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ST. CASIMIR - PATRON SAINT OF LITHUANIA



Remains of St. Casimir being returned to the Cathedral.

On March 4th, Lithuanians celebrate the Feast Day of St. Casimir, patron saint of Lithuania, born at the royal palace of Cracow on Oct. 3, 1458. His father was Casimir IV, King of Poland and Grand Prince of Lithuania; his mother, Elizabeth of Austria, was daughter of Emperor Albrecht II Hapsburg. They had six sons and five daughters. Casimir was their third child and their second son. He and his brothers were educated at the royal court. Casimir impressed people as a gifted, well-educated and virtuous youth.

In the fall of 1471, when he was 13 years old, his parents sent him with an army and advisers to occupy the throne of Hungary, to which his mother claimed the right of succession. Casimir succeeded in conquering only a few castles. In the spring of 1472, after his unsuccessful military campaign, he returned to Cracow and for some time continued his education. When he was approximately 17 years old, he began travelling with his father attending meetings and receptions of representatives of foreign countries in order to gain experience in affairs of state. At age 22, his father assigned him an active part in the government. In 1481-83 he represented his father in Poland when he remained in Lithuania. During that time, young Casimir strengthened the financial condition by saving resources, repaid debts on mortgaged estates, strengthened relations with the Holy See, which had been marred by his father's connections with the Hussites of Bohemia. While performing his difficult duties and leading a strict ascetical life, he impaired his health and contracted tuberculosis.

In the spring of 1483 ailing Casimir arrived in Lithuania, the land which he now visited for the sixth time and which belonged to his father, his grandfather, King Jogaila, and his great-grandfather, Algirdas, the Grand Prince of Lithuania. He lived in

Vilnius and Trakai in the summer of 1483 and was in charge of the Chancellery of the Grand Principality of Lithuania. When his father returned to Poland, Casimir and his mother remained in Gardinas in the winter of 1483-84, where he died on March 4, 1484 at the age of 25. His body was brought for burial to the Cathedral of Vilnius.

The saintly life of Prince Casimir drew attention while he was still living. People began to pray at his tomb and steps were taken for his canonization. It was stated that he used to wear a hairshirt under his royal robes, describing his acts of mortification, his sleeping on the bare ground, his prayers at the door of a closed church, his alms to the poor, widows and orphans and his

meditations on the Passion of Christ. It is known that he was particularly determined to preserve perfect chastity by refusing to marry and adhering to the principle of preferring to die rather than to be defiled.

Traditionally it is accepted that St. Casimir was canonized by Pope Leo X, and permission had been granted to celebrate his feast with a solemn liturgy in Lithuania and in Poland. This celebration lasted three days in Lithuania with the opening of his tomb. His body was found miraculously preserved for a period of 120 years. Near his head was found the text of his favorite hymn, Daily, Daily Sing to Mary. His father Casimir IV, knew of his son's strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and had begun to build the first chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Cathedral of Vilnius where precious relics were to be placed. The remains of the Saint were placed in a silver coffin and elevated above the altar. Pope Urban VIII then declared St. Casimir the Patron Saint of Lithuania.

Many churches of St. Casimir were built in Lithuania and in the United States, many religious and cultural institutions were named after him; numerous works of art were painted and poetry composed in his honor.



Šv. Kazimierai melskis už Lietuvą.

PALM SUNDAY IN LITHUANIA

In Lithuania the name "Palm Sunday" is a misnomer. Most natives there have never seen a palm, since it grows only in warm climates. Consequently, the "verba" or "dwarfed spruce" is used in its stead. It is with the verba branches that people go to church on Palm Sunday, each bringing his own branch to be blessed. The "kadugys" (another name for the bush) grows all year round. One is at liberty to cut its branches at any time. But on the Saturday before Palm Sunday the people take special care in choosing and cutting some well formed branches, which the women folk decorate with tiny paper flowers. These are neatly tied and artistically arranged on the verba branch. The town church appeared colorful on Palm Sunday and the refreshing pine odor that prevailed throughout the services not only served as an air purifier but as incense as well. It was amusing to note that when the blessing of the verba services began, the so-called verba artists didn't hear what was going on. They glanced about, here and there scrutinizing the verba that "so and so" made to see what flower she imitated and what hues had been used. When the services were over, the blessed verba was brought home and dried. Then the needles were pulled off, the bare

branches put behind a holy picture or in the rafters as a protection from lightning. The needles were saved in a bag and were used as incense during thunderstorms, sickness and deaths.

An old Lithuanian custom is to beat each other with the verba branches. Even to this day, the saying goes that one must be hit with the verba to remain healthy during the coming year. The father hits the children on their bare legs while they are still sleeping on Palm Sunday morning to wake them for church. When hitting one with verba, the following is said: "Ne aš mušų, bet verba muša". (I do not hit you but the verba hits you). One can ransom himself from the beating by promising the "beater" an Easter egg (margutis).

Beating each other with a green branch has its origin in ancient times, when all greens had a special significance, like the Christmas holly and mistletoe's symbolism. So the juniper branch had a special power attached – its touch would give you a new life, prevent sickness, and so on. Later, with the influence that the church's blessing gave them, the power to chase Satan away was attached to it. Being blessed, it becomes a sacramental and as such, we believe it will ward off evil.

Lithuanian Customs & Other Ethnic Cookery, C-144

LIETUVIŲ KALBOS KAMPĖLIS

**Kalbėkime Lietuviškai
Let's Speak Lithuanian**

**SUDIEU, IKI PASYMATYMO AR VISO
GERO?**

Apolonija (Polly) Žiausys

Sudie(u) savo sandara, galima sakyti, klasikinis krikščioniškosios europiečių kultūros žodis. Tokios pat ir panašios darybos atsisveikinima turi daugelis Europos kalbų, pav: latvių ardiev(u), prancuzų adieu, italų addio, ispanų adios, anglų Good-bye, serbu-chorvatų zbogom ir t.t. Visų šiu žodžių pagrindinis dėmuo kiles iš Dievo pavadinimo pav., anglų Good-bye, kildinamas iš God be With You. "Dievas tebūnie su jumis". Neišmeskime Sudie(u) iš savo kalbos, nes liks didelė spraga, kurios neužkimšime jokių kitų žodžių, nei pasakymu.

Yra toks gražus vestuviu ir laidotuviu ritualas - atsi(su)dievojimas: jei nesakoma sudie(u), šios apeigos vardas lieka be šaknų, o vadinti ji atsisveikinimu ne visada leidžia tradicija ir kalbos jausmas. Kai atsidievojama (ar atsisveikinama) su mirusiais argi sakysime "Viso gero" ar "Iki pasi-maty-mo?"

Panašų darini su Dievo vardu, pavyzdžiui, rusai vartoja kiekviename žingsnyje - ju spasibo "aciu" yra atsirades iš sustabarėjusio junginio spasi bog, "gelbėk Dieve", panašios kilmės yra ir latviu paldies "ačiū", sutrumpėjes iš palidz, Dievs "padek Dieve".

Galima pateikti ir daugiau argumentų kad sudie(u) - geras, senas, visais atžvilgiais parankus žodis, giliai įleidęs šaknis ir į mūsų tautos ir į visos Europos kultūros tradicija.

Rašyti reikėtų ne sudiev, o sudieu. Taip visada rašydavo prof. Juozas Balčikonis (ši lytis nurodoma ir žodynuose), šitoki rašyma remia tradicija: greta tave, save, taves, savęs rašome tau, sau (o ne tav, sav). Taigi atsisveikindami sakykime 'SUDIEU'.

G.K. - A. Girdenis



A Diamond is a chunk of coal that made good under pressure.

FOLKLORE

Regina Kot, Cultural Chairlady

As I travel through many cities and, when time allows, I find myself in a library. I search the shelves to see if there are any books on Lithuania. When I visited the library in Poughkeepsie, I found a book entitled *Standard Dictionary of Folklore (Mythology & Legend)* by Maria Leach, editor and Jerome Fried Asso.

The author says that in the independent Lithuania, various collections and articles dealing with folklore were printed in the "Tauta ir Žodis" (The Nation & the Word), a publication of the Faculty of Liberal Arts in Kaunas. In 1930 the Folklore Commission under the auspices of the same Faculty was founded and functioned until 1935 under the direction of V. Krėvė. The Commission had collected about 132,000 folklore items, published 10 volumes of the series "Mūsų Tautosaka" (Our Folklore) and some other books: a big anthology of folk songs by Dovydaitis (1930) and a collection of proverbs by Krėvė (1934).

In 1934 the Commission of Folk Melodies was established by the Ministry of Education, and began to work with photographs. In 1935 the government issued a decree regulating folklore activity and established the Lithuanian Folklore Archives (Lietuvių Tautosakos Archyvas). This institution was to carry on the work begun by the above - mentioned enterprises with better methods, and all the investigations on folklore matters were concentrated in one place. Dr. Jonas Balys was appointed director of the archives and he remained in charge up

to 1944.

A folklore library was established and bibliography compiled. A publication was started (Tautošakos Darbai), Folklore Studies, where important material and studies were published, often with English or German summaries (7 volumes appeared in Kaunas, 1935-40). With the loss of independence and the occupation of the country first by the Russians and then by the Germans, the folklore work was paralyzed. German censorship stopped even the publication of folk legends.

Most numerous and original in Lithuanian folklore are the folk songs. Numerous are dirges at wedding and funeral ceremonies. They are interesting because of their poetical value and folkloristic peculiarities. In content, they differ very little from the songs of other nations, but they differ from them sharply in their poetic artifices.

The greatest part of the Lithuanian songs are romances about the relations between youth and maiden; these show great tenderness and are effective and pure. Often the same daina (song) consists of two paralleled parts; one concerning the youth, the other the maiden. Wedding songs are numerous with both mournful and cheerful tunes. The bride must weep and recite the traditional wedding dirges (verkimas).

The songs about orphans are very affecting. They sometimes have mythical traits; the sun will replace the mother; the moon, the father; or the orphan will speak with the dead father, transformed into an oak tree. Work songs are also very numerous.

ST. PATRICK - MARCH 17th

Towards the close of the fourth century, Patrick, a young Christian of Roman parentage, was tending sheep as a captive amidst the mountains of Antrim and Down. His time was wholly given to penance and prayer. The psalms of David and the most beautiful hymns of the Church formed his daily petitions; while the gift of miracles marked his favor with God. At the age of twenty-two, he was set free and warned by a voice from heaven, dedicated himself to the conversion of the Irish race. After twenty years of training in the school of St. Martin of Tours, he obtained full power from Pope St. Celestine, was consecrated Bishop and sailed for the Irish coast.

The great result of his sixty years preaching is known throughout the world. He found Ireland heathen and left it Christian. He encountered the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites. He converted warriors, chiefs and princes, baptizing them in the holy wells. Many youths and maidens embraced the religious state and schools, convents and churches rose simultaneously throughout the land. In the midst of this wonderful success, St. Patrick's life was what it had always been, one of penance and prayer and his humility was increasing as he drew near his end. Full of works and full of years, the great missionary died at Sabhull, in the county of Down, March 17, 492, A.D.



THE STORY OF RŪPINTOJĖLIS

Edward Baranauskas

The small wooden statue of Rūpintojėlis, the Pensive Christ, is one of the best known examples of Lithuanian folk art done by village wood carvers. The name is derived from the Lithuanian word "rupes-tis", meaning anxiety, concern, solicitude. The earlier folk name for this type of sculpture was "smutkelis", from the Polish word "smutek", meaning grief, sorrow. They were usually found at crossroads, in a forest clearing, in cemeteries, or in a homestead, and were mounted in a tree, or enshrined in a miniature wooden chapel set upon a carved pole. The statue shows Christ in a sitting position, leaning on his elbow, and looking down at passers-by.

Similar statuettes, showing a pensive Christ covered by a loin cloth, crowned with thorns, and sitting atop a platform, were known in Western Europe since the 16th century. They first arrived in Lithuania, about that time or perhaps a little later, from eastern Germany by way of Czechoslovakia and Poland. These statues represent the Passion of Christ, but according to a Samogitian legend, the Lithuanian Rūpintojėlis portrays Christ after the Resurrection, having returned to earth and pondering the ills of mankind.

