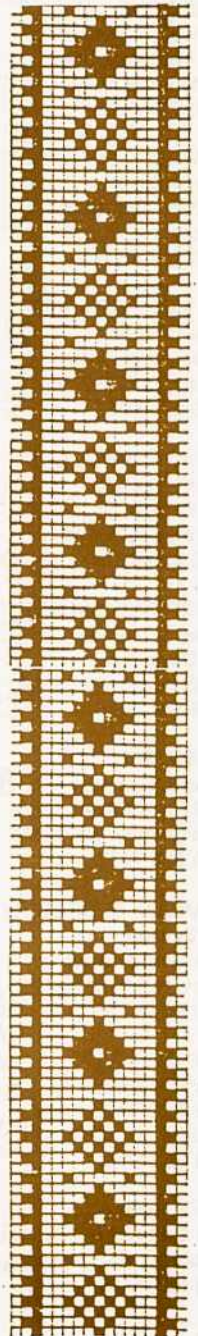
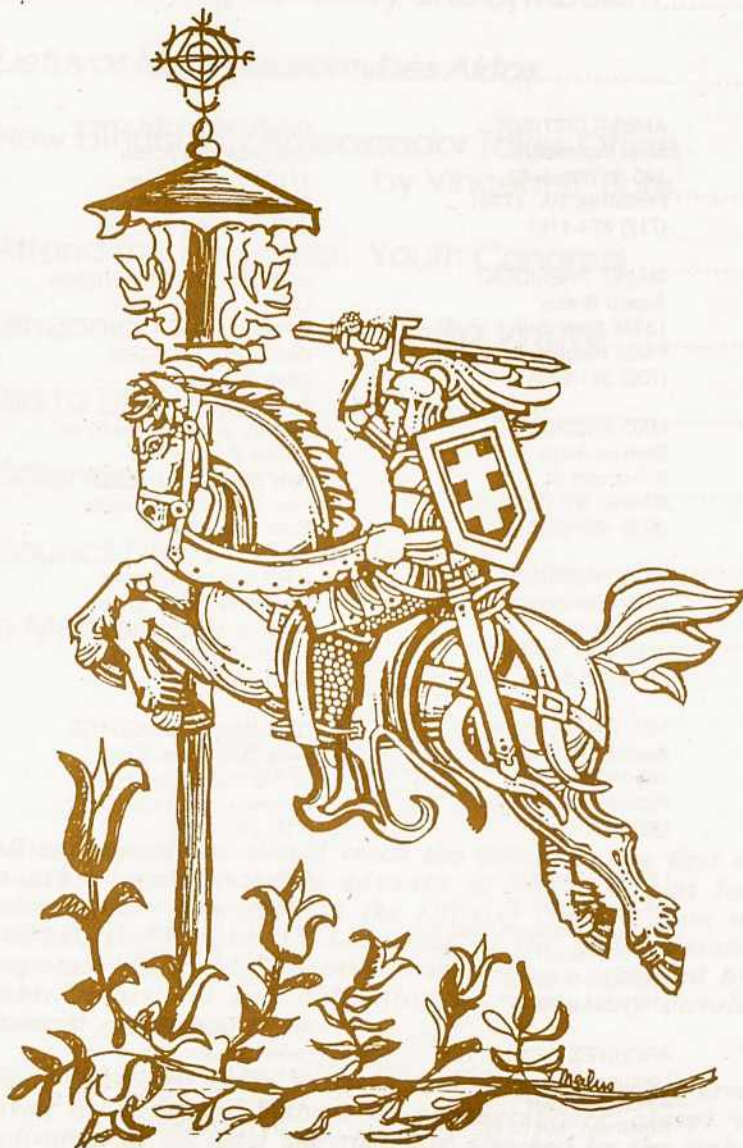
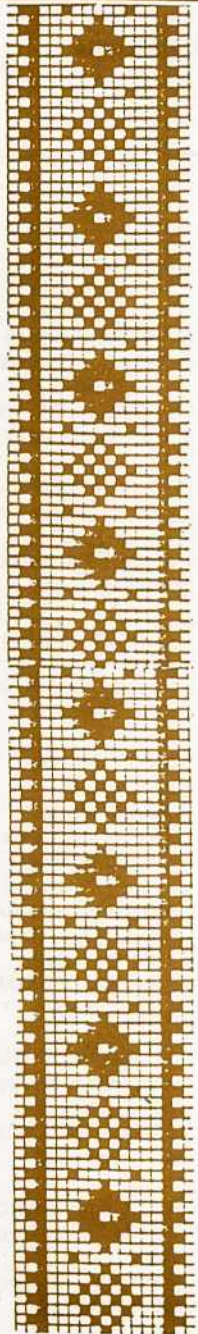


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ECHOES OF THE PILGRIMAGE -

THE 1993 K OF L HERITAGE TOUR



".....three weeks later and I am still coming down from a Lithuanian "high"As magnificent as the churches were, what stands out the most is the people....meeting relatives left me with feelings that words cannot adequately describe.... and especially the K of L'ers on the tour. What impressed me the most was the warmth and hospitality.. thinking about the reception we received, everywhere we went, still gives me the goosebumps..... At the onset, I only knew two people, yet after a few days, I felt like part of the family. I speak from the heart when I say I'm truly thankful to have had this experience and to have shared it with such a great bunch of people"

Phyllis Pelletier - Chicago, IL

".....the superbly planned trip was surely the experience of a lifetime. The booklet has been invaluable....my next vacation will pale in comparison to the 1993 K of L Heritage tour."

Gloria Dauchess - Pottsville, PA

"...The K of L trip was an unforgettable - once in a lifetime experience. I was amazed at the spiritual and emotional feelings at *Ausros Vartai, Kryziu Kalnas, Siluva* and *Pivaisiunai*.

Tony Miner - Westboro, MA

".... if it had not been for the K of L trip, I never would have met my 30 + relatives. It was great!!!!!!"

Ann Lenhart - Detroit, MI

"..... Al Grigas and the GT International Staff deserve our deepest gratitude for their attention to details. The three musical performances he arranged for our enjoyment--- *Polifonija, Kankles*, and *Psalmes*, were of such high caliber, they will never be forgotten."

Vince Boris - Columbia, MD

"....can't help but think of all the needs they have and i feel so guilty for having so much. On the other hand, they may be ahead of us. My heart is still in Lithuania."

Venice Grantham - Stockdale, TX

".... enjoyed the Papal Pilgrimage very much. Under the circumstances, the lack of heat and hot water were minor inconveniences. The high point was finding my father's family- an 83 year old cousin and her 5 children. It was sad to see the awful legacy of the Soviet occupation."

Walter and Olga Markunas - Saratoga Springs, NY

"....the trip was very educational, both about Lithuania and the Lithuanian people and also about the Knights of Lithuania....the tour was deluxe and gave us a super overview of the land of our ancestors."

Patricia Grimaila - Tucson, AZ

".... a very memorable trip, will always remeber it with pleasure. I have gained a new perspective of Lithuania and its people. Lithuania is more than just Vilnius and Kaunas. Please do it again sometime in the future."

John Waylonis - Fairfax Station, VA

"Aš esu laimingas, susipažinęs su Lietuvos Vyčiais, viešėjusiais Lietuvoje. Ši kelionė man buvo tikra Dievo Dovana. Jei ne Jūs, Lietuvos Vyčiai, aš niekad savo gyvenime nebūčiau turėjęs galimybes per tokią trumpą laiką aplankyti brangias katalikų Lietuvos vietas, pajusti tą galingą dvasinę tikejimo galią įskiepyta mums mūsų tėvų."

