

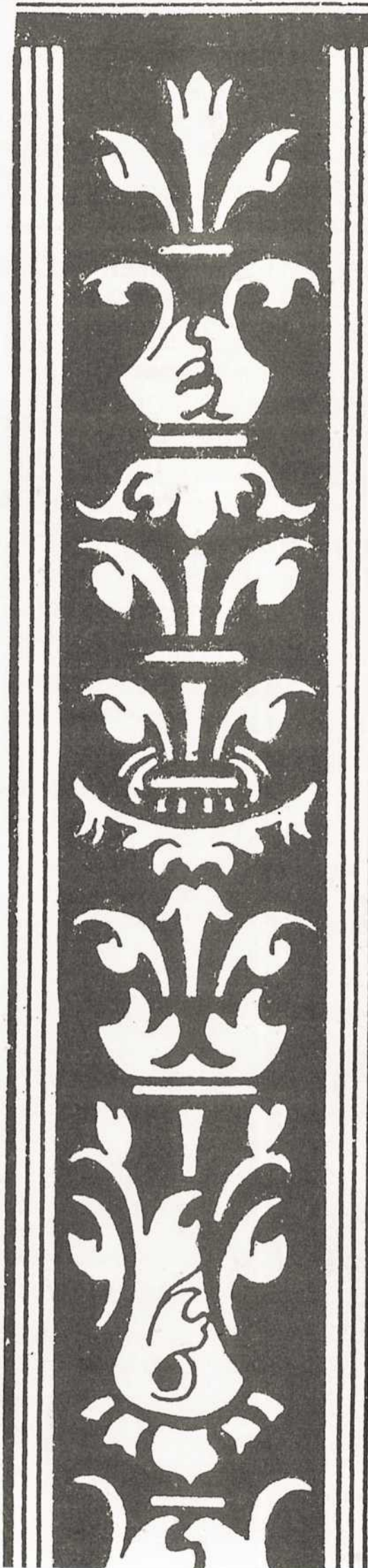
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*Lietuviais esame mes gimę
Lietuviais norime ir būt
Tą garbę gavome užgimę
Jai ir neturim leist pražūt.*

*Kad debesiai ir susitraukia
Ir vėtros nor mūs išardyt
Kad ir kelintas pykdamas šaukia
Ir kalbą mūs nor išvaryt.*

*Kaip ažuolas drūtas prie Nemunėlio
Lietuvis nieko neatbos
Kaip eglė ten prie Šešupėlio
Ir vėtroj ir žiema žalios.*

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ST. ANTHONY'S MONASTERY Kennebunkport, Maine

Regina Kot, National Cultural Chairlady

Situated about four miles from the town of Kennebunk on the western side of the Kennebunk River, which empties into the Atlantic Ocean, the magnificent grounds of St. Anthony's Shrine and Guest House are located. For many years, the Lithuanians enjoy vacationing or just visiting the grounds. For many, this has been a cultural and spiritual hideaway.

Formerly owned by William N. Campbell since 1937, the estate was purchased on Sept. 8, 1947 by the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers, who migrated from Lithuania after World War II. After purchasing the estate, St. Anthony's School was built. Due to declined enrollment, the school closed in 1969. The building was then converted into a guest house accommodating vacationers during the summer months. The spacious dining room serves breakfast and dinner, mostly Lithuanian style.

The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the grounds was erected in 1953 as was the Stations of the Cross. At night, the Grotto is lit emitting a spectacular site. Both structures were designed by Jonas Mulokas, first prize winner at the American Architects Association Awards. Along the river's edge, there is a panoramic view of many boats sailing. The statue of St. Catherine Tekakwitha is erected on the grounds near the river's edge. On the waterfront, a large boat house is situated which was used by the Campbells to dock their boats. Today it is just a nice place to meditate while overlooking the harbor bay area. Near the main monastery building, statues of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Francis of Assisi under the huge trees grace the area. Needless to say, a beautifully carved Lithuanian Wayside Cross is also displayed which is a conversation piece, especially among non-Lithuanians visiting the grounds.



Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, ME

Monument of the militant, suffering and triumphant church was transported from the New York World's Fair and is situated along the driveway entering the monastery. This monument was designed and decorated by Prof. Vytautas Jonynas.

An annual Lithuanian Day festival took place each year during July. The festival would begin with Mass followed by



Lithuanian Day Festival held at the Monastery

a Lithuanian dinner at the Guest House cafeteria. For those who preferred the American cuisine, the brothers served hot dogs and hamburgers from a grill on the grounds and with picnic tables set up close by. Entertainment was provided by a dance group in costumes from Boston.

Many years ago, the Knights of Lithuania held their national convention at this location. Due to insufficient lodging, members had to be accommodated at local motels and guest houses. For the past two years, the New England

District have been holding their Annual Retreat, drawing a number that are comfortably accommodated in the Guest House..

The Franciscan Fathers are most gracious and friendly and are always ready to assist everyone. Each summer the guest house is filled to its capacity and early reservations are a necessity. Plan to spend a little time in Kennebunkport and help support our Lithuanian endeavors.

AMBER ROSE

It was cold in October of 1989. It was an evening for jackets and sweaters but hundreds of people stood in the street and cried. Elinor Sluzas and Judy Petrokas dream was burning. They were only three weeks from opening their first restaurant. The building was a landmark in this Eastern European community in Old North Dayton, OH where men played pinochle, women shopped and the kids bought penny candy. When Sluzas and Petrokas, lifelong friends who were casual caterers for 10 years, decided to open a restaurant, they picked this old general store. The vacant building was available and the two women decided to have their business in North Dayton at this location.

On Oct. 5, their vision — and the community's hopes — exploded in the spontaneous combustion of rags soaked with turpentine and linseed oil, a favorite restorative of preservationists. The two women, shivering from shock and cold, stood in the street for six hours and watched as the new roof, just finished the day before, collapsed into the second floor. The next day they came back to look at the charred wreckage — and decided the fire was just a temporary setback. They called

the insurance company and then the general contractor. Petrokas asked him how long the new roof was guaranteed for. Twenty years, he told her. She told him, "You better call the roofer, Tell him it didn't last."

On June 4 of 1990, the building built in 1912 for \$5,773 reopened. The 1990 price tag for the restoration was a quarter of a million dollars. And the Amber Rose, as the owners call their European delicatessen, is the hottest restaurant in Dayton right now. Recently, on a Monday, 127 people — and yes, they counted them — waited upstairs for a lunch table in the little 60-seat restaurant. On a Saturday night, 147 took their turn waiting in the upstairs party room — a space where the

National Guard slept during the 1913 flood.

The two entrepreneurs, both business women, defied the wisdom given to them that the location for the restaurant is not satisfactorily situated, except being near the four Catholic churches — Polish, Lithuanian, German and Hungarian. However, the neighborhood has supported them. Elinor Sluzas says "We couldn't survive on the neighborhood". The customers who fill the



Amber Rose Restaurant owners, Elinor Sluzas and Judy Petrokas, with staff members in background.

restaurant at lunch and dinner also are coming from suburbs on the other side of town. And it seems everyone who ever lived in North Dayton is coming back for a taste of Hungarian goulash and Lithuanian meat dumplings, Polish-style pork and German cold cuts with rye bread. The menu also lists Kaunas turtle soup. Sauerkraut is not just sauerkraut. It is cooked with added fresh cabbage and apples, bacon, onion and spices such as caraway, allspice and sweet bay. The cabbage rolls with a light filling, are deftly made.

The restaurant takes a bow to preservation. The back of the building was bulldozed after the fire, but the front was carefully restored, down to the green trim on the outside of the cream-colored building. The women added their own touches with lace curtains, story-telling stained glass panels and small vases of fresh flowers at each booth and table. And most distinctively the women created the amber rose, a blend of the Eastern European gem and the international rose.

Ask them about their heritage and the two women answer in one voice. One hundred percent Lithuanian. Catering began as favors. Friends purchased the food and asked them to cook, first for parties, then weddings. Finally they said let's stop giving it away. Their restaurant was just a dream. Elinor says, "Our guardian angel came along and opened the doors".

Because Amber Rose is a deli, there are choice sandwich meats. While ethnic specialties, such as blood sausage, have been so popular, they're usually all sold out. The bread, which comes from a Michigan baker, is shipped partially baked and frozen, then baked at the restaurant. The heritage of the owners is apparent in the abundance of sour cream served with potato kugelis and Lithuanian meat dumplings, as well as on beet borscht. Sour cream is also in the cole slaw and cucumber salad and even available as a simple salad dressing. As yet, Amber Rose does not have a liquor license, though the owners hope to serve beer and wine. Their service is enthusiastic and they do it with a smile.

When visiting Dayton, stop by at Amber Rose, 1400 Valley St., hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Reservations are not accepted and the tab can be paid with Visa and Mastercard.

Dayton Daily News

A good woman is like a good book — entertaining, inspiring and instructive; sometimes a bit too wordy, but when properly bound and decorated, irresistible. I wish I could afford a library.

Some folks say the squeaking wheel gets the grease, but others point out that it is the first one to be replaced.

PRAYER - Now and Then!

For our servicemen and women overseas, especially the ones assigned to "Desert Shield" in the Persian Gulf, the following is dedicated to them:

PRAYER FOR "OUR BOYS AND GIRLS" To Mary, Patroness of the United States

O, Mary, Queen of the skies, the lands and the seas,
To you we turn in these dark hours of grief and suffering,
In your hands, we place the boys and girls now serving our nation on land and sea and in the air.

Keep them always loyal to their God and to their country; make them courageous in every danger and patient in every trial.

Protect them from the attacks of the enemy as you protected your own Son from the attacks of Herod. Soothe the aching hearts and dispel the fears of those left home.

Pray that a just and durable peace may very soon settle over the whole world and then bring our boys and girls back to us unharmed and even stronger in soul and in body. As our Queen, our Mother and the Patroness of our country, obtain for us these favors through your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

NAUJI METAI

Nauji metai prasidėjo...
Kiek naujų minčių!
Laimės žvaigždė sužibėjo
Tarp gyvuojančių.

Tik tos laimės reikia siekti
Neatbutinai!
Su Dievo palaima veikti
Neatdėtinai.

Jei tik dirbsim ištvermingai
Gerovei visų,
Teks gyventi mums laimingai
Lig metų kitų.

Prel. M.J. Urbonas, LL.D.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORDS DERIVED FROM LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE ROOT WORDS

by Andy Akstin, C-116 Worcester, MA

I have always been interested in etymology which is the study of derivatives of words. Etymology affects everyone in the world from the most sophisticated advanced cultures to those remote tribes people in the South Pacific who first saw an airplane six years ago. Every word and the meanings it connotes is derived from an ancient word formed by cultures hundreds and even thousands of years ago. Some exceptions, of course, are the recent high tech and scientific words but what you are now reading are words written in English derived from words formed ages ago by cultures thousands of miles apart. Even people unable to speak are involved in etymology. Sign language are hand signs of spoken words from ancient times.

English has really become the universal language of the future by some in the early 1900's but people around the world have found it more practical and advantageous to learn English rather than Esperanto.

English is an especially interesting language because, besides its native roots, it has such a rich and varied etymology. English words have sources from cultures in every continent. I was recently intrigued when I discovered from referring to a common desk dictionary that the English word "rye" is derived from the Lithuanian word "rugiai". Actually, considering that Lithuanian is one of the oldest living languages in the world, it seemed totally logical enough.

In prehistoric times, tribes migrating to new areas brought their languages with them. In ancient times, people involved in trade around the world traveling back and forth to different places would find some words of foreign languages seeming to be more appropriate than words in their native language. Some words simply had a better sound with which to convey a meaning. These words over the ages became homogenized and ingrained into the English language which we now speak.

Lithuanian is an Indo-European language which is a category of language considered a root for languages which have evolved over the last thousand of years. It has been said that if a Lithuanian speaking person entered a time machine and traveled back some 3,000 years to Lithuania, that person would be able to communicate fairly well with the natives he or she found there. With that premise, it would seem compelling that some Lithuanian words would find themselves embedded in the modern English language. "Rye" is but one of these.

