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LITHUANIAN AIRLINES

by Edward Baranauskas

When I decided to visit my relatives and friends in Lithuania, I learned that Lithuania had its own airline. I then made arrangements to fly with SAS from Newark Airport to Copenhagen. After landing in Copenhagen I had to wait several hours for my connecting flight to Vilnius with Lithuanian Airlines. My itinerary noted that the type of aircraft for this flight would be a Caravelle, but this was not the case. It was a former Aeroflot airplane, Model YAK-42, a three-engine jet that is now part of the Lithuanian Airlines fleet.

The flight was a pleasant experience for me. Before take-off, one of the three flight attendants demonstrated the emergency procedures and indicated where the exits were located, first in Lithuanian and then in English. After we were airborne, the passengers were served a box lunch prepared by Aero-Chef, a Danish firm. I noted there were plenty of empty seats as there were only nineteen passengers. I had the opportunity to meet every member of the crew. I introduced myself to one of the flight attendants as an American-Lithuanian and asked if it were possible for me to enter the cockpit area and talk with the pilots. This favor was granted me.

The pilot was Linas Umbražiunas. Sitting in the co-pilot's seat was Edmundas Janušas, a pilot instructor. We chatted and I learned that Linas was born in Kaišiadorys and Edmundas was born in Kaunas. The remainder of the crew consisted of Yuri Rostunkovas, navigator; Mikhail Kravchenko, co-pilot; Ernestas Gasparonis, flight engineer, who was born in Kupiškis. The flight attendants were

Liudmila Kulikova, Indira Sladkova, and Marytė Turonytė who was born in Varena. The flight to Vilnius took only an hour and twenty minutes. It was necessary to advance the time on my wrist watch one hour ahead since Lithuania was in another time zone.

While in Vilnius I had the opportunity to meet many people who were associated with Lithuanian Airlines. When I told them that I wanted to write a story about the airline since many of my fellow American Lithuanians back home knew very little about the organization, they were too happy to answer my questions.

Lithuania gained possession of twenty-seven former Soviet Aeroflot passenger airplanes after the central government in Moscow collapsed and the Soviet Union ceased to exist. They consisted of four different models: nine are the TU-143-A which can carry eighty passengers; twelve are the YAK-42 which carry 120; three are the AN-24 carrying 48 passengers, while the remaining three are the AN-26. Many who visited Lithuania in the "old days" with a tourist group can remember flying in the TU-143-A enroute to Vilnius from Moscow and return.

Petras Reivyitis, the director of flight operations, discussed a variety of subjects with me. My question to him: "Did the ownership of these airplanes ever present any legal problems for Lithuanians?" He answered, "All of the Aeroflot aircraft belonged to Lithuania. They were paid for when Lithuania was still part of the Soviet Union. They always made a profit which was transferred to banks in Russia. When Lithuania became independent, these profits



Lithuanian Airlines Boeing 737-200 - Vilnius to Copenhagen Flight

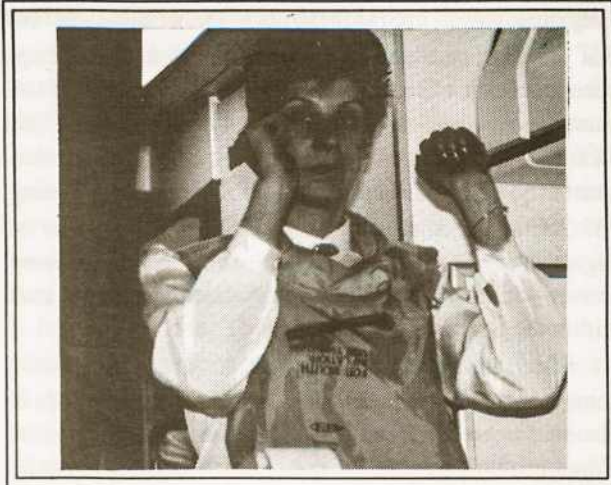


Pilot instructor, Edmundas Janušas and Pilot Linas Umbražiunas

were not returned to Lithuania because the bank in Russia went bankrupt. The profit amounted to approximately \$600,000 and Lithuania is negotiating with Russia to return at least a part of this money." The name AEROFLOT which was painted above the windows on both sides of each airplane, was scraped off by specialists at the airport in Vilnius. All of the maintenance and repair work is presently being done by mechanics who received their training in Russia. I noticed that the Lithuanians have the equipment, the work stands, and the hangar space necessary to accommodate the airplanes that may require periodic inspections and repairs. Tadeušas Buržinskas is the chief mechanic of Lithuanian Airlines.

The directors of the airline are looking forward to the future and are making great plans. The Export-Import Bank in Washington, DC recently approved a loan to be repaid in seven years for the purchase of four new nineteen passenger Metro 23 airplanes from Fairchild Aircraft Corp. in San Antonio, TX. Its president, Carl Albert, has promised to give the Lithuanians all the help that he can. Carl Albert's grandmother came from Vilnius and he has a large Lithuanian sash on display hanging on the wall in his office.

The former Soviet airplanes are not very fuel efficient and present plans call for them to be sold, little by little, to other eastern countries, replacing them with the more economical Metro 23. Incidentally, this plane will have a



Stewardess Violeta Cižinauskaite gives a demonstration on the proper use of a life jacket on Boeing 737-200

triple stripe of yellow, green and red painted on the entire length of the fuselage. It is interesting to also note that present plans call for a painting of a stork to be located on the vertical surface of the tail, since it is the official bird of Lithuania. President Landsbergis has requested that the directors set aside one of the newly purchased airplanes for use by members of the Lithuanian government on official business. This decision had not been finalized, as yet.

A ten-year old American made Boeing 737-200 airplane was acquired for use by Lithuanian Airlines under the terms of a lease agreement signed with Irish Airlines and painted with Lithuanian markings. Twelve Lithuanian pilots were sent to Shannon Airport in Ireland for two months of familiarization and flight training on this aircraft. They were joined by eight mechanics who received maintenance and repair instructions on this new equipment. Some of the other mechanics went to Budapest for the same training.

The first Boeing flight by Lithuanian Airlines was to Copenhagen on December 21, 1991. All of the pilots were Hungarian who were under contract to give additional training to the Lithuanian fliers. On July 3, 1992, Capt. Kestutis Pavilionis was the first pilot to head an all-Lithuanian crew flying a Boeing to Berlin. At first, it was believed that a French-built Caravelle would be leased for its flights to the west. Since other European airlines retired this airplane from active passenger service due to the number of years it had flown, it was too old to be considered a good investment and the plan was dropped. Another reason why Lithuanian Airlines decided to purchase the Metro 23 in addition to using it for local flights within

Lithuania, was to use it for flights to the west in the event that the passenger total was about nineteen. If that happened, then the Boeing 737-200 which can carry 108 passengers, would not be used for economical reasons. The Metro 23 has a range of 3,500 km. or about 2,174 miles. Currently, plans are being made to lease another Boeing 737-200 to accommodate an increase in the number of flights. Two flights a week to London will begin very shortly while flights to Paris and Amsterdam should start within the next two months.

The initial project of Lithuanian Airlines was to put the connecting flights from Vilnius and other western cities in place before any serious consideration could be given to the planning of trans-Atlantic flights. I learned that the runway at the Vilnius Airport cannot take the heavy load of a trans-Atlantic airliner because of its construction. However, the runway at the Kaunas Airport is able to do so. Plans are underway to acquire another American-made airliner, the Boeing 757, which can seat 160 people. Should all of these plans materialize, Lithuanian Airlines will be able to begin its New York to Kaunas flights in July of 1993. By an unusual coincidence, the inaugural flight of the Boeing 757 will also mark the 60th anniversary of the Darius-Girenas trans-Atlantic flight that ended in tragedy at the Soldin forest in Germany.

I had the good fortune to discuss the runway situation with Vytautas Eidukaitis, one of the consultants with the airline. He was born in Virbalis. He was a pilot with the Soviet Air Force for twenty years and a veteran of the war in Afghanistan. His brother was also a pilot.

If and when the soldiers of the former Soviet Army and the Soviet Air Force leave Lithuania, then three excellent air bases will be acquired by Lithuania located in Panevežys, Kedainiai and Šiauliai. Of the three, Šiauliai is the best location and would make an excellent airport that could handle trans-Atlantic aircraft with no problem. From there, air taxi service could take the traveler to other parts of Lithuania. Let us hope this takes place real soon. While increasing its flight schedules to West European countries, Lithuanian Airlines maintains regular flights to cities in the former Soviet republics such as St. Petersburg, Moscow, Sverdlovsk, Kiev, Tashkent and others. In addition, two weekly flights between Vilnius and Kristianstad, Sweden were started June 4.

The memorandum of understanding that was signed on April 23 between American Airlines and Lithuanian Airlines would give a tremendous boost to Lithuania's economy. It is a fact that the geographical center of Europe

is located in Lithuania and because of that, American Airlines feels that Vilnius would be a good location to build an air terminal. Such a capital investment would result in the construction of another runway, one that would be longer and stronger and be able to withstand the weight of the heavy jets. With the installation of the latest technology in navigational equipment, Vilnius would then become an "all weather" airport. In addition, two institutes would be built in Vilnius for the training of personnel in the aviation field. It is estimated that these projects could result in the creation of 4,000 new jobs.

In my discussion with some of the pilots and directors, I was able to get a better idea of the operations of the airline. We talked about the work rules for the pilots. Lithuanian Airlines does not allow its flight crew members to fly more than seventy hours a month. The mandatory retirement age for an airline pilot in the U.S. is sixty. The rules are different in Lithuania. Its pilots are not permitted to fly more than twelve and a half years and he must retire regardless of age, whether it be 50 or 55. If the pilot wishes to continue flying, he must go before a commission and get a complete medical exam before being permitted to fly. As a general rule, however, the pilots will rarely do that but go on pension instead. When the pilot retires, he is permitted to get another job and still earn his pension. Before Lithuania became independent, the pilot's pension amounted to 120 rubles a month. However, this pension has now increased substantially because it is indexed to the rate of inflation.

The chief pilot of Lithuanian Airlines is Kazimieras Lazdauskas. With many different models of aircraft in service, each one has its own qualified pilot. A pilot trained and qualified to fly a Boeing 737-200 will not be allowed to fly a YAK-42 and vice versa. At present, there are 400 flight crew members on the payroll and perhaps as many as 150 of them may have to be released as the flight schedules are finalized. This figure includes flight engineers, co-pilots, navigators and pilots. Approximately 13% of the pilots are Lithuanians. When Lithuania regained its independence, about 5% to 8% of Aeroflot pilots left and went to live elsewhere in the other Republics. Almost all of those who wished to remain are Lithuanian citizens. Every pilot is given a short medical check-up by a doctor before every flight. Blood pressure is taken, the eyes get a quick check. The doctor can very easily detect if the individual has had any alcoholic drinks. If the person is even suspected of having only one glass of beer before the flight, he is fired from his job.

I was very impressed with the sincerity, the openness

and the willingness of the airline staff to talk about any subject. The building that now houses the airline offices was occupied by the organization of hard-line Communists called "Yedinstvo". They worked against Lithuanian independence and when the coup failed, they wasted no time in getting out. They left no forwarding address but left a messy place. When the Lithuanians took over, they found microphones and other listening devices hidden in the walls of every room. The wiring led to another room where conversations were monitored. All of this equipment was torn out before the rooms were remodeled.

I left Vilnius on a Friday morning aboard a Boeing 737-200. A bus took us from the terminal building to the airplane. I walked up the ramp and as I entered the cabin, I greeted Birutė, one of the flight attendants with "Labas rytas". She gave me a big smile and answered with "Labas rytas". There were thirty-three passengers on board; three were Lithuanian citizens and I was the only American while the others may have been Danish. I had no problem taking pictures while in flight, including those of the crew in the cockpit. I received permission the day before from one of the airline directors and he must have alerted the flight crew to permit me to do this. There were four people on the flight crew and I was told that the crew normally consists of two. Two were Hungarians. The Captain was Ferenc Paloczi and the flight engineer was Sandor Nemeth who were dressed in the uniforms of the Hungarian Airline - Malev. The two Lithuanians were on board to receive training in the operation of the airline. The Captain and I talked in English. He told me he was under contract to train the Lithuanians in the operation of the aircraft. His job would be finished in about two months and he would then return to the Hungarian Airlines. Sitting in the co-pilot's seat was Stasys Pranculevičius who was also in training. Vacys Razgaitis was sitting in a "jump seat" located between two radio racks and just to the rear of the engine control pedestal. This seat can be folded when not in use and is secured to the radio rack on the right side. I asked the Captain at what altitude we were flying and he answered 35,000 feet. Our flight time to Copenhagen was about an hour and eighteen minutes.

Vacys Razgaitis told me that to be qualified as a pilot, twenty-one training flights are a minimum requirement, while twenty-four are the most, including take-offs and landings. Vacys was already qualified as a pilot. The Boeing will have an all-Lithuanian flight crew, six captains and six co-pilots. There are four flight attendants. On this particular flight, Violeta Cižinauskaite and Birutė Račkaite

were stationed in the forward part of the cabin while Regina Jasenovič and Irena Džekčiorienė were in the rear. The food was prepared in Vilnius by Aero-Chef and since the flight was short, it consisted of a box lunch of cold cuts, potato salad and a piece of Lithuanian tortas (cake). The term "flight attendant" is used when both men and women serve the needs of the passengers in flight. Since only women are assigned to this job with Lithuanian Airlines, they are known as "Stewardesses". The Chief Stewardess is Jurate Vaškiene. The training period of one month is given at Vilnius. Sixteen women are assigned to the Boeing flights at the moment, but this number will be increased when another Boeing 737-200 joins the fleet as planned. There are now a total of 150 stewardesses, but this number will be cut back eventually. Only those who speak German or English, or both, will be kept and the others will be let go. The stewardesses wore navy blue skirts and white blouses. The big amber broach was the only clue to indicate that they were from Lithuania.

As I looked at these lovely young ladies, I couldn't help but notice their happy smiles and the twinkle in their eyes. The sons and daughters of Lithuania were locked up in a cage for over fifty years. Now that the door has been opened, they have sprouted wings and are flying to places that not too long ago seemed like an impossible dream. The battle to gain independence was a difficult one, and some blood was shed. However, the biggest battle still lies ahead. It is the fight for the economic survival of the Lithuanian nation and we, in the west, must do all that we can to help them win this struggle. If Lithuanian Airlines is to remain in the skies, we must give them our support. Our battle cry should be: "FLY LITHUANIAN AIRLINES".



IX FORTAS ... THE NINTH FORT

by Lou Ann Rayn, C-150 Kansas City

When I visited the Baltic country of Lithuania with the Aidas Folk Dance group, little did I realize my most vivid memory and the most moving experience of the trip would be a visit to a Nazi - and later Soviet - prison. I was aware of the most famous (or infamous?) prisons such as An-schwitz, but was taken aback to learn that there were other prisons ... equally as repulsive and deadly ... in the little country of my maternal grandparents.

Construction of the Ninth Fort was begun at the end of the 19th century by the Tzarist Russian government, part of a series of fortification ringing the important industrial city of Kaunas, near Lithuania's German border. The building was completed at the beginning of World War I and in 1924 was reorganized as a prison. In 1940-41, it was an NKVD prison, a sending station for political prisoners. Many leaders of the independent Lithuanian Republic were incarcerated there.

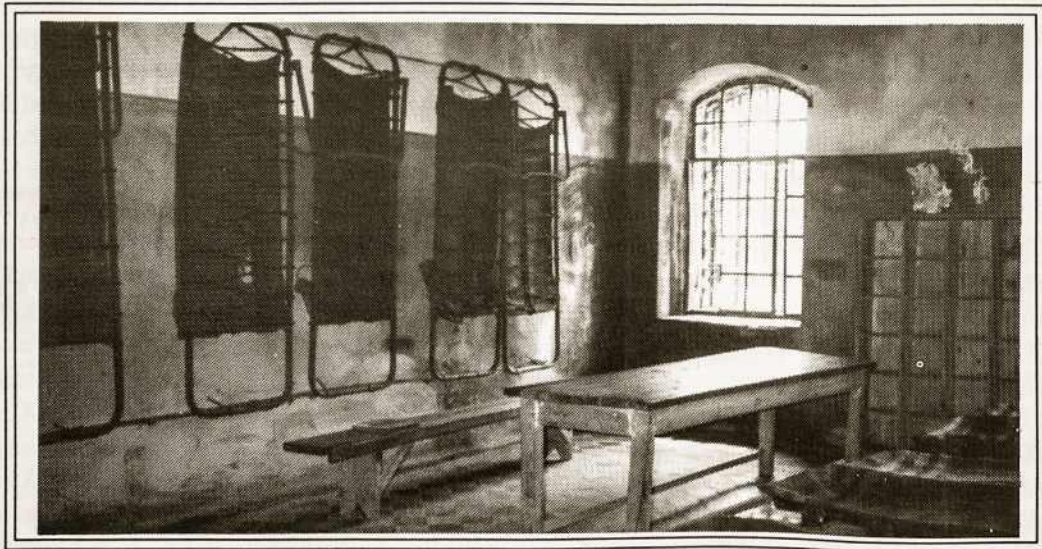
At the end of World War II, the Ninth Fort became "Enterprise No. 1005-B". Thousands of Jews, Lithuanians, Poles, Russians and people of other European nations occupied by the Nazis were killed. One of the most inspirational views inside the prison is a wall with their dying inscriptions, now preserved behind glass.

In 1958, the Ninth Fort Museum was established

adjacent to the prison. In 1989-90 new exhibits were added devoted to the sufferings during Soviet and Nazi occupa-tions. Another exhibit was added in 1991 commemorating the 50th anniversary of "The Tragedy of Lithuanian Jews in 1941-44". This is a fresco by Vl. Panaskovas entitled "Requiem".

Arriving at the Fortas, we were guided into a beautiful, modern museum displaying hundreds of photographs of former prisoners, as well as personal effects: eye glasses, baby shoes and the like. My attention was held by the photographs as we walked through the museum. Were any of these people my relatives? My mother's family had no communication with their relatives in "the old country" after World War II, causing me to search faces for family resemblances.

Making the experience even more meaningful was the presence of four elderly gentlemen who had been prisoners here under the Russians, two of whom had been sent on to Siberian prison camps. Juozo Encerio was celebrating his 78th birthday and attributed his survival to the fact that they had been healthy, young "football players" when incarcerated. Another, Kostens Kostkevicius began painting at the age of 68 and was present as a special guest due to the opening of an exhibition of his artwork. His works were



One of the cells in prison with iron beds hung against the wall to make room for table and benches used during day.

eloquent statements of the Lithuanian ... and all mankind's ... struggle for freedom.

