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CHRISTMAS EVE

Preparations for Christmas Eve take all day. The house is cleaned, food prepared not only for the special supper (*Kūčios*) but also for the first day of Christmas. People fast and abstain from meat. Lithuanians still adhere to this custom though the Church has abolished abstinence: food may be eaten as often as desired, even meat. It used to be said that only a handful of boiled peas and water may be taken on Christmas Eve. Only small children, the infirm or very old persons were allowed to eat a bit more.

Although official fasting no longer exists, we should refrain from meat on Christmas Eve so as to preserve Lithuanian tradition. It is vitally important that the Christmas Eve dinner (or supper) include no meat dishes because it could then no longer be called *Kūčios* but an ordinary meal prepared for any other evening.

On Christmas Eve the house must be thoroughly cleaned, all bed linens changed and all family members must bathe and don clean clothes before the evening meal. For the Christmas Eve dinner, the table is prepared as follows: a handful of fine hay is spread evenly on the table. This is a reminder that Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger on hay. The table is then covered with a pure white tablecloth, set with plates and decorated with candles and fir boughs. Live flowers are inappropriate for the table, in particular red or white poinsettias which are so popular in some countries at Christmas time. A small plate with as many Christmas

wafers as there are persons present is placed in the center of the table. In some Lithuanian regions these wafers were called God's cakes (*Dievo pyragas*) for they were obtained from the parish and were imprinted with Biblical scenes of Jesus' birth.



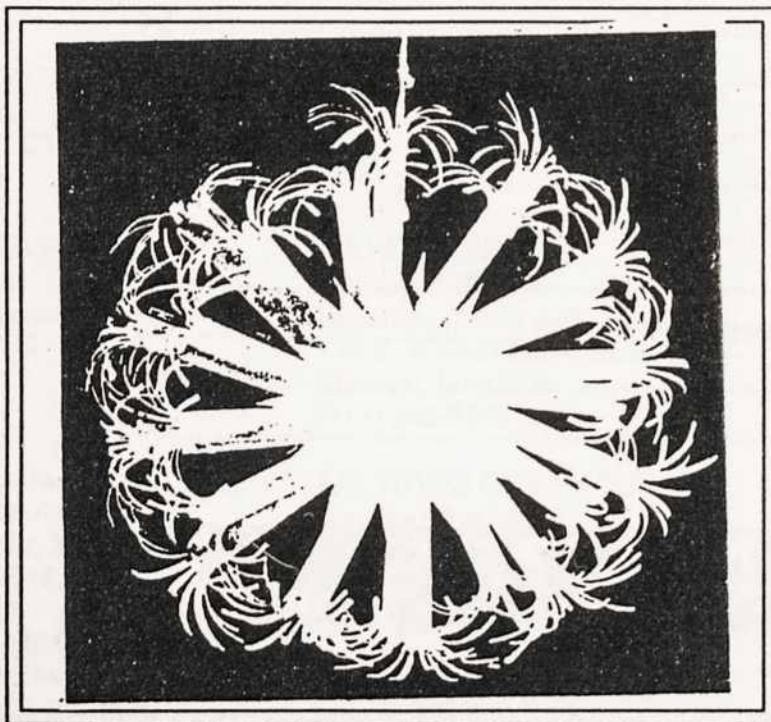
Although *plotkelė* was the popular and better known term, the word is borrowed from the Slavic. It is better to say *paplotėlis*, *plokštainėlis* or even *Dievo pyragas*.

All family members make an effort to come home for the Christmas Eve supper, even from a distance. Perhaps not so much for the meal as for the sacred family ritual which draws the family members closer, banding everyone and strengthening warm family ties. If a family member has died that year or cannot attend the meal (only for very serious reasons) an empty place is left at the table.

A plate is still placed on the table and a chair is drawn up, but no spoons, knives or forks are set. A small candle is placed on the plate and lit during the meal. It is believed that the spirit of the deceased family member participates in the *Kūčios* along with everyone.

Long ago, the principal dish was a mixture of various cooked grains: wheat, barley, oats, peas and beans. This mixture was called *kūčia*. It was eaten with honey diluted with warm boiled water. The word *kūčia* itself comes from the Belyorussian and means a porridge of dried grain.

Twelve different dishes are served on the table because Jesus had twelve apostles. All the dishes are strictly meatless: fish, herring, *šližikai* with poppy seed milk, *kisielius* (cranberry pudding), a dried fruit soup or compote, a salad of winter and dried vegetables, mushrooms, boiled or baked potatoes, sauerkraut (cooked, of course, without meat) and bread. In keeping with Lithuanian Christmas tradition, only the dishes as they were prepared in Lithuania for this meal should be eaten and fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, exotic



Christmas Straw Ornament

seafood should be left for another meal. It must not be forgotten that Lithuania is a northern European country where cucumbers, tomatoes, grapes, etc. do not grow in winter. The people whose lifestyle produced the *Kūčios* traditions made do with foodstuffs prepared in the summer and fall: dried, pickled and otherwise preserved for the winter.

Children whining that they do not like and are unaccustomed to such food should also be ignored. An explanation of the meal's significance and a calm statement that everyone will eat only what is served on the table should forestall or at least lessen this problem.

In certain Lithuanian regions apples were placed on the table because December 24 is the feast day of Adam and Eve. The apples recalled our first parents through whose sin mankind fell and that the world was saved through the submissiveness of the New Eve — Mary, the Mother of God — to God's will.

Everyone gathers at the dinner table as soon as the first star appears in the sky. If the night is cloudy, the meal begins when the father or grandfather announces it is time to eat. When everyone is assembled at the table, a prayer is said. The father then takes a wafer and offers it to the mother wishing her a Happy Christmas. "God grant that we are all together again next year," the mother responds and breaks off a piece of wafer. She offers the father her wafer in return. The father then offers his wafer to every family member or guest at the table. The mother does likewise. After them, all the diners exchange greetings and morsels of wafer. Care is taken not to skip anyone for that means terrible misfortune or even death the following year. In breaking a piece of wafer, each tries to get a piece larger than that remaining in the other's hand for it means his year will be better. The person holding the wafer tries to prevent a large piece being taken for this will "break his luck."

If apples are placed on the table, the mother takes an apple after the wafers have been shared, cuts it into as many pieces as there are diners and gives the father the first piece. This symbolized the fall of the first parents when Eve gave Adam the apple which he took and ate. Then, the apple pieces are distributed to those at the table.

The order of eating the other dishes is not established, everyone eats what he wishes, but it is essential to at least taste every food. Whoever skips a *Kūčios* dish will not survive until the next Christmas Eve.

The meal is eaten solemnly, there is little conversation or joking and alcoholic beverages are not served. After the meal is consumed, no one hurries to leave the table: the first to rise while another is still eating will die first. The family remains

seated, the mood lightens, predictions and forecasts are done about next year, health, happiness, love, etc. Christmas Eve is rich in prognostications. Here is but a small sampling of prophecies and divinations:

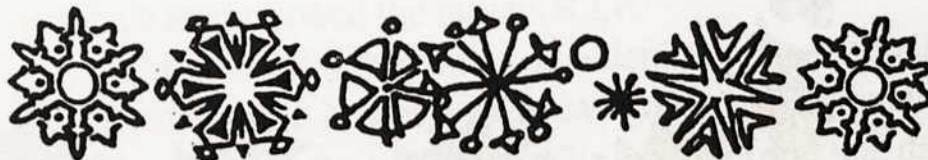
- While seated at the table, look at the walls where the candlelight casts the shadows of those dining. If your shadow is large, wide and of the whole person, the year will be good, there will be no illness, everything will go well. If the shadow lacks a head, a terrible calamity will occur; if it is skinny, unclear and wavering, the year will be difficult.

- A stem of hay is pulled from under the tablecloth. It cannot be picked, the first one the fingers encounter must be drawn. If a long slender stalk is withdrawn, the girl can expect a tall slender husband (or at least beau), while a short, fat, bent stalk means a short, fat, crooked husband. If this happens to a man, his future wife will be slender and tall or fat and short like the straw drawn. Married persons can also guess next year's happiness from the kind of stalk pulled. A thin stem indicates a flat, empty wallet, a "lean" year, while a fat one means a prosperous year, a full wallet. If a married woman pulls a straw thicker in the middle, she will have a baby that year.

- Other predictions may be made while still at the table. Three plates are used, a key is placed under one, a ring under the second and a coin under the third. The plates are mixed and one is chosen. The ring signifies love, marriage; the key means owning an apartment or house; while the coin indicates a prosperous year. A piece of paper is crumbled, placed on a plate or cutting board and its shadow examined. The first impression is decisive. If a form of transportation is seen, the person will travel a great deal next year; if a house or building, a move will be made to a new place; if a flower or other plant, a wedding will be held; if a cradle, a new family member will arrive; if a coffin or burning candle, death. Similar prognostications are performed by pouring melted wax into cold water and examining its shadow.

After everyone leaves the table, the food is left to stand overnight. The spirits of deceased relatives or loved ones will visit the home during the night and eat. It was believed that the baby Jesus allows the souls of all the departed to return to earth to visit their families.

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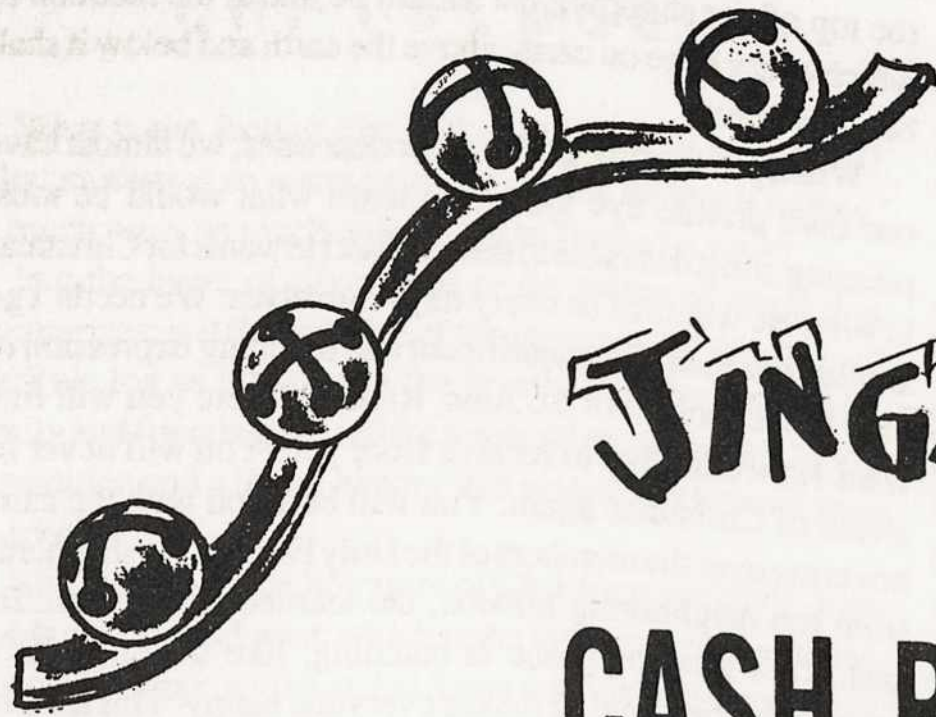
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fill your hearts with joy!

A Blessed Christmas to all!



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CASH REGISTER BELLS

Rev. A. Valancius

Did you ever believe that you could come to dread Christmas? Or did it ever come to your mind that you would come to hate Christmas? I heard a fellow say he already did! Why? Well, it seems that in the midst of his holiday shopping, he became suddenly aware that his none too bulging purse had shrunk to almost nothing. And yet there were names on his list whose bearers, he felt, expected something for Christmas. And, there could be others whom he forgot to add to his list. Every glad hand extended his way began to feel like one expecting to be filled come December 25th.

The daily newspaper did not help his distraught condition. It merely aggravated it. No sooner he opened it — it stared at him accusingly — ONLY XX DAYS UNTIL XMAS, DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY! With what? And there must be more who expect a gift! Else why do I get that sugary smile when I meet them. This feeling began to become an obsession with him. And in this era where personal acceptance is a must, the sense that you were not becoming one of the crowd because you forgot to do something for one in the crowd, can really drive one to the nearest psychiatrist. (In the above case, the poor guy had to walk). Now, when he sees colored lights, tinsel and holly covering the entrances of well stocked shops to the accompaniment of hitherto pleasant Christmas melodies, he wants to say, "Nuts to Christmas."

We hear a lot about PEACE in the world today. Peace means tranquility of soul. A restful spirit with oneself and with everybody - something like you felt last Thanksgiving after dinner as you stretched out on the sofa before your TV set. Most of us think that you get to feel this way when you

have everything you want. Well, look around. The people of America, especially, have never had it so good. They're making cars for kids; the kind they can drive, electrically operated. Soon you'll hear conversations like this: "Johnny, run down to the corner store and get a quart of milk." From Johnny, "Can't ma, my battery's low." And yet, are we relaxed? Are we able to stretch out mentally, like we do physically after a restful day at the beach? Despite the abundance of psychiatrists, flying banners covered with brotherhood slogans and day-to-day peace conferences among nations; we distrust ourselves, are suspicious of our neighbors and as a nation are drowning in debt in the arms race lest we be caught unawares even by so called allies.

Teenagers are problems, adults lay awake dreaming up ways of making a fast buck. Oldsters have nowhere to go while their offspring seeks an out for their care by hoping a benevolent state or some charitable (?) institution will be gracious enough to baby-sit with their aging parents. Everyone is in frightful hurry to get somewhere, not many know where. With all the instruments of speed at our disposal, none seems to get us there, at least, not on time. Oh yes, there is one place they always get to and on time. I just returned from such a place after saying "good bye" to one of my friends. Over its entrance are inscribed the initials R.I.P.

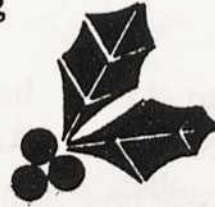
If Christmas has become a maddening rush for gaily decorated shops, it is because we have gotten away from the birthplace of that great occasion. The conditions of that day were similar to our own day. Bordering the pasture lands of the shepherds sat the city of David, Bethlehem, jammed with

visitors from many parts of Palestine and even more distant sectors of the world. There was drinking, gayety, excitement. There also was tension, uncertainty, distrust. Within the cold, dank walls of the cave, there was quiet and peace, like an echo of the message of the angel choirs — Peace to Men of Good Will. It was there because in it there was a sharing of something more penetrating than the exchange of mere material goods. In that cave, mankind shared its humanity with God and the omnipotent God condescended to give of His Divinity in order that in that union both might enjoy a peace and a happiness up until now unheard of.

Over the centuries, whenever mankind became averse to sharing its humanity with God, though He was always ready to endow men's lowly souls with His divinity, it always found itself in a heap of trouble. So it is today. Even Christian men and women organize social and charitable groups with a purpose of pleasing men, not hurting their feelings, going along with the modern trend. Very little is thought of how it will please God. While readying ourselves for the coming

anniversary of the birth of the Christ Child, the first name at the top of our shopping list should be one at the mention of which every knee on earth, above the earth and below it shall bend, is Jesus.

When purchasing gifts for our dear ones, we almost have our own private eye system to learn what would be most pleasing, most desirable to them. What He wants for Christmas is what He wants of us every day - ourselves. We needn't go any farther than His magnificent and touching expression of love in the Gospel of St. John. Read it! There you will find what He would like to receive from you. You will never be afraid of Christmas again. You will be filled with the calm hovering over the members of the Holy Family, the shepherds from the neighboring hillside, the learned Magi of the far east. This kind of peace is catching, like the scent of a permeating perfume. It makes everyone happy. This kind of peace we wish you and pray the good Lord to send you all united at the Bethlehem of our altars. *(Vytis - 1964)*

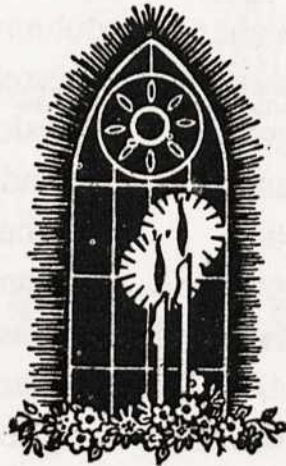


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We wish you all a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy and Healthy New Year

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The Magic of Christmas

What is the feeling that makes this season so special? What motivates so many people to spend so much money, so much time, so much energy for so limited a time?

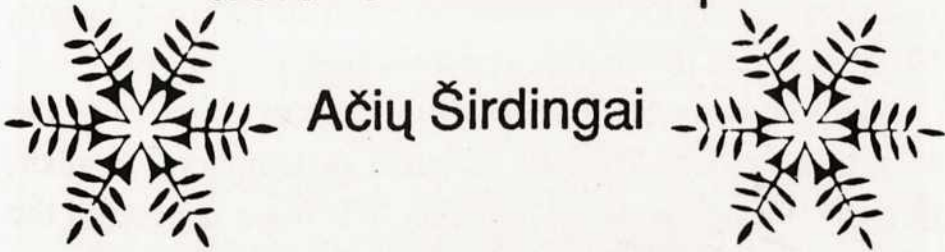
Is it the luster of silver bells or the glitter of tinsel that mesmerizes; is it the promise of the first snow or the glow of the Yule log as it blazes in the hearth; is it the warmth of family and friends gathered for a special meal to share to joy of tradition and a living history that makes this time of year so special?

The music and the literature of Christmas are filled with words of hope and trust, which is the joy connected with the season. We hope and trust that Santa will visit; that receivers will like the gifts we give them; that our favorite recipes will live up to standards; that our homes will be filled with kindred and friendship and that there will be peace on earth. For Christians, the hope of the season is connected to the birth of the Savior.

For a brief period of time, we allow ourselves to be, like children, trusting and unafraid, and that is the magic of Christmas.

The AID TO LITHUANIA COMMITTEE

Wishes to thank all who made Christmas, in Lithuania a little brighter, for the sick, the poor, orphaned and aged. May God bless all whose donations made possible over THREE MILLION DOLLARS worth of medical help.



Robert S. Boris, Chairman

Happy and Blessed Holiday Wishes

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It was a pleasure to serve you through the years.

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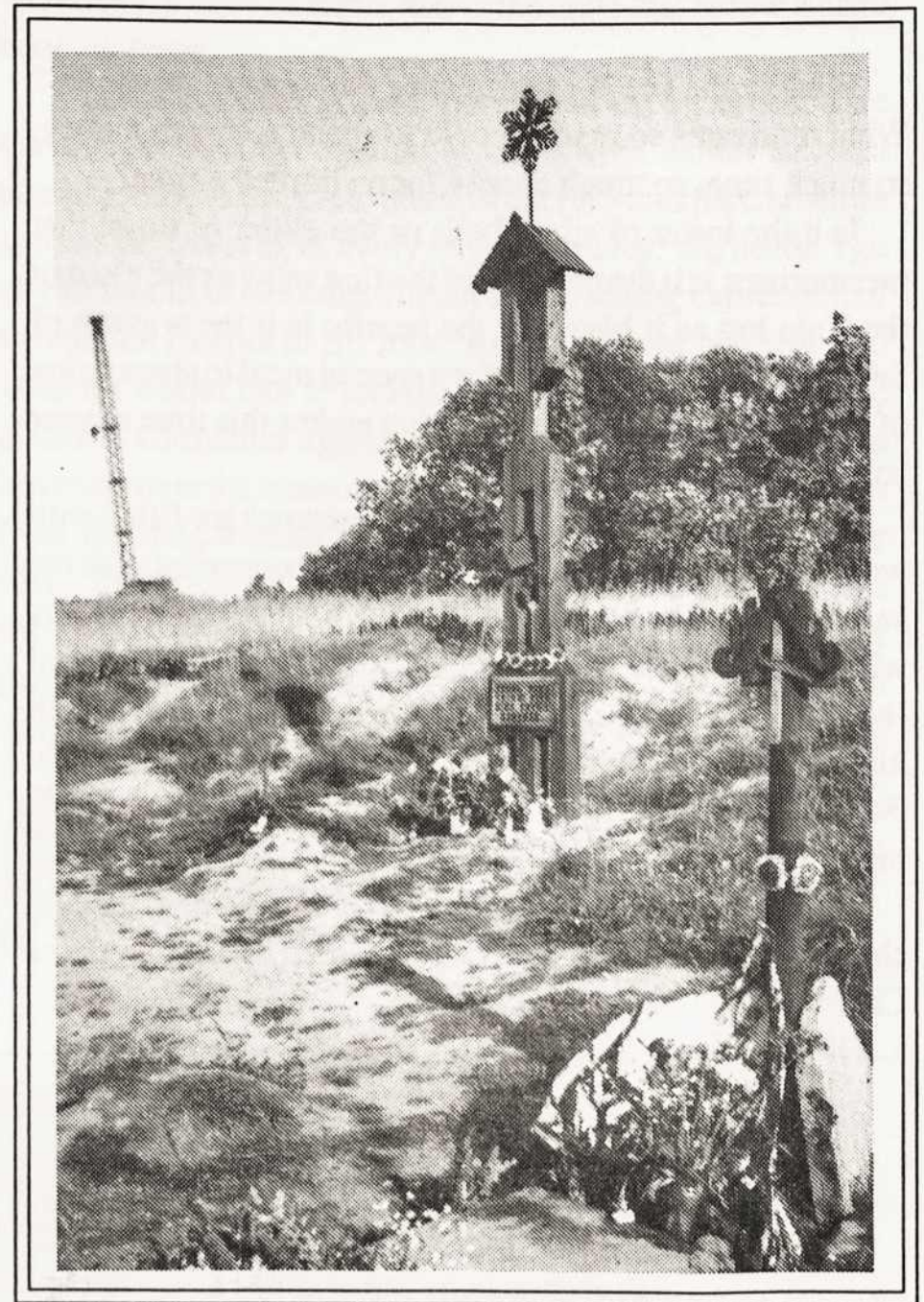
In May of 1987, my mother and I toured our Lithuanian homeland and I knew then that I wanted to know more about this little country. So, in May of 1989, I went on my second trip, this time alone on a private visit which was a real adventure inasmuch as my friends were eager to show me the "real" Lithuania not the one that tourists see.

This past July, I left Dulles Airport for my third trip to Lithuania, this time entering through East Berlin and in a way, simplifying my journey by avoiding the hassle of Moscow. Again my journey was charmed — delightful, funny seatmates to London, the first leg. On to Berlin where I arrived in time for the first sunny weather in days. I had the good fortune to stay with the friend of a friend in a beautiful old world flat, have a fabulous dinner in East Berlin and to see only an asphalt trace of where The Wall used to be. Ten glorious hours of sleep and off to the airport in East Berlin; the Communist airline, of course, flies out of the Communist airport in what used to be the Communist sector.

A short hop (less than 2 hours) and I was touching down in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. I sat in the first seat, next to a young British journalist who was stationed in the Baltics, and thus was first off the plane. It was with amusement and delight that I saw Prunskienė with a limousine at the foot of the stairs from my aircraft. Alas, some Bavarian Ministers were on the same plane; she was not there to pick up me!

The Fourth of July — my first full day in Lithuania! The irony of spending my Independence Day in a country that yearns for independence. A friend who was a member of the Lithuanian-American Society volunteered my speaking services at their celebration honoring American visitors. I wore my American flag t-shirt and felt a little homesick when we stopped in a park to listen to some student musicians (from Copenhagen) playing *New York, New York*. I ad libbed a few remarks at the gathering as did "a representative from the West Coast" but I was most proud of the young Americans there who were giving of themselves much like Peace Corps volunteers.