Several variations of the statue exist in different parts of Lithuania. They include

Christ leaning on his head against one arm, while the other rests on his knee; with hands folded or placed on his knees and head tilted to the side, an attitude of complete dejection; with a crown of thorns, or bare-headed, and hair in disarray; naked, or in long robes. All emphasis is placed on the facial expression of Christ, which is one of deep thought and endless sorrow even though the rough workmanship of the statues may show the lack of attention to details and correct body proportions.

As a result, the growing interest in Lithuanian characteristics and culture in the 19th century, the statuettes were sought as examples of village craftsmanship, placed on exhibit, and in museum collections. Special attention given by art experts to examples of Rūpintojėlis in an exhibit in Italy in 1925, resulted in this unusual type of sculpture to be included in all Lithuanian folk art exhibits. During the 1937 Paris World's Fair, a statue made by sculptor Juozas Mikenas was awarded the Grand Prix.



Rupintojėlis in the Hill of Crosses

GIMTASIS KRAŠTAS RAŠO:

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Mes stokojame žmonių, mokančių dirbti ir gyventi nor-

malioje visuomenėje, ir, matyt, negreit jų turėsime pakankamai.

Todėl kreipiamės į jus, pasaulio lietuviai, prašydami: atvažiuokite padėti! Vien savo buvimu, modernesne galvosena, geresne darbo kultūra, tvirtesne morale galite daug prisidėti prie Lietuvos valstybės atkūrimo.

Mums reikia profesorių, mokytojų, gydytojų, inžinierių, sugebančių atsakyti už savo sprendimų pasekmes. Reikika įstatymus gerbiančių policininkų profesionalų, ūkininkų, ivairių amatininkų ir aukštos kvalifikacijos darbininkų.

Atvykite į Lietuvą! Kiekvienas sudarysite salelę tos Lietuvos, kuria jau antri metai mėginame atkurti ir, žinoma, atkursime. Tačiau jūsų padedami tai padarysime kur kas greičiau. 🍀

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrated in St. Petersburg, Florida

At the time when much unrest has been displayed in Lithuania, thousands attended a special Mass on Feb. 11 at St. John's Church in St. Petersburg, FL to pray for people of the Soviet Republic of Lithuania fighting for their freedom.

The 10:00 a.m. Mass was filled to its capacity with standing room only and hundreds overflowing in the church hall. Mass was concelebrated by Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas of Chicago, IL assisted by Revs. Jurgis Gailusis, OFM, Kennebunkport, ME; Juozas Grabys, STD, Watervliet, NY; Jonas Gasiunas, St. Petersburg, FL; Matas Cyvas, JCD, Albany, NY and Juozas Kluonis, Mackinaw, MI. Also, Rev. Gerulis, minister of the Lithuanian Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, sat at the altar

with several Eucharistic Ministers. Gifts were brought to the altar by members of the congregation, all dressed in Lithuanian costumes. It was noted there were approximately six rows of Lithuanian women and children dressed in native costumes which added to the very impressive celebration.

Attending Mass were a few who had just arrived from Lithuania; a few were tourists, but most were Lithuanian-Americans and their children who came to commemorate the date in 1918 when Lithuania became independent. The tourists were many Knights of Lithuania members representing C-3 Philadelphia, PA, C-5 Chicago, IL, C-109 Great Neck, NY, C-112 Chicago, IL, C-144 Anthracite, PA and the local C-147 St. Petersburg, FL.

In his homily, Rev. Zakarauskas reminded everyone that Lithuania recently voted to secede from the Soviet Union and Soviet Pres. Mikhail Gorbachev went to the republic to try to convince the Lithuanians to change their minds. He stated "The

Iron Curtain is in shreds and the Berlin Wall has fallen, but other nations are still struggling. Lithuania is still under the heel of communism but striving to be free". He further stated that the United States has not done enough to help Lithuania and we should all write to the politicians in this vain. "Traditionally we

Americans have been noted to stick up for the underdog. We have helped the little people in Panama and Grenada. Why is it that the United States is not helping Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia and other captive nations?" He urged that people pray for Lithuania's independence and work in their communities to make everyone aware of the present situation.

The local choir conducted by Mr. Leimonas sang Lithuanian hymns assisted by Algerd Brazis of Chicago. When Marija, Marija and the Lithuanian Anthem were sung, chills went through every-

one and tears were shed hoping that freedom would be announced real soon.

At the close of the church services, many attended luncheon served at the Lithuanian Club in St. Petersburg. Others were invited by hostess Victoria Jacobson, public relations chairlady of C-147, to have lunch at the Brown Derby Restaurant in St. Petersburg Beach. After the luncheon, K of L tourists were invited to homes of several local residents to continue the celebration.

On Friday, Feb. 16, a large group attended the flag raising ceremonies at City Halls in Gulfport, St. Petersburg and Treasure Island under the chairmanship of Victoria Jacobson.

On Friday, Feb. 9, a cocktail birthday party was held for Algerd Brazis at the Brown Derby Restaurant. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres plus a large birthday cake were served. "Ilgiausiu Metu" and "Happy Birthday" were sung by the attending K of



Mass being held at St. John's Church, St. Petersburg, FL

L members, friends and guests. A nice time was had by all, especially when a rented car was missing only to be found at some strange motel.

K of L members attending the week-long festivities wish to publicly thank Victoria Jacobson for arranging the activities and being the perfect hostess, thereby making our stay in Florida one that will be remembered for a long time. Ačiu labai.



Victoria Jacobson, C-147 Hostess



Victoria Jacobson tripping the light fantastic with Tony Kober from New York.



A few of the attendees: Al Brazis, Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Adella Zunas, Gus, Anne Wargo, Julie Zakarka, Aldona Brazis, Estelle Rogers and Agnes Mickunas



Lithuanians in the News

WOMEN OF GUCCI GULCH

Lobbyists from various industries gather in the hallways of the House and Ways and Means Committee in Washington, DC. They anxiously wait to hear the results of the new tax packages or any other laws to determine how they will affect their clients. One observer surveyed the restless throng stating, "If you add up all the salaries, it's the most expensive hallway in America".

Networking in the center of the fray is tall, gregarious Linda Jenckes, vice president of federal affairs for the Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA), a mammoth trade association that represents 350 commercial insurance companies. Her job is to protect the interests of all those companies, to make sure that lawmakers understand how their legislation will affect health insurance companies and the people they insure.

Lobbying is more of an art than a science. Successful influence peddling (the legal kind) involves a delicate balance of knowledge, charm, contacts and persuasion. To be effective, a lobbyist must have the right information and access to the people in power who can use that information. He or she must be able to motivate and sway members of Congress, the regulatory agencies, and the White House in order to manipulate the outcome of a vote. Corporations and trade associations are willing to pay big money for the experience, persistence, and credibility that will get the job done; many women at the top are earning \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually.

Linda Jenckes began her career in public relations and advertising at Blue Cross in Phoenix after graduating from Arizona State University. She came to Washington, where she worked for Blue Shield and the Department of Health and Human Services before joining HIAA. Once an aspiring actress, Jenckes' days as a college thespian have served her well in her current line of work, especially when testifying on Capitol Hill.

Linda lives in a Virginia suburb with her husband, Joseph, and son, Joe, age 13. She and her husband are members of C-5 in Chicago and she is the daughter of Kathy Leppa, now residing in Florida, and also a member of C-5. *Woman*

SCHMIDTS SHARE TWO TRADITIONS

Dainty straw ornaments add a Lithuanian touch to the Schmidt family Christmas tree. But other Lithuanian decorations and mementos are on display year-round, providing Barbara Wilcinskas Schmidt's family heritage. Her husband



Linda Jenckes, successful lobbyist in Washington, DC

Paul's German ancestry is also well represented in their home. The Schmidts actively preserve their roots through dance.

Both are members of Bavarian Schuhplatter dance group, a troupe that has performed extensively throughout the state of Connecticut and country. Barbara is also a member of the New Haven-based Lithuanian dance group, Vetra, which will be performing at the Statue of Liberty on June 2.

In addition to dancing, the Schmidts are also avid travelers. They visited Germany in 1966 and then again in 1968. They have also accompanied high school students overseas. They plan to go to the Berlin Wall this summer. Paul Schmidt remarked they would like to visit the city of Berlin and drive straight to Lithuania which should now be possible.

Barbara and Paul are members of C-141 in Bridgeport, CT.

The Milford Citizen

Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)



Barbara & Paul Schmidt in native Lithuanian and German costumes

CAROL (VYSNAUSKAS) VANESS AT THE MET.

Opera is not dead. "Cosi Fan Tutte" of the Metropolitan Opera's season led by Lithuanian Carol Vaness, a Fiordiligi, showed vocal and emotional range in her performance. This opera is one that can be easily destroyed but Miss Vaness gave what certainly ranked among the season's most memorable performance. In a role infamous for its demands on the soprano voice, her performance was one of the best ever heard. She negotiated the leaps and plunges without a hint of rasping or growling. Miss Vaness, whose talents have been buried by some previous Met productions, went beyond anything previously heard from her. Her singing was lush, creamy, regal and emphatic throughout the evening. We do hope to hear more of Miss Vaness in the future with her great talents displayed. Congratulations!

New York Times

RICH LIFE FOR VETERAN REPORTER

Stanley Pieza, of Lithuanian stock, immigrated to the United States with his family when he was just one year old. He grew up in the Chicago melting pot and parochial schools. Since he knew much about the ethnic groups in Chicago, he started writing about the Poles, Lithuanians, Italians, Czechoslova-

kians and all others. For 36 years, Stanley Pieza worked for the *Chicago American*. He started in 1932 just out of DePaul University. He became a beat writer in the Chicago detective bureau. He then became a train reporter at Union Station in Chicago. As a train reporter, he met and spoke with such notables as Irene Dunne and at least 50 Hollywood stars, including Eddie Cantor and Grace Moore, the famous opera star. Presidents Truman and Kennedy have talked with Pieza several times while traveling through Union Station and corresponded with him by letter. Pieza also interviewed Bobby Kennedy a few times.

Perhaps what the veteran reporter is best known for is his longtime tenure as the religious editor for *American*. He is the only living journalist to have met four popes. He received an award from Pope John Paul II for his services as a journalist covering religion. He was also a Pulitzer Prize nominee in 1968 for medical journalism. The award nomination came for a series on the moral aspects of heart transplants.

Stanley is now retired and lives on his late wife's parents homestead in No. Judson, IN. He met his wife, Anna, while an altar boy at Immaculate Conception Church in Chicago. She was in the choir and they were married; a marriage that lasted 55 years until her death in 1982. They had 4 children, two boys and two girls. While Pieza is retired, he certainly is not out to pasture. He has a three hole golf course on his homestead which has a 95 yard first hole, a 115 yard second and the third hole is 235 yards over the trees.

Pieza's retirement is a very busy one. For the past 10 years he has been on the board of directors of the Starke County Council on Aging and the Little



Company of Mary Hospital in Indiana. He is also on the board of directors of Lithuanian daily, *Draugas*. He was recently nominated for the Older Hoosier of the Year which was presented by the Governor during the Governor's Conference on Aging. He also teaches in the local high school religion class. He takes pride in his Lithuanian heritage. He hopes to return to the land of his birth some time this summer and again visit Rome on the trip. Stan is a K of L honorary member and also a

Carol Vaness in Cosi Fan Tutte

Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

member of C-36 in Chicago. Congratulations on all your noteworthy performances!
The Leader



HM Stanley Pieza, C-36, busily at work.

K of L CALENDAR

- 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, 1989 - 77th National Convention - Hosts: Pittsburgh #19
- Nov. 4, 1990 - 75th Anniversary, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, NJ - C-90.



Malda į Šventą Kazimierą

O, Kazimierai Šventasis,
Kai tauta pavojų bus,
Ar išvesi kaip anasyk
Pergalės kovon pulkusi.

Ar tu leisi, kad baisoji
Mūsų žėmes lelija
Po raudono žirgo kojom
Būtų amžiams sutrypta!

Ir tvirtai laikyki rankoj,
Dengdamas globos skydu,
Tepraūžia ja aplenke
Visos audros iš rytų.

BOOKS TO LITHUANIA Do It Yourself!