Dr. Romas Kalinauskas (official Tour Doctor) - Vilnius, Lietuva

".....noriu nuoširdžiai padėkoti už auką kuria Jūsų kelionės dalyviai palikote mūsų seminarijai. Klerikai prisimena savo geradarius maldose, ypač pirmaisiais mėnesių penktadieniais."

Prel. P. Tamulevicius, Seminarijos Rektorius , Kaunas ,Lietuva

"Mes sužavėti ir nustebinti Jūsų organizacijos patriotizmu, noru padėti vargstantiems lietuviams. Mes labai sunkiai krapštomes iš ekonominės duobės ir jei ne užsienio lietuvių ir kitų geradarių pagalba, daugelis ligonių atsidurtų beviltiškoje padėtyje --- bet mes savo maldose prašome Dievo Jums palaimos kilnuose darbuose."

Dr. Emėlija Montviliene - CARITAS - Marijampolė, Lietuva

"Dabar su malonumu prisimename Jūsų grupės kelionę ir visus nuotykius. Kuo toliau, tuo įdomiau. Pasirodo, nebuvo taip blogai, tiesiog mes, tikriausiai, per daug jaudinomes --- vis tik atsakomybė labai didelė. Manau, kad grupei, pailsėjus, liks tik geri prisiminimai."

Violeta Kleiniene - GT International - Vilnius, Lietuva.



Editors Note:

On this and the facing page we have published comments about the Knights of Lithuania sponsored 1993 Lithuanian Heritage Tour, from a participants perspective and from several observers perspectives. The tour was documented in detail in the November 1993. issue of VYTIS. These comments were compiled by Robert S. Boris.



Beautiful Land of our Fathers

by Antonia M. Wackell

Do you remember an amber land
 encircled by forests and marshes;
 A land of wandering dunes and sturdy pines;
 Seadrops of amber cast upon her silvery beaches;
 Churches on hilltops, like tall observing shrines ?

I remember a snow-covered meadow
 As far as the eye can see;
 The wolves in the towering dark green forest;
 And wayside crosses of rarest artistry.

It is a beautiful land of peasants
 With a precious language of her own,
 A language old, rich with legends and songs
 Of every hill and grove, lake and forest,
 flower and stone.

My home is a low thatched cottage
 set upon a sloping hill,
 With clambering vines around its door;
 There's a garden of mint and rue,
 and marigolds too;
 And a sparkling glimpse of the crystal
 river and shore.

The larks circle above as the ploughman sings;
 The sower sings of the bounty
 his seeds will give;
 While the golden harvest grows
 with the reapers songs;
 And raftsmen on the river,
 sing of the forests where they live.



Why cuckoos assemble at the "cuckoo oak"
 When winter snows melt and warm Spring nears?
 Why the nightingales' charming, coaxing melody
 Will linger forever throughout the years?

Strange, beautiful Lithuania,
 Where the sky is the softest, palest blue;
 Where the sun warms her land with its golden rays...
 And wraps all her beauty around -
 with songs and the rue...

This beautiful land was the country I first knew.....



Spinning wheels whirr as women sing
 Of their empty homes
 now that the young have flown;
 Maidens, toiling in their gardens,
 sing of love and the rue,
 A symbol of purity and youth that is now
 their own.

At eventide, when all work is done
 Voices in song rise joyfully from the shore,
 And the moon beams on the tuneful scene
 While I sit and listen at the corrage door.

Have you heard of the Legend of Crosses;
 And the lake that was formed
 from a giant's tears;
 Of the beautiful lakes that came down
 from the sky;
 And the toll of sunken bells
 as a storm appears ?

OFFICIAL NEWS — OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

A Word from the Supreme Council President

With the holidays now behind us, its back "to work". As stated before, we plan on keeping the *VYTIS* mailing list current. If this sounds repetitious, changes have been made and we want to keep this momentum going. Please, send all changes of address, deceased members, etc. to the **NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY**. If you hear that a member is not getting his or her *VYTIS* please, inform your **COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARY**, who will in turn forward the information to the **NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY**. As stated before, all of us are working together to eliminate errors in the *VYTIS* mailing.

The Supreme Council will be meeting in Detroit, MI on March 26, 1994. If you have any ideas or questions that you feel need to be addressed by the Supreme Council, please write to me by March 18th. We do ask that you sign all letters. This will enable the Supreme Council to respond in a timely manner and to the proper sources. As always, the Supreme Council's goal is to work for the membership.

Continued good wishes for a healthy and happy 1994. Remember to support Knights of Lithuania charities. Keep Lithuania and her people in your prayers during this time of transition.

Vytiskai,

Frances R. Petkus
Supreme Council President

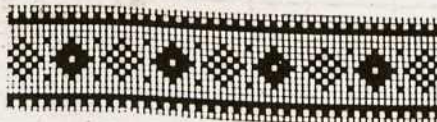
Let's all support the Lithuanian Youth Congress Project

This summer the Knights of Lithuania hopes to be able to sponsor one or two of our young adult members to participate in the Eighth World Lithuanian Youth Congress being held this summer in Lithuania and several cities in Western and Eastern Europe. (Please refer to separate articles in this month's issue of *VYTIS* for complete details and information about the congress.)

Our youth is our future. Participation in the Eighth World Lithuanian Youth Congress is one of the ways that we try to keep our young members involved, not only with the Knights of Lithuania, but with the Lithuanian Community throughout the world as well. Continuous exposure of our young people to our precious Lithuanian heritage is crucial as we plan our future as an organization and as a people. However, the cost to attend the congress is not cheap. Attendance would cost roughly \$ 2,960.00 per participant. Please, support this important project. If a contribution could be made to the funding of this project, we would be deeply thankful.

Donations can be sent to:
Knights of Lithuania
Lithuanian Youth Congress Project
3420 South Lituania Avenue
Chicago, IL 60608

Thank you for your support of this project.
Robert A. Martin, Jr.
3rd Vice President
Supreme Council



Brangiausias Spalvos

Kestutis Vasiliauskas

Piano introduction in G major, 12/8 time. The music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes and chords, while the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Vocal entry and accompaniment for the first system. The vocal line is in G major, 12/8 time. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

1. Gra žiau-sios spal-vos tu -ri rast vie -ta sau šir -dy. O
 2. Mums pa -vy -dė -jo sau -les ža -lios lau -kū spal -vos bet
 3. Ir ju da -bar pa -keis -ti jau nie -kam ne - va -lia. Jos
 4. Ne. kar-ta ban -dė prie -sai spal -vas tas su -nai -kint. Bet

Vocal entry and accompaniment for the second system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

1. šir -dy -je lie -tu -vio bran-giau-sios spal-vos tris. Gel -to -na spal-va tai sau-lė, ža
 2. ne -gai -le -jo krau -jo žė -me -lei Lie -tu -vos.
 3. reiš -kia mū -sų lais -ve, jus mū -sų ve -lia-va.
 4. jos ryš -kiau vis švie -čia, Mes tu -rim jas ap -gint.

lia tai lau -kū spal -va. Rau - do -na tai mū -sų krau -jas, kar -tu jas tai Lie -tu -va. Ge.

to - na spal - va tai sau - lé, za - lia tai lau -kū spal -va. Rau -

do - na tai mū - sų krau - jas, kar - -tu jos tai Lie - tu - va. 2. Mums
3. Ir
4. Ne -

Vytis — The Knight

by *Edmundas Rimša*
"Kultūros Barai"

January 1989 (289), p. 1

The Lithuanian state emblem is one of the oldest and most beautiful state symbols in Europe and has a history of over 600 years. In a section of the legendary Lithuanian chronicles, it is written that the symbol of a horseman with sword, mounted upon a steed first began to be used by Narimantas the father of Traidenis (circa 1269-1281). The horseman symbolized the ruler defending his native country by the sword. However, its use in the XIII century cannot be confirmed by reliable sources. Without a doubt, however, the symbol of a horseman was already in use by Algirdas, Grand Duke of Lithuania. The symbol was passed onto his son Jogaila from whom it was adopted by his cousin Vytautas and other members of the Gediminaitis family.

