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LITHUANIA TODAY

(Editorial - Newsday)

Three years after declaring its independence from the Soviet Union, Lithuania is returning to power former Communist leaders who have vowed to mend their old ways.

For Lithuania, it's a disheartening development. For Russia and the West, it's a cautionary lesson about the necessity of bringing order to the economic and political chaos rippling out of Moscow. Little Lithuania's fate may be relatively unimportant, but Russia's dissolution or its return to Stalinism would carry incalculably dire consequences.

Turning to the Communists was, for Lithuanians, an act of desperation. Their economy is in shambles. In much of the country, it's impossible to get heat or hot water. Disheartened by the political chaos and lack of progress under democracy, Lithuanians at the polls showed their longing for a more certain past, when the state somehow managed to take care of basic needs, however badly. And they returned to power the very leaders who had been

ousted after the break with Moscow.

Their defeated president, Vytautas Landsbergis, blamed the West for giving too little, too late. In truth, he had his own blend of egomania and incompetence to account for. But he has a point: The Baltics were all but forgotten by the industrial powers of Western Europe and the United States after ritual cheers about their independence. Unlike Poland, they received no economic blueprint and no significant amount of aid from the West. Predictably, they foundered.

The same must not happen to Russia, where a nostalgic yearning for the simple verities of Stalinism is throbbing like a vein just under the surface of Moscow's disheveled experiment in democracy and market economics. President Bill Clinton can waste no time in rallying international support for an economic package to save Moscow from its own worst excesses. Perhaps Lithuania's sad admission of political defeat can at least provide him with an object lesson.

Safeguarding Freedom in the Baltics

America's Future

It's been sixteen months since the flags of the Baltic nations - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania - were raised at the United Nations in New York. Despite their newly-won independence, however, the Baltic peoples remain uncomfortably overshadowed by the Russian Bear.

Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis spelled out the dilemma. As he told the U.N. General Assembly in September, "While the Evil Empire continues to fade away, it has not vanished altogether." Indeed, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia share a big neighbor whose political forces are vying for power - some democratic, some decidedly not democratic. According to Landsbergis, anti-Baltic feelings are being stirred by nationalist elements in Russia; sentiments which naturally arouse fears among the Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians.

The problem rests primarily with the presence of 20,000 Russian troops in Lithuania and much larger troop contingents in Estonia and Latvia. While Russian President Boris Yeltsin has agreed to pullout of the former Soviet occupation forces by August, 1993, Kremlin hardliners

have sought to delay and stretch out the withdrawal.

Landsbergis calls the Russian presence both unwanted and destabilizing. He argues that the pullout must be complete and carefully monitored. Having suffered more than a half century of Soviet occupation, Lithuanians do not want to compromise their sovereignty. Viewing his country's non-violent struggle for independence, Landsbergis said that a combination of both faith and perseverance kept the flame of Lithuanian freedom alive during the Soviet occupation.

As a professor of music, the Lithuanian president used the arts as a key to preservation of his country's culture and national heritage. Said Landsbergis, "The Catholic Church was one of the basic defenders of our nation - a fortress of freedom. This is why the Soviet authorities attacked religion." Though under tight Red Army restrictions, the Lithuanians reacted with a religious metaphor - a hill filled with crosses. When bulldozers razed the site, the crosses were soon restored by the faithful. Landsbergis added that a strong belief in Western values also served as a bedrock

in his country's fight for freedom and political renaissance.

In an interview with diplomatic correspondent John Metzler at the U.N., Landsbergis said: "For my generation it was certain that the communist system was not forever, but we had to preserve our Western Christian values through our musical and cultural heritage."

But what of the future? President Landsbergis sees the exorcism of the ghost of communism as the only way to maintain freedom. "When we call for the condemnation of trial of Soviet communism and expose attempts to restore

the old U.S.S.R.," he said, "we are supporting democratic Russia." Warned Landsbergis: "The family of nations must assist Russia economically in its search for democracy ... If Russia is not helped, the dead hand of communism will drag the Russian nation into its marble mausoleum."

The Lithuanian leader praised the U.S. for its role in supporting Baltic independence and for refusing to recognize the illegal incorporation of the three Baltic states into the former Soviet Union. As Landsbergis declared: "America kept its principles, supported Baltic freedom, and is deeply respected by the Lithuanian people."

"Happy New Year to All!"

We come to the end of a year again. The "old" year, 1992, is past, and the "new" year is before us.

As we reflect on the past and make resolutions for the future, we must make some personal adjustments. The key to these adjustments comes from our willingness to say good-bye to some things we cannot keep. Life is such a roller coaster - children get sick, the excellent cow dies, or the barn burns.

The key question: when everything else fails, what holds you up? Do we have an inner resolve that carries us through? A lot in life is not fair. Many occurrences are out of our control. But we must let some things go with the old year - the income you should have had, or the children who

left home - we need to say good-bye to the things we cannot keep. The unkind word someone said to you or about you or the angry exchange you gave to someone else, these must go, too.

If we can't say good-bye, we will not have energy to spend on new and exciting possibilities that come to us with each new page of the 1993 calendar. So, when we ring in the new year, let's forget the things of the past we cannot change and cannot keep and move on to creative ways to do better in the new year.

This will insure that our wish for you will come true—our wish for a "Happy New Year To All!"

MIŠKĖ

Jau vējas nurimo is lioves griaustinis,
Ir debesys nuneša lietū.
Paglostē šakas spindulys deimantinis,
Kad beržas ir ēgle kvepētū.

Plačiai išsibarstē melynū karoliai.
Iš debesio saulē tēkejo.
Lašelis lietaus, nusirites į žolę
Kaip perlas, prieš saulē žibejo.

Marija Černečytė-Sims (Moteris)

IN THE FOREST

Now the wind is quiet also constant thunder,
And the dark cloud carried off the rain.
A beam sparkled like diamonds touched the branches,
So that birch and spruce would be fragrant.

Widely strewn were the blue beads of whortleberry.
From out of the cloud the sun sparkled.
A droplet of rain rolled into the grass,
Like a pearl, it shimmered in the sun.

Translation by Antonia M. Wackell



The First Month of the Year

by Richard Moodey, S.J.

The old Anglo-Saxons used to call it "wulfmonath" (Wolfmouth) because the wolves got so hungry at this time of year that they would come right into the villages looking for food. We call it "January" but perhaps few of us actually know why.

We have to look back to ancient Rome, to pre-Christian pagan Rome, in order to find the source of the name we give to the first month of the year. The Romans were very religious people, and sought the help of God in all things. But they did not have the revelation that the Jews had - that there is but one God. So it happened that instead of seeking the help of one all-powerful Creator and Ruler of all things, the Romans made up different gods for each aspect of their lives for which they wanted to ask help. Thus, Mercury was the God for business men and merchants, as well as for speakers. Mars was the God of war, Venus the Goddess of love, Diana the Goddess of the hunt, and Ceres the Goddess of the harvest. It was a sort of bureaucracy which got pretty complicated in time, because the Romans would add the Gods of the people they conquered to their own Gods. A man would have a hard time just remembering who was in charge of what.

A GOD WITH TWO FACES

But one of the oldest of the Roman Gods was Janus. Janus was the God of gates, doorways, of entrance to the heavens, and of the beginning of things. Thus it was that in time "mensis Januaruys" (month of Janus) came to be regarded as the first month of the year. Because you can go through a gate or a door from two directions, the Romans felt that the guardians of the doorway should be able to look in both directions. So Janus was always pictured with two faces, one looking forward, the other backward. At the northeastern end of the Roman "Forum" or marketplace, there stood a great double gate dedicated to Janus. In wartime, the gates stood open, in peace time they were shut. Before the Christian era, the gates were shut only four times, but they were shut at the time of Christ's birth "when

all the world was at peace."

JANUARY'S CITY

Nobody worships Janus any more. Jesus Christ is the Christian's assistance in setting out on something new and He is the One who has opened the gates of heaven for man. And we find this symbolized in a great statue in a great city.

On January 1, 1502, the Portuguese sea captain Andrew Gonclaves sailed into the beautiful Bay of Guanabara on the coast of present day Brazil. Thinking that this long bay was a river, he named it "Rio de Janeiro" - "River of January". The name stayed even when the error was discovered and became the name of the city that is now the capital of Brazil.

A GUARD FOR THE ENTRANCE

Guarding the entrance to the harbor, on top of "Corcovado" (The Hunch Back), a 2,440' pinnacle stands a 130' statue of Christ the Redeemer, with arms stretched wide over the city and its bay. The statue can be seen from all parts of the harbor and the city, gleaming white against the green and brown of the hills, and the deep blue of the water and sky. The statue is the work of sculptor Paul Landowski and was dedicated on Columbus Day, 1931 after Brazil had celebrated a century of independence. Ever since then, the statue has shone in the sun by day and by night has glistened in the beams of powerful flood lights.

We are always entering upon something, if not a new year, then a new activity, a new place, a new friendship. Our most important entry, the one to which every moment of our life on earth is pointed, is our entry into heaven. But we need not look to two-faced Janus for help in beginning well. Our guardian stands with arms outstretched, welcoming us with a peace that never fails. And He will stand at the gate of heaven and say, "Come blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."



Blessed George Matulaitis

The Servant of God

January 27, 1927

Mirga Bablin

The fifty-six year life span of Blessed George Matulaitis was relatively short by standards of today. It was indeed a very active one filled with early hardships but marked with intense zeal and a great love of God.

Blessed George was born on April 13, 1871 in the village of Lugine, Lithuania in the aftermath of cruel suppression by the Russians, after the uprising in 1863. He was the youngest of eight children, born in an authentic peasant family, hard-working and God-loving. Orphaned at an early age, his father died when he was three and he lost his mother at age ten. God's ways are unfathomable and perhaps this was a way to prepare young George for the hardships of later years.

