
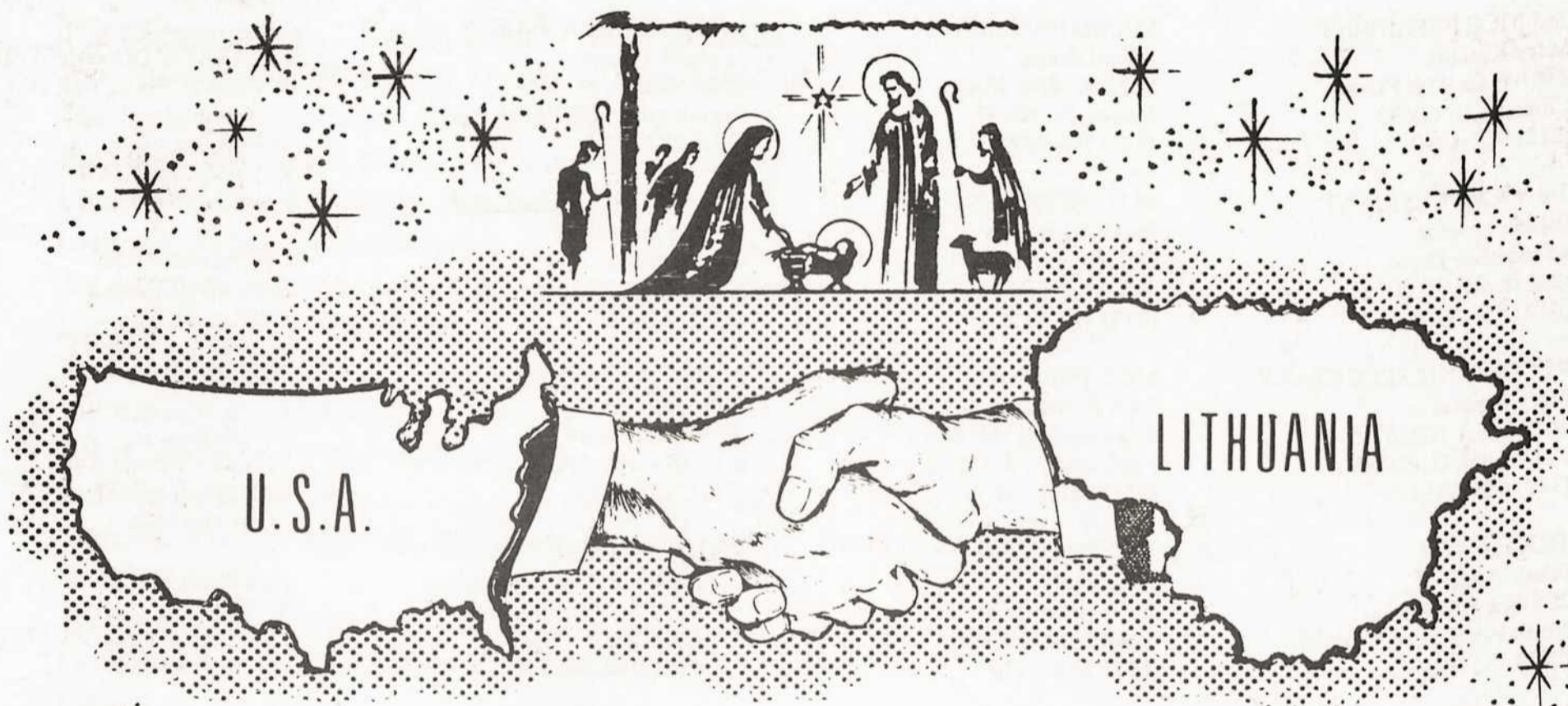


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*Lest there are those who have the notion
 That Lithuania is just too far across the ocean,
 It's always close within our hearts, dear Knight,
 And we are ever conscious of its sorry plight.
 And so this Christmas Season our minds are occupied
 With thoughts of dear ones persecuted and denied.*

Merry Christmas

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Editorial

Christmas, the celebration of our Lord's birthday, fills our hearts with gratitude to all Councils, friends and associates who so generously accepted our request for the success of this year's Christmas Ad Campaign. For this, Vytis Staff and the Executive Board thank you so kindly.

Our cover picture was drawn by artist Stan Kancewick, who also drew the cover for our Convention Issue and the 76th National Convention Journal. The drawing depicts "Hands Across the Ocean" wherein our Knights of Lithuania members wish our friends and relatives in Lithuania and at home a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Mėtų
Lai Dievas laimina visus Vyčius per 1990 mėtus ir visuomet!!.



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The Christmas Tree - Kalėdų Eglutė

Stella Matulonis

The Lithuanian Christmas tree is a unique tree. The handmade ornaments of straw and natural materials set the evergreen tree apart from the holiday trees of other European nations and contribute to its distinctive appearance. The tree is one of Lithuania's most beautiful expressions in the celebration of Christmas. The Kalėdų eglutė combines the creative artistry and folklore traditions of the Lithuanian people into an aesthetically visual delight.

The Kalėdų eglutė, as we know it today, became popular in Lithuania at the beginning of the 20th century. After World War I, the custom of the Christmas tree spread throughout the schools and cities; the villages, however, kept their provincial holiday customs. The Kalėdų eglutė is decorated with straw ornaments which are created by stringing twine through pieces of straw into symmetrical shapes and designs; i.e. triangles, rectangles, chains and cage-like shapes. These ornaments are called šiaudinukai. This word is related to the wood šiaudas (straw) and to šiaudinė (straw barn).

Other natural materials used to make ornaments were eggshells kept natural or colored, nut shells, birch bark, seeds, seed pods, milkweed pods and bird feathers. These were formed into birds, stars, crosses, dolls and sunbursts; there was no limit to the imagination of the maker. None of these materials cost money. The frugal Lithuanian recycled these natural materials and fashioned them into objects of beauty. One can imagine the smile of a child as he or she placed a newly completed bird made from an empty walnut shell, a seed for a beak and decorated with discarded feathers from the floor of the barn onto the family eglutė.

Sashes, which were woven by the women of the family were often used to festoon the tree. The lower branches were decorated with hand knit mittens and socks. The men carved toys and dolls that were placed at the base of the tree as gifts for family and friends. Customs varied with regions. One Lithuanian custom is that of tying a fresh fruit, usually a pear, to the Christmas tree. The youngest child is then held up to bite into the pear - the family's newest living member symbolically experiencing life's continuance for the whole family at the darkest time of the year.

The earliest Lithuanian Christmas tree was in the form of an evergreen bough cut from a tree, decorated and hung

in the home. It seems that the nature-loving Lithuanian would not cut down a living tree, even for so holy a season as Christmas. Studies of early cultures show that trees which remained green in the winter were believed to have special supernatural powers. These early people took green boughs and full evergreen trees indoors at the time of winter solstice for use in magical rites intended to insure protection of the home and for the return of growth in the now brown and dead forest. As Christianity began to replace these pagan rituals, the veneration and decoration of the evergreen trees continued. It is likely that the Christmas tree evolved from this tradition.

The oldest written statements located by historians which describe tree celebration on Christmas eve come from the Baltic region and not from Germany, the country most associated with the Tannenbaum, or Christmas tree. Tree celebrations were recorded in 1510 in Riga and in 1514 in Reval. In these cities, members of a local merchant's guild, after a festive dinner on Christmas eve, carried a decorated evergreen tree into the village square, danced around it and then set it on



fire. A Christmas tree, decorated and standing in a parlor, was described by a Strasbourg visitor in his 1605 diary. During the 17th and 18th centuries, Christmas trees in Austria and Germany were decorated with strips of paper, fruit, nuts, candies and candles. In the 19th century, Christmas trees began to be decorated with glass beads and glass ornaments made in the town of Lauscha, Germany. Thomas Edison demonstrated his first light bulb in 1879 and three years later, the world's first electrically lit Christmas tree came into existence. Electric tree lights are the special American contribution to the Christmas tree.

It is noteworthy to observe that the Lithuanian Christmas tree and its decorations were not influenced by the trends and styles that developed in the neighboring European countries. This historical aspect deserves further research and study. The Kalėdų eglutė has remained true to its tradition. Throughout the centuries, it has been an evergreen tree decorated with the simplest and humblest materials from Mother Earth which have been fashioned into wonderfully fantastic and complicated designs and forms through the ingenuity of the creative Lithuanian mind. What a glorious way to honor the birth of Jesus.

ANN JILLIAN WITH MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

By Helen Matulonis, C-110

Juratė Nausėdaitė - Ann Jillian, TV and Film Star, our pride and joy, entertained over 800 guests at the Trump Plaza Casino in Atlantic City, NJ on July 26, 1989. Amongst the 800 guests, approximately 50 K of L members from Councils 12, 41, 109, 110 and 152 and their friends were present at the performance.

As her hour was nearing to an end, Pres. Jonas Adomėnas and Helen Matulonis, garbed in her Lithuanian costume, presented Ann with two dozen American Beauties after an English greeting by Jonas and a Lithuanian greeting by Helen.

The evening did not end there! Soon after the performance, Ann gave us a private hour with her via kisses, picture taking, singing in Lithuanian, autographs, etc. We must not forget that her husband, although Italian, also added a few words in Lithuanian. One could actually feel the love that radiates between them and how well they tend to share it with their public.

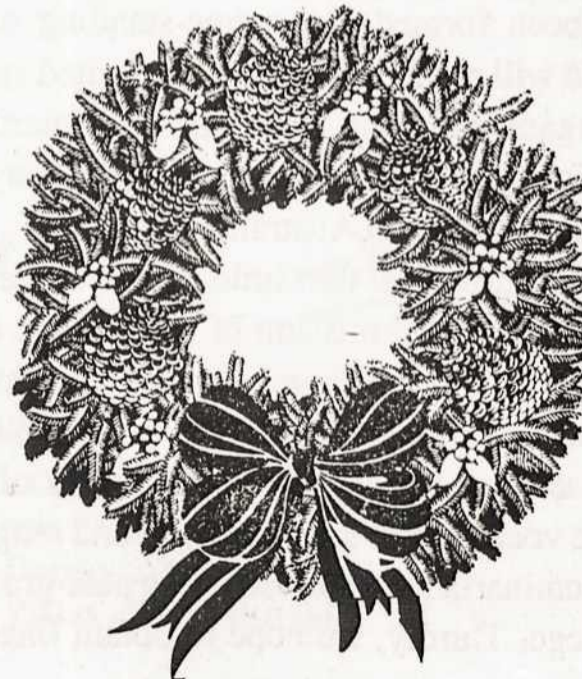
We love you Ann and Andy! May your life be fruitful and beautiful as the roses we presented to you on your Feast Day, St. Ann's.



Ann Jillian with C-152 Riverhead members, Angela Minsevitch, Beatrice and Fred Lucka at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.

Ann, in her charming way, despite all previous maladies, clad in a clown costume, appeared on stage. It appeared her theme for the evening was "Laugh" and, this, she displayed in her opening and closing song.

Juratė enlightened us by announcing the presence of the Knights of Lithuania and then sang a song in Lithuanian. Applause and shouts of "Lietuva" were heard from the audience. Ann's one hour performance, both in song and dance, was inspiring. She is a real tribute to the entertainment world and one to be commended regarding her heritage. She does make it known to all that she is Lithuanian.



THE SAINT CASIMIR GUILD of the Pontifical Lithuanian College of St. Casimir in Rome

By Robert S. Boris

With justifiable pride and admiration, we look back to our Lithuanian ancestors who, for over 600 years, defended our faith and our Church from the attack of various enemies and possible destruction.

It is also with amazement that we look back to the accomplishments of our immigrant parents and grandparents who managed not only to raise large families on meager earnings, but were also able to support the building of schools, churches, convents and monasteries. Even more significant, our ancestors who were miners, mill workers or assembly plant laborers also encouraged their sons and daughters to enter religious life and the priesthood - thus a further dedication of themselves to the Church.

Our forefathers made great sacrifices to make all this possible and now we are called upon to continue this fine tradition. In the past, we may have made contributions to help maintain what our families began in the church, but those contributions might have been given from our abundance and thus the sacrifice was not all that great.

The time has come for all of us to make those same kind of sacrifices made by our parents and grandparents and all those who so courageously shared their faith with us.

There is a cause which needs our immediate attention and thus the Knights of Lithuania have officially adopted the PONTIFICAL LITHUANIAN COLLEGE IN ROME. What a wonderful opportunity the organization now has to fulfill our sworn obligation to God and Country - Dievių ir Tėvynei.

To facilitate this work, THE SAINT CASIMIR GUILD has been formed. As a free-standing organization, the Guild will reach far beyond the limited sphere of the K of L Organization and seek support primarily from, but not restricted to, people of Lithuanian ancestry throughout the USA, Canada and Australia.

The purpose of the Guild will be to make people aware of the important mission of the College in Rome and its importance to the church in Lithuania, as well as, Lithuanian communities around the world. Secondly, the Guild will seek spiritual support for the work of the College, for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the seminarians and priests doing post-graduate work at the College. Thirdly, we hope to obtain financial support so

badly needed by the College, not only for the support of those studying there but for very basic maintenance of the College building itself, which is badly in need of major repairs. Each of these needs will be developed in future articles and reports.

We encourage every District, Council and individual K of L member to become members of the Guild. Encourage your families and friends to join the Guild.

Various categories of membership are available:

- 1) Benefactor..... \$1,000 to \$6,000
- 2) Sponsor..... 501 to 999
- 3) Patron.....101 to 500
- 4) Donor.....26 to 100
- 5) Member..... minimum \$25.00

Other special categories will be available for anyone wishing to underwrite a major project, adopt a seminarian or priest for one year, Endowments, Annuities, Bequests, etc. These too, will be announced and explained in the future.

We hope everyone will give this undertaking some serious thought and prayer, and make a donation according to your means or in memory of the heroic sacrifices made by our parents or grandparents.

Please make checks payable and send to: THE SAINT CASIMIR GUILD, 85-22 - 150th St., Jamaica, NY 11435. For additional information, write to: THE SAINT CASIMIR GUILD, c/o Robert S. Boris, 4970 Brookdale Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013.

*Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų ir
Laimingų Naujųjų Mėtų!*



Greetings from

C-86 DuBois, PA

Free the Baltic States now

Leo Venckus

On Aug. 23, 1989, 50 years have passed since the signing of the infamous Hitler-Stalin Pact.

The secret protocols attached to that Non-Aggression Treaty, signed by Molotov for the Soviet Union and by Joachim von Ribbentrop from Nazi Germany, illegally divided the spheres of interest in Europe between those two partners. The invasion of Poland followed eight days later on Sept. 1, 1939 by Nazi Germany. A short while later Stalin's Red Army helped the Nazis by attacking Poland from the East, both partners got their shares.

But that was not all: in June 1940, the Soviet Union occupied the three Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Peter Grumbel, a Wall Street Journal correspondent in Bonn, wrote an exhaustive study "Secret Nazi-Stalin Pact haunts 'Gorbachev'" that appeared in the Wall Street Journal explaining why.

Mikhail Gorbachev, trying to appear willing to listen to demands of the Baltic people to rid themselves of Soviet occupation, still insists that there was no forcible annexation and no documents to prove it. Peter Grumbel and other sources clearly show the existence of copies and microfilms of said documents being kept in the archives in Bonn.

What about us former refugees from the Baltic States? Although our numbers are dwindling because of age, there are still many thousands of us living in various countries of the western world. We refugees and the millions of people over the age of 50 still living back home in the old country are living witnesses of the events that took place soon after the Soviet Army and the NKVD, now renamed KGB, came to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia: arrests, imprisonments, mass killings, nationalization of properties and mass deportations.

On his visit to Europe in May, Pres. George Bush, when

talking about the Eastern European countries, said: "... the time has come for a free and united Europe." Poland and Hungary, strongly supported by the U.S. and other western nations, are in the process of liberating themselves from the yoke of communism right now.

In Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, people are also struggling hard to regain their independence. They have started a petition demanding the withdrawal of the Red Army from the Baltic States, for political, economical and social freedom. We as freedom loving people, must support them.

Therefore, the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania, together with the Lithuanian-American Council Inc. and the Lithuanian-American Community of the U.S.A. Inc., are taking this opportunity to appeal to all freedom loving people of the world to denounce the criminal Hitler-Stalin Pact of 1939 and to influence their respective governments to support the people of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in their struggle to be free and independent again.

The free word denounced Adolf Hitler as a criminal years ago, and rightly so. But nobody dared to accuse Stalin of similar crimes.

During the Nuremberg trial after World War II, Joachim von Ribbentrop was declared a war criminal, sentenced to death and hanged. In the Soviet Union, they have just recently, after Molotov's natural death, begun to denounce Stalin for his crimes, but they still want to retain the fruits of those crimes, the annexation of the Baltic States.

By admitting and correcting the wrong doings of the Soviet Union and by setting the Baltic nations free, Mikhail Gorbachev has an excellent opportunity to prove to the world, that under his leadership, the Soviet Union is no longer the "Evil Empire" as once labeled by Ronald Reagan.

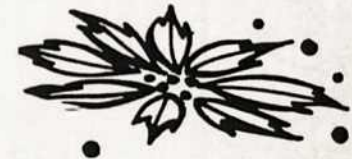


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Apolonija (Polly) Žiaušys

Kada muilas pateko į Lietuvą duomenų neturimė. Pirmosios dirbtuvės isteigtos tik praėjusio amžiaus pradžioje. Lietuvių frazeologijoje muilas igijo neigiama atspalvį. Posakiai su šiuo žodžiu - pašaipūs, užgaulūs.

Muilo burbulus leisti akysna, muilinti akis - apgaudinėti, meluoti;

Muilo diedukas - niekam tikęs žmogus;

Muila džiovinti - dykinėti, tinginiauti;

Muila išnešti - pabėgti;

Muila prarijes - nusivyles;

Ant muilo duoti - prilupti;

Be muilo listi.... - patys suprانتat kur;

Prarijo, kaip šuo muila - greitai suvalgė;

Ir gaidys dainas užmiršta, kai vanaga išvysta;

Seni vyrai - gudrios galvos - išmintingas kalbas kalba;

Kas varna gimes, lakštingala nečiulbės;

Ko stovi lyg stabo ištiktas (ko suakmenėjai)?