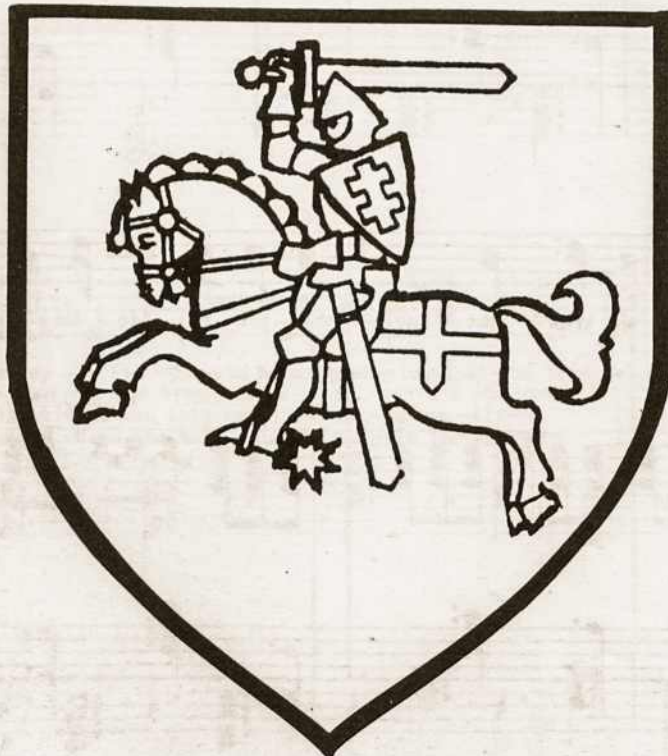
From the very beginning the seal of the horseman symbolized the ruler himself, and was put into heraldic form at the end of the XIV century and given specific colors; the symbol then took on a general significance. That is the way the coat of arms of the Lithuanian Grand Dukes, and, at the same time, that of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, later called The Knight, developed.

The armored horseman — defender of the native land — became the irrevocable symbol of Lithuanian statehood. Already, in the first decades of its existence, its ideological meaning was confirmed in unceasing wars with the German Order and the Tartars, and later with the Turks, Swedes and the Russian state. It represented Lithuania in overseas embassies and in treaties, as well as in the reception of honored guests or in driving enemies from the land. One can say that the history of The Knight is the history of Lithuanian statehood.

In 1795 after the Third Partition of the Polish-Lithuanian state and annexation of Lithuania by Russia, it was abolished. True, in 1845 with the establishment of Vilnius province The Knight was used again but only as a symbol of the province and city of Vilnius. The Knight regained its status as the state symbol in 1918 with the re-establishment of the independent Republic of Lithuania, but, after 22 years, it befell the same fate as it did 145 years before.

Reorganization and rebirth in Lithuania forced many to look at many things differently. With the rebirth of life and the ideas of real statehood, the historical symbols of the Lithuanian state and nation were reborn. One would like to believe that this is not only for now but for all time to come.

*translated from the
 Lithuanian by T.A.M.*



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Lietuvos Taryba, kaip vienintelė lietuvių tautos atstovybė, remdamos pripažintąja tautų apsisprendimo teise ir lietuvių Vilniaus konferencijos nutarimu rugsėjo m. 18—23 d. 1917 metais, **skelbia atstautanti nepriklausomą, demokratiniiais pamatais suvarkytą Lietuvos valstybę su sostine VILNIUJE** ir tą valstybę atskirianti nuo visų valstybinių ryšių, kurie yra buvę su kitomis tautomis.

Drauge Lietuvos Taryba pareiškia, kad Lietuvos valstybės pamatus ir jos santykius su kitomis valstybėmis privalo galutinai nustatyti kiek galima greičiau susauktas Steigiamasis Seimas, demokratiniu būdu visų jos gyventojų išrinktas.

Vilnius, vasario 16 d. 1918 m.

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NEW LITHUANIAN AMBASSADOR TAKES OFFICE

by Vincent B. Boris

At 3:30 PM (EST) on 9 December 1993, the President of the United States of America received and accepted the credentials of Dr. Alfonsas Eidintas; thereby, acknowledging his assumption of the duties of Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to the United States. Lithuania thus becomes the first of the three Baltic Republics to be represented by one who was born and educated under the Soviet occupation.

Alphonsus Eidintas was born on January 4, 1952 in Vaiguva in the Kelmė District. His interest in history and politics led him to matriculate at the Vilnius Pedagogical Institute. He completed his studies in 1973 and began an academic career as an assistant professor at VPI teaching courses in Modern US and European History. He defended his doctoral dissertation in 1990. In 1993, he was named a full professor by the Council of Vilnius University.

Dr. Eidintas was actively engaged in the movement to free Lithuania from Soviet occupation. He is a recognized expert on the secret protocols of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact which led to the fraudulent and forcible incorporation of Lithuania into the USSR. He was actively engaged in the unshackling of Lithuanian historiography from the bondage of Soviet ideology from the very beginning of the movement for the reestablishment of Lithuanian independence from the USSR. He is the author of seven monographs on Lithuanian emigration as well as pre-war Lithuanian politics.

He is no stranger to the United States. He spent nine months in post-graduate research at the University of Wisconsin in 1985. He has also done research at the Lithuanian Research and Studies Center in Chicago. Some of his scholarly articles have appeared in "*The Journal of American Ethnic History*" and the "*Journal of Baltic Studies*" both of which are published in the U.S.

During this tour of duty, he is accompanied by his wife, Birute; a daughter, Aiste (aged 15), and a son, Donatas (5).

The author is Chairman of the Supreme Council Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Biographical data were supplied by the Embassy as a press release.



Alfonsas Eidintas

On the day following the presentation of credentials, I met with Ambassador Eidintas for a short conversation on a wide variety of subjects, which I thought would be of interest to the Knights.

Current Top Priority Objective. Ever since the restoration of an independent republic, the removal of Soviet troops was cited as the most important objective of the new state. In this effort we, Americans, helped by petitioning our government to use both economic and political influence to convince Russia to withdraw the troops. With the former Soviet military gone from Lithuania, what now is felt to be the top priority and how might we help to effect it?

The Ambassador suggested that the highest priority would probably be foreign investment and improvement in the economic situation. I suggested that in this area a major responsibility fell on Lithuania itself. Of the three Baltic countries,

Lithuania has taken a position least hospitable to foreign investments. In fact, many feel that the attitude is almost hostile. This is seen in the denial of ownership of land to foreigners, the relatively high taxation, the requirement for deposit of hard currency reserves and the exclusion of foreign investment in several specific industries.

Despite President Brazauskas's admiration for the Estonian approach (which is widely felt to have the highest rate of success) and his avowal to emulate the Estonian method, we have seen no moves in that direction.

