

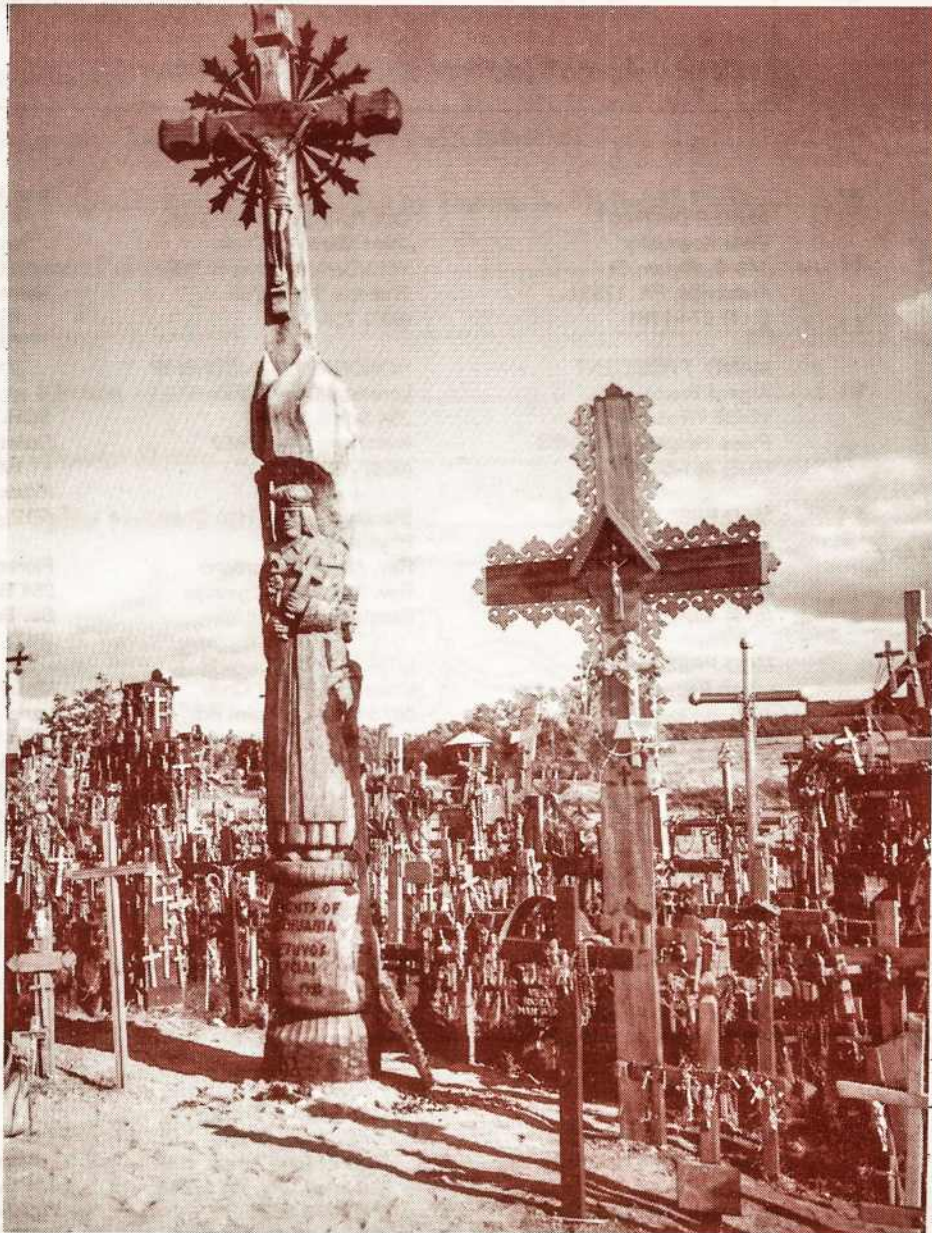


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Lithuanian Ministry of Health Team at Mercy Health Services

A six-member delegation from Lithuania headed by the Honorable Jurgis Briedikis, M.D., minister of health, spent five days meeting with Mercy Health Services staff and other guest speakers at the corporate headquarters in Farmington Hills, Mi October 5-11,1993. The workshop was part of an assistance program designed to help the government of Lithuania explore ideas for the planned restoration and development of health care delivery in Lithuania. The delegation heard presentations and had discussions on a wide range of topics including initiation of health regulations, planning, managed care, the private practice of medicine, and review of the United States and Canadian health deliver systems. Part of the week was also devoted to working with the Lithuanian Ministry of Health team to help them shape workshop ideas to fit their own country.



*left to right: Kostas Valuckas, MD , Director of HealthCare Reform
Prof. Jurgis Briedikis, MD , Lithuanian Minister of Health,
Glen Haydon, President Mercy Int'l Health Services*

The group also visited St. Joseph Mercy Hospital- Ann Arbor, MI and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Health Services - Mt. Clemens, Mi.

A second important element of the delegation's visit was further planning on the concept of a public/private hospital partnership. The project combines

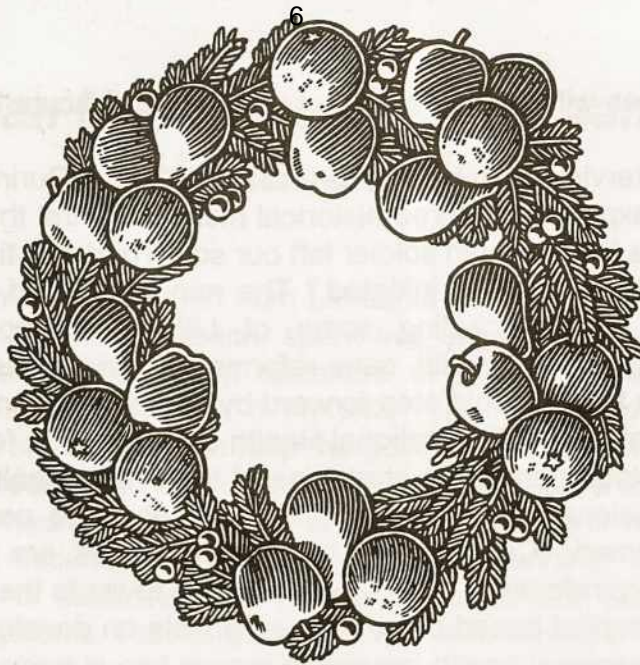
privatization activities with enhancement of public sector acute health care in a model project.