Šalti barščiai ne patrova (patiekas), sena pana ne zabova (žaislas);

Gražiam žmogui ir snarglys pritinka;

Genijus be išsilavinimo, tai sidabras kasykloje;

Gyvenimas - panašus į ugnį prasideda dūmais ir baigiasi pelenais;

Bendrauk su gerais žmonėmis ir būsi jų skaičiuje;

Švarus šulinys - švarus šeimnininkas;

Kas į vandenį spiaudo, pro to ausis degutas sunkiasi;

Skaniausia žuvis švariame vandenyje nardo;

Ankščiau ar vėliau Amžinoji Rūstybė nubaudžia skriaudėjus;

Be saulės nėra vasaros, be meilės nėra gyvenimo;

Kaip pavadinsi, taip nepagadinsi;

Kad ir palaužtais sparnais, erelis netampa višta;

Kas nedūko želdamas, tas uždūks žildamas;

Taisyk žodžiui vieta, kaip svečiui patala;

Baigšti katė, drasi pelė;

Problemas karščiausiai svarsto, ju neišmanantys.

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Lietuviu programa buvo ivairi ir gerai atlikta, puikiai reprezentavo lietuviu tautos muzikiniam menui. Vasaros atostogu metu tik Lietuvos Vyčių choras sugebėjo atstovauti lietuvių tautinei grupei. Tad choras teturėjo labai trumpas atostogas, nes reikėjo dalyvauti Lietuvos Vyčių seime ir Springfielde.

Išvyka i Springfielda buvo suorganizuota choro pirm. Estelle Rogers pastangomis, talkinant kitiems valdybos nariams. Tai buvo viena smagiausiu ir nuotaikingiausiu kelionių.



K of L Choir performing at Illinois State Fair



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A LITHUANIAN FREEDOM MANIFESTO

Soviet Troops Must Go, Says the Reform Leader

By Vytautas Landsbergis

We consider the Soviet military presence in Lithuania to be that of an occupation army. For this reason we have called for the withdrawal of the Soviet army from the Baltic states and the establishment of our own national military units on our territory.

Our contention is that the annexation of Lithuania to the Soviet Union in 1940 had its origin in the Stalin-Hitler pact of Aug. 23, 1939 and the protocols relating to it. This led to stationing of Soviet army forces in Lithuania in 1939 and addition of new forces in 1940. The political acts of June and July 1940 that associated Lithuania with the Soviet Union were therefore taken in the presence of those armed forces and the terror of the Soviet NKVD and were not acts of self-determination. For this reason, we regard the association of Lithuania with the Soviet Union as based on seizure and annexation - and therefore illegal. And this is why we regard the Soviet forces present in Lithuania as an occupying army and have requested their removal.

The 50th anniversary of the Stalin-Hitler agreements is coming up very soon and there will be great disappointment in the Baltic states if the Soviet government doesn't acknowledge the existence of associated secret protocols to these agreements and declare them invalid.

We hope that by November or December, we will be able to hold elections for the Supreme Soviet of Lithuania. (There is some indication that the Lithuanian Communist party would like to delay the elections until February, which is the latest they could be held according to limits set by the constitution). The Lithuanian Supreme Soviet undoubtedly will decide that there will not be "reserved seats" for the Communism Party and designated social organizations in the new Supreme Soviet.

Since Sajudis will thus be competing on an equal basis with other parties and movements, we are confident that we will win a majority. Our party took 36 of 42 seats allotted to Lithuania in the elections for the Congress of Peoples' Deputies, and we could perhaps have taken two more if we hadn't refrained from contesting the seats sought by the first and second secretaries of the Lithuanian Communist Party.

I should explain that the concept of the "Communist Party" is almost mythological these days. In the crumbling Communist Party of Lithuania there are several groups, several parties. Sajudis fights against conservatives wher-

ever they are, inside the Communist Party and out; progressive communists who strive for democratic change and the independence of Lithuania participate in Sajudis.

If the elections are carried through on schedule this winter and Sajudis wins a convincing majority, we will act on the basis of our known positions with respect to the question of Soviet forces within the territory of the Republic, the question of limiting units stationed in Lithuania to those made up of Lithuanians and the question of refusal of Lithuanian draftees to serve in units outside of Lithuanian territory. We could do no less.

A separate Lithuanian currency is one of the most important steps in our economic program. The law already adopted by the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet makes reference to it. Most of our economists believe it is indispensable to our economic goals.

We do not regard recent amendments to the Soviet Constitution limiting the right of secession by Soviet republics to be binding. Sajudis believes that Lithuania retains a right of secession as defined in the Soviet Constitution prior to its amendments. But we are not raising this issue at the present time, nor do we base our right to self-determination historically or legally on the Soviet Constitution.

We met with President Mikhail Gorbachev and his aide, Alexander Yakoviev. They took positions different from ours on such issues as the power of the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet to reject Soviet laws and the legality of the Soviet presence in Lithuania. But they did not close the discussion. Gorbachev indicated a willingness to seek solutions in a fair way. He is an open-minded man and does not respond in the negative way we have come to expect from the Soviet system.

An independent Lithuania will have to deal with non-Lithuanian elements in the population, Russian in particular. The problems with this group stem partly from the fact that most of the recent Russian arrivals in Lithuania are not the intelligentsia. In addition, the Russian people have for many decades - and centuries - been filled with messianic ideas about Russia. We are attempting to pose clearly to these Russians among us the question of their attitude toward Lithuania. Do they regard themselves as bringing with them the country of their origin or do they choose to live in another country, Lithuania? This psychological-political process has just begun, and it is a complicated one.

We are meeting with Russians all the time and we are heartened by the fact that many Russians, both in Russia and in Lithuania, are sympathetic to our goals.

Sajudis is not seeking financial assistance from any government, although we have received some help from Lithuanians in the diaspora. Lithuanian organizations close to Sajudis, such as the Lithuanian Workers Association, may seek support from corresponding bodies abroad, and the same may be true of other Lithuanian professional associations that are being revived and are seeking independent association with international professional or-

ganizations and contacts with counterparts in the United States and other countries. We would, of course, welcome any kind of exchanges which American organizations might facilitate which could help this process advance.

Vytautas Landsbergis is the leader of the Lithuanian Reform Movement, known as "Sajudis." This article is drawn from an interview he gave during a visit to the United States to John Baker, a retired Foreign Service officer who dealt with Soviet and East European issues for most of his career.

The Washington Post

*It's so nice to have seen so many
of my beautiful friends and acquaintances
at the 76th National Convention.
Will look forard to seeing you at the
77th Convention
in Pittsburgh, PA*

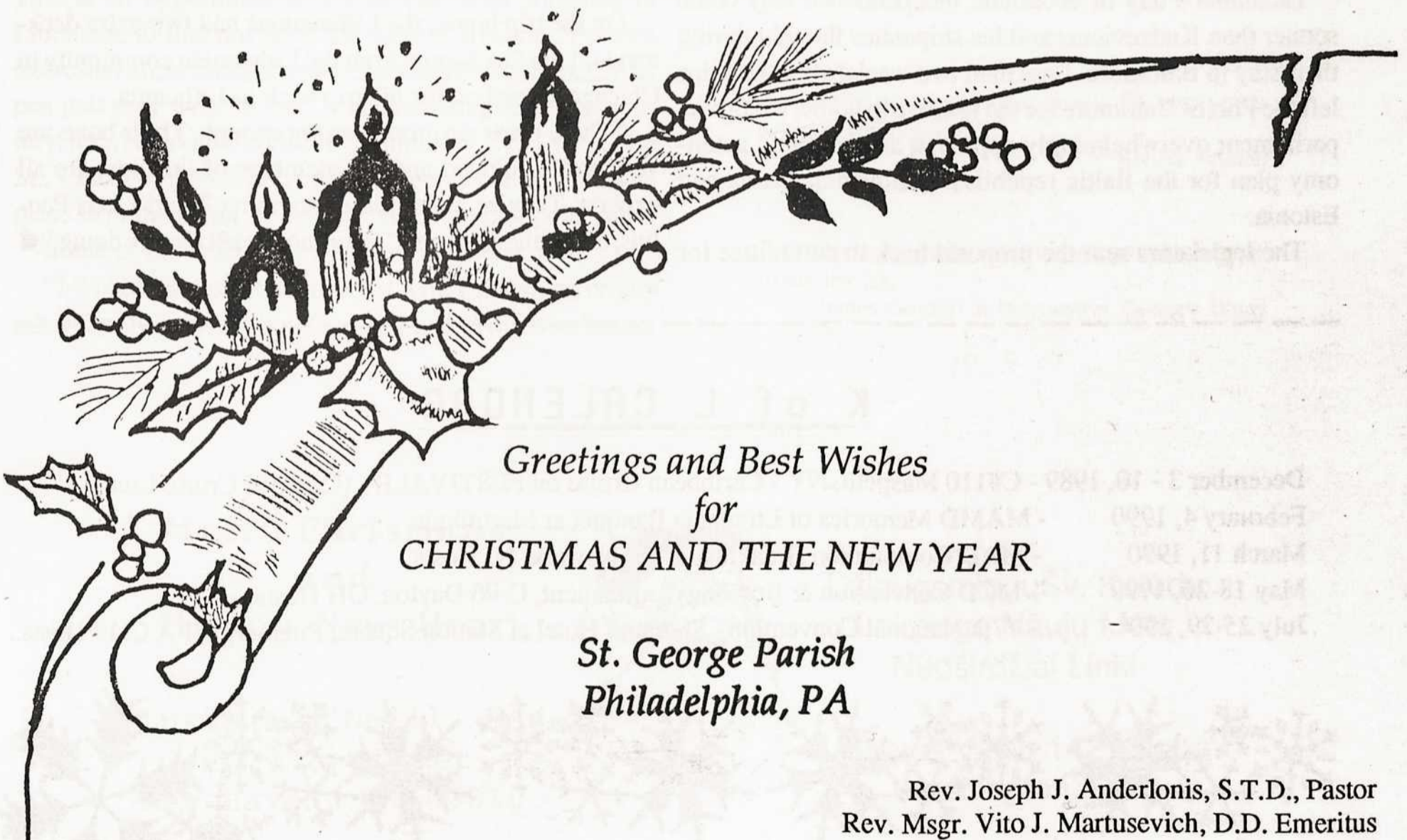
*Eleanor Kasputis
Mid-America District Membership Chairlady*



Seasons Greetings

The nicest thing about Christmas
is telling our friends that...
we care and remember!

*Estelle Rogers, HM
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SHOWING THE FLAG

Lithuanian Sailors brave North Atlantic to establish economic ties with Baltimore

By Jim Gring, Port of Baltimore

For the first time since the start of World War II, a Lithuanian-flagged vessel arrived at the Port of Baltimore.

Two Lithuanian yachts - the 52-foot *S. Y. Lietuva* (Lithuania) and the 42-foot *S. Y. Audra* - called the Port of Baltimore July 14 after a 37-day sail across the North Atlantic.

The Lithuanian sailors' first stop in the United States was New York, and they also travelled to Chicago before returning to New York and sailing to Baltimore.

"The purpose of our journey is to carry the Lithuanian tricolor through Europe to the United States and to set up ties with the United States," said the *Lietuva's* Capt. Steponas Kudzevicius through an interpreter. "The slogan of our journey is, 'For the honor of the country and the unity of the people.'

"This is the beginning - the base for future economic ties. When we achieve economic sovereignty, we want strong economic ties with the United States."

Lithuania's day of economic independence may come sooner than Kudzevicius and his shipmates thought during their stay in Baltimore. Less than two weeks after the ships left the Port of Baltimore for the return trip home, the Soviet parliament overwhelmingly approved an economic autonomy plan for the Baltic republics - Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

The legislators sent the proposal back to committee for

revision, with final adoption set for October.

Prior to World War II, Lithuania was an independent nation, but through an agreement between Nazi Germany and Russia, Lithuania became part of the Soviet Union in 1940.

"Whether we achieve what we wanted to or not, only time will tell," Kudzevicius said during a tour of the Port of Baltimore aboard the Maryland Port Administration's yacht, *Mary Lynn*. "Of all the places we have visited, the Port of Baltimore is the most efficient and welcoming. We found the city to be very warm and congenial."

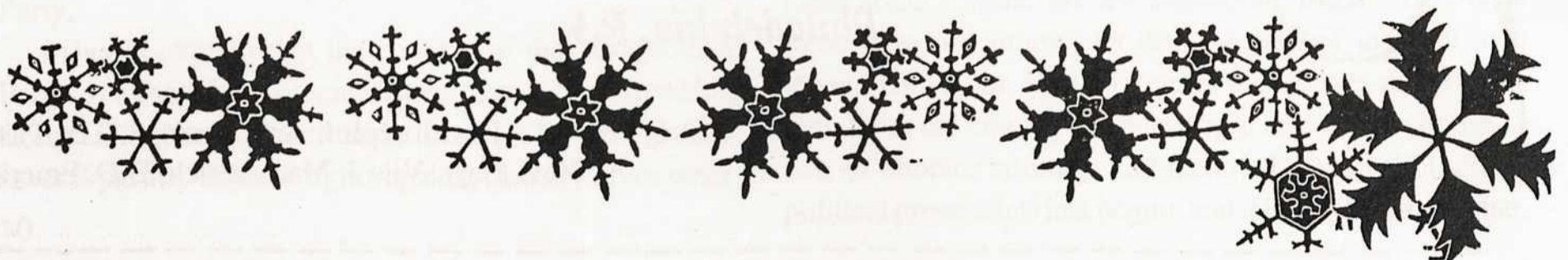
Although the crew members aren't professional sailors, they take their sailing seriously, and they were excited about their trip across the Atlantic to the United States, which was sponsored by several Lithuanian businesses. The *Lietuva* and the *Audra* successfully made the trans-Atlantic voyage despite encountering one major and three minor storms. The 42-foot *Dalia* also made the voyage but didn't sail to Baltimore.

On the trip home, the Lithuanians had two extra deckhands. Two Sea Scouts from the Lithuanian community in Chicago signed on for the trip back to Lithuania.

"These boats are more than big enough. These boats are very well equipped and the members of the crew are all experts. They're not afraid of anything," said Linas Paulius, one of the students. "They know what they're doing."

K of L CALENDAR

- December 3 - 10, 1989 - C#110 Maspeth, NY - Caribbean Cruise on FESTIVALE - (Carnival Cruise Lines).
- February 4, 1990 - MAMD Memories of Lithuania Banquet at Martinique
- March 11, 1990 - MAD Communion Breakfast. C-29 Newark, NJ Hosts.
- May 18-20, 1990 - MCD Convention & Bowling Tournament, C-96 Dayton, OH Hosts.
- July 25-29, 1990 - 77th National Convention, Sheraton Hotel at Station Square, Pittsburgh, PA C-19 Hosts..



LITHUANIANS ARE SEEKING PEN PALS

The Lithuanian-American Community National Executive Committee office in Chicago has been "bombarded" with letters from Lithuania. Some are from organizations seeking funding for various projects through the Lithuanian-American Community's "Gift for Lithuania" fund. Others are letters from individuals who are seeking pen pals in America. Although many of the letter writers admit that they would only be able to correspond in Lithuanian, a number of individuals indicate that they would be able to correspond in English as well. Lithuania's newspaper "Atgimimas" published an article over the summer in which readers were encouraged to write to Lithuanian-Americans in order to find out about life in the United States, in order to broaden their horizons. The letters came flooding in from high school students, from retired persons, and from young families.

The Lithuanian-American Community is not equipped to answer the many letters. Announcements have been placed in various newspapers and newsletters trying to elicit some response. Is it true that Americans have become a nation of couch potatoes? Is the art of letter writing dead? This is an opportunity to correspond with someone in Lithuania, to find out what life there is all about. Persons interested in obtaining the names and addresses of potential pen pals may write to the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc., National Executive Community, 2713 West 71st St., Chicago, IL 60629. Any correspondence which takes place is in the hands of the pen pals from that point on.

Some of the letters from persons in Lithuania:

"I would like to get acquainted with Lithuanian or any other family or with a single man. I live in my own house.

I am 50 years old and work at a factory. My wife, Regina, is an accountant. We know the English, Russian, Polish, Lithuanian and Latvian languages...."

(Algimantas from Vilnius, Lithuania)

"I can correspond in English since I have been studying the language for the past seven years, and besides which, my mother is an English teacher." (Translated from Lithuanian).

(Vaida from Panevežys, Lithuania)

A Little Bit About the Lithuanian American Community:

The purposes for which the Lithuanian-American Community were formed (written in its "Rules and Regulations") include: "To organize, support and engage in religious, educational, literary and charitable activities within the Lithuanian community in the United States, support human and civil rights as protected by international law, to support Lithuanians residing overseas, and to do all and everything necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the purposes above mentioned..." The Lithuanian-American Community sees itself as an umbrella under which Lithuanian-Americans who belong to various political, ideological and other organizations can stand.

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You can't turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again.

Bonnie Pruden

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A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

Charles Gordon in Thomaston, Georgia Times

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**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**

Lukas & O'Neill, Esq
32 Elm Street
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**Džiaugsmingų Šv. Kalėdų
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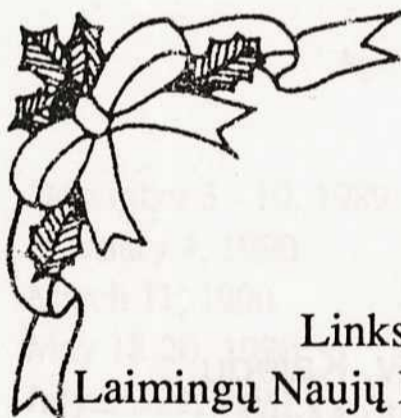
Victor Mathieu, C-103

For years, the cry has been "Where is our Youth? Who is going to carry on after we've gone?" The final solution or answer is not apparent. Yet, from time to time, we are encouraged by what we witness. Such was the case during my recent trip to Lithuania in May. Twenty-three "tourists", many complete strangers, became close friends after sixteen days of looking after one another. Ages ranged from mid-eighties to early twenties. Ten members of the group had very little or no knowledge of the Lithuanian language. Three of the youngest members took things in their own hands by renting a car and went searching for their roots. From information provided by their father, they had a vague idea as to where they should start. They did it very well, having a ball doing so. They made contact with relatives who, in turn, sent word along the grapevine that so and so's children were here from America. Relatives came from all over the country side. The "Salt of the Earth" dressed in their Sunday best came to the hotel in Vilnius and Kaunas. They have so very little, yet they came loaded with flowers and gifts that they had saved for such a day. Emotion ran very high; all of us shared in their good fortune; two young girls and a young man greeting their relatives. They had found their Roots. They've come home with stories and pictures (2 albums) of the various homesteads and farms but most of all, pictures of the relatives in the "Old Country". Last we heard, they are preparing to receive some of the relatives here in New Jersey shortly. The young folks are planning a return trip in 1990. All is Not Lost.