Organized Crime. It is our feeling that perhaps the greatest obstacle to investment (foreign as well as domestic) is the so-called Mafia and the "protection payments" entrepreneurs must pay to stay in business. What is the Lithuanian Government doing to establish control and eliminate this scandal? Ambassador Eidintas responded that a new law permitting "preventive detention" has been passed and is just now being implemented. This will allow the incarceration of suspected crime leaders while the case is being built to convict them. The government is also seeking further advice and assistance from the United States and other Western governments.

Humanitarian Aid. The Knights of Lithuania, as well as several other Lithuanian-American organizations are deeply involved in the area of humanitarian aid, i.e., medicines and equipments to hospitals and clinics, clothes and toys to orphanages, etc. But even this effort has its difficulties. We must depend upon private donations from within our own community. No public funds are generally available from US AID because the recipient nation (Lithuania) has not officially recognized health care as a priority need. Secondly, we recurrently hear that medicines are being stolen, rerouted to the black market, or otherwise being used for profit by recipients rather than being distributed equitably as we intended. And further that equipment is left unused or sold. Finally, the government recently passed a new law on tariffs that would appear to require payment of high duties on even gifts from relatives in the States. This would appear to put even the Government in the position of profiteering from the generosity of Westerners.

Mr. Eidintas assured me that the generosity of the Knights and others was both known and apprecia-

ted at all levels. He was aware that there have been some irregularities, such as with CARITAS in Kaunas; however, he stated most emphatically, CARITAS, as an organization, was most laudable and Lithuania needed more organizations like it. Periodically, he observed, there could be individuals who create problems through misappropriation or theft. They are weeded out as soon as possible after discovery. The organization is sensitized on this issue and keeps alert. There are also the mean-spirited, perhaps jealous individuals who will spread lies and inflammatory stories out of spite. By and large, he assured me that Humanitarian Aid is received and used properly and all are most appreciative.

As for the import laws, he wasn't sure that such was intended and was unaware of our interpretation; but would pass on our concerns.

Personal Goals. Now that he has been in-place for a few weeks and formally presented his credentials, what did he see as his primary objective as Ambassador? Of course, he replied, his formal task was to be a personal liaison between President Brazauskas / the Lithuanian Government and the United States. He did not see this as an every day set of actions, but any related task would be given top priority. On a continuing basis he saw the greatest challenge in building a bridge between the Government of Lithuania and the Lithuanian emigre population in the United States. He was aware of the negative reports in the U.S. Lithuanian Press about himself personally and the ill-feeling of many in the US toward the current government in Lithuania. He was not sure how these obstacles could be overcome except with time and patience. He was sure that his actions and performance of duties in this position would eventually find favor with the "išėivija." But only time would tell.

Overall, I found the new ambassador to be approachable and open (at least as open as anyone in a diplomatic position is likely to be). He displayed no umbrage at being thrown pointed/challenging questions, but accepted them as reflecting some of the frustrations we had. I presented him with a copy of the K of L 75th Anniversary history and found out that he already had one at home in Lithuania. He had been given a copy by Fr. Valkavičius with whom he had done some work. We ended on a friendly note and assurance that his door was always open, that he enjoyed our discussion and hoped the dialogue would continue.

Attend

The Lithuanian Youth Congress

Calling all interested young adults of the Knights of Lithuania. This summer will see young adults, ages 18 - 35, of Lithuanian extraction, gathering in Lithuania and other cities of Eastern and Western Europe for the Lithuanian Youth Congress. A detailed description of the Youth Congress experience is printed on the next page. The Knights of Lithuania would like to be able to sponsor one (1) or two (2) of our member(s) to attend on our behalf. If you are interested please write an essay on the following topic.

Why I would like to attend the Lithuanian Youth Congress and what representing the Knights of Lithuania means to me.

ESSAY GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.) **MUST** be typed and double spaced
- 2.) 1,000 words or less
- 3.) **MUST** Include a cover sheet with:
 - A. Your Name
 - B. Your Address
 - C. Your Phone Number
 - D. Your Council Number
- 4.) **DO NOT** write your name or anything else that might identify you within the content of your essay.

CRITERIA FOR ENTERING AN ESSAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.) You must be a current member of the Knights of Lithuania between the ages of 18 - 35.
- 2.) During the Youth Congress any expenses outside those not included in the tour are at your own expense.
- 3.) You must attend the 81st National Knights of Lithuania Convention, in Chicago, and report on your experience at one of the convention sessions. The convention will be August 4-7, 1994, at the Chicago Marriott Hotel. (All expenses incurred are at your own expense.)

Essays will be judged by a panel of five (5) judges from the Knights of Lithuania.

Essays **MUST** be received no latter then **March 15, 1994**.
Any essays received after that date will not be considered.

Send your essay to:

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Youth Congress Essay
3420 South Lituanica Avenue
Chicago, IL 60608

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WHAT IS THE YOUTH CONGRESS? The World Lithuanian Youth Congress (WLJC/PLJK) is a global gathering of young people of Lithuanian heritage which convenes every four years. The Eighth Congress will take place in Europe - East and West - during the Summer of 1994, bringing together young Lithuanians from more than 14 countries.

WHO'S INVITED TO ATTEND? Young people of Lithuanian heritage between the ages of 18 and 35, along with interested participants, will be taking part in the many events and meetings that are part of the Congress. Guest speakers and prominent Lithuanian emigré community members will also be in attendance.

WHEN WILL THE CONGRESS CONVENE? From July 12 to 31, 1994. The Congress will open in Vilnius one day after the closing ceremonies of the "Lithuanian Song and Dance Festival" (July 7-11, 1994).

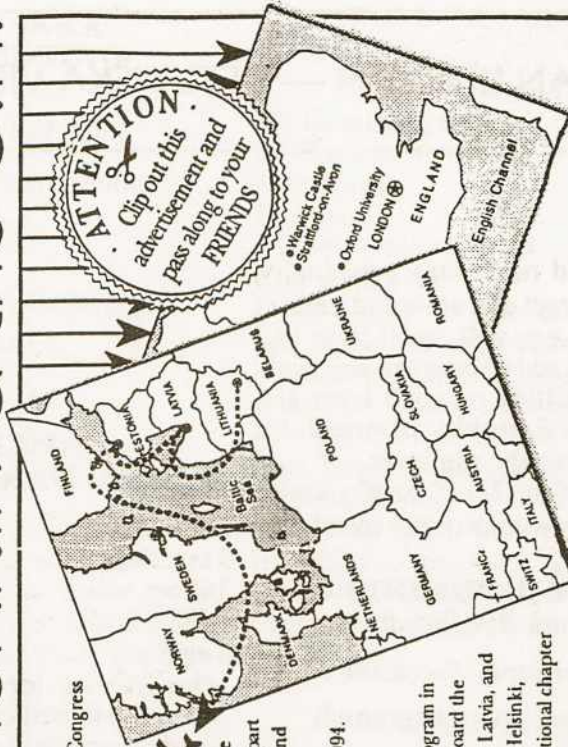
WHERE WILL THE CONGRESS TAKE PLACE? After a brief program in Vilnius, Congress participants will travel to the port of Klaipėda where they will board the "Kristina Regina" for a six-day cruise of the Baltic Sea. The ship will stop in Riga, Latvia, and Tallinn, Estonia, to visit with local Lithuanian communities. The cruise ends in Helsinki, Finland, where participants will depart by air to London. In England, elected national chapter delegates of the World Lithuanian Youth Association will convene for a six-day conference. Other participants will be offered tours around the United Kingdom. Delegates and participants converge on London for the closing ceremonies of the Congress on July 31.