During an interview, Minister Dr. Briedikis stated : " During September of 1993, Lithuanians experienced three historical moments. First the Pope came to visit us. Second, the last Russian soldier left our soil. Third, the first steps toward major health care reforms were initiated." The minister added, " ... a political health care task force, including some of Lithuania's most experienced specialists, educators, and health care reformers from various areas of the nation, has recently taken a bold step forward by its participation in a week-long series of seminars at Mercy International Health Services. The foreseen reforms are based on an integration of the strategies of the World Health Organization, as well as an envisioned Lithuanian National Health Care concept. Advisors from Sweden, Denmark, Canada and the United States are participating in designing health care reforms. The basic direction is towards the restructuring of primary care and hospital based care, with emphasis on developing the private health sector. A provisional health insurance project has already been prepared. Restructuring of the specialized services includes cost effective utilization, careful introduction of high technology, and restructuring of the health ministry and health care organizations. Also included is implementation of outpatient rehabilitation and computer technology for public health in the giving and monitoring of health care. Lithuania will be needing significant technical and financial assistance from the World Bank and other organizations to support Lithuanian health care reforms from the previous Soviet Style to a more current concept. This would serve as a model for other Baltic and Eastern European States. Our goal is to develop a model program of health care delivery reforms which can be replicated in the earlier referred to regions".

In addition to the Minister of Health, the delegation included : Edigijus Bartusevičius, assistant minister of health ; Algimantas Poškus, MD, Medical Department Head, Ministry of Health; Edmundas Baltakis, MD chief doctor, Joniskis Regional Hospital; Kostas Valuckas, director, Oncology Center; and Stefanija Lipakoviene, architect, St. Jokubas Hospital. The week-long workshop was sponsored by Mercy International Health Services and supported by a grant from the Emily George Fund for Human Needs. Other support for the workshop came from the Knights of Lithuania - Aid to Lithuania, Inc. and the Ford Motor Company.

Submitted by:

*Robert S. Boris, Chairman
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with You and Yours on Christmas Day
and throughout the New Year!**

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1993 Essay Contest

Second Place Winning Essay

Around the 6th Century B.C. , the Prussians were conquered by the German Knights of the Teutonic Order and the Latvians were ruled by the German Knights of the Sword; these two orders were Lithuania's strongest enemies. The territories of these two orders were separated by Lithuania, and the opposing rulers sought to join them together. They often invaded Lithuania, trying to conquer it or just to plunder the people.

The Lithuanians needed unity in order to defend themselves and Duke Mindaugas took the initiative. By negotiation or by force, he united Lithuania around the year 1240. Mindaugas removed relatives from their posts; they resented this and sought help from the Teutonic Order. At this time, other leaders joined this coalition and in 1249 they all warred against Lithuania. The invaded the country from all sides and reached Mindaugas' capital of Voruta. The coalition, though, couldn't conquer Voruta and withdrew in defeat.

Mindaugas saw that it would be difficult to stand against such a coalition and decided to use his diplomatic abilities. He offered peace to the more powerful enemy , the Teutonic Order, agreeing to accept the Catholic Faith and would help christen all Lithuanians. The order's magistrate accepted this proposal and in turn helped Mindaugas defeat other enemies.

At the beginning of 1251, Mindaugas, his family, and court were baptized. In 1253, Mindaugas was crowned King in Voruta. Mindaugas succeeded in keeping peace with Lithuania's strongest enemy for 10 years and consolidated his leadership in Lithuania and the Russian-speaking provinces.

With Mindaugas crowned as King of Lithuania, the country was elevated to equal status with other European countries. Lithuania was opened to diplomats and trade, yet even more important was that Lithuania turned to the West, where the culture, science and way of life were more advanced.

Mindaugas' three main accomplishments were that he united Lithuania, he accepted Catholicism instead of the Orthodoxy and he sought to unite the three Baltic nations of Latvians, Lithuanians and Prussians. If Lithuanians had not been united , the German Orders would have conquered them easily and ethnic Lithuanians would have merged with the German masses - the ancient and distinct Lithuanian culture would not be preserved to this day. If he had been successful in uniting the three Baltic peoples into one state, we would have a large Lithuania today. Although Mindaugas did not introduce Catholicism to the entire nation, he still gave direction for the next generations to follow. The Catholic faith took deep root in Lithuania. Rome, with its stable leadership, gives fundamental, moral guidance to people in this troubled time. Catholicism is the bastion and protector of the family and of community and national values.

Peter Iron Jakubka
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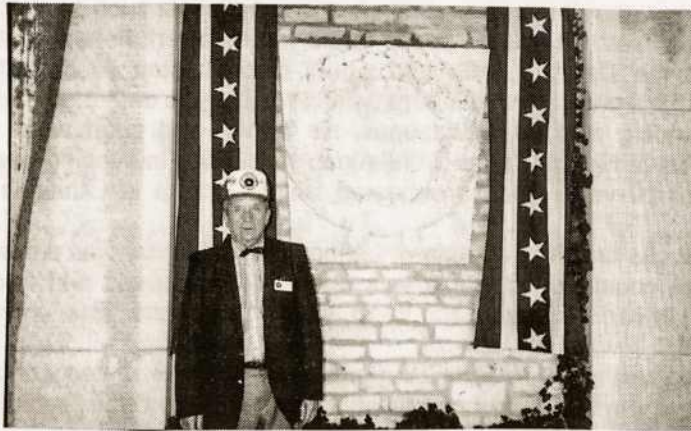
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The Unforgotten Hero of WW II

By Irene D. Senken C-12

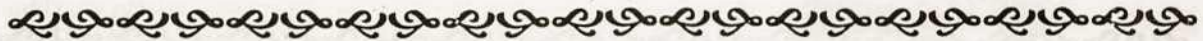
I find it fitting to write about one of our local heroes, who is a loyal American of Lithuanian heritage and a Christian with selfless integrity. He has been a member of c-12 for many years with an impeccable record for his participation in council activities throughout his tenure. He is our own Joe Kscenaitis or known to many as Joe Kelly.



Over 50 years ago, Joe was member of the 9th Infantry Division of the US Army fighting in the Battle of Kasserine in Tunisia, No. Africa. Joe was wounded in battle and lost one of his legs. In May of 1993, approximately 70 veterans of WW II , at the invitation of the US Embassy in Tunisia visited the areas where the Battle of Kasserine took place. Joe remembers: "I remember the hunger, dampness, and my leg injury. Coming back to Tunisia for the first time since WW II, I am happy with what I am discovering. Sure, there's a language barrier, which prevents us from getting to know the people. A program has been established for us with an opportunity to see several regions. We won't have time to rest." A military museum is being established at Mareth to document the Mareth Line at the Lybian Border in So. Tunisia which was felled by Axis forces on March 24, 1943. Kasserine Pass was considered to be the most important operation of the campaign. We indeed salute Joe as our hero and love him for his unique wit and tireless sense of humor.

