

the KNIGHT
VYTIS 1992

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

VOL. 78: No. 2

VASARIS / FEBRUARY



VYTIS

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

VASARIS / FEBRUARY
1992
VOL. 78: No. 2

**SUPREME COUNCIL
OFFICERS
1991-1992**

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR
Rev. Joseph Anderlonis
St. George's Rectory
3580 Salmon St.
Philadelphia, PA 19134
(215) 739-3102

PRESIDENT
Frances R. Petkus
800 Haldeman Ave.
Dayton, OH 45404
(513) 236-0395

1st VICE PRESIDENT
Evelyn Ozelis
2533 W. 45th Street
Chicago, IL 60632
(312) 254-7553

2nd VICE PRESIDENT
Anne Cheplick
28 Delwood Drive
Oakville, CT 06779
(203) 274-6487

3rd VICE PRESIDENT
Rita Zakarka
6958 S. Rockwell St.
Chicago, IL 60629
(312) 434-7785

RECORDING SECRETARY
Robert A. Martin, Jr.
929 W. 34th St.
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 890-4607

TREASURER
Frank Peterson
256 Sea Hill Rd.
North Branford, CT 06471
(203) 481-0776

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Mary Beth Slakis
3331 S. Union Ave. - 1st Fl.
Chicago, IL 60616
(312) 523-4502

TRUSTEES

Edward A. Barkowski
1226 Palma Ave.
Schenectady, NY 12306
(518) 355-7483

William Kolicius
9326 High Meadow Drive
Allison Park, PA 15101
(412) 364-1622 - 364-5462

VYTIS (663680) published monthly November thru June, bi-monthly July-August and September-October by the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, a Not-For-Profit organization. Subscription \$10.00 per year. Single Copy \$2.00. Second class postage paid at Chicago, IL. POSTMASTER ONLY: Send address changes to VYTIS, Two Bayview Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050.

VYTIS STAFF:

Mary (Rusas) Kober, *Editor-in-Chief*
Two Bayview Avenue
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516) 767-1517

Dalia Bulvicius
30 Montrose Ave. - #9-P
Brooklyn, NY 11206

Stella Matulonis
Food Editor
63 Dartmouth Road
Manhasset, NY 11030

Helen Chesko
Council News Editor
1000 E. Pine Street
Mahanoy City, PA 17948

AMBER DISTRICT
John Mickunas
333 Davis Ave.
Mt. Ephriam, NJ 08059
(609) 931-3306

MAMD PRESIDENT
Algerd Brazis
13438 Westview Drive
Palos Heights, IL 60463
(708) 361-5594

MAD PRESIDENT
John Sakal
P.O. Box 103
Nesconset, NY 11767
(516) 724-6998

MCD PRESIDENT
John P. Baltrus
5325 Orchard Hill Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
(412) 881-1716

NED PRESIDENT
Alex Akule
20 Summer Drive
Saugus, MA 01906
(617) 233-3734

LEGAL ADVISOR
Saulius V. Kuprys
Henchan, Donovan & Isaacson
150 S. Wacker Dr. - Room 1050
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 346-5275

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE
Longinas Svelnis
43 Gage Street
Needham, MA 02192
(617) 444-7499

CULTURAL COMMITTEE
John R. Mankus
1110 Darlene Drive
Endicott, NY 13760
(607) 754-1241

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Eleanore H. Laurin, Chairlady
9257 S. Pulaski Rd. - #6
Evergreen Park, IL 60642
(708) 636-9444

Stanley J. Vaitkus, Hon. Chmn.
Phyllis Grendal, Sec.
Rev. Albert J. Contons
Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, OP
Loretta Stukas

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

Vincent Boris
5678 Vantage Point
Columbia, MD 21044
(301) 596-4203

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE

Dalia Bulvicius
30 Montrose Ave. - #9-P
Brooklyn, NY 11206
(718) 782-1541

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Peter Paul Zansitis
6939 S. Crandon Ave.
Chicago, IL 60649
(312) 363-2023

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Nellie B. Romanas, Chairlady
160 Seneca St.
Pittston, PA 18640
(717) 654-0870

Sophia Zukas
5112 So. Mayfield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60638
(312) 582-3820

Helen Chesko
1000 E. Pine Street
Mahanoy City, PA 17948
(717) 773-3684

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

William J. Piacentini, Jr.,
Chairman
362 Webster Ave.
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 943-3495

Clemencine Miller,
Secretary & Treasure
80 Cottage St.
Trumbull, CT 06611
(203) 268-2350

Paul Binkis, Jr.
John Baltrus
Nancy Kober
Maria Deksnis
Irene Gecas

AID TO LITHUANIA

Robert Boris
4970 Brookdale Drive
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013
(313) 642-4970

ST. CASIMIR'S GUILD

Anne Klizas Wargo
125 So. Morris St.
St. Clair, PA 17970
(717) 429-0132

K of L FOUNDATION

Loretta Stukas
234 Sunlit Drive
Watchung, NJ 07060
(908) 753-5636



Table of Contents - Turinys



1918 Signing the Declaration of Independence in Vilnius	2
Grand Prince Švarnas - <i>Edward Baranauskas</i>	3
Winter Scenes Poem - <i>Bertha Janus</i>	3
With Love to Mary - <i>Rev. A. Valancius</i>	4
To Coo or Not to Coo - <i>Louise Casano</i>	5
A Lesson on Two St. James - <i>Antonio M. Wackell</i>	6
Plaukia Antaneli - Little Duck Floating - <i>Antonia M. Wackell</i>	6
Let's Make English our Official Language	7
Timely Thoughts for February	8
February - Press Month - <i>Very Rev. Msgr. M.J. Urbanas, LL.D.</i>	8
Did you Know That	9
Gimtojo Kalba - <i>Dalia Bulvičius</i>	9
United States Peace Corps Facts - <i>Vincent Boris</i>	10
Durbin Concerned about Troop Movement in Lithuania	10
U.S. Style Campus in Lithuania is seen as a Model in the Region - <i>Burton Bollag</i>	11
Lithuanians in the News	12
Guests Visiting Lithuania	14
Needed - Old Issues of Vytis	14
Mano Pasaulis	15
Lithuanian Kitchen - <i>Lietuviška Virtuvė</i>	16
K of L Foundation Essay	17
Calendar of Events	17
In Memoriam	17
Letters	18
Lithuanian Dictionary - <i>Žodynas</i>	18
Council News - <i>Vyčiai Veikia</i> :	
Mid-Central District - C-5 Chicago	19
C-10 Athol-Gardner - C-12 New York - C-29 Newark	20
C-36 Chicago - C-50 New Haven - C-52 Elizabeth	21
C-63 Lehigh Valley - C-74 Scranton	22
C-96 Dayton Juniors - C-100 Amsterdam	23
C-103 Providence - C-133 Los Angeles	24
C-135 Ansonia - C-141 Bridgeport	25
C-146 Harrisburg - C-147 St. Petersburg - C-153 Treasure Coast - C-154 Spring Hill	26
<i>Žiemužėle - Balė Voveraitė</i>	27
Baltic Tours	28
Convention Postscript	29
Prayer of St. Francis	Back Cover



All correspondence should reach the Editor by the FIRST OF THE MONTH, two months in advance of issue. The editors assume no responsibility for the statements or opinions made by contributors or no obligation to return any material or photos unsolicited. Use of material from VYTIS permissible only if credit is given to VYTIS, its authors, artists or photographers.



Signing of Declaration of Independence February 16, 1918 in Vilnius.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE February 16, 1918

The Council of Lithuania in its meeting of February 16, 1918, voted unanimously to address the governments of Russia, Germany and other states with the following declaration:

The Council of Lithuania, sole representative of the Lithuanian people, in conformity with the recognized right to national self-determination and in accordance with the resolution of the Lithuanian Conference held in Vilnius from September 18 to 23, 1917 hereby proclaims the restitution of the independent State of Lithuania, founded on democratic principles, with Vilnius as its capital, and declares the severance of all ties which formerly bound this State to other nations.

The Council of Lithuania also declares that the foundation of the Lithuanian State and relations with other countries will be finally normalized by a Seimas (parliament), elected in a democratic way by the people of Lithuania.

The Council of Lithuania in informing (the nations addressed) to this effect, kindly requests recognition of the independent State of Lithuania.

Vilnius, February 16, 1918.

Signed:

L. Banaitis
Dr. J. Basanavicius
M. Birziska
K. Bizauskas
P. Dovydaitis

S. Kairys
P. Klimas
Donatas Malinauskas
V. Mironas
S. Narutavicius

Alfonsas Petrusis
Dr. J. Saulys
K. Saulys
J. Semas
Antanas Smetona

J. Smilgevicus
J. Staugaitis
A. Stulginskas
J. Vailokaitis
J. Vileisis

Translation from the original Lithuanian by Anicetas Simutis.

GRAND PRINCE ŠVARNAS (1267-1268)

by Edward Baranauskas

Grand Prince Švarnas was the son-in-law of King Mindaugas and the son of Prince Daniel (Danylo) of Galicia and Volynia. He became the fourth ruler of Lithuania following the abdication in 1267 of Grand Prince Vaišvilkas, his brother-in-law.

After concluding a peace treaty in 1254 with Prince Daniel, King Mindaugas approved of the marriage of his only daughter to the prince's son, Shvarn. (His daughter's name is not known, as it was never mentioned in any of the historical documents). In so doing, the king entrusted the newest member of the royal family with the rule of certain territories of the Black Rus'.

When the king was assassinated in 1263, Švarnas assisted Prince Vaišvilkas in wresting the control of the throne from one of the assassins, Grand Prince Treniota, and in persecuting the plotters and their supporters.

Grand Prince Vaišvilkas gave up the throne in 1267 in order to return to life in the Eastern Orthodox Church monastery. He chose Švarnas as his successor to the throne

of Lithuania because of his family ties.

Unfortunately for Vaišvilkas, Švarnas had a brother, Prince Leo (Lev) of Volynia who felt very strongly that he should have been the one to succeed him. This so embittered Leo that in 1268 he murdered Vaišvilkas.

The new Grand Prince of Lithuania never really gained control over all of the territories ruled by his father-in-law, as his reign was very short.

When one considers the violence and the killings that took place to gain control of the throne of Lithuania, it perhaps may seem difficult to imagine that Švarnas died of natural causes. Yet, historians seem to agree on that fact, but they do disagree on the year of his death. Some state that he died the same year he became the Grand Prince, while others state that he died the following year, 1268.

It is interesting to note that following the death of Prince Leo in 1301, Volynia gradually became part of the Lithuanian state.

WINTER SCENES

A snowman in a front yard,
Also a fort, little bodies to guard,
Let the snowball battle begin,
Best pitchers are just bound to win.

Ice sculptures are viewed in the park,
Created by artists, just for a lark.
Frosty trees glisten in the morning sun,
After an all-night ice storm is done.

Shoveling out cars, all drivers agree,
Next winter to Florida, they will all flee.
Sledding down a steep hill,
To little ones is a thrill.

On a frozen pond, to ice skate,
Is a perfect place to date.
Sleigh rides are, I admit,
For grandmas and grandpas, a hit.

On the big lake, ice-boating is new,
And indulged in by just a few.
So let's celebrate winter, you hear?
'Cause it comes but once a year!

Bertha Janus
C-79 Southfield, MI



WITH LOVE TO MARY!

by Rev. A. Valancius

We have scarcely shaken our tresses dry of the suds so graciously referred to as Christmas shopping and are about to gasp a deep breath of appreciative relaxation, when up comes February with its suggestion of another opportunity for love giving - especially wrapped in fancy packages.

From what you have thus far encountered of this author's contributions, you might have arrived at some erroneous conclusions about his personality. Namely, that Yours Truly is some kind of a scrawny character out of Charles Dickens or just plain ordinary everyday tightwad. You would be far from the truth. For there is no wad, and if there were one, it would be too thin to make sitting any more comfortable by parking one's chassis on it. My argument with all this so-called good-will giving is, first, that the amount of my love for those near and dear to me can never be estimated by the \$\$\$ sign. Because when I do indulge in shopping on occasion, I always find myself short of funds in order to buy all of and the kind of things I would for my loved ones. Secondly, I object, because the list of people to whom I'm beginning to be obligated is becoming more inflated with each successive holiday.

