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## to my fellow knights:

This Father's Day, we give thanks for the wisdom of our fathers and paternal ancestors. It is from them that many of our character traits are formed. Dalia Bulvičius gives us a peek of what it must have been like to have a Lithuanian hero father in her story.

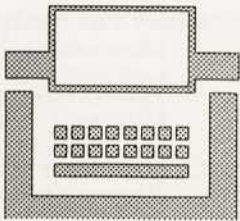
St. Anthony, this month's saint, demonstrates that "actions speak louder than words". On that note, I'd like to invite writers, reporters, and photographers to volunteer for the 83rd National Convention this August 8-11. You will be rewarded with by-lines and blessings. The convention issue (Sept./Oct.) copy and photographs are due Sept. 1. Please contact the editor for assignments.

As we approach our next convention, we thought we'd focus on the Brockton area. The Sisters of Jesus Crucified, one of the four major Lithuanian Catholic orders of sisters in the USA tell how they evolved in an interesting history. We plan on featuring the other three orders in future issues. Many of us were taught in grammar school by one of these orders. During a recent Supreme Council meeting in Pittsburgh, many of us found the whereabouts of our former teachers when they met at the same time at the Srs. of St. Francis' Motherhouse.

At press time, we received a notice that our Los Angeles C-133 is now on the internet. Although we have not explored it yet and would rather read their activities the old fashioned way, the address (URL) is located at <http://www.smartlink.net/~vytask/lavyciai.htm> for all those who want to explore a council in cyberspace.

## Letters to the Editor

### *The Cause for Blessed George*



Dear Editor:

It is with interest that I read the Guest Editorial in the April 1996 issue of the VYTIS, "WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BLESSED GEORGE MATULAITIS?" What Dalia Bulvicius writes is, unfortunately, true. Many have "closed" the books on Blessed George and do not even speak of canonization.

The Knights of Lithuania worked very hard and well for the beatification cause, collecting signatures and spreading the case.

Beatification is not the end, but a step to canonization. One more miracle, approved by the medical authorities of the Church, through the intercession of Blessed George, is still needed. Favors received through his intercession should also

be recorded and sent to either the Vice-Postulator or to the General Postulator in Rome.

I, therefore, salute Annunciation Parish in Brooklyn, N.Y. for its initiative in "reopening" this matter among the people.

Inasmuch as I have also been appointed Vice-Postulator of the Cause, I would be happy to send prayer cards and whatever is available to anyone interested. Requests as well as letters of favors received through Blessed George may be sent to me.

With personal best wishes to all the Knights, I am ... Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Rev. Donald S. Petraitis, MIC*  
*Provincial and Vice-Postulator*  
**Congregation of The Marian Fathers**  
**American Province of Saint Casimir**  
**6336 South Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60629**

## Lithuanian Room Reopened

Dear Editor:

I read with interest your article in the April, 1996 issue of *Vytis - The Knight* informing the membership of the generous donation of Lithuanian artifacts by two of the members of our community, Sisters Alverna and Francesca Walls, to the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania.

During our recent renovation phase we did find it necessary to store all of our archival history, including our artifacts of Lithuanian culture, in order to be assured that these irreplaceable items would not be damaged or destroyed during the renovation period.

I am very happy to inform you and all of your readers of the completion of the extensive renovations at our Motherhouse and the re-opening of our Lithuanian Room which has been and will continue to be a very important part of our community's history. During the two years of renovations, we have been extremely fortunate in acquiring additional Lithuanian materials to be added to the other important pieces including three new paintings by the renowned Lithuanian artist, A. Galdikas.

In closing, may I take this opportunity to assure you that our Lithuanian heritage is and will continue to be an intricate part of our congregation's history and we will continue to proudly display it in our Lithuanian Room so that all who tour our Motherhouse buildings can see all of its beauty.

Sincerely yours,

**Sister Margaret Carney, OSF**

**General Superior**

**Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God  
3603 McRoberts Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234**

## More Convention Ramblings

To the Editor:

Council 1 Knights of Lithuania members are really "springing" ahead with their plans for a memorable convention. The 1914 meeting in Brockton was considered the most important in the history of the K of L, for here the organization's Constitution was ratified. May this 1996

## Many have asked, Where to send Convention Registration (see pg. 8)

Send completed form with payment to:

**K. of L. 83rd Nat. Convention  
c/o Marytė Bizinkauskas  
424 North Cary Street  
Brockton, MA 02402**

convention provide the necessary spirit that our founders had by producing the fervent resolve to renew the growth and stimulus of the K of L.

Enthusiasm here has spread beyond C 1. Brockton's Mayor, John T. Yunits, has issued a letter to the community urging their support in making every effort to welcome the delegates. Quoting part of the Mayor's letter:

"The contributions of our Lithuanian population to our community have been significant and appreciated; and I would ask you to join me in helping support the Knights of Lithuania in their charity work both here and in Lithuania. Our support is essential to their success."

People in Brockton are well aware and informed about activities K of L members participate in. Whether it is a civic or cultural activity, parish involvement or charitable works, you will always see our membership well represented. They know who and what we are by what we do. Our daily newspaper has been generous with keeping the public informed.

Sister Helen of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified has become well known for her work on behalf of the Lithuanian Children's Relief Fund. She has many supporters locally and in surrounding towns. Imagine getting an ambulance donated! Sister is someone special. You can be sure that every effort is being made to assure you a warm welcome.

Vytiskai

**Former National K of L President  
Susan Boroskas  
Brockton, MA**

In honor of my hero father...

## THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

*Dalia Bulvičius*

Once again we are celebrating the beautiful month of June. It is this month which is especially sad for the Lithuanian nation. All Lithuanians remember the terrible June days when thousands of their countrymen were deported to the wilds of Siberia to suffer and die.

But June is also a happy month. We have Fathers' Day when we honor our Dads. But for me Fathers' Day holds no joy. I was four years old when my father, Vytautas Bulvičius, was taken away and shot. He was born on May 5, 1908 in the town of Bartininkai, the district of Vilkaviškis and would have been 88 years old this year. He was one of seven children. His father Juozas Bulvičius, a prosperous farmer and community leader, saw to it that all the children received a college education, which in those days was rare. Juozas was a former book smuggler, and books were held in high esteem in the Bulvičius family.

Vytautas Bulvičius was a very bright and industrious fellow. His patriotic family was a perfect fertile field in which to nurture his love for his country and fellow Lithuanians. He finished the military academy in 1924 at the age of 16. At the age of 25 he was already a captain in the army. At 30 - a major serving in the Lithuanian equivalent of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Vytautas wrote dozens of manuals about military warfare. He always stressed that to be a good soldier one had to have a well rounded education. He believed that the pen is mightier than the sword.

In 1940 when the Soviet Union invaded Lithuania, Vytautas with other fellow officers secretly organized the Lithuanian Activist Front. He believed that war between Germany and Russia was inevitable and started to plan an insurrection. He kept in contact with Lithuanians serving in the Soviet army and supplied them with vital information for the upcoming uprising. The insurrection took place on June 23, 1941, and lasted for a brief period before the Nazis crushed it. Father did not witness this brief glimmer of



*Vytautas Bulvičius* freedom for which he worked so hard. On June 8, he and his fellow officers were arrested and transported to Gorky prison, where they were brutally tortured, but he never revealed the names of his co-conspirators. Father's face was so swollen that his closest friends could not recognize him. On November 26th, the military tribunal in Moscow found Vytautas Bulvičius and seven others guilty of treason and sentenced them to death. He was executed on December 18th, 1941. Father was 33 years old then, mother was 28, my sister Laima -6 and I was 4.

I can hardly remember Dad, only that whenever I saw him he had a book in his hands. But he left us something precious of himself - the love of our native language. Therefore it is not surprising that both Laima and I have for years worked in the Lithuanian newspaper field.

Now that Lithuania is independent again, I wonder if it is the kind of Lithuania for which Father died. I doubt it. It is independent, but is it free? At the opera, while listening to Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida" one of Aidas phrases comes to mind which reminds me of Dad: "O patria, o patria quanto mi costi!" - "O my native land - how much are you costing me!" For Vytautas Bulvičius there was no cost involved. He gave his all to Lithuania - including his life. ❖❖❖

# A Tribute to Tom

**Thomas Francis Bruzga** was born May 21, 1932 in DuBois, Pennsylvania which made him 63 years old when he died on April 11, 1996. He was married to Jeanne Brown who died June 12, 1994. Tom was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in DuBois, the Lithuanian Independent Club in DuBois and the Knights of Lithuania C- 86. He was the 1st Vice President of the Supreme Council, and members shared how they remember Tom:

"My first meeting with Tom was at the Chicago Convention in 1994 where we were both elected to office. He would be my assistant and First Vice President. I'll remember him for his candor blended with good humor. If I had promised to call him on K. of L. business, and I was a day late, he'd remark jokingly, "I waited. You didn't call!"

I knew he accepted me as a friend when after our second Supreme Council meeting, he shook my hand and said, "You run a fine meeting."

He was eager to do his job, eager to please and seemed to relish the difficult assignments that I had asked him to do. Most of all, he was understanding, but had his opinions which I'd admired.

His last Supreme Council meeting in Pittsburgh in March ended on a happy note as we teased him about his red Corvette with the license plate, "Su Diev". Little did we realize Tom was saying goodbye...go with God. Thanks, Tom"

- *Evelyn Ozelis, K. of L. President*

"My first meeting with Tom was in 1981, when he came from DuBois to attend a Supreme Council meeting in New Jersey. He was the new MCD President, and it was my first meeting as National President. When he asked us to suggest a motel for the night, my husband, Jack and I insisted he stay with us. Tom's comment..."Only the K of L. would treat him as a long lost cousin." Our response..."isn't that what the K. of L. is all about?"

My last meeting with Tom, was in Pittsburgh when I asked him why his spiffy red sportscar bore a license plate that read "Su Diev" - a Lithuanian good-bye! His response -- "I just wanted to be



different, and besides, it's not 'Good-bye', just 'God be with you!'