*Warmest Seasons
Greetings to
All Knights of
Lithuania Members!*

*From
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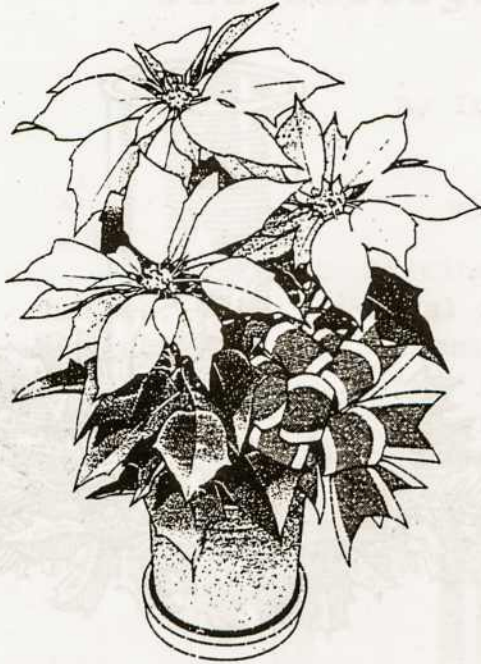
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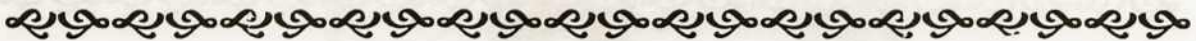
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with Peace, Beauty and Love at Christmas
and thru the New Year!!!**

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LET'S TALK LITHUANIAN — KALBĖKIME LIETUVIŠKAI

Dalia Bulvičiūtė-Bulvičius
LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR



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1. Du galu ir galas.
2. Du ratu pagiryje stovi.
3. Kaulo burna, mėsos barzda, du kartu gimsta, vieną kartą miršta ir velnio nebijo.
4. Penki tvartai, vienos durys.
5. Žiema brolis, vasarą molis.
6. Du bėga, du gana, du spokso, du kiokso, du riokso, vienuoliktasis pliekia.
7. Akmens kojos, medžio liemu, stiklo akys, šiaudų kepurė, ant tos kepurės senis sėdi ir pypkę rūko.
8. Lino šerdis, taukų drabužis, sidabro galva.
9. Gyvas būdamas gyvus penėjau, numiręs guvus nešiojau.
10. Dieną kaulus nešioja, naktį žiopso.
11. Keturi ponaičiukai vieną kepurę dėvi.
12. Karo karo karikas, tupi tupi tupikas, kad karikas nekarėtų, nė tupikas netupėtų.
13. Šonas šyla, šonas šala, galva džiūsta, kojos pūsta.
14. Be kirvio, be kirvelio, be grežto be grežtelio, be medžio be medelio — pastato tiltą.
15. Šakos šakotinės, visos šakos su lizdais, visi lizdai su vaikais.
16. Šarangė varangė po suolu susirangė.
17. Kiurza keverza visą lauką apkeverzojo.
18. Atlėkia paukštis be sparnų, įkimba į medį be nagų. Šaulys nušauna be šaudyklės, ponis suvalgo be dantų.
19. Žalia žolelė, žalias jautelis, ant žalio stalo žalius pietus valgo.
20. Lopinys ant lopinio, o siūlelio niekur nėra.
21. Senas senukėlis su geltonais kailinukėliais, kai tuos kailinukus nuvelka, visi žmonės verkia.



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Answers



Lithuania and the Jogailan Dynasty

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In the year 1440, Kazimieras, the son of Jogaila became the Grand Duke of Lithuania. His descendants ruled Lithuania until 1572. The last Jogailan of Jagiellonian as the family is more popularly known in the west was Zygmantas Augustas. In 1447, Kazimieras was also elected King of Poland as were his successors with the exception of Aleksandras, 1492-1501, who ruled in Lithuania alone. As we know the Jogailan dynasty ended with the Union of Lublin in 1569.

In Polish historiography the Age of the Jogailans or Jagiellonians is referred to as the "Golden Age of Poland." It was during this period that the Jogailans established their relationships with Poland which seemed to many later Lithuanians as being at odds with the policies of Algirdas and Vytautas. As a result, the Jogailan dynasty has never been very popular among Lithuanians. The paradox is, however, that the Jogailans were generally considered as Lithuanians in Poland. Most Polish historians complain that the Jogailans pursued Lithuanian-oriented policies at the expense of Polish national interests. As a result, in the eyes of Lithuanians, the Jogailans are seen as Poles, while from a Polish perspective they are considered Lithuanians. Just what were they?

The Jogailans were the common rulers of two larger and significant European states. Together this bloc, consisting of Lithuania and Poland, was the strongest state in all of Europe far overshadowing its neighbors to the north, south, east and west. By the end of the XV century, Jogailans sat not only on the thrones of Lithuania and Poland, but also in the capitals of Bohemia and Hungary. The members of the dynasty formed a powerful union which influenced all of the nations between the Baltic and the Adriatic. In a very real sense, the Jogailans were neither Lithuanian nor Polish. They formed a dynasty, a family of rulers. The interests of the family were paramount to local or national interests of either the Poles, Lithuanians, Bohemians or Hungarians. The Jogailans ruled over a "system."

Just what role did Lithuania play in the system? Lithuania was the only state within the system that did not have the rank of a kingdom. Lithuania was a Grand Duchy, certainly equal to Moscow, but not considered to be of equal rank in the Roman Catholic west, with Poland, Hungary and Bohemia. In Poland, Hungary and Bohemia, the Jogailans owed their thrones to the parliaments of those kingdoms which elected them. Only in Lithuania were they rulers by birth and divine right. In some ways, Lithuania was behind the west economically and culturally naturally to her own disadvantage in her relationships with her western neighbors. Only Lithuania was viewed by the Jogailans as the cornerstone of their imperial system just the way Russia is considered the foundation of the Soviet Union today. In a sense, Lithuania was the launching pad or trampoline from which the Jogailans jumped from throne to throne in Europe and Russia.

Although their power base was in Lithuania, the Jogailans main residence was in Krakow, the capital of Poland. It was there that the Jogailans, the descendants of Geiminas became known as the Jagiellonians. Not only was the Wawel castle in which they lived in Krakow the more sumptuous of their residences particularly over the spartan "pilis" in Vilnius, but in Poland they were kings on an equal footing with other European monarchs. Poland was well-established as a Catholic Christian kingdom while Lithuania was the equivalent of the American "Wild West" to western Europe. It was a land still populated mostly by Roman Catholic neophytes, Samogitian heathens and Eastern Orthodox schismatics, not to mention the Jews and Moslem remnants of the Tartar Horde and the Karaim. At this time, Poland was beginning to consolidate itself as a Roman Catholic ethnic entity while Lithuania was just beginning to enter the western European Catholic family of nations. At the same time, Lithuanian influence was waning in the East among her Eastern Orthodox subjects who looked ever more often to Moscow as Lithuania proper became Roman Catholic. As kings in Poland, the Jogailans had more prestige in the eyes of the world than they did simply as Grand Dukes of Lithuania.