After touring the museum and viewing the paintings, we left the beautiful building and walked to the Fort itself. Cleverly built into the side of a hill, it was not visible from the air. It was a long building with two courtyards, separated by a smaller building where, at times, families were allowed to visit. We followed the road up to the huge gate where truckloads of human beings were brought in like cattle to be slaughtered. The second courtyard, entirely walled-in, was used for prisoners to walk for exercise and was where firing squads murdered 80,000 men, women and children. 40,000 had been executed by the Nazis, 40,000 by the Russians. 35,000 of the last group were Jewish. I could not contain my emotions as I thought back to the personal articles displayed in the museum cases, realizing I was standing where these innocents had died.

Entering the prison building, one of the gentlemen

who had been imprisoned there showed us "his cell" ... where he had been held with fourteen others before being sent on to Siberia. Just inside, now preserved behind glass, is the inscribed wall with initials, crosses, stars of David and brave sayings of prisoners condemned to die. We were then led into the "wet cell" ... a long, narrow room where four prisoners at a time were confined. It was so damp, a board was placed on the floor for us to walk on. Beyond this room was another exhibition of photographs. I could not look at them and left for the sunshine of the courtyard, still alive for me with the spirits of those who had been sacrificed there!

At the crest of the ridge forming the prison's hill is a beautiful monument soaring skyward in tribute to the victims of the Ninth Fort by author/sculptor A. Ambrašiusas. Its upward, soaring motif is a tribute to the memory of those who lived and died at "IX Fortas" ... the Ninth Fort ... but to me, no stone or concrete can compensate for this little known example of "man's inhumanity to man."

CITY OF KINGS

by L Rytas

When I was a child of five or six years, my father used to tell me a legend on the foundation of the Lithuanian capital VILNIUS. The legend is called "The Iron Wolf".

As the legend states, the grand duke of Lithuania, Gediminas, who ruled the country from 1314 to 1341, went hunting on a summer day. When the evening came, the duke and his attendants felt very tired and they decided to spend the night on a hill under the blue sky. The tents were erected and they fell asleep. The grand duke, Gediminas, saw in his dream an iron wolf which howled louder than a hundred wolves could do. Next day a priest was called to interpret the duke's dream. He explained that the iron wolf means a city which must be founded by the duke and the wolf's unusually loud howling signifies a great glory of that city in next ages.

The city was founded, named VILNIUS, and made the capital of Lithuania. Lithuania had only one king, whose name was Mindaugas and who unified all Lithuanian tribes into one state. Two centuries later, Vytautas the Great, the grand duke of Lithuania, who extended the country from the Baltic to the Black Sea and who was one of the most famous army leaders and politicians in the Middle Ages, intended to be crowned as a king of Lithuania. The crown sent to him by the Pope was stolen by Poles on the way to

Lithuania. After that, Vytautas the Great died very soon and thus Lithuanians never became a kingdom again.

But the kings of Poland who for centuries were Lithuanians (Jogaila and his dynasty) used to have their palace in Vilnius and spent their vacations there every year. St. Casimir, the Prince of Lithuania and the patron of Lithuanian Catholics, was born in Vilnius, spent all his life there, died in Vilnius and was buried there too. Because of the above-mentioned facts, the Lithuanian people always call Vilnius the City of Kings.

I was a senior in high school when I had the opportunity to see Vilnius, the City of Kings, for the first time. My three day stay there passed by as quickly as a minute. The City of Kings bewitched me forever. Vilnius has no skyscrapers and no big factories but there is something mysterious about it. Monuments of the famous leaders of the country, Gothic churches and buildings, ruins of castles remind every Lithuanian of the times of yore, render some strength in the struggle of his life.

I have been in many cities in Europe, had an opportunity to look around in New York, Chicago and other cities of the United States, but Vilnius still remains more beloved and attractive than all those which I have seen.

REMEMBERING THE FLIGHT OF DARIUS AND GIRENAS

Two American pilots, Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas, undertook a historical transatlantic flight on July 15, 1933, one hour after Wiley Post took off from the same airport. Their flight aboard the "Lituanica" originated near the Statue of Liberty. The lives of Darius and Girenas ended abruptly when their plane crashed in Soldin, Germany, a few hundred miles short of their destination, the Statue of Freedom in Kaunas, Lithuania. Their journey was recorded as the second longest transatlantic flight of the times.

Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas blazed a trail in the air. Their mission, to conquer and explore the skies for the betterment of mankind, lives on even today in the spirit of the space shuttles "Columbia", "Challenger" and others.

Darius and Girenas served in the U.S. Army. The Darius and Girenas Post No. 271 of the American Legion was named in their honor. Darius-Girenas memorial monuments were erected in Chicago, IL, Brooklyn, NY, in Lithuania and other places. Many streets, squares, schools, etc. were named in their honor.

The Lithuanian American Community of the USA, the Knights of Lithuania and numerous other organizations initiated a campaign for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas. Such a stamp would be a fitting and symbolic tribute to these pioneer aviators and their historic flight. Issuing a stamp remembering these fliers and their mission would bear testimony to many common themes which we in American society hold in high esteem; patriotism, pride and courage are but a few of the qualities which these men inspired then and could do so again.

In 1991 the Lithuanian American Community submit-

ted a proposal to the Postmaster General for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in 1993, marking the 60th anniversary of Darius and Girenas' courageous transatlantic flight. You are all urged to support this 1991 proposal. A letter to the Postmaster General and to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee would be of great assistance for the issuance of a postage stamp in 1993. Please write letters to:

The Honorable Marvin T. Runyon
Postmaster General
U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W.
Washington, DC 20260

and to:

Jack Rosenthal, Chairman
Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W.
Washington, DC 20260

Sample letter follows:

Dear Mr. Runyon (Mr. Rosenthal):

I would like to express my support on the issuance in 1993 of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas. The stamp would be a fitting and symbolic tribute to these pioneer aviators and their historic flight in 1933 which ended in tragedy at Soldin, Germany.

SUMMITS TODAY

Remember the one held recently between George Bush and Boris Yeltsin — considered drab affairs. Men in business suits meet in conference rooms. It's a far cry from the most unusual summit venue ever: a raft in the middle of a river. After Napoleon defeated Alexander I at the battle of Friedland in 1807, the Russian czar sought a peace conference with the French emperor. The Niemen River, which flows along what is now Lithuania's southern border, separated their territories, so Napoleon proposed that the two sovereigns meet in the most neutral area there: mid-

stream. Overnight, the French constructed a raft bearing two wooden pavilions draped with white linen and decorated with the monograms A and N. On the morning of June 25, 185 years ago, the raft was towed to the middle of the Niemen River and tied to the piles of a ruined bridge. The Frenchman boarded first. The two shook hands, the six-foot Russian towering over little Napoleon. Then the two emperors entered the larger pavilion to begin a week of meetings that culminated in the Treaty of Tilsit, named for a town on Napoleon's land. The peace lasted five years, until Napoleon launched his invasion of Russia.

BALTICS TO RUSSIAN ARMY: "GO HOME!"

America's Future

Like "The Man Who Came to Dinner," the former Red Army has been reluctant to leave its outposts in what used to be the Soviet empire, especially the Baltics.

It's been a full year since Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania wrested back their independence from Moscow. But not until the U.S. and 49 other nations insisted on the pullout of former Soviet troops from the Baltic states did Russia's Boris Yeltsin finally give in. The agreement to withdraw was reached at a meeting of delegates to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in Helsinki this July. But the greatest pressure undoubtedly came from Pres. Bush and other Western leaders during negotiations for billions of dollars in aid to Yeltsin's financially strapped Russia.

Bartering billions in Western aid for Russian reforms is nothing new. Bonn paid a huge ransom to get the Red Army's 340,000 troops moving out of Eastern Germany, an exodus that is still less than half completed. Last May, Yeltsin agreed to pull some 30,000 former Soviet troops out of Poland by next November. But until the July meeting in Helsinki, the Russian president has been dragging his feet in the Baltics where an estimated 130,000 occupation troops remained. And Yeltsin's promises aside, there's still no firm timetable for the Russian withdrawal. (Sic: According to *Lithuanian Weekly*, troops are to be out by August 31, 1993).

One of the problems has been how to handle the huge influx of returning troops. According to a top Yeltsin military adviser, there already are nearly 200,000 Red Army officers in Russia without housing. He said they now live in makeshift shelters or with friends or relatives. The rank-and-file have it worse, creating severe morale problems in many returning units. This has been particularly acute in the Baltics where most Russian occupation forces have it far better than at home.

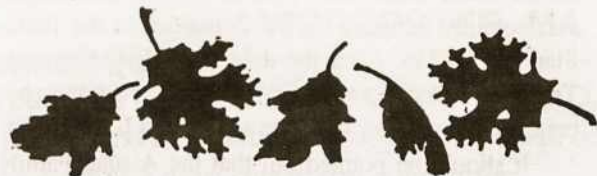
There are other complications. Since Stalin's annexation of the Baltics in 1940, hundreds of thousands of Russians have settled there, including a great many military retirees and their families. In Latvia, 42% of the population of 2.6 million are Russians and other Slavs. In Estonia, they comprise 35% of the population of 1.5 million. The smallest Russian minority - 9% - is found among Lithuania's 3.7 million people. Add to all this the presence

of 130,000 Russian troops and you have what one Latvian parliament member called "a very volatile situation surrounded by barrels of gunpowder." Inevitably, incidents of violence have occurred. Moscow has charged "massive" human rights violations against Russian minorities; Baltic governments accuse the Russians of fomenting unrest to justify their continued military presence.

Nonetheless, more than 90% of the Baltics' current trade continues to be with Russia and the former Soviet republics. And despite their pro-Western outlook and fierce desire for complete independence, the people of the Baltics may not be entirely free of "Big Brother" for years to come. Despite Yeltsin's promise of early troop withdrawals, Russian military leaders are said to be demanding basing rights in the Baltics and special protection for Russian civilians who want to stay. Only last June, foreign policy adviser to Russia's hardline Vice Pres. A. Rutskoi, told a *Washington Post* reporter: "We would be bringing an explosion into Russia by agreeing to withdraw from the Baltics."

According to U.N. correspondent John Metzler, "The huge, Soviet-built military infrastructure in the Baltics represents a sophisticated and well-integrated defense perimeter guarding Russia's northern flank. Yet, this maze of bases, bombing ranges and logistics depots now happens to be on the territory of newly sovereign states. Latvia complains of Moscow's continued use of a large naval base at Liepaja, home port for some 40 Russian warships. Latvia's U.N. delegation has formally protested that a ship repair facility near Riga has been working on a Libyan submarine in violation of U.N. sanctions against the Qadhafy regime. And according to intelligence sources, Russia's 177th Ship Reconstruction facility has trained naval personnel from Iraq and Algeria, as well."

"Undoing nearly 50 years of Soviet occupation in the Baltics cannot realistically be accomplished overnight," concludes Metzler. "But having regained their independence, the indomitable people of the Baltics insist it's time for Russia to end its military presence. Now!"



TEUTONIC ORDER AND THE PRUSSIAN LITHUANIANS

By John R. Mankus, Cultural Chair

Of all the Aiscian Lithuanian groups, the Prussians were the first to come into contact with Christian European missionaries. The first missionary who is credited with making significant inroads among the Prussian Lithuanians was a Mozurian duke and missionary Kristijonas, in the beginning of the thirteenth century.

In 1215, several Prussian Dukes agreed to accept Christianity and be baptized in Rome by the Pope. Although Kristijonas was successful in starting a number of missions among the Prussian Lithuanians, many of these were destroyed by the Prussians in retaliation for the numerous attacks and atrocities against the "Pagan Prussians" by the Crusaders.

Under the pretext of spreading the Gospel, Christian Europe began calls for war not only against the Prussian Lithuanians, but also against all the Aiscian Lithuanian Nations (Žemaitija and Aukštaitija). These attacks were of the same fervor, but much more frequent, as those for the Holy Land. It was, in fact, a relatively easy task to obtain volunteers. Enthusiasm for campaigns in the Holy Land had been waning for some time, due to the great distance the Crusaders had to travel and to the growing military might of Islam. Large numbers of knights seeking adventure and glory were readily available.

These calls for battle against the Prussians were a welcome diversion to the rowing bands of knights. Crusading knights and missionaries from Pomerania, Mazuria, Poland, the Holy Roman Empire and the German States descended upon the Prussians.

The most successful of these invaders was the Order of the Teutonic Knights, a Germanic Order, but with many volunteers from much of Western Europe. The Teutonic Order was primarily concerned in establishing its political influence in this region, rather than to Christianize the Prussians. In the northern part of the Aistian nation, the Livonian Order under Bishop Albertas, established itself in the Latvian branch by conquering the Žiemgaliai, Latgaliai and parts of Sėliai branches of the Aistian nation. In fact, the Livonian Order attempted to conquer Žemaitija, but was soundly defeated by the Žemaičiai in the Battle of Šiauliai in 1236. After the defeat, the Livonian and the Teutonic Orders formed a political alliance, thereby increasing the military pressure against the Lithuanians.

It should be pointed out that the Aistian Family of

Nation was made up of many fiercely independent groups, which included the Prūsas, Žemaičius, Aukštaičius, Juotvingius (also known as Sūduvius), Kuršus, Žiemgalius, Sėlius and Latgalius.

Not until the unification of the Lithuanian branch of the Aistian nation by Mindaugas did a central government exist and not until Gediminas era that Lithuania became a strong and powerful nation, not only be able to defend its borders but also to expand them.

Although neither Mindaugas nor Gediminas were able to free the Prussian Lithuanians from the Teutonic Order, the Prussians were not conquered easily. Battles and uprisings against the German Order were frequent. Between 1242 and 1249 two major encounters took place. Many Teutonic fortifications were destroyed and crusaders killed or captured. However, with fresh recruits from western Europe, the Prussians after periods of freedom were again overrun. These wars and skirmishes were essentially continuous as the sole aim of the Crusaders was the conquest of Prussia; in fact, the Orders rules specifically forbade peace negotiations with the "Pagan Prussians". As more and more Crusaders returned from the Holy Land, many of their number joined the Teutonic Order and went into battle against the Prussians. It took the Crusaders nearly 100 years to conquer and consolidate its rule over the Prussians. Not until 1309 did the Teutonic Order felt secure enough to establish its center and Order capital in Marienburg. In that year the Grand Master of the Teutonic Order moved its court to the Prussian city.

With conquest came the Germanization of the Prussians. In 1310, Grand Master Siegfried von Feuchtwangen enacted "Land Ordinance Law" which included the following statutes: Whoever employs Prussian subjects and servants, shall see to it that they no longer converse in Prussian, or not much Prussian among themselves, but they shall always dwell on the German language; no Prussian shall be assigned to a judicial office or otherwise admitted to any public office; the Prussian will not be permitted to retail beer; they shall clear and inhabit the deserted patrimonies and the deserted huts and shall cultivate the deserted fields, etc. The Prussians became the serfs of these Teutonic Christian Crusaders.

In 1410, Grand Duke Vytautas made another attempt to free the Prussians, he soundly defeated the Teutonic

Order in the Battle of Žalgiris (also known as the Battle of Gruenwald and Tannenberg), surrounded Marijenburga, but after a short siege withdrew his forces.

Despite the Germanization and the genocide of the Prussian culture, the Prussian language survived for over 400 years - in the late seventeen hundreds it became extinct.

Interestingly, the Teutonic Order maintained the Prussian name and in time adapted it as their own, even today the word "Prussian" to almost everyone means "German militarism or German nationalism". Despite this Germanization, in Prussia (also known as "Lithuania Minor") most of the early Lithuanian books were published and smuggled into Lithuania.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Sometimes, if we look only at the blazing headlines, it seems we have a lot to worry about. Perhaps we do. But at this time of year, with that special American holiday of Thanksgiving to commemorate, it's also a good time to stop and offer a small note of thanks for what's *right* with us and our world.

So, thanks ... for laughing children wherever the sound rings out ... for the game of baseball, where seemingly impossible odds can still be overcome ... for free elections, during which those who exercise their rights can either vote the rascals out, or back in, as the case may be ... for trees, and leaves that turn color, and fall, and crunch underfoot on a clear, starlit night.

Thanks ... for a free press, even if it means we sometimes have to read headlines we don't like ... for public libraries with good books and for longer winter nights to read them ... for the teachers who taught us to read ... for a land that is still rich in natural resources and opportunity ... for computers that correct our spelling, balance our check-books, and help the kids with their algebra homework.

Thanks ... for everyone with a sense of humor to help us laugh our way over the rough spots ... for volunteers, who help the helpless ... for the energy of the younger generation and the wisdom of the older generation — and the chance to tap the best of both when we need to ... for love, at any age.

Thanks .. for five-foot, seven-inch basketball players who can play with the big guys ... for everyday that something happens to make us more tolerant of each other ... for the wonders of Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, the snowcapped Rockies, autumn in New England, the rolling Mississippi, and all the other scenic delights this country has to offer.

Thanks ... for a Gershwin tune, a Cole Porter lyric and Ella Fitzgerald's renditions ... for movies with "Bogie" and "Baby", Tracy and Hepburn, Cary Grant and anybody ... for the Marx Brothers ... for ice cold drinks on hot summer days and the smell of new-mowed grass ... for November, when sunsets throw a deep, rich orange glow across clouded skies, harvest moons shine boldly and morning frosts change the tint of grassy meadows - and put an end to mowing.

Thanks ... for people who care about other people ... for warm kitchens and the smell of coffee brewing on chilly mornings ... for weekends with nothing to do and somebody special to do it with ... for the Special Olympics, which never fail to inspire us with what the human spirit can accomplish ... for working men and women, who carry their briefcases or lunch pails to office and factory day in and day out, and make this country hum.

Thanks ... for everything.

And Happy Thanksgiving to everybody!

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A Visitor's Views of Vilnius

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The political and economic transformation of eastern Europe during the past three years has been no less than remarkable. Out of this revolution, unparalleled in history, has been reborn a free Lithuania, welcomed into such prestigious international institutions as the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Today, the Lithuanian tri-color proudly flies in New York at the United Nations, and soon will be placed in the glass enclosure housing the flags of country members of the World Bank, located outside of the Bank's "F" building on H and 19th Sts., Washington, DC.

One of my former colleagues at the World Bank was recently dispatched on a mission to the three Baltic countries. He spent the greater part of a week in Vilnius

conferring with Lithuanian officials, part of a team explaining the reporting obligations which members of the World Bank assume with respect to their indebtedness to foreign official bodies such as other governments and the World Bank itself. While Lithuania has no such debt as yet, the consultations were anticipatory in nature, the Bank being the recognized international repository of date-on non-commercial debt.

During the course of an evening, my friend (let's for convenience call him Mr. X) provided random personal observations on his short stay in Lithuania.