Reawakening Lithuania is starving for books and periodicals of all kinds: religious, secular, scientific, literary, juvenile, professional and hobby magazines, in Lithuanian, English, or any other language. This recent letter from Lithuania says it best:

"... Yesterday I received one mail-bag and four cartons of books. Such help is most welcome. I and others who read the books will be most grateful. I received all of the books in good condition. You can send books of various contents, for readers of different levels. Of course, books in Lithuanian will be more accessible to all. We would greatly appreciate literature as well as catechetical material . . . The opportunity is opening up to teach catechism, if not in school, then at least at church. Little libraries are opening under the auspices of Catholic organizations, so your help in the form of books is most important. May God reward all those who support this work!"

*Father Sigita Tamkevičius
Kaunas, Lithuania"*

Donors to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid *Knygos Lietuvai* (Books to Lithuania) made possible this gift to Father Tamkevičius, the recently released prisoner-priest, now serving as Spiritual Director of the Kaunas seminary.

A fitting memorial for a deceased loved one would be to send his or her library to Lithuania. Many of us have Lithuanian language books at home going unread, or are aware of such

books.

If you, your organization, parish, or friends have books to send to Lithuania, why not send them to Lithuania on your own? Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, at 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207 can provide you with names and addresses, matching recipients with the books available.

Just follow these simple directions:

- Obtain No. 1 mail bags and PS tags (158) free from the Post Office.
- Pack and address as you would any parcel. LCRA will supply addresses, if you wish.
- Make a list of the books as you go along.
- Pack any number of packages to a bag.
- All packages in the same bag must have the same address you put on the outer tag.
- Each bag you pack must weigh between 15 and 66 lbs.
- Tie the M-tag, with address and total postage, to the bag.
- Postage for books and pamphlets over 28 pages is 72 cents per lb.
- Other printed matter (less than 28 pages) costs \$1.20 per lb. to mail, and must be sent separately.
- Any branch Post Office should accept the bag.

- Send the recipient a list of the books you have mailed, and send a copy of your list to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid for follow up.
- Delivery requires 3 to 6 months.
- If you have any questions, dial "Books to Lithuania" hotline: (718) 647-2434, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., EST.

Combine a fund-raiser such as a baked goods sale or paperback book sale with your project to generate postage costs!

If you wish to receive individual, parish or organizational credit for your project, please mail copies of your postage receipts along with your list of books, to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. They will provide you with a receipt of your donation to the Catholic church in Lithuania.

If you cannot send books yourself, consider sponsoring a bag of books to be sent in your name. Just \$47.52 pays the postage for 66 lbs. of books.

In the past month, donors to LCRA have made it possible to send more than one ton of books to the seminarians, youth libraries, *Caritas*, diocesan chanceries and others.

The work is just beginning and the need is great! Please make plans to join the "Books to Lithuania" program today. Along with names and addresses, we will supply "Knygos Lietuvai" participant buttons for your group.

BOOK REVIEW

MANTO MAN - When the Woman You Love Has Breast Cancer. Andy Murcia and Bob Stewart, 256 pps., 8 pgs b/w photos, \$16.95 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling. St. Martin's Press, Special Sales Dept., 175 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010.

The first book to focus on a man's response to breast cancer (a disease that now strikes one American woman in ten).

Andy Murcia and Bob Stewart learned in the same week that their wives (actress Ann Jillian and housewife Martha Stewart) had breast cancer. Finding no book that addressed their concerns as men, Bob and Andy reached out to each other, sharing information, humor and support to help get their wives and each other through the special challenges of breast cancer. Their personal stories will provide inspiration, encouragement, and hope to anyone – man or woman – whose life or relationship has been touched by this disease. But for men especially, the hard-won knowledge and the openness and candor of these two husbands and friends will be invaluable. *Man to Man* is a long-needed book – one that honestly and frankly addresses the impact of a woman's breast cancer on her man. In a combination of personal anecdote and practical advice, the authors discuss:

- How to be her tower of strength – when all you feel is fear.
- How to become an informed medical advocate for your wife's health, second opinions, treatment alternatives, recovery care, nutrition and exercise after surgery.

- How to talk about (and help your wife talk about) deeply held fears and hopes.
- How to maintain honesty and hope.
- How to recognize and fulfill her needs – and your needs as well.
- Adjusting to life without breasts: how to ease tension and enjoy a stronger love than ever before.
- How to build a positive, confident "life plan" for the future.

In a special "Woman to Woman" section, the two wives answer the questions they're most often asked about breast cancer, and explain what they most appreciated their husbands doing, along with what they wish they had done.

BOB STEWART is a reporter for the San Antonio *Light*. He and his wife Martha live in San Antonio, Texas. ANDY MURCIA is a former Chicago police officer and is now personal manager for his wife Ann Jillian, a hugely popular entertainer and spokeswoman for the American Cancer Society. They live in Sherman Oaks, California. We might add, Ann and Andy both read the K of L VYTIS.

LITHUANIAN VOCABULARY - Žodynas

Fruit, Trees, Flowers and Vegetables -

Vaisiai, medžiai, gėles ir daržovės

<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
Apple	obuolys	ob'uoleehs
apple tree	obelis	obalees
ash	uosis	uo'sees
bean	pupelė	poopa'leh
beet root	burokas	buro'kahs
birch	beržas	bar'zhahs
blackberry	gervuogė	gar'vuogeh
blossom	žiedas	zeh'dahs
branch	šaka	shahkah
cabbage	kopūstas	kopoos'tahs
cauliflower	kalafijoras	kahlahfeeyo'rahs
celery	salieras	sahlyeesh'rahs
cherry	vyšnia	veehsh'niah
chestnut	kaštanas	kahshtah'nahs
cucumber	agurkas	ahgur'kahs
currant	razinka; serbentai	rahzin'kah; sarbantai
fig	figa	fee'gah
fir tree	eglė	a'gleh
flower	gėlė	gehleh
forest	miškas	mish'kahs
garden	daržas; sodas	dahr'zhahs; so'dahs
ginger	imberas	eem'barahs
gooseberry	agrastai	ah'grah'stai
grapes	vynuogės	veeh'nuogehs
hazel	lazdynas	lahz'deeh'nahs
ivy	vijoklis	veeyok'lees
leaf	lapas	lah'pahs
lemon	citrina	tseetree'nah
lettuce	salotai	sahlo'tai
lily	lejija	lalee'yah
nut	riešutas	reh'shootahs
oak	ažuolas	a'zhu'lahs
pear	kriaušė	krou'sheh
pepper	pipirai	pip'irai
pine	pušis	poosh'ees
plum	slyva	sleeh'vah
potato	bulvė	bool'veh
raspberry	avietė	avy'eh'teh
root	šaknis	shak'nees
rose	rožė	ro'zheh
spinach	špinokai	shpin'okai
strawberry	žemuogė; braškė	zha'muo'geh; brahsh'keh

English

tree	medis	madees
tulip	tulpė	tool'peh
violet	žibuoklė	zhee'buok'leh
walnut	valakiškas riešutas	vahlah'keeshkahs
		reh'shootahs
willow	gluosnis; žilvitis	gluos'nees; zheel'vee'tees

Colors - Spalvos

Black	juodas	ee'yo'dahs
blue	mėlynas	meh'leehnahs
brown	rusvas; rudas	roos'vahs; roo'dahs
dark	tamsus	tahm'sus
green	žalias	zhah'liahs
grey	pilkas; žilas	pil''kahs; zhee''lahs
light	šviesus	shveh'soos
pink	ružavas	roo'zha'vahs
purple	purpurinis	pur'purr'e'nees
red	raudonas	road'aunahs
white	baltas	bahl'tahs
yellow	geltonas	galto'nahs

Town and Country - Meistas ir kaimas

Bank	bankas	bahn'kahs
barn	baržinė	dahrz'heeneh
bridge	tiltas	teel'tahs
brook	upelis	oopa'lees
building	pastatas	pahs'tahtahs
bush	krūmas	kroo'mahs
cathedral	katedra	kah'ted'rah
cemetery	kapinės	kah'pin'ehs
city	miestas	meh'stahs
country	kaimas; šalis	ki'mahs; shah'lees
custom house	muitinė	mooy'teeneh
ditch	griovis	grio'vees
farm	ūkis	oo'kis
fence	tvora	tvorah
field	laukas	low'kahs
footpath	takas	tah'kahs
forest	miškas; giria	meesh'kahs; geer'eh
gate	vartai	vahr'tai
grass	žolė	zho'leh
harbor	uostas	os'tahs
hay	šienas	sh'eh'nahs
hill	kalnas	kahl'nahs

(Marlborough's Lithuanian Self-Taught-Inkenienė)

FREEDOM FOR LITHUANIA

Elected and appointed officials indicate that the letters they receive from constituents are perhaps the most effective sources of influence on them, according to Edward Budelis, past president of the Board of Elections of Carroll County, MD. Other means such as personal contacts, demonstrations and phone calls, naturally, have merit but are at times unachievable or not lasting. One letter is said to represent the feelings of about one hundred citizens.

Given the power of world opinion, now is the time to call for our government spokesmen to come public and to come loud in support of independence for Lithuania. It's time to get letters mailed. The more the better; each one is important.

The following makings of a sample letter and addresses can be sent for the current need. Clip and save these addresses for future use. A letter to President Bush with copies to other politicians and the media works well.

Lithuania was an independent, pro-Western, self-sufficient nation and a member of the League of Nations. It was illegally annexed by Russia in the early 1940's. The United States government condemned that take-over and has not recognized it. To the contrary, it continues to recognize the legitimate diplomatic delegation from free Lithuania. This is not being articulated to the Soviets and the world at a time when it is so important to do so. We urge the appropriate agencies and individuals to emphatically call for the removal of occupying Soviet forces and the return of Lithuania to its citizens as an independent nation.

A "telegram" size letter is also good. Example:

We urge you to support Lithuania's effort to regain its former independence in conformance with the official position of the United States. We further urge you to impress this on

Mikhail Gorbachev and the general public.

Sen. Claiborne Pell, Chairman
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
446 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Rep. Dante B. Fascell, Chairman
House Committee of Foreign Affairs
2170 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Check the phone book for your Congressman's and Senator's addresses.

Additional sample letter:

Dear (Mr. President), (Senator), (Congressman):

The United States government has properly refused to recognize the illegal annexation of the previously independent nation of Lithuania. It correctly continues to recognize the diplomatic delegation from free Lithuania in Washington. We, however, have not heard this expressed recently during this very important juncture of history. You are respectfully urged to impress upon Mr. Gorbachev and the watching world that the time is long past due for Lithuanians to be given back the independence that is rightfully theirs. They have paid a dear price in the slave labor camps of frigid Siberia and must be given back their country without any strings attached and no occupying Soviet troops.

IN MEMORIAM

STANLEY WACKELL
C-116 Worcester, MA
† June 13, 1989

LEONAS GUDAS
C-112 Chicago, IL
† November 5, 1989

MARCELLA ONAITIS
C-19 Pittsburgh, PA
† December 13, 1989

ADELE BALDASARY
C-19 Pittsburgh, PA
† December 22, 1989

HELEN PETKUS
C-141 Bridgeport, CT
† January 2, 1990

DANIEL ROLENAITIS
C-144 Anthracite, PA
† January 5, 1990

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Gorbachev to Lithuania: 'Take a rest'

The Associated Press
VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. — President Mikhail Gorbachev told Lithuanian farmers Friday that they were better off if their country remained the Soviet Union.

Lithuanians told 'they'd end up in soup'

...at a secret meeting in the Lithuanian capital, Gorbachev said he was not listening to the Lithuanians' demands for independence. He said the Lithuanians were asking for a return to the status quo, which would mean they would be "in a soup."

LITHUANIA/from 1A

The Lithuanians agreed to Lithuanian independence reforms as a return to true socialism. They asked Gorbachev to record the Lithuanians' respect for the popular will, which has shown in Eastern Europe.

But Gorbachev did not agree to the Lithuanians' most important demand — more than 2 million Lithuanians massed in the heart of the capital Thursday night, demanding independence.

"Our sovereignty is not to be taken from us in 1940," said the head of the Lithuanian independence movement.

the world wars.

Vytautas Landsbergis, head of the pro-independence Sajudis political movement, Friday dismissed Gorbachev's announcement of a day earlier that a secession law was being prepared.

"It's a propaganda trap," said a member of the Lithuanian parliament in Moscow, said at a news conference.

"If we get tangled in the mechanism of seceding from the Soviet Union, we automatically act as if we were (not a) legal part of the Soviet Union."

Gorbachev noted Thursday that the Soviet Constitution guaranteed each of the constituent republics the right to secede.