I spent my second day with a fellow whom my mother calls Mr. Lithuania because he is tireless in preserving the past and recording the present. He takes me to places where no one else goes — to digs of old palaces and to the archaeologists' offices to see actual plans; he knows everyone and everyone knows him. We took pictures in a museum sculpture garden and stopped for a cold drink. Then a stroll by the river to the Parliament Building that is still blockaded,



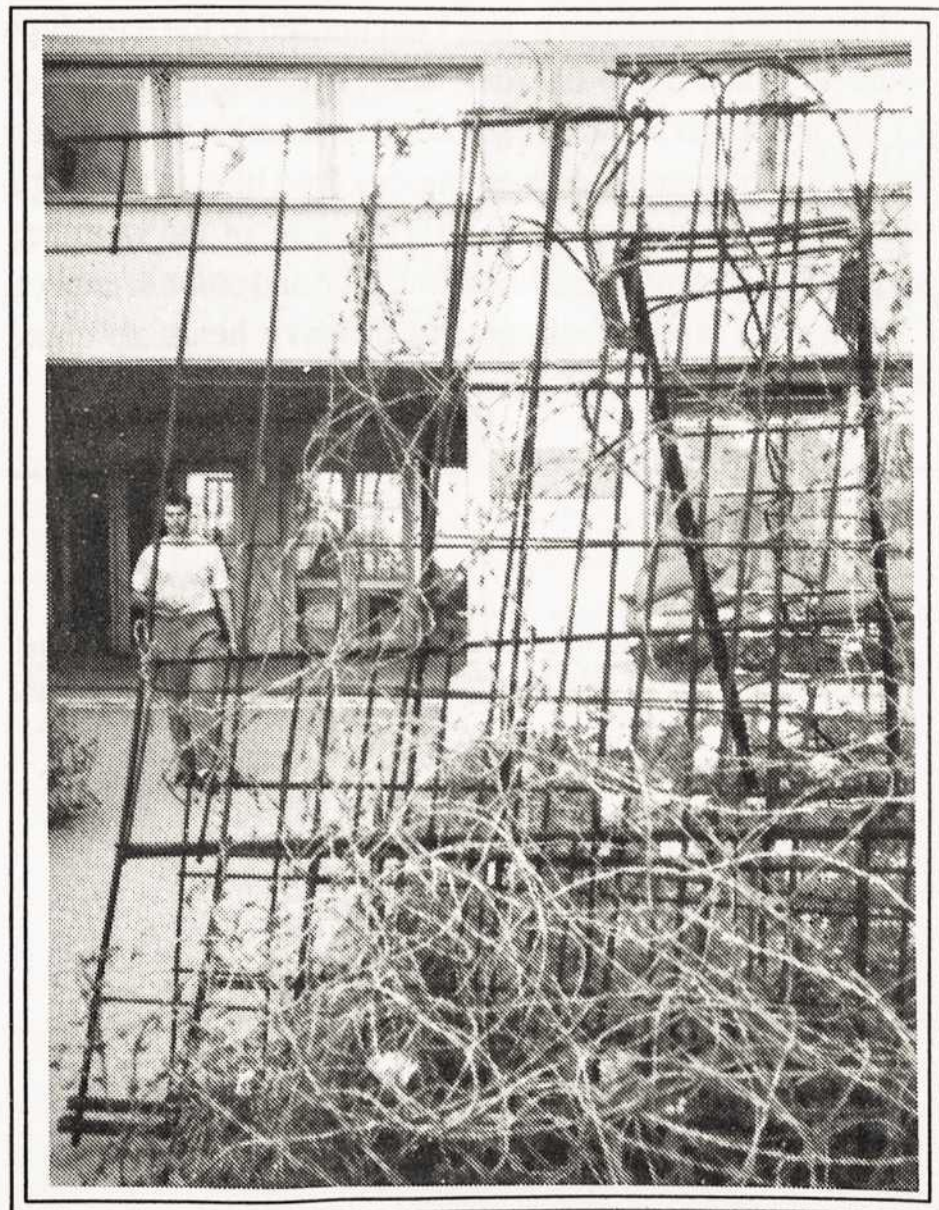
Shrine at the TV Tower in Vilnius where the Russian tanks entered.

a trench has been dug so as to prevent enemy tanks from getting any closer; since it was summer time, roses grew through the barbed wire that surrounds the building and young men sat in shifts to protect the building. When we passed the statue of Lenin in the square, my friend remarked that his upraised hand used to point to KGB Headquarters across the street, but since the independence movement, he is really pointing to the Conservatory on the right and saying, "That is where the trouble [Landsbergis] is."

Saturday was spent seeking an "almost" relative in the Kupiškis Region. We had no street or telephone number, only the village name, Adomynė. When we arrived in the village, my hostess' husband became the detective and soon discovered that "she" had moved back home one month previously to take care of her mother who had broken her back. In the region, we stopped to admire the church (standard procedure) and to view the wooden crosses in the churchyard

along with a memorial to Siberian deportees (a pile of stones, each with the name of a victim on it). The church was large and lovely; large because when plans were drawn, a vicar secretly came in the night and moved the markers 2 meters out, and, a second vicar came later, doing the same. So, the church is capable of holding 10,000 (more standing than sitting). We stopped to see Puntukas Anykščiai (the stone commemorating the flight of Darius and Girenas) and to cook our own shashlik from a stand in the park across the street.

On Sunday, Mr. Lithuania and a friend with a car (a surgeon who tried to save the victims of the January violence) picked up another friend and me and we went to a celebration at Medininkai where everyone named Mindaugas was honored in the ruins of his castle. There was a weight lifting contest (the weight was a metal ball with a handle on it) and young and old participated. I thought I heard someone speaking English urging a young girl to also try. I chimed in, telling her to show them what a Lithuanian/American girl could do. Imagine our surprise when we found out that we attend the same church and the same Mass in Alexandria, VA! A quick stop at the well of a local farmer for a cool drink, then off to the nearby Juozapinė (the highest point) to attend a ceremony at a rock on the nearby hilltop, where we all



Parliament Building in Vilnius (Barbed Wire and Roses)

joined hands and sang songs as we circled the rock. On to the border crossing into Byelorussia, where we decided "to go abroad for a short time" and had lunch in Byelorussia. (NOTE: It was this same border station at which the guards were massacred at the end of July). After lunch, Mr. Lithuania said, "Well, they haven't murdered us yet, the flies are still alive!" I was struck by the beauty of lubinas, great masses of this lovely purple wildflower similar to (the same as?) lupines as we drove through the countryside.

Back to my "shabby flat" for coffee (a treat for most Lithuanians) and a decision to go to the surgeon's garden to pick strawberries for our dessert. We stopped on the way to see the TV tower that is still occupied by the Soviets (as is the printing facility). It is surrounded by a high chain link fence that is heavily greased so as to deter people from getting too close and is patrolled by Russian soldiers carrying machine guns. There are two shrines here marking the deaths on that black day in January; one for the victims and another at the place where the enemy tanks dug huge ruts in the ground as they made their way to the tower. There are wayside crosses at each one.

Off to the Baltic for a week, via Tytuvėnai for a visit with friends. On the way we saw a line of Soviet tanks more than I could count on the other side of the divided highway. It was an ominous sight for me. We picked and ate black currents and small peapods from the garden, then walked to the magnificent old church and monastery and a nearby lake. Back to the house for supper, a swim in another nearby lake, then stayed the night.

We rose early and proceeded to Palanga in a light rain. We left Vilnius in a heat wave which continued until we reached the Baltic where we needed a sweater all the time. The brisk wind blew so much sand in our faces that we could not walk onto the pier on the first evening and had to content ourselves with a promenade along the main streets instead. While my hostess and her daughter swam in the sea every morning, I was reluctant to submerge more than my feet in the cold water. We spent our beach time at the Moterų Plages, the women's nude beach. The nudity is optional, of course, but is the norm. Young (toddlers) and old (ancients) basked in the sun and surf; some mahogany brown, others beet red and still others, like us, palefaces. It was a new (nude?) experience and certainly beats trying to fit into or look good in a bathing suit. Your birthday suit always fits!

Lithuania is a nation of walkers and it was indeed walking weather here. We logged miles every morning and evening, sometimes walking on the beach one way and returning inland. Inasmuch as we were very far north, it was possible to read a newspaper on the street until almost 11 p.m.

The Baltic is the source of amber or "gold" from the sea. Each morning and evening as the tides come in, the "pickers" are on the beach looking for amber. Storms wash up big pieces, but we amateurs were content to find tiny "crumbs" that would sometimes even cling to our ankles as we walked in the water. The palace of a nobleman has become the Amber Museum which is set in a lovely park here. (I heard that he wants to reclaim his palaces and lands now). In fact, all of Palanga is glorious and with a little imagination, one can picture its former grandeur. There are wonderful sculptures depicting characters from folk tales in the parks also. It was here in Palanga that I found a "rupintojelis" (a seated Christ looking somewhat like Rodin's "The Thinker" and sometimes called "The Sorrowful Christ") in a gallery. This was the one handicraft that I really wanted to bring back and I was thrilled to find a magnificent one carved of dark wood with a lovely gold medal crown.

While in Palanga, we visited a nun, the sister of a woman friend in Virginia, who told us that "they" (the nuns in Lithuania) are still underground. She gave me seeds for the pale violet poppies that I admired and hadn't seen before. They are considered wild flowers in Lithuania and "grow like weeds". She also gave me some seeds for her sister. These were "hemp" seeds, another "weed", whose Lithuanian name is "kanapis". I saw some of this weed growing in her garden and recognized it as marijuana (it is as distinct as poison ivy). Imagine Customs checking my baggage, discovering those seeds and then my trying to explain that they were from a 70-year-old nun!

The days at the beach flew by and we were all too soon on our way back to Vilnius, stopping for lunch in the seaport of Klaipeda and to see the renovations of a church that was in

ruins two years ago when I saw it. The fresco over the altar was originally done by an artist friend of mine. The Russians whitewashed it when they destroyed the interior of the church and also painted "Kill the Lithuanians" in Russian on the outside walls. The new fresco of St. Mary is magnificent (my friend thought the Virgin's face was that of the artist's daughter) and the church has been restored beautifully inside and out.

Next stop Girdžiai to see my "almost" relative. We were unexpected guests but Lithuanian hospitality is not on a time clock. We were welcomed with hugs and kisses and mint tea, homemade white cheese (my hostess and her daughter ate half the dinner plate size cheese as a testimony to its freshness and flavor), sausage, cucumbers and bread. While they worked hard, they laughed and smiled and they made me proud.

Back to Vilnius and last visits with friends. In these uncertain times Mr. Lithuania feels that this may be the last year of his life; he has been attacked on the street while filming provocative "incidents" and has been followed by a knife-wielding thug who was disarmed by other friends who saw him being followed; another elderly friend died since my last visit and other elderly acquaintances will be gone if and when I return.

I am always happy to leave; I am unused to the hardships — no hot water in my flat for a week, no gas to make coffee for my guests on the last day, obsolete plumbing, very little fresh fruits or vegetables, ever present food lines in the shops and daily trips for bread and milk — none of the wretched excess that we Americans know and love and come to expect. I leave with mixed feelings and a heavy heart; to quote myself, "I weep on arriving and I weep on departing".

Merry Christmas from:

*Grandma Helen Venis, C-110 Maspeth
and*

*Daughter Helen Grabauskas,
Son-in-law Vity Grabauskas
and*

*Grandchildren Lorraine, Carol and Michael Grabauskas,
C-146 Harrisburg, PA*



*Merry Christmas
and*

*Happy New Year
from*

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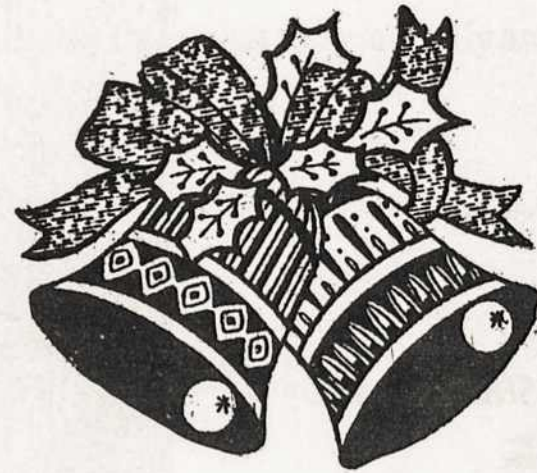
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It's Christmas, Christmas, Christmas.....

It's Christmas.....and the Empire State Building in New York City has its top all decorated with red and green lights....and so am I — I absolutely glow....It's said that Christmas is for kids - and for the kid in all of us!

I have been thinking of the long-ago Christmas when I was a kid....and that set me to thinking of what we wanted for Christmas....in a much less sophisticated age!

Everyone wanted a Flexible Flyer sled, which was first advertised in 1913....(before my time!) or the Radio Flyer Wagon (manufactured since 1933 and, I understand, must always be red) — but the wagon we asked for we called an "express wagon" and it was always natural wood with printing on the sides.

Raggedy Ann was created as a story, but soon became a doll and how we all loved to lift the skirt and show our friends her painted-on heart!!

Tinker Toys were also invented in 1913 by a man who watched his children playing and making things from pencils and sticks — do you remember what you could do with the "giant" size?....even make a bridge or tunnel for your Lionel Electric Trains — which, in my memory, were always what we now call "O" gauge — none of the others we see today when we go to be kids again at the famous and one of the largest toy stores in New York City, F.A.O. Schwartz.

And speaking of building, do not forget Lincoln Logs. I just learned that they were invented by the son of Frank Lloyd Wright in 1916. He named them after Abraham Lincoln and got the idea from real log cabins. I still have a set that I use for a table decoration on Lincoln's birthday.

And one of the most special games ever was - and is - Monopoly invented during the depression in 1933. Monopoly is the best selling copyrighted game in history.

And, as for books, there are few more enchanting than *Madeline* — "In an old house in Paris, all covered with vines, etc."....That book is fifty years old - a little late for my real childhood, but I love it still.

No Christmas would be complete without Crayolas. Invented in 1903 by Binney and Smith — the name comes from the French "craie" meaning "stick of color" and "ola" meaning from "oleaginous" for the paraffin wax used. In my time, the box was that little flat one with eight crayons - but how I still love that new one with sixty-four and a sharpener! The smell and the look of a new box of Crayolas can take me right back to kindergarten.

But for me, the gifts I always wanted most were dolls — that Byelo baby doll with the real baby look on its china face was wonderful....and I always wanted a grown-up lady doll, which, as far as I know, did not exist in those days....so we

tried putting grown up clothes on our little girl dolls, but it never really worked. How I wish they had invented Barbie with her house and her boat and her wonderful clothes - and did you know that Barbie has given up her earlier car and she now has a Ferrari!

Be a kid again no matter what age you really are and have a wonderful Christmas!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from



Adeline, Paula and Paul
Dauzickas

To all Members and Special Friends, I wish one and all a very Blessed Christmas with a Special Year ahead in celebration of Lithuania's Freedom.

Vytiškai



Fran Petkus, HM
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A GLOWING, BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL !

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LITHUANIANS CELEBRATE A MARIAN WEEKEND

by *Albert Cizauskas*

Imagine being sentenced to the Gulag for hosting a children's Christmas party or for leading a procession to a cemetery on All Souls' Day. Yet, on such flimsy and even ludicrous charges, a Lithuanian priest, Father Sigitas Tamkevicius, SJ, had been sentenced to six years in a Siberian prison camp and four years of internal exile.

Now Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas, the former prisoner of conscience had been such a thorn in the side of the Lithuanian Communist regime that its press pictured him as holding a rosary in one hand and a stick in the other. The stick referred to his editorship of a remarkable journal, the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, in which graphic accounts were published and smuggled to the outside world of specific acts of Communist persecution of religion. As such, the Chronicle has considerable historic value.

Bishop Tamkevicius (representing Cardinal Sladkevicius who was unable to attend for reasons of health) had been invited by a committee of Lithuanian Americans under the leadership of Paulius Baltakis, OFM, Bishop for Lithuanians outside the Soviet Union, to participate during the weekend of October 12-13 in commemorating the silver anniversary of the Siluva Chapel in Washington's National Shrine.

Early in the 17th century, the Blessed Mother had appeared

to shepherds at the abandoned site of a desecrated church in the town of Siluva. The apparition led to the restoration of the church which, favored by numerous miracles through Mary's intercession, became the major Marian shrine in the country.

The weekend's principal event was a solemn mass of thanksgiving on Sunday at the Shrine, filled to capacity with over two thousand Lithuanians from across the United States and Canada. It was a moving occasion for those in the packed church, especially when hymns, which had been sung in secret in occupied Lithuania, now resounded through the brilliantly-lighted Basilica, drawing tears of emotion and prayers of gratitude for the country's liberation.

James Cardinal Hickey was the main celebrant of the mass, assisted by co-celebrants Bishop Baltakis; Antanas Deksnys, retired Bishop for Lithuania in Europe; Charles A. Salatka, Archbishop of Oklahoma City; Tamkevicius; and numerous priests from the United States, Canada and Lithuania. The Apostolic Pronuncio for the United States, the Most Rev. Agostino Cacciavillan, transmitted a message from Pope John Paul II, in which the Pontiff praised the Lithuanian people for their tenacious loyalty to the Church under the most trying circumstances, and extended his apostolic blessing for the success of their newly-regained independence. Homilists were Archbishop Salatka and Bishop Tamkevicius.



Photo: Bronius Cikota

Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, DC

On Saturday, a Symposium was held in Gowan Hall at the Catholic University on the subject, "Martyrs of the Twentieth Century: Lithuanians and the Catholic Experience." The main speaker was Bishop Tamkevicius. Both at the Symposium and at the mass, the main thrust of his remarks was that Lithuania has been rightly called Mary's land, where numerous shrines in addition to that at Siluva attest to the people's veneration of the blessed Mother and her special love for this small and harassed country. It was only through Mary's help that the Catholic Church in Lithuania was able to survive and preserve the country's Christian and national traditions during the long night of the Communist era. Her intercession was also evident during this historic year when the all-powerful Communist Party was totally discredited and Lithuania regained its freedom despite the Soviet's brutal military tactics. One further miracle was awaited, that of the country's economic revival to support its political independence.

The Bishop noted, however, that the Communist campaign to inculcate atheism for over a half century had left a spiritual void which drugs, alcoholism and alien sects were filling with some success. In the political arena, "former" Communists were effectively countering the Church while pretending friendship.

Progress, nevertheless, was being made. Churches were being reclaimed, many of them suffering from severe Communist abuse. A new education law had been passed which created favorable conditions for teaching religion in the schools. The Lithuanian women's Caritas chapter had been accepted into the international organization. Two seminaries were now functioning with a healthy growth of applicants, in contrast to the anemic number formerly in the one official seminary under Communist control, and one that operated underground.

The Bishop thanked the American hierarchy for its substantial material and moral support of the Church and the Lithuanian people.

THE GROWTH OF HUMAN RIGHTS

A Commentary was delivered by Father J. Bryan Hehir, Counselor for Social Policy of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The noted speaker and theologian said that he was proud to be a friend of Lithuania and that he had been well apprised by Lithuanian acquaintances and the Chronicle of the country's heroic struggles with Soviet Communism.

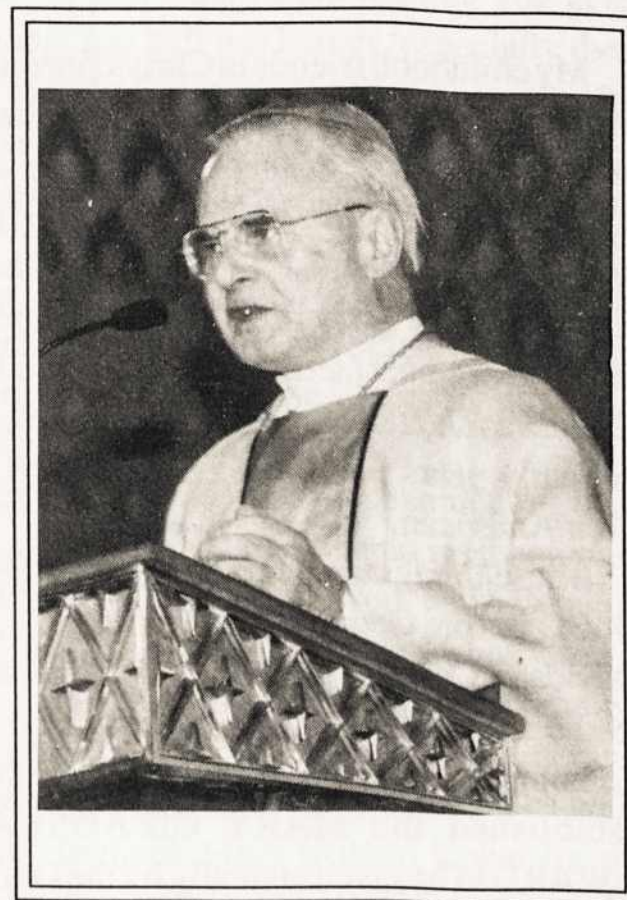
Since the end of World War II, there had been a slow but nonetheless real shift in the world's thinking about human rights. The founding of the United Nations made human rights the business of the world community rather than that

of a more narrowly conceived regional or national experience. Among the reasons for the slow growth of this concept had been the closed nature of Soviet society. Nevertheless, the bitter persecution to which Lithuania had been subjected should have been the "business of the whole world." Information was abundantly available in the Chronicle, for example, which Father Hehir called a "classic document" of the human spirit and its ultimate triumph over adversity.

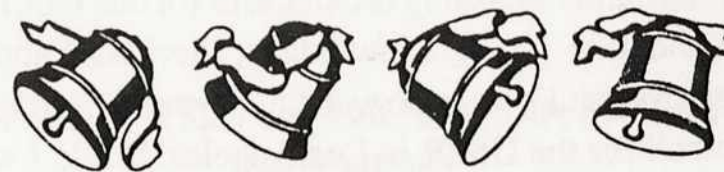
By the 70's and the 80's, the speaker said the blood of martyrs in Lithuania and elsewhere had begun to bear fruit. A milestone in the world's perception of the importance of human rights was the election of a Polish Pope. There were now new challenges even as the acceptance of the principle of human rights was spreading, challenges which had to be met promptly to ensure the worldwide victory of the human spirit. For this, prayer and material support were essential.

A MUSICAL EVENING

A concert Saturday evening provided musical relaxation for the many participants of the unusual weekend. A gifted pianist, Povilas Stravinskas, played selections from Mozart, Chopin, Schubert and the noted Lithuanian composer, M.K. Ciurlionis. A song ensemble from Chicago, garbed in colorful Lithuanian costumes, performed folk songs under the baton of Andrius Polikaitis.



HM Archbishop Charles Salatka at the Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva giving the homily in English. Photo: B. Cikota



FROM BALTIC PLACE AND MEDITERRANEAN AVENUE: A JANUS REFLECTION

by George Anthony (Cizauskas) Antonelli

My childhood friends in Christopher, IL taught me to play Monopoly many years ago. Needless to say, I often speculated on the consequences that Baltic Place and Mediterranean Avenue were the least valued properties on the Board. Even when they were loaded with houses and hotels, one could not win with these properties. Yet, I had the best of what both properties represented because of my mother, Mary Margaret Cizauskas and father, George Joseph Antonelli. However, in my early years I was more LITHUANIAN than Italian or even American.

These thoughts were rushing through my mind in 1983 when our son, George Andrew Antonelli, now a freshman at Davidson College, presented the Permanent Award Plaque to the Dean of the College of Human Development and Learning at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and established the MARY CIZAUSKAS-ANTONELLI AWARD to be given annually by the Omicron Pi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi to the student preparing to teach with the highest Grade Point Average in four years at UNCC. Since that time, the award has been presented at the annual UNCC Honors and Awards Program.

While I knew my mother would have been proud to have known her grandson, I lamented the consequence that he would not know too much about Baltic Place in general and Lithuania in particular. However, like Captain Marko Ramus, the half-Lithuanian submariner in Tom Clancy's 1985 best seller, *The Hunt for Red October*, I had not forgotten my Lithuanian heritage. Indeed, Jurgis Rudkus, the lead character in Upton's Sinclair's 1905 novel, *The Jungle*, seems to have expressed my feelings about my grandmother's native land and my primary language best "... and if you forget about it, too, if you sink back and rest on your oars, we shall lose...."

