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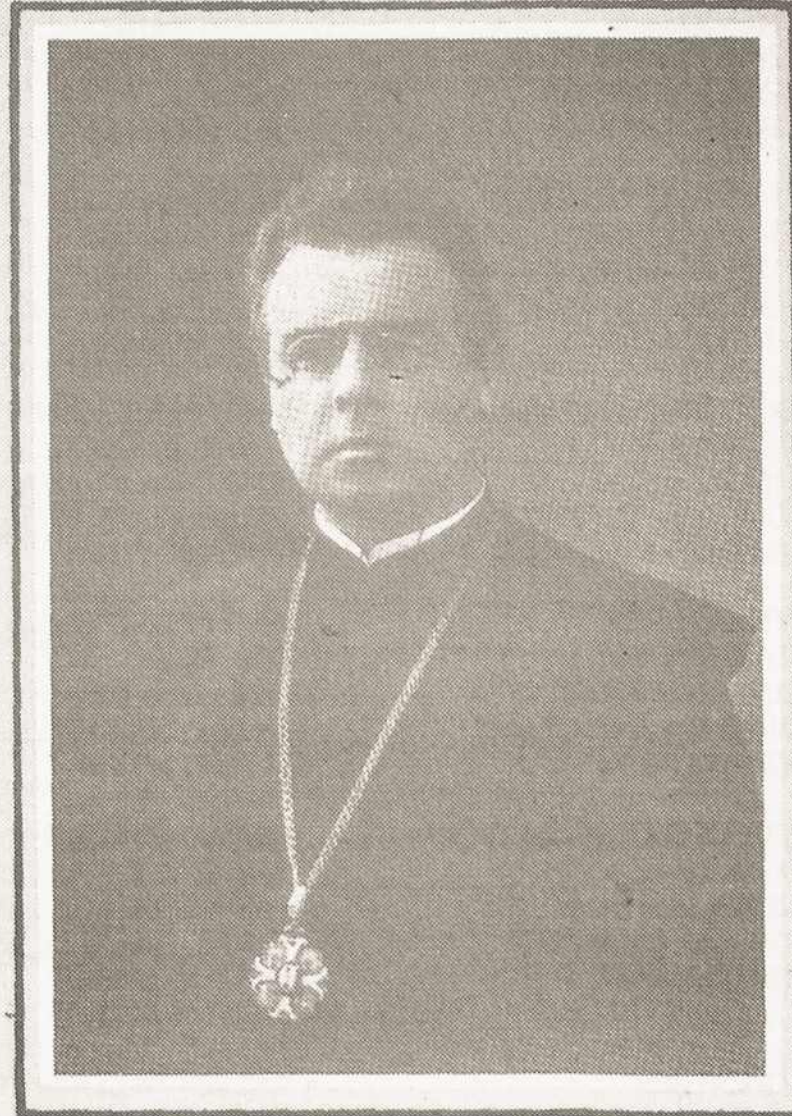
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A Visit to the Vilnius Cathedral

Ed Baranauskas

Lithuania is a land that is rich in history and has many places that are dear to the hearts of every Lithuanian. One of these is the Vilnius Cathedral.

During a visit to the land of my parents, the Intourist guide one day escorted my tourist group for a sight-seeing tour of the



A view of the Vilnius Cathedral showing location of the Plaque.

city of Vilnius. One of the places of interest we stopped at was the Cathedral.

We did not have an opportunity to go inside because of the renovations that were being done to its interior so the guide gave us a brief resume of its history as we stood outside. As I strolled around the Cathedral, I was impressed by a plaque that was on the outside wall, towards the rear, and on the right side of this magnificent structure, I looked up and saw that the inscription was in Latin. The thought of what it said kept running through my mind. Surely, some of the history of Lithuania was preserved here for future generations to see. I wondered how many of my fellow tourists took notice of this plaque, if any of them had any idea of what it meant and whether any of them would take the time to find out what it was all about. I took a close-up picture of this plaque as best I could. I was determined to have it translated into English after I returned home.

After I had the picture developed, I wrote the Latin words down with the help of a magnifying glass. Since not many people are fluent in this language, I decided to go to a college

that has a course in Latin. The professor I talked to was very cooperative and we discussed the inscription in detail. Both of us learned a lot about the history of Lithuania. The wording of the plaque is as follows:

D.O.M.
DIVO CASIMIRO
CASIMIRI IACELLONIDAE REGIS FILIO.
REGNI POLONIA MAGNIO DVCATVS LITHUANIAE
PATRONO.
TVTELARLET PROPVGNATORI.
CAGNATO PRINCIPI
SIGISMVNDVS III POLONIAE ET SVECIAE REX
SACELIVM HOC
AETERNVM PIETATIS CVLIVSO.
SVI MONIMENTVM
EXERIT INSTRVXIT EXORNAVIT
VLADISLAVIS IIII
SACRI CORPORIS ILLALIONE
HONORAVIT PERFECIT DEDICAVITO
ANNO DOMINI M.D. CXXXVI DIE XIV AVGVSTI

I would like to share the translation with you. To begin with, the three initials at the very top, D.O.M., stand for: Deo, Optimo, Maximo. They mean "To God, the Best, the Greatest".

TO THE DIVINE CASIMIR
SON OF KING CASIMIR, SON OF JOGAILA
PATRON OF THE GREAT REALM OF POLAND AND
DUCHY OF LITHUANIA
GUARD AND PROTECTOR
FELLOW PRINCE
SIGISMUND III KING OF POLAND AND SWEDEN
HAS ERECTED, FURNISHED, DECORATED THIS
SHRINE AS AN ETERNAL MONUMENT
OF HIS PIETY AND HIS OWN FAITHFULNESS
VLADISLAS IIII
BY THE ENTOMBMENT OF THE SACRED BODY
HAS HONORED, COMPLETED, DEDICATED IT
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1636 14 AUGUST

The use of the Roman numeral IIII on the plaque, after Ladislav's name, is interesting. It was probably used in Lithuania, at that time, instead of the more well known numeral, IV, to mean "The Fourth". History books refer to this ruler as Ladislav IV.

What this inscription said, raised more questions in my mind

than it answered. My desire for additional knowledge of Lithuania's past was intensified.

What is the story behind this plaque?

Prince Casimir was the son of King Casimir IV, King of Poland and Grand Prince of Lithuania. He died in 1484 at the Royal Palace in Gardinas. His father escorted his remains to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, where they were interred in the Blessed Virgin Chapel of the Cathedral. (*Note: Gardinas was then part of Lithuania, but following the end of World War II, was incorporated into the Belorussian Soviet Socialist Republic. It is now known as Grodno.*)

A formal papal announcement was issued in 1602 by Pope Clement VIII, stating that Pope Leo X, before his death, had canonized Prince Casimir. Later, Pope Urban VIII declared Saint Casimir as the Patron Saint of Lithuania.

Sigismund III was the King of Poland and the Grand Prince of Lithuania (1587-1632) and the King of Sweden (1594-1604). He authorized and provided most of the funds for the construction of a more spacious and beautiful chapel to be added to and become part of the Cathedral. This chapel was to be built to honor the Patron of Lithuania, and at the same time, to serve as a royal mausoleum. Construction was begun in 1624 but he never lived to see its completion.

Ladislas IV became the King of Poland and the Grand Prince of Lithuania following his father's death in 1632. He continued with the construction and funding for the chapel. Upon its completion, the remains of St. Casimir were placed in a silver

coffin and elevated upon the altar. He dedicated the chapel on Aug. 14, 1636.

How Sigismund III, also known as Sigismund Vasa, became the ruler of not only Poland and Lithuania but was also crowned the King of Sweden, is a very unusual and interesting story.

His father, John Vasa, was the Duke of Finland and his mother was Catherine, the sister of King Sigismund II of Poland. After they left Lithuania following their marriage in Vilnius in 1562, they were captured by John's brother, King Eric XIV of Sweden and thrown into prison where their son, Sigismund, was born. The family was released in 1568 and John Vasa was crowned King of Sweden that same year after Eric was declared mad.

Sigismund Vasa became the King of Poland and Grand Prince of Lithuania in 1587 after the death of King Stephen Batory. The widowed Queen Anne was his aunt. After the death of his father, King John, he returned to Sweden where he was crowned king on Feb. 19, 1594. He left in the summer of that same year and his Uncle Charles was appointed regent. Sigismund Vasa was eventually deposed and in 1604 Charles IX was crowned King of Sweden. Sigismund Vasa, however, never did renounce his claim to the throne of Sweden.

I never realized that it was possible for one monarch to wear the crowns of two different countries at the same time, but then again, it proves that truth is sometimes stranger than fiction. The casual stroll that I took around the Vilnius Cathedral that day certainly gave me a history lesson on Lithuania that I will always remember.

I AM A LITHUANIAN AŠ ESU LIETUVIS

Only an oak sprouts from an acorn
Only a pine spreads its greenery from a cone.

My parents are Lithuanians.
That's why I am a Lithuanian.

I cherish the Lithuanian language and love my parent's
land.

That's my forefathers' testament,
which I must protect as a treasure entrusted to me.

The Lithuanian language is one of the oldest in Europe
and one of the most melodious.

The Lithuanian landscape is the most beautiful in the world.

In the past, Lithuania was a large and powerful
European nation.

A Lithuanian cherishes his past and from it
gets strength.

A Lithuanian loves freedom and will sacrifice all for it.

A Lithuanian respects other opinions,
but staunchly defends his own.

A Lithuanian in victory is restrained
and noble to his foe;
in defeat — undaunted and continues to fight
with increased fervor.

A Lithuanian speaks little, but sensibly.

That's why I am proud,
that I am a Lithuanian.

(My Lithuanian Heritage)

LITHUANIAN VOCABULARY

Minerals and Metals - Mineralai ir metalai

<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
lead	švinas	shvee'nahs
lime	kalkės	kahl'keh's
marble	marmuras	mahr'murah's
mercury	gyvsidabris	geehv'seedahbrees
metal	metalas	mehtah'lah's
pearl	perlas	par'lah's
nickel	nikelis	nee'kalee's
sapphire	safiras	sahfee'rah's
silver	sidabras	seedahb'rah's
steel	plienas	pleh'nah's
stone	akmuo	ahkmo
tin	cinas; skarda	tsee'nah's; skahrdah

Animals, Birds and Fishes - Gyvuliai, paukščiai ir žuvis

<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
Animal	gyvuly's; žvėris	geehvooleeh's; zhveh'ree's
bear	lokys; meška	lokeeh's; mashkah
bird	paukštis	powksh'tee's
blackbird	strazdas	strahz'dah's
bull	bulius	boo'loos
calf	veršis	ver'shees
cat	katė	kahteh
chicken	viščiukas	veeshchoo'kah's
cock	gaidys	gaideeh's
cow	karvė	kahr'veh
cries	šauksmai; riksmi	showksmai; reeks'mai
barking	lojimas	loyee'mah's
bleating	bliovimas	bliovee'mah's
crowing	gaidžio giedojimas	gai'dzhio' gehdo'yeemah's
growling	urzgėjimas	oorzgeh'yeemah's
crow	varna; kovas	vahr'nah; ko'vah's
cuckoo	gegutė	gagoo'teh
dog	šuo	shuo
donkey	asilas	ah'silah's
dove	balandis	bahlahn'dee's
duck	antis	ahn'tee's
eagle	erelis	ara'lee's
eelungurys	oongooreeh's	
elephant	dramblis	drahmblee'h's
feather	plunksna	ploonks'nah
fish	žuvis	zhoovee's

<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
fox	lapė	lah'peh
furkailis	kai'lees	
goat	ožka	ozhkah
goose	žasis	zhasee's
hare	kiškis	keesh'kees
hawk	vanagas	vah'nahgah's
hen	višta	veeshtah
herring	silkė	seel'keh
horn	ragas	rah'gah's
horse	arklys	ahrkleeh's
lobster	jūrų vėžys	yoo'roo vehzheeh's
mare	kumelė	kooma'leh
monkey	beždžionė	bazhdzhio'neh
mouse	pelė	peleh
owl	pelėda	paleh'dah
parrot	papūga	pahpoo'gah
peacock	povas; pova	po'vah's; po'vah
pig	kiaulė	kiow'leh
pigeon	karvelis; balandis	kahrva'lee's; bahlahn'dee's
rat žiurkė	zhoor'keh	
sheep	avis; avelė	ahvee's; ahva'leh
sparrow	žvirblis	zhveerb'lee's
swan	gulbė	gool'beh
tail	uodega	odagah
turkey	kalakutas	kahlahkoo'tah's
turtle	vėžlys; želvys	vehzhlee'h's; zhalveeh's
wing	sparnas	spahr'nah's
wool	vilna	veel'nah

Reptiles and Insects - Sliužai ir vabzdžiai

<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
Ant	skruzdė	skrooz'deh
bee	bitė	bee'teh
beetle	vabalas	vahbahlah's
butterfly	peteliškė	pataleesh'keh
caterpillar	kirmėlė	keermehleh
flea	blusa	bloosah
fly musė	moo'seh	
frog	varlė	vahrleh
honey	medus	madoos
insect	vabzdys	vahbzdeeh's
mosquito	uodas	uo'dah's
snake	gyvatė	geehvah'teh
spider	voras	vo'rah's

TAUTIŠKA GIETSMĖ

Lietuva, Tėvyne mūsų,
Tu didvyrių žeme,
Iš praeities Tavo sūnūs
Te stiprybe semia.

