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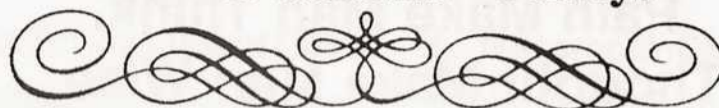
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An Easter Message.....

Pain Make Man Think. Thought Make Man Wise. Wisdom Make Life Endurable.

Rev. C. Costello

I find wise sayings in the least likely places and I found one in the light comedy, "The Teahouse of the August moon." Sakini, the little Okinawan interpreter says, "Pain make man think. Thought make man wise. Wisdom make life endurable." But when we are so cautiously shielded from pain, either our own or others, there is no chance for wisdom. When we are shielded from thought by witless media presentations, by teachers too timid to challenge and by our own inertia, there is no chance for wisdom. And without wisdom, life becomes unendurable unless, of course, life itself - real life - can be avoided by filling one's days with trivialities and making them seem important - styles, sports scores, gossip magazines, cars, yesterday's Lotto numbers. It's all very plastic, but if we all get together and agree to put our minds in neutral and kid one another, we can pretend it's gold, just as we pretend that green paper, properly printed, is a true indication of value. It's what T.S. Elliot called "living - or partly living." It's an imitation of aliveness. Besides, it's tangible; it's secure. We become too busy living - or partly living - to find out what living is for.

That is why, I suspect, that so many of us are in awe of events in the Baltic countries which we have come to know as the Iron Curtain countries. For decades, the people of Lithuania have been kept in bondage. They have been deprived of all but the barest of essentials. Their right to worship as they choose, their right to think and speak as they like, their right to basic freedoms that we take for granted have been denied.

We are witnessing in the Baltics a refusal to accept the status quo - no more que sera, sera here! The spirit has been roused. They are not going to take it anymore! Attitude is the preparation ground for real and meaningful change. First the pain, then the thought, now all look for the wisdom that perhaps makes life endurable.

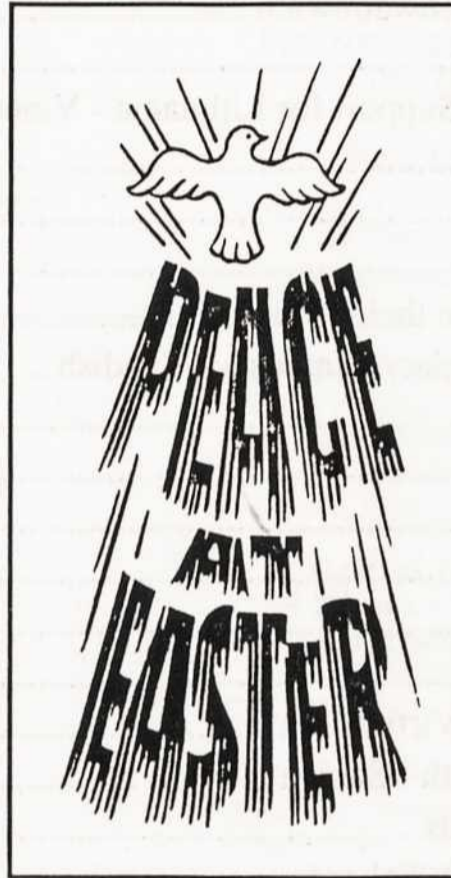
Easter, the celebration of Jesus rising from the dead, is the same challenge. How do we deal with an event that challenges us to look beyond the trivialities of life. It is a faith event that

calls for us to respond. We are called by God in history to put things in perspective. Easter is a call for revolution in our lives. God is saying - "here I am - what are you going to do

about it." He is saying, "I have empowered you - yes you - to be an instrument of peace, of love, of deep and meaningful concern."

The events in Lithuania, the celebration of Easter, are events which tell us you can't stifle the human spirit, you can't kill it. You can ignore it, though, but it will come back to haunt you. How often have you said to yourself that you wished you could live your life over - that you responded to the needs of a senior citizen, a son or daughter, husband or wife - that you acted more positively to the challenges of life. You see, there are no short cuts in life - even though we might like to think so.

The problems we face in the world - drug and alcohol abuse, racism, child abuse, hunger and poverty, are not going to go away because we choose to ignore them. If we do choose to ignore these problems, we will find ourselves forced to go through the process - of pain, then of thought and hopefully of wisdom.



EASTER IN LITHUANIA

Easter is the Sunday on which the Resurrection of Christ is celebrated, called Velykos in Lithuanian; it is the most important feast in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. St. Pius X (Pope 1903-1914) shortened the duration of the obligatory holiday from the traditional two and three days to one, namely Easter Sunday. Until World War II the second day was still unofficially celebrated in Lithuania. The custom even remained in some villages to celebrate the third and fourth days, called "the days of ice," because of the belief that on them, hail was liable to destroy the crop.

People hastened to church before sunrise for the Resurrection services. In earlier times, drums were beaten from midnight on to rouse them. These drums were of copper and required 2 or 3 men to carry them; their sound could be heard 10 kilometers away. After the insurrections of 1831 and 1863 against the Russians, most of the drums were taken over by the government; the rest were confiscated by the Germans during World War I. After the 1831 revolt, it was also prohibited to fire shots during the services. The latter would commence at sunrise with the rites of Resurrection and a ceremonial procession three times round the church, during which the people sang the holy song *Linksma Diena Mums Prašvito* (A happy day has dawned for us). Then followed the High Mass and the blessing of Easter food, after which everyone would hurry home. Not only in Lithuania but in other countries too (Poland, Austria) it was once believed that the first to be home would also be the first to finish working his fields. Understandably these races often culminated in bloody accidents.

At home the Easter table had already been laid, and now the food which had been blessed was placed upon it. In view of the fact that the last seven weeks of Lent were spent in abstinence from meat and milk dishes, Easter breakfast meant a welcome change and feast. On the table there usually was a little basket with decorated Easter eggs, the paschal lamb, a ham, other meat dishes and baked goods. Not all of these dishes were traditional; some changes occurred under the influence of urban culture, e.g., the appearance of Easter bunnies. The meal was begun with the eggs. In some regions, all the participants would at first share a single egg; in others

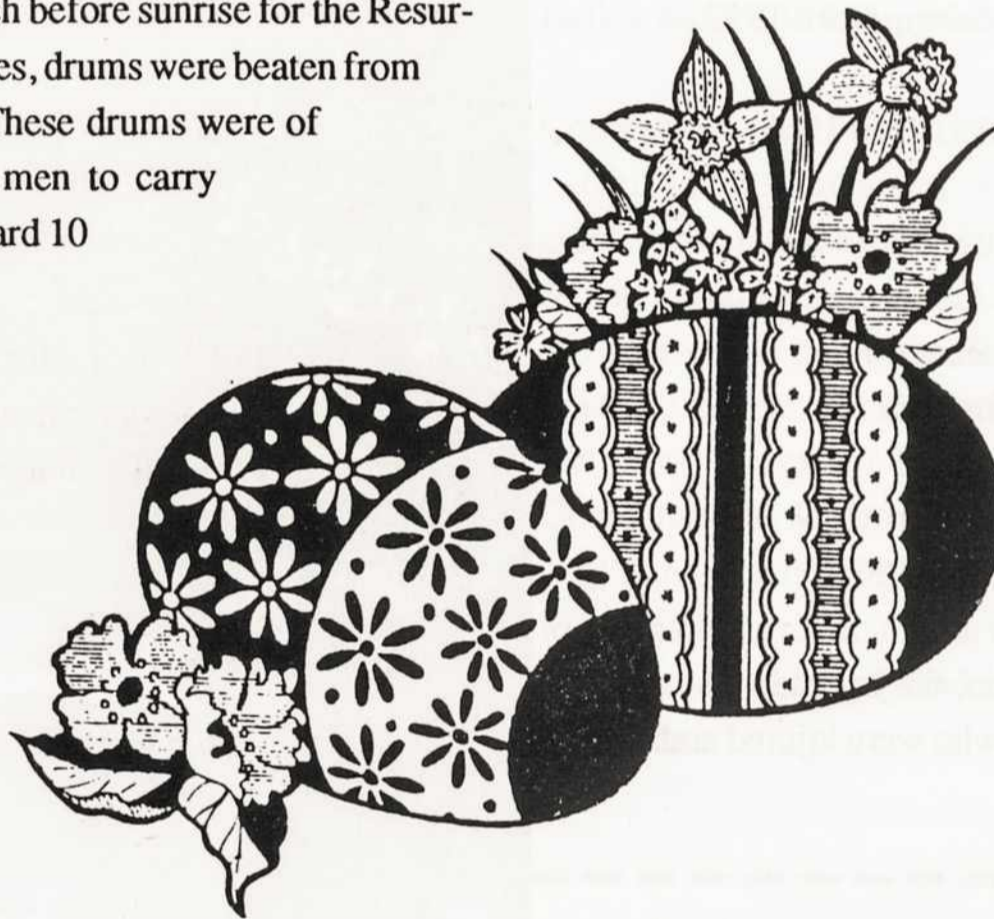
the host would distribute one egg to each person. The eggs would then be struck against each other to determine the sturdiest. After the meal, everyone would go to rest, since many had spent the night in church.

Until World War II, the first day of Easter was devoted to the family. Not even children were permitted to visit their neighbors, with the exception of grandparents and godparents. But beginning in the late afternoon and especially on Easter Monday, a group of adolescents, young men called *lalauninkai* (from *lalėti*, *lalauti* = to talk loudly and much)

would visit their neighbors' homes asking for Easter eggs and singing *Kristukas* (a Resurrection hymn). This custom survived the longest in southeastern Lithuania (*Dzūkija*). From the first day's evening until the second day's morning, the *lalauninkai*, mostly unmarried men, walked from house to house with musicians greeting the landlords and wishing them well, delivering pompous orations and caroling. For unmarried women they would sing a romance

called *lalinka* in order that they would get married faster. The *lalauninkai* were not to be refused entrance on pain of bringing shame down on the household; if such unhospitality occurred, however, the retreating carolers would reciprocate by playing some unpleasant prank on the offenders. After their rounds (the closest neighbors being visited last), the *lalauninkai* would divide up the gifts they received, which were mostly eggs.

The young people spent the second day of Easter in merrymaking and recreation. The most popular games were the rolling of Easter eggs, testing the eggs' strength by striking them against each other, and swinging on swings. According to the lore of the women, swinging helped the flax to grow better. The whole village would be drawn together by these games. The older people meanwhile would visit farther away from home. It was customary in some localities to visit the village or parish cemetery and say prayers for the dead on the third day of Easter. Many of the Easter observances were repeated on Low Sunday, when the festivities concluded. 🍎



Glasnost Massacre

VILNIUS - January 13, 1991 - Lithuanian protestors in Vilnius try to remove the body of 25-year old, Loreta Asanavičiute crushed by the Soviet tank when it forcibly took over the TV station. Gorbachev denies he ordered the attack. Is this why U.S. is sending food and aid to Soviet Union?