I took it upon myself to contact *Webster* and *Thorndike-Barnhart* dictionary people to see if they had a list of English

words with Lithuanian roots. Representatives for both institutions suggested I contact the *Oxford English Dictionary* people. The *OED* is a 20 volume, 21,475 page chronicle of the English language. It is considered to be the authority of the English language and its etymological department is regarded as second to none. I contacted the *OED* publishing headquarters and was referred to a representative in the computer department. I explained the nature of my quest and was informed that the Dictionary was recently transposed onto a compact disk called a CD-ROM which is computer jargon for Compact Disk Read Only Memory. I was told that the information I wanted was now available on the etymology section of that CD. On the computer I noted 241 words of the English language was derived from the Lithuanian language but company policy would not permit me to have a computer printout of this listing. It was mentioned, however, that in the central and eastern Massachusetts region, Harvard University had the software but not the hardware for the disk but that the O'Neil Library of Boston College had both.

I contacted the Thomas P. O'Neil, Jr. Library on the campus of Boston College to see if they could help me. The library is named in honor of former Congressman and House majority leader, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neil who is a Boston College alumnus and benefactor. Incidentally, "Tip" is not derived from a Lithuanian word. I was then referred to the O'Neil library reference librarian who is also their bibliographer of theology, philosophy and the classics. His name is Jonas Barciauskas. I couldn't have asked for a better referral. Not only is he of Lithuanian descent but a servant of library science and a certified computer wiz as well. He graciously offered his assistance. That occurred on March 10.

Events following March 11 kept me from pursuing this academic calling. I was involved with activism, lobbying, and phone calls to K of L members as well as congressional and senatorial offices, letter writing, telegram sending, a humanitarian relief ship endeavor, petitions and demonstrations. However, on August 11, I touched base with Jonas and we continued the Lithuanian etymology of the English language perusal. With his assistance, I was finally able to find that according to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, the following words are directly or indirectly derived from Lithuanian root words:

Apple	Bare
Ass "	Beaver
Ax	Birch

Bismar	Gripe	Lout	Seven
Blind	Grit	Lynx	Shall
Brown	Gum	Mama	Shear
Callous	Hat	Mar	Shed
Can	Heart	Mark	Shrine
Cat	Help	Maslin	Silver
Cleat	Hemp	Mass	Sister
Clip	Here	Mattock	Sit
Crame	Hew	Mead	Sloe
Daughter	High	Meal	Smear
Day	Hill	Mease	Snow
Deal	Home	Mix	Sol
Do	Hornet	Moon	Son
Ear	Hound	More	Soot
East	House	Morn	Sour
Eat	Hund	Moss	Sow
Edge	Hunger	Murder	Spew
Eight	I	Nail	Stand
Eland	Il	Naked	Stark
Eleven	Ile	Nase	Stiff
Ermine	King	Ne	Stork
Erne	Lap	New	Stud
Ewe	Lax	Night	Sun
Ex -	Lea	Nine	Swarm
Fall	Leaf	Olen	Sweal
Fast	Lean	One	Swear
Fat	Leap	Osseter	Sweven
Fern	Lease	Otter	Swim
File	Leathwake	Other	Tar
Fist	Leave	Pamp	Tare
Five	Lede	Pan	Tenth
Flail	Lenten	Pap	Tetter
Flake	Less	Peep	Thack
Flect	Levir	Plough, plow	The
Foam	Lick	Puss (cat)	Thede
Foe	Light	Quern	Thief
Fold	Limb	Quick	Thigh
Folk	Limber	Rams	Thixle
Foot	Lion	Rat	Thou
Fresh	List	Raw	Thousand
Full	Lith	Red	Thrash, thresh
Gallows	Lithe	Rye	Three
Gander	Lithby	Sable	Thring
Gane	Lithiated	Saw	Throstle
Gang	Lithwort	Say	To
Gean	Little	Sebolith	Tooth
Gherkin	Loaf	Seethe	Tree
Give	Lock	Senior	Tulk
Goose	Louk	Sear, sere	Twelve

Two	Wind
Warm	Wine
Wary	Wink
Wasp	Wit
Water	Withe
Wax	Wizen
Weather	Wolf
Wed	Wool
Wedge	Word
Were	Yard
When	Yarn
Where	Ye
Whether	Yellow
White	Yepsen
Who	Yew
Wield	Yisse
Wild	Yoke
Will	Yon
	Young

Scholars for the *OED* have labored for years to determine the sources of the words contained in their volumes.

Mind you, even though etymology can be a very subjective study, scholars and editors knowledgeable in a personal favorite Indo-European or other root language can have a lot to say about printing from where a word is derived. For example, *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* lists the English words "bee" and "shoot" as having Lithuanian roots; *OED* does not. And how about the English word "bull"? Some dictionaries list its derivation from the Lithuanian word "bulius", others do not. Then again, I suppose there is "bull" in any language.

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On the Road.....

To Atlantic City with Ann Jillian

by Eduardas Meilus, Sr., C-26 Worcester, MA

Members of C-26, St. Casimir's Parish of Worcester, MA and friends participated in a bus tour to Atlantic City from October 25-27, 1990, the highlight of which was not only gambling but a memorable concert by Lithuanian-American entertainer, Ann Jillian (Jurate Nauseda), in celebration of her 30th anniversary in show business. The concert/show was held at Trump Plaza Theatre on Friday evening, Oct. 26. There were nothing but raves over the concert and we know that all who heard Ann Jillian's stellar performance were especially moved. One had to be in attendance to experience the warmth and closeness she has with her public.

Because of her artistic expression, her dynamic voice, and her stage presence, it is no surprise that since her days as a child protege, Ann Jillian has remained at the top of the entertainment world. Although, as she described in her concert, her life has been filled with both personal and professional ups and downs, she has continuously managed to overcome her difficulties.

After the concert, many waited to see the performer, meet her, and possibly get a picture taken with her or an autograph. C-26 members were among those waiting to see Ann. When she arrived, escorted by her husband/manager, Andy Murcia, she was met with ovations. Organizers of the excursion from Massachusetts were C-26 members Mildred Lapinskas and Charles Kulikauskas. Mildred greeted Ann in the name of the entire group and presented her with a traditional Lithuanian juosta, as a memento from C-26. Irene Tamulevich repre-



Ann Jillian in performance.

sented C-116 Worcester and presented Ann with an amber work of art. Others also made presentations. Ann Jillian thanked everyone and then began to sing the Lithuanian National Anthem. Everyone joined in. It is a characteristic of the performer to be very close to her Lithuanian roots. She speaks Lithuanian fluently and greeted many admirers in both English and Lithuanian.

This trip will be remembered for a long time to come. It is certain to say that all participants attending had a truly



Members of Worcester, Massachusetts Councils traveling to Atlantic City, New Jersey to see Ann Jillian's performance at Trump Plaza Casino.



enjoyable time with Ann Jillian and also an enjoyable trip to Atlantic City. It was well worth it.



Ann Jillian at Atlantic City flanked by members from Worcester, Massachusetts

The Peregrine Story

St. Peregrine was born in Forli, Italy around 1265. At the time, Forli was governed by the Pope as part of the Papal States. Peregrine grew up in a family which was actively involved in the opposition of anti-papal party. St. Philip Benizi, the Prior General of the Servants of Mary was sent to Forli to preach reconciliation. Young Peregrine was so intense in his political fervor that he heckled Philip during the preaching and at one point Peregrine struck Philip.

The moment of striking St. Philip seemed to drastically change Peregrine. He began to channel his energies into good works and eventually he joined the Servants of Mary and pronounced his vows in the Servite Priory in Siena, Italy. He was about 30 years old.

Peregrine then returned to Forli, where he spent the rest of his life. He especially dedicated himself to the sick, the poor and the fringe people of society. He also imposed a special penance on himself—to stand whenever it was not necessary to sit. This led to varicose veins. The varicose veins deteriorated into an open, running sore on his leg. The open running

sore was diagnosed as cancer. The wound became so obvious, odorous and painful that the local surgeon scheduled surgery to amputate the leg.

Suddenly Peregrine is confronted with the ugliness and sufferings of his own life. He has given himself to people in similar situations and now he must lean on his own faith in the goodness of God. The night before the operation he prayed before the image of the crucified Christ in the priory chapter room. At the age of 60 he was challenged to carry a new and more difficult cross. His prayer led him into a deep trance like sleep during which he envisioned the crucified Christ leaving the cross and touching his cancerous leg. When Peregrine awakened from the trance of prayer, he discovered the wound healed and the leg saved.

St. Peregrine lived 20 more years. He died on May 1, 1345 at the age of 80. He was canonized on December 27, 1726. He has been named the Patron Saint for those who suffer from cancer.



STRANGE TURNS IN LIFE

Rev. Dominick Valentis, Kaunas

Life does take some amazing turns that possibly you have noticed. Maybe you married someone whom you never thought you could ever fall in love with but you are living together and, nonetheless, satisfied with this situation. Perhaps you detested Math in high school but in spite of it all, you became an accountant. What if you never intended leaving a city and now you are an ingrained suburbanite. Life is full of funny things that one cannot predict.

Well, my life made one of those little turns many moons ago. It actually all started with the Second World War. Now, the war is certainly not my fault because I wasn't around at that time. You will note, I belong to the young.....er generation. It's really not that young any more, but it is post WW2. That puts me into some sort of slot.

I was born of two down to earth non-Lithuanian, Brooklynese parents in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. While growing up I learned to speak Brooklynese just like everybody else around. Brooklynese is a strange sounding combination of Jewish, Polish, Italian, Puerto Rican, Negro slang and some shreds of that foreign tongue from across the ocean who most people call English. We lived just a stone's throw from the nearest school, an interesting dungeon-like structure, on the north side, built about a century ago by, of all people, the Germans. The ruling party at ACS (Annunciation Catholic School - the emblem on the shirts) was the Dominican nuns, tall, immaculately white, horrifyingly crunched in their veils that looked, at that time, nothing less than camouflaged wings sprouting out of their heads. Awesome, if anything. Now they look like what they are - women. When I started school, little did I know that my inimitable Brooklynese was soon to be influenced by the Lithuanian language

that I now think, read, write, teach, preach and love. How that happened is the result of a long process.

As I mentioned, the cause of it all was WW2. Our little parish was flooded with a new wave of Lithuanian immigrants (DP's we used to call them in those days), most of whom, even children, spoke an interesting kind of English even for Brooklyn standards. Then, of course, there was Sister Nikodema, OP, who taught the fourth grade since everybody's grandmother could remember, and who managed all alone to teach her pupils broken English by the time they reached the fifth grade. That's probably the first turn in my life that took place. It was Sister Nikodema who started me loving her Lithuanians, which forced me to make a very logical choice - either speak broken English all my life or learn a half-way decent Lithuanian. Although my English hasn't suffered too much from Sister's efforts, my Lithuanian slowly started to progress. I got through the first transfusion; there would be many more before I finally entered the seminary of Kaunas as professor for Sacred Scripture.

How could I not be an altar boy? We were the elite of the parish. We even got to skip school to serve at funerals and were paid for it, too. However, that part didn't influence me or my future much. It was our parish priests; two of whom

were fresh off the boat from Lithuania. They unconsciously formed me into what I now am. Father John still recalls how I learned my first Lithuanian prayers. Father Anthony later wiped away his tears when I'd tell him about my escapades in the land he loved so much. Our pastor was very good to me. He paid for my high school tuition which my parents wouldn't have been able to afford. Time past by but not uselessly. I was being formed and transformed slowly but ever so surely.

Time came for all young men to



Rev. Dominkas Valentis



Šv. Trejybės Church, Kaunas where Rev. Valentis is assigned.

enter the service. That would have meant a one-way ticket to Vietnam. I was still in Hunter College and was toying with the idea of entering the seminary in Kaunas. Needless to say, that thought was insane since very few people got into the Baltic republics, let alone move there to stay for any length of time. A thought occurred to me - why not enter the Lithuanian College in Rome? Someone gave me that idea or perhaps I read about it in Šv. Pranciškaus Varpelis or some other unimpressive little journal. The then rector of the college, Msgr. Tulaba, wrote me an impeccable letter in Latin telling me how to go about making this very ominous move in my life (another turn). I accepted his recommendation and left the little folk for the first time in my 20 short years on this planet, set myself in a TWA DC-8 sitting next to an American marine who didn't budge an inch the whole trip and left me sitting in Milan without ever having said a word of greeting. Well, neither did I extend a greeting for that matter. I then made my way to the Eternal City. (After living there for six years, I hate it and never want to go back). Arriving at my destination, I was not met by anyone at the airport, so the next best thing I did, I took a cab costing me \$10.00 from the airport to the center of the town - an absolute dream nowadays since such a trip now would cost nothing less than \$100.00 and only if you're friendly and courteous.