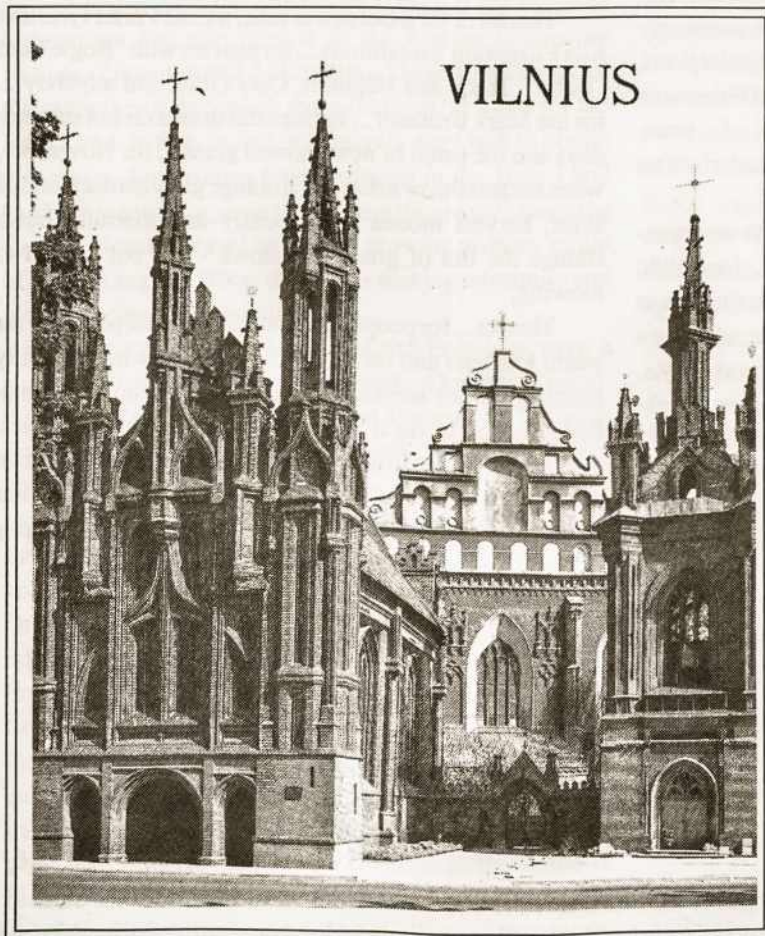
The Food Poor, the Music Superb

Mr. X stayed at a small hotel which he found well below the standards of an average motel in the US. It was,

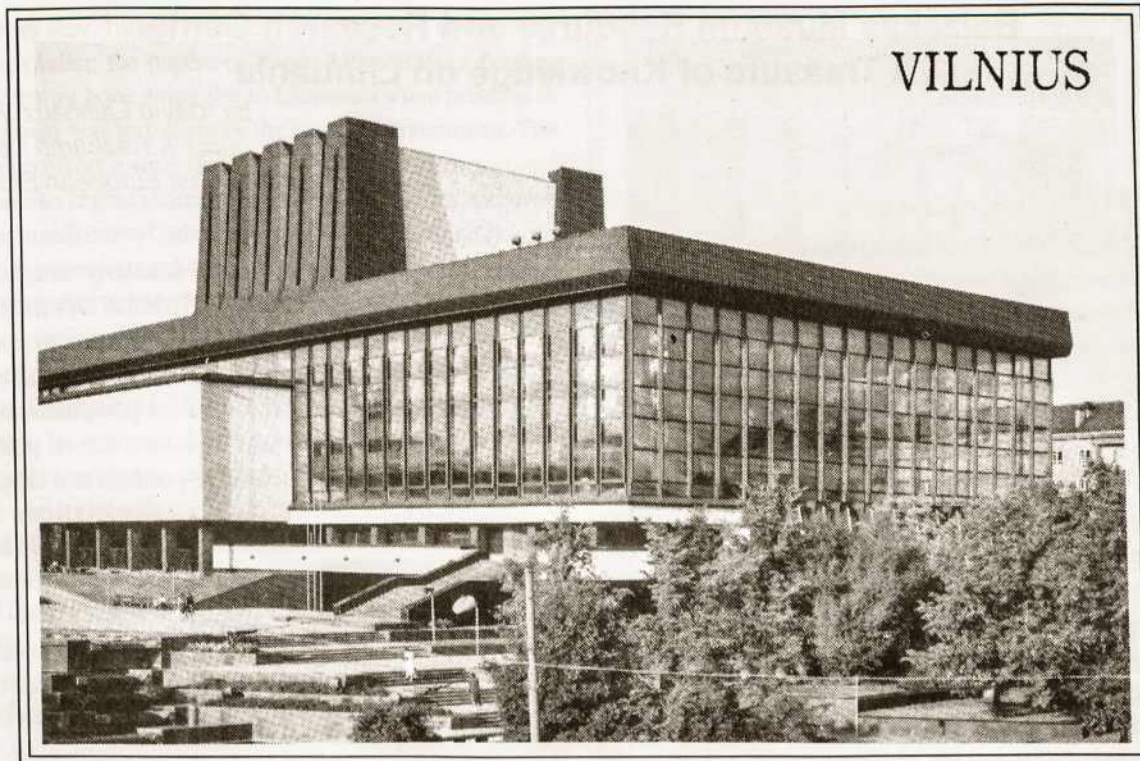
however, located on the fringes of the "Old Town", and despite its discomfort, preferable to the expensive and pretentious hotels in the new quarter of the capital. For one thing, he was close to the historic Vilnius which he described as a fascinating, living relic of Lithuania's past.

Food at the hotel and elsewhere, he found to be of poor quality, limited mostly to potatoes and cabbage in various guises and disguises, with fresh fruit and vegetables almost entirely lacking. (My wife made sure to give him plenty of fruit and fresh, green vegetables for his dinner at our place). Because he was able to exchange dollars for about one hundred rubles each, he found everything extremely cheap, a full course dinner, for instance, costing him the equivalent of about fifty cents.

These negative impressions were more than balanced by his delight with the cultural life of Vilnius, particularly in music. He praised the Lithuanian ballet presentation of "Giselle" as the best he had seen anywhere. He heard "Carmen" sung in Lithuanian, but this was not as professionally exciting as the ballet, perhaps because it is difficult to imagine Lithuanian as a medium for passionate gypsy music. The building which housed the musical arts was



The ensemble of St. Anne's Church and the Bernardine Monastery .



The Opera and Ballet Theatre of Vilnius, Lithuania.

a beautiful triumph of modern architecture, in contrast to that of the new town which had been built largely in the heavy high-rise style so favored by Moscow.

Churches were to be seen everywhere, gems of religious architecture, ranging in style from the chastely classical to the florid by baroque. On Sunday, the bells of these many churches tolled their story of Lithuania's deep religious spirit. After some search, Mr. X found a small synagogue with a congregation of about a hundred, but otherwise the city's historical reputation as a "Second Jerusalem" seemed to have been wiped out by the genocidal atrocities of the Nazis and the Soviets. With a strong interest in history, he was much impressed by the refurbished castle at Trakai, especially when he realized that from this site the Grand Dukes of Lithuania had ruled a huge empire stretching from the Baltic to the Black Seas.

Consultations in Russian

Mr. X observed that the Lithuanian officials had not been as well prepared for their consultations with the World Bank as were their Latvian and Estonian counterparts. Surprising to me was the use of Russian as the language of the talks in Vilnius. One would have imagined that the

Lithuanian side could have found at the University of Vilnius or elsewhere someone sufficiently versed in English to act as translator. The use of Russian could not help but send a misleading political and cultural signal to the World Bank.

Lithuania has been assigned to the Nordic Executive Directorate in both the Fund and the Bank joining Iceland, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark (as well as Latvia and Estonia). Executive Directors are, in a sense, ambassadors to both institutions, reporting and in turn receiving instructions from the government which they represent. Larger country members are accorded the privilege of their own Executive Director, whereas smaller countries share the same director. It is possible, however, for the smaller members to send representatives to serve on the staff of the assigned Executive Director. In some cases also, the Fund and the Bank assign staff to serve in the countries where large programs are being administered. It remains to be seen whether this will be the case with the Baltic countries.



Balzekas Museum Resource and Research Center A Treasure of Knowledge on Lithuania

by David Fainhauz, PhD,
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Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian culture is the largest Lithuanian cultural and research center outside of Lithuania. The museum was established in 1966 and very soon it became one of the most important ethnic institutions of this kind in the USA. The three story building includes a variety of collections. The central exhibit "Lithuania Through the Ages" reflects the main events of Lithuanian history and the development of Lithuanian culture from prehistoric times to the present days. Other holdings are assembled in Art Gallery, Resource & Research Center, Irene Balzekas Memorial Map Collection, Cartography Dept., Children's Museum, Philately and Numismatics Dept., Women's Guild Exhibit, Genealogy Dept., Photo Archive, Audio-Video Room, Educational & performing Arts Dept., Art Archives, Folk Art Dept.

Of special importance is the Resource & Research Center for Lithuanian and East European Studies. The Reference & Research Library constitutes the foundation for these activities. The Library is the most exclusive center of Lithuanian scholarly resources outside of Lithuania.

THE MAIN LIBRARY contains over 30,000 volumes concerning the history and culture of Lithuania and other East European nations. The Rare Books Section consists of seven hundred books printed in Latin, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, French and Czech. A large amount of them was published in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Many of the rare books are literally priceless and the Balzekas Museum is the only book depository in the United States that houses

these books.

Of exceptional value are the scholarly sources included into the PAMPHLETS & RECORDS DIVISION. It is a tremendous and absolutely unique treasure of knowledge concerning Lithuanian and East European history and culture. Several thousand files contain pamphlets, broad sheets, clipping files on artists, scholars, actors, political leaders, records of various cultural, political and religious

associations and many other documents of primary importance for scholarly research. The Pamphlets & Records Division houses rich resources concerning Lithuanian immigration to the USA and other countries starting with the nineteenth century. A large portion of this division includes documents related to recent independence



Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture

movements in Lithuania and other Baltic States.

THE MANUSCRIPT DIVISION is the most extensive ethnic depository in the USA. It contains hundreds of miscellaneous collections related to Lithuanian history, immigration and cultural. Here are papers, correspondence of writers, musicians, journalists. Among the highlights of the Manuscript Division are: the archive of Ephrosine Mikuzis, a leading personality in Lithuanian Alliance of America, member of the American Lithuanian Council; the correspondence of Leonard Šimutis, a prominent Lithuanian-American leader; the archive of Alexander Račkus, a Chicago physician and founder of a large book collection; the papers of Aleksandras Ružancovas, a brilliant bibliographer, widely known in Lithuania and other European countries. Here, in the Manuscript Division one can find the

papers of Rev. Juozas Prunskis, a well known churchman and journalist; the papers of Petras Mikolainis, a famous 19th century book smuggler to Lithuania when printing in Lithuanian was forbidden by the Russian government. The Division offers a wide range of materials concerning large Lithuanian organizations: Lithuanian-American Alliance, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation, Lithuanian American Engineers & Architects Association and many others. Of particular scholarly importance for a researcher of Lithuanian immigration to the USA is the recently acquired collection of papers concerning Lithuanian immigrants to Texas, the earliest Lithuanian community in the mid-19th century. In general, all the personal and institutional archives assembled in the Manuscript Division appeal to a wide variety of scholarly and public interests.

THE PERIODICALS DIVISION is the most extensive collection of Lithuanian newspapers and magazines in the USA. It stores 1,800 titles of periodicals starting from the 19th century to the present. The Division includes a vast array of periodicals which are indispensable for studying the history of Lithuanian immigration to the USA in the 19th and 20th centuries, the history of the Catholic Church in Lithuania and Lithuanian parishes in the USA, also the history of various immigrant societies. A great number of the newspapers and magazines currently being catalogued are now published in Lithuania, providing an on-going account of the struggle for the nation's independence.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT houses hundreds of Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian recordings, a large amount of notes. Recently the Museum acquired the archive of Antanas Pocius, a known Chicago musician, founder of Beethoven Conservatory of Music.

THE IMMIGRATION HISTORY & GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT is closely affiliated with the Resource and Research Center. The Department helps individuals in discovering their family histories, assists scholars who conduct research on Lithuanian immigration to the USA. The Lithuanian Pioneer Project constitutes the focal point of the Department. The goal of the project is to publish names of a considerable number of immigrants who arrived in this country before WWI as well as records of individual immigrant experience. Developing this project, the Department receives hundreds of completed questionnaires from all over the United States.

Taking into account the large scholarly resources which the Museum possesses, its functions as a scholarly center exceed the boundaries of a regular museum. No ethnic museum in the USA houses such a variety of



Outside view of Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture

research collections covering various aspects of immigrant experience. The Balzekas Museum is also in the process of establishing a Research Council. The museum publishes two quarterly magazines: *The Lithuanian Museum Review*, and *Genealogija*, a publication devoted to immigration history and genealogy. Recently, the Resource & Research Center published two studies: *Lithuanian Heritage: The Many Views of Youth* (1991) and *Lithuanian Diaspora: Konigsberg to Chicago* (1992) by Antanas Van Reenan, co-published with University Press of America.

Since 1988 the Resource & Research Center arranged thirty public lectures by scholars and writers. The lectures covered a wide range of issues concerning Lithuanian and East European history and culture, Lithuanian life in America.

The Resource & Research Center, as well as other Museum departments achieved a reputation of a widely respected ethnic institution which plays an important role interpreting the history of Lithuania, the history of American-Lithuanians and the history of other East European nations. The Center publicizes widely recent independence movements in Eastern Europe.

Almost all the printed or handwritten materials which the Resource & Research Center possesses were donated by many individuals or organizations. We appreciate highly all the efforts which were made to save these collections and donate them to the museum. Unfortunately, it happens quite often that important materials - books, pamphlets, records of associations, minutes of meetings, people's correspondence, various program announcements, etc., etc. are being destroyed, disposed or are covered with mildew in the basement. The Balzekas Museum is applying

with a request to American Lithuanians to rescue any printed, typed or handwritten materials on Lithuanians in Lithuanian, English, Polish and any other language. Some people may think that this or that book, pamphlet, letter, minutes of meetings are not important and it is not worthwhile saving them. Balzekas Museum urges American Lithuanians to donate to the museum any such materials

since they can be of indispensable value for scholars, writers, journalists, high school and college students. The museum employs a qualified staff who is capable of preserving these materials and appreciating their importance. The address: Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture Library, 6500 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60629. (312) 582-6500.

JUOZUI BOLEY-BULEVIČIUI PRISIMINTI ... (1904-1992)

Juozas B. Laučka

Juozas Boley-Bulevičius, miręs šių metų birželio 24 d., prisimintinas daugeliu atžvilgių. Lietuvos Vyčiams jis — brangi, neužmirština asmenybė. Garbės narys, trejus metus Centro valdybos vice pirmininkas (1942-1945), trejus metus centro valdybos pirmininkas (1946-1949). Daugelio seimų aktyvus dalyvis. Įvairių komisijų vadovas (ritualo, vėliavos įsigijimo, L. Vyčių pradininkui M.A. Norkūnui paminklo ir kt.) Lietuvių kalbos organizacijoje puoselėtojas. Tik savaitę prieš šių metų seimą, man laiške rašė ruošiąs dalyvauti Allentowno seime bent pora dienu. Nenujautė kad jis to seimo nebesulauks ir kad tai jo paskutinis man laiškas.

Juozas Boley-Bulevičius gimė 1904 metų gegužės 4 d. Homesteade, Pitsburgho pašonėje. Jo tėvai atvykę iš Lietuvos, abu dzūkai, tvirtai susipratę lietuviai. Jie išaugino tris sūnus ir viena dukterį. Visi jie baigė kolegijas. Juozas pirmutinis iš jų pašauktas į Amžinybę.

Juozas pamilo lietuvių kalbą iš mažumės. Jo pirmoji mokytoja buvo jo motina. Tvirtos įtakos darė lietuvių švento Petro ir Povilo parapijos vargonininkas Pranas Mikšriūnas. Juozas lankė ir baigė savo parapijos mokyklą, kuriai vadovavo seselės prancišketės. Jau pirmuose pradžios mokyklos skyriuose Juozas pasireiškė, kaip geras eilėraščių deklamuotojas ir kaip turįs vaidybinių sugebėjimų. Anksti dalyvavo lietuviškuose vaidinimuose, mokydamasis vietos vidurinėje mokykloje (high school), Juozas dar labiau pamėgo vaidybą. Lankydamas Duquesne universitetą (1922-1926), Juozas studijavo ir dramos meną. Tomis dienomis Juozas paruošė lietuvišką muzikinį vaidinimą, įjungdamas liaudies dainas, tautinius šokius ir svarbesniųjų Lietuvos istorijos įvykių pavaizdavimą. Tas Juozo scenos kūrinys pirmiausia vaidintas Homesteade, o vėliau pakartotas ir Chicagoje.

1928 m. Juozas apsigyveno Chicagoje. Dvejus metus lankė Loyolos universiteto dramos mokyklą, tobulindamasis vaidybos ir iškalbingumo mene. Turėjo labai gerą "radijofoninį" balsą, malonų tembrą, aiškų, taisyklingą ištaramą. Pradėjo reikštis ir radijo pranešėjo srityje. Bendradarbiavo kelioms lietuviškų radijo laidų programoms (Draugo dienraščio, Lietuvių universalinio banko, Peoples rakandų krautuvės). Buvo kviečiamas ir anglų kalba laidų pranešėju.



Trejus metus Juozas Chicagoje veikė su L. Vyčių vaidintojų grupėmis, režisuodamas scenos veikalus. Dalyvavo "Dainavos" chore ne tik choristu, bet ir buvo jo valdyboje. Aktyviai dalyvavo viešuose lietuvių pasirodymuose-demonstracijose, eisenose. Vienoje eisenoje net žirgu jojo.

1931-36 metais dirbo Pitsburgho radijo stotyje žinių pranešėju, vadovavo vienos valandos savaitinei programai "Rambling with Boley". Tačiau visą laiką Juozas žvalgėsi ir į dramos pasaulį. Carnegie technologijos institute jis gilino dramos studijas.

Ieškodamas platesnės dirvos aktorius profesijai, Juozas persikėlė į New Yorką, į teatro sostinę. Prieš tai kelis mėnesius Martha's Vineyard saloje lankė dramos vasaros kursus. Jis ten ir studijavo, ir vaidino. New Yorke tačiau Juozas iš pradžių atsidūrė ne dramos teatre. Jį pakvietė Paramount Newsreel, gaminusi kino teatrą dienos įvykių

apžvalgas. Gerai atsimenu Juozo pranešimus ir jo nuotrauką, prieš pradėdant rodyti filmą kino teatruose. Pamažu įsijungė į teatro grupes, stačiusias spektaklius New Yorke, daugiausia "Off Broadway" teatrų scenose. Nemažai jis reikėsi keliaujančio teatro spektakliuose visame krašte: Floridoje, New Jersey, Pensilvanijoje, Indianoje, Ohio, Virginijoje, New Yorko ir So. Carolina valstijose. Vaidino ir TV filmuose (tarp jų *The Guiding Light*, *As the World Turns*, *Somerset*, *The Watergate Cover Up Trial*, *Search for Tomorrow*). Vaidino ir filmuose, tarp jų *Butterfield 8*, *Alice's Restaurant*. Kun. K. Pugevičiui vadovaujant Baltimorės arkivyskupijos TV tarnybai, Juozas buvo pagrindinis vaidintojas-skaitovas iš L.K. Bažnyčios Kronikos dramatiškesnių aprašymų.