Give - to my newsboy, who on the day following Christmas can't hit the full's-eye, which in this case is my porch, 10' x 4' x 15' and be exactly on target at a snow puddle no larger than a breadbox about 20' away from the porch. Besides, every time he comes with the collection slip, he receives a substantial tip and a reminder about the target. My mailman? With the present conditions prevailing in our postal department, I'm not so sure who my mailman is. I know one thing - that if the present system continues, I may end up with all of the mail on our block in the crook between the rain pipe and the church wall - and the Good Lord knows I get enough of it as is to share with the rest of the people on the block - you know, the kind you consider common property. Besides, everytime I buy a stamp, and at Christmas I buy lots, I contribute to his salary and if I'm a collector, I'm already losing money. I like my mailman and my newsboy. I think of them in my prayers - especially at Christmas. But I refuse to accept them as my Valentine.

Valentine's Day is for lovers - lover type lovers, not screen lovers, not guitar strumming crooners, sex symbols, girl watcher types nor even honest injun cowboys. No, not even kindergarten or teen-age heart throbs. It is for people who dream of owning one person forever. Yes, I said it and mean it. Owning forever! Lovers who get all shook up at the thought of sharing their loved one with anyone else! There is

no such thing as an unjealous lover - if he or she is not jealous - he or she is not a lover.

God is a lover. In truth, the only real lover and He is jealous. Jealous enough to die for us lest we fall in the hands of another. This kind of lover does not even dream of buying his loved ones affections with such trinkets as a mink coat, a diamond ring, a fancy convertible, not even a lovely house atop a red hill. For if these are what draw the loved one, there will always be the danger that another will come along who can offer a more expensive fur, a weightier diamond, two convertibles, a ranch house in Palm Springs, a summer home in Miami besides a villa on the little red hill. A true lover just wants to give his whole being whether it be wrapped in a mere \$2 box of sweets or plastered behind a satin heart on a specially selected card. All he asks in return is the understanding smile returning a heart wrapped inside a person whose mere presence makes one's heart jump with joy. I hope these kind of lovers will never let Valentine's Day get away from them. And if they are as justifiably jealous as I know them to be, they never will. Thank God for that. Certainly the world is in dire need of lovers like them.

As delectable as many facets of human love might be, it hardly ever attains complete fulfillment. Unless it receives a boost from another sort of love in the hope of something more perfect, it would almost always be considered a failure. Then there are some of us who are more or less loners in the world of men. Kind of not exactly in love with anyone, at least not with anyone you can touch and feel. It is possible, too, that there may be people who claim to be in love or should be because of a prior vow - have come to realize, unfortunately too late, that they never were really in love. And then there are those never known for proclaiming their love for anyone in particular, yet in reality are extremely great lovers. To all of the above, I presume, to offer someone to love, someone who loves like nobody, aside from God Himself, loves every one of us.

The Mother of God, Mary - she loves us so much that above all others, Mary should be our first Valentine. Her love is so boundless and though she loves us individually, she has enough love to go around without detracting any of it from any one of us. She, also, has the kind of love that will act as a prop in our love for our dear ones. This has been most clearly manifested in households where her image and her rosary occupy a central position. There you always seem to find enough love to go around for everybody. For she is always a LADY, a Lady the likes of which there never was

or never will be. You as a Catholic and K of L'er should know her well. Like in human affairs, Valentine's Day is but a passing reminder of a permanent quality - it certainly then is

completely suitable during this month to remind ourselves of Mary's love for us and act as a refresher in the renewal of our love for her. (Vytis - 1966)



To Coo or Not To Coo

by Louise Casano

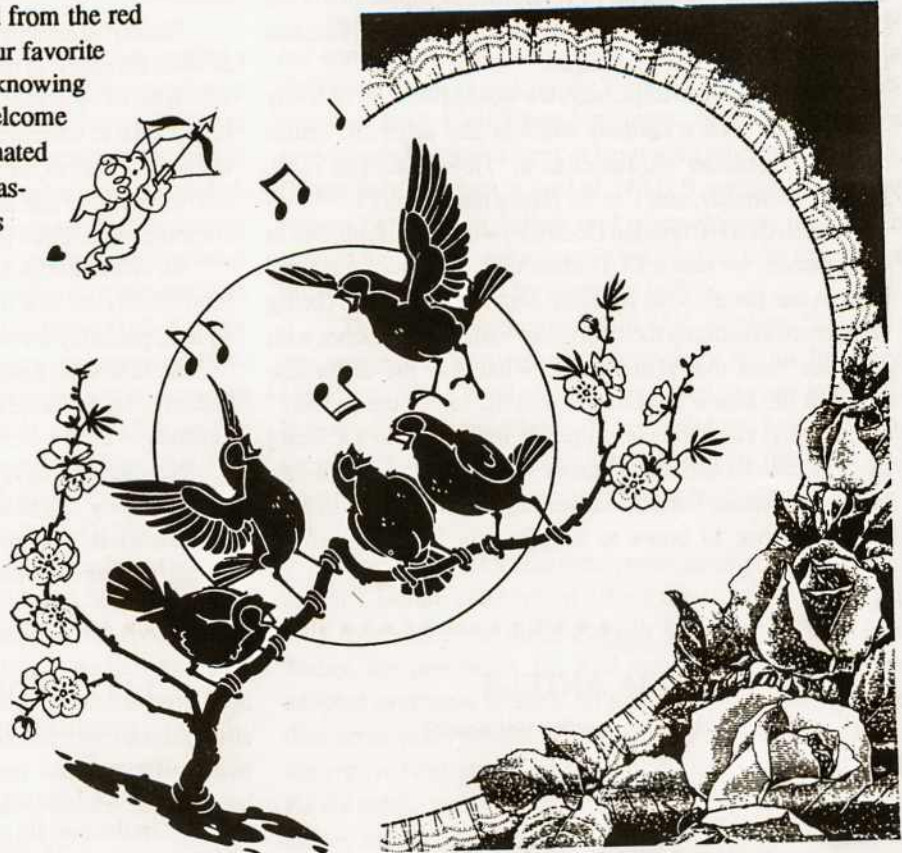
As you bite into the sumptuous, velvety mass of chocolate caramel carefully selected from the red satin and lace heart bestowed by your favorite Valentine, you may take pleasure in knowing that symbol of endearment is a welcome change from the ways the day originated and our celebration is a much more pleasant alternative to some other events that share recognition on Feb. 14.

The Christian origins of the celebration are set around two martyrs named Valentine who were beaten and beheaded in Rome, Italy on Feb. 14 in the third century A.D. Though the history is vague, it is believed the Christian celebration that celebrates martyrs was established as a diversion from the pagan celebration of Lupercalia (Feb. 15), an ancient Roman fertility festival celebrated by animal sacrifices.

While some people may believe that love is an act of martyrdom and the greatest of sacrifices, there is equal support to the notion that love is the pinnacle of sweetness and a flower in the garden of life, hence our modern-day celebration.

Those who believe love is like life on a Ferris wheel will take interest in knowing Feb. 14 is the birth anniversary of George Washington Gale Ferris, inventor of the Ferris wheel.

If you have called falling in love a fate worse than death, you should consider the day is the anniversary of the Ayatollah Khomeini's death sentence of Salmon Rushdie for authoring "The Satanic Verses" and the 1929 Chicago gan-



gland execution of the George "Bugs" Moran gang.

If you are prone to a gentler and more romantic sentiment on the subject of love, however, you'll be more aligned with the legend that says Feb. 14 is the day birds choose their mates. While that thought leaves some question about whether love is just for the birds, it does open doors to romance and the suggestion that it's nice to have at least one day a year when cooing is acceptable.

A LESSON ON TWO ST. JAMES

Antonia M. Wackell

Many readers have their singular peculiarities when they begin to read the newspapers or books. Some, we are told, will begin to read the final chapter of the book, then the first third (beginning) of that same book, omitting the central and oftentimes the entire plot and exciting part of the contents.

We, too, have our unique quirks, especially connected to Diocesan weeklies. Like the Chinese (we think) we begin with the last page and work forward - no clear-headed reason can be offered, we just do it. If additional supplements are included, which require a lengthy perusal, we see it thru and finally reach the Editorial pages.

On these pages frequently, we would find a bit of levity - jewel-like: Leo's cartoon wherein the *taller* St. James queries the *smaller* St. James as to "How come you're St. James the Greater, and I'm St. James the Lesser?"

When CCD (Christian Doctrine) was first established in our diocese, we had a CCD class of high-school girls and boys in our parish. One Monday evening some boys (being boys) decided among themselves to baffle their teacher with a "poser" and that poser was: "What was the difference between St. James the Greater and St. James the Lesser?" Fortunately, class time was up. We informed our CCDears that discussions and explanations would resume the following week. You are correct in assuming that those boys did not miss a chance to come to us after class and cheerfully

observe; "Teacher, you were saved this time! Guess you don't know the difference yourself!" To which we replied that they do some researching themselves over the weekend since they had posed the question and we would certainly compare notes at next Monday's class.

The remainder of the week, we enlisted the help of scholars and students of theology; we delved into our bibles, theology sources, books on Saints. None could discover the difference, and by then all were curious to know the difference.

Finally, in casually glancing through some source (name of book forgotten at this late date) we came upon something which led us on to something else (that is research in its purist form), then to something more and at last we found what we wanted. Of course, we had the information prepared as every self-respecting "teacher" is expected to have under similar circumstances. Here is the difference briefly:

St. James the Greater — son of Zebedee, brother of St. John the Divine, first martyr, put to death by Herod Agrippus 44 a.d., probably a cousin of Jesus.

St. James the Lesser — author of Epistle of James, first bishop of Jerusalem, called the brother of Our Lord being his kinsman.

Needless to say, the inquisitors had found nothing. Whether they searched for the answer, they (being boys) would not tell. They did look sheepish and embarrassed, but we all learned something.



PLAUKIA ANTELĖ

(Lithuanian Song, author unknown)

Plaukia anttelė, plaukia sieroji
per vidu ežerelio.
Neplauk antelė, neplauk sieroje
per vidu ežerelio.
Užmesim tinkla raudono šilko,
su žara nepažinsi.
Tinkla pakelsiu, vaikus paleisiu,
eh, pati, paskridėsiu.

LITTLE DUCK FLOATING

translation by Antonia M. Wackell

Little duck floating, yellow one floating
in the middle of the lake.
Don't float little duck, don't float yellow one
in the middle of the lake.
We will cast a net made of scarlet silk,
with the glow you'll never know.
The net I will raise, the young I'll set free,
eh, myself, I'll fly away.



Let's Make English our Official Language

America's Future

Diversity has always been the hallmark of American society. For example, the U.S. is now home to more than 148 different language groups. However, while English is most commonly used, it's still not our official language. According to *U.S. English*, a non-partisan, non-profit, public interest organization committed to making English this country's official language, "many of our leaders have followed a well-intentioned but short sighted policy of accommodating non-English-speaking immigrants in their native languages - rather than helping them to learn English."

"Pursuing this misguided policy," it said, "has created a terrible tragedy. Growing numbers of Americans, especially recent immigrants, don't know English and have been led to believe it isn't necessary. Non-English speaking children in our schools are taught in their native languages while English instruction is neglected. And poor-paying jobs, discrimination and segregation await those who cannot speak English."

U.S. English, which claims a membership of more than 400,000 was founded eight years ago by former U.S. Senator and professor, S. I. Hayakawa. Of Japanese ancestry, Hayakawa emigrated from Canada to California where he taught at Berkeley, urging greater emphasis on English as the "social glue" binding Americans together. Citing his own example, he said: "Learning English opens the golden door to opportunity." As junior Senator from California from 1976 to 1982, Hayakawa introduced an Amendment to make English "the official language of the United States." It failed to win the necessary Congressional support, but recently was revived in both the Senate and the House. As introduced by Senator Richard Shelby, the Alabama Democrat, and Rep. William Emerson, Republican of Missouri, the identical bills declare that the federal government has "an affirmative obligation to protect, preserve and enhance the role of English as the official language of the U.S."