Švelniai, dainingai

Lie- tu-va, Tė- vy- ne mū- sų, Tu did- vy- rių že- me,
iš pra- ei- ties Ta- vo sū- nūs te sti- pry- bę se- mia.

Tegul Tavo vaikai eina
Vien takais dorybės,
Tegul dirba Tavo naudai
Ir žmonių gėrybei.

Te- gul Ta- vo vai- kai ei- na vien ta- kais do- ry- bės,
te- gul dir- ba Ta- vo nau- dai ir žmo- nių gė- ry- bei.

Tegul saulė Lietuvoj
Tamsumus prašalina,
Ir šviesa, ir tiesa
Mūs žingsnius telydi.

Te- gul sau- lė Lie- tu- voj tam- su- mus pra- ša- li- na.
Ir švie- sa, ir tie- sa mūs žingsnius te- ly- di.

Tegul meilė Lietuvos
Dega mūsų sirdyse,
Vardan tos Lietuvos
Vienybė težydi.

Te- gul mei- lė Lie- tu- vos de- ga mū- sų šir- dy- se,
var- dan tos Lie- tu- vos vie- ny- bė te- žy- di.

Vincas Kudirka

LIETUVA BRANGI

Graži tu, mano brangi tėvyne,
Šalis, kur miega kapuos didvyriai:
Graži tu savo dangaus mėlyne!
Brangi: tiek vargo, kancių prityrei.

Kaip puikūs slėniai sraunios Dubysos,
Miškais lyg rūta kalnai žaliuoja;
O po tuos kalnus sesutės visos
Graudžiai malonias dainas ringuoja.

Ten susimastes tamsus Nevėžis
Kaip juosta juosia žaliasias pievas;
Banguoja, vaga giliai išrėžes;
Jo gilia minti težino Dievas.

Kaip puikas tavo dvarai, tėvyne
Baltai iš sodų žalių bekyša!
Tik brangia kalba tėvų pamyne,
Jie mūsų širdis mažai ka riša.

Kaip linksmas sodžiuos, kai vyturėlis
Jaukiai pragysta, aukštai iškiles,
Ar saulė leidžias, ir vakarėlis
Ramuma neša, saldžiai nutiles.

Bažnyčios tavo ne tiek gražybe
Ne dailės turtais, ne auksu žiba;
Bet dega meilės, maldos galybe,
Senųjų amžių gyva tikyba.

Maironis

MEDUGORJE

Kay Lynch

Jim and I had a wonderful experience this summer and I would like to share it with you. We went on a pilgrimage to Medugorje, a little village in Yugoslavia, where since June 24, 1981, the Blessed Mother has been appearing daily, first to six visionaries and now to four. The Church proceeds cautiously in such matters so the apparitions have not yet received explicit ecclesiastical approbation. The Franciscans are in charge of St. James Church in Medugorje (Medugorje means the region between two mountains), and have given guidance to thousands of pilgrims who have come there from all over the world. We were so impressed with the devotion of the people, the way they prayed and sang. That alone was well worth our trip!

We were a group of 14 with a Benedictine Abbot to lead us. Every day at 10 a.m. we attended an English Mass at St. James Church, and then we went off on field trips. However, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every night, we were back at St. James. At 6 p.m. the rosary began with an over-filled church that had people sitting and kneeling in the aisles and standing outside the church. Over thirty priests, mostly pilgrims, were present on the altar. During the last part of the rosary around 6:40 p.m., the visionaries in the choir loft of the Church would experience daily apparitions. The visionaries first saw Our Lady on the mountain but the Communist Government became very upset thinking a political uprising was in the making because of the numbers of people traveling to Medugorje from all over Yugoslavia. The mountain was placed off limits and services could only be held in church grounds. Nevertheless, the apparitions have continued to the visionaries to the present.

Each day we did something special. One day we climbed Podbrdo, or Apparition Hill, where the Madonna first appeared. Another day we climbed Mt. Krizevac or Cross Mountain, a difficult climb since the mountain is all rock. There were stations of the cross along the way and our Abbot led our group. On the top of the mountain is a big cement cross erected by the people in 1933 honoring the 1900th Anniversary of the Passion of Jesus. The women of the town carried up all the supplies. It was most moving to see some of the pilgrims climbing the mountain barefoot.

On one of the day trips we visited two of the visionaries in their homes, Vicka and Ivan. Jakov, the youngest, works in the Franciscan Religious Articles Store. Marija is the fourth visionary who is still having the apparitions and she joined the three every night in the choir loft. The two who were no longer having daily apparitions are Ivanka and Mirjana. Another day we went to see Father Jozo Zovko who was put in jail for over three years by the Communist for protecting and refusing to denounce the visionaries.

Mary's message is an echo of the gospel. Her concern is for peace. She has described herself in the apparition as the "Queen of Peace" and the peace she refers to is a peace which can only be achieved through repentance, prayer, penance and fasting. Mary wants us to change our habits and talk to God again.

In closing, I share one more thing with you. On three specific occasions, Jim and I were privileged to see the sun spin and pulsate. Other people have seen this phenomenon and we were so happy that we, too, witnessed it. There is something very special going on in Medugorje and I am so glad that we were able to participate.

EXCAVATION IN CEMETERY FINDS RARE LITHUANIAN COIN

A rare early Lithuanian coin of the 14th century was discovered in 1985 at a cemetery in Bečiai, Lithuania, according to an article published in the November-December issue of "The Knight", official publication of the Lithuanian Numismatic Association.

The excavation was conducted by the Lithuanian Cultural Ministry for the Preservation of Cultural Monuments at the medieval cemetery which was determined had belonged to the old town of Vepriai. The castle in this town was plundered by the Teutonic Order in 1384.

The coin of Grand Duke Vytautas was struck at Smolensk after 1401 about the time he deposed Duke Jurii Sviatoslavich. The silver piece is about 14 millimeters in diameter and depicts

the "columnas" symbol on the obverse with a mounted horseman advancing right on the reverse. The coin is of better style than early issues of Vytautas or Kestutis, who both began issuing the earliest coins in Lithuania about the same time.

A similar coin was discovered near Moscow in 1915 and is currently in the Medieval Lithuanian Coin Collection of the Leningrad State Archives, according to "The Knight".

Coin World

DID YOU KNOW!

There is a striking similarity between Lithuania, Gothic, Latin, Greek and Sanskrit languages spoken in ancient times 2000 to 3000 years ago. The Lithuanian language is the oldest living tongue in Europe today.

1990 - The Year of the Lithuanian Language

Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC - C-74

On October 26, 1989 Vilnius radio had announced that the year 1990 was to be set apart for the study of Lithuanian and to be called "The Year of the Lithuanian Language".

One may ask, why must special attention be given to the Lithuanian language at this time? It seems that all things should develop naturally, and the language becoming perfected with the passage of time. But this did not happen.

When the Lithuanian Republic was occupied through force and joined to the Soviet Union, many strange expressions were added to the language which would not have been possible under normal conditions. Early indifference to this trend led to the accumulation of many words and structures that America's Lithuanians found impossible to understand.

Russian has been taught in Kindergartens. Lithuanian was considered a secondary language, unessential for education or literature. However, the Reconstruction Movement "Sajudis" legalized Lithuanian and made it the primary language of the Republic. Those who chose to live and work in Lithuania are required to learn to speak the language. Because the standard of living is higher in Lithuania, Russians were eager to learn the language. Many other ethnic groups are studying Lithuanian to please the government and to have an opportunity to make a living.

World Lithuanian linguists and others who love the language are pleased with the announcement of the Lithuanian Language Year. There are expert linguists in Lithuania who are capable of refining and returning the language to its pristine beauty and distinction, a language which is musical and flexible.

American Lithuanians are invited to join the goal of "Sajudis" by making an effort to speak in Lithuanian at every opportunity, to read Lithuanian newspapers and literature, and to form Lithuanian language study groups. It is a challenge that all can accept at this time to increase the joy of adding a "new dimension" to one's life and interests.

In closing, let me add that Rima Janulevičiūtė (Janul) was granted a position on the CNN Television Station as a news editor because she was able to speak in Lithuanian. She had learned the language from her parents and found it possible to communicate with Lithuanians who came to America as entertainers or members of Sports Groups, and to contribute the information to the American public over CNN TV.

The possibilities are many for those who know how to take advantage of a "good thing" as it comes along. Make 1990 the Year of the Lithuanian Language for you and your associates.

Become a part of the "in group" as the need for understanding among the people of the world increases. It is only through knowledge of the language that American Lithuanians will be able to share America's Democratic ideals with the people of Lithuania. This would be a major accomplishment worthy of the effort.

A PLEA FOR LIBERTY

Anna Baranauskas

In fantasy, I cross the sea.
My flight unfettered, Liberty.
No restrictions claim my course,
I leave my home without remorse.

In Country great I soon descend,
A land of freedom and of friend,
Where Democracy began
And all knew justice, to a man.

These dreams I over-heard
Journeying through my parents' world,
While regaled I understood
Repression cried for rectitude.

With heavy heart, I then returned
Their Fantasy within me burned.
In retrospect, I comprehend
Iron Curtains man offend.

Independence we hold fast,
To them is memory of the past.
Lithuania, I pray recover,
Like a Phoenix rise forever.



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The Wall of Jericho and the Berlin Wall

Leo Venckus

People who read the Bible know that the collapse of the Berlin wall has a precedent that takes us way back to biblical times. When reading the book of Joshua (Jos. 6) we find, that the wall of Jericho crumbled and fell flat from the trumpet sounds and the shouts of the foot stamping while marching Israelites who had Jericho surrounded.

The disintegration of the Berlin wall had a similar beginning. As we all observed on TV, thousands of people first assembled into their churches to pray for liberty and democracy. Then they took to the streets with lighted candles, carrying banners, singing hymns and shouting slogans.

East Germany's Communist leader Erich Honecker and his brutal police, just like the King of Jericho and his army of Amorites, suddenly lost their spirit and courage to resist the people any longer. In less than a week's time the Berlin wall was overcome. Peacefully. Without war. Again the power of prayer was manifest.

Similar events took place in Czechoslovakia. At first the demonstrators encountered fierce police brutality. They were beaten with clubs, pushed and kicked around and dispersed. But the will of the people to be free was stronger and the praying and singing crowds grew in force and demands from day to day. Despite of over 40 years of Communist rule and atheistic indoctrination, even the young people of Czechoslovakia gathered around their Catholic Church the existence of which goes back in that part of Europe to A.D. 925.

The climax of the peaceful revolt in Czechoslovakia, led by students, artists, writers and other intellectuals, came on a wintry-cold Monday morning November 20, 1989. After a two hour totalitarian strike that left factories, offices and all workplaces empty and idle, the people of Czechoslovakia swarmed into Prague, Bratislava and other cities, halting all traffic and paralyzing the whole country. On that historical day, the 15 million inhabitants toppled their Communist government and are now looking forward to better days ahead. Let us be thankful for that.

No Credit for God

These drastic changes in Poland, Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia and partly even in the Baltic States and Bulgaria lead one to believe that the "Divisions of the Pope" are made up by millions of praying and God-fearing Christians. Some Catholics even pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of Soviet Russia. Prayer is the only effective weapon for religious and democratic freedom. Our media, of course, will never admit something like that. They never give credit to God. But we, Lietuvos Vyčiai, should know better. Even Mikhail Gorbachev has gotten the message and he is the first Soviet leader to visit our Holy Father in Rome.

Let us pray that God may grant our homeland Lithuania complete freedom and independence again soon and work in that direction.

Dieve, mums padėk.

Book Review

Edited by Vladas Vijeikis LITHUANIA MY HERITAGE, Published by Tėviškėlė, Chicago, IL, 1989, 400 pgs.

This book is dedicated to those who have never seen the country of their ancestors and to those who left their native country but still have fond memories in their hearts. It has over 1,300 illustrations depicting modern and progressive times, together with reminders of ancient times.

This collection was limited by the availability and accessibility of material. However, every facet of Lithuanian life and every corner of the country is touched upon. This book is not an encyclopedia or finished work about Lithuania. It is just a first step to those who desire to know more about Lithuania. It contains many pictures and articles reminding one of independent Lithuania (1918-1940). At present, Lithuania is behind the Iron Curtain and the Russian occupants, keeping the country under an iron rule, show us only that, which they want us, living

here in the Free World, to see. Such a distorted picture of Lithuania is unacceptable and, therefore, pictures from present day Russian-occupied Lithuania are not included in this collection.

This book is a perfect gift to friends of Lithuania, persons of Lithuanian descent, for teaching youngsters about their fathers' homeland and, naturally, for yourselves.

The book can be obtained by sending your check in amount of \$20.00 plus \$2.75 for postage and handling made out to: TĖVIŠKĖLĖ, 4346 So. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60609.