On Wednesday, January 16, 1991, an editorial "Blood in the Baltics" in *The Raleigh News and Observer* caught my eye. It was more than the editorial, it was the picture of Lithuanians being run over by a Russian tank that focused my mind. All of a sudden, being half Lithuanian meant more than talking about the greatest line backer that had ever played football, Dick Butkus, or admiring the best quarterback that had ever thrown a pass, Johnny Unitas, or even marveling at Vitas Gerulaitis smashing backhand or for that fact, laughing about the two young Lithuanians, Arvidas Sabonis and Sarunas Marciulionis, who won the Olympic Gold Medals in basketball for the USSR in Los Angeles. While I was half-Lithuanian, I knew someone who would have attacked a soviet tank with her fists, Josephine Norkunas-Cizauskas,



George Antonelli with wife Eileen and son , George

my grandmother. Indeed, she would have been the model for what Professor Vytautas Kavolis of Dickinson College describes in his excellent essay, "The Second Lithuanian Revival: Culture As Performance."

As a young child, I marveled at a woman that could pray like a saint and fight like a cassock. My mother had told me stories about how grandmother had been a wrestling champion in Czarist Russia. I do not know why my mother had to tell me such stories for on several occasions the cassock caught me and gave me a few lessons which I remember to this day. Yet, she also gave me the gift of my first language, Lithuanian.

Over the course of my life, many individuals have been a bit astounded to hear someone by the name of George Anthony Antonelli speaking Lithuanian. Really, it was quite simple to explain: my dad was away at the war and my mother worked; my grandmother reared me. She could speak German, Polish, Russian, Estonian and Latvian, but she only spoke Lithuanian to me. It was a gift that I cherished! It enabled me and my mother to talk about things in the presence of others and not be understood. More times than not, most people thought we were speaking Russian. "Not so, not so," we would retort; "We are not Russians; we are Lithuanian." Unlike today, most people had never heard of Lithuania. Within this context, I will never forget talking to an older gentleman in Hamburg, Germany, in 1962 when I was an exchange student. Conditioned by having to explain the location of Lithuania so many times to so many people, I began in typical student fashion to tell the fellow where half

of my family originated. I was astounded that he knew about Lithuania. Indeed, he remembered how well they had fought the Wehrmacht. As a matter of fact, this discussion took place in the section of Hamburg where my grandmother had lived from 1895 to 1900 saving money to come to America.

Upon arriving in America, she began to save money to bring her sisters to the promised land. She did! She met my grandfather, Anthony Cizauskas, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. They had ten children; four of them lived; my mother, the youngest, was born in Harrisburg, Illinois on April 20, 1918. She graduated from Christopher Community High School in 1933 and was elected the Most Popular Girl in her class. That 1933 Yearbook picture is the one that was placed on the Permanent Award Plaque which hangs on the wall of the Dept. of Educational Administration at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. My mother would have attacked Communist tanks with her fists too! I watched her die with cancer and never a whimper she made. Yes, she was another Lithuanian with a lot of sand! While I did like cowboys, my heroes were my grandmother and mother. Whether the conflict was philosophical or physical, I could count on them. They never failed me.

So in 1991, at the age of fifty, I decided to learn to read and to write Lithuanian. As my mother and grandmother would have said, it is never too late! All the Lithuanians I have ever known valued learning. Well, how does one learn to read and to write Lithuanian? I began by talking to a good friend and fellow runner, John K. Gozjack and biology teacher at Cummings High School in Burlington, NC. He told me about the Knights of Lithuania and I called upon Apolonija Ziausys in Amsterdam, NY. I learned about Draugas Press in Chicago and obtained a copy of Introduction to Modern Lithuanian by Professors Leonard Dambriunas, Antanas Klimas and William R. Schmalsteig. I found out about Baltic Associates, Ltd. in Boston, MA and purchased the tapes that follow this excellent text. As a matter of fact, Eileen, my wife, and I had a good visit with Gintaras Karosis, founder of the Baltic Associates, this summer. Needless to say, we purchased a great many artifacts. My favorite is a picture of a little blond girl waving the green, red and yellow tri-color above the heads of many Russian soldiers. Indeed, that picture hangs in my study and reminds me of my grandmother and mother.

Everyone I talked with or wrote to had time for me. Dr. Violeta Kelertas, a professor in the Dept. of Slavic and Baltic Languages at the University of Illinois at Chicago helped me a great deal by showing me how to locate information about Lithuania. For example, she got me in touch with the Director of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture Library from whom I ordered *Genealogija: The Lithuanian-American*

Genealogy Newsletter. Ms. Nijole Uzubalis of Chicago sent me a copy of *The Gift of Vilnius: A Terrible Beauty is Born* with an inscription "... this album I am mailing you gives proof that this day and age still has heroes, especially there is a good 'crop' of them in Lithuania." Albert Cizauskas, no relation, of Virginia taught me about Lithuanian magazines. Jim Yankauskas, M.D. of the UNC Medical School took time to read my article, "The Iron Wolf and the Charging Knight," which will appear in Vol. 37, No. 4 of *Lituanus: The Lithuanian Quarterly Journal of Arts and Sciences*. I could go on, but I do not want to belabor the point. In short, my association has become things Lithuanian.

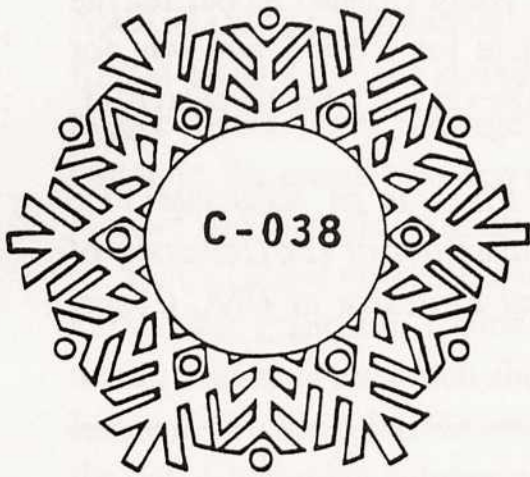
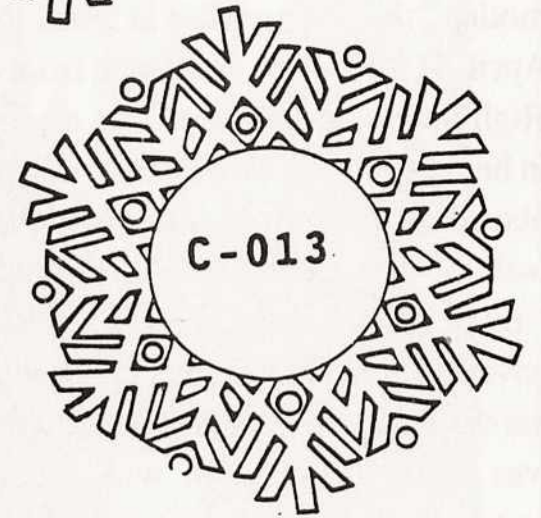
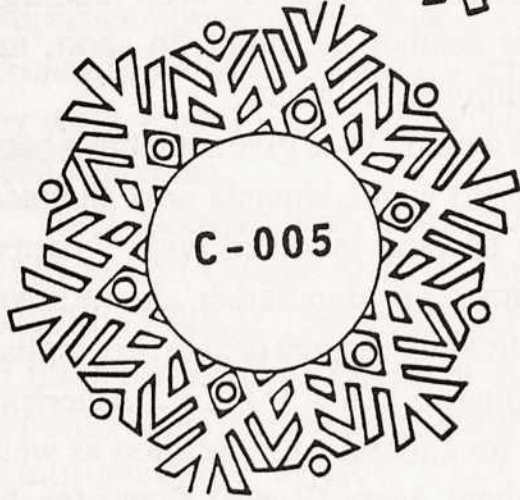
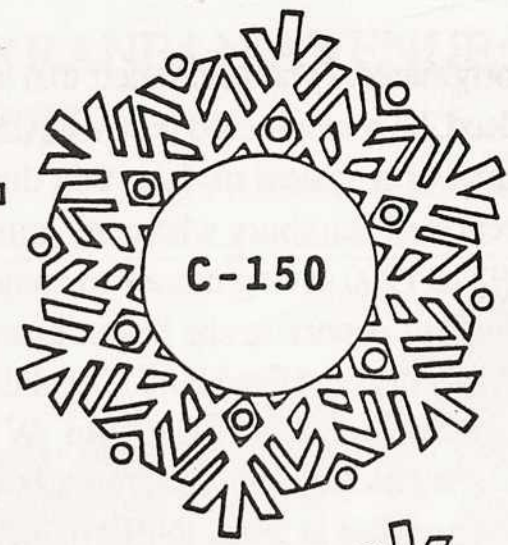
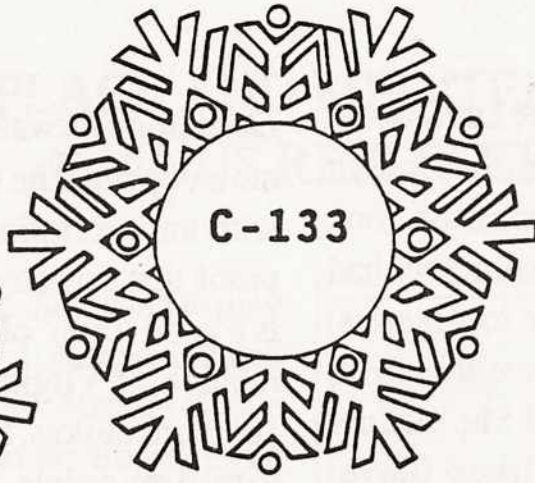
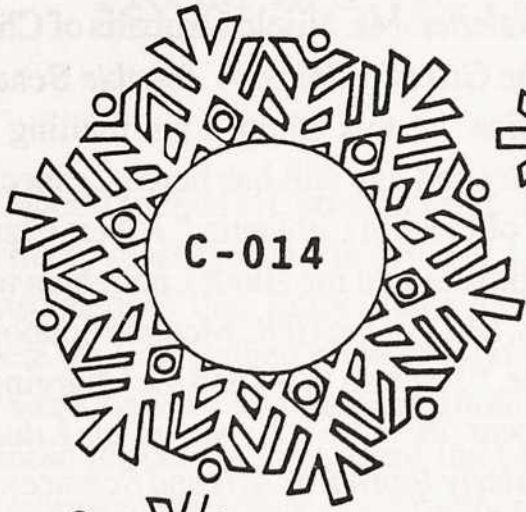
Why am I doing this? I would like to give something back to Lithuania. I would like to visit Lithuania next summer. Indeed, I would like to become involved with Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, my grandfather's home town, but I must improve my Lithuanian a great deal to accomplish this goal. In addition, I plan to join A.P.P.L.E., American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education as well. Finally, I would like to thank Mary (Rusas) Kober for the opportunity to write this article for VYTIS and you for reading it. Indeed labai ačiū, Dievių ir Lietuvojė March 11, 1990.

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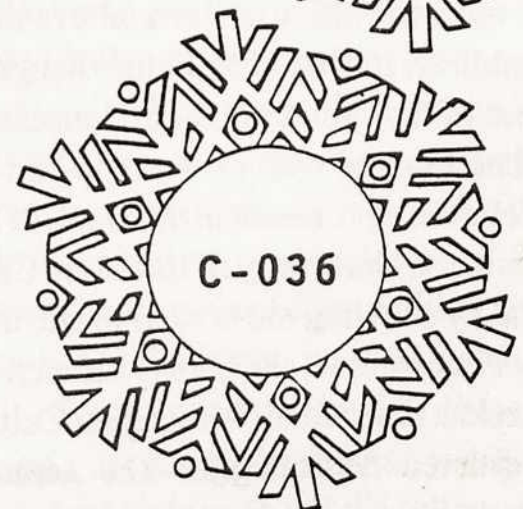
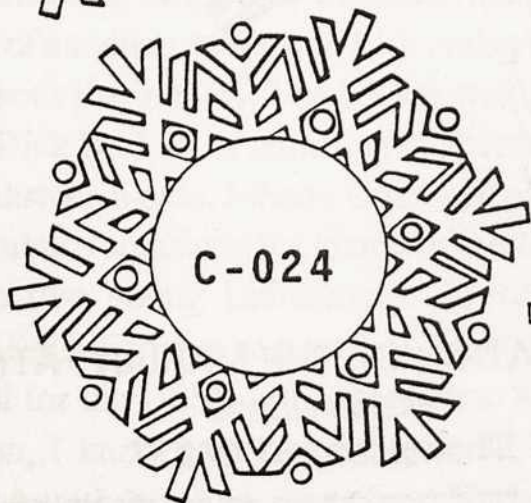
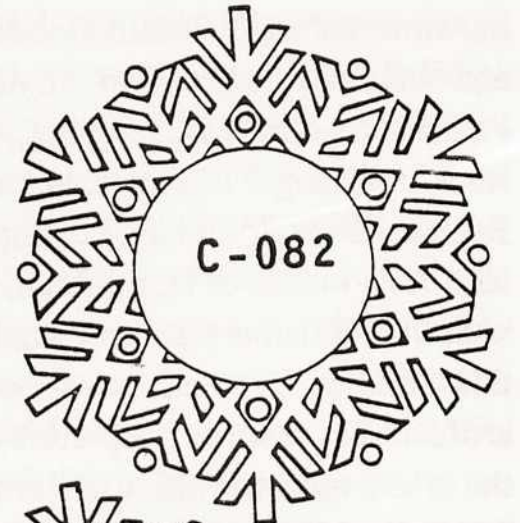
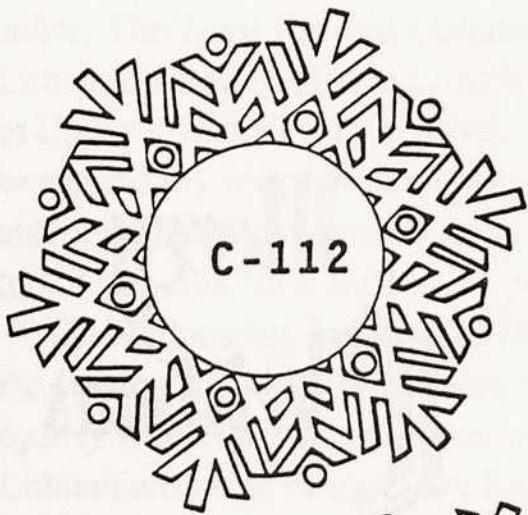


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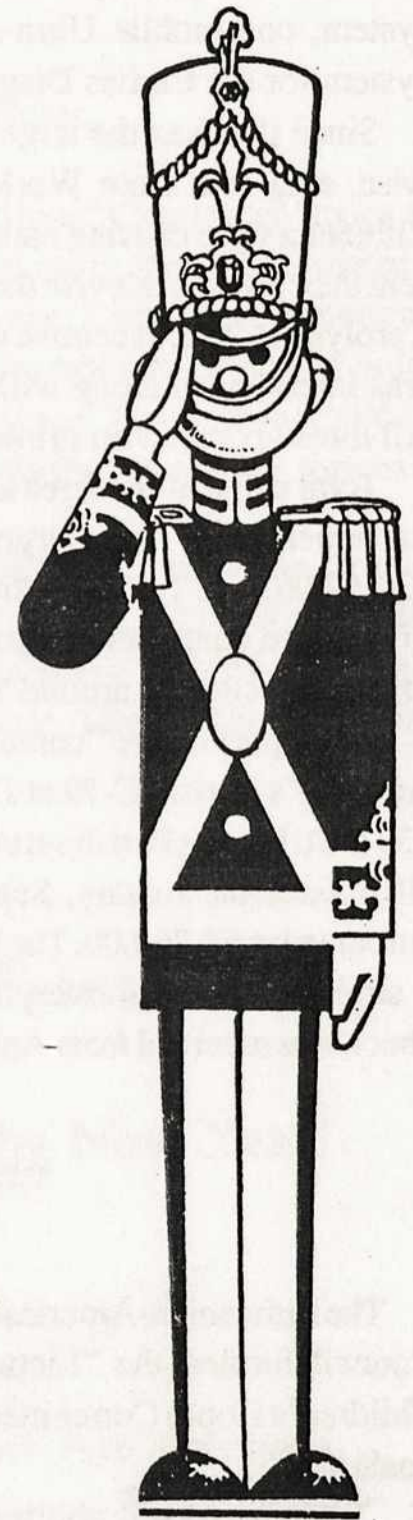
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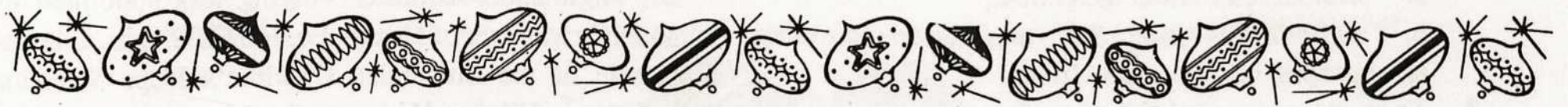
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KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA AID TO LITHUANIA COMMITTEE

On Aug. 27, 1991, TWO MILLION DOLLARS worth of medicine was sent to Lithuania in the third "40 foot container" from World Medical Relief Inc., Detroit. Along with \$163,821.50 worth of medical and surgical supplies. Also included were 8,000 pairs of used eyeglasses, an IBM Personal Computer, a sixteen cardiac-patient monitoring system, one mobile Ultra-sound scanner and a telephone system for the Caritas Diagnostic Center in Kaunas.

Since this was the largest shipment of medicine, value-wise, ever sent from World Medical Relief and events in Lithuania were causing national attention, Channel 7 (ABC) sent their crew to televise the loading of the K of L Container. Carolyn George, executive director of World Medical Relief was interviewed along with Bob Boris and Algis Cerekas. All three appeared on prime-time news that evening.

Total value of the three containers shipped up to now and the emergency "air cargo" shipment in January totals \$3,259,062.96. To date billing for the transportation charges of the third container has not been received. We expect it to bring total costs to around \$32,000.00.

In support of the "container fund", K of L C-102 at St. Anthony's Parish, C-79 at Divine Providence Parish and C-134 at St. Peter's Parish set up tables to collect donations after all Masses on Sunday, Sept. 8, 1991. Total contributions amounted to \$4,763.00. The Detroit councils hope to organize a similar collection every month thereafter. A \$1,000.00 check was received from Anthracite C-144 being a portion of

their Lithuanian Day profits.

With Lithuanian independence now a fact, we are receiving many requests for help and we are now completely confident that our aid will not end up in Moscow. Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Brooklyn, NY is sending Rasa Razgaitis to Lithuania to evaluate needs vs. the costs and resources available here in the USA. Consideration is being given to a Kidney Dialysis Clinic, SOS Vaikių Kaimas (a Lithuanian Boys Town) and a Catholic Hospital being organized in Vilnius.

It is very exciting to live during such historical times and to be part of such important events and accomplishments. Convention delegates heard via video tape, the profound gratitude expressed by Sister Albina Pajarskaitė, the head of Caritas, in behalf of the people of Lithuania. Who can forget the scenes of deplorable conditions that exist at the Children's Home in Akmenė, Lithuania. The video tape and commentary provided by Sister Helen CJS and SOS Vaikai vividly portrays the gravity of the conditions created by fifty years of atheistic communism.

We hope that you, too, will continue to be a part of this wonderful program. World Medical Relief will continue to provide medical supplies as long as we finance the transportation. Please give your support by writing a check payable to LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID. In order for your contribution to go into the *K of L Container Fund*, send it to: Robert S. Boris, 4970 Brookdale Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

LITHUANIAN CHILDREN'S HOPE

The Lithuanian-American Community's Human Services Council formed the "Lietuvos Vaikų Viltis" (Lithuanian Children's Hope) Committee in Jan. 1991. This committee's goals are:

1. To help invalid children from Lithuania come to the U.S.A. and obtain free medical help (orthopedic, burn and neurological) at the Shriners Hospital;
2. To coordinate all information and choose selected children for treatment into two groups:
 - a. without relatives in the U.S.A.;
 - b. with relatives in the U.S.A. - these relatives covering all expenses, i.e., travel and living.
3. To create various helpful committees:
 - a. fundraising - in order for a child and parent (guardian) to be brought to the U.S.A. (Shriners Hospitals do not accept children alone);

- b. daily living - help is needed before the child goes into the hospital where he/she stays up to three weeks and after, during therapy;
- c. translators - necessary to have a group of people who would be able to translate during entire treatment time;
- d. contacts - with Lithuania's "Caritas" organization and health institutions and also doctors who would determine children's diagnoses.

Dr. Algimantas-Alfonsas Vingras was appointed by Lithuania's Minister of Health, Dr. Juozas Olekas, to be the Chairman of the Lithuanian Children's Hope Selection Committee in Vilnius. He is a pediatrician and professor at the University of Vilnius Doctor's General Practice Center. Dr. Viktoras Kriauciunas is Chairman of the Selection Committee in Kaunas. He is the Chief-of-Staff at Kaunas

Red Cross Hospital.

Both committees are authorized by Lithuanian Children's Hope to select appropriate invalid children for treatment at the Shriners Hospitals (based on their diagnoses meeting the hospital's requirements). Dr. Sigitas Dumčius, a pediatrician from Kaunas on the Selection Committee and senior member of "Caritas" in Lithuania along with Mrs. Elena Kubilienė, a member of Lithuania's Ministry of Education and founder of "SOS Vaikai" (organization which spiritually, morally and physically helps homeless, neglected orphans in Lithuania) will be working in conjunction with Drs. Vingras and Kriauciunas.

The Shriners' organization operates 22 hospitals (19 in the U.S.A., 1 in Canada and 1 in Mexico). Children from all over the world having orthopedic, neurological and burn problems and ranging in ages from infants to 18 years of age are treated with no cost to them or their families.

Children are treated at the Shriners Hospitals having:

1. Scoliosis: curvature of the spine;
2. Osteogenesis imperfecta - brittle bone disease;
3. Orthopedic problems of cerebral palsy;
4. Hand problems;
5. Back problems;
6. Limb deficiencies and growth problems;

7. Orthopedic problems of spina bifida with myelodysplasia (paralysis of limbs due to faulty congenital developments of the spine and spinal nerves);
8. Club foot and dislocated hip;
9. Leg length discrepancies;
10. Orthopedic problems resulting from neuromuscular disorders;
11. Legg-Perthes disease - development problems of the hip;
12. Rickets;
13. Burn and scarring problems.

The "Lithuanian Children's Hope" Committee hopes to expand this program to all locations in the U.S.A. where a Shriners hospital as well as the Lithuanian-American Community's social service branches are located in order that the "Lithuanian Children's Hope" Committee would be able to provide much needed help for Lithuania's seriously ill children.

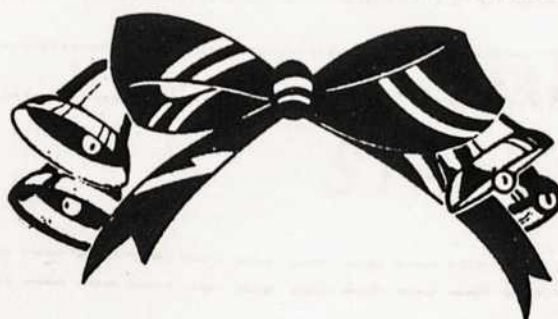
For further information, please contact: Terese Drutys-Soliunas, Lithuanian Children's Hope, 2711 W. 71st St., Chicago, IL 60629. Telephone (312) 476-0664. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central Time daily, excluding weekends.

Džiaugsmas ir ramybė telydi jus per Kalėdų Šventes ir Naujuosius Metus!

Peace be with you at Christmas and throughout the New Year!