Supporters concede they face an uphill fight against special interest groups such as the influential National Edu-

cation Association. *U.S. English* charges that the NEA has a vested interest in continuing unproven bilingual teaching programs, adding that it "lobbied hard to keep Sen. Hayakawa's Amendment bottled up in Congress." Also opposed to making English our official language are growing numbers of so-called "multiculturalists" who have succeeded in downgrading western cultures in favor of ethnic and minority studies at many of our leading colleges and universities.

In a recent report, *U.S. English* cited examples of how our common language has been diluted in importance. In California alone, it said, public schools now provide instruction in at least 42 different languages. And some 30 states give drivers' license exams in languages other than English. On the political front, a total of 375 U.S. voting districts are required to provide ballots and other election material in foreign languages, even though people can take translators into the booth or vote by absentee ballot.

"The question remains," said *U.S. English*, "does this encourage true participatory democracy by an informed electorate?" The "real victims," it added are our non-English-speaking immigrants and their children. Isolated from the rest of the nation, they are doomed to illiteracy and poverty. Worse, they are easy prey for economic and political exploitation.

Nonetheless, *U.S. English* reported some progress toward reforms. Before 1983 (when the organization was founded), only four states had made English their official language. Today, the number is 18. And since 1983, Congress has adopted proposals to limit bilingual education to no more than three years for any child, and has increased funds for innovative programs to teach English to immigrant children. As for public opinion, a January 1991 Gallup/*U.S. English* survey showed that 78 percent of Americans favor English as our official language.

TURNING THE TABLES

The mistress was showing her new maid around the house. As they came to the dining room the mistress said, "This dining room table goes back to Louise the Fourteenth."

"That's nothing," replied the new maid. "My whole living room set goes back to Sears on the fifteenth."

Kodel mano šuo gali daug greičiau bėgti, negu tavo broliukas?

Todėl, kad turi dviguba daugiau kojų.

Aš norėčiau turėti tiek pinigų kad galėčiau drambli pirkti.

Kam tau reikia dramblio?

Dramblis nereikia, tik pinigų.

TIMELY THOUGHTS FOR FEBRUARY.....



... Of Religion and Morality ...

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness - these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politicians, equally with the pious man ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked, Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us, with caution, indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

GEORGE WASHINGTON,
from his "Farewell Address"- 1796



... Of Liberty and Tyranny ...

"The world has never had a good definition of the word liberty, and the American people, just now, are much in want of one. We all declare for liberty, but in using the same word we do not all mean the same thing. With some the word 'liberty' may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself, and the product of his labor; while with others the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men and the product of other men's labor. Here are two, not only different, but incompatible things, called by the same name - liberty. And it follows that each of the things is, by the respective parties, called by two different and incompatible names - liberty and tyranny.

The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as a liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty, especially as the sheep was a black one. Plainly the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of the word liberty, and precisely the same difference prevails today among us human creatures, even in the North, and all professing to love liberty. Hence we behold the processes by which thousands are daily passing from under the yoke of bondage, hailed by some as the advance of liberty, and bewailed by others as the destruction of all liberty....."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
from his Baltimore Address, 1864.

FEBRUARY - PRESS MONTH

February, the press month
For Catholics on this earth,
Comes to all each year to say:
Please support your press each day.

Let's support our Cath'lic press,
And let's wish it all success;
Let us read it day by day,
It will help us every way.

God, indeed, will truly bless
All supporters of good press,
And God's blessing means success
For us all and for good Press.

Very Rev. Msgr. M.J. Urbanas, LL.D.

DO YOU KNOW THAT.....

....The first Lithuanian newspaper in the United States was GAZIETA LIETUVIŠKA, published in 1879 in New York.

....Under the Russian rule of the Tsars in Lithuania, printing of any kind in the Lithuanian language and in the Latin alphabet was prohibited for 40 years - 1864-1904. Though these regulations were strictly enforced by the police, book-smuggling from Prussia flourished, for the prohibited books were published across the border.

....Two Lithuanians, Steponas Darius and Stasys Girenas, crossed the Atlantic Ocean with their airplane LITUANICA on July 15-17, 1933. It was the second longest transatlantic non-stop flight. They flew 3,984 miles in 37 hours 11 minutes, without radio or robot, from New York to Soldin, Germany, where they crashed without reaching their destination, Kaunas, thus demonstrating the need for flight instruments for use in bad weather.

....During the International Aviation Festival in Kaunas in 1939, where Latvian, Estonian, Finnish, Polish and German aviators contested, Lithuanians won the first place.

....The biggest and longest river flowing through Lithuania is Nemunas, which is 536 miles long and has a basin of 37,840 square miles.

....There are about 2,000 lakes in Lithuania which add much to the beauty of the scenery. The largest lake is Narutis, having an area of 30 square miles.

....Oak forests were once very plentiful in Lithuania and oak trees were venerated in religious ceremonies. An oak tree famous for its thickness is the Stelmužės Oak, in Zarasai county. It is estimated that it is about 2,000 years old and it is considered the largest (in circumference) oak in Europe.

....The first German "Drang nach Osten" (push to the East) carried out by the Teutonic Knights was effectively stopped in 1410 at the battle of Tannenberg by the Lithuanian forces under the leadership of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Vytautas and with the help of the Polish forces.

....During the years of independence, Lithuania made great economic progress, as can be seen from the fact that before World War II, Lithuania had 29 hogs for each 250 acres of cultivated land while Soviet Russia had only 2.3 hogs for the same area of cultivated land.

....The first Lithuanian high school was established in Vilnius in 1570.

....The first Lithuanian university, called the Academy of Vilnius, was established in 1579 and, with various changes, continues to the present day.

Gimtoji Kalba

Dalia Bulvicius, Language Coordinator

RIDDLES - MİSLES

1. Rudeni gimęs, vasarą augęs.
2. Ėjo, ėjo ir vietos neturejo.
3. Ant kojytės kepurytė.
4. Kas margas nerašytas?
5. Kam tiesiausias kelias?
6. Burnelė kaulinė, barzdelė mesine.
7. Kodel gaidys užsimerkis gieda?
8. Skrenda skrenda, tik niekuomet žemėn nenusileidžia.
9. Kai mėlijnas - juokiasi, kai pilkas - verkia!
10. Jaunas žaliuoja, pasenęs žemyn griūva, mirdamas į dangų lekia.
11. Akys kaip ratai, saules nemato.
12. Laibakojis, raudonkojis, po pelkes klampoja.
13. Botagas dryžuotas, samanose suranguotas.
14. Ko Viešpats Dievas neturi?
15. Iš priešakio su ylute, iš užpakalio su šakutė, ant pilvuko su žiurstuku.
16. Patys neiko neturi, o maitina visą pasaulį?
17. Kalą karta ir ne pora - ir sukala tankią tvorą.
18. Šakos sakotines, visos šakos su lizdais, visi lizdai su vaikais.
19. Aukštas senis balta oda kas pavasaris pienelio duoda.
20. Balta drobulė visą pasaulį užgulė.
21. Be kirvio, be grąžto tiltą pastato.
22. Galva nesiekia žemes, kojomis stoga remia.
23. Kai tik lapai sušlamejo, tuoj į girią nudulkejo.
24. Po koku medžių kiškis lyjant slepiasi?
25. Kas juodas nedažytas?

1. Ruginiai. 2. Vėjas. 3. Grybas. 4. Genys. 5. Paukščiams. 6. Gaidys. 7. Kad atmintinai moka. 8. Debesys. 9. Dangus. 10. Medis. 11. Pelėda. 12. Gandras. 13. Gyvatė. 14. Nuodėmės. 15. Kregždė. 16. Arklys ir žagrė. 17. Audžia. 18. Ažuolas su gilėmis. 19. Beržas. 20. Sniegas. 21. Šaltis. 22. Ledo varvekliai. 23. Kiškis. 24. Po šlapiu. 25. Varna.

QUIRKS:

The trouble with some people today is that they are educated beyond their intelligence.

Women are better at math. Only a woman will divide her age by two, double the price of her dress, triple her husband's salary, and add five years to the age of her best friend.

UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS FACTS

by Vincent Boris

IN SEARCH OF:

A few good men and women for two years of service in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia under the auspices of the U.S. Peace Corps. In a preliminary meeting with representative Baltic-Americans on Dec. 11, 1991, the Peace Corps announced that they are preparing to mount a recruiting effort to fill some 60 positions (20 in each of the Baltic nations). The Peace Corps hopes to have these positions filled and the people in place by early summer 1992. This meeting addressed means of accessing the Baltic-American population from which volunteers to fill these positions might be drawn.

The exact nature of these positions in terms of skill requirements has not been established, since the Peace Corps effort is totally responsive to host nation desires. A team of Peace Corps officials visited the three Baltic countries in mid-January to discuss specific areas of need for Peace Corps type assistance. To date, each of the three Baltics has agreed, in concept, to accept a Peace Corps effort in-country. Details are yet to be worked out; however, it is anticipated that the Peace Corps will probably be involved in English language and small business management training. It was emphasized that this aspect is still undecided.

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, medically qualified and, if married, serve with his or her spouse. Accepted volunteers are usually given three months

training prior to overseas assignment. Intensive short-term training enables those with general educational backgrounds to serve in some project areas. This is followed by language and cultural training in the country of assignment. (Inability to speak Lithuanian is not an impediment. Having ability in Lithuanian may be an advantage in selection). Transportation is provided to the training site and to and from overseas assignment as well as home leave in the event of family emergencies. While in training and service, the volunteer receives a monthly allowance for rent, food, travel and all medical needs. A readjustment allowance of \$200 a month is set aside, payable upon completion of service.

The Peace Corps Recruitment Office cannot guarantee an assignment to Lithuania to any applicant. The combination of skills, language, background, interests, etc. make selection for Lithuania or one of the Baltics almost assured. At any rate, the assignment is specified when an application has been processed and the applicant found qualified. At this point, each applicant does have the right of refusal when acceptance as a volunteer is offered. There is no chance of an involuntary assignment to an unwanted location.

If you are interested or think you might be, we encourage you to contact one of the regional Recruitment Offices. For further information, write Peace Corps, Washington, DC 20526 or call, toll free, 800-424-8580, Ext. 93.

DURBIN CONCERNED ABOUT TROOP MOVEMENT IN LITHUANIA To Send Letter to Yeltsin

U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) announced that he has asked his colleagues in the House of Representatives to join him in sending a letter to Pres. Yeltsin expressing concern about former Soviet military troop movements in Lithuania.

"Recent reports of unauthorized military maneuvers by the Commonwealth's Northwest Military District in the independent state of Lithuania are very distressing," Durbin said. "This news is especially alarming since Jan. 13, 1992 marks the first anniversary of the Soviet military attack on peaceful Lithuanian demonstrators, which resulted in the death of 14 people."

Durbin explains that according to reports, Lithuanian Prime Minister Gediminas Vagnorius was not informed of the planned anti-aircraft maneuvers until shortly before they

were to occur. Moreover, objections by the Lithuanian Prime Minister were summarily dismissed, as were the official protests by the Lithuanian people.

"As non-participants in the Commonwealth, the Baltic states have requested the removal of all Soviet troops from Baltic soil. Given this fact, we believe that reports of unwarranted military maneuvers are not in accordance with Lithuania's sovereignty, which was recognized by Russia last August," Durbin states.

It is hoped that Pres. Yeltsin and Pres. Landsbergis will reach an acceptable solution for the removal of the former Soviet troops from all of the Baltic States. Durbin has gathered signatures on the letter and has mailed it to Pres. Yeltsin sometime in January.