Ilgesnį laiką Juozas buvo *The New York Times* radijo stoties (WQSR) pastovus žinių pranešėjas. Atrodo jam čia darbas buvo užtikrintas, gerai atlyginamas. Bet vaidybos meno pagunda nepaliko Juozo ramybėje. Karo metais USO sudarius karines bazes lankantį teatrą, Juozas įsijungė į aktorės Zasu Pitts vadovojamą grupę. Su jos spektakliais Juozas keliavo, lankydamas karių keliolikoje Pacifiko salų, pradėdant Havajais ir baigiant Guamo sala. Kario uniformą Juozas dėvėjo bene pusantrų metų. Vaidino lėktuvnešiuose, palapinėse, džiunglėse. Žiūrovų skaičius kartais siekdavo 6,000. Daugiausia vaidintas Sidney Howard veikalas "The Late Christopher Bean."

Iš USO dramos grupės Juozas pasitraukė, gavęs kvietimą būti anglų kalba pranešėju Karo informacijos tarnyboje, iš kurios netrukus išsivystė "Amerikos balsas". Valstybės departamentui 1951 metais įsteigus "Amerikos balse" lietuviškų laidų tarnybą, Juozas paskirtas jų režisierium. 1951 metų vasario 16-tos "A.L." pirmoji lietuviška laida buvo paruošta Juozo Boley režisūros priežiūroje. Lietuviškoje radijo tarnyboje Juozas pasiliko kelerius metus.

Juozas Boley liko aktorium ir pasitraukęs iš aktyvios savo profesijos gretų. 1980 m. vasarą Juozas su New Yorko "La Mama" teatru dalyvavo tarptautiniame Shakespearo festivalyje Stuttgarte, Vokietijoje. Mielai talkininkavo lietuvių vaidintojų grupei Clevelande. Ateitininkų kongrese jis atliko pagrindinį vaidmenį Al. Landsbergio "Šventajame Narve". Vėliau šis spektaklis pakartotas ir Chicagoje.

Gyvendamas New Yorke, Juozas buvo aktyvus L. Vyčių 41-mos kuopos narys. Atsilankydavo ir Manhattano kuopos susitikimuose Aušros Vartų parapijoje. Režisavo Vyčių vaidintojų grupių renginius. Keletą kartų New Yorko apylinkėje vaidinta jo režisuota Pr. Naumištiškio-

Bagdo drama "Baisusis birželis". Noriai dalyvaudavo įvairių renginių programose, paskaitydamas jo mėgiamų autorių (Maironio, Putino, Šimučio-Šilelio) eilėraščius. Dažnai savo skaitymą užbaigdavo nuotaikingu nežinomo autoriaus kūriniu "Neturiu Laiko, Viešpatie".

Juozas reikėsi ir "nedramatinėje" veikloje. 1939 m. pagelbėjo New Yorko pasaulinės parodos Lietuvių Dienos komitetui pravesti jo programa. Talkininkavo Lietuvių kultūros institutui, išversdamas į anglų kalbą A. Vaičiuliaičio parašytą lietuvių literatūros apžvalgą. Išvertė Juozo Savojo knygą "Karas prieš Dievą Lietuvoje". Didelis jo darbas buvo dr. Antano Kučo veikalo "Amerikos lietuvių istorija" išvertimas į anglų kalbą ("Lithuanians in America"). Iki šiol šis veikalas yra pagrindinis anglų kalba šaltinis susipažinti su lietuviiais Amerikoje. Yra išvertęs ir dailininko Staneikos biografiją. Kalbos stiliaus atžvilgiu pagelbėjo ir Anicetui Simučiui, dabartiniam Lietuvos ambasadoriui Jungtinėse Tautose, rašant knygą "The Economic Reconstruction of Lithuania after 1918."

Mėgo keliauti po Europą. 1928 metais su L. Vyčių ekskursija Juozas lankėsi Lietuvoje. Tos kelionės metų lankėsi ir lenkų okupuotame Vilniuje, Trakuose. Iš Gedimino kalno atminimui pasiėmė keletą akmenėlių, kuriuos išsaugojo pas save kaip didelę brangenybę. Tomis dienomis ir aš susipažinau su Juozu. Artima pažintis ir draugystė išliko iki šiol.

Labai jis mylėjo Lietuvą ir viską, kas lietuviška. 1944 metais įsteigus Bendrąjį Amerikos Lietuvių Šalpos Fondą (BALFA), Juozas kviečiamas paruošdavo kreipimąsi į Amerikos visuomenę lėšų sutelkimo reikalui. Kelerius metus buvo Balfos vicepirmininku. Prieš keletą metų viešėdamas Chicagoje, Juozas aplankė Pasaulio lietuvių centrą, Lemonte. Naujoji lietuvių institucija padarė Juozui gerą įspūdį. Įvertindamas Centro pastangas įsistiprinti savo pastangose tapti lietuviybės tvirtove, Juozas paukojo jam 5,000 dol.

Visą gyvenimą Juozas išliko nesukūręs šeimos. Bet nebuvo atsiskyrėlis. Mėgo socialinį bendravimą, lietuviškus renginius. Ne svetimas jam buvo ir pasilinksminimas-mėgo šokti. Mačiau jį Vyčių pokyliuose šokant šokį po šokio. Patiko jam lietuviškos polkutės. Atsimenu jį smarkiai besisukant su vytėmis paskutiniams Chicagos seime. Nepavargdavo vis keisdamas šokio partneres.

Kartą bandžiau viešai "išaiškinti" Juozo viengungystės priežastį taip: Juozo didžioji meilė buvo ir išliko L. Vyčių organizacija. Kai jo meilės "paslaptį" taip aiškinau, Juozas tylėjo nusišypsojęs.

Kaip minėjau, Juozas mėgo keliauti po Europą.

Lankydamasis Londone, susipažino su savo tėvo pusbrolio Petro Bulaičio, Anglijos lietuvių veikėjo, šeima. Kiek vėliau Romoje dalyvavo giminaičio arkivyskupo Jono Bulaičio konsekrovime į vyskupus. Antrą kartą į Lietuvą nebuvo nuvykęs, nors ir planavo, nenorėjo jos lankyti okupacijos metais, o po 1991 m. kovo 11-tos nepriklausomybės atsteigimo nesuskubo pasiruošti. Aišku, reikėjo turėti dėmesyje ir sveikatos pajėgumą.

Birželio 24 d. atkeliavęs mirties angelas sužlugdė daugelį planų. Juozas mirė, tikėdamas, kad Lietuva, po didelių bandymų okupacijos metais, tvirtai įsijungs į laisvų pasaulio tautų šeimą, kad jo didžiai branginama L. Vyčių organizacija visada bus Lietuvai talkininke.

(Red. - Juozo mėgtas eilėraštis kurį jis dažnai paskaitydavo ivairių renginių programose. Eilėraščio autorius nežinomas, bet jo vertimo autorius buvo Juozas.):

VIEŠPATIE, AŠ NETURIU LAIKO

Viešpatie, aš išėjau laukan.
Ten vaikščiojo žmonės, jie ėjo, jie artėjo,
Jie skubėjo, jie bėgo.
Dviračiai skubėjo, vežimai skubėjo,
Sunkvežimiai skubėjo, gatvė skubėjo,
Miestas skubėjo, visi skubėjo.
Jie skubėjo neprarasti laiko, jie vijosi laiką,
Kad pralengtų laiką, kad laimėtų laiką.

Sudiev, mano Viešpatie, atsiprašau, aš neturiu laiko!
Aš vėl sugrįšiu, aš negaliu laukti, aš neturiu laiko.
Aš baigiu šį laišką, nes nebeturiu laiko,
Aš jam mielai būčiau padėjęs, bet aš neturiu laiko.
Aš negaliu to apsiimti, nėra laiko.
Aš negaliu galvoti, susitelkti, esu per daug apsunkintas,
neturiu laiko.
Aš norėčiau melstis, bet aš neturiu laiko.
Viešpatie, juk Tu supranti, jie neturi laiko.
Vaikas, kuris žaidžia, atrodo gana užimtas ir dabar
neturi laiko ... Vėliau ...
Mokinys - jis turi savo uždavinius spręsti,
jis neturi laiko ... Vėliau ...
Studentas - jis turi savo studijas ir tiek daug dirba,
jis neturi laiko ... Vėliau ...
Jaunuolis - jis sportuoja, jis neturi laiko ... Vėliau ...
Jaunikaitis - jis statosi namus ir turi juos įsirengti, jis
neturi laiko ... Vėliau ...
Tėvas - jis turi vaikų, jis neturi laiko... Vėliau...
Seneliai - jie turi anūkų, jie neturi laiko ... Vėliau ...
Jie serga, juos slegia rūpestis, jie neturi laiko ... Vėliau ...

Jie miršta, jie neturi Per vėlai ... Jie tikrai nebeturi
daugiau laiko!

Taip visi žmonės vejasi laiką, o Viešpatie!
Jie pereina pasaulį bėgdami, skubėdami,
stumdydamiesi, perkrauti, murmėdami, nuvargę,
Bet jie niekad nepasiekia tikslo, jiems trūksta laiko,
Nežiūrint jų baisių pastangų, jiems trūksta laiko.
Netgi jiems nepaprastai trūksta laiko.
Viešpatie, Tu tikriausiai būsi suklydęs,
apskaičiuodamas
Turi būti labai didelė klaida pagrinduose,
Valandos yra per trumpos
Dienos yra per trumpos, amžiai yra per trumpi.

Tu, kuris stovi virš laiko, Tu šypsaisi,
Matydamas, kaip mes dėl to daužomės.
Ir Tu žinai, ką darai.
Tu neapsirinki, dalindamas žmonėms laiką;
Tu duodi kiekvienam gano laiko atlikti tam,
ko Tu nori, kad jis darytų,
Bet laiko nereikia gaišti - laiko niekais praleisti
negalima, laiką žudyti draudžiama.
Nes laikas yra dovana, kurią Tu mums dovanojai.
Bet greitai prabėganti dovana,
Dovana, kurios taupyti negalima.

Viešpatie, aš turiu laiko,
Čia aš turiu visą savo laiką;
Visą laiką, kurį Tu man duodi - mano gyvenimo
metus, mano metų dienas
Valandas mano dienų ... Jos visos yra mano.
Man tiktai reikia jas pripildyti, iš lėto ir atsidėjus, bet
sklidinai pripildyti, kaip alkį,
Ir atnešti Tau, kad Tu iš jų paprasto vandens puikų vyną
padarytum,
Kaip Tu kadaise padarei Kannoje, žmonių puotai,
Viešpatie, aš neprašysiu šį vakarą Tavęs laiko,
kad galėčiau tą ar ką nors kita pabaigti.
Aš paprašysiu malonės, kad sąmoningai daryčiau
tai, ko Tu nori,
Kad būtų padaryta laike, kurį Tu man dovanojai.



A. A. LEONARD ŠIMUTIS

On November 6, 1992, Leonard Šimutis would have celebrated his 100th birthday. He has been a charter member of the Knights of Lithuania, joining in 1913. He died on April 17, 1975.

Mr. Šimutis was awarded Honorary Membership of the Knights of Lithuania in 1947. He was the first VYTIS administrator in 1915, later serving as Editor and organized many K of L councils. He was a stalworth in the Chicago area.

Among the many other awards presented to him were: "Order of Gediminas" from the Lithuanian government, the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal from Pope Pius XII, and the Senior Citizen Award in Chicago.

Leonard Šimutis was editor-in-chief of *Draugas* from 1927-1968, was active as editor and contributor of *Garsas* from 1918 - 1926, *Katalikas* and *Rytas*. He served as a member of the Lithuanian Parliament in 1926-1927 until his return to the U.S.A. In the States, he served as president from 1940-1965 and an active member of the Lithuanian American Council and numerous other Lithuanian and Catholic organizations including the Lithuanian Catholic Federation, being its secretary for many years.

Among Mr. Šimutis many accomplishments were the



writing of poems and prose. A book was published in 1988 reflecting this accomplishment. He also wrote the libretto for the operetta "Į Tėvynę". He was a member of the commission to raise funds for Darius-Girenas flight to Lithuania and the creation of a monument to their honor in Chicago.

Leonard Šimutis was truly a Lithuanian American patriot who will always be remembered by the Knights of Lithuania. Įsėkis ramybė.

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A Successful Completion to the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION 1992 ESSAY CONTEST

By Loretta Stukas

Selecting a topic for the annual K of L Foundation Essay Contest is never taken lightly. The Directors look at the events of the year, in Lithuania and among U.S. Lithuanians and Knights. The past year's events were certainly the most spectacular in the lifetime of most of our K of L members, certainly the most exciting event since we began the Essay contests. Lithuania is, at last, free and independent! And the event, for which we hoped, prayed and worked for the past fifty years, came when least expected.

The impact on Lithuania is obvious — she is accepted into the community of free nations of the world, she became a member of the United Nations, her borders are open to diplomats, dignitaries, businessmen, and tourists.

But what is the personal impact on each of us? How has Lithuania's independence affected each of our lives? Do

we speak more freely about our heritage, or have we become more lay-back about it? Are we still interested in her well-being or are we going to "take a rest"? What new projects will we get involved in now to help Lithuania, if any?

The Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc. provided each member a chance to share his or her ideas on how to respond to these questions, through its annual essay contest. The contest, made possible by the generosity of Msgr. Juozas Prunskis, asked the question, "What impact did Lithuania's regained independence have on me and my awareness of my Lithuanian heritage?"

Essay writers were to respond to the topic in 450 to 500 words. The contest was open to all regular and associate members in good standing, and also to Junior members.

Ten entries were received. Four Districts were represented, as were nine regular councils. Judges represented all K of L Districts and included Adolf Klova (AD), Loretta Stukas (MAD), Evelyn Ozelis (MAMD), Aldona Ryan (MCD), Clemencine Miller (NED) plus last year's winner, Bruno Rutkunas.

Essays were judged on the basis of content, style, grammar, creativity, general appearance and adherence to the stated topic. All essays were well written, contained good ideas, but some strayed from the designated topic, concentrating too much on personal histories. Winners were selected by weighing the judges choices for first, second, etc. This year's winners were clear-cut. Each judge placed at least four of the five winners in the "winners' circle". Judging was anonymous - judges did not know the identity of any of the entrants until the judging was over. Winners were announced during the 79th National Convention and the winning entries will be published in this and subsequent issues of VYTIS. It is our pleasure to congratulate the winners, as follows:

1st Prize (\$300.)	Anna Helen McDonald C-144, Anthracite, PA
2nd Prize (\$200.)	Eduardas V. Meilus, Jr. C-26 Worcester, MA
3rd Prize (\$100.)	Laima Baltrenas C-133 Los Angeles, CA
Honorable Mention (\$50.)	Anne Sikora C-144 Anthracite, PA
Honorable Mention (\$25.)	Helen Mary Kiuber C-100 Amsterdam, NY

An Essay Contest sponsored by the K of L Foundation, Inc. is an annual event. The prizes are approximately the same each year, only the topic changes. The 1993 contest will be announced shortly. Judges will include Directors of the K of L Foundation, and the 1992 winner, Anna Helen McDonald.

We thank all those who participated in the 1992 contest, and urge all members to give serious thought to the next contest's topic, to express those thoughts in writing, and enter the contest. Suggestions for a 1993 topic are also welcome.

What Impact did Lithuania's regained Independence have on me and my awareness of my Lithuanian heritage?

First Prize Winner

Anna Helen McDonald, C-144 Anthracite, PA

"The Dove of Peace was slowly fanning the spark of Freedom that was struggling to once again glow with an eternal flame."

I feel like that Dove - more determined than ever to do whatever is in my power to enlighten the people what a proud ancestry we have, struggling with a determination that one day Lithuania will be economically and independently free.

The impact was one of enlightenment. I began studying, researching and getting involved. I talked to people who had relatives in Lithuania, learning of their needs, their fears and most of all their dreams of the future.

I began writing to some new formed friends in Lithuania, exchanged ideas and our views on various matters. In my research I have found so many dear and valuable friends all with one interest - the future of our Lithuania, a land across the sea, struggling to firmly secure their freedom. I became involved in the Medical Aid to Lithuania as a liaison for our Amber District, also as an officer of our council. I wrote poetry including "Plea for Freedom" for Lithuania which is published in various papers. Proudly I wear my Lithuanian outfit when I attend certain functions and have a chance to speak. In one of the schools, a little boy came up to me and called me Mrs. Lithuania - Proud, yes! I am Lithuanian. Proud!

I also became Public Relations Chair writing to various publications and giving them updates on our activities, also taking photographs at all functions - remember the saying "one picture is worth a thousand words."

The awareness aroused my curiosity even more to fulfill my fondest dream - to one day travel to Lithuania - to share and compare our customs, likes and dislikes and our plans for the future. Širdingai Ačiū.



'SHOW OFF' WAS A PROUD BIRD

By Antonia Wackell

One summer's day, as we ambled along on Farmer Frank's country road, a feathered bulk dropped in our path, blasted the quiet, and scattered the grasshoppers.

This was none other than Show Off, the turkey, one of the nation's multi-million turkeys raised for the holiday tables. Turkeys cannot smell, but their eye is quick, and we suspected that this bird had observed us long before we were near the turkey enclosure. It was also apparent that since we were not accompanied by the Collie, there was nothing to prevent him from vaulting the fence to strut, swagger and show off before us. All male turkeys, wild and domestic, are vain and always crave admiration.

We scolded him for obstructing our progress, but the glint-eyed Tom garbled his gobbles and continued to strut before us.

TURKEY DIVE

Other turkeys, a portion of his harem, clucked near us; some scratched under the bushes for insects, a few chased grasshoppers, and others scolded the turkey cock for making a fool of himself - or so we thought. Then the turkey saw the Collie. The dance ended instantly. Show Off hoisted his wings to sail over the fence, but just as he was gaining altitude something went wrong and he nose-dived - an undignified heap of feathers - down among his wives. The clamor filled the area, and what they said could not be interpreted. Turkeys do not sing, but they do talk, and everything they say has a meaning. Unhappy Tom had a strong dose of turkey-talk to listen to.

Show Off was champion broadcaster of his own charms. He gobbled for one reason - to attract the hens. He would stand in one spot, on a tree limb, fence or ground; then dance, strut and gobble, so that all the hens would hear him.

Show Off was a portly, handsome 20-pounder who

wore his dress suit and tails of gorgeous feathers with pride and self-importance - that is, before he began to gobble. But during the summer, his constant whining and strutting gradually changed him from a bird of beauty to a scrawny thing, ugly



and dejected. He scarcely ate while he was courting, and would have starved to death but for the "breast sponge" that nature gives all turkeys.