Matulaitis pursued his theological studies in Poland and St. Petersburg and was ordained in 1899. He went on to develop a widespread reputation as a scholar, activist for social justice, labor organizer and newspaper editor. His list of accomplishments is both endless and awe-inspiring. He was a teacher, chaplain of a nursing home, professor at the Ecclesiastical Academy of St. Petersburg and founder of a religious congregation for women. Under Czarist oppression, the Marian Congregation, headquartered in Mariampolė, had reached the point of extinction. With special permission from Pope Pius X, Matulaitis entered the order and quickly revitalized it.

In 1918 when Lithuania declared her independence, George Matulaitis was named Bishop of Vilnius. In 1925 he was elevated to Archbishop. In that same year, he honorably resigned from the See, when his position became untenable as a result of the Polish annexation of Vilnius. Pope Pius XI appointed Matulaitis the Apostolic Visitor to Lithuania and he masterfully laid the groundwork for the Concordat of 1926. This agreement, signed with the Holy See, established the Ecclesiastical Province of Lithuania. Known to Rome were the unbelievable accomplishments of George Matulaitis. In his diocese from 1919 to 1923, he accepted into the Catholic Church over seven thousand Orthodox Christians, almost one hundred Protestants, fifty Jews and two Moslems.

His travels led him to Russia, Poland, Switzerland and North America. In 1926, he visited Marian Houses he had established, as well as other institutions in the United States. Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago invited him to the

International Eucharistic Congress, which he did attend that year. He also visited ninety-two Lithuanian parishes in the United States at that time. One of these parishes was St. Casimir in Amsterdam, NY. The author, a resident of that city, was told about this event by her mother, the late Louise Matulaitis Kerbelis, second cousin of George Matulaitis. The immigrant parishioners stood in long lines to meet their esteemed guest. He shook their hands and greeted one and all. He also patted the head of the author, aged two and that of her six month old brother.

With all of this intense activity, Matulaitis had one unfailing source of energy which sustained his brief life and enabled him to do so much for God - his great religious zeal. There was not much time to write impressive memoirs or lengthy journals. He left many letters, notes and instructions, however, and especially a small diary, compiled between 1910 and 1914. In this diary, he noted thoughts and inspirations, special insights, a great love of God and a deep sense of humility. His health, at best, was always fragile, having had serious surgery for tuberculosis of the bone. His illness never left him. He died on January 27, 1927 of peritonitis following an appendectomy.

In 1953, Pope Pius XII initiated the process for his beatification. This event ultimately occurred on June 28, 1987 as Lithuanians from all over the world gathered in Rome's Basilica of St. Peter to commemorate 600 years of Catholic Lithuania. The author's mother died that same year. She was bedridden, in her last throes of terminal cancer, weak but smiling, when she learned that her famous relative was now "Blessed George Matulaitis".

The following is a selection from the writings of this great Lithuanian man of God. It best expresses his deep humility and love of God.

"I kiss the hand of your Providence,
I entrust myself fully and completely to your guidance,
Heavenly Father,
Do with me as you will.

It pleases you, O Lord, to lead me along wondrous ways
But who can know your paths and plans?
Behold your servant! Send me where you will!
Like a child I fly to your embrace: carry me.

It pleases you to lead me along a road beset by
adversities, obstacles and difficulties;
For this I thank you, I thank you very much.
I believe that as I travel this road,
I will not easily lose my way because it is the road
taken by my beloved Redeemer, Jesus Christ,"
Diary 1911.



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IN SEARCH OF THE LITHUANIANS OF THE FIRST CENTURY A.D.

by John Majikas

The information that follows is a small glimpse into the recorded history of the life styles of the people we now call 20th Century Eastern Europeans. Since there exists a Roman reference to people who gathered the Amber and lived along the Baltic Sea, many authors refer to this history by Tacitus and his description of the Aestii as the ancient Lithuanians. Are these people the ancient Lithuanian (Lietuvis) of the past? Perhaps Lithuanians themselves are in reality a Second Millennium AD (1250-present) jointing of tribes and states into a unified Baltic country. The quoted reference source is a translation from the Latin by Alfred J. Church and William J. Brodribb (1942). So let us begin to read a Roman history of the people they came into contact with, written by historian Publius (or Gaius) Cornelius Tacitus, born around 55 AD, and translated from the only remaining mutilated manuscript that has survived the Middle Ages.

"The name of Ligii (Poland, LITH. Lenkija) spread as it is among many states, is the most widely extended. It will be enough to mention the most powerful, which are the Harii, the Helvecones, the Manimi, the Helusii, and the Naharvali. Among these last is shown a grove of immortal sanctity. A priest in female attire has charge of it. But the deities are described in Roman language as Castor and Pollux (today we see them as the twin stars in the Gemini constellation of our winter sky). Such, indeed, are the attributes of the divinity, the name being Alcis. They have no images, or, indeed, any vestige of foreign superstition, but it is as brothers and as youths that the deities are worshipped. The Harii (Prussia, LITH. Prusija), besides being superior in strength to the tribes just enumerated, savage as they are, make the most of their natural ferocity by the help of art and opportunity. Their shields are black, their bodies dyed. They choose black nights for battle, and, by the dread and gloomy aspect of their death-like host, strike terror into the foe, who can never confront their

strange and almost infernal appearance. For in all battles, it is the eye which is vanquished.

And now begin the states of the Suiones (Vikings or Sea People), situated on the Ocean itself, and these, besides men and arms, are powerful in ships. The form of their vessels is peculiar in this respect, that a prow at either extremity acts as a forepart, always ready for running into shore. They are not worked by sails, nor have they a row of oars attached to their sides; but, as on some rivers, the apparatus of rowing is unfixed, and shifted from side to side as circumstances require. And they likewise honor wealth, and so a single Ruler holds sway with no restrictions, and with no uncertain claim to obedience. Arms are not with them, as with the other Germans, at the general disposal, but are in the charge of a keeper, who is actually a slave; for the ocean forbids the sudden inroad of enemies, and besides, an idle multitude of armed men is easily demoralized. And indeed it is by no means the policy of a Ruler or Monarch to place either a nobleman, a freeborn citizen, or even a freed man at the head of an armed force.

Beyond the Suiones is another Sea, sluggish and almost motionless, which, we may certainly infer, girdles and surrounds the world, from the fact that the last radiance of the setting sun lingers on till sunrise, with a brightness sufficient to dim the light of the stars. Even the very sound of his rising, as popular belief adds, may be heard, and the forms of gods and the glory round his head may be seen. Only thus far (and here rumor seems truth) does the world extend.

At this point the Suevic Sea (Baltic Sea, LITH. Baltija Jura), on its eastern shore, washes the tribes of the Aestii (Estonia, LITH. Estija), whose rites and fashions and style of dress are those of the Suevi, while their language is more like the British. They worship the mother of the gods, and wear as a religious symbol the device of a wild boar. This serves as armour, and as a universal defense, rendering the votary of the goddess safe even amidst enemies. They often

use clubs, iron weapons but seldom. They are more patient in cultivating produce than might be expected from the general indolence of the Germans (LITH. Vokietis). But they also search the deep, and are the only people who gather glesum ("amber", LITH. gintaras or burshūnus) in the shallows, and also on the shore itself. Barbarians as they are, they have not investigated or discovered what natural cause or process produces it. Nay, it even lay amid the sea's other refuse, till our luxury gave it a name. To them it is utterly useless; they gather it in its raw state, bring to us Romans in shapeless lumps, and marvel at the price which they receive. It is, however, a juice from trees, as you may infer from the fact that there are often shining through it, reptiles, and even winged insects, which, having become entangled in the fluid, are gradually enclosed in the substance as it hardens. I am, therefore, inclined to think that the islands and countries of the West, like the remote recesses of the East, where frankincense and balsam exude, contain fruitful woods and groves; that these productions, acted on by the near rays of the sun, glide in a liquid state into the adjacent sea (ancient forests were unknown), and are thrown up by the force of storms on the opposite shores. If you test the composition of amber by applying fire, it burns like pinewood, and sends forth a rich and fragrant flame; it is soon softened into something like pitch or resin.

Closely bordering on the Suiones are the tribes of the Sitones (Finland, LITH. Suomija), which resembling them in all else, differ only in being ruled by a woman. So low have they fallen, not merely from freedom, but even from slavery itself: Here Suevia ends.

As to the tribes of the Peucini, Veneti, and Fenni, I am

in doubt whether I should class them with the Germans or the Sarmatae (South Russians, LITH. Pietų Rusija), although indeed the Peucini called by some Bastarnae, are like Germans in their language, mode of life, and permanence of their settlements. They all live in filth and sloth, and by the intermarriages of the chiefs, they are becoming in some degree debased into a resemblance to the Sarmatae. The Veneti have borrowed largely from the Sarmatian character; in their plundering expeditions they roam over the whole extent of forest and mountain between the Peucini and Fenni. They are, however, to be rather referred to the German race, for they have fixed habitations, carry shields, and delight in strength and fleetness of foot, thus preventing a complete contrast to the Sarmatae, who live in waggons and on horseback. The Fenni are strangely beast-like and squalidly poor; neither arms nor homes have they; their food is herbs, their clothing skins; their bed the earth. They trust wholly in their arrows, which, for want of iron, are pointed with bone. The men and the women are alike supplied by the chase; for the latter are always present, and demand a share of the prey. The little children have no shelter from wild beasts and storms but a covering of interlaced boughs. Such are the homes of the young, such the resting place of the old. Yet they count this greater happiness than groaning over field-labor, toiling at building, and poising the fortunes of themselves and others between hope and fear. Heedless of men, heedless of gods, they have attained that hardest of results, the not needing so much as a wish. All else is fabulous, as that the Hellusii and Oxiones have the faces and expressions of men, with the bodies and limbs of wild beasts. All this is unauthenticated, and I shall leave it open".



NAUJŲ METŲ

Naujų metų sveiks sulaukęs
Pradėk juos tikrai gerai!
Senų ydų atsikratęs,
Gyvenk protingai, dorai.

Seni metai jau praėjo
Ir negriš jau amžinai;
Prasidėję daug žadėjo,
Bet iš jų daug nėgavai.

Dienos, mėnesiai greit bėgo,
Tu ant vietos sėdėjai,
Kūną lepinti pamėgai,
Bet ką sielai tu davei?