Religious Life Among the Lithuanians in the U.S.A

Rev. William Wolkovich

The K of L diamond jubilee convention of 1988 kindly accepted a resolution to donate \$500 as seed money for the Lithuanian Parish History Project that I undertook at the request of Bishop Paulius Baltakis, OFM. Former National President. Robert Boris, graciously seconded the resolution. Since the Knights were first to make a gift, it is fitting to offer a little progress report of miscellaneous information.

1) The first book will carry entries on all 40 parishes in New England, New York, New Jersey and Baltimore. There will be several miscellaneous entries on Washington, DC; Thomas, West Virginia and ALKA (archives) in Putnam and Marianopolis Prep, Thompson, CT; Vermont; and the Franciscans in Maine and their Florida mission.

2) It wasn't long before the obvious came to mind, i.e., the study must include not just the 140 parishes, but also the eight religious communities of men and women. How many can you name? This new inspiration, of course, means even more study, research, and writing!

3) Donors so far include some individual parishes and priests. The hero of Soviet prisons, Fr. Alfonsas Svarinskas, even made a substantial contribution, passing on the entire stipend he received for giving the Lithuanian Priests' League retreat in June, 1989 at Putnam, CT; and the Lithuanian Foundation

pledged \$1,000. All supporters will be listed in the published volumes.

4) Despite the original plan to enlist two collaborators, it quickly became evident that constant phoning and writing back and forth would be very tedious and impractical. The project is, therefore, the work of one person. Nevertheless, my colleague in New York, Thomas A. Michalski, Ph.D, is preparing a long essay on the European background from which the Lithuanians came.

5) For volume I, photos of churches (interior and exterior), shrines, statues, etc. are much needed. I hope by now your parish has sent in the needed pictures.

6) There will be much interest in Lithuania about this series, since it will show what became of the hundreds of priests who emigrated to this country from the 1880's to the First World War, and also after the Second World War.

7) It is very likely that Milda Danys of Canada will write a fourth volume on the dozen or so parishes in Canada, and perhaps add the parishes and missions in South America and Australia so as to have enough data for a full-length book.

8) Needless to say, your prayers are welcome for the successful conclusion of this multi-volume compendium.

Soviet Travel Tid Bits

LICENSE PLATES

Soviet plates have a "code". If you see an 0014 it's an American living there. If it's followed by a K, he is a correspondent, D a diplomat, T technician, M business (or airline). If it's CMD, it's their top man.

ELDERHOSTEL TOURS

In cooperation with Soviet Universities, this senior citizens group has announced programs that will focus on history and culture of both past and present. They offer a Ukraine or Baltic tour of about 27 days. Both offer Moscow and Leningrad. Elderhostel, 80 Boylston, #400, Boston, MA 02116.

NO TURNS ON RED

Of all the fines imposed on foreign tourists, the most common is turning right on a red signal. While this is becoming quite popular in the U.S. where several states allow it, it is strictly forbidden in the Soviet. Most American states allow it provided there is no one on the crosswalk and after coming to a complete

stop proceeding if there is no traffic. However, be warned, it's not allowed in the USSR, there is a fine.

MAILING TO THE USSR

The U.S. Post Office has published a booklet, publication #269. It covers all problems on mailing parcels and letters to the USSR. Included is a list of prohibited items that may not be mailed (regardless of the class of mail) into the USSR. The 22-page booklet can be obtained free at most post offices. If the local postmaster does not have copies that he can give to the public, ask him to order a supply by using form 7380, Standard Supply Vendor Requisition. They are available as a stock item. There is no charge.

DUTY FREE EXEMPTIONS

There are no changes in the duty free exemptions for either export or import thru tourists. Each person may bring in or take out, duty free, 1/2 litre (16.9 f. oz) of hard liquor (vodka, liquor, brandy, whisky, rum, gin, etc.) and 1 litre (33.8 f. oz) of wine as

well as 250 cigarettes or 250 grams (8.8 oz.) of tobacco. These apply only to adults. Minors must have attained the age of 21 upon entering or leaving the USSR in order to qualify for the liquor exemption. The same situation applies for tobacco, in this case, they must have attained the age of 15 upon entering or 16 upon exiting the USSR to qualify for it.

STATUS OF NEW U.S. EMBASSY

There is still no definite word on what the new administration will do with the uncompleted new U.S. embassy building in Moscow. As all know, it has been stated it is filled with "bugs" that render it useless for diplomatic work.

Life in the 22nd Century

To celebrate National Engineers Week recently, a dozen of the profession's leading societies surveyed their members about what they think life will be like in the year 2125, or 136 years from now. Going back 136 years, we doubt that even Jules Verne, that era's boldest "futurist," could have envisaged all the wonders and worries of our present atomic age. Nonetheless, some of today's scientific-minded visionaries made a few educated and interesting guesses as to what lies ahead in the 22nd century.

First of all, it was encouraging to note that they all assumed the world would still be in business in 2125 and would not have blown itself up or drowned or suffocated in pollution by then. Nor was there much concern over the ozone layer or the so-called "greenhouse effect" that some of today's worriers believes doom the world to recurring heat waves and giant floods from melting polar icecaps. Beyond that, it was anyone's guess.

Much of the group said humans will be living on the moon and will know how to build and launch planets. A majority also believed cars in 2125 will be solar-powered; some predicted they will be computerized to avoid collisions. Also, there was

America's Future
a consensus that most people in the advanced societies will be living healthy and productive lives to between 80 and 100, thanks to new miracles in drugs and organ transplants. Among the more mundane developments envisaged for the 22nd century were pizza deliveries to customers living in space, sugar without calories, and instant transmission of mail by computer. All these and more, as the saying goes.

However, there are a number of pressing problems that need solving before even the end of this century. These include the scourge of drugs that threaten our society; crime in the streets that has given Washington, DC, the hideous onus of "murder capital" of America; the decay of our inner cities; a faltering educational system that has seen our public school students lag behind those of other industrialized societies. These are problems of which Americans are well aware, and the solving of which our nation is now committed.

And looking to the year 2125 and beyond, we would offer a prediction that the oldest constitutional republic in the world — that of the United States of America — will be alive, well and doing better than ever. This, in the end, could provide the greatest of tomorrows for all mankind.

THE ST. VALENTINE STORY

Many years ago, there was a young priest in Rome named Valentine who was thrown into jail for following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Although he could not be with his parishioners, he never stopped thinking about them and wanted to get a message to them to express his deep love for his friends.

He wrote down his feeling but could not figure out how to get the note out of prison.

Miraculously a dove landed on the window of his cell. With complete faith in God, Valentine placed the note in the mouth of the dove and this winged symbol of the Holy Spirit flew the message to his friends on the outside. They were thrilled to know he was thinking of them.

Today, we still follow the meaningful custom of sending cards and presents to show our love for others on St. Valentine's Day. And people still appreciate these tokens of love.



Atsigrežkime Daugiau į Šv. Kazimiero Kolegija

Prel. L. Tulaba

Perskaitytes prel. A. Bartkaus, Šv. Kazimiero Kolegijos rektoriaus, laiška, kuriuos kreipiasi į lietuviška visuomenė, primindamas Kolegijos reikalus ir prašydamas paramos; o taip pat susipažinęs su Religinės Salpos metinėmis išlaidomis, noriu, kaip buvęs ilgametis Kolegijos organizatorius ir rektorius, tarti savo žodi.

Ilgus metus aukojomės ir kentėjome, organizuodami ir vadovaudami Kolegijai, bet tylėjome. Atrodė, kad lietuviška visuomenė mumis nesidomėjo; o, jei kartais patylomis prabildavo, tai vien priekaištus paberdavo. Dievo Apveizdos stebuklingai laiminami sukūrėme Kolegija ir ja per virš 40 metų išlaikėme. Dirbome ir šiandien dirba vadovybės žmonės be algos, be apdraudos, be pensijos. Nebuvo ir nėra kitos galimybės.

Kai nūdien lietuviai turi milijoninius fondus; kai milžiniška suma pinigų sudėjo lietuviškai katedrai prie vieno Cikagos universiteto išlaikyti; kai milžiniškos sumos išleidžiama visokiems suvažiavimams organizuoti ir praveisti; klai Religinė Salpa vien personalui išleidžia \$400,000 į metus, negalime toliau tylėti.

Visi suminėti lietuviškos veiklos vyksmai turi savo prasme ir reikšme, bet ar mažesne svarba turi Kolegija mūsų tautiniam ir religiniam gyvenimui? Esu tikras, jog Kolegija turi net didesni inaiša mūsų išėivijos gyvenime ir mūsų santykių palaikyme su Lietuva ir bažnyčia Lietuvoje. O juk bažnyčia šiandien Lietuvoje yra pagrindinis ramstis kovoje už laisve ir tautines vertybes. Kolegija visada buvo ir yra nepamainomas tarpininkas tarp Šv. Sosto ir bažnyčios Lietuvoje. Be Kolegijos ar mes turėtume arkivyskopus ir nuncijus lietuvius? Ar mes turėtum lietuvių koplyčia Šv. Petro bazilikoje? Ar mes būtume galėje turėti tokius Šv. Kazimiero ir Lietuvos Krikšto minėjimus, kokius turėjome Romoje? Be Kolegijos ar mes turėtume tokius tamprius ryšius su Šv. Sostu, kokius turime? Kolegija buvo ir yra lietuviškos informacijos centras ir

šaltinis Italijoje ir visoje Europoje. Kolegija yra mažas Lietuvos kampelis viso krikščioniško pasaulio centre - Romoje. Neužmirština taip pat, kad Kolegija paruošė lietuviškai sielovadai išėivijoje visa eile kunigų.

Turint visa šitai prieš akis, pagrįstai galima laukti ir reikalauti, kad lietuviška visuomenė atgrežtų savo dėmesį į Kolegija, ja labiau vertintų ir daugiau visokeriopai remtų.

Kolegija yra reikalinga finansinės paramos. Jos laukia visų pirma iš lietuviškų finansiniu veiksmų, o taipgi iš pavieniu geraširdžiu asmenų, kurie iki šiolei rėmė ir remia ivairius fondus; rinkliavomis, palikimais ir asmeninėmis aukomis. Kolegija laukia taip pat moralinės ir dvasinės paramos. Laukia



Msgr. Al Bartkus with the Holy Father

maldų. Laukia kandidatu. Jūk jaunu kunigų lietuviškai sielovadai labai truksta.

I visus kreipiamės. Visus prašome atsiminkite Kolegija. Užtikrinkite jai ramia ir sėkminga ateiti.



ANOTHER KIND OF INDEPENDENCE

By Dalia Bulvicius

Having spent most of my life in the “oblivious” borough of Queens with my family, I was slightly ecstatic on the prospect of moving to Brooklyn and finally declaring my independence. Declining various offers of apartments in peaceful Richmond Hill and Woodhaven with nice Lithuanian families, I set out to Brooklyn – a co-op apartment, only a bridge away from Manhattan, the Met Opera and Carnegie Hall.

I could hardly wait to tell my good fortune to my friends. My dream has come true — I’ll be one of the thousands of career girls, enjoying the cultural treasures the Big Apple has to offer. My family and friends will be happy for me, I thought. Mother tried to be calm. Vaguely I remember phrases such as: “At my age young girls never....” and “I have this premonition that if you....” My co-workers at the Lithuanian Franciscan Press were more explicit, “Be careful or soon you will be just one more statistic on a police blotter!”

Ignoring these “encouraging” remarks, I turned to my friends. They will be on my side! Wrong! Having decided that I was oblivious to reality, most of them did not even bother to write down my new address.

But friends will be friends and I guess they finally got used to the idea that I enjoyed living in the “jungles” of Brooklyn. Being anxious to show off my apartment, my Lithuanian works of art and my Siamese Aida. I sent out dinner invitations. To my surprise several were acknowledged. Curiosity triumphs over fear!

Since the only thing that I can make is a dinner reservation, I planned my menu from one of Brooklyn’s favorite caterers whose chicken liver hors d’oeuvres were exquisite. Still amid the anticipation, I was a trifle disappointed. How can you have an intimate dinner party at two o’clock in the afternoon? Well, I could not expect my dear friends to walk the streets at night, could I? The great day finally arrived and I happily buzzed my friends up to my ninth floor apartment. After what seemed like hours of waiting and my imagining all kinds of horrible things, I heard my friends in the stairwell descending from the 10th floor. “You don’t have an elevator button for floor 9,” they informed me. It seems, when extending my invitation, I had neglected to tell them to take the “odd” elevator. I was not present to be greeted with a group of exhausted faces as I opened the door. Having endured two hours on the LIE or the BQE and another hour circling my block in search of a parking place, my friends needed several rounds of Lithuanian krupnikas to recapture their usual jovial moods.

Just as things were calming down and Algis was in the middle of his favorite off-color joke, a horrible scream arose

from the bathroom. Everyone assumed that a deviate was surely lurking there. But I knew better. Just as Ruta was powdering her nose a roach had popped out to check out what’s happening. All able-bodied males rushed to the rescue and shouts of “there he is!” and “there he goes!” in a variety of falsetto pitches reverberated throughout the apartment. Finally a brave fellow captured the monster and flushed it to his watery grave.