SOVIET UNION

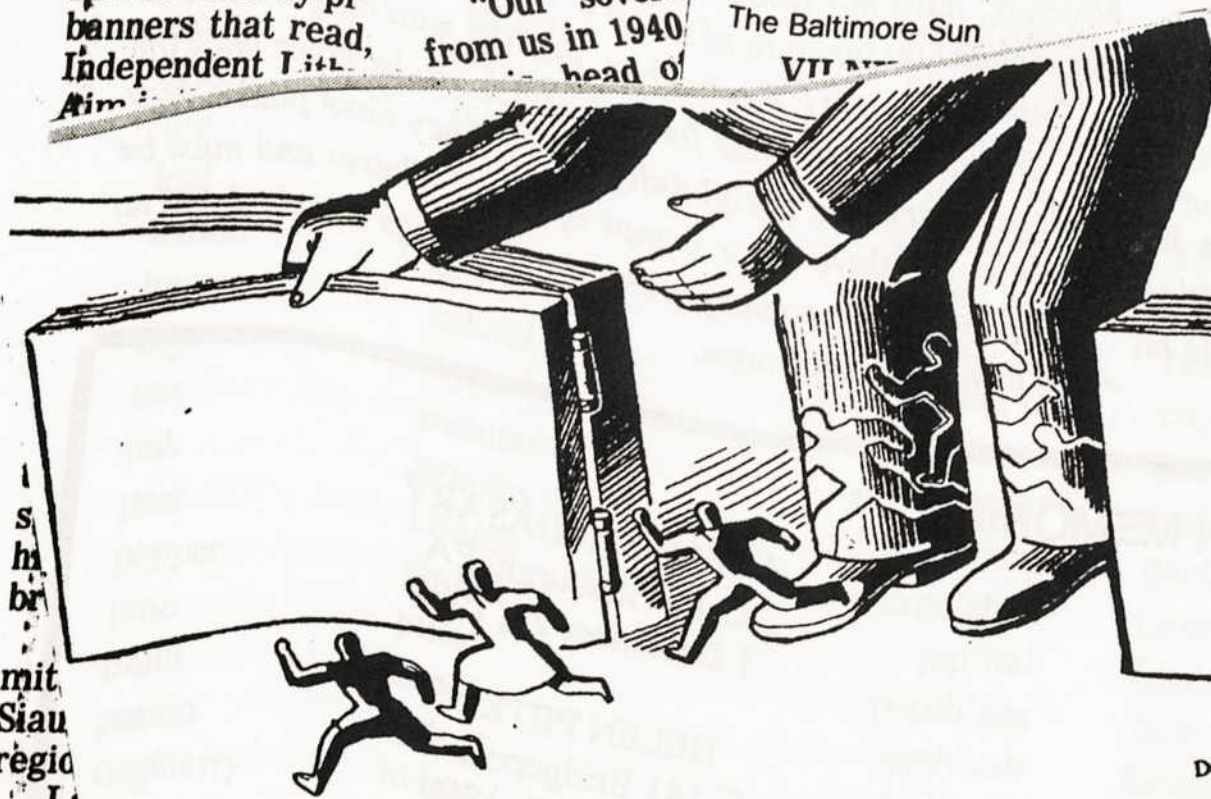
Lithuania gets a bearhug

It was perhaps the most desperate mission in Soviet political life and one that seemed doomed to fail before it started. A young, untested Mikhail Gorbachev worked the streets of Lithuania last week, trying to stem the country's relentless march toward secession and independence. He pleaded and threatened, but it was just a little more time — just a few months — before the Soviet empire tore apart at the seams.

In begging for room, Gorbachev admitted what other Soviet leaders had only hinted at: that his own fate was tied to the fate of the Soviet Union. "We have embarked on a path that is our personal fate is linked to the fate of the Soviet Union. But time is running out. It is a matter of days, weeks, or months."

Lithuanians warned about independence

The Baltimore Sun
VII



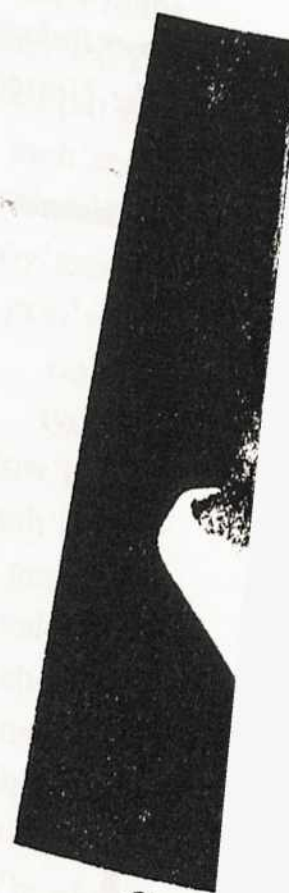
To Lithuania: Stay Put

Say Gorbachev Eases Off

The Baltimore Sun

New York Times

...might well expect disruptive... as Gorbachev... out his arguments at a... furnace factory, in a lecture hall... They quoted Lenin...



Gorbachev

● SOVIET UNION

And Now, Divorce?

As Lithuanians demand independence, Mikhail Gorbachev contemplates the empire endangered by the flames of secession



VICTOR YURCHENKO—AP

SMOLOWE

He touched down in Vilnius the dignified statesman, expecting to rely on his charm to defuse the dramatic

GORBACHEV HINTS HE WOULD ACCEPT MULTIPARTY RULE

WINDS UP LITHUANIA VISIT

Says Ending the Communist Party Monopoly on Power Would Be No 'Tragedy'

...ced to this ...ced the crowds. When ...stance in the faces of his lis-

Gorby for the defense. Pressing the case against Lithuanian independence in Vilnius

A Baltic Cold Shoulder for Moscow



he may reap the whirlwind.

Union. After a meeting of the Soviet party's Central Committee, Gorbachev was to embark with a delegation for a personal meeting in Lithuania with what he termed the "separatist forces." As Lithuanians demonstrated in favor of the split, Gorbachev announced that the republic's Communists had no right to secede and insisted that the Lithuanian party "was and remains a part of the united Soviet Communist Party."

Lithuania's Communists in effect only ratified decisions that had already placed the Baltic state on a collision course with Moscow.

SUMMARY: What could turn out to be a fatal challenge to the political integrity of the Soviet Union and the swan song of the Communist Party's monopoly on lawmaking inside the Soviet empire is a matter of law in defiant Lithuania: The Baltic Republic is showing the Soviet Union's Communist Party the door.



Brazauskas stood up to Moscow.

CATHALEEN CURTISS - INSIGHT

Let's Write Letters



Newsday / Daniel Sheehan

A protest rally in Lithuania last July

Lithuanians Want Out

Regarding your editorial "Time for Another Party?" [Dec. 22]: It would not be disastrous for the Lithuanian Communists to follow the wishes of the Lithuanian people who do not want to be part of the Soviet Union. The Baltic countries — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — were annexed to the Soviet Union as a result of an agreement between Hitler and Stalin. If Gorbachev wants glasnost to be believable, he cannot deny the right of these nations to exist as free democratic societies.

It is not the capitalists or the "bourgeoisie" who seek independence from the Soviet Communist Party organization; it is the local Communist Party that wants some independence from

Winds of Secession

You seem to assume that the situation in Lithuania resembles the breakup of a consensual partnership [WORLD, Jan. 22]. This is not the case. Lithuania was ravished by the Soviets under Stalin and has been held in servitude ever since. Protests against the Soviet Union have been peaceful and democratic. But don't be misled.

The resentment in the republic still runs deep after all these years and is shared by Lithuanians worldwide.

TIME

Vaidotas Jonynas
Mississauga, Ont.

How can TIME ask, "And Now, Divorce?" about Lithuania's struggle for freedom from the Soviet Union? It was never a marriage to begin with. It was a series of rapes!

Tessie Haberek
Amsterdam, N.Y.

the central party organization. Again, the free democratic spirit has prevailed through almost 50 years of hardships that were endured by not having the right to speak against the government without the fear of being sentenced to a labor camp or a mental hospital.

As citizens of a free society, we must be supportive of the Lithuanians who want to reclaim the freedom that was forcibly taken from them, even if they call themselves Communists.

NEWSDAY,

Andrew H. Deuble
Setauket

Freedom for Baltic States

Your editorial, which sees potential disaster in the Lithuanian Communist Party's decision to become autonomous, rests on dubious linguistic, historical and moral premises ["Time for Another Party?" Dec. 22.]

You say that the Lithuanian Communist Party has decided to cut its ties to the "national" party and to create a "local" party as a major step "toward seceding from the Soviet Union."

Since the Soviet Union is an empire (none of its national "republics" having joined it voluntarily) and Lithuania remains, in the eyes of international law, an occupied nation (whose annexation has not been recognized as legal by most members of the international community), the Lithuanian Communist Party has quite logically restored a "national" and not a "local" party.

And what does all this have to do with "secession?" To secede one must have first joined a union, just as a divorce is possible only after a marriage. The Baltic states have never joined the Soviet Union. A rape victim does not seek divorce from the perpetrator of the rape; occupied nations do not "secede" from empires.

The peaceful and gradual advancement of the Baltic nations to independence does not run counter to Mikhail Gorbachev's announced goals of glasnost, perestroika and democratization.

Has he not underscored the right of every nation to self-determination? The Baltic nations are as much part of Central and Eastern Europe as Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

As for Gorbachev's plans to use the Baltic states as "incubators" for the Soviet economy, since when have occupied nations become laboratory animals? International law does not confer any rights on the occupying power to experiment with stolen property.

As free, friendly and cooperative neighbors, the Baltic states can be of great help to perestroika. As prisoners, they give the lie to Gorbachev's basic claims.

Algirdas Landsbergis
Freeport

Editor's Note: The writer is a professor of history at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

NEWSDAY,

Lithuanian Kitchen

Lietuviška Virtuvė

TRADITIONAL LITHUANIAN EASTER TABLE

Velykų Stalas

Menu

Colored Eggs - Margučiai

Baked Cheese
Keptas Suris

Sour Cream Butter
Kastinis

Butter Shaped as Lamb
Sviestas kaip Avinelis

Cooked Vegetables
Išvirtų Daržovių

Cold Salads
Vinegretas

Horseradish
Krienai

Roast Goose
Kepta Žasis

Baked Smoked Ham
Kepta Rukyta Kumpis

Pork Sausage
Dešros

Breads - Ruginė Duona ir Juoda Duona

Easter Bread* - Velykų Pyragas

Fried Cakes - Ausukes

Gelatin Dessert* - Drebučiai

Poppy Seed Cake *
Aguonų Tortas

Fruits (Fresh or Dried)
Džiovintų Vaisų Kompotas

Tea
Arbata

Coffee
Kava

Fruit Wine & Liqueurs
Vaisų Vynas ir Krupnikas

* Recipes are Printed

N.B. See Nov. '89 Vytis for Ausukiu Recipe
Jan. '90 for Fruit Compote Recipe

COLORED EGGS - Margučiai

Place skins of 8 or more red or yellow onions into two saucepans, keeping colors separate. Place eggs to be colored into pan and cover with skins and cold water. Bring pans to a boil and simmer uncovered for about 15 mins. Remove a few eggs, allow other eggs to steep in onion dye for varying lengths of time so as to obtain different shadings of red and yellow-brown. Remove and cool eggs. If desired, the eggs are ready for decoration or to be served at the table.

BAKED CHEESE - Keptas Suris

Lightly butter a purchased Andrulis Lithuanian farmer cheese. Place it on a buttered baking pan. Bake cheese at 350° oven for about 15-20 minutes or until bubbly and lightly browned. Serve warm.

Cheese may also be placed in a 400° broiler (5-6 inches from flame) for about 5-6 mins. Watch carefully and often so it does not burn.

SOUR CREAM BUTTER - Kastinis

1 pt. sour cream	Ground peppercorns and
2 Tbsps. sweet butter,	allspice to taste
at room temperature	Onion or garlic juice
Salt to taste	to taste

Mix all ingredients with an electric mixer at low speed until well mixed. OR

Place butter and 1 Tbsp. sour cream into a warm ceramic bowl and cream. Gradually add more sour cream and continue to stir until smooth. If liquid (whey) forms, pour off and save. Continue creaming until butter forms a ball away from bowl and all the sour cream is added. Add salt, ground pepper, allspice, onion and/or garlic juice to taste. If mixture becomes too firm, add saved liquid as needed to make a smooth texture. Or, if butter is overheated in creaming, place bowl in pan of cold water

and continue creaming until desired texture is obtained. Serve with bread or boiled potatoes or other vegetables.