Proud, indeed, are we of Dr. Marie Shatos, C-10 Athol-Gardner, MA, a teacher at the University of Vermont who also teaches and commutes to the University in Louvain, Belgium. She flew from Belgium to Moscow and was waiting to greet her mother, 85 years young, when we arrived together from New York. During our short stay in Vilnius, with the help of our guide, who had a doctor relative at the University of Vilnius, Marie was invited to tour their medical facilities. Upon her return to the hotel, Marie was all charged up with the primitive operating conditions that she had seen. She returned to the University and spoke to several officials there. Marie invited the doctor to come to the University of Vermont this year. She is to show him what we have in the medical field in the United States. In order to communicate thoroughly with the doctor who speaks no English, Marie plans to travel from Vermont to the Convent in parish of Our Lady of Dawn in Montreal and have Sister Paule help her refine her Lithuanian. Further, Dr. Ludvikas Jagminas, 1986 K of L Karklius Memorial Scholarship recipient, who speaks fluent Lithuanian and now working in Long Island Jewish Hospital, has readily agreed to meet, speak and assist Dr. Marie Shatos in any way when the doctor from University of Vilnius comes to Vermont. Dr. Jagminas plans to visit the University of Vilnius in the near future.

Finally, Dr. Marie Shatos has been invited to speak and present papers to the staff and faculty next summer at the University of Vilnius Medical School.

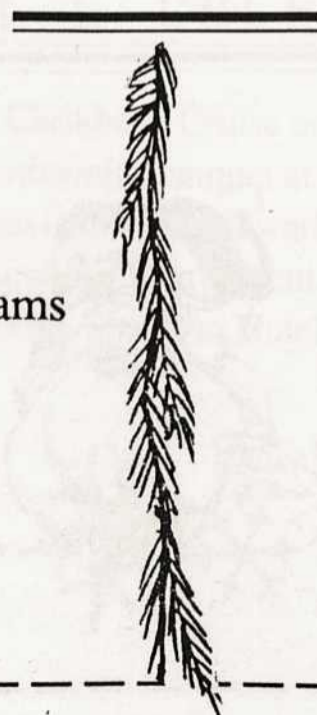
All is Not Lost. Pray that there are many more young Lithuanians who are responding to the call from Lithuania —HELP US — WE ARE IN NEED OF EVERYTHING”.



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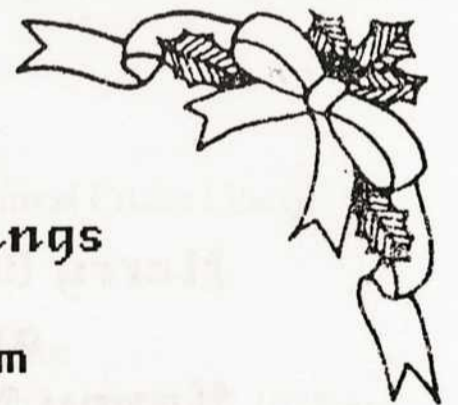


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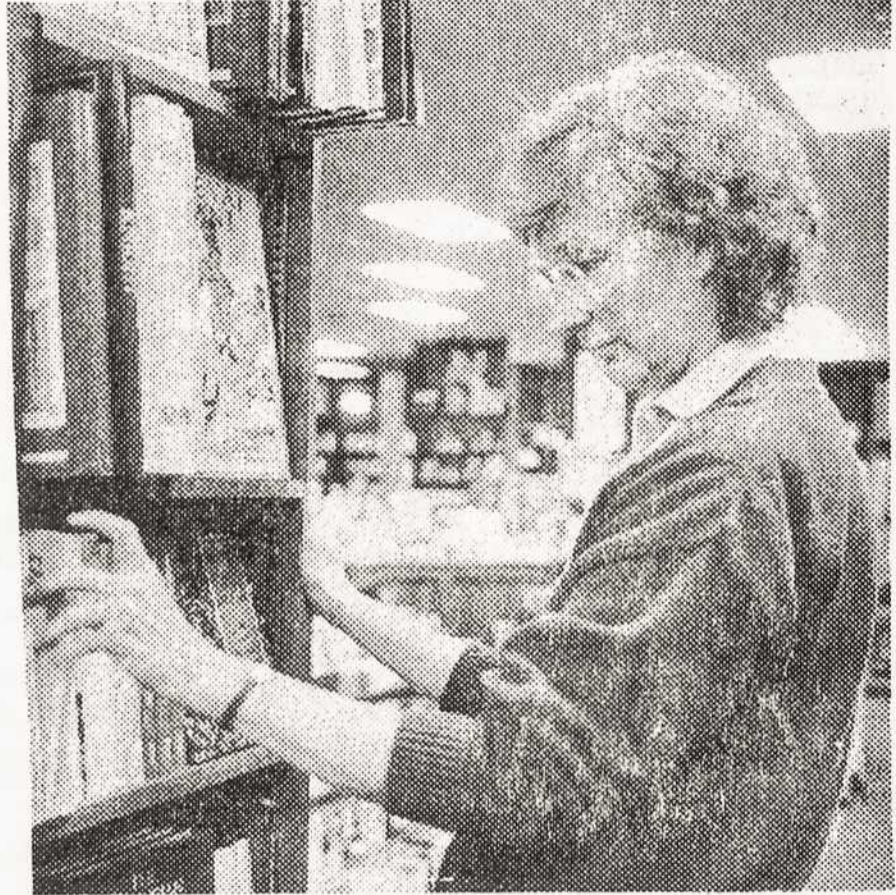
Lithuanians in the News

Bookstore Thrives on Independence

Denver located by the Rocky Mountains is better known for skiing than scholarship. It has far fewer people than New York or Los Angeles, lacks the vibrant academic community of the San Francisco Bay area or Boston, and ranked 17th in per-capita bookstore sales.

But Denver has one thing no other city has - the Tattered Cover Book Store, which is considered the best general bookstore in the United States. It is owned by Joyce Meskis, a Lithuanian and a Chicagoan who moved to Denver in 1962 and bought the Tattered Cover 12 years later.

By all accounts, the Tattered Cover is just about in a class by itself. Publishers and booksellers see it as a symbol of the resurgence of independent bookstores. "Until a few years ago, not many publishers came by to visit us," said Ms. Meskis. "But now they are paying much more attention to independent bookstores." The store has achieved remarkable results by maintaining a huge stock of books



Joyce Meskis, owner of Tattered Cover Book Store published months and even years ago and a large staff, averaging 170 full-time employees.

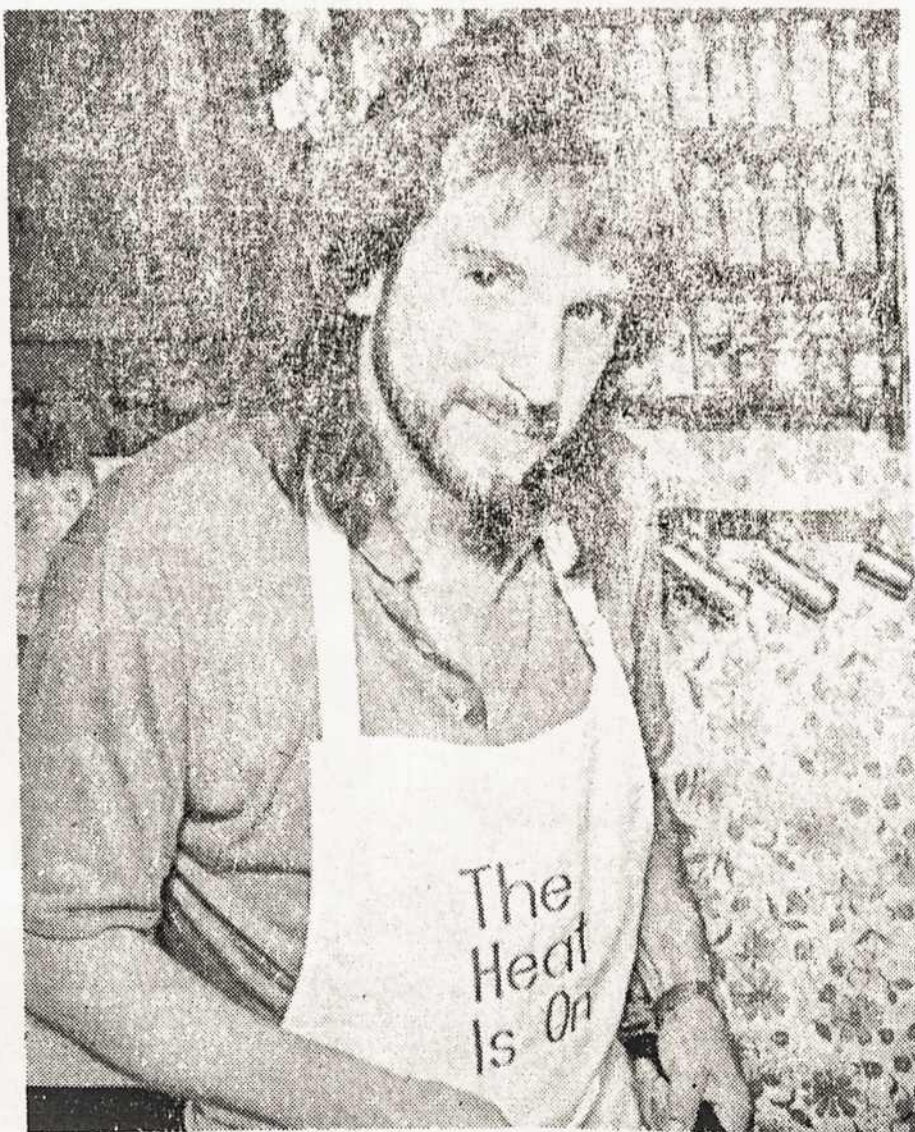
The Tattered Cover is housed in a three-story renovated department store in a shopping complex four miles from downtown Denver. The store is a far cry from the first Tattered Cover, which had only 950 sq. ft., two employees and sometimes endured long periods without making a sale. The store is now open every day except for six holidays a year, handles as many as 2,500 transactions on an average day and needs three switchboards to deal with the 24 telephone lines.

In her modest one-room office in the basement, Ms. Meskis said she has turned down requests to franchise the Tattered Cover. However, she would be more receptive to opening additional stores of her own. *New York Times*

Dan Benson is a Good Cooking Addict

Dan Benson is addicted. And thousands of people are pleased that he is. Fortunately, it is not with drugs or alcohol that his passion rests. It's with food - or more appropriately - cooking.

Dan attended a culinary school. After his stint there, he took a job as a chef in one of Scranton area's finer



Dan Benson is a Good Cooking Addict

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restaurants. Coincidentally, while out one evening with his wife and parents, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Benson, Sr., members of C-74 Scranton, he jumped at his father's suggestion that the family open a catering business. Today, Dan is the chef for the family business, Gourmet Catering. Truly a family affair, the business involves not only Dan and his parents, but his wife, his five-year old daughter, his brothers and sisters and their spouses, and a few other relatives. Interestingly, however, for someone who underwent open heart surgery four years ago, he handles it all quite well.

For those who would like to get a feel for Dan's cooking, a recipe is provided below:

CHICKEN WITH DILL SAUCE

2 chicken cutlets	4 tbsp. unsalted butter
3 tbsp. dill weed	1/4 cup dry vermouth
1/3 cup seasoned flour	1/8 cup finely diced onion
1 cup heavy cream	1/4 cup white wine Worcestershire sauce

Preheat oven to 350F.

Halve cutlets and pound to 1/4-inch thick. Dredge in flour seasoned with 1 tbsp. dill weed, salt and pepper to taste.

Heat 10-inch skillet and add 2 tbsp. butter. Saute chicken until golden on both sides. Remove chicken to an oven-proof pan and cover with foil. Bake for approx. 15 minutes.

Saute onions for 5 mins. Deglaze pan with 1/4 cup white wine Worcestershire sauce, reducing by half and scraping up the bits from the bottom of the pan. Add heavy cream and reduce to desired consistency. Add remaining butter in small pieces until melted.

Place chicken on a plate and ladle sauce down the center of each cutlet.

Benson recommends serving the dish with potatoes and steamed asparagus with lemon butter. *The Sunday Times*

Perestroika works more for tourists

Maria Prunskis-Coleman of Pompano Beach saw perestroika in action when she visited Lithuania.



Maria Prunskis-Coleman

"There's more mobility now ... for tourists" she said.

"More amenities ... for tourists."

"More food ... for tourists."

"Superficially, it's better now" comparing it with her first visit 19 years ago. "There's more freedom of speech".

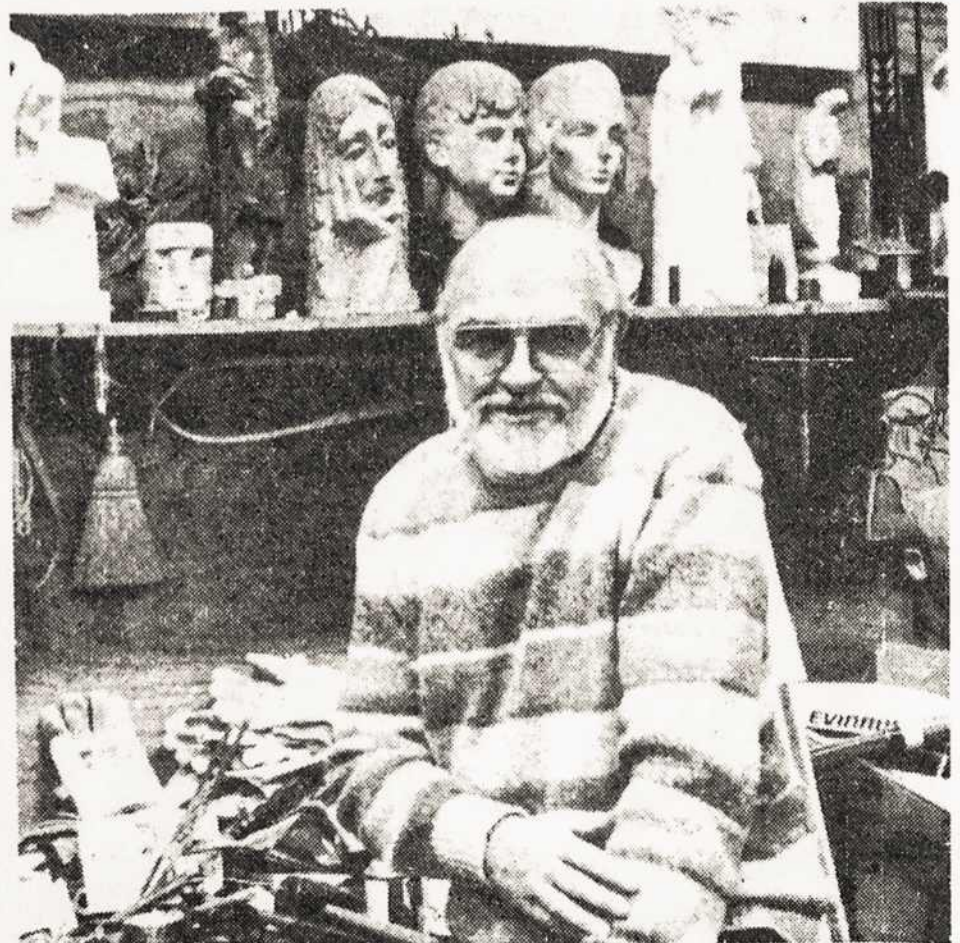
But Russia's sweeping reform attempts hasn't put food and consumer goods on the shelves. She did note with approval that the Catholic Church, being used as a museum, has now been restored as a church and used for services. She visited the Russian city of Minsk. "What a difference!" she said. "Lithuania is Western; Minsk is Asiatic. The women there are like beasts of burden; they do hard labor, they work on the roads." She remarked that most Americans visiting Russia never get beyond Moscow and Leningrad, "They should. It's a beautiful place with rolling terrain, forests, lakes, Baltic beaches, great fishing. There are some great old castles, and the hotels (for Westerners) are very good."

Artists one-of-a-kind monuments make an everlasting impression

"Everything he does is striking. He is a true artist".

Ramojus Mozoliauskas, a native of Lithuania, whose monumental funeral works are known nationwide. Since 1950, Ramojus (Ray) has been producing a steady stream of modern, dramatic works to honor the dead. To call them simply "tombstones" would be a disservice. They are magnificent, sculptures that seem directly inspired by a higher being. It could be argued that there must be a God and more to life's cruelties than just the finality of death, because there is the work of Mozoliauskas.

As a child in Lithuania, Ray knew oppression. First, the Russians controlled his country, then the invading Nazi Germany. Then there was the return of the Russians. He



Ramojus Mozoliauskas with his stone carvings.
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finally fled Lithuania to Germany as World War II fighting wound down. He studied sculpture in the Art School of Freiburg in Germany. It was also in postwar Germany that he met his future wife, Jenny, who had also fled Lithuania. She joined him on his search for creative expression, eventually settling in Chicago. Here he mastered stone carving and found a city where he could be appreciated. Not only does he make cemetery monuments, but he has created works for numerous churches and other institutions.

Mozoliauskas carved the bust of late Archbishop George Matulaitis for Pope John Paul when the hero was beatified. The bust now sits in the Vatican. He has come a long way from the little Lithuanian village of Kaunas. He does what he does in steel, fiberglass, granite, glass and other materials, creating often-soaring sculptures that touch the soul. His pieces range in size from 6 feet to several stories high. Prices on the average range from \$7,000 to \$12,000 but can go as high as \$250,000.

To cut down on some of his most time-consuming labor, he taught workers at a company how to cast his art works. Several schools have sought him as a teacher but refused. Instead, he enjoys sports, such as tennis, fly fishing, water skiing in Wisconsin, and snow skiing in Vail or Aspen, Colo.

He hopes that after he is gone from this world, his art will live.

Pulitzer Community Newspaper

... AND FINALLY, DAIVA!

A Russian translator, fashion model, athlete, ambassador, she sounds like a character out of a thriller. Instead, she



Daiva Chesonis

David Trozzo

is *Daiva Chesonis*, a graduate of University of Maryland. One hundred percent Lithuanian, Daiva spent her early childhood struggling to learn English, entering kindergarten barely knowing the language. Today, she speaks English, Lithuanian, Russian and German fluently.

Using her language skills at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland, Daiva translates Russian, German, Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian books into English. The books are then catalogued for the Library of Congress. Translating helps pay the monthly bills, but Daiva supplements her income by working as a professional model. To help her stay thin and in shape for modeling and sports, Daiva runs two to three miles each day. She also makes time for the Baltimore Lithuanian Athletic Club, a group which she represented a few years ago in the World Lithuanian Sports Olympiad.