For all of us in the K. of L., it was indeed a sad good-bye, for two weeks later Tom was with God! We will miss this gracious, happy, beautiful gentleman, and pray God grants Tom peace and happiness in a new life"

- *Loretta Stukas, HM*

"I remember Tom Bruzga as a take charge person, a good organizer and motivator. One of my first remembrances of Tom, about 1973, was his part in organizing a bus trip from our church in DuBois to Lithuanian Day in Eastern PA in August. It was my first Lithuanian Day and I had such a good time that I made more trips there. His organizing efforts were continual. I had made a point in the past few years to send Tom information on the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, which I'd hoped he could convince some of his friends from DuBois to attend. I could tell Tom was disappointed each year when I asked him afterwards why no one was interested. It took a few years, but Tom surprised me last year by organizing a group of over 20 members to travel to Pittsburgh in vans to attend our "Lithuanian Day".

- *John Baltrus, K. of L. Treasurer*

"My first "encounter" with Tom was more than 20 years ago. Tom came to a MCD meeting that was hosted by the DuBois Council. His purpose was to observe what the Knights of Lithuania was 'all about'. After the meeting, Tom expressed how impressed he was with all the activities the Knights were involved in. This positive impression made his decision to join. From then on, Tom became an active member holding many positions in his council, the MCD level and, also, on the national.

I've never seen Tom in any disposition other than easygoing. " - *Fran Petkus, former Pres.*

## Let Actions Speak & Words Teach

A man of words and a man of action, **St. Anthony** was a humble Franciscan Friar, whose influence can still be observed 800 years after his birth. He was a gifted and immensely popular orator and an effective advocate for social justice championing the disadvantaged and dispossessed. He may have been the original source of that well known quote, "Actions speak louder than words." It was in a sermon he preached on the feast of Pentecost, in which he said, "The man who is filled with the Holy Spirit speaks in different languages. The different languages are different ways of witnessing to Christ, such as humility, poverty, patience and obedience; we speak in those languages when we reveal in ourselves these virtues to others. Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. We are full of words but empty of actions."



Popularly known also as St. Anthony of Padua because of his long and final residence in that Italian town, St. Anthony was actually born in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195 as Ferdinand de Bulhoes. His father was a knight in the court of King Alfonso II of Portugal. His

parents entrusted his education to the priests, Canons of St. Augustine, at the Lisbon cathedral; and, at age fifteen he joined that order at the chapter house near Lisbon. To avoid the distractions of friends and visitors, he requested a transfer to the Augustinian priory at Coimbra, Portugal, where he completed his preparations for priesthood and was ordained in 1219. While at Coimbra, he witnessed the solemn transfer of the remains of five martyrs from Morocco. This experience motivated him to want to pursue a missionary life and potentially earn a martyr's crown. Unable to accomplish this end as an Augustinian Canon, he requested and was granted a transfer to the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor. Upon entering the Franciscan community, he took the name Anthony.

Shortly thereafter, Anthony embarked for Morocco to preach to the Moors; however, his stay was shortened by a serious illness which forced him to return to Spain. Enroute, violent storms blew the ship far off course so that eventually it reached port in Sicily.

Having learned that a Franciscan



General Chapter meeting was about to convene, Anthony went to the mainland and travelled up to Assisi both to attend the Chapter and to meet St. Francis. At the end of the meeting, he received an assignment to a hermitage at San Paolo. It so happened that an ordination took place at a nearby town but no one came prepared to deliver the homily. As a last resort they asked Anthony to give the sermon. He accepted the task without enthusiasm but once he began to speak, his natural eloquence added to the depth of his knowledge of scriptures amazed all in attendance. In due time, he was recalled from his hermitage and assigned duties as an itinerant preacher. For the next several years he travelled across Italy, France and Spain with ever increasing success and fame.

He was short in stature and tended toward corpulence. Yet he had an attractive, magnetic personality that drew people to him. Wherever he went, he appeared to radiate holiness; crowds flocked to see and hear him. Hardened criminals, lapsed believers and heretics were converted and brought to reconciliation.

After the death of St. Francis, Anthony was recalled to Italy. Shortly thereafter, he took up residence in Padua where he had worked earlier and was well regarded. He devoted himself to preaching, attacking corruption and wrongdoing wherever he saw them. He completely reformed the city; he worked to

abolish debtor's prisons; and, helped the poor. (Even, today, alms distributed through the Franciscans are called St. Anthony's Bread.) Exhausted by his labors and plagued by dropsy, he became seriously ill and died in 1231.

He was 36 years old.

Even during his lifetime, Anthony was regarded as a legendary hero and many striking miracles were attributed to him. At one point, a visitor reported observing Anthony in a rapturous state holding the child Jesus in his arms. (Thus he is usually depicted in art as holding the Holy Child in his arms.) He is said to have been instrumental in the return of a psalter that had been stolen and is now widely invoked for the return of lost articles.

He was canonized within a year of his death; and, declared to be a Doctor of the Church in 1946. He is the patron of the poor. For us the relevance of St. Anthony is his fidelity to the gospel, his zeal in dialoguing with those in error and his loving concern for the poor.

*"Almighty God, you have given St. Anthony to your people as an outstanding preacher and a ready helper in time of need. With his assistance may we follow the gospel of Christ and know the help of your grace in every difficulty."*

*The opening prayer for Mass on the Feast of St. Anthony.*

*Pakelkime balsus! Lift our voices!*

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 83RD NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Council 1 Brockton, Massachusetts August 7-11, 1996

*Registration Information*

Early Registration (by June 1).....	\$120.00
Late Registration (after June 1).....	\$125.00
Junior/Youth Registration (under 18)* .....	\$80.00
Pre-convention Trip to Plymouth.....	\$45.00
Post convention bus to Logan airport .....	\$7.00

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Charter **bus** service to all convention events, **reception** after Opening Mass, Thursday evening Get-Together with **deluxe hors d'ovuers** and **show**, continental **breakfast** Friday and Saturday, **luncheon** on Friday, cultural night **concert** Friday evening, mid-afternoon **refreshment** break Friday and Saturday, closing **banquet** and **dancing** with orchestra, and full **breakfast** Sunday morning.

*Convention Hotel:*

**Holiday Inn, 195 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA 02401 (508) 588-6300 extension 401.** Special Knights of Lithuania rate of only **\$70.00** per night, single or double. Suites available. Be sure to mention the convention when you make your reservation. The hotel will honor this special rate **ONLY** until **June 1**. You may make your reservation with credit card by calling the Brockton Holiday Inn directly or by mail. **Make your reservation by June 1 for the special rate!!**

*Pre-Convention Activity*

**Wednesday, August 7:** Pre-convention trip to historic **Plymouth, Ma.** Bus departs hotel at 10:00AM and returns at 4:00PM. Ticket price **includes:** charter bus, admission to **Plimouth Plantation**, the **Mayflower II**, and **lunch** at the famous McGrath's Restaurant. Walk the beautiful waterfront and see **Plymouth Rock**. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. **Register by June 1.**

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Council # and city _____							
Delegate		Yes	No	Guest		Yes	No
						Junior	Yes No
Please include <b>\$120.00</b> (\$125.00 after June 1) per delegate or guest, <b>\$80.00</b> for Juniors.							
Pre-convention trip to Plymouth Plantation, Mayflower II, and lunch.						Yes	No
Please include additional <b>\$45.00</b> per person for the pre-convention trip.							
I have made my reservations (by <b>June 1, 1996</b> ) with the Holiday Inn Brockton to receive special Knights of Lithuania Convention rate of <b>\$70.00</b> per room per night. <b>Yes No</b>							
I would like to reserve a place on the bus for a <b>return trip</b> to Logan Airport.						<b>\$7.00 each</b>	
My airline departure time on Sunday is _____.							

Please make all registration and pre-convention activity checks payable to: **K of L Council 1.**



**83rd National Convention****C-1, Brockton to Welcome Delegates**

**Council 1, Brockton, Massachusetts, will host our 83rd National Convention this August 8-11. They are planning an exciting program of events. Fill out the opposite page, include your registration fee and send it to Maryte Bizinkauskas, 424 North Cary St., Brockton, MA 02402.**

*Photos (top left) Father John Prusaitis, Pastor of St. Casimir's oversees Council 1 officers Sylvia Shukis (Sec.), Veronica Bizinkauskas (Pres.) and Doris Fralick (Treas.). (top right) The convention committee (1st row) C-1 Pres., Veronica Bizinkauskas and Maryte Bizinkauskas (co-chairpersons), Diane DeBois, Rose Dooley. (2nd row) Sr. Helen Ivanauskas, Edward Kaminskas, Rev. John Prusaitis, Florence Carnilla, Julia Tubelis, Doris Fralick and Joe Barakauskas. (bottom left) Convention chairpersons are sisters Maryte Bizinkauskas and Veronica (Bizinkauskas) Cote.*

# Official News

## St. Casimir Guild

Due to my accident at the 1995 National Convention, the listing of the 1995 donors to the St. Casimir Guild was delayed. I apologize for this and wish to thank all who contributed in any way, and ask you to continue your generosity to the best of your ability.

Vytiškai,  
*Anne Klizas Wargo, President*  
*The St. Casimir Guild*

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On behalf of Msgr. Bartkus, the Priests and Students at the Seminary in Rome, thank you to all who have contributed.

## 1st VP Vacancy to be filled by Bertha Stoskus

Due to the untimely death of Tom Bruzga, Bertha Stoskus was asked by Pres. Evelyn Ozelis to fill his vacancy for the remainder of the term. Bertha will also chair the committee regarding the resolutions for the past 30 years. Bertha is also the New England District President.

According to the K of L Constitution, (Article X, Section 6) "When a vacancy in an office or chair occurs for any reason, the Supreme Council may appoint a replacement to complete the term." Verbal ratification was given to Mrs. Ozelis by Supreme Council members.



## Lithuanian Affairs Seeks New Editor

Due to a serious visual impairment, current Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Vincent B. Boris, will not be able to continue producing the monthly Lithuanian Affairs Newsletter which contains political action issues, current news and opinion and is circulated to about 200 readers.

The search is on for someone intrigued by politics (both here and in Lithuania); interested in political analysis and formulating positions on controversies and influencing public opinion; someone who is computer literate, well versed in word processing, at home on the world wide web; someone who can write easily and well and most importantly will do all this gratis, pro bono publico, a labor of love not profit.