The following 13 died immediately and one died later in the hospital; a total of 14 Lithuanians:

1. Darius Garbutavičius, Vilnius, Born 1973
2. Alvydas Kanapinskas, Kedainių, Born 1952
3. Alvydas Matuika
4. Vidas Maciulevičius, Vilnius, Born 1966
5. Apolinaras Povilaitis
6. Loreta Asanavičiute. Vilnius, Born 1966
7. Rolandas Jankauskas
8. Ignas Simulionis, Vilnius, Born 1973
9. Titus Masiulis, Kauno, Born 1962
10. Vytautas Vaitkus, Born 1966
11. Virginijus Druskis, Vilnius, Born 1969
12. Algamantas Kavoliukas, Born 1939
13. Rimantas Juknevičius
14. Alvydas Mirkulka, Rokiškio, 60-yrs. old.

There were also some 164 who were injured and sent to hospitals.



Baltic Americans Alarmed about Soviet Threats

Senators and Representatives urged to Act to Avert Crackdown

In letters sent to all Senators and Representatives, the Joint Baltic American National Committee said that the Kremlin's escalating threats against the Baltic states have caused alarm in the U.S. Baltic communities as well as in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The committee points out that Gorbachev's recent appointees, Boris Pugo and General Boris Gromov, are notorious for repressing independence movements in the past.

The Senators and Congressmen are asked to undertake various actions in order to avert a crackdown and support the Baltic hopes for a peaceful resolution of the current crisis:

1. Letters from the Congress and the Administration urging Mikhail Gorbachev to avoid using violence in the Baltic countries;

2. Resolutions in Congress and editorials in major newspapers expressing the solidarity of the U.S. Congress with the people in the Baltic countries;
3. Resolutions or letters urging the White House and State Department to maintain direct lines of communication with the leaders of the Baltic countries;
4. Actions stopping all assistance to the Soviet Union if they initiate a crackdown in the Baltic countries.

The Joint Baltic American National Committee maintains that large scale economic assistance to the Soviet Union under the current circumstances appears to be doomed to failure. Moreover, initiating or continuing such assistance would send the wrong message to Soviet central authorities if a crackdown were to occur in the Baltic countries.

D'Amato Calls for Full Recognition of Baltic Republics Time for Action, Not Meaningless Rhetoric

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-NY) announced he will introduce a resolution calling for full diplomatic recognition by the U.S. of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, in the wake of the brutal crackdown by the Soviet Army in the Baltic republics.

"Now is the time for action, not meaningless rhetoric," D'Amato said. "We need to say clearly and unequivocally that our President should grant full diplomatic recognition to the republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia." He added, "My resolution will send a powerful message to Mr. Gorbachev that the Soviet Union will not receive the benefits of a nation that only talks about freedom, democracy, perestroika and glasnost while violently suppressing its people."

D'Amato also indicated his support for several bills imposing economic sanctions against the Soviets over the Baltic crackdown and the call for cancellation of the Summit. "But," he added, "that is not enough. It is time to cast our lot not with those who seek to extinguish the fire of freedom, but with those who are willing to die for it." The Senator cited the 14 Lithuanian dead and hundreds injured in Vilnius by invading Soviet tanks and troops.

Criticizes Gorbachev and the Purveyors of Gorbymania

Early last year, D'Amato warned that Gorbymania was sweeping America and the West. "I counselled that we should await action, not words, to determine the real Soviet agenda. That action has now been taken, and it is the chilling, cold blooded murder of those who stand for freedom and democracy."

The Senator added, "This is not just a pothole on the road to freedom — it is a detour back to the repressive, Stalinist tactics that led to forty years of cold war confrontations."

Comparison to Soviet's 1956 Invasion of Hungary Cited

Citing the similarities with the Oct. 29, 1956 Soviet crackdown in Hungary, D'Amato stated, "What we are seeing in Lithuania is an old Soviet ploy. Under the cover of the Suez Canal crisis, the Soviet tanks rolled into Hungary crushing the rise of freedom there." he continued, "Now with the world distracted by the events in the Persian Gulf, Gorbachev has shown his true colors."

D'Amato indicated that he would seek co-sponsors prior to officially introducing the resolutions. The U.S. has never recognized the illegal Soviet annexation of the three Baltic republics.

Testimony of Vice-President Bronius Kuzmickas of the Republic of Lithuania before the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

January 22, 1991

Distinguished members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:

I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation for the opportunity to address you during this very difficult time for Lithuania.

The movement of the democratic rebirth that began in Lithuania two and one-half years ago has been a peaceful one. It avoided ethnic conflict and human casualties. The democratically elected Parliament of Lithuania and the executive government whose formation it ratified, along with the vast majority of Lithuania's inhabitants, are firmly committed to restoring independence and democracy by

following the path of peaceful reforms and patient negotiations.

However, nine days ago on the streets of Lithuania's capital Vilnius, blood was shed, innocent people were killed or injured. Special forces of the Soviet military deployed in the Baltic states began to hunt down young men who had declined to serve in the Soviet Army. These forces employed military might to seize civilian buildings. On Jan. 13 Soviet military units in Vilnius used tanks to storm the television tower and the building housing Lithuanian television and radio. At least 14 people were killed. More than 370 have been injured since the Soviet army began its campaign of

violence.

It is well known that the reactionary Communist forces in Lithuania, as well as those in Moscow, are looking for ways to overthrow Lithuania's democratically elected Parliament and to halt the democratic process in Lithuania. However, it is likewise evident that there are no legal means to subvert the Parliament, and to annul its legislation. Thus we expect that coercion will continue to be used against the Republic of Lithuania and its Parliament.

We had expected this coercion to come through an increase in artificially created economic hardships, incitement of ethnic conflicts, and other measures aimed at destabilizing the internal situation. Few people believed in the likelihood that armed force would be the form of coercion used against us. And yet that is precisely what was done.

The majority of people in Lithuania and elsewhere do not find an answer to such questions as: Why did this happen? Who gave the order to fire on unarmed people?

It was surprising and saddening to hear Mikhail Gorbachev himself justify the use of armed force in Lithuania against civilians and civilian objects. Another troubling fact is the failure by the Soviets to make any efforts to establish a commission to investigate the crimes committed Jan. 13 in Vilnius and to determine the perpetrators of these crimes. The absence of such a commission leads Soviet army units to conclude that they can escape any kind of punishment, which may encourage them to continue committing acts of violence anywhere and at any time. Such violence can destabilize the situation not just in Lithuania but in the Soviet Union as well.

One must consider it a bad sign that, instead of a rational resolution of economic, legal and national problems, the Kremlin ever more persistently recommends the introduction of diktat, otherwise known as presidential rule. The introduction of such rule in Lithuania, and also in Latvia and Estonia, would have very negative consequences not only for the Baltic states but for Russia as well. It would mean the forcible reimposition of diktat by the center and of other Soviet structures which have already collapsed and which are impossible to revive. It would bring a halt to all reforms, without which it is impossible to lead the country out of its decline.

What would the Kremlin do with the democratically elected Lithuanian Parliament if it refused to obey an illegal order to disband itself? Perhaps a directive would be issued

to launch a tank assault on the Parliament? A government introduced by force would have no support in society and could survive only if it was propped up by the military. Moreover, if that coercion crossed a certain line it could provoke a spontaneous and uncontrollable resistance. That would be even more likely under the present circumstances in which, with Soviet paratroopers controlling Lithuania's radio and television building as well as its press center, most Lithuanian citizens cannot hear the authoritative voice of their legitimate leaders.

Further use of military force in Lithuania would provoke protests among Russian society and increasing the danger of civil war and anarchy. The blow directed against Lithuania is also a blow directed against the entire democratic movement in the Soviet Union. Though Lithuania is a small country, its fate can have a decisive influence on the future of Russia and the entire world.

The events in Vilnius on Jan. 13 represent a sharp escalation of Soviet pressure on the Baltic states. The reaction by Western countries should correspond to this escalation. It should be much stronger than before, and not limited to mere words.

Previously it was believed that a positive solution to the question of Baltic independence could be found through bilateral negotiations between each of the Baltic states on the one side and

the USSR on the other side. Now, after the events of Jan. 13 in Vilnius, there is no doubt that restoration of independence to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia is possible only with the unequivocal support of Western countries. Whenever American attention to the Baltic States slackens, the Kremlin delivers another blow against them.

On behalf of the Supreme Council and Government of the Republic of Lithuania, I appeal to the United States Congress to provide the following assistance immediately:

- * That Congress at once send to Lithuania a delegation to observe the situation.
- * That Congress demand the immediate withdrawal of all additional Soviet forces introduced into Lithuania over the last few weeks and assurances that no new military units will be sent there.
- * That Congress call on the Soviets to return all buildings belonging to the Republic of Lithuania which were seized by the Soviet Army.
- * That Congress demand that the practice of abducting Lithuanian inhabitants and forcing them to serve in the Soviet Army be halted.



* That Congress exert its influence on Mikhail Gorbachev not to introduce dictatorial, or so-called presidential, rule in Lithuania.

If the USSR takes these actions, then it will be possible for the Republic of Lithuania and the Soviet Union to return to the negotiating table but only with the participation of international observers.

I also request the following:

* That the United States provide political support to Lithuania by extending official recognition to its democratically elected government.

* That political support also be provided by convening an international conference on the Baltic states and placing the Baltic issue on the agenda of the United Nations, and that other ways be sought to raise on the international level the question of restoring Lithuania's independence.

* That the Soviet leadership be given a clear signal that the use of military force against Lithuania will have very serious consequences for US-Soviet relations and that this warning be accompanied by specific sanctions.

* That the United States ensure that American humanitarian aid and credits designated for the Soviet Union and the Baltic states be sent directly to republics and cities, and not be channeled through the central Soviet government, which will use such assistance as a weapon against the republics and other democratic forces.

I hope that, unlike the previous session of Congress, this one will not reject proposed legislation to provide humanitarian aid to Lithuania.