After graduating, Daiva doesn't plan to simplify her lifestyle. She plans to pursue a master's degree and doctorate in Russian Area Studies. She will tell you with a smile that she wishes to become the United States ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Panache

DAILY NEWS,

For adults only

Madonna's "Like a Prayer" video is not for children. Young people are confused enough today. They are given mixed messages from the media, then are told to "just say no." Begrudging Madonna her freedom of expression would not be right — but her video should be labeled for mature audiences.

The fact that Madonna is just trying to be outrageous is lost on those who are newly forming their opinions about life. Seeing Madonna discover the wounds of Christ on her palms, a miracle usually reserved for saints, I shudder to think of the younger viewers getting the message that anything can be commercialized. Madonna's video shows that our faith can be sold right up there with designer jeans and Snicker bars, treating spirituality as if it were an ad for a daytime soap.

It is unfair to thrust such an interpretation at young people before they have a strong basis with which to compare it. If our children are taught that nothing is sacred, they will have nothing to respect, either.

Theresa Krakauskas, Jackson Heights

Lietuvos Vyčių Uždaviniai, keliantis Lietuvai į Laisvę

Bronius Krokys, 2nd Prize Foundation Essay

*Mylėk, lietuvi, tą brangią žemę
Kame nuo amžių tėvai gyveno.
Maironis*

Poetas B. Brazdžionis, vadinamas tautos pranašu, sako:

Mylėsi Lietuvą ištole
Visa širdimi visais jausmais
Ištolo meilė neprapuola
Po balto marmuro namais.
Regėsi ją, kaip laime šauksi
Kaip kūdikio šventi sapnai
Tik ji ten bus širdy gyva
Balta, baltųjų vyšnių sodų
Senolių žeme Lietuva.

Atrodo mums, Lietuvos Vyčiams, tenka mylėti Lietuvą ištole.

Jeigu mes matytume žmogų, kurį plėšikai apiplėšė. žiauriai sumušė, kuris buvo beveik užmuštas ir jis rodytų gyvybės ženklus, mėgintų atsikilti, argi mes jam nenorėtume padėti? Nelyginant kaip Evangelijoje Gailestingas Samarietis. Argi tai nebūtų gailestingas darbas jam padėti? Tai būtų kilnus darbas!

Taip ir su mūsų tėvyne Lietuva. Buvus koministų apiplėsta, sumušta šimtai tūkstančių mūsų brolių badu išmarinta, nužudyta ir dabar Lietuva bando keltis Laisvei.

Mes visada Lietuvai padėjome, bet dabar, kai Lietuva, kaip tas suas menintas žmogus mėgina keltis, atsistoti ant savo kojų, ta pagalba ypač svarbi, tai argi mes Lietuvos Vyčiai suabejosime? Padėti Lietuvai atsikelti? Ji lyg mūsų globojamas, gydomas ligonis keliasi iš ligos gyvenimui - mūsų džiaugsmui.

Ir čia dar neviskas. Nėra dar tikra, kad Lietuva bando atgauti laisvę ir jau čia viskas bus gerai. Dar, galima sakyti, visas pasaulis ir patys Lietuviai susirūpine seka, ar Lietuva negaus mirtino smūgio iš Maskvos. Ar neįvyks toki ivykiai kaip Kinijoje? Kai tankai važinėjo po minia ir šaudė į tautos jaunimą. O ir rusai ir lenkai ir komunizmu apake lietuviai Lietuvoje nenori pilnai nepriklausomos Lietuvos.

Mes gi, Lietuvos Vyčiai, Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse, stojame Laisvos Lietuvos pusėje ir jai,

sužeistai tiesiame abi pagelbos rankas. Tai L. Vyčių nuotaika keliantis Lietuvai į laisvę.

Koki galėtų būti konkretūs darbai šiais reikalais, kuriuos skatintų daryti Lietuvos Vyčių, Lithuanian Affairs komisija?

1. Lietuvos Vyčiai turėtų turėti gyva ryši su Lietuva.
 - a. Susirašyti su giminėmis ir lietuviais veikėjais (ten yra tokių mielų žmonių)
 - b. Klausyti trumpų bangų radio žinių iš Lietuvos.
 - c. Jei gali - aplankyti Lietuvą.
2. Padėti Lietuvai aukomis ir gerais darbais.
 - a. Aukodamas asmeniškai kai renkamos aukos.
 - b. Pagelbėti organizuoti aukų rinkimą.
 - c. Padėdamas giminėms dovanomis. (Jei šiuos darbus darai, tu pagelbsti Lietuvai keltis iš karsto).
3. Mokykis, jei nemoki Lietuvių kalbos. Mokyk savo vaikus lietuviškai kalbėti. Draugauk su lietuviais ir kalbėk, skaityk lietuvių grožinę literatūrą. Dalyvauk lietuviškose pamaldos, klausyk lietuviško radio. Dalyvauk lietuvių chore jei pas jus yra. Šok lietuviškos šokius, jei yra. Melskis lietuviškai.
4. Netik tu vinas, Vyti, tai daryk, bet paragink ir savo gimines ir pažistamus tai daryti.

Lietuvos Vytis kaip saulė turi spinduliuoti į aplinką, į savus brolius lietuvius ir į visus gerus žmones, kad jie ir nelietuviai.

Gavė adresa Lietuvos veikėjų (jų galima gauti) rašykime jiems į Lietuvą, lietuviškai ar angliškai, maždaug tokius laiškus, trumpus: "Mes girdime jus per radio, mes skaitomė apie jus spaudoje ir džiaugiamės jūsų drasiais ir kilniais darbais, siekiant Lietuvai laisvės."

Mes Lietuvos Vyčiai, gyvenantys Amerikoje, esame dalis Lietuvių tautos išėivija. Mes pasisakomė už pilna Lietuvos laisvę. Už pilna Lietuvos Nepriklausomybę.

Mes tai sakome ir prašome mūsų JAV vyriausybė, kongresmanus, kad jie visokeriopai pagelbėtu Lietuvai atgauti nepriklausomybę, mes meldžiame Viešpati Lietuvai Laisvės.

Su Maironiu pradėjus, su Marioniu baikime:

Tik į darba greičiau

Tik mylėkim karščiau

Tik, vyrai, pajudinkim žemę.

With the Cooks



Editor's Note:

I thought the faithful readers of VYTIS deserve a culinary treat after spending long hours in the kitchen to prepare the traditional Lithuanian foods for the holiday feasting with family and friends. So, have fun and enjoy the following recipe which was sent to me by a Vytis reader who forgot to sign their name to the recipe.

THE BEST PIRAGAS EVER MADE (Recipe)

1 or 2 qts. krupnikas	2 oz. yeast
1 cup butter	1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. milk	1 tbsp. vanilla
4 large eggs	1 cup sugar
2 cups golden raisins	1 cup nuts

Before starting, sample the krupnikas for quality. Good?

Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc.

Check the krupnikas again. Good, isn't it? (It must be just right). To be sure the krupnikas is of the highest quality, pour one level cup into a glass and drink it. (If the quality is not the best, the cake will not be superior).

With an electric mixer beat 1 cup butter into a large fluffy bowl. Add one seaspoon of milk and beat again. Meanwhile, make certain the krupnikas is of the finest quality - try another gulp - Good, isn't it?

Open second quart of krupnikas, if necessary.

Add four arge leggs, 2 cups rolden gaisins and beat until high. If the druit gets stuck in the beathers, just pry it loose with a drewscriver.

Sample the krupnikas again for quality and tonicisticity.

Next, sift 3 cups tugar, a pinch of krupnikas, a seaspoon of yeast, and a cup of pepper or salt (it really doesn't matter).

Sample the krupnikas again. Good, isn't it?

Sift 1/2 pint of vanilla. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 tbsp. of brown sugar (or whatever color you find). Mix well. Grease that crazy oven, and crank up that cake pan to 350 degrees. Now, pour the whole mess into the over. You don't need a pan. Just throw it in. (Where is that oven anyway?)

Now, check the krupnikas again. Good, ain't it? Now, get someone to watch the oven, 'cause if you feel like I do, I'm gun tz bed.





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Extends Their Greetings
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And An Enjoyable And
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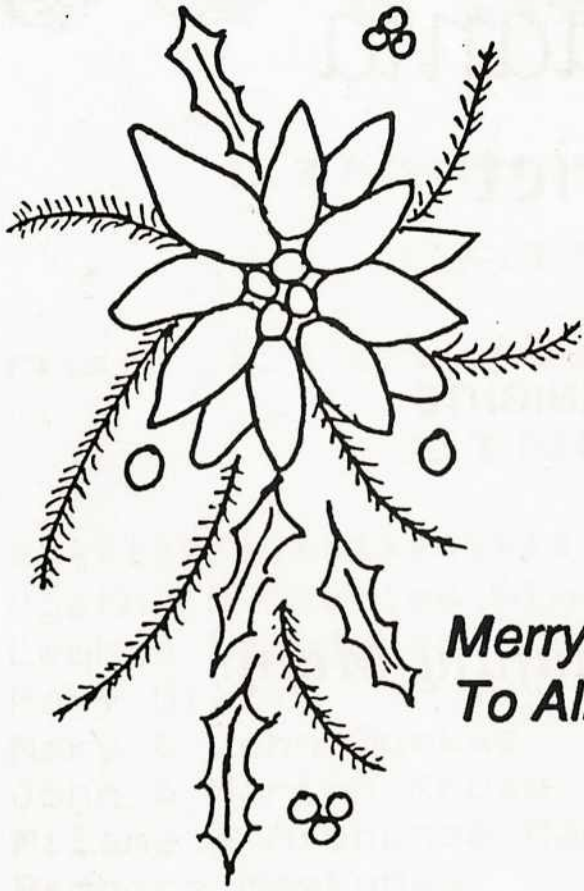
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*Linksmų Kalėdų Švenčių ir
Laimingų Naujų Mėt
Visiems Lietuvos Vyčiams*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
To All from Officers and Members of the*

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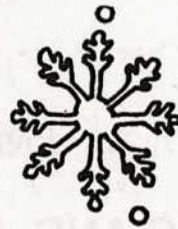
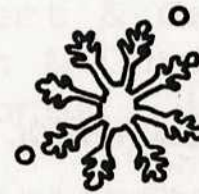
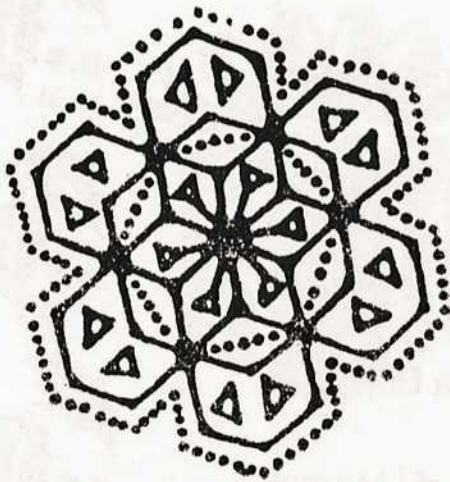
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Knights of Lithuania

Mid-Atlantic District

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 as they continue their struggle for freedom

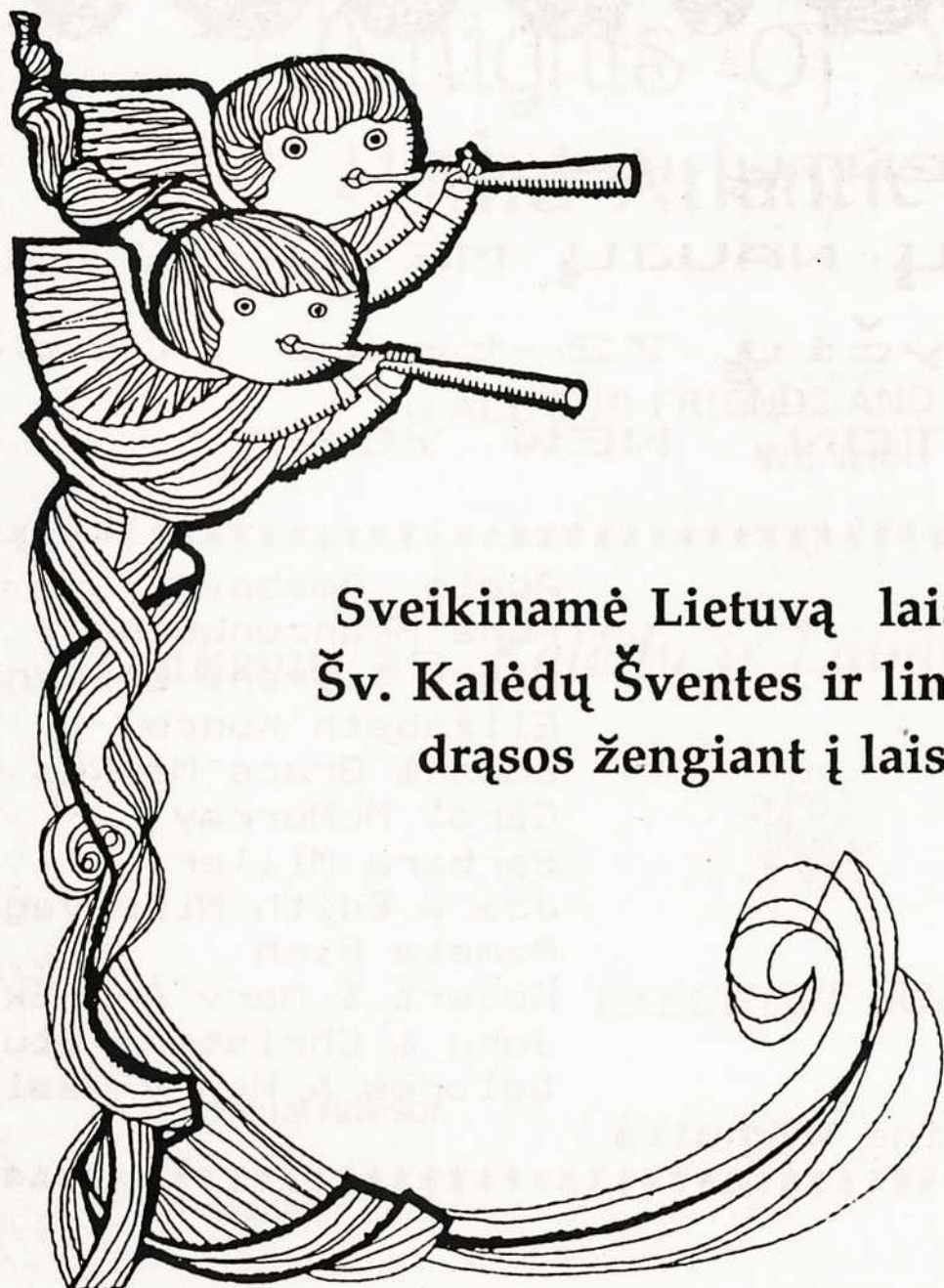
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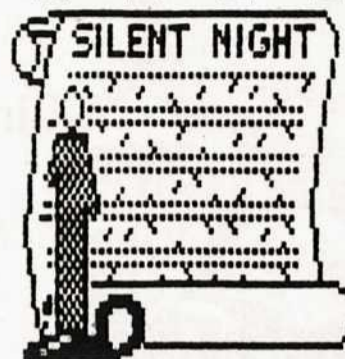




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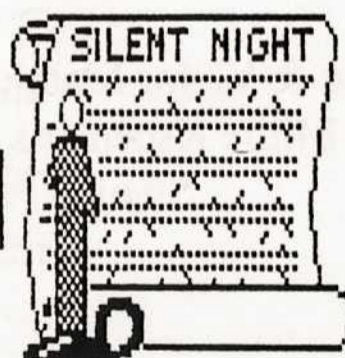


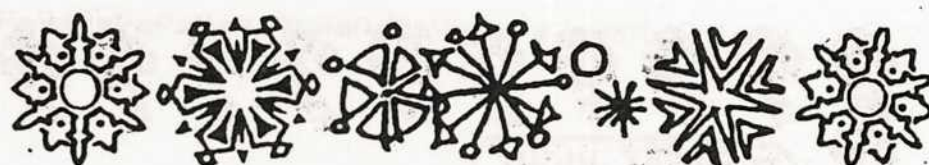


The Officers
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C-3 PHILADELPHIA

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To The
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
For A
**MOST ENJOYABLE,
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HOLIDAY SEASON**

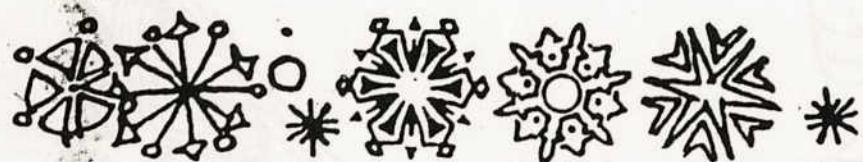




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Council 12
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We all wish our K of L members and friends a Joyous Holiday Season

C-16, St. George's Parish, Chicago, IL
 C-78, Lawrence, MA
 C-139, Detroit, MI

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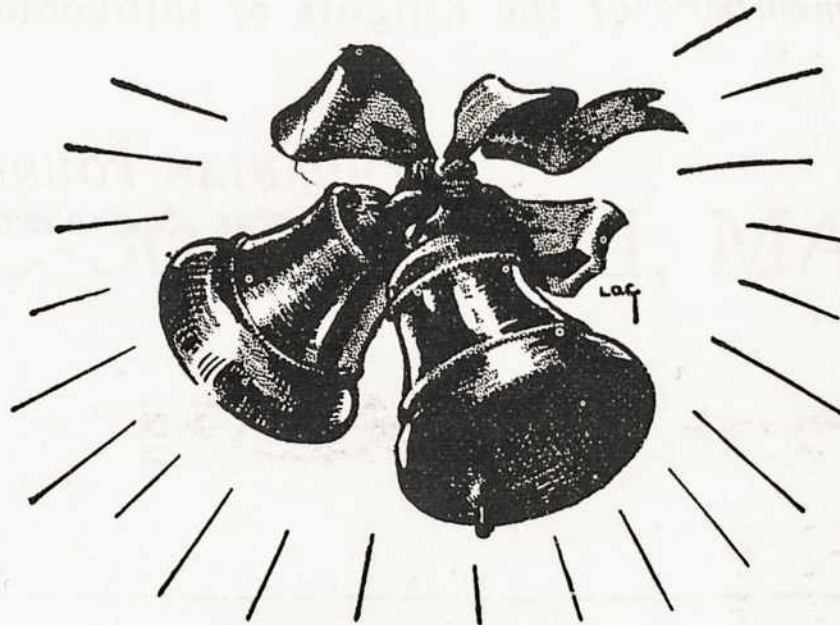
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Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų ir
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*Wishing a very Merry Christmas and
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to "VYTIS" and
all members of the Knights of Lithuania*

