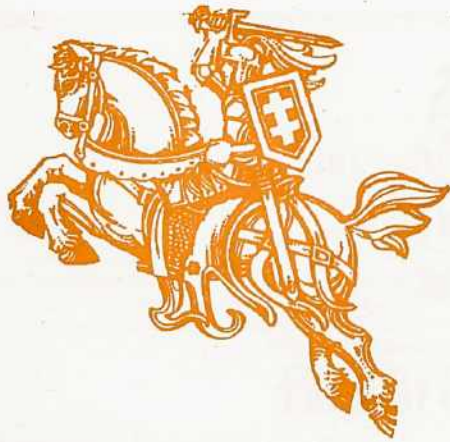


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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hope VYTIS readers have enjoyed the 1995 issues. Thanks for the support and for all those positive letters! You don't know what it means to me and our Vytis team. Sure, you've noted our "blemishes" too, but all editors are at first--humans.

It was an exciting month for our National President, Evelyn Ozelis. A brief report of her trip to Lithuania representing our Knights of Lithuania will be followed by a more in-depth discussion at convention time. See page 5.

The issue of U.S. foreign aid cuts by the Republicans in Congress is one this editor could not ignore. Read about it "*On the Other Hand*" on page 7.

It's Convention time again and there are many new and exciting things we're planning. I hope to thank feature writers for their articles and Council News writers personally at the 82nd National Convention in Detroit.

I visited the Novi Hilton convention site during the Supreme Council weekend of June 3rd. It's a spacious and beautiful hotel with an inviting pool, hot tub and other amenities. (For all of us "fast food junkies", McDonald's is across the street!) Regina Juska was the perfect hostess, and Bob and Vince Boris deserve kudos for public relations and hospitality.

More and more, the K of L is my extended family with conventions as the annual "*family reunion*". Personally, this year will be such a reunion for me with relations on many branches of my family tree meeting in Detroit at convention time.

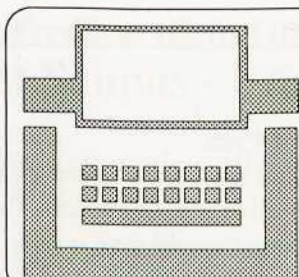
It never ceases to amaze me that some of our extended family members go "above and beyond" normal generosity and Lithuanian hospitality. Eve and Joe Stark, who hosted a corn roast and barbeque for SC members and friends even had entertainment in the form of Lithuanian and American folk songs-- a sampler of the sing-a-long we'll have at the August convention.

Father J. Walter Stanievich celebrated a special Pentecost Mass at the Stark's home where I also met some of my Detroit relatives, who were once K of L'ers. I wished they rejoin because of the warm welcome by Bob Boris and their cousin being VYTIS editor, then at least I'm doing part of my job -- helping to keep the traditions alive.

As a parting gesture, I'd like to share one of my favorite inspirational passages from the Journals of Blessed George Matulaitis expressing the conviction that every human being has great power at his disposal:



*"The human mind is the source of all kinds of ideas that eventually reach the masses and spread throughout the world. The human will is a power that either draws people to itself, raises them up, sways and moves them toward a positive goal or, on the other hand, it can drag them down, bringing humanity either happiness or misery. The human heart, burning with emotion, can be a powerful source of energy that warms, enkindles, ignites others--like steam or electricity--inspiring people to do good or it can be an evil or destructive force (Journal: Nov. 17, 1910)."*



## Letters to the Editor

### PRE CONVENTION SAMPLER

#### Open Letter to Knights of Lithuania:

Hello, once again, from the site of this years National Convention, the Detroit area. We here are excited about being the host and our plans are coming to fruition. As the registrations begin to roll in and the Convention booklet fills with greeting and ads from all over the country, we anticipate a great time.

The Pre-Convention trip to Frankenmuth is proving to be the most popular with early registrants. The Thursday get together will be casual, with music, songs, dancing and a relaxed atmosphere, highlighted by some "down home" food. The Friday and Saturday lunches (included in the registration fee) will prove to be time-saving delights for conventioners. Our cultural evening will include a professional Lithuanian film in the true heritage that is ours and is so rich. Also, the Dayton Folk Dancers will be enhancing the evening with their colorful and entertaining dances.

Saturday evening looks to be the **MAIN EVENT**, not to be missed! We will feature, among the regular honored guests, George Perles, recently of Michigan State fame and host of the annual George Perles Invitational - *Aid to Lithuania's* main fund raiser. A Lithuanian himself, George has seen first hand the plight of our homeland and has responded in kind. He will be honored by the Mid-Central District with their special recognition award.

A new development looks to swell the banquet hall on Saturday night as a "reunion" of all graduates of St. Anthony's in Detroit area being invited to gather and **CELEBRATE** the 75th Anniversary (Diamond) of C-102 and the founding of St. Anthonys! For information regarding the reunion contact Donna Bunikis at (313) 288-3736.

The Juniors can look forward to an array of activities including a day trip to *Camp Dainava*, trip to a local state park and full run of the Novi Hilton's facilities (pool, game room, health club, etc.)

There will be a special panel discussion featuring *Sr. Igna*, Provincial of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Putnam, Mass.; *Fr. Antanas Sculaitis*, Provincial of the Lithuanian Jesuits and *Fr. Gintaras Grusas*, Secretary of the Lithuanian Bishops Congress - who was responsible for Pope John Paul's itinerary during his trip to Lithuania.

On Sunday, following breakfast at the Hotel, Cardinal Adam Maida will preside over the High Mass as C- 102, the parish of St. Anthony's and former graduates come together with the Knights for our celebration with God. Please join us.

Sincerely,  
**Tim Baibak,**  
**General Chair 82nd National Knights of Lithuania**  
**Host Committee**

## LITHUANIAN DAY REBUTTAL

To the editor:

In reply to letter written by Marie Laske of Scranton in April issue of *Vytis*.

The Pennsylvania Lithuanian Day was started by the Lithuanian Catholic Priest League of Schuylkill County in 1914 to bring together all Lithuanians and keep alive the Lithuanian Customs. After the Anthracite Council was founded in 1977, they asked if the Council would take it over as with their added duties they did not have the time to work on it. The Anthracite Council did so until Lakewood Park closed, then Father Alisauskas of Pittston offered to assist if it were held in Rocky Glen Park--Thanks to the Pittston Council, we were able to go to Rocky Glen, even though the distance was so far for us. When this closed we tried to get a place in our area as well as the Allentown area, but there was nothing available.

Through the kindness of the Schuylkill Mall in Frackville, we were able to continue the tradition in a smaller scale--All profits of Lithuanian Day are given to Lithuanian Causes--nothing is kept by the Council.

I would suggest to the Scranton Council, if they are interested in the Kingston Armory to start their own tradition. The distance is too far for C- 144 as food, cultural displays all have to be transported. Spring and Fall or early summer are lovely times and this would accomodate the Lithuanian people in the Northern most Anthracite Region. There is no reason why you could not do this. Many Councils have their own celebrations which are socially and financially succesful. If you feel this place is a good one to hold Lithuanian Day, go to it.

**Vytiskai,**

**Anne K. Wargo**

**President, C 144**

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## K of L President Oželis Lithuanian Highlights

### Joint Seimas - Emigrant Community Commission Formed

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 Vincent B. Boris

At the invitation of the Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas), a number of Lithuanians who represent the worldwide Lithuanian Diaspora met with selected Seimas members and other state officials. Our Knights of Lithuania President, Evelyn Oželis was invited to represent the K. of L.

The purpose of the meeting was to form a joint commission to discuss matters of mutual concern and develop means of better communications, with the aim of developing a rapport between Lithuanians at home (in Lithuania) and abroad.

An invitation to participate in the Commission was extended to the Knights of Lithuania whose members are largely drawn from, and representative of, the pre-World War emigration. The invitation was discussed at the March Supreme Council Meeting and the decision was made (1) to participate at least in the initial convening of the commission and (2) to designate the National President, Evelyn Oželis, as our representative.

The initial meeting of the Commission took place in Vilnius during the week of May 28 through June 2. In addition to the 9 Seimas members, there were delegates from the United States including Lithuanian-American Council, Inc. (ALT-as), Lithuanian American Community, Inc. (Bendruomene) and the Knights of Lithuania. In addition, the Canadian, Australian, German and South American communities were represented. A

representative of the World Lithuanian Community, Inc. and one representative of the Moscow-based Lithuanian Community (Lithuanian Taryba) also attended.

The commission was formally split into two groups; one concerned with legal matters such as citizenship and property; the second, on economic, cultural and humanitarian matters. To give status to the groups, the Seimas had formally developed and adopted a charter for each of the two groups. Unfortunately, only the charter for the first group, legal matters, had been adopted prior to the meetings. Thus, the official discussions, for the most part centered on those subjects.

The charter for the second group was adopted toward the end of the week, so substantive discussion had to be deferred until the next convening of the Commission slated before September 5 in the U.S. The proposed project would be forwarded to Vilnius.

Following is a brief summary of experiences at the conference by Mrs. Oželis. A more detailed report will be presented at the 82nd National Convention in Detroit on August 11 and reported in Sept/Oct. Vytis Convention Issue.

*"The letter of invitation was received from the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania. It requested Knights of Lithuania participation in a joint commission composed by Lithuanians from abroad and members of the Lithuanian Parliament. The two-fold purpose*



of the commission was to inform and coordinate matters, such as economic, humanitarian aid, scholarly/cultural exchanges and, where feasible, other political and legal matters including changes in obtaining dual citizenship.

In accordance with the Supreme Council mandate to represent the Knights of Lithuania, I arrived in Vilnius on Saturday, May 27.

On Sunday, all delegates attended a formal reception hosted by the Parliament President, (Seimo Pirmininkas), C. Jursenas. In addition to an individual introduction, a brief resume of the organization represented was given.

The business meetings were scheduled from 10 AM to 5 PM on Monday through Thursday and were held in a special conference room in the Parliament Building. On Monday, we were assigned to our specific groups; the Knights of Lithuania were designated to specifically participate on the second group on economic and humanitarian aid and cultural/scholarly exchanges. (Since the charter for this group was not finally approved until Thursday, all Group 2 people sat in as observers at the Group 1 discussions.)

On Wednesday, we were invited to a reception by the government which was hosted by Prime Minister, A. Šleževičius. Again, we were individually introduced with a brief resume of our organization. On Thursday, before our commission was ratified, I was formally introduced to the members of the Parliament as the National President of the Knights of Lithuania.

At the close of the conference, the entire group met with President Algirdas Brazauskas. He was presented with the

recommendations for changes in the citizenship law that had been developed in the Group 1 discussions. He accepted them and said that he would forward them to the legal authorities for review and comment. The resulting recommendations should be presented to the whole Seimas for action on September 5. We were then hosted by the President at a formal luncheon which closed the official commission business.

All accommodations were provided by the government at the Draugyste Hotel in Vilnius and, except for the lack of air conditioning, were first class. The weather was unusually hot for the season, around 90 degrees each day.

All conversations, both official and unofficial, were in Lithuanian. It was a unique experience to be so completely immersed in the language.

The major daily newspapers in Lithuania (Lietuvos Aidas and Lietuvos Rytas) were extremely interested in the meeting and gave good coverage. They were most interested in the Lietuvos Vyčiai and the reporter from "Lietuva" newspaper was insistent on a special interview focused exclusively on Lietuvos Vyčiai. Lithuanian TV also covered the events."



### CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Bright people talk about ideas.

Mediocre people talk about things.

Small people talk about people.

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No one knows less  
than the one who knows it all.

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Genius is only  
great patience.





Political Opinion

## On the other hand...

Many Americans applauded when the new Republican Congress offered its "Contract with America" vowing to cut US government spending. But when those cuts also included foreign aid to Lithuania and other emerging Eastern European countries, another cry was heard among activists -- why now? Why should cuts include our own ancestral land at tough transition time when aid is needed most?

*"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."*

**-Theodore Roosevelt**

I agree with both Vince Boris, Lithuanian Affairs, and Asta Banionis of Bridges when they stress action in their June editorials -- Tell your Congressmen NOT to cut aid for these struggling emerging countries. Let them know by letters, petitions, fax, phone, e-mail that the time for cuts to these countries is not now. Lithuania's rebuilding its infrastructure and needs every penny of investment, aid along with lots of prayers and humanitarian support.

On the other hand, viewing a "worst case scenerio", if our pleas go unheeded, the question was asked to Petras Anusas, Lithuanian Consulate General, "What if US aid IS cut off? Well, according to Anusas, the USA is only the fourth or fifth country investing in Lithuania by means of foreign aid. Germany, Great Britain, Denmark, Poland, and France have been investing greater amounts of capital. Most of the monies invested in Lithuania are invested in modernizing the infrastructure such as energy development, highways and airports. Monies are also invested in improving education and housing.

"It would be a severe blow to Lithuania, to be cut off of US foreign aid, but it would not be a fatal one," Anusas noted. He added that private corporation investments are still needed in order for Lithuania to become a player in the global economic marketplace. When asked "what is more important to raise the standard of living of the Lithuanian people, foreign government aid or more private investment", Anusas said, "both".

Although personally I feel Lithuania would fare better with more private investments and once foreign ownership of factories and land is established, other foreign private corporations will take another look at Lithuania for light industry, electronics, food processing and other manufacturing.

Foreign assistance programs such as USAID (see sidebar summary) are necessary and important. After all, western and capitalist marketing methods are still foreign to Lithuanians who have been under communism for 50 years. If Lithuania and the Baltics can maintain their freedom as Republics, then this new generation--children born from 1990 on--those born under freedom will become the new entrepreneurs, inventors, scientists, engineers and pioneers of a new Lithuania.

Should we fight or resort to armchair philosophy? Certainly, we should let our voices be heard. Although the Clinton Administration has requested \$480 million for the US aid program for Eastern European Democracies in fiscal year 1996, the House Budget Committee, led by

Congressman John Kasich (R-OH) and backed by Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) will only approve \$300 million this year, drastically cutting back the aid program.

Some of us "devil's advocates" say, where do our aid dollars go anyways? We've read about so many corruption scandals and believe aid dollars go to bureaucratic feasibility studies, first class junkets and lavish hotels and expense accounts. There is always that possibility.

But a good example can be found in Lithuania's energy output which now is considered its largest export item. Only a few years ago, heat and hot water were luxuries. Now, due to foreign investment, Lithuania exports energy to her neighboring countries.

Being a highly literate country, I believe it will not take another 50 years for Lithuania to become a desirable country in which to travel and do business in. The biggest fear which the little country must overcome will always be the Russian influence. Our biggest fight will be to "convince our leadership that their belief that the Russian Bear is now just a de-clawed "Teddy Bear" is a dangerous misconception", according to our Lith. Affairs Vince Boris. The situation in Chechnya serves as the warning. So, we must act again with the same zeal we had before Lithuania became free. Start petitions to both Senators & Representatives stressing the need to continue assistance to Lithuania and other former communist East & Central European countries during their rough transition from communist control.



### USAID Summary

USAID, the United States Agency for International Development is the U.S. Government agency responsible for administering the U.S. economic assistance program for Lithuania and 70 other countries. USAID started its program in Lithuania in 1992 and spends over \$14 million annually in Lithuania in four major areas: private sector development, energy and environment, strengthening democratic institutions, and training and education. Lithuanian and U.S. officials worked together to identify these areas for assistance to support the priorities of the Government of Lithuania (GOL).

The private sector development programs target four specific areas: financial sector reform, business sector promotion, agricultural reform and legal reform. Needs in these four areas are addressed through approximately 20 USAID programs. Legal reform experts assist on preparation of legislation and needed systems for a strong legal foundation. Business sector promotion and agriculture reform programs bring in short-term and long-term experts to improve operations on farms, agro-processors, and other enterprises. Financial sector reform provides technical assistance to the commercial banks, the Bank of Lithuania and the Ministry of Finance to promote the most efficient use of capital for economic development. In support of private sector development programs, the Baltic-American Enterprise Fund will provide an additional \$50 million for the three Baltic countries for 1995-98.