Six years began and ended all too quickly. I was ordained a priest by the grace of God, certainly not on my merits. I'm still puzzled at some of the things He gets me into when I look back at almost 18 years of really trying His patience with me.

I never went back to the States to work. I became an European in the best sense of the word. Oh, I do visit the little folk now and then but I somehow managed to get myself established in an elegant little water spa snuggled in the foot hills of the German Alps. I stayed in Germany for 17 years, all my studies stashed away for safe keeping and taught grade school children their elementary prayers. I served in several German parishes but eventually worked my way into catechesis and taught full time in German schools. For most of those years I lived under the same roof with a deeply gentle man originally from Lithuania's northeastern boundaries, later from East St. Louis. Bishop Antanas Deksnys was for many years an unbeatable wayfarer. His charm and easy going Highland disposition have won him the admiration of many, and deservedly so.

Everything has its right time, as the preacher would say: "A time to be quiet and a time to speak up". I guess it was my time to speak up. The newly created Cardinal of Lithuania met me and said he had heard of my desire to teach in the seminary at Kaunas, but he wanted to hear it from me personally. I suppose he thought anyone wishing to change

from Germany to Lithuania was out of his mind. I replied, "If I can be useful to you, I'm willing to go". Some time later I received a formal ecclesiastical appointment to teach Sacred Scripture at the seminary in Kaunas. The Soviet authorities granted me a visa and I left my home and all of my friends in Germany with a fully packed Polo Volkswagen on August 28, 1989. Bishop Deksnys commented, "I've never seen you so happy all these years". My little car edged its way to the White Russian border where I was to enter the USSR. That trip convinced me of the existence of guardian angels who make it a habit of appearing in very human form.

I reached Kaunas two days after I left Germany. Soon after my arrival, I was harnessed to teach all the courses in Scripture plus two German language courses besides. I had an enormous assignment, but I loved every minute of it and am not sorry I came. After arriving, I was giving interviews to various newspapers, conducting talks on any free afternoon for a very varied public, monitoring Bible sessions for young people, preparing retreats and longer study weeks and writing articles. I felt at home in the seminary. The seminarians became my friends inviting me for tea or coffee, for jam sessions, gathering around the court yard for quick briefs and go on walks with me to the confluence of the Neris and Nemunas just outside of the seminary walls. I had the feeling I was able to give them whatever it was they were thirsting for and I didn't hold anything back. All the knowledge I had concentrated in my brain's folds was at their disposal. All of my meager experience could be theirs for the asking. At last, I was where I had always wanted to be, where I was needed and where I could do the most good. I'm not sorry I came. I'm very happy to be here in Lithuania and I want to stay. I never had the time to pine over what I left behind in Germany. However, that was a beautiful period in my life. I certainly would not want to miss it, but it is now my past. My present is here in Lithuania and as far as I can see, my future. I'm not trying to paint a rosy picture. Life here is no bowl of cherries. Our stores are empty, we need to carry ID cards in order to buy anything. The effects of Chernobyl are as clear as the nose on your face and as I see it, the whole system is turned around the wrong way. To top it all off, the church in Lithuania is just emerging from the Council of Trent (16th century) which makes teaching a western brand of theology very exciting, to say the least. Some people still have wild dreams of merry witch burning. It's probably not everyone's cup of tea - all the idealistic swarming about folk song singing, blond-haired Lithuanian farmers would fall apart like any house of cards. One would be disappointed to learn that Lithuanians are no race of demi-gods, but ordinary people with very ordinary, and some quite extra-ordinary,

problems who are trying to eke out a living in a country that's not very favorable to their designs, but which they love, nonetheless. It's very likely not the place for everyone but for me, well, what more do I have to explain? Maybe as some people say, "Love is blind". I tend to think love enables you

to see what those not in love miss entirely.

It all started with WW2. If those Lithuanian DP's hadn't been sent to Annunciation Church in Brooklyn, I might not be sitting here in Kaunas now writing about how it all happened. Life does take some quite amazing turns, wouldn't you say?

A Successful Completion to the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION 1990 ESSAY CONTEST

by Loretta Stukas

As the K of L Foundation Directors considered a topic for the 1990 Foundation Essay Contest, the answer came as we watched and read about a brave, determined, and peaceful Lithuania march toward correcting the evil perpetrated on her 50 years ago. On March 11, 1990, Lithuania redeclared her independence and began difficult negotiations aimed at complete separation from her occupier, the Soviet Union.

The newly arisen Lithuania would need a new kind of help from each of us. Perhaps she would want to send her citizens to the USA to gain knowledge of how to survive as a democracy. Or, American Lithuanians (including our members) would be called on to visit Lithuania as instructors, aides, etc. Exchange of books, ideas and problem solutions would be needed. Will our members be equal to the situations that will arise? Can we start now to prepare them for this? What kind of preparation should we make?

The Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc. provided each member a chance to share his or her ideas on how to respond to these questions, through its annual essay contest. The contest, made possible by the generosity of Msgr. Juozas Prunskis, selected as its theme, "How Should the Knights of Lithuania prepare its members to help an independent Lithuania?"

Essay writers were to respond to the topic in 450 to 500 words. It was open to all regular and associate members in good standing, and also to junior members. Tom Bruzga, Aldona Ryan and Loretta Stukas, plus last year's winner, Stephen V. Walinsky, Sr. were designated judges.

The contest was, indeed, a success, as entries were received from regular and associate members, as well as juniors in English and Lithuanian. 4 Districts were represented as were 10 regular councils. Entries came from 7 states.

Essays were judged on the basis of content, style, grammar, creativity, general appearance, and adherence to the stated topic. Some essays strayed from the designated topic,

but presented good suggestions nonetheless. Winners were announced during the 77th National Convention and the winning entries will be published in this and subsequent issues of VYTIS. It is our pleasure to congratulate the winners, as follows:

1st Prize (\$300.00)	Walter Svekla, C-3 Philadelphia, PA
2nd Prize (\$200.00)	Emilia Sadonis C-29 Newark, NJ
3rd Prize (\$100.00)	Bronius V. Krokys C-3 Philadelphia, PA

An Essay Contest sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc. is an annual event. The prizes will be approximately the same each year, only the topic will change. The 1991 contest will be announced shortly. Judges will include Directors of the K of L Foundation, and the 1990 winner, Walter Svekla.

The Knights of Lithuania is most grateful to Rev. Msgr. Juozas Prunskis for his generosity in donating a special grant to the Foundation, with the specification that the interest from the grant be used for an Essay Contest, encouraging members to think about and write about the betterment of the Knights of Lithuania.

We thank all those who participated in the 1990 contest and urge all members to give serious thought to the next contest's topic, to express those thoughts in writing, and enter the contest. Suggestions for a 1991 topic are also welcome.

First Prize Winner - WALTER SVEKLA

AN INDEPENDENT LITHUANIA - WHAT DOES
THE K of L DO NOW?

Among the many goals of the Knights of Lithuania, the

preparation of its members to help an independent Lithuania had been a non-existent concept until March 11, 1990 when Lithuania again declared its independence. Although this "independence" has not been "recognized" by the USSR and the USA, I feel that, inevitably, Lithuania will again become an independent nation.

When that happens, the K of L will have to refocus its goals, aims and purposes. No longer will the Lithuanian Affairs Committee be concerned with the writing to government officials to declare February 16th as Lithuanian Independence Day. No longer will we be protesting the illegal annexation of the three Baltic states. No longer will we be proposing resolutions at National Conventions to urge the government to pursue the cause of Lithuanian independence. The K of L, however, will be viewed by those outside and by those inside the organization as to how the Knights of Lithuania will be involved with a free Lithuania. Do we want to placidly sit by and let nature take its course? Or do we want to take an active role and do all we can to implement any assistance, individually or collectively, we can offer?

When free, Lithuania will need financial, material and spiritual assistance. Financial assistance - good old money and hard currency - will help Lithuania get on its feet. Material assistance in the form of clothing, books, medicine, food, as well as computers, manufacturing equipment, etc. will alleviate many of the present problems/shortages that Lithuania has sustained in trying to achieve independence.

Spiritual assistance may be the most important of all - if we convince God that Lithuania must survive as a free nation - then all of our problems are over.

Knowing the K of L as I do because of my (over) 30 years in the organization, I can unequivocally state that the K of L will take an active role and lead the way to provide support for a free and independent Lithuania.

The upcoming National Convention in Pittsburgh will be very important. Not only will the K of L be concerned with helping the Lithuanians obtain freedom, but also planning will have to be initiated to provide the financial, material and spiritual assistance when that independence is finally achieved. This convention, then, should be the "kick-off" that will lay the ground work for our new relationship with "Lietuva Mūsų Tėvyne". Task groups should be set up to interact with other established Lithuanian groups such as Bendroumenė to achieve success in effort. Those K of Lers who say we should "go it alone" are wrong. In unity there is strength. We should put aside our petty differences and act as one. We should elect K of L leaders who will show the way. We should urge young people to travel to Lithuania, attend Lithuanian universities and to become familiar with the land of our ancestors. We should urge our priests to go to Lithuania and spend some time there ministering to the people. We should place our trust in God because without Him, we can do nothing. All of these goals will take time but the convention will be an opportune time to start the ball rolling.

FACTS ABOUT FRIDAY THE 13th



People who fear the number 13 become particularly distressed when the thirteenth of the month falls on a Friday, which happens at least once a year. This year it will occur twice — first in September, then again in December. Friday has long had a terrible reputation. Eve supposedly tempted Adam with the apple on that day. And Christ was crucified on a Friday. Couple this black day with the superstitions haunting the number 13 and it's no wonder that people fear disaster.

Nordic myth has it that 13 first became unlucky when 12

benevolent gods were at a banquet. An uninvited god, Loki, intruded, a fight broke out, and Balder, one of the most popular gods, was killed.

Thirteen has continued to be unlucky in more modern times. In 1970 the Apollo 13 space ship was on its way to the moon when a life-threatening explosion occurred on board on the thirteenth of April.

But the number 13 hasn't always been unlucky. For instance, the 13 colonies were instrumental in building a new democratic government. And the back of a dollar bill is loaded with 13 symbolism — the eagle carries a laurel with 13 leaves in one claw and 13 arrows in the other. It stands below 13 stars, its shield has 13 stripes, and finally, the motto *E Pluribus Unum* has, you guessed it, 13 letters!



BRIEFS

PROFESSOR JOINING REOPENED SCHOOL IN LITHUANIA

The City of Kaunas was home to Lithuania's premier university before the Soviet Union annexed the Baltic country in 1940 and the school closed. Now, as Lithuanians seek to regain its independence, the university has reopened and its faculty has asked a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles to be its first chancellor in almost 50 years.

The professor Algirdas Avizienis has accepted the position at the University of Vytautas the Great. Mr. Avizienis, a professor of computer science who came to the United States from Lithuania at the age of 12, said he hoped to assist in educational reform by bringing American techniques to a nation that, he said, has long been hindered by a backward and inefficient system of higher education.

"The idea is essentially to see how well we can transplant the American style of running a university," Mr. Avizienis said. "There are a lot of students and faculty who are very anxious to try it out. They feel the Soviet style they have been required to follow simply is not working."

When students enter a university in the Soviet system, he said, "they are immediately required to make a choice of major that will last a life-time. American students would very much dislike this approach." Mr. Avizienis plans include recruiting professors and graduate students from the West, promoting English as the nation's second language — pushing Russian back to third. He has taught in Lithuania while on sabbatical from U.C.L.A. While in Lithuania, he attended a conference of the future of higher education and it was during that conference that the decision was made to reopen the university — independent of Soviet control. The first class, with 180 students has recently been taking final exams.