Susiprask klaidų pridareš,
Ant toliau jų visų vengk,
Dievas viską tau yr' davęs,
Tad prie Jo grįžk ir gyvenk.

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

DOUBLE TROUBLE

You've heard of a goose
 And you've seen many geese
 The singular and plural, you see,
 Now why can't a moose
 Join a large herd of meese
 Which I think is the way it should be.

One man has a wife
 And some others have wives
 This is properly said — it's explicit.
 But not so with fife
 Which you can't change to fives
 For our language is not that exquisite.

For a foot there is feet
 And for mouse there is mice
 These are words very proper and true.
 But, now change soot to seet
 Or a house to some hicc
 And a tempest, I'll promise, you'll brew.

Just think of a tooth
 When you're in some small booth
 And their plurals, you'll see, are confusing.
 You're right, it's spelled teeth
 But you're wrong, it's not beeth
 And, friend, neither is all of this amusing.

And finally — a hoof
 Sure, you've seen many hooves
 They're on horses and all touch the ground.
 Now, look up at a roof
 Can you write this as rooves
 When you see more than just one around?

This all makes no sense
 And I hasten to add
 That we all could have peace some fine day
 If we'd take not one noose
 But a number of neese
 And string up those who made things this way.

Wm. V. Gorski



Historical Prayer for Our Land

Almighty God,
 who has given us this good land
 for our heritage, we humbly
 beseech Thee that we may always
 prove ourselves a people mindful
 of Thy favor and glad to do Thy
 will. Bless our land with
 Honorable industry, sound
 learning, and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord and
 confusion; from pride and
 arrogance, and from every evil
 way. Defend our liberties, and
 fashion into one united people the
 multitude brought hither out of
 many kindreds and tongues.

Endow with the spirit of wisdom
 those to whom in Thy name we
 entrust the authority of
 government, that there may be
 justice and peace at home, and
 that through obedience to Thy
 law, we may show forth Thy
 praise among the nations of the earth.

In time of prosperity, fill our hearts
 with thankfulness, and, in the day
 of trouble, suffer not our Trust in
 Thee to fail; all of which we ask
 through Jesus Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM DAILED
 C-143 Pittston, PA
 † September 17, 1992

EUGENIA KEZYS
 C-41 Brooklyn, NY
 † November 25, 1992

A VISIT TO KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

by Edward Baranauskas

The Hudson-Mohawk Knights of Lithuania C-136 sponsored a weekend trip to the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME in September, and were joined by friends and fellow Knights from C-100 in Amsterdam. It was an interesting and an enjoyable visit.

We met and had the opportunity to talk with a group of young men from Lithuania who arrived here in June 1992. These novices, who range in ages from 19 to 25, included twin brothers, will spend one year of basic training to prepare themselves for religious life in the Franciscan Order. Brother Bernardinas, who came to the United States from the Klaipeda region before the outbreak of World War II, is in charge of the group. They will make their temporary vows upon completion of their training. Those who return to Lithuania

will enter the seminary, while two or three are seriously thinking about remaining in the United States. If they should finally decide to stay here, they will have to go to college for four years, and then attend a seminary for five



Genute Baranauskas interviewing Brother Antanas with Rev. Joseph Grabys, pastor St. Casimir's Church in Amsterdam looking on.



Novices at Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunk

years in order to complete their training for the priesthood.

Brother Antanas, one of the novices, was kind enough to answer many of our questions. It is interesting to note that they do not use their last names, and the first name is not necessarily the one given to them at birth. Each one is called Brother.

Lessons in singing and English are part of their studies. They are doing very well as a choral group, as we learned during Sunday morning Mass. They sang hymns in English and not in Lithuanian as we had expected. Brother Virgilius, one of the twins, did the First and Second Readings in English flawlessly.

Not all of the day is devoted to studying, for they have time for other activities. Some of their spare time is spent taking care of the flower gardens that decorate the grounds of the Monastery. As part of the physical fitness

program, they play basketball, go cycling, and take walks. On some mornings, they leave the grounds and go jogging around the area outside, and are warmly greeted by strangers with a smile, and a pleasant "hello". They find the American people to be very friendly.

It is heartwarming to see this young generation of Lithuanian youth who grew up in an atheistic and Communist society, dedicate their lives in God's service. The future of Lithuania is in good hands.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

© by Albert Cizauskas

This past summer, a priest died by his own hand. His tragic death shocked the diocese of Arlington, Virginia because Msgr. William T. Reinecke was not an ordinary priest. He was the Chancellor of the diocese and pastor of one of its larger parishes. The circumstances surrounding his death remain shrouded in an aura of unresolved accusations of misconduct a long time ago. Whatever the truth of the matter may be, Msgr. Reinecke was known for his solicitude for others in difficulties, including his brother priests, and for his inspirational scholarship on the lives of the saints.

The diocese erupted in a virtually spontaneous outpouring of sympathy for the Monsignor, climaxed by a solemn funeral Mass in the Cathedral where five bishops, 150 priests, and countless religious and laity came to do him homage for his good deeds and pray for his troubled soul.

Lithuanians in the Arlington diocese owe a special debt of gratitude to the Monsignor because of his willingness to ask the diocese to pray for the Lithuanian nation at a difficult time. The letter below explains the nature of his support and appeared in the diocesan newspaper, *The Arlington Catholic Herald*, on Aug. 27:

To the Editor:

The late Msgr. William T. Reinecke was known, among other attributes, for his sensitivity to the needs of others and for his wide-ranging intellectual curiosity. From personal experience, my wife and I can attest to these qualities of the man in his capacities as chancellor of the Arlington Diocese and pastor of St. James Church.

As chancellor, Msgr. Reinecke agreed to meet with my wife, myself and another member of the local Knights of

Lithuania prior to the beginning of Lent in 1991. We were there to ask him to request the pastors of the diocese to include in the prayers of the faithful during Sundays of Lent a petition for the beleaguered Lithuanians in those dark days of the winter of 1991.

The Soviets were using brutal methods of intimidation, including killing over a dozen Lithuanians on the streets of Vilnius, the country's capital, to suppress Lithuania's drive for independence.

Msgr. Reinecke listened attentively and then asked a number of perceptive questions about the history of this small Baltic land. Instead of the originally scheduled 15 minutes, he spoke with us for over 30 minutes, despite his crowded calendar for that day. The result was his agreement to circulate a recommendation to the pastors of the diocese to include Lithuania in the prayers of the faithful, making it clear to us that it would be a voluntary decision of the pastors. Nevertheless, we were pleased with his sympathetic response.

Several months later, the good Lord delivered the Lithuanians, as well as all other captive peoples, from Soviet bondage.

As pastor of St. James Church, it had been Msgr. Reinecke's custom to deliver brief talks at the 8:30 morning Mass, during which he said much in few words, mostly about saints and their feast days. He possessed a knack for the informative and vivid detail which brought to life the many obscure names on the church's calendar.

My wife attended Mass on March 18, when the Church commemorates St. Cyril of Jerusalem, to pray for our son, Robert, who was born on that day. It was a family joke that had we named our son "Cyril", it would have been the "pits" when used in tandem with our family name.

Having heard Msgr. Reinecke's masterful summary of the life of St. Cyril, an eminent theologian of the early Church, my wife almost, but not quite, rued our choice of Robert over Cyril for our son's name. After Mass, she expressed her appreciation for the biographical sketch. Msgr. Reinecke was pleased and proceeded to give her additional details about the man who had been an intriguing mystery to our family all these years. Consulting library sources would not have been the same as hearing about Cyril of Jerusalem from Msgr. Reinecke.

Albert Cizauskas

**Happy
New
Year!**

K of L Foundation, Inc. Essay

Second Prize Winner - Eduardas V. Meilus, Jr.

LITHUANIA'S REGAINED INDEPENDENCE HAS REINFORCED MY PERSONAL LITHUANIAN CREDO

As I considered this year's essay topic — "What Impact did Lithuania's regained independence have on me and my awareness of my Lithuanian heritage?" — I engaged in some intense soul searching. The roller coaster of emotions that I experienced between March 11, 1990, the day the Lithuanian Parliament declared the restoration of Lithuanian Independence after fifty years of Soviet oppression and September 2, 1991 when the United States officially recognized this restored independence, cemented my resolve to continue to work actively on Lithuania's behalf as I had been since I could remember. I don't remember a day going by without my being thankful for the special gift my parents gave to me - my Lithuanian heritage. Having graduated from a Lithuanian parish parochial school, participating and at times taking a leadership role in Lithuanian activities has been such a part of my life, that I can't imagine a day going by without some aspect of Lithuanianism coming to the forefront. Sometimes it's eating cepelinai or kugelis for family supper or taking a stand for Lithuania in the local newspapers Letters to the Editor section, but most times its active participation in political action - demonstrating, lobbying US Senators, congressmen and officials of local government where my colors: yellow, green and red intertwined with red, white and blue are apparent. Every time the word Lithuania comes up, be it at work, or in the news, or in some organizational activity, I swell up with pride to be a Lithuanian-American. I was born in the USA, but still never forgot my Lithuanian heritage.

The words of the Lithuanian National Anthem (first published in 1898 and officially adopted by the Lithuanian Republic in 1919) have come to be my Lithuanian CREDO. Whenever I sing those 16 lines, a tear comes to my eye and a lump comes into my throat, because having sung Lithuania's National Hymn on countless occasions when Lithuania was oppressed, we now can sing the Anthem along with our brothers and sisters of a free Lithuania. Our cause, our righteous cause has been won. The words of the Anthem are timeless and this is what those words mean to me. The Anthem begins:

LIETUVA TĖVYNE MŪSŲ, TUDIDVYRIŲ ŽEMĖ
.... Lithuania my country, land of might you'll ever be. This is where my roots are steeped in history. Lithuania is a land of heroes not only of people like you and me.

IŠ PRAEITIES TAVO SŪNŪS, TE STIPRYBE
SEMIA From your past, your fond sons will gather strength from you. Lithuania's 741-year history as a nation makes us proud. We gather strength to work on Lithuania's behalf from this history - from the rule of Vytautas the Great, when Lithuania stretched from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Lithuania was the most powerful nation in Europe. It was from this sense of history that our resolve and the perseverance of our brother and sister Lithuanians resulted in the restoration of independence.