The energy and environment programs complement each other through their common goal of using natural resources more effectively. Through five energy programs, efforts are targeted to make the Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant operate more safely and other experts assist on improving the efficiency of energy usage. Four programs in environmental protection work to reduce the level of waste produced by production enterprises and provide experts and equipment to the Ministry of Environmental Protection on waste monitoring and environmental policy.

The strengthening of democratic institutions provides nine programs in four critical areas. Cutting across all sectors are the training and education programs. Three programs provide training in business and English skills and two programs send Lithuanian citizens to the U.S. for hands-on training in enterprises or education programs in universities, companies and special seminars.

## Convention Speakers Overview...

Three speakers have been lined up for the 82nd National Convention in Detroit, Michigan, on August 10-13. We look forward to their presentations, because all of them are very Familiar with the religious situation in Lithuania today.

The first presentation will be made on Friday morning, August 11, by Father Antanas Saulitis. His topic will be with regard to some of the problems in Lithuania today, and what we can do to help the situation as Knights of Lithuania.

Father Antanas has spoken at K of L conventions on three previous occasions. Born in Lithuania, he grew up in Waterbury, CT., joining the Jesuits after his university studies. His studies took place in the Boston area. He later worked in a Lithuanian parish in Brazil (7 years), and has been in Chicago since 1977. Since 1989 he has been heavily involved in assisting the Jesuits in Lithuania, as well as other programs For Lithuania, and also in pastoral care of Lithuanians in the U.S. and young people of Lithuanian descent at World Youth meetings.

The second presentation will be made on Friday afternoon, Aug. 11, by Sister Igne, and Fr. Gintaras Grusas. Their topic will be "*The Re-Emergence of the Catholic Faith in Lithuania*".

Sr. Igne is presently Provincial of the Lithuanian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Throughout her life, she has worked with the Lithuanian apostolate in various religious education and pastoral settings, both in the U.S. and Canada. She also maintains frequent contact with Lithuanians in their native land.

Fr. Gintaras Grusas is the General Secretary of the Lithuanian Bishops Conference, residing In Vilnius.

Born in Washington, DC, in 1961, he grew up in the United States and was an active member of the Lithuanian diaspora, participating in various Lithuanian youth organizations, folk song and dance ensembles and Lithuanian sports clubs. After receiving a BS from UCLA in 1983, he spent five years working as in Systems Engineer for the IBM Corp.

During that same period of time, he was elected president of the Lithuanian World Youth Association, coterminously serving on the Executive Board of the Lithuanian World Community. After leaving IBM to begin studies for the priesthood, he studied at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, later studying in Rome at the Pontifical Beda College and the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas (Angellicum). Ordained a priest in 1994, Fr. Grusas was appointed as General Secretary of the Lithuanian Bishops Conference.

A question and answer period will be held after each speaker's session, if time permits.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### Rest in Peace

#### Gerard Benvenuti

C-90, Kearny, NJ  
Jan. 1995

#### Eva Coll-Vytis Corr.

C-29, Newark, NJ  
May 20, 1995

#### Juozas Kiela

C-103, Providence, RI  
Apr. 27, 1995

#### William Senkus

C-52, Elizabeth, NJ  
Apr. 30, 1995

#### Martha Akelaitis

C-135, Ansonia, CT  
Mar. 27, 1995

#### Peter Savage

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Apr. 29, 1995

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C-152, Eastern LI, NY  
Jun. 19, 1995

#### Teresa Mastroianni

C-109, Great Neck, NY  
May 7, 1995

#### Susan Meskys

C-12, NYC  
Feb. 9, 1995

#### Anna Lukscha

C-12, NYC  
Sept. 17, 1994

#### Barbara Kartanowicz

C-12, NYC  
May 12, 1995

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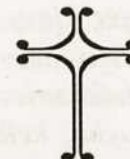
C-109, Great Neck, NY  
Jan. 23, 1995

#### Mary Ann Blum

C-96, Dayton, OH  
May 5, 1995

#### Peter Putrimas

C-141, Bridgeport, CT  
May 9, 1995



## **Mindaugo Pilis**

### **Mindaugo Šeimos ir Lietuvos Tragedija Meno Darbais**

by **Barbara Kartanowicz, C-12**

700 metų vienintelio vainikuoto Lietuvos karaliaus Mindaugo mirties sukakčiai paminėti, 1963 metais lietuviviai, kur galėjo, ruošėsi tai iškilmingai padaryti. Mindaugas pradėjo Lietuvą sukrikščioninti. Mindaugo minėjimas ruoštas įvairiais būdais. Kun. Stasys Yla, rašytojas, politinis kalnys, tuo laiku Marijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo seselių vienuolyno kapelionas, panorą tą sukaktį atžymėti koku nors paminklu.

1961 m. kun. Yla vienuolynui priklausančiame miškelyje pradėjo statyti iš čia pat randamų akmenų aptvarą apie atštokai iš žemės išsikišusį akmenį. 1962 m., aptvaro sienoms jau esant apie pusantrą metro aukščio, į vievą aptvaro sieną buvo įstatytos trys dailininkės A. Kašubienės mozaikos. Jas apstatyti reikėjo kelti aptvaro sienas, darės ipastatas- pilies sienos. Prie vienos aptvaro sienos, iš lauko, pristatė pilies bokšto pamatus ir bokšto pradžių [kun. V. Zakaro ir kun. R. Krasausko pasiūlymu] ir sienas, keliose vietose iš lauko, sustiprino [reinformentais inž. Augustinavičiaus patarimu]. Tų sienos sustiprinimų yra 7, kas sudaro 7 kampus, 7 Lietuvos krikščionybės amžių simbolis.

Pilies statyba vyko 6 metus, nes statyti buvo galima tik pakankamai šiltam orui esant, taip pat kai kun. Yla turėjo laiko nuo kitų savo pareigų. Bent 70% statybos darbo atliko jis pats, kitais kartais turėjo talkininkų, kuriais buvo: vienuolyno bendrabočio mergaitės, kai kurios seselės, apie vienuolyną gyveną lietuviai, keletas kunigų ir klierikų ir eilė kun. Ylos draugų, pažįstamų, jo lankytojų,

net vienuolynuose sustojusių svečių. Būrelis talkininkų kartas nuo karto atvykdavo iš Bostono.

Pilies sienose palikta: anga įėjimui, kur įstatytos metalinės durys, ir 5 angos langams. Į dvi langų angas įdėti specialiai kun. Ylos padarytuose rėmuose išleiti langai, tinkantys piliai, o į kitas 3 langų angas buvo įstatyti paprasto stiklo langai, kurie 1979 m. pakeisti spalvoto stiklo langais, padarytais dailininko V. Elskaus. Viduje pilies yra anga į tuscavidurį bokštą, kuraimyra kopėčios užlipti ant pilies stogo vėliavai pakelti. Vėliavos stiebas prie ir virš bokšto. Pilies viršaus sienų kraštai dantyti, su pavaizduotomis šaudymo angomis. Bokšto viršūnė papuošta karūna, nes tai karališka pilis.

Pilies viduje yra aukštai išsikišęs plokščiu paviršiumi akmuo, panašus į aukurą ar altorių. Keletą kartų čia laikytos Šv. Mišios, jaunuomenės kursų metu, vakarais. Sienoje už to akmens dailininkės A. Kašubienės mozaikų, iš akmenėlių ir spalvoto stiklo, triptikas. Vidurinis paveikslas - Mindaugas sostas. Kairysis paveikslas - Lietuvos krikštas, dešinysis - Mindaugo nužudymas. Lietuvos krikšto mozaika: tamsi žemė, nes nekrikštyta, graikų raidėmis alfa ir omega išreikštas tikėjimas, šaltinio vanduo ir ranka - abu reikalingi krikštui, saulė - krikščionybės šviesa, paveikslo krašte žali daigeliai - išlikusi krikščionybė Lietuvoje po Mindaugo nužudymo. Mindaugo nužudymo paveiksle matyti žudikas, sutrypęs ir sulaužęs kryžių, nes Lietuvos sukrikščioninimas buvo atidėtas bent 124 metus.

Akmens rėmai apie paveikslą "Mindaugas soste" papuošti iškaltais veidais ir figūromis, darytais kun. Ylos, nes jis buvo ir menininkas. Ant kairiojo lango angos krašto kun. iškaltas karaliaus sakalas. Jo padaryti ir kitoki vidaus sienų papuošimai.

Dailininko V. Elskaus spalvoto stiklo langai. Vidurinysis vaizduoja Mindaugo žmonos, karalienės Mortos veidą karūnuotą galva. Ji buvo mirusi prieš Mindaugo nužudymą. Šoniniai langai vaizduoja veidus iš šono dviejų su Mindaugu nužudytų jo vaikų, kurių vardai: Ruklis ir Rupeikis. Po Rupeikio, kuris buvo jauniausias sūnus ir dėl to sosto įpėdinis veido matoma dalis karūnos.

Ant sienos, prie angos į bokštą, yra dailininko V. Kašubos bronzos skulptūra, vaizduojanti vyriausiąjį Mindaugo sūnų Vaišvilką, kuris buvo graikų apeigų krikščionių vienuolis. Po Mindaugo nužudymo jis grįžo į Lietuvą ir išžudė ar išvaikė savo tėvo žudikus, tačiau liko vienuoliu. Po jo abitu matomas kardas - valdžios ženklas. Po dviejų ar pustrėčių Lietuvos valdymo metų, jis grįžo į savo vienuolyną Volynijoje, o Lietuvą valdyti perdavė savo sesers vyrui Švarnui, vienam Volynijos kunigaikščiui. Tas mirė nespėjęs Lietuvos užimti. Švarno brolis, keršydamas Vaišvilkiui, kad tas atidavė Lietuvą valdyti ne jam, o Švarnui, Vaišvilką nužudė. Vaišvilko krikšto vardas buvo Elizėjus, jis yra graikų apeigų krikščionių šventasis, nes žuvo kaip krikščionis. Skulptūra įtvirtinta 1979 m.

Pilyje - kabo žvakidė, kandelabras, daryta liaudies menininko Paskočimo. Žvakidės modelis iš 13to šimtmečio ir papuoštas to laiko kovos ginklais: alebardų galvutėmis, kuokomis, kirvukais ir vėzdais.

Arklių galvos yra derliaus simbolis Žvakidė pakabinta 1979 m.

Pilies viduje yra suvenyrų, jie prie angos į bokštą ant sienų. Plytelių gabalai iš Vilniaus pilies - sudėstyti lyg grybai, o plytelių gabalai iš Trakų pilies - sudėstyti fakelo viršūne. Dailininko V. Jonyno sailėgraža, lieta iš metalo, kabo ant sienos, tarp langų.

Pilies kiemas apsuptas keletos bokštų, sudėtų iš lauko akmenų, ant jų viršaus degantys laužai (taip pavaizduota).

Netoli pilies, ant aukštumėlės, yra neapdailinto akmens statula, kuri vaizduoja Lietuvos prisikėlimo dainių Maironį - Joną Mačiulį.

Takelis nuo pilies į kapines eina per žemumą, kur takelis išgrįstas akmenimis ir padaryti laiptai, iš žemumos užlipti. Jie daryti kun. Ylos paskutinį rudenį, prieš jo mirtį. Tie laiptai pravardžiuojami "šventaisiais laiptais", pagal Romoje esančius Šventųjų Laiptų bažnyčios laiptus. Į kapines einant reikia melsti Dievą ir užtarnauti atlaidų, juk tai daroma Romos bažnyčioje.

Pilies aplinką puošia išdėstyti akmenys, dekoratyviniai ir žydintys krūmai bei amžinai žaliuojantys medžiai.

Prieš keturis metus originalios pilies lubos ir stogas, balkių galams nupuvus, buvo pakeisti dabartinėmis lubomis ir stogu. Dabar balkiai metaliniai, o lubos impregnuoto medžio.

C-12, NYC 4th degree member, Barbara Kartanowicz, wrote this article shortly before her death. We wish to dedicate it to her memory. Farewell, Barbara, we will always remember you.



## 25 Years Later

# MEMORIES OF A PILGRIMAGE

by Loretta I. Stukas

**July 7, 1970.** The day was one Lithuanians would never forget! A Lithuanian Chapel, dedicated to Lithuanian Martyrs, was completed in the underground grottos of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, at the presumed site of the Apostle's burial, Pope Paul VI himself blessed it, and hundreds of Lithuanians from all over the free world participated in the blessing and the accompanying Mass, celebrated by the Holy Father. The Chapel was made possible through the efforts of HM Bishop V. Brizgys, and the Knights of Lithuania were there in force, witnessing AND participating in the festivities.

The then K of L National President, HM Dr. Jack Stukas, with the help of the "Trips 'n Tours" Agency, led 73 "pilgrims" to the Vatican for the Blessing, also taking time to visit London, England, and other sites in Italy before and after the main event. As the chapel celebrates its 25th Anniversary, let us recall some of the events surrounding the Chapel Blessing that made this trip so memorable and endeared the K of L to others present.

The group met other Lithuanians, and additional K of L clergy and members, at the Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome, where they attended Mass, enjoyed breakfast, and learned of the hectic Chapel Blessing schedule. Who could have guessed, that just a few years later, the K of L organization would vote to "adopt" this fine institution, and work hard to help it morally and financially, through the *St. Casimir Guild*.

The day before the Papal Mass and Chapel Blessing, the group was treated to a tour and delicious lunch by the Lithuanian Salesian Fathers at their monastery in Frascati. Dr. Stukas presented the priests a monetary gift from the K of L for their high school, and Father Urbaitis, their head, disappointed that the group could not stay for a special treat, promised to get them the treat later, somehow. The K of L'ers were the **only group**

invited to witness the consecration of the Lithuanian Chapel Altar and accompanying Mass by Cardinal Marella, so a frantic ride back to St. Peter's through Roman rush hour traffic was in order.

Dry eyes were NOT the order of the day on July 7, 1970, as hundreds of Lithuanians, waiting for hours in the crypt area of St. Peter's, greeted the frail but saintly and radiant Pontiff with an enthusiastic rendition of "**Ilgiausiu Metu**". The Holy Father was escorted by a bevy of Cardinals and Bishops to the Chapel where he blessed the Madonna's picture, then celebrated Mass in Latin, outside the chapel. K of L'er Lou Stukas served as organist, leading the congregation in Lithuanian hymns. Various priests read selected prayers, also in Lithuanian. Two Knights -- Lou Stukas and Loretta Stukas -- were among the twenty receiving Holy Communion from the Holy Father. After Mass, Bishop Marcinkus thanked the Pope in Lithuanian for the privilege granted this day and presented an exquisite amber "**Rupintojelis**" to His Holiness. The Pontiff responded with compliments on the beauty of the Chapel and extended blessings for all attending and their families, then passed through the crowd generously extending his hand to as many as he could reach, while the tourists joined in singing the Lithuanian National Anthem, in tribute to those in Lithuania, then still suffering under Soviet oppression. This was indeed a milestone for the Lithuanian world, and the Knights were so proud to be a major part of it.

After the ceremonies, the group revisited the Chapel, where they, via Honorary Members Marcella Andrikis and Annie Mitchell, presented two bouquets, and then visited Cardinal Samore, former Apostolic Delegate to Lithuania, and presented him flowers and a monetary gift, via HM's Mary Lucas and Dr. Jack Stukas. The day ended with a surprise gift from Salesian Father Urbaitis, who delivered to the hotel an 8 gallon urn of Frascati wine, which the group quickly

"transferred" to collected bottles, and packed them as "sleeping aids" for the late night trip to Florence after the Rome festivities ended.