COLE SLAW - Kapūstų Vinegretas

1 head cabbage shredded	1/2 cup sugar or less
1 medium onion chopped	2/3 cup cider vinegar
1 carrot, grated	1/2 cup salad oil
1 pepper, chopped	1/2 tsp. celery seed
1 tsp. salt, or to taste	

Combine cabbage, pepper, onion, carrot and sugar; mix well in bowl. Mix oil, vinegar, celery seed, salt in saucepan and boil for 2-3 mins. Pour over cabbage mixture and stir well. Cover and refrigerate.

EASTER BREAD - Pyragas

3 pkgs. dry yeast	1 tsp. vanilla
3/4 cup & 1-1/2 tsp. sugar	1 tsp. salt (optional)
3/4 cup lukewarm water	3 eggs, slightly beaten
8 cups flour, or more if needed	6 Tbsp. butter, room temp., very soft
1-1/2 cup lukewarm milk	1 cup raisins

Combine yeast, 1-1/2 tsp. sugar, water and 1/2 cup flour. Set in warm draft-free spot to rise and become spongy.

Combine vanilla, milk, salt and sugar. When above yeast mixture has doubled, add it to the milk mixture.

Place 5 cups flour in large mixing bowl. Slowly add in the yeast-milk mixture and mix until well blended. Add the beaten eggs and the softened butter. Continue to beat until dough is very smooth. Add remaining flour while continuously stirring. Continue until flour is used up and dough forms a ball. Remove from pan and knead dough until smooth and free of lumps and not sticking. (12-15 mins.). Do not over add flour.

When smooth, flatten dough and add raisins. Form dough into ball and place into buttered pan and allow to rise until doubled in size (1 - 1-1/2 hrs.). Cover pan with towel while dough is rising.

Punch down dough. Remove from pan and shape into loaves as desired. Place shaped loaves into well buttered baking pan and allow to rise a second time until almost doubled in size.

Place risen loaves in a COLD oven and set heat up to 400° F and bake 12-15 mins. (Do not open oven door); lower oven temperature to 350° to finish baking. Total baking time about 35-40 mins. When loaves test done, remove from oven; cool on rack and remove from pans. Eat and enjoy. Any extras can be frozen.

Makes 3 supersize loaves or 4 regular ones using 9 x 5" baking bread pans.

POPPY SEED CAKE - Agonių Tortas

1 box yellow cake mix	1/2 cup oil
1 pkg. (small) vanilla instant pudding	1/2 cup milk or sherry
1 cup (8 oz) lemon yogurt or sour cream	1/4 cup poppy seeds
4 eggs, separated	1 tsp. cream of tartar
	1 tsp. vanilla or lemon extract

In large bowl, place cake mix, pudding, yogurt, oil, 4 egg yolks, sherry, seeds, vanilla and beat on medium speed for 2 mins. With clean beaters, beat egg whites with cream of tartar until stiff and fold into above mixture. Pour into buttered and floured 10" tube pan. Bake at 350° for 55-60 mins. or until inserted knife comes out clean.

Lemon Glaze (if desired)

Juice of one lemon	1 cup confectioner's sugar
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Combine above and drizzle over cake top while cake is still warm.

FRUIT GELATIN CROWN - Drebučių Vainikas

1 cup boiling water	1 cup boiling water
1 pkg. 3 oz. lemon or pineapple gelatin	1 pkg. 3 oz. raspberry or strawberry gelatin
1 can 8 oz. crushed pineapple undrained	1 pkg. 10 oz. frozen raspberries or strawberries
1 cup boiling water	
1 pkg. 3 oz. lime gelatin	
1 pkg. 8 oz. cream cheese, softened	

Place lemon or pineapple gelatin in bowl and pour 1 cup boiling water to dissolve. Stir in undrained pineapple; refrigerate. When slightly thickened, pour mixture into 8 cup mold and allow to set (1-2 hrs.)

When above is set, place lime gelatin into bowl. Mix with 1 cup boiling water. Soften cream cheese in another bowl and gradually add lime mixture to it. Refrigerate until slightly thickened. Then, pour evenly over the lemon mixture. Allow lime layer to set. When firm, proceed to next step.

Pour 1 cup boiling water over raspberry gelatin; stir to dissolve; add frozen raspberries. Mix and refrigerate until slightly thickened. Pour over lime layer. Cover mold and refrigerate 4-5 hours or overnight. Can be stored for 1-2 days. Unmold on chilled serving platter. Serves 10-12.

NOTE: Please send your favorite recipe, Lithuanian or otherwise, to our Food Editor. See inside front cover for address.



WARNING FROM A SOVIET DISSIDENT

America's Future

Back in the Cold War days of the 1950's, Congress enacted a resolution requiring that the President each year proclaim "Captive Nation's Week." Ringing speeches would be delivered by our lawmakers pledging continued U.S. support for the freedom of Soviet-occupied countries of Eastern Europe and the Baltics.

But that was yesterday. Today, amid the euphoria over Mikhail Gorbachev's *glasnost* and *perestroika* and the dramatic beginnings of democratic reforms in Poland and Hungary, even the term "Captive Nations" is regarded as an anachronism and a relic of the "bad old days." Indeed, in Washington as in other Free World capitals, reaction to communism's retreat in Eastern Europe seems curiously restrained. Western leaders appear more concerned with helping Gorbachev out of his deepening difficulties, or at least in not doing or saying anything that might antagonize the wounded Russian bear. It was almost as if the West, after 44 years, suddenly had come face to face with success over its sworn adversary and didn't know what to do about it.

After some months of hesitation, the Bush administration in mid-October came out firmly in favor of Gorbachev's campaign to restructure Soviet society. "We want *perestroika* to succeed," said Sec. of State Baker in a speech, "because (it) promises Soviet actions more advantageous to our interests."

Teams of American economic experts would go to the Soviet Union to provide advice. At the same time, Baker sought to minimize the risk that Soviet economic recovery might produce a more formidable and dangerous competitor, suggesting that *perestroika* could not succeed without still more democratic freedoms.

The Sec. of State also cautioned restive Eastern Europeans and the Baltic peoples that increased freedom must come gradually to avoid the risk of a Soviet crackdown. "No one," warned Baker, "will benefit if the entire trend toward beneficial economic and political change is engulfed in violence. Rising unrest in the satellites was also on Gorbachev's mind as he visited neutral and prosperous Finland in late October in a bid for increased economic aid. While paying lip service to non-interference in Eastern Europe's moves toward democracy, the Soviet president warned the West not to "exploit" the situation.

Among leading dissidents, misgivings about Soviet intentions remain as strong as ever. Vladimir Bukovsky [as well as other Lithuanians] who endured 12 years in Soviet prisons and psychiatric confinement before his release in 1978, says Gorbachev is pushing *perestroika* to save the communist system, not to change it. Rather than trying to remain "benignly neutral in a world in agony," said Bukovsky in a letter to *Commentary Magazine*, the United States should "support those forces in the communist world that seek actively to dismantle socialism."

IN MEMORIAM

ANTANAS JONUTIS
Chicago Seniors
† January 10, 1990

FELIKSAS MACKEVICIUS
C-112 Chicago, IL
† January 24, 1990

Consul General
HM JOSEPHINE DAUZVARDIS
C-112 Chicago, IL
† January 29, 1990

PETER BLINSTRUB
C-7 Waterbury, CT
† February 6, 1990

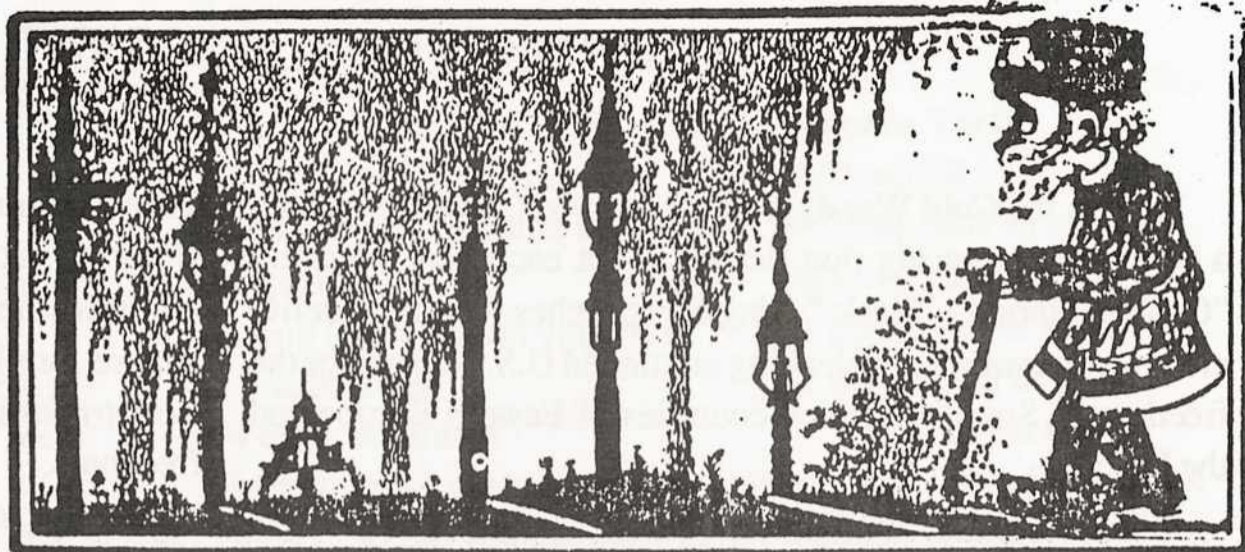
ALVINA LUIZA
C-25 Cleveland, OH
† February 7, 1990

STEPHANIE JONUTIS
Chicago Seniors
† February 12, 1990

HELEN JANAS
C-112 Chicago, IL
† February 17, 1990

ISABELLE BOZA
C-109 Great Neck, NY
† February 25, 1990

"Dede Kastukas Sako"



MOVIE RATINGS

All companies hype their productions thru newspapers and try to convince everyone their movie is the picture of the year. Having seen these sensational products, I give you an honest opinion of their value so you can set your own standards to compare and judge whether you are missing anything.

"Bat Man" - This picture rates as a top number in insanity asylums and should be shown in such institutions only. "Flat man" is a more fitting title.

The "Abyss" - Proper description should be "abyssmell" as well as the rating. A super woman inventor of heavy underwater machinery attempts an underwater rescue of a submersible containing men trapped in it. Some jello-like substances float around to lend a heavenly appearance. The hero goes to his reward in the great beyond with a smile on his face, while the producers smile, too, at the box office. Save your money.

Why go to the movies if you have a T.V. If you can't find anything good on six channels, that means there isn't anything good being shown. Why get cable TV? Do you think with more channels, you will find something better? It doesn't work that way. We should demand quality not quantity - so again, "Save your time and money".

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

The American Legion - that venerable organization - originated in March 15, 1919. A thousand delegates attended the Paris convention that year. It's a federal corporation chartered by the US. Congress and dedicated to peace. It has some 2.8 million members who are veterans of U.S. wars. It's a patriotic and community-related organization. It's motto is also "For God and Country".

The Knights of Lithuania is a Lithuanian Catholic organization founded in 1913 in Massachusetts. During 1913-1920 it had approximately 5,000 members and in 1933 dropped to 600. It weathered those depression years and is near the 5,000 mark again. Its members also work for the country and especially for freedom of Lithuania with the motto "For God and Country".

IN A CHINESE RESTAURANT

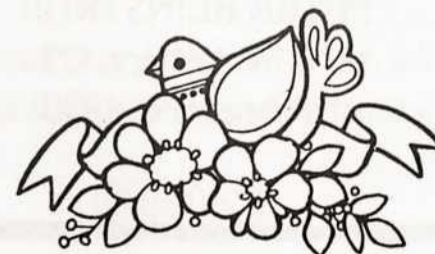
The last customer reading his fortune cookie aloud "You are handsome and intelligent and whoever picks up the bill will pay it."