Once again, I thank you for this opportunity to explain to you and to the American people the grave situation in my country. I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

A SONG FOR LITHUANIA

by Wayne Nehwadowich

*Dear Mr. President,
Soldier Boy Quayle,
New York Times Editor,
Comrade Mikhail,
I'm writing you letters,
I'm sending you fax,
'Cause the clock's moving forward
It ain't moving back.*

*No, the clock's moving forward
It never moves back.*

*You can say pretty please
with a cherry on top
You can jump in the waters
and tell 'em to stop
You can fight with the tide
and not swim like you oughtta
But take a deep breath
'Cause you're goin' under water*

*The tide's moving forward
You'd better move back.*

*You can do the right thing,
You can stand with the just,
You can fall on your face
like a clown, if you must.
You can give it your best
but now take it from me
There ain't nobody here
who don't want to be free.*

*There ain't nobody here
who don't want to be free,
There ain't nobody here
who don't want to be free.*

*We're moving forward
We ain't moving back.*

LIETUVA.

Happy Easter!

Happy Spring!

ST. CASIMIR

The life and sanctity of St. Casimir is well known to the Knights of Lithuania members. There are, however, a few interesting episodes that bear repetition.

Besides his devout, prayerful life, austere practices of penance and mortification and his works of mercy, St. Casimir demonstrated a keen concern for the growth, development and protection against enemies of the Catholic Church in Lithuania. Realizing the threat that the Orthodox Church of Russia was presenting to Catholicism, St. Casimir urged his father, King Casimir, to ban further construction of Orthodox edifices in the kingdom and so to halt the spread of Orthodoxy within the territory. History later proved that this resistance to the incursion of Orthodoxy produced a two-fold effect: 1) the minimizing of the threat to the Catholic Church and, 2) the forming of a strong Catholic citizenry determined to oppose all rule from Moscow. Church and State both benefited.

An interesting historic event took place 34 years after the Saint's death. In 1518, a very strong army of Muscovites was laying siege to the Lithuanian stronghold at Polock. The fort was held by Lithuanians, who now desperately needed help. A small Lithuanian army was dispatched to assist them in defense of the fort. Everything progressed ac-

According to plan until the Lithuanian soldiers arrived at the banks of the Daugava River. To reach their comrades at the besieged fort, they must first cross the Daugava River. This appeared to be an insurmountable obstacle. The waters of the river were swollen. There just was no way the soldiers could cross the river and reach the Polock fortress. All of a sudden, at the lowest point of their gloom and despair, out of thin air, appears St. Casimir — a Knight fully clad in armor, sword in hand, astride a white charger. Young St. Casimir circles among the distraught Lithuanians, inspires them with courage and with a forward wave of the sword, urges them to follow him across the Daugava. The unexpected, fearless surge of Lithuanians stunned the Russian army. They were forced to retreat in defeat. The fort at Polock was saved. The Russian army, the czars and the Orthodox bishops never

forgot St. Casimir. Since 1518 and Polock, the Russians considered St. Casimir their enemy. The bishops forbade his public cult and even "excommunicated" him, according to the Orthodox rite.

St. Casimir's mother was Princess Elizabeth of Austria. His paternal ancestry reaches down to Gediminas. He has demonstrated his love, his utmost concern for the welfare of Lithuania and the Lithuanian people. We can be sure that solicitude still exists to this day and that our prayers and efforts for the liberation of Lithuania meet with his approval and blessing.



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Meldi pas Viešpatį, vedi ir kvieti
mus
Ilgesiu, nerimu Dievo žmogaus.

Išskleidei vėliavą švento tikėjimo,
Ženklinai kryžiumi mūsų kelius.
Apglobei Lietuva, audra vis liečiama,
Stiprinai, drasinai brolius savus.

Nūnai maldaujame, švieski iš naujo
mum
Audriam gyvenime žvilgsniu drasiu.
Lyg vytiš — riteris, išauges švyturiu,

Veski į pergalę ryžtu nauju.

Šventas Kazimierai, amžiais prisimenam
Tavo užtaryma mūsų tautoj.
Melskis pas Viešpatį, veski ir kvieski mus
Telktis ir vienytis laisvės kovoj.

Kun. Stasys Yla

Linksmų Uelykų

Soviet Exchange Students voice Support for Lithuania

Vincent Boris

Fifty students from various parts of the Soviet Union vehemently expressed their strong support of Lithuanian independence and their equally strong outrage at recent events in Vilnius. The occasion was a reception for the students at the Embassy of the USSR in Washington, DC on January 18, 1991. All the students are studying at various universities or colleges in the U.S. under the auspices of the American Collegiate Consortium and had gathered in Washington for a mid-term evaluation session.

When the scheduled meeting with USSR Embassy personnel convened at 4 pm, one student (a non-Baltic) suggested that the session begin with one minute of silence in memory of the 14 Lithuanians who had been killed at the hands of the Red Army in Vilnius on the 13th of January. To the dismay of the Embassy personnel, who were about to summarily dismiss the request, near unanimous agreement by the rest of the students forced the issue. This was followed by demands for an explanation of the events and a rationale for the lack of any official action to discipline and/or punish the troops responsible for the atrocities.

The chagrined and somewhat nonplussed Embassy personnel attempted to placate the students with ambiguous comments about responding to provocations and the request from citizens to restore order, etc. The students were not convinced by these answers. Having grown up within the system, they could easily recognize the standard platitudes employed by bureaucratic functionaries and would have none of it.

The lively discussions, sometimes becoming quite heated and emotional, expanded into a wider area of the restoration of national independence. Again, there was virtual unanimity among the students in support of the national independence movements. It is noteworthy that of the 50 students, only four were from the Baltic Republics, one of which was Lithuanian.

Upon being informed, the following day, that there was a planned Lithuanian-American protest rally in front of the Soviet Embassy scheduled to start at noon, several of these students gave up their free time sightseeing to join the protest. They carried placards prepared by the protest organizers and addressed the crowd.

This exchange is made most significant upon realization that these students are among the "best and brightest" whose political and ideological orthodoxy was surely scrutinized by the KGB prior to be awarded the scholarship. It was evidence of an emerging generation wherein not only "Glasnost" has taken firm root, but also the true ideals of democracy. They

expect their government to be responsible, humane and in service to the people. They are not swayed by sloganeering and empty posturing.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: It may be of interest to know the specific concerns of the students as reflected in their questions and the answers given by the Embassy staff. (These are not verbatim transcripts, but a gisted dialogue based on recollections of three of the students on the following day):

Q. Why were such violent measures employed?

A. They were provoked by the Lithuanians. When the Soviet paratroopers were approaching, they were met by a mob of nationalists with weapons, some machine guns among them. Alcoholic beverages were being consumed. The big mob and the troops came together near the TV tower. Someone in the mob yelled to beat them. Later shooting started from the Lithuanian side. One officer was killed.

Q. There were no indications that the Lithuanians were armed. What we saw on TV showed only the Red Army beating unarmed civilians. Further, if indeed a Russian officer was killed first, why was his name not published. Who was he? Where was he from? Does he have a family?

A. You should be careful what you see and believe on American TV. It is usually very one-sided.

Q. Where is your information coming from?

A. Moscow, TASS, and information from the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Q. What about the Soviet news media? You claim that the American press omits some information or presents it with bias. What about the Soviet press? Don't you find it non-objective?

A. (No Embassy answer).

Q. In your answers and comments, whenever you refer to the Lithuanian nationalists you use the term - MOB; when you refer to the Soviet supporters you use the term - PEOPLE! Why?

A. (Answer missed).

Q. What started the confrontation?

A. The local garrison was requested by the Lithuanian Committee for National Salvation to restore law and order.

Q. Who or what is this committee? How is it that no one ever heard about them until now? Who is on it, what are their names - are they responsible citizens? Why did the local military commander not coordinate with the legally elected and responsible government to check on the bona fides of such a committee before acting?

A. The troops were provoked into the action they took.

As for their involvement, they are in the area to protect all the citizens. There are over 600,000 people of different nationalities, that is, about one third of the population; 87% of these are Russian. The Russians are discriminated against, refused medical and other services.

Q. Why not let the Lithuanians have their independence?

A. They are an important part of the overall Union. We have major military basis, including nuclear weapons, located there. We must protect the security of the non-Lithuanian residents of the area.

Q. What need is there for nuclear weapons in that area. Take them out and withdraw the Red Army as well. As for the non-Lithuanian residents, Stalin imported them; Gorbachev can export them. We recall that they were brought in by Stalin to replace those Lithuanians that he had exterminated or deported. If in 40 years they have not learned to assimilate or be good neighbors to the extent that they now fear for their safety; they should be relocated.

A. (Response missed).

Q. What is the link between the Gulf crisis and the Lithuanian events?

A. There is no link. This is a product of Lithuanian Nationalist propaganda.

ALELIUJA!

Krauju savu, kančia

Ir ašara karčia

Tu laisvėsavo atpirkai,

Kur laukė jos vaikų vaikai!...

Trispalvė vėliava

Paskelbė, kad Laisva

Mūs Lietuva!

Atplėšta jau lenta

Nuo grabo ir šventa

Tėvynė bunda iš mirties

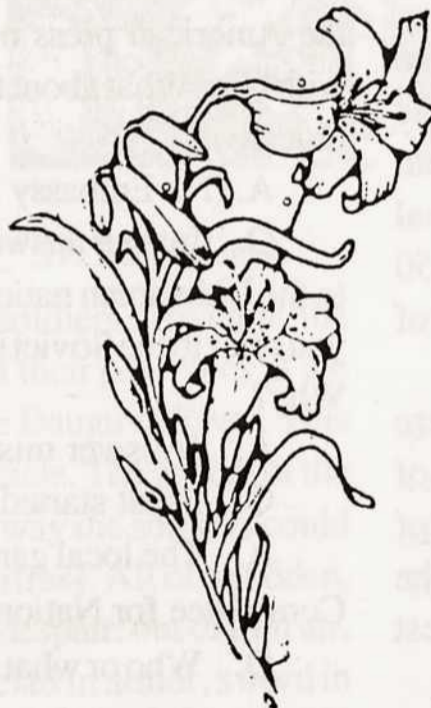
Pilna gyvybės ir vilties!

Per amžius prispausta

Jau kėlėsi tauta

Mūs Lietuva!

Leonard Šimutis
Ilgesio Valandėlės



KNOW YOUR MONEY

Penny - 1 cent

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Silver Dollar, \$1.00 coin

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ALELIUJA

Bažnyčioj gieda "Aleliuja";

Bet aš tyliu, širdy skaudu:

Čia žemėj ašaros, žudynės,-

Tai balsas giesmės velykinės

Tarytum tyčiojas skundu.

Bažnyčiose Velykas švenčia

Pasaulis mūsų pažangus,

O brolis brolio neapkenčia!

Ir taip pažemintas žmogus!

Kad Kristus šiandien iškilmingą

Išgirstų "Aleliuja" čia,

Jisai prieš minią nuodėmingą

Pravirtų ašara karčia.