The only obstacle that lies in Mr. Avizienis' way is Moscow's restriction on foreigners' travel to Lithuania because of the tension created by Lithuania's recent declaration of independence. His request for a passport to attend a faculty Senate meeting in Lithuania during May was denied by the Soviet Union, he said, but he expressed confidence that his access to Lithuania would be "normalized" as a result of Pres. Gorbachev's meeting just recently with leaders of Lithuania and other Baltic states of Latvia and Estonia.

QUESTION MARKS?

Is Lithuanian Arturas Karnishovas, a 6-8 forward, as polished as opposing coaches claim he is? With guys from Italy, Israel and the Soviet Union on the roster, will players receive extra credit for international studies?

INVESTING IN BASKETBALL TEAMS

It seems that basketball players are becoming more interested in investing in teams, but you have to wonder who is giving them financial advice. The player who has the least chance of making money on an investment is Warriors guard Sarunas Marciulionis, who is investing in Statyba, his former Lithuanian basketball team. "I'm going to take care of them," Marciulionis said. "We don't have like owners in Lithuania. Next year, I am going to pay salaries."

BROTHER JUNIPER



"A little lower . . . to the left . . . there. Now, scratch!"

"Quotable Quotes"

Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after. Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Travel is educational. It teaches you how fast you can spend money. Franklin B. Jones

Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots. Frank A. Clark

Opinions are flexible prejudices.

Gerald H. Bath

Lithuanians in the News

Kathryn Ann Kondrotas, daughter of Fred & Ann Kondrotas, members of C-96 Dayton, OH, received her doctorate degree in quantitative psychology in Aug. from the University of Illinois. Kondrotas, a graduate of Julienne High School, graduated with honors from Ohio State University. She is a former model with Norma Sharkey's Agency and also modeled in New York City. At present, Kathryn is doing research work for Burnett's Advertising in Chicago, IL. She has also been active with C-96's Junior Knights. Congratulations!

LITHUANIAN VETS GO HOME WITH NEW LIMBS, THANKS TO DAV

A group of Lithuanians, Byelorussian and Soviet veterans visited the DAV National Service Headquarters in Washington, DC. During the visit, officials noted that a single-arm amputee veteran was not wearing a prosthetic device. An above the knee leg amputee said his did not fit well. Both said the prosthesis issued by the Soviet government were cumbersome, heavy and had been either badly rusted or broken. The young men, both Lithuanian, who had lost their limbs fighting in Afghanistan, said the Soviet government had refused to reissue them new prosthesis in both instances.

Instead, the government told Virgilius Erminas, who lost his arm, that he would be placed on a two year waiting list for a replacement arm he would have to eventually pay for himself. Vytas Markevicius, who lost his right leg above the knee, said he had been fitted with a prosthesis leg that had been fitted so poorly that it also aggravated an old injury in his remaining good leg. The Soviet government refused to replace the prosthesis.

Upon learning of the veterans plight, DAV officials decided to provide the amputees with replacement limbs and made arrangements for their fitting. Arrangements were made for fitting both men with prosthesis during their visit. The veterans were two members of a larger group who toured the United States.



Vytas Markevicius, a Lithuanian soldier who lost his leg fighting in Afghanistan, tries out his prosthetic leg for the first time.



Craig Fisher, DAV National Service Office Supervisor; Richard Niessen, Northwestern Artificial Limb & Brace Co. in Minneapolis where the new prosthesis were fashioned, fitted and donated; Virgilius Erminas, fitted for a prosthesis arm; Markevicius and Chuck Rathmanner of Northwestern.



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CENTER STAGE

New York's theatrical scene is being enriched by a Lithuanian presence. Lithuanian-American JoAnne Akalaitis has been offered a position as "artistic associate" at the Public Theater by producer Joseph Papp. She is his choice to succeed him as head of the New York Shakespeare Festival, the largest not-for-profit theater institution in the country. It is noted she is preparing to direct *Henry IV, Parts 1 and 2* at the Public Theater. She has a reputation for a kind of feisty individualism, as expressed through her plays and not through public utterances. She has been one of the most innovative—and one of the most controversial—figures in the American theater. In her new role at the Shakespeare Festival, Ms. Akalaitis will direct plays and will also be instrumental in selecting plays for others to direct.



William E. Sauro/The New York Times

JoAnne Akalaitis

PAPAL AUDIENCE GRANTED STANLEY PIEZA

Without a papal audience a visit to Rome is incomplete. Upon request of Msgr. Anthony Jonusas of the Collegio Lituano, a personal admission ticket was provided for HM Stanley Pieza, C-36 member. Swiss guards guided him to Section A of the hall. More than 12,000 visitors were present from all parts of the world, including a children's choir from Korea which sang during the audience. During the nearly two-hour audience, Pope John Paul II, appearing in good health and with a strong voice, addressed the visitors in Italian, then summarized his discourse in several languages, including English.

Among the tourists were 25 priests from the Baltic state of Lithuania, who attended a conference in Vatican City and who were guests of the Pontifical Collegio Lituano, of which Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus is rector. Speaking in Lithuanian, in addressing the priests from Lithuania, he said: "I welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ. Presently in Lithuania, where religious freedom was restored, may God continue to help you to restore your churches and schools."

Each Sunday at noon, the Pope comes to the window of his study in the Apostolic Palace which overlooks the Bernini

Colonnade embracing the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica. After reciting the Angelus, the Holy Father speaks briefly, then extends his blessing on all. *Leader*

WINNER IN SHARE YOUR RECIPE CONTEST.

Forty chefs submitted their recipes for such pleasers as desserts, soups, casseroles and snacks. Anna Helen McDonald of C-144 Anthracite, PA offered Topsy Turvy Apple Pie to the contest. She said her dessert is "a Southern version of our 'good old Yankee apple pie'." Brown sugar and pecans are placed in the bottom of a pie plate and pie crust is placed over these ingredients. Apples are then baked with lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg on top of this crust and when the dessert is finished, the pie plate is inverted to create "a pie with an upside down twist", said McDonald. The judges said the dessert had "an interesting presentation." They also enjoyed the idea of the "texture added by use of the nut-butter-brown sugar top." The complete recipe for Topsy Turvy Apple Pie is included in the Lithuanian Kitchen of this issue of VYTIS. Congratulations to Anna Helen McDonald.



Anna Helen McDonald with her prize-winning pie.

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AMSTERDAM MAN HAD THAT EXTRA SOMETHING

Landing a part in a movie—even a bit part—is something many of us only dream about. Amsterdam's Tony Novak didn't lose any sleep at night thinking about the idea, but actually lived it for several days. Novak was one of 800 people hired as extras when the Production Co. came to the Saratoga Springs area to shoot several scenes from the new movie *Billy Bathgate*, scheduled to open in late 1991. He played a program salesman at the Saratoga Racetrack. Novak, a retired principal with the Greater Amsterdam School District, said his wife saw an announcement on television that the production company needed extras for the filming of *Billy Bathgate*. She dared him to go, but he declined. A week later they advertised for additional people, because they were short. This time he decided to go. They selected 800 out of 3,000 people who showed up. When Novak went to the track to audition, 200 other potential extras were there as well. Thirty of these, including Novak, were selected for further screening by the casting director. They were told that they were looking for certain type of people. They were also told they'd be called in two or three days if they were finally selected. Novak got the call two days later.

The movie is set in the 1930s. Novak and all the other extras needed to look as if they came from that era. That meant they couldn't wear modern-looking eyeglasses, digital watches or other jewelry with their costumes. Novak got what he called a "1930s-style haircut" way above his ears. His workday would begin very early in the morning sometimes at 4:30 a.m. and sometimes not returning home until 9 p.m. Novak said the acting bug bit him a few times during the filming, but not very hard. The life of an extra is not always



Tony Novak of Amsterdam, right, with "Billy Bathgate" casting director Bill Dance.

glamorous, as he found out.

Novak said the experience left him with thoroughly mixed emotions. "I enjoyed it very much," he said. "It was very educational and one of the most meaningful experiences I ever had. When people ask me if I'd do it again, my answer is Maybe. It was a grueling, grueling experience."

INVENTOR COULD HAVE SAVED US FROM OIL CRISIS.

Had Joseph Sutkaitis been right, none of us would have to worry today about oil — Saddam Hussein, the Persian Gulf or OPEC. Sutkaitis was a native of Lithuania where he eked out a living operating a grist mill that he had built with his own hands. Around 1900, he immigrated to the Naugatuck Valley in Connecticut and got a job in the pacing room of the G.M.R. Shoe Co. nearby. In his spare time, Sutkaitis liked to tinker with motors and gears and in the summer of 1909, word got out that he had invented an amazing piece of machinery. Many folks were hanging around Sutkaitis' one-room flat in a tenement building to see if they could get a glimpse of the wonderful invention. What they saw, according to an account in the local newspapers, was an apparatus about 7' in length and 2' in height, with two separate engines, one at each end, with the driving wheel between the boxes in which the engines are enclosed.

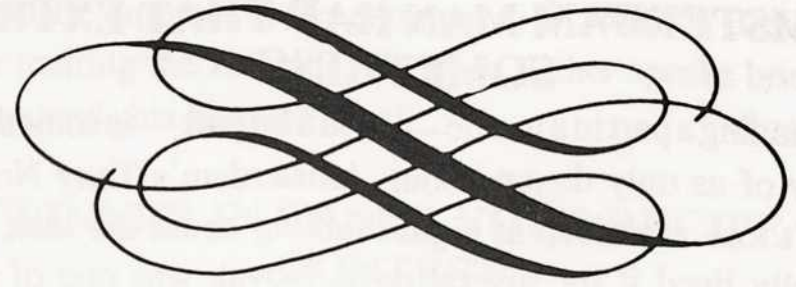
A little clock was attached to the box enclosing each engine and an inscription on the left side gave the date on which the machine was perfected — July 22, 1909 — and the initials of the inventor. On the right side a photograph of Sutkaitis was affixed to the apparatus. The amazing thing about the apparatus was not its looks, but its operation. It was said that once started, the apparatus continued to run indefinitely without fuel of any kind. Once the wheel began to turn, they appeared to go on and on, running for several days until he stopped it. No fuel of any kind is used to keep the wheels and driving rods in motion, and there is no coal, no steam, no heat of any kind, no water, no gas or electricity employed in its running. The skeptical suggested that the apparatus was run by compressed air or springs, but Sutkaitis denied that, claiming that his machine operated on a mysterious "dry power" which would keep it running until the parts wore out.

The immigrant steadfastly refused to reveal anything further about the dry power. The inventor would not answer any such pertinent questions nor expose its interior parts for therein lies the secret and he was guarding it until such time as a patent was granted him. Sutkaitis did indeed secure a patent and hired a patent attorney. At this time there was great anticipation that the secret of the apparatus would be revealed and the local newspaper stated "Inventor No Longer Has

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Excuse for Secrecy". Whether there was any further need for concealment, Sutkaitis proved no more willing to reveal the secret of his machine after receiving the patent than he had been before and the talk of a perpetual motion machine that would solve mankind's energy problems soon died out in Connecticut.

Neil Hogan, New Haven Register



REST IN PEACE, HELEN SHIELDS

"The greatest treasures of life are the people that enter our lives." Truly, Honorary Member, Helen T. Shields enriched the Knights of Lithuania with her presence and activity. And today, the Knights of Lithuania organization is poorer because of her untimely death.

In his eulogy at Helen's funeral mass, Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, National Spiritual Advisor, so accurately described Helen as one with a "direct way" in her dealings with people. He spoke of her honesty and warmth as her outstanding qualities. "Helen sought the good of others, and demonstrated a great love for her heritage and people. Her devotion to God and Country commanded the respect of those who worked with and set her up as an outstanding example to all of us."

Helen Shields died Nov. 9, quickly and unexpectedly — at her kitchen table. She had recently returned from a visit to her beloved Lithuania, where she finally had the opportunity not only to visit but also live with her relatives in Šiaulia and to get a taste of a "reawakening Lithuania". Conversations with her during the last few weeks of her life showed her to be full of plans of how she and the K of L could help Lithuania attain her independence — and what we needed to do to assist Lithuania with medical, material and moral help.