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## ALEXANDER AKULE CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP



His council and district members look upon him as a "beacon leading us to emulate his zeal, his energy and his loving dedication to God and Country." **ALEXANDER AKULE**, a dedicated, loyal, active and energetic Knight since joining the organization in 1947, has truly earned that description for his many activities in the organization, the Lithuanian community, and his parish. His efforts for and belief in the values represented by the Knights of Lithuania have encouraged members of his C-17 to participate greatly in all of the K of L activities and those of St. Peter's Lithuanian parish in South Boston.

Alex Akule was born and raised in Lynn, a city north of Boston. He became a member and active officer of the Lithuanian Club in Lynn and continues to be involved. He served with distinction in the US Army during World War II, principally in Europe. After his release from the service, Alex met his future wife,

Patricia Zibutis, at a good Lithuanian polka dance.

Pat encouraged Alex to join the Knights of Lithuania in 1947. Since then, he has actively participated in K of L activities and for his efforts, he received the Fourth Degree in 1980. Although he now lives in Saugus, 15 miles north of Boston, he and Pat are ever present at all K of L and parish functions. Most often, both are willing volunteers for committees. Their presence is felt at Parish annual reunions, St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfasts, and Senior Citizen parties.

Loyalty to and love of Lithuania are truly a big part of Alex's life. When representatives and supporters of the Lithuanian community attend ceremonies in recognition of Lithuania's Independence Day on Feb. 16 and the State House and City Hall, Alex is proudly present.

Alex has held many offices and chaired many committees in his local council. He served as C-17 Seniors President, and aided in a smooth transition when C17 Regulars and Seniors merged. He was vice-president of the merged C-17 in 1975, 1977 and 1980, and trustee from 1970 to 1972. He has been C-17 President since 1981.

Alex has been greatly active in the New England District as well. He served as Third Vice-President in 1973-74, advanced to Second Vice-President in 1976 and held that office until 1978. When NE District President Al Jaritis died suddenly, Alex took over the duties of District President and was elected to serve in that capacity for three consecutive terms. While President of the District, he oversaw the process of updating the District By-Laws and (☞ continued on pg. 14)

## ARCHBISHOP PAUL C. MARCINKUS CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Many years ago, the **MOST REVEREND, ARCHBISHOP PAUL C. MARCINKUS**, was proposed, in Committee, for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania, to honor him for attaining the high rank in the hierarchy of the Church as Governor of the Vatican and right hand man of the Holy Father. Because he was in Rome, it was deferred until such time as he would return to the US. Now that he has returned to the US and is living in Sun City, Arizona, it is our privilege to confer on him the status of Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania, as an "outstanding Catholic Lithuanian whose achievements for God and Country have been preeminently outstanding and exemplary of the ideals of the organization."

Archbishop Marcinkus was born in Cicero, Illinois in 1922. He was educated at St. Anthony Lithuanian R.C. Elementary School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary, and the University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein Seminary) in Illinois, then the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy (the Vatican Diplomatic School). His education earned him a Master of Arts Degree, a Licentiate in Sacred Theology, and a Doctorate in Canon Law.

Paul Marcinkus was ordained a priest in May, 1947. He was named Titular Bishop of Orta in December, 1968, and Titular Archbishop of Orta in September, 1981. His priestly assignments are most impressive! They include Associate Pastor of St. Christina and member of the Marriage Tribunal in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Vatican Secretariat of State, 1952 to 1968, and Vatican Ambassador



to Bolivia and Canada. From 1962 to 1965, he served as Director of the American Bishops' Council Office.

From 1964 to 1982, Archbishop Marcinkus organized numerous Papal Trips and served as an unofficial "body guard" for Popes Paul VI and John Paul II. It was indeed exciting to see this tall, strong Lithuanian American clearing the way for the Holy Father and making sure the Pontiff was on schedule, especially when Pope John Paul II visited the US in 1979 and so many Knights all over the country took part in the Papal audiences.

Archbishop Marcinkus served as Secretary and President of the Institute for Religious Work from 1968 to 1990, and was Pro-President of the Pontifical Commission of Vatican City State (Governor or Executive Officer) from 1981 to 1990. The Archbishop retired in October 30, 1990 and now resides in Sun City, Arizona, where he has been since January, 1991.

Lithuanians from all over the world (and among them many K of L-ers) witnessed first hand Archbishop Marcinkus' influence in the Vatican during the blessing of the Lithuanian Martyrs' Chapel in the crypt of St. Peter's

Basilica, in 1970. Without question, he was the master planner of the Blessing Festivities. He kept the gathered Lithuanians informed of what was to be and cleared the way for Pope Paul VI to reach the Chapel without problems. He presented the official greeting and a gift of an amber "Rupintojelis" to the Pontiff on behalf of the world's Lithuanians, and after His Holiness' response, again cleared the path as the frail Pope passed through the crowd greeting those gathered for the event.

During another outstanding Vatican event for Lithuanians, the Knights were specially honored to meet the Archbishop personally in his office. It was the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir's death, in 1984, when Pope John Paul II invited Lithuanians to participate in a special Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in St. Casimir's honor. Some of the Knights attending, including several Supreme Council members, were received by the Archbishop between

festivities, and presented him with a wood crosier, specially carved for him by K of L'er George Mikolaitis. Again, Archbishop Marcinkus responded warmly to this expression of our respect, talking of his love of his Lithuanian roots and heritage.

The most recent Vatican event for Lithuanians, the 600th Anniversary of Lithuanian Christianity, Lithuanians were again treated to warm greetings by the Archbishop, who again had much input into the planning of the events.

While at the Vatican, **Archbishop Paul Marcinkus** used his influence to help Lithuanian causes, and was especially kind to members of the Knights during their pilgrimages and visits. We thank Archbishop Marcinkus for his care and are indeed privileged to confer on him the status of Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania.




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supervised their printing and distribution.

In the spiritual area, Alex directed numerous District Holy Hours in various cities, special celebrations at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, and outdoor services at the Cathedral of the Pines in New Hampshire. He also has organized annual retreats for the District, held at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME. Alex has also been a leading figure at the New England District Annual Cultural Festival held at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury, MA.

When the K of L Archives were moved from Chicago to Putnam, CT, Alex became Larry Svelnis' right-hand man as a member of the Archives Committee and continues in that capacity. Larry and Alex make frequent trips during the year to sort, arrange, and keep up the archives materials submitted from K of L Districts, Councils and members across the

country. This involves a trip of some 70 miles each way.

In the past few years, his parish, St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, has undergone a complete renovation under the leadership of its dedicated pastor, HM Rev. Albert Contorts. The church, function hall, and rectory have been beautifully updated and enhanced. Many local Knights have been involved on the Building Committee, Liturgy Committee and the Parish Council. Alex has been a willing and active participant. Currently, he is a Eucharistic Minister. Along with all his other activities, Alex was also co-chairperson of the parish's annual Christmas Bazaar.

Knights from councils in his District and others join South Boston C-17 in commending **ALEXANDER AKULE** as a truly shining Knight and one most worthy of elevation to the status of Honorary Member.



# Joninès Magic

Millie J. Pietz, C-12, NYC

I have always known June 24th is celebrated as the Feast of St. John (Joninès). It is also called the Midsummer's Day. In the past it was celebrated all over Lithuania. At present, it's popular in northern and central Lithuania. Young girls wear floral wreaths, throw them in the river and those wreaths that floated the farthest meant that owner would marry the soonest. The day marks the shortest night and longest day and people stay up all night, burning bonfires to drive away evil spirits which may ruin the year's crops. The holiday also venerates the fire. When Lithuania became Christianized, the feast was changed as a nameday for all Johns (Jonai) honoring St. John the Baptist.

It happened that I was in Lithuania in June 1994 and was asked to go to a Joninès by friends. Notices were posted all over Kaunas about different locations for celebrating, actually June 23. We set out after an early dinner and about 30 people gathered atop a small hill by a river. Food and liquid refreshments, an accordion player and good voices made the evening perfect in spite of a downpour. A fire was made by the men, the food prepared by the women. Each John with wreath



*Long Day's Night... "Johns" adorned with wreaths prepare refreshments. Looks like a too long day for one. Photo by Millie Pietz.*

was carried down closer to the river and seated on a chair. This time there was only one Jonina. After they were all seated, the oldest opened a bottle of champagne and passed around drinks and candy.

Later sausages were served which had been barbecued at the fire. Before the evening ended or, I should say, the morning begun, the wreaths were thrown into the river. Along the river there were many such gatherings, as we could see on the other side. It was truly a magical night. In my six trips to Lithuania, I will never forget this special joyous celebration.



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Lithuanian American Religious Orders and how they came into being

## The Sisters of Jesus Crucified

*Editor's note: This is the first in a series of Lithuanian American Catholic religious orders, how each started and evolved. Because this year's National Convention will be held in Brockton, MA, home of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, we thought we'd begin with this order.*

Lithuanian Religious Communities were established in the United States by Divine Providence, not by chance. The need for them arose when Lithuanian immigrant priests established national parishes and schools. These priests fled Lithuania in the late 19th century and early 20th century to avoid suppression and oppression of their Catholic faith. They were determined to keep the Catholic faith, Lithuanian language and culture alive in the colonies established by immigrants from the fatherland.

Julius Urbanavičius came to the United States from Lithuania in 1902 and settled in Scranton, Pa. He grew aware of the needs of the Lithuanian immigrants particularly in the mining areas. Following his ordination as a Passionist priest in 1915, Julius (now named Father Alphonsus Maria, C.P.) directed his indefatigable missionary labors among the Lithuanian immigrants.

The sad plight of the aged and orphans inflamed him with a burning desire to establish a Community of Sisters to care for them. He planned on forming a Lithuanian branch of a well established community. The Sisters of St. Dominic whose novitiate is in Amityville offered their services. Bishop McDonnell, Bishop of Brooklyn, approved of the plan.

Anna Stanaitis of South Boston, Mass. and Mary Bugaliskis of Brooklyn, N. Y. were the first candidates. They received the Dominican Habit and began their novitiate in 1920. They applied themselves assiduously to religious life in order to

render service to the poor, aged and needy. However, difficulties arose and the project had to be abandoned. An entirely new community had to be established.