World Lithuanian Youth Congresses have brought together young Lithuanians from around the world SEVEN times over the last twenty-five years. There is no better way to see and experience first-hand the truly global community Lithuanians have created, and no better forum for young Lithuanians to debate their past, present, and future. Join the WLJC and help us bring this great community together again.

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LITHUANIAN KITCHEN — LIETUVIŠKA VIRTUVĖ

NAPOLEONAS

(Napoleon Torte)

Marija Dabrila, Worcester, MA

4-5 c. flour
1-1/2 lb. unsalted butter, softened
2 Tbsp. Crisco shortening
2 Tbsp. sour cream
1 tsp. salt
1 egg

Sift flour onto pastry board. With pastry blender or two knives, gradually cut softened butter and Crisco into flour until crumbly. Add sour cream and salt. Continue until it begins to form a dough. Beat the egg until light and add to dough.

Divide dough into 12 or 13 parts. Pat each one flat and wrap in towel carefully so they do not touch. Place in freezer for 2 to 3 hours.

Afterwards, roll each piece of dough until very thin on very lightly floured board.

Roll each layer to fit into 10 to 12 inch ungreased cake or pie tin. Prick all over with a fork.

Bake each layer in preheated 400 degree oven for 4 to 5 minutes; cool. Stack layers on top of each other and trim so all are even. Save trimmings for crumbs. Put layers together with filling.

Filling

1-1/2 lb. unsalted butter
1/2 pkg. lemon pudding mix
1 oz. rum extract
1/2 oz. lemon extract
4 Tbsp. hot milk
1 c. powdered sugar
Juice of 1 orange
1 egg yolk

Cream butter and sugar. Blend in pudding mix, 1 tablespoon at a time. Add 1 tablespoon hot milk at a time, mixing well until all is

added. Add rum extract gradually, lemon extract and orange juice; mix well. Beat egg yolk until light and frothy and add to mixture; mix well.

Spread filling on each layer and over top. Sprinkle trimmed off crumbs over the top layer.

(Recipe from Mrs. L. Stoškus with a few innovations of my own.)

RŪGINĖ JUODA DUONA

(Dark Rye Bread)

Angelė Garsienė, Worcester, MA

6 lb. rye flour (coarsely ground)
2 qt. water
3 Tbsp. salt
2 Tbsp. sugar
3 pkg. yeast

The ideal way to start this dark rye bread is to saturate 2 or 3 slices of black bread. If this is not available, follow these instructions: dissolve salt in hot water (not too hot); divide the flour in half (using 3 pounds at a time); gradually pour the flour into the water, beating this with a wooden spoon. Dissolve yeast with sugar and pour into the mixture; beat well.

Thickly top this with flour; cover with cloth and let leaven for 24 hours in a warm place, then, when well leavened, pour the rest of the flour on and knead well.

Let rise (about 1-1/2 hours). Put in bread pans and bake — initially at 400 degrees for 1 hour. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for 30 minutes more.

The mixing bowl for this bread MUST be WOODEN. The crust will be softer if you cover the baked bread with a wet cloth (moistened with cold water).

ROSETTES

Juliana Rotsko, Cicero, IL

2 c. flour
3 tsp. sugar
3/8 tsp. salt
1-2/3 c. milk
3 eggs

1/2 gal. Crisco (or 2 lb. can)

Mix dry ingredients together. Beat eggs by hand; add eggs and milk to dry ingredients alternately, stirring well each time.

To fry, put rosette iron into melted Crisco, having shortening deep enough to cover the iron. Heat to 375 degrees on candy thermometer; remove iron from the hot shortening. Drain a moment on paper towel and lower into cup of batter to no more than 3/4 inch depth of iron. Lower into hot fat and fry until delicately brown. Remove from shortening. Slip rosette from iron and drain, inverted on paper toweling.

If batter will not cling to iron, fat is not at the right temperature. It may be either too hot or too cold.

Rosettes are difficult to remove from iron unless they are pried off as soon as sufficiently cooked to be firm.

Drop into fat to finish frying; turn to brown evenly. Take out of the shortening with a flat whisk and drain. Use pan with heavy bottom to keep shortening evenly hot.

Makes approximately 90 to 100 rosettes.

BERŽO SAKA AND FROSTING

(Birch Log)

Panevėžys, Lithuania

2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, softened
5 egg whites
5 egg yolks
3/4 c. sugar
2 Tbsp. lemon juice, strained
Grated rind of 1 lemon
1/2 c. regular flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
Filling — recipe follows
Frosting — recipe follows
Cake:

Rub bottom and sides of jelly roll pan with softened butter. Lay a wide strip of wax paper in it. Extra paper may extend over edges of pan. Rub more butter, only over paper in pan, not on the strips that are over the edges. Scatter some flour over the wax paper in pan. Tip pan from side to side to spread flour evenly. Turn over and tap bottom, dislodging excess.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In mixing bowl, beat egg whites until they form stiff peaks.

In another bowl, beat egg yolks briefly. Add sugar, lemon juice and about 1 tablespoon of lemon rind; blend well. Mix a large tablespoon of whites into yolks. Pour this mixture over remaining whites and fold together very carefully. Fold in flour alternately with baking powder until well blended.

Now, pour into jelly roll pan; spread evenly to all four corners.

Bake in middle of oven for about 20 minutes. The cake will draw away from sides. Insert toothpick in center, and if it comes out clean, cake is done. Invert cake onto another sheet of wax paper; peel off top layer of paper very carefully. Let cake cool to room temperature before filling and rolling it.

Filling for Birch Log

3/4 lb. pitted prunes
1-1/2 sticks unsalted butter
2/3 c. sugar
1 egg yolk
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
2 oz. chocolate

Have butter at room temperature and chocolate melted and cooled. Place prunes in a 1-1/2 to 2 quart saucepan. Cover completely with cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Lower flame and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes or until prunes are soft. Drain and puree through food mill or rub with back of spoon through a fine sieve set over a bowl. Discard the skins.

MANO DUONA

(*Jenny's Lithuanian Bread*)
Jenny Kucin, Chicago, IL

2 pkg. dry yeast
1/2 c. warm water
1 c. water
1/2 lb. butter or margarine
1/4 c. shortening
1 c. cold water
2 tsp. salt
1 c. sugar
2 eggs
7-1/2 to 8 c. flour
2 Tbsp. shortening



Soak two packages of dry yeast in 1/2 cup of warm water for at least 5 minutes, without stirring. Set aside.

Mix and bring to a boil the next 3 ingredients. Pour into a large bowl and add the next 3 ingredients. Add 2 well beaten eggs and the yeast mixture. Stir with wooden spoon until well mixed. Add 7-1/2 to 8 cups of flour, a cup or two at a time, stirring well with wooden spoon until the dough begins to pull away from the bowl. Cover and let rise until double in size.

Put on a floured board and divide in half. Knead each half about 15 times. Shape in two loaves and put in well greased pans. Cover and let rise until they are higher than the pan.

Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 40 minutes.

After bread is removed from the oven, take some shortening and wipe the tops for a soft crust.

Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold into the batter. Spoon into a buttered cake pan (angel food pan is good) and bake at 325 degrees for 55 to 60 minutes.