Before the group said "Arrivederci Roma", they spent another exciting day -- Mass for K of L'ers again at the Lithuanian College, celebrated by Bishop Brizgys and ended with the K of L, American and Lithuanian anthems, then a formal audience with the Pontiff in St. Peter's Basilica where Lithuanians were given special places and attention. The climax of the day was a magnificent Farewell Banquet and Program on the elegant roof-garden of the Columbus Hotel. There, Knights met Stasys Lozoraitis and presented his lovely wife with flowers.

While the rest of the trip -- including tours of Rome itself, 4th of July sparklers and patriotic singing in Rome, meeting English Liths at their club in London, climbing the Leaning Tower of Pisa, gondola rides in Venice, "Aida" at the outdoor opera house at the Baths of Caracalla, etc., etc. -- could not compare with the wealth of feelings evoked by the Papal Mass.

Not all of the K of L group were K of L-ers; many joined their friends for the trip. Two such travelers were Teresa and Alfonse Trainis, who were so impressed by the group that they hurried

home and organized Council 141 of Bridgeport, CT -- and BECAME active members, holding offices in the new Council and also serving many years as National K of L Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Another guest who later joined the Knights and suggested this story was Helen Matulonis, the hard working secretary of C-110, Maspeth, NY.

Recalling the trip evokes some sadness also, as many tour members have since gone to their eternal reward. Gone are HM's Bishop Brizgys, Dr. Jack Stukas, Mary Lucas, Marcella Andrikis-Aleksis, Frank Vaskas, John Stoskus, members Msgr. John Scharnus, Revs. Pragulbickas and Kinta, Mildred Chinik, Mary York, Teresa Trainis, Millie Grinewich, the Omlors, Vytautas Meiliunas, and many others. Please remember them in your prayers.

Agency representative Alice Barton wrote, after the trip, "...the K of L tour members showed me they know how to travel, how to enjoy life, and each other's company. All the hotels said 'the best and liveliest group in ages.'" We congratulate all members who attended this "First" and helped the K of L leave a beautiful mark. May the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel continue to stand as a fine example of Lithuanian artistry and generosity, and hold the memories of its beautiful blessing.

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## LUNCH PROGRAM FOR LITHUANIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN

The news from Lithuanian through Sister M. Igne of the Immaculate Conception Convent is not good. Having just returned from a visit to Lithuania, she attests to the poverty of the children who attend the Catholic schools (kindergarten, primary and secondary). She visited the schools and saw with her own eyes the pasty-faced children, improperly dressed for the cold winters of our northern climate, without winter apparel or proper footwear. Some of them have been fainting from hunger. An ad hoc committee was formed in the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid organization to assist these school children by providing them with a full lunch program.

The Committee has set as its goal to help approximately 10,000 youngsters in Catholic schools by collecting at least \$100,000. We urge all Lithuanian communities in America, all individual donors to assist the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid in our goal. Please set aside a sum that you can donate to keep a child fed and properly dressed. We have already sent food and clothing, but cannot reach our goal without your contribution. Could you see your way clear to help us reach our goal?

Please make checks payable to "**Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid**" and designate "Lunch" on the face of the check. Your contribution is tax-deductible. Send all contributions to:

Thank you for your support. *Members of the Ad Hoc Committee are: Sister Igne, Ginte Damusyte, Roze Somkaite, Loretta Stukas.*

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## BOOKS FOR LITHUANIA, and the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.

"You are the 'wind beneath our wings..... So wrote Sister M. Dolorita Butkus, OFM, from her post at Sv. Antano Kolegija in Kretinga, Lithuania, when she received a large shipment of Children's Picture Bibles, some in Lithuanian, some in English, all in beautiful, living color. The books were a donation from the Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc., as their 1994 gift to Lithuania.

The Foundation, as an endowment fund, is known for using its earned interest to sponsor an annual Essay Contest to honor the request of HM Msgr. Juozas Prunskis, to give a special scholarship in memory of Alice Karklius, because both of these projects are handled at the National Convention. What is less known is that for the past few years, it has used the remaining interest from its investments to help Lithuania in her struggle to become a viable nation. Contributions have gone to purchase a washing machine for a convent, a dialysis machine for a hospital, and for various other worthy causes. In 1994, a decision was made to help the Church by working to educate Lithuanian children or youth in Catholicism, and to give that help in the form of something concrete -- namely, books.

To that end, last year's project was the purchase of over 300 picture Bibles for children, 256 in Lithuanian, 50 in English. The books were shipped to Franciscan Sisters Michelle and Dolorita, in Utena and Kretinga, for use by Lithuanian school



*Brother Jurgis Pabrėža School, one of the schools that received some books.*

children. The copies of "Biblija Vaikams" were obtained at cost from Sister Igne of the Immaculate Conception Sisters, the English Bibles were purchased wholesale from an American printing firm.

The Sisters in Lithuania were thrilled with the shipments. About the books, they said "...They are the best I have ever seen, inspiring, pictures are exceptionally beautiful, and will greatly assist in teaching our Faith to the children." They quickly distributed the Lithuanian books to various Catholic schools in different parts of Lithuania, as well as to orphanages and parishes. The English Bibles will be used as teaching tools for English as well as added knowledge of the Bible. All the books were inscribed with "Dovana Lietuvos Vyčių Fondo" (gift of the Knights of Lithuania Foundation). Some of the many comments in letters received from recipients of books:

"...Thank you for your present to our school ... Our children read books with pleasure, because they like to study and to know more. We will keep you in our prayers, thank you!"



"...Mūsų globos namuose yra 60 vaikų... Vaikai su auklėtojais sekmadieniais nueina į bažnyčią, jiems ten patinka. Šios brangios knygos padės auklėtiniams daugiau sužinoti apie Dievą, geriau jį pažinti. Tegu Dievas Palaimina Jus ir Jūsų darbus."

The success of the 1994 project led Foundation members to vote again to send books, this time to the new Seminaries. Upon consultation again with Sister Igne, who just recently returned from several months, we decided to respond to a great need of learning English in the Seminaries, and sent out 100 copies of "Studying English", (25 each of four levels) complete with teacher guides for each level. The books were sent c/o Archbishop Backis, for distribution to the seminaries as he sees fit. More on this part of the project will be reported on later.

It is the sincere wish of Foundation Members that these gifts will enhance the religious and English education of Lithuania's children and future priests. And it the plea of the Directors that more of our Knights join the Foundation, to increase its financial base, so that more interest can be earned for the Foundation to continue and expand their projects. To donate **any** tax-exempt amount to the Foundation, send your check to:

**Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc.**

234 Sunlit Drive  
Watchung, New Jersey 07060

We thank you in advance for your generosity.



*Julianna Liana, C-52, who initiated Bible project, and Foundation Pres. Loretta Stukas, show books before shipping.*

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**Horse Cents and the rest of the story...**

A number of Lithuanians were puzzled by a horse who ran in this year's Belmont Stakes on June 10. The horse, **Iš Sveikatas**, finished 10th at 67-1 odds. Anyone who bet on this long shot, walked away with empty pockets. However, a few weeks later, in Ohio's Thistle Down Race Track, **Iš Sveikatas** ran at 12-1 odds and finished third. One C-25 member, Joe Ivoska, bet \$5 to show and won.

**Iš Sveikatas**, is owned and trained by Clark Whitaker who commented on the name. Whitaker had a Lithuanian friend from Cleveland named Joe Macys. When Mr. Macys died, the horse was a weanling and a bunch of Whitaker's friends decided on naming the colt, **Iš Sveikatas**, meaning "cheers" in Lithuanian. A nice tribute.

*Thanks to E.P. Kunsitis, C-25, & The Cleveland Plain Dealer (6/17/95)*

# LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



## NEW ISSUE

Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania recently participated in a joint stamp issue to honor a road construction project called the Via Baltica that will link northern and central Europe.

Each country issued a stamp April 20 commemorating the highway project. These stamps have three different designs, each featuring a different scene

from the country of issue.

The Lithuanian stamp depicts the historical center of Kaunas and was created and designed by I. Naciulute.

*-Linn's Stamp News, June 1995*

## EARNED HIS WAY

**Jack Sharkey**, (born Paul Zukauskas ) who became an honorary member of the K of L in 1928, is remembered this month since his death Aug. 18, 1994 at the age of 91. He was, of course, better known for being Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World in 1932-1933.

His principal claim to fame was that at the time of his passing, he was the oldest living heavyweight champion and the only man to have faced both Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis for pay. Years later, Sharkey had a way of evaluating them that only a professional could appreciate.

"Who hit me the hardest?" Sharkey said once. Dempsey hit me the hardest because he hit me \$211,000 worth while Louis only hit me \$36,000 worth. Sharkey was talking about

what he had been paid, and he always earned his money.

*-Boston Globe 8/94*

## He's done it again!

A recent closing of St. Peter's Lithuanian parish in southwest Detroit will be felt by Alytus, a city in the Dzukiai region of southern Lithuania near the Polish border.

A container carrying the pipe organ, pews, two tabernacles and other interior furnishings from St. Peter's will be a part of a new church, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Alytus. Our own **Bob Boris**, President of Aid to Lithuania, was instrumental in this project which cost about \$10,000 for dismantling, moving, packing and shipping.

The new parish had attracted Mr. Boris partly because its buildings housed a Catholic school, and a sort of orphanage for homeless children. Teachers also prepared meals for the kids.

*-Michigan Catholic, 6/16/95*

## Penn National Guard "Adopts" Lithuania

Four members of the Lithuanian Civil Defense Department visited Shenandoah, PA in May for a one week visit to learn a sophisticated computer mapping software package. The software will improve the capabilities of Lithuanian emergency management response teams to deal with accidents and disasters both natural and man made.

The visit is part of an ongoing cooperative effort between Lithuania, the "adoptee" and the Pennsylvania National Guard, who exchange knowledge and expertise with Lith. officials and Defense forces under this mentor program.

*-Evening Herald of Shenandoah, PA 5/9/95*

# Portrait of Our Pastor

-A tribute to the late beloved Rev. Robert K. Baltch-

by Mirga Kerbelis Bablin, C-100

In a lovely bound volume commemorating the 50 th year of the founding of St. Casimir's Church in Amsterdam, NY, (1904-1954), is stated: "The pages of this book have been written as a tribute of humble thanksgiving to God and our heavenly mother for the many graces and blessings bestowed upon Saint Casimir's Parish during the fifty years of its existence." And so, let us add another thought - our own fervent thanksgiving to our gracious Lord for the forty-two years of dedicated service given to us by our late pastor, Father Robert Kestutis Baltch who died July 16, 1991 after a long battle with cancer.

We, his parishioners and friends are still saddened by his death but rejoice, in a sense, with the beautiful legacy he left us. He had been our C-100 K. of L. Spiritual Advisor, teacher, mentor and friend to us all, unflinching in his human compassion, encouragement and support. Who could surpass his remarkable enthusiasm, warmth and kindness, superb intellect, eloquence with music, and just plain "class"? And who, but Father Baltch, could "walk with princes and not lose the common touch?"

As a prelude to Father Baltch's early years at Saint Casimir's, the following is a brief overview of the church history and first two pastors. Records indicate that Lithuanian immigrants arrived as early as 1885 - pioneers Stanley Gaska and James Cikanavicius. The First Baptism at St. Casimir's was Vincent Stanulis and first wedding, Casimir Maironis and Catherine Balcikonyte, dated in 1904. The oldest church organization was the St. Casimir's Aid Society founded in 1898; our own Knights of Lithuania Council 100 was founded in 1919.

Rev. Joseph Zidanavicius was St. Casimir's first pastor (1904-1945) - a man of deep faith, dedicated to the people's spiritual needs. He promoted the Lithuanian language and culture and was a man of uncommon literary talent. He compiled several hymnals, some forty stage plays, plus articles and poems, writing under the pen name "Seriju Juozas."

Assistant to Father Zidanavicius, and appointed pastor upon the latter's death in 1945, was Rev. Joseph Rastutis. He was quiet and unassuming, but deeply spiritual and fostered a keen interest in the youth of St. Casimir's parish. An avid chess player, he introduced the game to many a parish family, including my own. He also liked to go fishing, which he did with many of the parish youth, including the young Ed Bablinskas, who was later to become my husband.

Early history of Father Baltch indicates that he was born in the United States, and educated in Lithuania, both secondary schools and a school of music, from which he was graduated. He demonstrated outstanding musical talent at an early age; at 16 he was accompanist to famous concert and operatic performers in Lithuania.

Upon entering the seminary in Kaunas, Lithuania, he became choirmaster at the tender age of 1920. Having achieved the rank of Deacon, Father Baltch and his family returned to the United States. Thereupon, he entered St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, N.Y. to complete his studies for the priesthood. There, too, he displayed his musical talent by giving concerts to the delight of all. He was offered the position of a professor of music at the seminary, a post he declined. Father Baltch came to Amsterdam, N.Y. on October 1,



Rev. Robert K. Baltch

1949 to become assistant pastor of St. Casimir's Church, a lucky and memorable day for all of us.

For those of us who had the joy and privilege of knowing the remarkable Baltch family, throughout the years, there are special memories. One of the earliest was Sunday, October 30, 1949 - the day my first child and eldest son, Mark Edward, was born. I vividly remember, lying in the hospital bed at St. Mary's, wondering where my parents were, not even coming to see their newly born first grandchild! When they arrived, late that night, they explained - "We went to a *Welcome to St. Casimir's* party for Father Baltch." The happy parishioners gave Father, as a gift - a brand new car!

There were other occasions, picnics with the Baltch family, his father, Anthony, and mother Julia, the young Father Bob and his sister Aldona, now Dr. Baltch. There were sessions with billiards in the game room basement of my parents' home. Also, there was golf. Father Baltch learned to play golf under the skillful tutelage of my father, who excelled in the sport. They spent many a tranquil hour on the rolling greens of Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course - often with my mother joining them. One of Father's standing comments that never ceased to amuse me was - "Your mother used to beat me in golf."

As the young, energetic, vibrant assistant to Father Rastutis, Father Baltch soon endeared himself to all, not only in his priestly duties, but with that special enthusiasm he had in all he did. He was close to the children of St. Casimir's School in those early years, and in his own special engaging manner, conducted classes in Lithuanian history and culture.

With the decline of Father Rastutis' health, Father Baltch assumed the duties of pastor and was instrumental in a major revitalization of the entire parish. A brief look at any St. Casimir's church bulletin will reveal the activities of the many societies and organizations, including our wonderful School of Religion. They are thriving because he gave them life. It is indeed a special tribute to his character that he was chosen the first Lithuanian-American Dean of Montgomery County NY Catholic Clergy.

He had frequently appeared as primary soloist

in many local musical concerts, including Handel's "Messiah" and others. Those of us attending Father Baltch's 40th year jubilee dinner at the Teepee Restaurant, will never forget his stirring rendition of the contemporary classic "*Without A Song*"!

His great love for Lithuania, land of his forefathers, with its magnificent history and culture, was a driving force in his life. This enthusiasm reached out to those who knew him, as evidenced by his many group trips to Lithuania, accompanied by fellow parishioners. How truly sad that Father Baltch did not live quite long enough to see his beloved Lithuania totally "free at last".

We owe so much to this beautiful man of God, musician, teacher and friend. As the immortal St. Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England was "The Man For All Seasons," so, too, was Father Robert K. Baltch for us at St. Casimir's in Amsterdam. As with the timeless phrase "The world was a better place because you were in it" we can only add the thought that "we are better people for having known you, Father Baltch."



Fr. Baltch was the pastor of your VYTIS editor. Through a good example and most of the Sacraments, plus hours of endless preparation for Feb. 16 Lithuanian Days, he imprinted the desire to maintain Lithuanian roots through song, ritual and celebration.

One of the most beloved and remembered traditions that Fr. Baltch established was the candlelight singing of "Happy Birthday, Dear Jesus!" at Christmas Midnight Mass. I always felt it gave children an added closeness to the Infant Jesus.