TEGUL TAVO VAIKAI EINA, VIEN TAKAIS
DORYBES This is a goal for which we all can strive - May you always walk down the roads of virtue. It was Lithuania's nationalistic and religious fervor that kept

Lithuania alive during the times of oppression.

TEGUL DIRBA TAVO NAUDAI IR ŽMONIŲ GĖRYBEI Let us all work for the betterment of the nation, especially in these times of rebirth, economic and governmental uncertainty in Lithuania so that Lithuania could be set on equal footing with the other free nations of the world and that the culture, traditions and history would flourish.

TEGUL SAULĖ LIETUVOS, TAMSUMUS PRAŠALINA, IR ŠVIESA, IR TIESA MŪS ŽINGSNIUS TELYDI Font of Light, Lithuania, may your bright sun pierce all that is in darkness. Show us Truth's noble way and we will follow in your sight. All of our efforts on Lithuania's behalf have been and will continue to be in the spirit of truth. We made a vow to dispel all darkness. We

have conquered the darkness of oppression, now we must conquer the darkness of ignorance. Truth has set Lithuania free, yet vigilance must be our byword.

TEGUL MEILĖ LIETUVOS, DEGA MŪSŲ ŠIRDYS, VARDAN TOS, LIETUVOS, VIENYBĖ TEŽYDI In our hearts Lithuania, love for you will flourish forever. In the name of our beloved Lithuania, may unity flourish forever. We all must continue to work unified as the newly reestablished Lithuanian Republic experiences its growing pains. Now is not the time to sit back on our laurels. Continued activity on Lithuania's behalf is needed now more so than ever. No action is too small.

So, as you sing the Lithuanian National Anthem be as proud as I am. Reflect on its meaning and history. Let it become your personal Lithuanian CREDO.

MEDEXCHANGE IN ACTION

by Robertas Jankus

There have been numerous efforts during the past year by groups in Europe and United States to assist Lithuania in improving its health care system. However, one particular effort is both unique and effective.

The effort has been initiated by International Medexchange, Inc. a non-profit American corporation organized by Timothy Jaroch. In coordination with McDermott, Will & Emery's Vilnius Office, attorney Jaroch developed the central idea for International Medexchange, Inc. (IMI): the exchange of key medical personnel between a host hospital in the United States and a major hospital in Lithuania.

The first program for IMI was organized with Winchester, MA Hospital and Vilnius University Emergency Hospital. During a two-week period in May, IMI paid the cost of bringing First Deputy Minister Algis Blažys, Drs. Streikus and Panava (Director & Assistant Director of Vilnius University Emergency Hospital), four medical department heads, two medical nurses, and the Hospital's computer systems specialist to the United States. These Lithuanian medical professionals worked closely with their counterparts at Winchester Hospital and lived with families from Winchester Hospital community. The Lithuanians also visited Boston City Hospital, Tufts New England Medical Center, St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the New England Journal of Medicine.

Later on, attorney Jaroch and the working group from Winchester Hospital visited Vilnius University Emergency

Hospital, Santariškės University Hospital and the Kaunas Medical Clinic. The cost of this second part of the program was also covered by IMI, which continues to raise volunteer funds in the United States to carry out its goal of helping Lithuania.

According to Algis Blažys, one of the most gratifying things about the efforts of IMI is that almost none of its participants is of Lithuanian heritage.

They are from many different ethnic and religious backgrounds, and yet they have been working with the Lithuanians to seek practical and low-cost ways to improve health care services and training in Lithuania.



DURBIN URGES POSTAL SERVICE TO ISSUE STAMP HONORING PIONEER FLIGHT TO LITHUANIA

U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) sent a letter of support to the U.S. Postal Service for a stamp honoring pioneer aviators Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas who attempted to fly from New York to Lithuania almost sixty years ago.

“Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas began their historic trip on July 15, 1933 when they left New York for Lithuania aboard the ‘Lituanica’,” Durbin said. “These two American men demonstrated tremendous courage and patriotism and are national heroes in Lithuania today.”

Durbin explained that their flight ended in a tragic crash just a few hundred miles short of their destination. Yet, their transatlantic flight was still the second longest flight of its time.

In his letter to the Chairman of the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service, Jack Rosenthal, Durbin said, “1993 marks the 60th anniversary of their historic flight and I feel it is appropriate that these two men be honored with a commemorative stamp.”

“I hope you will give favorable consideration to the Lithuanian American’s request.” Durbin concluded.

LITHUANIA CALLING

by Leo Venckus

It was a dark October night forty-eight years ago in 1944. But this darkness was disrupted by bursting bombs around us, causing fires and panic among people. The rattle of machine guns could be heard from the outskirts of town. It was clear that the Red Army would soon return and with it the terror of the Communist regime. Three years before, they had deported to Siberia tens of thousands of innocent people - men, women, children, young and old, poor and rich. Hundreds, perhaps thousands more, were imprisoned, tortured and killed as “enemies of the State” simply because they had dared to express their dislike with the ruthless Communist regime.

All this was still very vivid in our minds and memory in October 1944. The Red Army outfitted, nourished and armed with modern weapons from the West, was now pushing the Wehrmacht back into the Third Reich. Half of Lithuania was already taken over by the Soviet Army. The Germans, with little or no more resistance left, retreated daily. We knew that the war would not last much longer. Within a few months the Americans and British would celebrate victory and go home. And so would the Russians, we thought. We then did not know



Kryžių Kalnas

that wherever Stalin's soldiers put their boots down, they did not go back.

That night, to save our lives, my wife and I hurriedly took our two children (5 and 2 yrs old), said goodbye to our parents and left for the railroad station. Here we found hundreds of other people already waiting for a train to take us out. A German military train loaded with Tiger Panzers had just arrived. After unloading the tanks, the train was to go back and take us refugees West into the unknown future. We all prayed that the Lord would protect our lives and allow us to return. And He did!

There are quite a few books that describe the miserable life of WWII refugees, therefore, I won't go into detail. But I must say that although over the years, we gradually settled in foreign countries, we could never forget Lithuania, the land of our birth. We always felt that what our children and grandchildren consider "... far-away places with strange sounding names", were constantly calling us.

After the Baltic States declared and regained their Independence and the evil Soviet Empire has collapsed, we are finally free to go and visit the graves of our parents and still-living relatives in various places. And we did just that.

When on Sept. 4, 1992 we landed at Vilnius Airport, I felt like kissing the ground as our Holy Father Pope John Paul II often does after getting off a plane. It was nice to arrive in Lithuania without flying first to Moscow, as we had to some fifteen years ago. At that time we could not visit our relatives in their homes. They had to come to our hotel in Vilnius. We now stayed in various towns with relatives. We visited places where we grew up, went to school, etc. Unfortunately, most of our friends are no longer with us. The rest either in local cemeteries or in Siberia. The church where Josephine and I were married no longer stands. But churches that exist are full of worshippers on Sundays. During weekdays, Masses are usually held in the evening to enable people to attend after work.

Contrary to the practice in the United States, religion and the Ten Commandments are again taught in Lithuanian schools as before the Communists took over. At that time, religion was being ridiculed and suppressed. As a result, some younger people, fearing to lose their job, abstained from church weddings, from baptizing their children and publicly attending church services. So it came as a pleasant surprise to my wife and I when we were asked to become God-parents of a twelve year old boy. We gladly arranged his baptism but had to overcome some mild resistance from the Catholic pastor first.

We also visited the church in Plungė where my wife was baptized. During High Mass on Sunday, the choir sang the Gloria, Credo and Agnus in Latin. Only the opening and closing hymns were in Lithuanian. After Mass, I went upstairs to congratulate the choir master and organist. He was thrilled but complained of being unable to get even plain musical note sheets (gaidoms popieriaus). I recently sent him some and more.

The most impressive religious shrine besides the Aušros Vartai in Vilnius that we visited, was the Hill of Crosses (Kryžių Kalnas). It is a hill, man-made in the 14th century that served as a fortress against the invading Knights of Livonia from the North. But when Christianity took roots in Lithuania, people began erecting crosses of various sizes and leave them on the hill as an expression of Thanksgiving to God for prayers answered. During the Soviet period, some 5,000 crosses were destroyed by the Communists. But for every cross destroyed, several new ones appeared over night. The Communists finally got tired of destroying them. While visiting Lithuania, my wife and I met several tourists from Australia, Canada, Germany and the USA. They all agreed that the Hill of Crosses is a unique monument nowhere else in the world to be found. I think it also proves that our Catholic religion can never be entirely destroyed in Lithuania, because it has its roots in the hearts of its people.