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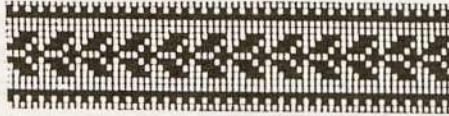
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Top: C-25 President Dick Marks
 with Singing Angels
 C-25 Cleveland

Bottom: C-147 Delegates to the
 80th National Convention
 l to r - Frank Stann, Bertha Stann
 John Jonaitis, Dolores Jonaitis
 and Aldona Kirstukas

TWO SPECIAL APPEALS:

FROM THE ST. CASIMIR'S GUILD:

Those, who attended the 80th National Convention this year in Worcester heard Msgr. Bartkus, the Rector of the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome, speak about the importance of the College to the Church in Lithuania both as a venue for advanced training of Lithuanian priests and as a focal point for the Lithuanian hierarchy visiting Rome. These developments, which have occurred since Lithuania regained its independence, have significantly increased the frequency of concelebrated Masses involving Church authorities from Lithuania as well as those resident in Rome.

Vestments for large liturgical functions are badly needed. Those they have are very old and were acquired as used vestments from several individual donors. While they continue to be serviceable for individual masses, it is impossible to vest more than a couple of priests simultaneously in matching styles and liturgical colors. It is really imperative that those solemn liturgies attending ordinations and concelebrations with visiting Church officials be presented with due decorum. Therefore, a special fund raising drive is being undertaken to enable the purchase of multiple sets of vestments in at least white. Individual unit costs are estimated at \$50.00 for an Alb; \$50.00 for a Stole and about \$200 per Chasuble.

Please help in whatever way you can. Pray for the continued success of the Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome and the future good of the Church in Lithuania. Make checks payable to St. Casimir's Guild and send them to:

Anna Klizas Wargo; 125 So. Morris St.; St. Clair, PA 17970

FROM THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CHOIR:

The Knights of Lithuania Choir from the Mid-America District is planning to sing in the Dainų Švente in Lithuania in July 1994 as part of a trip extending from July 1st to the 17th. This will be the first time that the choir will be able to participate in a Song Festival since Lithuania regained her independence.

Four Sisters of St. Casimir are members of the choir; and, it would be marvellous if they could participate. To that end, the choir is making efforts to cover their expenses by raising funds in several ways. A videotape of the "Lithuanian Wedding" featuring the District Choir, soloists and the District folk-dance troupe is being produced. It will given upon request to all those contributing \$20.00 or more to this cause. Also, to be produced is a videotape of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore DuBois in a choral performance directed by Faustas Strolia. It is scheduled for release during Lent. Several audio recordings of "The Seven Last Words from an earlier presentation are currently available for donations of \$10.00.

For further information, contact:

**Ann Marie Kassel, 8200 Anchor Drive, Apt. 801, Woodridge, IL 60517; or,
Rob Martin, Jr., 929 W. 34th Place, Chicago, IL 60608**

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In supporting priestly vocations

- The St. Casimir's Guild is a semi-autonomous activity dedicated to the support of the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome. The Guild sponsors three programs : collection of donations for a general endowment fund administered by the Rector, obtaining Mass stipends for the support of Lithuanian priests studying in Rome, and coordinating a program of "adopting" seminarians from Lithuania by providing regular contributions for their non-academic needs. Checks should be made payable to : **The St. Casimir's Guild** and mailed to:

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In Humanitarian Aid

- Aid to Lithuania, Inc. is a semi-autonomous organization under the aegis of the Knights of Lithuania , that provides medical supplies, equipment and medicines to Lithuania during this crucial transition period from a Soviet-occupied and suppressed nation to a free and self-sufficient democracy. At least one 40-foot container of donated materials is shipped each calendar quarter. Administrative costs are covered by the K of L so that 100% of donated monies are applied to humanitarian aid. Checks should be made payable to **Aid to Lithuania, Inc.** and mailed to:

Aid to Lithuania, Inc. 4970 Brookdale Drive Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

In Education

- K of L Scholarship Awards are presented each year to deserving members who are pursuing studies at the college level. The Scholarship Fund is totally dependent upon donations and bequests from members payable to the **Knights of Lithuania - Scholarship Fund**. Point of contact is:

Florence Zaleskas 264 Bowen Street So. Boston, MA 02127

In Cultural Advancement

- The K of L Foundation is an endowment fund which supports and funds projects to further the cultural, religious or humanitarian objectives of the Knights of Lithuania. Donations are tax deductible. Checks should be payable to the **Knights of Lithuania Foundation** and sent to:

Loretta Stukas 234 Sunlit Drive Watchung, NJ 07060

In Upkeep of the National Shrine

- The development of an endowment fund to support the upkeep of the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception located in Washington, D.C. was adopted at the 75th Knights of Lithuania Anniversary Convention. Donations are tax deductible. Checks should be payable to the **Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** and mailed to:

Julia Burlen 2403 Belair Drive Bowie, MD 20715

Knights of Lithuania Calendar of Events

March 6, 1994
Council 90 Pancake Dance
LCCC Hall, Kearny, NJ

March 13, 1994
AMD St. Casimir's Day Celebration,
Pittston, PA

March 13, 1994
MAD St. Casimir's Day and Convention
Albany, NY, C-136 Hosts

March 26, 1994
Supreme Council Meeting
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

*Enjoying K of L Friends
on the 1993 Heritage Tour
to Lithuania*



COUNCIL NEWS — VYČIAI VEIKIA

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

At the October meeting, the slate of officers were elected for 1994, They are:

Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis

President- William Wisniauskas

Vice-President - Dr. Henry Gailiunas

Treasurer - Nellie Melaika

Financial Secretary - Howard Beaudette

Recording Secretary - Blanche Genaitis

Marshall - David Lucas

Cultural Chairperson- Brone Wisniauskas

Ritual Chairperson - Margaret Senk

Betty Penney of Gardner was admitted as a new member.

On December 4, 1993, our K of L Council again this year held a Lithuanian style supper to benefit the Parish of St. Francis' Building Fund. A sum of \$ 961.40 was raised. The following chairpersons served: Ticket Co-chairpersons - Dr. Henry Gailiunas and Sophie Fiorentino; Food - Brone and Bill Wisniauskas; Raffle - Roberta Landry; Coffee - Marge Senk and Mylda Stasiunas; Set-up of the Parish Hall - the Boy Scouts under the direction of Bob Barcomb; Decorations - Sophie Fiorentino; Helpers - Nellie Melaika, Anne Zilinsky, Joana Chastney, Dave Lucas and Howie Beaudette. All the vegetables were donated by a non- K of L member, Al Kanash. Aciu labai visiems!

An old-fashioned Kucios was held on Saturday December 18, following the 5:30 PM Mass at St. Francis. About 40 K of L's and their guests attended. Kucios began with the reading of the Christmas Gospel according to St. Luke by Bill Wisniauskas in Lithuanian and by pastor, Rev. Messier, in English. The pastor distributed the plotkeles to all, and they to one another. The meatless meal began with fish chowder followed by a variety of fish dishes including shrimp, scallops, herring, and salmon from Alaska by our Sophie and concluded with coffee and calorie-loaded pastries. Armand Bouthielier was in charge of refreshments. Our ladies outdid themselves again!

We began our carolling with SVEIKAS JEZAU GIMUSIS - Hail the Newborn King, followed by English and three Polish carols as we had several "Poles" in attendance. The hall was decorated nicely with a Lithuanian ornamented Christmas tree. (Both daily newspapers wrote up the event.). A business meeting followed. Plans are being formulated for celebrating Lithuanian Independence Day in February and the feast of St. Casimir, our patron, in March. Nine Gardner members attended the Kucios at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury sponsored by the Worcester Area Council of Lithuanian Organizations.