## Unsung Heroes...

### *A Young Man's Odyssey*

*In future issues of Vytis, we are planning to add an extra feature called "Unsung Heroes". These are the Knights who work behind the scenes and without whom a council could not function. They seldom appear in Vytis features and hardly ever are on the stage during district and national conventions.*

*Search for an unsung hero in your councils. We are sure there are many. They should be introduced to the membership. Their stories are in inspiration.*

*Send all facts plus a picture to the address on the insider cover and label "Unsung Hero". We will do the rest. If you prefer, write the essay yourselves. We will be eagerly awaiting your reply. If not, we have plenty of unsung heroes at C-12 Manhattan and C-110 Maspeth, New York. But we know there are more...*

*Get to work! Your Editors.*

**by Alma Korengo  
Vice President, C-12**

Here are some little known facts on the life of one of the most special caring and thoughtful people of Council 12 in Manhattan, NY. He is Edmund Burba Cook, who has been president of C -12 since 1985.

He was born the 12th of 13 children to Edward and Maryté Burba in Taurage, Lithuania. This was at the outbreak of World War II - a time of chaos and upheaval.

Before the end of the war when it became clear that the Axis powers would be defeated and the Red Army was once again approaching the Baltic States, thousands of refugees, who had experienced the first Red occupation with its terrors and the Terrible June days, fled to Poland and Germany. They hoped to get to a part of Europe controlled by the Western powers.

The Burba family (now fatherless) took their chances and fled. Railroad stations were chaotic, a mass of confusion, babble of different tongues from all parts of the globe.

Elyte, the 12 year old sister of Ed was in charge of Ed and the other siblings. She was a brave little girl but during the madhouse and confusion, Ed got separated from the rest of the family. For a

while a "nanny" took care of him but he was soon abandoned. After agonizing days and nights aboard trucks, Ed found himself in Hamburg, Germany, one of hundreds of thousands of displaced young persons.

In the summer of 1945, Ed, in order to survive, was stealing as much food as he could and used all the tricks in the book to live from day to day. Once while involved in this "endeavor" he felt two hands scooping him up. He was face to face with an American GI. This was his first encounter with an American who appeared to Ed as a huge and scary looking fellow. But this fear was all forgotten when this friendly GI reached into his pocket and pulled out a piece of magic called chocolate. Ed was happy to have been caught since it was unlikely he would have survived the winters in the shell of some bombed out building stealing food, For the first time he had food and a warm place to sleep.

The DP Camps were separated by nationality and rescue teams did their best to reconstruct the lives of the refugees. Ed stayed on the camps for about 5 years. He went to school learning English and the 3 Rs. All this time he was cared for in a loving way by the "Amis". In 1950 he was processed by the National Catholic agency and sent to Donaldson, Pa, where he was adopted by a Lithuanian family.

After attending school in Pottsville, PA, he joined the army and was sent to Bremerhaven and then Ulm in Germany. It was here that he began the odyssey to find his lost family.

Through the efforts of the German Red Cross he was able to find some of the family members. One sister was in England, one brother studying for the priesthood in Rome. Others were back in Lithuania. Many letters, gallons of tears and happy reunions followed.

College under the G.I. bill followed. After a B.A at Iona College in New Rochelle and an M.S.W program at Fordham University, Ed joined the Veterans Administration in January 1983.

Since then he has worked with a great sense of dedication and obligation to the Veterans with whom he comes in contact. He feels he has a debt to pay to those who rescued him from an uncertain



*Ed Cook at Statue of Liberty Commemoration*

future. He is now helping and taking care of them, like those who helped and took care of him so many years ago in a bombed out Hamburg.

He is currently working as a clinical social worker and therapist with Vietnam combat vets, their families and children to help vets gain their sense of respect and eventually become a credit to themselves and the community.

He is a jack of all trades - whether presiding at a meeting, wielding a broom, or stirring a pot in the kitchen for our social, schlepping his VCR all the way from Ossining to New York City so the C-12'ers could see tapes on Lithuanian topics.

It was a long rough road but we are very happy you ended up here with us at Council 12. God bless you! We love you Ed.



## A Lighter Side

*An Upper Slovobian mother writes her son*

Dear Son:

Just a few lines to let you know that I'm still alive. I'm writing this letter slowly because I know that you cannot read fast. You won't know the house when you come home - we've moved!

About your father, he has a lovely new job. He has 500 men under him. He is cutting the grass at the cemetery.

There is a washing machine in the new house when we moved in but it isn't working too well. Last week I put 14 shirts into it, pulled the chain, and I haven't seen the shirts since.

Your sister, Mary, had a baby this morning. I haven't found out whether it's a boy or girl, so I don't know whether you're an Aunt or an Uncle. Your Uncle Dick drowned last week in a vat of whiskey at the Brewery. Some of his workmates

dived in to save him, but he fought them off bravely. We cremated his body, and it took three days to put out the fire.

Your father didn't have much to drink at Christmas, I put a bottle of castor oil in his pint of beer. It kept him going 'till New Year's Day. I went to the doctor on Thursday and your father came with me. The doctor put a tube in my mouth and told me not to open it for 10 minutes. Your father offered to buy it from him.

It rained twice last week. First for 3 days, and then for 4 days. Monday it was so windy that one of our chickens laid the same egg four times.

We had a letter yesterday from the undertaker. He said if the last installment wasn't paid on your grandmother within 7 days, up she comes!

Your loving mother,  
*Mamma Nottoobright*

P.S. I was going to send you \$10.00 but I had already sealed the envelope.

# Lithuania

(Lietuva, tevyne mūsų)

English version by William Griffith\*

(1898)

V. Kudirka  
(1858-1899)

**G**  
Maestoso

**D G D7 G D G G7 C G7 C G**

Voice

Lith - u - an - ia, land of he - roes, Up - and face the day at hand;  
Lie - tu - va, tē - vy - ne mu - sų Tu did - vy - rių še - me

Piano

*f*

**C Ami G D A7 D D7 G A7 A7 D**

Voice

With the old he - ro - ic cour - age Fill your sons and daugh - ters.  
iš pra - ei - ties Ta - vo sū - nūs te stip - ry - bę se - mia.

Piano

**G D G D7 G D G G7 C G7 C G**

Voice

Lith - u - an - ia, lead your chil - dren In the path that beck - ons on;  
Te - gul ta - vo vai - kai ei - na vien ta - kais do - ry - bės

Piano

*f*

\* From "The Botsford Collection of Folk-Songs" by permission of Mrs. Botsford and the publisher.

C    Ami    G    D    A7    D    D7    G    D7    G

Let them toil for their loved coun - try, And their peo - ple pros - per.  
 te - gul dir - bu Ta - vo nau - dai ir žmo - nių gė - ry - bei

D    Ami7    D    D7    D    G    D7

Let the sun - shine o - ver - head, Let the night be not too dark,  
 Te - gul sau - lė Lie - tu - vos tam - su - mus pra - ša - li - na,

G    C    G    Emi    Ami    Emi    B7    Emi    D    A7    D    A7

Give us light, give us light, Lead our steps in jus - tice.  
 Ir švie - sa ir tie - sa mus šingsnius te ly - di.



**D** **A** **D** **D7** **G**

*f*

Let the love for our dear land Burn and beat in  
 Te - gul mei - lē Lie - tu - vos de - ga mū - sę

**D7** **G** **C** **G** **Emi** **Ami** **Emi**

*ff*

ev - 'ry heart, In this love, in this love,  
 šir - di - se var - dan tos Lie - tu - vos

**B7** **Emi** **G** **D7** **G** **Bmi** **Emi** **G** **D7** **G**

*rit.*

Let us be u - ni - ted,  
 vie - ny - bē te žy - di.

*rit.* *a tempo*

# Knights of Lithuania Council 102

## *A PROFILE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS*

### **Part III - The years of revitalization.**

The most recent twenty five years, have seen dramatic changes both in the parish and in the council. In 1970, the Rev. Kazimieras Simaitis, who had been assisting at St. Anthony's since his resettlement in Detroit from the Displaced Persons Camps in Germany, assumed the duties of pastor and became the formal Spiritual Advisor of Council 102. With the advent of Fr. Simaitis, the primacy of Lithuanian was reestablished; the Hispanic parishioners affiliated with other parishes, and St. Anthony's was left to serve the few Lithuanians remaining in the immediate area on a regular basis.

In 1980, upon the retirement of Fr. Simaitis, the Rev. Alfonsas Babonas, a graduate of the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome, assumed duties as Pastor of St. Anthony's and Spiritual Advisor of Council 102. While the integration of the individual Knights of Council 102 with St. Anthony parish life waned over the years, a linkage between the Council and the Parish was always maintained through in-corpore communions and breakfasts of the K of L and an annual rummage sale between 1975 and 1985 from which half the profits were given to the parish. Whenever a crisis in the parish developed, a call for help would be sent out and the Knights were swift to respond. In 1988, when His Eminence Edmund Cardinal Szoka, Archbishop of Detroit, announced plans to close several inner city churches that were being only marginally used, Council 102 spearheaded the effort to save St. Anthony's. Under the lead of the Knights, a petition was formulated and 1,400 signatures were acquired. The package was personally delivered to the Cardinal and a strong case for retaining the Parish was presented.

Through all the years, Council 102 has striven to live up to the organization's motto. A number of activities reflect this goal. For the past twenty five years an organizational Kucios has





*Photos: pg. 24, Convention Committee, 46th National Convention in 1959, hosts C-102, St. Anthony's and C-79, Divine Providence Parish, Detroit. Left, Fr. J. Walter Stanievich, pastor of St. Anthony's 1959-1970; Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor 1961-1963.*

been celebrated on the Saturday before Christmas, so as not to interfere with individual family celebrations on Christmas Eve. The Council 102 observance begins with a home Mass celebrated by Fr. Stanievich, at which Lithuanian Christmas carols are sung. Mass is followed by a blessing and exchange of plotkeles, the traditional Lithuanian Christmas wafer. The meal, for which most attendees prepare a traditional dish, has been maintained in the old observance of a meatless meal. A traditional

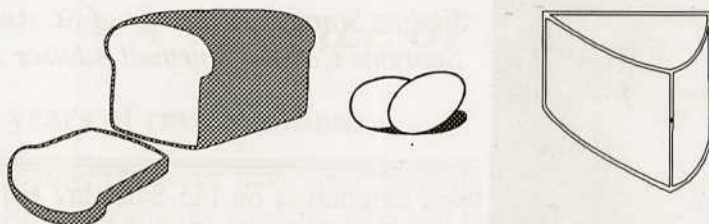
in-corpore communion and brunch celebrating St. Casimir's feast is now a joint endeavor of the three Detroit councils. A pilgrimage to a nearby religious shrine has become a regular feature of District Meetings.

As the decade of the 1980's closed, and the reawakening of a national identity in Lithuania began to be evidenced, Council 102 could be found in the forefront of supportive efforts in this country. Political action was taken in the form of letters to national authorities and legislators, public demonstrations were held both in Detroit and in Washington, D.C., and prayers were offered. Council 102 instigated the formation of a Rosary Crusade involving not only the nationwide K. of L., but also other Lithuanians living in the U.S. and in Lithuania as well. It began in 1990 and was maintained until the Soviet/Russian troops of occupation departed Lithuania. Coupling social action with prayer, Council 102 began working with World Medical Relief to collect, pack and ship medical supplies, equipment along with medicines to Lithuania. The first 40-foot container arrived in Lithuania on January 14, 1991 and much of its contents were used to aid the victims of the Soviet assault on the TV tower in Vilnius. This humanitarian aid to Lithuania increased with the realization of independence, and the effort was formalized as *Aid to Lithuania, Inc.* under the sponsorship of the national Knights of Lithuania organization. In its slightly more than four years of operation, *Aid to Lithuania* has sent 20 forty-foot containers and several special, but smaller shipments with an estimated value of over \$12.7 million dollars.

Indeed, the 75 year history of the Knights of Lithuania of St. Anthony's Parish has been marked by a series of truly marvelous achievements. Most noteworthy is the fact that these accomplishments have rarely been directed toward self-aggrandizement or self-interest. They have invariably been undertaken "For God and Country."

*Editor's note: This is the final part of a three part profile on our host council for this year's K of L. National Convention. See May and June issues for Part I and II.*





## LITHUANIAN CHEFS

### *Lietuviška Virtuvė*

*During the summer, most of us enjoy picnics and cold dishes, and always a few sweets. So we've decided to share a few American and Lithuanian favorites.*

Editors' all time favorites:

### **Red Potato Salad**

1 cup mayonnaise\*  
 2 tsp. Dijon mustard  
 2 tsp. chopped, fresh dill (or  
 1 1/2 tsp. dried dillweed)  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1/4 tsp. pepper  
 1 1/2 lbs. small, red potatoes, cubed,  
 cooked and cooled  
 1 cup thinly sliced radishes  
 1/2 cup chopped scallions

Combine first five ingredients and chill. In a large bowl, combine potatoes, radishes and scallions. Add chilled ingredients, cover and refrigerate. Makes 4 1/2 cups.

\* may substitute yogurt or sour cream. Garnish with bacon bits for added flavor.

### **Red Cabbage Salad**

1 cup mayonnaise\*  
 3 Tbsp. lemon juice  
 2 Tbsp. honey  
 1 tsp. salt  
 6 cups shredded cabbage  
 1 cup finely shredded carrots  
 (optional) 1/2 cup green pepper

Combine first four ingredients and mix well. Stir in remaining. Cover. Chill 2-3 hours. Makes approximately 6 cups.

### **Lithuanian Cold Beet Soup**

1 lb. red beets  
 3 cucumbers  
 3 eggs

2 cups sour cream  
4 cups sour milk or buttermilk  
2 scallions

Prepare a 4 qt. vegetable broth or a clear broth. Cook beets separately, cool and grate coarsely. Add to the broth. Add salt to taste and well-beaten sour cream and sour milk. Chill before serving. Cut hardboiled eggs into 6 pieces, peel cucumbers and cut into little squares, chop the scallions and some dill and add these ingredients to the soup. Serve with boiled potatoes sprinkled with chopped dill and bacon.

### Red Beet Salad

Cook unpeeled beets or bake in oven. Peel and slice into very thin slices. Chop a salad onion very finely, add salt to taste, pepper, vinegar or lemon juice, and oil. Mix

lightly with red beet slices. Let stand 2-3 hours so that the oil and vinegar will soak into the red beets.

*Here's a favorite from the kitchen of Isabel Golden, C-50, New Haven, CT.*

### Lithuanian Cheese Tarts

1 cup shortening  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 tsp. salt  
1 cup cottage cheese  
2 cups flour  
jar of preserves

Cream shortening, salt and vanilla. Add cottage cheese and flour mixture to form a soft dough. Cover and chill for 4 hours. Roll dough out and cut into 1 inch squares 1/4 inch thick. Place one tablespoon of preserves into the center and fold into triangle. Moisten edges with milk and press together. Bake

on ungreased cookie sheet in oven at 425 degrees for 30 minutes.

### Almond Cookies

2 2/3 cups flour  
7 oz. butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup shelled almonds  
3 eggs  
1 tablespoon sugar (to sprinkle on top)

Grind almonds and cream with the butter. Then add two eggs and one egg yolk, the sugar, and beat until smooth and fluffy. Add the flour, knead into the dough, and roll out into a thickness of 1/8 inch. Cut out various shapes of cookies, place on baking sheet. Brush cookies with egg white, sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown.