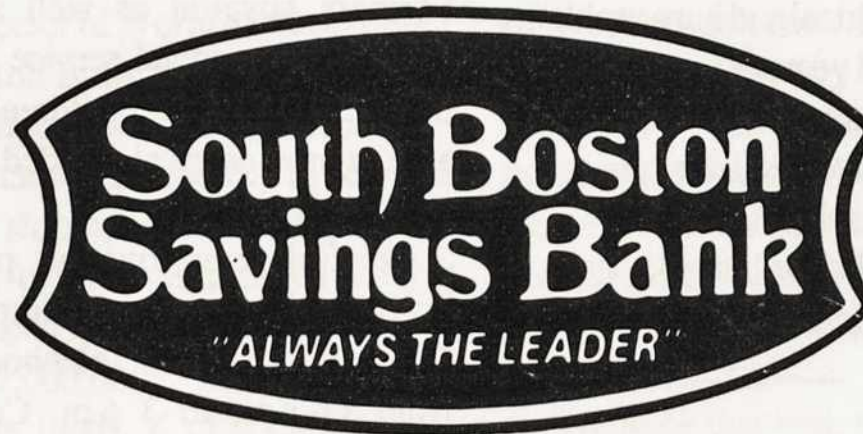
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D'AMATO URGES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR JOINT SUNY BUFFALO-RIGA BUSINESS SCHOOL TO AID BALTIC ECONOMIC RECOVERY



U.S. Sen. D'Amato (R-NY) joins Vytautas Alksninis, Lithuanian Ambassador to United Nations Anicetas Simutis and Lithuanian Deputy Prime Minister Vytautas Pakalniskis at Lithuanian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, NY.

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-NY) called for financial funding for a joint Technical University Business School program between SUNY Buffalo and the Riga Technical University, in Riga, Latvia, to provide market economics educational programs to middle-to-senior management students in the newly-independent Baltic nation.

"This program in free-market economics can help the Baltic nations resurrect their economies from the disastrous years of communist domination. It is critical that the joint business school receive the support necessary to guarantee success at this critical turning point in Baltic history. Reeling from the devastation of the years of centralized communist economic practice, students in the Baltic states sorely need the education that this program can offer," said D'Amato.

In the cooperative agreement, Latvian students, as well as those from Lithuania and Estonia, can participate in the MBA program at Riga Technical University. The program, designed in conjunction with SUNY Buffalo, is intended to educate the students in the management principles of private enterprise. According to SUNY Buffalo officials, the school has already been established; the first group of candidates from throughout the Baltics has been generated; faculty selection is now taking place; preparatory courses in economics, statistics, computing and English are underway;

and an intensive two-week program will be offered in Riga in January 1992.

D'Amato noted that Sec. of State James Baker III recently announced that federal funding of the business institute would be made available. Planning and programming activities are estimated to cost about \$50,000 with annual funding requirements estimated at about \$600,000 per year for a five-year period.

"Fifty years of Soviet colonization have left the Baltics destitute," said D'Amato. "Communism squeezed billions of rubles from the three republics, leaving their economies in ruins. The people must now learn how to operate and run a free economy. The institute will allow the United States to play a significant role in the economic development of the Baltics, as well as open Eastern European markets to American business," said D'Amato.

"A decade ago, the Baltics were imprisoned in the Soviet empire," the Senator stated. "Today, as the old Soviet empire continues to disintegrate, we are discussing ways to help the free and sovereign nations of the Baltics. The hard fought battle has paid off, and democratic freedom is victorious. Now we must help set these nations on the right foot by helping them solve their economic crises. From a political, economic and moral perspective, we can do no less," D'Amato concluded.

DURBIN CALLS FOR EXPEDITIOUS WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM BALTIC NATIONS



U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) and Pres. Landsbergis at the ceremony for the signing of the charter for a new interparliamentary group in support of human rights and democracy in the Baltic States.

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) included language in the Omnibus Export Amendments Act which conditions the export of high technology items to the Soviet Union on the expeditious withdrawal of Soviet troops from the Baltic nations of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

“In recent months, the Baltic nations have made great progress in their struggle for democracy,” Durbin said. “However, the Baltics will not be completely free until all Soviet troops are removed from their soil.”

Durbin said he decided to offer the amendment after a meeting with the Vice President of the Supreme Council of Lithuania, Ceslovas Stankevičius, who expressed concern about the Soviet troops who remain in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Durbin offered his amendment to an amendment by Rep. McEwen (R-OH) which placed further conditions on the export of high technology items covered under the Export Administration Act. The amendment would allow the export of these items to the central government or any republic-level government in the former Soviet Union which: had been freely and democratically elected; had discontinued aid to Cuba, Vietnam, Angola and North Korea; and had reduced its annual expenditures on defense to 15% or less of its budget.

The amendment and the bill passed the House by a voice vote.

“Pres. Gorbachev has recognized the independence of the Baltics and yet there remains a Soviet military presence in these nations,” Durbin said. “This amendment demonstrates the commitment in Congress to complete independence for the Baltic nations.”



A Lithuanian Jew in the Struggle for Independence

B. Rosicanas

When Lithuania was occupied and lost its statehood in 1940, all freedoms, including those of the Lithuanian and of my own Jewish nationality were suppressed. My generation had practically no possibility to learn its own language, to attend its own schools, or to establish organizations. Therefore, we base our hope for the rebirth of our nation on the Lithuanian struggle for Lithuania's independence. I immediately gave my active support to Sajudis, the leader of that struggle. I signed many collective documents - against the drafting of Lithuanian youths into the Soviet army, for making Lithuanian a state language and many others.

I was one of the first founders of the Jewish "Macabi" club, which has been active in Lithuania until the occupation of 1940. We recreated the club on a new basis. The Lithuanian government gave us strong support and assistance. When Sidney Greenberg, chairman of Canadian "Macabi", visited Lithuania in 1989, we discussed Lithuania's participation in the Macabiad Games in Israel. In July of that year, the flag of Lithuania was carried for the first time in that event. In 1990, Lithuania also participated in the U.S. Macabiad.

We were very happy finally to see the last hour of the Soviet regime and we saw our own future in the rebirth of the Lithuanian nation. But on that bloody Sunday of Jan. 13,

1991, the Soviet regime rallied for its final battle.

On that fateful night, I was among them who linked their arms to defend the television and radio center....A column of military armored cars drew near to us. Tanks started crushing the automobiles that were placed there as a barricade. The Soviet commandos appeared and without any warning attacked the peaceful people with rifle-butts. The first shots were heard. This was some kind of madness. Up to the very last minute, we did not believe that they would fire. The people were unarmed. I was hit on the head and fell down. Men carried me to a car and drove me to the hospital, where I received medical assistance.

Following this event, my own life and that of my family became endangered. The Lithuanian legation in Moscow assisted me and together with my family, I left for the airport for a flight to Canada.

I was forced to leave Lithuania all that was dearest to me. My hopes also remain there, linked with the independent state of Lithuania.

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BROTHER (and SISTER) CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?????

Robert Boris

Today, we live in unparalleled times; every mail delivery brings at least one solicitation for a charitable donation. They come from places as far away as Africa and the Arctic to orphanages and soup kitchens right around the corner.

Fund-raising among Lithuanian-Americans is not new. Our parents and grandparents built churches, schools, social halls, convents, academies and monasteries. There were no "professional fund raisers" or computer generated mail lists and yet dedication to God and Country prompted their generosity. Even today we do not have millions of names on our mail lists, nor can we afford the luxury of sharing what little donations we receive with a "professional fund-raiser." Yet, we are prone to reply to those many requests sent by "professionals" where only a portion of our hard earned dollars support the causes we donate to. Unfortunately, we seem to turn a deaf ear to Lithuanian charities whose appeals reach only several thousand. Last year, during our drive for Medical Assistance to Lithuania, only 429 donations were

received from an organization of 4,000 members.

Brother (and Sister) can you spare a dime? This quote goes back to the depression era, when the proverbial "dime" would buy a cup of coffee. That "dime" doesn't go very far today. A postage stamp costs three dimes; a local phone call usually two and a half dimes; while a cup of coffee is at least five dimes or more depending upon the restaurant or vending machine.

As the dream of an independent Lithuania becomes a reality, we enter a new era where the calls for help will be more frequent and projects will require larger sums of money. We will all be called upon "to give 'til it hurts." Remember what the Good Lord said, "Whatever you do to the least of my little ones, you do unto Me." We should be most thankful that we are the ones able to give, rather than the ones asking for help. Surely, this is what being a Knight and being Christian is all about!

I have a dream! I dream of every K of L member setting

aside one dime each day for Lithuanian charities. Over the period of a year, that daily dime would total \$36.50. If all 4,000 K of L members donated \$36.50 per year, we would have raised the monumental sum of \$146,000.00. What a difference that could make for the College in Rome, our

"container" fund, the scholarship fund, S.O.S. Vaikai and all the worthwhile projects we sponsor.

Yes, Knights, a dime a day could do it. Think about it! What do you say? Perhaps this idea could be discussed at your next meeting. I'd like to hear your comments, or better yet, make my dream come true and make a pledge.



Robert Boris, K of L. Rev. Vytautas Gustaitis & Bishop Juozas Zemaitis of Lithuania with Sister Dinah, Vice President, Brian Connolly, President and Rev. George Hazler, Director of Philosophy and Mission at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan.

LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Lithuanian-American Bar Association, Inc. requests your help as they attempt to locate Lithuanian-American lawyers throughout the United States.

They are building a comprehensive list of as many Lithuanian-American attorneys as can be identified, in order to insure that each one is personally invited to participate in the programs and activities sponsored by the Lithuanian-American Bar Association, Inc.

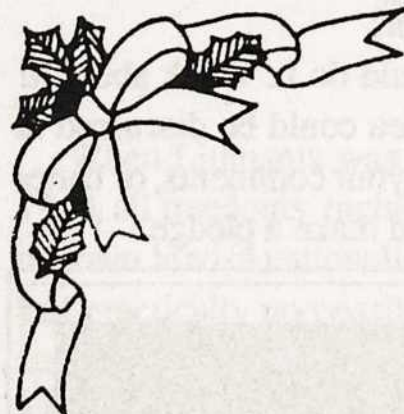
We ask that each Lithuanian-American lawyer in the Continental United States contact the Lithuanian-American Bar Association, Inc.

The Bar Association is planning a lawyers conference in Vilnius, Lithuania to occur in the spring of 1992. This

conference will be in collaboration with lawyers, judges, government officials and law students in Lithuania. At this historic moment in Lithuania's history, the Association wishes to form a significant delegation of the Lithuanian-American legal profession to participate in this conference, and to meet their colleagues in Lithuania.

We ask that each Lithuanian-American lawyer in the Continental United States contact the Association as follows: Ernest C. Raskauskas, Jr., Esq., 3232 Prospect Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20007. Telephone: (202) 364-8800.



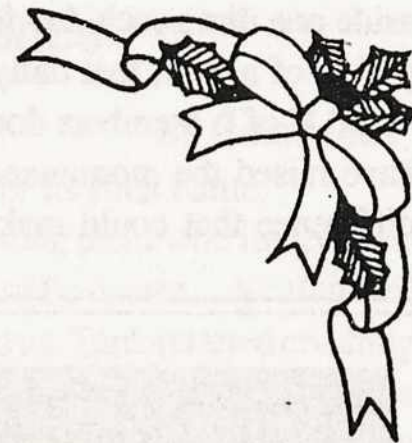


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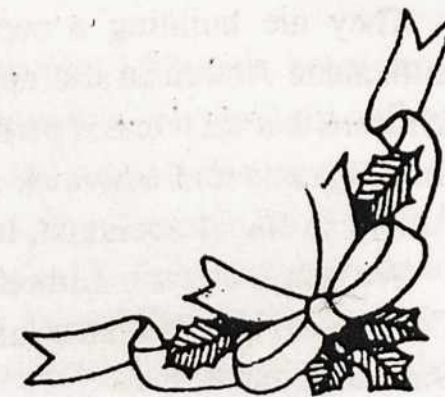
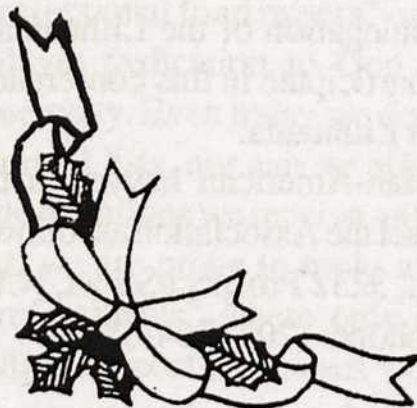
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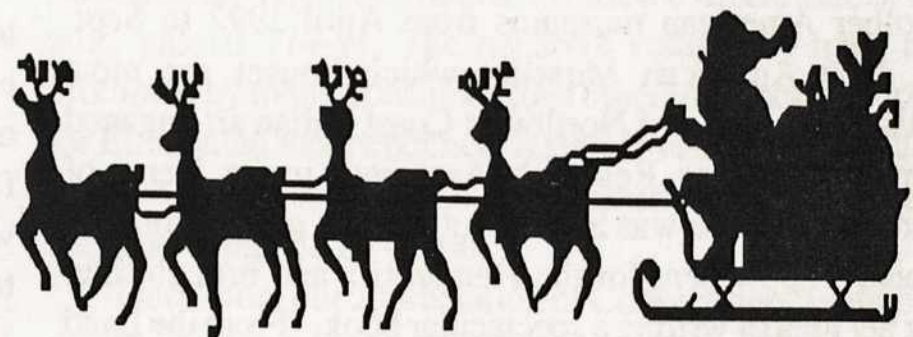


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Lithuanians in the News

TRIATHLON COMPETITION

Early Sunday mornings before the sun rises and before most of us even think of rising from bed, the Levickas family begin preparing for its once-a-year test of physical and mental determination.

Since 1987, the Baltimore leg of the Bud Light Triathlon competition has been an annual event for Sue and Tom Levickas and their son Steve, who participated in the triple-threat consisting of a 1.5 kilometer swim, 25-mile bike trek and a final 10-K run. But the Levickas clan from Cantonsville, MD began its day around 5 a.m.

Sue, 43, takes part in the swimming and running while husband Tom, 48, and son Steve are runners. In addition to competitors like the Levickases, who hold normal day jobs — Sue is an account representative at a local company and Tom is a dentist, there were many other professionals who were in Baltimore to participate for the grand prize of \$5,000.

The top stars of the sport are fun to watch for amateurs and onlookers alike, but the Levickases are just content to participate once a year and leave the tough part of 40-hours-per-week training and constant traveling to the pros. The Levickases claim the event is just done "In good fun".

The Baltimore Evening Sun

NAMED VICE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT OF MUSEUM

Dr. Aldona Jonaitis is an art historian who was appointed Vice Provost for undergraduate studies, making permanent a position she has filled on an acting basis at the New York State University at Stony Brook. She published articles on native American art and wrote a book, "Art of the Northern Tlingit". Dr. Jonaitis is vice president of the American Museum of Natural History and the curator of its recently opened new exhibit, "Chiefly Feasts: The Enduring Kwakiutl Potlatch". The exhibit will run through Feb. 1992 and then tour other American museums from April 1992 to Sept. 1994. The American Museum which houses the most extensive collection of Northwest Coast Indian art engaged Aldona Jonaitis as Research Associate in its Dept. of Anthropology. She was awarded generous grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and brought into being her idea of writing a spectacular book, "From the Land of the Totem Poles". It is now available in paper back edition.

Aldona Jonaitis is the daughter of Demie Jonaitis, former



Aldona Jonaitis

Photo: Sue Dooley

editor of Bridges, whose translations of Lithuanian poetry have appeared in various journals and anthologies.

ETHNIC TIES PULL KETTERING EMPLOYEE

Laima Rastikis, community service manager for Kettering visited Lithuania in June with a group of other Americans to teach municipal officials there how to conduct affairs in democratically elected governments in a free-market economy. She said her parents retained their Lithuanian citizenships and if they had tried to visit relatives back home, they might not have been able to leave. However, her dad is 78-years old and is now failing in health which hinders a trip to Lithuania.

Rastikis, 37, said she had been looking for an



Laima Rastikis with Lithuanian artifacts

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS (Cont'd)

opportunity to get to Lithuania for several years. She jumped at the chance when the U.S.-Baltic Foundation advertised in city management publications for public officials willing to tutor their counterparts in Lithuania. The Foundation, a non-

profit, non-governmental body supported by private grants, payed the full cost of the trip and 18 other officials.

Laima Rastikis has been a Kettering employee for 15 years, a member of C-96 Dayton, OH and also the recipient of the K of L National Scholarship.

NOW, What Needs to be Done?

Letters of appreciation to Senators and Representatives have been issued. It would be appropriate to express our appreciation in a much more tangible way. An election year is approaching and the terms of 35 of the presnt Senators will end in 1992. Therefore, I have done a simple analysis of Congressional response to the Lithuanian situation to determine the levels of support of each legislator.

During the 102nd Congress, 29 bills were introduced in the Senate that, in some way, touched upon or concerned Lithuania. Thirteen actually came to a full Senate vote:

- * Six were amendments to the Foreign Assistance Authorization Act or the Dept. of State Appropriations Authorization Act. All passed by voice vote;
- * Six were resolutions that passed unanimously. Most were "sense of the Senate" expressing support for Lithuania/the Baltics or condemning the violent repressions;
- * One passed 70-28 but the negative votes could also be considered to support the Lithuanian cause. The resolution urged provision of agricultural trade credits only with guarantees that the benefits would not be used to support military or party repression of democratic trends. The negative vote would have completely denied trade credits.

What this review shows is that there was not one voice raised in the Senate in rejection of legislation that directly or indirectly affected or supported the Lithuanian independence drive. Twenty-two Senators distinguished themselves by exerting extra effort in introducing these pieces of legislation or by signing on as co-sponsors at the introduction of the bill or later as it was processed through sub-committee.

Those Senators displaying strong sustained support include:

- Sen. Bill Bradley (Dem-NJ)
- * Sen. Alphonse M. D'Amato (Rep-NY)
- * Sen. Alan Dixon (Dem-IL)
- * Sen. Robert Dole (Rep-KS)
- * Sen. Robert Kasten, Jr. (Rep-WI)
- Sen. Paul Lugar (Rep-IN)
- * Sen. John McCain (Rep-AZ)

Vincent Boris, Lithuanian Affairs Committee

- Sen. Claiborne Pell (Dem-RI)
- Sen. Donald W. Riegle (Dem-MI)
- Sen. Paul Simon (Dem-IL)
- Sen. Malcolm Wallop (Rep-WY)
- Sen. Robert C. Byrd (Dem-WV)
- Sen. Dennis DeConcini (Dem-AZ)
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- Sen. Larry Pressler (Rep-SD)
- * Sen. John Seymour (Rep-CA)
- * Sen. Arlen Specter (Rep-PA)
- * Sen. Timothy E. Wirth (Dem-CO)

Please note that those names marked with an asterisk (*) are those senators whose term expires in 1992 and may, therefore, be mounting a re-election campaign. *It would be appropriate for us to volunteer to help in their campaign, letting them know that as Lithuanian-Americans we deeply appreciate their strong support of the Lithuanian cause.* The others may be seen along the campaign trails. If you encounter them, let them know that you are aware of their strong support and appreciate it. As mentioned earlier, all Senators can be thanked for their support.

The House of Representatives presents a much more complex situation. There were 27 pieces of legislation affecting or related to the Lithuanian situation. Only three came to a full House vote; all three passed. Only two were virtually unanimous. The third, which would have prohibited aid to the Soviet Union unless the President made several certifications regarding human rights, the Baltic States, inter alia., passed 374-41. The negative votes may have been prompted by many considerations other than lack of support for Lithuanian independence. It simply is not clear. It can be noted that the resolution condemning use of military force in the Baltics passed by 417-0.

Once more our appreciation of Congressional support in

the past and hope for future support might be best expressed by positive reinforcement through active participation and work in the re-election campaigns of those Congressmen/women who put forth a greater level of support by introducing and co-sponsoring legislation. The most supportive of the representatives include:

Jon Kyl (Rep-AZ) - 4
 Barbara Boxer (Dem-CA) - 6
 Thomas Campbell (Rep-CA) - 12
 Robert J. Lagomarsino (Rep-CA) - 19
 Robert K. Dorman (Rep-CA) - 38
 William E. Dannemeyer (Rep-CA) - 39
 C. Christopher Cox (Rep-CA) - 40
 Dana Rohrabacher (Rep-CA) - 42
 Barbara Bailey Kennelly (Dem-CT) - 1
 Nancy L. Johnson (Rep CT) - 6
 Dante B. Fascell (Dem-FL) - 19
 Neil Abercrombie (Dem-HI) - 1
 Frederick Grandy (Rep-IA) - 6
 Martin A. Russo (Dem-IL) - 3
 William O. Lipinski (Dem-IL) - 5
 Henry J. Hyde (Rep-IL) - 6
 John Edward Porter (Rep-IL) - 10
 Frank Annunzio (Dem-IL) - 11
 Philip M. Crane (Rep-IL) 12
 Richard J. Durbin (Dem-IL) - 20
 William J. Jefferson (Dem-LA) - 2
 Barney Frank (Dem-MA) - 4
 Brian J. Donnelly (Dem-MA) - 11
 Helen Delich Bentley (Rep-MD) - 2

Benjamin L. Cardin (Dem-MD) - 3
 Steny H. Hoyer (Dem-MD) - 5
 Paul B. Henry (Rep-MI) - 5
 David E. Bonior (Dem-MI) - 12
 Dennis M. Hertel (Dem-MI) - 14
 Richard A. Gephardt (Dem-MO) - 3
 Douglas Bereuter (Rep-NE) - 1
 Norman F. Lent (Rep-NY) - 4
 Raymond J. McGrath (Rep-NY) - 5
 Michael R. McNulty (Dem-NY) - 23
 Frank Horton (Rep-NY) - 29
 Bob McEwen (Rep-OH) - 6
 Douglas Applegate (Dem-OH) - 18
 Joseph Kolter (Dem-PA) - 4
 Don Ritter (Rep-PA) - 15
 Rick Santorum (Rep-PA) - 18
 Bill Sarpalius (Dem-TX) - 13
 Martin Frost (Dem-TX) - 24
 Richard Arme (Rep-TX) - 26
 Gerald D. Kleczka (Dem-WI) - 4

It is important to remember that the above selections were based upon a review of tabulated records. Many elected officials have made public statements or read text into the Congressional Record supportive of Baltic independence. They also merit our support. The above-named have risen above the average. I strongly urge you all to be equally visible as K of L'ers or Lithuanian-Americans in support of them. There are some in states/Congressional Districts where the K of L is not represented. If you have friends and relatives in these areas, write them to support the candidate and tell them why.

THIS CHRISTMAS.....

This Christmas, mend a quarrel.
 Seek out a forgotten friend.
 Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.
 Write a love letter.
 Share some treasure.
 Give a soft answer.
 Encourage youth.
 Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.
 Keep a promise. Find the time.
 Forego a grudge.
 Forgive an enemy.
 Listen.
 Apologize if you are wrong.
 Try to understand.
 Flout envy.

Examine your demands on others.
 Think first of someone else.
 Appreciate.
 Be kind, be gentle.
 Laugh a little.
 Laugh a little more.
 Take up arms against malice.
 Express your gratitude.
 Go to church.
 Welcome a stranger.
 Gladden the heart of a child.