RIGORS OF COURTING

About March when the gobbling season began, this sponge was full of fat, and his flesh was plump; but as he continued to vocalize, he ate almost nothing, continually drawing on his reservoir. When the gobbling season ended in August and September, he deserted all his wives. The other Toms all did the same. They now formed a friendly fraternity of unattached males, ignored their wives. From this point, there is a period of segregation when turkeys split into three groups - the old gobblers, the young gobblers, and the hens. They remain apart until the following spring.

By November, Show Off, his good looks returned, plumage back to normal, his corn-fed body round with nourishment, was again a splendid, bronzed American bird.

WORSHIPPED BY AZTECS

The early grandsires of the turkeys were once objects of worship by the Aztecs, a race of cultured native American people who settled in Mexico during the 14th century. At that time, the Indians and Spaniards tamed a species of wild turkey for domestic use, and this modern popular, large bronze variety descended from the original Mexican ancestor. Then about 1519 the domesticated species were exported from North America to Spain, and from there they were introduced into England and throughout Europe six years later. Other breeds were developed from the bronze turkey into whites, blacks, buffs, reds, parti-colored, and lately two new varieties. There are many species of domesticated birds, but the bronze is the most popular and the largest.

There was, and still is, another branch of the turkey family known as the wild turkey. Before this country was discovered, evidence shows that the Indians tried to domesticate the wild birds, and succeeded to a certain degree and called them "Furkees" or "Firkees." Others claimed that the turkey named itself by his call-notes "turk, turk, turk." There is an inclination to believe that the Indians coined the name we now use with minor alterations.

These wild birds were once numerous from Maine to Mexico, however, they were not regarded as highly as the Mexican variety. Here in New England, in the Indian days

of old, a chief set a questionable value on turkeys when he sent twenty birds to a certain captain (English) in exchange for twenty swords - and he got them too!

Turkeys hate to fly and only do so when they are compelled to cross water, protect themselves, or roost in

trees; so they were often caught with lariats by hunters in Texas. In upper New England, there were so many birds that "turkey-shoots" were a main attraction. And -oh, happy housewives! - a whole turkey sold for 24 and one-third cents in days gone by.

(The Evening Gazette)

CULINARY CONFLICT

By Ruth Nedbor

When my husband announced his retirement, I asked, "When do I retire?"

It seems I don't. Neither does he, really. Instead of 100 employees, he now has one, me, to direct — and the meals I have cooked and the housekeeping I have accomplished all these years have been done wrong and he will set me straight.

He began to do time-and-motion studies on my cooking movements. As he breathes over my shoulder, I have a difficult time trying to decide whether to let him cook the meal, or make him wear it. Breathing with controlled fury — after all you can't let his first day of retirement be his last — you hand him the spatula, saying, "Show me, dear, how you think it should be done, correctly," the last through clenched teeth as you wonder how does one survive the "golden years"?

You see the pattern ahead of you. He will follow you into the bedroom and tell you that in making up a bed you do first one side *completely* before going around to the other side. "That way you don't keep running around the bed, back and forth, back and forth, wasting all those steps." Probably true, but you like the way you have been doing it all these years, a tuck on this side, a pull on that side.

So you realize the time has come to make a decision.

It's not an easy one, but if you can pull it off, it can be a sanity saver. Whenever he wants to improve on you, have him do the job himself to show you how. Recognize it as one less thing for you to do. Turn steaming time into leisure time.

So he's going to cook the fried chicken well done, not "raw like you always do"? So temporarily remove the batteries from the smoke detector before going out into the back yard to pick a few flowers for the dinner table.

When you're not too keen on trimming the bushes, start the job in his presence and he will most certainly say, "Wrong!" and take over.

Marketing? You may end up with a lifetime supply of toilet paper because it was on sale. Be prepared to make room for bargains.

And so it goes, except eventually he may catch on when you say, "Show me," and he will either reply, "The hell with this" and get out of the kitchen and find something else to do, or he'll take over. Hope for the latter, because in that way you can share his retirement and you'll be glad you resisted the early temptation to kill him. If you had, who would do the income tax and balance the check book and who would there be to cuddle up against on a cold night?

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The Trials of Christopher Columbus

by Leo Venckus

This year, when the whole world celebrates the Quincentennial of the first recorded crossing of the Atlantic by the great discoverer Christopher Columbus, it is only fitting that people in the United States also join in the celebration because they have always, except a few misled or misinformed grunblers, held the name of Columbus in high esteem.

It is a well known fact that after George Washington, Columbus has more places named after him in the U.S. than anyone else. We have a city of Columbus in Ohio, in Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Similarly we have townships, towns, counties, rivers, villages, streets, squares and monuments in most, if not all, States in the U.S. Even Washington, our capital, is in the District of Columbia with a feminine ending - Columbia.

Let's see how we intend to celebrate the Quincentennial:

1. The largest exhibition ever held at the National Museum of Science and History (the Smithsonian) in Washington, DC opened on Oct. 12 (Columbus Day) and run until April 1993.
2. The city of Columbus, OH will have another replica of the Santa Maria docked on the Scioto River.
3. In Columbus, WI, they built a new statue of Christopher Columbus.
4. The largest World Fair "EXPO 1992" was opened at Seville, Spain on April 20, 1992. It displays replica ships of the *Santa Maria*, *Pinta* and *Nina* just to name the most important things.
5. A very impressive PBS documentary "COLUMBUS AND THE AGE OF DISCOVERY" that was aired on Oct. 6, 1991 and continued for four nights, will again soon be aired and repeated this year. Don't miss it.

These are only a few examples. No doubt, there will be many more.

With all this information easily available, it is hard to understand why some people take a one-sided stand and blame Columbus for the brutalities and atrocities of colonial rule that followed the discovery of the Americas. Columbus died on May 20, 1506 at Valladolid, Spain. How then could this man be responsible for what happened in 1640 when "... not a single Arawek Indian remained alive on the Bahama Island where Columbus had landed."

There was a special 6-page pullout AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS in the US News & World Report of July 8, 1991 (The Untold Story). Here we find that smallpox, typhus, measles, malaria, diphtheria and other diseases were the mass killers in that part of the new world. Here is a quotation:

"Early Americans suffered their share of ailments before Columbus arrived, including tuberculosis, parasitism, and dysentery. But the Indians had never known such Old World diseases as smallpox, measles and diphtheria. What had been childhood illnesses in Europe turned into mass killers in the Americas. Up and down the Western Hemisphere, native communities lost between 50% and 90% of their people. Most Indians died from the white man's germs without ever seeing a white man."

So please, don't blame Christopher Columbus for everything because he was a Catholic. If you really are a true protector of life, then also blame the Communists and the Nazis, as well, as our sex-crazy pro-abortionists in today's America. Tell them that they "cannot hide, and charge THEM with genocide."



Leo Venckus, a K of L member as well as an ardent Knights of Columbus member.



Let's talk Lithuanian — *Kalbėkime lietuviškai!*

Dalia Bulvičiūtė-Bulvičius
LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

Let me introduce you to two "friends" of mine — Pranelis (little Frankie) and Jonas (John). They are described in the following poems. After you have read them, decide which one of the fellows you would like as a friend.

Mūsų Pranelis

Rytą į mokyklą,
Eiti jau reikėjo.
O Pranelis mūsų,
Praustis nenorėjo...

Kuodas (hair) pasišiaušęs, (a mess),
Kaip žilvičio šluota. (broom made out of tree branches)
Rankos kaip kačergos, (coal shovels)
Nosis rašaluota (ink spotted).

Prausia (washing) katiniukas,
Rainąją burnelę. (clean mouth)
Ir tyliai dūmoje. (silently ponders)
Sau tokia dūmelę:

Gal vandens jis baidos, (afraid of water)
O gal bijo muilo. (soap)
Gal iš nepraustburnių, (dirty faced ones)
Išsiskirt (does not want to be separated
from them) jam gaila...

Būt gerai kad mama,
Šauktų (called him) ne "Pranuk",
O kaip tą degliuką: (piglet)
"Kur eini, čiuk-čiuk..."



Jonas

Sveikas ir raudonas,
Buvo mūsų Jonas.
Vasarą ir žiemą,
Bėgiojo po kiemą.
Džiaugėsi viščiukais,
Žaidė su kačiukais.
Ir iš smėlio statė,
Sau pilis gražiausias.
Į jį pažiūrėję,
Žmonės taip kalbėjo:
— Ak, koks geras vaikas,
Švarkas nesuveltas, (not wrinkled)
Kelnės neatspurę,
Jo rankutės baltos
Nors daug darbo turi.
Švarios net ir ausys.
Nes kasdien jis prausias

Match the countries:

- | | |
|---------------|---------|
| 1. Vokietija | Finland |
| 2. Olandija | Italy |
| 3. Suomija | Sweden |
| 4. Vengrija | Germany |
| 5. Lenkija | France |
| 6. Prancūzija | Spain |
| 7. Švedija | China |
| 8. Ispanija | Denmark |
| 9. Kinija | Holland |
| 10. Danija | Hungary |

SENOLIŲ IŠMINTIS — ANCIENT WISDOM

Sava duona gardesnė už svetimus pyragus.
-o-
Visur gera, bet namie geriausia.
-o-
Nors ubagu mirsiu, savo krašto neužmiršiu.
-o-
Ir višta eina kiaušinių dėti savon gūžton.
-o-
Geresnė sava lūšnelė už svetimą palocių.
-o-
Duoną taupyk rytojui, ne darbą.

Lithuanians in the News

HOUSE CALLS STILL PART OF PHYSICIAN'S PRACTICE

For most part, house calls have become a thing of the past, but to Dr. Stephen Kolesk, they're considered a key part of family practice.

Dr. Stephen Kolesk resides in Delran, NJ with his wife Kathy and three children. He has been making house calls since he began his Mt. Laurel practice in 1981. Driving to and from a patient's home takes a lot of time, Kolesk usually limits house calls to patients living within a 20-mile radius of his office. However, he has gone farther afield when the situation warrants.

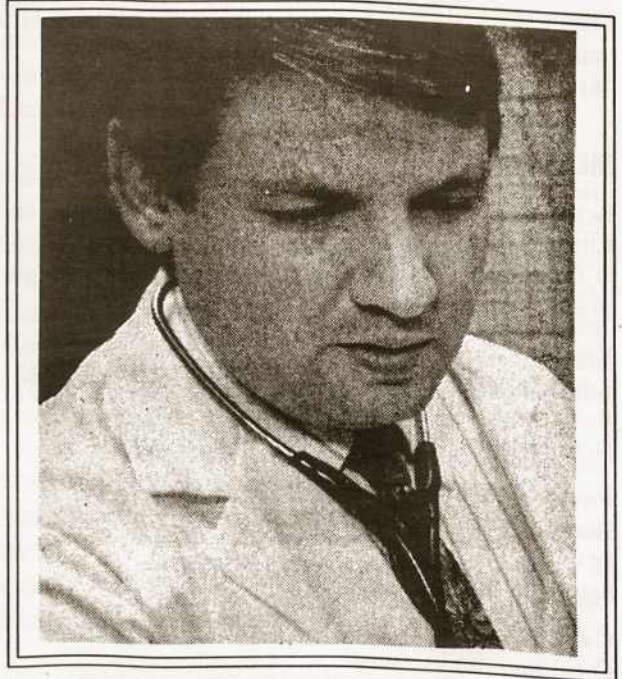
A board-certified family practitioner, Kolesk works with four other doctors, all of whom set aside time each week for routine calls to patients who are elderly, infirm, or otherwise unable to visit the office. The only stipulation is that the person be one of the doctor's patients.

A 1978 graduate of University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Kolesk said he decided to become a doctor "to do some good for some people. I wanted to guide them through illness, be able to intervene and help them get better." He is chief of family practice at Memorial Hospital in Burlington County, is also the physician for the Mount Laurel schools. The Center for Home Health Development named him Burlington County's Physician of the Year. In addition, he was named by the Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association as the Samuel Emlen Stokes Physician of the Year. He said he does what he does simply because he enjoys the challenge of family practice.

Dr. Stephen Kolesk is the son of Stella & Mitchell Marcinauskis of Shelton, CT and the late Henry C. Kolesk. Stella is a member of C-12 New York and Mitchell a member of C-141 Bridgeport.

NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Gov. Jim Edgar greets Dr. Don Tjunelis, newly appointed member of the Illinois State Board of Professional Engineers. Dr. Tjunelis is vice president of research and development for Viskase Corporation. He has business and chemical engineering degrees from Purdue, Northwestern and Nova Universities and is a registered engineer.



Dr. Stephen Kolesk



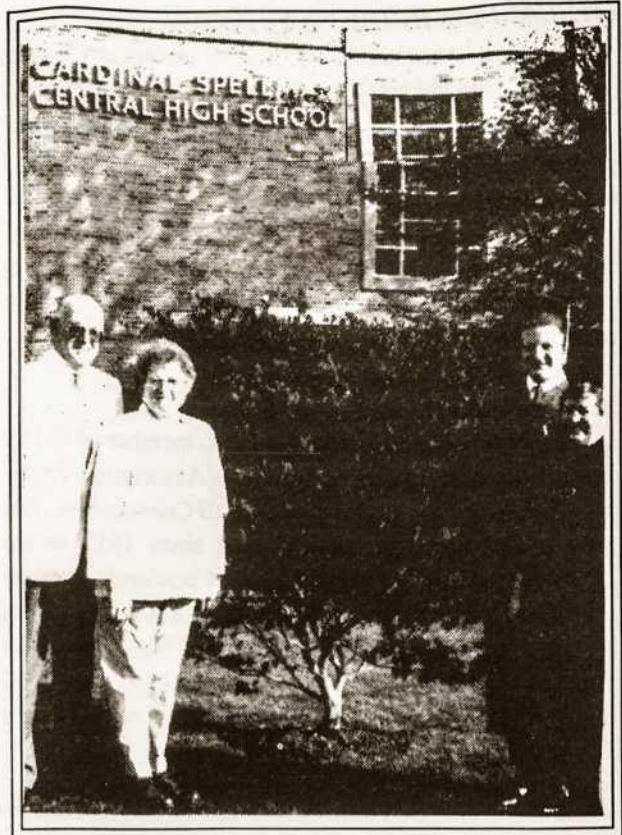
Dr. Don Tjunelis greeted by Gov. Jim Edgar

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS (Cont'd)

A 25-YEAR TRADITION ENDS AT CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL IN BROCKTON, MA

In a world with so many crumbling family structures, the Dillis family of Brockton is surely an exceptional. With love and a lot of faith, Robert & Emily Dillis have managed to raise sixteen healthy and happy children. They also managed to send every single one of them to Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton, MA. For the past twenty-five years, they have been welcome and familiar faces at the school. So much so, that a tree was recently planted in their honor at the entrance to the school. Nine daughters and seven sons completed their high school education there. The Dillis' spent twenty-five years of active membership in the Parents Association, 25 years of tuition and fund raisers, 25 years of parent/teacher conferences, open houses and registrations, 25 years of packing lunches and working bingo, coming to theater productions and other Spellman activities, only 6 of those years was there but one student in the school, 4 years with two, 15 years with three and one year with four students.

Sister Thomasine recognized the contributions of the Dillis family at the 1992 awards night where their youngest son, John, was in the graduating class of 1992. Congratulations to both the Dillis' parents and children for a job well done!



Robert & Emily Dillis with youngest son, John, and Sister M. Thomasine Knowlton, CSJ in front of tree planted in honor of their outstanding contribution to the High School in Brockton.

CAPTURES MISS CONNECTICUT CROWN

Valorie Abate of North Haven captured the Miss Connecticut crown in June of this year. Valorie is a coloratura soprano won the talent award in her group for her exquisite performance of "Carnival of Venice" and was also the swim suit winner in her group.

An active member of the community and an avid volunteer for many charitable causes, Valorie also won a \$500 cash award for her "Quality of Life" project. She also competed in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City for the Miss America crown.

At C-50 New Haven's St. Casimir Day commemoration in March, Valorie sang beautifully at mass. She, her parents and grandparents are members of C-50.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH AT GENESEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Audrone Mazeika, office manager and bookkeeper for her husband's office, Dr. Denis Mazeika, an ophthalmol-



Valorie Abate

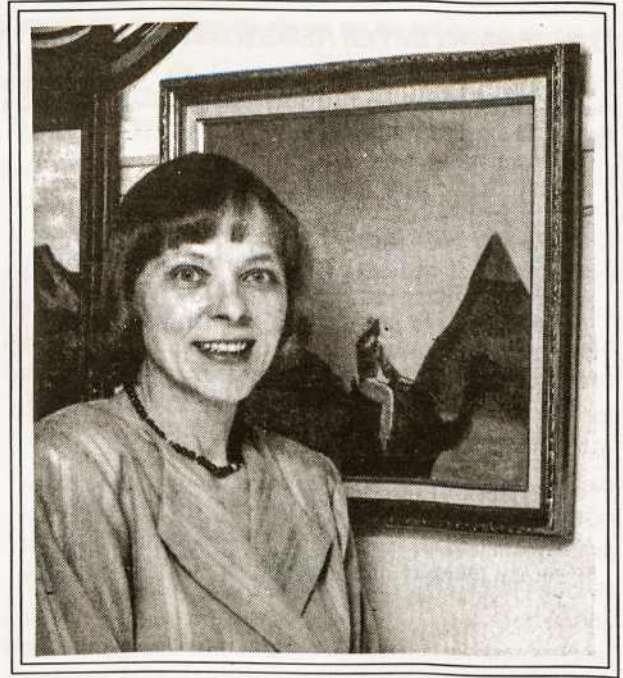
LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS (Cont'd)

ogy practice in Batavia, NY, was named Artist of the Month at Genesee Memorial Hospital. She is a member of the Batavia Society of Artists. Having previously concentrated on oils, she has branched out into water color.

In addition, Audrone has been assisting in gathering and transporting medical supplies to Lithuania and has adopted an orphanage as well. Her Lithuanian heritage is reflected in many of her paintings.

RECEIVES AWARD

George Andrew Antonelli, K of L member of C-155 Burlington, NC, received the Alumni Association Freshman Award at Davidson College's Fall Convocation. The award has been presented annually since 1917 to the sophomore who attained the highest academic average during the freshman year. He attained a 4.0. A physics major, he is a 1991 graduate of Chapel Hill High School. He is the son of Dr. & Mrs. George Antonelli of Chapel Hill and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Bond of Chapel Hill. We congratulate George.



Audrone M. Mazeika named "Artist of the Month" at Genesee Memorial Hospital

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LETTERS

CONVENTION GREETINGS

Greetings to all assembled at the 79th National Convention of "Lietuvos Vyčiai". It is a pleasure to extend our wishes for continued success in all your undertakings. Lithuania has regained her freedom, but she will need our support even more in the difficult years ahead. I have no doubt that the K of L's will be in the forefront of this endeavor.

Have a happy and fruitful convention!

Dale V. Murray

Lithuanian American Roman Catholic Women's Alliance

(Ed. The above letter was received after the convention ended).

SCHOLARSHIP THANK-YOU'S

Dear K of L Scholarship Committee:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the \$1,000 scholarship that was granted to me by the Knights of Lithuania. This scholarship will help me in the years I

spend studying nursing at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL.