I'M NOT GETTING OLD

Because, inside, I still feel just as I did when I was young, I hate it when someone who is young addresses me as if I were as old and feeble as he thinks I am. Such remarks as, "Did you drive yourself here??"...."How long have you been married??"...At the movies - "Senior citizen, of course"...Are you older than Pres. Reagan?" I must admit that I always thought of my parents and my teachers as ancient, so I am getting no more than I deserve, but I like to fool myself. Statistics are telling us that the older population is growing - and we know that seniors are looking great and doing just about everything they ever did - Retirement is welcome to some and anathema to others. Personally, I've never been busier - and that suits me just fine. My only regret is that I can't seem to find time to become a literary volunteer! So all you young ones - meaning anyone younger than I - look at my spirit and forget my looks!!

DID YOU EVER GO TO THE SHOEMAKER?

When I was a little kid, it seems to me that the shoemaker played a big role in my life. Since I was very "hard" on shoes and since the shoes that Mom could afford were not of the best quality, I always had a hole in the middle of my sole. And, as I remember, we would go to the shoemaker around the corner and he would "half sole" my shoes and then I would wear them for longer than I had with the original soles. I was always conscious that, when kneeling in church, everyone would know that my shoes were resoled. And this resoling, as I recall, cost less than \$1.00. Today, shoes never seem to wear out in the middle of the sole. Do you remember going to the shoemaker?



1990 LITHUANIAN SONG & DANCE FESTIVAL

July 5 - 8



BALTIC TOURS welcomes you to Lithuania's traditional Song & Dance Festival. Held every five years, the Festival focuses upon the rich and colorful folklore traditions of the Lithuanians. The Country's best folk dance ensembles, choral groups, country music bands and professional musicians present a spectacular four day program in Vilnius' outdoor parks.

BALTIC TOURS is offering six distinctive tours of 7, 10 and 13 days in Lithuania that will include the Festival programs. We hope you will join us and be one of the fortunate participants in the 1990 Song & Dance Festival.

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7 nights VILNIUS, 2 nights MOSCOW
2 nights LENINGRAD, 2 nights HELSINKI
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LIETUVA HOTEL

TOUR #629 \$2,459.00 from Boston & N.Y.
June 29-July 13 \$2,659.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement (if available) \$339.00

LITHUANIA

13 Day Tour with 10 Days in LITHUANIA
11 nights VILNIUS
via PAN AM

LIETUVA HOTEL

TOUR #703A \$2,049.00 from Boston & N.Y.
July 3-15 \$2,249.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement (if available) \$249.00

LITHUANIA & GERMANY

DIRECT FLIGHT INTO VILNIUS BY PRIVATE CHARTER

18 Day tour with 13 Days in LITHUANIA
14 nights VILNIUS, 2 nights WEST BERLIN
via KLM & AEROFLOT CHARTER

LIETUVA HOTEL

TOUR #702L \$2,269.00 from Boston & N.Y.
July 2-19 \$2,369.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement (if available) \$399.00

TURISTAS HOTEL

TOUR #702T \$2,049.00 from Boston & N.Y.
July 2-19 \$2,149.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement (if available) \$299.00

LITHUANIA & FINLAND

14 Day Tour with 10 Days in LITHUANIA
11 nights VILNIUS, 1 night HELSINKI
via FINNAIR

TURISTAS HOTEL

TOUR #703B \$1,949.00 from Boston & N.Y.
July 3-16 \$2,149.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement (if available) \$189.00

TRINAPOLIS

TOUR #703C \$1,749.00 from Boston & N.Y.
July 3-16 \$1,949.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement (if available) \$159.00
In a quiet wooded area in the Zirmunu section of Vilnius, Trinapolis contains a four story hotel within a tourist complex with a restaurant and a bar. It is suitable for individuals or groups.

COMPOSERS APARTMENTS

TOUR #703D \$1,649.00 from Boston & N.Y.
July 3-16 \$1,849.00 from Chicago
For individuals wanting private accommodations, apartments can be rented in the Composers Apartment Complex, which is near Vingas Park. Apartment rentals are available for 7 couples and include rental only. Transfers, meals, sightseeing and the Festival programs are up to the individual.

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with

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DEPARTURES *from* BOSTON, CHICAGO & NEW YORK

HOLY WEEK IN LITHUANIA

PALM SUNDAY, GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER

12 Day tour with 9 Days in LITHUANIA

10 nights VILNIUS via FINNAIR

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April 5-16 \$1,999.00 from Chicago

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LITHUANIA & GERMANY

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12 Day Tour with 7 Days in LITHUANIA

8 nights VILNIUS, 2 nights WEST BERLIN

via KLM & AEROFLOT CHARTER

TOUR #507B \$1,699.00 from Boston & N.Y.

May 7-18 \$1,769.00 from Chicago

Single Supplement \$229.00

LITHUANIA & RUSSIA

13 day Tour with 7 Days in LITHUANIA

7 nights VILNIUS, 2 nights MOSCOW

2 nights LENINGRAD via FINNAIR

TOUR #515 \$2,159.00 from Boston & N.Y.

May 15-27 \$2,359.00 from Chicago

Single Supplement \$259.00

LITHUANIA & GERMANY

DIRECT FLIGHT INTO VILNIUS BY PRIVATE CHARTER

19 Day Tour with 14 Days in LITHUANIA

15 Nights VILNIUS, 2 nights WEST BERLIN

via KLM & AEROFLOT CHARTER

TOUR #507A \$2,079.00 from Boston & N.Y.

May 7-25 \$2,149.00 from Chicago

Single Supplement \$399.00

LITHUANIA & FINLAND

14 Day Tour with 10 Days in LITHUANIA, 11 Nights

VILNIUS, 1 night HELSINKI via FINNAIR

TOUR #510 \$2,109.00 from Boston & N.Y.

May 10-23 \$2,309.00 from Chicago

Single Supplement \$279.00

LITHUANIA & GERMANY

15 Day Tour with 10 Days in LITHUANIA, 11 nights

VILNIUS, 2 nights HAMBURG via LUFTHANSA

TOUR #522 \$2,299.00 from Boston & N.Y.

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Single Supplement \$339.00

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11 Day Tour with 6 Days in LITHUANIA

7 nights VILNIUS, 2 nights PRAGUE

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TOUR #608 \$2,099.00 from New York

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LITHUANIA, FINLAND & ESTONIA

15 Day Tour with 9 Days in LITHUANIA

Boat Cruise from HELSINKI to TALLINN and

Return

10 Nights VILNIUS, 2 nights HELSINKI

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TOUR #801 \$2,389.00 from Boston & N.Y.

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Single Supplement \$319.00

LITHUANIA, RUSSIA & FINLAND

15 day Tour with 7 days in LITHUANIA, 7 nights

VILNIUS,

2 nights MOSCOW, 2 nights LENINGRAD, 2 nights

HELSINKI via FINNAIR

TOUR #813 \$2,459.00 from Boston & N.Y.

August 13-27 \$2,659.00 from Chicago

Single Supplement \$349.00

LITHUANIA & SWITZERLAND

15 Day Tour with 10 Days in LITHUANIA

11 nights VILNIUS, 2 nights ZURICH via

SWISSAIR

TOUR #614 \$2,269.00 from Boston & N.Y.

June 14-28 \$2,469.00 from Chicago

Single Supplement \$299.00

LITHUANIA & AUSTRIA

**15 day Tour with 10 Days in LITHUANIA, 11 nights
VILNIUS, 2 nights VIENNA via AUSTRIAN**

AIRLINES

**TOUR #808 \$2,399.00 from Boston & N.Y.
AUGUST 8-22 \$2,599.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement \$299.00**

LITHUANIA

**10 day Tour with 7 Days in LITHUANIA
8 nights VILNIUS via FINNAIR**

**TOUR #943 \$1,809.00 from Boston & N.Y.
September 13-22 \$2,009.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement \$199.00**

LITHUANIA & FINLAND

**14 Day Tour with 10 days in LITHUANIA, 11 nights
VILNIUS, 1 night HELSINKI via FINNAIR**

**TOUR #913 \$2,209.00 from Boston & N.Y.
September 13-26 \$2,409.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement \$299.00**

LITHUANIA & CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**12 Day Tour with 8 Days in LITHUANIA
9 nights VILNIUS, 1 night PRAGUE
via CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES**

**TOUR #106 \$1,699.00 from Boston & N.Y.
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October 1-15 \$2,359.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement \$199.00**

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S IN LITHUANIA

**15 Day Tour with 11 days in LITHUANIA
12 nights VILNIUS, 1 night PRAGUE
via CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES**

**TOUR #1225 \$1,799.00 from Boston & N.Y.
Dec. 21-Jan. 4 \$1,999.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement \$219.00**

NEW YEAR'S IN LITHUANIA

**15 Day Tour with 11 Days in LITHUANIA,
2 Nights VILNIUS, 1 night PRAGUE
via CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES**

**TOUR #1280 \$1,799.00 from Boston & N.Y.
Dec. 28 - Jan. 11 \$1,999.00 from Chicago
Single Supplement \$219.00**

WANTED TO BUY:

"Lithuanian Easter Eggs" by Anastazija & Antanas Tamošaitis. This book is out of print and unavailable for purchase from the publisher. Vytis Staff has great need for this book in order to make future VYTIS a better reading periodical. If there is someone who has this book sitting on the shelf which is not being utilized, and is willing to sell it, please contact the VYTIS Editor. Postage will also be reimbursed. Your assistance would be most appreciated.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

According to our Constitution, membership dues are due January 1st of each year. Yet, many members feel they can pay anytime during the year without losing benefits. If dues are not paid and not received by the National Financial Secretary by March 30th, the member will be suspended and VYTIS will no longer be mailed to them. In order to reinstate VYTIS, it takes two months before one receives the next issue. Therefore, please do not be lax. If, by now, you haven't paid your dues to your local financial secretary, please send them direct to the National Financial Secretary, Anne Cheplick, 28 Delwood Drive, Oakville, CT 06779.

Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia



NED Officers with Alex Akule, President

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

The last two months of the past decade were busy ones for C-12. New York City elected a new Mayor, David Dinkins and wished Ed "How am I Doing?" Koch God speed! On the council front, in November we were once again "exiled" to the rectory for our meeting. The Arts Club Theater presented us with a play, *Scoot, Death, Scoot*, by Lithuanian playwright Saulius Šaltenis with fine actor Arunas Čiuberkis. Many attended from the nearby community. The play deals with the trials and tribulations of a Lithuanian youth. We all enjoyed the program.

We have acquired a new gem in C-12 by the name of Al Maluck. Not only is he a wonderful historian about Lithuanians in the New York area but also a wonderful cook. His potato pancakes at our November meeting disappeared faster than you could say "Bulviniai Blynai."

In December, C-12's famous Christmas party was held with a Kučių Štalas and Santa Claus. Dalia Bulvicius also helped in the kitchen with many other council members. Rev. Nicholas Langenfeld, who turns 90 this year, sat on Santa's lap. So did spiritual advisor, Rev. Savickas and HM Joseph Boley. They all

professed to be good boys and received a gift from Santa impersonated by Joe Sleder. As always the party was a huge success. Thanks to chairlady Millie Pietz and her assistants.

At each of our meetings we had a few guests from Lithuania who rejoice with us about the current events in Lithuania. Let us all pray that this trend will continue and climax with an independent nation.

Since December is the month of "giving and receiving", C-12 donated \$1,000 to Rev. Savickas, pastor of Our Lady of Vilnius Church, for parish expenses.

Dalia Bulvicius



C-12 Rev. Sawicki sitting on Santa's lap while Pres. Ed Cook looks on.

C-17 SO. BOSTON, MA

On Sept. 10, 1989 C-17 celebrated seventy-five years of dedicated service to God and country with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church. Following Mass, there was a social hour and dinner dance at Latana in Randolph. A fine evening of reminiscing, socializing and dancing was enjoyed by 300 guests, several of whom traveled long distances to attend this memorable event.

C-17 was established Aug. 23, 1914 at St. Peter's Parish. Involved in the initial planning were Rev. Thomas Zilinskas, second pastor of St. Peter's, Revs. Dabuzinskas, J. Vilkisius and others. First president was John Jakarauskas. Throughout the council's long history, many members held offices on the national and district levels. The council was privileged to have several honorary members from its membership, such as Rev. Albert Contons, Longinas Svelnis, Felicia Grendal, Anthony Young, Frank Razvadauskas and Antanas Kneizys.