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## Kalbėkime Lietuviškai



## Family Members and Relatives

by Dr. Virginia Vaitekoniš Obando

relative (male) - giminaitis  
 relative (female) - giminaitė  
 relatives - giminės  
 parents - tėvai  
 father - tėvas (tėtis, tėtė, tėtukas, tėvelis)  
 mother - motina (mama, mamytė)  
 son - sūnus  
 daughter - duktė, dukra  
 grandparents - seneliai, bočiai, diedukai  
 grandmother - senelė, močiutė, babytė  
 grandfather - senelis, bočelis, diedukas  
 grandson - vaikaitis, anūkas  
 granddaughter - vaikaitė, anūkė  
 sister - sesuo, sesutė  
 brother - brolis, broliukas  
 cousin (male) - pusbrolis  
 cousin (female) - pusseserė  
 uncle - dėdė  
 aunt - teta  
 nephew - sūnėnas  
 niece - dukterėčia  
 father-in-law - uošvis  
 mother-in-law - uošvė  
 daughter-in-law - marti  
 son-in-law - žentas

**DĖDE, TETA** - These nouns are often used by children to address not only their aunts and uncles, but adults in general (especially their parents' friends): *Sakmbino teta Angelė. Dėdė Algis, mūsų kaimynas, dirba vairuotoju.*

**SENELĖ, MOČIUTĖ** may be used to address any old woman (especially in the countryside). - *Kaip gyvuojaite, močiute? Padėk senelei pereiti gatvę.*

**SESUO, SESUTĖ** - has some additional meanings: 1. *medicinos sesuo, seselė, sesutė* - a nurse; 2. *Sesutė (vienuolė)* - a nun. It's not unusual any longer to use **SESUTĖ** while addressing any girl or woman. This usage of **SESUTĖ** can be found in Lithuanian folk songs: *Ar aš tau, sese, nesakiau...Eisim, broleliai (sesutės) namo, namo...* or in Lithuanian folk tales: *sesutė Saulė* (sister Sun), *brolelis Menesėlis* (brother Moon).



**DIMINUTIVE NOUNS** constitute one of the most fascinating peculiarities of the Lithuanian language. They make Lithuanian sound very soft and gentle. By adding diminutive suffixes to nouns, we express our affection for the person or thing we refer to.

## DIMINUTIVE EXAMPLES

**motina** - motinėlė, motulė, močiutė, motinytė**tėvas** - tėvelis, tėveliukas, tėtukas, tėtytė,  
tetušėlis**sesuo** - seselė, sesutė, sesulė, sesytė**brolis** - brolelis, broliukas, brolužis, broluželis**duktė** - dukrelė, dukrytė, dukružė, dukružėle**sūnus** - sūnelis, sūnulis, sūnaitėlis, sūbužėlis

Let's Speak Lithuanian !



## CONVERSATION

I have a family.

Is your family big?

My family is big/small.

Are you married?

I am married/single (male).

I am married/single (female).

Do you have any children?

I don't have any children.

I have a daughter and two sons.

How many brothers/sisters do you have?

I have one brother and two sisters.

Do you live with your parents/children?

My children are adults.

My parents are retired.

What (work) does your wife/husband do?

My wife is a teacher.

My husband is a businessman.

Do you have any relatives in Lithuania?

I have many relatives in Lithuania.

*Aš turiu šeimą.**Ar tavo šeima didelė?**Mano šeima didelė/maža.**Ar jūs vedęs?**Aš esu vedęs/viengungis.**Aš esu ištekėjusi/netekėjusi.**Ar turite vaikų?**Aš neturiu vaikų/Aš bevaikis.**Aš turiu dukrą ir du sūnus.**Kiek brolių/seserų jūs turite?**Aš turiu brolių ir dvi seseris.**Ar jūs gyvenate su savo tėvais/vaikais?**Mano vaikai jau suaugę.**Mano tėvai pensininkai/pensijoje.**Kuo dirba jūsų žmona/vyras?**Mano žmona mokytoja.**Mano vyras verslininkas.**Ar turite giminių Lietuvoje?**Aš turiu daug giminių Lietuvoje.*

## MISLĖS - RIDDLES

Dvi sesutės per kalnelį nesueina. Kas? (akys)

(What are) two sisters that cannot meet over the hill. (eyes)

Žiemą - brolis, vasarą - molis. Kas? (krosnis)

(What is a ) brother in winter, clay in summer? (stove)



### Juniors Forum

As preparations are firmed up for the 82nd National Convention for the Juniors, the 1994-95 Supreme Council's 3rd Vice-President's duties will be completed with the Junior Convention on Saturday, August 12, 1995. It has been a fulfilling term with much accomplished.

Articles for the Junior Section of the VYTIS have been reestablished. Material has come in not only from the Supreme Council but the Juniors themselves. Contact has been made with all the councils seeking areas where new Junior Councils have potential in being organized or reorganized.

Correspondence with District 3rd Vice-Presidents was maintained. Contact with the nine Junior Councils proved most rewarding.

C -102 Junior Activity chairperson for the National Convention, Irene Vizgirda, and her committee, have a busy program for the Juniors. If you haven't registered yet, please, by the time you read this you will decide to say "yes"! For your Saturday morning session, come with ideas and suggestions of what you expect from your leaders; what you would like added to your present activities, etc.

The National Convention will give you an opportunity to renew friendships made at last year's convention. It will give you an opportunity to make new friends.

Looking forward to meeting all of you Juniors at the 82nd National Convention in Novi, Michigan!!!

**Frances R. Petkus**  
**SC 3rd Vice-President**

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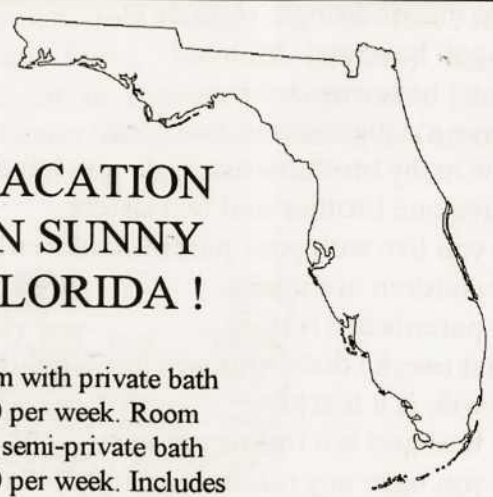
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# The Maid Of Waterland

## A Lithuanian "Cinderella"

Once there was a man who lived with his daughter Elenyte, whose mother had died many years before. In time the father also died. On his deathbed he asked her to pray for him by his grave on three nights. The first night Elenyte went to the grave of her father and wept sadly.

Her father rose from the grave and gave her a small bag of smoke, a starlit robe, a pair of slippers, a carriage, two horses and a driver.

The second night she went again to her father's grave, and this time he gave her a robe of pale moonlight, a carriage, a horse and a driver. The third night he gave her a sunlit robe, a carriage, horses, a driver, and he also told her, where to hide them.

"There is a large oak tree by the crossroads," he said. "You must go there and sing: 'Oak tree, oak tree, open up, open up.' On hearing this the oak three will open and you can put all your treasures in it. If anyone should follow you to find where you keep them, just open the small bag of smoke and he won't be able to see them."

Elenyte did as she was told. She put the carriage, the horses and the robes in the oak tree. Then she went to look for work. She went to the king and he put her to tending pigs.

One Sunday morning the son of the king was dressing for church and wanted to wash but there was no water.

"Water! Water!" he shouted.

Elenyte got up quickly and brought him a basin of water.

"You stove-cleaner! How dare you come near me!" the prince shouted at the girl and poured the water over her.

Elenyte then asked the king for permission to go to church. He granted it.

She went to the oak tree in the woods and sang out:

*Oak tree, oak tree,*

*Open up, open up!*

The oak tree opened up. Elenyte dressed herself in the starlit robe, stepped into the starlit carriage and told the driver to take her to church.

When she went into the church she filled it with light. People stared at her in amazement. Who was this little maid? The prince himself could not turn away his eyes from her. He sent a servant to ask her name and where she came from.

Elenyte said she was from Waterland.

After the services were over the little maid swiftly left the church, stepped into her carriage, and drove away. The prince followed her to see where she would go. When she saw this,

Elenyte opened the little bag of smoke. It became dark and no one saw where she went and how, when she sang, the oak tree opened up and she hid her robes, carriage, driver and horses. She put on her rags once more, wound her cloth shoes around her feet, and went to the king's palace to tend the pigs.

The next Sunday the prince again was dressing for church. He wanted a towel. The



servant was not there to hand it to him, so Elenyte rushed to the prince with it.

"You stove-cleaner! Get out of my sight!" shouted the prince.

Elenyte again asked the king for permission to go to church.

"When you're dressed you may go," said the king.

She dressed quickly, went to the crossroads and sang:

*Oak tree, oak tree,*

*Open up, open up!*

The oak tree opened. She put on her moonlit robe, slippers, stepped into her moonlit carriage, and drove off to church. As she went in and sat in the king's pew, the whole church became bright. The prince could not recall where the lovely princess lived and again he sent his servant to ask her. Elenyte told the man that she was from Towelland. After the service the prince wanted to watch the direction in which she drove, but she opened her second bag of smoke, and he could not follow her.

The third Sunday the prince bathed and dressed for church. He was already on his horse when he missed his riding whip.

"My whip! My whip!" he shouted.

Elenyte handed him his whip.

"You stove-cleaner! Always under my feet!" And he smote her with the riding whip.

She again asked the king for permission to go to church. This time she dressed in her sunlit robe, climbed into her carriage, and drove to church. Now she sparkled like the sun, and no one could look at her. The prince again sent his servant to ask her who she was, and Elenyte said she was from Whipland.

The prince poured tar on the steps of the church, and when Elenyte went down the steps her slipper stuck to the tar. She could not pick it up, so she ran to her carriage and drove away quickly.

The prince sent his men to find Waterland, Towelland, and Whipland. No one had heard or seen them. Now the prince summoned all the maids of the kingdom to try on the slipper. First, the princesses tried, then the daughters of the noblemen, and lastly the peasant girls. The slipper did not fit any one of them. Finally, the prince called in the maid-servants. It did not fit them either. Then he remembered that his father had a maid pig-tender. He ordered her brought to him.

"Come here. you stove-cleaner! No doubt, this slipper will fit your foot!"

Elenyte put on the slipper. It fit perfectly! She then removed her cloth shoe from her other foot and the prince saw the mate of the slipper.

"My stove-cleaner! My very own princess!" shouted the prince who was overcome with joy and surprise.

Elenyte told him the whole story. The prince fell on his knee and asked to be forgiven for his rudeness.

In a short time the prince and Elenyte were married, and their wedding was magnificent!



# Council News '95

*Happy Summer vacation, fellow council news writers! We appreciate for all your work. DEADLINE for the next Council News '95 is SEPT. 1 for Nov. Vytis issue. -Dalia*

## **Mid-Central District**

***John & Andrea Baltrus***

The Mid-Central District's annual spring meeting and bowling tournament was hosted by Council 79 in Southfield, Michigan from May 19-21. The weekend began with a reception at the Farmington Hills Comfort Inn on Friday evening. A good time was had by all, as we enjoyed some delicious snacks and caught up on our members' activities over the long winter.

On Saturday morning the District meeting took place at the hotel under the able leadership of District President - Lillian Petravicius. Here again we heard about the many activities of our councils throughout the winter. The district delegates approved several donations, including ones to St. Casimir's Guild, the K. of L. Foundation, and the Scholarship Fund. Bob Boris updated us on the activities of Aid to Lithuania and encouraged our continued efforts in this area. The district also decided to recognize the contributions of two individuals to the Aid to Lithuania effort in a special way. The MCD award will be presented to one individual at this year's National Convention in Detroit. The other award will be given to Paulette Montoya of Santa Paula, California, a housewife who was instrumental in putting together a container by herself. She will receive a beautiful hand carved Madonna, donated by George Mikalauskas of Dayton, as a token of our appreciation:

The much-anticipated bowling tournament was held on Saturday afternoon. Approximately 65 bowlers of all ages vied for an assortment of trophies and cash prizes, while another 25 or so spectators (retired bowlers) cheered their efforts. It turned out to be the perfect time to be indoors, as

the weather outside was stormy for the only time all weekend. We always have an enthusiastic crowd because this activity draws a number of members who otherwise do not participate in other K. of L. events.

Our members had only a few hours to rest their aching muscles before heading off to the Divine Providence Cultural Center for an evening of fun and relaxation. The theme for the evening was "Hawaiian Night." Many of our members were dressed in colorful attire, including even one grass skirt. The evening was highlighted by a the performance of a young and beautiful hula dancer. She surely caught the eye of many of the men in our group. An equal opportunity for excitement and laughter was given to the ladies during the later part of her performance, which included some audience participation. Three of our young and handsome males, who will remain nameless, were asked to join our hula dancer for a few dances. Prior to doing so, they were asked to adorn the customary grass skirts and wigs. Needless to say, it proved quite entertaining for everyone.

The weekend ended on Sunday with an early Mass back at Divine Providence Church followed by the bowling awards ceremony and a farewell dinner. Congratulations to the winning team from C-79, Southfield, which was captained by George Cramblet. Council 25 from Cleveland was a close runner-up. The men's high series went to Sam Parrantino and men's high game to Chip Newberry, both of C-79. The women's high series went to Linda Seymour (C-79) and high game to Laura Farrell (C-25). The winner of our district's annual fundraising raffle, John Yonushonis of DuBois, was also selected at that time.

Many thanks to C-79 for hosting a great weekend and especially to Margaret Dapkus, for handling many of the arrangements and to Rich Danielak, who had the difficult job of handling the bowling arrangements and determining the tournament winners. We hope to see everyone



back in Detroit for the National Convention and then in DuBois, probably in early October, for our district's fall meeting and pilgrimage.

## New England District

### *Aldona Marcavage*

What a great beginning for the New England District Convention in Westfield, April 30th, with the unexpected pleasure of hearing the magnificent voices of Rev. John Brennan and the St. Casimir Choir at Mass. They captured our attention and our hearts. No wonder they received such applause when mass ended. Father Brennan welcomed delegates and guests by quoting "My house is your house-- and there are no strangers in my house". He then announced that the Mass was in memory of former C-30 president, Ben Coach and all deceased members.

District president, Bertha Stoskus, called the meeting to order and invited Father Petrauskas for the opening prayer, after which he requested a minute of silence for Ben Coach and all deceased members. Jim Rogers, representing the Host Council, extended his greetings to all. Thank You notes for Masses in Rome were read from Cookie Coach and family, also from the family of Blanche Genaitis.

A letter from St. Helen, C.J.C., gave thanks for all the used stamps being collected and said in addition donations of used bikes, skates, toys and clothes would be much appreciated.

Frances Petkus requested all councils to supply her with information regarding Jr. Councils --- their histories, activities, photos, stories etc. It seems that so far, Bridgeport and New Haven are the only NED councils with active Juniors.

Verute B. Cote said the scholarship books are ready for distribution. She also introduced her ideas of scholarship alternatives. "To offer scholarship awards to children of K of L members (or grandparents) who would like to attend a Lithuanian camp (such as NERINGA). The award would be based on activity in Lithuanian affairs--not on financial need. One winner would receive \$250.; if two were chosen, \$125. each. Applicants should be no older than 16. This would

serve as a reward for positive Lithuanian activity, and possibly set the student's goals toward competing for an NED college scholarship. An award of this nature may foster an appreciation of Lithuanian heritage as they attend these camps--and may be a valuable growth factor, leading to stronger councils in years to come."

Have any other councils adopted an order of nuns in Lithuania? Sister Igne of ICC Putnam, Ct. spoke of the problems confronting Catholic schools in Lithuania. Their needs are English language books, sports equipment, learning apparatus for science and biology, and especially a financial need for school lunches. Donations may be made to LORA School Lunch.

Introduced by Catherine Urbon, members voted to buy 15 book plates reading, "IMO deceased K of L NED members" to be placed inside 15 Lithuanian Misirolelis (at \$10.00 each) to be sent to Lithuania. Anyone wishing to support this program make checks payable to Sr. Igne ICC Putnam, Ct. 06260.

Sincere Congratulations to the following recipients of 3rd Degree medals and certificates: C-10 Athol-Gardner--Nellie Malicka and Dr. Henry Gailunas (absent) C-17 So. Boston--Pauline Tulickas' (absent) Anne Evans and Mildred Daniels; C-26-Worcester--Aldona Waska, Elaine Salkus (absent); C-30 Westfield--Joseph Bukities (absent) Louise Bukities (absent) Sophie Kucharskis, Theresa Atkocaitis.