These suburbanite friends of mine are mighty strange, I thought. Accustomed to spiders and bugs in their gardens, none of them had ever before been introduced to a Brooklyn roach — a hardy fellow, who, even if one scrubs and scours twenty-four hours a day, survives and will make its appearance when you least expect it.

Aida and I have lived for more than ten years in Brooklyn and we both love it. I have never yet made use of my house warming gifts of a police whistle, a large hat pin or the can of Maze. I still receive “well meaning” letters of warning “one of these days your guardian angel will give up on you....!” So far I have never been mugged or robbed. Only once, coming home on the subway from the opera, I thought my number was up as this strange man approached me in the deserted car. But not to worry. It was only a friendly Chinese waiter, who lived in my building, coming home from work. He wanted to share with me some of the Peking duck he was bringing home from his restaurant.

Brooklyn, you are still on my side of the tracks!



Dalia and the late Aida

NEWS NOTES - LRCA

FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Program is intended to help a worthy and deserving Knight to obtain a college education. It should be a stimulus for Lithuanian-Americans to join and be active in our organization. Service to the Knights of Lithuania organization is of prime importance to be considered for this award.

Scholarships are awarded annually as a GRANT. Applications may be submitted no later than JUNE 30 of each year. The awards, totalling up to \$1,000. are paid to the recipient in two installments. In exceptional cases, the grant may be made in one lump sum. Scholarships are awarded to different Knights each year and a second award will not be made to the same individual.

Each applicant has the responsibility of making application and securing entrance to the college of his or her choice. If the recipient of an award drops out of college, or if his or her scholastic standing becomes unsatisfactory to the college, the unexpended balance of the award may be forfeited at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship awards may be made to a person for undergraduate or graduate work. There is no age limitation. Organizational activity within the Knights of Lithuania is one of the most important criterion for obtaining a scholarship along with the following requirements and stipulations:

An applicant's qualifications will be based on recommendations made by his or her Council President; Spiritual Advisor or Pastor; Former Teacher; and Character Reference. He or she will be judged on his or her previous scholastic records, results of a personal interview (where possible) and other examinations, if necessary. The applications will be carefully studied by the members of the Scholarship Committee and decisions of the Committee are final. The recipient of the Scholarship Award will be announced at the National Convention.

Applications must be complete i.e., picture, transcripts, recommendations, etc. in order to be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

Applicants must be a member of the Knights of Lithuania for at least one year and must be in a degree granting program at college to which they have gained entrance.

No matter what age we are, we have to keep on learning tolerance, love and understanding.

We mustn't close our minds.

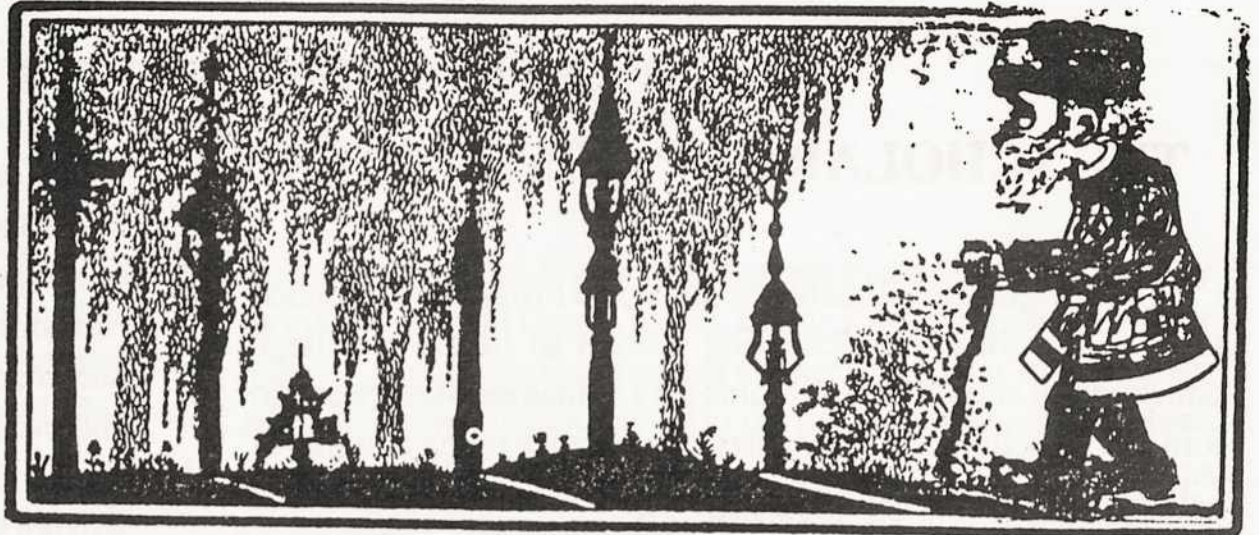
If the young, the middle-aged and the old realize and understand they are growing old together, their lives will be full.

Fr. Bill Modystack

- The Christian Democratic Party reestablished in 1989, called for the return of all Church property, the legalization of religious orders, the reopening of Catholic schools, the restoration of religious organizations, publishing houses and press, appointments of chaplains for schools, hospitals and prisons, and the end of all government interference in Church affairs. This party, banned for nearly 50 years and still not recognized by the Soviets, is led by former prisoner of conscience Viktoras Petkus.
- Permission has been given by the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian SSR and the Ministry of Health Care to establish the first Catholic hospital in Lithuania since the Soviet occupation. Organizers have appealed to Lithuanians abroad for financial and moral support.
- The June 19, 1989 demonstration by Lithuanian Catholics at the offices of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Vilnius, resulted in the Government allocating paper previously committed for continued publication of the new magazine, Catholic World. To date, 10 issues have reached the West.
- A modern section of Vilnius built without a church will be the site of a new parish dedicated to Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis, beatified in 1987. Rev. Medardas Čeponis has been assigned as pastor, one of the first parishes established during perestroika. Other areas are receiving permission to build urgently needed new churches.
- A second Roman Catholic seminary was given permission to open this fall in Lithuania. The seminary in Telšiai, closed for more than four decades. The opening of this seminary in Western Lithuania comes at a time when nearly half of the parishes in the region are without priests. Thirty men applied for admission to the first class.
- A Brooklyn, New York-born priest of Italian heritage, Rev. Dominikas Valentis, is teaching Sacred Scripture at the Interdiocesan Seminary in Kaunas. Father is the first professor from the West to receive such an appointment.



"Dėdė
Kastukas
Sako" ~



Remember Alaska?

Way back in 1867 the United States bought that big ice box from Russia for seven million, two hundred thousand dollars. Czar Alexander needed money so he sold it and Pres. Andrew Jackson bought it. There weren't too many people living in that vast territory because it was too cold in the winter and too hot and full of great mosquitoes in the summer.

As time went by, and gold was discovered, plus other metals, and there was good fishing, the United States began to realize Andy Jackson made a good deal. In 1959 Alaska became a U.S. territory. With the vast oil fields discovered in northern Alaska, it became a rich country and the largest of the 51 states. Poor Texas - as to size, it is now No. 2.

Look Out! Danger Ahead!

Did you know there's a six mile artificial lake along the city of Kaunas in Lithuania that could flood the city and drown most of its inhabitants? It would be the greatest disaster in history. If the dam bursts for any reason which backs up the Nemunas River to furnish electric power for Kaunas, it would be a great catastrophe. It's a questionable gift of the Commie government.

The second gift of potential danger is the atomic plant built near Jonava. It could be another deal like Chernobyl, especially when good construction is a questionable problem with the Commies. We hope no problems arises for the sake of our people. These two concerns should be remedied as soon as possible to give the Lithuanians a secure safety.

Vacation Spots

The cities of Kaunas and Vilnius are as modern and progressive as any other cities of that size. The population of Kaunas is 440,000, Vilnius 550,000. Yes, there are food lines in both places and more so in Moscow. You can find many tourists from Russia touring through Lithuania. They pick up many articles in Lithuania that are not available in Moscow. There are visitors from Armenia, the Ukraine, Leningrad - all surprised at how clean Lithuania is and the present progress of the land. The old thatched huts in the suburbs are fast disappearing. There is a Horse Riding Academy in Kaunas with some sixty

first-rate jumping horses used in competition with France, Italy and other countries. Even a dog show lasting four hours is an annual event. Everything on the surface is beautiful, but below the kettle boils with trouble and unpredictable results about to happen. We pray for the best.

You're Right - So Am I

What upsets me the most is when you're convinced that your side of the argument is the correct one but your friend tells you that you are wrong. How can he be so stubborn? Now, let's calm down. Let's talk about it calmly instead of jumping up and glaring at each other. Remember what judges do. They want to hear both sides completely before making a decision as to who is right. Perhaps we are both right - or both of us are wrong.

When a husband and wife have an argument and they're sensible enough to talk it over - that's compatibility and such a relationship reaches for a happier marriage and a longer life. Angry excitement is not reasoning it out but only an emotional outburst and not the sensible way to settle the matter. Even though you are both right - settle the matter by compromising.

The Ice Man

Do you remember the ice man? He came in a horse and wagon with huge chunks of ice covered with pieces of burlap? He usually chopped the ice with an ice pick that looked like a big screwdriver with a sharp point. He would then get his sturdy iron tongs, much like sugar tongs gone gigundous and carry the ice into our house through the back door. The ice went in the top compartment of the ice box. As the ice melted, the water drained through a tube into a drip pan under the ice box. The best part of the ice man was that if he liked you, he would splinter off a small chunk for us kids to suck, as we watched him work. No one worried about germs in those days. Now, I see in many catalogues, replicas of these ice boxes and they have now moved into the family room, where they are cabinets for the television or a small living room bar.

Is that progress?



Lithuanian Kitchen

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Lietuviška Virtuvė

Traditional Lithuanian Shrove Tuesday (Užgavėnių- February 27) foods are: Hash, Sausages, Pancakes, Potato Pudding, Noodle Soup and Fried Cakes.. Two of the recipes follow:

KUGELIS

This kugelis recipe was submitted to the New York Daily News by Helen Matulonis, C-110 Maspeth, NY. A newspaper reporter came to her home to interview Helen and to taste her kugelis. The recipe was then tested in the research kitchen at LaGuardia Community College, NY. This recipe was printed in the NY Daily News on Jan. 30, 1983. Serves 12. It is excellent!

10 large potatoes	1/4 tsp. pepper
1 medium onion	1 cup milk (lukewarm)
5 bacon slices	4 beaten eggs
1 tsp. salt	

Peel and grate potatoes and onion. (Keep peeled whole potatoes in ice water). Before grating onion, drain off potato liquid. Cut bacon into small pieces and fry until crisp. Pour drippings and bacon over grated potatoes and onion. Add milk, eggs, salt and pepper.

Pour into greased pan. Bake at 400° for 15 min. Reduce heat to 375°, bake 45 min. longer. Test with knife, if clean, it is ready.

Serve hot with sour cream/apple sauce. Can be reheated with oleo/butter the next day and served with main meal.

CHEESE BLYNAI Varškėčia

2 cups flour	pinch salt
2 - 2-1/2 cups milk	butter for pan OR
1/4 cup water	1 inch cube salt pork for
5 eggs	greasing frying pan
3 Tbsp. melted butter	wax paper
1 tsp. sugar	

Place flour, sugar, salt in mixing bowl; make a depression in center and add eggs. With spoon, blend flour and eggs until smooth. Gradually add 2 cups milk, continuously stirring to eliminate lumps. Add water and melted butter. Batter should have consistency of heavy cream. If too thick, add more milk.

Heat frying pan until drop of water sizzles. Butter pan to coat or use cube of salt pork. With ladle pour enough batter to lightly cover bottom of pan. Rotate pan so batter spreads evenly. Try for thinnest layer of batter. Cook until golden brown. Turn blyna on other side. Place cooked blynus on platter and cover with sheet of waxed paper between each blyna to prevent sticking together. Prepare following cheese filling. Makes 20 - 24 blynus.

Cheese Filling

2 lbs. cottage or pot cheese	1/2 cup sugar, or to taste
3 eggs	1 tsp. vanilla

Beat cheese until smooth. Add eggs, sugar and vanilla and beat again. Place heaping spoonful in lower center of blyna and roll up. Place rolled edge downside into buttered frying or baking pan and heat thoroughly. Serve with sour cream.

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CAKE

Lietuvos Vasario 16 d. Tortas

The fruits used to decorate this cake are patriotic - red strawberries, green kiwi and yellow pineapple. It is most appropriate to serve on St. Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) and Lithuanian Independence Day (Feb. 16).

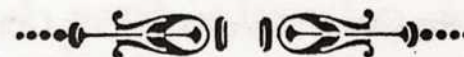
2 cake layers, 9" in size, baked from 1 pkg. of your favorite yellow or white cake mix.;
1-1/2 pints heavy cream, whipped and sweetened to taste;
5 - 6 kiwi fruit, outer skin removed and thinly sliced;
1 can (20 oz.) sliced pineapple, drain slices on toweling.
1 qt. sliced strawberries; save best for cake top.