Dave Lucas is doing well after undergoing major surgery. Get well wishes are extended to Jennie Poskus. Pastor, Rev. Joseph Messier spent two weeks in Rome as part of his 28th anniversary of his ordination. At each meeting we pray for our deceased members. We prayed for Paul Shatos, Pauline Rogers, Brone Narkevicius, Charles Genaitis, Stan and Alice Perekslis, Frank Anoris, Barbara Eacmen and Lennie Davidonis. Also, condolences are sent to Roberta Landry on the death of both parents between September and December - Mr. and Mrs. Muzzy. Masses were offered for both from the K of L. May the Lord grant them all eternal rest.

Vincukas

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

Laimingu Naujuju Metu !!! Our council is looking forward to a new year with much enthusiasm and great expectations. Although we are a small council, we pride ourselves with the

rit de corps that pervades the membership.

Our Christmas party was a huge success due to the untiring efforts of the committee. Millie Pietz outdid herself again with her Kucios table - trimmings and all. The food displayed was like a banquet with all sorts of deserts and goodies. Our main attraction without a doubt was the arrival Santa Claus (Joe Sleder) bringing a whole array of gifts for young and old. In spite of the inclement weather, we had a great turnout.

It was nice to see Julia Gomez after a long illness. She looks as beautiful as ever. Ilgiausiu Metu! The council is deeply appreciative to those people that had to travel a long distance to attend this wonderful Christmas Party.

Congratulations are in order to Mitchell Marcinauskas and his future bride on their engagement.

To those members who are celebrating during the months of November through January, we wish you a very Happy Birthday. Su Diev.

Irene Senken

At Dayton Airport — ready to leave for Lithuania: Frances, Elena, George Mikalauskas, Bob Richards and SC President, Fran Petkus with Rob Pant (behind Elena).



C-25 CLEVELAND, OH

First on the agenda at our September meeting were the reports given by our delegates, Dick & Jean Marks and Tony and Dolly Oberaitis, who attended the 80th National Convention held in Worcester, Massachusetts in August. Secondly, the nominating committee worked on the roster for the election of officers. As luck would have it our devoted people maintained their positions for another year. Two new faces are Isabel Reedick - Financial Secretary and Al Dumchus - Lithuanian Affairs. Congrats to President Dick Marks and his cabinet of diligent electees.

On two different occasions, members attended a memorial Mass and services for the father of Gene Kunsitis and the brother of Ben Karklius. May they rest in peace.

October 1, 2 and 3 was the weekend that C-25 hosted the MCD fall meeting and pilgrimage. In keeping with the format of doing something religious, Saturday evening's entertainment featured the "Singing Angels" in concert. Nothing could have been more heavenly. Many, many thanks to the members, patrons and participants, parishioners and helpers for making the night a huge success. From the profits, a partial and substantial donation was shared with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. At Sunday's memorial Mass, Adelle Tanner and Lillian Yurkovic were presented their third degree medals by MCD Ritual Officer, Agatha Bender. The entire weekend went as planned, from the "get-acquainted" social Friday evening; the meeting and election of district officers on Saturday morning and the banquet and concert that evening; the installation of officers at Sunday Mass, through the noon meal at Our Lady of Lourds Shrine concluding with memorial services in the chapel.

Joanna Shigo was admitted to the hospital on October 1. After major surgery, she was in critical condition for the first month. At the beginning of November she advanced to "serious" and was stable. She is still hospitalized at this writing. Please pray for her. Glad to hear Frank Rozgaitis, Tony Oberaitis, Steve Yurkovic and Pat Yeckley are resuming a healthy attitude. All had been hospitalized for various body repairs. There is power in prayer.

On December 12 our Christmas party was held at the OLPH hall. Msgr. A. Goldikovskis and Rev. G. Kijauskas along with 60 attendees were there. A meeting was held before the meal, with games and dancing later. Betty August and members of her committee did a commendable job. 'Twas a grand way of celebrating the coming birth of the Christchild.

C-26 WORCESTER, MA

The 1994 Board of Officers are:

HM Rita Pinkus - President

Anne Leseman - Vice President

Aldona Waska - Secretary

Stephen Walinsky, Jr. - Treasurer

William Leseman - Auditor

Charles Kulakusky - Sargeant-at-Arms

Virginia Cummings - Public Relations Chair

Barbara Pantos - Vytis Correspondent

Marion Racicot - Financial Secretary and Ritual Chair

Eduardas V. Meilus, Jr. Lithuanian Affairs and Cultural Chair

Fourth degree honors were presented to Mary Duggan and Third Degrees were awarded to Teresa Adomavicius, Bea & Tony Anton and Adele Ulevich at our December meeting. Congratulations to you all !!!

A crowd of 142 members of the Worcester Lithuanian Community came together to celebrate the traditional Christmas Eve meal KUCIOS , at Maironis Park. Irene Markevicius coordinated this event with a team of cooks from several of the local Lithuanian organizations including the local chapter of the Lithuanian Boy and Girl Scouts, The Lithuanian National Guard (Sauliai), the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Womens' Alliance Branch 5, the Putnam Sisters' Auxiliary and our K of L council. The meal consisted of the traditional twelve dishes, breaking of plotkeles and the singing of Christmas carols by the St. Casimir Parish Choir directed and accompanied on the piano by Ann Walinsky.

Congratulations to Eduardas V. Meilus, Jr. the new Vytis Editor, to Terese Meilus (who is handling layout and design) and to Ruth Sarafinas the new Council News Editor. We'll be looking forward to the upcoming issues of the Vytis.

A reminder - NED Kennebunkport retreat June 24-26, 1994. A \$ 30.00 deposit is due in advance.

Barbara Pantos

C- 50 NEW HAVEN, CT

Our council members celebrated the Christmas season with a party in St. Casimir's Church Hall. Isabel Peterson planned the delicious food and the enjoyable music. A good time was had by all.

Congratulations to members who received their second degree this past year. They are: Al & Ann Berzinis, Agnes Chestnut, Helen Klimaszewski, Antoinette Lennig, John Yanus, Ann & Walter Lukaszewski, Elizabeth Macknis, Stanley Marcus, John & Nell Papeika, Al & Viola Plant, Leo & Mary Yanus , and Helen Lostys. Ritual Chairman Frank Antin, works diligently on members' point accumulations as well as working on other Council activities.



Audrey Toole

C-50 New Haven
Fourth Degree Recipients
Joan Augustine, Eleanor
Gutauskas and Anne Gedrim.

C- 74 SCRANTON, PA

Cardinal John O'Connor led the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton in the celebration of its 125th Anniversary. Mass was held at St. Peter's Cathedral which was coordinated by Msgr. Peter Madus who did a wonderful job. Marie Laske carried a banner representing North Scranton. At the conclusion of this celebration, North Scranton priests conducted a vesper service at St. Vincent's Church. Msgr. Peter Madus was coordinator, assisted by Msgr. Michael Ozales, Pastor Emeritus of St. Joseph's along with other priests.

Cardinal Achille Silvestrini, confidant of Pope John Paul II, visited St. Ann's Monastery in Scranton. He said that St. Ann's will receive the designation of basilica within the year. Autumn Laske, age 5, (my grandchild) dressed in Lithuanian clothes led the procession carrying the gifts.

Our dear fiend, Evelyn Zewicki, a third degree member was called home to God on November 1. Although she had cancer for 15 years, she worked when she was able. Helen Cravath led the wake service. Our sympathy goes out to her husband, Leo. May Jesus have mercy on her soul.

