė:

— Močiute, aš daugiau nebepilsiu vištoms vandens!

— Kodėl ne, vaikeliai? Joms reikia gerti.

— Kad, močiute, šie kiaušiniai jau ir taip per skysti!



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COLLECTION OF AUSUKĖS RECIPES

Stella Matulonis

Ausukės are a traditional Lithuanian delicacy, usually served at the end of a festive meal or shared with loved ones with afternoon coffee and tea.

For most of us who grew up in a traditional Lithuanian household, the thought of ausukės evokes childhood memories of their preparation, perhaps for a holiday-like Christmas or Easter or a special family event. The kitchen table would be laden down with bags of newly opened flour and sugar, large size eggs, flavorings, etc. usually purchased just for this event. After the ingredients were mixed and, of course, most of the time, their measure was by the cook's eye or feel of the dough - the rolling out of the dough, the cutting and shaping of the ausukės took place. It seems that every Lithuanian cook had her own special ausukė recipe and her own way of cutting and shaping the dough. Now, the kitchen table and all else was covered with limp, uncooked ausukės ready to be dropped into a big pot of hot fat. One looked in awe, as a child, into this hot bubbling fat and watched this limp form develop into the familiar ausukė shape. When golden brown on both sides, out went the ausukės onto the table now covered with brown paper bags to be drained of the excess fat. No one used paper toweling "in those days". One could hardly wait for the ausukės to cool down so the confectioner's sugar could be sprinkled on. Then, all tasters present would pronounce this batch to be the best ever.

And, so it followed that both time and loved ones passed on and the tasters became the cooks and could not remember how much of, and what of, and what were those magical methods that had created these delicious memories. After a few unsuccessful attempts to produce a batch of acceptable ausukės, I began to hunt out and collect recipes to sharpen my skills. My recipes came from Lithuanian cooks who were willing to share their secrets with me, my mother-in-law, from newspaper clippings and from cookbooks.

In reviewing these recipes, one notes that the basic ingredients are flour, eggs, sugar, a liquid and flavoring. It is amazing to observe how the amounts of ingredients vary from one recipe to another. Not everyone calls an ausukė by the same name; some recipes are named Ausukės, Love Knots, Bow Ties, Fried Pastry Strips, Crušcuki, Zagareli, and Sweet Cream Diamonds. No matter what they are called, or how the ingredients and their amounts differ, all have the characteristic shape, which is a thin strip of dough, slit in the center, and one end pulled through the slit. All ausukės are deep fried in hot fat (preferably in a solid white shortening like Crisco) until golden amber in color. They are then drained on paper toweling and when cool, dusted with confectioner's sugar.

So, how about having an Ausukiu Contest or Bake-Off at your next K of L meeting! Compile and print each other's recipes. The Lithuanian Americans of today should preserve the traditional secrets of this wonderful delicacy.

Below are listed some of the recipes which I have collected. Try a recipe or get out one of your own and make a batch to enjoy. Each recipe makes approximately 4 dozen or more ausukės.

DEEP FRIED PASTRY STRIPS

Žagarėliai

"Žagarėliai" are delicate pastry dough cookies, deep-fried in fat. It is best to use lard or oil for deep-frying these cookies.

The main ingredients are flour, eggs and sour cream. All ingredients should be kneaded together, then the dough should be beaten with the rolling pin, folding the dough toward the center, until blisters start to form on the dough. Then cool the dough to set. Roll it out 1/8" thick, and, using a pastry cutting wheel, cut into 4" or 5" long and 1" wide strips. Make a slit, lengthwise, in the center of each strip and slip one end of the strip through this slit.

Bring fat to a boil in a shallow, wide pot. Remove from heat and add 1 tbsp. of whiskey or a couple of slices of raw potato (this will prevent the pastry strips from burning). The fat will bubble up with this addition. Wait until bubbling action stops, then put back on heat and bring to a boil. Žagarėliai must be put into boiling fat. A pastry strip put into fat must immediately rise to the surface and sizzle; if this happens then the fat is just right for deep-frying. When one side of strip is golden brown, turn over, using a fork, and finish frying. When done, place on paper towels so that excess fat is absorbed. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, flavored with vanilla.



RECIPE I

2 cups flour
2 tbsp. butter
1/2 cup sour cream
3 egg yolks
1 tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. rum (optional)
1 tsp. salt

RECIPE II

2 cups flour
2 eggs
3 egg yolks
2 tbsp. butter
1 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. alcohol spirits

RECIPE III

2 cups flour
2 tbsp. sour cream
4 egg yolks
1 tbsp. alcohol spirits
1/2 tsp. salt

All three recipes are prepared and cooked following the method described above.

(From *Lithuanian Cookery - Sinkevičiūtė*)

LITTLE EARS**Ausukės**

2 Eggs
1-3/4 cups pastry flour
3 tbsps. sweet cream
1 tbsp. sugar

Beat eggs until light and fluffy. Add sugar and cream. Add enough flour to make a dough which can be rolled very thin. Cut into diamond shapes. Slash the center of each diamond, twist one end through the hole to form a knot. Fry in hot deep fat until lightly browned. Drain on absorbent paper. Dust with powdered sugar.

(From *Popular Lithuanian Recipes - Josephine Daužvardis*)

LITTLE EARS**Ausukės**

5 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
5 tbsp. sweet cream
1 jigger rum or brandy
Flour

Cream yolks and sugar. Add cream and rum. Add enough flour to make stiff dough. Refrigerate for two hours. Roll thin on floured board. Cut in diamond shapes. Slit middle and pull one end of diamond through hole. Fry in hot deep fat or oil until lightly browned. Drain on absorbent paper. Dust with powdered sugar.

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(From *Popular Lithuanian Recipes - Josephine Daužvardis*)

AUSUKĖS

2 egg yolks
1 whole egg
4 tbsp. sugar
1 tbsp. whipping cream
1-1/4 cup flour
pinch salt

Beat egg yolks and whole egg for 10 mins. Add sugar slowly to eggs while beating to dissolve sugar. Sift flour with salt. Add one-half of flour mixture to egg mix alternately with cream. Add remaining flour. Knead dough lightly and let stand 10 mins. Roll out very thin and cut into strips. Make a slit in center and slip one end through the slit. Fry in hot fat or oil until golden on both sides. Drain on paper towels. When cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar.

AUSUKĖS

5 egg yolks
5 tbsp. sugar
2-1/2 cups cake flour
5 tbsp. sour cream
1 tbsp. rum, brandy or cognac
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 tbsp. grated lemon rind
1/2 tsp. salt

Beat yolks and sugar until creamy. Stir in rind, cream, brandy and vanilla. Sift flour and salt and combine with liquid mixture until smooth. Mixture should be stiff enough to roll out. Cut thinly rolled dough in strips of desired width and length. Cut slit in center and pull one end of strip thru hole. Drop Ausukės into melted shortening (Crisco is best) and fry on both sides. Drain on paper toweling. Cool and dust with powdered sugar before serving. Store in a tightly covered container.

LITHUANIAN BOW TIES**Crusčiki**

1-3/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. sugar
1/2 cup cream
3 large egg yolks
3/4 cup ground almonds or hazelnuts
2 tbsp. butter at room temp.
1 tbsp. vanilla

In large bowl combine flour, nuts, sugar and salt. Mix in butter until mixture is crumbly. In small bowl, mix sour cream, yolks and vanilla. Blend into flour mixture until stiff dough forms. Roll out dough until 1/8" thick. Cut and shape into bow ties. Heat shortening or oil to 400 degrees and deep fry to golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

(From *McCall's Magazine*)



AUSUKAI

4 egg yolks	1/4 tsp. baking powder
2 egg whites, beaten stiff	1/4 tsp. salt
1/3 cup sugar	2-1/2 cups pastry flour
1/3 cup heavy cream	1/8 tsp. almond extract
	1/8 tsp. vanilla extract

Beat egg whites in a small bowl until stiff. Set aside. With same beaters in large bowl, beat egg yolks until thick. Add sugar slowly and continue beating until lemon colored. Add cream mixed with extracts. Fold in beaten stiff egg whites. Add flour, salt and baking powder which have been sifted together. Knead dough lightly. Keep soft. Chill thoroughly. Roll dough thin. Cut into strips of desired length and width. Make slit in each strip and slip one end through the slit. Fry in hot deep fat (Crisco) until lightly browned. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