CAKE ASSEMBLY

Cut the two cake layers in half and make 4 layers.
Place a cake layer on serving platter and frost with whipped cream arranging red strawberry slices on layer.
Place second cake layer on top of berries, frost with cream and arrange green Kiwi slices on top, using 3 kiwis.
Place third cake layer on top of kiwi, frost with cream and arrange sliced yellow Pineapple on cream.
Place fourth cake layer on top and frost top and sides with cream.

DECORATION FOR TOP OF CAKE

Place sliced red strawberries in circle around the edge of cake. Make second inner circle with green kiwi slices. Make third circle of yellow pineapple pieces. Refrigerate until served. Serves 10 - 12.



Lithuanians in the News

PROJECT ORBIS, INC.

Dr. Steven Laukaitis holds degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo and St. Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. A specialist in oculoplastics and international ophthalmology, Dr. Laukaitis completed seven years of post-doctoral work in ophthalmology. After serving as an Assistant Clinical Professor at University of Texas and Texas Tech University, he joined Project ORBIS in 1986 as a visiting faculty member and was later appointed Field Medical Director.

Project Orbis is an international, independent organization that fights world blindness through education and promotes peaceful cooperation among nations. To date, ORBIS has carried out 97 missions in 55 countries, restoring sight to over 8000 patients; hoping some day to reach Lithuania.

Dr. Laukaitis has delivered numerous lectures and has published his research in medical journals and textbooks. His parents, Norbert and Alice Laukaitis, are members of Maspeth C-110. He is also single and very much Lithuanian!

INSIDE THE NBA LEAGUE

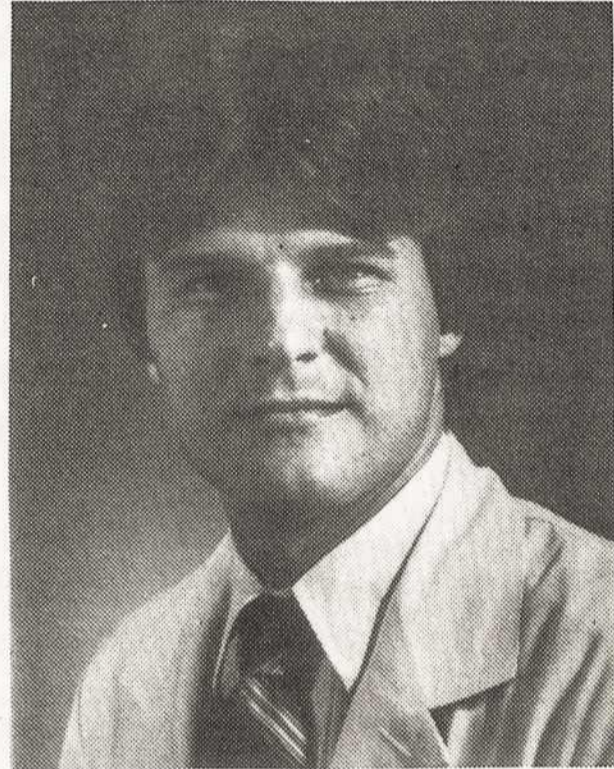
Warriors guard Sarunas Marciulionis of Lithuania was the first player from Lithuania to sign with the NBA team. After he played his first game, he sent his first game jersey and the ball he used to score his first points to the Basketball Hall of Fame. No report on whether the jersey was washed or whether the first stains also were preserved.

HELPING THE CANCER FIGHT

Charles Bronson who is part Lithuanian and his wife, Jill Ireland attended the Preventive Medicine Institute-Strang Clinic's 'Garden of Hope Celebration' in New York City to benefit breast cancer research. Ireland co-chaired the event to honor Lithuanian Dr. Jerome Urban's work in treating breast cancer.

ELECTED NEW NATIONAL REPUBLICAN HERITAGE GROUPS (NATIONALITIES) COUNCIL

Casey Oksas, member of C-112 in Chicago, was elected NRHGC Chairman at the recent convention in Washington. Oksas is a retired Colonel of the U.S. Army and is currently Jury Commissioner for the Circuit Court of Cook County, IL. Upon his election as Chairman, Oksas becomes a member of the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee.



Dr. Steven Laukaitis

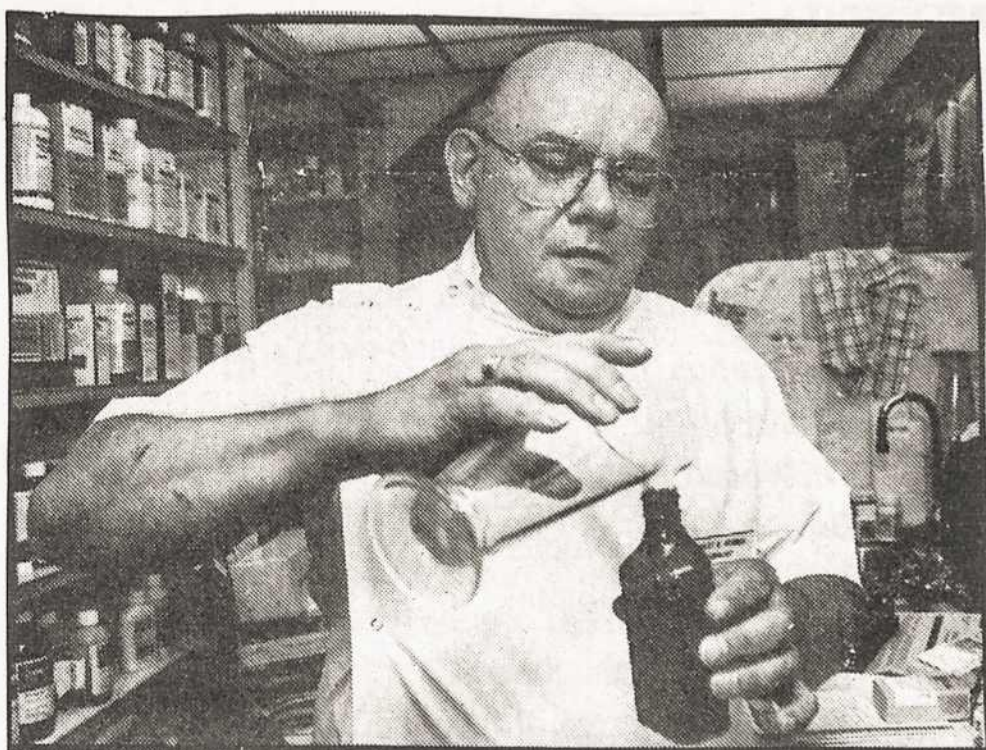
In accepting the Chairmanship before convention delegates and guests, Casey stressed the need for the Council to become more nationwide in scope of activities and in its representation. He added that leaders of ethnic communities not currently active in the Council must be encouraged to join and participate. Delegates, members and guests representing over 20 ethnic groups came from all across the country to attend the NRHGC's national convention.

AGE-OLD APOTHECARY

One cannot buy a cream cheese and nut sandwich for a dime at the Community Pharmacy anymore, or a frappe for a quarter, but the old-time atmosphere lives on at the East Main Street apothecary.

Passerby can catch a glimpse of the past in the window of the oldest pharmacy in the city of Amsterdam, NY. A prescription book from 1895, a mortar and pestle, and a pill tile used to form pills sit in the window of the pharmacy where they were once used.

Amsterdam owner, Stanley Stankes, member of C-100, became owner by default of the antiques when he bought the building in 1958. Stankes thought being a pharmacist "looked like a good profession" so he went to college and became one himself. People started asking Stankes about the drug store's history when graffiti on the walls indicate 1907; old pictures date around 1930s and a yellow menu dated 1927 is highlighted by malted milk shakes for 15¢ and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for 10¢. "It's a big joke compared to the prices



Stanley Stankes

today," Stankes said.

Stankes has hired a lawyer recently to help him trace the history of the pharmacy in more detail. So far, he has only found out bits and pieces of information. He has modernized the interior of the business in the 1960s. The pharmacy actually became the most modern privately-owned pharmacy in the area when it was the first to install a computer system, its owner said. What really counts is the charm that remains. Prescriptions filled with patience and care.

AN ANIMATOR'S FANTASY IN MOTION



Zenonas Steinys

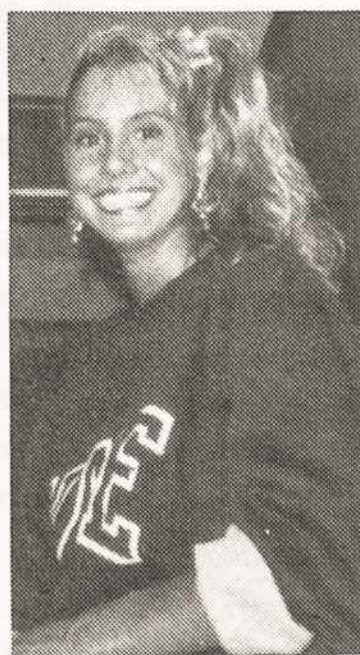
A good animated cartoon is a rare treat, as any moviegoer will tell you. Many of the cartoons, for example, are drab, with plots as dry as dust. The dialogue is often hackneyed and the pictures unattractive. But critics and audiences never give up hope that the next new cartoon will be different.

This hope has been justified in Zenonas Steinys. Now 43, this Lithuanian editorial cartoonist, famous for his wit and taste, took up film art and direction rather late in life. *Gone As If It Had Never Been*, his graduation project at Moscow's higher film direction courses, is a children's cartoon that sparkles with humor. His next endeavor, *Generosity*, was recently released at the Vilnius Film Studio. This film is for adults, although children can enjoy it thoroughly. The film is a sequence of metaphors, whose roots lie in Lithuanian folklore.

It takes an alert mind, a thorough philosophical background, and a profound knowledge of Lithuanian culture to be able to

appreciate Steinys' cartoons completely. But they are a pleasure to the average viewer, too.

By Algirdas Gaijūtis - The Arts



Suzanne Tars

A NEW ACTRESS

Suzanne Tars, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Taragowski, members of C-50, New Haven, CT is an upcoming star. She has been studying drama at the Los Angeles Theater and is currently performing in the serial "Freddie's Nightmare" as Linda Wax, a babysitter. The series appears on various TV channels.

Suzanne has already proved her success when she performed in many plays at Amity High School in Woodbridge. After graduation, she

joined the Los Angeles Theater. Congratulations.



You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Abraham Lincoln

LETTERS

IN NEED OF ROSARIES

My hobby is making and restringing rosaries. I have been making rosaries since 1940. Last year I sent over 500 to a cardinal and bishop in India.

I have a man from Aurora, IL who makes the rosaries for me and I supply him with the material. Rosary material is quite expensive. Last year I spent over \$2,400. Some people have been quite generous in financial assistance.

Our Superior General, Father Donald Petraitis, made his canonical visitation to our Marian House in November. I gave him 75 rosaries for Lithuania. He will give them to our Marian Fathers who will come to Rome. They will then take them

to Lithuania.

I am requesting that K of L members send old rosaries to me. Rosaries that can be restrung. Their rosaries will go to Lithuania. There is a dire need for many things in Lithuania.

Yours in Christ and Mary,
Rev. John Savukynas

(Ed. Note: If you do not have discarded rosaries to mail to Father, a small donation to help defray expenses would be appreciated. His address is: Rev. John Savukynas, St. Mary's Church, 810 Center Ave. North, Plano, IL 60545-1098.)

Scholarship Thank-You

Nuoširdžiai dėkoju už man suteiktą paramą. Gauti pinigai man labai patar-
naus, knygų ir mokslui butinų reikmenų
įsigyjimui. Mano mokslo metai jau greit
prasisėdės. Kaip tik dėl to, Jusų man suteikta
parama susiderino su mokyklinių išlaidų
laikotarpiu.

Didelis ačiū ponui Piacentini ir visam
Komitetui.

Nuoširdžiausiai,
Robertas Rėkus, Roma

ANOTHER DAY.

Lord, thank You for another day,
Within this life of mine.
Give me the strength to live it well,
Whatever I may find.
Bestow from Your abundance,
Whatever I may lack
To use the hours wisely,
For I cannot have them back.

Lord, Thank You for another day,
In which to make amends
For little slights or petty words,
Inflicted on my friends.
For sometimes losing patience,
With problems that I find,
For seeing faults in other lives,
But not the ones in mine.

God give me eyes that I might see
The work that can be done by me.
God give me ears that I might hear
The cry of those who need me near.
God give me lips that I might comfort
And peace to all who seek.
God give me mind that I might know
How to help those who need me so.
God give me hands that I might do
Some large or simple tasks for You.
God give me a prayer that I might pray
Thy help and guidance every day!

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD GRESKY
C-112 Chicago, IL
† September 22, 1989

JOHN JOHNSON
C-140 Syracuse, NY
† December 6, 1989

JOHN WHELLY
C-100 Amsterdam, NY
† November 8, 1989

JOHN GREEN
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† December 12, 1989

STANLEY RUSONIS
C-86 DuBois, PA
† November 25, 1989

WALTER MARCELONIS
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† December 19, 1989

VYT LUBERT
C-112 Chicago, IL
† December 1, 1989

LOUISE DAUZICKAS
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† December 20, 1989

REV. ANTHONY GRIGAITIS
C-100 Amsterdam, NY
† December 20, 1989

The reward of a thing well done is to have
done it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

People who snore
always fall asleep first.