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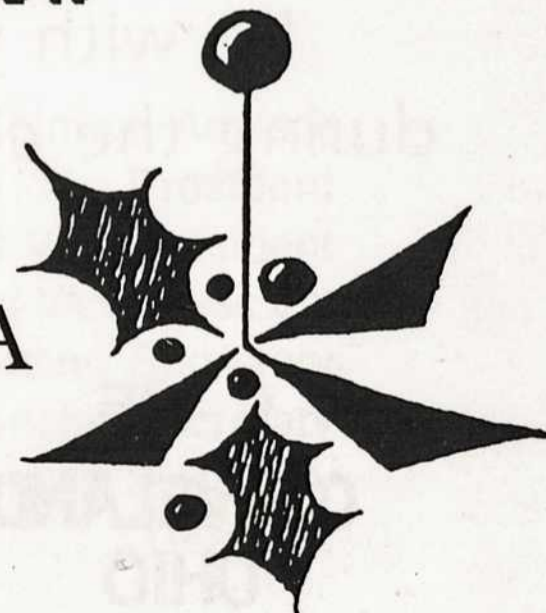


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Dievui ir Tėvynei!*

Pittsburgho Vyčių 19-tosi Kuopa

**May the Christ Child
and His Blessed Mother
Bless us, one and all,
With good health, peace and joy
During this Holy Season
and the New Year**

C-30 Westfield, MA



Merry Christmas

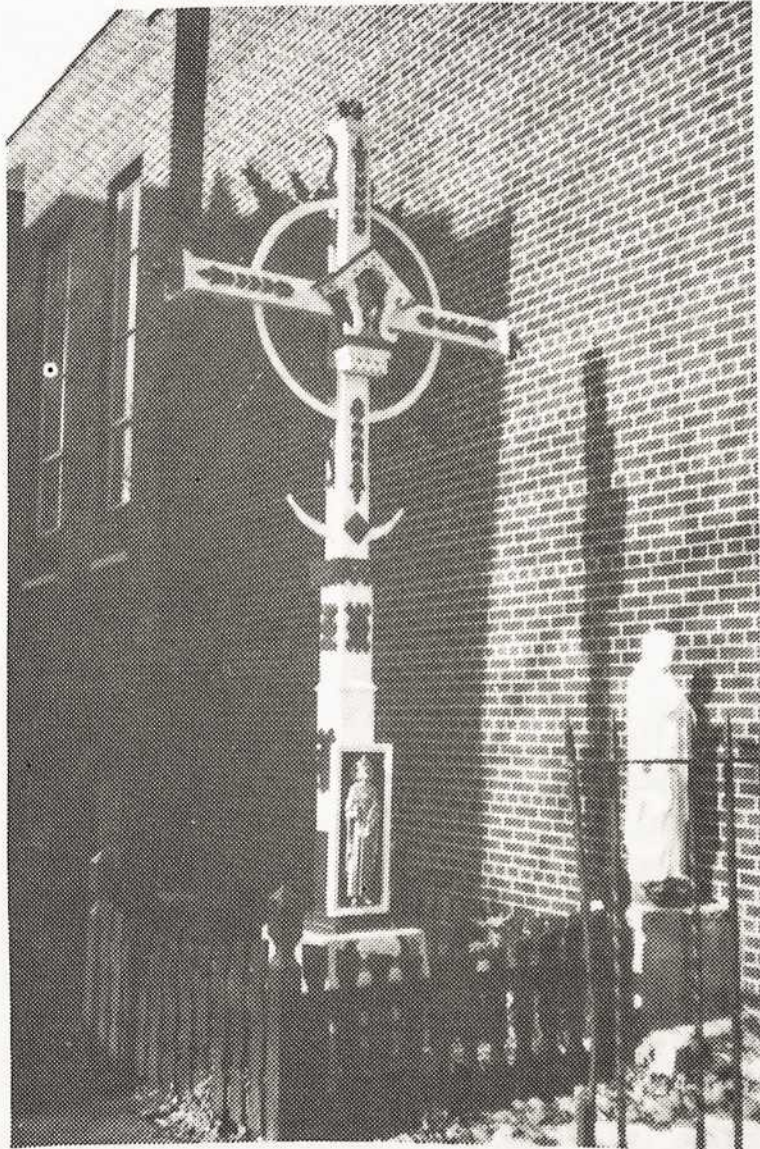
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 during the coming year.

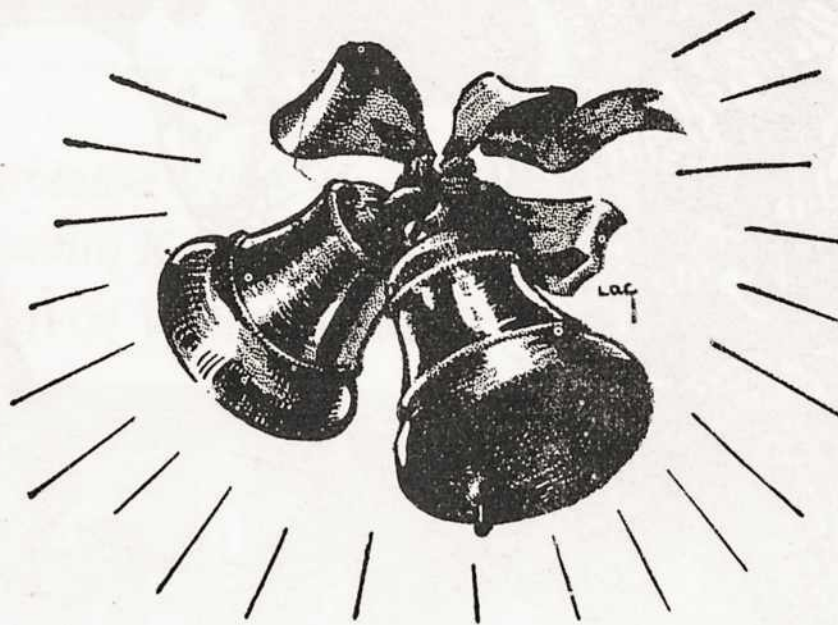
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Laimingų Naujų Mūtų
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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all Fellow Knights from
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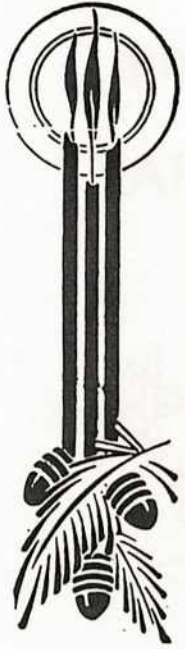
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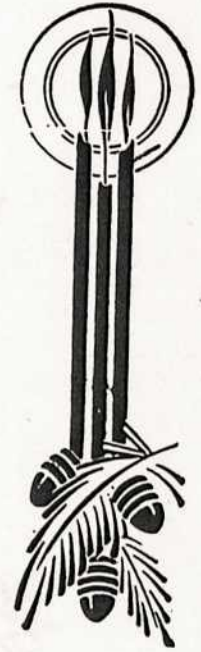


Rev. Albert Karalis, Pastor
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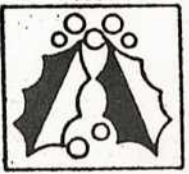
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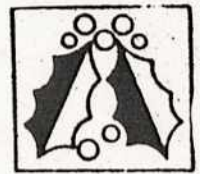
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Very Happy New Year*



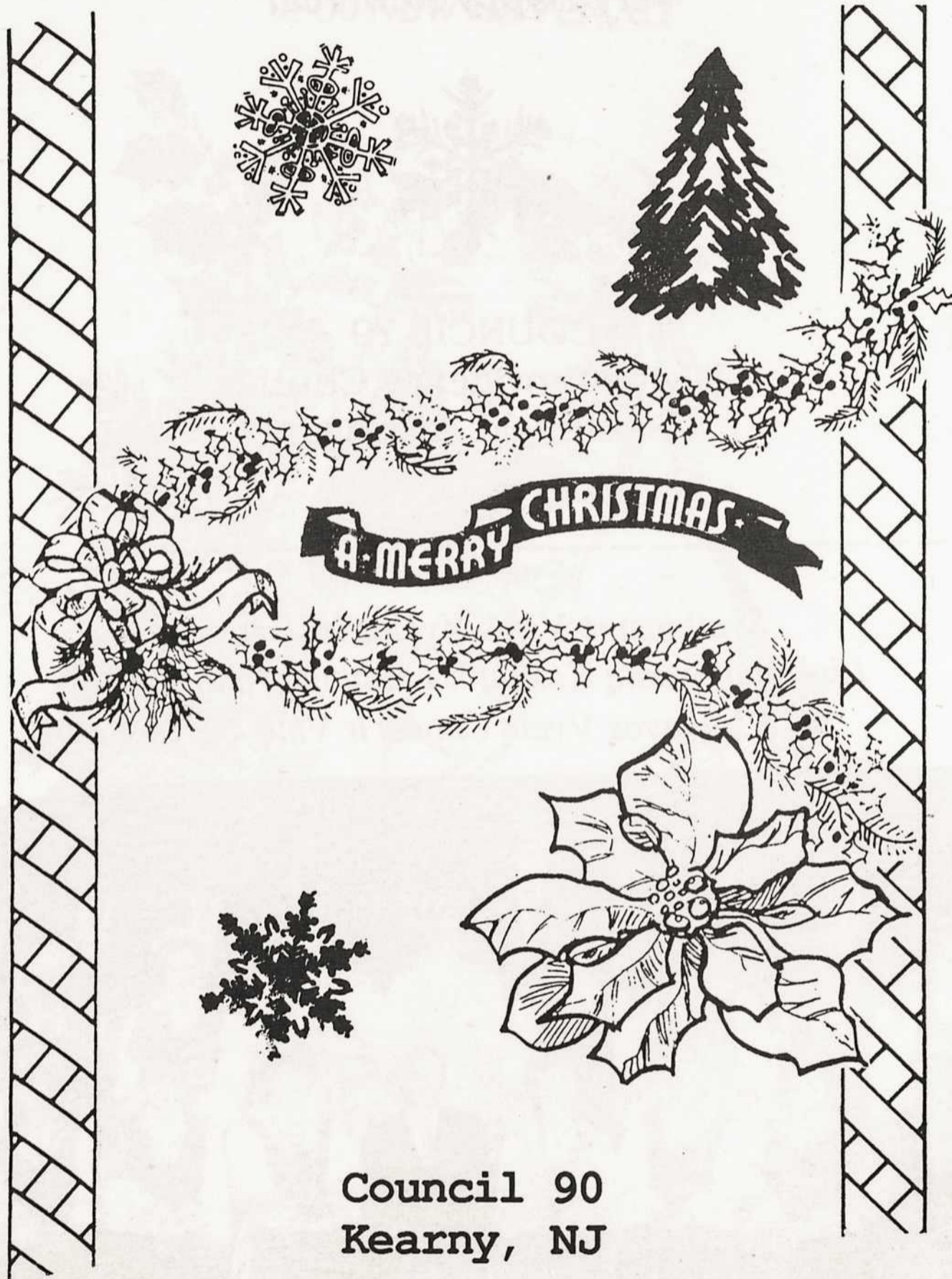
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Southfield, Michigan



*Sveikinamė Visus Vyčius ir Linkimė
Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Mėtų
Lietuvos Vyčių Choras ir Valdyba*



May the Peace of Christmas
be yours throughout the New Year.



Council 90
Kearny, NJ

LAI KRISTAUS GIMIMAS

ir

NAUJI METAI

atneša VILTĮ ir STIPRYBĘ, MEILĘ ir LAIMĘ mūsų
NARIAMS, BROLIAMS ir SESERIMS AMERIKOJE ir
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Wishing you a season of Love,
filled hours and wonderful memories
HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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Linksmų Kalėdų
To All our K of L friends



Merry Christmas
and a Healthy
and Prosperous
New Year



C-136
Mohawk/Hudson, NY
(Albany, NY)

Mildred Young
 and
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MERRY CHRISTMAS and
 HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų
ir
Laimingų Naujų Metų

To ALL K of L Members

C-118 Hazleton, PA



Šventų Kalėdų
ir
Linksmų Naujų Mėtų visiems Vyčiams
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C-146 HARRISBURG, PA





Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų!

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

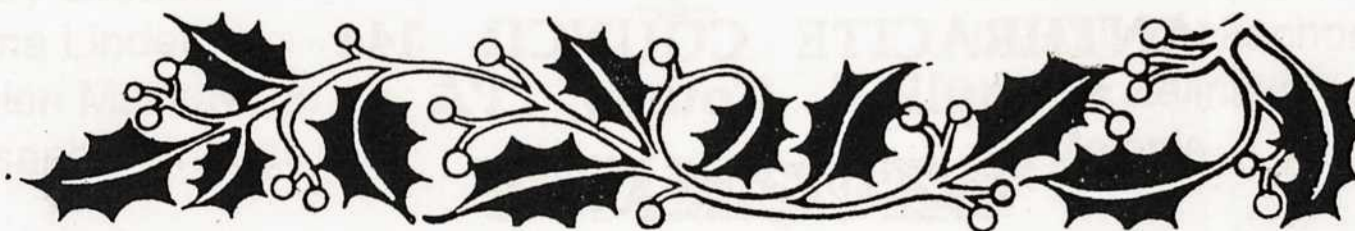
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May God's Peace be with You
 during this Christmas Season
 and throughout the New Year

C-140 Syracuse, NY





Sveikiname Visus Vyčius

ir Linkime

Šventų ir Linksmų Kalėdų

ir

Sėkmingų Naujų Metų!

CHRISTMAS **B**LESSINGS

ANTHRACITE COUNCIL 144
Schuylkill County, PA





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ir Kasdien iki Ateinančių Kalėdų!

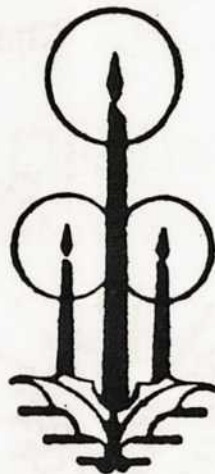


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HAPPY HOLIDAYS, FELLOW KNIGHTS!

from

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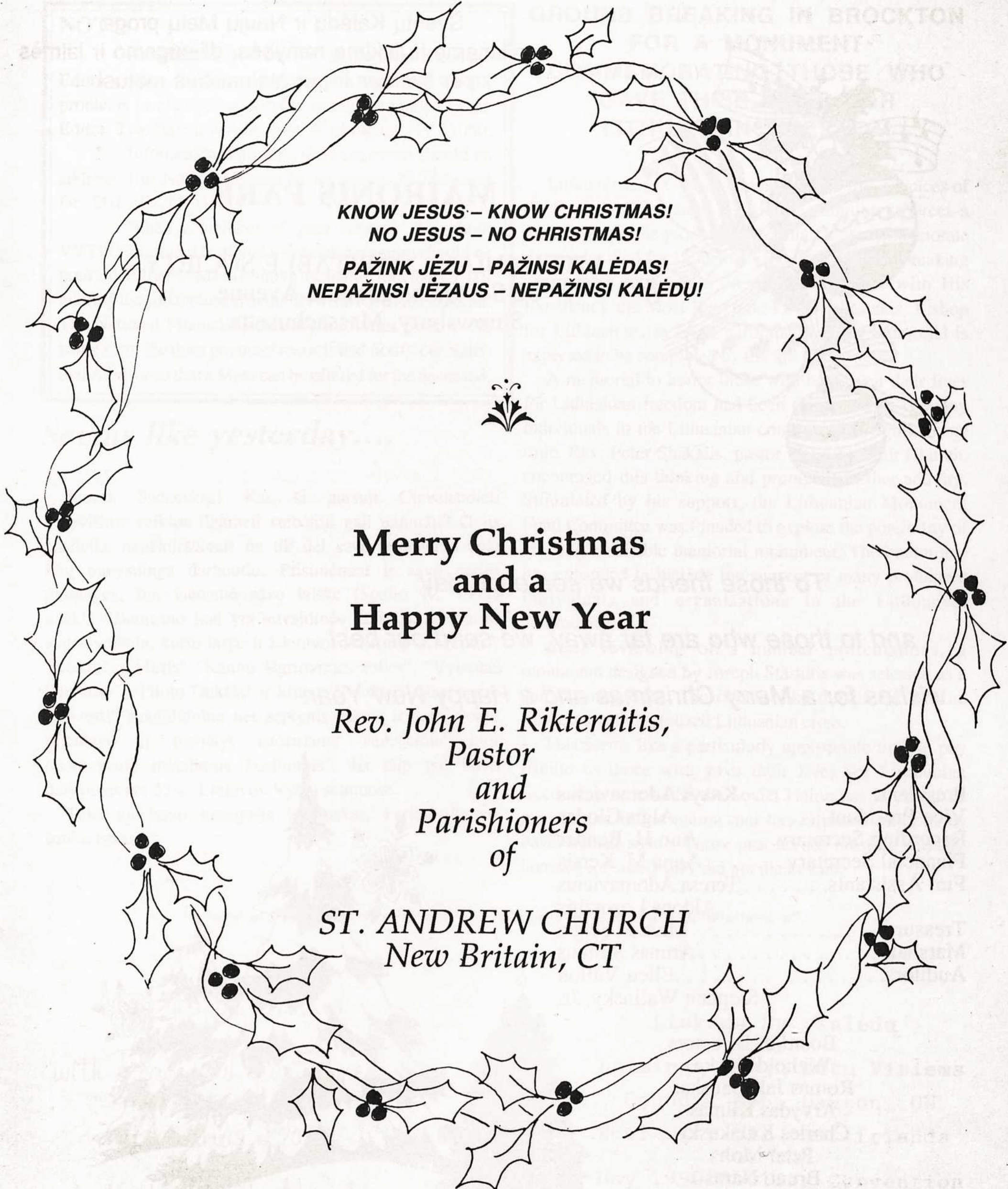
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**KNOW JESUS – KNOW CHRISTMAS!
NO JESUS – NO CHRISTMAS!**
**PAŽINK JĖZU – PAŽINSI KALĖDAS!
NEPAŽINSI JĖZAUS – NEPAŽINSI KALĖDŲ!**



**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**

*Rev. John E. Rikteraitis,
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of*

**ST. ANDREW CHURCH
New Britain, CT**

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As of March 1989 the VYTIS mailing list is in the Editor's office. Therefore, information regarding VYTIS problems or changes of address should be mailed to the Editor, Two Bayview Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050.