I would like to thank the committee for taking the time to evaluate my efforts and reward them with a scholarship. I think that this scholarship program is very beneficial and helps student Knights become better educated people.

I plan on remaining an active member and continue working and guiding the junior Knights of C-24. I would like to return the generosity that was passed on to me. Nuoširdus Ačiū.

Dana Butts

Dear Scholarship Committee:

Thank you for the Scholarship Award that I received from the Knights of Lithuania. This award will help me greatly with my school expenses.

The Knights of Lithuania has always been a very important activity in my family. The organization has instilled in me my sense of being Lithuanian and this has given me a great sense of pride.

Thank you very much with helping me with my financial expenses at school.

Carol Ann Drumstis, C-3

THANKS CONVENTION ATENDEES

Dear Fellow Knights:

On behalf of the 79th National Convention Committee, I wish to thank all who attended and who contributed by placing an ad in our convention program book.

Because of you, we had a profit of just a little over \$6,000. We distributed this money as follows: \$2,000 to Aid to Lithuania, \$2,000 to St. Casimir's Guild, \$1,000 to Camp Ausra and \$1,000 to the Supreme Council. We also took \$1,000 from our Treasury to give to the Aid to the Lithuanian Orphans.

Without you we could not have made these contributions. We are most grateful. May our Patron St. Casimir bless you all.

*Anne Klizas Wargo
C-144 Anthracite, PA
Convention Chair*

Dear Vytis Editor:

I would like to thank the scholarship committee for selecting me for an award this year from the Knights of Lithuania and I would like to thank each member of the Knights for making such an award possible.

I have enjoyed being a member of the Knights and appreciate learning about my Lithuanian heritage.

Susan Rutledge



EVEN PAVAROTTI WAS IMPRESSED

by Dalia Bulvicius

Last year a wonderful singer arrived from Lithuania to study in the U.S. - Asta Krikščiūnaitė. She wrote a letter to Luciano Pavarotti inquiring whether she could audition for him. Much to her surprise, he agreed. She sent him a tape at which time she was later invited to participate in a contest. The contest was held in Town Hall in New York City. She sang Mimi's aria from LaBoheme. At this point, Pavarotti asked her to sing other songs. Few singers got a similar opportunity; however, others just received a curt "Thank You". Asta was then invited to the finals wherein 1500 singers appeared from twenty-five nations. 125 additional singers were chosen to appear. The finals will be held in Philadelphia and we wish this Lithuanian much success and luck!

Asta sings often at various Lithuanian affairs. She has



Asta Krikščiūnas

sung for C-12 in New York City at Our Lady of Vilna Church with the entire choir during Mass.

VACATION IN SUNNY FLORIDA. Room and bath, air condition, pool, breakfast \$200 per week. Without breakfast \$150. Near shopping malls and beach. A. Zupko, 5886 Guest Court, North Fort Myers, FL 33903. Tel. (813) 656-5886.



Lithuanian Kitchen

Lietuviška Virtuvė

BULVIŲ BLYNAI (Potato Pancakes)

5-6 bulvės, 2-3 kiaušinių tryniai, 1-2 baltymai, truputis druskos.

Bulvės plonai nulupamos ir smulkiai sutarkuojamos. Į tarkinius sudedami tryniai, truputis druskos ir gerai išplakti kiaušinių baltymai. Tešla išmaišoma ir tuoj kepama. Kad blynai būtų skanesni, neprisigertų per daug riebalų, jų nereikia vartyti kelis kartus. Iškeptų nereikia dėti vienas anto kito, nuo to jie ne tokie skanūs. Blynai valgomi su grietine, sumaišyta su bruknių arba spanguolių uogiene, o kas mėgsta saldžiai, tam geriausiai tiks braškų uogienė. Prie šių blynų tinka ir šildytas sviestas su grietine arba skanūs spirgučiai su grietine.

Kas mėgsta minkštesnius blynus, į paruoštą tešlą gali dar įdėti 2-3 šaukštus grietinės ir 1-2 šaukštus tirpinto sviesto ar spirgučių. Iš tokios tešlos orkaitėje galima kepti viena didelį blyną. Jis keps 20-30 min. kol paviršius gerai pagels. Prie šio bulvinio blyno tinka grietinės su varške dažinys arba spirgučiai su grietine.

(Gardus Valgiai - K. Buožyte - Brundziene)

CARROT SOUP - Morkų Sriuba

3 cups chopped carrots	6 tbsp. water)
1 large potato, diced	5 tbsp. flour) - mix
6 - 8 cups water	1/2 cup tomatoes
2 boullion cubes	(fresh or canned)
salt, pepper to taste	1 Tbsp. chopped dill

Into saucepan, add carrots, potatoes, water, boullion cubes, bring to a boil. Slowly add flour paste to boiling soup. Add tomatoes. Cook until vegetables are done. Season. Serve with garnish of chopped dill and dollop of butter.

POTATO CABBAGE ROLLS

Bulvių Balandėliai

8 peeled, grated potatoes	Water
1 egg	1 pint sour cream
1/2 cup farina, uncooked	4 Tbsp. butter
1 tsp. salt	1/2 cup milk
pepper to taste	3 Tbsp. flour
1 med. head cabbage	2-3 lemon slices

Peel cabbage leaves and soften in hot water. In mixing bowl, add drained grated potatoes, farina, egg and season-

ings. Mix well. Divide potato mixture and place on cabbage leaves; roll up. Place cabbage rolls into saucepan; cover with water, add lemon slices. Cook on top of stove for about 1 hr. or until done. In another saucepan, melt butter, add flour, mix; add milk and cook until thickened; add sour cream and bring to simmer. Serve hot sauce over cabbage rolls.

CRANBERRY ORANGE LOAF CAKE

Spanguolių Apelsinas Pyragaitis

4 Tbsp. melted butter/oleo	3/4 cup milk
2 large eggs	3/4 cup orange juice
1 cup sugar	2 Tbsp. grated orange rind
2 tsp. baking powder	1-1/2 cup chopped cranberries
1 tsp. baking soda	3/4 cup chopped nuts (optional)
3 cups flour	
1 tsp. salt	

Sift flour, baking powder and soda, salt into small bowl. Beat eggs and sugar in mixing bowl until well blended; add melted butter/oleo, orange rind, milk and orange juice. Mix well. Stir in the flour mixture until moistened. Add cranberries and nuts. Do NOT overmix. Pour into well buttered pans and bake at 350° for 50-60 min.

Let stand for a few minutes before serving.

PLUM PRESERVES

Slyvų Preservai

4 lbs. plums, washed, pitted and cut up into small pieces - 1/2 cup water - 1-2 cups sugar (to taste)

Place cut up plums and water into a large saucepan. Cook on a low boil, stirring often to prevent burning for 1 hour. Add sugar to taste, and cook for another hour, adding small amount of water, if necessary. Taste and add more sugar if needed. When fruit is very soft and liquid thickened, remove from heat and pour into sterilized jars and seal OR cool and pour into freezer containers and freeze. Will keep frozen for up to six months, if not eaten before.



Council News

Vyčiai Veikia

MID AMERICA DISTRICT

Gražų rugpjūčio 19 d. rytą jau prieš 6-tą val. rinkosi L. Vyčių choro nariai į seselių kazimieriečių kiemą kur jų laukė specialus autobusas. Choro išvyka ruošiamą kasmė, kviečiant Illinois parodų komitetui, kuris pasirūpino nemokama choro transportacija. Išvykai vadovavo choro valdybos pirm. Sabina Henson ir dirigentas muz. Faustas Strolija.

Pasiekę valstijos sostinę Springfieldą, vykome tiesiai į parodą aikštę. Lietuviams skirta programa turėjo prasidėti tik 4 val. p.p. Aplinkui stovėjo specialus namukai, kuriuose buvo ruošiami įvairių tautų valgiai. Lietuvių namukas buvo su valgių sarašu prie sienos; buvo lietuviški balandėliai, dešros, kugelis, virtiniai ir kt. Tik gaila kad nebuvo lietuviškų šaltų barščių.

Paklajoję apie pora valandų ir apžiūrėję įvairius gerų veislių ir spalvą arklius, tešmingas karves, radome ir didžiulį lenktynių studioną kur vyko arklių rishia bėganciu lenktynės, o minia sėdėjo specialiose keliolikos aukštų sėdynėse, stebėdama grakščiai bėgančius žirgus, tempiančius dvirati lengvutį vežimuką ir jame sėdintį to arklio savininkų. Po to stebėjome etnines programas. Kroatų programa įvyko prieš pietus, o po pietų pradėjo lenkai. Programa užsitęsė net po 4-tos val. Tuo po jų prasidėjo lietuvių programa. Buvo dainuojamos populiarios lietuvių dainos. Mūsų programa užsitęsė apie 50 min., tik tos publikos nebuvo daug, tad ir plojimai nebuvo audringi. Po to vyko juodųjų sportininkų grupės pasirodymas kuris sukėlė visų didelį susidomėjimą.

Taip laikas greitai prabėgo, ir mes prieš pusę aštuntos skubėjome prie savo autobuso, kuris mus vežė namolio. Namus pasekėme jau po 11 val. ir visas Marquette Parkas jau miegojo. Su šiuo pasirodymu Liet. Vyčių choras daug pasitarnavo lietuvių vardo pagarsinimui Illinois sostinėje. Tuo tarpu kiti lietuvių chorai atostogauja. *APB*

MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT

The annual autumn meeting of MAD took place on Sept. 27 at Transfiguration Lithuanian parish, Maspeth. Host was C-110. No matter how many times one visits this beautiful church, one cannot fail to be impressed by it. About 200 Knights and guests gathered for Mass celebrated by Pastor Emeritus of the parish, Msgr. Frank

Bulovas, Rev. Stasys Raila and Rev. Jonas Pakalniskis. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wicks, was present in the sanctuary. Msgr. Bulovas in his homily, spoke of his close association with Rev. Raila and wished him many more healthy years. In an impressive ceremony, Msgr. Bulovas bestowed the Fourth Degree on Jean Mactutis in Church.

After Mass, a heavenly aroma lured us to the hall. A huge repast awaited us and fortified us for our meeting which was an important one - election time. The dias was decorated with flowers and ruta. A large sign over the head table proclaimed: LAI MEILĖS LIEPSNA NIEKADOS NEUŽGĖSTA TARP MŪSŲ! (May the flame of love never be extinguished among us). C-110 pres. Bruno Rutkunas welcomed us and spoke a few words about our guest of honor, Fr. Raila. Led by Joe Thomas, a rousing "Ilgiausių Metų" filled the hall. Here, Fr. Raila corrected the singers by saying, "It's not Ilgiausių Metų but Dienu. At my age, I am counting days and I hope to be counting still next year when in April I'll be sixty years a priest."

After everyone calmed down, Pres. John Sakal opened the meeting. After the reading of minutes by Jeanne Janonis, reports of Board members followed. Msgr. Bulovas spoke about appreciating what we have. Cultural chair, Ed Cook, spoke about Tautos Diena about which little is known. In our opinion, the best, as always, report came from Lithuanian Affairs Chair, Bernice Aviza. She spoke about working to have the Darius & Girenas stamp published for the 60th anniversary. Connie Newadowich & Ann Morrissey gave out petitions and sample letters to be sent to the Postmaster General. Bernice told us she had a few chats with Senator Al D'Amato (R-NY) who promised, if elected, would help us in this endeavor.

Elections followed. Our new president is Bernice Aviza from C-136 Hudson-Mohawk. Mary Abbott spoke about the T-shirts which Grateful Dead sponsored for the Lithuanian Olympians. Anyone interested in obtaining these shirts, can contact Mary Abbott, 40-28 Locust Ave., Sunnyside, NY 11104. Part of the profits will go towards the K of L if ordered through Mrs. Abbott.

Next meeting will be held March 14, 1993 at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, NY. It will be nice to "sample" a new location. After the official meeting, there

were more "eats" and a huge lottery. C-110 was a wonderful host. Ačiū labai! Invite us back again.

Dalia Bulvicius



A few Mid-Atlantic District members at a social get together

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

More than 100 delegates, members and guests from nine councils filled Founders Hall of St. George's Church in Norwood, MA on Sunday Sept. 20 for the fall meeting of NED. C-27 hosts greeted early arrivals and offered coffee and goodies. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Wm. Valkavičius assisted by Eucharistic Minister Al Jarvis. A lovely lunch awaited us at noon, and gave us a little time to socialize with members from various councils.

Pres. Al Akule opened the meeting by asking Fr. Valkavičius for the opening prayer. Norwood pres. Betty Skricki cordially welcomed fellow Knights. Since this is the third anniversary of the death of former NED pres. Al Jaritis - and only two months since vice pres. Frank Peterson was called from our midst, Pres. Akule requested our remembrance of the two much-loved K of Lrs. Fr. Valkavičius led us in a prayerful "Ave". A Mass from the District was also offered. A resolution was voted upon to donate \$25.00 to the scholarship fund in the name of Al Jaritis to commemorate his anniversary.

Greeting were extended by Fr. Baltrašunas. Fr. Janiunas and Fr. Contons were in Lithuania with the Priests' League this summer and brought back many lasting memories. On the Hill of Crosses at Šiauliai, an 8' wooden cross was erected. It was brought over on SAS. Due to Al Mitkus' (Baltic Travel) clever intervention with authorities, SAS didn't charge for transporting the cross. The people in

Lithuania knew about K of L efforts, persistence and many accomplishments.

Sylvester Marcavage substituted for absent Irene Tamulevich, trustee. He and Helen Dallalis reviewed and signed the books. There were two candidates for the NED scholarship this year. Our best wishes to Jennifer Laukaitis-Vasquez, C-141, and Linda March, C-26. A delegates' convention report was read by Lee Marcinka and Helen Gudczauskas. Eva Ball C-17 was the recipient of the 4th Degree medal in church. Ann Petrus, C-141, received her 3rd degree medal. Both recipients received their certificates by Rita Pinkus. Congratulations!

Bertha Stoskus read a cordial letter of thanks from Stasys Lozoraitis for the \$100. donation sent to the Embassy in Washington. A decision was made to again take a full page ad for the Christmas issue of VYTIS. Individual well-wishers were also invited to partici-

pate.

The election of officers brought a few changes. Retiring Pres. Akule expressed his thanks to all officers, chairpersons, delegates and members for their involvement and hard work to make NED the worthy organization that it is. Al took over the leadership after Al Jaritis died. We welcome our newly elected president, Bertha Stoskus. We wish you well.



Outgoing Pres. Akule handing gavel to incoming NED President Bertha Stoskus.



NED Meeting in Norwood. Rita Pinkus, ritual chair, Ann Petrus, Third Degree recipient and Eva Ball, Fourth Degree recipient.



Virtuoso duo - Gediminas Stanaitis, flutist & Rev. W. Valkavičius, violinist at NED meeting in Norwood.

The main fund raiser for the scholarship fund, the annual Cultural Festival, at Maironis Park hosted by C-7 Waterbury and C-116 So. Worcester was a huge success. Many thanks to all who helped in any way. Looking ahead, Helen Dallalis announced there were only four rooms left at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunk for the NED retreat on June 25-27, 1993. If interested, please send your reservations early.

Guest Gediminas Stanaitis, flutist (who played with St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra in Russia for 16 years) and violin virtuoso Fr. Valkavičius entertained with a brief but pleasing concert after the meeting. Our compliments to the efficient, hard-working hosts of C-27 for their cordial

hospitality and delicious food. A great Lietuviška Ačiū!

The spring meeting will be held in Providence, RI on April 25, 1993. Hope to see you at that time.

Aldona Marcavage

C-1 BROCKTON, MA

Garbė Jezui Kristiui. Per Amžius!

"In the good ol' summer time" has turned to "Autumn leaves". How fast the time has passed! Our C-1 has been busy about many things. Member Frances Bumila traveled to Lithuania with the Lithuanian Children's Relief Fund project, which delivered 40,000 lbs. of Gerber food for six orphanages. She and two members of LCR personally escorted the food and met with the administrators of the project, to insist the food was intended for the children and not for the black market. They also examined the area where the food was to be stored in order to be assured that the food would be protected from theft while awaiting proper disposal. Tears came to her eyes as she relates stories of feeding some of the children with baby food. Thank you, ačiū, Pranutė for your dedication and time for such a worthwhile cause.

June came forth with the promise of summer and song. The Bizinkauskas sisters, Marytė and Veronica Cote put on a splendid concert to benefit the scholarship fund. It was held at the So. Boston Lithuanian Club. Each time the young ladies sang, the applause got louder and louder and braves stronger and stronger.

Our youngest member, Scott Kelley, with the help of C-1 donation, had the privilege of traveling with Dr. Martin Dunn to Ecuador to serve and help the children there. The doctor travels several times a year to do facial surgery for the poor children. He is planning a trip to Lithuania for the same purpose. As a Christian service project, Cardinal Spellman High School encourages its students to travel with Dr. Dunn and other volunteers to offer their services. Scott, we're proud of you.

Brockton's Sunday in the Park is growing each year. C-1 came out in full swing. The famous "K" dinner was served - kielbasi (dešros), kugelė and kapustai. Delicious. Many Lithuanian items were on display including amber, womens' items and kankles, the stringed instrument of Lithuania. This caught the attention of many visitors.

Daisey Rūta

C-3 PHILADELPHIA, PA

C-3 welcomed all of its members back to the first fall meeting on Sept. 20. Victor Stepalovitch, John Mickunas,

Leonard Kapochus, Walt & Irene Svekla, Julia Kowrak, Lillian Greymas & Irene Ozalis, delegates to the national convention gave their reports and relayed all the news of the convention. We're happy that our members took an active part in the convention. John Mickunas was co-chair of the presidium, Agnes Mickunas & Irene Svekla worked on the Mandate Committee and Barbara Mickunas was elected to the scholarship committee.

We congratulate this year's scholarship recipients and especially our own members Carolann Drumstas & Daina Kapochus and wish them success as they continue their studies. Also, our council takes great pride in one of its very active members, Victor Stepalovitch, on his being awarded the 4th Degree in Allentown. Valio, Victor! You're a good member and a friend to all.

Our condolences to the family of Frank Peterson. We remember him in our prayers. Our sincere thank you to C-144 convention committee for hosting a successful, hard working and enjoyable convention. We enjoyed the Amber District party and hope it becomes a regular event. We congratulate the newly elected National Board and pledge our loyal support Welcome home to our members who visited Lithuania this summer: Nellie Pandza, Alice Bacon, Dorothy Machonis, Fr. Anderlonis, Philip Bomblauskas and Dolores Herbert. We love to see your pictures and hear of your adventure while getting first hand news of what is happening in Lithuania.

Our good friend and member, Joe Drumstas, is recuperating from hip surgery. We wish you a fast and full recovery, Joe! On Oct. 3, St. Casimir Church kicked off its 100th anniversary year with an Oktoberfest featuring polka music and a buffet On Oct. 25, St. George Church celebrated its 90th anniversary with a mass of thanksgiving and a banquet at Dugan's Restaurant. Our greetings and congratulations to both parishes A committee is forming and plans are beginning for our annual Kučios.