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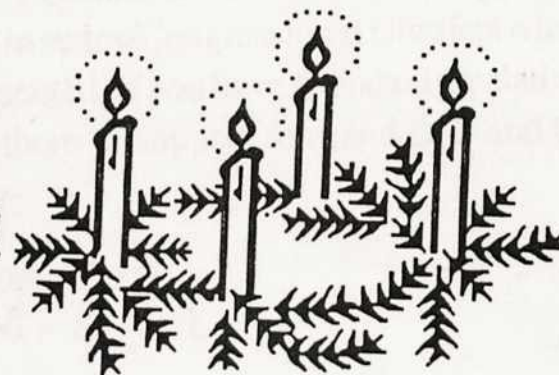
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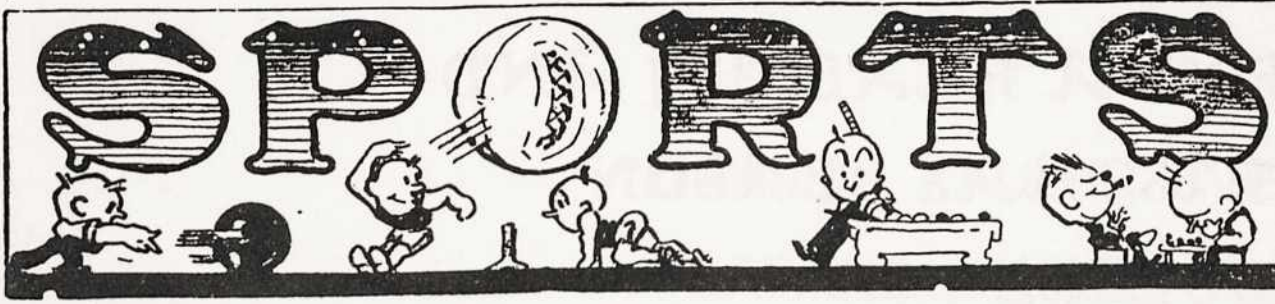
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The 1991 World Lithuanian Olympic Games A Sports Spectacle

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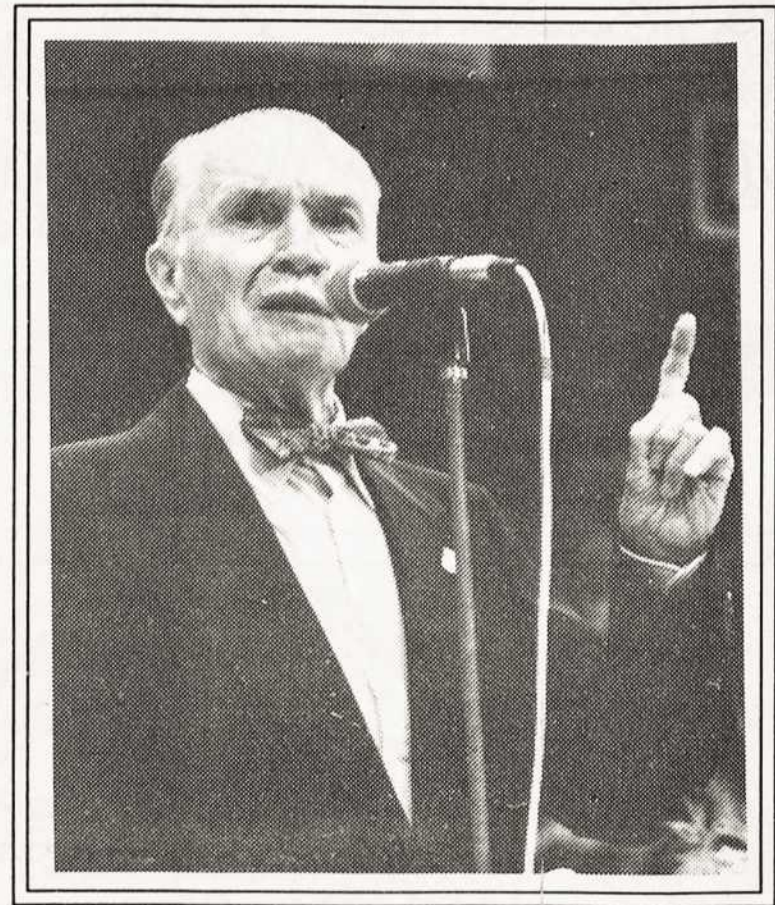
From July 27 to August 3, 1991, Lithuania officially welcomed all sport participants and visitors who returned to the land of their ancestors. There were over 1,000 athletes who competed in the various events such as basketball, soccer, swimming, volley ball, even skiing, as well as chess, tennis, etc. Everyone had the opportunity to win a gold, silver or bronze medal. The same pattern of Olympic games held in Seoul, Korea was followed.

The opening day started with a mass at the centuries old cathedral in Kaunas after which all athletes and officials began the march from Old City Hall Square to the stadium along the main thoroughfare. Crowds gathered on both sides of the street to greet the athletes and wish them well. A holiday atmosphere was evident with banners, flags, sports costumes of the different countries and shouts of "Hello America - Valio - Good Luck!" It turned out to be a national holiday.

The marchers enroute to the stadium stopped at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to pay its respect by laying a wreath. The parade continued to the huge stadium packed with some 15,000 spectators to view athletes from approximately 15 countries. Everyone was in a happy mood — a festive occasion.

At the stadium, President Landsbergis greeted everyone stating that all athletes were winners and champions of friendship and good will. All fear of Communism was forgotten. The spectators applauded various countries and athletes. There was also a basketball team representing Siberia! Planes flew overhead in various formations, dancers displayed their colorful costumes from various regions. At one point in time, the entire stadium crowd was invited to come to the arena and dance. The program at the stadium was postponed when on July 31, the KGB or Black Berets invaded a customs office near Vilnius killing several guards. Some 200,000 Lithuanians paid their respect for them. They were the latest sacrifice to communist terror. A veil of sadness prevailed a day later when the games were continued and concluded.

The closing ceremony was held in Vilnius at Kalnų Park



Konstant . Savickus at the podium in Vilnius.

with a crowd of 18,000 people in attendance. The program was an extravaganza presented on a grand scale. It began with Knights on horseback entering the arena, huge drums were pounded to give a grim effect of ominous music, followed by dancers and actors with exotic costumes from the Vilnius Academy. The program was done very professionally much to the joy of all present. This concluding presentation surpassed the opening ceremonies of the Olympics finishing with a tremendous display of fireworks lighting up the sky.

The next Olympics in Lithuania will again be repeated in 1995. Thank God we're free at last to hold such spectacular events on Lithuanian soil.



TRIUMPH OF THE BALTICS

For years, people from the Baltic nations were considered, by what passed for "enlightened" Western opinion, as the most recalcitrant of cold warriors and anti-communists. They earned this reputation by never accepting that their small nations should be swallowed up by the Soviet Union.

But though there had been a dramatic redrawing of international boundaries in the aftermath of World War II, one conquest of the war was left untouched by the peacemakers.

Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia - incorporated into Stalin's empire as a consequence of the Hitler-Stalin pact — remained part of the "Soviet Union."

For years, Western statesmen paid lip service to the idea that this disposition was unjust. But the diplomatic priorities of Western leaders lay elsewhere, and even some supportive politicians privately considered Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia independence something of a lost cause.

What was overlooked in these calculations was the indomitable spirit of the Baltic peoples. The men and women of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania never gave up. They worked vigorously to keep their national consciousness and traditions alive in the face of heavy-handed Soviet efforts at Russification. And they availed themselves of every peaceful means to keep their cause on the international diplomatic agenda.

As the decades passed, they worked hard to remind a new generation of Westerners that there were genuinely independent nations fused to the Soviet Union's western border.

Inside the captive nations, Baltic dissidents braved prison and worse to organize. They utilized every opportunity given them during the early years of *perestroika* to breathe life into the parliaments and political institutions they were permitted. They faced down army units during Gorbachev's brutal crackdowns earlier this year.

And they never resorted to the terrorist tactics that are common among so many of the world's independence movements.

Now the Baltic states have won the freedom for which they have struggled these last 50 years. President Bush's somewhat belated extension of American diplomatic recognition helps to confirm what the people living inside Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia have long known in their hearts: They constitute nations that are genuine in every respect.

No doubt there will be difficult days ahead, as the Baltic peoples readjust their economies and redefine their place in the world. For now, we express our admiration for their victory in a long struggle, waged with exemplary courage and tenacity.

New York Post

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Sophia (Scottie) Zukas
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With the bells of Freedom ringing throughout Lithuania, this will be a Special Christmas with a Blessed New Year ahead.



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1. Svei-kas Jē-zau gi-mu-sis, Šven-tas Die-vo Kū-di-ki
 2. Kank-lē-mis kank-liuo-ki-me, Su-tar-ti-ņe leis-ki-me,
 3. Dan-gus mums jau ar-ti-nas, Že-mēj žmo-nēs links-mi-nas

Bran-giā die-ņā švēs-da-mi Už-gi-mi-mo

Vieš-pa-ties Links-min-ki-mēs ir džiau-ki-mēs,

Die-vui gar-bę duo-da-mi gie-do-ki-me.

Nakties tyloj

Žodž. Alg. Kačanauskio

Muz. Liudo Stuko

1. Nak - ties ty - loj su - skam - ba bal - sai Is
 mei - go ke - lias pie - me - nys ir re - gi an - ge - lus Lai -
 min - ga nak - ti jie skel - bia Ir guo - dzia jie varg - sus.

2. Nakties tyloj
 Stai skuba ir jie.
 Ir mato kudikeli
 Tvirtely gulinti.
 Suklumpa jie ant keliu
 Dievulio garbinti.

3. Nakties tyloj
 Karsta malda.
 Jie sveikina stai Viespati
 Skaisciu sirdziu auka.
 Palaimink mus, Dievuli,
 Rankute dieviska.

Gimtoji Kalba

Dalia Bulvicius, Lithuanian Language Coordinator

RIDDLES - MİSLES

1. Ne medis bet su lapais, ne drabužis bet susiūtas, ne žmogus bet viską pasako.
 2. Pats nemato, bet kitam rodo.
 3. Šarangė vasarangė po suolo susirangė.
 4. Ešeras ant stalo, žvejai aplinkui.
 5. Pramušė ledą - rado sidabrą, pramušė sidabrą - rado auksą.
 6. Vasarą molis, žiema brolis.
 7. Penki tvartai, vienos durys.
 8. Be kirvio, be kirvelio, be gražto be gražtelio, be medžio be medelio pastato tiltą.
 9. Mįslių tėvas, klane guli.
 10. Du ratai pagiryje stovi.
 11. Pilna trobelė baltų vištelių.
 12. Šonas šyla, šonas šąla, galva džiūsta, kojos pūsta.
 13. Pykšt, pokšt ant lentos, kybur vybur ant tvoros.
 14. Akmens kojos, medžio liemu, stiklo akys, šiaudų kepure, ant tos kepure senis sėdi ir pypkę rūko.
 15. Eina be kojų, muša be rankų.
 16. Du bėga, du veja, du spokso, du riokso, vienuoliktas pliekia.
 17. Kurza keverza visą lauką apkeverzoja.
 18. Aukso lenta praskilo, vėsas sviestas sukilo.
 19. Be kojų, be rankų, duris atidaro.
 20. Be rankų be rankelių be kirvio be kirvelio namelius pastato.
 21. Šimtas lapų, šimtas palapių, pats ant vienos kojas.
 22. Kai jauna buvau, rožė žydėjau, kai pasenau, akis įgijau, pro tas akis pati išlindau.
 23. Su medžiaus lygus, niekad saules nemato.
 24. Kokių medžių daugiausia miške?
 25. Koks medis be lapų žaliuoja?
 26. Kas samanotas gema?
 27. Kad atsikeltų- dangų paremtų, kad prašnekitu - daug pasakytu, kad rankas turėtų- vagį sugautų.
 28. Šepetys repetys, aukšta pilį pastatys.
1. Knyga. 2. Akiniai. 3. Šuo. 4. Dubuo su sriuba ir valgytojai. 5. Kiaušinis. 6. Krosnes. 7. Pirštine. 8. Šaltis. 9. Liežuvis. 10. Ausys. 11. Dantys. 12. Durys. 13. Skalbiniai. 14. Namai. 15. Laikrodis. 16. Karvė. 17. Akėčios. 18. Saulė. 19. Vejas. 20. Paukštis. 21. Kopūstas. 22. Aguona. 23. Medžio šerdis. 24. Apoalių. 25. Egle, pušis, kadugys. 26. Grybas. 27. Kelias. 28. Grėblys.



WHY GO TO CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS?

So far as we know, all Christian denominations expect their members to go to church on Christmas Day. It may be the only time, or practically the only time that some people do go to church.

It has been said that in all societies there has been a midwinter festival and that many of the trappings of our Christmas are almost violently pagan. But in the quietness of Christmas morning, you come back to the central fact of the day - the birth of God on earth.

Almost nobody has seen God, and almost nobody has any real idea what He is like; and the truth is that among men the idea of seeing God suddenly and standing in the very bright light is not necessarily a completely comfortable and appealing idea.

But everybody has seen babies, and most people like them. If God wanted to be loved as well as feared, He moved correctly here. If He wanted to know His people as well as rule them, He moved correctly here, for a baby growing up learns all about people. If God wanted to be intimately a part of man, He moved correctly here, for the experience of birth and familyhood is our most intimate and precious experience.

So it comes beyond logic....if it is false, we are doomed. If it is true as it must be, it makes everything else in the world right.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

All of a sudden Lithuania is again a politically independent country. Now she is undergoing the difficult process of economic reconstruction and development. At this stage, Lithuania is in great need of obtaining knowledge of what to do and how to do it better. Lithuania can best be helped by those who have empathy with her situation, particularly the Lithuanians living abroad.

Dr. James Yackel, the Chancellor of Purdue University Calumet, understands this and wishes to help Lithuania by creating a list of Lithuanian specialists in business, economics and public administration who would like to assist Lithuania by sharing their expertise with her. These people would be invited to participate in specific projects in Lithuania.

If you are experienced in business, economics or public administration and would like to participate in practical assistance projects in Lithuania, please write or call: Dr. Feliksas Palubinskas, Head, Management Dept., Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, IN 46323. Telephone: (219) 989-2607 - (219) 989-2388.

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Happy Holidays to All !





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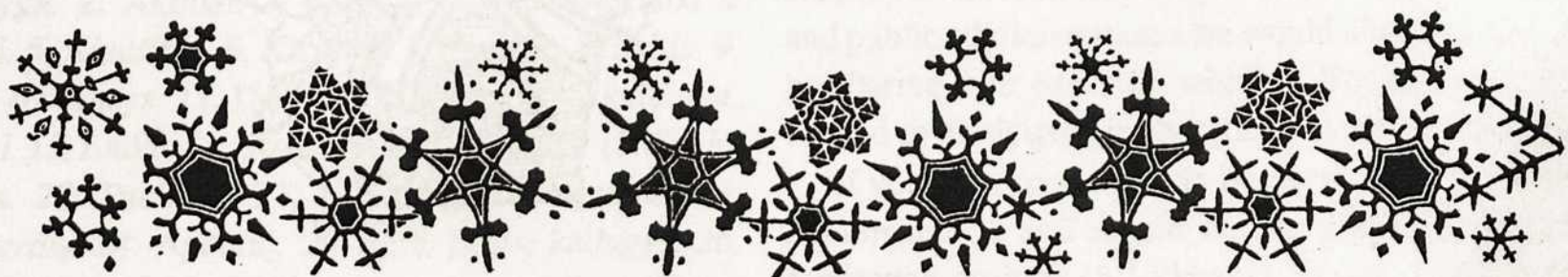


HOLIDAY GREETINGS

*May we all have good health during the coming year
and enjoy life to its fullest
with God's Blessing.*

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Humanitarian Airlift Service for Parcels sent to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

From November 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, the Postal Service will provide airlift service for parcel post mailed by persons in the United States to individuals or families in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The Postal Service is offering this service to help persons in the United States send humanitarian aid to individuals and families in these countries through a means that is faster than regular surface mail, at a cost lower than airmail service.

These parcels receive surface transportation to the U.S. dispatching exchange office for transport by air to the destination country. Airmail parcels receive priority over airlift parcels in dispatch.

To obtain airlift service, the following conditions apply:

1. Address parcels to a specific individual or family at a postal address in one of the three countries listed above and show the return address of the sender.
2. Endorse the parcel boldly HUMANITARIAN AIRLIFT, in red, on the address side.
3. No special services, including insurance, are available.
4. Pay postage at the surface international parcel post rate plus an airlift surcharge of \$1.00 per pound. A rate chart for surface, airlift and airmail is shown below. The maximum weight for a parcel is 22 pounds.
5. Mailing conditions in the Individual Country Listing of the International Mail Manual (IMM) for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, are followed, except:

a. Parcels to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania must NOT show the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (U.S.S.R.) as the destination country. Make the destination country Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania, as appropriate, written in English. Do not address mail "via" a third country.

b. The country-specific prohibitions and restrictions of the Soviet Union no longer pertain to mail to Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania. Because none of these countries has provided a country-specific list of items prohibited or restricted entry, mailers must assume responsibility for the items they mail. Complete customs declarations in English with an interline translation in French or the language used in the country of destination.

Post offices must forward airlift parcels by surface to the New Jersey International and Bulk Mail Center, NJ.

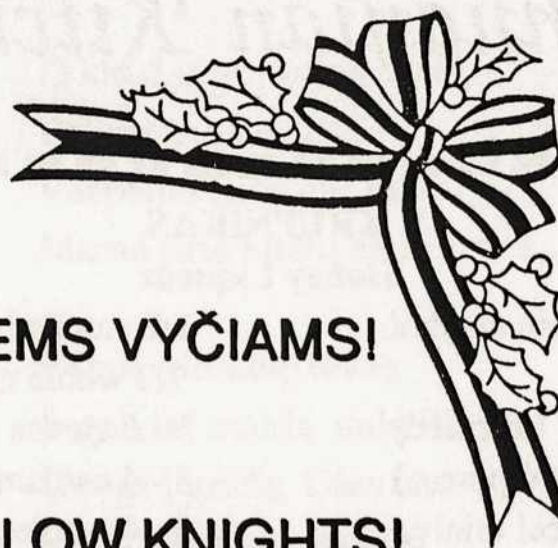
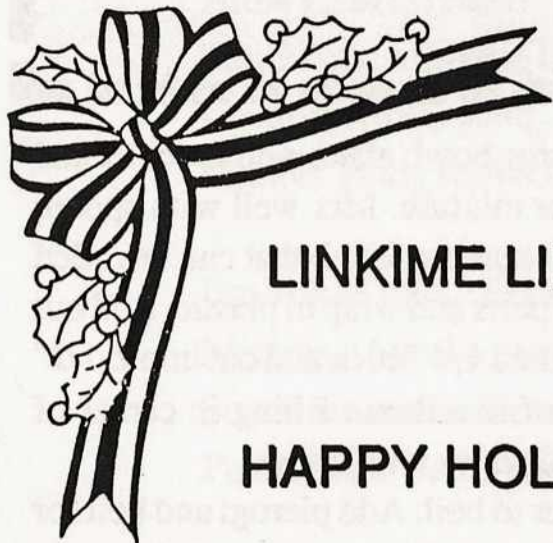
The international parcel post rates for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are:

Weight Not Over (lbs.)	Surface	Airlift	Airmail
1	\$ 6.55	\$ 7.55	\$12.30
2	6.55	8.55	19.30
3	8.65	11.65	26.30
4	10.75	14.75	33.30
5	12.85	17.85	40.30
6	14.95	20.95	46.30
7	17.05	24.05	52.30
8	19.15	27.15	58.30
9	21.25	30.25	64.30
10	23.35	33.35	70.30
11	25.45	36.45	76.30
12	27.55	39.55	82.30
13	29.65	42.65	88.30
14	31.75	45.75	94.30
15	33.85	48.85	100.30
16	35.95	51.95	106.30
17	38.05	55.05	112.30
18	40.15	58.15	118.30
19	42.25	61.25	124.30
20	44.35	64.35	130.30
21	46.45	67.45	136.30
22	48.55	70.55	142.30

*May warm memories
Brighten your Christmas day
and Happiness fill your
New Year*



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OUR FELLOW KNIGHTS!

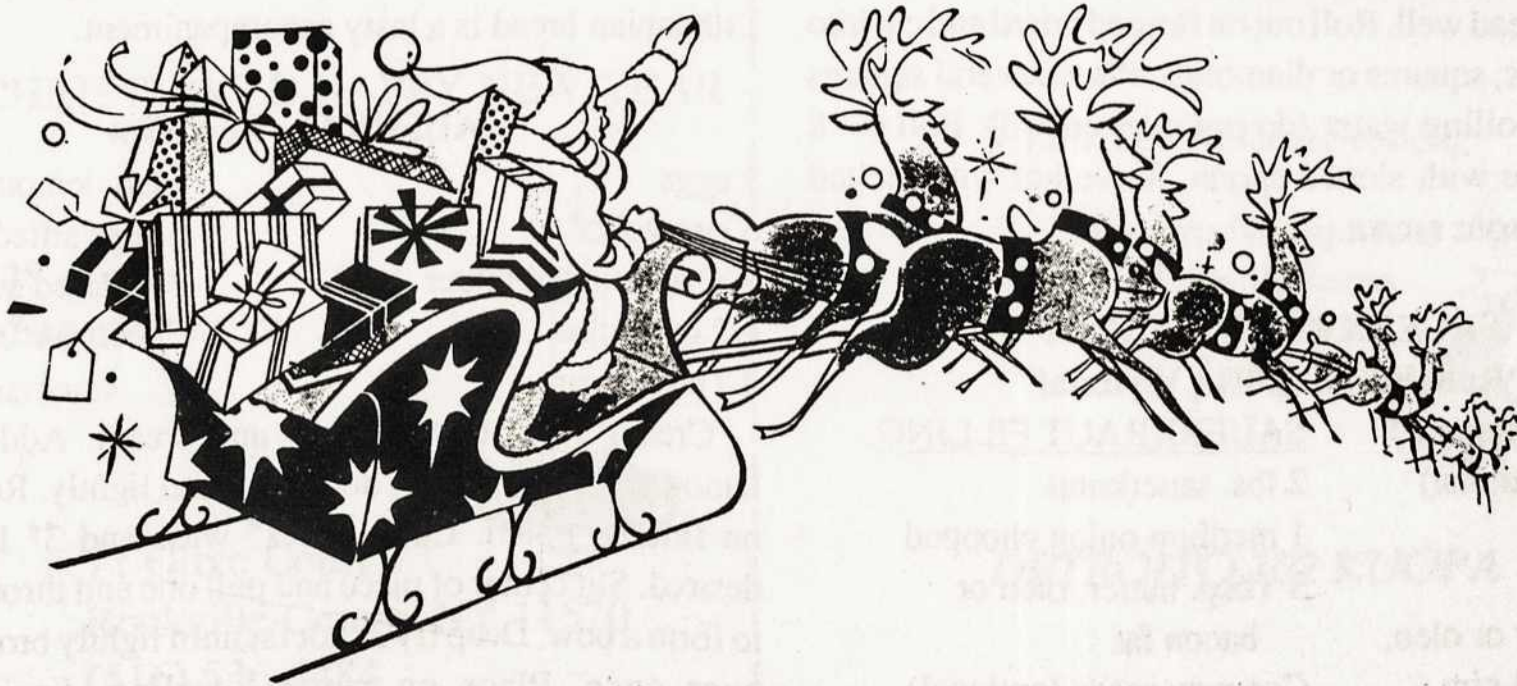
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Lithuanian Kitchen - Lietuviška Virtuvė

KRUPNIKAS

Honey Liqueur

1/5th gal. grain alcohol	1/2 vanilla bean
1 pt. rum	1/2 whole nutmeg
4 cups water (distilled)	5 - 6 cloves
3 cups honey (approx.)	3 - 4 cardamon seeds
2 oranges) peel thinly,	3 - 4 whole allspice
1 lemon) remove white	1 cup cherry extract
pith and quarter	syrup or 1 cup red
1 stick cinnamon	sweet wine.

For safety reasons, DO NOT BOIL alcohol liquids.

In a saucepan, preferably enamel, bring water to boil; add spices, citrus fruits, peels and honey. Bring to a boil and simmer for about 1 hour. Add cherry extract syrup OR red sweet wine and boil for 15-20 mins. Place all the alcohol into a large jug. Pour the hot liquid over the alcohol mixture; cover and allow to stand for 24 or more hours. Strain the mixture through a double layer of coffee filters into another container. Repeat this step until the liquid is clear; change filters if they become clogged. Pour clear Krupnikas into serving container.

CHEESE SQUARES - Varškiečiai

4 eggs	1/2 cup flour (approx.)
1 Tbsp. sour cream	2 lbs. grated Andrulis
1/2 tsp. salt (optional)	farmer cheese

Combine eggs, sour cream, salt and cheese. Sift in flour, using only enough flour to make dough stiff enough for kneading. Knead well. Roll out on floured board and cut into desired shapes, squares or diamonds. Place several squares into rapidly boiling water (do not over crowd). Boil 6 - 8 mins. Remove with slotted spoon. Serve hot with melted butter and/or sour cream.