Father Petrauskas, as Founder's Day speaker covered the life of Mykolas Norkunas in depth.

Delegates chosen for this year's National Convention are: Rita Pinkus (C-26) and Alexander Akule (C-17). Alternates are: Marian Hobitz (C-78) and Lee Marcinka (C-141).

Father Wolkovich recommended submitting the name of Dublin Attorney T. C. Gerard O'Mahony to be considered as this year's (or next Year's) "Friend of Lithuania". Father Wolkovich did an extensive research on this Lithuanian-loving Irish native who has done so much to promote the cause of Lithuania's freedom. The report can be found in "Lituanus" summer 1993--Vol-39 NO. 2 Pages 51-69. A very impressive account.





*(L to R) Helen Chesko and Anne Challen with Fr. Anderlonis who received his 3rd Degree at the Amber Dist. in March*



*(L to R) SC Treasurer, Ed Barkowski, MAD President, Bernice Aviza, C-136 President, Lynn McCafferty, Lithuanian UN Rep., Petras Anusas, C-136 2nd VP, Helen Hayner at MAD Convention. in March*

NED sent their annual donations of \$100. each to *Aid to Lithuania* and the *K. of L. National Scholarship Fund*.

Eleven councils sent 101 delegates and guests and three clergy to participate in this lively meeting.

Warmest congratulations to the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, who will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in Brockton.

Rev. Albin Janiunas of C-78 Lawrence, MA. will be retiring July 20, 1995. May good health and an abundance of God's blessings follow him.  
**Ilgiausią, sveikiausią metų!**

**NED fall convention hosts will be C-26 Worcester, MA. Sept. 17, 1995.**

Following adjournment, a friendly social followed. The delicious dinner awaited -- prepared by the Great Chefs of Westfield -- our Seimininkes -- and was thoroughly enjoyed. The excitement of the lottery winning concluded the convention. Thank you for your great Lithuanian hospitality.

Enjoy a healthy, happy summer!

## **Mid-Atlantic District**

### ***Maryte***

A small but productive group met for the June 25 District meeting in Amsterdam, NY, thanks to MAD President, Bernice Aviza's quick thinking when Kearny, NJ had to cancel. Following a special Lithuanian Mass and singing at noon, celebrated by Rev. Joseph Grabys, Spiritual Advisor for C-100, Knights were treated to a home made turkey dinner and home baked cakes for dessert. The group of

about 45 members plus guests were greeted by hostess Irene Tice, President of C-100.

Ed Barkowski and Regina Kot volunteered as the Mandate Committee, and Ed Bablin volunteered as Sgt. at Arms due to the absence of our elected officials.

One of the speakers was guest Aldona Turauskyte, a Lithuanian exchange student from Kaunas currently studying architecture at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. She spoke briefly about her experiences and commended the exchange program.

Christine Tambasco, 2nd VP Juniors, reported that C-100 had gained 5 new junior members and that juniors performed Lithuanian dances at Hudson Valley Community College and Siena College recently. The upstate juniors are also involved in sending cards to hospitalized and shut-ins. A contest to encourage more junior participation was discussed and approved. Drawings, stories or poems should be submitted to Ms. Tambasco by Sept. 1st. They should be about a Lithuanian topic and entrants can be juniors or relatives of K of L members 18 years old or less. Judges will be Adeline Raila, Anthony Yacavonis and Maryte Abbott. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Entries will be judged at the September 17 meeting.

C-100 member, Louise Kleabonis, recalled her experiences as a teacher with APPLE, an educational training group in Lithuania. She said the program, which hosts summer seminars in education, is growing each year as teachers from

the US, Canada, France and England help Lithuanian teachers with subject material and teaching methods. Ms. Kleabonis' daughter, Kelly Thompson, accompanied her mother on the 5 week trip and offered a teenager's point of view of Lithuanians.

Among resolutions passed at the meeting were greetings to Fr. Bernard Gustas, Hudson-Mohawk, C-136 Spiritual Advisor on his 35th anniversary of the priesthood.

The raffle committee, headed by Beatrice Jasewicz, offered a basket of picnic treats which was won by Ed Barkowski.

The next **Mid Atlantic District meeting** is scheduled for **Sept. 17**, following Mass at Our Lady of Ostrabrama Church in Mattituck, NY, hosted by C-152 Eastern Long Island.

### C-7, Waterbury, CT

#### *Arlene Stiklius*

We hope that all our council and parish Moms had an enjoyable Mother's Day.

Than you to all members who attended the second St. Joseph school fund raiser. Your support helps to keep the school going for another year. The K. of L. and some of its members also helped out at the fundraiser.

The K. of L. had a very successful pancake breakfast on May 28, 1995.

Each month now we are going to have the K. of L. member of the month award. This award will honor the member who shows

his or her support to the K. of L., the parish and aid to the continuing help beyond and above the ordinary, everyday work. This month's K. of L. member award goes to John Greblunas and Ann Roach. Aciú labai John and Ann.

The following news has been submitted by Eric Karpavich, sargeant-at-arms, C-7.

Joe and Barbara Shupenis, Lisabeth Menders and Eric Karpavich have completed the 1994 - 1995 Lithuanian language class school year for adult students at "Atgimimo mokykla" (School of Rebirth) at St. Andrew's parish in New Britain, CT. Classes were held Saturday mornings from 9 A.M. to 12 noon and consisted of instruction in the Lithuanian language and grammar as well as culture

and current events. All four students are second generation Lithuanian Americans and all four have taken "the pilgrimage" back to the homeland. Lisabeth visited relatives in Kaunas. Barbara toured in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of St. Joseph's Church. Joe taught school in Vilnius and Kedainiai as an instructor with APPLE, and Eric studied language and culture at the University of Vilnius. Joe is looking forward to his second summer teaching in Biozac with the APPLE organization. All four students "always welcome the chance to speak Lithuanian with their fellow K. of L'ers - "LABAS".

### C-12, New York City

#### *Irene Senken*



*Connie Nehwadawich*

As I sit at my kitchen table attempting to write this article I am distracted by birds and rabbits in full view of my window. What a beautiful picture. Spring is really here.

Connie Nehwadawich received her 3rd Degree medal at our meeting in May. Connie worked hard for that honor and is currently busy sending packages to Lithuania with a particular orphanage in mind. Three packages have been sent to the orphanage in Jezno in the name of

Council-12.

We had our usual pot luck luncheon after the meeting and as an added attraction we had a 75th birthday party for Adolfas Kasperaitis. Mr. Kasperaitis is a new member and he enjoyed the cake and birthday greetings in his behalf.

Barbara Kartanowicz a long time active member, was called to her Creator suddenly on May 11, We will miss her wit and humor. May the good Lord take her into His "Heavenly Abode".

The Our Lady of Vilnius parish dinner was well attended on May the 21st. Father Sawicki thanks all those members who made a special effort to support this affair.

Ed Meskys, who is blind, is one of our distant members who resides in New Hampshire. We are saddened to learn that Ed lost his mother Susan who was just one month short of reaching her 97th birthday. May the good Lord look with favor upon

her. It is noted that Susan Meskys was the president of the Rosary Society and active in parish affairs for many years. In addition to Ed's problems, he lost his 2nd seeing eye dog to spinal arthritis.

Our June 4th meeting was well attended, perhaps it's due to the pending summer recess. We had a Commemoration of the terrible June days of 1940 in Lithuania.

John Lostys read prose and Aldona Zaunius read poetry. We thank them for their input to this remembrance.

In closing we celebrated the birthdays of all members for May, June, July and August. Have a good summer!

### C-27, Norwood, MA

*Leonora Jarvis*

**Lai Dievas Palaimina visus su sveikata ir dziaugsmu.**

C-27, a small but hardworking council, had a rewarding few months. We had successful programs in Feb. (Lith. Indep. Day), and June (Tragic Days) that helped us gift money and goods to assist charitable causes in Lithuania.

We successfully initiated some resolutions at the

NED convention to recognize Gerard O'Mahoney for his diligence on behalf of Lithuania.

Our council looks forward to Oct. 22 when we will cohost the Cultural Picnic with Providence. What a great job Paul Zukas did with the bottle/can drive.

Our love and prayers go out to fellow member, Dorothy Ausevich whose husband, John, recently passed away after a serious illness.

Fr. William Wolkovich arranged for a display in our local library on Lithuanian artifacts and information.

Our Treasurer, Kay Perednia, shares her love of music with us all. She capably directs the choir at the Lithuanian Mass.

Stan Wasil works zealously to demand more positive press from the media for all Lithuanian-Americans.

If you heard the rumble of stamping feet it was Sandy Melish, Betty and John Lillian and Tod Callahan, Lenore and Albie Jarvis; all swinging away at the lively wedding of Mary Ann Tamasanis to Ed Motyka. Congratulations to a wonderful couple.

Our congratulations also go out to the Sisters of Jesus Crucified celebrating fifty years of service to



*Vasario 16-TA Minejimas, Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago Brighton Park. Left: C-36 Pres. Mary Kincius, Frank Grigaliunas and Johanna Johnston.*

*Bottom L: 2nd Degree Recipients- Johanna Johnston, Stase Kazlas, Eva Otros, Al Zukas, Anthony Stakenas, and Victor Utara. Bottom R: Johanna Johnston, Social Committee and Flag Bearer, Sgt. at Arms, Vytautas Dijokas.*



the many communities in this area. Good luck and many thanks from all of us!

**Iki pasimatimo! Žaibas.**

### **C-30, Westfield, MA**

#### ***Cooky***

After losing our Council secretary, Jim Kules, we hoped for a happier beginning of the year 1995. Our meetings were well attended and Pres. Benny Coach and his committees were in the midst of making plans for our annual sausage making project on Palm Sunday weekend and the upcoming NED Spring Convention scheduled for April 30 to be hosted by C-30. But these important council functions were destined to take place without the participation of our council president, my beloved husband, Benny Coach. He passed away very suddenly on Sunday morning, March 12. Our pastor, Fr. Jack Brennan conducted the K of L Wake Ritual with our council members and friends participating. On March 15 he was laid to rest after the Mass of Christian Burial concelebrated at St. Casimir's Church by Fathers Brennan, Julius Jutt and Anthony Jutt with Passionist Brother Terrence Scanlon seated in the Sanctuary.

Tears continue among our members. Ann Sabonis lost her youngest sister, Julie Fitzgerald, Joseph Buckities lost his two sisters, Mary Solsbery and Ann Brabant within 3 weeks of each other and Louise Buckities lost her brother, Ed Bolio. Our prayers and condolences go out to our saddened members with the hope that their family members rest in peace in the Kingdom of our Lord. Helen Kazimeraitis has had her bad moments. Some time ago she fell down some stairs while carrying two pots of plants and cracked some ribs. A short time later she went on a cruise for some R & R and while on the ship fell and fractured her right wrist and left kneecap. She declined being hospitalized in Puerto Rico and with the help of a friend managed to complete the trip. Jim Adamaitis has recovered from a serious illness and hospitalization and we were truly happy to see him and wife Rita at our last Council meeting. Helen Alexik had knee surgery to relieve some of her pain but it appears that she will need more

extensive surgery. Our very best wishes for sunnier days ahead to our ailing members.

On a lighter note, our sausage project was its usual success and will benefit our council and the parish.

The NED Convention on April 30 co-chaired by Jim and Marcia Rogers and Cooky Coach, with the help of all our members, was very well attended and we were pleased to extend our hospitality to so many delegates and guests- We are grateful to Father Brennan for scheduling an extra Mass for the convenience of the convention. Our organist and choir really did themselves very proud; we are grateful to all for making our day so very special. Congratulations to Joseph and Louise Buckities, Theresa Atkocaitis and Sophie Kucharski upon receiving their Third Degrees- Former Vice President Joseph Buckities is now elevated to the office of president and Cooky Coach was elected Vice President. Good luck to both-

Our Lietuvaite, Eugenia Duda, again reaffirmed her TV celebrity status by representing St. Casimir's Parish and all Lithuanians in the diocese at the installation of the seventh bishop of the Springfield Diocese, Bishop Thomas Dupre. Jeanie presented the Lithuanian petition in the Liturgy's prayer of the faithful. It was just three years ago that she had the same honor at the installation of Bishop John Marshall who since became ill and died of bone cancer 29 months after his installation. On TV Jeanie made a beautiful appearance in her splendid Lithuanian dress. Likit sveiki.



### **C-36, Chicago** ***Balandelis***

It's been a long time between writings .... but it's for a very good reason. We have been busy little beavers, spreading our good word, cheer, energies, talents and profits.

The "Candlelight" annual fundraiser in December, under the skilled leadership of Evelyn Ozelis, with an assist from Gerry Mack, came off beautifully. Part of the profit went to help defray the roof repair costs of the Immaculate Conception Church, which after more than 30 years had developed major leakage.



It turned out to be a very lively affair with most of the Mid-America councils participating.

January was a very cold and brisk close to zero degree month, so our monthly meeting had to be canceled, due to inclement weather and hard transportation; but, participation in meetings to help plan the yearly "Memories of Lithuania" on the first Sunday of February went on as per schedule.

Evelyn Oželis (National Supreme Council President) and Algerd Brazis (Mid-America District President) shared the duties of chairing the successful event honoring Prof. Dr. Leonard Simutis, C-112, for his long overdue award distinction for many, many years in the music field as a teacher, performer, composer and writer. The local Martinique Grand Ballroom was filled with almost 400 people.

February is also a volunteer month for the parish's annual "Mardi Gras". the C-36 members helped to set up, decorate and staff a booth

for this Sat. and Sun. event. Evelyn Ozelis got all her worker/members to take shifts of 2-3 hours. Mary F. Kincius (Pres. C-36) handled the vast kitchen department, with assists from Vytautas Dijokas and Sally Daulys. Many of the council members help serve where needed. This is done in appreciation to the parish for allowing us to hold our meetings and events on their facilities.

**Amžina Atilsi....**Our deepest sympathies went to a few family members: Sabina Henson, for the loss of her brother, Walter Rucas ... Ona Naureckas, on the death of her husband, Povilas ... and to the Sisters of St.Casimir for the loss of two of their dedicated nuns, Sr. Julie Shainauskas and Sr. Ignatia. A great loss not only to our membership, but to their families and communities.

We welcomed with open hands and hearts .... the young adults that have transferred from Council-13 to blend in and participate with their parents, who still belong to C-36. The Macke's, Strolia's, Kilkus, and Skudra are a welcome addition. we need the young in spirit and energy to keep a council alive and thriving.

It was with great feeling and pride that 1st & 2nd degrees were bestowed to the following: Algis Valtokaitis, Lillian Micka, Johanna Johnston, Stase Kazlas, Eva Otros, Stase Rudokas, Anthony

Stakenas and Victor Utara. This is a step in the right direction! Keep up the good work.

Our cheer chairladies - Irene Norushis and Val Vilunas have been extremely busy sending out "get well" cards to the sick and incapacitated members: Fran, Baginski, Sr., John Bambalas, Larry Gubista, Jerome Jankus, Helen Pius, William Liauba, David Gaidas, Josephine Kilkus and Bernice Zemgulis ( who is in a coma). Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Once again, Faustas Strolia, Director of the K. Of L. Choir in Chicago, scheduled two performances of Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ" successfully and with great professionalism. His lovely wife, Terry, and sister-in-law, Anne Marie Kassel are a constant support to further his efforts. Sabina Henson is currently the president of the choir, and helping to promote the recently video-taped production of all the Lithuanian Churches in the metropolitan area of Chicago, defunct and currently operating, with renditions of all the old hymns that were traditionally performed.

Longtime director of the K. Of L. Dancers, Frank Zapolis #36, was very ceremoniously honored by the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce in Chicago, as "Man of the Year". The Martinique Grand Ballroom was filled to abundance with family, relatives, friends, council members and former dancers who are now married and some of their children are practicing with the group. Frank has devoted over 40 years of his time, energy, money and good humor to keep the assemblage together since the time of his own days as a young dancer.