BOW TIES

8 egg yolks	1/2 cup sugar
1/4 lb. melted butter	1/4 cup salt
4 tbsp. brandy	1/2 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla	1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
7 cups flour	

Mix and sift the flour, sugar, salt and baking powder. Combine beaten egg yolks with butter, milk, brandy and vanilla. Mix liquid mixture into flour mixture. Knead for a few minutes. Let dough stand for a few minutes at room temperature. Roll dough thin. Cut into strips of desired length and width. Make slit in center and pull one end through opening. Fry at 365 degrees until done on both sides. Drain on toweling. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

LITHUANIAN CRUSČIKI

6 large egg yolks	2 tbsp. light rum
6 tbsp. sugar	2 cups flour
1 cup sweet cream (light)	

Cream yolks and sugar until creamy white. Combine with cream and rum. Add enough flour so that dough can be rolled out very thin. Divide dough into 4 parts. Roll out one part at a time. Cut into strips 1" wide and 5" long. Slit center and pass one end of strip through slit. Fry in deep fat until golden brown on both sides. Drain on toweling. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

SWEET CREAM DIAMONDS

3 egg yolks plus	3-1/2 cups sifted flour
1 whole egg	1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 pint light cream	1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup sugar	2 tsp. vanilla

In a bowl beat the egg yolks and whole egg until lemon-colored. Add cream, sugar and vanilla. Mix sifted flour, baking powder and salt. Add to egg mixture, blending thoroughly. Shape into a ball. Divide dough into 3 parts. Roll each out on a floured board. Cut into diamond shapes (2"). Make a slit in center of each diamond. Pull one end through the slit. Fry in deep hot fat on both sides to a golden brown. Drain on paper toweling. When thoroughly cooled, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Yield: Approximately 50.

**LOVE KNOTS
(Chrusciki)**

2 eggs	1 tsp. vanilla
3 tbsp. sugar	1/4 tsp. salt
4 tbsp. water	2 cups flour

Beat eggs, sugar, water and vanilla. Add flour and salt. Knead dough until stiff. Add more flour, if needed. Roll out dough until 1/16" thick and cut into desired length and width. Slit center and pull one end of dough thru center. Fry in hot oil or shortening until both sides golden brown. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Nationality Rooms Recipe Book, University of Pittsburgh

KRUSCIKI

6 egg yolks	3 cups flour
3 tbsp. grated orange rind	1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 tsp. salt	4 tbsp. sour cream

Blend yolks until thick and lemony in color. Add rind, salt and sour cream. Add powdered sugar and about 2-1/2 to 2-3/4 cups flour. Mix well. Slowly add remaining flour to form a soft dough. Roll out dough. Cut into desired lengths and widths. Make slit in center and pull one end through. Fry in deep fat on both sides until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle confectioner sugar over ausukès when ready to serve.

Three Rivers Cookbook, Sewickley, PA



Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia

AMBER DISTRICT

The District's meeting was opened with a Mass at Our Lady of Siluva, Maizeville on June 17, followed by a luncheon served in the church social quarters.

Business meeting was opened by Pres. Joseph Simmons thanking host C-144 for their hospitality which was followed by the pledge to the flag and the introduction of host council Pres. Eleanor Vaicaitis who welcomed the delegates and guests.

District officers and council presidents reported on their activities. Nellie B. Romanas of C-143 and Helen Chesko of C-144 were chosen as delegates to the convention in Chicago.

Members were requested to participate in the essay contest sponsored by the K of L Foundation. The sum of \$100 was sent to the Foundation. Also \$100 was donated to the National Scholarship Fund.

Nominations were held for district officers. The next meeting will be held in Hazleton. *Victor Stepalovitch*

C-3 PHILADELPHIA, PA

Nine members of C-3 attended the Amber District meeting in Maizeville on June 11. A bus load of our members and others who drove by auto attended the Annual Day of Prayer for Lithuania at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown on June 11. Two buses from our council attended the Lithuanian Festival in Baltimore in June. We were also fortunate to have a bus travel to Pottsville

for the Second Annual Eastern European Festival which was held at Fairlane Village Mall.

Our concert and dance was held at the Lithuanian Music Hall on Oct. 7. At this time we presented the Cleveland Octet in concert.

Five of our members attended the Convention in Chicago and had a wonderful time. Delegates were John & Agnes Mickunas, Helen Shields, Jewel Ushka and Victor Stepalovitch.

Victor Stepalovich

C-5 CHICAGO, IL

C-5 members attended a social fantasy wherein Dukes, Earls and Ladies were present. In May, Carol Purdy celebrated her 50th birthday and was "Queen for a Day" by the grace of her husband, Robert, who was "King for a Day". Robert broke one of his "piggy banks" to finance a huge extravaganza under a large tent where dinner and dancing for some 70 guests took place.

The Lithuanian and Irish clans broke bread together at the round table instead of trying to break heads in traditional ways. The following represented C-5: King and Queen



C-5 Guest of honor, Carolyn Purdy with husband, Robert.

Purdy plus their offspring Earl Jeff from Olympia Fields, IL, Earl Matt from Phoenix, AZ, Princess Kelly from Washington, DC and Princess Marianne from San Diego, CA. The Duchess Kathy Leppa from Florida was also present as were her two daughters, Lady Pat Crowley with her spouse Jeff Lancelot Crowley, as well as daughter Lady Linda Jenckes with spouse Joseph Thespian Jenckes of Canterbury on Avon. Their offspring also participated. The group was followed by Archers, Lancers, Swordsmen and Chevaliers - to protect them



C-5 - Guests at Carolyn Purdy's 50th Birthday party at Olympia Fields

from attack by adjoining fiefdoms and other clans. Loretta and Joseph Simon from C-24 honored the group. From tripping the light fantastic, it became rock and roll with a twist and twirl and the crowd shouting in unison "Long Live the Queen".

May the Queen live another fifty years to break another "piggy bank".

Konnie



C-10 Athol-Gardner members Valarie Smith, Tina Shatos and Anna Ambrose.

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

Leotina Kuzmeskus received an associate degree from Mt. Wauchessett Community College in Gardner and has received a full scholarship to Smith College. This is an outstanding achievement as Leotina is a wife, mother of three sons all in college and assists her husband, Alec, in their pharmacy.

Former member Anna Penny Morse received her degree in social science from Anna Maria College in Paxton and has accepted a position at Walter Fernel School. Both Anne and her brother, Gediminas, are rejoining our council.

C-10 received its charter on May

29, 1914 and celebrated the 75th anniversary on Sept. 17 when the council hosted the NED Fall Meeting at St. Francis in Athol.

The Svelnis family of So. Boston and surrounding area held their family reunion in Gardner at the Lithuanian Club. Larry then left for a two-week tour of Lithuania. Tina Shatos and daughter were also on the tour and

spoke to the membership at the June meeting. The recent changes are evident everywhere and the tense feelings are not evident, according to Tina.

Fr. Justin Stepnaitis, former chaplain, blessed the monument erected on recently deceased member's grave, Charles Genaitis, at St. John's Cemetery.

Lennie Davidonis made Lithuanian artifacts which were sold

at the Cultural Festival at Marionis Park.

Condolences are extended to the Jaritis and Olivitz families on the tragic and untimely death of Al Jaritis. A carload of local members traveled to attend the funeral of a truly loyal and devoted K of L'er. Our council offered a Mass for the repose of his soul on July 23. May he rest in peace.

Vincukas

C-16 CHICAGO, IL

Congratulations to member Stella Kaulakis on receiving her 3rd degree at this year's convention in Chicago. Stell, a K of L member for seven years, was the backbone behind the reorganization of C-16 so it was a happy



Stella Kaulakis with Rev. Richard Dodaro, C-16 Spiritual Advisor.

moment for all of us to see her receive this honor at the convention's Friday luncheon. "Ilgiausiu Metu".

We were very happy to see such a good turn out at the convention. Several of our members were in attendance for the full convention. They were: Glenn Perutis, Peter Zansitis, Agnes Rainis, Christine Beneckis, Robert Martin, Jr., Stell Kaulakis, Ann Jurgil, Janeen Perutis, Mary Beth Slakis, Joanne Rogers and Rev. Richard Dodaro, our Spiritual Advisor. Many more of our members were able to make the Saturday Night Banquet. Congratulations to C-112 for doing such a great job to make this convention memorable for all of us. Looking forward to next year's convention, wherever it may be.