Irene Svekla

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

At the fall meeting of NED, three Gardner members were elected as officers: Howie Beaudette, 1st V.P.; Bill Wisniauskas, 2nd V.P.; Blanche Genaitis, scholarship committee. Thank you Norwood for the great hospitality.

Our council is sponsoring a Lietuviška Vakariene to benefit the building fund of St. Francis Church. Repair work done to the facade of the church will cost \$60,000 Our council's summer outing was held on Aug. 23 at the Lithuanian Outing Club in Gardner. The weather was

perfect and all enjoyed themselves with the variety of goodies. It was great to have a former pastor, Fr. Justin Steponaitis, and spiritual advisor, Fr. Joe Jurgelonis with us.

Sophie Fiorentino spent a month in Alaska visiting with three of her sons David Lucas & Brone Wisniauskas are taking courses at the Community College in Gardner The welcome mat is extended to new member, Anna Matukas Wilson of Gardner. Anna is active in several clubs and we do hope she brings some of her expertise to add to ours Our condolences are extended to the Peterson family on the untimely death of Frank from New Haven. Also to Tony Miner on the death of his father who reached the age of 99. May they rest in peace.

Henry Joseph Karpowich of Gardner reached the age of 103 in October, making him the oldest Lithuanian in the area. He was born in the parish of Merkinė, Lithuania.

We wish all the readers of VYTIS a Happy Thanksgiving!
Vincukas

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

Now that the summer months are behind us, C-12 started its Sept. meeting with zeal and much enthusiasm. The attendance was good and each member contributed to the making of an interesting meeting. Our Lady of Vilnius Church is the council's prime concern. Parish problems inevitably become C-12's problems. Donations are being made to install new restrooms in the parish hall as well as new windows for the rectory kitchen. This endeavor will be completed with much help from the Knickerbocker Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Jovita Sleder visited Lithuania for about a month this summer. She was gracious to let us view four albums of photos and books Connie Nehwadowich, in her inimitable fashion, apprised the council of the rally on Sept. 17 at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. This event had a two-fold purpose: 1. to bring attention that Lithuania has been a member of the United Nations for one year, and 2. to protest the presence of Soviet troops in Lithuania. Petitions were provided by Connie and signed by all the members.

The MAD meeting was held on Sept. 27 at Transfiguration Church. Maspeth council, as usual, were the perfect hosts. We had twenty members present. With election of new officers to the District, three of C-12's members were elected. Congratulations to Connie Nehwadowich, Lithuanian Affairs; Anthony Yakovonis, Cultural; and Ed Senken, 1st V.P. Congratulations also go to Fr. Raila on his 85th birthday and also sixty years as a priest. Ad Multos Annos!

.... Congratulations to Sept. birthday babies: Julia Gomez, Ed Cook and Vincent Cuperwich. *Irene*

C-16 CHICAGO, IL

With summer behind us we hope everyone is well, rested and looking forward to the fall. Our council held its first meeting since the convention on Sept. 16. We re-elected our current officers for a second term. All of our officers are doing a great job and we thank them for their leadership and time We were treated to a wonderful slide presentation by member, Vyto Gestautas, on his trip to Lithuania earlier this year. Vyto and his lovely wife Loretta traveled to Lithuania as part of the Lithuanian-American Lawyers Conference held this May.

Under the direction of our Pres., Peter Zansitis, we look forward to a year full of enjoyable activities to promote the Lithuanian culture in our multi-ethnic neighborhood. We will be hosting the Mid-America District meeting on Sun., Dec. 6, our annual St. Casimir's Day commemoration, this year being co-chaired by our council and the Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliary Chapter 2 in March 1993, our annual Dumpling Dinner, in April '93, originally scheduled for Oct. '92. We also look forward to hosting the National Board in Chicago in either March or June of '93. Besides our activities, our council will be attending as many functions of our fellow Knights as possible. We look forward to attending C-36 Annual Candlelight Dinner in Dec., the Mid-America District Choir Dinner/Dance in Jan. '93, the Mid-America District's Annual "Memories of Lithuania" banquet in Feb. '93 and the MAMD St. Casimir's Day mass and luncheon, being hosted by C-14 in March '93.

Our council continues to be active in aiding Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc. Over the past year we were able to send over \$500 worth of much needed supplies to orphanages in Lithuania. We will be sending another shipment out prior to the holiday season Our next meeting will be held Wed., Nov. 18. Please attend.

C-25 CLEVELAND, OH

Our first meeting after summer break had a good attendance. Reports of the 79th National Convention were given by the delegates. Eight members were able to make the trip. Our note worthy representative Albina Wallace, received her 4th degree at the closing Mass of the convention. Congratulations!

With deep regrets we said "Su Diev" to Ignas Viskas. Ritual was held at Jakubs Funeral Home. He joins

his wife who passed away in May. They were two great long standing members of the K of L. May they rest in peace Speedy recoveries are extended to Nellie Arunski, Steve Yurkovich and Jim Thompson. Also good luck to Gene Kunsaitis, 1st v.p., on his pending knee surgery With great pleasure we welcome back Joan Ortman to our fold. Remember mama, Mary Susan of yesteryear? Nice to see you again Joan Our Nominating Committee and Christmas Social committees are gearing up for the next two occasions, election of officers and the holiday Sadly to say, only a few members supported the Lithuanian Club Picnic in August and the rededication of the bust of Rev. Maciulis Maironis, a poet and priest, at the Cultural Gardens in Rockefeller Park, Cleveland on Sept. 13 in conjunction with One World Day.

We wish all readers of VYTIS a Happy Thanksgiving!
Dolly-O



Albina Wallace, C-25 Cleveland - Fourth Degree recipient at national convention.

C-26 WORCESTER, MA

We pray for the health of Marion March and Bill Buckley who are home from the hospital. Belated condolences to the families of Mildred Lapinskas, Joseph Bacys and Frances Degutis on the death of his sister, Adele Griffin.

Bart & Marion March celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary - Linkiame jiems geros sveikatos. A few members of C-26 attended a tea for the Aid to Lithuania Fund in Lawrence. Thank you, John, it was a nice treat. And, thanks to Marion, I took home some cuttings of Ruta for my herb garden At our Sept. meeting we welcomed new member, Mae Bucinskas and Fr. John Petrauskas reminisced about our last convention held in 1960. Ruth Sarafinas of Holden is chairing the upcoming 80th National Convention which will be held August 12-15, 1993 at the Marriott Hotel Ed Meilus, Jr. will offer a mini Lithu-

anian language series during our monthly meetings. Come and learn some new words Guy Glodis finished strongly in the Massachusetts primaries for the state senate seat. He is the son of State Representative, William Glodis. Good luck to both of you in the Nov. election Nine delegates attended the Fall NED meeting in Norwood. Thank you Betty, Louise, Helen and all. We had a nice time.

Barb Pantos

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

Several C-50 members took part in the Day of Prayer for Lithuania at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford. After they proceeded to the Wayside Cross where they were able to view the memorial inscriptions.

We extend sincere condolences to the families of members Alexander Gedrim, Adele Yanus, Rose Kacillas and Estelle Harrison. Our sympathy is also extended to Frances Prishwalko on the loss of her brother Our Lithuanian Affairs Chair continues to keep us up to date with news of Lithuania. Joseph Karmuza was able to share with us some highlights of his recent trip there. He and the Vetra dance group are tentatively planning to participate in a future dance festival in Lithuania.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Audrey Toole

C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

Sr. Dolorita, OSF (Albina Butkus of Elizabeth) and Sr. Michelle of Michigan, have left for Lithuania in October for a three year assignment. Both sisters will work in social services, nursing, education and catechism On Aug. 16 our council sponsored a bus ride to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestachowa in PA. Helen Karalis was in charge. Due to bad weather, our picnic was held indoors HM Annie Matalavich was a delegate to the 79th National Convention in Allentown. Elizabeth C-52 was reorganized in 1937 and held a national convention in 1949.

For the past twenty years, Bertha Delasey has been arranging yearly bus trips to the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunk, ME. The Franciscan Friary presented Bertha with a bouquet of flowers and a birthday cake at dinner in celebration of her many years of service to the Altar Society and the Monastery. A birthday wish and song was offered by the group and by the ten novices who are studying at the Monastery.

William Senkus

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

My 100% Irish friend, Mary McCarthy, and I went on a tour to Lithuania. We traveled to Kaunas and visited



Nellie Romanas, Marie Laske and Rev. J. Anderlonis while traveling in Lithuania.

several churches. St. Mykolas the Archangel's Church was being refurbished by women and girls on scaffolds. We gave 500 rosaries to three priests. We had three different English speaking guides and saw so many beautiful places. The young people dress very American with washed jeans and are full of enthusiasm. We traveled to Klaipeda. We walked by the Baltic Sea and a few lucky people found tiny pieces of amber. The Baltics are agricultural countries. We also visited the Hill of Crosses which was breath taking, a sight that will never be forgotten. Entering Vilnius, one would mistake it for an American city with nice streets, modern lights and buildings. The Hotel Lietuva had 22 floors. We stayed on the 17th floor which had a beautiful view. The food in this hotel was delicious and plentiful. The Amber Museum had amber of every kind and color. We received 200 rubles for one American dollar. American money was accepted by all Lithuanians. In Vilnius, only 3% of the schools are not Lithuanian. The street leading to the Parliament Building is blocked with big rocks, left in the street until all the Russian soldiers leave. Before 7 a.m. each morning, the streets and sidewalks are swept by women with brooms made of branches. Vilnius is very clean although the rivers are polluted.

This trip was organized by Nellie B. Romanas and was

a wonderful, unforgettable trip and one that every Lithuanian should make.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Huffstutler on the birth of son Michael The following members volunteered at the bazaar for the Little Sisters of the Poor: John Ramoska, Richard Laske, Anne Lisowski, Jean Kavelinas, Marie Laske. Many thanks to all. *Marie Laske*

C-90 KEARNY, NJ

Our anniversary celebration on Oct. 4 was, unfortunately, cancelled. A very hearty and sincere ačiū to Mary Przychocki, Committee Chair, Alice Bariou, Irene Belza, Stephanie Gelcius, Adele Gibbas, Genevieve Mazur, Mildred Miolla, Elena Nakrosis & Dorothy Staskus for all the effort, dedication and time they devoted to this committee. Perhaps the economy will improve shortly and future efforts will be more fruitful. Winners of our raffle were: 1st Prize \$500 Macy's Gift Ctf - Marie Lutkus; 2nd Prize \$300 Shop Rite Gift Ctf. - Dorothy McBride; two 3rd Prizes \$100 Shop Rite Gift Ctf. - Georgia Simpson and Virginia Romano.

Our bus ride to Atlantic City on Nov. 7 to Taj Mahal Casino was a success. It was a nice time of the year and we all had fun In reading the Convention issue of VYTIS, it was noted that C-90 was not included. Let's hope we can win in 1993 Srs. Michele Garas & M. Dolorita Butkus from Pittsburgh are embarking on a mission to Lithuania to help, support and give guidance to the people there. They will have great need for teaching material and supplies of all kinds. Perhaps we can keep their needs in our minds and offer whatever assistance we can give. Please give it a thought.

We are currently hosting a series of Lithuanian language classes being taught by Prof. Virginia from the University of Vilnius. We have openings for a few more students. If interested, please come and join us at the Amber Room, LCC, 5 Davis Ave., Kearny.

One of our fellow K of L'ers from a distant council is teaching English in Lithuania with the Peace Corps and is in dire need of English dictionaries or even Lithuanian/English dictionaries. If you can obtain either, please contact one of C-90's members.

The quickest way to destroy any organization is by not attending meetings. Are you guilty?

C-102 DETROIT, MI

Our June meeting was held at Fr. Stan's summer home on Harsen's Island. Fr. opened the afternoon with mass for



C-102 Detroit Frank Bunikis showing pictures of his recent Lithuania trip to Terry & Mike Shea.

all members attending. Chicken buffet was hosted by Donna & John Stanievich, and members bringing side dishes and desert. The rain held off until the picnic ended. Donna & Frank Bunikis told us of their interesting trip to Lithuania. The trip was especially interesting to Frank as he hadn't seen his brother in forty years and Donna met her in-laws for the first time.

In August, the Detroit area was privileged to host a group of handicapped persons and their doctors and therapists from Lithuania. Their visit was arranged by Dr. Waring of the Univ. of Michigan. Dr. Waring visited Lithuania twice and became aware of the great need for assistance to the disabled. Several of our members helped out during their visit. Onytė Selenis devoted much of her time and culinary talent preparing meals in Ann Arbor and at Camp Dainava. Regina Juska was an interpreter/chauffeur while Regina Goeble was always available to assist in various ways. Bob Boris & Frank Bunikis transported six individuals to a wheelchair factory in Port Huron, MI. During a reception at Divine Providence Cultural Center, Bob Boris presented Dr. Waring with a framed picture of the Lithuanian Statue of Liberty. Carolyn George of World Medical Relief was another recipient of the picture.

Our social member, George Kayganich, is one of our new medicine sorters at World Medical Relief. George just retired from Michigan Bell and is finding volunteer work fun Congratulations to Ruth Wagster, a second time great grandmother.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Isabel Peterson of C-50 New Haven, sister Maryanne Guerriero and other members of the family at the loss of Frank Peterson. It will be a great void without him. It is noted that Frank was

a former president of our council. May he rest in peace!

With autumn coming, we are all looking forward to the color changing of the leaves in Michigan. *Meriutė*

C-103 PROVIDENCE, RI

In Rhode Island we had a nice summer in spite of the rain. Too bad we couldn't send some of the rain to Lithuania. Our travelers say there is a terrible drought in Lithuania.

Our June meeting at John & Natalie Gervalis' home was the last one for the summer. Now it's time to get back to business. At a previous meeting, it was voted to change our meeting schedule from the second Sunday to the first Sunday. Also, a time change from 5 p.m. to 12 Noon. We will try this arrangement and see what the response will be.

Our members were busy traveling. Helen & Tony Gudeczauskas flew to the northwest - Seattle, Canada and Banff region Milda Traskauskas flew to Arizona & Nevada to attend her son's wedding John & Natalie Gervalis, Elizabeth Tribuishes & Father Klimanskis all went to Lithuania. For Fr. it was an emotional trip as this was his first visit since leaving there as a child Irene L. Quinn visited her farm in southern Illinois and was gone for several weeks In July, your prez. attended the Dance Festival in Chicago by way of Scranton, PA. She traveled with Scranton area K of Lers and saw many Knights. All in all, it was a pleasant trip

.... Bea & Vic Mathieu, Helen & Tony Gudeczauskas represented C-103 at the convention in Allentown. Vic enjoyed the buffet in the cocktail lounge at the hotel and also made the headlines with Mayor Dadonna of Allentown During July, Bill Piacentini took advantage of a study grant in Washington, DC and thus was unable to attend the convention Nell McKenna had her daughter Carol visiting from California Betty Ciuryla always enjoys traveling down to Philadelphia to visit son

Vincent and family.

C-103 extends its sympathies to John Walaska, whose nephew was stricken on the golf course. It is always a loss when someone dies, especially a young person We were all saddened by the death of National Treasurer, Frank Peterson, at the convention. Our sympathies to Isabel and her family.

On our sick list: Peter Kuprevich is home from the hospital and is holding his own. Ne pasidouk Petrai.

Irene Walaska woke up one morning to find an intruder in the house. It was unnerving, to say the least!

B.R.S.



C-109 GREAT NECK, NY

Our summer went by very quickly with members taking part in various K of L activities. Mary & Tony Kober



Flag raising ceremony at National Convention - 1 to r: John Contons, Guilford, NH; Rimantas Sankauskas, fireman from Lithuania, Victor G. & Bea Mathieu, Providence, RI, Rev. John Savykunas, Chicago and Mayor Joseph Dadonna, Allentown, PA



C-109 Great Neck member Anne Martens and great grandson residing in Sparks, NV

and Joe & Jo Zukas took part in the National Convention in Allentown in July. Mary Kober received an individual membership award for signing up members for the newly-organized Burlington, NC C-155. It was good to meet John Gozjack, the council's enthusiastic and energetic young president during the convention and to spend time exchanging K of L ideas. We wish the council and their members much success in attracting and producing the makings of an excellent K of L council.



Chefs Vincent Dragunat & Wally Mordes at C-109 Great Neck's picnic in the Park.

Our council enjoyed two picnics, one on July 12 and the other on Sept. 20 at Kings Point Park, Great Neck. We always enjoy the diversity of good foods brought and shared by members and the combined efforts of all our workers to make it a fun day. Jack Malis' Lietuviškos virintos is always a big hit! We were pleasantly surprised to see Frances (Glatke) & Bill Kenney from Charlotte, NC who were visiting with her sister, Jane Schwarz. Frances still has the zeal of her Lithuanian heritage, and immediately provided the leadership for the old Lithuanian songs and dances we haven't forgotten. It's pretty difficult to dance in a park that has uneven ground with tree roots and moss, but we Lithuanians can accomplish, and enjoy, most anything under difficult circumstances! It was also good to see Stacia Wain who has been on the sick list, and has been unable to be with us for a while. She looks terrific! We all signed a birthday card which was mailed to Anne Martens, our Sparks, NV member whose roots will always remain in Great Neck. We miss her.

It was sad to learn of the sudden death in Casanova, VA of Ronald Early, son-in-law of Mary & George Blecka. We extend our sincere condolences to their daughter (and our member) Patricia and their four children. Pat & Ron would have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year. May he rest in peace.

We welcome a new member, Al Norwesh of Glen Cove, who took the K of L Oath on Sept. 13. Al is a retired pharmacist, having owned his own pharmacy and now has the time to pursue and enjoy other activities Members have been traveling. Mary Wesey attended a weekend wedding in Delaware Stella Matulonis with her daughter, a medical doctor, visited in Lithuania, through Vienna, Austria. It is always interesting to hear about present day Lithuania. Stella graciously spoke about her trip and the condition in which the country finds itself. She has been an interesting Cultural Chairlady and it has been a pleasure to listen to her various discourses Linda, Bobby & Pete Henry motored with her parents, Bertha & Al Bedel to Hamburg, IN for a reunion of Al's family of 150 relatives. Some had not seen each other for years, and it was a re-

markable feat to get everybody together at one time After the National Convention, Jo & Joe Zukas vacationed at the Franciscan Guest House, Kennebunkport, ME where they joined with Maspeth C-110 members, Helen & John Cummins, Mary & Joe Stelmokas and Stella & Vinnie Stripeikis. Everyone should try to get there at least once in their lifetime (reservations are made one year in advance). It's truly a fabulous spot in which to relax with fellow Lithuanians Jean & Wally Mordes with Vincent Dragunat were present Sept. 28 when Pres. Vytautas Landsbergis, after given his talk to the United Nations assembly in NYC, arrived at the Franciscan Cultural Center in Brooklyn. The President was most courteous in individually greeting all assembled and even stood for photos with those who requested them. We are all urged to write to our relatives in Lithuania urging them to support the election of Pres. Landsbergis - and especially, just to get out and vote.