LITHUANIA VISITED June 1992

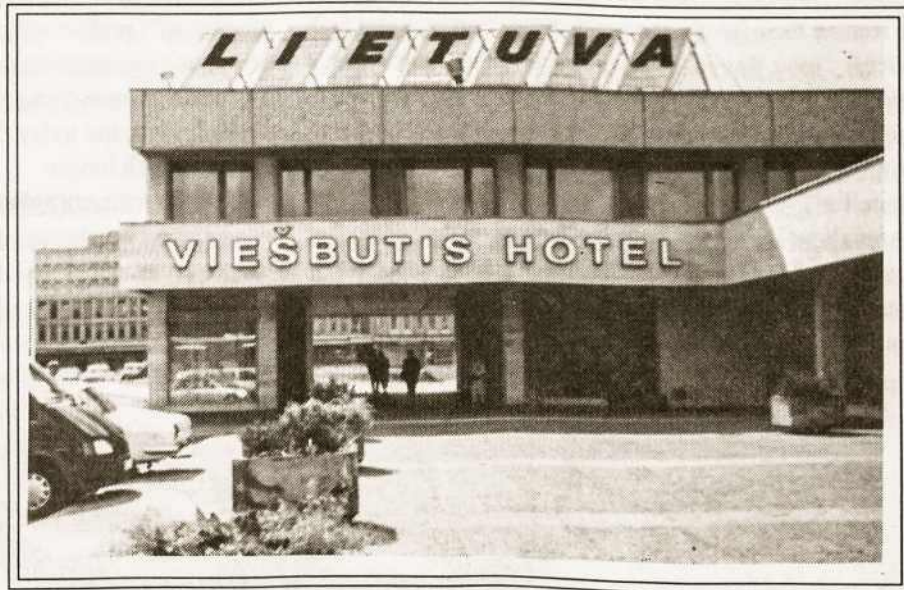
by Bruno Rutkunas

JFK to London, to Frankfurt, then aboard Lithuanian Airlines, just six months old, with no space at the terminal, yet. Flights to London have been added and further expansion is planned and expect to be profitable soon. Dr. Steven Laukaitis, ophthalmologist, associated with the charitable PROJECT ORBIS and I were met by two Vilnius female eye doctors bearing welcoming flowers. After a short rest at Hotel Lietuva, we toured the busy streets where the pedestrians, and trolley buses were hastily rushing by. At the Cathedral Basilica, young and old were greeting the warm weather with flowers, a tradition being resumed. After about five hours of slumber, the skies do not darken until 12:00 midnight, we had an adequate breakfast at the hotel. We then visited my relative's recently purchased condo. After lunch, they drove me to my mother's birthplace near Ukmergė. The countryside is beautiful and sparsely populated with horse drawn hay wagons appearing often. After being treated to home made cheese, bread and skilandis including some tasty champagne, I then visited another relative admitted for chest pains in a poorly equipped hospital.

After Saturday morning's tub bath with hand held water spray, met with Rimantas who had been our contact and deliverer of all C-110's donated boxes of clothes to the orphanage at Jieznas during the previous six months. Rimantas and I proceeded to visit the orphanage. We first stopped at a flea market overflowing with Lithuanians looking for bargains. Close by was the Trakai Castle on an island surrounded by a spectacular beautiful wooded landscaped area with clear blue lake water. Rimantas stopped at his mother's home in Jieznas where we were treated to tasty food and drinks. She donated gifts for the Knights and showed us the memorial erected honoring all freedom fighters who died during the 50-year Russian oppression. When we arrived at the orphanage, on behalf of C-

110, I gave the children chewing gum, candy, lollipops and a few dozen pens which they called "parkers". Before leaving the orphanage, \$50. was donated to the Director for needed repairs and \$1. each to the startled orphans, who later showered me with gifts from their craft workshop. After a few happy farewells, we visited Sv. Jono ir Mykolo Church in Jieznas. I learned that K of L member Joseph Stelmokas was baptised at this church. The pastor was gracious and told me of the hardships of his church. Again, in behalf of C-110, \$20. was donated to the pastor. (At that time, \$20. was worth 2,500 rubles, about half of the average monthly salary for most blue and white collar workers). We then continued on to visit my relatives in Alytus. Here I noticed the hard working seniors, baking and cooking on wood burning stoves. After donating monetary gifts, I left with a doggie bag full of bread, cheese and skilandis. Closeby we visited additional relatives who were celebrating the birth of a new baby boy. The delicious fresh water baked fish made a hit, especially the champagne for dessert. Alytus is noted for manufacturing champagne.

On our return to Vilnius, Rimantas showed me the site of the old village of Piercupie. Years ago, 117 Lithuanians were burned to death by the occupying Germans in reprisal for two German soldiers killed by some fanatic Lithuanian



Hotel Lietuva in Vilnius

partisans. A memorial remained on this site. Rimantas would not accept anything for benzine but I was able to give his two sons a few dollars. Back at the hotel, a call home to New York for three minutes cost \$19.00. I then offered the cheese and skilandi to the hotel female clerks. We had an informal social during their break. We exchanged views, finished all my doggie bag food which was washed down by their champagne and coffee. They appreciated receiving the American flame red lipstick that I gave them.

On Sunday morning at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, children were receiving their first Holy Communion. They held lighted candles and listened to the guidance given them by the pastor. I was impressed during the Peace greeting, when no one shook hands. They just looked at you and gave a pleasant nod. Communion was delivered in the mouth only and not in the hands.

After lunch at the hotel, the two female doctors drove Dr. Steven and I to the old capital of Lithuania, Kernave. The man made hills were rumored to contain buried people but none were found. We later arrived in Kaunas, checking into Hotel Neris. We met there two volunteer doctors, Dave Campbell and Bruce Shields, who were teaching doctors in Kaunas the latest eye techniques. On Monday, a distant relative drove me to Kelme to visit other relatives. We exchanged greetings and I was welcomed with song, accordion music, violin and a drum. One of my relatives was the director of the folklore ensemble "Knituva" who had performed at the International Festival in Britain. Lithuanian culture is much alive. Gardens are filled with vegetables including hot houses. It seems that the rural inhabitants had to resume their farming to survive the shortages and high prices of food. Ration tickets are given for salt, sugar, butter and flour. My relative Peter, had built his house on government supplied land some 35 years ago and now is able to purchase the land and become its owner. We toured the church at Tytuvėnai which was being cleaned and restored. Throughout Lithuania, I noticed the family ties. Everyone lived very happily. The little children were able to understand my Lithuanian. I was able to grasp their words since both of us did not use scientific or political terms - just pure

conversation. My farewell lunch consisted of beet soup, pork and cake.

On Wednesday, at the Kaunas Hospital, I witnessed eye surgery on a 78-year old woman performed by Dr. Dave Campbell. Dr. Laukaitis later met with the Kaunas and Vilnius doctors and distributed donated medical supplies, syringes, lenses (implants), etc. valued at approximately \$25,325. We unloaded three boxes at each stop, not trusting the baggage transfers from airline to airline. The director of the Artificial Kidney Center told me that the bulk of dialysis machines went to the Vilnius Hospital that were donated by the Knights of Lithuania. There are a few machines in operation in a few cities. When I left the eye clinic, the director gave me a written request for some sorely needed equipment, which I have forwarded to other charities.

On Thursday morning aboard Lithuanian Airlines going back home, I reflected on my visit of this Baltic nation. Kaunas seemed more overcrowded than Vilnius. Both cities are fairly free of litter. The frequent petty robberies in various parts of the country was disturbing and alarming. I was very impressed with the generosity and intense greetings extended to visiting American Lithuanians, as well as their eagerness to learn more about the U.S. and the world. I was told that many natives travel to Germany for jobs, returning home after a few months. The food store shelves are not all empty. The supply of fresh meat, chicken and hot-dogs are in short supply. The cashiers in the government owned stores prefer to use their abacus instead of calculators to figure prices. Many bridegrooms still traditionally carry their new bride across a bridge and sip champagne to start their new life together. I was told that many years ago, the bridal party must go over seven bridges but today they only cross one bridge since they are much longer.

On my return flight from Lithuania, the stewardess handed me a box lunch consisting of one-half hard boiled egg, four sardines, fresh ham, pork slices, dark bread, sliced carrots and a drink of my choice. I arrived home safely but tired. Most of all, I had a sense of satisfaction that I visited my parents' birthplace in Lithuania.



*Lithuanian Kitchen**Lietuviška Virtuvė***HERRING SALAD**

2 herring, cut up in small pieces	1/2 cup chopped dill pickle
4 cups diced, cooked beets	3 hard boiled eggs, chopped
2 apples, peeled, diced	1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup chopped onion	2 Tbsp. milk
1/2 cup sour cream	

Mix mayo, sour cream; add milk. Pour over all ingredients. Toss until combined. Serve on plate lined with lettuce leaves. Boiled, warm potatoes are a good accompaniment.

CABBAGE POTATO SOUP

1 head cabbage, shredded	1 quart water
2-3 large potatoes, peeled, diced	1 quart milk
2 carrots, peeled, sliced	2 Tbsp. oleo/butter
Salt, pepper to taste	1 small onion chopped

Boil cabbage, potatoes, carrots, onion in water until vegetables are done. Add seasonings to taste. Pour in milk. Heat but DO NOT boil. Add butter/oleo. Serve hot.

CABBAGE WITH CARAWAY SEEDS

2-1/2 cups cooked cabbage, drained	
1/2 cup sour cream	1/2 tsp. caraway seeds

Heat - do not boil sour cream. Add caraway seeds; mix. Pour over hot cooked, drained cabbage. Serve as a side dish.

LIMA BEANS IN MUSHROOM SAUCE

1 pkg. frozen lima beans	1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 small onion, minced	
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce	1 small can chopped mushrooms, drained

Cook frozen lima beans as directed on pkg. Drain. Reserve 1/4 cup liquid. Into bowl, add the cooked limas, cooking liquid, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom soup, chopped mushrooms. Season as desired. Mix well. Place in a casserole dish and bake until heated through; or place under broiler and glaze.

MEATBALLS IN MUSHROOM SAUCE

1-1/2 lbs. chopped meat (can be mix of beef, pork, turkey, veal.)	1/2 cup water or broth
1 large onion chopped	1 - 4 oz. can chopped mushrooms with liquid
1/2 cup bread crumbs	1/2 tsp. Kitchen Bouquet or Worcestershire sauce
1 large egg	1 cup sour cream
Salt/pepper to taste	1 tsp. fresh dill

Mix together the meat, onion, crumbs, egg and 1 Tbsp. water and shape into balls of desired size. Brown in skillet. When browned, add mushrooms, liquids and seasonings. Simmer 10-15 mins. When cooked, remove from heat and stir in sour cream and dill. Serve hot over cooked noodles.