U.S. STYLE CAMPUS IN LITHUANIA IS SEEN AS A MODEL IN THE REGION

by *Burton Bollag, Kaunas, Lithuania*

For many education reformers in the Baltics, Vytautas Magnus University is the model for the future. With its modern American approach to education and its stress on the acquisition of English, the institution is the antithesis of the intellectually conservative and ideologically rigid Soviet-style university.

Vytautas Magnus reopened in 1989 for the first time since Soviet authorities shut it down in 1950. Emigre academics of Lithuanian extraction - especially Americans and Canadians - have been largely responsible for resuscitating the university. Named for Lithuania's greatest ruler of the 15th century, Vytautas Magnus is the only Baltic university being run by Westerners. Among its 90 staff members, 10 top administrators are academics of Lithuanian descent who were trained in the West. Most of the others were hired away from various institutes of Lithuania's Academy of Sciences, which suffered less severe political control than the universities.

"It is much easier to found a modern university from scratch than to transform the existing ones," says Darius Kuolys, Lithuania's Minister of Culture and Education. "Vytautas Magnus is the only one not burdened with the old ballast" of conservative academics. In Neighboring Latvia, Juris Zakis, rector of the national university, says of Vytautas Magnus: "That's the future for me."

The university's third freshman class, which arrived this fall, brought enrollment up to 950 of a projected 2,000 students. The institution is private, but partially state-supported. Tuition is free, and all students who maintain a minimum grade-point average receive a stipend from the state for living expenses.

Undergraduate education is based on an American model, with a set of core requirements designed to offer all students a good grounding. After that, students have a great deal of freedom in choosing what they want to study.

In a push to overcome the isolation imposed by the Soviet authorities on the Baltics, all students are required to take six hours of English instruction a week, until they pass a basic proficiency test.

The university sees a key role for itself in helping to rebuild disciplines like history, economics, philosophy—all of which were crippled under Soviet control. Rector Algirdas Avižienis says the university "is helping Lithuanians to reconnect itself with its history after a 50-year cut."

Mr. Avižienis fled Lithuania with his parents at the start of World War II. A professor of computer science at the

University of California at Los Angeles, he has taken an extended leave of absence to help Vytautas Magnus get established. Like other administrators at the institution, Mr. Avižienis puts in long hours for a monthly salary that amounts to less than \$100. But, he says, "It's the experience of a lifetime. Every professor dreams of starting a university." He says he has two missions: "to build our university as a model, and to help Lithuania put a reasonable set of laws and structures in place so that the development of higher education can progress."

Lithuania's President Vytautas Landsbergis, himself a professor of musicology, has shown enthusiastic interest in Vytautas Magnus.

Yet Vytautas Magnus is grappling with serious problems left by a half century of Soviet rule. The Western-trained academics who are running the institution say the terror and deportations of the 1940's and 50's and the blind obedience demanded by the Communist Party sharply undercut such values as honesty and initiative. "The students were in a system that taught them not to think," says the dean of students, Arvidas Peter Žygas, an American-born son of Lithuanians who fled in 1944. "My goal is that we raise people who could never be a concentration-camp guard or a KGB informer."

Says Liucija Baskauskas, the university's vice-rector, "I've found the students more amenable to change and open-minded than I'd imagined. But I'm not used to the lying and sabotage among some of the Lithuanian academics." A professor of anthropology at California State University, she also has taken an extended leave to help rebuild higher education in her native land. She has been urging officials at other universities in the Baltics to put greater stress on English instruction to facilitate academic exchanges with institutions in countries bordering the Baltic Sea.

K. Paul Žygas, dean of the Arts and Humanities School (and no relation to the dean of students) is on leave from his professorship at the University of Arizona School of Architecture. He says there are many good academics who refused to kowtow to the Communist authorities and were often marginalized in some teaching or publishing post.

In Lithuania, the Minister of Culture and Education, describes the universities' main problem as "the ballast from the old times," a reference to the bulk of his nation's academics. The transformation to modern, liberal institutions will succeed only with "greater opening of the outside world."

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Lithuanians in the News

12-YEAR OLD GIRL ARRIVES FROM LITHUANIA FOR AN OPERATION

Ausra Stropute came to the United States for the gift of hearing. From Klaipeda, Lithuania, she was born with partial hearing in her left ear and no right ear. An oral and facial surgeon plans to perform a complex surgical procedure, free of charge, so that she will have a right ear and maybe even her hearing.

On arriving in Boston, she had her first pizza and her first banana. Her hosts, Tom & Maria Ashmanskas, have taken her to see the Christmas tree at the Prudential Bldg. in Boston. They described her as very reserved, quite and polite.

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration has not yet approved the procedure. The surgeon stated that if the surgery is not permitted in the USA, he will take her to Ecuador. He has performed oral and facial reconstruction surgery on poor children in So. America as a volunteer with a non-profit organization *Por Cristo*, based in Quincy, MA.

Ausra traveled alone and was met by Maria Ashmankas, a lawyer and vice president of SOS Vaikai. Her trip was paid for by SOS Vaikai. Milton Hospital, where the surgeon has an office practice, says it wants to offer its facilities free of charge for Ausra's operation, after necessary forms are filled out.

PatriotLedge

LET FREEDOM RING

The Bill of Rights - the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution - is celebrated by Americans every day of their lives in an infinite variety of ways. That is the message made clear by a photography contest sponsored by Parade Magazine, Eastman Kodak Company with the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. A winning entry by photographer, Michele Doucette of Boston, was the picture of Father George Gailiusis of the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine walking very pensively on the boat dock. There were more than 200,000 entries from all over the country. Before the winning photos begin a national tour, they



It was a memorable 12th birthday for Ausra Stropute who arrived in Boston for surgery.



Freedom to Worship: Rev. George Gailiusis of St. Anthony's Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Photo: Michele Doucette-Boston

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS (Cont'd)

were on display until Jan. 10 at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center, in the American Adventure Pavilion and in Future World's CommuniCore West Pavilion.

1st GRADE TEACHER NAMED THE BEST

Jeri John a first-grade teacher at Burnet Elementary School in El Paso, TX was named 1990-91 Teacher of the Year. A native of Lithuania she won over nine other candidates. Jurate "Jeri" John has been a teacher in the El Paso district for 25 years. After graduating from Texas Western College in 1965 she has taught various grades. She said her objective as a teacher is to instill in her students a feeling of "love and respect for themselves and for others."



Jurate "Jeri" John

In 1940 Jeri emigrated with her parents from Lithuania and arrived on a boat at New York's Ellis Island. The family lived in New York City until 1963. That year, the family moved to El Paso because Jeri's father went to work as an electrical engineer at White Sands Missile Range.

When she came to the United States, Jeri didn't speak any English and as an only child, she spent hours playing teacher with her stuffed animals. Jeri is the daughter of Elena and the late Arturas Andrulelis. She received this award four days after her father died.

For winning, Jeri received a \$1,500 cash prize and two airline tickets. The 10 finalists were asked to write an essay about education as part of the contest. Congratulations!

BALTIC PEOPLES RETURN TO THEIR FREED HOMELANDS

When Daiva Venckus told her teacher in Los Angeles 20 years ago that she was from Lithuania, she was scolded for inventing a fairytale land with an imaginary language. Now, Venckus, 25, is back in the former home of her parents to help once again independent republic re-establish its place in the world.

Daiva is one of the many North Americans of Baltic extraction who have returned to work in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Baltic emigre communities played a major role in

helping the struggle for independence, providing invaluable electronic communications equipment and lobbying governments. There are an estimated 2 to 3 million people of Baltic extraction living in North America, Australia and Europe.

Many of those who came were helped by the efforts of their immigrant parents, who brought them up to speak their respective languages and sent them to Saturday culture and history classes. "It was just another thing my parents made me do. It was boring and I gritted my teeth," Daiva said. "But it all came rushing back to me when I got to Lithuania and now I have taken Lithuanian citizenship."

Among the many other Lithuanians who have returned to Lithuania were Rita Dapkus, 30, a Chicago native, Edward Tuskenis, 33, also of Chicago. Daiva Venckus has decided to stay in Lithuania for good. Brushing tears from her eyes, she said, "I love America, but my roots are in Vilnius. This is my home which, at long last, I have found."

AUSTRALIAN AWARDED MEDAL

Algimantas P. Taškūnas, BA Hon (Tas), B Com (WAust), Med Admin (New Engl.) was named in the 1991 Queen's Birthday Honours and was awarded the Order of Australia Medal. The honor was bestowed for services to tertiary education administration and to the Baltic communities.

Mr. Taškūnas is treasurer and co-editor of the Lithuanian Studies Society at the University of Tasmania, and former Editor (1975-1990) of "Baltic News", Southern Hemisphere's widest read English language Baltic periodical. This was a rare, if not the only, occasion where voluntary work for the Baltic cause was officially honored by the Australian Government.



Dayton Daily News

GUESTS VISITING LITHUANIA

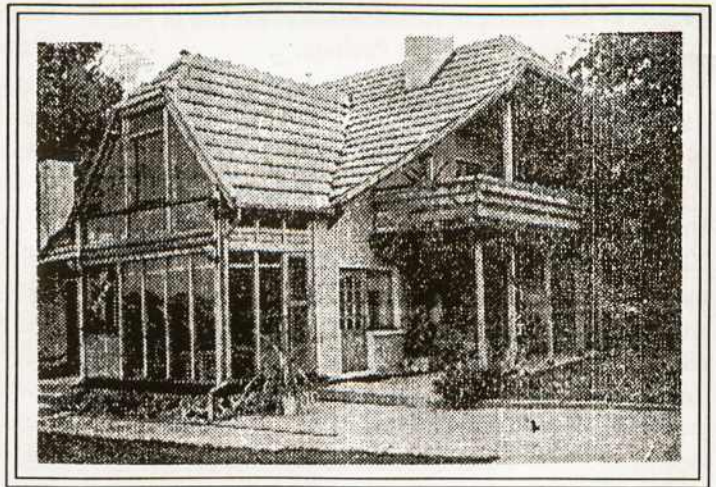
Guests at Vilnius' Hotel Zebis get a bed half the size of Texas and a made-to-order breakfast served in it, a lift to the nearby forest for early morning jogging, a sauna and a swim. Everything about the bed and breakfast, nestled in the woods in a corner of the Lithuanian capital, is charming.

Vytas Linartus opened the country-style brick structure last September, a week after Lithuania gained its independence from the Soviet Union. A former restaurant manager, the 37-year old Lithuanian decided to switch careers eight years ago. Using journals he found in the local library, he designed the house and began to build, with the help of local workers.

"It was the early 1980s," he said, "and I had no real idea that we were going to be independent so quickly But it was a dream and I didn't want to give it up. Now it's come true."

The dream includes seven bedrooms, from a two-room master suite with color television and telephone to a simply furnished single on the third floor with a grand view of Vilnius' church steeples. Prices range from \$20 to \$40 a night, including breakfast.

There is a sauna, a small indoor swimming pool and a winter garden, complete with singing parakeets, that is used as a breakfast room. Breakfast consists of hearty helpings of fresh bread, cheese, sausage, an omelette and tea or coffee.



The Hotel Zebis in Vilnius, Lithuania

Linartus offers the kind of personalized service that is rare in other parts of Europe. He meets guests at the Vilnius Airport or train station and offers transportation around town during their stay. Though lunch and dinner are not included in his rate, he is glad to provide both for a few extra dollars. In a country where advertising is still mostly by word-of-mouth, Zebis is fast becoming a popular alternative to the bigger hotels in Vilnius. Hotel Zebis is called "a place that has grown out of the roots of Lithuanian soil".

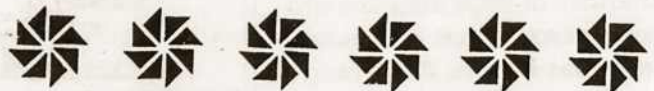
For information: Hotel Zebis, Sibiro 6, Vilnius, Lithuania. Telephone: 69-08-90 or 69-07-07. *Washington Post*

NEEDED - OLD ISSUES OF VYTIS

Issues of VYTIS from the past are being prepared for binding so that they may be permanently used by the Vytis staff. Copies of the following issues are missing. If anyone has copies and is willing to donate them, Vytis staff would be most grateful. Please contact: VYTIS, Two Bayview Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050.