Maironis

K OF L CHOIR IN CHICAGO CELEBRATE THEIR 75th

On January 12, K of L Choir 75th celebration filled the Šaulių Hall in Chicago with members and their guests. The choir, under direction of Faustas Strolia, sang Lithuanian songs with continuous applauding for encores. When the musical program was completed, Pres. Estelle Rogers introduced Eleanore Laurin who cited the history of this choir which was formed in 1916. One of the founders was Leonard Šimutis, Sr. who was also Editor of Draugas. The choir continued for many years under his direction singing songs of our homeland, thereby encouraging youth to join. When choir director Leonard Šimutis found it necessary to relinquish his duties, the choir remained at a standstill. However, under the incentive of Estelle Rogers, some thirty years ago, the choir was revitalized with the help of Eleanor Laurin and many other members. The biggest problem facing them was to find a new choir director.

A young musician, Faustas Strolia, had just arrived to the United States from Germany. He undertook the job as choir director and after only practicing for 2 months, the choir performed at the K of L Mid Central District convention.

Estelle Rogers then presented the following choir veterans with a gift: Raymond Samoška and Theresa Strolia who sang with the choir for 30 years; Albert Matulis, 28 years; Joseph Juška, 25 years and also to Fausta Strolia who was director for 30 years. Not forgotten were the past choir presidents: J. Aukščiūnas, V. Palilionis and Sabina Henson.

Faustas Strolia extended a word of thanks to Estelle Rogers for being president for many years, choir accompanist Robert Mockus and all the choir members and supporters who so diligently helped to continue the name of the Knights of Lithuania choir in the forefront.

After a warm and hearty dinner, the attendees were delighted with the sing along Lithuanian songs led by Faustas Strolia on his accordion.

It was truly a diamond event to be long remembered and may the choir reach their 100th Anniversary being as strong and capable as they were with their 75th anniversary. Tegul Vyčių choras gyvuoja dar ilgus metus!

a Joyous

Easter

Good Heavens! Nuns in Convent Beat the Devil Out of Burglar

A brazen burglar got the shock of his life when he broke into a quiet convent — a half-dozen nuns beat the hell out of him!

The scrappy sisters sent 210-lb. Angel Vasquez, 24, to the hospital with loosened teeth, cuts and bruises on his face. "He got more than he bargained for, that's for sure," said the Sgt. of the Police Dept. "when he broke into the convent, he broke into the wrong place". The fallen Angel is now in jail.

His painful run-in with the no-nonsense nuns took place early in the morning when he decided to burglarize St. Paul's Convent. Sister K. Halpin, said, "It was 3 a.m. when I heard a noise at the back door, followed by the splintering of glass. I instantly knew someone was breaking in. I immediately ran out into the hall and grabbed the phone. I dialed the police. I then yelled down the quiet hall to the other sisters. 'Come out! Come out! Someone is breaking in'. I was speaking with the police when suddenly the burglar came into the lighted hall and yelled, "Drop the phone and drop on the floor!" I gripped the phone tightly. He ran over to me and punched me hard on my nose. "Was I scared? No, all that was going through my mind was: "This man is not going to get away with whatever he has in mind."

Five other sisters came pouring out of their rooms. "Two of them pinned his arms and others started punching him anywhere they could — on the body and in the face."

Firmly believing that God helps those who help themselves, the nuns kept bashing the burglar and finally pinned him against a wall. But with a mighty shove, he broke free and sent another nun crashing to the floor. Fortunately, that sister was not hurt. However, he ran out of the convent but it was too late — he ran straight into the arms of the police.

"What was he after? We shudder to think. We nuns have no valuables to speak of I don't think he'll come back?"

James McCandlish



*May Easter Day and the days to come
Hold much happiness and many Blessings to our VYTIS readers.*

National Executive Board and VYTIS Staff

LETTERS

On the Back Burner

With the Iraqi situation foremost in our minds, the plight of the Baltic states is understandably on a back burner. Perhaps the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize is counting on this as he sends Soviet troops into the republics. Less than a year has passed since their brave declarations of independence, falling for the most part on deaf ears. A pensioner of my acquaintance in Vilnius wrote asking me why the United States did not give moral support in this instance of the "lion playing with the mouse." Sadly, I could not answer. "Freedom for the Baltic states" rings in my ears, but the tragedy in Kuwait occupies the media. Will these unfortunate republics ever breathe free?

KAY A. YANKOSKI
Washington C-142

Not Too Much Lithuanian, Please!

I would like to mention how glad I am that VYTIS has more articles in English in its publication, rather than Lithuanian. While it is important that we maintain the Lithuanian language, it also is necessary to keep alive the Lithuanian spirit, especially the younger generation who do not read Lithuanian. It is sad but true that the majority of Lithuanian-Americans do not or cannot read the language. Most of our Lithuanian publications, i.e., Darbininkas and Draugas, do not have an English section and, as a result, offer little to this "majority". If we are to keep the Lithuanian heritage strong in future years, we will need more publications such as VYTIS.

Please keep up the good work by making VYTIS a magazine that I anxiously look forward to receive each month.

NORBERT BALCIUNAS
Houston, TX

Renewed Brutality

To the Commercial Appeal:

Yes, my heart breaks for Kuwait and the savage tyranny imposed on it by Saddam Hussein since Aug. 2, 1990. But how about an act even more brutal and illegal that has been re-enacted by the criminal Soviet Union on Jan. 12 in Lithuania, but begun with the criminal Hitler-Stalin pact of 1939-1940?

I urge Mayor Hackett to cancel the "Catherine the Great" Expo scheduled for Memphis. Let us show as a city that barbarism is neither appeased nor tolerated by our city fathers nor its population. Let us be a caring city with a world conscience. Let us pray for our servicemen, Kuwait and the Baltic states. Let us never forget: If there is to be a "new world order", it must be an order without tyranny.

J. E. STAPLETON
Memphis

Lithuania is under Soviet Union's Gun

The news that we are reading and watching has been most disturbing and has many of us extremely confused. Our hearts go out to the families of the Americans stationed in Saudi Arabia, as many folks feel they shouldn't even be there. All eyes are on Saddam Hussein while the Russian Bear is on the prowl. Where's George?

Hey, the Nobel Peace Prize winner is packing a tank and shooting up Vilnius! Listen to George telling Saddam to get out of Kuwait, but ignore Gorbachev while he abuses the peace loving people of Lithuania. We of Lithuanian heritage have been writing letters to Washington begging for help for our people in Europe. Now George knows how it feels to have his letter ignored!

Feb. 16 is the anniversary of independence - usually celebrated locally. It may be a time of more prayer for the Baltic countries.

IRENE TICE

Pres. C-100 Amsterdam

Honor Russia Later

To the Commercial Appeal:

It was quite amusing to read in today's The Commercial Appeal of the elitist local Memphis in May committee to unilaterally decide to honor the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in 1993.

What makes them so sure there will even be a "Soviet Union" in 1993? If there is one simple fact of 20th Century history they apparently have failed to learn, it is that this century has not been kind to empires, and this last one is in its death throes. It would be much more practical to honor the courageous, freedom-loving and long-suffering Republic of Lithuania.

But they should not despair, before the decade is out there will be ample time to invite the Republic of Russia. By then the dust will have settled and President Solzhenitsyn and opposition leader Yeltsin (or some similar personalities) should be in the mood for a good party, as long as it isn't Communist!

J. E. STAPLETON
Memphis



CAMP DAINAVA

Camp Dainava is a Lithuanian Youth Camp located in Manchester, MI, within the triangle formed by major cities. It is 60 miles west of Detroit, 170 miles northwest of Cleveland and 220 miles east of Chicago. The camp covers a hilly area of 228 acres of mature and newly planted trees. It has a natural inland lake of ten acres for swimming, sports areas surfaced with asphalt, and several buildings with meeting and conference rooms and dormitory-style sleeping quarters. There are 200 beds for summer and 80 beds in a heated house for winter camping. Over 1000 young people from the United States and Canada pass through the camp in the course of one year. Study seminars, conventions and retreats are held here.

The camp was founded and built through the initiative of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America in 1955. The deed of acquisition was signed by Dr. Adolfas Damušis, president of the Federation and founder and main builder of the camp and by the Rev. Dr. Antanas Juška, secretary of the Federation. A special organization was formed under the title of Lithuanian American Roman Catholic Federation Youth Camp, Inc. for the purpose of managing and maintaining the camp and was incorporated in the State of Michigan. Private individuals and organizations of the Lithuanian community have donated funds in excess of \$200,000. Most of the supervisory work in building and maintaining the camp was accomplished through volunteer and unpaid help. Among the honorary sponsors of the camp are Eugenija Baltrunas from New York, Jurgis & Ona Vaskevicius and Alfonsas Petrulis from Detroit. Now the camp is valued at more than \$250,000.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception supervise camping during the summer season. Youth groups bring their own counselors, instructors and lecturers.



A wayside shrine at Camp Dainava, Michigan

MOVING? Ask your mail carrier for a change of address Form 3578 or notify the Editor by letter. Allow eight weeks for change.

Extra copies of VYTIS are available, while supply lasts, at \$2.00 each copy. Write the editor.

Have you circled your calendar for August 1-4, 1991? We expect to see you at Trade Winds in St. Petersburg Beach, FL. Further details will be published in VYTIS.

If your membership dues are not received in National Financial Secretary's office by March 30th, your VYTIS will be cancelled beginning with May 1991 issue.

IMMORTALITY

I'll always be remembered
Wherever I may roam,
My presence will be noted,
My whereabouts be known.
I'll never be abandoned,
Deserted or dismissed.
My name will live forever —
I'm on a mailing list!

Lithuanians in the News

New Lithuanian Attorney

Christine Kirla, member of C-50 New Haven, CT has been added to the staff of a law office in Waterbury, CT. She is a 1989 Awards graduate of the University of Bridgeport School of Law and a 1986 graduate of Fairfield University with a B.A. in English Writing and Communications. While attending law school, Christine was a recipient of the Superior Classroom Performance Award and the American Jurisprudence Award.

Attorney Kirla's special areas of concentration are personal injury litigation, worker's compensation, real estate and family law. We wish Christine the best of luck in her new vocation.

AIDS From a Healer, Scorn from Others

The disbelief that lingers among strangers, even yet, stings Lithuanian Kimberly Bergalis from Stuart, FL almost as much as the disease. At the age of 21 she was faced with a diagnosis of AIDS. A fatal illness, it was difficult enough for her to deal with the stress of having a terminal illness but dealing with people and organizations that didn't believe her was devastating. The public wanted to believe she was using IV drugs or sleeping around.