Difficulties had to be surmounted in order to begin a new Community. Since the Sisters of St. Casimir and Sisters of St. Francis were already established, many felt there was no need for another Lithuanian Community. The plan, therefore, received little or no cooperation.

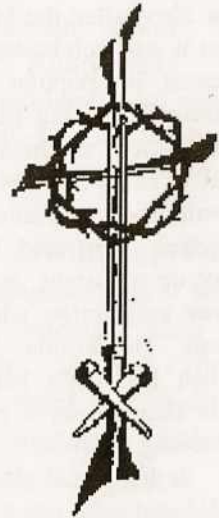
Father Urbanavičius was undaunted. He knew that the two existing Lithuanian Communities were engaged in education. The few in numbers in both Communities did not allow for other works of mercy.

As in the past, Bishop Michael Hoban once again came to the help of the Lithuanian people. He gave his full approval to Father Alphonsus Urbanavičius and he offered his diocese once again to cradle a new foundation of Religious Sisters.

Father Alphonsus turned to Mt. St. Mary's in Scranton. Mother M. Berchmans at Mt. St. Mary's was well acquainted with Lithuanian girls since she served as Mother and Guide to the Sisters of St. Casimir. She knew how to help Father Alphonsus and his proteges to attain their desired goal.

In 1921, the two Lithuanian novices left the Dominican Novitiate in Amityville and entered Mt. St. Mary's in Scranton, Pa. They received a warm welcome from Mother M. Berchmans and the IHM Community.

Since Father Alphonsus wanted his now Congregation to become Passionists like himself, he sent two candidates to a Passionist Community





*The Sisters of Jesus Crucified gather together for a congregational photo in front of their motherhouse on the occasion of its 50th year in Brockton, Massachusetts.*

in Bolton, England to be trained.- His plan did not succeed; both candidates returned to Mt. St. Mary's after one year in England.

During the training of the postulants at Mt. St. Mary's, Father Alphonsus succeeded in locating property in Elmhurst, Pa. to establish a motherhouse for his Community. With the aid of Msgr. Dennis Kane and Mr. John Buckley, he purchased the Wehrum property with 144 acres of land and several wooden buildings. Father Alphonsus named it St. Mary's Villa.

In October 1923, the postulants from Mt. St. Mary's arrived at the new motherhouse in Elmhurst, Pa. Mother Monica, I.H.M. came later as their director. Shortly after the postulants arrived in Elmhurst, they were asked to teach Catechetical classes in Pennsylvania and in a newly established parish school in Massachusetts. Although the purpose for the establishment of the

Congregation was to work among the aged and orphans, the Sisters accepted both offers.

Father Alphonsus had relatively little difficulty obtaining Rome's sanction for his new Community. With the approval of the Sacred Congregation on January 21 1924, the Community was granted the title of "Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother". The novitiate of the Sisters officially began on August 2, 1924 on which day they received the black habit. On August 4 the following year, eleven Sisters were invested with the habit, four entered the Community and the first five Sisters of the Congregation made their profession.

Bishop Hoban's message at this time affirmed the need for the new Congregation. "My dear Lithuanian people, you need institutions like this..., Your establishing this Community is a credit to you. I congratulate you! My sincere congratulations also go to you, dear Sisters, who willingly place upon your young and feeble shoulders the cross of Christ Crucified and the cross of your nation. Christ I know will repay you for this, but it is also my sincere wish that your nation remain ever grateful to you." (2)

The following year Father Alphonsus converted one of the buildings on the Elmhurst property as a home for the aged, later renamed St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home. St. Mary's Villa remains a place of solace and peace for the aged and infirm who receive loving care from the Sisters and the Bay staff. At the same time a small building was opened for the orphans. Father Alphonsus' dream became a reality.

The first group of CJC'ers to come to Massachusetts were missioned at the Immaculate Conception School in Cambridge in 1926.

Mother Monica, I.H.M. worked with Father Alphonsus to direct and strengthen the Community. In August 1927 Mother Monica's work was completed and she returned to Mt. St. Mary's.

The pioneer Sisters were on their own with the close supervision of Father Alphonsus, Sister Paula (Mary Dailidas) was elected first Mother General; Sister Dolorosa became first novice-mistress. The Passionist Rule was revised and adapted to the needs of the Sisters in 1928.

On October 27, 1930, at the call of his religious superiors, Fr. Alphonsus ended his

residency at St. Mary's Villa. It was a tearful day. Meanwhile, Sisters were being trained for nursing and teaching, catechetical centers were opened. By 1934 Sisters had various college degrees. Like their forerunners, the Sisters of St. Casimir and Sisters of St. Francis, two Sisters of Jesus Crucified were sent to Lithuania to become more acquainted with the Lithuanian language, history and literature. They, too, became victims of the Soviets and with the outbreak of World War II returned to United States.

Tragedy struck when in 1943 the orphanage was completely destroyed and the children had to be placed in Diocesan institutions.

The Community grew in numbers, and living quarters in Elmhurst became inadequate. During the mission labors of the Sisters in Massachusetts, Archbishop Richard Cushing showed unlimited kindness and interest in the now Congregation. He succeeded in purchasing the vacant City Farm or Dr. A. F. Peterson Memorial Infirmary in Brockton, Mass. for the Sisters. By mutual consent of Bishop Hafey of Scranton, Pa. and Archbishop Richard Cushing of Boston, the CJC motherhouse was transferred on July 11, 1945 from Elmhurst, Pa. to Brockton, Mass.

When the first outdoor social was held on the convent grounds -- Labor Day, 1945 -- the new motherhouse was blessed by Archbishop Cushing and was renamed Our Lady of Sorrows Convent. Picnics at OLS grounds became a tradition which continued annually for 47 years through 1991.

A building on the motherhouse site was transformed into a rest home for men in 1949 and in 1950 a rest home for women was opened.

Charitable guilds called "CJC Ladies' Auxiliaries" began in 1952 in several New England parishes. Their purpose was to offer financial support to the sisters and to their apostolates.

Two buildings on the motherhouse property were renovated into Mater Dei Academy, a high school for girls from 1961 to 1971. Subsequently, a kindergarten and art, music and tutorial classes were held there. Currently it provides places for child day care and adult day care services.

In 1963, a new chapel and dining area were added to Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, and the



Founder's Wing with additional rooms was added to the motherhouse in 1985.

St. Joseph Manor Nursing Home was completed in Brockton in 1965. It was expanded from a 56-bed capacity to 120 beds in 1980. Its name was changed to St. Joseph Manor Nursing and Extended Care Facility in 1994 to identify its increased healthcare services.

When he died in Massachusetts in 1949 the founder, Father Alphonsus, was buried at St. Gabriel's Monastery Cemetery, Brighton; in 1967 his remains were exhumed and reinterred at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery, Brockton.

Sister Virginia Vytell, CJC, in her book summarizes the work of the Community. "Together the sisters will pray and work. Obstacles will be challenges of their love. They will keep the treasures the founder had brought with him and share them with others...above all, her (Lithuania's) deep and abiding faith in God"(1.)

The Sisters of Jesus Crucified continue to offer their lives in service of God and they strive to respond to the spiritual and social needs of our times. From their Elmhurst beginning with six sisters in 1924, the congregation reached a peak membership of 109 sisters in 1965. At present there are 56 professed CJC sisters and their religious lives continue to unfold as they strive daily to express the compassion of Jesus Crucified. As their degree of apostolic involvement narrows some sisters are able to redirect their abilities within the ministries associated with their primary fields of education or healthcare; some strive to collaborate with other religious; many sisters have heightened their prayer responsibilities. All are seeking a preferred future for the congregation in its efforts to serve in God's Church.

The Sisters of Jesus Crucified have been called to labor for the Lord in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, Kansas, Connecticut and New York. Throughout the years the Sisters of Jesus Crucified have esteemed the works of the Knights of Lithuania. Many CJC'ers remain personally active with you in those works...and I am happy to be counted among them

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## Vėliavos iškeltos plakas

Vė-liavos iš- kel-tos plakas, renkas vyrai, žy- gis bus.  
 Už kal - nų - ka-ra-lių ta - kas, Vil-nius vėl priglauš pulkus.

Ir sustos prie vyro vyras,  
 Žygį priesaika parems,  
 Sudrebės po kojom žvyras,  
 Užtvarų nebus keliams.

Kils iš dulkiu Gediminas,  
 Žilas kalnas sudrebės,  
 Kad pulkai jo kaulus gina  
 Iš dešinės ir iš kairės.

Vėliava nuskaidrins veidus,  
 Kils ir rymos ant pilies,  
 Ir skardės po miestą aides  
 Iš dešinės ir iš kairės.

## PASKUTINIS BIRŽELIS

(Eilėraštis, skirtas raudonojo teroro į Sibiją trėmimo aukoms pagerbti)

Sudiev, paskutini tėvynės birželi, -  
 Buvai tu, kaip niekad - auksinis ir žalias.  
 Toli pasiliko, lyg sapnas pranyko  
 Geltoni, žali ir raudoni vainikai.

Sudievu, sudievu, - žydėjimui pievų,  
 Kvepėjimui ievų - sudievu, sudievu.

Sukilėlio kelią ir knygnešio dalią  
 Tiktai išrinktieji pakelti tegali -  
 Už raidę ir žodį, už maldą ir raštą  
 Paliekam skausme savo gimtąjį kraštą.

Sudievu, sudievu, - žydėjimui pievų,  
 Kvepėjimui ievų - sudievu, sudievu.  
 Kur ašara krenta, ten paukštė pragysta,  
 O kraujo lašai, kaip bijūnai, pražysta,  
 Mus grūdino Kražiuos, Giedraičiuos, Pilėnuos,  
 Kad būtų lietuvis, kaip plienas, kaip plienas.  
 Sudievu, sudievu, - žydėjimui pievų,  
 Kvepėjimui ievų - sudievu, sudievu.  
 Padvelk mums, biržėli, bent vėju tėvynės;  
 Buvai mums, biželi, deja, paskutinis...  
 Žydėkite tiems, kur gimtinėj paliko,  
 Geltoni, žali ir raudoni vainikai.