SAUERKRAUT PIEROGI

Raugintų Kopūstų Virtiniai

3 cups flour (approx.)	<u>SAUERKRAUT FILLING</u>
1 tsp. salt (optional)	2 lbs. sauerkraut
1 egg	1 medium onion chopped
1 egg yolk	3 Tbsp. butter, oleo or
2 Tbsp. butter or oleo,	bacon fat
melted in 1 cup	Caraway seeds (optional)
warm water	Salt, pepper, to taste

Blend flour and salt in large bowl; make well in center and add egg, yolk, butter-water mixture. Mix well with spoon; add more flour if needed to make a dough that can be rolled out. Divide dough in 3 or 4 parts and wrap in plastic. Roll out dough on lightly floured board 1/4" thick and cut into 2-1/2" rounds. Place a spoonful of sauerkraut filling in center of round; fold in half and seal edges with a fork.

Bring a large pot of water to boil. Add pierogi and boil for 8 - 9 mins. Drain well. When ready to serve, melt butter in large skillet and saute until lightly browned on both sides. Makes 70 pierogi.

FILLING; Drain liquid from sauerkraut. Rinse in water, drain again. Saute onion in pan; add seasonings and sauerkraut and simmer for about 1 hour until very tender. Drain very well again. Chop well.

HERRING SALAD - Silkių Salotas

2 jars pickled, schmaltz,	1/2 cup sour cream
or matjes herring	2 - 3 Tbs. beet juice
1 med. onion, sliced	3-4 boiled potatoes, sliced
1/2 cup mayonnaise	1 jar sliced beets, drained
parsley, olives, lettuce (optional garnish)	

Mix mayonnaise, sour cream, beet juice in a small bowl. Line bottom of 1-1/2 qt. serving dish with lettuce. Spread herring pieces over greens. Top with onion rings; then place warm potato slices and beets over all. Pour the mayonnaise mixture over the herring and vegetables. Garnish as desired. Can be served as is, or refrigerate until ready to serve. Dark Lithuanian bread is a tasty accompaniment.

AUSUKAI - Bow Ties

2 eggs	1 tsp. lemon juice
6 egg yolks	4 cups sifted flour
2 Tbsp. melted butter	Powdered sugar
1/2 cup sugar	Crisco for frying
2 Tbsp. cream	

Cream eggs, butter, sugar and cream. Add flour and lemon juice and make a dough. Knead lightly. Roll out thin on floured board. Cut strips 1" wide and 3" long, or as desired. Slit center of piece and pull one end through the slit to form a bow. Deep fry in hot fat until lightly browned, turn over once. Place on paper toweling. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar.

Manes Nebus Tenai.....

Ateis į žemę tyliai
Ten Kučių vakaras brangus
Ir mintį rimtą, gilia,
Mastys žvaigždėtasis dangus.

Broliukas visą dieną
Nerims, ir lauks pirmos žvaigždės
Sesuo šiumečio šieno
Po staltiese balta padės.

O staltiesės baltumas.
Kaip šaltas sniegas ant laukų.
Širdy vaiskus giedrumas,
O sieloj nuostabiai jauku.

Senelis pučia dūmą
Ir pasakas anūkams seka;
Kaip kipšą kvietė kūmu,
Sutikęs kažkada ant tako.



O kai danguj žvaigždėlė,
Pati pirmoji švies,
Varpeliai rims ant kelio,
Mama prie kūčių stalo kvies....

Paims plotkelę tėvas
Ir garsiai maldą sukalbės.
Įžengs į gričią Dievas,
Už kūčių stalo atsisės.

Mane, negrįžusį senai,
Tyliai nuliūde prisimins.
Manęs nebus tenai
Plotkelę tėvas kai dalins.

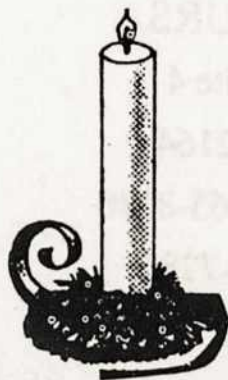
Ir skaudžiai ašara karti
Riedės ant mamos skruosto.
Manęs nebus arti,
Nebus kas ašaras nušluosto.

Todėl ir širdį gelia....
Nebus šį vakarą ramu.
Kas man išties plotkelę
Toli išklydus iš namų?

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LITHUANIAN NEWSPAPER VIENYBE - (Unity)

Regina Kot

Vienybe was the oldest Lithuanian newspaper established in 1886 at Plymouth, PA, which, sad to say ceased to exist a few years ago. It started as a four page weekly by Juozas Paukstis, a successful grocer, and Juozas Pajaujis, owner of a saloon. They hired Tom Bačkauskas as editor who was a teacher in a Polish school and also an assistant editor of a Polish newspaper.

The first issue of *Vienybe* had a circulation of 1,000 copies and was printed on February 10, 1886. The publishers stated they would follow a policy of "unity, harmony, neighborly love and living as true Catholics." Bačkauskas almost single-handedly filled its pages, using a Polonized Lithuanian vernacular; his trademark was a personal column, the Taradaika (the Tattler) making comments on Lithuanians and their activities. He left the newspaper after two years to establish his own weekly, *Saulė* (The Sun).

During the first decade of its existence, the newspaper

received considerable support from the Lithuanian priests, of whom the one to exert the greatest influence was Rev. Antanas Burba, pastor of a newly established Lithuanian parish in Plymouth, PA. He persuaded the publisher, Juozas Paukstis, to appoint Juozas Andziulaitis as editor. Before coming to the United States, Andziulaitis had edited the monthly publication of the Lithuanian national movement *Aušra* (The Dawn) published in East Prussia.

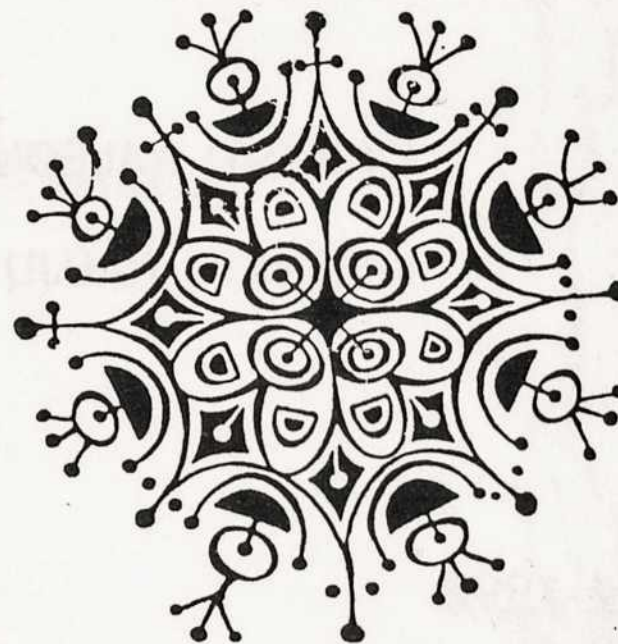
In 1907 the newspaper was moved to the more metropolitan and livelier Lithuanian settlement in Brooklyn, NY under the editorship of Juozas Otto Širvydas. He encouraged promising young people to write for the paper and developed a network of twenty correspondents from various American-Lithuanian communities.

In 1940 Juozas Tyšliava, a poet and a writer, took over the editorship of the newspaper. After his death, his wife and son continued to publish the paper until its demise in 1961.

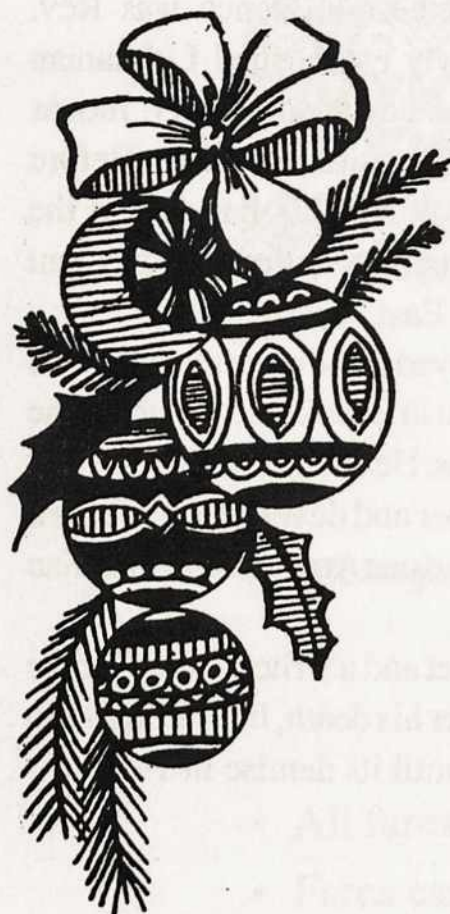
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Visiems Vyčiams

Rev. Peter Shakalis
 Sister Helen
 Pat & Norman Achorn
 Bizinkauskas Family
 Sue Boroskas
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 Florence Carnilla
 Ed Cominsky
 Dillis Family
 Diane DuBois
 Doris & Herb Fralick
 Scott Kelley
 Bill & Benedikta Pribusauskas
 Sylvia Shukis
 Statkus Family



C-1 - BROCKTON, MA



Šiandien Betlėjui, Šiandien Lietuvoje

Gimė Laisvė Visiems

Varpeliai skamba, Angelai Gieda

Linksmų Kalėdų Brangoji Vyčiams

A Blessed Holiday Season to all

C-74 - Scranton, PA

THANK GOD FOR FREEDOM

GARBĖ DIEVUI AUKŠTYBĖSE

ir

RAMYBĖ VISIEMS ANT ŽEMĖS!

LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ IR

LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ VISIEMS!



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND

PEACE TO ALL ON EARTH!

1991-1992

C-86 DuBois, PA

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ ŠVENČIŲ

LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ MĖTŲ

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1991

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1992



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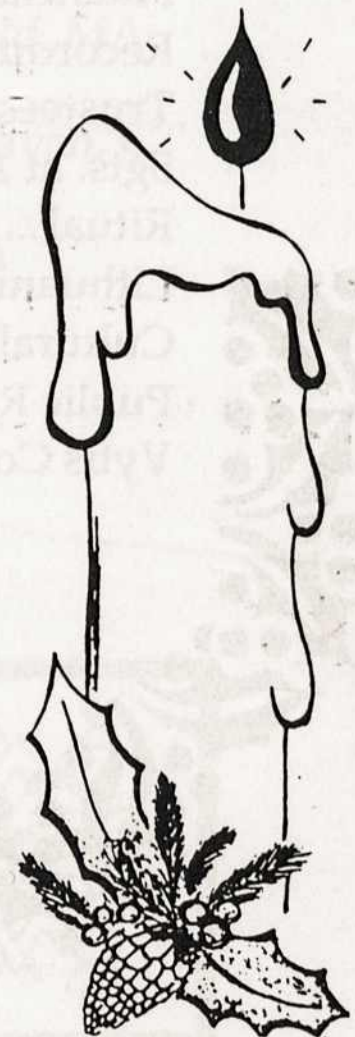
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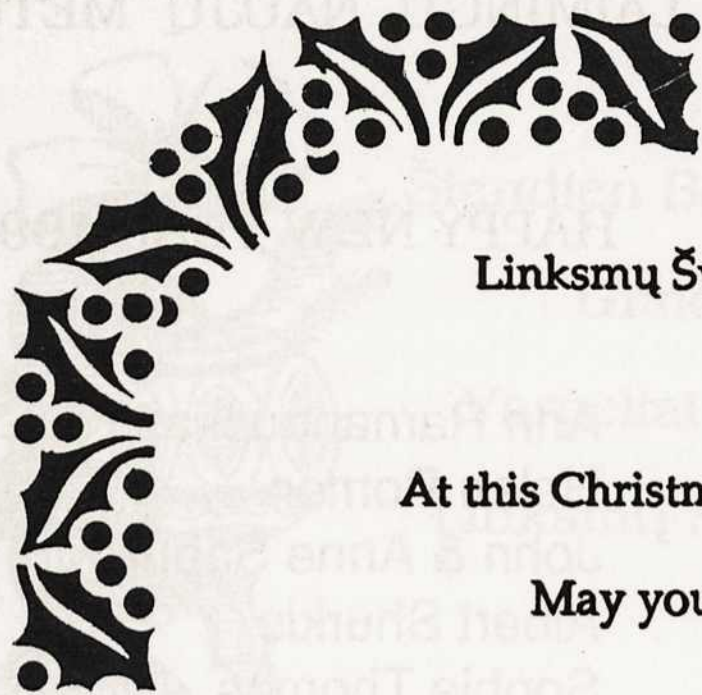
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Linkšmų Švenčių



Garbės Narys Longinas Svelnis
C-17 So. Boston, MA



Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų ir Nuotaikingų Naujų Mėtų

At this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year

May you be Blessed with every Happiness!

- Spiritual Advisor.....Msgr. Frank Bulovas
- President.....Bruno Rutkuna
- 1st Vice President.....Iggy Walles
- 2nd Vice President.....Peter Zuyus
- 3rd Vice President.....Joseph Stelmokas
- Treasurer.....Roman Wensek
- Financial Secretary.....William Budris
- Recording Secretary.....Helen Matulonis
- Trustees.....Helen Venis - Evelyn Walles
- Sgts. at Arms.....Frances Migliore - Anthony Yakaitis - Helen Yakaitis
- Ritual.....Amylia Girdauskas
- Lithuanian Affairs.....Kazimieras Vainius
- Cultural.....Alphonse Marcel
- Public Relations.....Ann Morrissey
- Vytis Correspondent.....Patricia Zenisek



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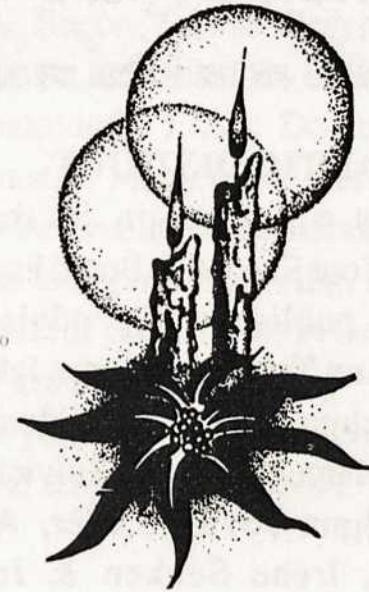
C-110 Maspeth, NY

Christmas Greetings

from

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



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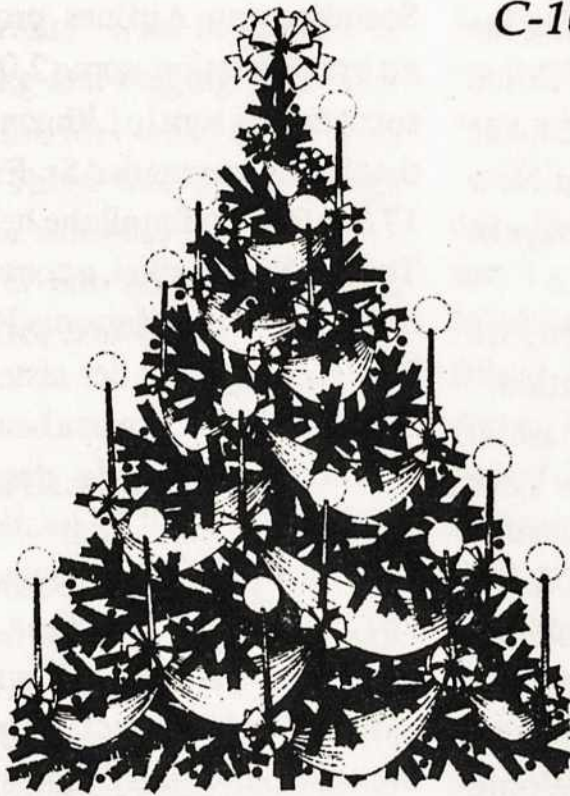
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Council News - Vyčiai Veikia

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

There is a correction in three categories of our Executive Board listing previously published. Be advised: Trustees - Ann Tarmey, Frances Jakatt & Joseph Stelmokas; Cultural - Edmund Cook, Al Marcel & Dalia Bulvicius; Ritual - Chmn Jovita Sleder, Ann Adomenas, Irene Senken & Jean Mactutis.

An executive board meeting with fourteen members present was held Nov. 9 at Our Lady of Vilnius Church hall in NYC, hosted by Dist. Sec. Jeanne Janonis, C-12, NY. We thank Fr. Eugene Sawicki for allowing us to hold the meeting in this area.

The day of the meeting happened to fall on the 5th anniversary of the death of Honorary Member Larry Janonis, our very hard-working District Pres. of many, many years, well-known to all. He will always be remembered for his dedication and loyalty to the K of L organization. It was also the first anniversary of the death of Honorary Member, Helen Shields, also a beloved K of L'r. Both were remembered in our prayers.

The meeting was an informal one to make plans for possible future district activity. Many good ideas came forth from the members present and, hopefully, will come to pass next year. Both Pres. John Sakal and Vice Pres. Josephine Zukas attended the Supreme Council meeting held in Phila, PA on Oct. 26 and discussions took place following their reports. We will be awaiting instructions from the Supreme Council on the various subject matters presented.

We have good news in that Msgr. Frank Bulovas, Pastor Emeritus of

Transfiguration Church, Maspeth will definitely remain as our District's Spiritual Advisor. The District membership presented Msgr. with a gift in celebration of his 75th birthday and consequent retirement from administrative duties. We're glad to have you aboard, Msgr.!

Donations have been made to various worthy causes, among them, the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, DC, to Rev. Wm. Wolkovich who is writing a book on Lithuanian parishes, to the St. Casimir Guild benefitting the Pontifical Lithuanian College of Rome and membership in the Jack Stukas Radio Program emanating from New Jersey, and the one by Romas Kezys in Queens, NY.

For those who may not know, we present some "inside information:" National President Frances (Baskis) Petkus was originally a C-12 New York member, who met her late, handsome husband, Mike Petkus, at a K of L National Convention. They married, and he subsequently moved to Dayton, OH where they raised their family and continued their K of L interests. We are certainly very proud of her success!

Circle your calendar - March 8, 1992 - for the annual commemorative St. Casimir's Day Mass & Luncheon at Annunciation Church, Brooklyn, NY hosted by C-41 members with their Pres. William Kumeta. We hope to see you there!

Christmas joy to all, and peace in the New Year to you and yours!

Josephine Zukas

C-1 BROCKTON, MA

Dear Vyčiai, where does time fly? So much has taken place since our last

communication. During the terrible days in June, "Baisus Birželis", this year was remembered with a solemn celebration of mass at Holy Cross Cathedral. Card. Bernard Law was chief celebrant assisted by Bishop Zemaitis of Lithuania and many other priests. It was well attended by the New England Vyčiai.. One of our own, Verutė Bizinkauskas Cote sang a beautiful song while young girls from So. Boston performed hand motions. This was the perfect ending and not a dry eye in the congregation.

Sr. Helen, also a member of SOS Vaikai, Lithuanian Children Relief Inc., organized the collection of clothing and toys for the orphaned and poor children of Lithuania. With the help of Scandinavian Airlines providing free air transportation, some 2,000 lbs. were successfully sent to Lithuania. A special thank you is extended Sr. Eugenia of C-17 So. Boston for all the help she gave. To help SOS Vaikai, a concert was held in November at Maironis Park. Marytė Bizinkauskas and her sister, Veronika Cote performed. It was a beautiful event.

Christmas cards depicting the children's art will be available in time for Christmas. Please contact Sr. Helen, 261 Thatcher St., Brockton, MA 02402.

Sunday in the Park sponsored by City of Brockton was held in July which brought our council out in full force. We served dešra and kapusta which was so delicious we ran short. Thanks to all who assisted.

In August, all roads led to Kennebunkport, ME where several hundred gathered to rally for Baltic Freedom and make our pleas known to Pres. Bush. Again, many New England K of L's including C-1 members were among the happy crowd. The day began with a mass at the Franciscan monastery followed by a motorcade to Pres. Bush's summer home. The cars were decorated with flags and posters and people cheered as we drove through town. Upon

returning to the Monastery, there was a bonfire and singing of Lithuanian and Latvian songs. Sorry, no Estonians were present. The bonfire depicted the 300 miles of bonfires burning from Lithuania to Estonia. The closing ceremony was beautiful. A wreath with three Baltic flags was placed in the ocean as a symbol of our oneness with those across the ocean. Singing of the national anthems concluded the ceremony.

C-1 members attended the Labor Day Picnic held at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent. What an event! This was the glorious day that Pres. Bush recognized the Baltic countries as free. Bishop Baltakis was the celebrant of the mass. God knows how to arrange things. The day was glorious with thousands of people dancing and singing. The New England District was also well represented. There was TV coverage from all major stations.

Our hearts are still celebrating; Lithuania is free and God is good!

Daisy Ruta

C-3 PHILADELPHIA, PA

On Sept. 23, many council members and friends bussed to Atlantic City for a visit to the casinos. We are sure everyone had an enjoyable day. Thanks to Marge Petronis for making the arrangements and to Aušra Maknys for assisting with the refreshments served on the bus.

On Oct. 13, Philadelphians once again boarded buses for another trip. This time C-3 sponsored two buses to Washington for the 25th anniversary of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Diane Drumstas worked through the early fall putting this trip together. A highlight of the day was seeing many K of L friends from other councils and districts. A stop on the way home at the Lithuanian Club in Baltimore for dinner was wonderful.

The club is handsomely decorated in Lithuanian style. The museum upstairs held many Lithuanian artifacts that we also enjoyed seeing.

C-3 announces with pride its slate of officers for the coming year. Spiritual advisor, Fr. Wassel; Pres., Diane Drumstas; Vice Pres., Victor Stepalovitch; Rec. Sec, Ausra Maknys; Fin. Sec, Alice Bacon; Treas, Walt Svekla; Trustees, Marge Petronis & Barbara Mickunas; Cultural, Julie Kowrak; Ritual, Irene Svekla, Irene Ozalis, Agnes Mickunas; Lithuanian Affairs, Leonard Kapocius; Lithuanian Corres, Edmond Binkis; Vytis Corres, Irene Svekla; Sunshine Lady, Nellie Pandza. Our retiring president, Victor Stepalovitch, and his board were applauded for serving the council so very well during the past year.

C-3 is again taking an active part in our Amber District. Among those serving on the Board are: Pres, John Mickunas; Sec, Agnes Mickunas; Ritual, Diane Drumstas; Vytis Corres, Ausra Maknys. Our council is very proud of these members and we commend you for your hard work and dedication.

Members of our council were very happy to help Fr. Anderlonis host the National Executive Board meeting held at St. George's Church in Philadelphia on Oct. 26. Our members provided transportation for some of the guests, prepared a luncheon and gave Fr. Anderlonis a donation to help defray the cost of the dinner. It is always a happy day to have visiting K of L's in town.

Our annual Christmas Party was held at Francesco's on Dec. 8. We gathered for dinner at 4 p.m.

Our 7th annual Kučios is planned for Dec. 14 following the 5 p.m. mass at St. George's Church. We are looking forward to serving another beautiful traditional Christmas Eve dinner. Irene

Ozalis has agreed to be chairlady. Her committee includes Nellie Pandza, Alice Bacon, Lillian Greymas, Ausra Maknys, Irene Svekla, Victor Stepalovitch, Frank Downey, Diane Drumstas. Many more members pitch in on the evening of the dinner by helping in the kitchen and serving. Kučios is a favorite of Lithuanians in the area and a very cordial evening.

If you are in town on the above date, please stop by and join us.