The council presented many plays; sponsored baseball teams; conducted various fund drives, banquets, dances, trips and maintained a junior and senior council. C-17 hosted national conventions in 1925, 1932, 1963 and 1980. St. Peter's has been the center of the council's religious and social activities.

We wish to thank the long line of spiritual directors and pastors for their cooperation and guidance. At present, the council boasts a membership of 170. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

The officer roster for 1989-1990 is: Rev. Albert Contons, spiritual advisor; Alexander Akule, pres.; Francis Markuns, 1st vice pres.; Longinas Svelnis, 2nd



East Meets West : Joe Stelmokas, C-110 Maspeth & Sophia Zukas, C-36 Chicago at Nat'l Convention

vice pres.; Emily Lehman, 3rd vice pres.; Virginia Markuns, rec. sec.; Adele Martus, corres. sec.; Eva Ball, fin. sec.; Joseph White, treas.; John Norinkavich and Walter Opanasets, trustees.

Chairs are as follows: Stanley Agonis, Lith. Affairs; Danielus Averka, cultural; Pat Akule, ritual, and Joseph White, Vytis correspondent.

After the untimely death of Albert Jaritis, our council president Alexander Akule, was elected president of New England District for the coming year. Congratulations and best wishes.

In December, council members together with other K of L councils, clergy and friends gathered at Sisters of Jesus Crucified Function Hall in Brockton to celebrate Kučios. At the sighting of the first evening star, Sr. Eugenia Glineckas, mistress of ceremonies and member of C-17 commenced the meal. She did a masterful job explaining the traditions of Kučios and led us in prayer and songs of this joyous time of the year. We thank Pres. William Pribasauskas of C-1 Brockton and its members George & Frances Bumila and John & Ann Statkus for hosting this fine yearly event.

Ltd. Com. Roy Balaconis, USN, was commended for rescuing 49 Vietnamese boat people in distress at sea in

the Gulf of Thailand. Roy is the son of Joseph & Betty Balaconis.

The annual St. Peter's Parish Senior Citizens Party was held on Jan. 14. The event is sponsored by the Sodality, the Knights of Lithuania and the financial aid of the American-Lithuanian Citizens Club of Cambridge. About 100 seniors attended. Hostesses were the ladies of the Sodality and the Knights with the men of the council setting and cleaning

up. This event closed the Christmas season for our council

J.W

C-25 CLEVELAND, OH

Officers elected for 1990 are as follows: Dolly Oberaitis, pres.; Alvina Luiza, vice pres.; Jean Marks, sec.; Dick Marks, treas.; Joanna Shigo, fin. sec.; Fran Pranskevich and Isabel Reedick, trustees. Committee chairs are: Nelda Machutas, sunshine; Albina Wallis, cultural; Ed Pranckus, Lith. Affairs; Nellie Arunski, ritual. Joe Ivoska is Vytis correspondent.

Our Christmas party was held at the Slovenian Hall with all members and some guests attending. Music, dancing and good Slovenian food was enjoyed by all. Our bowling sessions are back getting in shape for the tournament at Dayton in May. Also, the socials are enjoyed by all. The first social was held at the Oberaitis home.

Al Shigo and Alvina Luiza are on the sick list. Our prayers and best wishes for their speedy recovery. Hats off to Jim & Joan Thompson for losing all that weight. They look like teenagers. Keep up the good work!

Betty August has a nice condo in Euclid and we welcome her back from Florida. Gene & Ursula Kunsitis are moving into a new home with larger quarters and a greenhouse for Gene's flower growing

hobby. Bill & Helen Jakubs sporting a new mobile home and are about to tour the USA.

On St. Casimir Day we met as a body, heard Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Lithuanian Church, then to the Lithuanian Club for dinner and socializing.

Each Sunday morning from John Carroll University, tune in to the Lithuanian Hour with Joseph Stempuzis. Lithuanian music is heard together with announcements of future Lithuanian activities.

Also, please use your Lithuanian bumper sticker and advertise Lithuania.

Joe Ivoska

C-26 WORCESTER, MA

For the gala Christmas party held on Dec. 12 in St. Casimir Church Hall, the cooks and committee included Mildred & Charles Lapinskas, William Karas, Frances & Charles Kulakusky, Adele & Francis Degutis and Helen Gillus.

Honored guests were pastor, Rev. Vincent Parulis, MIC, and our spiritual advisor, Rev. John Petrauskas, MIC. The gifts, which Santa Claus delivered beforehand, were distributed by Anne Walinsky and Rita Margosian. Christmas carols were sung ending with "A Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night!"

Rita Pinkus, council pres., conducted a brief meeting prior to the onset of the party. It was decided that no meeting would be held in January. The council accepted the gracious invitation of Kazys Adomavičius, pres. of Maironis Park and a member of C-26, to use the park's facilities for monthly meetings until the renovation of the church hall is completed. Needless to say, we gratefully accepted his kind offer.

Both Bill Grigas and Ted Pinkus spent time in the hospital just before Christmas. We had not seen Angela (Sarapas) and her husband, Charles Busky, for some time. We learned that Charles was very ill. We join in extending prayerful get

well wishes to all.

Congratulations to Mary Duggan, recently installed auditor for the Lithuanian-American Catholic Women's Alliance. Congratulations to Francis Tagman, Commander of the Lithuanian War Veterans.

Hosting relatives from Lithuania recently included the Ed Meilus family, Frances Grigas and Rose & Ed Grigaitis.

Condolences to Rita Karrytais whose brother, Ed Rice, died in January.

Please mark your calendar! See you at Maironis Park the second Tuesday of each month until further notice.

"Olga"

C-46 FOREST CITY, PA

Officers were elected at our Oct. meeting. Rev. Silko will serve as our spiritual advisor; Michael Yavorsky, pres.; Bea Stanis, vice pres.; Bart Yavorsky, sec.; Bob Trusky, treas.; Albert Kazakevich and Ed Yeskaitis, trustees. Committee chairs: Frances Yavorsky, ritual; Stasia Wallace, sunshine; Bea Stanis, Joey Marshall and Helen Klotucha, scholarship committee on council level; Mary Prezelski, Vytis correspondent.

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful term of office. *Bea*

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Our Council elected a new slate of officers at our meeting in November. Jane Lutick became the council's first female president with Robert Klova, vice pres.; Jacob Zansitis, treas.; Dora Lushis, fin. sec.

Groundwork has begun to appoint committees for February's tri-city Lithuanian flag raisings and ceremonies, Lithuanian Independence Day dinner and St. Casimir's Day Mass in March.

Our annual Kučios portrayal was conducted on Dec. 10 in St. Michael's Church Hall in Easton. Emilia Tihansky did an outstanding job as committee chairlady. She was assisted by Joseph,

Trudi and Bertha Simmons, Ann Pettit, Ed Klova and Joseph Ogint. It was a candlelight affair with traditional Kučios fare and was capped by singing Lithuanian and English Christmas carols. Benedict Aponavicius, Choir Director at St. Michael's, led the singing. It was enjoyed by all present which included numerous guests of other nationalities.

C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

Most Rev. Dominic Marconi DD, Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Newark and Vicar of Union County, installed Rev. Alfred Zemeikis, a native of Elizabeth and a former parishioner, as the new pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Lithuanian Church on Jan. 28. Following the installation, a dinner-dance honoring the new pastor was sponsored by the combined societies in the parish hall.

The students of the parish school under the direction of the Sisters of St. Francis served the menu.

We welcome Rev. Alfred Zemeikis!
William Senken

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

The following officers were installed by Fr. Peter Madus, spiritual advisor: Helen Cravath, pres.; John Ramoska, vice pres.; Mary Costello, rec. sec.; Edward Romanauskas, treas.; Martha Brack, fin. sec.; Jerry Costello, Ann Dudewicz, Ruth Yanish, trustees; Ann Huffstatler, sgt at arms. Committee chairs: Jean Kavelines, cultural; Casimir Yanish, Lith. Affairs; Richard Laska, publicity; Marie Laske, ritual. After the meeting, Jean Kavelines assisted by Richard Laske served a delicious buffet. We wish all the officers a successful year.

Our part of the Ethnic Rosary at St. Peter's Cathedral was well attended. The Lithuanians were well represented and looked beautiful in their costumes. Marie Laske of C-74 and Nellie Romanas of C-143 organized the event.

Get well wishes go out to Patsy Simms

who broke her two wrists in a fall. We miss her at our meetings.

A Lithuanian Christmas music program was presented at Anthracite Heritage Museum, Scranton. Sr. Virginia Vytell was in charge of the decoration. The choir under the direction of Linda Hauck with Bob Kelleher at the organ performed superbly. Nell B. Romanas was coordinator of the program.

Marie Laske

C-96 DAYTON, OH

Our holiday season was exceptionally joyous this year with all the spiritual activities as well as exciting news.

Irene Gecas did a wonderful job setting up the council Christmas tree on the altar at Holy Cross Church. As a first-time project for Irene, she did a wonderful job.

Special congratulations are extended to Eric Geiger who qualified for his First Degree at the Jan. meeting.

Is there a summer wedding in the air? Congratulations to Joseph P. Mantz on his engagement to Julie Hines. We certainly look forward to seeing you at the Knight's activities.

Christmas caroling was a musical event this year. The 15 flowers we delivered to K of L and parish members were greatly appreciated. Those receiving our spirit were Anna Ambrose, John Berczelly, Teresa Burgulis, Jerry & Helen Cibiris, Rosella Plesek, Bertha Radminskas, Nellie Razauskas, Antoinette Seskevics, Elizabeth Vaitkus, Cecelia VanDyke and Annadel Milaskavitz. A tear of happiness to see Cecelia Yankus was in the eye of all who visited with her. We sang carols and were accompanied by Mary Agnes Mikalauskas on guitar. We later enjoyed hot pizza and refreshments in the church basement.

With all the news about Lithuania, even our local members were interviewed. Elinor Sluzas, Judy Petrokas and Aldona Ryan were on WHIO Channel 7 while

being filmed at Holy Cross Church. Kitty Prasmantas, Aldona Ryan and Mary Agnes Mikalauskas were on WDTN Channel 2 interviewed from the Lithuanian Social Club.

Frances and Elena Mikalauskas did another great job with the planning of the ladies Christmas dinner. Many shared good company and food at Anticoli's Italian Restaurant. George did his share at home by making the favors that were placed at everyone's plate.

Plan to attend the best bowling convention for MCD 1990! Activities are continually growing for May 18-20. The motel facilities will be the Radisson Inn. Joseph P. Mantz and Joe Fletcher are chairs.

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

At our October meeting, we had Audrius Bruzga as our guest, introduced to us by members Ed and Genutė Baranauskas. He is an exchange student from Lithuania at Union College, Schenectady. He is majoring in English and is living on campus. He was our main speaker at the Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration on Feb. 17.

Sophie Malkowicz was chairlady of our Christmas party. In place of grab bags, everyone brought something for the Food Pantry for the needy. Irene & Harold Tice were the chefs; Sophie Olbie and Sophie Malkowicz, reservations; Judy Kastraveckas, Helen Wojcik, Bill & Jennie Burimauskas, serving punch; and Walter Sargalis, food service. Of course, we can't forget Walter Malkowicz who co-chaired the affair.

Nominating committee consisting of Sophie Malkowicz, Irene Tice and Jennie Burimauskas presented the slate of officers for 1990 as follows: Anthony Radzevich, pres.; Gene Gobis, vice pres.; Sophie Olbie, treas.; Beatrice Jasewicz, sec.; Gerard Drenzek and Vincent Rossi, sgts at arms. Committee chairs: Polly Žiausys, cultural; Adeline Raila, sunshine;

Betty Kuzmich, ritual; Edward Baranauskas, Lithuanian affairs; Gene Gobis, public relations. Christine Tambasco is assisted by Gene Gobis and Bea Jasewicz as counselors for our Junior Knights.

Ed and Genutė Baranauskas presented us with a Lithuanian doll to be used in fundraising project. We thank them for their gift.

Our meeting concluded with refreshments served by Betty Kuzmich, Sophie Olbie, Regina Hartvigas, Birutė Ralys and Gene Gobis.

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-102 DETROIT, MI

Local Lithuanians are happy about the rejection of the Communist Party in Lithuania and are anxiously looking forward to their freedom.