August - September 1964
 March 1960
 August - September 1960
 August - September 1959
 February 1958
 July - August - September 1958
 January 1957
 November 1957
 January 1956
 April 1956
 December 1956

April 1955
 March 1954
 June 1954
 September - October 1954
 August 1953
 June, July, August, September 1952
 November 1951
 All issues prior to 1948



MANO PASAULIS

A. Raudonikio muzika
J. Lapašinsko žodžiai

Lento

Ma.no pa.saulis-Lie.tu.va, žy.dinčioslan.kos ir kal.
Ma.no pa.saulis-Ne.mu.ne, protė.vių pa.sa.ka gy.
Ma.no pa.suu.lis-Lie.tu.va, Balti.jos a.ša.ra mels.

mf legato

va, so.dai ir u.pių sie.tu.va, ma.no gim.li.nė - Lie.tu.
va. Vy.tu.rio vir.ve.siu jau.na, did.vy.rių žė.mė - Lie.tu.
va, ja.vo šna.rė.ji.mu sa.va, žė.mė gim.to.ji - Lie.tu.

va. So.dai ir u.pių sie.tu.va, ma.no gim.li.nė - Lie.tu.va.
va. Vy.tu.rio vir.ve.siu jau.na, did.vy.rių žė.mė - Lie.tu.va.
va. Ja.vo šna.rė.ji.mu sa.va, žė.mė gim.to.ji - Lie.tu.va.

Lithuanian Kitchen - Lietuviška Virtuvė

KALDUNAI

Lithuanian Dumplings

2 lbs. ground round	1/8 tsp. nutmeg
2 med. onions, chopped	2 Tbsp. salt or to taste
1 tsp. garlic powder	2 eggs
1/8 tsp. ground cloves	1-1/2 - 2 cups water
1/8 tsp. ground allspice	Flour - 3-4 cups or more

Mix meat, onion, seasonings and salt in bowl. Set aside.

In large bowl, beat eggs, gradually add 1-1/2 to 2 cups water and beat until foamy. Slowly add flour and continue until dough forms that can be easily handled. Place dough on floured surface and knead until it does not stick to hands.

Cut one-fourth of dough and place remaining in bowl covering well. Roll out cut portion of dough on floured surface until about 1/8" thick. Cut dough in 3" or 4" squares. In center of each square, place rounded teaspoon of meat mixture. Fold dough around meat to make a triangle and pinch edges closed. Place the Kaldunai on a floured tray. Continue until all dough is used.

Place Kaldunai in a large pot of boiling water. When water returns to boil, cook for 15 mins. Drain and serve with melted butter or sour cream. Leftovers can be fried in butter.

MUSHROOM BARLEY SOUP

Grybų ir Kruopų Sriuba

1 oz. dried mushrooms (preferably Lithuanian)	2-3 cups each of chopped onion, celery,
1 cup boiling water	carrot, parsnips (as desired)
4 qts. cold water	
3-4 lbs. lamb or beef meat with bones	1 cup barley, rinsed salt, pepper, to taste
chopped parsley, garnish	

Rinse mushrooms in cold running water until thoroughly clean of dirt. Place in bowl, add boiling water and let stand for 15 mins. or until softened. Reserve liquid. Chop mushrooms and place into a large soup pot; add mushroom liquid. Add meat with bones to the cold water. Bring to a boil; skim off any foam. Add barley and chopped vegetables; bring to boil again and skim. Lower flame. Cook at a slow boil, uncovered for about two hours. Skim any foam or fat from top. Discard bones, chop up meat and return to pot. Garnish with chopped parsley. Serve.

BOILED SMOKED MEAT WITH VEGETABLES -

Virtas Rūkytos Kiaulienos su Daržovėmis

4-5 lbs. smoked pork shoulder or 2-3 lbs. smoked tenderloin	1 cup cut up celery 5-6 peppercorns 5-6 allspice
2-3 lbs. head of cabbage	1 bay leaf
4-5 potatoes, peeled and cut up	salt, pepper 1/2 cup mustard mixed with 1/2 cup horse- radish
4-5 carrots	
4-5 onions	

In large saucepan, combine meat and seasonings bringing to a boil. Skim off foam. Simmer at a low boil for about 1 hour. Add cut up potatoes, carrots, onions, celery. Cover and cook until vegetables are almost done. Add cabbage which has been cut in quarters or less and cook until done. Remove meat and slice into serving pieces. Serve meat and vegetables along with mustard/horse radish mixture on the side.

The cooking liquid that remains may be strained and used as basis for split pea soup. Use left over bones and skin in making this soup for additional flavor.

FRIED LITHUANIAN CHEESE SLICES

Kėptos Suris

1 Lithuanian farmer cheese, sliced	2 eggs 1/2 cup milk
1 cup flour	butter/margarine for frying
1/2 tsp. baking powder	salt to taste

Mix eggs, flour, baking powder, salt and milk in mixing bowl. Dip cheese slices into batter and fry on both sides until golden brown. Serve with sour cream.

LITHUANIAN MUSHROOM BAKE

1 lb. large mushrooms, halved	1/2 cup plain non-fat yogurt
1 Tbsp. reduced calorie margarine	1 Tbsp. flour Salt, pepper to taste
1/2 cup chopped onion	1/2 cup fine bread crumbs
1/2 cup 'light' sour cream	

Preheat oven 375°. Simmer mushrooms and onion in margarine over low heat, covered for about 10-15 mins. Place in shallow pan. Mix together sour cream, yogurt, flour, salt & pepper. Pour over mushrooms. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Bake 10-15 mins. Serves 4. *Joan P. Guenther*

K of L Foundation, Inc. Essay....

HOW CAN THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA INSPIRE THE YOUNGER MEMBERS TO ASSUME THE ORGANIZATIONS LEADERSHIP ROLES?

by Anne Sikora, C-144 Anthracite, PA

Second Prize Winner

Unfortunately, at this time, our council no longer has a younger membership. A few years ago, we did attract young people but we did nothing to keep them as members. When I contemplate on those years, I'm surprised they attended as many meetings as they did. We did nothing, myself included, to involve them in any of our activities. We took advantage of the energies they had but never encouraged them to take on any real responsibilities or leadership roles. We did not take their presence seriously and treated them as inconsequential. Perhaps this is why they never expressed their views or offered any opinions during our discussions.

We can't expect these people to automatically volunteer their services. We should encourage and coax them into helping with our projects, explain to them why we continue to celebrate Lithuanian Independence Day, Kucios, St. Casimir's Day and why we try to keep our traditions and songs alive. We must explain to them that we are not just another social club, but that we have a goal to keep Lithuania from being erased from the maps and the face of the world. Once their interest is whetted they will surely want to learn more about their own historical background and their parent's birthplace.

Their involvement must be recognized. The job responsibilities should be gradual. They will make mistakes but this is how we all learn. We can subtly be there on the sidelines and steer them back on the right path when they stray. We must hold on to our youth and give them every opportunity to express themselves. We must listen to their ideas. At first, we will have to do most of the work, but with each project, their contributions will be better and greater until we can step safely into the background and watch our hard work pay off.

Now, here comes the hard part. We have a very tight hold on the reins of leadership. We must let go! We cannot continue to be self-righteous and believe that only we (the old-timers) can do the best job. We must suppress our egos and gradually ease those reins and hand them over to our competent younger members.

If we don't encourage the young to bring in their vitality and resources to the Knights of Lithuania organization, the handwriting is on the wall. Eventually our members will die and so will our organization and our culture. If we can attract just a few young members, youth will attract their contempo-

raries and their new blood will strengthen our ranks.

It is important to let our younger members know we believe in their ability to lead us and that we are willing to be their faithful helpers and followers. We must step down and make way for the future if the Knights of Lithuania organization is going to continue to flourish and preserve our rich Lithuanian heritage.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- February 23, 1992 - Lithuanian Independence Day Celebration, St. Francis Church hall. Host C-10, Athol-Gardner, MA
- March 8, 1992 - MAD Annual Communion Breakfast and meeting. Host C-41, Brooklyn, NY
- March 8, 1992 - Amber District Meeting & St. Casimir Celebration, Host C-118, Hazleton, PA.
- March 11, 1992 - St. Casimir's Day commemoration and Spring MAMD meeting. Host: C-24, Nativity B.V.M.
- March 14, 1992 - National Executive Board Meeting - Host: C-7, Waterbury, CT.
- April 5, 1992 - C-109 Great Neck Annual Communion Breakfast, Ribz Restaurant, 132 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck, NY
- May 15-17, 1992 - MCD Meeting & Annual Bowling Tournament - Host: C-86, DuBois, PA
- July 16-19, 1992 - 79th National Convention, Allentown, PA. Hosts: C-144, Anthracite, PA

IN MEMORIAM

MARY DAUGINAS
C-112 Chicago, IL
† January 2, 1992

LETTERS

SEEKING PEN PAL

Sveiki Vyčio Organizacijos Redakcija:

Rašau aš jums iš Lietuvos ir kreipiuosi su tokių prašyma. Norėčiau kad padėtumėte surasti mergaitę norinčia susirašinėti lietuviškai (Amerikos lietuvių).

Mano vardas Solvita, man 17 metų. Gyvenu Lietuvos šiauriniame mieste-lyje Biržai. Mano adresas: *Solvita Undzinaite, Biržai 235280, Tinklų 3-4, Lithuania.*

APPRECIATES READING VYTIS

Dear Ms. Kober and Editorial Staff:

I have just received the November 1991 issue of "Vytis" and, having read it from cover to cover (as usual), I am hastening to congratulate you on producing such a wonderful publication.

I feel, the Knights of Lithuania, have found the right formula, how to retain a Lithuanian identity in a foreign country; and how to bring together all

who consider themselves to be Lithuanians - whether they speak the language or not.

Last week, I spent an evening with the Federal President of the Lithuanian Community in Australia, Mr. Viktoras Martišius. I made a point of telling him about your organization and how much I admired the K of L's achievements.

You may be interested to know that as soon as I finish reading each issue of "Vytis", I pass it on to the Lithuanian Studies Society at the University of Tasmania. This is the only University-based Lithuanian research group in Australia, Asia and in the whole Southern Hemisphere. All Society's transactions are conducted in English, and the Society has used some of your articles from time to time, with proper acknowledgments, of course.

*Algis Taškūnas
Tasmania, Australia*

VERI LITTLE LITHUANIAN

Brangė Redaktorė:

Atsakau Bruno Rutkuno laiška idėta Vytis žurnalo. Aš Amerikan citizenas iš Lietuvos jo 40 metų ir noriu veri gud skaityti angliškai, ne Lietuviškai. Tegul P-nas Rutkunas readina Darbininka ir Drauga arba užsiregistrot į Saturdai škoolė. Mano bojsas Dzovi readina Vyti ir visai nemoka Lietuviškai readit. Jis sako Vytis labai fain kaip dabar išprintitas. Ponia Redaktorė, prašom veri litle printit Lietuviškai. Tank yu veri mutė.