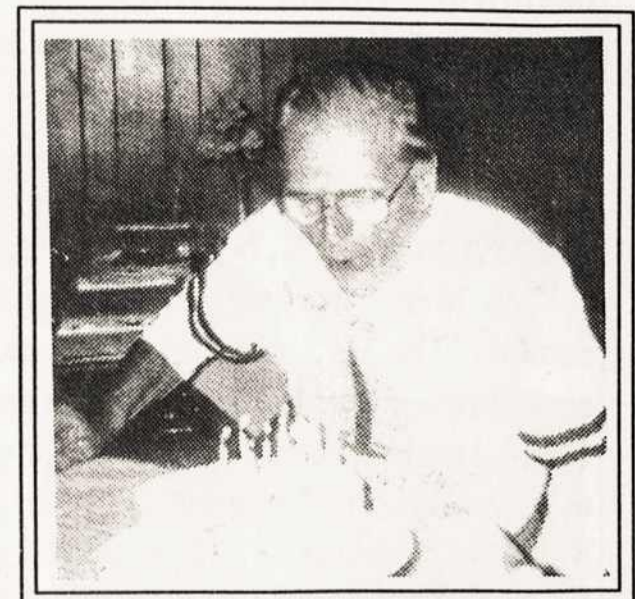
Irene Svekla

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

Our member Dick Genaitis was recently informed that in recognition of his accomplishments and contributions to his business, his nomination was approved as a member of Who's Who in Leading American Executives. This year's list contains 7,500 executives. Dick, owner of Rite Media Enterprises, had many billboards erected that drew attention to Lithuania's flight against communism.

A group of our members attended the 75th Diamond Jubilee of C-26 Worcester held at Maironis Park. Also, many Athol-Gardner members were among the hundreds in attendance at the NED Cultural Festival held at Maironis Park in Nov.

St. Francis Guild of Athol held a



Edward White of C-7 Waterbury honored for his long-time membership and loyal service as club manager.



Committee members of C-7 Waterbury for Edward White testimonial.

special program featuring three speakers who visited Lithuania recently - Dr. Henry Gailiunas visited before the coup; Mark Kuzmeskus was there during the coup; Bill & Bronė Wisniauskas was there after Lithuania regained her freedom. The hall was filled to capacity. The Gardner News featured a front-page article on the trip to Lithuania by the Wisniauskas'.

Sophie Fiorentino headed a group who built a beautiful stained glass window in memory of the parish's war dead. The blessing by Bishop Harrington was attended by many area clergy and parishioners. Sophie also had protection made for each stained glass window with plexiglass.

Minnie Hakkinen really had a beautiful flower garden this summer....It is good to see Howie Beaudette in the swing again.

Vincukas

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

We hope everyone had a good summer. The Ed Senkus spent a week at Kennebunkport, ME (Franciscan Guest House). While walking along the beach, they bumped into Rev. Matthew Yatkuskas and his parents, Emily and Al.....We received word that Betty Janonis went on a grand tour of the Orient, Connie Nehwadowich spent

two months in Lithuania and Vida Kristolaitis returned from Lithuania after an interesting visit.....Connie Siatsis with daughter and son-in-law visited her son in Minnesota....Alma Korengo make a trip to California to visit with her nephew....Jovita Sleder visited her sister-in-law in Austria.

Ed Cook, our president, decided to brush up on his Lithuanian by studying at Camp Dainava during the summer..... Bertha Stanwick, Millie Pietz and Ed Cook attended the Lithuanian play "The Square" which was performed by the State Theatre of Lithuania at Joyce Theatre in New York City. They said it was excellent.....In July, Diane Rackauskas, daughter of Augustus & Fran exchanged wedding vows with Michael Cascio.

On our birthday list for September, we have Ed Cook, Vincent Cuperwich and Julia Gomez....Betty Waskiewicz is recuperating from surgery. Our sick list consists of Jim Sabal and Anna Lukscha. We wish them all well.....Our prayers go out to deceased member Mary York known as Liberty Lady, who passed away in October. May she rest in peace.

The District meeting held in Auriesville, NY was well attended by C-12.....At last minute notice, a few members attended a special Thanksgiving Mass for the Freedom of Lithuania on Sept. 14. in Southold, NY. Several councils attended at the invitation of C-152 Eastern Long Island. The choir, put together by Fred Lucka, did a superb job singing for this occasion....It was quite a surprise to meet Clemencine Miller, sec. & treas. of National Scholarship Committee attending a wedding at the same church, unaware of a K of L activity in progress.

Point of Interest: The first Lithuanian flag to be flown in front at the United Nations was borrowed from Our Lady of Vilnius Church in New York. *IDS*

C-24 CHICAGO, IL

Received a letter from Rev. Antonio N. Svedas who has a soup kitchen in Argentina. He has been feeding, five times weekly, about 340 children including 50 to 60 elderly people. This also includes about five vagabonds and tramps. Father has been in Argentina for 30 years. C-24 has sent him \$100 and he assured us that the money will be put to good and excellent use. Anyone caring to help Father's kitchen may send the needed donation to Rev. Peter Cibulskis, MIC, Marian Fathers Monastery, 6336 S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60629 and he will forward it to Fr. Svedas.

District Ritual Chairlady, Anna Marie Kassel, bestowed the 1st degree to Nijole Butts, Josephine & Stanley Mankus, Ausra Padalino, Irene Murdock, Olga Eastman, Clare O'Dea and Juniors David & Andrew Neberieza, Ronald, Nina & Natalija Padalino. 2nd degree recipients were Vincent & Bernice Neberieza, Loretta Simon and Irene Aizinas. Congratulations.

News of the 1991 Spring & Summer: The "Day at the Races" was successful with 125 various members of councils and friends attending. No big winners that we know of.

What a delightful evening 26 K of L'ers had aboard the "Spirit of Chicago" on a hot, beautiful evening cruising on Lake Michigan....Frank & Rachel Jurgaitis dined with Pres. Landsbergis when he was in Chicago....While on vacation in Florida last spring, Vince & Bernice Neberieza visited John & Jean Zaukas of C-24 living in Ft. Lauderdale....Nijole Butts and Clare O'Dea had surgery but have both recovered very well....Lillian Paukstis and daughter visited Lithuania and Poland in Oct. They toured many sites and were treated very nicely, but commented that the USA was a joy to



C-24 Chicago. Recipients of First & Second degrees administered by Ann Marie Kassel

return to.

Vince & Bernice Neberieza, Ausra & Ronald Padalino along with many other K of L'ers attended the beautiful presentation of the "29th Amber Ball" at the Inter Continental Hotel in downtown Chicago. Seven young beautiful debutantes were presented by their fathers and escorts and it was a night to remember. Aldona Brazis of C-112 was chairlady. Plans are underway for the 1992 Ball sponsored by The Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club.

C-24 will host the Mid America District meeting Dec. 14, 1991 at the Marian Fathers Monastery.

Anyone need a Lithuanian Windsock? Send \$10.00 to Frank Jurgaitis, 5553 S. Moody, Chicago, IL 60638. Be proud of your heritage.

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C-26 WORCESTER, MA

Mildred & Charles Lapinkas have always been active members and staunch supporters of the Knights of Lithuania and we are very sad to report that Charles died in Oct. following a brief illness. To Mildred and other family members, we offer prayerful sympathy. God rest Charles' precious soul....We offer condolences, too, to

Victoria Augustine whose brother, Albert Struckus, died in Oct. and to William Grigas whose brother, Victor, also died in Oct. Eternal rest grant them, O Lord.

Ann Bender has been the author of our council newsletter for a long, long time and we groaned with dismay when she announced she'd be giving it up for awhile. In Ann's case, you can be sure it's only because she needs more time for some other worthy project(s)! Thanks, Ann, for this grand publication, and we hope before long we'll be reading your special news once more.

Both Rita Pinkus and Frances Kulakusky underwent eye surgery recently. Happily, both are doing well. On the sick list now are Lillian Kondrotas and Anna Kersis. May your full recovery be sooner than soon!

Father Alphonse Volungis, pastor of neighboring Our Lady of Vilna Church and spiritual director of C-116 was hospitalized in Oct. Happy

news is that Father is feeling so much better now. Incidentally, our own spiritual director, Father John Petrauskas, was guest homilist at Fr. Volungis' Eucharistic Day.

Adele Ceraska and her sister, Virginia Fikoski, immensely enjoyed their recent trip to Ellis Island, especially the pictures in the Lithuanian display.

Our council's 75th Diamond Jubilee held on Oct. 12 chaired by Eleanor & Stephen Walinsky, Jr. was a fantastic event.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to all our K of L friends everywhere. *OLGA*

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

C-50 continues to be active and continues to grow as demonstrated by the winning of National Council Membership Awards. Both the council and fin. sec. Al Gedrim were recognized at the National Convention in Florida. Congratulations to Al and also Helen Medley on receiving her 4th degree.

Members worked hard at the Lithuanian Festival this summer. Marion Meshako and her committee helped to make the day a success both socially and financially. There was plenty of Lithuanian food and music, as



Joseph & Nell Salkaus, C-26 Worcester, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Santa Klaus with Rev. Karalis of C-50 New Haven, CT

well as games for the children.

Edith Kazlauskas and Teresa Strimaitis shared experiences of their recent trips to Lithuania and told of the need there for both food and clothing. Thanks go to Edith for her gift of four Juostas to C-50....."Lietuva Tėvyne Musų" was sung with much feeling after the Oct. meeting and was followed by a social to continue the celebration of freedom in Lithuania.....Several members traveled by bus to St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford to celebrate at a special Mass of Thanksgiving.

Plans are being made for our Christmas Boutique as members work on various crafts and Lithuanian straw ornaments. *Audrey Toole*

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Our council was saddened by the news of the death of Violet A. Price, a charter member, on Nov. 1. She was a member of St. Michael's Church in Easton, our council's meeting place where Violet was a past president of the Sacred Heart Sodality. While she was still in relatively good health, Violet led the Lithuanian flag-raising ceremony each February 16 in Easton's Centre Square. Our sympathy is extended to the Price family.

Oct. 20 marked the date of our monthly council meeting which was augmented by a covered dish dinner. As usual, the response by all was generous. The normal table fare was delicious and was accented with gourmet delights such as Lithuanian suris prepared by Agnes Harbon and

Trudi Simmons. Even the crumbs disappeared. The business end of the meeting concerned itself with planning for our annual Kučios which was held Dec. 8. Evelyn Harryn and Valerie Smickle co-chaired the event. Ed Klova narrated the significance of the various traditional foods and Lithuanian folk customs on Christmas Eve to acquaint our friends, guests and even those members who are not aware of our rich and beautiful Lithuanian heritage. It had a special significance this year in

that we celebrated Lithuania's deliverance from 51 years of communist tyranny. Our council was honored by the presence of guests at the meeting. One was Daiva Murphy, guest of Trudi & Joseph Simmons and the other was Connie Duke of Taylor, MI, sister of Evelyn Harryn, our recording secretary.

On Nov. 17, a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in St. Michael's. This mass was offered in thanks to Lithuania's recent restoration of independence and freedom. Valerie Smickle and Jane Lutick, among others, were instrumental in promoting it.

Evelyn Harryn, Adele & Andy Karega, Lillian Klinosky, Al & Jeanette Klizas traveled to Washington with Anthracite C-144 to attend the Silver Jubilee rededication of the Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva.

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

Our council conducted its 12th annual Rosary devotions at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. Prayers were offered to thank God for freedom in Lithuania after 50 years of communist domination. Devotions coincided with



C-63 LeHigh Valley, PA participants in 250th Anniversary of Bethlehem parade: Andrew & Adele Keraga, Connie Duka, Delores Connelly, Valerie Smickle, Jane Lutick, Walter Balchunas & Al Klizas.

Respect to Life month. Msgr. Madus, pastor of St. Joseph's Church was the celebrant and homilist. He was assisted by Msgr. Ozalas and Rev. Quinn. Jerome Costello gave the scripture readings. Helen Cravath was lector and Edward Romanauskas led the rosary. Amy Cravath crowned the diocesan statue. Gift bearers were Martha Brack, Lee Bozenko, Mary Costello, Jule Krutles, Marie & Richard Laske, Ann Lisowski, Ann Patelunas, Peg Romanauskas, Pranas Shimkus, Rose Stanchus, Helen Troupe, Della Zvirblis. After the services, many members went to the Castle Restaurant for a very pleasant meal.

Several members of our council went to Washington to attend the Silver Jubilee of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel. The mass was beautiful with all the bishops and priests. Some of the K of L's also wore their costumes. For dinner we stopped at the Lithuanian Club in Baltimore and had abundant Lithuanian food to please the palates of everyone. It was a wonderful gathering of Lithuanians.

Congratulations to Edward Romanauskas who received his fourth degree at the Convention in Florida. Edward is our council's treasurer.

Officers elected for 1991-92 are as follows: John Romoska, pres; Rose Stanches, vice pres; Mary Costello, rec. sec; Ann Lisowski, fin. sec; Edward Romanauskas, treas; Leo Zewicki, Jerome Costello, Lee Bozenko, trustees; Ann Huffstutler, sgt. at arms, Helen Troupe, Lithuanian Affairs; Jean Kavelinas, cultural; Marie Laske, ritual & Vytis correspondent; Della Zvirblis, public relations. Msgr. Peter Madus is our spiritual advisor.

Marie Laske

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

Members of C-100 met at Fr. Baltch's Social Center in Sept. for the

first meeting following the national convention. Pres. Tice informed members that a special memorial to Rev. Baltch would precede the business meeting. Mirga Bablin had written an article, "A Portrait of a Pastor". A moment of silence was offered due to Fr. Baltch's passing....Polly Ziausys mentioned that a tree was planted in memory of Fr. Baltch from C-100 in a forest in Lithuania.

Bea Jasewicz advised that the Juniors who are all her grandchildren, spent two weeks at Camp Neringa where they learned Lithuanian dances and songs....Our newest member, Betty Lukus was welcomed by Pres. Tice....We celebrated two events, one being freedom of Lithuania and the other Matthew Klebonas' birthday....Gene Gobis reported on the national convention and we watched a video tape that Regina Kot had taken at the convention.

A large delegation of C-100 members attended the district meeting in Auriesville on Sept. 29 hosted by C-136. During mass, our juniors brought the gifts to the altar which was celebrated by our new pastor, Rev. Joseph Grabys. Many K of L's assisted in singing the Lithuanian hymns with the choir.

Congratulations to our member Mirga Bablin on her re-election as MAD treasurer. Adeline Raila was elected on the Resolutions Committee....It was great to see in our midst former National Pres. Frank Petrauskas and wife, Irene, from Syracuse C-140.

Council members gathered at the funeral home to pay respects to our past president and past national trustee, Anthony Radzevich, who made his peace with the Lord on Sept. 28. Tony was president of C-100 for 22 years. We extend our sympathies to his wife, Ann, and son, Michael, to his sisters, Ann Czerw and Helen Radzevich, and brothers, John & Benjamin. His funeral

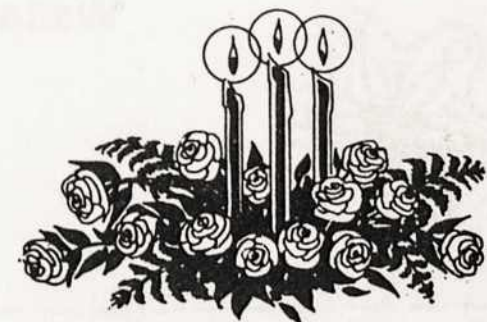
was held on his and Ann's 41st wedding anniversary. May he rest in peace.

On Oct. 4 our newly appointed pastor, Rev. Joseph Grabys, held a Lithuanian mass with choir members singing hymns to the Blessed Mother. Council meeting immediately followed in Fr. Baltch's Social Center. Pres. Tice welcomed Father as our new spiritual director...At suggestion of Edward Baranauskas, our council donated \$100.00 to the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington, DC....Polly Ziausys explained the tedious work involved, identifying each medical item received and the doctors involved from the Amsterdam Memorial and St. Mary's Hospitals.

Chair lady of the Nominating Committee, Regina Kot, presented the following slate of officers which were unanimously elected: Pres., Irene Tice; Vice Pres., Gene Gobis; 2nd Vice Pres.- Juniors, Christine Jasewicz Tambasco; Treas, Sophie Olbie; Sec, Beatrice Jasewicz; Lithuanian Affairs, Ed Baranauskas & Adeline Raila; Ritual, Elizabeth Kuzmich; Cultural, Mirga K. Bablin; Lithuanian Language, Polly Ziausys; Trustees, William Jasiewicz & William Burimauskas; Public Relations & Vytis Correspondent, Gene Gobis.

Pres. Tice will chair the Xmas Party and Polly Ziausys will be in charge of Lithuanian Independence program in February....Get well wishes are extended to Sadie LaTorre and Isabelle Dopkus McKinley. Our deepest sympathy to Isabelle on the death of her brother, Alfred Dopkus on Oct. 30.

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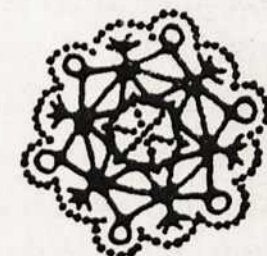
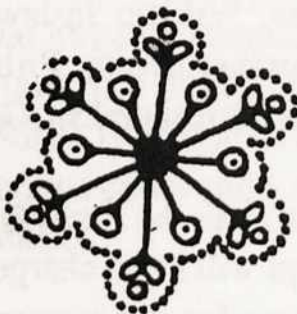
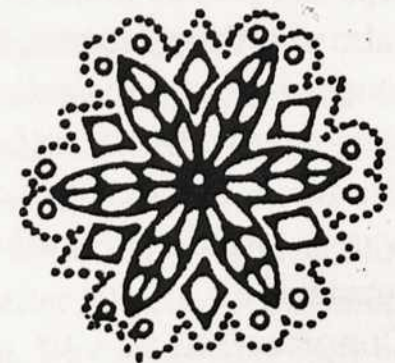
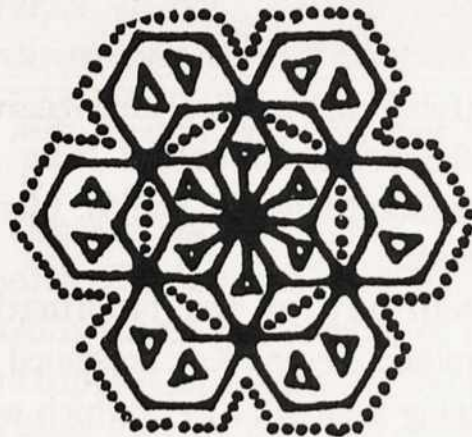
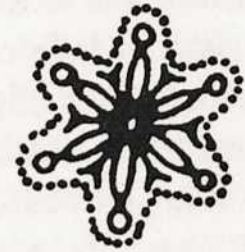
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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR
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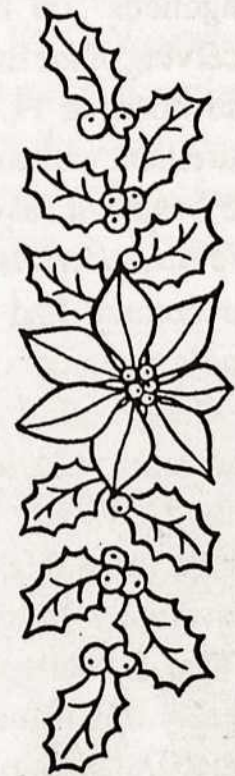
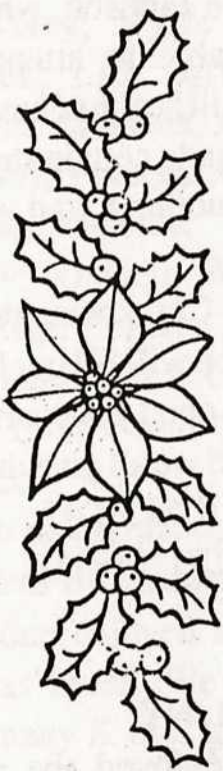


BEST WISHES FOR A
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AND A
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

From

Officers and Members of

Knights of Lithuania C-118
Hazleton, PA
(Amber District)



C-102 DETROIT, MI

On Sunday, Sept. 8 all three Detroit area councils conducted a successful fund raiser for Medical Relief to Lithuania. The parishioners at our respective churches responded generously. REMINDER to Detroit area Knights: Second Saturday of month is World Medical Volunteer Day. Anyone interested in volunteering, call Bob Boris at 642-4970.

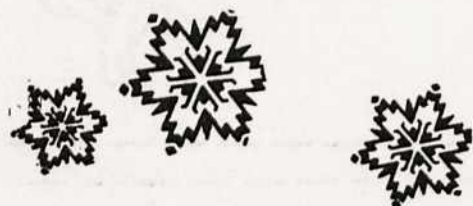
The Bunikis' and HM Bob Boris represented our council at the Baltic Independence celebration on Sept. 14 at Divine Providence Hall. Principal speaker was U.S. Senator Donald Reigle who has been a supporter of independence for the Baltics. The evening was hosted in great style by the Latvian Community. The evening concluded with the singing of the three Baltic National Anthems.

On Sept. 15 a group of C-102's attended the 50th Anniversary of Father Kundrat's priesthood. Mass was very impressive with five other priests concelebrating. Our member, John Stanievich, played a rendition of "Panis Angelicus" on his violin during the receiving of the Eucharist....Our council also honored Fr. Walter Stanievich's retirement with a corn and steak roast at the beautiful lake home of Joseph & Eve Aukstakalnis-Stark. A month later, our council had their meeting at Fr. Stan's summer home on Harsen Island.

Congratulations to Bob Klucens marriage to Carrie. Bob was a recipient of the K of L Scholarship and the second son of Edna & Bill Klucens to marry this summer. Mary Beth Birch, daughter of Carl & Marlene Birch, also became a bride this summer. Congratulations also to Dan & Sue Baibak on the birth of their first born, a son.

Hope all had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Meriuté



C-109 GREAT NECK, NY

Election of officers and committee persons took place at our Nov. meeting and we are pleased to present our roster for 1992: Pres, Alexander Wesey; Vice Pres, Linda Henry; Sec, Gladys Banks; Membership Mailings, Martha Krug; Treas. & Vytis Correspondent, Josephine Zukas; Fin. Sec, Jack Malis; Sgt. at Arms, Joseph Zukas; Ritual, Stella Matulonis; Lith. Affairs, Joe Zukas; Cultural, Stella Matulonis, Mary Wesey & (in Lithuanian) Anele Povilaitis; Social, Martha Krug, Anthony Kober & Joe Zukas.

Msgr. Frank Bulovas also attended the meeting and, though he has retired, we are pleased that he will continue as our Spiritual Advisor. Since tickets to his retirement dinner in his own Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, were limited, most of us were unable to attend. Therefore, on this occasion, we were able to tell him how much he is appreciated and how delighted we are that he will actively participate in our midst. A small gift was presented to Msgr. with our love.

Our Bake & Rummage Sale was a tiring two-day event, but it did bring in much-needed financial support. We are very limited in our fund-raising, so it is absolutely necessary to initiate activities that will bring in monies which we are then able to donate to the various causes. (As everyone knows, there are certainly many!) One who deserved great praise was our mechanical man, Bob Henry, who stood in the middle of a busy, main thoroughfare, with a sign, waving all traffic into our area. No one can be more inventive than that! We thank all members who put in long hours to assemble and price items, made baked goods and also became customers to help "our cause."

We are saddened by the death of Philip Rutha, spouse of Lou Ann (Sosaris). In his youth, Phil was a Queens

County featherweight boxing champion and recently, until his illness, was Pres. of the Veterans Boxing Assn. of NY (Ring 8). Phil was of Italian descent, who fit in very comfortably and enjoyed all our Lithuanian activities. We were privileged to have known him. Remember him in your prayers.

While we're battling Long Island winds with high tides, some of our members have been enjoying leisurely days in far-away places. Jean & Walter Mordes vacationed in the extravagantly beautiful Virgin Islands; Stella Matulonis with her daughter, Dr. "Suzy" toured England and the glorious Scottish countryside; Eileen & John Blieka in New Bern, NC; and Msgr. Frank Bulovas left for a two-week visit with his sister in Seminole, FL. We wish we were there!

Good deeds should never go unnoticed. Mary Wesey seems to have become our official photographer and goes nowhere without her camera. We thank her for the many fine photos she has shared with all of us. Ačiū! Our thanks, too, to our former Social Chairlady, Beatrice Jamison, who has recently been unable to attend our functions due to the ill health of husband, Bill. She always made certain that our socials lacked for nothing, and we are grateful to her.