Our parish is busy with activity. The big news is the announcement of the Parish's 100th Anniversary Committee, which will be made up of three groups - Jubilee Celebrator., Restoration and History Book. We are pleased to announce that three of our members will be representing the council in these various groups. They are Rob Martin, Glenn Perutis and Vincas Urbonas.

Our council also attended the Dinner/Dance "Masquerade" held on Oct. 21 sponsored by the parish's L.A.B.A.S. Lithuanian Americans of the Bridgeport Area Society. We also had representation on Oct. 22 at the 75th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish, home of our neighbor C-36.

You will be hearing from us next month!
Rob Martin, Jr.

C-19 PITTSBURGH, PA

C-19 was well represented at the 76th K of L Convention in Chicago with attendance of the following members: Mary & Vincent Tamy, Marge Turner, Helen Bernardi, Eleanor Lewicki, Bertha Kuzma, Agatha Bender, Mary Vaglia, Bill Kolicius, Andy Rozger and Len & Nora Barcoucky.

There were many joyous activities: the evening at Rudis' farm and what a beautiful place; the cultural night with the talented and beautiful singing of Mary Juzenas and Al Brazis; and best of all the banquet at Martinique where we were treated not only to an excellent dinner but also to a most generous open bar. Of course, the awards presentation and dinner music were appreciated. We can't forget the happy evenings spent in the hospitality room where we ate, drank and sang Lithuanian songs.

We do understand the purpose of a national convention isn't all fun and good times. The business sessions were interesting and, at times, quite spirited. Especially informative was the panel of Vladas Adamkus, Vytautas Skuodis and Linas Kojelis moderated by Rev. Joseph Anderlonis.

We did manage to get in some sightseeing, visiting the Balzekas Museum and, of course, the fantastic Lithuanian restaurants. Our only re-



Rev. Balys Ivanauskas, former spiritual advisor of C-25 chats with Isabel Reedick, Andy Sharnus and Bruno Bartkus at celebration of his Golden Jubilee in the Priesthood.

gret was the distance involved in traveling from the Holiday Inn to Marquette Park where we would have liked to spend more time. No other city is so fortunate as Chicago in possessing such a remarkable concentration of extraordinary Lithuanian shops and restaurants.

Our thanks to the hard-working Convention Committee for this splendid convention!
Mary Tamy

C-25 CLEVELAND, OH

Our bowling teams did fairly well at Southfield, MI winning some cash



Rev. Kijauskas, spiritual advisor C-25 congratulates Joanna and Al Shigo on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10.

prizes but failed to bring home the trophy. That honor went to Detroit council. The bowling and all other festivities were great. The 50/50 was won by Mary Vaglia of Bridgeville, PA. Nelda Machutas and Dolly Oberaitis won cash prizes. Congratulations to all!

The Baltic American Freedom League of Human Rights was held in Cleveland. Many prominent Lithuanians presented ideas and goals in trying to achieve freedom for the Baltic nations. C-25 had a good attendance.

Dolly Oberaitis was honored at a luncheon for her volunteer work for the Catholic Social Services of Cuyahoga County in Cleveland. Keep up the good work, Dolly!

Albina and Al Wallis drove to Dayton to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Lithuanian church. Lillian & Steve Yourkovic traveled to Livingstone, MT to proudly watch their son, Dale, declare his intention for candidacy for priesthood before Bishop Maloney of Montana. Dale is completing his third year at Our Lady of Lake Seminary

in Milone, IL.

Ruth Guzauskas is proud to announce that her son-in-law, David Sitler, is becoming a doctor and will do general practice in California. Laura Farrell visited with family in Phoenix, AZ. Betty August moved back to Cleveland from Florida.

Rev. Balys Ivanauskas, pastor emeritus of St. George's Church, returned on May 7 to celebrate his Golden Jubilee in the priesthood. He served 34 years at St. George's. Members of his family, his ordination class, his old parishioners and friends gathered to honor him. After Mass, a luncheon was served to all. A short concert was given by the Čiurlonis Ansemblis consisting of 8 Kanklininkai and soloist Irena Gri-galiunaitė. The program was directed by Ona Mikulskienė. Father was lauded and gifted by the many organizations of the parish as well as the Knights of Lithuania who were well represented by many members of C-25. He favored everyone by singing a few choruses of "Blynai, Blynai" - as only he can sing it. It was wonderful to see our jolly Father Ivans again.

Albert & Joanna Shigo celebrated their 50 years of wedded bliss on June 10 with Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Fr. Kijauskas' homily elaborated on commitment, love and praise for couples with many years of marriage. C-25 had many in attendance, then on to the Lithuanian Club for a banquet and dancing. Al and Joanna left for a second honeymoon in the Carolinas, thence to Atlantic City.

Our council sponsored a boat trip with dinner and dancing in July on the Pride of Cleveland. Cruising the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie was

enjoyed by all.

First degrees were awarded to Jack & Helen Valley and Rose Rew while Joe & Ann Ivoska received second degrees.

Three boats ranging from 46' to 54' in length toured the Atlantic Ocean last month from Klaipeda, Lithuania to New York City. The crews numbering 21 visited Cleveland to talk about their voyage. "We sailed to America under the free Lithuanian flag to show the world that Lithuania exists" said Ignas Miniotas, age 54, skipper of one of the boats. The sailors visited Cleveland because it has the second largest Lithuanian population in the USA.

Again, proudly display your Lithuanian bumper stickers. Advertise Lithuania!
Joe Ivoska

C-26 WORCESTER, MA

Though the fall, winter and spring bowling seasons have ended, interest still prevails through the summer months. Many of our C-26 members get together to spend friendly hours every Tuesday morning to improve their bowling skills. Good fellowship is evident as each cheers one another when they do well and also sympathize when struggling. Bill Karas is credited with organizing the summer sessions.

The July meeting was preceded with a chicken bar-b-que at the Walinsky home lawn in West Millbury. Lynne Marie planned, purchased and prepared the repast. She was assisted by her parents, brother and grandparents from both sides of the family. Ed and Jerry Paliliunas also helped.

John Ridick, dad of Sr. Joyce of the Sisters of St. Casimir order, is recovering nicely after confinement in the hospital.

As mention in the last issue of VYTIS, the news regarding the illness

of Adam Anusauskas, with condolences to the family, fate decided he not survive the heart attack.

Our members attending the national convention in Chicago were: Rita Pinkus, Ann Bender & daughter Helen, Rita Karrytais, Irene Mamavich and Anne Buchinskias. Due to an unfortunate accident, Charles and Frances Kulakusky were unable to attend. Happy to report, his injuries were not serious.
S. V. W., SENIOR



At one of the beautiful statues at National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA are Mary Cullen and Jean Latorei of C-29 Newark.

C-29 NEWARK, NJ

Our Council sponsored a bus trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown for A Day of Prayer for Lithuania on June 17. It was a delightful bus ride and the day was beautiful. The services were very inspiring.

The next day, the 11 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity was celebrated for the first anniversary of the death of our beloved Msgr. John Scharnus.

The National Ethnic Festival was held in Jersey City on August 23-24.

The council participated. A variety of Lithuanian goodies and crafts were sold.

Our annual dinner/dance was held on Oct. 14. Mary Stonis was our able chairlady. *Mary Cullen*

C-30 WESTFIELD, MA

The annual NED Retreat at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport was very well attended, among the guests were Kunigunda and Bennie Coach.

We extend our condolences to Mary Minkus on the loss of her mother. Well wishes for improving health go out to Anne Sabonis who is house-bound.

Our delegates to the national convention in Chicago were Bennie and Kunigunda Coach. They went earlier and took advantage of the pre-convention activities. They toured the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture which is very impressive with its large display of Lithuanian artifacts. Leaving the museum, one can't help but feel proud of your Lithuanian heritage. They also visited the Lithuanian section, browsing through the special stores looking for Lithuanian treasures to add to their collection. The tour included a Lithuanian luncheon wherein they were not disappointed. Another point of interest was the tour of the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Casimir.

Although recently returned from a trip to Spain, Isabel Unaitis invited our council to hold their family picnic at her home in Greenfield. Her lovely home has a beautiful country setting, sprawling lawns and many trees. It was an ideal setting for a picnic with excellent food. We must give credit to the men in our group who volunteered to chair the picnic, Jim Rogers and Jim Adamaitis. Always there to help were the ladies, Sophie Kurcharski and Marsha Rogers. All the members contributed their own gourmet specialties.