Sudievu, sudievu, - žydėjimui pievų,  
 Kvepėjimui ievų - sudievu, sudievu.

- Birutė Pūkelevičiūtė



# LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



## Victor P. Prep Named Elk of the Year

C-144 Third degree Knight, Victor P. Prep was named Elk of the Year for 1995 in Frackville, PA. Elks Lodge #1533. In addition to his active membership in the Knights of Lithuania, Victor is also a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a 30 year member of American Legion Post 398, and life member of the DAV chapter 77 Schuylkill.

"As a perpetual volunteer and promoter of everything in his reach," his fellow Elks honored him at a special dinner highlighting his ongoing service to his community.

## Bogota's Lithuanian Mayor Invites Bengal Tigers to Wedding

Bogota's Mayor, Antanas Mockus, married his wife, Adriana Cordova riding on an elephant into a circus tent where seven Bengal tigers witnessed their vows in late January. Over 300 guests were invited, each paying \$40 into a fund the newlyweds created for abused children.

Immensely popular as an honest politician with everyone but the rich, Mockus, is the son of Lithuanian immigrants. He had won the mayoralty by a landslide in 1994 on a shoestring budget. His campaign consisted largely of riding around Bogota on his bicycle, talking to people.

Mockus attacks problems with novel solutions such as distributing plastic thumbs down cards that can be flashed - instead of pistols - at offensive drivers. Another favorite is

to make minor offenders fill potholes, sweep sidewalks or wash windows in public buildings.

*-AP Frank Bajak 1/29/96*

## Council 7 Pres. Joseph Stiklius is Mayor for a Day

As part of the celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day, on Friday, Feb 16, Joseph Stiklius, president of C-7, Waterbury was honored as mayor for the day.

Mayor Philip Giordano and Stiklius raised the Lithuanian flag in front of City Hall, during a ceremony at which Giordano presented him the key to the city.

Joseph Stiklius is also the treasurer of NED, a member of the board of directors of the Waterbury Lithuanian Club, and a member of St. Joseph's Parish Council in Waterbury. He is also an employee of Connecticut Light & Power.

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## Noble Lithuanian Roots

The ancestors of British Actor Sir John Gielgud were Lithuanian noblemen, according to his family tree. His ancestor, General Antanas Gelgudas fought in the 1831 rebellion against oppression by the Russian Czarist government. Another Gelgudas, Jonas, was also active in the uprisings. They eventually emigrated to England. From this family came another Jonas Gelgudas who became an actor who later was hounded to change his name. Eventually John Gielgud was knighted by the British crown. Once again, the Gelgudas family gained a title, only this time in a land away from their ancestral home.

## Amžinąjį atilsį duok jiems, Viešpatie.



Photo by EPA (Baltic Times)

### *Memorial Service for Lithuanian and Danish Peacekeepers*

**Senior Lieutenant Normundas Valteris**, a 23 year old Lithuanian volunteer from Tukums, Latvia, was killed near Tuzla, Bosnia, when the patrol vehicle in which he was riding hit an anti-tank land mine. The driver, a Danish peacekeeper, was also killed. Two other Lithuanian soldiers, **Valdas Zalpys** and **Gintaras Putys**, passengers, were injured and taken to an American hospital where they were reported to be in fair condition.

Despite the first loss of a Lithuanian life in the peacekeeping operations in Bosnia, the country's leaders have affirmed their resolve to continue their contribution to peace and stability in Europe. Defense Minister **Linas Linkevičius** said that the tragedy of Valteris' death would not change the country's position on participation in international peacekeeping exercises.

Valteris was a veteran peacekeeper and had served from August 1994 to May 1995 in the UN peacekeeping mission in Croatia. He received a UN medal for service as a peacekeeper as well as a medal from the Danish army. After his death, he was awarded the Vytis Cross.

Lithuanians serving with the NATO Implementation Force (IFOR) are formed into a platoon attached to a Danish battalion. Having arrived in Bosnia, Valteris wrote home that he expected the task would be more difficult than that which he had faced in Croatia; but, he looked forward to gaining more experience in working with Western soldiers.

Valteris was not married and is survived by his mother and two sisters.

### Expected IFOR Troop Contributions for "Operation Joint Endeavor"

(Source: U.S. Department of Defense)

Austria	250	Greece	250	Norway	785
Bangladesh	1,250	Hungary	550	Pakistan	1,000
Belgium	350	Italy	2,500	Poland	660
Canada	1,000	Jordan	50	Portugal	900
Czech Republic	850	Latvia	32	Romania	200
Denmark	807	Lithuania	32	Russia	1,500
Egypt	700	Luxembourg	30	Spain	1,700
Estonia	32	Malaysia	1,533	Sweden	945
Finland	450	Morocco	1,268	Turkey	1,500
France	7,500	Netherlands	2,000	Ukraine	450
Germany	3,000	New Zealand	15	United Kingdom	10,300
				United States	25,000

Albania, Bulgaria, and Saudi Arabia also have expressed interest in contributing forces to IFOR. Troop levels shown represent maximum number which may be deployed.

## ST. CASIMIR'S GRANDFATHER

(AN ANECDOTE)

Casimir II., King of Poland, received a blow from a Polish gentleman, named Konarski, who had lost all he possessed, while playing with the prince. Scarcely was the blow given, when sensible of the enormity of his

crime, he betook himself to flight; but he was soon apprehended by the king's guards, and condemned to lose his head. Casimir, who waited for him in silence amid his courtiers, as soon as he saw him appear, said, "I am not surprised at the conduct of this gentleman. Not being able to revenge himself on fortune, it is not to be wondered, that he has ill treated his friend. I am the one to blame in this affair, for I ought not, by example, to encourage a pernicious practice which may be the ruin of my nobility." Then turning to the criminal, he said; If I perceive, you are sorry for your fault - that is sufficient; take your money again, and let us renounce gaming forever."

*-translated by Antonia M. Wackell*

*Note: This was translated from an untitled anecdote from old German book written in 1874. It's interesting to learn that gambling fever and the lessons learned from it never change.*



### Mark your calendars.



The 3rd Annual George Perles Golf Invitational tees off on Monday, July 15 at the Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion, Michigan. Once again, former Michigan State Football coach George Perles has lent his name and considerable support for the annual *Aid to Lithuania, Inc.* fund raiser. Honorary co-chairmen include Michigan Governor John Engler, Cardinal Adam Maida of the Detroit Archdiocese, and Attorney General Frank Kelley. Call ATL 810-682-0098 for more information.



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### A QUIZ

1. Can you tell the differences between these three words? a) kūrėti, b) kurti, c) kurti?
2. What does maždaug mean?
3. Of what two words is pelėda made up?
4. What does nei šilta nei šalta mean?
5. There are two meanings to šokti and šokti. Do you know them?
6. What is the difference between paroda and paradas, ankščiau and anksčiau, šūkių and šukių?
7. What is the difference between a) kartų, b) kartu, c) kartu, d) kartos, e) muzikas, f) muzikas, g) dantis, h) dantys, i) Jus, j) tu?
8. What countries are these: a) Suomija, b) Vokietija, c) Vengrija, d) Olanija, e) Prancūzija, f) Ispanija, g) Danija, h) Jungtinės Valstijos i) Šveicarija j) Švedija?

### Answers

1. a) to light as a fire; b) deaf; c) to create, as a work of art.
2. maždaug is made up of two words: mažai and daug - more or less.
3. pelėda is made up of two words; pelė (mouse) and ėda (to eat for animals) therefore - an owl.
4. šilta - warm, šalta - cold; neither warm or cold, in other words - neutral.
5. šokti - to dance, šokti - to jump into a swimming pool.
6. paroda - an exhibit of artworks; paradas - a parade; ankščiau - cramped, like in a barrel of fish; anksčiau - early, to bed, šūkių - shout; šukių - fragments like from a broken glass.
7. kartų - times, like I visited you many times, kartu - together, kartu - bitter; kartos - generations, muzikas - a musician, muzikas - a tramp or bum, dantis - tooth, dantys - teeth, Jus -

you (polite form), tu - you (familiar form)  
8. a) Finland, b) Germany, c) Hungary, d) Holland, e) France, f) Spain, g) Denmark h) United States, i) Switzerland, j) Sweden

### Emotional Expressions

**Ar gali būti?** Can it be?  
**Negali būti!** That cannot be!  
**Tamsta stebini mane!** You surprise me!  
**Netikėtinas dalykas!** It is incredible!  
**Labai gaila!** It is a great pity!  
**Tai didelė nelaimė!** It is a great misfortune!  
**Man labai malonu.** It gives me much pleasure.  
**Koks aš laimingas!** How happy I am!  
**Tamsta klysti.** You are wrong.  
**Sveikinu tamstą tave.** I congratulate you.  
**Nusiramink!** Be quiet!  
**Kokia gėda!** What a shame!  
**Ar tai galimas daiktas?** Is it possible?

### A Lithuanian Advertisement

Rumaging through my bookcase, I discovered a gem. A small booklet titled, *Spėjimai Laimės* (Fortune Telling and Luck). It contains precious pearls of wisdom for Lithuanian - Americans. It was published in 1912 and the Lithuanian language is ancient and grammar and spelling tortured. It advertised Deken's ointment which "can cure anything from baldness to arthritis. The motto: Rub away aches and pains with Deken's Ointment."

**Jei kas serga Jei kas skauda Reikia Deksnio Mosti tept, Reikia tept, reikia trint, Reikia skausmą numarint.**

**Kreivas, šleivas ar palinkęs, Ar nuvargęs, dreba kinkos, Ar į kuprą susimetęs, Reumatizmu sirgti prateš Deksnio mostį tepk gerai, - Išnyks skausmai, kaip garai.**



Try these hearty favorites to make for Dad! Thanks again to Elinor Sluzas at Elinor's Amber Rose Restaurant in Dayton, OH (C--96) for these recipes.