Helen's leadership training began at home early in life. Her mother died when she was only 14 and was left with the responsibility of "mothering" her three younger siblings. When she joined C-3 Philadelphia in 1943, right after finishing grammar school, she became immediately active. She organized a Junior Council around 1948 and her interest in Juniors was a source of inspiration to all. She managed to assure parents that the K of L Juniors was a worthy activity for their children, and took responsibility for Junior members' safety at various events. Many of her Juniors serve today as leaders in the organization. Serving as Supreme Council First Vice-President in charge of Juniors for an unprecedented 5 terms, Helen organized Junior Rallies in the New England and NY-NJ Districts and traveled extensively in promoting the Junior cause. Many new Junior councils



were founded and existing ones revitalized during her term.

Her activities extended beyond the Juniors. She served many terms as C-3 president and in almost all other capacities in C-3. Although she maintained her C-3 membership during the years she was employed and lived in New York City, Helen became an "ex-officio" member of Manhattan's C-12 as well. In the NY-NJ (now Mid-Atlantic) District, Helen served as Trustee and was a regular advisor to the District Board. In 1956, she was honored by her District as a member having contributed most to the K of L. She served as National Convention Chairlady in 1948, 1958 and 1968 in Philadelphia, in 1975 when MAD hosted the Convention in New York, and in 1986 and 1988 when the Supreme Council hosted the Convention in Allentown and in Washington, DC, respectively. She had an integral part of the K of L Jubilee Committee in 1963 and 1968, to plan national celebrations for the K of L's 50th and 75th Jubilee. In preparation for the 75th Jubilee Convention, she urged the Supreme Council to issue a new K of L History, found an appropriate author, Rev. Wolkovich, to research and write the book, and conducted

the campaign to raise the funds needed to pay for the research and publication of the history.

1963 was a banner year for Helen. At the Golden Jubilee Convention in Boston, Helen became the first woman National President of the K of L. She diligently led the K of L in this capacity for two years. Also in 1963, she was elevated to the K of L's highest honor - Honorary Membership. Since 1975, she also served on the Supreme Council Honorary Membership Committee.

Helen held many other offices on the National, District and Council levels, but even when she did not hold an office, she remained a vital part of the organization. She prepared the annual budget for the National K of L, she was a regular advisor to Convention Committees on protocol matters, banquet arrangements, etc. She participated in early discussions to form the K of L Foundation and was one of its Trustees. She offered many ideas for the formation of the St. Casimir Guild and the collection of funds to finance containers of medicines for Lithuania via World Medical Relief.

Helen's talents did not escape the rest of the Lithuanian community. In 1961, the Philadelphia Archdiocese presented her with a special award for her work with Catholic Youth for 18 years. She was assistant radio announcer on the Philadelphia Lithuanian Radio Program for two years and assisted refugees in learning English and obtaining citizenship. She was the backbone of the commemorations in Philadelphia of the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir's death in 1984 and the 600th Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee, and took part in the Lithuanian Christianity Jubilee events in Rome and the Vatican.

Those K of L members who saw Helen only at National Convention, District or Council sessions saw her as a busi-

ness-like and serious member. She had an interesting and warm social side as well. Helen's home was a regular site for New Year's Day parties for her Philly and New York friends, for card parties during the year, and was a haven for visiting Knights, relatives and friends from Lithuania and others. She was a good listener, and her friends spent many an evening at Helen's talking about K of L affairs and events - and enjoying much laughter and fun.

Helen was an unofficial critic and supporter of C-3's Minstrel Shows and other programs of culture or just fun, always ready with suggestions for improvements and pep talks when things did not go well. The C-3 Kucios was her special project, for which she spent many hours cooking, planning and assigning tasks. Her council members even found a plan for this year's event after her death - assignments, shopping lists, etc.

Helen's many friends came out in force from many states to pay their respects at her Wake Service, funeral and burial. Many showed their respect by contributions in her name to the Knights of Lithuania Foundation and to the St. Casimir Guild. They exchanged anecdotes about the good she did and the legacy of hard work and fine ideas she left behind.

Helen Shields had a great impact on all our lives, not only K of L-wise but personally as well. She was our friend and we loved her. Truly, as Father Anderlonis stated, the K of L has suffered a great loss. But we can enrich it again by following her lead and working harder than ever for our God, our Country, and our Heritage. Helen had a great devotion to both St. Casimir and Blessed Archbishop George Matulaitis. We trust now that she can join forces with them directly, seeking success of the K of L and help for her beloved Lithuania. May God grant her eternal rest in His Presence - a reward she so richly deserves.

Loretta Stukas

K of L CALENDAR

January 12, 1991 - MAMD K of L Choir - Annual Dinner-Dance.

February 17, 1991 - C-144 Anthracite - Independence Day Celebration, Our Lady of Siluva Parish, Maizeville, PA. Noon Mass.

February 24, 1991 - MAD Communion Breakfast & Meeting - Host C-110 Maspeth, NY.

March 10 - Amber District meeting, Our Lady of Siluva Parish, Maizeville, PA. Noon Mass. Hosts C-144 Anthracite.

March 16, 1991 - National Executive Board Meeting, New Haven, CT - Host C-50.

May 17-19 1991 - MCD Spring Convention & Bowling Tournament, Host C-25 Cleveland, OH.

May 26, 1991 - Song Festival, Dainų Šventė, Chicago, IL.

June 2, 1991 - C-26 Worcester, MA. Annual Picnic, Maironis Park.

August 1-4, 1991 - 78th National Convention, Trade Winds, St. Petersburg Beach, FL. Hosts: National Executive Board.



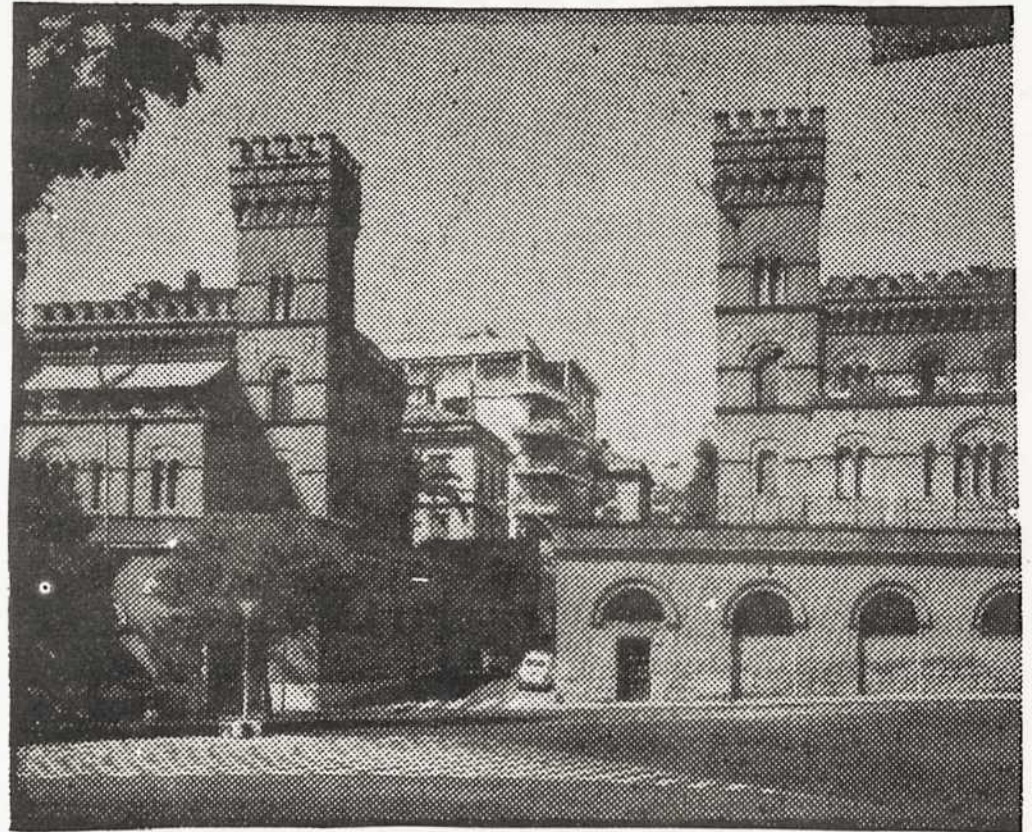
THE ROLE OF ST. CASIMIR'S COLLEGE IN REBUILDING THE LITHUANIAN CHURCH

by Robert Boris

The excitement and enthusiasm generated by the panel discussion — **WHAT CAN WE DO FOR LITHUANIA** — at the National Convention in Pittsburgh last summer, was unparalleled in recent history. The response by the K of L to the critically needed humanitarian and medical assistance will surely be noted as one of the shining examples of what it means to be a Knight of Lithuania.

Sister Nijolė emphasized another great need that ranks in importance with the political independence which we so vehemently support, namely, the moral rebirth of Catholicism in Lithuania. Fifty years of imposed atheistic communism has devastated the church in Lithuania. It is no secret that least two generations of younger Lithuanians are unfamiliar with the very basic tenets of Catholicism. As a result, alcoholism is rampant, abortions are common, and divorce is threatening the very core of family life.

Until March of 1990, the changes brought about through the Second Vatican Council were virtually unknown in Lithuania. Mass is still celebrated according to the liturgy which was followed prior to the Council and only a small portion of the congregation receives communion. Under the



St. Casimir's College, Rome

direction of present day leaders like Cardinal Sladkevicius, Revs. Tamkevicius, Svarinskas and Sister Nijole Sadunaite, we are confident the challenge will be met and change will occur.

In bringing about these changes in the church in Lithuania, the role of St. Casimir's College in Rome is unquestionably vital not only in Lithuania but also throughout the world. Had the College not existed, the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir in 1984 and the 600th anniversary of Lithuanian Christianity in 1987 might have passed unnoticed and uncelebrated.

The Alumni of the College serve in the Lord's vineyard all around the world from the Papal Nuncios office in Iran and the Netherlands to the humblest of mission parishes.

During these past years of religious suppression the priests had to be trained in "underground seminaries" which did not allow for the latest of theological developments. Now there are opportunities for these priests to renew and update their studies and this can best be accomplished through their participating in continual education programs at the college in Rome. As travel restrictions are being lifted, the flow of Lithuanian priests and bishops to Rome has placed a tremendous financial burden on the college.

Several young men from Punkskas, a Lithuanian region in Poland, have already begun studies at St. Casimir College in Rome. These young men are in need of support to finance their entire seminary education. We cannot allow this exciting time in the history of Lithuania, a time when our church



Pope John Paul II with Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus at the Lithuanian College.

can be outwardly alive, to be suppressed once again because of our complacency and indifference. St. Casimir College in Rome, which is the life blood for the renewal of the Church in Lithuania, is on the verge of being shut-down by the Italian authorities due to a deteriorating structure badly in need of major repairs.

The St. Casimir Guild is determined to prevent this from dampening the spirits of our sisters and brothers in Lithuania. With your financial generosity we are convinced that this is one way to assist Catholic Lithuania as it moves toward

independence and freedom.

We invite you to become a member of the St. Casimir Guild by a donation of \$25.00 per year. Larger donations would be deeply appreciated. This request is not limited to members of the K of L but all who are willing to participate in this great mission. The church in Lithuania will be most appreciative.

Your contribution to support the college would be appreciated. Please make checks payable to ST. CASIMIR GUILD. For your convenience, the envelope attached herein may be used to mail your donation.