Ignas Mataušas



LITHUANIAN DICTIONARY - Žodynas

Axle	ašis	ah'shees	link	grandis	grahn'dees
bell	skambutis	skahm'boo'tees	to lubricate	tepti	tap'tee
bicycle	dviratis	dvee'rah'tees	map	žemėlapis	zhameh'lahpees
brake	stabdys	stahb'deesh	to mount	užlipti	oozh'leep'tee
caution	atsargumas	aht'sahr'goo'mahs	oil	alyva	ahleevah
chain	retežis	rata'zhees	oil-can	alyvos kana	ahleevos kah'nah
connection	sujungimas	soo'yoon'gee'mahs	outer cover	padanga	pah'dahn'gah
cycle shop	dirbtuvė	deerb'too'veh	pedal	pedalas	pehdah'lahs
race	lenkytynės	lank'teeh'nehs	pump	siurblys	sioor'bleehs
tour	kelionė	kalio'neh	to pump up	pumpuoti	poomp'uotee
track	takas	tah'kahs	rags	skarmalas(ai)	skahr'mah'lahs
danger	pavpjus	pahvo'yoos	to repair	pataisyti	pah'taiseeh'tee
to dismount	nulipti	new'lip'tee	rim	ratlankis	raht'lahn'kees
friction	trynimas	treeh'nee'mahs	saddle	balnas	bahl'nahs
handle	rankena	rahn'kanah	screw	rintė	reen'teh
hub	stebulė	sta'booleh	spoke	stipinas	stee'peen'ahs
knapsack	kuprinė	koop'reeneh	to start	pradėti	prahdeh'tee
lamp	lempa	lam'pah	to steer	vairuoti	vair'o'tee

Council News

Vyčiai Veikia

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Although some time has passed since the District held its Fall Pilgrimage and meeting, we thought it would be of interest to relate some of the exciting events that marked our spiritual weekend.

The pilgrimage was hosted by C-19 Pittsburgh the weekend of Oct. 11-13 and was attended by 35 out-of-town delegates plus up to 25 additional people from host C-19 at the various events. Those who were delegates from out of town had the opportunity to venture to various parts of Pittsburgh for many interesting events. The weekend began with a reception on Fri. night at the Hampton Inn in Greentree.

On Sat. morning the delegates held their meeting at the hotel and discussed many important items as well as elected new officers for 1992. Elected were Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Gediminas Kijauskas; Pres., John Baltrus; 1st vice pres., Donna Bunikis; 2nd vice pres., George Mikalauskas; Jr. advisor, Elena Mikalauskas; rec. sec., Jean Marks; treas., Richard Marks; Lith. affairs, Bertha Kuzma; trustees, Violet Panavas & Catherine Kurpowic; cultural, Eleanor Lewicki; ritual, Agatha Bender, public relations/Vytis corres., Andrea Grochowski.

After the meeting, we journeyed across town to St. Anthony's Chapel to view and hear about its collection of over 5000 relics including three of St. Casimir. It was truly an impressive experience. That evening everyone traveled to the University of Pittsburgh to take part in the Lithuanian Room Committee's annual banquet.

The K of L was graciously received and each member was introduced individually to those in attendance.

The Sisters of St. Francis hosted the closing Mass and brunch on Sun. morning at their convent chapel. Mass was offered for all deceased members from the District by a visiting missionary of Lithuanian descent, originally from the DuBois area, Rev. Joseph Markalonis. Following Mass, all deceased members from the District were remembered individually in a special candle lighting ceremony. We especially recalled two former council presidents from our District, Gus Baibak and Cecelia Berlin, who passed away since our last pilgrimage.

Before everyone headed home, we were treated to a delicious brunch in the Sister's cafeteria. During the brunch many of us had a chance to renew friendships with some of the Sisters who taught us many years ago. We also heard from Sister Michelle Garlauskas about her recent trip to Lithuania and the needs of the religious communities there, as well as her plans to return next

year to continue assisting with the spiritual renewal of Lithuania.

The District will have its next meeting and annual bowling tournament May 15-17. Hosts will be C-86 DuBois. Finally, we wish speedy recoveries to outgoing District officers Mary Vaglia and Sister Francesca who have recently experienced serious illnesses.

Andrea G.

C-5 CHICAGO, IL

There's no difficulty in our Council - the same officers were re-elected for 1992 except for Peter Barskis who left to meet other members in the Great Beyond. Our membership remains at 70. We strive to keep up the spirit of Lithuania and reverence for God and Vytis helps us tremendously to do this.

Glad to report our Pres. Konnie J. Savickus found \$6,666.00 in his pocket to donate to the Chicago District Building Fund again in the hope of finding a permanent structure for the K of L headquarters. We may even get our former building back for a while.

Our members may have the record



St. Casimir Guild - Students with Fr. George Šarauskas, U.S. Bishop's representative for Eastern European countries.

for old age people in it - the cemetery keeps claiming them even though their membership dues are paid up for the year. What's the cure? *P. Sutkus*

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

An old fashioned Kučios, the Christmas Eve Supper of the Lithuanians was observed at the Lucas home in Gardner on Dec. 21 by our council. As head of the K of L family, Rev. Jos. Jurgelonis, now of Ashburnham, began with the reading of the Christmas Gospel according to St. Luke. he distributed the blessed wafers to all. The breaking and sharing were representative of the last supper, now symbolizing family unity, forgiveness of family misunderstandings and expression of best wishes for the New Year. The meatless meal included at least twelve specialty dishes from fish chowder, herring, fish dishes and finished with calorie-laden pastries.

Lithuanian traditions and superstitions under the direction of Brone Wisniauskas were enacted with Fr. Joe drawing the longest straw and Bill Wisniauskas with the shortest. Bill felt he would not make the New Year. Many of our single girls will find mates during the coming year. Following the meal, we joined in the singing of traditional Lithuanian and English carols. The evening was later spent dancing and enjoying the player piano.

A "Lietuviška Ačiū" is extended to the Dave Lucas family for hosting the Kučios in their spacious barn.

Pres. Bill Wisniauskas announced Lithuanian Independence Day will be observed on Feb. 23 in St. Francis Church hall with the Berželis Folk Dance Group of Hartford performing.

Blanche Genaitis has recovered nicely after major surgery. Sincere condolences are extended to Olga Kersis on the death of her mother, to Millie Lapinskas on the loss of her husband,



C-41 - 75th Anniversary - Rev. Palubinskas, Bishop Vaicius from Lithuania, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, HM Joseph Boley, Vytautas Alksninis, MC William Kumeta

Charles, and to Rita Pinkus on the death of husband Ted. May they rest in peace!

Vincukas

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

Our Nov. meeting started with a Mass with Rev. Sawicki installing the slate of officers for the new term. All officers of previous term were re-elected. Congratulations to all.

The big event for 1991 was our annual Christmas party which was a tremendous success. Santa (Joe Sleder) and his helper (Aldona Zaunius) were a tremendous hit with the little kids and also the big kids. Everyone did a wonderful job preparing the wholesome food in the kitchen. John Bartkus & John Lotsys showed their culinary expertise in this endeavor. Thanks to all the good people that helped. The children were kept busy making Christmas ornaments for the tree that was about to be dressed. We thank Ann Marie (Betty Waskiewicz's daughter) for doing a yeoman job in guiding the children in this project. The children were rewarded with ice cream cones.

Betty Waskiewicz was delighted to have her son Bob and family visiting from Wisconsin....Al Malluk returned from his European tour and gave us an interesting talk as to his experiences abroad with his new recipes. Welcome back, Al, and thank you for sharing your experiences with us....Connie Nehwadowich is back from Lithuania

visiting relatives and states that two months was not enough. Unfortunately Connie had to rush to Florida to visit her brother who is very ill.....We have been informed that Steve & Ann Montvidas are grandparents and that the last of their children is getting married soon. Congratulations!

Although sickness has been a factor in our membership roll, we gained three new members - Donna Driscoll, John Bartkus & John Lostys. The entire membership welcomes you into our proud organization....Our sick list is comprised of the following: Ann Lukscha, Kazimera Yacavonis, Jim Sabal, Walter Yurkus, Helen Matthews & Tony Zaccarino. We have been told that both Helen and Tony are home and doing well....Vincent Zalis who had a lengthy illness went to his eternal reward. God rest his soul!

A very happy birthday to all our members in Nov. & Dec., too numerous to mention. For Jan., we wish the following a very Happy Birthday: Millie Pietz, Betty Waskiewicz, Vida Kristolaitis & Irene Senken. *IDS*

C-29 NEWARK, NJ

At our Nov. meeting, elections were held. The faithful who have been in office for years remained for another year. Much gratitude to all of you. A timely poem about the trials and tribulations of today's senior citizens was read by Walter Zilys. A collection was

proposed to help Mother Theresa of St. Augustine's Church for Christmas.

A variety of Lithuanian ornaments made of straw by a group of members decorated a beautiful Lithuanian tree. Ours and other trees were displayed at the Meadowland in Secaucus during the Festival of Trees. Later, the trees were auctioned off with a chance to win one. The proceeds from the trees benefit the March of Dimes. This project was under the guiding hand of Emilia Sadonis.

Danguole Didzbalis had the pleasure of meeting the Ambassador from Lithuania in Washington. She is our Lithuanian Affairs chairlady. Keep up the good work Danguole!

Our Jan. meeting, we remembered the members who had recently passed on to eternal rest: Helen Muzikevicius, Anna Kasper, Joseph Loveikis, John Bittner and Michael Sussko. Vaclovas Kiukys was made a life member of our C-29. Vaclovas worked and donated the beautiful Wayside Cross at our church. Members voted to send a donation of \$300 to the Lithuanian seminarians studying in Rome. Our Communion Breakfast will be held March 15 at the 11 a.m. Mass. Rita Sussko is chairlady for this event.

Our Christmas Party was held in our parish hall on Dec. 29 with Amelia Sadonis as chairlady. We thank Amelia and all members who so graciously donated their specialty covered dishes to make this party a success.

On Jan. 4, John & Nellie Pitrenas celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mass was held by Rev. P. Stravinskas and immediately following, family and friends enjoyed a cocktail hour and a lavish dinner in our parish hall. Dancing was enjoyed by our favorite Joe Thomas. We wish John & Nellie ilgiausiu metu!

Mary Cullen

C-36 CHICAGO, IL

We had Christmas faith, Christmas hope and Christmas love penetrating our beautiful and successful candlelight buffet on Dec. 7. We had a nice representation from many councils. Special thanks to all who attended. Thanks to Irene Norushis, chairlady, with Helen Meizis and Evelyn Ozelis, co-chairladies; Frances Urnezis, ticket chair; Scottie Zukas, raffle chairlady, and all workers for a job well done. We had a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus who brought us good wishes and candy gifts.

Congratulations are in order for our member, Stanley Balzekas. At the Balzekas Lithuanian Museum's 25th Jubilee Year Banquet, he was honored and presented with the "Excellent Award" on Dec. 8 held at Stouffer Rivere Hotel.

On Dec. 15 at the Science & Industry Museum, the K of L dancers presented their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in a Lithuanian tradition with dances, songs and music under the direction of Frank Zapolis. A few council juniors also danced. A wonderful performance!

Our December meeting was suspended and we had our traditional Kučios. Elena Sirutiene started the evening with her inspiring talk about Lithuanian culture. We then had our traditional Christmas tree decorating. Many beautiful ornaments were brought in by members which were placed on the tree. Rev. Fabian Kireilis, our spiritual advisor, blessed the plotkeles and our Christmas tree. The holy wafers were distributed and we wished each other happiness and health. We all partook of the food that each member brought for the Kučios table. We thank everyone for their meatless dishes. After the meal, William Liauba recited a beautiful Lithuanian Christmas poem.

To add to the delightful evening, the Vytauto Didžiojo Saulio Rinktinės

Moterų Vienetas sang the traditional Lithuanian carols. They were so moving and many members had warm memories of their childhood and stories told about Kalėdos by their grandparents. In the absence of Mr. Sodaitis, director, due to a slight accident, Helen Alekna directed the choir.

We welcome into membership our new member, Marie Yanushas.

Sabina

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

The holiday season was a busy time with members working hard on the Christmas Boutique under the direction of Anna Kordorsky and the turkey raffle which was aptly run by Irene Meizies. The council Christmas party was an enjoyable one with good food and the music of a one man band.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of recently deceased member Helen Latvis. We also continue to pray for recuperating members Albert Gutauskas, Alex Gedrim and Charles Dekas.