### Lithuanian Cabbage Rolls

16 cabbage rolls

- 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
- 1/2 lb. ground lean pork
- 1/2 cup rice in 1 cup of hot water
- 2 medium onions, finely chopped.
- salt and pepper (season so you can taste salt)
- 1 toe garlic, chopped or mashed
- 1 16 oz. can of sauerkraut
- 1 head cabbage (3 1/2 lbs.)
- 2 cups catsup
- 4 cups water

**CABBAGE:** Remove core and place cabbage head in pot of boiling water. Cover and let cook for a few minutes until leaves start wilting and are easily removed from head. Remove the wilted leaves but continue cooking until entire head is used. With a sharp paring knife, shave off the

heavy center seam from each leaf of cabbage. (Do not cut into the leaf.)

#### MEAT:

Combine beef, pork and rice in hot water. Add onions, salt, pepper and

garlic. Mix well. Use 1/3 generous cup of meat mixture for each cabbage roll. Make into balls.

**ROLL:** Use largest leaves first. Put a meat ball at thickest end of cabbage leaf and roll. As you are rolling this up, push in the sides. (This will eliminate having to use a toothpick to keep the rolls from falling apart.) When you have used all the meat, take the leftover cabbage and chop it up.

**ROAST:** Sprinkle half of chopped cabbage in bottom of roaster and half of the sauerkraut over the chopped cabbage. Put cabbage rolls on top of this. Over the top of the cabbage rolls, sprinkle the rest of the chopped cabbage and sauerkraut. Mix the 2 cups of catsup and 4 cups of water together. Pour over cabbage rolls. (If you need more juice, use above ratio of catsup and water.) The juice should come to the top of the cabbage rolls. Cover roaster. Cook in oven at 350 degrees for approximately 2 1/2 hours. Makes 16 to 18

cabbage rolls. Best if made a day ahead and then re-heated.

### Beef Stroganov

Serves 10

- 1 Tbs. powdered mustard
- 1 Tbs. sugar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 4 cups thinly sliced onions (not chopped)
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 lbs. fillet of beef (1/4" thick, 1/4" wide strips of tender beef)
- 1 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 1 pint sour cream
- 4 to 5 Tbs. vegetable oil

Combine mustard, 1 Tbs. sugar, 2 tsp. salt and hot water (about a tablespoon) to form thick paste. Let mustard mixture rest at room temperature for about 15 minutes.

Heat 5 Tbs. vegetable oil. Drop in onions and mushrooms, cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer 20-30 minutes until vegetables are soft. Drain.

Return mixture to pan. Brown meat in skillet. (Set aside.)

Transfer meat to vegetables. Stir in pepper, mustard paste. Stir in sour cream, a small amount at a time. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer until sauce is heated through. Add more salt if you desire.

Serve with noodles, spaetzle or your favorite potato.



## Junior Council of the Month

by Elena Mikalauskas, 3rd VP Juniors

Each month a Junior Council will be featured with the intent to familiarize ourselves with other Junior members in our organization and read about their activities. This month's feature is:

### Knights of Lithuania - Juniors C- 100 - Amsterdam, NY

Christine Tambasco is the junior Advisor for Council-100, Amsterdam. Current membership includes: Mikalina Tambasco (17) (President), Robert Tambasco (16) (Vice President), Tim

Tambasco (15) (Treasurer), Nicholas Tambasco (13) (Secretary), Rimas Rimkunas (7) (Sergeant at Arms), Stanley Rimkunas (11), Alex Rimkunas (10), Justin Craig (14), and Brandan Craig (11).

The following is a list of activities the juniors have or will participate in this year:

☞ assisted in serving dinner at the February celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day;

☞ in April toured Ellis Island and performed four Lithuanian dances at the museum. While in the New York area, they also visited the Statue of Liberty;

☞ will participate in the Lithuanian Day celebration during the last week of August;

☞ will be involved in the Festival of Nations that is scheduled in October for the Albany area.

Christine mentioned a few highlights about the juniors. Two of the Rimkunas brothers, Nicholas and Rimas were adopted from Lithuania and Stanley was adopted from Hungary. Also, congratulations is in order for Mikalina Tambasco who won the district writing contest for the poem she submitted.

Summer is time for...

## LITHUANIAN SUMMER CAMPS

Treat your children and family to a cultural/spiritual opportunity which will enhance each self appreciation, raise ethnic Lithuanian consciousness, and give an opportunity to zero in on spiritual and family values. Children and families can make new friends, discover others who want to enjoy and maintain their Lithuanian ethnic heritage. All this plus the incredible beauty of the outdoors!

Enjoy the beauty of Vermont at **CAMP NERINGA**. The 1996 camp session will be **TWO WEEKS** - June 30-July 13th. Family session will begin August 14-18th. For more information call, Sr. Igne at (203) 928-7955.

Those in the midwest may like to visit **CAMP DAINAVA** in Manchester, Michigan. Brush up on your Lithuanian this year, at the camp's Lithuanian language course scheduled Aug. 4-11,



*Happy campers attend a family session at Camp Neringa in Vermont. The family sessions went so well, it will be available this year.*

1996. Call Mr. Vytautas Jonaitis for information (616) 458-6378.

**CAMP AUŠRA** is located in the Poconos of Pennsylvania. Camp dates are in July but were not available at press time. For information, write to Sr. M. Angela, CJC, 25 S. Broad Ave., Frackville, PA 17931.

☛ **SRS. OF JESUS CRUCIFIED** from pg. 18  
 When the K. of L. 83rd National Convention convenes in Brockton this August, come by and ask me questions about my congregation. Or perhaps you'll be willing to relate to me a story about a Sister of Jesus Crucified whose life has touched yours.

*Original article written by the late Sr. Mary Elena Majikas, OP, (of Girardville, PA) with the following sources:*

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*Article edited and updated by Sr. Eugenia Glineckis, CJC (Currently a CJC Councillor and Secretary General and also a C-17 member) whose address is:*

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## In Memoriam

### Alice Sipek

C-96, Dayton, OH - June 2, 1995

### John Stanley

C-140, Syracuse, NY - April 12, 1996

### Lillian Driscoll

C-98, Feb. 26, 1996

### Alice S. Burt

C-79, March 13, 1996

### Thomas Bruzga

C-86, DuBois, PA - April 11, 1996

### Adele Albers

C-3, Phila. PA - January 1996

### Anna Deslaurier

C-26, Worcester, MA - April 1996

### Elizabeth Griskos

C-63, Lehigh Valley, PA - Mar. 10, 1996

### Joseph Moleski

C-63, Lehigh Valley, PA

### Henry Bobulski

C-96, Dayton, OH - Mar. 26, 1996

### George J. Slazevich

C-141, Bridgeport, CT - Feb. 6, 1996

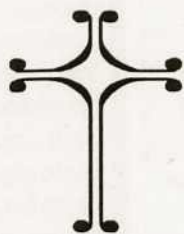
### Walter Lubinski

C-153, Treasure Coast, FL - Nov. 4, 1995

### Michael Stelmokas

C-110, Maspeth, NY - May 4, 1996

*Amžina atilsj  
duok mirusiems  
Viešpatie ir  
amžinoji šviesa  
tegul jiems  
šviečia, Amen.*



### Kasimėara Kleiva (d. May 29, 1991)

Lietuvos Vyčiai prisiminkime savo maldose a. a. Kazimierą Klaivą, 4-to laipsnio vyti, St. Petersburg, FL. 147-tos kuopos narį. Juo išbuvo penkiolika metų.

Būdamas visą laiką valyboje ir vesdamas radijo valandėlę, St. Petersburg, daug prisidėjo prie vyčių veiklos, iškeldamas radijo bangomis jų gausius darbus Lietuvą Tėvynę laisvinant.

#### VIA DOLOROSA

Tai Kristaus kančios kelias. Kam teko keliauti Jeruzalėje, tai teko ir tuo keliu vaikščioti, gal ir nešti kryžių į Kalvarijos Kalną...

Gyvenimas - tai kaip graži kelionė. Išsirengi, keliauji. O kokia ta kelionė - priklauso nuo tavęs. Kaip keliauji, su kuo keliauji. Vieni šioj kelionėj patiria daug džiaugsmo, kiti skausmo. Kodėl nevienodas yra žmogaus gyvenimas, pagalvoti reikia... kodėl... Ir grįžti atgal. Taip ir Tu Kazimierai sugrįžai atgal. Jau 5-ki metai kaip tavęs pasigena mylima šeima.

Nesuvokiami, o Dieve,  
man Tavo sprendimai  
nesuskaičiuojama jų gausybė.

Pasiilgusi,  
*Viktorija*



### Monsignor Francis Yashkas Dies at Little Flower Manor

(Wilkes Barre, PA) Auxiliary Bishop J. M. Dougherty was principal celebrant of a Pontifical Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial on March 30 in Holy Trinity Church for Msgr. Francis Yashkas, a resident of Little Flower Manor in Wilkes-Barre and pastor emeritus of St. Ann's Church, Luzerne. A priest in the Scranton Diocese for 50 years, he died after a long illness. He was born Oct. 17, 1919, graduated from Marianapolis College and was ordained in 1945. He was named a Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) by Pope Paul VI in 1970, retired a colonel in the US Air Force in 1973 and has served the Scranton, PA diocese until retirement in 1989. He is survived by two sisters and one brother.

# COUNCIL NEWS

*C-News Editor's Note: The following is about the Senior Knights of Lithuania Council based in Chicago. Last November, they had a memorial Mass for the departed members. The author states in her brief history of the organization, that at its start it was a YOUTH organization. Later everyone could join, even retired people! The Senior Council speaks only Lithuanian at their meetings.*

*The author praised VYTIS for its appearance and content. But was upset it is mostly in English. Never fear, your editors will fix that. Through the generosity of the Supreme Council, your Council News editor has acquired a computer with a Lithuanian character font. The computer we named Mindaugas. So in the future, Mindaugas and VYTIS editors will welcome more Lithuanian in VYTIS.*

**Prisiminti mirę Vyčiai seniorai**  
*Ant. Repšienė*

Vyčiai, arba Lietuvos Vyčiai, JAV Lietuvių Romos Katalikų jaunimo organizacija, jaunimo atstovų įkurta 1913 m. balanžio 27 . Lawrence, MA, ir tebeveikianti iki šiol. Sutelkti lietuvių jaunimą į jam skirtą draugiją buvo rūpintis ir anksčiau, nes pastebėta, kad ankstyvesnės draugijos visai netinka jaunimo auklėjimui, nepatenkina jaunimo tikslų. Be to, tam organizuoti katalikai neturėjo vadų. Ir kai 1912 m. Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Susivienijimo Amerikoje seimo metu Bostone A. Norkūnas, kun. A. Kaupui ir kun. Pr. Serapinui išdėstė sužanymą steigti jaunimo ratelius, kuriuose jaunimas būtų auklėjamas ir sulaikomas nuo mišrių šeimų. Abu kunigai tam pritarė. Čia buvo sutelkti ir keli jaunuoliai pirmajam pasitarimui. "Draugas", kurį redagavo kun. A. Kaupas, "Katalikas" ir "Žvaigždė" pradėjo sutartinai kelti jaunimo organizacijos reikalą. A. Norkūnas su klieriku Pr. Virmauskiu įsteigė Montello, Brocktone Lietuvos Sakalus (taip pražioje buvo vadinami Lietuvos Vyčiai). 1913 - m. balanžio mėn. jau veikė 12 kuopų, apjungusių 500 jaunimo. Šiame, steigiamajame suvažiavime buvo priimtas paruoštas laikinasis statutas, išrinkta valyba su pirmininku A.