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Coming to the picnic, Willie and Louise Renaud used an unusual mode of transportation. They arrived on a motorcycle and received a round of applause. Not to waste time, Isabel is making plans for her next trip to Alaska.

On Sept. 17 the NED Fall Meeting was hosted by Athol-Gardner Council in Athol. The yearly Scholarship-Cultural program at Marionis Park in Worcester took place on Oct. 15. Athol-Gardner and Westfield were co-hosts.

Nellie Lord

C-46 FOREST CITY, PA

At our July meeting, Randy Kritausky, who teaches history and political science at Keystone Junior College, showed slides on his recent trip to Lithuania. This is his third trip within a year. To quote Randy, "The people are starving for information on the environment." He is president of an environmental organization in Susquehanna County, PA.

Old Home Week was chaired by Charles and Frank Cyzeski for the K of L booth at the festival. The success was as great as last year.

Knights of Lithuania history books were donated to local libraries in the county. Excess copies were raffled at council meetings.

Ritual chairperson Francis Yavorosky presented degrees to following members: Joey Marshall, first degree; Albert Kazakevich, Stasia Wallace, Helen Zlotucha, second degrees. Congratulations to all!

Bea



Mary & Leo Yanus of C-50 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

At our May meeting, it was cheers and best wishes to Maryanne and Leo Yanus on their 50th wedding anniversary. May they be blessed with many more years of health and happiness.

Irene Meizies chaired the bus trip to the NED Retreat at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME on June 23-25.

Marion Meshako chaired a successful parish picnic at the New Haven Raccoon Club in Durham.

The Terrible Days of June in Lithuania in 1942 were commemorated at Mass on June 11. A wreath was placed at the Wayside Cross.

Adam John Michaels, a member of C-50, was ordained a Deacon by His Excellency John F. Whealon, Archbishop of Hartford on June 10 at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford. His first function as Deacon was at the Saturday evening Mass on June 10. A



Rev. Albert Karalis, pastor of St. Casimir Church and spiritual advisor of C-50 New Haven with newly-ordained Deacon Adam Michael.

reception honoring the Deacon took place after Sunday Mass.

Congratulations to Alphonse and Joanne Martinenas on their 40th wedding anniversary. They are active participants in all K of L activities. May God bless them with many more years of happiness and health.

C-50 was represented at the NED Convention in April by Charles and Alice Dekas, Ann Meskins, Evelyn Lepensky, Ann Rinkevicius, George and Rose Kisielius and Al and Ann Gedrim.

Our council is deeply saddened at the tragic sudden death of Al Jaritis in July. It was only six weeks ago that he presided as president of the NED Meeting in Ansonia. Those memories will always be precious to us. His life was devoted to serving the Lithuanian community. May God welcome him into his eternal paradise.

Helen Balchus

C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

Rev. Peter Zemeikis, our council's spiritual advisor and pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Church issued informa-

tion to the parishioners regarding the status of its grammar school which does not look promising. Our school contributes to the stability of our neighborhood and brings vitality to the parish. There is, however, the problem of a projected budget. The grammar school has an enrollment of approximately 200 pupils with about 160 of these being of Portuguese decent. On Sundays, the major-

ity of Portuguese parents and pupils of our school attend the Lady of Fatima Portuguese Church in uptown Elizabeth thus lacking financial support for the Lithuanian church.

On June 17, members traveled by bus to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. It was a beautiful day. Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Timothy Burkauskas with other neighboring priests. Deacon Henry Keturwites assisted. Homily was given by Fr. Casimir Pugevicius of Brooklyn. Fr. Timothy said his prayers have been heard by the Blessed Lady attesting to the fact that things are changing for the better in Lithuania.

A procession at the church/shrine followed. The statue of Our Blessed Lady was borne on the shoulders of ladies dressed in Lithuanian costume. These ladies also carried a picture of St. Casimir. A portrait of Blessed Archbishop George Matulaitis was on the platform near the altar. Helen Karalis and Isabel Keturwites, together with spiritual advisor, Fr. Zemeikis and our president, took care of the

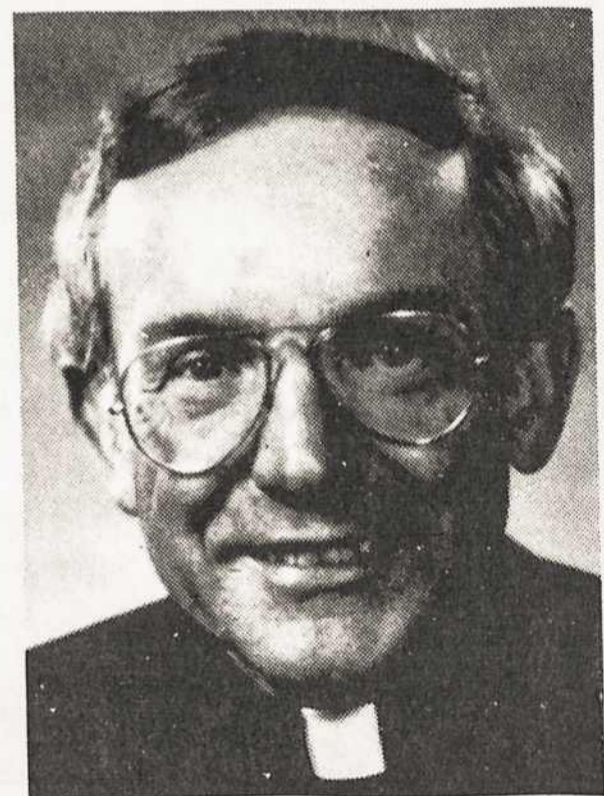
arrangements for the day.

Two popular Elizabeth K of L members passed away. Bill Garby died March 7 and Peter Kasilionis on May 28. We offer our sympathy to Marion Dudis and Dolores Leonard in the loss of their mother.

C-52 hosted the MAD meeting on Oct. 1. Members attended Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul church celebrated by Rev. Zemeikis. Meeting and lunch followed in the church hall.

On Nov. 4 the Parish Council sponsored a "Voyage Dinner and Dance" for Pastor Fr. Peter Zemeikis. He has served the parish for 21 years and will begin a 12 month sabbatical in January and then return to a new assignment. In the meantime, he has chosen a year of study and reflection at the North American College at the Vatican and the Lithuanian College in Rome.

Ann Banas again attended the Miss America Pageant. Stanley Valatka and Ann Baronas were visitors to Lithuania. Emily and Lee Linkus had visitors from Japan. Ruth and Charles Brazinski traveled to Nova Scotia. Frances Milewski got her tan at the



Rev. Peter Zemeikis 27

Jersey Shore. Vince and Mary Mackelis are world travelers, traveling on freight ships.

Wm. Senkus

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Fifteen members of C-63 enjoyed meeting the Lithuanian Bicycling Team from Klaipeda, Lithuania on June 13 in Spinnerstown at the Simmons residence. The team consisted of six cyclists and five support personnel. They were in Allentown area competing in the races at the Velodrome in nearby Trexlertown. The team consisted of six cyclists and five support personnel. Through the efforts of Andy and Mary Sabol Fifteen members of C-63 enjoyed meeting the Lithuanian Bicycling Team from Klaipeda, Lithuania on June 13 in Spinnerstown at the Simmons residence. The team consisted of six cyclists and five support personnel. They were in Allentown area competing in the races at the Velodrome in nearby Trexlertown. Our council supported this activity in every way possible. Through the efforts of Andy and Mary

Sabol and Joe and Trudy Simmons, everyone joined in preparing favorite Lithuanian food for the picnic on a beautiful sunny day.

Timing was important because these young men do a lot of hard training and are on a strict schedule. All of this was done on short notice. Everything turned out great and we all had a wonderful time.

Lehigh Valley council again operated potato pancake and hot sausage stands at the Bethlehem Christmas City Fair on July 14 and 15. July 16 was rained out. The aroma of cooking "blynai" wafted over the fair grounds and upward toward the overhead Hill to Hill bridges in mid-city. This enticed the customers to our stands. They formed lines four and five deep and kept our crews literally hopping from opening to closing times.