No one seemed to believe what now seems to be confirmed: that Kimberly was infected not by a lover or a dirty hypodermic

needle or a transfusion of tainted blood, but by her dentist during a tooth extraction. Now, because she finally has been believed, she has in addition to a death sentence a \$1 million check and a measure of fame.

An emotional letter from the dentist, David J. Acer, was printed just after his death by the local newspaper, which began, "I am David J. Acer and I have AIDS." In his letter, he recommended that his patients be tested for AIDS." Now, because she finally has been believed, she has in addition to a death sentence a \$1 million check and a measure of fame.

The disease centers confirmed that two other patients were probably infected by him. Within a month of her 1987 tooth extraction, Miss Bergalis said that bumps broke out on her face and she began to suffer from a sore throat. These symptoms disappeared until late 1989 as she was about to graduate from the University of Florida. A parade of infections followed — sore throats, weakness, coughing, white patches in her mouth. With her hectic schedule, she thought she was "stressed out".

When she saw her family doctor, he asked, "Are you diabetic? Are you on antibiotics?" The answer each time was "No". She became upset about the deterioration of her health, the weight loss and the falling out of her hair. She saw many doctors and their diagnosis were hepatitis, flu, bone-marrow cancer, hysteria, diabetes. She was eventually hospitalized with a life-threatening pneumonia, typical of AIDS patients. The tests for HIV infection were positive.

Miss Bergalis has no job, except that of spokeswoman for her cause: getting Federal and state requirements that HIV-infected health professionals cease invasive procedures, or make their infections known. Between bouts of fever, she talks to reporters and occasionally flies off to be on television programs, but she dreams of other travel: "There are a lot of different places I've never been like Lithuania, Hawaii, Italy, Spain, Australia. I'd love to take a cruise around Greece."

Our prayers are with this young, beautiful and innocent Lithuanian Catholic lady.

Lithuanian Priest answers (casting) call in film

Actors Richard Dreyfuss and Holly Hunter may be the stars of the movie "Once Around" but a Massachusetts priest who has a cameo role in the film has become the movie's box office draw in his community.

(Cont'd)



Susan Greenwood for The New York Times

Kimberly Bergalis who contacted AIDS from her dentist

Lithuanians in the News (Cont'd)

Rev. William Wolkovich, pastor of St. George's Parish in Norwood, MA played a priest in the movie. Filmed in Boston, New Hampshire and North Carolina, the movie is about the marriage of a Lithuanian-American and an Italian-American and the reactions of their families.

One of the scenes called for a baptism and Fr. Wolkovich performed the ceremony for the movie at Roxbury's Mission Church in Boston. He was chosen for the film because the script called for a Lithuanian-speaking priest. The director of the film left it up to Father to provide the baby in the film with a name. He stated he chose Marija-Birute. Marija was to honor the Blessed Mother and Birute is an original Lithuanian name which has no actual English equivalent. Father also advised Richard Dreyfuss on a scene that called for his character to sing in Lithuanian.

Father said he was happy to see the Lithuanian aspects incorporated into the movie. One of the priest's friends told him that "as far as he knew, this was the first major Hollywood movie to feature a Lithuanian expression". When he was being congratulated by a parishioner on landing a "bit part" in the movie, he corrected the parishioner by saying "landing a 'cameo role' sounded much better".



Rev. William Wolkovich, of Norwood, MA has a part in 'Once Around'.

THE SHAMROCK



The Shamrock has served as a symbol of the Blessed Trinity ever since St. Patrick used the simple plant to explain this wondrous mystery of faith. There are three persons in one God, just as there are three leaves on the single Shamrock stem.

This symbol of faith has also been a symbol of the Irish missionary spirit for over 1500 years.



IRISH BLESSING

May there always be work for your hands to do.
 May your purse always hold a coin or two.
 May the sun always shine on your window pane.
 May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
 May the hand of a friend always be near you.



Lithuanian Kitchen

Lietuviška Virtuvė

FILLED TURNOVERS - Pyragaičiai

1 cup cooked leftover meat 1 egg
 1 cup cooked mushrooms Salt, pepper to
 1-2 tsp. bread crumbs taste
 1 pkg. refrigerator crescent rolls
 Grind or coarsely blenderize meat, mushroom, bread crumbs, egg and seasoning. Use mixture to fill refrigerator crescent rolls. Bake according to package direction.

LITHUANIAN SAUSAGE - Dešros

10 lbs. coarsely ground pork 1 onion (optional)
 1/2 cup salt 1 cup water or more as
 2 garlic cloves crushed needed
 1 can mustard seed Black pepper, to taste
 2 tbsp. Kolyties (Lithuanian seasoning)
 Place meat in large enamel pot. Add all ingredients. Mix well. Cover pot and allow to stand 4 hrs. or overnight in refrigerator to blend ingredients. Wash casings thoroughly and stuff meat into casings. Cook sausage in water for about one hour; then either pan fry over low heat or roast in oven to brown.

Bronė Wisniauskas, C-10

MARINATED MUSHROOMS

Grybų Vinigretas

2 lbs. small, cleaned mushrooms	MARINADE:
2 Tbsp. lemon juice	3/4 cup white vinegar
1 tsp. salt	2/3 cup liquid from cooked mushrooms
6 cups boiling water	7 crushed black peppers
1 onion sliced	1 bay leaf
1 clove garlic, chopped	1 tsp. sugar
	2-3 Tbsp. olive oil

Bring water to boil; add salt, lemon juice and mushrooms. Simmer 5 mins.; drain well and save drained liquid. Bring 2/3 cup of drained liquid back to a boil and add the marinade ingredients, except oil. Lower heat and simmer 5 mins. Cool. In a large jar, alternate layers of mushrooms, onion slices and garlic. Pour cooled marinade over contents of jar. Pour the oil over the top and do not mix. Cover. Keep refrigerated. Serve the following day.



COTTAGE CHEESE POTATO PUDDING

Varškė ir Bulvių Kugelis

1 lb. cottage cheese, sieved	4 Tbs margarine or butter
2 lbs. potatoes	1 medium onion (optional)
3 eggs, beaten	salt, pepper to taste.
3 Tbsp. flour	
1/2 cup milk or sweet cream	

Heat milk or cream. Peel and finely grate potatoes into milk. Add cottage cheese, eggs, flour, salt and pepper. Fry chopped onion in butter and add to above mixture. Mix well and pour into buttered casserole. Bake at 400° for 15 mins.; reduce heat to 375° and bake for 30 mins. or more until golden brown. Serve with sour cream. Serves 6 - 8.

Bronė Wisniauskas, C-10

LITHUANIAN CRULLERS - Ausukės

2-1/2 cup flour	1 Tbsp. sugar
Sift above ingredients in a bowl. Add:	
6 egg yolks	1 Tbsp. whiskey
1 cup sour cream	1 Tbsp. vanilla
1 Tbsp. vinegar	

Knead well, adding more flour as necessary until mixture is no longer sticky. Divide dough in half. Dust pastry cloth and rolling pin sleeve heavily with flour. Roll paper thin. Cut into desired lengths, place slit in center and pull one end through to make a twist. Fry in heated cooking oil, turning once until delicately browned. Dust with confectioners sugar.

Bronė Wisniauskas, C-10

GREEN LEAF SOUP - Lapienė

3/4 cup quick cooking barley	1 bunch, washed, cut up leafy greens (spinach, turnip, beet greens, kale, or swiss chard)
4 slices bacon, chopped fine	
1 onion, chopped	
3 qts. water OR beef/chicken broth	
2 potatoes, sliced thinly	

In large saucepan, fry chopped bacon until crisp. Add onion and sautee lightly. Add barley and stir over heat until all is well mixed. Pour in water or broth. Bring to a boil and skim foam from top. Cook until barley is almost done (15-20 mins.) and add potatoes, leafy greens and season to taste. Cook until barley and vegetables are done. Garnish with dollop of sour cream when serving.

**CALLING ALL
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
JUNIORS AND YOUTH**

The 7th annual Lithuanian Youth Congress will be held in South America (Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil) from DECEMBER 18, 1991 to JANUARY 8, 1992.

The Lithuanian Youth Congress will afford an opportunity for young Lithuanian adults to make new acquaintances within the Lithuanian world community and to share ideas and experiences. Many countries will be represented, i.e., Argentina, Venezuela, West Germany, Canada and the United States.

Therefore, the Knights of Lithuania organization would like to sponsor two (2) youths who are active in the Knights of Lithuania. Consideration will be given to members 18 to 30 years of age who have the ability to understand and speak Lithuanian. In order to apply, one must write an essay entitled, "What Activities I have been Involved in the Knights of Lithuania Organization".

The essay with a snapshot of the entrant, indicating name, address and age on the reverse side of the picture is to be forwarded as soon as possible to:

Sabina Henson, 3rd Vice President
Knights of Lithuania
45 Windsor Drive
Oak Brook, IL 60521



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mary Kincius, 2nd Vice President

Each year the National Executive Board under the leadership of the 2nd vice president conduct a Membership Drive beginning January 1 and ending June 30. Our mission is to grow nationally and by pooling our efforts together, we can gain this goal by increasing our numbers. For many people, the hardest part of any project is simply getting started. Put your thoughts on paper, encourage yourself to work in new and different directions. Try the high school level of young people and also in youth groups. Get them to join an organization with motto of "God and Country".

The National Executive Board is offering a new incentive to help stimulate growth in membership. Following monetary awards will be made at the National Convention to be held August 1 - 4, 1991 in St. Petersburg Beach, FL:

1st prize - \$50.00

2nd prize - \$25.00

3rd prize - \$25.00

The above awards will be made to individuals. However, a \$50.00 award will be made to the council attaining the largest new member status. Dropouts for the year will be taken out of the total accumulated for the council.

We would also like to see more new councils formed. If you have a lead name or a person outside of your State, contact the 2nd vice president who will attempt to finalize the contact.

Membership dues for a married couple is \$15.00 for the first year and \$10.00 thereafter. Dues for an individual member is \$10.00 for the first year and each year thereafter. Not only will you be a member of a council but will also receive the monthly Knights of Lithuania magazine VYTIS. Please contact another K of L member and become a member yourself. Let's make it a banner year.

American Teachers for Lithuanian Schools

A new organization has been formed to provide direct American support for Lithuania's education ministry. The new group, which has been dubbed the American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education, or A.P.P.L.E for short, is open to everyone interested in educational issues and advances in Eastern Europe. There is an extra emphasis on recruiting new members who have professional skills in education or education administration that can be shared or taught to colleagues in Lithuania.