Della Zvirblis was in the hospital with pneumonia.

We had our yearly KUCIOS celebration with great success. Thanks to our chairperson, Lee Bozenko, along with her husband, Stanley, her sister, Mary Costello and her husband, Jerome, plus John Ramoska, Leo Zewicki, Richard and Mary Laske and other council members who attended. We missed Edward Romanauskas and Peg because Edward was hospitalized. He and Peg make the punch and viritas. Mary Costello won a wreath made from pinecones from Lithuania. Msgr. Madus won the amber necklace and was the envy of all the women.

Msgr. Madus, our spiritual advisor, installed the following officers:

President - Marie Laske

Vice President - Rose Stanches

Recording Secretary - Mary Costello

Financial Secretary - Martha Brack

Treasurer - Edward Romanauskas

Lithuanian Affairs Chair - Helen Cravath

Cultural Chair - Lee Bozenko

Ritual Chair - Peg Romanauskas

Trustees - Leo Zewicki, Jerome Costello, and John Ramoska

Sargeant-at-Arms - Ann Huffstutler

Public Relations Chair - Della Zvirblis

Vytis Correspondent - Marie Laske



Marie Laske attended an Ethnic Fellowship at St. John's church along with Richard Lask and daughter, Nancy. Marie explained the Lithuanian Christmas traditions. Four groups were represented.

Marie Laske

C-143 PITTSTON, PA

Another year has passed, and this being the season of good will, our members are to be commended for their excellent cooperation and devotion to the Knights of Lithuania.

Our council met its obligations by attending all district meetings and the National Convention. Congratulations to Dorothy Banos, who was elected Scholarship Chairman and to Nellie Bayoras-Romanas, who was elected to the Ritual Committee.



In July, we celebrated our 100th meeting with a pot luck supper, co-chaired by president Banos and Martha Warnagiris. A tribute was paid to Lithuania's King Mindaugas by Ann Soha. We participated in the Pittston Tomato Festival Parade, with Anna Walatkas carrying the K of L banner for the tenth year. Marcella Bartoli assisted. Both ladies are 79 years young. Behind them was Annamarie Sewatsky carrying a fireside basket with flowers and tomatoes. Other members rode in cars, decorated with Lithuanian flags and banners. Then a surrey followed, the occupants of which distributed candy to the children along the parade route.

In October, we had our usual Lithuanian Booth set up at the Folk Festival in the Kingston Armory. At the opening event, Nellie Bayoras-Romanas was presented with a sculptured cake of the Luzerne County Courthouse for her dedicated Festival work.

Our Christmas Party was held at Bartoli's Restaurant. Co-chairs, Ann and Steve Soha, credited Marcella Bartoli with its success. After the dinner, carols were sung, Santa paid a visit and presented gifts to all. Food was also collected for Meals on Wheels.

Our KUCIOS was held and all the Lithuanian Customs were observed. Nellie Bayoras-Romanas chaired the event. As usual, Marcella Bartoli and her staff prepared the traditional meal. Words cannot express our sincere appreciation to Marcella for all the hard work she does for the council. Mushroom cookies were made by two of our dear members, Frances Shoppel and Anna Davalla. The church was beautifully decorated with wreaths, tables with nativity scenes, straw and candles. A tree with Lithuanian ornaments graced the Nativity Manger. With Father Rossetti at the piano, Pam Smith led the singing of Christmas Carols. Honored guests were Msgr. Gerald Burns, Pastor, and Rev. Mark Rossetti, Assistant Pastor. Father Edward Barrett was ill and could not attend.

In an impressive ceremony, our installation of officers took place on January 2, 1994. As Atty. Ronald Kamage announced each name, officers proceeded to the altar. After the lighting of the candles, the following took the oath of office:

President - Dorothy Banos

Vice-President - Ann Soha

Treasurer - Anastasia Stanley

Secretary - Martha Warnagiris

Financial Secretary - Annamarie Sewatsky

Trustees - Rosalie Kizis, Nellie Bayoras-Romanas and Anna Walatkas

After the installation, the candles were passed to the new members, who then were inducted. They are: Nancy Poder, Patricia Weiksner, Ann Marie Morgan, Ruth Kackauskas, Darlene Kamage and Elizabeth & Michael Krause. Pam Smith was absent. Our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Edward Barrett, offered a prayer and officiated at the Mass. Following the Mass, a continental breakfast was served by the men of our council, Casimir Kizis, Atty. Kamage, Al Chepalis, John Wasser and Steve Soha.

We had the pleasure of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kapochus, of C-3, attending our installation ceremony. We hope that you had a nice visit.

Prayers and a speedy recovery to Eleanor Bellanco and Mildred Walsh who are on the sick list.

Our council president, Dorothy Banos, who also is the Vice-President of the Amber District, is preparing for the district meeting to be held at St. Casimir Church in March. Dorothy, while in Italy, had the privilege of greeting Pope John Paul II and has a picture of this memorable occasion. She is also a Eucharistic Minister of our parish, assists in the CCD program and volunteers her time at St. Mary's Villa.

May the New Year bring blessings to all !!!!!

Steve Soha

C-146 HARRISBURG, PA

Council members and their families celebrated our 16th annual KUCIOS, which was held at the American Legion Lodge in Camp Hill, PA. After a brief opening, Joan Suders and her children, Stephanie and Daniel, Jr., accompanied the group on the piano and guitar with several carols, which heightened the spirit of Christmas among the members.

President Eileen West announced the new officers for 1994. However, because of the absence of Father Smith, the swearing in ceremony was postponed until the next meeting.

At the KUCIOS, we were especially honored by guests from Lithuania. Among these guests was Leonidas Donskis, a Philosophy professor at Klaipeda University. He is presently teaching at Dickenson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania on an exchange program. Leonidas and his wife, Jolanta, both also musically inclined, entertained the group with several selections of contemporary Lithuanian folk songs. To say the least, these compositions were quite different from the traditional style of Lithuanian music. The tempo had a captivating hint from the Simon&Garfunkle era and portrayed a spirit of freedom from the tyrannical chains of the Soviet Union. Their unusual style of music was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A raffle was held for gifts brought by the members. The proceeds gave a shot in the arm to the treasury. All in all, it was a very joyous event and a pleasurable time was had by everybody.

Eduardas Zemaitis



In Memoriam

a. t. a.

Casimir Chaponis

C-52

November 19, 1993

a. t. a.

Alfonse Krizinauskas

C-52

December 25, 1993

a. t. a.

Rev. Vaclovas Katariskis

C-96

December 20, 1993

a. t. a.

Martin Rusgi

C-67

January 12, 1994

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

LIETUVIAIS ESAME MES GIMĘ

Sauerwein

St. Šimkus

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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 Dzūkija to Druskininkai via the Ciurlionis Road.

TOTAL COST \$ 2,175.00

Tour includes: Round trip (coach) air fare via Lufthansa from Chicago, JFK, Newark, Boston or Washington.
 Hotels (double occupancy) - 6 nights in Vilnius, 3 nights in Kaunas, 3 nights in Palanga, plus one night layover in Frankfurt, Germany;
 Three meals daily in Lithuania;
 All transfers and sightseeing in modern comfortable buses, services of G.T. personnel and English speaking guides, tickets to all performances of the Song Festival. Gratuities for G.T. staff (guides, drivers, porters, security personnel) Baggage handling and transfers.

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.
 Please note! Sightseeing in Lithuania is strenuous - you should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy this trip. Hotels do not always have hot water or elevators.

For a detailed tour information and registration packet please contact:

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