During the renaissance, Poland evolved into a national state unlike Lithuania which was a multi-national, multi-religious country. As king of Poland, each Jogailan became more and more Polish and less and less Lithuanian in the course of time. We need only to look at our own Lithuanian ancestors and our progress in America to appreciate how the Jogailans were polonized over the generations. The process was similar to americanization of Lithuanian immigrants here in the USA over the years. Soon the Jogailans became the propagators of the Polish language along with the "Polish faith" as Roman Catholicism was then known to the north and east of Poland proper. The more Roman Catholic Lithuania became, the weaker it became in the Russian Orthodox east. As the Eastern Orthodox Russians consolidated in the east, the Poles became more and more involved in supporting the interests of the Lithuanian dynasty to the detriment of Polish national interests at home. The Poles were forced to support Lithuania in many wars against Russia whether they liked it or not. They had no other choice. Lithuania on the other hand, was forced to support the interests of the dynasty in the west against German expansion into Poland proper. Neither country had much of a choice as Russian and Prussian power grew to the east and west.

Economically, politically, militarily and culturally, Poland gradually established hegemony over Lithuania. Because of the threat from the east, from the Russians, Lithuania was unable to shed her alliance with Poland. She was simply unequal to containing Russian power alone without Polish help. On the other hand, Poland was unable to contain German expansionism to the east without the wealth and reserves of Lithuania. Another paradox is that whereas the Jogailans promoted the expansion of polishness in Lithuania, they also promoted Lithuanian statehood and separatism until the very

end of their dynasty. Only when the dynasty faced extinction, was Lithuania joined organically to Poland in the Union of Lublin and then only the Ukrainian lands of Lithuania. Byelorussia remained a part of Lithuania and considered itself as Lithuanian well into the nineteenth century.

Should the Jogailans or Jagiellonians be cursed either by Lithuanians and Poles? Probably not. After all, they sought only to further their dynastic ambitions in a world of other dynasties such as the Romanovs and Hapsburgs and Tudors. The idea of ethno-centric national states did not arrive in East Central Europe until the nineteenth century. In the long run, the Jogailans brought Lithuania into the western European family of nations and to the Roman Catholic faith. In a sense, at least from the point of view of the twentieth century, the national interests of both Poland and Lithuania suffered from Jogailan rule. Yet, from another viewpoint, if it were not for the Jogailans, today Lithuania would probably be a part of Byelorussia and Poland a part of German Austria or Slovakia. History is never what succeeding generations would want it to be. History just is.



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March 13, 1994

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Pittston, PA

March 13, 1994

MAD St. Casimir's Day and Convention
Albany, NY, C-136 Hosts

March 26, 1994

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Detroit, MI

May 20-22, 1994

MCD Spring Meeting,
Pittsburgh, PA, C-19 Hosts

June 4, 1994

Supreme Council Meeting
Chicago, IL

June 17-20, 1994

AMD Meeting and Pilgrimage,
Kennebunkport, ME

August 4-7, 1994

K of L 81st National Convention,
C-16 Hosts, Chicago, IL

September 11-14, 1994

C-136 Annual Pilgrimage,
Kennebunkport, ME

In Memoriam

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Katherine M. Jardis
C-78
November 8, 1993

A † A

Monika Ivanauskas
C-147
November 30, 1993

A † A

Gene Razwad
C-17
November 20, 1993

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Sophia Glineckis
C-17
November 8, 1993

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Frank Skodis
C-144
November 4, 1993

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Jerome Sodaitis
C-144
October 1993

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Adeline Kale
C-144
October 1993

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Leaman Norcross
C-144
August 1993

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Rev. Kenneth Wicks
C-110
November 20, 1993

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Kazimieras Ciuderis
C-12
September 1993

A † A

John Marcinka
C-141
November 9, 1993

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Ann Marie Lithkowsky
C-144
November 12, 1993

*Amžinaji Atilsj duok mirusiems, Viešpatie
ir amžinoji šviesa jiems tešviečia.
Tegu ilsis ramybėje. Amen.*

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Council 19

Pittsburgh, Pa

Council 19 members look forward to greeting our MCD friends at our spring meeting and bowling tournament
May 20-22, 1994



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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT*

C-19 Pittsburgh, PA

C-25 Cleveland, OH

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C-139 Detroit, MI

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Tegyvuoją Laisvą ir Nepriklausomą Lietuvą

LITHUANIAN KITCHEN — LIETUVIŠKA VIRTUVĖ

BEEF BIRDS

Zrazai Vyniotiniai

2-3 lbs. beef
sliced bacon
1-2 onions
2-3 slices rye bread
mushrooms (optional)
bouillon
½ cup sour cream

Have beef sliced about ½ inch thick. Pound thin with edge of plate or rolling pin. Cut into uniform pieces. On each piece place in layers, a small piece of bread, thin slice of onion, piece of bacon, few slices of mushroom. Sprinkle with salt and dash of pepper. Roll up, tie with thread or fasten with toothpicks. Brown on all sides quickly in hot fat. Place in heavy cooking pot, pour on enough bouillon to barely cover. Cover pot tightly. Simmer 1 to 1½ hours. When meat is tender, add cream. Remove birds, thicken liquid with flour for gravy.

EGGS ON THE HALF-SHELL

[daryti Kiaušiniai

13 eggs
4 tbsps. butter
4 stalks green onion (scallions)
1 tbsp. chopped dill
3 tbsps. dry bread crumbs

Hard-boil 12 eggs. Cool in cold water. Do not peel. Using a large, sharp knife, cut or chop in half each egg lengthwise with a swift sharp stroke. Scoop whites and yolks out of shells. Chop fine. Saute chopped onion in 3 tbsps. butter. Add to chopped egg with dill, crumbs and raw egg. Mix. Season to taste. Fill the empty eggshells with mixture, smoothing tops to make them even with edges of shells. Dip tops into cracker crumbs. Melt 1 tbsp. butter in frying pan. Place eggs, stuffed side down in butter and drown very quickly. Then place eggs on baking sheet, shell side down. Bake in moderate oven 5 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

CABBAGE-MEAT PIE

Plaučių Kepsnys

Pastry for 9" pie
1 medium cabbage
1 onion
¼ lb. butter
1 cup leftover beef or veal — ground or
1 medium beef lung, boiled and ground
nutmeg
salt, pepper
1 small can mushrooms, drained and
chopped
2 hard-boiled eggs

Chop onion, saute in butter. Add shredded cabbage, salt to taste. Cook on low flame until cabbage is tender — about 20 minutes. Season ground meat with nutmeg, salt and pepper. Add meat, chopped eggs, and mushrooms to cabbage. Cook about 5 minutes. Line greased pie pan with pastry dough. Spoon in cabbage and meat mixture. Cover with pastry dough. Bake in 400° oven for 25 to 30 minutes, until top is brown.

HAM ROLL-UPS

Kumpio Vyniotiniai

Prepare dough according to meat or heart dumpling recipe. Roll out rather thick, in rectangular shape. Place thin slices of boiled or baked ham all over surface of dough. Roll up like a jelly roll. Place in clean napkin or dish towel, tie up like a salami. Place in rapidly boiling salted water. Boil one hour. Remove from cloth. Slice and serve hot with mushroom sauce.