Our last big effort before we break for the Summer is "*Dinner is Served*" on our June meeting night. The little fundraiser will go to help benefit the Lithuanian children towards their school lunch programs, and to help steer them into a better Catholic religious upbringing. Pres. Mary F. Kincius will chair the event with all her able-bodied great volunteer help ... Ray Wertelka, Johanna Johnston, Vytautas Dijokas, Albinas Zaliauskas, Frank Zailskas, Stase Rudokas, Margaret Narvaisis, Eva Otros, Lillian Micka, Evelyn Ozelis, Scottie & Al Zukas, Tony Stakenas, Vince Samaska and Irene Norushis.



The Chicago area of councils is loyal in attending all the functions and affairs. Each council tries to raise money to benefit others and good causes. Here's a few: Memories Banquet, St. Casimir's Day, Vasario 16Th masses & commemorations, parish events, district meetings, kucios tables, Balzekas Guild and Lith. Women's Guild fashion shows and luncheons, religious concerts, games parties, day at the races, Amber Ball .... and best of all!! the Annual National Convention, this year in Detroit, Mich. We always have a good pair of running shoes around.

To keep up our spiritual life is our much loved Rev. Fabian P. Kireilis. Without his good advice and humor, and his gentle way of settling heated discussions we would have overtime hours at the meetings. We pray to God to keep him healthy and wise for a long time to come.

**užtenka .... vytiškai labai aciū už jusu dosnu ir param**

### C-50, New Haven, CT

*Audrey Toole*

Our spiritual advisor has passed to his eternal rest. Father Albert Karalis had been pastor of St. Casimir's church since 1978. He was instrumental in reorganizing Council 50. He was the "wind beneath the wings" of the small group working to reestablish the council which has grown considerably. Though a quiet, unassuming man, Father simply shone when he was a part of any parish or group function. He was especially pleased when Council 50 hosted the 1985 national convention and saw his church filled to overflowing with K. of L. members.

Many participated in the ritual at his wake. He will be greatly missed.

Ritual chairman Albert Gutasukas reports that several members are eligible for the third degree. They are: Marge Cronin, Julia Glynn, Frank and Elizabeth Gybowski, Mike and Irene Meizies, Marion Meshako, Nellie Perelli Meizies, Marion Meshako, Nellie Perelli and John and Emily Saulys. Those eligible for the fourth degree are: Mary Geipel and Audrey Toole.

Get well wishes to Tony Kordorsky.



*C-74 members at Amber Dist. Meeting in Philadelphia: (L to R) Martha Brack, Marie Laske, Nellie Romanas, Marie Benechni, Della Zvirblis and John Ramoska. And where can we get those lovely sweatshirts?*

### C-79, Southfield, MI

*Bee Jay*

Out main project of the year -- hosting the MCD meeting and Bowling Tournament, came and went with all events occurring as scheduled.

Margaret Dapkus, our first-year President, did a remarkable job in seeing that helpers performed their duties and guests were satisfied and happy with our arrangements.

Mary Keller was in charge of the Friday Night Social and all were pleased with her abilities as "food provider."

The Saturday morning meeting was attended by approximately 50 District members. All business was transacted swiftly and efficiently under the leadership of MCD President Lillian Petravicius. We heard about the unbelievable work Bob Boris is doing in sending crate after crate of medical supplies to Lithuania. From Tim Baibak, we were informed of more particulars concerning the Nat'l Convention coming up in August and hosted by C-102.

Saturday evening was enjoyed by approximately 90 out-of-town guests and local members. Tina Bulota and son Antanas were responsible for decorating the hall with a Hawaiian influence. A professional Hula dancer performed several spirited, native dances, then chose four young men -- to teach them the dance. Much laughter ensued.

Sunday brunch was preceded by the distributing of bowlers' awards by Richard Danielak, chairperson of the group. Thirteen teams participated. New member David Chick and Chip Newberry were handed the most impressive trophies for their high scores. Katie Chick Whiteside received an award for "best effort" as a "rookie." Our Council took first place of five high teams. The team, under Capt. Ed Sackle, was composed of Norm Hein, Margaret Nashlon, Maryanne Newberry and Clem Patocki.

After brunch, prepared by our favorite caterer, Christine, out-of-towners began to leave for their various states, but not before we were invited to come together again in the Fall at the meeting and Pilgrimage in Dubois, PA.

As our guests left, we heard compliments for a successful, well-planned gathering and "Su Diev" till we meet at the Nat'l Convention in August.

We will now concentrate on the Fall Festival -- our most productive annual project.

### **C-96, Dayton, OH**

***Frances R. Petkus***

With the month of May set aside to pay homage to our Blessed Mother and all mothers, C-96 held its Annual Mother's Day Mass on May 14th for all living and deceased mothers. In conjunction with this special day, our Juniors had their Annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother prior to Mass. This year with the Juniors in procession, Junior Knight Erin Petkus had the honor of crowning the Blessed Virgin.

Following Mass a brunch, sponsored by our Juniors, was held in the church hall. Gifts the Juniors had made were presented to their mothers after a few brief announcements were made by Junior Advisor Annamarie Sluzas-Berger. Many thanks must go to Christine and Eleanor Mantz, The Berczelly's - Joyce, Amy, Tony, The Goecke's - Barbara, Julie, Dara, and Connie Geiger. Their efforts and time pulled everything together. Special thanks go to the Juniors for continuing what has become traditional - the May Crowning, Brunch and their "clean-up crew".

The weekend of May 19-21, 1995 saw C-96 delegates, Mikalauskas' - George, Frances, Elena, Eloise Berczelly and Fran Petkus, head to

Southfield, MI for the MCD Spring Convention/Mid-West Bowling Tournament. After a very busy meeting, we headed for the bowling alleys. With one team registered from Dayton, we didn't come in first place but we didn't come in last either! George Mikalauskas with his "Best Effort" trophy was the only one from Dayton to return home with an award. We thank Bill Zager of C -102 for helping us fill the gap on our team. We thank C -79 for a very rewarding and fun filled weekend.

Congratulations must go to Molly Geiger as she graduates from Northmont High School. Molly has "grown up" in the K of L from the Junior ranks and has been C -96's Historian for the past two years. Added to her many awards, Molly was recently voted "Miss World A'Fair 1995". Molly was entered as Miss Lithuania! This award carries many responsibilities not only during Dayton's Annual World A'Fair weekend, June 9-11, 1995, but throughout the year. Molly will carry herself very well in all obligations.

At our May meeting, among the guests was Junior Knight Joseph Berger. Joseph, when asked if he had any Junior news to share with us, did bring us up to date on the Junior activities.

Congratulations must go the Pacovskys, James and Dawn on their second baby, son Jordan. Proud grandparents are Elaine and Larry Pacovsky! Get well wishes must go out to Anne Scott, Michael J. Petkus, Sr., Sally Miller and Ada Sinkwitz.

We must once again offer our deepest sympathies to the Ambrose family! Six weeks following the loss of their mother, 93 years old Mrs. Anna Ambrose, daughter Mary Ann Ambrose Blum passed away. Mary Ann was a Fourth degree Knight who had been very active in the K. of L. Her husband, August, an Associate Member, always supported Mary Ann in all her activities not only as a council member but on various Holy Cross Church projects. Mary Ann fought ovarian cancer, bravely, for the past three years. Our very deepest sympathies go to husband "Gus", sons Michael/Audrey/granddaughter Michelle and Gregory; to her brother and sisters, especially, K of



*C-96, Molly Geiger*

L members, HM Elinor Sluzas and Rita Ambrose. Mary Ann was aunt to many of our members. Mary Ann was stoic in all she had to endure; an example to follow. We pray Mary Ann is at peace in the house of Our Lord!

## **C-102, Detroit, MI**

### ***Meriute***

A great time was had by all at the Mid-Central District meeting and bowling tournament, hosted by Council 79, Southfield, MI. The meeting was short, but accomplished a lot. George Mauslauskas donated many of his beautiful wood carvings to many non K. of L members, who helped with *Aid to Lithuania*.

Congratulations to Council 79 in winning first place in the bowling tournament. Our 102 Social Members team came in 3rd place with Sam Perritino, Denise Murawski and Maryanne Guerriero winning individual prizes. Regina Juska doing a mean hula.

Sunday morning Mass was very impressive with Fr. Kris narrating the words to the song "You'll Never Walk Alone".

St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, home of Council 139, celebrated its last Mass on May 21th. The church and rectory will be demolished. HM Bob Boris with the consent of the Detroit Archdiocese and with the help of parishioners, is having the contents of the church shipped to Lithuania, where a priest is starting a parish in an abandoned factory. The contents also included the organ. Father Butkus, the pastor of St. Peter's, is retiring.

The American Lithuanian Veterans once again hosted their Memorial Mass on Memorial Day at Divine Providence Church. The Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Stan, Fr. Kris and Fr. Mike. John Stanievich was the lecturer and read the names of veterans killed in the wars and those who have since passed away. This year alone five members have been called to the House of the Lord, including their President. A very moving ceremony with taps and prayers with a wreath placed after Mass at the wayside cross in front of the church. After a lunch was served there was much socializing with wives and family.

Congratulations to Dr. Mike Acromite and his

wife Pam on the occasion of their marriage. Sporting beautiful tans, (they honeymooned in Aruba), the Acromites attended the May meeting.

Congratulations to Donna Pluto on the birth of the second granddaughter. Speaking of grandchildren, Helen Smolak attended her granddaughter's college graduation in Massachusetts and Della Zyren attended her grandchild's graduation in Colorado.

We hosted the Supreme Council meeting in June. It was to finalize the National Convention, which we are hosting. It will take place August 9 - 13, at the Novi Hilton, Novi, MI. Our Council is all excited about it and is looking forward to seeing many of you here.

## **C-110, Maspeth, NY**

### ***Millie Sable***

Our trips to Atlantic City are well attended. The last one on May 4th was especially enjoyable on the way home when Joe Thomas and Igny Walles led us in singing our beloved Lithuanian songs and old time American favorites.

HM, Father Stasys Raila was hospitalized in May and we're happy to learn he has recovered well.

A short meeting was held after the 11:15 Lithuanian Mass on May 28, after which about 30 of our members marched in the Annual Maspeth United Veterans Organizations Memorial Day Parade. The weather was cool, ideal for showing our colors, wreaths and costumes. Strong legs (and not-so-strong ones) marched up and down Grand Avenue to await our reward of hot dogs, saurkraut, cold drinks and watermelon back at the church hall.

Helen Cummins, as chairperson, along with Helen Venis and Mary Stelmokas have agreed to set up the ground rules for giving a \$1,000 scholarship grant to a high school graduate whose parents, grandparents or great grandparents belong to C-110. Much work is expected to go into this study to make a fair selection of a deserving candidate. This is scheduled for June 1996.

Council members voted to continue to sponsor our adopted 11 year old girl until she reaches 18.

Our choir members and friends had a delicious





*C-110 Spring Dinner Dance, held April 30, crew included father & son kitchen chefs, (Left photo) Al Klimas and John with Constance Murowski giving the orders. Even the clean up was fun, according to Bill Budris, Ann Ackalaitis, Helen Matulonis and Peter Zuyus.*

Sunday dinner on June 11. Thanks to organizer, Evelyn Wallis and her efficient crew of helpers. Organist Virginis Barkauskas and Joe Thomas provided accompaniment to a medley of Lithuanian folk songs and American favorites.

Congratulations and success to the children of our council members of the graduating Class of 1995 in elementary, high school and college.

Our final meeting on June 25 featured our Summer Party and special raffle, proceeds to benefit Lithuanian Catholic Relief.

Happy and Healthy Summer!

### **C-112, Chicago, IL**

*Gerrie*

C-112 hosted the Mid America District summer meeting at the Michigan City Yacht Club. This was a pleasant change of pace for everyone. We thank our president, Rita Zakarka, for making the arrangements and also for the pre-meeting continental breakfast she served us at her lovely condo in Michigan City. The weather turned glorious and it was great to get away from the city. Many of us continued the day by taking advantage of the shopping malls, attending Mass at the local church, and going on to more partying. Some even spent the night and went back the following day. What a weekend!

Before their terms expire, we need to let our officers know how grateful we are for a job well done. This is, after all, a volunteer organization,

and our officers and committee chairpeople devote many, many hours to their jobs. Rita, our president; Al, Ellie, and Maria, our vice presidents; Teri, Gerrie, Karen, our secretaries; Ed, our treasurer, who kept the books out of the red; our hardworking sergeants, Jack, Ed, Peter and Matt who opened up the church hall and set up tables and chairs for our meetings -- we thank all of you. Trustees, Lorraine and Philomena, it's almost time for you to go into action.

Thanks to Julie Zakarka, our Social Chairlady, for numerous pots of coffee, dozens of cookies and cakes she served after our meetings; thanks to our publicity people, Aldona Brazis and Apolinaras Bagdonas for keeping the name of the K. of L. and our activities before the public; thanks to Estelle Rogers for the kindness and sympathy she expresses as our Courtesy/Wake chairlady -- it's a big job and she always gets it done. Lithuanian Affairs-Phyllis, Action Committee-Vida, Ritual-Mary Ann, Cultural-Leonas, and our council photographer, Denise -- thank you all for a job well done.

A special recognition to two ladies who took on enormous responsibilities this past year: Ellie Kasputis who does a bang-up job soliciting prizes for our raffles. There is no one else who can do this as successfully, as evidenced by the success of the recent benefit raffle held for the Lithuanian College in Rome and our parish, Nativity B.V.M. Ellie spent hours gathering many large monetary



*C-112 members (left) congratulated Aldona & Algerd Brazis on their 50th wedding anniversary. They shared the cake with everyone during the May meeting. (Right) C-112 President, Rita Zakara and mom, Julie (in the cowboy hat) take a break between sets during a social evening sponsored by the Junior council. Looks like everyone was having a good time!*

prizes and gifts so that there could be many winners. And Teri Vaitkus, our financial secretary, -- it's no picnic collecting dues for some 350+ members and making sure everyone receives their Vytis. Thank you, Teri and Ellie.

Congratulations to Denise Zakarka who earned her teaching degree and was feted by friends and family at a party mom, Julie, arranged in her honor. That makes two teachers in this family, sister Maria Deksnis has already been in the teaching profession for a few years.

Al Mockus welcomed son, Robert, into his real estate firm thereby assuring that all the wealth will be kept in the family. Rob is a very talented musician who helps us out with sing-alongs at Christmas time and also plays the organ at St. Casimir's Cemetery on Memorial Day. He continues as Music Director of St. George's in Tinley Park. Now he'll be successful in two careers.

### **C-136, Hudson-Mohawk, NY**

#### ***Dorothy Richmire***

Warmer breezes are blowing, trees are bursting forth with green leaves, flowers are peeking through the earth. All this means Spring is here and a feeling of renewal, hope and new beginnings. We wish all K. of L. members a Happy Spring.

At our March meeting, each member, having previously selected an orphan or orphan's name

from the 39 residing in Vilnius, packed 7 huge cartons filled with gifts. We wrapped the individual items and labeled them for each child and sent them on their way. It was such a good feeling to know that our efforts will brighten the lives of the children. We anticipate hearing from them soon.

In April we talked about the "Festival of Nations" scheduled for May 20. Many hands will be necessary to prepare the many pounds of potatoes that go into our special recipe for making the potato pancakes that we feature at our booth. It is a lot of work, however we have fun doing it also. We will extend our menu this year to include Lithuanian Sauerkraut, in addition to our usual offering of the tree cake, walnut cookies, poppy seed muffins and our special Lithuanian Apple juice. Plans will be finalized at our May meeting.

Lynn McCafferty, our president, received word and pictures from the sisters in Kaunas. In February, members packed eleven huge boxes of clothing, food items, toiletries, yarn paper products, etc. and the sisters acknowledged receipt of the packages with many thanks. One of our members, Shelly LeVine, recognized a sweater that belonged to her grandmother being worn by one of the sisters and it gave her great pleasure to know that the sister is enjoying the sweater.