A.P.P.L.E. is working on a joint project with Darius Kuolys, Lithuania's Minister of Culture and Education,

called "American Teachers for Lithuanian Schools," and maintains close ties with the Education Council of the Lithuanian-American Community. A newsletter has been published which provides more details on A.P.P.L.E.'s mission and what has been achieved thus far. A free copy, together with a membership application, may be obtained by writing to:

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Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia

C-3 PHILADELPHIA, PA

Newly elected officers for C-3 are: Victor Stepalovitch, pres.; Diane Drumstas, vice pres.; Ausra Maknys, rec. sec.; Agnes Mickunas, fin. sec.; Walter Svekla, treas.; Joseph Drumstas, Margaret Petronis, trustees. Rev. Eugene Wassel will serve as spiritual advisor. Committees are: ritual - Irene Ozalis, Lillian Greymas, Irene Svekla; Lithuanian Affairs - Anastasia Binkus; Sunshine lady - Nellie Pandza. Vytis correspondent is Victor Stepalovitch.

A successful bus trip with 48 members aboard was made to the Trump Plaza Hotel in Atlantic City to attend Ann Jillian's concert on Oct. 28. Ann Jillian was celebrating her 30th year in show business. All of the members enjoyed her performance. We presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a teddy bear with "Labas" on a handmade sweater.

The sixth annual Kucios was again a big success. This year's affair was very special to honor Helen Shields, one of our outstanding members who passed away in November. C-3 was deeply saddened by her sudden death. Helen was special with new members because she would help them in every way possible to appreciate their Lithuanian heritage, to participate in all council activities and to become a good Knight. She is greatly missed. May she rest in peace!

Another jolt came to C-3 when young John Drumstas died at the age of 18. He was the son of Joseph & Diane, two long time active members of C-3. John had a two year battle with cancer which took his life late in November. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his parents and family members.

Members attended Mass at St.

Andrew's Church in observance of Lithuanian Independence Day and later joined in the festivities at the Lithuanian Music Hall.

St. Casimir's Day was celebrated at St. Casimir's Church. Breakfast was served immediately after Mass. Monthly meeting followed. First degree was awarded to Julie Kowrak and second degree to Ausra Maknys. On March 11, Nellie Pandza received her Third degree at the Amber District meeting hosted by C-144 at Our Lady of Siluva in Maizeville. Congratulations to all degree recipients!

Victor

C-7 WATERBURY, CT

C-7 had elections of officers for 1991 as follows: Anne Cheplick, pres.; Ed Bebrin, vice pres.; Janina Nawarskas, rec. sec.; Alma Torre, fin. sec. and Rev. F. Karvelis, spiritual advisor. We wish them all the best for the coming year and pledge our cooperation. Congratulations!

Our annual Christmas party was held in Dec. Chairlady for this successful event was Dolores Jonaitis. Her committee consisted of Anne Cheplick, Alma Torre, Elinor Arnauskas and Doris Blinstrubas. The night started with luscious cocktail snacks followed by mouth-watering chicken, ham and kugel. After dinner, Joan Shukaitis conducted a raffle which everyone enjoyed. All who attended had a great time with time to mingle with those

you had not seen in some time. Many thanks to the ladies who made this an enjoyable event during the holiday season.

Victoria Silliman is vacationing in Lithuania. She expects to do some sightseeing and visiting with friends and relatives.

C-7 bowling team is doing very well. They started their second half of bowling for this season. Good luck!

Virginia Kosa

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

C-12's regular meeting took place on Jan. 6 after Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church. In absence of Fr. Sawicki, who was vacationing in Florida, Rev. Maurice celebrated the Holy Mass. Due to the holidays and sickness, the meeting was attended by fewer members than usual. During our pot luck dinner after the meeting, a surprise visit was made by Rev. Pugavicius and Dr. Sigitas Dumcius, a pediatrician from Lithuania. He is visiting the U.S. in his quest to learn new techniques in hospital administration as well as obtaining medical supplies. He spoke in English



Sigitas Dumcius, pediatrician from Lithuania visiting with K of L members, Ed Senken and Father Pugevičius. in New York.



C-12 members in front of Our Lady of Vilna Lithuanian Church after a social gathering in New York City.

and answered many questions applied to him.

On the sick list, member John Antanavicius had surgery and is mending nicely. We also wish complete recovery to Julia Gomez, Connie Siatsis and Mary York.

Our annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast was held on March 3 with many members and guest

attending at our parish church and hall.

Congratulations to Ed & Irene Senken on the birth of their first grandchild, Brooke Alexandre. *IDS*

C-24 CHICAGO, IL

Frank Jurgaitis has in his possession the famous Lithuanian Windsock and, especially at this time, let it be known who the Lithuanians are.

Contact Frank at 5553 S. Moody, Chicago, IL 60638 or phone (312) 767-8952. The price is still \$10.00 each Windsock; however, quantity price is lower.

A Memorial Mass was concelebrated for past president John Paukstis at the Marian Chapel by Rev. Peter Cibulskis in Nov. Members from C-5, 6, 36 plus 6 Juniors attended with a total of 38 K of L's. Bruce Neberieza related the many accomplishments of John at the conclusion of the Mass. A brunch was served afterwards.

Our council Christmas party was held at a Lithuanian restaurant in Dec. Ausra Padalino was hostess. We all enjoyed a Lithuanian dinner and were entertained with talent by Juniors of the Padalino and Neberieza families.

The Padalino family spent the Christmas holidays in sunny Mexico and Clare O'Dea had a happy time on a cruise. Irene Aizinas was in Cali, Columbia to celebrate the wedding of her granddaughter.

C-24 members attended C-36's nostalgic 75th anniversary and also the K of L Choir Dinner Dance.

At our Jan. meeting, Fr. Peter Cibulskis related that visiting priests and friends celebrated the feast of Blessed Archbishop George Matulaitis that day. Rev. Anthony Svedas of the Marian Order is visiting from Rosario, Argentina. Father stated he has a "soup kitchen" for the many hungry children whose only meal is served by Fr. Svedas. C-24 made a donation for the soup kitchen. Should any one wish to help this worthy cause, donations will be gratefully accepted by sending same to Rev. Peter Cibulskis, MIC, Draugas, 4545 West 63rd St., Chicago, IL 60629 who will forward it to Fr. Svedas. There are many Lithuanians who are among these poor families.

C-24's new officers for 1991 are: Pres., Stanley Mankus; vice presidents, Frank Jurgaitis, Bruce Neberieza and Ausra Padalino; treas. Clare O'Dea; rec. sec. Nijole Butts; fin. sec. Josephine Mankus; corres. sec. Loretta Simon; Spiritual Advisor Rev. Peter Cibulskis. Thanks to Olga Eastman and Irene Murdock for the goodies at our meetings.

We are all looking forward to the National Convention in Florida. Prayers for Lithuania and the war in the Persian



Ronald Padalino of C-24 Chicago Juniors entertaining members at Christmas.

her time in Florida for the month of March. So....."Linksmų Velykų" to all and a welcomed springtime also.

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C-46 FOREST CITY, PA

1990 was a busy year for C-46 of Forest City. Our annual flag-raising ceremony in observance of Lithuanian Independence Day was held on the grounds of St. Anthony's Church. We also celebrated St. Casimir's Day with Mass at St. Anthony's Church followed by breakfast.

C-46 conducted a lottery which supports our own Scholarship Fund. Bart Yavorski was the scholarship recipient during spring of 1990.

A large group of our members and guests enjoyed a summer picnic in August at Kennedy Park in Forest City. An enjoyable time was had by all with an abundance of good food.

Council members arranged a Kučios in Dec. at a local restaurant. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Joseph Sitko and his mother were honored guests.

Current officers elected are: Michael Yavorski, pres.; Frank Cyzeski, Jr., sec.; Robert Trusky, treas.; Frances Yavorski, ritual; Stasia Wallace, sunshine; John Gudaitis, Albert Kazakevich, Edward Yestakalas, trustees; Josephine O'Peka, Vytis correspondent.

We continue to offer our prayers for Lithuania and all the people of the Baltic countries.

Josephine

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Newly elected officers of C-63 for the 1991 term are as follows: Jane Lutick, pres.; Adele Keraga, vice pres.; Jeanette Klizas, rec. sec.; Walter Balchunas, treas.; Lenke Ulba, fin. sec.; Valerie Smickle, Jacob Zansitis, trustees.

There are several newcomers to the officer posts this term which speaks well for our council. It indicates the

membership is interested enough to participate in council affairs beyond social gatherings. There is an awareness that the energy spent criticizing would be better spent in serving. Our congratulations to the new board.

Member Anne Wonsock is at home recuperating from a recent operation. With husband George assisting at home, we hope and pray for her full recovery. Anne served as financial secretary during a difficult period when council was trying to determine which members were entitled to degrees. Her efforts contributed substantially to resolving the problem. Get well soon, Anne. We all miss you.

Our annual Kučios portrayal took place in Dec. in St. Michael's Church Hall in Easton following the morning Mass. The Kučios committee was chaired by Evelyn Harryn with assistance of Lenke Ulba, Jay Klizas and Valerie Smickle. These gals did a bang up job with their decorations, traditional menu and program, Adolph Klova served as narrator, explaining the meaning of the empty place setting at the table, the significance of the courses served and an outline of the customs traditionally observed on Christmas Eve in Lithuania. It was a candlelight affair followed by everyone singing Lithuanian and English Christmas carols.

Under the guidance of pres. Jane Lutick and Lithuanian Affairs chairman Albert Klizas, a collection of clothing, shoes and rosaries was made and forwarded to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid for inclusion in a consolidated shipment to Lithuania. Our thanks to all participants and donors.

In closing, congratulations for a beautiful December issue of VYTIS. The magazine is now a professional piece of work. We enjoy reading it immensely!

Joseph F. Ogint

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

C-74 held their annual Kučios with Della Zvirblis and Martha Brack as chairladies. An energetic committee was in charge of prizes, decorations, refreshments, chances and program. Msgr. Peter Madus said grace. Community singing was led by Sister Virginia Vytell.

The following officers were installed: Helen Cravath, pres.; John Ramoska, vice pres.; Edward Romanauskas, treas.; Mary Costello, rec. sec.; Martha Brack, fin. sec.; Jerry Costello, Leo Zewicki, Ann Dudewicz, trustees; Ann Huffstutler, sgt. at arms. Committee chairs: Jean Kavelinas, cultural; Marie Laske, ritual; Casimir Yanish, Lithuanian Affairs; Dick Laske, publicity; Rose Stanches, hospitality. Spiritual advisor, Msgr. Madus.