DOUGH

2 cups flour
1 egg
salt
milk and water

Make dough of the flour, egg, salt, and enough milk and water (half and half) to make a soft dough which can be rolled.

RYE BREAD

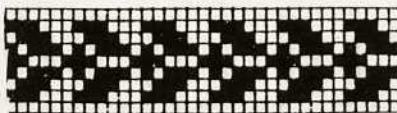
Rūginė Duona

2 lbs. dark rye flour
¼ cup vinegar
1 to 3 tps. salt
1 to 3 tps. caraway seed
¾ cake yeast
1 cup lukewarm water
½ cup sugar
all-purpose flour

Should be mixed in a wooden pail or bucket (oak, if possible). Season a new pail by rubbing it with salt, finely cut onions and caraway seeds. If pail is used rarely for mixing dough, season it freshly. When freshly seasoned pail is used, decrease amount of salt and caraway seeds for dough.



Dilute vinegar with equal amount of boiling water. Stir into rye flour. Add enough boiled water to make a thin paste. Add salt and caraway seed. Let cool. Dissolve ½ cake yeast and sugar in 1 cup lukewarm water. Stir into rye mixture while slightly warm. Cover with a cloth. Let stand overnight in warm, even temperature. In the morning add ¼ cake of yeast which has been dissolved in a little lukewarm water. Stir in enough all-purpose flour to make a stiff dough. Stir vigorously. Let rise 1 hour. Divide dough in half and place in large bread pans which have been greased and sprinkled with cracker meal or corn meal. Let rise again 15 to 30 minutes. Bake in very hot oven until top is brown. Then reduce temperature to 350°, continue baking about 2 hours, until bread sounds hollow when tapped with fingers.



MUSHROOMS*Grybai*

1 cup honey
 ½ cup sugar
 ¼ cup butter
 4 tbsps. burnt sugar
 2 eggs
 ¼ cup sour cream
 5½ cups sifted flour
 1½ tsp. baking soda
 ½ tsp. each, lemon rind, orange rind,
 cinnamon
 ¼ tsp. each, ginger, cloves
 ⅛ tsp. each nutmeg, cardamon

Heat honey. Add sugar, butter, eggs and cream, alternately with sifted flour and soda. Stir well. Add grated rind and spices. Knead until smooth. Divide dough in half. Form small pieces of half the dough into various sized mushroom caps, rounded on top, flat on bottom, making an indentation with fingertip in flat side for insertion of "stem." Place flat side down on cookie sheet. Form stems by making several rolls of various thicknesses to correspond to mushroom caps, cut about 1 to 1½ inches long. Wrap each stem in brown paper, leaving ends open. Place on cookie sheet, lapped side of paper down. Bake caps and stems at 350° for about 10 minutes or until brown. Cool. Enlarge mushroom cap indentation with knife tip. Dip one end of stem into icing, fit into indentation. Allow to set. Ice flat side of caps and stems with white icing. Sprinkle several poppy seeds around bottom of stem. Ice mushroom tops with chocolate icing.

ICING

2 cups confectioners' sugar
 5 teaspoons cold water
 4 to 6 teaspoons strained fresh lemon juice
 2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa

Place confectioners' sugar in a bowl and with wire whisk or rotary or electric beater, beat in water a teaspoon at a time. Continue to beat until smooth, then beat in 4 teaspoons of lemon juice. Taste icing. If you prefer tarter flavor, beat in up to 2 more teaspoons lemon juice. Divide icing in half, stir in cocoa into one half.

BUTTER COOKIES*Sviesto Sausainiai*

½ lb. cream cheese
 ½ lb. butter
 (or ¼ lb. butter & ¼ lb. margarine)
 2 cups flour

Cream butter and cheese, sift in flour. Mix and chill overnight. Roll thin, cut into squares. Fill squares with pureed stewed apricots, prunes or jam. Bake in 450° oven until lightly browned. Remove from pan, sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

**COOKIE SLICES
SAUSAINIAI**

6 eggs
 1 1/2 cup sugar
 1 cup butter
 7 cups flour
 3 tps. baking powder
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1 cup chopped nuts
 1/2 tsp. ground cardamon

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs one at a time. Beat well. Sift in flour and baking powder. Add vanilla, cardamon and nuts. Divide dough into four sections. Shape each one into a roll about 2 inches in diameter. Bake about 1/2 hour in 400° oven. Remove from pan. While still warm, cut into 1/2 inch slices. Reduce heat to 250°. Place slices on cookie sheet, continue baking until dry and light brown.

**RICH CHEESE
SŪRIS**

2 qts. soured milk
 3 tbsps. sour cream
 1 cup milk
 1 tsp. salt
 1 tbsp. caraway seeds

Heat sour milk, 2 tbsps. cream, and sweet milk — do not boil. Pour into triangular cloth bag. Allow to drain. Turn into bowl, add salt, caraway seeds and 1 tbsp. sour cream. Mix well. Replace in bag, press between boards, under weight for 2 days. Remove from bag.

**CABBAGE - BEEF BIRDS
KOPUSTŲ ZRAZAI**

1/2 head cabbage
 2-3 lbs. beef
 1 onion
 1 egg, salt, pepper bouillon or water

Prepare beef as for beef birds. Parboil cabbage, drain, chop fine. Add salt, egg, and minced onion sauteed in butter. Mix well. Place a spoonful on each slice of beef. Roll up. Tie or fasten each roll. Place in pot, pour on hot bouillon or water to cover rolls. Cover pot tightly. Simmer till done (1 to 1 1/2 hours).



OFFICIAL NEWS — OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

To one and all, I wish you a very healthy, prosperous and happy year in 1994 and time thereafter !

Some thoughts on goals during the new year:

- ◆ Let's continue to pray to the Blessed Mother to help Lithuania and her people regain their faith as they grow and adjust to their freedom.
- ◆ Pray to Venerable Archbishop George Matulaitis
- ◆ Keep St. Casimir in your prayers, thoughts and continue to follow his example.
- ◆ Pray for the sick, the needy, and the unborn.
- ◆ Have your dues in before the March 1, 1994 deadline.
- ◆ Attend council meetings and help your council grow in spirit and activity.
- ◆ No Junior Council ? Start one! This assures the future of the K of L.
- ◆ Continue to support Aid to Lithuania, Inc.; St. Casimir's Guild; The K of L Foundation, Inc.
- ◆ Read the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin

The next Supreme Council meeting will be **March 26, 1994** If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please send them to me before the meeting.