At our May meeting plans for the "Festival" were finalized and when the day finally arrived, the weather cooperated and a beautiful day was

enjoyed by all who participated. All in all the day proved very successful, Our offerings were well received and enjoyed by our faithful patrons.

Happy Spring Everyone!

### **C-141, Bridgeport, CT**

*Aldona Marcavage*

The beautiful month of May came to an end much too quickly. For a while the club room was filled with fragrant lilacs, colorful azaleas and pink dogwood branches. Hostesses Agnes Lazdauskas, Helen Janiunas and Stefania Vaikutis treated us to a delicious lunch prior to the meeting. We are happy to tell you that our council is growing. Bill Brilvitch announced we have 90 paid-up members. In the past few months we gained two new members - but lost two charter members. A moment of silence was observed for Ann Petrus, Peter Putrimas, and all our departed members.

President Clemencine Miller commented that Joe Janiunas was doing a great job of combining his duties as 2nd V. P. and Lithuanian affairs. These are some of the highlights of his presentation on current affairs in Lithuania. When the Russian president invited world leaders to attend a victory celebration on the event of 50 years after the end of WW II - the presidents of the three Baltic States refused to attend. The Lithuanian ambassador to the USA, Mr. A. Edintas was invited to be the main speaker at the National Press Club in Washington,

D. C. He stated "The world is celebrating a day of victory over fascism and Lithuanians join in the joyful celebration of the 50th anniversary of its defeat. This victory brought freedom, to the western countries. However, (to) the millions of Eastern Europeans - including Lithuania - freedom was denied. Soviets began the occupation anew, terrorism and deportations to slave labor camps in the frozen tundra of Siberia. Freedom to these countries came only in 1991 when Soviet troops began to leave Lithuania and other occupied countries".

The *Joint Baltic Consulting Group* - consisting of Lithuania, Finland, Sweden and Denmark made an estimate of the damage done to Lithuanian environment by the Soviet militia. In Lithuania alone there were 275 military bases. It was estimated that to remove the pollution and restore the land, the total cost would reach \$1,728 billion. A new source of fuel supply will open up in Venezuela and Columbia and would be less expensive than fuel supplied by Russia. A great plus for Lithuania.

#### **Our dates to remember:**

*August 19th* - annual council picnic at the hospitable Miller "Pavilion".

*August 20th* - 11AM Mass for a. a. Ann Petrus.

*September 17th* - 11 AM Mass for a. a. Peter Putrimas.

We continue to keep in our special prayers all our ailing members, especially - Mitch



*C-141 (L) Mitch and Stella Macinauskis recently celebrated Happy Birthday to Mitch on June 4th!  
(R top) Helen and Joe Janiunas with Bishop Edward Egan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport.*

Marcinkauskis and Joe Simanis. Have a great summer, friends!

### **C-144, Anthracite, PA**

*Anne Wargo*

On May 8 the Anthracite Council hosted three young Lithuanian Men and their interpreter at a dinner at Granny's Cafe, owned by member Vic Prep Jr. The three young men and their interpreter are members of the Lithuanian Civil Defense Department and were visiting Fort Indiantown Gap where they are training with the Emergency Information System, a computer program that employs digitized maps to track and help natural and man made disasters. The visit is part of a partnership program between the Pennsylvania National Guard and Lithuania. The partnership was established by President Clinton in 1993 under the Partners for Peace initiative. The program is intended to promote the sharing of ideas and knowledge that will assist former Soviet states in developing democracy.

While in Schuylkill County, they visited the Yuengling Brewery (the oldest family owned brewery in the U.S.), Mrs. T's Perogie Factory in Shenandoah, St. George's Beautiful Lithuanian Church and the Lithuanian Cultural Museum in Frackville. They loved the landscape of our beautiful mountains. Following their tour of Schuylkill County many of our members joined them for a delicious meal at Grannys. They were really happy with the hospitality.

Eleanor Vaicaitis accepted chairmanship of the 81st. Annual Lithuanian Day which will be held August 19 and 20 at the Schuylkill Mall in Frackville. She and her committee are working on a wonderful weekend for everyone. Profits, as usual, will go to Lithuanian Causes. Joe and Pauline Martunas celebrated their 50th. Wedding Anniversary on June 10. Congratulation to Joe and Pauline who are most active members. Pauline recently returned from Hershey Medical Center where she was seriously ill. We pray for her health and for both to enjoy many more happy years together.

Congratulations also to Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia and to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Minersville. Both churches are



*C-144 member Edmund Carlaitis (in hat) helps host guests from the Lith. Civil Defense Dept.*

celebrating their 100th Jubilees this year.

The Council will host the Amber District July 9 with a Summer Picnic. Vic and Evelyn Prep will chair the affair. Thanks to Vic and Evelyn who are always available when needed.

Welcome back to Ann Radzavage, Ann Supernavage and Ann Panchari who all had been on the sick list. May God keep them well.

Council 144 is happy to announce our new Spiritual Advisor is Father Ronald Jankaitis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church, St. Clair. Those of you who attended the Allentown Convention will remember Father Ron as the great M.C. at the Banquet. We are well blessed in having him as our Spiritual Advisor. "Ilgiausių Metų", Father Ron, May God keep you with us for a long time.

Our best wishes to all our brother and sister Knights for a Happy Summer.

### **C-147, St. Petersburg, FL**

*Dolores Jonaitis*

With summer upon us, many of our members are planning to visit Lithuania, their homeland. Anthony Gudonis is organizing a trip in July.

At our April meeting, it was voted to send \$100.00 to the Pontifical Lithuanian College in Rome, for the Vestment Fund, by way of The St. Casimir Guild, via Ann Wargo.

Susana Mazeika, a long time 4th degree member, moved to Boca Raton, Florida, to be near her daughter. She has since been hospitalized for 21 days and is now convalescing at home under Home Nursing Care. We hope you're feeling better Sue--Our prayers are with you.

Rev. Matas Cyvas is in Largo Florida undergoing knee surgery (May 22). We wish you a speedy recovery. We all miss you.



We're happy to see Alex Urbonas feeling better. Also, good health to Brone Urbonas.

Valeria Lescinskas has her daughter and son-in-law visiting her from Chicago.

### **C-153, Treasure Coast, FL**

#### ***Florence Miskinis***

During our January meeting, Ona and Robert Mehler, our new members, were sworn in by Elsie Kominsky, president of the Amber District.

On Feb. 16, a large group of Lithuanians from the entire area came to raise the Lithuanian flag at the Juno Beach Town Hall. We all sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Lietuva Tėvynė". Mayor W.F. Harris complimented those present for their interest in all government affairs. Coffee and pastry were served following the ceremony.

We stormed heaven with prayers so that we wouldn't have rain as predicted on March 5th. God was good and it turned out to be a partly cloudy day instead.

The procession into St. Paul of the Cross Church consisted of: Michael Yudiskas who carried St. Casimir's picture; Pres. Jim Marcinkus, the cross; Felix Zorskis, the American Flag; Robert Mehler, the Lithuanian Flag; Aldona Biliunas, the "Book"; Stella Miskinis, the lilies; Josephine Lubinsky, the regal crown; and Francis Daniels, the crown of thorns.

Rev. V. Pikturna, our Spiritual Advisor, was celebrant and offered the mass for members of



*C-153 St. Casimir's Banquet: Liudas Stukas, chairman; Rima Zotovas, artist; Dr. Alfonsas Vaisnora (from Lith. Parliament); guest speaker, Vytas Dubauskas (Sapidis Fl. Chapter Pres.) Jim Marcinkus, C-153 President.*

C-153, living and deceased. During his homily, he reminded us how important it is to honor St. Casimir on his day.

Lectors were Aldona Biliunas and John Tamasauskas. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stepanauskas presented the ciborium and wine. Mrs. Irena Manomaitis was the director of the "Dainos" chorus, soloist was Mrs. O. Salciunas who sang a beautiful hymn to St. Casimir composed by Lou Stukas, organist.

Following the Mass, a banquet was held at the Holiday Inn on Singer Island. The restaurant overlooked the angry sea crashing onto the shore. What a sight to see! 122 friends from the Gold and Treasure Coast, Pennsylvania and elsewhere joined us in our celebration. From Lithuania our guest speaker was Dr. Alfonsas Vaišnoras of the conservative faction of the Lithuanian Parliament that supports Vytautas Lansbergis. Other honored guests included: Vytas Dubauskas, president of the Florida Chapter of "Sajudis"; Elsie Kominsky, president of the Amber District; and Eleanor Vaicaitis, also of the Amber District.

We were fortunate to have Rima Zotovas, a well known artist who has studied in Europe, donate a beautiful woodland scene watercolor for our raffle. Ona Mehler crocheted a lovely afghan and pillow set which added to make this affair a huge success.

At the April 2nd meeting, our newest member, Joan Bizauska, was sworn in by Constance Scheibelhut, our 4th degree Knight. Guests were Edward and Jonas Maciulaitis of Toronto, Canada. President Jim Marcinkus sold K. of L. bumper stickers for \$1 each. They went like "hot cakes". At the conclusion of the meeting, we had an old fashioned egg "muštynes". Florence Miskinis and Frances Daniels brought in two baskets of onion skin and pastel colored eggs for all to enjoy.

May 7th was our last meeting for the season. An ad from our council was placed for the upcoming convention booklet. Paul Labanauskas, our historian, gave an interesting discourse about memories that were rekindled because of the 50th Anniversary of V.E. Day.

We all wish Pres. Jim Marcinkus a "Happy Retirement" May 19th and a speedy recovery.



# JULY - 1995 - LIEPA

"Let the children come to me; do not try to stop them; for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."(Mt 19, 14)

„Leiskite mažutėlius ir nedrauskite jiems ateiti pas mane, nes tokių yra dangaus karalystė.“

## Dates to remember in July:

- July 2      Feast of the Visitation. On this day, a traditional 8-day "atlaida" ( a uniquely Lithuanian religious festival of pilgrimage and prayer) is begun at *Žemaičių Kalvarija*, the focal point of an outdoor "Way of the Cross" laid out in simulation of the Way of the Cross in Jerusalem with a chapel at each station.
- July 4      Independence Day, a National holiday in the U.S.
- July 6      Statehood Day. A national holiday in Lithuania commemorating the coronation of Mindaugas in 1253 which marked Papal and international initial recognition of the State of Lithuania as a Christian Kingdom in Europe.
- July 12     Commemoration of Blessed George Matulaitis. This feast is also celebrated with an 8 day Atlaida in Marijampolis.
- July 15     Commemorative day in Lithuania marking the definitive victory over the Crusaders by the combined forces of Lithuania and Poland under the leadership of Vytautas the Great on this date in 1410. After the Battle of Grünewald / Žalgiris, the Crusaders ceased to be an important threat to Lithuania.

## Name's Day Greetings to all:

Amelia (Jul 10)  
 Audrius (Jul 8)  
 Birutė (Jul 4)  
 Christopher (Jul 23)  
 Elizabeth (Jul 8)  
 Fredrick (Jul 18)  
 Ignatius (Jul 31)  
 Julius (Jul 1)  
 Lawrence (Jul 21)  
 Martha (Jul 29)  
 Regina (Jul 1)  
 Thomas (Jul 3)  
 Vita (Jul 12)

Ann (Jul 26)  
 Benedict (Jul 11)  
 Bridgit (Jul 22)  
 Danguolė (Jul 27)  
 Elizabeth (Jul 4)  
 Gintas (Jul 5)  
 James (Jul 25)  
 Jūra (Jul 12)  
 Leo (Jul 3)  
 Napoleonas (Jul 2)  
 Sigita (Jul 31)  
 Veronica (Jul 9)  
 Živilė (Jul 24)

Arnold (Jul 18)  
 Bertha (Jul 4)  
 Christina (Jul 23)  
 Elena (Jul 31)  
 Eugene (Jul 12)  
 Henry (Jul 13)  
 Joachim (Jul 26)  
 Kęstutis (Jul 25)  
 Longinas (Jul 21)  
 Natalie (Jul 27)  
 Sigute (Jul 10)  
 Victor (Jul 28)

# AUGUST - 1995 - RUGPJŪTIS

O Queen, assumed into heaven, pray for us. *Karaliene į dangų paimtoji. melski už mus!*

## Dates to remember in August:

- Aug 8 An 8-day "atlaida" in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption is begun at Pivašiūnai. The parish church here features a miraculous icon of Our Lady behind/above the main altar. It is the focal point of the pilgrimage which attracts tens of thousands from Poland and Byelorussia as well as Lithuania.
- Aug 14 50th Anniversary of Japanese surrender ending World War II (V-J Day).
- Aug 15 The Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Also known as "Žolinė", it is customary on this day to bring bouquets of flowers, newly harvested ears of grain to be blessed in church. These were, then, preserved by drying and carefully stored so that they could be placed in the casket and buried with a deceased family member.
- Aug 20 On this date in 1962, Archbishop Theophilus Matulionis died in Šeduva. He had spent much of his life in exile and/or jail. The Church in Lithuania fervently prays for the formal acceptance in Rome of his cause for Beatification.
- Aug 22 In the midst of World War II, Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the protection of our Saviour's Mother by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart; and, in 1944 he decreed that the whole church should celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on August 22. This was the first of three attempts to implement the instructions received during the apparitions at Fatima, but apparently lacked the desired collegiality and universality of participation in the dedication. (Currently, the feast has been designated as celebrating the Queenship of Mary.)

## Name's Day Greetings to all:

Adolph (Aug 29)  
 Augustin (Aug 28)  
 Daina (Aug 9)  
 Elena (Aug 18)  
 Hiliary (Aug 12)  
 Laura (Aug 22)  
 Liudas (Aug 25)  
 Monica (Aug 27)  
 Sabina (Aug 29)  
 Vilija (Aug 5)  
 Virginija (Aug 9)

Alphonsus (Aug 1)  
 Bernard (Aug 20)  
 Daiva (Aug 6)  
 Felicija (Aug 19)  
 Karolina (Aug 6)  
 Lawrence (Aug 10)  
 Louis (Aug 25)  
 Raymond (Aug 31)  
 Stephen (Aug 16)  
 Violė (Aug 8)

Audronė (Aug 24)  
 Clare (Aug 11)  
 Dominic (Aug 8)  
 Gintė (Aug 30)  
 Kastytis (Aug 13)  
 Lidia (Aug 3)  
 Meta (Aug 28)  
 Rose (Aug 23)  
 Susanna (Aug 11)  
 Violeta (Aug 21)

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### Lithuanian Days

Aug. 19-21 Schulerkill Mall

C-144, Anthracite, PA

Anne Wargo (717) 429-0132

Aug. 27 Auriesville Natl. Shrine of the NA Martyrs  
Lithuanian Day of Prayer

Bernice Aviza (518) 459-5256

### Sts. Peter & Paul Centennial Celebration

October 22 Bishop's Dinner following noon Mass

Lorraine Staboris (908) 352-2271

### Celebrations and Festivals

August 13 St. Anthony's 75th Anniv. Luncheon

Bob Boris (810) 682-0098

October 8 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance

C-29, Newark, NJ

Marie Guoba (201) 589-2001

October 22 NED Cultural Festival

Marionis Park, Schrewsbury, MA

Bertha Stoskus (401) 331-2605

October 15 Our Lady of Vilnius 90th Anniversary Dinner

C-12, New York, NY

Fr. Eugene Sawicki (212) 255-2648

### District Conventions

Sept. 17 MAD Convention; Host C-152, Eastern L.I.

Muriel Lekstutis (516) 744-5986

Sept. 17 NED Fall Convention; Host C-26, Worcester

Ann Leseman (508) 755-4786

*(Note: If your council/district has a scheduled function that's not listed, please inform the VYTIS Editor, so we may include it here. Ačiū.)*