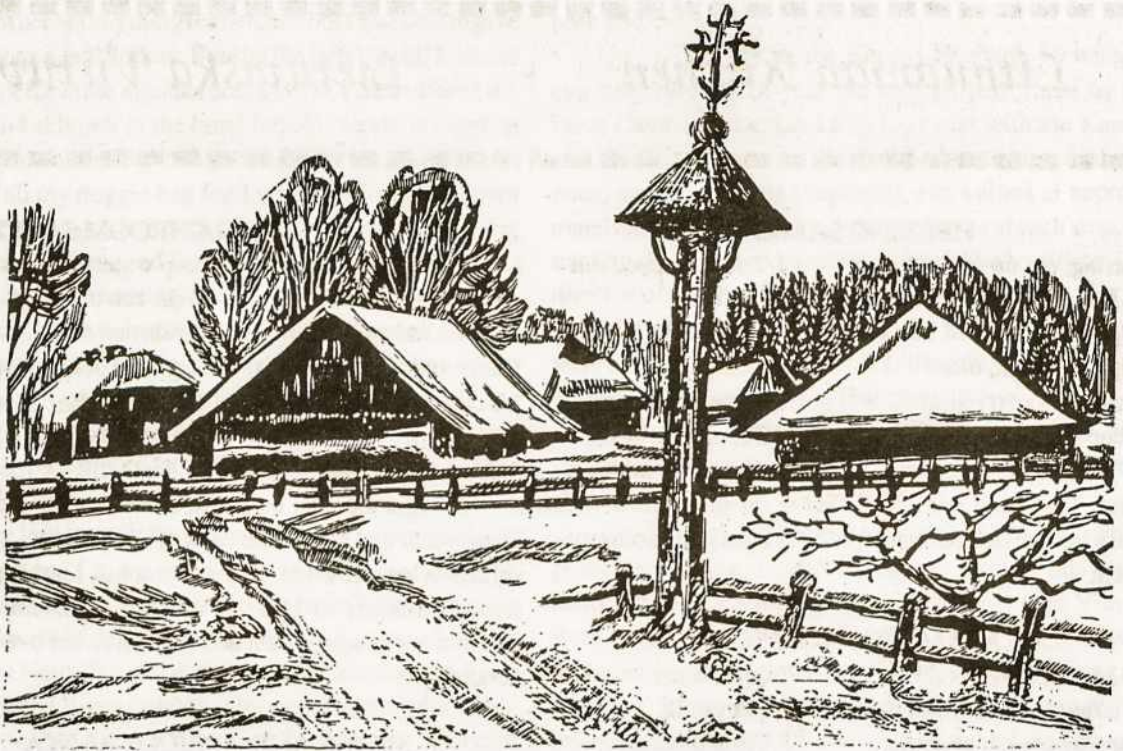
PRUNE AND APRICOT BABKA

3 cups flour	3/4 cups each of dried prunes & apricots, chopped
1-1/2 tsp. baking powder	
1 tsp. baking soda	
1/2 tsp. salt	

1-1/2 cup sugar	1/2 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup oleo/butter	1 tsp. cinnamon
4 eggs	3 Tbs. butter/oleo
1 tsp. vanilla	2 Tbsp. flour
1 cup sour cream	Chopped nuts, optional

Heat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 10" tube pan. Mix flour, baking powder, soda, salt and set aside. In large mixing bowl add butter and beat until light and fluffy. Beat in sugar slowly. Add eggs one at a time; add vanilla. Beat well until fluffy. Add flour mixture and sour cream alternately; beginning and ending with flour. Beat until smooth. Fold in chopped fruit. Pour, one third of batter into pan; sprinkle with 1/3 brown sugar mixture. Repeat twice. Bake 55 to 60 mins. When cooled, sift confectioners sugar on top.





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ST AGNES - January 21

All powerful and ever-living God, You choose the weak in this world to confound the powerful. As we celebrate the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Agnes, may we like her remain constant in faith. Amen.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS - January 28

Father of wisdom, You inspired St. Thomas Aquinas with an ardent desire for holiness and study of sacred doctrine. Help us, we pray, to understand what he taught and to imitate what he lived. Amen.

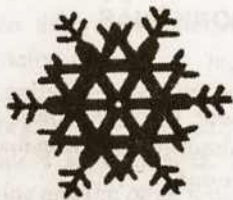
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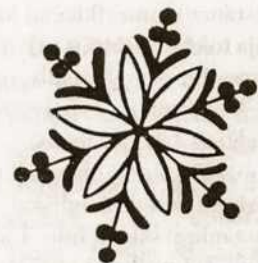
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Let's talk Lithuanian — Kalbėkime lietuviškai!

Dalia Bulvičiūtė-Bulvičius
LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

TRUMPAI KALBANT – IN SHORT

The following was submitted to us by Honorary Member Joe Boley a few months before his death. Here Prof. L. Dambriūnas speaks about the wide usage of short Lithuanian expressions. **Amaziną atilsį mielasis Juozai.**

Kalbėdami vartojame kartais ilgesnius sakinius (sentences), o kartais visai trumpus. Kiekviena kalba turi tam tikrų specialių standartinių trumpų sakinių bei posakių (phrases). Kartais jie yra tik vieno žodžio. Mat kalbančiam dažnai nėra reikalo daug sakyti, galima duoti atsakymą, išreikšti pritarimą ar nepritarimą, abejojimą, nustebimą tik vienu ar dviem žodžiais. Pavyzdžiui (for instance), amerikiečiai kalbėdami angliškai, dažnai vartoja tokius trumpus sakinius bei posakius: okay, all right, sure, I'm sorry, really, probably ir kitus.

Įdomu juos palyginti su atitinkamais lietuviškais žodžiais bei posakiais.

Kad vietoj okay, all right, lietuviškai sakome gerai, visi tai žino. Angliškai girdime dar panašia reikšme (meaning) sakant fine. Lietuviškai sakome puiku.. That's fine! Tai puiku! Labai gerai!

Kitas dažnai vartojamas žodis yra sure (surely). Jis toks populiarus, kad net ir lietuviškai kalbant vartojamas, nors iš tikrųjų be jo galima lengvai apsieiti. Vietoj sure lietuviškai sakoma žinoma, galima sakyti aišku (certainly), be abejo (no doubt, undoubtedly).

Vietoj angliško actually, really, truly, indeed lietuviškai sakome iš tikrųjų (iš tikro), iš tiesų, tikrai. Pavyzdžiui: Iš tikrųjų taip nėra, kaip jis pasakoja (Actually it is not so).

Koks tu geras iš tikrųjų! Ar tu tikrai jį vakar matei? (Did you really see him yesterday?) — Tikrai! (really!)

By no means lietuviškai sakome joku būdu. Pavyzdžiui: Aš joku būdu negaliu tau paskolinti tiek daug pinigų. (By no means will I lend you so much money!)

Far from being galima versti toli gražu. Pvz. Jis toli gražu nėra jau toks dosnus. (He is far from being generous)

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.



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR FOUNDER MYKOLAS NORKŪNAS

Kokie lietuviai be lietuviybės?!

A mere acknowledgement of one's origin is not enough. Practice of the oft mentioned Lithuanian virtues and traditions is what counts.

Vyčiai — tai senovės piliakalnių riteriai!

There is pride and dignity in the name of Knight, if behind the name lie strength of character and devotion to a worthy cause.

Mažiau kalbėti, daugiau veikti.

Action — ceaseless, untiring and correctly channelled action — is the principal ingredient of a useful life.

Kas ne lietuviška — ne vytiška.

It is sheer delusion to think that non-Lithuanian action can be considered knightly.

Vyčiai — tautos ateitis.

The Knights of Lithuania are destined to leave an indelible imprint on the world community of Lithuanians.

Council News

Vyčiai Veikia

C-1 BROCKTON, MA

Garbė Jezui Kristui!

Time flies when you're having fun! So many things have been going on, I don't know where to start.

The NED meeting found C-1 well represented. Sylvia Shukis was elected secretary. Congratulations, we're so proud of youSr. Helen gave an update of activities with the Lithuanian Children's Relief. The raffle which Fr. Al Abračinskas coordinated and sponsored was a huge success. Names of winners were announced. Sr. also explained that Dr. Dunn and a team of surgeons, nurses, etc. will be traveling to Lithuania to teach the surgeons how to perform facial surgery on thirty-five youngsters with facial deformities.

Finally, we were informed that LCR organization are shipping two containers to Lithuania, one with medicine and the other with food and clothes. This is the good news we long to hear.

C-1 attended the NED Cultural Festival held in Worcester. It was great fun. The highlight of the day was the selling of the "Grateful Dead" T-shirts which were designed for and worn by our Lithuanian Basketball players at the Olympics. They are a hot selling item and we do have some left. To order write: Veronica Bizinkauskas, 424 N. Cary St., Brockton, MA 02402. Sizes L, XL, XXL cost \$20. plus \$2. for postage. Hurry, hurry, to order.

The last week in Oct. found our council helping and attending the concert featuring the Singing Priest

benefitting Lithuanian Children's Relief LCR. It was wonderful, well attended and very enjoyable.

We have all heard of Spring Cleaning. However, the rage of Autumn Cleaning hit us. A clothing drive sponsored by our council was held. If the quota of bags were filled, the AmVets would give us \$1,000. The race was on. Bags were filled, brought to St. Casimir's Church and, yes, we made our quota. Thanks to everyone for their help.

During the Christmas holidays, we invited Aldona Saimininkiene to teach us how to make the Christmas straw ornaments. What a wonderful turnout we had - and all the talent! Last but not least, a grand showing was given by our council at the International Folk Festival. Countries from all over the world were represented with food, dance, song, crafts, souvenirs, etc. Lithuania was well represented. C-1 worked at the food booth serving delicious pastries, dešros, kugeli and arbatėli (Lithuanian tea). A special thank you to Vytas & Nijole Ivanauskas and their daughter, Nijole Potts, and Joseph Svelnis of C-17 So. Boston for their very generous donation of pastries. It was nice to see different dances and costumes. The day turned out to be a cultural event - a day of fun. Let's do it again!

God's Blessings to you and those you love for the New Year.

Daisey Rūta



C-1 Brockton - Aldona Saimininkiene showing Connie Grien the art of straw Christmas decorating.

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

At a dinner meeting in Nov., a new slate of officers was elected for the coming year: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Joseph Jurgelonas; Pres., William Wisniauskas; V.P., Leonard Davidonis; Treas., Nellie Melaika; Rec. Sec., Blanche Genaitis; Fin. Sec., Howard Beaudette; Marshal, David Lukas; Cultural, Brone Wisniauskas; Membership, Sophie Fiorentino; Religious, Kathryn Paliulis. The following deceased members were remembered: Paul Shatas, Pauline Reynolds, Alice & Stanley Perekslis, Brone Narkevicius, Charles Genaitis, Barbara Eacmen and Frank Ainoris. May they all rest in the Lord!