Elizabeth Carey, committee chairlady, who with very dedicated council members, did an outstanding job. Special mention is also made of Louise Stefan, a member who suffers from continued ill health and spent hours knitting a beautiful afghan which was raffled off at the fair. The raffle

netted \$665 into the treasury. Dora Lushis organized the raffle and did her usual good job to insure its success. The lucky winners of the beautiful afghan were Al and Jeanette Klizas. Council recognized all fair participants as winners; thanks to all of you!



Louise Stefan of Lehigh Valley C-63 displays afghan she knitted for the council raffle.



C-74 SCRANTON, PA

So far, we had a busy year and all members of C-74 who attended at least one meeting for 1989 were invited to a free appreciation dinner at Jim Dandy's in Chinchilla on Sept. 18.

Jean Kavelines is our fund-raiser chairlady. She sold chances on a hand made quilt which was chanced off in Oct. Casimir Yanish, our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, had surgery and is doing fine. Hope you enjoyed the basket of fruit, Cas!

The annual Lithuanian Rosary at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton was hosted by C-143 Pittston and C-74 Scranton on Oct. 1. Four hundred rosaries were distributed to attendees.

We would like to thank Fr. Peter Alisauskas for participating in the Stations of the Cross and Benediction at St. Ann's Monastery.

It was nice to see Helen Rekestis at the open house at St. Joseph's newly remodeled kitchen in the church hall. Helen was on the sick list for quite some time.

We are happy to report several Knights and their friends worked at the bazaar for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Richard Laske was food chairman; Marie Laske and Ann Lisowski co-chairladies white elephant. Other workers were: Helen Rogensky, Irene Shimkus, Valerie Shimkus, Jean Kavelines, Mary Eastman and Mary Twardzik.

Marie Laske

C-78 LAWRENCE, MA

Our Council has been busy with a variety of many activities. Highlight of the spring season was the reception of the 3rd degree by six members at the District Meeting held in Ansonia. The proud recipients were: Anna Svenchonis, Bertha Halley, John Lukas, Helena & Mary Ann Zuber and Anna Axtin. Pres. Zuber thanked the



C-78 members Anna Svenchonis and Helena Zuber.

district ritual chairpersons and committee for their gracious help in making the day so memorable. Our members, both collectively and individually, participated in events which spotlighted our Lithuanian heritage to those within and also those beyond our parish group in the greater Lawrence community.

Anna Svenchonis, a council member, addressed a Lawrence audience with a brief overview of what it means to her to be a Lithuanian and a member of the Knights of Lithuania in today's society. Her speech helped to bridge the knowledge gap which exists between cultures and also to promote better understanding.

Before adjourning for the summer, the business sessions ended with a festive note. We gathered to celebrate the priesthood anniversary and birthday of our spiritual director, Rev. Albin Janiunas. Members wished everyone a restful and enjoyable vacation season looking forward for the upcoming events.

Mary Ann Zuber

in Lithuania. Since this was her first trip to her parents' country, it interested her greatly. The restoration of the Arch-Cathedral in Vilnius, the 18-story apartment buildings that overlook the city, the beautiful river Nemunas and the Hill of Crosses outside the city of Šiauliai were fascinating and emotion-provoking to view.

Ray and Tina Bulota with son, Tony, spent some time at Camp Romova in Canada with the Lithuanian Scouts. Tina was in charge of counselors while Ray was an instructor and in charge of activities.

Two of our members passed away - Michael Vale on June 21 and Julius Bridgevaitis on July 1. Let us remember them in our prayers.

Two members had address changes. Sophie Zager moved into a senior residence. Her new address is Farmington Oaks, 12900 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI 48024. Anne Kratage now lives at the Peachwood Inn. Isn't that a beautiful name for a nursing home? It is located at 3500 W. South Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI 48305. I'm sure she'd appreciate a card or visit.

C-79 SOUTH- FIELD, MI

Our members have returned from their various vacations and summer activities. Pres. Maggie Smailis visited in Florida with daughter Margaret Ann Nashlon. Fin. Sec. Stella Hotra spent several weeks

Let us also remember Anthony Dainus at the University Nursing Home, 28550 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

Dana, granddaughter of Dorothy Martin now living in Florida was awarded a Ford Scholarship to study "Humanities" in England for a year. She attends Eckard College in St. Petersburg, FL and is a member of the National Honor Society. Great uncle and aunt, Clem and Helen Patocki, are very proud of her. *Bee Jay*

C-90 KEARNY, NJ

Msgr. Pocius opened our meeting with prayer and reminded us of the tragedy in 1941 on June 13 and 14 when the Soviet secret police went from house to house arresting families and herding them into railroad cattle cars bound for Soviet slave labor camps in Siberia. Nearly 500,000 Baltic citizens, 10 percent of the population, were eliminated.

Our council is honored to have a new president, Attorney Paul Gelenitis. As a teenager, Paul was an active member of the Junior K of L dance group directed by Ellie Nakrosis. An avid sailor, Paul traveled throughout the United States and Europe participating in numerous national and world championship regattas. This summer he sailed in Greece in world championship competition.

Past Madam Pres. El Rokas is doing an excellent job of getting new members who are eager to make the Knights of Lithuania an active organization and are proud of their heritage.

Our Chinese auction was a profitable one. Ann Pringle and Bill Greenwich put their best foot forward for this occasion.

On June 22 we had the honor of hosting an impromptu reception for three boatloads of Lithuanian sailors. The three yachts - Lietuva (Lithu-

ania), Audra (storm) and Dailė (artist) - were painted yellow, green and red to correspond with the colors of the Lithuanian flag. They left the port of Klaipėda on the Baltic Sea in May, following the course of Darius and Girenas, two aviators who attempted to fly across the Atlantic in 1933.

Algimantas Patasius, one of the sailors, said the purpose of the visit was to carry the Lithuanian flag across the ocean. Since 1940, when Soviet troops occupied Lithuania, the tricolored flag was outlawed. Only recently, Soviets permitted the flag to fly again. He stated "We would have made the effort years ago but were not permitted. For a long time after World War II, many of us had no possibility of sailing. The first Lithuanian ship went to sea in 1968".

Drema Žvaigždras, captain of Daile said "Every serious sailor wishes to travel around the world. The first phase is to cross the Atlantic. The trip was not made by sailors when Lithuania was independent. We made the trip and hope to become independent again some day". He added, "The Lithuanians in America made a great effort to give us support. They made every effort possible to help us make the journey."

The three sailboats sailed into New York harbor cruising around the Statue of Liberty before docking at the South Street Seaport. A rally was held to demonstrate support and solidarity with the Lithuanian people in their attempts to free their nation from the Soviet Union.

After visiting New York City, the crew traveled to Cleveland, and Chicago; two cities with major Lithuanian communities. Most of the crew flew back to Lithuania and a few members returned by boat. A new crew, flown in from Lithuania, was augmented by six

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Lithuanian-Americans for the return trip.

On Sept. 6 we observed a Lithuanian Day of Prayer with Benediction at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Music was furnished by Gen Mazur.

Dorothy Songile

C-96 DAYTON, OH

Congratulations to the June meeting raffle winner Irene Gecas and July winner Kitty Prasmantas. Kitty had extra luck this month winning at Bingo and the Ohio Lottery.

Belated deepest sympathies to Bill and Pat Anthony on the sudden death of their daughter, Eileen. She was a woman of great education and many talents. May she rest in peace.

Doing your Christmas shopping early? The 96 Juniors have T-shirts and Sweat shirts for sale. To support this great project, call Irene Gecas or Elena Mikalauskas.

The July picnic at the famous Seibenthaler Park was a huge success.

Get well wishes go out to Cecilia Yankus, Ida Kavy, Michael Petkus, Ada Sinkwitz and Leo Matkins. We hope to see all of you back on your feet soon. John Berczelly, best wishes to you also.

On Sept. 10 we remembered our deceased members with Mass followed by visitation to Calvary Cemetery. On May 18-20, we hosted the MCD Spring Meeting and Bowling Tournament. It is a fun-filled affair. Members gather to share good times, memories of times past, and the company of many K of L'ers.

Mary Agnes Mikalauskas

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

The May Lithuanian Mass featured the beautiful hymns honoring the Blessed Virgin. Members unanimously agreed to donate \$100 to the

Scholarship Fund, \$25 to Neringa and \$25 to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. Cultural chairlady Polly Žiausys spoke on our Lithuanian last names and how they originated. Our male members took over the kitchen duties. We were delighted with their novel idea. We had a pizza party! Vince Rossi chaired the committee. Fellows, ačiū!