## On the Calendar...

### For further info. contact:

July 15, 1996 - 3rd Annual George Perles Golf Tournament  
for Aid to Lithuania, Paint Creek Country Club, Lake Orion, MI  
**Bob Boris** (810)-682-0098

Aug. 17 - 18 - 82nd Annual Lithuanian Days  
Schuylkill Mall, Frackville, PA  
**Eleanor Vaicaitis** (717) 874-1695

### District Conventions

June 9, MAD Convention  
Hosts C-29, Newark, NJ  
**Marie Guoba**  
(201) 589-2001

June 2, Amber Dist. Convention  
Hosts C-143, Pittston, PA

Sept. 27 to 29, MCD Fall Conv./Pilgrimage  
Hosts C-96 Dayton, OH  
**Elena Mikalauskas**  
(513) 275- 8235

### Council Events

June 30, C-110's Summer party & raffle  
**Bruno Rutkunas**  
(516) 628-2292

### 1996 National Convention

August 8-11  
Host: C-1, Brockton, MA  
**Veronica Bizinkauskas**  
(508) 586-0650

*(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.)*

Norkūnu. Be vadovybės į organizaciją įsijungė klierikai, o vėliau - ir muzikai. 1913 m. rudenį, pirmame suvažiavime kun. A. Kaupui pasiūlius, buvo priimtas jau Lietuvos Vyčių vardas, nes daugeliui nepatiko "sakalai", primeną kitų kraštų jaunimo organizacijų vardą. Tai tokia buvo Vyčių organizacijos įsteigimo istorija. Kaip matome, Vyčių organizacija įsteigta jaunimui, bet vėliau pradėjo priklausyti ir vyresnio amžiaus asmenys. Vyčiams dabar priklauso ne tik jaunimas ir vyresnio amžiaus asmenys, bet taip pat priklauso ir pensijon išėję asmenys.

Vyčiai savo narių skaičiumi, turbūt, yra pati didžiausia organizacija. Jie yra susiskirstę kuopomis. Viena iš tokių kuopų yra Vyčių Seniorų kuopa. Tai yra vienintelė kuopa, kuri praveda posėdžius ar susirinkimus lietuvių kalba. Kitos kuopos dėl silpno lietuvių kalbos žinojimo vartoja anglų kalbą. Vyčių yra leidžiamas gražios išvaizos ir formato žurnalas "Vytis", kuriame telpa įvairių žinių apie Vyčių veiklą. Bet veik viskas yra anglų kalboje.

Vyčių Seniorų kuopa, kuriai vadovauja dr. Petras Ironis Jokubka, surengė mirusių prisiminimą lapkričio 15, 1995. Prisiminimas pradėtas Šv. Mišiomis Marijonų koplyčioje, prie "Draugo". Šv. Mišias aukojo kun. dr. Vytautas Bagdonavičius už šiuos mirusiuosius: Elena Jokubkienę, Joną Jokubką, Adele Gabalienę ir Antaną ir Stefaniją Jonučius. Po pamaldų vienuolyno rūsyje buvo paruošta kavutė, kurios metu buvo kalbėta

apie galimą šios organizacijos šiokią tokią veiklą, arba likvidavimą. Kadangi dalyvavo 25 asmenys, tai negalėjo būti kalbos apie užsidarymą. Žiūrėsime ką parodys ateitis. Buvo labai džiugu, kad kavutėje dalyvavo kun. dr. Vytautas Bagdonavičius ir kun. Miciūnas. Taip pat kavutė metu pravesstame susirinkime kalbėjo pirmininkas dr. Petras Jokubka ir Antanina Repšienė. Susirinkime buvo paskirstytos aukos: Popiežiaus

Leono XIII fonui 300 dol., "Margučio" II radijo - 50 ol. ir "Draugui" - 50 dol. Valdybą sudaro: dr. Petras Ironis Jokubka - pirmininkas, Kazimieras Čiurinskas - vicepirmininkas, Regina



Polock - sekretorė, Sabina Henson - finansų sekretorė, Antanina Repšienė - išdininkė, Bronė Černienė - parengimų, valdybos nariai - Gediminas Janul, Antanas Beleška, kun.dr. Vytautas Bagdonavičius - dvasios vadas. Nutarta kiekvienais metais surengti mirusiųjų narių prisiminimą. Prisiminimas ir susirinkimas baigtas malda, kurią pravedė dvasios vadas. Po to visi nariai pakilioje dvasioje skirstėsi į namus.

### **C-1, Brockton, MA Daisy Rūta**

Time flies when you're having fun - or as the Psalmist says "Rejoicing in the Lord is our strength." So our Council rejoices in the Lord for it's wonderful achievements.

Palm Sunday found us with many eager minds involved in the art of Easter Egg decorating using the ancient method of designing with wax and multi colors. Each year more and more venture to improve and continue the tradition.

Our dedicated Vyčiai donned their aprons, dug up their favorite recipes and baked delicious goodies to serve our parishioners during our lenten retreat and mission. Truly a humble service in imitation of our Divine Master.

To celebrate the triumphant Resurrection of our Lord, our new choir director Marytė Bizinkauskus, trained children in procession and song, rendering "Linksma Diena Nužeto Jau". How beautiful to see the freshly

picked pussywillows carried in procession and children's voices blending to sing praise to our Risen Lord. For the ending, the congregation was breathless as Maryte sang "Alleluia". Not a dry eye was in the church.

Our wonderful Council goes from the sublime to the ridiculous. To help raise money for Lithuanian Children's Relief, a Donkey Basketball Game was held. Yes, on real donkeys. Our sides are still sore from laughing. We sold T shirts and raffle tickets, hot dogs and popcorn and laughed and laughed. The true winners were the children. Already plans are being made for another one next year.

We were honored to have our talented Marytė Bisinkauskas sing in New York for the



Lithuanian Consul General Dr. Petras Anusas.

Let us not forget in between all our activities, we are very busy with the upcoming Convention in August. Things are shaping up and we guarantee a wonderful event.

We are also pleased that our Sister Helen, who recently had some medical setbacks, is doing so well and is back to gathering everything for her "kids" as she calls them. Beware, don't leave a sweater or shoes or anything unattended, they'll be sent off to Lietuva!

I'll close for now wishing God's Blessings and are waiting to see you at the Convention in August in Brockton. Su Diev.

### **C-7, Waterbury, CT**

#### ***Arlene Stiklius***

Council 7 would like to extend our best wishes to all mothers on Mother's Day.

We would also like to extend our Spiritual Leader, Rev. Francis Karvelis a joyous blessing on his 47th. Anniversary of ordination on May 26, 1996.

We would like to wish Rev. John E. Rikteraitis a joyous blessing on his 40th. Anniversary of Ordination on May 12, 1996.

We would like to thank everyone that attended our potato pancake dinner on April 21, 1996. The cooks Doris Blinn, Ann Kundrotas and Joan Shukaitis did an excellent job in cooking for 150 people. Ačiū Labai!!

On May 26, 1996, the K of L, Council 7 will held our 80th. Anniversary Dinner Dance at St.

Joseph's Hall. On the menu: Roast pork, turkey, kugelis, vegetables, salad, desert and coffee. Stasys Telsinkas provided the music.

Florence Morkus recently had the opportunity to meet in person and shake hands with Lech Walesa, the former president of Poland and leader of the Solidarity Movement at the State Capitol in Hartford, CT. Florence and Lech have been pen pals since 1981 and have been exchanging Christmas cards and family pictures. Florence is home now recuperating from a recent hip operation. We all wish her well.

Congratulations to Ed and Betty Bebrin, Theresa Shukaitis and Doris Snirpunis on receiving their third degree at the New England District Spring Convention in Ansonia, CT on April 28, 1996. Congratulations to Ann Vaichas on being voted a delegate from the New England District for the 83rd National Convention in Brockton, MA on August 7 to 11, 1996.

### **C - 10 - Athol - Gardner,**

#### **MA**

#### ***Vincukas***

On March 24, our council sponsored the annual Lithuanian Independence Day celebration that was highly successful with about 175 persons in attendance.

The Sodautas Folk Ensemble of So. Boston under the direction of Gita Kupčinskis presented an excellent program of folk singing and dancing. What made it so exciting was the fact the group had the audience participate in the program.

Pres. Bill Wišniauskas as M.C. introduced the Mayor of Garner, Charles Manca, who read a proclamation, designating March 24 as Lithuanian Day in Gardner. His remarks were well received. U. S. Representative John Oliver democrat of the 1st district also spoke to us. He sure knows the history of Lithuania. The National anthems and the hymn Marija, Marija concluded the program. Our ladies treated all to coffee and cookies followed by an excellent Lithuanian buffet for the Folk Ensemble, K. of L'ers and invited guests. Both dailies carried nice write-ups along with photos.

Committee heads were: Gen. Ch. - Bill Wišniauskas, Host and hostess - Howard Beaudette and Eleanor Baltakis, programs - Kahryn Paliulis, cakes - Sophia Fiorentino, coffee - Mylda Stasiūnas, Kitchen - Bronė Wišniauskas and all the K. of L'ers for food donations and help in the kitchen and the clean up.