Our annual Kučios was held this year on Dec. 19 at the Lucas home The profit of a recent K of L Lithuanian style supper in the sum of \$1,000

was donated to the St. Francis Parish Building Fund. Members remarked that their parents worked at these suppers years ago. There was a lot of team work. Bravo Vyčiai!

Local persons returning from Lithuania observe that the economy is in bad shape. One person remarked that there was no heat or hot water in his hotel in Palanga during October Best wishes to a return to good health is extended to Ann Ambrose and Marge Senk We extend our condolences to Clara Zetkauskas on the recent death of sister Wanda. Many K of L's attended her wake and funeral. May she rest in peace!

This writer wishes the VYTIS staff and readers a Happy New Year!

Vincukas

C-27 NORWOOD, MA

Our council was pleased to host the NED Fall meeting. The day began with an inspirational Mass celebrated by the pastor, Rev. William Wolkovich. In the absence of our president, George Barton (who was spending the month visiting relatives in Lithuania), Betty Skricki welcomed all delegates and guests.

Under the leadership of Albie Jarvis, the culinary talents of council members were evident. All pitched in to make for a successful day. The homemade dešra made by Lenore & Albie Jarvis was a hit. Betty and John Skricki chopped away and prepared delicious kopūstų. Sandy Melish & Kay Adukonis provided the hot vegetables and Dorothy Ausevich topped everything off by baking hundreds of delectable pizzelles. Along with others, Mary Ann Tamasanis & Ed, Kay Perednia, Paul & Louise Zukas, Stan & Terry Wasil, Stan & Helen Dallalis capably and efficiently managed the kitchen and hall events.

The friendship and fellowship of

all council members made for a pleasant day. *Žaibas*

C-30 WESTFIELD, MA

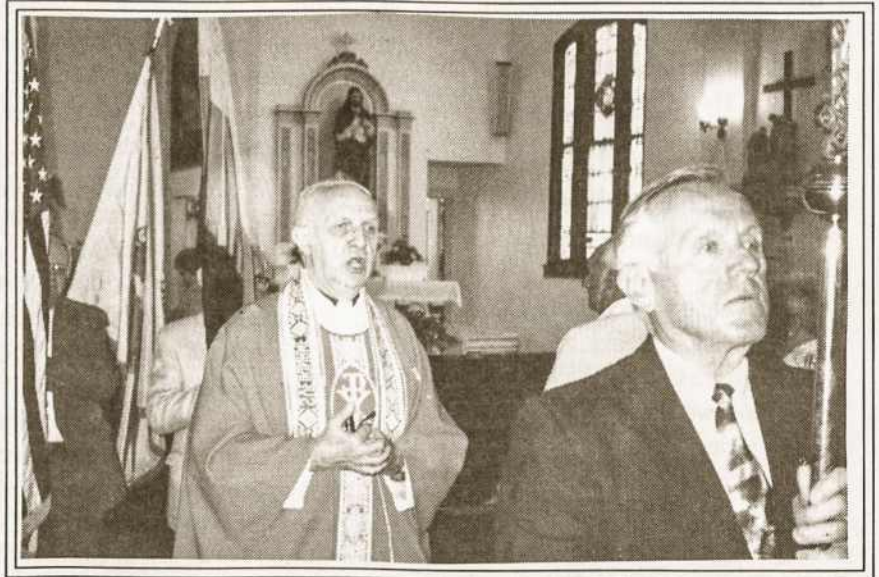
Our annual council picnic was hosted by Jim & Marcia Rogers at their summer home in Otis, a lovely spot high in the Berkshire hills overlooking a lake. Good company, delicious food and a nice day made for a happy occasion. Joe & Lou Buckities served on the committee and members prepared some of the "extras" that round out a steak dinner.

Many K of L's baked special goodies and worked at the parish picnic, a function in celebration of the parish 75th anniversary, held on the grounds of the former St. Casimir Hall - where it all began - where Fr. K. Vasys started organizing Westfield's St. Casimir's Parish and held the first Masses. Jim & Marcia Rogers were in charge of the outdoor barbecue while Theresa Atkocaitis and her crew were in the hall kitchen making umpteen kugles to go with Lithuanian sausage

made by C-30 members. Helen Alexik kept busy keeping children happy with the "win a hot dog" game.

Benny & Cooky Coach represented C-30 at the National Convention in Allentown. They returned with many reports and the sad news that our good friend National Treasurer and C-50 President, Frank Peterson, had passed away. On a happy note was news that the 1993 convention will be hosted by C-26 in Worcester. Our best wishes to Rita Pinkus and her committee for a memorable convention. In Allentown, C-30 received first place membership award in the councils' under-50-member category.

Helen Alexik, Joe Buckities, Benny & Cooky Coach, Sophie Kucharski and Jim & Marcia Rogers attended the NED meeting in Norwood in Sept. Our congratulations to newly elected NED Pres. Bertha Stoskus of Providence and her executive board In Oct., the NED Cultural Festival at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury/Worcester was well represented by C-30, with at least 15 members present. We also had as our



Rev. W. Valkavicius & Al Jarvis - NED meeting in Norwood leaving church after Mass.

guests VYTIS Editor Mary Kober and husband Tony. The Lithuanian dinners served included sausage made by our members, Helen Alexik., Frank Bernardicius, Benny Coach, Jean Duda, Jim & Marcia Rogers, Jim Kules and Joseph Sabonis.

C-30 elected the following officers for 1993: Pres., Benedict Coach; Vice Pres., Joseph Buckities; Treas., James Rogers; Sec., James Kules; Ritual, Kunigunda Coach; Cultural, Helen Alexik; Lith. Affairs, Louise Renaud; VYTIS Scribe, Kunigunda Coach. Fr. William Hamilton remains our spiritual advisor. Congratulations to the new officers and a sincere THANK YOU for a job well done to the retiring officers.

Our best wishes to all for happy holidays and a New Year of good health, peace and contentment.

Cooky

C-36 CHICAGO, IL

Congratulations are in order for our newly elected and appointed officers: Spir. Advisor, Rev. Fabian Kireilis; Pres., Sabina Henson; 1st V.P., Ray Wertelka, 2nd V.P., Joe Martikonis; 3rd V.P., Joan Cius; Rec. Sec., Frances Urnazus; Treas., Mary Kincius; Fin. Sec., Val Viliunas; Corres. Sec., Evelyn Ozelis; Sgts. at Arms, Vytautas Dijokas, Frank Grigalunas, Steve Rudokas, Victor Utara; Trustees, Irene Norushis, Vince Samaska, Antanas Stakenas; Ritual, Sophia Zukas; Lith. Affairs, Evelyn Ozelis; Cultural, Vincent Samaska; Program, Joe Martikonis; Cheer Up, Irene Norushis, Val Vilunas, Mark Kincius; Social Chairs Frank Grigalunas, Vytautas Dijokas, Johanna Johnston; Public Relations, Al Zukas; Vytis Correspondent, Sabina Henson; Wake Chair, Ray Wertelka. To the outgoing officers, thanks for all the work you



They meet in Lithuania: Ukrainian Relief Coordinator from the USA, John & Dutchie Adomenas, Chicago; Robert Boris, Detroit, MI ; and Michael Yuknis, Chicago.

did. To all new officers, welcome aboard and may God help us in all we do.

Our Nov. meeting was opened with a prayer said by Rev. Kireilis. We prayed for our deceased and sick members, asking God's blessing for them We are grateful to our pastor and member, Rev. A. Puchenski of Immaculate Conception Church for granting us permission to have the second collection at the Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 Masses for Aid to Lithuania. Also, thanks for all of Evelyn Ozelis' efforts. We are thankful for contributions Loretta Stukas came to our meeting and spoke about her help with the Deborah program and also about her trip to Lithuania. She was very informative Our Mid-America District Memorial Mass on Nov. 1 was well attended by our council members Our pot luck Kučios was held on Dec. 21. Thanks to Mary Kincius and her helpers for a successful Coffee "N Irene Norushis fell and broke her wrist and Frank Baginski, Jr. still needs

our prayers, as do all of our sick members.

Sabina Henson

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Brian Pawlik from Philipsburg, NJ was among our guests at last month's council meeting and he brought in a pleasant surprise. It was a wood painting of the Madonna and Child which he came across at a yard sale. It bore a plaque commemorating the Silver Jubilee of St. Michael's Church in Easton, PA which is the site of our meetings. It belonged to the then-pastor of St. Michael's - Rev. Gubitskas. Brian's gift evoked many pleasant memories from some of our council members, as they had been parishioners during that era; therefore, it was donated to the church Membership is still growing. Our most recent applicant was Ruth Colling from Churchville, PA and a sister to Olga Manazer who joined last month Thanks to Co-chairs Valerie Smickle and Dora Lushis, their supportive crew and to the donors who made council's

second flea market sale a smashing success.

Two other dynamo energy members, Pres. Bob Klova and brother Ed, reported they had managed to collect ten boxes of clothing for the benefit of Lithuanians returning home from imprisonment or forced exile in Siberia. They hand delivered the boxes to the Lithuanian St. Andrew's Church in Philadelphia for consolidation and shipment to Lithuania. Bob stated he hadn't seen such a large gathering of Lithuanians in one place since he was a kid and that it was heartwarming to witness their generosity and determination to bring Lithuania back on her feet again. Your efforts are most appreciated.

Results of council's election of officers for the 1992-93 term are as follows: Pres., Joseph Simmons; Vice Pres., Robert Klova; Treas., Walter Balchunas; Fin. Sec., Jane Lutick; Rec. Sec., Evelyn Harryn; trustees, Jacob Zansitis, Jack Lushis & Valerie Smickle; Sgt. at arms, Andrew Keraga; Sunshine Lady, Anne Wonsock; Vytis Correspondent, Joseph Ogint.