On June 5 our council attended the Lithuanian Mass celebrated by spiritual advisor, Rev. Baltch. Meeting followed. On July 23 many members attended the picnic at the Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam. We visited Rev. Anthony Grigaitis at the nursing home.

Rev. Matthew Cyvas, formerly of Albany, now of Florida, and Rev. Joseph Grabys of Watervliet, were among the priests who attended the retreat in Putnam under direction of Rev. Alphonse Svarinskas.

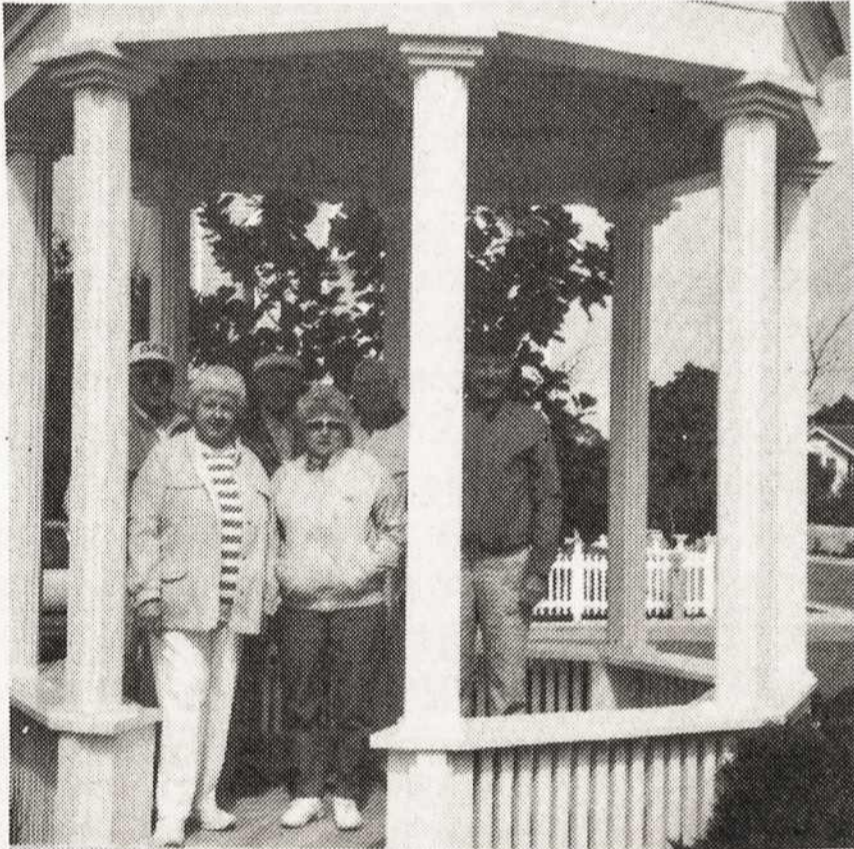
A surprise reception for Fr. Baltch's 40th anniversary in the priesthood was held. A colorful floral center piece surrounded by platters of great variety of food made a most eye-appealing table. Ilgiausią metų was loudly sung proclaiming our deep and loving feelings for our loved spiritual advisor.

A note of sadness: While our delegates attended the convention in Chicago, our truly dedicated member, Steve Raila, was called by our Lord on Aug. 3. It seems only yesterday that Steve and his wife, Adeline, were with us in Washington and Kansas City where he was busy videotaping the convention activities. He leaves behind his son, Donald, who is a Benedictine and a daughter, Susan, grandchildren, Evan and Daryn, and nephew Daniel Kabasin. Members gathered at the Rossi Funeral Home where a K of L service was held with Fr. Don Raila and Pres. Radzevich conducting. We

express our deepest sympathy to all the family. We will miss Steve, his humor, his love and dedication for Lithuania.

We also wish to extend our sympathy to Stanley and Evelyn Rimkunas and Stanley and Joan Rimkunas, Jr. in the loss of their mother and grandmother, Sophie Rimkunas, who was buried on Aug. 4. When our council first reorganized, Sophie and her husband opened their camp on Lake Galway to our council where we held summer outings for a number of years.

SMILE & SPARKLE



C-102 Detroit Snowbirds . (L to r) Pres. Gus Baibak, Maryanne Guerriero, Frank Bunikas, Terry Medonis, Joe Guerriero and Ray Medonis.

C-102 DETROIT, MI

Greetings from the Basketball Championship State of Michigan! Our University of Michigan won the NCAA Basketball Championship and the Detroit Piston Bad Boys won the NBA, National Basketball Association.

Our council was proud when Pres. Bus Baibak received his Fourth Degree and John and Donna Stanievich received their Third Degrees at the

National Convention in Chicago. Delegates were: Donna Bunikas, Pres. Baibak, John Stanievich, HM Bob Boris, Vince Boris and Joe Aukštakalnis-Stark. Also attending were: Eve Aukštakalnis-Stark, Donna Stanievich and Frank Bunikas. They had an educational, inspiring and entertaining weekend.

Congratulations to former 102 Pres. Frank Peterson on being elected National President. With Maryanne Guerriero as campaign manager, our members campaigned for him with John Stanievich and Joe Stark provid-

ing campaign music. Congratulations to Fran Petkus of our district for achieving the Honorary Degree. Congratulations to all officers!

On Aug. 23, Lithuanians, Estonians and Latvians demonstrated in Downtown Detroit on the Nazi-Soviet Pact. C-102 had 10 members carrying signs and

flags. The Klucen boys were busy handing out pamphlets. HM Bob Boris was interviewed by radio stations and was presented a large Lithuanian flag in appreciation for his efforts on behalf of various Lithuanian causes. The Detroit Free Press had a front-page picture and write-up the next morning. Three hundred people attended the demonstration with Lithuanians in the majority.

Yes, Grazina is alive and living happily with her husband Al Giroux in

Carson City, MI. A few members and family friends visited them on their farm with 75 piglets they are raising. Both still work at Jackson Prison. We heard Mass at Fr. Stan's church in Warren and had coffee and rolls at the rectory, continuing on to Fr.'s summer home on Harsen Island.

Along with a pool party at Bunikis' Condo in July, we had an enjoyable summer.

We welcome two new members Marlene and Carl Birch.

Deepest sympathies are extended to Vince Bridgevaitis on the death of his brother, Julius. Julius was a long-time bowler in our league. May his soul rest in peace.

Whatever happened to Josephine Jonulate?

Meriutė

C-103 PROVIDENCE, RI

Highlights of last winter and spring happenings of C-103 were as follows:

The presentation to colleges, universities and libraries in the State of Rhode Island of 23 copies of "Lithuanian Fraternalism-75 Years of U.S. Knights of Lithuania" authored by Rev. Wm. Wolkowich-Valkavičius.

Our new pastor and spiritual advisor, Rev. Al Klimanskis, is really getting his feet wet by total immersion into the political scene of this state by giving the invocation and extending remarks during the annual Lithuanian Independence Day exercises in the Rhode Island General Assembly.

The 50 members of our council are involved as a "Standing Committee of the Whole" in working at all our regular functions. It is ex-

pected of those who love Lithuania and our parish of St. Casimir.

Pres. Bertha Stoskus, her sister Beatrice and her husband Victor Mathieu were part of a tour spearheaded by Jack & Loretta Stukas that spent the greater part of 16 days in Lithuania. A dream was made possible. Needless to say if, by our visit, we encouraged and gave hope to our brethren in Vilnius, Ariogala, Klaipeda, Palanga, Kretinga and Plungė, our mission was a great success.

On May 20, Vic Mathieu was a guest of the Lithuanian patriotic movement Sajudis in Palanga "Sajudžio Palangos Taryba." Four hundred delegates were meeting for the purpose of selecting delegates for their district and also for the coming meeting in Moscow that was to begin on May 25. The meeting was convened with the singing of the Lithuanian National Anthem.

The leader of the movement in Palanga, in Lithuania, introduced Vic, detailed his background, ending his remarks with the assemblage warmly applauding the fact that here was an American "Lietuvos Vyčiai" activist in their midst.

If God wishes, we would love to return to Lithuania. There is so much work to do and they are starving for us to show them the way to full liberty. If one cannot go to Lithuania, then pray for her.