Congratulations to talented member Valerie Abate on becoming Miss New Haven County. She will take part in future competition for the Miss Connecticut contest. *Audrey Toole*



C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

Our annual St. Casimir Day celebration will be held on Sun., March 1 with Rev. Al Zemeikis, pastor, celebrating Mass at 11 a.m. in Sts. Peter & Paul Lithuanian Church. Dinner will

follow in the parish hall. Julius Veblaitis, an educator, will be guest speaker. Mr. Veblaitis recently returned from Lithuania and as an American teacher will report what he has seen and experienced during his stay in Lithuania. The committee for the dinner will be chaired by Ruth Brazinski, assisted by HM Anne Matalavich, Anne Baronas, Mary & Vincent Mackelis & Frances Milewski.

Kučios, the traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve Supper, Dec. 18, was served in the parish hall with parishioners and K of L members in attendance.

Christmas Eve at 9 p.m., Candlelight Christmas Vigil Mass was celebrated by Fr. Al Zemeikis. Coffee and cake were served on both Dec. 24 and 25 after each Mass with Anne Matalavich acting as hostess. *William Senkus*

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Our annual portrayal of the traditional Kučios was held in Dec. in St. Michael's Church Hall, Easton, PA with approximately eighty people in attendance. The program began with a candlelight procession. It was led by seven-year old Dina Skraban and her eight-year old brother John, accompanied by fourteen adults singing "Silent Night". The remainder of the guests joined in the singing of the carol with the procession ending at a table laden with the traditional Lithuanian Kučios foods. Ed Klova narrated the manner in which Kučios was celebrated over the centuries in Lithuania itself and elaborated on the meaning behind the folk customs. He emphasized the importance of Catholicism in their daily lives and asked that these traditions and beliefs be practiced by those of us in attendance. The guests then settled down to a spiritual blessing by Fr. Bowman after which they shared their plotkelė with one another. Al Klizas offered a holiday toast which was followed by dining on the traditional meatless meal.

22

Door prizes were awarded under the supervision of Andy Keraga. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in singing Lithuanian and English carols, led by our maestro Ben Aponavicius. Fr. Flynn, pastor of St. Michael's and St. Bernard's were in attendance. Our special guest was Sue Kovacs, who after a long period of illness, was finally able to attend a council gathering. She was sorely missed and it was great seeing you again, Sue!

The Kučios committee was co-chaired by Evelyn Harryn and Valerie Smickle. Their able assistants were: Paul Harryn, Andrew & Adele Keraga, Albert & Jeanette Klizas, Lillian Klinosky and Pres. Bob Klova. They did a terrific job. Thanks!

Joseph F. Ogint

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

A prayer service was held at St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery by Msgr. Peter Madus on All Soul's Day. We prayed for our forefathers and deceased relatives here and in Lithuania.

Helen Troupe, Ann Lisowski and Marie Laske trimmed a Christmas tree with straw ornaments at a furniture store along with about 12 other organizations in competition for a cash prize.

Sister Joan Yoduga died Nov. 1 at the age of 92. Despite her age, she was very active. She had a party for her learning disability class the night before she died. Helen Cravath led the wake service. Amžina Atilsi, Sister Joan. A wake service was also held for Val-

erie Shimkus, beloved wife of Pranas Shimkus. Our sympathy goes out to Pranas and his family.

Dr. Michael and wife Bonnie from Arizona visited her parents, Casimir & Ruth Yanish, for the christening of their newborn Alexander Michael.... Anyone entering Anthracite Museum in Scranton may see our beautiful Lithuanian Wayside Cross carved by Joseph Ambrozaitis. The money for the cross was the project of Joseph Sabaitis of the K of L recently deceased..... Congratu-



C-63 Adelle & Andy Keraga and Albert & Jeanette Klizas at Bethlehem's 250th anniversary celebration.

lations to Leo Zewicki and Msgr. Madus who won second and third prizes, respectively, in the raffle sponsored by Ethan Allan Furniture..... It was nice to see Michael & Barb Huffstutler, our newest members, attend Kučios. Welcome!

We had our 11th annual Kučios. Msgrs. Madus and Ozalas blessed the holy wafers. Della Zvirblis and Martha Brock co-chaired. Edward & Peg Romanuskas made the punch and "virytos" to add to the Christmas spirit. Msgr. Loury led the English carols while Msgr. Peter Madus along with the Knights sang the Lithuanian carols. Ann

Lisowski & Rose Stanches, Richard Laske, John Romoska & Jerry Costello gave away many gifts and prizes. Mary Costello & Jean Kavelinas were servers. Sister Paraclete gave a Christmas reading. Marie Laske was program chairlady.

Marie Laske

C-96 DAYTON, OH JUNIORS

LOOKING BACK.....Volleyball in the churchyard, camping at Deer Creek and St. Mary's Lake, Mother's Day May Crownings and breakfasts, overnight slumber parties, MCD bowling tournaments and the customary visits to Young's Dairy and Joe's Pizzeria....these and many other memories will keep us reminiscing for years to come about being Junior Advisors. As we pass along the reins of responsibility to two of our former Juniors, Rob Pant & Eric Geiger, we look back on our experiences, their Junior council accomplishments and our joint aspirations with a mixture of happiness and sadness.

During the past three years, instilling "Lithuanism" became easier as our dear homeland made the headlines. In fact, the Juniors gained a sense of pride in proclaiming their Lithuanian heritage to their friends and often included them in activities as appropriate. The Dayton Juniors have displayed their support for Lithuania through participation in local rallies, religious services and victory celebrations. This acknowledgement of ethnicity as part of the K of L identity, has progressed from a curiosity in that far-away country, to an interest in learning the Lithuanian language and also a desire for travelling to the regions from which their ancestors originated. These Juniors have encouraged regular council members to become their mentors of the Lithuanian language. These individuals have begun to offer a few basic lessons at K of L functions and have suggested read-

ing the language section of Vytis. Through their enthusiasm, a sense of youthfulness has been restored to our local council. Members continue to intrigue the Juniors with stories of times past.

With the new year comes a change in officers. The 1991-92 C-96 Junior officers are: Pres., Tim Pacovsky; vice pres., Molly Geiger; treas., Dara Goecke; sec., Tim Pacovsky; Sgt. at Arms, Nicole Bucmys; Sports Committee, Nathan Bucmys & Tim Pacovsky. Other members include Krista Zinkiewicz, Amy & Tony Berczelly. Two Juniors will be joining the regular council, Julie Goecke & Aaron Geiger.

We are only now beginning to realize how much we have learned after these exciting and exhilarating moments with the Dayton Juniors. We wish to extend a sincere Ačiū to all of these exceptional young adults for their patience, hard work and enthusiasm. We also extend our hearty thanks to their parents and council members for supporting their involvement in the Knights of Lithuania.

Sirdingai ačiū Visiems!

"The Girls from Dayton"

Elena Mikalauskas & Irena Gečas

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

On July 30, 1991 the heart-broken parishioners of St. Casimir's Church in Amsterdam buried their beloved pastor of 42 years, the Rev. Robert Kestutis Baltch. Three Bishops, including Bishop Paul Baltakis, concelebrated the Requiem Mass with more than 120 priests in the sanctuary. It was, perhaps, the largest funeral Amsterdam has ever seen. Fr. Baltch's death ended a brilliant career that touched not only St. Casimir's Church but the entire community. His friends were many and they came from all parts of the world.

Among Father's numerous accomplishments was the reorganizing of the Knights of Lithuania C-100 which claims a membership of over 100 active and involved members. He was a person who loved life. He enjoyed traveling. He returned to his native Lithuania fifteen times. He loved people and saw only the good side of every one he knew. He had a passion for skiing, golf and driving sporty cars.

Father was a friendly priest and a very gracious host. Music was an important part of his life. He was gifted with a magnificent voice and he played the organ and piano beautifully. However, his priestly duties took precedent



C-96 Juniors: Top: Nicole Bucmys. Sitting: Elena Mikalauskas, Molly & Aaron Geiger, Krista Zinkiewicz, Eric Geiger, Irene Gečas. On floor: Julie & Dara Goelke, Rog Pant, Tina Pacovsky. Front row: Nathan Bucmys.



C-100 Amsterdam. Bridget Kasinskas, Gene Gobis, Rasa Krokys, Mantas Zurba, student from Lithuania studying at Williams College in Massachusetts.

over any involvement. When he was advised that he had cancer of the pancreas and had only several months to live, he accepted his "death sentence" and responded with, "God's will be done." He died courageously without any complaint. With his death, St. Casimir's parishioners lost not only a beautiful priest but also a very precious friend.

Frances DiBart

C-103 PROVIDENCE, RI

Although C-103 has not been heard from for a while, we are still alive and active.

In Sept., Victor Mathieu & Mark Zelonis, Director of Heritage Trust Foundation of Rhode Island, were interviewed on local cable TV regarding the situation in Lithuania.....In Oct., Irene & John Walaska traveled to Hawaii and Las Vegas and had a grand time....It is wonderful to see Tony & Peggy Sidla attending our meetings.....Also a big welcome to a new member, Jerry Pepka. Welcome aboard!.... Peter Denesevich has been doing a lot of painting inside and outside the church. Your work is appreciated....Tony & Helen Gudeczaukas were presented with another grandchild; daughter Susan had

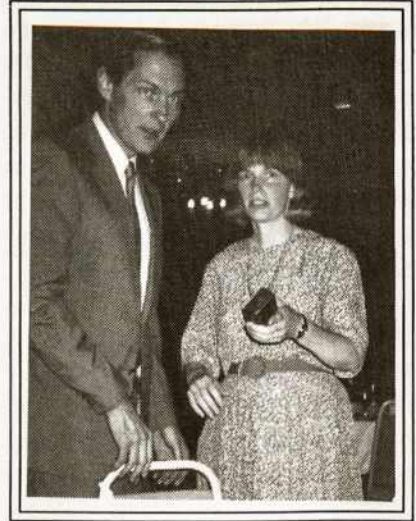
24

a little girl..... Sophie Skalip was preparing to visit her mother in Lithuania but prior to her departure on Thanksgiving Day, she received word of her death.

Entered into Eternal Rest: Bill Piacentini, Sr. Sympathy is also extended to HM Rita Pinkus, C-26 Worcester, on the death of her husband Ted. May they rest in peace! *Tony Sidla*

C-133 LOS ANGELES, CA

A scrumptious luncheon with Lithuanian food highlighted our council meeting in Nov. Members traveled from all parts of Los Angeles & Orange Counties to taste the home cooked specialties so unique to our dear Lithuania. Ray Karch, host, greeted each of us at his security luxury apartment. We were then escorted to a spacious recreation room that was permeated by the aroma of Mary Oberfield's "Balandėliai" (cabbage rolls stuffed with meat) and Stella Bajalis' "Netikras Zuikis" (Lithuanian meat loaf). Jane Sula contributed a creative "Košeliene" with Yellow, Green and Red vegetables as a tribute to the Lithuanian flag which now flies over a free country. Milda



C-103 Mark & Sally Zelonis at banquet.

Protkel made Čepelinus. We also enjoyed Ausiukis and Kugelis. With all the Lithuanian delicacies, our native Lithuanian guests, Šarūnas Vainauskas & Edmundas Kurtinaitis, felt at home.

Over a year ago, Šarūnas left Kaunas on political asylum. He is a former army captain as well as a professional basketball player and coach. Edmundas arrived in the States about 3 months ago, just in time to experience the annual Lithuanian Fair at St. Casimir's. Edmundas is a professional



C-103 Providence at Mark Zelonis' Citizen of the Year Banquet. Victor G. Mathieu, Roswell Bosworth, Jr., Mark Zelonis, Dr. Imantas Suknevicius from Lithuania.

in the taxi business. He is now waiting for his wife to join him in the USA. Šarunas is happy that his mother Stasė came to visit him in Dec., but sad that his wife and eight-year old child were denied visas. Some of us sat around a table outside on the patio and asked Sarunas to prioritize the major problems in Lithuania.

Long time K of L members, Stanley & Margaret Gavcus are just the kind of people needed in Lithuania. Stanley is one-half Lithuanian and one-half Latvian. He is preparing to teach computer classes in Lithuania.