Information regarding dues payments should be addressed to National Financial Secretary, 28 Delwood Dr., Oakville, CT 06779.

When a member of your council dies, both VYTIS Editor and National Financial Secretary should be notified. Editor needs to remove the name from the VYTIS mailing list and include it in the 'IN MEMORIAM' column. The National Financial Secretary also must remove the name from the dues payment records and notify our Spiritual Advisor so that a Mass can be offered for the deceased.

GROUND BREAKING IN BROCKTON FOR A MONUMENT COMMEMORATING THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR LITHUANIAN FREEDOM

Lithuanians of Greater Brockton under the auspices of St. Casimir Lithuanian Parish are planning to erect a monument on the grounds of the church to commemorate those who died for Lithuania's freedom. Ground breaking ceremonies took place on the planned site with His Excellency the Most Reverend Paul A. Baltakis, Bishop for Lithuanians in Exile participating. The memorial is expected to be completed by the fall of this year.

A memorial to honor those who had given their lives for Lithuanian freedom had been on the minds of many individuals in the Lithuanian community for quite some time. Rev. Peter Shakalis, pastor of St. Casimir Church, encouraged this thinking and prompted further activity. Stimulated by his support, the Lithuanian Monument Fund Committee was founded to explore the possibility of erecting a suitable memorial monument. The committee has expanded to include the support of many prominent individuals and organizations in the Lithuanian community.

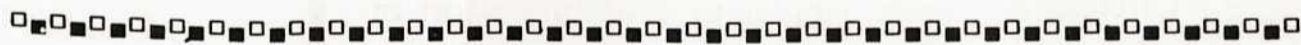
After reviewing of a number presentations, a monument designed by Joseph Stasaitis was selected as a suitable memorial. The obelisk-like monument will be surmounted by a stylized Lithuanian cross.

This seems like a particularly appropriate time to pay tribute to those who gave their lives for Lithuanian freedom, a time when the Soviet Union has loosened its grip on the Baltic nation and has returned some of its basic human rights. Those past heroes must be suitably honored for surely they did not die in vain.

Seems like yesterday....

Juozas Sadauskas! Kas ši garsuji Clevelandietiškos veiklos ilgametį stebėtoją gali užmiršti? O jis pasileika neužmirštamam ne tik dėl savo prašymu apie kitų pavyzdiną darbuotiu. Prisimenant ir savo paties pastanges, štai vienamė savo laiške (Spalio 12, 1977) reiškia džiaugsmo kad yra suvaidinęs "apie šimta ivairiu teatru-veikalu, kuriu tarpe ir Lietuvos istorinių "Keistutis", "Keistučio Mirtis" "Kauno Išgriovimas Pilies", "Vytautas Parišiuose", "Piloto Duktės" ir kitus. "Vienas iš mūsų turim apsivesti" suvaidinome net septynis kartus ir vis žmonių priedavo jį pamatyti istoririams veikslamus mes nuomavomė metalinius kostiumus". Jis taip pat buvo dalyvaves net 33-se Lietuvos-Vyčių seimuose.

Toks tai buvo brangusis Sadauskas, kuriam lygaus sunku berasti.



May you be Blessed
with Peace and Contentment
Christmas Day
and all through the New Year



**Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų
ir
Laimingų Naujų Metų Visiems**
Council #96, Dayton, OH
Bowl with all your friends
at the
May 1990 Bowling Convention
Dayton, OH

LETTERS

Scholarship Thank You.

Dear Scholarship Committee and Members of the Knights of Lithuania:

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire membership of the Knights of Lithuania and to the Scholarship Committee, in particular, for awarding me a \$500 scholarship. Although this scholarship is a valuable financial contribution to my education, it carries with it an even deeper significance. This money is a representation of the heritage which has been an essential part of my life. I have enjoyed the opportunities I have had to explore my Lithuanian background. Many of these opportunities have been made possible through my affiliation with the Knights of Lithuania.

I would also like to thank my parents, Frank & Irene Petrauskas, for their continuous encouragement in both my educational endeavors and cultural experiences. Their support has been an elemental part of my success as a student.

I am extremely proud to accept this scholarship. It is an honor that I shall treasure for many years. Labai dėkių!

Barbara Petrauskas

Commemorative Stamp

Regarding an attempt to procure a commemorative postage stamp honoring memory of Darius & Girenas: A few years ago I spoke about the stamp with the Postmaster General of Chicago. He told me that commemorative U.S. postage stamps are never issued to mark a tragedy.

This same policy exists regarding monuments in the public parks of Chicago; the only monument marking a tragedy in the Chicago parks is the monument memorializing Darius and Girenas in Marquette Park. The ar-

ticle appearing in July issue of VYTIS regarding Darius & Girenas failed to mention this impressive monument.

Perhaps we Lithuanian-Americans should plan to implore the U.S. Postmaster General to issue a postage stamp celebrating the 125th anniversary of the immigration of Lithuanians to the United States. Major immigration to the U.S. started in 1865. The Swedes had a great U.S. postage stamp marking their immigration to the U.S.

Keep up the good work as Editor of VYTIS.

Stanley Pieza

TRANSLATIONS REQUESTED

Dear Editor:

Delegates and guests attending the 76th Knights of Lithuania Convention in Chicago, who heard Fr. Alfonsas Svarinskas' message and the Panel guided by Moderator Fr. Joseph Anderlonis with Vytautas Skuodis, Vladas Adamkus and Linas Kojelis as panelists were privileged to one of the most informative and inspiring presentations that have been conducted during a National Convention in some time.

Editor of Vytis, always searching for articles for its monthly publication, has a wonderful opportunity to publish their remarks; on a monthly basis, similar to your fine effort in describing the various areas of Lithuania during the past year. All members of the K of L would be able to read and profit from their remarks. Members not proficient in Lithuanian would also greatly benefit by the translations of the remarks of Fr. Svarinskas and Mr. Skuodis. Further, a record of their remarks would be an addition to our archives and be available for further reference by scholars in years to come.

Victor G. Mathieu

AVAILABLE FROM LCRA

"Lithuania, Land of Crosses," a new video documentary about the Catholic Church in Lithuania, featuring English commentary and actual footage of recent events. Includes Bishop Steponavicius at the Vilnius Cathedral, Cardinal Sladkevicius at Lithuanian Independence Day ceremonies in Kaunas and the transfer of the remains of St. Casimir to the Vilnius Cathedral. 20 min. VHS format. \$25.00 each, postpaid. Make checks payable to: Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid and mail to: 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207.

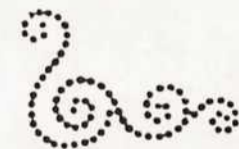
IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPH MEDELIS
C-79 Southfield, MI
† September 2, 1989

EDWARD F. PASKEY
C-144 Anthracite, PA
† September 15, 1989

ANTHONY KASPUTIS
C-36 Chicago, IL
† October 13, 1989

ANTANAS ZUMARAS
C-14 Cicero, IL
† October 18, 1989



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MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

Our first Mid-America District meeting for the year was hosted by C-112 at Nativity BVM School Hall.

The following were elected to carry the District to new plateaus: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas; Pres. Al Brazis C-112; 1st Vice pres. Evelyn Ozelis C-36; 2nd Vice pres. Ellie Kasputis C-112; 3rd Vice Pres. Ausra Padalino C-24; Rec. Sec. Robert Martin C-16; Treas. Al Zakarka C-112; Trustees Peter Zansaitis C-16, Ken Rudman C-16, Mary Juzenas C-112; Sgts. at Arms Glen Perutis C-16 and Joe Martikonis C-36.

Chairmanships are as follows: Lithuanian Affairs and College of Rome, Rita Zakarka; Ritual, Anne Marie Kassel; Public Relations, Estelle Rogers; Civic Affairs, Sabina Henson; Vytis Correspondent, Al Zakarka; Trumpet Newsletter, Josephine & Peter Juzenas.

Mass for deceased District members was hosted by C-16 at St. George Church on Nov. 19.

Our annual Memories of Lithuania Banquet will be held on Feb. 4 at the Martinique Restaurant in Evergreen Park.

The next Mid-America District meeting will be hosted by C-16 at St. George's Church in Bridgeport.

Al Zakarka

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

The final District meeting for 1989 took place on Sunday, Oct. 1 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Elizabeth, NJ. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Peter Žemeikis, with assistance from Dea-

cons Henry Keturwitis and Anthony Samalonis. Rev. Juozas Pragulbickas honored us with his presence. Fr. Žemeikis, in his sermon, spoke about the great faith of the K of L stating, "I do not know of many Lithuanian organizations who begin their activity with Holy Mass."

By happy coincidence, this Sunday was designated by Religious Aid calendar to pray for Lithuania. Special prayers were offered and a large Rūta wreath was placed at the wayside shrine outdoors by the church.

Onutė Matulevičaitė, pres. of C-52, greeted the guests at the luncheon. Immediately following luncheon, the meeting opened with a representation of 10 councils. Pres. John Adomenas opened the meeting with his "State of

District" report.

Bill Kumeta, president of C-41 Brooklyn spoke about the "Books for Lithuania" project. Every council should attempt to mail at least one bag of books or else make a donation for mailing expenses. Money and books should be sent to: Lithuanian Religious Aid, 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207.

John Adomenas reported on the enjoyable trip to Atlantic City, NJ wherein Ann Jillian performed at Trump Plaza Casino. Mary Kober reported that Ann is an avid reader of our VYTIS.

Reports on national convention were given by delegates Fred Lucka and Michael Zukas, both from C-152 Riverhead. We must comment that of all convention reports heard for many years, these were one of the best. Especially pleasant was the touch of humor which was enjoyed by all.

Elections took place. Due to personal reasons, Helen Matulonis had to step down as 1st Vice President and



MAD wreath-laying ceremony after Mass held in Elizabeth, NJ

John Sakal was elected in her place. Otherwise, the same board was re-elected. Resolution was passed wherein duties of Vice President for Membership and Membership Secretary were combined, thereby eliminating the Membership Secretary position.

We extend a Lietuviška Ačiū to C-52, Father Peter and everyone else who contributed to make this event such a success. The next convention date was set for March 11, 1990 wherein the Annual Communion Breakfast will be held with C-29 Newark, NJ acting as hosts.

Dalia Bulvicius

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Mid-Central District Convention and Pilgrimage this year was held in DuBois on Sept. 22-24. Delegates and friends were present from Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Saginaw and Southfield. The meeting was led by Pres. John Baltrus in St. Joseph Church hall on Saturday afternoon.

Newly elected officers are: Rev. G. Kijauskas SJ (Cleveland) spiritual advisor; John Baltrus (DuBois), pres.; Joseph Mantz (Dayton) 1st vice pres.; special projects; Eleanor Mantz (Dayton) 2nd vice pres. membership; Elena Mikalauskas (Dayton) 3rd vice pres. juniors; Marion Gray (Cleveland) recording sec.; Charles Machutas (Cleveland) treas.; Thomas Bruzga (DuBois) and Gus Baibak (Detroit) Sgts. at Arms; Sr. M. Francesca OFM (Pittsburgh) Lithuanian affairs; Mary Vaglia (Pittsburgh) Cultural; Alvina Luiza (Cleveland) Ritual; Vincent Gray (Cleveland) public relations and Vytis correspondent; Catherine Kurpowic (Detroit) and George Mikalauskas (Dayton) trustees.

Although St. Joseph's pastor, Fr. James Kennally, is not of Lithuanian

extraction his talk on Sat. morning on Lithuania's roots, ministry, culture and traditions could not have been expressed better by a native son. "The attitudes of Lithuania's success," he concluded "are faith, hope and love".

Before Mass on Sun. morning, members gathered in church to pray for all deceased members of the District. As names were called out by a member of their respective council, candles were lit on the altar in their memory. Fr. Kennally swore in the new officers at the closing of the Mass.

After Mass, members and guests gathered at the Lithuanian Club for a farewell dinner; a real Lithuanian style dinner it was.

The Spring MCD Convention and Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Dayton on May 18-20, 1990.

The 77th National Convention will be hosted by Pittsburgh C-19 on July 25 through 29, 1990.

Vince Gray

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

On Sept. 17 our council hosted the NED Convention at St. Francis Church with 101 delegates, clergy and guests in attendance. The council also marked the 75th anniversary of its founding. Granted a charter on



C-10 members at K of L function:

May 29, 1914, the council through the years has truly lived up to their motto "For God and Country" in their cultural and religious endeavors. The delegates, color guard and altar boys proceeded to church led Fr. Joseph Jurgelonis. Prior to Mass, fourth degree awards were made by Rita Pinkus.

Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Joe and Rev. Justin Steponaitis, former pastor now residing in Westbrook, CT. Kathryn Paliulis and Brone Wisniauskas dressed in Lithuanian dress presented the offertory gifts. Joanna Chastney was in charge of the flower arrangements in church. Brunch was served by a committee headed by Nel Melaika.

Sessions were opened with welcoming words by Pres. Bill Wisniauskas and invocation given by Fr. Jurgelonis. Presiding was Pres. Al Akule. Prayers were offered for Al Jaritis who was killed in a tragic accident this summer. Clergy in attendance were district spiritual advisor, Rev. Sakalys of Brockton, Rev. Petrauskas of Worcester and Rev. Janiunas of Lawrence.

Wine and cheese break was chaired by Lennie Davidonis who also prepared a display of K of L photos taken through the years that drew a lot of attention. He also had a raffle table of handcrafted articles.

Rep. Chester Suchocki of our district, who also has Lithuanian blood in him, gave an inspiring talk and presented the council with a citation on behalf of the House of Representatives.

Following oath of office by newly elected officers, supper was served by a committee headed by Ellie Baltakis. Brone Wisniauskas was in charge of the large raffle table. Blanche Genaitis handled the registration. Minnie Hakkinen donated the flowers to decorate the hall. Local

boy scout troop was in charge of setup.

Local newspapers gave an excellent write-up along with pictures of the event. AČIU. Vincukas

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

It is difficult to realize that already it is December and the end of an eventful 1989. C-12 had a most memorable *Baisiojo Birželio Minejima*, with patriotic songs, poetry and a wonderful speaker Rev. Karl Claver, a graduate of St. Casimir's College in Rome.

About 20 of us attended the National Convention in Chicago. That's not bad for a council of 80 or so. Our council received first prize from Vytis Editor, Mary Kober, for the "SPOT-LITE ON A COUNCIL" write up. We are proud of new honorary member, Fran Petkus, who thanked C-12 in her acceptance speech for "immersing" her in the pool of K of L activities. We are also proud of our council's historian and faithful member, Barbara Kartanowitz, who received the fourth degree.

A few months ago a most faithful and generous member Josephine Kaktus was summoned by her Creator. When our "kitty" was getting low, she donated \$500. At our parish din-



C-12 Betty Janonis & Millie Pietz in Alaska.

ners, her beautiful afghans were the most coveted prizes. After her death, three station wagons full of books arrived at the Religious Aid office in Brooklyn; everything from Jean Paul Satre to Agatha Christie and the Lithuanian Encyclopedia.

Many of us greeted the Lithuanian sailors in New York Harbor and donated \$100 for their cause. Another \$100 went to the Lithuanian St. Casimir's College in Rome.

Vacation is always nice but now it's time to get back to work for God and Country. Dalia Bulvicius

C-24 CHICAGO, IL

Our thanks to all members and guests who made our Convention and Hospitality Room a delightful and constructive memory. Pres. Frank Jurgaitis and C-24 thank Joseph Aukstikalnis-Stark and John Stanievich of C-102 Detroit who provided us with music. Thanks to Joe & Loretta Simon for inviting them. Thanks also to Vince & Bernice Neberieza for doing a terrific job of supplying food and beverages. Everyone had a great time singing, dancing and mingling with Councils from different states. Our Juniors made more news at the convention when Dana and Gaile Butts won honorable mention in the Essay Contest. Valio for our other Juniors who brought distinction: Gabija Astrauskaitė, David, Andrew and Sarah Neberieza, Nina, Natalija and Ronald Padalino. Kudos and appreciation to Aušra Padalino who rented two rooms and had 9 Juniors under her supervision all days and events during the convention. What a lady - "Woman of the Year". She said she lost 10 lbs. that weekend.

Congratulations to Aušra who is 3rd Vice President for the Mid-America District. Compliments to Al

Brazis and his committee for a convention to be long remembered.

The "Day at the Races" in July was very successful with 132 supporters and friends of C-24. Thanks to all.

Josephine Mankus is our new financial secretary. Congratulations to Sister Ruth Simonavicius on celebrating her Golden Anniversary Jubilee as a Sister of St. Casimir on August 13, 1989. Sister Ruth is Joe Simon's sister.

Irene Aizinas visited her daughter this summer who lives in Columbia and her husband Charlie visited Lithuania. He told us of all his adventures and the Lithuanian lifestyle at our Sept. meeting. Member Edward Schumann (Schumanas - Lietuvys) also attended our meeting. He is running for Democratic Board of (Tax) Appeals of Cook County next year. He gave us much information in regards to ethnic people and how he has helped them and will continue to help them in the future. Lithuanians - He needs your help!

Our deepest sympathy to Lelugas family on the death of member, Charles Lelugas, who was our 1st Vice President. Get well wishes are extended to Rachel Jurgaitis who had bypass surgery. Pres. Frank is her nurse. John Paukstis is feeling chipper and has gained a little weight. Florida member, Jean Zaukas, is feeling much better while Regina Simokaitis has been on the sick list.

C-24 has custom-made K of L windsocks available in Lithuanian colors of yellow, green and red with the K of L emblem "Vytis" displayed. This windsock should be displayed in every Lithuanian home and also a great gift for the coming holidays. We also have K of L T-shirts. Our Lithuanian windsocks are presently flying in France and Lithuania. They are moving fast. Hurry and send your order to: Frank Jurgaitis, 5553 S. Moody Ave.,

Chicago, IL 60638 or phone (312) 767-8952. You'll love it.

Nu tai - good health and happiness to all K of L'ers. *Bité*

C-26 WORCESTER, MA

The council's aggregate activities were at a stand-still throughout the months of July and August with only the July meeting at the Walinsky's home in West Millbury and the District meeting in Athol. Eight of our members attended and reported that all went well with the preparations for the District scholarship picnic.

The Sept. meeting was a review of the minutes of the old business of June and July. Coffee and donated pastries followed.

A pot luck supper started the dinner meeting of Oct. Members attending consumed almost every morsel of a variety of delicious food courses prepared at home and brought in by the ladies. I know not of any male that contributed their cooking or baking talents for the meal. Thanks to the girls.