ARTS CLUB THEATRE
Our Lady of Vilnius Church
 New York, NY
 © by Robert M. Kerrigan

Sunday, late afternoon in January 1989 was spent with the Arts Club Theatre, Inc., a non-profit cultural organization staffed by Baltic Americans. It was again a *revelation*. Revelation this time but before - Genesis with my memory of their staging of The Last Awakening, a classic of Baltic existential dramatic exploration into the nihilism of the dark era.

What! - enough, what are you talking about, it was just let to light the fire or wrap the fish with this page. Don't, stop, look, listen, read! At Our Lady of Vilnius Church, 570 Broome St., Manhattan, in the basement; the Arts Club Theatre, directed by Rasa Allan Kazlas presented a performance of Lithuanian poetry, all in translation, including the mystical existential work of Leonardas Andriekus, those of the Canadian based Raymond Filip and many another Lithuanian poet - including the work of two Nobel prize winners, Milosz and Brodsky.

So What! Well, to tell you so what - I said so What! A company of talented actors, mostly Irish Americans, singing and dancing at times in Lithuanian. How my grandmother would have laughed. Splendid, interesting. If you want me to tell you about them or the poetry, I must refuse. Read on friends, from selections of this stuff of wonderment:

A revelation —
 Restlessness in the north
 Moved glaciers
 Agony was born.

From Insect in Amber
 Leonardas Andriekus

Hieroglyphs for the eye and ear, amorous rings.
 A sound reverberated inward, sculpturing our time,
 The flicker, flutter, twitter of our language.

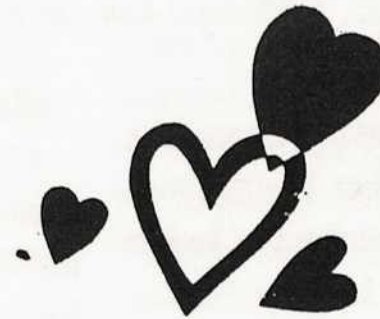
From Tidings
 Czeslaw Milosz

It has been raining for thirty years.
 I did not prepare for the journey.

From Odes to Time
 Vitalija Bogutaite

A final word - if ever there was a need for art to go to Lithuania, this performance of poetry, Etched in Amber, should go and those Irish Lithuanian American players, too. But, alas, if only someone, somewhere should find the room in their pocketbooks to get them there.

Oh Gorby, by George, let's hope they go. For there are no diverged roads in a yellow wood nor any clouds in trousers to stop them, just some money.



K of L CALENDAR

March 4, 1990 - Great Neck C-109 Communion Breakfast - 10:30 am Mass St. Aloysius Church, Great Neck, NY; Luncheon Lauraine Murphy's Restaurant, Manhasset, NY - \$20.00.

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

April 7, 1990 - National Executive Board Meeting - Noon - Hosts C-19 Pittsburgh.

April 29, 1990 - NED Spring Convention. Hosts C-141 Bridgeport, CT

May 18-20, 1990 - MCD Convention & Bowling Tournament, C-96 Dayton, OH Hosts.

June 22-24, 1990 - NED Retreat - Kennebunkport, ME

July 26-29, 1990 - 77th National Convention - Hosts: Pittsburgh Council #19.

FRIENDSHIP:

Never explain — your friends do not need it, and your enemies will not believe it anyway.

Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia



MAD Officers: L to R: Ann Dudewicz, John Sakal, John Adomenas, Eugenia Janonis, Rita Sussko, Jovita Sleder, John Antanavicius and Dalia Bulvicius.

AMBER DISTRICT

At the call of Pres. John Mickunas, the Executive Board of Amber District met in the social rooms of St. Michael's Church in Easton, PA on Nov. 11.

The roster of officers and chairs was presented. Rev. Jarasunas, pastor of Our Lady of Siluva, Maizeville, is spiritual advisor. Officers were listed in a previous issue of Vytis.

C-3 of Philadelphia will host St. Casimir Celebration on Sunday, March 11 at St. Casimir Church in Philadelphia. Third Degrees will be awarded with applications to be submitted to ritual committee before Feb. 15. Joe Drumstas, C-3, will chair the raffle, the annual fundraiser.

Income of \$246 realized by C-3 at the Music Hall Festival in Philadelphia in November was added to the Treasury.

Bylaws for our District are in preparation.

MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

C-16 of Bridgeport recently hosted the Memorial Mass for deceased Mid-America Knights of Lithuania members with Rev. Richard Dodaro, pastor of St. George's Church and district spiritual advisor Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas concelebrating the Mass. After Services, many members and friends partook of a delightful lunch in St. George Hall. Many thanks to C-16 for their enthusiastic K of L spirit.

We are all looking forward to our "Memories" Banquet celebration at the beautiful Martinique Restaurant in February. Our distinguished honored guest will be Vladas Adamkus, Regional Director of Environmental Engineering.

The K of L Dancers under the direction of Frank Zapolis performed at the traditional Lithuanian Kučios at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chi-

cago. They also performed for Lithuanian Day at Christmas Around the World for over 25 years. The K of L Choir also participated numerous times.

The K of L Choir joined the St. George Choir in the concert celebrating the newly acquired church organ. Robert Mockus was the maestro at St. George in Tinely Park.

The K of L Dinner Dance was held at the Šiauliu Hall in January.

Al Zakarka

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The New England District held a Festival during October at Marionis Park in Shrewsbury.

We wish to thank all for their many kindnesses and donations. Irene Tamulovich donated \$100 in memory of her late husband Ed of C-116 Worcester. The District donated a basket of cheer, three Lithuanian History Books and a \$100 US Savings Bond.

Members of C-10 Athol-Gardner who also donated were Lennie Davidonis, Howard Beaudette & Beatrice Richards.

We thank all for their generosity in helping to make the festival a success.

Blanche Genaitis

C-1 BROCKTON, MA

Elections were held for 1989-90 and the results are: Rev. Peter Shakalis, spiritual advisor; Bill Pribusauskas, pres.; Frank Bumila, 1st vice pres.; Sister Verna, 2nd vice pres.; John Statkus, 3rd vice pres.; Pat Achorn, sec.; Doris Fralick, treas.; Ronnie Bizinkauskas, Lithuanian Affairs.

The annual Kučios was held on December 10 at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent. There were approximately 140 K of L members and friends who attended from the Greater Boston area. Rev. Shakalis, NED spiritual director, opened with a prayer. The group prayer leaders were Alex Akule, Joseph White, Bronis Kudirka, John Dekevich, Joseph Januskevich, Al Stakutis and Al Kropas. Mis-



Kučios sponsored by C-1 Brockton at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent.

tress of Ceremonies was Sister Eugenia Glineckis, CJC. Rev. Nagle, chaplain at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, gave the closing invocation.

A special thank you to C-1 members: John & Anne Statkus for co-chairing the Kučios along with Sister Helen Ivanauskas. The good sisters put a great deal of time and effort into making the Kučios a success.

Coming events for C-1 are as follows: Feb. 9 - Mayor Pitara of Brockton declares Lithuanian Independence Week and the raising of the Lithuanian flag on Legion Parkway, Brockton, to fly until Feb. 18; Feb. 10 - Annual Snowflake Ball, Canoe Club, W. Bridgewater, MA with Joe Paseika's Orchestra; Feb. 11 - Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Casimir's, Brockton with procession and program to follow.

Pat Achorn

C-7 WATERBURY, CT

Our spiritual advisor Rev. Karvelis and Rev. Rikteraitis from New Britain, CT will be leaving on a trip to the Holy Land and Egypt. They depart on April 22 and return on May 4. They and many others plan to make the pilgrimage. It is the dream of many Christians to journey to the Holy Land and to walk in the footsteps of Our Lord.

Congratulations to Joseph and Mary Samoska who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Nov. Their children, Beverly, Joyce and Joe gave them a surprise anniversary party at Country Gate in Middlebury.

Another member, Diane, daughter of Ann Kundrotas, was married to David Gay recently. David joined the K of L. Congratulations and best wishes for many happy years.

Once again the council is back in full swing in bowling. They are doing very well. It's a fun night.

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

Our Kučios was held in St. Francis Church following evening Mass on Dec. 16. Fr. Jurgelonis blessed and shared the plotkėles with all in attendance. Following traditional meatless meal, an evening of singing Christmas carols was enjoyed. The hall was adorned with a lovely Lithuanian style Christmas tree. Both dailies carried nice writeups on the event.

Bernice and Bill Wisniauskas entered a lovely Christmas exhibit at the Digital Equipment Facility in Westminster. Other national groups also entered their ethnic displays.

Congratulations to Pauline Melaike

who recently reached her 95th year. Daughters Millie and Annie Zilinsky are staunch K of L supporters. O tau, Paulina, linkimė stipros sveikatos!

Congratulations are extended to James Eacmen and Margaret Burbank on their recent marriage on Dec. 3 in Sacred Heart Church, Gardner.

Get well wishes are sent to Frank Anoris who is now in the Quabin Convalescent Home in Athol.

Let us remember Alice Perekslis of happy memory on the first anniversary of her death. She is missed by family, business associates and the K of L family. Condolences are also sent to the family on the recent death of son-in-law John Milsusick, age 45, also of Athol.

C-19 PITTSBURGH, PA

At our Christmas lunch and meeting, plans were further discussed for the K of L National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh since 1954. There were many enthusiastic ideas and suggestions made. All indications show our members will be working whole heartedly to make this convention a success. John Baltrus, chairman, with Pres. David and Judy Wenslovas together with C-19 members, are working toward the goal of a memorable convention.

K of L members who have not visited Pittsburgh recently are in for a pleasant surprise. We, in C-19, can promise an



Bill Wisniauskas, C-10 Pres., Re. Chester Suchocki and Al Akule, NED President.

eventful, exciting and fun-filled convention; one you will not want to miss!

Mary H. Tamy

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

C-50 officers for 1990 are: Rev. Karalis, spiritual advisor; Frank Peterson, pres.; Al Gutasukas, 1st vice pres.; Mary Geipel, 2nd vice pres.; Audrey Toole, rec. sec.; Al Gedrim, fin. sec.; Anne Meskins, treas.; Charles Dekas, Helen Medley, Joan Augustine, trustees; Isabel Peterson and Anthony Kordorsky, Sgts. at arms.

Committee chairs are: Bernice Barile, ritual; George Kisielius, Lithuanian Affairs; John Saulys, Cultural; Betty Gybowski, publicity and Helen Balchus, Vytis correspondent.

Our annual Turkey Shoot and Christmas Boutique took place in Nov. Anne Kordorsky was in charge of the Boutique. Irene & Mike Kordorsky, Frank Antin, Al Gedrim, Al Gutasukas and Frank Peterson were in the kitchen.

St. Casimir's Church Hall glittered with all the Christmas fantasies, i.e., sparkling straw ornaments, Christmas centerpieces, fluffy white stuffed animals with silver necklaces, and Lithuanian homespun linen tablecloths. The cakes even sparkled with their creamy frostings and colorful adornments.

Crispy hot potato pancakes were sizzling in the kitchen and the line never ended. Then, there was always the Lithuanian sausage, rye bread and sauerkraut. It all hit the spot. Al Berzinis served the refreshments. Eleanor Gutasukas sold tickets for food and drinks. Ann Gedrim sold Lithuanian sausage.

The following also worked: Mary Geipel & Magdalen Cronin, straw ornaments; Isabel Peterson, Lithuanian cultural items; Marion Meshako, white elephant; Joan Augustine, jewelry; Viola Plant, Helen Lostys, crafts; Audrey Toole, religious articles; Ann Meskins & Bernice Barile, baked

goods; Marcella Stadolnick and Ann Berzinis, snack bar; Catherine Prishwalko and Betty Gybowski, children's specialties, and Maryann Cappelli, candy raffle.

The affair was not only a financial but also a social success.

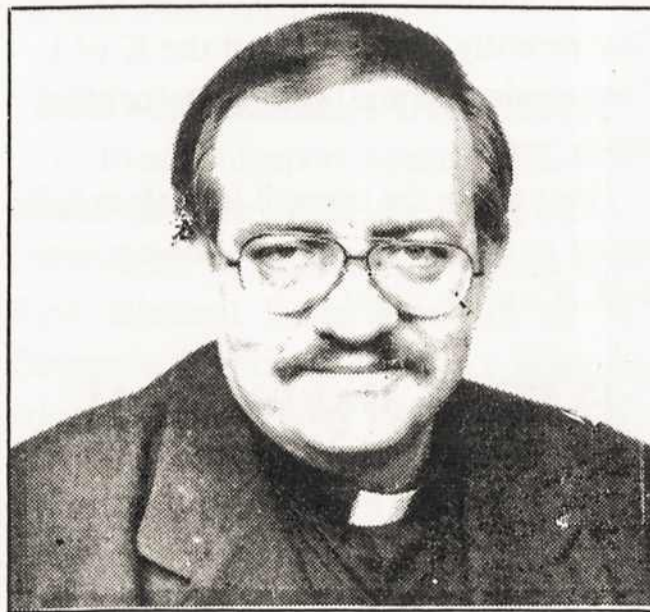
Helen Balchus

C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

The Knights were pleased to learn that Archbishop McCarrick appointed Rev. Alfred Zemeikis pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul effective January 1st. Rev. Alfred served as pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Vailsburg, Newark for eleven years. Father Al succeeds his brother, Rev. Peter, who is on sabbatical.