Before our luncheon, we joined hands for a special opening prayer on behalf of William Oberfield, Mary's belated husband. We were all invited to attend a mass requested by the K of L for William on Dec. 15. We also prayed for the rebuilding of Lithuania, her people, her spirit and her land. Before eating, we sang the Lithuanian national anthem.

Marytė Sepikas, president, opened the meeting and welcomed our new guests. She and Robert Novak carried the VYTIS emblem during the Offeratory procession at the church's 50th anniversary celebration. Take note all K of L members: The Lithuanian Bishop honorably mentioned the K of L during the banquet.

Marytė also displayed an assortment of anniversary items, buttons, T-shirts, Vytis articles, magazines, photos. We then all signed a bundle of Christmas cards for our fellow K of L members in other states.

We participated in a K of L bake sale on Dec. 15 as well as the annual Kučios.

On our new business agenda, we donated \$100 for Gregory Zolpys on behalf of the Lithuanian Youth Convention held in So. America in Dec. We also discussed the possibility of adopting a Lithuanian church. Our program also featured Robert Novak, vice pres.

of cultural affairs, who enlightened us about Lithuanian Christmas traditions, ornaments, house decorations and foods - along with a few sad and joyful stories. He also talked about the importance of animals.

Our meeting concluded with a solemn candle lighting ceremony to raise money for Lithuanian orphans. One by one, we lit a candle and placed it into a giant cake as we dropped our donations in the bowl. Of course, after this spiritual experience which raised \$100, we were all ready to eat the cake and celebrate.

Cherie (Šarolte) Lebrun

C-135 ANSONIA, CT

Our council celebrated the 41st anniversary with dinner at the Country Gate in Middlebury in Oct. A good time was had by all.... Our Christmas party was held in Jan. at our church hall after Mass. Instead of grab bags, a donation was made to the Lithuanian College in Rome.... St. Casimir's Day will be observed with Mass and a communion breakfast.

While visiting in Phoenix, AZ, Sophie Thomas noticed a picture in the local newspaper of a Lithuanian Christmas tree displayed in the Valley National Bank. Naturally, she went to see the beautiful straw decorations on the tree which was among many of other

nations and ethnic groups. Literature was also distributed containing a brief summary of Christmas customs in Lithuania. It was a wonderful sight.

Sophie Thomas

C-141 BRIDGEPORT, CT

Preserving our Lithuanian heritage, our council enjoyed Kučios in Dec. after Lithuanian Mass which was celebrated by Msgr. Francis Pranckus, our spiritual advisor.

Sarah Miller of our Junior council, the youngest present, sighted the first star in fantasy, signaling the beginning of our Christmas Eve feast of twelve meatless dishes in honor of the twelve apostles. Three tables were laden with old-time traditional food which was enjoyed by all. Bible passages were read in both languages by Stella Marcinauskas, Alphonse Trainis & Vytautas Vaikutis..... Jennifer Laukaitis Vasquez, Bonnie Gulas & Sarah Miller, our juniors, presented a few thoughts for Christmas in brief recitations. Christmas carols were sung in both Lithuanian and English. Most memorable was "Silent Night" softly sung with dimmed lights to end our nostalgia. We wished our fellow Knights a healthy, holy and successful New Year.

Aldona



Amsterdam & Hudson-Mohawk members with friends at 78th National Convention in Florida.

C-146 HARRISBURG, PA

Clara & Joe Gudolonis, who now live in Florida, represented our council at the 78th National Convention. They mailed our president, Lorraine Grabauskas, a report. Our members look forward to the next convention and hope more members will attend since it will be in Allentown.

Seven members attended the Amber District meeting in Pittston in Oct. These meetings are informative besides seeing old friends and eating delicious food. Eleven members traveled to Columbia in Oct. to St. Peter's Church where our spiritual advisor Rev. J. Smith celebrated Mass. We prayed for Lithuania and the struggle they still face under their new independence. We had a good dinner and held election of officers. Lorraine Grabauskas and all other officers agreed to serve another term.

Kučios was held again this year at the American Legion Log Cabin. Fr. John Smith installed officers for 1992. Everyone brought a covered dish which included the twelve meatless dishes for the Christmas Eve Supper. Christmas carols were sung with Joan Suders and her son Danny at the piano. This year we were honored to have the Mayor of Camp Hill, Steven Urban, and his two daughters present at our Kučios.

Helen Grabauskas

C-147 ST. PETERSBURG, FL

C-147 held a meeting in Oct. at which time an election of officers took place. All incumbent officers were re-elected. Dolores Jonaitis was elected second vice president.

It is a great pleasure to welcome the following transferees to our council: John & Dolores Jonaitis from C-7 Waterbury, CT; Lucy & Victor Sanders from C-152 Eastern Long Island and Frank & Bertha Stanis of C-142 Washington, DC.

Victoria Jacobson, who for the past 14 years has organized and sponsored a Mass commemorating Lithuania's freedom every February, announced she will again sponsor a Mass of Thanksgiving for Lithuania's freedom on Feb. 9 in St. John's Church. It has always been a lovely event with many women in traditional dress. This will surely be an extra special and joyous event.

We would like to acknowledge and focus recognition to our council president, Anthony Gudonis and his hard working committee, for their efforts in making the 78th annual convention's "Nostalgia Night" a successful evening of fun, camaraderie and good food. Also a big hand to Joe Thomas for his music, Anthony Kober and Faustas Strolia in leading the group in a sing-along. It was apparent a good time was had by all. Also a special thanks to Harry Petraitis for all his efforts and liaison work in connection with the convention. The cooperation of dedicated workers is what makes our K of L organization successful.

Emily Petraitis

C-153 TREASURE COAST, FL

C-153 proudly announces the following officers for 1992: Frances Daniels, pres.; James Marcinkas, vice pres.; John Tamasauskas, 2nd vice pres.; Florence Morris, rec. sec., treas. & fin. sec.; Felix & Charlene Zorskis, trustees; Louis Stukas, Lithuanian affairs and cultural; Constance Scheibelhut, ritual & Vytis correspondent. God bless them and may all their endeavors be successful.

In a room very festive with Christmas decorations, Frances Daniels was hostess for the Christmas party. Covered dishes were filled with Lithuanian delicacies and luscious desserts made by our gourmet cooks. A champagne punch added zip and was enjoyed by all. A jolly Santa doll fashioned by

Frances Daniels was raffled. Lithuanian flag magnets crafted by Florence Miskinis were our table favors. Louis Stukas was at the piano. A lovely scarf was presented to Constance Scheibelhut by the membership in appreciation of her services as president. It was a thoughtful gesture and was appreciated.

Konstansija

C-154 SPRING HILL, FL

The last vestige of Christmas, Santa Claus and the New Year are stowed away safely to await yet another year. All of our members are back home ready for a busy New Year.

Some of us needed to feel Jack Frost nipping at our noses so a flight or a drive up north was in order. Bridget & Al Walluck drove to Binghamton, NY to spend holiday time and a first communion of a grandson with their extended family.... Bill & Annette Gnezevich drove half way across the country to join family in Austin, TX ... John & Sadye Petraitis flew to Albany, NY to join family and friends in a joyous celebration of the holidays. Still others entertained family gathered from all parts of the country at our homes here in Sunny Florida. Believe it or not, Santa Claus does come down our chimnies!!!

Virginia Kentra, our program chairlady, has worked hard to present a schedule of events for this year. Early in January, we were privileged to attend a concert by the Medusa Musical Group at the Spring Hill recreation center. It was an outstanding presentation of Lithuanian music and song. Also in Jan., a covered dish dinner was held. A lecture and question and answer session was given by a Bayonet Point Hospital cardiologist. We traveled to Clearwater to attend a presentation of the comedy, "Goodbye Charlie" in Jan. A bountiful dinner buffet was included in this venture.

Under consideration is the question of how we can best aid the Lithuanian people in their monumental struggle to survive and prosper in their attempt to live under a democratic form of government.

February will give us the opportunity to join the K of L family at St. John's Church in Treasure Island to not

only celebrate the annual Independence Day observance but to thank God for a long awaited actual, real independence.

Laimingų Naujų Mėtų - and let us all continue to do what we have to do to stay healthy, happy and wise!

S.G.P.



ŽIEMUŽĖLĖ

Su šalnoms ir šiaurės vėjais -
Žiemužėlė štai atėjo.

Ilgos naktys trumpos dienos
Mirga žvaigždės mėnesienoj.

Sniego senis nulipdytas,

Juodas akys išrašytos.

Laidom gniūžtėm, čiuožiam
baloj,

Linksmas, nors ir nosys šąla.

Balė Voveraitė



C-150 Kansas City sponsored a Knights of Lithuania Run at The Woodlands Racetrack in Kansas City. Standing in background are K of L members Ed Gaydess, Peter Koia and Paul Purduski.

**CATCH THE SPIRIT AT THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
79th NATIONAL CONVENTION
July 16 - 19, 1992 - Allentown, PA
The Allentown Hilton Hotel**

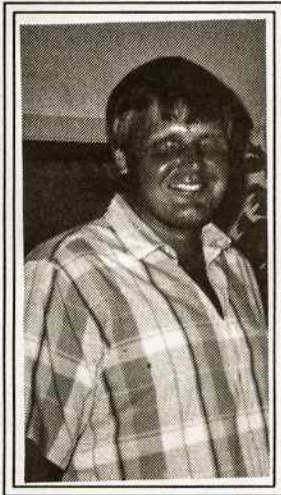
COME SEE - COME SHARE - IN ENJOYABLE LEHIGH VALLEY

Allentown Art Museum - Hamilton Mall, Downtown Allentown - Trout Hall - Stroh Brewery - Canal Museum -
Liberty Bell Shrine - Moravian Museum - Crystal Cave - Lafayette College - Lehigh University

Convention postscript



Viktoria Jacobson, Aldona Kirstuk, Ellie Kasputis & Estelle Rogers



Birthday Boy Ed Deksnis.



Chicago and Washington meet again for breakfast at Trade Winds Hotel.



Maspeth members and friends.



BOSTON/JFK - VILNIUS

\$801.00

Via Vienna



Welcome to
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES 

- All fares are round trip.
- Fares can be used by individuals and groups.
- Reservations must be made 21 days in advance of departure.
- Fares are based on a minimum stay of 7 days and a maximum stay of 21 days.
- BALTIC TOURS can make arrangements for those wishing bed and breakfast only in: Vilnius, Kaunas, Panevezys, Siauliai, Klaipeda and Palanga.
- BALTIC TOURS will assist K of L Councils wishing to organize a council tour to Lithuania and other countries.

1992 SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS TO LITHUANIA

TOUR #302 KAZIUKO MUGE

14 Day Tour March 2 - 15

11 Days Lithuania, 1 Copenhagen - \$1,229.00

TOUR #410 HOLY WEEK IN LITHUANIA

PALM SUNDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER

13 Day Tour April 10 - 22

10 Days Lithuania, 1 Copenhagen - \$1,209.00

Special interest Tours include round trip air fare, hotel accommodations and breakfasts.

For information and reservations, please contact:

Mrs. Albina Rudziunas, C-17 Member

BALTIC TOURS

77 Oak St., Suite 4

Newton, MA 02164

Telephone: (617) 965-8080

FAX: (617) 332-7781

Lithuanian Inf. Ctr,
5620 S. Claremont
Chicago, IL 60636

POSTMASTER
Second Class Postage Paid
Returns & Address Corrections to:
VYTIS - THE KNIGHT
Two Bayview Avenue
Port Washington, NY 11050

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

(Organ: p. 632 // Guitar: p. 278)

Sebastian Temple

VERSES 1-3:



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____ Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____ Where
3. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____ It



1. there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
2. there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where
3. is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in



1. there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, _____ And
2. there is dark - ness _____ on - ly light, _____ And
3. giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, _____ and in



1. where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____
2. where there's sad - ness ev - er _____
3. dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life. _____



- joy. _____ Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____



- So much to be con - soled as to con - sole, _____



- To be un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, _____

to Verse 3



- To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. _____