Victor G. Mathieu

Un qui aime et pri pour Lituania

C-110 MASPETH, NY

In this council, we are members of one faith and know that the life of man and its soul must taste death before departing in heaven. We are saddened to report the death of Charles Stack on June 9 and Al Kraujalis, former 110 member, on July 4. Mortality does not mean that this council will forget their

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association.

On July 29 a large group of Mid-Atlantic District members and friends arrived in Atlantic City to greet and honor our Lithuanian star of stage, screen and television, Ann Jillian, our ethnic champion who embodies goodness and beauty. At the evening show, Ann spontaneously sang a Lithuanian song in honor of the K of L members and friends. After the show, she graciously received those who desired an audience.

With shorter daylight hours, our council had a meeting on Aug. 27 with a brunch preceding. Our president presented the forthcoming schedule of events: Dinner and Dance, October 22; Autumn Barn Dance Festival, Nov. 4; Carribean Cruise from Dec. 3 to 10; Christmas Party, date to be set. These occasions will offer joyful fellowship for the council members and friends. Upon conclusion of the meeting, membership attended Mass in Transfiguration Church, Maspeth which was offered in remembrance of the persecuted church in Lithuania.

On Sept. 10, a group of ten members attended the official reception for Rev. Palubinkas at Annunciation, under the leadership of Mary Shalins. After the 11 a.m. Mass, a buffet luncheon was served in the parish hall. Rev. Palubinkas replaced Rev. John Pakalniškis as pastor of Annunciation Church in Brooklyn.

Joseph C. Dugan



C-118 Hazleton member Dolores Skitzki was crowned Queen for 1989 by Nellie Prokopic, 1988 Queen (left) with Nellie Marsyada 1987 Queen assisting.

C-135 ANSONIA, CT

Big doings here! St. Anthony's has a Deacon of its own. Our K of L'er John Gursky was ordained to the Order of Diaconate, the first one from our parish. Congratulations John and the best of luck. We're proud of you!

In other church related news, our member of long standing, Jack Tyson, was elected co-chairman of the new parish retreat league. Al Barry is still talking about his last retreat.

Our church just had a new roof installed. It was torn down to the rafters, where needed, and rebuilt to last many more years. A paint job was also performed to "spiffy" up the drab areas in the church proper.

St. Anthony's will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee and many activities are planned for the coming year. It will certainly be a milestone for the Lithuanians in Ansonia.

Ella Ellis won a trip to Atlantic City at the church fair. Everyone keeps asking if you're taking your hubby, John, with you? Take him and spend his money!

Ansonia celebrated its centennial recently and the "Senior" float won

first prize. Why not, look who was on it - Olga Gray and Lillian Chaplick. Olga was co-chairlady in preparing the float. Congratulations!

Our flower person, Lillian Twerian, was a winner in the city's Garden Club competition at the Annual Flower Show and Banquet. Congratulations, Lil, for all the hard and appreciative work.

Violet Brazaitis moved into new "digs" and is really happy. Her other location was being sold and it just happens that the new location is near her church and many friends. She's going to have "open house" soon.

Millie Driznus was seen at the church fair showing off and introducing her lovely niece, Mary, who happens to be an airline pilot for Delta. Nuff said - 'til next time!

"Nakties Pélèda"

C-136 ALBANY, NY

Thanks to Ed Baranauskas. We were able to enjoy slides of Lithuania taken during his recent visits. It was truly a thrilling experience to see some of the interesting sites we all heard about from our parents or grandparents.

We are trying to learn more of the Lithuanian language by reciting prayers in Lithuania at the opening and closing of our meetings.

In May we worked diligently at our booth at the Festival of Nations, offering special foods and artifacts for sale. With all weather reports forecasting rain, we were extremely pleased that the day was filled with sunshine.

At our June meeting we enjoyed our annual covered dish supper ending our year with delectable foods and good fellowship. Also at this meeting we were able to confer the First Degree on three of our members who were unable to be present at our cele-

bration in March at St. Casimir's Feast Day when 16 members received their degrees. The three current recipients are Jean Ralston, Francis (Skip) Doblewski and Henry (Tiny) Jackson.

In August many members attended the Lithuanian Day at Auriesville Shrine dedicated to the North American Martyrs and specifically Kateri Tekawitha. The grounds are beautifully maintained; the ideal location for peace, prayer and love of beauty and most of all, our love for our beloved Lord.

Congratulations to our council president, Ed Barkowski, who was elected to the national office of trustee at the recent convention in Chicago. Ed, his sister Dorothy Richmire and Bernice Aviza were delegates at the convention. The experience was a thrilling one. Everyone was very friendly and the host council was extremely helpful and quite organized.

We particularly enjoyed the Lithuanian tour of the museum, convent, Youth Center and the Research Institute. Needless to say, the Lithuanian food was excellent! Some of the highlights included Thursday evening at the Rudis' farm, a gorgeous estate right out of the pages of "House and Gardens". We were all treated with delicious food, drinks, live music for listening and dancing. Being surrounded by Lithuanian-Americans, we all enjoyed the beautiful evening and the gracious hospitality of the Rudis family and each other's company.

Friday evening we enjoyed the cultural program including the beautifully, talented voices of Mary Juzenas and Algerd Brazis. Then followed the youngsters with singing and dancing and the portrayal of a typical Lithuanian wedding beautifully arranged by the traditional matchmaker. It was so refreshing to see the enthusiasm and talent displayed by these young-



C-136 officers (Seated) Joan Parker, Gen Deery, Dorothy Richmire, Nell Freer; (Standing) Stella White, Ed Barkowski and Frank Zebuda.

sters. They were wonderful!

Saturday night was the "frosting on the cake". The setting was elegantly beautiful, the program entertaining and the food was great. We would have liked to have stayed longer for the dancing that followed dinner; however, we had to leave only to prepare for the next day. When we finally arrived back home, we were exhausted but had such a good feeling of warmth and pride in our heritage. The new friends we came to know and the experiences we shared will always live in our memory. Thank you C-112; we had a great time!

Dorothy Barkowski Richmire

C-142 WASHINGTON, DC

A crowded calendar of events in the nation's capital area provided members with many opportunities to engage in those cultural, religious and social activities which lie at the heart of being a Vytis - the promotion of the Lithuanian cause.

In a single honor for the area's Lithuanian community, Archbishop Audrys Bačkis celebrated Mass on Easter Sunday in the Church of the Epiphany in Georgetown. In his homily, the Archbishop compared the revival of the church in Lithuania to Christ's resurrection. He was visiting his parents for the Easter holidays. His father, Stasys, is the retired Charge d'Affaires of the Lithuanian Legation and currently chief of the Lithuanian diplomatic corps world wide. The Mass was followed by a reception in the church social quarters, giving members of the Lithuanian community an opportunity to meet personally with their distinguished guest.

The traditional Kazuko Mugė for the area's Lithuanian Scouts took place in March. It was a fun-filled affair. Lithuanian youngsters entertained with

folk dances. Many beautiful prizes of Lithuanian artifacts were raffled off and plenty of good, solid Lithuanian cooking revived jaded appetites accustomed to supermarket food. At least one member of C-142 won a set of beautiful Lithuanian napkins.

In April, Angela & Ross Bailey hosted a showing of video tapes of their trip to Lithuania. Scenes of Vilnius and Trakai were followed by fascinating shots of the Lithuanian countryside where some of Angela's relatives live. Members of the council were able to see pictures of the traditional thatched cottage, the "Bakužė Samanota" of folk song and legend. Those of us who had not yet visited Lithuania, were enabled thereby to visualize concretely the more peaceful Lithuanian countryside, like something out of the early years of this century, far from the political turmoil of the cities.

Pres. Julia Burlen conferred Third Degree status on Pat Carlton, Gene & Al Cizauskas, Eleanor Depenbrock, Joan Jordano, Veronica Marioni, Emily Paukstitus, Claire Saponis, Mary Semel and in absentia, Paul Labanauskas who has just left the area for his new home in Florida. Dr. & Mrs. Stasys Bačkis, newly joined members, were among those present at the council meeting.