Our St. Anthony's Lithuanian Church was severely damaged by an electrical fire after Christmas. Rev. Babonis suffered third degree burns on his hands, legs and feet as he opened the door to the sacristy where the fire was located. He was hospitalized for two weeks. His recovery was brightened by the visit of His Eminence Cardinal Szoka who informed him that St. Anthony's would stay open. HM Bob Boris also had a very important part in keeping the church open.

Our Christmas Kučios was again held at the home of HM Bob Boris. Fr. Stan celebrated the Mass and gave a moving sermon on freeing Lithuania. After Mass, a Lithuanian buffet was served under chairmanship of Donna Bunikas. Socializing and carol singing led by Joe Aukstakalnis-Stark and John Stanievich followed. This truly is one of our nicest socials of the year.

The holidays brought many long distance families together. Donna & Frank Bunikas visited with son Al and family in Arizona and with daughter Margie and



Paul Binkins, Chicago & Victor Stepolavich, Philadelphia, munching on corn at Rudis' farm

family in California. Terry and Ray Medonis enjoyed a visit from their son, his wife and new born baby from New York. That totals nine grandsons and one granddaughter for the Medonises. Ruth Wagster enjoyed a visit from granddaughter from Hawaii. Donna Stanevich visited her mother in San Francisco. Her mother was felled by the quake but received no serious injury. Her home was the only one on the block to escape damage. HM Bob Boris enjoyed a visit with his brother Vince, our member from Maryland. Vince always has interesting tales about his volunteer work since his retirement from government service. The latest is teaching a Russian couple to read English, but he is learning more from them about Russia.

Joe & Maryanne Guerriero celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a garden party at their son's home. To climax their celebration, they joined C-110 Maspeth on their Caribbean cruise.

Get well wishes are extended to our Florida member, Evelyn Barry, who fell on the ice and broke her arm causing her to quit bowling for the year.

Deepest sympathies are extended to Vince Klucens on the death of his young bride of only two years and to Donna Pluto on the death of her father, Peter Rukstele, a member of C-79. May their souls rest in eternal peace. *Meriutė*

C-103 PROVIDENCE, RI

Twenty members were present at our first meeting of the New Year chaired by Pres. Bertha Stoskus. After the usual reports were given and accepted, mention was made that Peter Denisewich was in the hospital, doing well, and on the road to recovery from recent surgery.

Activities on Feb. 15th at the State House were held. Proclamations were given by Governor and members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives. Rev. Jurgelaitis delivered the invocation. A group of women attended with their native costumes.

On March 4th, St. Casimir's Day was observed with Mass followed by breakfast. On March 21, 22 and 23 at Kingston, home of the University of Rhode Island, Baltic Nations Symposium will take place. Our council will participate.

New England District Bowling Roll-Off is projected for the Rhode Island area with local bowling enthusiasts searching for accessible alleys and nearby eatery for out-of-town participants.

Annual May 6th breakfast will be preceded by monthly meeting on the 5th with members preparing parish hall for this annual event.

Membership was thrilled to hear comments from Anthony J. Sidla. He is our link to Lithuania. He operates from his home in Cumberland a short-wave ham radio. His access and replies from Lithuanian operators here in the U.S. who converse with Lithuanian counterparts from all over the world. Twenty-two operators are involved. He bubbles with enthusiasm over the fact that he not only talks with Lithuanians in Lithuania, Germany and everywhere but that all this is accomplished in Lithuanian. American born, Anthony's Lithuanian is limited. He has two dictionaries which help him function better. His new-found friends send him holiday greetings and pictures of their families. His ardent supporter, encourager and translator is his former Lithuanian teacher at Providence Col-

lege, Rev. Jurgelaitis. C-103 is proud of Anthony and wishes him continued success in his quest to get to know more of Lithuania through radio friends the world over.

*Un qui continue a prier
pour Lituanie
Victor G. Mathieu*



*C-103 Beatrice & Victor Mathieu at
Nat'l Convention*

C-143 PITTSTON, PA

Our council held its annual Kučios on Dec. 17, chaired by Diane & Peter Dutter, two of our youngest members. It was spiritually beautiful. Members and guests became one family led in prayer by Rev. Peter Alisauskas, spiritual advisor, the breaking of plotkelės and enjoying the meal prepared by Bartoli. Singing of Christmas hymns in English and Lithuanian was led by our St. Casimir's Choir, directed by Robert Kelleher.

Installation of officers took place Jan. 4 before Mass. All officers were re-elected for their second term with the exception of recording secretary Peter Dutter who resigned. Our officers are: Rev. Peter Alisauskas, spiritual advisor; Nellie B. Romanas, pres.; Annmarie Sewatsky, vice pres.; Dorothy Banos, fin. sec. and ritual chair; Mary Ann Cipolla, treas.; Eleanor Bellanco, rec. sec.; Anastasia Stanley, Marcella Bartoli, Mary Timek, trustees; John Wisnosky, sgt. at arms; Anna Walatka, public relations; Rosalie Kizis, cultural chair; Frances Shoppel, Lith. Affairs; Genevieve Dajnowski, historian; Charles Dajnowski, Vytis correspondent; Mary Chorba, and Rev. Alisauskas, ritual. A continental breakfast followed with the old tradition of the men of the council serving. A meeting followed.

Drawing of the 50/50 raffle was won

by Regina Talacka amounting to a little better than \$400. A sincere thank you to Diane & Peter Dutter for chairing the raffle and Kučios.

The council participated in the Ethnic Rosary on Feb. 4 at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. Flag raising ceremonies were held at Luzerne County Court House on Feb. 15 chaired by Frances Shoppel.

Frances Evans and Mary Ann Cipolla chaired the annual St. Casimir's breakfast on March 4. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Alisauskas.

Four new members were sworn in: Dianne Dutter, Martha Warnigiris and Ann & Steve Soba. Welcome to our council!
Charles Dajnowski

C-146 HARRISBURG, PA

We are grateful our Pres. Clara Gudalonis recovered from her fall and we know she is happy to have the cast off her leg.

Our council was saddened by the death of Bill Boyle, husband of Frances. May he rest in peace.

Joseph & Clara Gudalonis and Frances Boyle observed the 75th annual Lithuanian Day by attending Mass and banquet at Our Lady of Siluva Church in Maizeville. They also went to the opening day of the Eastern European Festival which featured Lithuanian entertainment

and food.

In October, Nell Berulis, George & Joanna Gilbert and Joseph & Clara Gudalonis attended the Amber District meeting in Hazleton. They send their thanks and appreciation to host C-118.

Our spiritual advisor, Rev. John Smith, celebrated Mass on Oct. 7 for persecuted Lithuanians at his parish church, St. Peter's in Columbia. His many parishioners learned a little about Lithuania that they may not have otherwise. Later, we held a meeting and social at Bully's, a nearby restaurant.

Our Nov. meeting was held at our president's house on a Sun. afternoon. Officers for 1990 were elected: Clara Gudalonis, pres.; Joseph Gudalonis, vice pres.; Eleanor Rusatsky, sec.; Nell Berulis, treas. and fin. sec.; Vity Grabauskas and Eugene Rusatsky, trustees; Joan Suders, cultural; Eugene Rusatsky, Lith. affairs; Vity Grabauskas, public relations and Rev. John Smith, spiritual advisor.

We are a small council without a Lithuanian church or hall nearby, but some of our more active members came to our Kučios on Dec. 10 held at the small American Legion Hall in Camp Hill. Everyone cooperated by bringing a traditional food for Kučios or a meatless dish.



Clara Gudonis, pres. & Rev. John Smith, spiritual advisor, discuss C-146 activities at annual Kučios.

We sang Christmas carols accompanied on the piano by Joan Suders and her son Danny. Kristy, daughter of Anthony & Lillian Marazas, told us the Lithuanian Christmas story. We were most grateful to our spiritual advisor, Fr. Smith, for driving from Columbia and by his prayers made our Kučios a very special occasion.

Lithuania is often in the news these days and we pray and hope they are able to achieve the freedom that we take for granted here in the United States. *H. Grabauskas*

C-147 ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Here we are, C-147, starting the new year with a lot of renewed energy. We had our annual election meeting on Dec. 28, a little late, as in this Sunshine State of Florida, we need to wait for most of our members to return from their vacations in the North.

Our entire group of officers remains for another year, with the exception of K. Kleiva who resigned as Lithuanian Affairs chairman and Vytis correspondent. We all thank him for a job well done.

Our officers for the coming year are:

Antanas Gudonis, pres.; Edvardas Praninskas, vice pres.; Victoria Kleiva, sec.; Maria Gelazius, treas.; Genovaite Bakas, fin. sec.; Victoria Jacobson, public relations; Terese Liutkas, membership; Dr. Aldona Vallis, cultural affairs; Alena Vilnis, correspondent; Rev. Cyvas and Charles Vilnis, trustees; Fr. John Gasiunas, spiritual advisor.

Our meeting ended with a great deal of enthusiasm and ideas for this year of 1990. Hopefully, they will come to fruition. Our



Charles & Elena Vilnis, C-147, at Lithuanian Independence Celebration

thanks to Victoria Kleiva and others for the delicious cakes and coffee.

On a sad note, Old Father Time and God's Will caught up with three of our beloved members in 1989. They are Msgr. John Balkunas, Kestutis Daknys and Alfonse Kraujalis. May they rest in peace!

Anthony Mazeika, our past president and honorary member is among the ill, still convalescing. Alexander Kraujalis, another past president, is recuperating from some serious setbacks. Our prayers are with them for better health in the future.

C-152 EASTERN LONG ISLAND, NY

The year 1990 bids fair to become a milestone in the history of Eastern Europe, many of whose peoples see a chance, after some 45 years of life in a socialist nightmare, to find religious, cultural, political and economic freedoms in an environment more congenial to human yearnings. A number of the members of our Council have been following the broadcasts lately, in English and Lithuanian, broadcast by Radio Vilnius. These shortwave transmissions enable listeners to be instantly aware of the day-to-day efforts of our brothers and sisters in Lithuania to press on with their struggle to throw off the Soviet yoke. With the double purpose of encouraging the personnel of the radio station in their patriotic efforts,

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are no longer struggling in the dark away from prying eyes, our Council has sent a letter to Radio Vilnius acknowledging the station's efforts to describe life in today's Lithuania and assuring the broadcasters that they have an enthusiastic audience in the United States.

February 16th has been designated in New York, as in a number of other states, as Lithuanian Independence Day. To keep the day in the public's mind as such, our Council sent a press release, on the matter of the Baltic Republics' struggle for independence, to a selection of local newspapers.

St. Casimir's Day, March 4th, will be the occasion of our Annual Mass and Luncheon. We anticipate a gratifying turnout of Council members and guests for what has become one of our most pleasant religious and social functions.

Finally, we note with sorrow the sudden illness of Julie Lott (who, we understand, is on the road to recovery) and the death of Elissa Colombo, a niece of Bonnie Kart; and we thankfully record the return of Loretta Rhinow after a spell of ill health.

Tom Tarmey

The only thing we have to fear is Fear Itself.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Nothing needs reforming as other people's habits.

Mark Twain

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Lost time was like a run in a stocking, It always got worse.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

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DID YOU KNOW!

Lithuania, although a peace-loving nation, was a constant battle defending its homeland. From the East, the Russians; from the south, the Tartars and the Golden Horde; from the north and west, the Teutonic Knights and Prussians. The city of Kaunas has suffered much damage in many wars. Its name comes from a Lithuanian word that means battlefield. During the reign of Vytautas the Great, Lithuania was equal in rank with the greatest European powers.



Over a hundred years ago a university student found himself seated in a train by the side of a person who seemed to be a well-to-do peasant. He was praying the rosary and moving the beads in his fingers.

"Sir, do you still believe in such outdated things?" asked the student of the old man.

"Yes, I do. Do you not?" asked the man.

The student burst out into a laughter and said, "I do not believe in such silly things. Take my advice. Throw the rosary out through this window, and learn what science has to say about it."

"Science? I do not understand this science? Perhaps you can explain it to me." the man said humbly with some tears in his eyes.

The student saw that the man was deeply moved. So to avoid further hurting the feelings of the man he said:

"Please give me your address and I will send you some literature to help you on the matter."

The man fumbled in the inside pocket of his coat and gave the boy his visiting card. On glancing at the card, the student bowed his head in shame and became silent. On the card he read:

"Louis Pasteur, Director of the Institute of Scientific Research, Paris."