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Vytiškai,

**Fran Petkus
Supreme Council President**

COUNCIL NEWS — VYČIAI VEIKIA

C- 147, St. Petersburg, FL

Election of officers took place at the November meeting. All the same officers agreed to stay on for another year. They are:

Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Jonas Gasiunas
 President - Dolores Jonaitis
 First VP - Alfus Shukis
 Second VP - Brone Urbonas
 Recording Secretary - Victoria Kleiva
 Treasurer - Maria Gelazius
 Financial Secretary - Genovaite Bakas
 Trustees - Rev. Matas Cyvas and Charles Vilnis
 Ritual - Aldona Valis
 Cultural and Lithuanian Affairs: Irena Diktanas and John Jonaitis
 Vytis Correspondent - Dolores Jonaitis

Refreshments for the November meeting were donated by Bertha Stann, Maria Gelazius, Victoria Kleiva, Irena Diktanas and Dolores Jonaitis. We wish a speedy recovery to Charles Vilnis and Brone Urbonas. Antanas Grabauskas won a second place trophy for his sharpshooting skills in a competition sponsored by the Romas Kalanta Post of the Sauliai in St. Petersburg, FL. A Mass for deceased members of c-147 was celebrated on November 1 at Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Gulfport. We were pleased to see the name of Jonas Valauskas mentioned under resolutions at the 80th National Convention. He is a benefactor of the Valauskas and Alexis memorial room at ALKA and a member of c-147. Our Council was represented at the Rejuvenation of the Lithuanian Army Celebration *KARIJOMENES SVENTE* held at Holy Name Church and the Lithuanian Club on November 21st by Antanas Grabauskas, Valerija Lescinskiene and Petre Kasparaviciute.

A Christmas Social was combined with our December meeting. Victoria Kleiva was chairman of the Lottery table with the gracious help of her daughter. They both decorated the Hospitality Room at Florida Power. Victoria read a lovely passage *Marijos Betliejus*. All sorts of *skanumynai* were donated by our members for all to eat.

Monika Ivanauskas, a member for 14 years, and a second degree knight, passed away on November 30, 1993. She came to St. Petersburg Beach in 1978 from Grand Rapids, MI. The K of L ritual at wakes was conducted by our spiritual advisor Rev. John Gasiunas. Our condolences to Dr. Joseph Petrikas on the recent loss of his wife. May they rest in peace.

The traditional *KUCIOS*, held on December 24th at the Lithuanian American Club of St. Petersburg was attended by 380 people. Many were members of c-147.

- Dolores Jonaitis

New England District

The New England District held its annual Cultural Festival in Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, MA. All Councils are thanked for their assistance. A lottery was conducted, the prizes for which were donated by: Straw picture made by Aldona Saimininkas donated by the NED, \$ 100.00 donated by Irene Tamulevich (c-116) in memory of her husband Edward, \$ 50.00 donated by Bertha Stoskus (c-103) in memory of her husband, John , \$ 25.00 donated by c-78, Lawrence, MA , \$ 25.00 donated by B. (Jodaitis) Richard c-10, painting donated by L. Davidonis c-10 and a Lithuanian Juosta donated by Sophie Sakalys c-103. Winners listed in the same order were: K. Pesedna, Longinas Svelnis, Mary Phillips, Matilda Stundza, Mary Yanis, Mark Evans, Samantha Lafranboise.

- Blanche S. Genaitis

C-17 So. Boston, MA

The first meeting of the season reflected the commitment of council members to things Lithuanian. Nineteen delegates attended the 80th National Convention in Worcester, MA. All expressed satisfaction for a well organized and conducted convention. VALIO! to council 26 and the Supreme Council for their efforts.

Several Council members traveled to Lithuania with Rev. Albert Contons' group to witness the historic visit of the Pope. They related their experiences and although the weather in Lithuania was miserable, their visit was rich in memories. Father Contons had taken many pictures of his visit and shared them at the meeting.

C-17 hosted the New England District convention on Sunday September 19, at St. Peter Lithuanian Church in South Boston, MA. The convention began with the 10:30 AM Mass followed by a Brunch. Host Council President Alexander Akule opened the business session at 1:30 PM . 112 people attended of which 80 were delegates. Bertha Stoskus, NED president , conducted the business session. Upon its conclusion, attendees feasted on a delicious meal prepared by the Council Kitchen Crew, led by Frank and Virginia Markuns. C-17 passed the district flag to Irene Tamulevich, president of c-116, South Worcester, who will host the NED spring convention on April 24, 1994.



Election of Council Officers for the 1993-1994 term was held at the October meeting. The Current board was reelected:

Alexander Akule - President
 Frank Markuns- 1st Vice President
 Longinas Svelnis - 2nd Vice President
 Emily Lehman - 3rd Vice President
 Joseph White - Treasurer
 Francis Savicke - Recording Secretary
 Adele Martus - Corresponding Secretary
 Eva Ball - Financial Secretary
 Walter Opanesit and John Norinkavich - Trustees
 Patricia Akule, Ann Evans & Mary Kleponis -Ritual
 Joseph Balakonis and Albert Kropas - Sgts-at-Arms

John Norinkavich and Longinas Svelnis - Lith. Affairs
Joseph White - Vytis Correspondent

Thanks to all c-17 officers for their commitment during the past year.

Eva Ball, financial secretary, reported a paid-up membership of 187 members. This number has grown each year due to her diligent efforts. Thank You, Eva !

The roster of Supreme Council officers for the 1993-1994 Term includes four c-17 members. They are : Longinas Svelnis - Chairman of the Archives Committee, Phylis Grendal and Rev. Albert Contons - Honorary Membership Committee, and Florence Zaleskas- Treasurer of the Scholarship Committee. Congratulations to all.

It is our sad task to report the deaths of two esteemed council members: Sophia Glineckis died on November 8 in her 102nd year. She was president of c-17 in its early years. Gene Razwad passed on November 20. She was a 3rd degree knight and her deceased husband, Frank, was an honorary member and a Supreme Council President in the forties.

Congratulations to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Putnam, CT, who are celebrating their 75th Anniversary in God's Service. Many knights attend their annual Friendship Day Picnic held each July. The K of L national archives are housed in ALKA sited on the sisters' compound.

C-17 cohosted the NED Cultural Festival along with C-26 Worcester at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury, MA on October 17. This traditional event draws knights from all over New England to eat, talk and browse through various booths set up by the member councils and others. This event is the main fundraiser for the NED treasury and Scholarship Fund. We thank co-host c-26 for their much appreciated assistance and also Vic Mathieu (c-103) and other friends who helped in the kitchen.

A very successful Christmas Bazaar was held November 13 & 14 at St. Peter Church Hall, co-chaired by council president Al Akule and Brenda Wacak. Frank & Virginia Markuns and their helpers did a tremendous job making the traditional Lithuanian repast into an artform as witnessed by the crowd lined up to partake in the meal.

C-17 is looking forward to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the founding of St. Peter parish on January 30, 1994 with a special Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Paulius A. Baltakis. On March 6, 1994 St. Casimir Day Mass and Blessing of the restored St. Peter Church by Bernard Cardinal Law of Boston is another of many events planned for the Jubilee Year.

We wish our K of L family a healthy and prosperous New Year.

- Joe White

C-26 Worcester, MA

We had our annual election of officers at the November meeting. The same board of officers will continue for another year. We thank all who worked at the Annual NED Cultural Festival October 17 and the Council's Annual Picnic and Craft Fair on November 6 in the kitchen, at the raffles, the coffee and... table , and the fishpond. C-26 has a dedicated group of workers.