In Jan., Mary Costello hosted our covered dish dinner. She was assisted by her sister Lee Bozenko. Council members also attended the ninth annual Respect for Life Prayer Breakfast of Pennsylvania at St. Mary's Center. Cardinal John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York and former Bishop of Scranton, was the main speaker.

Thanks to Rose Stanches, our cheer person, for her devoted service in sending get well cards and sympathy remembrances.

We are happy to have John Romaska, Richard Laske and Casimir Yanish who planned the flag raising ceremony for the commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.

We also thank Rose Stanches and Patsy Sims for planning our St. Casimir's communion breakfast.

We miss Ann Lesowski, one of our pillars, who is on the sick list.

Marie Laske

C-96 DAYTON, OH

The annual Ladies Christmas Dinner was held at Anticoli's Restaurant with

was held at Anticoli's Restaurant with 28 ladies in attendance. Special thanks are extended to Frances & Elena Mikalauskas for the evening's activities. A special handmade wooden gift was made by George Mikalauskas and given to all who attended. Many participated in the gift exchange with holiday items being the main attraction.

The annual Christmas caroling was a great success this year. We sang and delivered beautiful poinsettias to 20 people. It was great to have 31 Knights participate in this holiday event. Following the caroling we dined together in the church hall and sang more Christmas songs. A big "ačiū" to the following volunteers: Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, Irena Gecas, Elena Mikalauskas and Fran Petkus.

Mary Agnes

C-100 JUNIORS AMSTERDAM, NY

The Junior Knights had four meetings last year and each one was very exciting. We also attended the Festival of Nations at the State Capitol in Albany. We represented the Lithuanians carrying a Lithuanian flag



Amsterdam Juniors at Festival of Nations

and dressed in Lithuanian costumes.

In Oct. we had a Halloween Party and the Nov. meeting was held at our counselor's home. A raffle was held to raise money to send the Juniors to Camp Neringa. Many members are looking forward to again attend the camp again this summer. We skipped the Dec. meeting and held our Jan. meeting on the 28. We attended the dinner celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day on Feb. 16.

Our Juniors were very busy writing letters to President Bush and other politicians regarding the situation in Lithuania. Replies were received from many of them. *Jessica Jasewicz*

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

Our Christmas party was held in Dec. at St. Casimir's Social Center. Pres. Irene Tice together with treas. Sophie Olbie co-chaired the event. Irene & Harold Tice, Vincent Rossi and Gerry Drenzek decorated the hall with a village Christmas scene. All ceramics were made by the Tices. The ingenuity of Gerry Drenzek was seen in the decorating of the Christmas tree. Walter & Sophie Malkowicz, Jennie & Bill Burimauskas also assisted.

We started with a Kučios table prepared by Bea Jasewicz, Ann Czerw, Helen Radzevich, Christine Tambasco, Polly Ziausys, Adeline Raila, Betty Kuzmich, Helen Zytkowski and others. Punch was served by Ann Beleckas and Jennie Burimauskas. Instead of grab bags, everyone brought food to be presented to the needy.

Vincent Rossi was master of ceremonies. Pres. Tice led us in the singing of "Silent Night" and then shared our

Christmas wafers and wished each other "Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų." Dinner followed. Entertainment was provided by Big Wally, nephew of Olga & Walter Wilkewicz.

Polly Ziausys advised the members that medical supplies have been donated by the Amsterdam Memorial Hospital for shipment to Lithuania. Through the efforts of Polly & Ed Ziausys, the supplies were delivered to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid offices in Brooklyn. Sigitas Dumcius, a pediatrician from Lithuania, visited Amsterdam and toured the Memorial Hospital in January. Discussion and comments were made by various members regarding the critical situation in Lithuania.

Lithuanian Independence Day was commemorated on Feb. 16. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Baltch. A special program and dinner followed in the Social Center. The Lithuanian Folk Music Quartet under the direction of Bronius Krokys of Philadelphia provided the entertainment. The group is keeping the old Lithuanian songs alive. The group included his daughter, Rasa, and Joseph & Bridget Kasinskas. Joseph Kasinskas is a third generation Lithuanian, a musician and an accomplished composer. At the conclusion of the celebration, dessert and coffee were served by Edna Stokna, Irene Tice, Stanley & Joan Rimkunas, Sadie Karbocius and Bea Jasewicz.

Smile & Sparkle Gobis

C-102 DETROIT, MI

Congratulations to all newly elected officers of the National Executive Board. Our delegates to the National Convention were: Donna & Frank Bunikas, Bob & Vince Boris, Gus Baibak and Joe & Eve Aukstakalnis-Stark. All came back with interesting reports, especially HM Bob Boris, Chairman of the World Medical



C-102 member Donna Bunikas with Ann Jillian in Detroit.

Relief. Bob Boris and Donna & Frank Bunikas helped sort the medicine recently at the warehouse in Detroit and will get more volunteers as time goes by. The delegates were also very enthusiastic about the socials at the convention.

In June, Donna Bunikas arranged for 18 tickets to our local television talk show that featured Ann Jillian for our council members. After each commercial, TV featured the LABAS JURATE banner prepared by Bob Boris and also the Lithuanian flag was shown. After the show, Ann Jillian met and kissed our members and led the Lithuanian National Anthem. Thanks, Donna, for a wonderful morning.

In Oct. our members joined Southfield C-79 in the District Pilgrimage. Very moving was the lighting of candles for deceased members. Donna Bunikas read the names and Maryanne Guerriero lit the candles. After Mass, a delicious meal was served.

In Sept. a corn roast and steak-out was enjoyed at the beautiful home of

Joe & Eve Aukstakalnis-Stark. Missing was our president, Gus Baibak, who was recuperating from surgery. Get well wishes are also extended to Lorri Hofner.

Terry & Ray Medonis celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Toronto, Canada to see "The Phantom of the Opera". Eve & Joe Aukstakalnis-Stark celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Caribbean cruise.

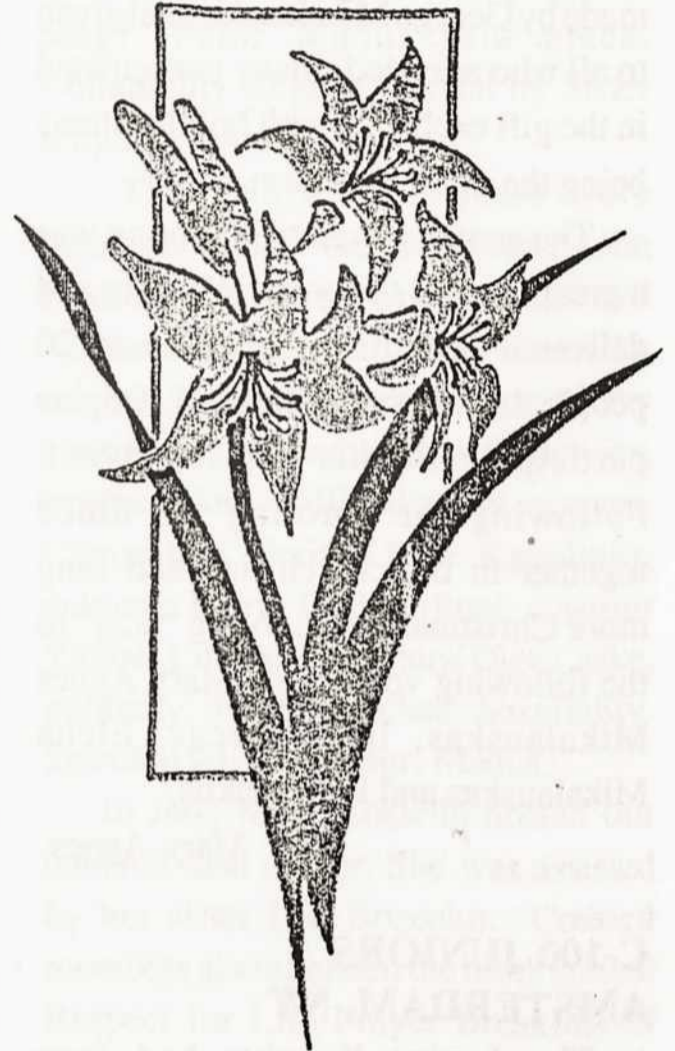
Joe & Maryanne Guerriero enjoyed a visit from her brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Isabel Peterson, along with their grandchildren, all members of

C-50 New Haven. Chris told us of the wonderful time she had at the National Convention joining the Juniors and looking forward to Florida.

Lithuanian National Anthem. Thanks, Donna, for a wonderful morning.

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Deepest sympathy is extended to C-79 on the death of their member Joe Yakstys. Joe was a former member of our bowling league. *Meriutė*



He is risen!



C-102 members at the TV Studio featuring Ann Jillian.

C-110 MASPETH, NY

C-110 Jan. meeting opened with prayer for the dedicated men and women in the Persian Gulf fighting to preserve the American democratic freedom. We also offered prayers for our sick members, Albina Mattina, Sophie Aukstakalnis, Annette Gnezevich and others. Special prayers were offered for our deceased members, Edward Schneider and Helen Dimone, and also for Anthony Stelmokas, brother of Joseph Stelmokas, who passed away in January. The very well known and popular Sister Rose Vera Levonas, died Jan. 21 after a long illness, was also remembered in our prayers.

All of our council members with heavy hearts, deeply saddened by the Soviet Union's force used in Lithuania vowed to work hard for the cessation of these terrible acts of violence. Over 100 members present at the meeting signed a petition which was mailed to Senators Al D'Amato and Patrick Moynihan and also to Pres. Bush at the White House. With the help of member Ann Morrissey, many called Washington and our Senators asking for the U.S. to exert pressure on the Soviet Union to stop this brutal behavior and grant Lithuania her freedom. Ann volunteered to be the chairlady for future demonstrations.

Iggi and Evelyn Waller, with a few other K of L members, joined the protest rally in Jan. in front of the Russian Embassy in New York, which was a huge success.

Amy Girdauskas, ritual chairlady, presented 2nd degree awards to Amelia Sable, Ann Linkonis and Maria Kapociunas. 1st degree was presented to Walter Fogelman. Amy also mentioned that the existing fund for St. Casimir's statue to be erected on the altar of Transfiguration Church will provide for almost 50% of the necessary cost to implement this project.

We welcome the following new

members: Joyce & Robert King, Gloria & Donald Beyer, Joseph & Eugenia Kazakauskas, Mary & Susan Kurylas and Dr. Steven Laukaitis. Jean Mactutis has transferred from C-109 Great Neck back to C-110 Maspeth.

A group of our members attended Lithuanian Independence Day ceremonies held at City Hall with Mayor Dinkins giving the proclamation.