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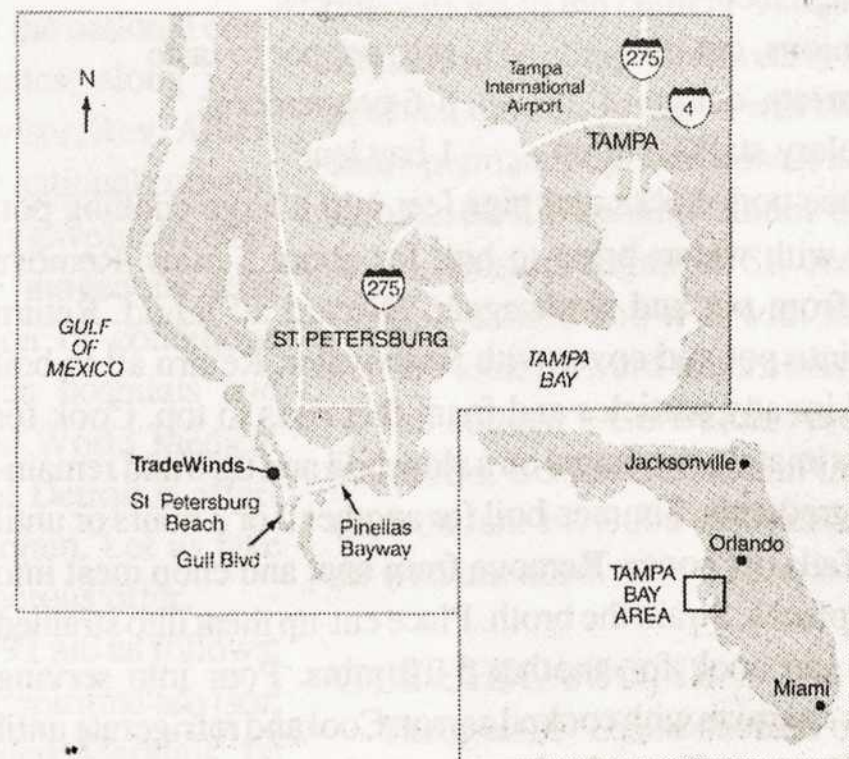
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Area attractions are: Busch Gardens, Tampa - 45 mins.; Adventure Island, Tampa - 45 mins.; Sea World, Orlando - 2 hrs.; Walt Disney World, Orlando - 2 hrs.; Cypress Gardens, outside Winter Haven - 1-1/2 hrs. plus many theaters, museums, excursions and sporting events.



Location of Trade Winds, St. Petersburg, FL

Lithuanian Kitchen

POTATOES WITH MUSHROOM CREAM

SAUCE - Bulvių su Grybais ir Smetona

Potatoes, 6-8 boiled, peeled, sliced	3 Tbsp. butter
1 onion, chopped	1 heaping tsp. flour
3/4 lb. mushrooms, chopped	1 cup sour cream
	dill
	salt, pepper

Saute onions and mushrooms in butter until onions are transparent. Stir in flour and mix well over heat. Gradually add sour cream. Sauce is done when cream comes to a boil. Season; add dill. Place hot sliced potatoes in serving dish and pour sauce over top. Garnish with dill.

POTATO DUMPLINGS

Bulvinai Klečkiukai

6 potatoes, peeled and grated	salt, pepper to taste
2 eggs	flour to make firm dough, (about 1/2 cup)
	boiling water

Add eggs and seasonings to grated potatoes. Mix well. Add enough flour to make firm dough. Shape into round patties. Drop dumplings carefully into rapidly boiling water; keep water at boiling level all the time. Cook until centers of dumplings are done (about 15-20 mins.) Serve with sour cream or chopped onion sauteed in butter.

PORK IN GELATIN - Košeliena

3-4 pork hocks)	washed thoroughly and cut into
5- 6 pigs feet)	pieces.
1-2 onions, cut up	salt, pepper to taste
1-2 carrots, cut up	5-6 peppercorns
2-3 celery stalks, cut up	1 bay leaf

Place pork hocks and pigs feet into a large cooking pot; cover with water; bring to boil for about 5 mins. Remove meat from pot and wash again. Discard all liquid. Return meat into pot and cover with fresh water. Return all to boil and skim any particles and foam that rises to top. Cook for approximately two hours on a slow boil and then add remaining ingredients. Simmer-boil for another 2 or 3 hours or until meat falls off bones. Remove from heat and chop meat into small pieces. Strain the broth. Place cut-up meat into strained broth and cook for another 5-10 mins. Pour into serving dishes - garnish with cooked carrot. Cool and refrigerate until firm. Scrape off any fat from top before serving. Slice into serving pieces.

Lietuviška Virtuvė

TOPSY TURVY APPLE PIE

1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened	1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup pecan halves	1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar	1 Tbsp. all purpose flour
Pastry for 2-crust 9" pie	1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
6 large tart apples, peeled, cored and sliced, about 6 cups	1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg

Spread butter evenly on bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate. Press nuts, rounded side down, into butter on bottom of plate. Pat brown sugar evenly over nuts. Roll out pastry for bottom crust. Place in pie plate over sugar.

Sprinkle apples with lemon juice. Combine flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and dash of salt. Toss with apples. Place apples in pie plate and seal with top crust. Prick top of pie with fork. Bake at 400° for 50 mins. When done, remove from oven. Cool 5 mins. Place serving plate atop pie. Invert carefully. Remove pie plate. Serve warm or cool. Serves 6-8.

Anna Helen McDonald

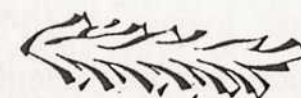
ONION-BACON ROLLS - Lašinučiai

1 - 12 oz. pkg. sliced bacon	1 16-oz. loaf frozen bread dough, thawed
1 large onion, chopped	Milk
1/2 cup chopped green pepper	Poppy, fennel or sesame seeds
1/2 tsp. dried dillweed	
1/4 tsp. pepper	

For Filling: in a skillet cook bacon till crisp; remove bacon, reserving 1 tbsp. drippings. Drain bacon on paper towels, crumble when cool. In same skillet cook onion, green pepper, dillweed and pepper in hot drippings till onion is tender but not brown. Cool. Stir in bacon.

Divide bread dough into 30 portions. Roll each portion into a ball; roll or pat each ball into a 3-inch circle. Place a scant tablespoon of the filling in the center of each circle. Bring up dough edges around filling; seal edges together.

Arrange filled rolls, seam side down, on a greased baking sheet. Brush with milk. Sprinkle with poppy, fennel or sesame seeds. Bake, uncovered, in a 375° oven for 15 to 20 mins. or till rolls are golden. Serve warm. Makes 30 rolls. To Freeze: Prepare and bake rolls as directed above. Cool thoroughly on a wire rack. Transfer rolls to freezer container. Seal, label and freeze for up to 4 months. Serve reheated.



Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The New England District held the Scholarship Festival at Marionis Park on Oct. 11, 1990. We want to thank the host councils and all who helped to make this affair a success. Especially, we thank the donors for their generosity by donating the following: NED \$200; and Rite Media, Richard Genaitis, C-10 in memory of his late father, Charles \$100. We also thank Richard for his many billboards that decorate some of the highways with the message to help Lithuania's freedom. Other donations were made by Irene Tamulevich of C-116 in memory of her late husband, Ed \$100; Ann Miller, C-116, \$50; and Beatrice Jodaitis Richards, C-10, \$25. Prizes were won by C. Lundin, Ellie Walinsky, Connie Paulukonis, Pat Morin and J. Stundza.

The Scholarship Committee appreciates everyone's help. Thank you again.

Blanche Genaitis,

NED Scholarship Committee

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

Officers for the coming year were elected at our Nov. meeting as follows: Rev. Jos. Messier, spiritual advisor; Wm. Wisniauskas, pres.; Leonard Davidonis, vice pres.; Nellie Melaika, treas.; Blanche Genaitis, rec. sec.; Paula Shatas, fin. sec.; Brone Wisniauskas, cultural. The Athol group served us a lovely lunch following the business meeting. A monetary gift was voted to the Medical Relief Fund to Lithuania.

Lithuanian Independence Day will be observed on Feb. 10 with a snow date of Feb. 17. The So. Boston Men's Sextet will perform.

Maryann Langlais made a beautiful

quilt depicting the Vytis emblem with title "Free Lithuania". It will be displayed in the Gardner Heritage Museum. Also, David Lucas has been extremely busy with the railroad club he organized. Traveling were Blanche Genaitis to the state of Wash., the Eacmens to Calif., Bill & Brone Wisniauskas and Bruno Savulis to Florida.

Condolences are extended to Nettie Piragis and family on the recent death of her sister Frances Salkas. It is good to see Mary Gauronsky up and around and back to our monthly meetings.

This writer was deeply saddened on the recent death of his cousin, John Paukstis of C-24 Chicago. John, like his late mother Marijona Paukstiene, spent and devoted their entire adult life to working for "Dievui ir Tevynei". Condolences to wife Lillian and children, John Jr. and Marcella Dockus.

Vincukas

C-17 SO. BOSTON, MA

After the summer hiatus, the council's fall season began with the election of officers, preparation for the November-fest and reports about the national convention. Eight delegates, along with council's spiritual advisor, Rev. Albert Contons, attended the national convention in Pittsburgh. They gave high marks to C-19. They were moved by Rita Zakarka's presentation of conditions existing in Lithuanian hospitals and health care units. The World Medical Relief organization of Detroit is offering a tremendous bargain. Let us take advantage of this generous offer.

Officers for 1990-91 are as follows: Rev. Albert Contons, spiritual advisor; Alex Akule, pres.; Frank Markuns, 1st vice pres.; Longinas Svelnis, 2nd vice

pres.; Emily Lehmann, 3rd vice pres.; Joseph White, treas.; Virginia Markuns, rec. sec.; Eva Ball, fin. sec.; Adele Martus, corres. sec.; John Norinkavicius & Walter Opanesets, trustees; Pat Akule, ritual. The council was well represented at the district fall festival at Marionis Park on Oct. 21. The council had a booth manned by Emily Lehmann, Mary Mickevich and Eva Ball. Several members received raffle prizes.

Two council couples celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries - Walter & Alice Opanesets and Vincent & Frances Zerveskas. *Ilgiausiu metu!*

Serving on the national executive board from C-17, we have Alex Akule, NED pres.; Longinas Svelnis, Archives; Florence Zaleskas, LCRA and John Contons, scholarship. Congratulations.

Eleanora Mikalonis became a great grandmother for the second time. Congratulations! Many of our council members were recently ill. They are John Norinkavich, Vera Yuscavich, William Zuzevich, Steve & John Contons, Florence Casper, Alice Ruseika and Pat Akule. We wish that all will be well by the time this article is published.

All activities ceased at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church on Nov. 1. Services were transferred to St. Joseph's Chapel, E. 7th St., So. Boston, during extensive renovations to the church. The renovations are to be completed in early spring at which time St. Joseph's will close its doors permanently. Just a short historical note: the Lithuanian Catholic Church in So. Boston began at St. Joseph's Chapel in 1896 and it is with sadness that we look forward to its closing.

The council's Christmas Party was held at So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club on Jan. 14. Good time was had by all who attended. *Joseph White*

C-36 CHICAGO, IL

Thoughts of "Diamonds are Forever" or "Diamonds are One's Best Friends"



C-36 Past Presidents: Front row: Sophia Zukas, Mary Kincius, Evelyn Ozelis, Sabina Henson; Standing: Vince Samaska, Walter Tenclinger, Frank Svelnis, Vyto Gestautas

or "Look Up to Diamonds" were with C-36 K of Lrs as we celebrated our 75th anniversary on Sept. 29. We want to continue doing good and keeping Lithuania on our lips and in our hearts. Rejoicing in this diamond jubilee from beginning to end have brought so many treasured memories to all.

Mass was held at Immaculate Conception Church. Leading the procession were the altar boys, followed by Mary Kincius, English lector; Evelyn Ozelis, Lithuanian lector; Joseph Kotula, Eucharistic Minister. The Juniors also participated in the procession and Mass. National Executive Board Pres. Anna Wargo also participated with us. Many C-36 members and members of other organizations were in the procession adorned with their Lithuanian costumes.

Mass was concelebrated by Revs. Anthony Puchinskas, Fabian Kirielis, Anthony Markus, John Kuzinskas, Peter Cibulskis and Anthony Zakarauskas. The K of L choir under the direction of Faustas Strolia sang at the Mass with Dalia Fanelli, Algerd Brazis and Robert Houde as soloists.

On Sunday, Sept. 30 we continued our celebration at the Martinique with prime rib dinner. Greetings were extended by Algerd Brazis, MAMD president and Anne Wargo, National President. The following members were in-

stalled in the Third Degree by Theresa Strolia - Rev. Fabian Kirielis, Vytautas Dijokas, Joseph Matikonis, Margaret Narvaisas, Evelyn Ozelis, Steve Rudokas and Val Vilunas. Presentation of plaques and pins to living past presidents were made to Martin Gestautas, Vyto Gestautas, Sophia Zukas, Vince

Samaska, Walter Tenclinger, Frank Svelnis, Sabina Henson, Bruce Nebereiza, Mary Kincius, Evelyn Ozelis, Stanley Pieza and Ruth Kazlauskas. Lillian Paukstis received the award for her late husband, John Paukstis.