Under the sponsorship of the Altar Society, the traditional Christmas Eve Lithuanian Kučios brought together the family of Sts. Peter & Paul to pray for God's continued blessings. Many thanks to Anele Karalis, Helen Balandis and Lee Grynys, our K of L members who are also officers of the society.

William Senkus



Rev. Al Zemeikis



C-74 SCRANTON, PA

We had our yearly Kučios with Mary & Jerry Costello as co-chairpersons. Rev. Peter Madus welcomed everyone and said grace. We broke bread together and then we ate our traditional catered meal.

Dick Laske, Jerry Costello and John

Ramoska sold chances for about 35 prizes. Ann Lisowski, prize chairman, did a great job again. Edward & Peg Romanauskas prepared the punch and "virytos" which added much cheer to the activities. Marie Laske and Ann Lisowski trimmed the tree with Lithuanian straw ornaments. Sister Virginia led the Lithuanian sing-along assisted by Mary Costello and Eleanor Pocius.

Daniel J. Yenkevich, a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Lithuanian Church of Hazleton, was one of five seminarians recently ordained in the Order of Diaconate in the Diocese of Scranton in St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. Auxiliary Bishop DiLorenzo served as ordaining prelate. Among those in attendance at the luncheon that followed in St. Joseph Church Hall were Rev. Peter Madus, Marie Laske, Ann and John Adomenas,

C-96 DAYTON, OH

The Nov. meeting was the very special election night. A delicious dinner was put together by Kitty Prasmantas and assisted by daughter Julie. The pies baked by Mrs. Zubrick were still warm. The refreshment bar was handled by Irene Gecas and Elena Mikalauskas. Special thanks to Eloise Berczelly who did a great job as Nominating Committee Chairlady.

Officers for 1990 term are: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis; Pres., Fran Petkus; 1st Vice Pres., Eloise Berczelly; 2nd Vice Pres., Irene Gecas and Elena Mikalauskas; Rec. Sec., Catherine Prasmantas; Treas., Sally Miller; Trustees, Joseph Mantz and George Mikalauskas; Sgt. at Arms, Karl Keival. Committee chairs are as follows: Religious, Stan Vaitkus; Lithuanian Affairs, Aldona Ryan, Alice Petkus, Stefanija Rastikis; Ritual, Rev. Katarskis, Fran Petkus, Eloise Berczelly; Sports, Joseph Fletcher; Bylaws, Joseph Ryan, Joseph and Elinor Mantz; Condolence, Annamarie Berger; Cultural, Irene Gecas, Stefanija Rastikas; Public Relations, Christine Fletcher; Social, Elaine

Pacovsky. Serving on the Telephone Squad are Joyce Berczelly, Christine Fletcher, Eugenia Gecas, Ann Gitzinger, Barbara Goecke, Joan Kavalauskas, Susan Kieval and Frances Mikalauskas. Vytis correspondent is Mary Agnes Mikalauskas while Fran Petkus and Eloise Berczelly handle the duties of Bulletin Editor. Historians are Eugenia Gecas and Joseph Ryan. Joseph Gecas and Helen Kieval are Sarysis representatives.

Best of luck to the incoming officers and a big ačiū for the fine job the previous officers did.

Plan to attend the MCD Bowling Convention on May 18-20, 1990 being hosted by C-96. Joseph Mantz and Joe Fletcher will keep us posted. Last month's Vytis listed this event as already occurring. Sincere apologies from Council News Editor. Please mark your calendars and attend. *Mary Agnes Mikalauskas*

C-109 GREAT NECK, NY

Greetings in the New Year! May it bring us all many blessings.

We were pleased to meet Alphonse & Dorothy Mazelis, who were sworn in as new members at a recent meeting. It's always a pleasure to meet new Lithuanians - there seems to be so few of us! Welcome to our "family".

Our 1990 Executive Board remains the same as in '89. We find that once you've accepted a position, it's yours! We hope, with the involvement of new members, perhaps this will change.

The council's holiday party was most enjoyable. We had an ecumenical feast. All brought foods which were shared with one another. Everyone seemed to be satisfied with their \$2. grab-bag gifts - especially Bill Bernatovich, who picked an envelope with a \$10 bill enclosed. Lucky boy! It's good to get together socially every once in a while. Our thanks to Beatrice Jamison, who chaired this event, and to those who volunteered their help.

Sincere condolences are extended to the

family of Charles Nekiunas whose death was announced on Nov. 16. Though Charlie lived out of state, and was not able to attend our activities, he was very proud of his Lithuanian heritage, and joined our council to "keep in touch". Stacia Wain also lost her mom, Anele Augustus, who, in her later years, had been residing in a nursing home. Her mom was a staunch parishioner of St. George's Church in Brooklyn, NY and like all Lithuanians, was disappointed when it merged with a non-Lithuanian parish. This was "her" church and supported it to the very end. We pray for these good people in their eternal rest.

Isabelle Boza was hospitalized right after Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, while being treated there, she broke her arm, which prolonged her stay until mid-January. She is now at home, under a nurse's supervision, and continues her recuperation. If you're in the area, stop in to say hello. She loves visitors. Al Wesey, before the holidays, had surgery on his hand which incapacitated him for a time, but everything's fine now. With the flu season upon us, many have had colds but are surviving during the low winter temperatures.

Others escaped to warmer climate. Eileen & John Blika vacationed in North



Jack Malis & Isabel Boza - C-109 Great Neck members.

Carolina, Amelia (Chip) Chapin left for Florida, as did Jack Malis, who has a condo in Boynton Beach. At this time of year, Jack visits with his sister, Amelia Budris, a member of ours, and her family, who reside in that area.

Our St. Casimir's Day commemoration will be held Sunday, March 4. Mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. in St. Aloysius Church, Great Neck, with lunch immediately following at Lauraine Murphy's Restaurant in Manhasset. Tickets are \$20. which can be obtained from: J. Zukas, 9 Charles St., Port Washington, NY 11050. Limited seating; get your tickets early.



Eileen and John Blika at C-109 Great Neck's Annual Christmas Party.

Greetings are extended to MIKHAIL GORBACHEV who will be celebrating his 59th birthday on March 3. We wish him well. With his glasnost reforms, perhaps the Baltic Republics can be more hopeful in their quest for freedom and independence. We have prayed for this a long time - and we are waiting.....

Jo Z.

C-112 CHICAGO, IL

As of this writing, our council actively prepared to welcome the Christmas holiday spirit. Ellie Kasputis hosted the Dec. Board meeting with the traditional Christmas party. This year our Dec. regular meeting was held off campus. Social chairlady Julie Zakarka arranged a meeting at one of our local restaurants followed by a sumptuous dinner, music and refreshments.

C-112 Juniors spent an enjoyable afternoon at the International Folk Festival at the Balzekas Museum.

The special guest lecturer at our Nov. meeting was pastor John Kuzinskas from Nativity BVM Church. Father spoke on the Liturgy of our Roman Catholic Faith and brought out many new items as well as old forgotten ones.

Get well wishes extended to Felix Mackevicius and to Ed Laconny. Former Counsel General Josephine Dausvardis would love to hear from some of our K of L members. Her address is: Holy Family Villa, 123rd St., Lemont, IL 60439.

Congratulations to our C-112 president Al Mockus on his new business venture. He recently acquired Alexander J. Mockus, Realtors. *Al Zakarka*

C-118 HAZLETON, PA

We welcome our newly elected officers for 1990 consisting of the following: Pres., Dolores Yuscavage; Vice Pres., Marcella Gelgot; Sec., Ann Kaschak; Treas., Ruth Alansky; Fin. Sec., Marie Alansky; Cultural Chairman, Valentino Dancho; Publicity, Irene Norris; Sgt. at Arms, George Norris; Vytis Correspondent, Julia Solonoski; Trustees, Eleanor Kassick, Nellie Masyada.

We salute our retiring officers for an exceptional two years of leadership and hard work. Their activities included obtaining of new members, Ethnic Food Sale, "Kučios", participation in Eckly Ethnic days, Christmas in Eckly, Annual Picnic at Val and Joe Dancho's Grove. We give credit to Val for sewing our

beautiful Lithuanian costumes. Our latest activity was the hosting of the District meeting which was so well planned. Val and Joseph Dancho did the cooking. It was a well attended meeting and a huge success. *Julia Solonoski*

C-140 SYRACUSE, NY

Frank and Irene Petrauskas, delegates to the Chicago National Convention, echo the sentiments and praises already given by many delegates and guests on these pages concerning the convention. It was a real good one. The committee and all members of C-112 are to be commended on a job well done. A lot of effort and hard work goes into a convention and those who worked on previous conventions really appreciate the trials and tribulations of a committee.

Sept. 24 was a big day for C-140 members. First we attended Mass at St. Stephen's Church for the oppressed Church in Lithuania. Father Tom celebrated the Mass, and he delivered a moving and impressionable homily on Lithuania and the other captive nations. Later in the day many of us attended a dinner and program sponsored by the Captive Nations Committee of Syracuse.



C-112 Chicago donated \$500 to the Lithuanian Research and Studies Center. L to R: Eleonor Kasputis; Dr. Jonas Rackauskas, pres. LRSC; Algirdas & Aldona Brazis.

This was in observance of the 50th anniversary of the Molotov-VonRibbentrop Pact and the 30th anniversary of the Captive Nations Organization in the United States. The dinner was held in the Ukrainian Home and it was very well attended by people from the various captive nations. The speaker was Dr. Askold Lozynsky from New York City who gave an inspirational talk. The chairman of the committee was Frank Petrauskas. He also addressed the assembly.

Katherine Cravetts, Jack and Catherine Brandt and other family members spent three weeks during the summer at their camp in Vermont and traveled through the New England states and Canada. One stop was at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport which they really enjoyed.

October means election time and the following were elected: Rev. Tom Kobuszewski, spiritual advisor; Frank Petrauskas, pres.; Philip Fink, vice pres.; Irene Petrauskas, sec.; Jack Brandt, treas.; Catherine Brandt and John Stanley, trustees.

Committee chairpersons are Mary Zutant, spiritual program; Katherine Cravetts, Lithuanian Affairs; Veronica Sutkus, cultural; Dawn Rudd, ritual; Frank Petrauskas, public relations.

This is the first year in 25 years that C-140 did not participate in the Festival of Nations. Our working crew is growing older and our ranks are thinning out. We aren't getting sufficient young people to help carry the load. It was a good feeling to be told by many that the Lithuanian booth was very much missed and especially the potato pancakes.

Our plans to have a potato pancake dinner in April at St. Stephen's which will be open to the public. This will be our fund raiser for the year. Our Dec. meeting and covered dish dinner was well attended. We shared the plotkélė wafer with each other exchanging greetings and good wishes. The meal was a variety of

delicious dishes, especially Norman Klimas' pickled beets. Many thanks to Veronica Sutkus who made all the arrangements and chaired the dinner. Two guests who attended were Mike Wilton's daughters, Mary Beth and Meg. They enjoyed themselves and want to join our organization.

We were saddened in Dec. by the passing of one of our charter members, John Johnson. John was a big fellow who was liked by all who knew him. He was a photographer by trade. Those of you who attended the Syracuse convention in 1978 will remember John as co-chairman of the convention. He loved everything Lithuanian and enjoyed participating in Lithuanian activities. A number of our members participated in the K of L Wake Service and some attended his funeral. Our condolences to his wife, June, who is also active in our council.

PUSBROLIS

C-142 WASHINGTON, DC

Leading off an exceptionally busy calendar was the council's annual June picnic at Pres. Julia Burlen's home. Due to the recent Soviet relaxation on overseas travel, two guests from Lithuania were able to enjoy this classic American

ritual, a summer picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings. The visitors were Dalia Narijauskiėnė of Kaunas and Arunas Tamosevičius of Vilnius. Julia's brother, Joe Trocki and his wife Kathleen from Massachusetts, helped make the visitors feel at home by providing Lithuanian sausage.

On June 14 the Joint Baltic American National Committee and the Baltic American Freedom League, in association with Congressmen Donald W. Riegle, Dennis Hertel and Don Ritter, dedicated the annual Baltic Freedom Award this year, in a symbolic sense, to the peoples of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia for their "courageous and unyielding efforts to regain independence for their countries."

Dan Quayle, Vice Pres. of the U.S., presented the Puebla Institute's prestigious Freedom Award on June 11 to Rev. Alphonse Svarinskas. On behalf of the Institute, Vice Pres. Quayle conferred this honor, with its attendant publicity, upon Father in recognition of his "selfless defense of religious freedom" in Lithuania because of which he spent more than a third of his 64 years in Soviet prison.