Donations of \$100 each were approved to the National Scholarship Fund and the Bishop's Annual Appeal in our Diocese. *Bruno Rutkunas*

C-146 HARRISBURG, PA

Our annual Kučios was held in Dec. with 36 members and guests in attendance. Eileen West's son, Ted, told the Lithuanian Christmas story. We sang Christmas carols led by Joan Suders with her son, Danny, at the piano. Everyone brought a traditional Kučios meatless dish with many extras. A bountiful desert table was enjoyed by all.

After a trip to Florida visiting Clara's brother, Joe & Clara Gudelunas decided to move to Fort Pierce, in February. They will be sorely missed since they served this council very well. as president and vice president, respectively. At our last meeting, Lorraine Grabauskas was elected president and Eileen West accepted the vice presidency. Other members of the executive board are: Nell Berulis, sec.-treas.; Eleanor Rusatsky, sec.; Joan Suders, cultural; Frances Boyle, Lithuanian Affairs; Vitty Grabauskas, publicity; Rev. John Smith, spiritual advisor; Anthony Marazas and Gene Rusatsky, trustees; Helen Grabauskas, Vytis correspondent. We pray and hope that these dedicated people have a successful year.

We are very proud of our member Anthony Marazas who was installed as Eucharistic Minister for his parish, St.

Theresa in New Cumberland, last Oct. Michael Grabauskas is wished a full recovery and a healthy year ahead after his recent gall bladder surgery.

Helen Grabauskas

C-152 EASTERN LONG ISLAND, NY

January has witnessed a double blow to the prospects for an early restoration of freedom to the Baltic States. On one hand, there has been a very evident hardening of the Soviet attitude to independent efforts by the Baltic peoples and, at the same time, and most regrettably, the entire Western world has been agitated by events in the Persian Gulf. World attention has now been largely focused upon happenings in that area. From the Soviet viewpoint, therefore, the present moment in history must seem to offer a most propitious opportunity to squelch clamorings for Baltic independence with a minimum of objection to be expected from Western powers, especially the United States.

To counter this, it is obvious that interested individuals and organizations such as the Knights of Lithuania, must redouble their efforts to thwart Soviet efforts to use the present moment, while many persons of good will are distracted by events in the Gulf, to crush for the foreseeable future the legitimate yearnings of the Baltic States to regain their stolen national sovereignty.

Members of C-152, we are proud to note, acting on their own as concerned citizens, have been busy telephoning various political personages to express indignation at the sudden sinister hardening of Soviet responses to Baltic independence efforts. We are requesting that our government re-examine any proposed liberalization of U.S. policies regarding the Soviet Union.

In our monthly "newsletter" to council members, our Knights are

being urged to exert strenuous efforts to write to their representatives, both national and local; to express indignation at current Soviet menacings in the Baltic and to remind these political personages that our country has obligations to promote justice in other areas of the world besides the Middle East. It has become increasingly evident over these first weeks of this New Year that Lithuania is standing at the dawn of regaining its lost freedom; if anything,

its prospects have grown worse. This is surely the time when all of our Knights must concentrate less on social and cultural aspects of our organization and devote their full attention to political matters affecting the future of the Baltic States.

Finally, the prayers of our readers are asked for the repose of the soul of Nellie Mikalauskas, who departed on Jan. 3; for Nellie Sarkus, who is recovering from surgery; and for our ill fellow Knight, Tony Zambuto.

Tom Tarmey

IN MEMORIAM

MARY JANAVICIUS
C-16 Chicago, IL
† December 15, 1988

ED SCHNEIDER
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† October 10, 1990

JOSEPHINE WOLKOWSKI
C-141 Bridgeport, CT
† November 1, 1990

PETER STADOLNICK
C-50 New Haven, CT
† December 18, 1990

MARY PAPEIKA
C-50 New Haven, CT
† December 25, 1990

CECELIA K. BERLIN
C-139 Detroit, MI
† January 17, 1991

VINCAS URBONAS
C-16 Chicago, IL
† January 19, 1991

HELEN DIMONE
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† January 26, 1991

VICTOR GALGOT
C-7 Waterbury, CT
† January 28, 1991

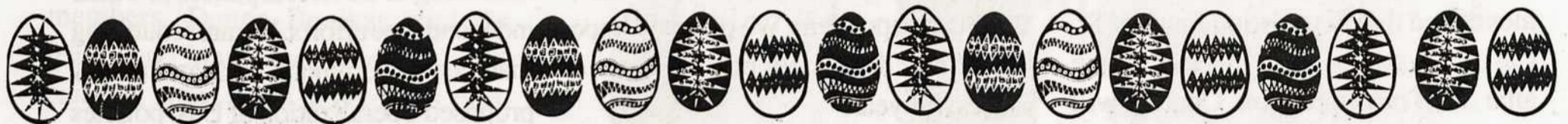
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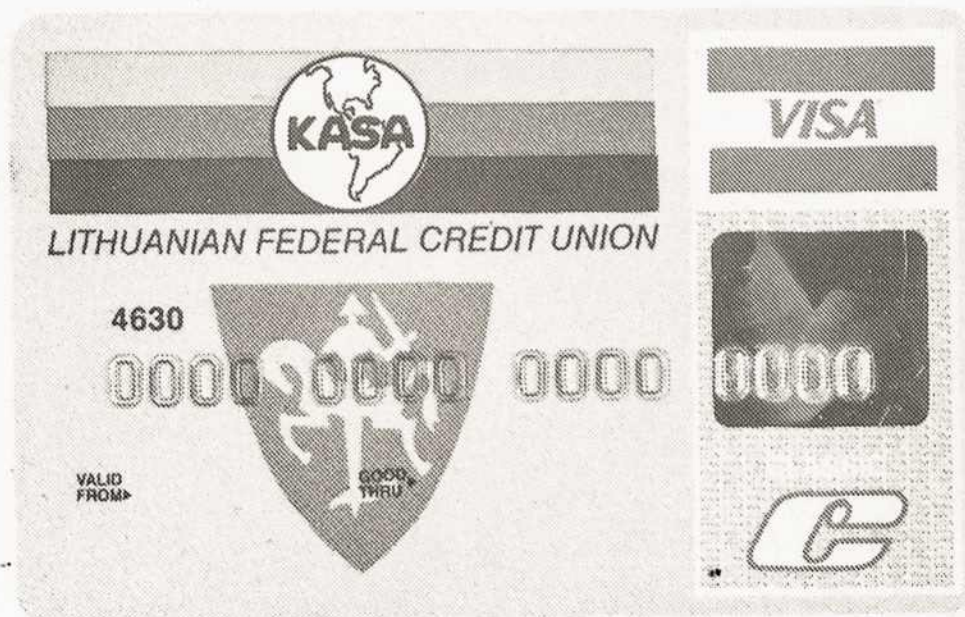
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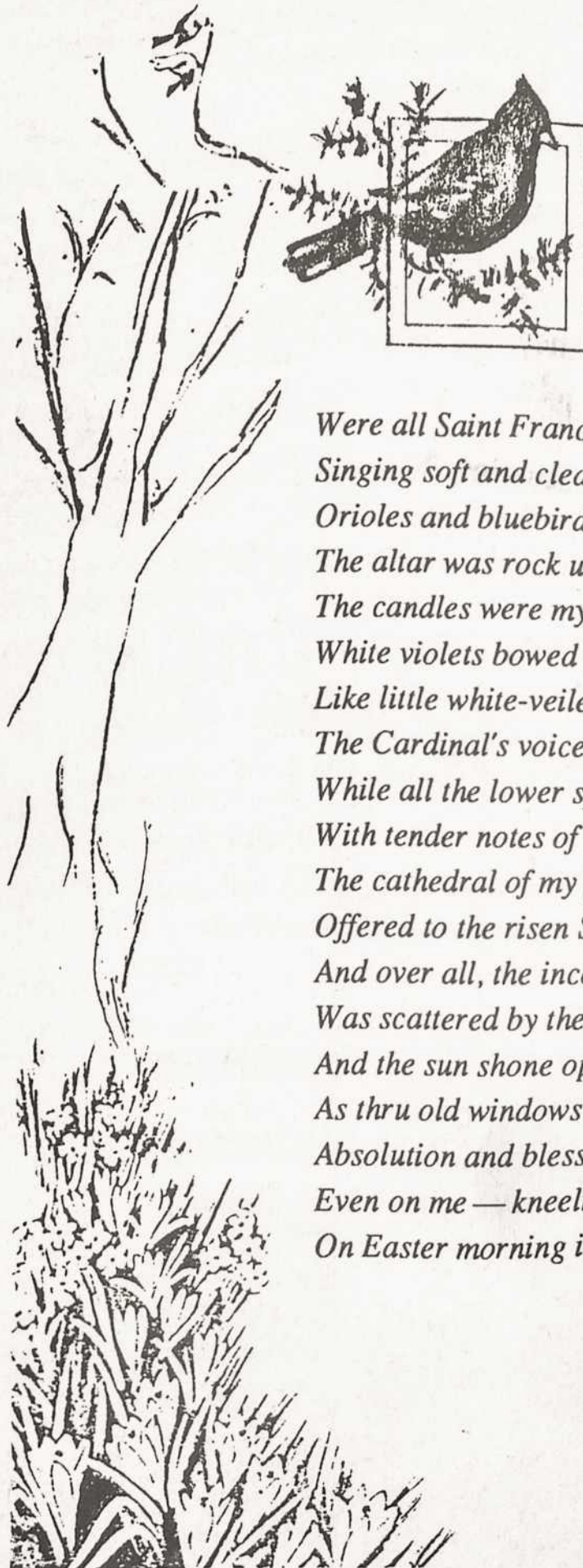
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*High Mass was sung in my garden
 On Easter morning,
 The Kentucky Cardinal was the Celebrant,
 Gorgeous in scarlet robes.
 Majestic in bearing and voice;
 Robins of high rank assisted;
 Swallows were the acolytes,
 And in the vested choir*

*Were all Saint Francis' brothers
 Singing soft and clear and high -
 Orioles and bluebirds and finches and little birds of lesser voice.
 The altar was rock under my tallest pine tree,
 The candles were my flaming daffodils;
 White violets bowed their heads
 Like little white-veiled girls waiting for their first Communion.
 The Cardinal's voice soared to the gate of heaven,
 While all the lower space was filled
 With tender notes of acolytes and choristers.
 The cathedral of my garden rang with praise and prayer
 Offered to the risen Son of God;
 And over all, the incense of hyacinths
 Was scattered by the March wind,
 And the sun shone opalescent thru the morning mist
 As thru old windows of stained glass.
 Absolution and blessing fell on all who worshipped there,
 Even on me — kneeling far off and silent
 On Easter morning in my garden.*