Dancing and socializing completed the evening. We thank all those who contributed in any way to make this gala event a success. We have reached the 75th anniversary through dedication to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania and now march onward to our 100th anniversary.

Sabina Henson

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

The Lithuanian Song and Dance Ensemble from Vilnius Teachers Institute participated on Oct. 7 at the High Mass in St. Casimir's church. A performance given by the Šveisa group was enjoyed by all and their professional and colorful performance was warmly received. After the performance, a reception was held at our church hall.



C-36 Third Degree recipients: Seated: Margaret Narvaisis, Rev. F. Kireilis, Val Vilunas, Evelyn Ozelis; Standing: Vytautas Dijokas, Steve Rudokas, Joseph Martikonis

Rev. Karalis is well on the road to recovery. We wish him continued good health.

On Dec. 1 a successful Christmas Boutique chaired by Anna Kordosky, together with the Turkey Shoot headed by Mike & Irene Meizies drew a large crowd to this event. Living up to their reputation and annual tradition, the males donned their chef hats and aprons to cook up a storm. Potato pancakes were a hot item as well as other ethnic food. Everyone enjoyed the festivities.

May the love, peace and spirit of the Holiday Season be with all of us throughout the year. *C. Prishwalko*

C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

HM Anna Matalavich was re-elected president for the coming year. Serving with her are Anna Baronas, vice pres.; Mary Mackelis, treas.; Fran Milewski, fin. sec. and Ruth Brazinski, social chairlady. Rev. Alfred Zemeikis will continue as moderator and William Senkus as correspondent.

Joseph Linkus presented a VCR tape of the Frugal Gourmet TV show with Jeff Smith who demonstrated the popular Lithuanian dishes. He also spoke about the Lithuanian nation's history and the Lithuanian people with great enthusiasm.

Rev. Zemeikis, pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul, assisted by visiting Rev. Peter Aquino of the Philippines, sponsored a bus trip to the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport in Sept. Council members joined parishioners for an inspirational visit. Also, Helen Balandis organized a trip to the Poconos. Members traveled with her to Bushkill for an autumn vacation. *William Senkus*

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Between Sept. 15 and 19, Lehigh Valley members had the extreme pleasure of hosting eight Lithuanian professionals from Lithuania. They ranged

from ages 26 to 36 and are all members of Ateitininkai. Their organization was founded in 1910 and worked towards religious and moral renewal in Lithuania. Banned in 1940, the organization was publicly re-established in 1989. Its current goal is to provide the youth with the opportunity for spiritual, intellectual and cultural growth. Their trip to the U.S. was arranged by the Interfaith Peace Resources Center. The purpose of their visit was to learn from community groups about social problems in the United States, such as physically or mentally handicapped, alcoholics, drug addicts, the poor and aged so that they might take this knowledge back to Lithuania. Their other purpose was to share the political and social situation in Lithuania with American people. We became involved with the group because the Interfaith Center needed Lithuanian speaking host families. Of the 8 visitors, only one, their interpreter, could speak English. From the day of their arrival, we were plunged into a whirlwind of activity.

C-63 went all out to entertain our guests starting with a Lithuanian Mass at St. Michael's Church and a luncheon afterwards. After lunch, we had a question and answer session. Visitors were touched by the reception and sang a few Lithuanian songs for us. Unfortunately, 3 of our guests were unable to attend the luncheon as they were whisked away by their non-Lithuanian hosts to see Philadelphia and the Liberty Bell. During the week they visited a soup kitchen, a shelter for the homeless, a drug rehabilitation center, day care facility for the aged and several hospitals. Throughout their visit, they were intent on learning as much as they could and were overwhelmed with what they saw.

Trudi Simmons

C-96 DAYTON, OH

The Oct. meeting was very special

election night dinner held at the Amber Rose European Deli. We enjoyed a traditional dinner of Lithuanian treats prepared by hosts Elinor Sluzas and Judy Petrockas. The accommodations were prepared by Irene Gecas and Elena Mikalauskas with the tab picked up by the council. Elected slate for 1991 is as follows: Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, spiritual advisor; Fran Petkus, pres.; Eloise Berczelly, 1st vice pres.; Irene Gecas & Elena Mikalauskas, 2nd vice pres.-juniors; Sally Miller, treas.; Frances Mikalauskas, fin. sec.; Catherine Prasmantas, rec. sec.; Joseph Mantz & George Mikalauskas, trustees; Karl Kieval, sgt. at arms. Committee and chairpersons are: Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, Frances Petkus, Eloise Berczelly, ritual; Annamarie Sluzas Berger, condolence; Elaine Pacovsky, social; Joseph Fletcher, sports; Joseph Ryan, Joseph Mantz & Elinor Mantz, bylaws; Stan Vaitkus, religious; Sarunas Lazdinas & Stefanija Rastikas, Lithuanian affairs; Irene Gecas & Stefanija Rastikas, cultural. Serving on the telephone squad are Joyce Berczelly, Christine Fletcher, Eugenia Gecas, Ann Getzinger, Barbara Goeke, Joan Kavalauskas, Susan Kievel and Frances Mikalauskas. Other personnel include Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, Vytis correspondent; Frances Petkus & Eloise Berczelly, bulletin editors; Eugenia Gecas & Joseph Ryan, historians; Joseph Gecas & Helen Kievel, Sarysis representatives; Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, public relations. Best of luck to the new officers and thanks to the outgoing squad.

One of our long time members recently departed, John Berczelly. He was the husband of Eloise and father of John, Jr. He was known for his humor, cigars and great smile, being active in our council and many other organizations. Please keep him in your prayers.

We welcome home Vida Gecas. She completed a tour with the U.S. Army

and was stationed in Europe. She proudly served her country.

Get well wishes are extended to Elena Mikalauskas who recently came down with chicken pox, and also, to Veronica Omlar, Bea Noreikas, Fred Kondrotas, Kitty Prasmantas mother, Mrs. Zubrick. Leo Matkins has been having trouble with his legs and has undergone several surgeries. We wish him well. Good to see the Steinbrunners doing so well.

Congratulations to Stanley & Ida Kavy on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations also extended to James Pacovsky on his recent engagement to Dawn Rice.

The Lithuanian Homecoming was held Oct. 13 and sponsored by the Lithuanian Cultural Council. Many of our members were involved at various levels. Dinner was provided by Catherine Prasmantas and Elaine Pacovsky with great native food. Elinor Sluzas and Judy Petrockas arranged for the entertainment. Direct from Lithuania was the musical ensemble, Armonika. They performed their unique combination of songs and folk lore. Over 200 people experienced the gala event. It was truly an uplifting time for all of us while this group was in town.

Mary Agnes Mikalauskas

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

Approximately 150 delegates and guests attended the MAD meeting hosted by our council on Sept. 30. A Lithuanian Mass was celebrated in St. Casimir's by Rev. Baltch, spiritual advisor of C-100. In his homily, he focused on his recent visit to Lithuania and how much religious freedom the people have gained since his first trip in 1970. He also mentioned the lack of merchandise in the stores and the dire need of medical supplies. Following Mass, delegates gathered in the church hall for luncheon. Meeting started by outgoing president, John Adomenas.

Invocation was given by Sadie Gustas Petraitis, of C-154 in Spring Hill, FL and sister of Rev. Bernard Gustas. Welcome was extended by pres. Radzevich.

Ilgiausią Metų was sung to Anthony & Ann Radzevich who were celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary. John Adomenas paused to recall the recent passing of former Congressman Samuel Stratton, a past recipient of the "Friend of Lithuanian Award" presented to him at the Syracuse convention. At the conclusion of the meeting, a good-bye supper was served.

Council delegates were Eleanor Olechowki, Mirga & Edward Bablin, Irene Tice, Adeline Raila, Ann Beleckas, Charles Karbocius, Edward Ziausys, Sophie Olbie, Gerard Drenzek and Jennie Kensell. Prizes were awarded to Walter Klosis, Brian Rutkunas, Julia Matalevich, Alice Laukaitis, Adeline Raila and Peter Zuyus.

At our regular monthly meeting, elections were held. After serving the council for 22 years, Anthony Radzevich declined to accept nomination for president. The members then unanimously elected Irene Tice to the presidency. Congratulations Irene and many thanks Anthony. Other officers are Gene Gobis, vice pres.; Sophie Olbie, treas.; Beatrice Jasiewicz, sec.; Christine Tambasco, Jr. counselor; Walter Sargalis, Charles Karbocius and Gerry Drenzek, sgts. at arms; Anthony Radzevich & Adeline Raila, trustees. Rev. Baltch will continue as spiritual advisor. Committee chairs are Polly Ziausys, cultural; Edward Baranauskas, Lithuanian affairs; Elizabeth Kuzmich, ritual; Gene Gobis, public relations and Vytis correspondent; Adeline Raila, sunshine.

Father Baltch showed slides of his trip to Lithuania in Sept. Frances DiBart, Helen Dylong and Helen Kiuber accompanied Fr. Baltch.

The men, headed by Gerry Drenzek,

were in charge of refreshments and put on a Pizza Party which was declared a complete success. *Smile & Sparkle*

C-110 MASPETH, NY

Our fall dinner-dance was well attended by over 235 members and guests who thoroughly enjoyed the abundance of good food. As always, Joe Thomas provided the rhythmic polka and waltz music for all to enjoy. Congratulations to Helen Matulonis, Sophia Zuyus, Amelia Girdauskas and Albina Sipplack for selling a good number of tickets. A warm thank you for all the members who helped setup the tables and clean up after the affair.

The Oct. meeting featured reports from the Lithuanian Catholic Relief Society advising that many books were shipped to Lithuania, plus a donation received from Eli Lilly of 7,000 vials of medicine valued at approximately \$79,000. First degree awards were granted to Anna Walonis, Alice & Norbert Laukaitis, and Second degrees to Helen & John Cummins and Amelia & Michael Keris. Congratulations.

Election of officers also took place resulting in the following: Bruno Rutkunas, 1st vice pres.; Peter Zuyus, 2nd vice pres.; Roman Wensek, treas.; Helen Matulonis, sec.; William Budris, fin. sec.; Amylia Girdauskas, ritual; Helen Venis, Joe Stelmokas, trustees; Frances Migliore, Anthony & Helen Yakaitis, sgts. at arms, Al Marcel, cultural; Bruno Rutkunas, publicity; Kazys Vainus, Lithuanian Affairs; Ann Ackalitis, Archives.

Our annual Kučios affair held on Dec. 16 after the 11:00 a.m. Lithuanian Mass at Transfiguration was attended by some 200 members, family and friends. Many thanks to our chairmen Peter Zuyus and Anthony Yakaitis for doing a terrific job. Also, special thanks to Helen Matulonis for the wonderful religious ceremony.

During Nov., C-110 members, Helen Matulonis, Peter Zuyus, Jean & Bruno Rutkunas, John Girdauskas and Iggy Walles, assisted in packing clothing and toys to be shipped to Lithuania at the KASA headquarters in Woodhaven. Donations came in from Boston, Detroit and many K of L councils. Rasa Razgaitis, working for and/or with the Lithuanian Catholic Relief, is to be commended for her untiring efforts in this huge project.

Bruno Rutkunas

C-112 CHICAGO, IL

C-112rs came back from their respective vacations just in time to vote into office their favorite candidates. Winners in the elections were: Paul Binkis, pres.; Al Mockus, 1st vice pres.; Ellie Kasputis, 2nd vice pres.; Maria Deksnis, 3rd vice pres.; Mary Juzenas, fin. sec.; Susan Binkis, rec. & corres. sec.; Al Dagis, treas.; Lorraine Svelnis & Albert Cekanor, trustees; Matt Vilutis & Ed Pocius, sgts. at arms. Committees: Lithuanian Affairs, Rita Zakarka; Ritual, Al Mockus & Gerry Mack; Social, Julie Zakarka; Courtesy, Estelle Rogers. Publicity people are Gerrie Chaplin for VYTIS and Aldona Brazis for Lithuanian news.