The Puebla Institute is a lay Catholic human rights group established in 1983. It takes its name from the Third General



C-142 Washington - L to R: Puebla Representative with Vice Pres. Dan Quayle and Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas.



C-142 Washington at Lithuanian Legation Reception: L to R: Emily Paukstitus, Dalias Naijauskiene, Rev. Svarinskas, Jean Lutwin, Mary Semel & Julia Burlen.

Conference of Latin-American Bishops in Puebla, Mexico, at which Pope John Paul II and the Bishops declared human rights to be "an indispensable part of the church's evangelizing mission." Father Svarinskas has the distinction of being the first recipient of this award.

A reception in Father's honor was held at the Lithuanian Legation following the ceremonies in the Senate Office Bldg. Among those in attendance were Anne Wargo, National Pres. of the K of L, and Helen Chesko, Council News Editor of Vytis.

On July 23, Captive Nations Week was commemorated with special prayers and Mass for all nations held captive in the Soviet Union. The services were held at the priory church of St. Dominic in Washington. Worth noting is that this annual commemoration is due to the initiative of a deceased member of our council, Ladislaus Esunas.

The council's chaplain and faithful member, Rev. Thomas Ziuraitis, OP, celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination in Lithuania on July 30. As Father is also chaplain to the capital area's Lithuanian community, gifts from various Lithuanian organizations were presented to Father in an emotion-filled ceremony. Among the gifts was a white "juosta" brought from Lithuania specifically for

this occasion by Council Pres. Burlen. Bishop Baltakis' participation as chief concelebrant served to underline the high esteem in which the jubilarian is regarded.

A dinner-reception followed Mass in the priory's dining hall where priests and lay admirers of Father Ziuraitis' selfless devotion to church and the Lithuanian cause were able to provide a further expression of their appreciation in a more informal atmosphere.

Of historic interest is the fact that Father Ziuraitis is a surviving member of the Lithuanian Dominican Province re-established by Rev. B. Pauliukas in 1932 exactly 100 years after the Czarist government had forcibly expelled it. Father Pauliukas first two disciples were ordained in St. Dominic's, the very church where Father Ziuraitis is now assigned.

On Aug. 23, a "funeral" demonstration took place in downtown Washington during the noon hour to call public attention to the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact signed on that day half a century ago. The Pact divided eastern Europe between Hitler and Stalin, precipitating World War II. The motorcade terminated close to the Soviet embassy where a demonstration was held on foot.

In addition to Father Svarinskas, a number of other Lithuanian leaders called upon the Legation during the summer

months giving council members and others in the Lithuanian community an opportunity to meet personally with individuals prominent in the Lithuanian independence movement and to obtain at first hand a status report on the current political situation. These were Vytautas Landsbergis, the internationally renowned head of the powerful Sajudis political organization; Balys Gajauskas, a prisoner of conscience who, like Fr. Svarinskas, endured many years in the Soviet prison system for championing human rights; and two other high Sajudis officials, Arvydas Juozaitis and Vaidotas Antanaitis.

Andrew and Regina Eiva of the Washington community arranged a luncheon at their home on Oct. 18 for Mr. Juozaitis who was pleased to meet Julia Burlen, Helen Szpakowski and Clare Soponis. Mr. Juozaitis is typical of the new breed of young, dynamic leaders of a re-awakened Lithuania. He expressed much interest in the K of L and its activities and, in more personal surroundings, was able candidly to review Lithuania's progress toward freedom. Also present at the luncheon was Mike Yuknis of C-112 and chairman of Supreme Council's Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Pres. Burlen presented Mr. Juozaitis with a Vytis pin which he was proud to attach immediately to his lapel.

On Sept. 24, a Memorial Mass was offered in the Church of the Epiphany in Georgetown where the Lithuanian community's Mass is held on the last Sunday of the month. The Memorial Mass was for the repose of the souls of council's departed members, a lengthening roll call which includes the founders of C-142, Eva Migonis, Konnie & Elena Jurgela, Ladislaus Esunas, Helen Kvedar and Barbara Darlys.

C-142 held elections on Oct. 8 at which Julia Burlen's outstanding work for the council was recognized with re-election to the presidency. Kay Yankoski was elected vice pres.; Jean Ratway as fin.

sec. and Beverly Meder as recording secretary.

Al Cizauskas

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Our council observed a traditional Kučios on Dec. 10 in the social quarters of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Minersville. Florence Kobluskie, assisted by Minersville members, chaired the celebration. Bernice Mikatavage served as mistress of ceremonies. Father Matthew Jarasunas, spiritual advisor, opened with the reading of the Kučios Gospel in Lithuanian, Rev. Daniel Yenushosky, pastor of St. Francis offered the blessing and led the assemblage in prayers for deceased members. Father Matthew then led the members in the plotkele ritual.

The meal consisted of twelve traditional foods served to approximately 100 council members in a holiday atmosphere with artistic table arrangements. Rev. R. Potts, pastor at St. George, Shenandoah, said the prayer after the meal.

Gloria Dauchess spoke on Lithuanian Christmas customs and traditions. Members of St. Francis Sodality presented an entertaining program to conclude the council's observance of Kučios.

The December monthly Lithuanian Mass at Our Lady of Siluva featured Lithuanian carols. Many thanks, Father Matt!!

C-144 participated in Schuylkill County Lung Association Annual Christmas Tree Project at Fairlane Mall by manning the booth for one day. Elsie Kosmisky, Barbara & Stanley Silkunas, Violet Caper, Helen Paskey, Anne Supernavage, Lucy Zelonis, Alma Linder and Mary Brennan solicited donations and hung snowmen on the tree.

Pres. Eleanor Vaicaitis participated in the offertory procession and Mary Koons, cultural chairlady, offered a prayer of petition in Lithuanian at the celebration and prayer for the Europe block countries at the Cathedral of Catherine of Sienna in Allentown. Bishop T. Welsh celebrated



Mary Koons C-144 offers a prayer of petition for Eastern Europe in Allentown at the diocesan celebration.

Mass with Fr. M. Jarasunas, pastor of Our Lady of Siluva, Maizeville, and Fr. Gerald Gobitas, pastor of Annunciation BVM, Frackville, among the concelebrants. In a brief message, John Cardinal Krol, retired Archbishop of Philadelphia, commented on the Mass as an example of the Gospel "love your neighbor and love those who persecute you".

Delegation from Slovak, German, Hungarian and Polish diocesan parishes were involved. The recessional hymn was "Sveika Marija Motina Dievo". Other members in attendance were John Koons, Ann & Joseph Sikora, Helen & Mary Labadis, Bernard Zilaitis, Eleanor Yancofski, Joseph Martunas, John Balesky, Leonard Visgaitis, Ann Panchari and Florence Kobluskie.

The council extends sincere sympathy to the family of Edward Pelsinsky who passed away recently. We will miss him at the monthly Lithuanian Mass at Our Lady of Siluva where he sang in the choir.

C-153 TREASURE COAST, FL.

Po vasaros atostogų ir kelionių L. Vyčių 153 Kuopos nariai sugrižo i Florida praleisti žiemos šalčius šiltame ir saulėtam klimate. Daugelis čia jau isikūre nuolatinius apsigyvenimui, kiti, dar dir-

bantys, praleidžia žiemos atostogas.

Pirmas žiemos sezona susirinkimas ivyko Gruodžio 10 d. St. Jude parapijos salėje, Jupiter, po 12 val. Šv. Mišiu. Susirinko apie 20 nariu. Pirm. K. Scheibelhut malda pradėjo susirinkima. Pasveikinus kvietė vaišintis kalėdiniais skanumynais. Po vaišiu ivyko oficiali susirinkimo dalis. Praėjusio susirinkimo protokola skaitė sekr. Morris. Pranešimus padarė visi valdybos nariai. Aptarti einamieji reikalai ir tolimesnė kuopos veikla.

Pradedant naujuosius 1990 Metus, vaišės ivyko Sausio 7 d. po 2-ros valandos lietuvišku Šv. Mišiu, St. Paul of the Cross parapijos kavinėje.

Šv. Kazimiero švente paminėsime Kova 4-ta diena. Kviečiami Vyčiai iš plačios apylinkės, atostogaujantys ir visa lietuviška visuomenė dalyvauti ir pagerbti šventaji Lietuvos Karalaiti, Kazimiera. Prašomė šia data rezervuoti šiai progai. Neužilgo pranešime smulkesnes informacijas.

Muzikas Liudas Stukas išėjes i pensija New Jersey, persikėlė gyventi i Tequesta, Floridoje. Pasirinko šilta, saulėta Floridos klimata praleisti užtarnautas poilsui. Jaunystėje studijaves muzika New York University, savo visa gyvenima pašventė muzikai, dainai giesme. Jo darbas šioje srityje yra šakotas ir ivairus. Paskutiniu laiku vargonais groja St. Jude parapijos bažnyčioje, Jupiter. Kaip nuoširdus, kelintos kartos Amerikos lietuvis, gražiomis, lietuvišku giesmiu melodijom žavi vietos Amerikiečius. L. Vyčiu 153 kuopa džiaugiasi sulaukusi aktyvaus savo nario.

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Eleanor Vaicaitis, C-144 (second from left) with Bishop Thomas Welsh and John Cardinal Krol at the Allentown Diocesan Celebration for Eastern Europe at the Cathedral of Catherine of Sienna.



C-110 members and guests on the Festival Cruise to the Caribbeans.

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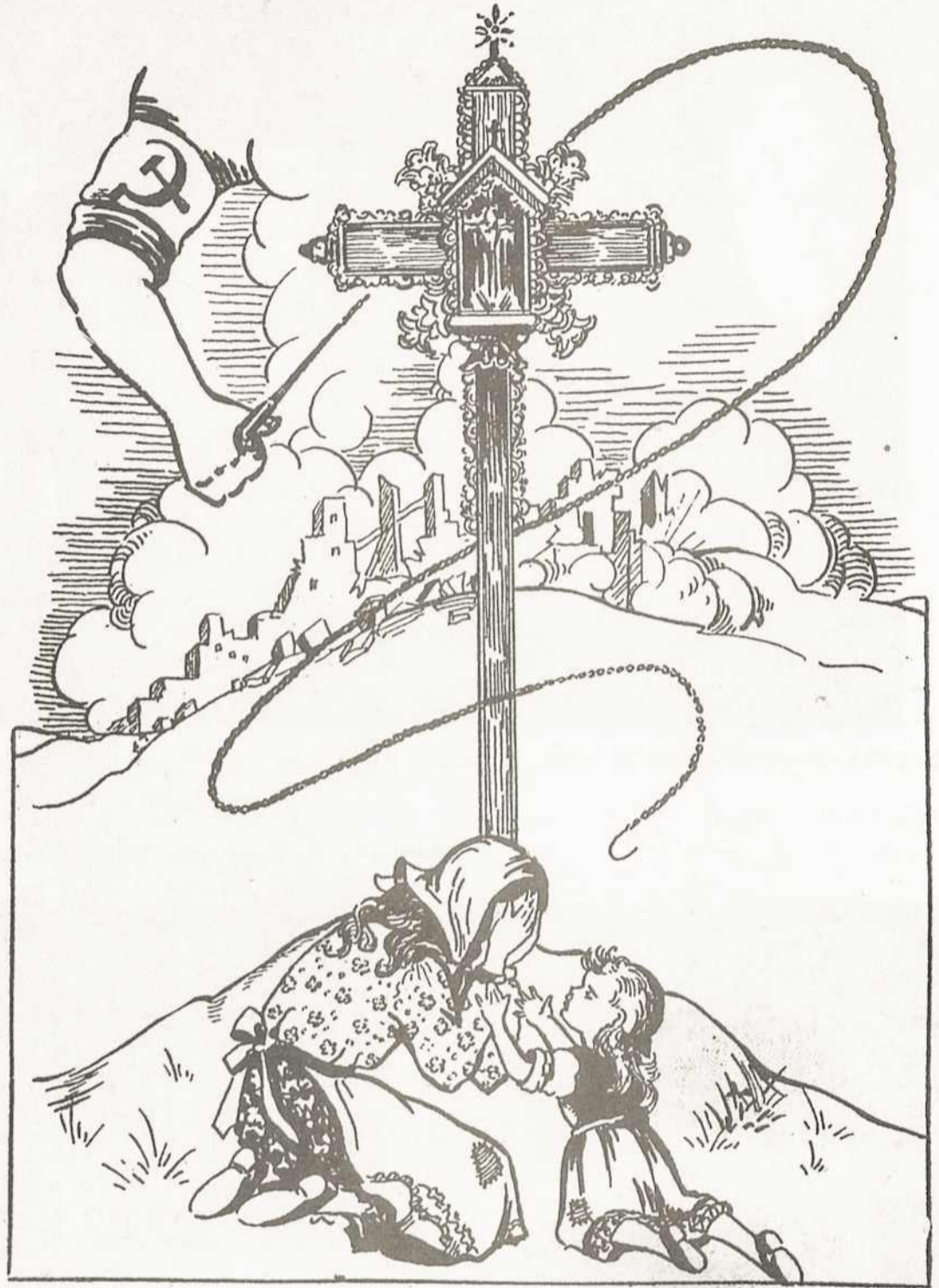
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