Bill Buckley and Anne Leseman are home recuperating from surgery. Our prayers are with thwm for a speedy recovery. Aldona Waska and Lilian Kondrotas are back from 3 weeks at Lake Tahoe and San Francisco, CA. Barb Pantos and Len Matulis were on the same two-week enjoyable tour of Italy.

The Worcester Chapter of the Lithuanian-American Community in conjunction with the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception sponsored a memorable sacred music concert by the Lithuanian Girl's Choir PASTORALE, in The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in Worcester. Over 500 Lithuanian-Americans and non-Lithuanians alike were moved by the 16 angelic voices. Chairman of the Event was c-26 member Terese Meilus, who along with the committee also hosted a reception following the performance. Many c-26ers attended the concert and the hot buffet that followed. During the reception the girls under the direction of Nijole Jautakiene the founder of this captivating group sang several songs. Thanks to the organizing committee for a job well done.

C-26 along with St. Casimir Parish Mens' club sponsored a Christmas party, while the regular December Council meeting included a dinner hosted by Marion and Arthur Racicot assisted by C-26 board of officers. Ed. Meilus, Jr. led all in singing Lithuanian Christmas songs, accompanying those in attendance with his accordion. *Linksmų Švenčių.*

Barbara Pantos



Council 46

During the October meeting , we had the election of officers. The following were elected:

Stasia Wallace - president
 Bea Stanis - vice president
 Joan Opeka - Treasurer
 Frank Cyzeski - Secretary
 Blanche Matsko - Vytis Correspondent
 Alice Puntar, John Gudaitis & Albert Kazakawich - Trustees
 John Morris - Ritual Committee
 Amy Morris - Sunshine Club

Six council members are planning to attend the spiritual renewal weekend at the Franciscan Monestary in Kennebunkport , ME scheduled for June 18, 1994. Joan Opeka and Blanche Motsko cochaired the annual Christmas Party at the Dew Drop Inn on December 5. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



- Blanche Motsko

C-50 New Haven, CT

Council 50 continues to remain active with members working on both church and council activities. Congratulations to our latest 3rd degree recipients : Marie Antin and Pat & Leo Tamulis. Eleanor Gutauskas received her 4th degree in a private ceremony as shown in the below picture.



The St. Casimir Church Hall was filled with holiday decorations during our annual Christmas Boutique. Crafts, white elephant items and good food were provided by council members.

The slate of officers for 1994 have been elected, namely:



Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Albert Karalis
 President: Albert Gutauskas
 1st Vice Pres. : William Bachinski
 2nd Vice Pres. : Isabel Peterson
 Secretary : Audrey Toole
 Treasurer : Anne Meskins
 Financial Secretary : Helen Klimaszewski
 Asst. Fin. Secretary : Helen Lostys
 Vytis Correspondent : Audrey Toole
 Ritual : Frank Antin
 Sunshine : Eleanor Gutauskas
 Lithuanian Affairs : George Kisielius
 Sgts.-at-Arms: Alice Dekas & Anthony Kardorsky
 Trustees: Joan Augustine, Helen Medley & Charles Dekas

Congratulations to our officers and Good Health to all in 1994.

- Audrey Toole

C-52 , Elizabeth, NJ

The newly elected officers for 1994 are:



Rev. Al Zemeikis - Spiritual Advisor
 HM Annie Mitchell Matalavich - President
 Anne Baronas - Vice President
 HM Annie Mitchell Matalavich - Recording Secretary
 Frances Milewski - Financial Secretary
 Mary Mackelis - Treasurer
 Ruth Brazinski - Social Chairperson
 Vytis Correspondent - William Senkus

Rev. Peter Aquino has been incardinated into the Diocese of Newark and officially appointed at Sts. Peter and Paul church as parochial vicar for a period of six years. Msgr. Dominic A. Pocus, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny, NJ has been appointed pastor of Holy Trinity Church , Newark, NJ as of November 28. Holiday Greetings to all knights.

- William Senkus

C- 90 Kearny, NJ

Ellie and John Nakrosis are back from their visit to Lithuania. They visited with their son Stephen, who worked for the *BALTIC OBSERVER*. A visit to the Hill of Crosses left an awe-inspiring impression on them. Stephen Nakrosis has since returned home from working in Lithuania, full of interesting stories about his experiences. Ruth and Wally Hryszko spent two weeks in Belgium visiting their son Walt and his family. They were happy to witness the Baptism of their first grandson, Brett. Dot and Walt Staskus became grandparents again. Their daughter Joanne had a baby girl. Joyce and Tony Machcinski , members of c-90 had another baby boy, Charles Alexander, in October. Grandparents are Gen and Al Mazur. God bless the new babies.

We have a new slate of officers for 1994. Congratulations to:

President- John Nakrosis
 First V.P. - Cathy Cierpial
 Second V.P. - Theresa Bilaitis
 Third V.P. - Cathy Nakrosis
 Financial Sec'y - Mary Przychocki
 Secretary - Lilly Sudol
 Treasurer - Ellie Nakrosis
 Lithuanian Affairs - Eleanor Rokas
 Cultural - Theresa Bilaitis
 Publicity - Fran Grinewich
 Sunshine - Nellie Stodolski
 Vytis Correspondent - Gen Mazur
 Trustees- Paul Gelenitis and Eleanor Rokas
 Ritual - the Executive Board

On November 5 our council was host to PASTORALE Girls choir from Kaunas , Lithuania. There were 250 people in Our Lady of Sorrows church enchanted by the angelic sounds coming from the 16 prettiest Lithuanian young ladies. Coffee and cake was served in the church hall after the performance where we were able to meet and talk with the young ladies.

Our Christmas party was held on Friday evening, December 3. A good time was had by all. We all enjoyed the little children (future K of L'ers) dance *Noriu Miego* and the Chicken Dance. The committee headed by Fran Grinewich, assisted by Audrey Przybylski, Mary Przychocki and Cathy Nakrosis did a great job. Keeping Christ in Christmas, some of our members sold over 150 gold and pewter nativity pins , as a fundraiser, in less than two weeks.

C-90's next event will be our pancake dance to be held on Sunday March 6, 1994. We look forward to seeing all the children having fun on the dance floor and the grown-ups eating those delicious pancakes and sour cream.

Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year to all of our K of L friends . *Su Diev !*

- ZMON

C- 96 Dayton, OH

Holy Cross Lithuanian Catholic Church held a prayer vigil on November 14 to bombard heaven with prayers for Rev. George Matulitis. We have been praying to keep our church an independent and autonomous parish of the Cincinnati diocese. Members Judy Petrokas, Elinor Sluzas and MaryAgnes Mikalauskas are active on the task force to keep our church alive. Please keep the parish in your prayers.