Evelyn Harryn was appointed Chair of the Kučios Committee. She also chaired last year's beautiful affair. It was held Dec. 13 in St. Michael's Church Hall in Easton Al Klizas reported he had been contacted by the So. Bethlehem Historical Society and asked if C-63 would be interested in participating in an ethnic display of decorated Christmas trees in the lobby of the newly constructed Comfort Inn. The local Ice City was donating the trees up to 5-1/2' tall to the participants. The display was free to the public and started Nov. 29 through Jan. 9. Majority of council indicated we should participate. A committee was formed consisting of Andy & Adele Keraga, Al & Jeanette Klizas

and co-chaired by Jane Lutick & Evelyn Harryn.

Vice Pres. & Cultural Chair Joseph Simmons spoke of some of his observations during his recent trip to Lithuania and of the fact that a temporary currency had been issued in Lithuania and is referred to as talonas. He said the talonas would be used in the transition period during which the Russian ruble will be replaced by the Lithuanian litas Lithuanian Affairs Chair Al Klizas informed us that Vince Boris, National Lithuanian Affairs Chair was producing a newsletter and that he was pleading that the membership support those politicians who back Lithuania's newly recovered freedom and to insist that the politicians do their utmost to rid the Baltic States of the Russian Army units still stationed there. Al also asked us to continue our support of the Deborah Hospital.

Birthday greetings were extended to Paul Harryn, Louise Stefan, Laura Olszewski & Paul Stefan. Members and guests sang Happy Birthday and Laimingų Metų. We're sure all four will agree they are not getting older, only better!

C-79 SOUTHFIELD, MI

With vacations and elections over, we turned our energy to making a success of our annual Fall Festival held on Nov. 1. Many hard workers should be recognized for their help in producing a substantial profit from the affair. Pres. Maggie Smailis was in charge of the popular straw game; her assistant was Frank Povilaitis. Mary Keller, being most proficient in culinary arts, was the leader of the kitchen crew with Joe Chaps, Richard Danielak, Virginia Kirsh, Carol Marzolf, Mary Ann Newberry & Emma Povilaitis. The bake sale was well taken care of by Marge Dapkus, Julia Jan-

son, Helen Mykolaitis & Helen Usoris. Bertha Janus and Ann Uzdavinis were kept busy selling "junque and treasures" at the white elephant table for very reasonable prices. (They didn't want to take leftovers home). Super salesman Bill Dapkus & Charles Mykolaitis took charge of the raffle. It consisted of (among other goodies) a basket of cheer and an annual contribution of an afghan made by member Mary Mitchell. Maggie also headed the 50/50 raffle - won by member Charles Step. Last, but not least, the two "good Joes" (Panavas & Usoris) were helping where they were most needed at the moment: at the straw game, the Big Raffle table, storing chairs and tables after the affair. They were two very necessary guys. Pres. Smailis thanked all who participated in any way and reminded us that the next project is St. Casimir's Day in March.

All who knew her from way back will be sorry to hear Patricia Bandza passed away Oct. 19, just six months short of her 100th birthday. We are sure she'll be celebrating it in a most worthy place. God rest her soul.

Our sick list now includes Anthony Mameniskis & Edward Salas. Helen Patocki is still homebound and Sophie Zager has a new address: West Winds Nursing Home, 10765 Bogie Lake Rd., Commerce, MI 48382. Her health is improving and she'd like to hear from her old friends.

Due to impending inclement weather, we will not have Jan. & Feb. meetings. Please mark your calendars for the first 1993 meeting Wednesday, March 3. Please come! *Bee Jay*

C-147 ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Our council held elections in November with the following results: Spir. Advisor, Rev. John Gasiunas;

Pres., Dolores Jonaitis; 1st V.P., Alfas Shukis; 2nd V.P., Brone Urbonas; Rec. Sec., Victoria Kleiva; Treas., Maria Gelažius; Fin. Sec., Genovaite Bakas; Trustees, Rev. M. Cyvas & Charles Vilnis; Ritual & Lith. culture, Aldona Valis, MD, Irene Diktanis, John Jonaitis.

Aldona Vallis described her recent trip to Lithuania citing poor conditions, such as no hot water and no heat. She suggested all members donate a set of white twin sheets for St. Jacob's Hospital (Šv. Jokubo) in Vilnius. Dr. Paltanavicius is in charge of this hospital.

Get well wishes are extended to Bronis Bakis who was recently hospitalized. We are wishing for a quick recovery We express our thanks to Victoria Kleiva for supplying the coffee and cake for this meeting, and all other members who have previously donated so generously. Also thank you Victoria for keeping us informed of our meetings and various "žinius" through the minutes.

A tribute to Anthony Gudonis, our outgoing president, was presented by Charles Vilnis on behalf of C-147 for his years of faithful service and many times going beyond his duties as president. Ačiū labai, Mr. Gudonis! A note of thanks to Valeria Lescinskas, our past vice president, who always gave her utmost to the council We will truly miss Victoria Jacobson who has retired from public relations. She has been an inspiration to all of us.

We were saddened by the passing of Rev. Juozas Vytautas Balčiunas of St. Casimir's Mission in St. Petersburg Beach. He has been with us only since March of this year having arrived from St. Louis. Funeral Mass was held at Holy Name Church in Gulfport on Dec. 3 by Provincial Rev.

Placidus. May he rest in peace!

On Nov. 20, Palantos Šaulių rengimas Kariuomenės Šventės Minejimas was held. Antanas Grabauskas carried our Knights of Lithuania flag. Valerie Leščinskas and Ona Semolevičiene were flag attendants. Also on the 22, a Mass for Žuvusius Lietuvos Karius ir Partizanų was held with our same members representing C-147.

Victoria Klieva is enjoying her daughter who is visiting her from Chicago Valeria Leščinskas left for Chicago on Dec. 17 to visit her family for the holidays Our Lithuanian American Club prepared Kučios on Dec. 24 and many Knights attended the occasion. *Dolores Jonaitis*

C-150 KANSAS CITY, KS

Officers elected to lead C-150 for 1993 are: Charlotte Horvatic, Pres.; Dolores Purduski, Sec.-Treas.; Charles Purduski, Spiritual Advisor; Edward Gaydess, Trustee; Rose Joyce, Sgt. at Arms; Anita Strumillo, Culture; Lou Ann Rayn, immediate past president, ritual and advisor.

Council members celebrated a Christmas Kučios with the Kansas City Lithuanians of America on Dec. 13 and wish that all of you had a Linksmų Kalėdų Švenčių ir Laimingų Naujų Metų. *Lou Ann Rayn*

C-154 SPRING HILL, FL

Our group joined the Spring Hill American-Lithuanian Social Club at a picnic in Crew's Park. The ethnic food and organized activities added up to a day packed with fun for all of us.

The annual Arts & Crafts and ethnic food sales at the Gulf View Mall was once again a social and financial success. The talents and salesmanship by our ladies, Annette Gnezevich, Virginia Kentra, Helen

Konewitch, Helen Mayer, Tillie Laconis, Bridget Walluk and Anna Gribauskas provided the items that were sold in record time. The traditional turkey dinner was enjoyed by all of our members at Thanksgiving time.

Perhaps the most widely discussed subject at the last few meetings centers on the recent vote of 47% of the people in Lithuania accepting a Communist Party. Above all, we agree that not one of us is "walking in their shoes" but we are seeking to understand how this feisty nation so proud of its new status of "Republic" abandons the Sajudis Party that worked to join that independence. Some of us cannot mask the feeling that the eyes of the world are reflecting shame on the population that is throwing away the prize it sought with bloodshed.

Our contacts in Washington who were eager to seek ways to help the new Republic now frown on the advisability of helping a Communist country - not unlike their attitude toward Communist Cuba. There must be answers to this dilemma. There must be justification for the vote. Otherwise, we feel betrayed; we feel sad and lost in a sea of disbelief!

We ask that all who are seeking answers join us in fervent prayers to bring us understanding and peace of mind. *S. G. Petraitis*



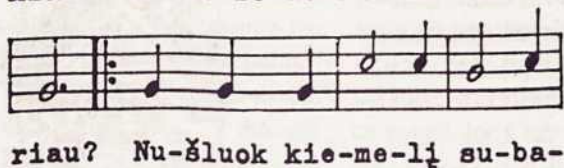
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- 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.
- February 28, 1993 - MAMD St. Casimir's Day Mass, Luncheon, Meeting. St. Anthony's Church, Cicero, IL. Hosts: C-14.
- March 7, 1993 - C-52 Elizabeth, NJ Annual St. Casimir's celebration, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 11 a.m. Mass.
- March 14, 1993 - Amber District meeting & St. Casimir's Day celebration, Shenandoah, PA.
- March 14, 1993 - MAD Meeting, Immaculate Conception Center (Seminary), Douglaston, NY. Mass: 10:15 a.m.
- March 27, 1993 - National Executive Board Meeting, All Saints/St. Anthony Parish - Hosts: C-16 Chicago.
- April 25, 1993 - NED Spring meeting, Host C-103, Providence, RI.
- May 14-16, 1993 - MCD convention and Bowling Tournament - Host: C-102 Detroit.
- May 23, 1993 - Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Island Shrine, Eastport, LI. Hosts: C-152 Eastern Long Island - 1:00 p.m. Mass.
- 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.

AR AŠ TAU SESE NESAKIAU



Ar aš tau, sesė, nesakiau?
 Ar aš žodėlio netariau?
 Nušluok kiemelį subatoj,
 Atjos berneliai nedėlioj.

Atjoja broliai septyni,
 O jų tarnaičiai dėvyni,
 Atjoja šelmis bernelis,
 Jis daug iškados padarys.

Prišio žirgą prie tvoros,
 Prie lelijėlės geltonos,
 Pamuiستė žirgas galvele
 Išlaužė uosio tvorelę.

Mergelė cina verkdama,
 Pas motinėlę klausdama:
 Močiute, mano širdele,
 Ką man daryt su rutele?

Palaistyk rūtą vakarais,
 O lelijelę tik rytais,
 Prigys rūtelė iš šaknų
 O lelijelė iš laiškų.