The council once again hosted its very popular Champagne Brunch in Oct. with proceeds to Nativity BVM church. Julie Zakarka and her ever efficient committee put in many long hours planning and serving. The results were apparent. Many thanks to Al Brazis and Ellie Kasputis who almost single-handedly ran a very successful raffle.

The Supreme Council meeting in Philadelphia in Oct. was attended by a lovely trio of C-112 ladies: Estelle Rogers, Donna Juraitis and Rita Zakarka.

All of us want to extend our very best wishes to many of our members who have been feeling poorly. Get well soon Sister Angela Balchunas, Terry Vaitkus,

Al Zakarka, Irene Skuodis, Ellie Kasputis and Peter Gagle who is in Monticello Nursing Home. We were saddened to hear of the passing of Albert Savukynas, father of Rev. John Savukynas, and also Antanas Rustelis, father of Egle Sundstrom.

At our Oct. meeting we were pleased to welcome a representative of the great City of Chicago, Eileen J. Carey, Director of Inquiry and Information. She spoke of all the services and programs that the city has to offer. It was most informative.

Dolores Yuknis is breathing a sigh of relief. Her son, Michael, was in Liberia with Catholic Relief when he was ordered to leave by car for the Ivory Coast. There were two casualties, but she was assured that Michael was OK.

Dec. board meeting was hosted by Ellie Kasputis who made it a very festive holiday occasion, mixing business with pleasure. Everyone thanked her for her gracious hospitality. *Gerrie*

C-116 WORCESTER, MA

It has been quite some time since you heard from C-116 on Gediminas Hill - Our Lady of Vilna. Although we are a small council, much has been happening and we would like to bring everyone

up to date on various happenings.

First, our pastor and spiritual advisor, Fr. Volungis, celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination at a Mass and reception in May.

Under the leadership and guidance of Andy Akstin, NED Lithuanian Affairs chairman, our council sent letters, telegrams, made phone calls and attended the protests in Kennebunkport and Washington. Many of us are still questioning why the ship that Andy so diligently and tirelessly arranged to sail from Denmark to Lithuania in June with medicines and other necessities was canceled at the last minute.

Our council sadly missed two fellow Knights who passed away within a day of each other; namely, Anna Yurkinas on April 25 and Robert Paluses on April 26. Anna will be remembered as a caring and sharing person; Bob for his friendliness and great tips on bowling. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to their families. With sad news there is always good news. This spring we were privileged to participate in the ordination of Father Robert Johnson. Thanks to Dottie Sinkavitch, his aunt, who gave encouragement and support to help him fulfill his dream to become Father Bob. Our pres. Irene Tamulevich, graciously



Chicago C-112 members Julie Zakarka, Al Mockus and Pres. Paul Binkis present Rev. John Kuzinkas with a donation for Nativity BVM Church — proceeds from their successful Champagne brunch.

hosted the NED Board meeting at her lovely home in Paxton. The weather cooperated and added to the success.

Our neighboring C-26 of St. Casimir's church arranged for a bus trip to Atlantic City in October to see Ann Jillian perform at Trump Plaza. Mildred Lapinskas, chairlady, arranged for a personal interview for the members to meet Ann and her husband after the show. Mildred presented Ann with a juosta and Irene Tamulevich presented her with a piece of amber in the shape of Lithuania from C-116. Fr. Albin Yankauskas, a friend of both councils, joined us for this great social event. Thanks C-26 for inviting us to join with you.

C-116 participated in the NED Cultural Festival in Oct. at Marionis Park. Thanks to Irene Tamulevich for the great job in planning and arranging the Lithuanian Boutique. We are most grateful to Maironis Park pres., Kazys Adomavicius, and his assistant Algis Glodis who are most generous and congenial to the Knights of Lithuania.

Congratulation to William Glodis on his re-election to the House of Representatives. Bill was instrumental in making arrangements for the Lithuanian flag, donated by the late Edward Tamulevich, to be displayed at the Massachusetts State Capitol on Feb. 16 each year since 1984.

Proud new grandparents of baby girls are World Lithuanian Scout Leader Petras and Raminta Molis and also Pauline & Robert Puishys. Congratulations to all! Congratulations also to Linda March, recipient of two awards for outstanding academic excellence, the U.S. Presidential Award and a Jacob Hiatt Scholarship. The Hiatt Award is provided by Jacob Hiatt, a modest generous philanthropist from Worcester, who proudly makes known his Lithuanian-Jewish extraction, his love for Lithuania and the Lithuanian people.

Linda, a freshman at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is planning a career in mechanical engineering.

Well wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to all our ailing Knights: Bernard Boris, Helen Daltwas, Dorothy Sinkavitch and Trudy Zibinskas. Our prayers are with them and Ann Miller who is their "Knight on Wheels".

Best wishes to our newlyweds, Elaine Kokernak, Marie & Laurie Yurkinas and John March. We wish them many years of happiness.

C-135 ANSONIA, CT

In attendance at the 77th National Convention in Pittsburgh were Pres. Olga Gray and Treas. Ruth Tyson. Olga has been very busy organizing affairs for our parish St. Anthony's anniversary. The activities came to an end on Sept. 30 with dinner and dancing at Actos' Colony Inn. A good time was had by all who attended. The celebration began with Mass at 3 p.m. with ten priests concelebrating from the Connecticut area.

We thank Olga Gray and Jack Tyson for the hard work involved to make this occasion the success that it was. In spite of Olga's three surgeries, she was able to be involved.

Our annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 5 in conjunction with our regular meeting. Instead of grab bags, we contributed money to the Lithuanian College in Rome. *Sophie Thomas*

C-136 HUDSON-MOHAWK, NY

Some of our members, Bernice Aviza, Ed Barkowski and Dot Richmire, attended the MAD meeting hosted by C-100 in Amsterdam on Sept. 30. It was so good to be able to visit with our neighboring council members. Much was accomplished and everyone enjoyed the delicious buffet.

Our first council meeting after our summer break was held in Oct. Election

of officers took place. All officers accepted their terms for another year with the exception of Dot Richmire who felt she needed the time off. Officers are: Ed Barkowski, pres.; Frank Zebuda, vice pres.; Helen LaPierre, fin. sec.; Nell Freer, treas.; Skip Doblewski, rec. sec.; Tiny Jackson, sgt. at arms.

We were made aware of the medical supply urgency in Lithuania and voted to donate \$100 to K of L Medical Relief Aid for Lithuania.

The meeting held in Nov. was well attended and plans were initiated for our annual Christmas buffet held in conjunction with our meeting on Dec. 13. The cultural program was offered by Ed Baranauskas which consisted of a videotape of the Song and Dance Festival held in Lithuania this past summer. It was very inspiring to see the beautiful, young faces so filled with faith and hope.

Shelly & David Levine happily announced the birth of a baby girl. Congratulations to the happy parents.

Dorothy Richmire

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Olympia Zelinski, our newly elected president announced the following committee chairpersons at the Nov. meeting: Lithuanian affairs, Joseph Martunas; Cultural, Mary Koons; Ways & means, Bernard Zilaitis; Public Relations, Marion Wydra; Vytis Reporter, Olympia Zelinski; Ritual, Helen Chesko; Health & Welfare, Alma Linder; Social, Helen Labadis; Religious, Ann Supernavich. Beatrice Wasley will continue to serve as historian; Joseph Kaselonis is our sergeant of arms. Serving as trustees are Eleanor Vaicaitis, Anne Wargo and Joseph Yezulinas. Telephone callers are Helen Labadis, Gilberton; Elsie Kosmisky, Frackville; Helen Kratulis, Shenandoah; Alma Linder, Minersville; Natalie Yurickones, St. Clair; Betty Tumas, Tamaqua;

Marcella Kaselonis, Mt. Carmel and Helen Chesko, Mahanoy City.

Medus Ensemble from Lithuania performed in St. Francis Hall in Minersville in Nov. to a capacity receptive audience. Thanks to Fr. Yenushosky for providing the parish facilities. Knights from C-63 Lehigh Valley, C-74 Scranton, C-3 Philadelphia, C-143 Pittston, C-146 Harrisburg, C-118 Hazleton and other out of towners joined us for this concert. Sr. Marilyn Kuzmiskas, General Superior of Sisters of St. Casimir residing in Chicago, was visiting in the area and extended greetings. It was truly an afternoon of Lithuanian melodies. Eleanor Vaicaitis and Bernard Zilaitis hosted the members of the Ensemble in their homes. Fr. Jarasunas, Anne Wargo and Helen Chesko entertained them at lunch or dinner. Bernard Zilaitis was their chauffeur during the day.

Council members overwhelmingly responded to the call from Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid for clothing, toys, etc. Bernard Zilaitis delivered the numerous bags collected in the cultural center in Frackville in a rented U-Haul wagon to KASA in Brooklyn. Many thanks to all!

Our annual Kučios for members only was observed on Dec. 2 at St. Casimir's Church Hall, St. Clair. Betty Tumas, Anne Wargo & Helen Chesko, co-chairladies, assisted by Pat Roberts, Esther Bartashus, Francis Stefanek and Anna Helen McDonald prepared and served the traditional Kučios menu. Other members from St. Clair and Tamaqua worked in the hall to make it a Kučios to remember.

Olympia Zelinski, our president, served as mistress of ceremonies and led us in the plotkelė ceremony. Joseph Yezulinas sang Sveikas, Jezau Gimusis. After the meal, Joe also led us in the singing of Lithuanian and English carols. We left with wishes for a healthy,

prosperous year until we meet again for next Kučios. *Olympia*

C-153 TREASURE COAST, FL

Po vasaros atostogų ir kelionių visi nariai sugrižo į savo žiemos residencijas ar nuolatinės gyvenvietes. Pirmas kuopos susirinkimas įvyko Lapk. 4 d. po lietuviškų pamaldų St. Paul of the Cross parapijos kavinėje. Po ilgos vasaros nesimatymo susirinko gausiai narių. Pilna įvairiausių įspūdžių šnekučiavo ir džiaugėsi vėl susitikę, bei ištrūkę iš artėjančios žiemos speigų praleisti laika šiltame Floridos klimate. Daugumas yra jau pensininkai ir kodėl nesidžiaugti šilta Floridos saulutė žiemos metu.

Kuopos pirm. Konstancija Scheibelhut pradėjus susirinkimą sveikino visus ir kvietė dv. vada kun. V. Piktuna sukalbėti maldą. Atlikus reikalingus formalumus ir pranešimus, išrinkta nauja valdyba: pirm. Konstancija Scheibelhut, vicep. Liudas Stukas, sekretorė ir išdininkė Florence Morris, koresp. ir lietuviškiems reikalams Aldona Biliunas, kulturiniams reikalams L. Stukas, ritualiniams reikalams K. Scheibelhut, revizijos komisija Jack Scheibelhut ir Michael Yudinskas, laisvas narys Jim Marcinkas.

Nutarta piniginiai paremti vaisatų persiuntimą į Lietuvą. Iš izdo paskirta \$100.00, nariai suaukojo \$225.00. Šiame susirinkime muz. Liudas Stukas prisiminė žymiuosius lietuvius kompozitorius, muzikus Stasį Šimkų ir Antaną Vanagaitį. Trumpai apibudino jų biografias ir iš juosteles pagrojo jų kurinius. Visi buvo sužavėti gražiomis dainomis.

Šia vasarą muz. Liudas Stukas pergyveno sunkią operaciją. Dabar jau tiek sustiprėjęs, kad atsilankė į susirinkimą. Muz. Liudas aktyviai reikiasi kuopos veikloje. Be jo neapsieina nei vienas iškilmingas renginys, - pasigerėtinai groja vargonais, akompanuoja solis-

tams, ir visokiuos darbuos nepamainomas organizatorius. Nariai labai džiaugiasi muz. Liudui sustiprėjus po sunkios ligos or vėl grįžus į veiklą.

Aldona Biliūnienė

IN MEMORIAM

ANNA YURKINAS
C-116 Worcester, MA
† April 25, 1990

ROBERT PALUSES
C-116 Worcester, MA
† April 26, 1990

BEN BOTAITIS
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