Our November meeting started off with a delicious meal prepared by social committee member Elaine Pacovsky. We discussed the upcoming bakesale, Christmas parties and carolling. Following the regular meeting, our beloved Sally Milaskavitz instructed us in the fine art of Lithuanian Christmas Tree Ornament making. It was a wonderful day.

Please keep our spiritual advisor , Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis in your prayers. He has had some medical concerns of late and is now stable.

MaryAgnes Mikalauskas

C-102 Detroit, MI

Our September meeting was held at Fr. Stan's summer home on Harsens Island. John and Donna Stanievich hosted the pot luck dinner that followed the meeting. Bob Boris showed videos of the Pilgrimage to Lithuania in which some council members participated. Helen Smolek was not at the meeting as she was recuperating from her accidental fall while in Lithuania. Although she missed some of the trip, she still said that it was an enjoyable

experience. Regina Juskus was much happier three days after her return from the trip, when her luggage, mostly containing Lithuanian souvenirs, were found by the airlines and delivered to her home. Also on the trip were Lou Bogart, Onita Selinas and Ona Sedeikas. We enjoyed seeing their snapshots also.

C-102 delegates to the Mi-Central District meeting and pilgrimage in Cleveland were the Medonises, the Guerrieroes, Frank Bunikis and Regina Juskus. Regina was elected a District Officer. Congratulations to our new district president, Lillian Petravicius, and good luck to retiring president John Baltrus. The Saturday night dinner and entertainment was superb. The 100 Singing Angels put on a beautiful concert. Ages of the choristers were 8 to 17. The conductor's patience was fabulous as was his directing style. The pilgrimage on Sunday afternoon was beautiful. Terry Medonis read c-102 deceased members list while Ray Medonis lit the candles. This was a very lovely and enjoyable weekend. Thank you c-25, Cleveland.

Get well wishes go out to Joana Shigo.

Sad news came from Lithuania in September with the passing of our Assistant pastor, Rev. Semaitis. Fr. Semaitis retired from St. Anthony's in the spring with a terminal illness to return to Lithuania to spend the rest of his days with his family. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

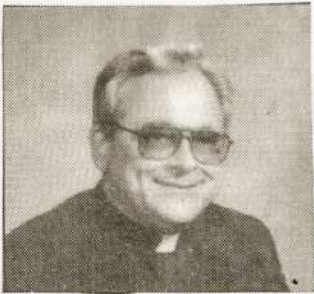
- Meriutė

C-110 Maspeth, NY

Upon returning from Lithuania, members Helen Matulonis and Ann Morressey reported on three orphanages with heart-wrenching stories of their needs. Additional diapers, Similac baby formula and food blenders were shipped along with our council's ongoing food drive. Future shipments are being planned.

Norbert Laukaitis was nominated for his second degree, while Peter Ferone, William Montvillo and Maryte Abbott were nominated for their first degree.

Our autumn Halloween Dinner Dance was well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time dancing to the music of Joe Thomas, enjoying a pot roast dinner, meeting new folks and chatting with old friends. Al Klimas won the Father Ken Wicks special \$ 1,000.00 lotto prize in addition to a basket of cheer from the Knights. It was Al's lucky day. Baskets of cheer were also won by Fran Migliore and Peggy Lassas. There were many winners of the 21 donated prizes. Special thanks to c-110 president, Bruno Rutkunas and Helen Matulonis for helping in the organization of the event.



It is with great sadness that we report the untimely death of Transfiguration parish pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wicks. He was doing such a great job in revitalizing our Lithuanian community and the beautiful church. Members of his former parishes joined us, along with Bishops and Priests from area parishes to fill the Transfiguration Church for his Funeral Mass. Our hearts and our prayers are with this special priest who was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

On December 12, our annual Kucios luncheon followed the Lithuanian Mass. Over 160 members attended. Joe and Mary Stelmokas did a great job as chairpersons for this solemn event that included candlelight singing and a procession by members in traditional Lithuanian dress, the singing of Christmas Carols and a special prayer to remember our Rev. Ken Wicks, who recently passed away. Plenty of Lithuanian food was served along with plenty of good company.

Congratulations to Peter Zuyus, who received his 4th degree at the December 19 Mass. Following the mass was our K of L Christmas party that featured a visit by Jolly Old St. Nick (Walt Klosis) for members' children and grandchildren. After a brief meeting, members were

treated to a tasty buffet with homemade pastries for dessert. A special thanks to Jean Rutkunas and Ann Ackalitis, the sisters who hosted the event, along with all those who served food, decorated and cleaned up after both our events.

Our council continues to ship cloth diapers, Desinex, childrens' clothing toys and food to our adopted orphanages in Lithuania. Additional funds to defray shipping costs were raised at both of our events. Thanks to all who contributed.

Officers elected for 1994 are as follows:



President - Bruno Rutkunas
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Election of officers was held in October and the following members will serve in the capacity listed:



President- Joan Parker
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 Treasurer - Dot Richmire
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 Public Relations - Helen LaPierre
 Vytis Correspondent - Dot Richmire
 Sunshine Committee - Nell Freer
 Telephone Committee - Ed Barkowski and Clara Tulio

Congratulations to all officers!

Several of our members participated in the FESTIVAL OF TABLES representing various countries. The event was sponsored by the Ladies of Charity - Schenectady Vicarate and our Lithuanian table was awarded first prize. We decorated in the tri-colors and displayed amber, decorated eggs and Lithuanian palms. We also served Lithuanian goodies. Betty Parker and Dot Richmire wore their traditional Lithuanian dress, receiving many kind compliments. We also took advantage of the opportunity to introduce the Knights of Lithuania to some of our guests. Hopefully, we will gain new members. We also participated in the FESTIVAL OF NATIONS in Albany, the capital of New York State, with a booth.

Happy and Blessed Holidays to all. - Dot Richmire



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GROUP B will have more time to leisurely explore the old towns of Vilnius and Kaunas, enjoy the beach at Palanga, shop or visit relatives etc..

GROUP A & GROUP B will Cruise down the beautiful Nemunas from Kaunas to Nida by HYDRAFOIL • Explore the Courland Split • Visit Witches' Mountain • A "Fourth of July Picnic" in Palanga • Visit the Hill of Crosses and see the K of L Memorial Cross erected in 1993 • Lunch at the famous Seduva Mill • Stroll through Old Town Vilnius and listen to the numerous Folk Ensembles performing in the street • An evening performance of folk groups at Kalnu Parkas • Orchestra performances throughout Vilnius for several days • A Folk Dance Concert at Zalgiris Stadium • A Grand Parade to Vingio Parkas for the Major Song Festival Performance • A day trip through beautiful Dzukija to Druskininkai via the Ciurlionis Road.

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Due to the very large number of anticipated visitors from overseas, hotel space will be very limited. Because of the expected size of OUR tour, we may be assigned to several different hotels, so please register, as soon as possible. **REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT - DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15th, 1994.** The K of L tour will be limited to the first 100 persons to register, so act now and avoid disappointment.

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For a detailed tour information and registration packet please contact:

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