After usual agenda of business completed by Pres. Rita Pinkus, nominated candidates were accepted and slated for election during the Nov. meeting.

Mention must be made of those C-26 self-giving individuals who, with full active and responsible lives, still find time to volunteer to perform duties at local hospitals, such as Rita Pinkus, Anne Bachinskis, Rita Margosian, Helen Tamulevich and Anne Walinsky.

A testimonial dinner was held in Nov. honoring Kazys Adomavicius for his 25 years of service as president of the Lithuanian Charitable Society - Marionis Park. A choral program was presented by a men's chorus comprised of "Friends of Kazys" under the direction and accompaniment of Olga



Vince Gray (left) joins Mr. & Mrs. Stasys Ruseckas in leading the sing-along at MCD Pilgrimage and Convention in DuBois.

Kersis. Many words of esteem were offered in speeches by state, city, town and organizational representatives. It was a deserving tribute to one who gave so much of his life to build for others to enjoy.

The new bowling season got underway with Joey Howard and Gerry Paliliunas handling the executive positions of director and treasurer, respectively. Bowlers, go get them, show the pins no mercy.

On Oct. 15 the NED Scholarship Picnic took place at Marionis Park.

The function got started with C-26 supplying the needs and deeds of the kitchen. The early work crew laid the ground work for the Athol and Westfield councils to assume charge of the operations for the duration of the affair.

Among the senior members of C-26 are Mary & Bart March. They are in their 58th year of love and kisses. After 5 children, 16 grandchildren, a new addition has enlarged their family with the ninth great grandchild. Marion & Arthur Racicot are the grand-



C-29 K of L'ers picnic at National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestechowa in Doylestown, PA

parents of this miracle, a boy, the sixth of their grandchildren.

Bea Anton is recuperating after a battle with pneumonia. Sharon Gouin is hobbling around after knee surgery. Get well, please, we need you.

I take this means to thank Msgr. Prunskis and the K of L Foundation for the establishment of the essay competition. The monetary prize which I received was incredible. Many thanks!
S. V. W., sr.

C-36 CHICAGO, IL

Congratulations to our newly elected officers! They are: Rev. F. Kirielis, spiritual advisor; Evelyn Ozelis, Pres.; Ray Wertelka, 1st Vice Pres.; Mary Kincius, 2nd Vice Pres.; Sabina Henson, 3rd Vice Pres.; Frances Urnazu, Rec. Sec.; Val Vilunas, Fin. Sec.; Joe Martikonis, Treas.; Lorraine Baginski, Corres. Sec.; Frank Grigalunas, Vytautas Dijokas, Mark Kincius, Sgt. at arms; Anthony Stakenas, Vincent Samaska, Irene Norushis, Trustees.

Congratulations to Evelyn Ozelis who was elected 1st Vice Pres. and Joe Martikonis, Sgt at Arms of our District.

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

Judging from the splendid attendance at our Sept. meeting, our hopes are running high that more have joined in the spirit of getting to know these Knights of Lithuania.

There were eight delegates to the Convention in Chicago: Isabel & Frank Peterson, Ann Meskins, Helen Medley, Theresa Mehringer, Nellie Ericson, Magdalen Cronin and Mary Geipel. Eleanor Dapkus and Charles Zaremsky went as guests. Charles Zaremsky was overwhelmed with his first impressions of the magnitude of the Lithuanian community in Chicago. Of course, others who attended could



Participants in Lithuanian Rosary hosted by C-74 and C-143 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton.

not say enough; they had a wonderful time.

Frank Peterson was installed as the new Treasurer for the Supreme Council. Ann Meskins received her Fourth Degree. Al Gedrim was again honored for placing New Haven C-50 in third place for the highest increase in membership in 1989. Congratulations to all!

The NED Convention was held in Athol in Sept. Frank Peterson, trustee, attended with Audrey Toole, who received her Third Degree and Bernice Barille, who received her Fourth Degree. Congratulations!

Our annual K of L picnic was again held at Fort Hale Park. Rev. Facciuto came with Rev. Karalis and won the bocci game. Thanks to Al Gedrim for getting the grounds. As usual, it was a great day for all who attended.

Our annual picnic at the Raccoon Club in Durham turned out to be one of the top festivals going in the State. Many Knights worked unceasingly for several days. Marion Meshako was the organizer for this event.

Our newest members are Tara Taragowski and Benedict & Marci Mikolinski. Welcome! Congratula-

tions to Mr. & Mrs. Fleming on their 50th.
H.B.

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

The Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum, a part of the McDade Park Complex in West Scranton, is featuring a display of the culture and contributions of Lithuanians of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The City of Scranton and vicinity was settled by a variety of ethnic groups whose fathers and sons were employed in the hazardous mining industry. Under the direction of Chester Kulesa, curator, with the assistance of the Knights of Lithuania, the Lithuanian-American Community and the Sisters at St. Mary's Villa, the museum's auditorium reflects the yellow, green and red Lithuanian flag. Two manikins dressed in Lithuanian costume, posters of Lithuanian coat-of-arms, the legendary iron wolf and characters from the folk tale "Eglė and the Serpent" are viewed. Two showcases are filled with memorabilia of the founder of Sisters at St. Mary's Villa and contributions from the Pateliunas family. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from Noon

to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The Lithuanian display will be featured for the remaining of the year.

The Tenth Annual K of L Rosary Devotion was held in Oct. in St. Peter's Cathedral. The program was hosted by C-74 and C-143 of Pittston and coordinated by Marie Laske and Nellie B. Romanas. Principal celebrant and homilist was Msgr. Frank Yashkas, pastor emeritus of St. Ann's Church of Luzerne. Bob Keheler, organist at St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, coordinated the music ministry. Helen Cravath was lector. Richard & Marie Laske distributed rosaries. The third decade of the rosary was in Lithuanian.

Jean Kavelines chaired our annual fund-raiser. Pranas Shimkus won the first prize, a handmade quilt.

Knights who attend at least one meeting were honored at an appreciation dinner at Jim Dandy's. Everyone had a good time.

Mary Costello chaired the Kučios which was open to the public.

Marie Laske

C-79 SOUTHFIELD, MI

In the space of a few weeks, after the summer vacations and with the Women's Alliance Chapter 54, we arranged our Sixth Annual Luncheon and Card Party held in Sept. Winners of the cash raffle were: \$100 Charles Bagdon; \$50 Adele Wilchesky and \$25 Mary Kazlauskas, our Ohio resident member. The party was a flowery success despite the fact many members' attendance was missing. I say "flowery success" because 39 plants and planters were given as prizes.

Pres. Maggie Smailis, Vill & Margaret Dapkus, Mary Keller and Joe Yakstys attended the National Convention in Chicago as delegates. They rendered their reports relating the issues debated and voted on during the



sessions.

On Sept. 22, Ramutis Bulota was laid to rest with a military funeral, having been a Vietnam veteran. A group of Knights attended impressive Wake Services to relay their condolences to wife Valentina and son Anthony. Ramutis was the son-in-law of Walter & Stella Hotra, our council's fin. sec. Rest in peace, Ray.

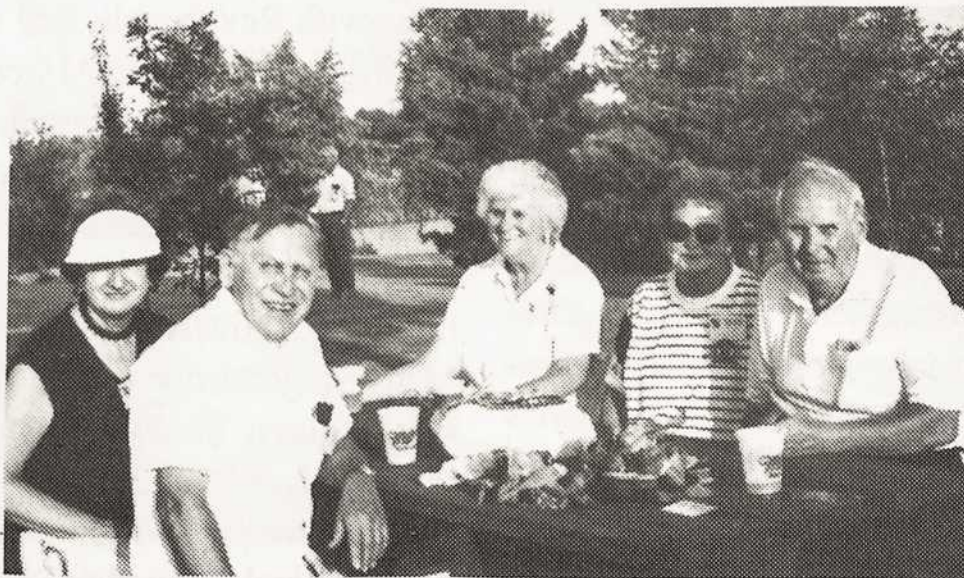
Some members are still taking vacations. Margaret Ann Nashlon and Mariann Newberry flew to Ocean-side, CA for a week's stay. Marge, now a Florida resident, spent the summer with mom, Maggie Smailis.

Carolyn Marzolf is the only member on the sick list at the time of writing.

Bee Jay

C-86 DuBOIS, PA

C-86 held their annual picnic in



Nat'l Convention delegates from C-79 at Rudis Farm: Margaret & Bill Dapkus, Maggie Smailis, Mary Keller & Joe Yakstys.

August. After enjoying the good food, we held our meeting and election of officers. As our guests, we had a couple visiting from Brazil.

We hosted the Mid-Central District Pilgrimage and Convention. On Friday evening, a get-together was held at Best Western.

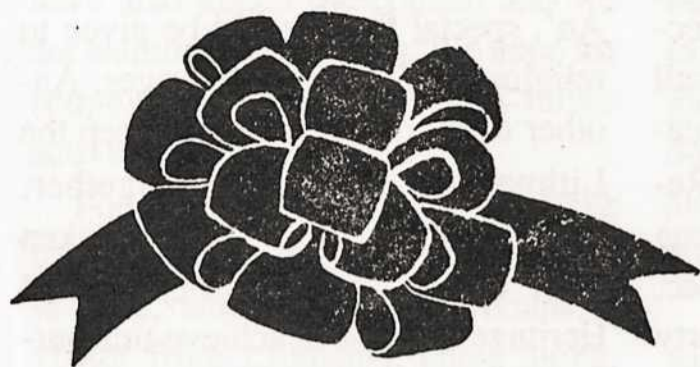
Saturday morning, after a wake up juice, coffee, donuts and rolls, Fr. Kennelly, pastor of St. Joseph Church and our spiritual advisor, gave a very interesting talk entitled "Cross Cultural and the Cross."

Saturday afternoon meeting was chaired by our member John Baltrus and the MCD president. After the business meeting, election of officers was held. John was re-elected President and Tom Bruzga continues to serve as sergeant at arms. On Saturday evening, a cocktail hour, dinner and dance were held at Leopold Hall.

Due to the inclement weather on Sunday, our service for the deceased members was held at St. Joseph Church with Mass following. A dinner was served at the Lith's Club.

Members from the following councils were in attendance: C-19 Pittsburgh, C-25 Cleveland, C-86 DuBois, C-96 Dayton, C-102 Detroit and C-79 Southfield. We also had as our guests a couple from Lithuania.

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C-96 DAYTON, OH

We must give a round of applause to the members and juniors who did not let the rain dampen their spirits as we made our annual visit to the graves of deceased members at Calvary Cemetery. Flowers which were on Holy Cross Church altars were in memory of our deceased members buried out of town. Thanks to the Mikalauskas family, George, Fritzie and Elena for providing plenty of refreshments. Holding umbrellas did not prevent us from munching donuts and drinking coffee and pop. Furst, came through with beautiful flowers.

Congratulation to Junior Knight Eric Geiger who received the top Knights of Lithuania scholarship award at the National Convention in Chicago. Steve Keivel was one of 47 American athletes who represented the U.S. in the nine-mile Australian run. His breath-taking first place run was 47.70.

Congratulations to Fran Petkus for receiving the Honorary Membership Award at the National Convention.

Deepest sympathies go to the Pacovsky family on the recent death of their father and grandfather, Ladimer Pacovsky. Sympathies are extended to the Joe Gecas family for the loss of his mother, Julija Gecas. May they rest in peace.

Get well wishes go out to John Berczelly. Keep John and all members in your prayers.

Belated congratulations to Sally Miller and her dedicated team for the fine job they did at the convention center's World A'Fair. Through the beautiful Christmas ornaments, the council was able to realize a profit. Joe P. Mantz and Joe Fletcher are co-chairs for the MC Spring Convention and Bowling Tournament. They recently finalized the arrangements with Ramada Inn and Marion Bowling

Lanes.

On Nov. 4 C-96 held annual election night dinner in the church hall after evening Mass. Dinner was catered by Catherine Prasmantas. Refreshment bar was hosted by Elena Mikalauskas and Irene Gecas. On Dec. 13 the annual ladies Christmas party was held at Anticoli's Italian Restaurant. Reservations were handled by Fritzie and Elena Mikalauskas.

Congratulations to 50/50 winners in August to Irene Gecas and in Sept. to Eloise Berczelly.

Mary Agnes

C-103 PROVIDENCE, RI

Attendance at our Sept. meeting was very sparse due to many activities that were held in the New England area with our members participating in these events.

The usual business reports were presented with special attention given to NED Convention in Athol and the coming dance at the Lithuanian Club sponsored by our council to benefit the "Boiler Fund" for our parish church, St. Casimir. Our council also planned a table and three baskets of goodies and cheer to be raffled at the NED Cultural Festival in Oct. in Worcester.

Thirty-one members were present at our Oct. election meeting. Mention was made of Peter Danisewich who was recently hospitalized and is now recuperating at home. Prayers and cards should be sent to our "Cook and Parish Handyman". Prayerful wishes for a speedy recovery.

The "Shurram Burrum" dance at the Lithuanian Club sponsored by our council for our church was successful with a sizable sum presented to our pastor, Fr. Klimanskis.

Fr. Klimanskis asked the council to consider contributing toward the purchase of a TV and VCR for the parish

hall so that every Sunday at the Coffee An', special focus could be given to religious and cultural messages. Another effort of our pastor to keep the Lithuanian community together. Members agreed that monies be taken from both council treasury and RI Heritage account to achieve this purpose. Council also purchased an ad in the Christmas issue of VYTIS. Election of officers was then held.

Ritual chairlady Elizabeth Ciuryla suggested that members who do not have sufficient points to get degrees volunteer to serve on the elective posts. Her appeal went unheeded. It was finally agreed that the present slate of incumbent officers and committee members remain for another term. For the record and edification of Supreme Council and New England District officials, the names of officers are as follows: Bertha R. Stoskus, pres.; John Waleska, 1st Vice Pres.; William J. Piacentini, Jr., 2nd Vice Pres.; Helen Gudeczauskas, Rec. Sec.; Anthony Gudeczauskas, Treas.; Irene Walaska, Corres. Sec.; Helen Zielinski, Fin. Sec.; Peter Danisewich, John Jacknevich, Trustees; William J. Piacentini, Jr., Lithuanian Affairs; Veronica Kiela, Sunshine; E. Ruth Krecioch, Cultural; Elizabeth Ciuryla, Ritual; Irene Landanski, chair., Alice Grybas, Milda Traskauskas and Elizabeth Tribuisis, Social; Victor G. Mathieu, Vytis Correspondent.

Victor G. Mathieu

109 GREAT NECK, NY

Though we are missing quite a few of our members at monthly meetings, we have had fairly good attendance. It is difficult to make plans when a full complement is not present.

A warm welcome is extended to new members, Emilie Winsky and daughter Mimi. Alphonse & Dorothy Mazelis and Walter & Patricia Ulbin

have also joined the council and we are waiting to greet them. We hope for active members to help plan future activities.

For a source of income, we have had two bus trips to Atlantic City; one in June, when Vytautas Urbonas, a visitor from Lithuania, came along. We had him change seats frequently on the bus so that we were able to point out the various landmarks along the route, and for some, to practice our Lithuanian. The Statue of Liberty, the NYC skyline, and the lighted waterfront buildings at dusk, were beautiful sights, and in our enthusiasm, emphasized how proud we are of this great country. While we enjoyed asking questions of our visitor, we hope he also learned from us about our way of life. In Sept., we made another Atlantic City bus trip and this time were privileged to have with us, Rev. Cipriano daSilva, a visiting priest who would soon be returning to India. Again, everyone chimed in to cite points of interest.

Most enjoyed the summer - some traveled far and wide. Martha Krug vacationed in Vermont; Mary Wesley in California (in San Francisco two weeks before the quake); Adele & Arthur Nelson relaxed in their home in Kennebunk, ME; Eufemija Cibas Steponis, now residing in Seven Hills, OH came "home" a few times; Isabelle Boza stayed with Kestutis & Anne Miklas in Singer Island, FL; and Jack Malis, determined to see it all, took another trip to Lithuania. Al Wesley and the Kobers attended the Chicago National Convention, where Nancy Kober was elected to a 3-year term on the Scholarship Committee. Nancy, who is a busy NYC lawyer, working with judges in criminal courts, is to be congratulated in agreeing to become a part of this National Committee. Jean Mactutis made the K of L

bus trip to view the Ann Jillian Show in Atlantic City and enjoyed it immensely. Ann Jillian was most patient during the many photo requests, and always gracious to her Lithuanian friends.

We rejoice with our 50th anniversary celebrants, Clara & Paul Wasolock and Mary & George Blecka. Bertha & Howard Fuchs celebrated their 52 years of wedded bliss. We wish these couples many more happy years together.

Our first attempt at a Bake Sale combined with a Rummage Sale proved to be successful. It was hard work getting enough baked goods for a two-day sale, but it can be done, and was. Our thanks to all who provided saleable items and all who came to purchase.

Joseph Carroll was in the hospital for an extended time, has completely recovered, and now has a new address. We extend sincere sympathies to the families of Joseph Savicky who died in July. This year, too, Mary Pelkus lost her mom, Constance Waznes, and Jane Schwarz her mom, Isabel Glatke, both in their 90's. We learned of Lillian Remenchus death, wife of Joseph, long residents of Miami, FL. Before their move, both were very active in our council. We were heartbroken, also, to learn of the accidental death of 17-yr. old Lisa Boza, daughter of former members, Kay & Dick, who recently moved to Florida. We pray their souls are at peace.

Our St. Casimir's Day commemoration will be held Sun., March 4, 1990. Mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. at St. Aloysius Church, Great Neck with lunch immediately following at Lauraine Murphy's Restaurant in Manhasset. We are planning for an extraordinary speaker.