We congratulate the new Mid-Atlantic District Pres. Bernice Aviza from Hudson-Mohawk C-136 who was elected during the Sept. 27 District meeting hosted by Maspeth C-110. We wish her much success and support from the entire membership. Our council is also well represented on this level. Josephine Zukas was elected District Treasurer, while Joseph Zukas was made a member of the Dist. Ritual Committee. We sent twelve delegates to this meeting - Al Wesey, Jean & Walter Mordes, Vincent Dragunat, Bertha & Howard Fuchs, Mary & George Blecka, Stan Simonavich, Mary Wesey and Jo & Joe Zukas. We were delighted that of the three prizes offered in the district raffle, two of the winners were our own members: Mary Pelkus received \$50. and Jack Malis \$25. That's the way to go!

Our officers held an executive board meeting at the Bedel residence called by Vice Pres. Linda Henry. Among other discussions were plans for our coming Christmas party. We invite all of our own members as well as members of surrounding councils to our party on Dec. 13 at Plattduetsche Park Restaurant, Franklin Square, NY. A buffet luncheon will be offered at 12 Noon with music for dancing. Among other raffle items, the main prize will be a Squillo (a blanket which folds into a pillow) handmade by Bertha Bedel. It's a beautiful item, as well as being very practical. Tickets for the party are \$23. per person and can be obtained by phoning Linda Henry at (516) 826-4524. Other members can also oblige with tickets. Just call soon; let's all get together and celebrate!

Happy Thanksgiving to all K of L members and readers of VYTIS!

Jo Zukas



Vacationing in Kennebunkport, ME - Vincent Stripeikis, Joseph Zukas, Joseph Stelmokas, John Cummins.

C-110 MASPETH, NY

Our council members were saddened by the loss of Helen Virbooks who had been recovering from her illness, but she lost her fight. Also, our member Bernard Dulke buried his mother Mary in August. Two of our ex-members who were too ill to rejoin, Lucy Masaitis & Anna Walker, recently died Helen Yakaitis is recovering from knee surgery. We wish her all the best.

On Sept. 17, at the United Nations, Ann Morrissey along with over twenty faithful members and a few Latvian & Estonian protesters, were able to obtain signatures to a petition begging the Russians to remove their troops from the Baltics. Members from C-12 Manhattan, and C-41 Brooklyn helped make this protest a notable one On Sept. 24, our members and guests enjoyed the day at the Atlantic City casinos.

Our monthly meeting was held Sat., Sept. 26 in preparation for the next day's MAD meeting. Frances Migliore reported she had over 150 reservations for the get together. Photographs and gifts were exhibited in the hall. Details were finalized with Joe Stelmokas, chair, for our dinner-dance held Oct. 25. Membership approved a donation of \$125 to "Project Orbis" an international charity that combats world blindness through education and hands-on training. In July they spent one week at the Kaunas eye clinic donating approximately \$25,350 worth of medical supplies to the eye clinics in Kaunas & Vilnius Mary Abbott

volunteered to obtain the Grateful Dead T-shirts honoring the Lithuanian Olympic team.

On Sunday, Sept. 27 the Fourth Degree was given to Jean Mactutis during Mass at Transfiguration Church. Also, Rev. Stasys Raila was honored for his sixty years of priestly service and congratulated on his 85th birthday We thank Frances Migliore & Anthony Yakaitis, chairs, and all C-110 volunteers for their help in making the MAD meeting a huge success. *Bruno Rutkunas*

C-136 HUDSON-MOHAWK, NY

Members have been busy this summer with vacations, travel and visiting house guests. Our pres. Ed Barkowski and wife Virginia, were hosts to their eldest daughter and two grandchildren visiting from Greece where they have been living for the past two years. Then, when the visitors returned to Greece, Virginia accompanied them and visited for three weeks Those who attended the convention said it was a mixture of sad and happy moments. The sudden passing of our former national treasurer, Frank Peterson, was a shock and we extend our condolences to his family.

On a happy note, our veteran member Bernice Aviza was honored with the presentation of the Fourth Degree and our own pres. Ed Barkowski, was elected to serve as the new national treasurer. We are very proud as we congratulate them both.

Sept. started off with a bang. We enjoyed an outdoor picnic with Amsterdam C-100. The sight was such a picturesque spot along the Mohawk River where we could observe some of the boats drifting by. No one went away that day with an empty feeling, since the buffet table was laden with all kinds of hot and cold goodies. Some of us

were able to partake in some vigorous bocci playing. All in all, we spent a very pleasant day enjoying the company of the two councils and the delicious foods.

The two councils joined once again on our annual trip to Kennebunk on the weekend of Sept. 25-28. The weather cooperated and gave us a carbon copy of the weather we enjoyed last year. We enjoyed the beautiful grounds at the shrine and the company of wonderful friends. *Dorothy Richmire*

C-141 BRIDGEPORT, CT

Once again we convened to prepare for a new season filled with all kinds of activities. Pres. Clemencine Miller invited Msgr. Pranckus to open the meeting with prayer. He was so pleased to see so many members in attendance.

We were saddened by the untimely death of Frank Peterson. Our heartfelt sympathies to Isabel and her family. C-141 offered a Mass for the repose of his soul. Ten delegates and guests traveled to Norwood for the NED Fall meeting. Congratulations to Ann Petrus who received her Third Degree and to Jennifer Laukaitis-Vasquez who was one of the two candidates who received the NED Scholarship Award at the Festival on Oct. 18.

Sophie & Pete Putrimas are still reminiscing about the great NED Retreat in Kennebunk, ME. It was their first visit - not their last, to be sure We have two Jubilee couples. Congratulations and blessings to Alice & Stephen Wilcinkas and Sophie & Peter Putrimas who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries this year Barbara & Paul Schmidt have just moved into their new home. May it be filled with sunshine and good cheer Recent visitors to Lithuania voiced their opinions and feelings. Vytautas

Vaikutis spoke of the drought and unusual heat of the summer. He told us how outrageously the prices keep increasing on everything - completely out of line Rose Barius said her outlook was very positive. They have survived in the past and they will survive now. They are creative, hard working people; they will find a way It was Dorothy DeGennaro's first visit. She found it an emotional and spiritual experience. She saw no litter, no grafitti, no homeless. Everyone was neatly dressed, cities very clean. The whole experience made her feel proud to be a Lithuanian.



C-141 Bridgeport. A portion of "Valdyba": Msgr. Pranckus, Barbara Schmidt, Clem Miller and Pat Silk



Stella Marcinauskas & Clem Miller at NED meeting in Norwood.

We are pleased to obtain Fr. Valkevičius' autograph in his latest book - a truly great historical work Helen & Joe Janiunas attended the Day of Prayer for Lithuania in Sept. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Mass. was concelebrated by the Archbishop and twenty Lithuanian priests. Various organizations carrying flags and banners solemnly entered the Cathedral, greeted by a choir of members of Lithuanian churches in Connecticut. During homily, the Archbishop spoke warmly and with praise of Archbishop of Vilnius, Audrys Bačkis, whom he knew since their student days and elevation to Archbishop in



C-141 Bridgeport at NED meeting in Norwood. Peter & Aldona Peters, Clem Miller, John & Lee Marcinka

Rome. A unique remembrance of this occasion was left in Hartford - a model of the Hill of Crosses. It was crafted by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ambrozaitis & Augustinas Manelis, and presented to Connecticut Lithuanian Catholics (CLC). It took six men to carry the platform into church. Before Mass, the Archbishop blessed the Hill, sprinkled soil on it brought from the original hill. CLC invites all parishes to place a cross on this Hill, so it would be visually as well as spiritually uplifting.

Joe Janiunas also updated latest happenings in Lithuania, including the tentative plans of the Holy Father to visit Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia in Sept. 1993. Hopefully by then the Russian troops should have been withdrawn from the Baltic soil.

Our parish is planning a Bingo Party for Nov. 22. Since this is the only annual fund-raiser, K of L was asked to join the other organizations to make it successful. Volunteers, cakes and prizes are needed. Our council voted to donate \$100 as a starter.

The meeting closed with a prayer. Beautiful fall flowers decorated the tables filled with delicious refreshments and served by Aldona Peters, Ann Petrus and Sophie Putrimas.

Aldona Marcavage

C-143 PITTSTON, PA

Our council has been very busy for the past months. Members are to be commended for their cooperation. We took part in the World Day of Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Pittston. Our members, along with other members of various faiths, walked down the aisle carrying lighted candles which were placed on the altar. Forty Hour Devotions were held in St. Joseph's, St. Casimir's and St. John the Evangelist, respectively. Devotions were conducted with such splendor and were a tribute to Msgr. Burns, Fr. Rossetti & Fr. Barrett, our spiritual director.

We attended a Lithuanian Mass at St. Ann's Monastery in Scranton at the annual novena. Scranton council arranged the plans and Marie Laske, Chair, must be complimented for a job well done We also participated in the Pittston Tomato Festival Parade. Cars and a surrey were decorated in Lithuanian colors. The parade was enhanced by Marcella Bartoli &

Anna Walatkas, both ladies seventy-eight years of age who proudly carried the K of L banner and marched the two mile route. Behind them was Annamarie Sewatsky carrying a basket of tomatoes and flowers. In the absence of pres. Dorothy Banos, who was visiting in Lithuania, the affair was co-chaired by Annamarie Sewatsky and Ann Soha.

Our council attended the Amber District meeting in Binghamton. We were well represented at the national convention. Our congratulations to Nellie B. Romanas & Dorothy Banos for being elected to the ritual and scholarship committees, respectively. We also congratulate Rosalie Kizis on receiving her Fourth Degree and to Anne Wargo and her committee for planning such a successful convention.

Our best wishes to Anna Davalia who celebrated her 80th birthday recently. A Mass in her honor was held at St. Casimir's Church We are happy that Helen Butsavage & Celestine Swantkowski are off the sick list Our Sept. meeting was held and plans have been formulated for the coming season. The following slate has been re-elected: Pres., Dorothy Banos; Vice Pres., Ann Soha; Fin. Sec., Annamarie Sewatsky; Sec., Martha Warnagiris; Treas., Anastasia Stanley; Trustees, Rosalie Kizis, Anna Walatkas & Nellie B. Romanas; Sgt. at Arms, Charles Dajnowski.

Steve Soha

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Lithuanian Days at Schuylkill Mall, Frackville, on Aug. 15 & 16 were socially and financially successful. Lithuanians from near and far enjoyed renewing acquaintances and partaking of the delicious refreshments prepared and donated by the members. Joseph Martunas & Bernard Zilaitis co-chaired the event. From the profit realized, \$1,000 was donated to Lithuanian Children's Relief and \$1,000 for the maintenance of our Cultural Center. Victor & Evelyn Prep were on hand early Saturday morning to help set up the food service. Joseph Yanall performed the same service on Sunday. Anna Radzavage was the cashier on both days. The cake table was under the chairmanship of Mary Narcavage, with Margaret Rozmerski & Helen Mackavage as her assistants, was a huge success. Ausukies made a hit.

Behind the scenes, Eleanor Vaicaitis and her committee were assisted by Annunciation Church women in preparing the popular haluskie donated by the Frackville members. Many thanks to the volunteers. The pans of kugel prepared and donated by the Minersville members made a great hit with the public. Individual donations by members

were sold as fast as they were delivered. Helen Matunis and the Shenandoah members made and donated the "Lithuanian hamburgers" which were the best ever. Egg etching was demonstrated by Anna Sikora and Janet & Karen Domalakes. Eleanor Vaicaitis also demonstrated the making of straw ornaments. Anna Sikora and her committee arranged the attractive display of Lithuanian artifacts. Joseph Sikora & Eva Yurkewicz were among those who were present to answer questions. Helen & Mary Labadis chaired the sales table. They were grateful for the assistance of members. Betty Tumas was raffle chairman. Betty sold chances at the table while Helen Chesko was the roving salesperson. A word of appreciation is extended to the members for purchasing five chances and the committee members who sold chances at the malls.

Entertainment was provided on both days by the Musical McDonalds and the friends of Our Lady of Siluva Choir, which was enjoyed by a large attentive audience at center court. Pres. Olympia Zelinski was in great demand and efficiently coordinated the project. Jack Joseph was on hand to assist wherever needed. Hopefully, I have not omitted a key person. This is my observation of the activities of the two days. A final word of thanks is extended to all patrons and members.

Congratulations Anna Helen McDonald! We are happy to hear that you were inducted into the International Poet's Association and appointed Pennsylvania Ambassador Eva Yurkewicz, chair of the nominating committee, is busy recruiting officers for the ensuing year ... Con Gudaitis, who was a long-time supportive member of all Knights' activities, in spite of his obligations and poor health, died in July. May he rest in peace.

The best news is saved for last. Anna Klizas Wargo, Chair, reported a balance of approximately \$6,000 in the 79th National Convention Fund. On her recommendation, the following donations were made: \$1,000 to Camp Ausra; \$2,000 to Aid to Lithuania; \$2,000 to St. Casimir's Guild and \$1,000 to Supreme Council, Knights of Lithuania.

Elena

C-152 EASTERN LONG ISLAND, NY

Our council was represented at the National Convention in Allentown by ten members: Agnes Dunn, Muriel Lekstutis, Beatrice & Fred Lucka, Mary Malinauskas, Angela Minsavitch, Toni & John Sakal, and Anne & Tom Tarmey. All those attending considered the convention productive both from the organizational and social viewpoints, and a good time was had by all.

On Aug. 9, despite the inclement weather, a gratifying number of our Knights attended, in Mattituck, a memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Peter Petrowski, Jr., recently deceased son of members Mary & Peter Petrowski. Following Mass, the Petrowskis hosted a buffet lunch for some 50 members at our customary meeting place in Peconic. After lunch, our regular meeting was held with three guests from Lithuania, Danute Cernauskaite, Irena Karaliene and the latter's young son, Zalvynis. May their visits to America be enjoyable for them!

A moonlight boat ride, originally scheduled as a climax for our Aug. meeting had to be postponed because of the stubbornly uncooperative weather. Members got to enjoy the boat ride following our Sept. meeting. This proved to be a lovely evening, featuring a full moon and made further unforgettable by the continuous sing-along music provided by Joe Thomas and his accordion.

The summer of 1992 struck hard at C-152. We have suffered the loss of two fellow Knights, Alfons Stasys & Lottie Kuchinskis, who departed this life on Aug. 2 & Sept. 2, respectively. Gratifying numbers of our members came to pay final respects to Al and Lottie at area funeral chapels. Please say a prayer for the repose of their souls, as well as for Pauline Mutlos, mother of member, George Mutlos, who also died. May God's love be abundant.

On a happier note, we are pleased to see our ailing members, Blanche Zeidat & Frank LoPiccolo, well along on the path to good health Finally, we are pleased to welcome a new member, John Dumbliis, who is the son of our recently deceased friend and brother Knight, Charlie Dumbliis.

Tom Tarmey

C-154 SPRING HILL, FL

We are still applauding the victorious Lithuanian Olympians. A gold and bronze medal are certainly worthy of praise for the newest independent country from Eastern Europe to join the many nations represented in Barcelona. Letter of thanks were sent to Don Nelson, the Warriors coach and his son, Donn. Young Donn is a friend of Sarunas Marciulonis. Together with the Rock Group, Grateful Dead, the Nelsons were the main source of financial support for the Lithuanian Olympians. Privately, some of us expressed the wish that a Knight dunking the basketball on the shirts designed and provided for the Lithuanian athletes would have been more appropriate. However, the adage, "Bite the hand that feeds..." comes to mind. These shirts are now being reproduced and sold with one-third of

the profits going into a Fund to be used for training Olympic hopefuls from Lithuania.

Although we were spared the ravages of the hurricane Andrew, we have extended help in a number of ways to those in Florida who suffered such heart breaking hardship in the wake of such an immense catastrophe. Our prayers, too, were added to those offered in all churches throughout Florida and other parts of the world.

Our delegates attended the MAD meeting which took place after Mass at Transfiguration Church Hall in Maspeth in Sept. These same delegates were guests of Great Neck C-109 when they sponsored a bus trip to Atlantic City.

On Oct. 12 when our nation celebrated the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, Tillie Laconis, her five sisters, 14 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 6 great, great grandchildren paid homage and tribute to Anna Swabon Pauza on her 100th birthday. Pres. & Mrs. Bush sent greetings along with a card resplendent with the Presidential seal. Willard Scott of NBC television fame showed a picture of this lovely Lithuanian grande dame. Happy Birthday from all of us.

S. G. Petraitis

BROTHER JUNIPER



"Don't worry, Dobbin, you'll get 'em back."

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Baltic States Coordinate Trade With Russia

New agreements signed in early March between Russia and Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania may help to halt the supply crisis currently threatening to bring the Baltic economies to a grinding halt. Some Balts, however, remain skeptical that Russia will follow through on immediate deliveries.

With trade between Russia and the Baltic states on the decline mainly due to a collapsing economy in the latter zone, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have been desperately seeking trading partners elsewhere. Until the three countries establish new import and export markets, however, they will remain heavily dependent on trade with their immediate neighbors and other CIS republics. At the beginning of this month a glimmer of hope arose that Baltic trade with Russia might resume on a more normal basis, at least until the end of this year. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania...



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Regional Council Established In Copenhagen

The foreign ministers of culture, education and tourism met in Copenhagen on March 17 and 18 to discuss the establishment of a regional council for the Baltic states. The council would be headed by the Estonian foreign minister, and would include representatives from Latvia, Lithuania, and the Russian Federation. The council's main task would be to coordinate the Baltic states' foreign policy and to promote their economic and cultural cooperation. The council would also be responsible for organizing the Baltic states' participation in international organizations and forums. The council is expected to start its work in the summer of 1992.

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December 13, 1992 - Great Neck C-109 Christmas Party, Plattduetsche Park Restaurant, Franklin Square, NY - 12 Noon - 4 p.m. - \$23.00 per person.
January 16, 1993 - MAMD Choir Dinner/Dance. Šaulai Hall, 7:00 p.m.

February 7, 1993 - MAMD "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet. Martinique Restaurant Grand Ballroom North, 4:30 p.m.
April 25, 1993 - NED Spring meeting, Host C-102, Providence, RI.
May 14-16, 1993 - MCD convention and Bowling Tournament - Host: C-102 Detroit.
June 25-27, 1993 - NED annual Retreat - Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunk, ME.
August 12 - 15, 1993 - 80th National Convention, Marriott Hotel, Worcester, MA - hosted by C-26.

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ESTELLE HARRISON
C-50 New Haven, CT
† September 4, 1992

HELEN VIRBOOKS
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† September 6, 1992

ANNA MENSLER
C-29 Newark, NJ
† September 13, 1992

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C-50 New Haven, CT
† September 30, 1992

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