Al Cizauskas gave a talk on Lithuanian women in history, tracing the varied lives of five women, from the



C-142 Third Degree members (L to R) Claire Saponis, Veronica Moriono, Paul Labanauskas, Emily Paukstitus, Pat Carlton, Emily Depenbrock, Gene Cizauskas, Mary Semel and Al Cizauskas.

mother of Ivan the Terrible to that of Emily Plateris, the Lithuanian Joan of Arc who led her countrymen into battle against Russia in the insurrection of 1831. Their lives suggested that women, given an opportunity, are equal in all respects to their male counterparts.

Al Cizauskas

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

The 75th annual Lithuanian Day was observed with a banquet at Our Lady of Siluva Church in Maizeville on Aug. 12. Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, spiritual advisor and pastor, celebrated Mass. Lithuanian hymns were sung by Šiluvos Marijos Choir under the direction of Jean Straka with Eileen Barlow at the organ.

Rev. Jankaitis, pastor of St. Casimir in St. Clair was our capable master of ceremonies. Pres. Vaicaitis extended the welcome from C-144. Anna Wargo brought greetings from the Supreme Council. We were privileged to have with us Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, Rector Pontifical College in Rome.

Rep. E. J. Lucyk, informed us that as sponsor of this legislation, Gov. Casey signed House Bill 571 on June 29, 1989 permanently establishing Feb.

16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, making it Act 17 of 1989. Asta Banionis Connors, Director of Government Affairs, Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. spoke on "New Opportunities for Lithuania". Pat Roberts and Helen Chesko, assisted by an energetic



committee, co-chaired the banquet. In a small way, this was a substitute for our famous Lithuanian Day which we celebrated at Lakewood Park.

In addition to the banquet, the opening day at the Eastern European Heritage Festival sponsored by Boscov's and the Heritage Committee, featured Lithuanian entertainment. At noon, Šilovos Marijos Choir rendered a group of typical Lithuanian folk songs. The Vetra Dancers from

Bridgeport, CT, performed superbly to an appreciative audience. The Amber Singers from Hartford, CT, gave a delightful performance to a capacity audience. During the week-long festival, the food department was under the supervision of Jos. Martunas, Edmund & Ann Carlitus and Anna Wargo with many members assisting with food donations and serv-

ices. Marcella Kasalonis and Olympia Zelinski were in charge of Lithuanian Cooking School. Elsie Kosmisky and Eleanor Vaicaitis demonstrated the making of Lithuanian straw ornaments. Anne Sikora, together with Juniors Karen and Janet Domalakes, were in charge of Lithuanian egg decorating. Mary & Helen Labadis with assistance of volunteers handled the sale of

Lithuanian items. Elsie Kosmisky, Eleanor Vaicaitis and Bernice Mikatavage arranged most interesting and unique displays of Lithuanian artifacts collected from Florence Kobluskie, Anna Panchari, the Martunases, Danchos of Hazleton and others. Betty Tumas chaired the raffle of a money tree, money doll and money shirt. Susan Banditelli, Stanley and Barbara Silkunas and others assisted her. Thanks to the members, especially the callers for their participation in selling and purchasing of



Nat'l Pres. Anna Wargo (center) with Msgr. Bartkus and Rev. Jurgelaitis. Gloria Dauchess and Rita Shevokas at left, and Helen Chesko (extreme right).

chances. Proceeds of this affair will go to Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome and the Catholic Church in Lithuania. Overseeing C-144 activities at the festival was Bernard Zilaitis. Helen Chesko served as treasurer. Ann Carlitus was secretary.

National Pres. Wargo and Helen Chesko had the honor to meet Vice Pres. Quayle who presented Rev. Svarinskas with the Puebla Institute First Freedom Award in the Senate Chambers. A reception at the Lithuanian Legation followed.

Jos. Martunas and Bernard Zilaitis were in New York City to see the three Lithuanian ships sail around the Statue of Liberty and the tricolored flags waving in the breezes of freedom.

Pres. Vaicaitis announced that visitors are always welcome at the museum in Frackville by calling (717) 874-1695, 874-3848 or 874-0472 for an appointment.

Anthracite council hosted the Amber District meeting at Our Lady of Siluva. C-144 was represented at the National Convention in Chicago by Eleanor Vaicaitis, Helen Chesko, Elsie Kosmisky, Anna Supernavage, Rita Shevokas, Gloria Dauchess, Frances Rauba, Helen Rugienius, Olympia Zelinski and National President Anne Wargo.

Forty-two members and friends traveled to the Baltimore Lithuanian Festival. Eleanor Vaicaitis and Elsie Kosmisky were good hostesses.

Members and guests traveled by bus to the Lithuanian Music Hall in Philadelphia to hear the Cleveland Octet in concert on Oct. 7.

Congratulations to Anna and Albert Yockachonis of Gilberton on their 50th wedding anniversary. Also, congratulations to the Kales of Mt. Carmel on their 60th wedding anniversary. Many happy days for both couples.

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Anthracite C-144 delegates at National Convention Banquet at the Martinique in Chicago.

The following members are on the sick list: Verna Danisavich, Joseph Kaselonis, Esther Bartashus, John Hudock, Anna Butts, Frances Stefanek, Edward Narcavage, Daniel Rolenaitis and Isabel Subach. Prayerful good wishes for a return to good health. Our council mourns the loss of Anna Zaldaris of Tamaqua who passed away on Aug. 15. Dressed in her Lithuanian costume with amber jewels and tricolored flowers, she was honored by a large delegation of members at the K of L Wake service. Our deepest condolences are extended to her three sons and her sister, Sister Valeria of the Sisters of St. Francis, Pittsburgh, PA. Amžina atilsi, Onai!

C-152 RIVERHEAD, NY

Hosting of the Mid-Atlantic District meeting was certainly the highlight of our Council's activities during June. On June 4th, some 125 Knights representing C-12, 41, 109, 110 and 152 inaugurated the meeting with Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Southold, NY celebrated by our Spiritual Advi-

sor Fr. Wm. R. Scril. In addition to the presentation in English by the parish choir of St. Patrick's (not a Lithuanian parish), the well-rendered selection of traditional Lithuanian hymns were put forth by a group of Knights from the host council and joined in enthusiastically by many of the visiting Knights. The congregation's prayers were also requested for those Lithuanians, living or dead, who were the undeserving victims of the Communist-inspired deportations to the Soviet Far East in June 1941.

Following Mass, a luncheon/meeting was convened at the Southold Town Recreation Center in Peconic at which the business was transacted amid the added blessing of the excellent weather. It was an unexpected and, therefore, a doubly felt pleasure to welcome among our guests Estelle Rogers, Al and Julie Zakarka from Chicago C-112.

On August 27th, C-152 sponsored our Fourth Annual Lithuanian Festival in Greenport, NY. The festival featured ethnic foods, a delectable selection of baked goods, fresh local

produce, a variety of arts and crafts, and music and dancing under the capable baton of Maestro Joe Thomas. An effort of this magnitude gave ample proof once again of the unselfish enthusiasm of our member Knights.

Our council's International Correspondent, Anna Baksys, who is a regular listener to the shortwave broadcasts transmitted from Lithuania by Radio Vilnius has corresponded with the station's management and has been advised that Radio Vilnius has expressed its willingness to make available resources and facilities to assist anyone in the possible tracing and uniting of family members in Lithuania who have been long separated from each other due to war, invasion and deportation. Anna advises that inquiries (including maiden names, where appropriate) may be addressed to: Radio Vilnius, TSR Lithuania.

Finally, it is a pleasure to conclude with a happy note that three of our fellow Knights, Bertha Laukaitis, Bill Newalis and John Sidlauskas, who have been ill, have rejoined our company again.

Tom Tarmey



SIGNING PETITION: Donna Dunio, executive assistant to Scranton Mayor David Wenzel, signs a petition demanding annulment of a secret pact between Germany and the Soviet Union that robbed Lithuania of its freedom 50 years ago. She is flanked by Lithuanian-American leaders, Casimir Yanish, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman C-74 and Regina Petrauskas of Lithuanian-American Community.



At entrance of National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Rita Sussko, Jean Latorei, Jennie Nonartevage and Mary Cullen of C-29 Newark.



Rev. Steponaitis blessing tombstone of late Charles Genaitis, member of C-10 Athol-Gardner.

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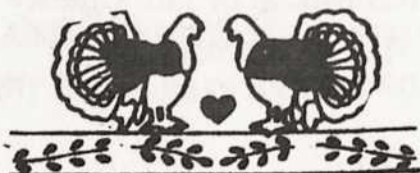
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