LINSMUJ KALĖDUJ to all members and friends. Enjoy the season; it is

the most solemn, beautiful time of the year. LINKSMUJ NAUJU METU, also, as we hope for renewed interest in our council, and some interesting, exciting activities in the coming year. VĖLINAM VISO GĖRO! Jo Z.

C-112 CHICAGO, IL

C-112 is back to routine business after hosting one of the more successful conventions.

With sadness, we wish to express our condolences to Josephine, Peter and Mary Juzenas on the untimely death of their daughter and sister, Judith; to Harry Petraitis on the death of his brother; to the Butkus family on the death of Vito and to the Vilkas family on the death of John. May they rest in peace.

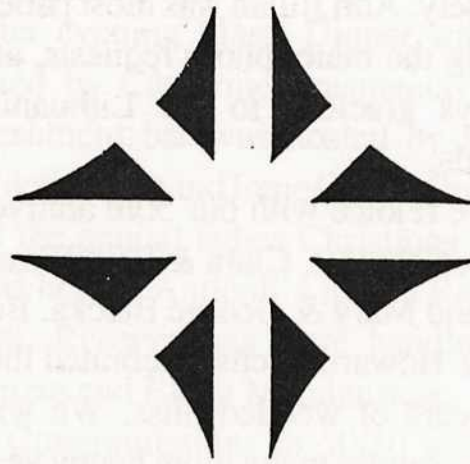
Our Sept. meeting consisted of reports and elections. The following were elected: Spiritual Advisor, Cannon V. Zakarauskas; Pres., Alexander Mockus; 1st V.P., Joe Brundza; 2nd V.P., Ellie Kasputis; 3rd V.P., Maria Deksnis; Rec. Sec., Donna Juraitis; Corres. Sec., Josephine & Peter Juzenas; Treas., Al Dagis; Fin. Sec., Mary Juzenas; Trustees, Lorraine Svelnis, Albert Cekanor; Sgts. at Arms, Matt Vilutis and Edward Pocius.

Committee Chairmen: Lithuanian Affairs, Rita Zakarka; Publicity, Aldona Brazis; Social, Julie Zakarka; Ritual, Al Zakarka; Courtesy, Estelle Rogers; Photographer, Dolores Wainauskas; Vytis Corres., Al Zakarka.

C-112 hosted the Nov. 1 Mass for the beatification of Mother Maria Kaupas. Susan Binkis coordinated this event for our council.

Lastly, but most important, C-112 wishes to express thanks to the Knights of Lithuania members and friends for all their help, assistance and participation in our 76th K of L National Convention. Širdingai ir Vytiškai Ačiū!

Al Zakarka

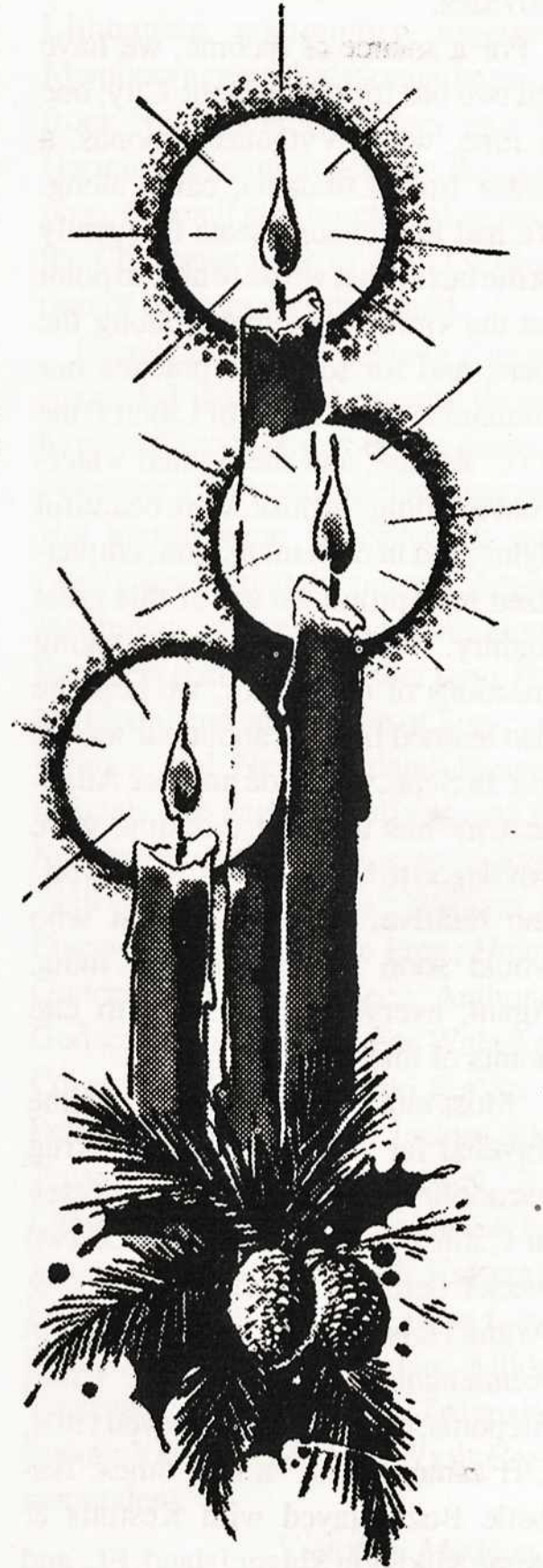


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Jonas Adomenas and Stephanie Horton



C-143 PITTSTON, PA

C-143 had a very productive May meeting in making plans for the balance of the spring and summer months.

In June our members traveled in different directions. On June 11, we were represented at the Amber District meeting hosted by C-144 in Maizeville. Then, in June C-143 sponsored a bus trip to Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown to participate in a Baltic Day of Prayer. Knight Annamarie Sewatsky did a fine job in getting the trip organized for both members and guests. It was a colorful sight with all the Lithuanian costumes. Most of all, it was a prayerful and emotional day when one realizes all prayers offered from the heart in community for our beloved Lithuania.

Members participated in the Pittston Tomato Festival Parade in August. Thousands of people lined the parade route and our K of L'ers did their

Lithuanian heritage proud.

Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Alisauskas led the Way of the Cross in the monastery gardens and the St. Ann's novena prayers in Lithuanian at St. Ann's in Scranton on July 26, the Feast Day.

In Sept. our council was invited to the Lackawanna Multipurpose Stadium for Willard Scott's arrival to promote WBRE TV Tower of Power. Willard was very sincere and happy to see us at 6:30 a.m. We were on national television's Today Show with Willard Scott and got special color photo coverage in the Wilkes Barre Times Leader.

July meeting was special because we were truly blessed with not one but four guests from Lithuania. Fr. Alisauskas introduced his three guests who spent much of the summer with him. His young relatives from Piri- enas, Lithuania were Rasytė Ziobaitis, Aluydas & Daiva Bartulis. Zigmās

Romanauskas from Trakai, Lithuania was our fourth guest. He is nephew of Pres. Nellie & Professor Romanas. He spent most of the summer with them. Each gave a short talk. They were informative, enlightening and a pleasure to hear their remarks.

Congratulations to Annamarie Sewatsky who received her Fourth Degree at the National Convention in Chicago.

Members Margaret Zukauskas and Filbert Bartoli had a hard time this summer with illness. Margaret is home now but Filbert is still hospitalized. We pray for their recovery.

Eleanor Bellanco

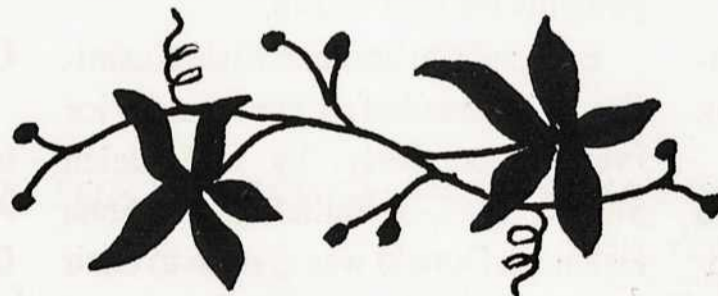
C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

October was a busy month for Anthracite Council. Incumbent officers were installed for a second term by ritual chairlady Helen Chesko in the social quarters of Our Lady of

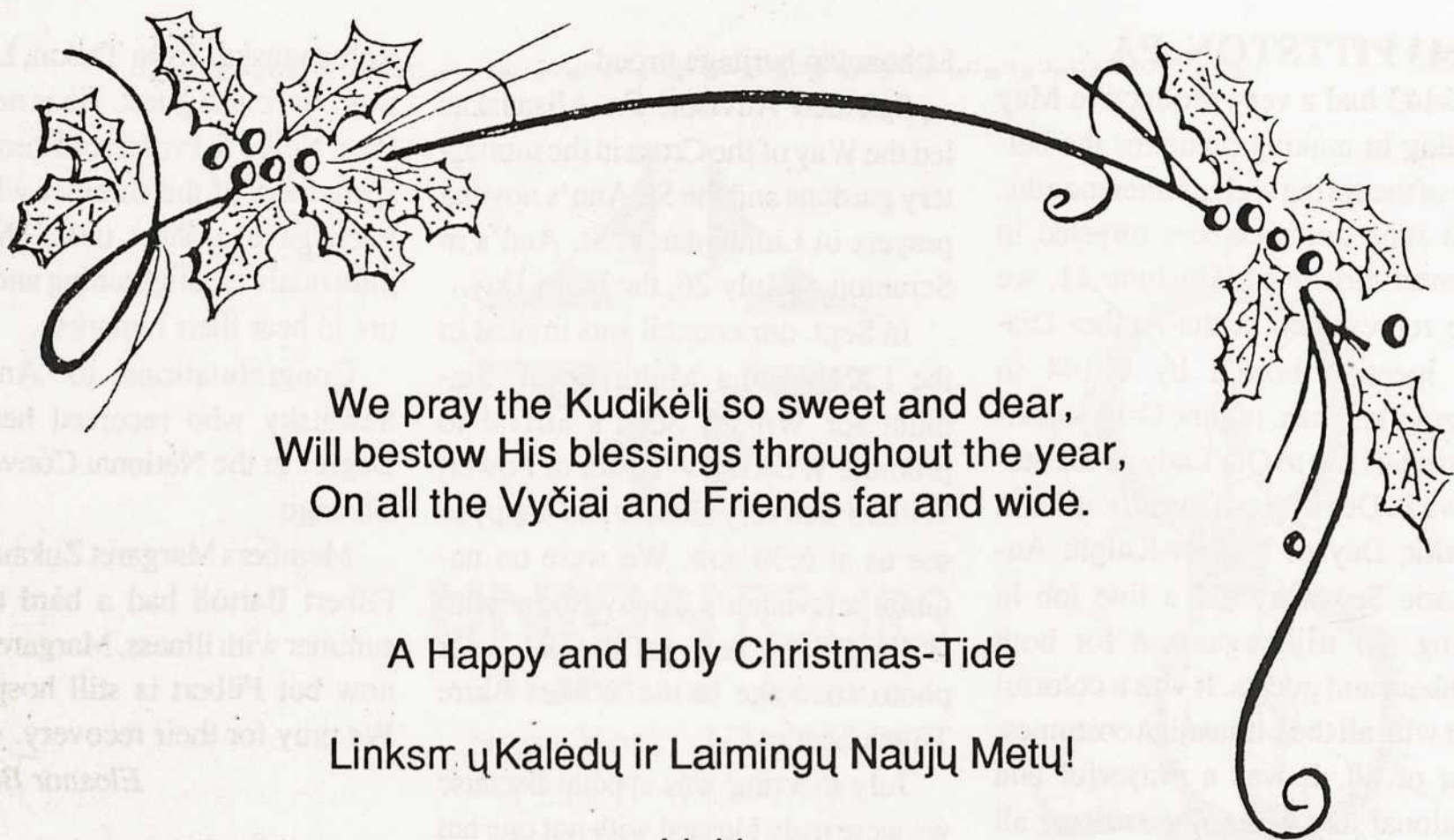


*Linkime visiems Vyčiams Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų ir
Laimingų Naujųjų Metų!*

May you find Him in the small and simple things.
May you meet Him in a little child on Christmas Day.
A Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



**Members of
Council 100
Amsterdam, NY**



We pray the Kudikėlj so sweet and dear,
Will bestow His blessings throughout the year,
On all the Vyčiai and Friends far and wide.

A Happy and Holy Christmas-Tide

Linksm ir Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų!

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C-74 SCRANTON, PA

Siluva, Maizeville.

Fr. Matthew Jarasunas, pastor, will continue to serve as spiritual advisor. Officers elected are: Eleanor Vaicaitis, Pres.; John Joseph, Vice Pres.; Anna Supernavage, Sec.; Anna Helen McDonald, Treas.; Eva Yurkewicz, Fin. Sec.; Joseph Kaselonis and Bernard Zilaitis, Sgts. at Arms; Anna Wargo, Elsie Kosmisky and Joseph Yezulinas, Trustees. Chairmen for standing committees: Mary Koons, cultural; Joseph Martunas, Lithuanian Affairs; Helen Chesko, Ritual; Olympia Zelinski, Vytis correspondent and public relations.

The male Knights served refreshments after the installation meeting according to tradition.

Fin. Sec. Eva Yurkewicz reported a membership of 251. Kučios is scheduled for Dec. 10 in Minersville for Knights only.

In Jan., Feb. and March, council

meetings will be held on the last Sunday of the month after the noon Lithuanian Mass in Our Lady of Siluva social quarters.

Elsie Kosmisky and Eleanor Vaicaitis hosted a bus trip to the Lithuanian Music Hall in Philadelphia for a cultural night with the Cleveland Octet in concert. A varied, delightful program of Lithuanian music was presented. C-118 Hazleton Knights joined the group.

Delegates, 23 in number, returned from the Amber District meeting in Hazleton with many thanks and compliments for host C-118.

Edmund Carlitus and Elsie Kosmisky were installed as Treas. and Vice Pres., respectively, by HM Helen Shields of C-3 Philadelphia. Anna Helen McDonald was chosen to chair public relations.

Olympia Zelinski and Alberta Bartash visited Lithuania in Sept. and

commented on conditions in Lithuania at the present time.

The profit realized from the refreshment stand, raffle, donations and other activities at the Eastern European Festival at Boscov's in Fairlane Mall amounted to \$7,000. An amount of \$3,500 was donated to the Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome and the balance of \$3,500 was allocated to the needs of the church in Lithuania. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to make possible this donation by Anthracite Council for the promotion of Lithuanianism.

C-152 RIVERHEAD, NY

On Sunday, Oct. 1st, twelve members of our council attended the Mid-Atlantic District meeting held at Sts. Peter & Paul Church and church hall in Elizabeth, NJ. Our hosts, C-52, were unsparing in their hospitality to the visiting Knights and it is a most wel-

come pleasure to thank them here publicly.

Two happenings at the District meeting are the source of special pride to C-152:

Our Past President, John Sakal, was elected First Vice President of the District. Also, the business, social and fraternal details of the National Convention in Chicago were reported by members of our Council, Mike Zukas

and Fred Lucka, who were delegates. Both reports were comprehensive and were enthusiastically applauded by the attending Knights.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, in connection with our council's regular monthly meeting, a "Kielbasa Luncheon" was held, at which, for a modest price, Council members and their guests enjoyed an ample and delicious repast prepared by a group of council ladies. Most assuredly, there were no com-

plaints as to either the quantity or quality of the dishes served.

As winter and year-end draw near, our Council members are now turning their attention to our Annual Christmas Party to be held in Riverhead on Sunday, Dec. 3. As is our policy, outside guests and the public will be welcome to participate in what we anticipate will be a most pleasant social function.

Tom Tarmey

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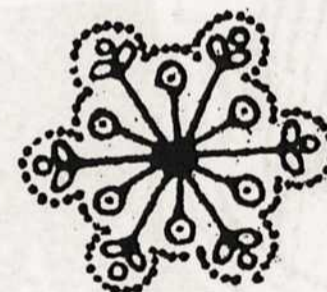
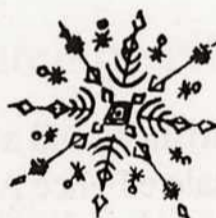
It is unknown as to the actual count of Lithuanians entering the United States because many were listed as Russians. Others who did not understand the word nationality and listed themselves as Catholics, were entered as being Polish. Some Lithuanians were duped; thinking they were going to the United States, they were debarked in South America. They lived a life of poverty for many, many years because they were obligated to repay their transportation fare. Lithuanian families settled

in England, Canada, and as far away as Australia. Today, if it were possible, we would witness another exodus of Lithuanians. Remember Simas Kudirka? There are many others.

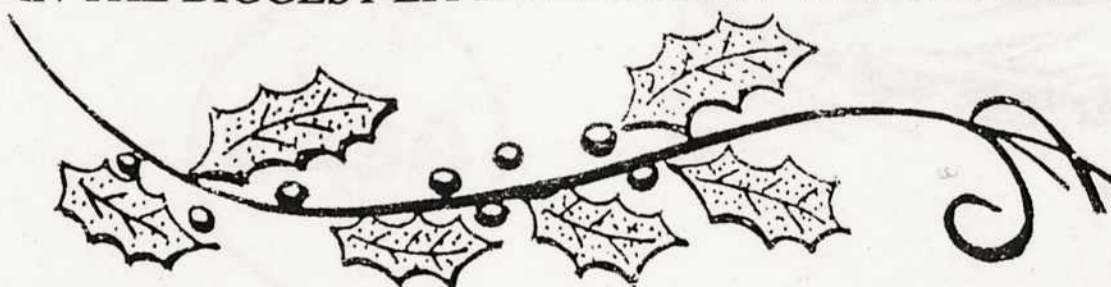
The first immigrants attended churches of other nationalities, usually Polish, or Slovak churches. As priests were ordained and churches built, Lithuanians settled around their churches and formed their communities.

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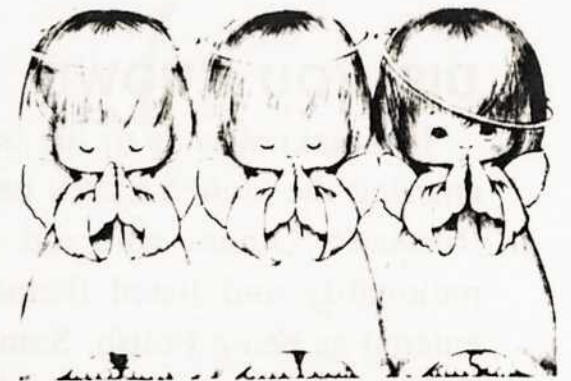
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Mgr. Algimantas Bartkus, Rektorius

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!
 Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!!!

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