Soon it will be Christmas, and the beauty of this season will fill our hearts with joy. It's been a good year, certainly an eventful one, and we all give thanks. LINKSMIŲ KALĖDŲ IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ MĒTŲ!

Jo Z.

C-110 MASPETH, NY

Our members enjoyed the warm months of Oct. by being active. On Oct. 6, 60 of our members attended the retirement dinner for Msgr. Bulovas, sponsored by the United Societies of Transfiguration Church. The affair was

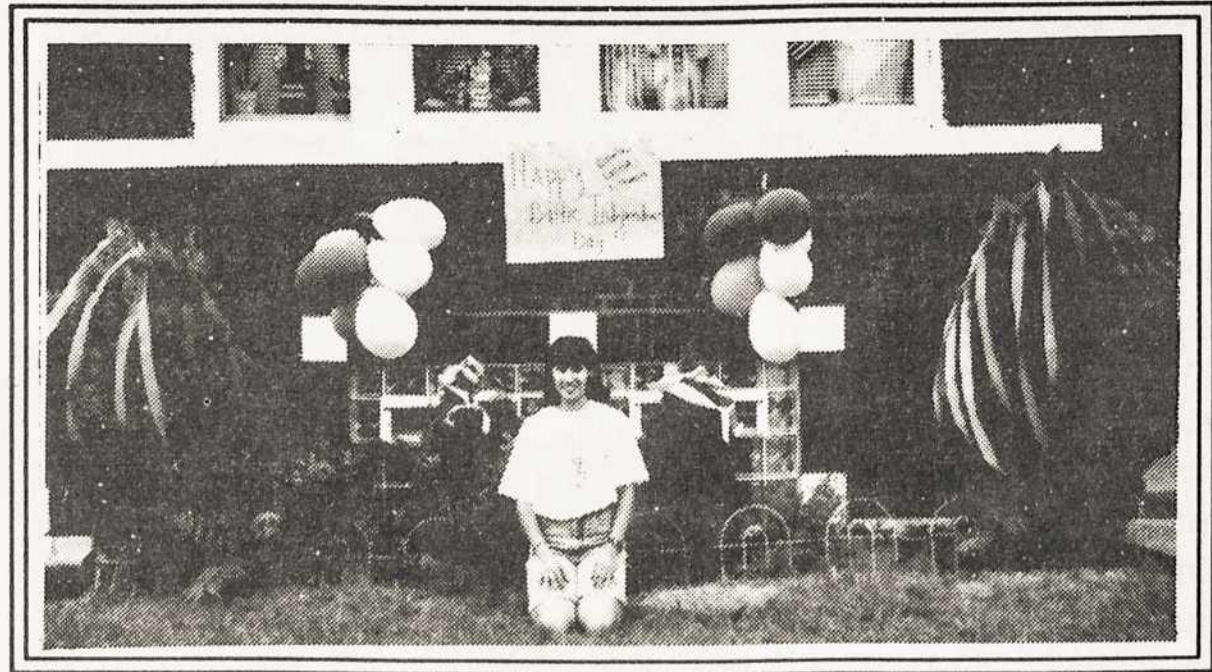
a huge success with Msgr. Bulovas tearfully thanking all attendees for their generosity and support during the years. He reported that the church was in stable financial condition. Guests included Revs. Stasys Raila, John Pakalniskis, Cong. Fred Schmidt, Vytis Editor Mary Kober and husband, Anthony, along with others from K of L councils. On the following Sunday, many members welcomed our new pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wicks while others attended the 25th anniversary of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in Washington, DC. It was interesting to note that devotion to Our Lady of Siluva began in 1457 in Lithuania.

Our monthly meeting was held on Oct. 26 to prepare for our dinner/dance the next day. Our newly elected officers are: Pres., Bruno Rutkunas; 1st Vice Pres, Iggy Walles; 2nd Vice Pres, Peter Zuyus; 3rd Vice Pres, Joe Stelmokas; Sec., Helen Matulonis; Treas., Roman Wensek; Fin. Sec, William Budris; Cultural, Al Marcel; Ritual, Amy Girdauskas; Trustees, Helen Venis & Evelyn Walles; Public Relations, Ann Morrissey; Vytis Corres, Patricia Zenisek; Lith. Affairs, Kazimieras Vainius; Archives, Ann Ackalitis; Sgt. of Arms, Frances Migliore, Helen & Anthony Yakaitis.

Rev. Kenneth Wicks informed us that Msgr. Bulovas agreed to continue as spiritual advisor for our council, Great Neck C-109 and the Mid Atlantic District.

Our dinner/dance the next day was a complete financial and social success. Everyone enjoyed the meal, plus Joe Thomas' music. We were very happy to have many K of L guests present from New Jersey and also a full table from C-12 New York. Joe & Mary Stelmokas were co-chairpersons for this event. Many thanks to all members, too numerous to name, who helped make this affair one of the best. Ačiū Labai.

Bruno Rutkunas



Freedom of Lithuania displayed by Denise Zakarka at her residence in Chicago.

C-136 HUDSON-MOHAWK, NY

On Sept. 29 our council was privileged to host the MAD meeting. We chose Auriesville North American Martyrs Shrine as the site for the quiet beauty and the impressive chapel in the round. It consists of entrances surrounding the building, enabling a visitor to enter at any door and always face an altar. The grounds allow one to make the Stations of the Cross and pray the rosary at various shrines while enjoying the spectacular view of the Mohawk Valley. Mass was offered at noon after which lunch was enjoyed in the cafeteria. Meeting followed after which numerous raffle prizes were awarded to the lucky recipients.

At our Oct. meeting, our members packed boxes and boxes of used clothing in preparation for sending them on to Lithuania. We also included toiletries. Our council assumed the expense of forwarding the boxes to Lithuania.

Election of officers resulted in the following: Pres, Ed Barkowski; vice pres, Joan Parker; fin.

sec. & membership, Helen LaPierre; junior K of L, Lynn McCafferty & Peg Fuerst; rec. sec, Shelly LeVine; treas, Nell Freer; trustee, Fran Max; Sgt. at arms, Tiny Jackson; ritual & Vytis corres, Dot Richmire; Lithuanian Affairs, Bernice Aviza; Cultural, Stella White; public relations, Betty Parker; ordained deacon Frank Yankowski, spiritual advisor.

Our council sponsored a pilgrimage to Washington on Oct. 12-13. We joined other K of L members and Lithuanian-Americans throughout the country in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of our Lady of Siluva Chapel in the National



Members of C-136 Hudson-Mohawk, NY celebrating Pres. Bush's announcement of recognition of Lithuania's Independence.

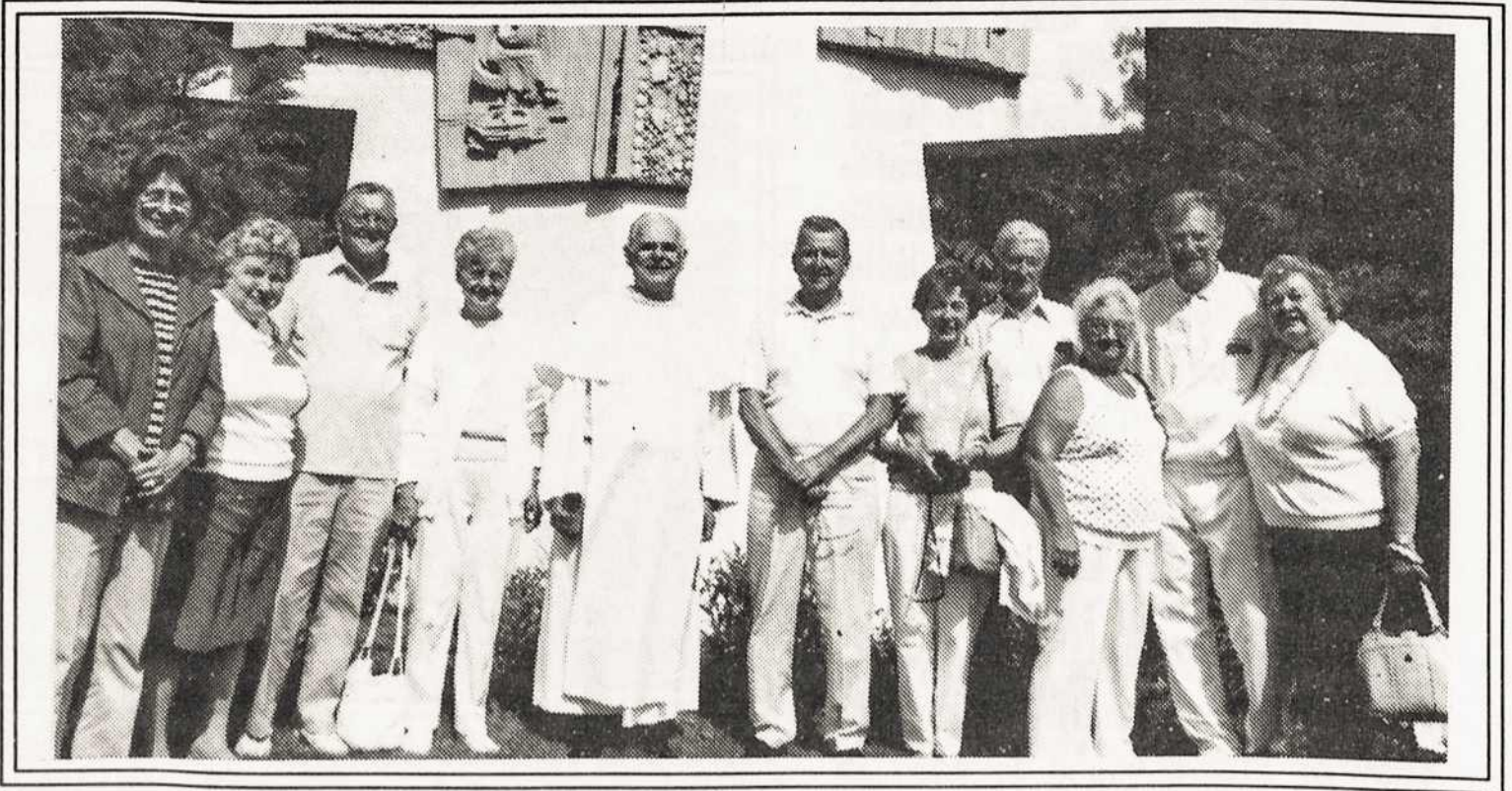
Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The cathedral is a very beautiful shrine to our Blessed Mother. Our pres. Ed Barkowski was the driver of a rented van that carried a few members of Amsterdam C-100 and also our own council, Apolonia Ziausys, Gerry Drenzek, Dan Santa Maria, Fran DiBartolomo, Mildred Whelley, Albert & Edna Luzinas, Bernice Aviza, Dot Richmire, guest Patricia Falco. We were able to enjoy a guided tour of the DC area and also visited the various historic sites. The weather cooperated and we all had a spiritually uplifting and fun-filled time.

Dorothy Richmire

C-143 PITTSTON, PA

St. Casimir's parish honored Rev. Peter Alisauskas at a testimonial dinner at Convention Hall on May 25. On July 8, he celebrated his last mass, after which a luncheon was served in his honor in our church hall. Hundreds of parishioners and friends gathered at both affairs to bid him farewell and extend good wishes. We wished Father many happy leisure years ahead and to enjoy his retirement which he so richly deserves.

Several members traveled to Philadelphia for the Amber District meeting hosted by C-3 at St. George's Church. Thank you for your kind hospitality....A week later, a few members attended a day of prayer for Lithuania at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA....Anne Soha represented our council at Marywood College in Scranton during Baltic Solidarity Day in June....A Lithuanian mass was offered at St. Ann's monastery,



Members of C-141 Bridgeport who attended NED Retreat in Kennebunkport, ME: Aldona Peters, Clem Miller, Steve & Alice Wilcinskis, Rev. A. Jurgelaitis (Retreat Master), Pete Peters, Kathy Balcius, Vic Miller, Lee Marcinka, Bob & Aldona Marcavage.

Scranton, on July 26. In attendance were members of our council attired in Lithuanian costumes.

Delegates to the national convention in Florida were Nellie B. Romanas, Dorothy Banos, Annamarie Sewatsky and Mary Chorba. They also had a great time vacationing in Florida after the convention....Our council participated in the Eighth Annual Tomato Festival and Parade in Pittston in Aug. The women wore their authentic Lithuanian costumes and made a lovely appearance. We also had a booth and sold books, Lithuanian T-shirts, plants and ethnic novelties.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers: Pres, Dorothy Banos; vice pres, Anna Soha; rec. sec, Martha Warnagiris; fin. sec, Anne Marie Sewatsky, treas, Anastasia Stanley.

Our council hosted the Amber District meeting in Oct. which was attended by approximately 70 members. Nellie B. Romanas was elected trustee in the District. She was also elected on the National Ritual Committee during the convention in Florida. Congratulations!....We gained three new members recently. Welcome

Rosemary Durling, Jean Mahalick & Helen Karpovich.

Several members traveled to Washington on Oct. 13 to attend the 25th anniversary of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception....Lastly, we participated in the 16th Annual Luzerne County Folk Festival in Oct. It was sponsored by the Cultural Heritage Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania and draws thousands of people of different ethnic backgrounds. One of the highlights this year was the Malunas Lithuanian Folk Dance Ensemble from Baltimore. Their performance was superb.

On our sick list we have Agnes Kishel and John Wasser. Our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery....Our hearts are saddened by the loss of one of our dedicated members, Adele Brooks, who passed away on Oct. 6. Wake services were held with many members in attendance attired in their Lithuanian costumes. Sincere sympathy is extended her family and also to Nellie B. Romanas on the loss of her brother and to Marie Lauck

on the loss of her brother. May they rest in peace.
Charles Dajnowski

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Sunday, Sept. 29, was a special day for C-144. Fr. M. Jarasunas offered a Lithuanian Mass of Thanksgiving in recognition of Lithuania's independence. May Koons was the reader. After Mass, in the social rooms, Father treated everyone to a buffet luncheon and gave a champagne toast to Free Lithuania. Mt. Carmel members with Marion Wydra, chairlady, presented a decorated cake accompanied by "Ilgiausią Metų" honoring Lithuania's freedom and also Father Matthew's birthday. Pres. Olympia Zelinski presented Father with a monetary gift. Parishioners decorated the hall for the occasion. A sing-along completed the day's festivities.

Two buses carrying 88 Knights and friends made the journey to Washington for the Silver Jubilee of the chapel of Our Lady of Siluva on Oct. 13. Solemn Mass was offered by James Cardinal Hickey, archbishop of Washington, Archbishop Charles Salatka, Bishop Paulius Baltakis, Bishop Sigitas Tamkevicius from Lithuania, Bishop Antanas Deksnys from Germany and many Lithuanian priests and monsignori. Homilists were Archbishop Salatka in English and Bishop Tamkevicius in Lithuanian. It was truly a day to remember and cherish. After Mass, we boarded the buses for Baltimore to the Lithuanian Club where we enjoyed good food and mingled with many Lithuanians from far and near. Helen Chesko chaired the pilgrimage. In appreciation for the privilege of attending the celebration, a check for \$200., the profit realized from the pilgrimage, was sent to Bishop Baltakis.

The highlight of our Oct. meeting was the donation of \$1,000. to the



C-154 Spring Hill, FL members displaying their Lithuanian Freedom T-Shirts - Eddie Laconis, Tony Konewitch, George Mayer & Adolph Sarka

Lithuanian Embassy in Washington.

Our Sunshine Lady of many years, Alma Linder, had heart surgery recently. Prayerful good wishes from all of us.....Sincere sympathy to Fr. Robert Potts, pastor of St. George's Church in Shenandoah, on the loss of his mother Anna. May she rest in peace.

Eva Yurkewicz was recently honored on her retirement as organist at Our Lady of Siluva at dinner attended by many of our members.....Bernard Zilaitis, having spent most of Oct. in Lithuania, spoke of his freedom of travel in a rented car with Alphonse Martunas.....Betty Tumas and Helen Chesko attended the National Executive Board meeting in Philadelphia. Betty was named treasurer of the St. Casimir Guild. Anna Klizas Wargo, past national president, accepted the presidency of St. Casimir's Guild.

The Cultural Center in Frackville will now be identified with an attractive hand carved plaque made by Andy Karega of C-63 Lehigh Valley. Eleanor Vaicaitis, president of the center, accepted the plaque with thanks.....The annual Kučios for members only was hosted by Shenandoah members on Dec. 1 at St. George Parish Hall with Helen Matunis as chairlady.

Fr. Jarasunas installed the following

officers after the Oct. Lithuanian Mass: Olympia Zelinski, pres; Eleanor Yancofski, vice pres; Anna Helen McDonald, rec. sec; Helen Chesko, fin. sec; Anna Radzavage, treas and Rev. M. Jarasunas, spiritual director.....Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Amber District executive board: Elsie Kosmisky, vice pres; Eleanor Vaicaitis, treas; Anna Helen McDonald, public relations; Helen Chesko, ritual and Rev. Jarasunas, spiritual advisor.

C-154 SPRING HILL, FL

While most of the other areas in the U.S.A. are readying for winter, the K of L here in Florida joined the American-Lithuanian Social Club of Spring Hill for a picnic. Clear, blue skies, temperatures in the eighties, a warm lake that beckoned swimmers was the setting for a day of fun and the business of election of officers for the coming term. The picnic combined the usual barbecue fare supplemented with the unique flavor of Lithuanian food — What a feast!

The serious business was the election of officers for the coming 1992. The slate as presented was unanimously accepted: Pres, George Mayer; Vice Pres., Helen Mayer; Sec. and Vytis

Correspondent, Sadye Petraitis; Sgt. at Arms, John Petraitis; Public Relations, Mary Sarko.

A series of events have been planned and will be on the calendar for the next few months. *S. G. Petraitis*



Helen Mayer of C-154 Spring Hill, FL recruiting a new member to the organization.

Every human being through the course of life, realizes the necessity to seek friendship, to form association, to develop social contacts and to become a worthy member of society.

May Christmas bring you every joy,

The New Year every happiness.



*HM Estelle Rogers
Chicago, IL*

May God's Blessings be with you

through the Seasons of the Year.

C-146 Harrisburg, PA



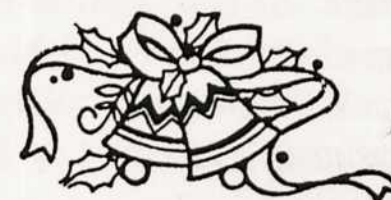
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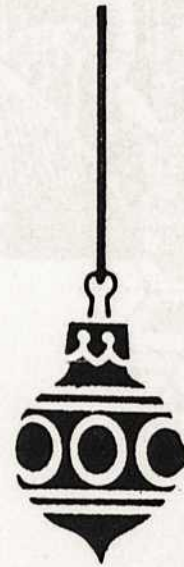
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Happy Healthy Holidays

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Members and Officers



Council #144





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May the Prince of Peace
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Knights both near and far
Health, Happiness and a
Prosperous New Year!

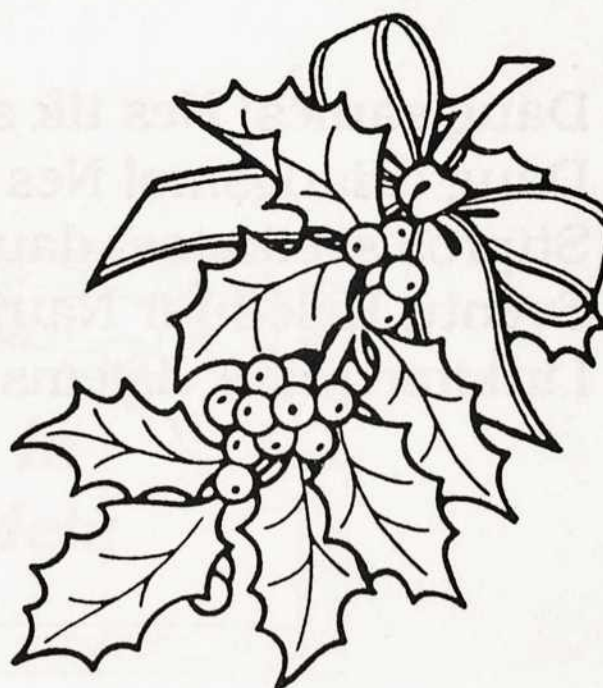
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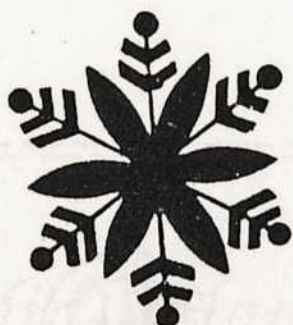
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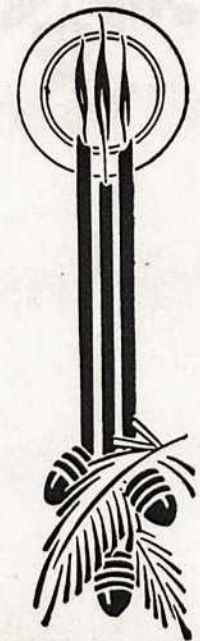
There is no time quite like Christmas for remembering the treasured friendships of those we see often and those who are far away. From the executive committee, board of directors and the entire membership come very best wishes for a beautiful Christmas and a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

Daug saulės! Nes tik saulėje žydi gėlės.
 Daug džiaugsmo! Nes tik jame žmogus pamiršta liudesi.
 Stipros sveikatos, daug laimės ir pasisekimo.
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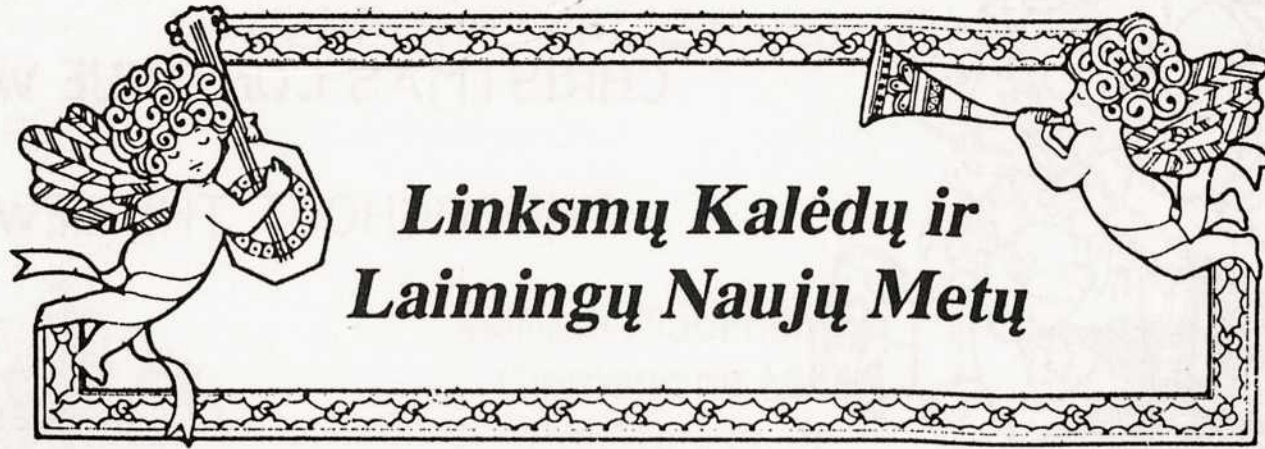


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CHRISTMAS CONTINUE WITH YOU
THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR

C-25 CLEVELAND, OH

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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C-17 SO. BOSTON, MA

**Rev. Albert Contons, Pastor
St. Casimir's Church**



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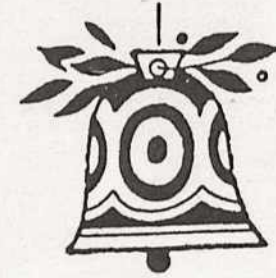
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to Bob Boris,
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