We again gathered to bid sudievu and conduct our K. of L. ritual to long time member, James Eacmen. James was a quiet unassuming man, an extraordinary loving and caring father to 3 lovely daughters and a son, plus 14 grandchildren, a devoted and faithful husband to both Barbara and Margaret and a true friend, he was a fine example of a Christian gentleman. He was our Lithuanian club treasurer for many years. The membership acted as pallbearers and a delegation of K. of L'ers served as honor guard The funeral was largely attended. Bill and Bronė placed the lietuvišką juostą on





*C-12 Pres.  
Ed Cook  
shares a  
toast with  
Millie Pietz  
and Vincent  
Cuprewich.*

the casket. Su Dievu James ir ilsėkis pas Dievą.

Condolenses are extended to members of St. Casimir's parish Worcester on the recent death of their pastor, Rev. Vincent Parulis, M.I.C. May marked the 25th anniversary of the untimely death of member, Norman Langlos. Rest in peace, Norm!

On June 27, 1971, Rev. John Jutt of happy memory, left us and returned to the Father. The 25 years went by so quickly. Let us pause and remember the legacy he left us, especially the Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian Affairs Committee he founded 50 years ago and that still lives on. Truly a tribute to Father, who worked so hard for Lithuania's freedom, his Catholic faith and Church and all that was Lithuanian. I am sure as he looks on us today he is jubilant, that his work lives on and that he rejoices Lithuania is again free. Iki pasimatymo mielas Tėvelj!

Our St. Casimir's Day observance was "snowed out" because of a two day snow storm that hit the "North Country" Athol - Garner. Athol members attended Mass at St. Francis and Garner members in

their parish. A small group enjoyed brunch at Abigail's in Garner. We in the North East witnessed the worst weather in years.

Bronė Wišiauskas gave an Easter egg decorating demo and lecture at the Grace Evangelical church in Gardner before Easter. It was well attended.

#### C-12-NYC *Irene Senken*

It's time for all of us to come out of our igloo's after a long disastrous winter. As a result of the inclement weather several of our meetings were canceled. We have to take cognizance of the fact that some of our members who like to frolic in the snow did show up, only to be told to return home.

The weather was a primary factor as to the outcome of our Christmas party. Fewer people showed up than usual at this annual affair, however, those that did show up had a good time. The star of this event was 'Santa' and his words were that he wouldn't dissappoint the children!

Our communion breakfast for March was well attended due to our adoration for our Patron Saint Casimir. It's wonderful to

note how inspired our members are for this auspicious event.

Many members attended the April meeting and it was a pleasure to see Dalia Bulgaris looking well after a lengthy illness. On the subject of illness we have Julia Gentile mending from a heart attack and doing nicely. Alma Karengo and Bertha Stanwick are recuperating from their respective medical problems. We pray for their rapid recovery.

Council 12 welcomes a new member Stella Aleliunas. Glad to have you with us. Condolences of C-12 go to Ann Montivitis on the loss of her dear brother. We also extend our condolences to the family of a former member Nell Genis who went to her eternal reward on April 22, 1996. May the Good Lord in his charity look with favor upon their souls. The semi-annual dinner at Our Lady of Vilnius was May 19th, insuring another great time in store for all.

#### C-74, Scranton, PA *Marie Laske*

Our prayers go out to Msgr. Francis Yashkas, who died in March 26th after a long illness. He was 76. He was a priest in the diocese of Scranton for 50 years. Our condolences go out to his brother Joseph, sisters Mrs. Bertha Revit Ashley and Mrs. Frances Stuchkus.

Our beautiful secretary, Helen Chuire, who is such an asset to our council is very ill, Please pray for her speedy recovery.

Every July 26th at 3 o'clock we are privileged to have Rev. Clement Kasinskas from



*Members of Scranton C-74 at Amber District meeting in Binghamton*

Cambridge, Mass serve at St. Ann's monastery along with Father Peter Alisaukas, Msgr. Michael Ozalas and Msgr. Peter Madus. Please plan on coming. Wear your Lithuanian costume and invite all your friends to this wonderful Lithuanian hour.

My husband, Dick wanted a canary. I told him, he feeds the wild birds all winter. If he wants to hear birds sing - go and sit under the tree. Well we compromised, instead of a canary, he bought a new red Jeep Cherokee.

A special tribute was paid to our son Gregory Laske, who died suddenly August 26, 1995 at the young age of 34 years. Eric Stankiewicz was the recipient of the Gregory P. Laske outstanding Apprentice Award. At this year's graduation Gregory's bus. mgr. Jack Flanagan stated: "As each graduate goes on in life and in the electrical industry, you each carry, not only some of Greg's wisdom, but also some of his example. It is that wisdom and example that will help you to be

the best in your field. Always take time to remember Greg and what he has done for all of you".

Besides his parents Richard and Marie Laske, Gregory is survived by his wife Andrea and two daughters, Autumn age seven and Alexandra age five. Two brothers Rich, Jr. and Joseph, five sisters - Sandra, Maria, Susan, Debra and Nancy.

Rest in peace dear Son.

Please pray for our family.

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

#### ***Fran Petkus***

For more years than we can remember C -96 has held an Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. This year we held "A Palm Sunday NO BAKE..BAKE SALE"! The letter sent to the membership sharing the change began with - "Go break with others sweet charity's bread ... for giving is living... the Angel said. But, must I give again and again without ever stopping?... Oh no, said the Angel ... with yourself be true ... just give until the Lord stops giving to you." (HM Elinor Sluzas). The

response from out members just about tripled our usual bake sale total! Chairperson Eloise Berczelly reported our out-of-town members were quick to respond along with 75% of the membership! To one and all LABAI ACIU! Another success for the council was our Spring Card Party held in the church hall on April 28th. Once again the membership came through with enough door prizes that everyone went home with at least one prize. Thanks for a "job well done" goes to Chair Robert Pant and his committee: Elaine Pacovsky, Henry/Lauretta/Linda/Bill Pant; Jim/Molly Geiger; George/MaryAgnes/Elena Mikalauskas; Annamarie Berger/Maggie Pigg/Eloise Berczelly/Betty Nash/Fran Petkus. The day's big winner was our treasurer, Jim Geiger!

As we all know, one of the purposes of organizing the K of L was to bring our youth together. Well, Mr. Norkunas and those who helped to build the Knights will be pleased and proud to know what began in 1913 continues in 1996! Not only are our young adults meeting at the national and district conventions but are also meeting at various other cities. Recently they converged on Michigan City, IN. Hostest for the weekend was Rita Zakarka, C -112, Chicago. Also, from C -112 was Phyllis Pelletier, Karen Ramanauskas; Denise Zakarka; Robert Martin of C -16; Mark Bell, Robert Pant and Elena Mikalauskas of C-96! Joining this "illustrious group" on Sunday from C -112 were Ed and Maria Deksnis and family;

Julie Zakarka and HM Estelle Rogers! Great time was had by all!!! Get well wishes go to our charter member Veronica Omlor..also, to Richard and Dorothy Conrady!

Our deepest sympathies go to Henry Bobulski and his family on the loss of his wife Eleanor. May she rest in the peace of the Lord! Not only was the SC hit by the sudden loss of our 1st Vice-President, Thomas Bruzga but the MCD lost its Treasurer. We were all stunned by this news as many of us were with Tom at the March SC meeting! Tom was a very active district and council member of C-86 - DuBois, PA. Our very deepest sympathies go to his daughters and their families; Tom's brother Ben and his wife Frances who are also active in the MCD. Tom will be with his wife Jeanne whose second anniversary is coming up! Tom, rest in the peace of the Lord!

**C- 112, Chicago, IL**  
**Gerrie**

We called our yearly fund raiser ANOTHER DUMPLING BLAST! and it sure turned out to be just that. When the reservations topped 200, reservations chairlady, Julie Zakarka, knew we really had to hustle to feed that many people. With the aid of an able committee consisting of Lorraine Svelnis, Ellie Kasputis, Gerrie Chaplin, Estelle Rogers, and Chairlady, Vida Sakevicius, and many, many volunteers, we were ready on time. The parish hall looked gorgeous on that beautiful March Sunday morning thanks to the decorations

***Future K. of L'er  
Ted Foley, grandson of  
Richard Laske C-74, blocks  
his ears at Luzerne  
Flagraising.***



supplied by Lorraine and Gerrie. The guests were greeted with a glass of wine (donated by Ellie), tickets for door prizes, and small gifts for everyone. A trio of musicians provided us with "music to eat by" or "music to sing with" if you were between courses -- and they were great! Our ladies out did themselves with donations of jello molds and dozens of pastries and cakes. The buffet tables were filled to capacity but it wasn't long before there wasn't a crumb left. Everyone looked forward to the raffle which Ellie Kasputis handled almost single handedly. It was a tremendous job but Ellie came through with many large monetary and on-the-spot raffle prizes. It was a huge success and we owe her a debt of gratitude. Space does not allow us to thank everyone who helped, but the committee and the council appreciate all the donations of food, hours of planning and shopping and decorating, setting up and cleaning up that our members gave us. It was a successful event and we can all be proud of ourselves!

We welcomed Sr. Marilyn Kuzmickas, Mother General of the Sisters of St. Casimir, who

spoke to members after the April meeting regarding religion today in Lithuania. We very much appreciate the update from Sister.

Thanks to the generosity of Val and Joe Stanaitis who chose to share the anniversary of 50 years of wedded bliss with their friends in the K of L. We enjoyed champagne, all kinds of delicious treats, and a slice of a beautiful anniversary cake. We thank you and wish you all the best, Val and Joe, for many more years to come.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Vilutis who welcomed Matthew, a bouncing baby boy. On hand for this joyous event were the proud grandparents, Matt and Philomena Vilutis.

Our Junior council under the direction of 3rd V.P. Maria Deksnis, enjoyed a weekend mini-convention at the Countryside Holiday Inn. After a business meeting, the eight juniors (and one pre-junior) went on to enjoy swimming, crafts, a pizza party, etc. etc. Fr. Tony Markus was celebrant for a special Palm Sunday mass for the Juniors.





*Part of C-110, Maspeth, NY Executive Board during April Dinner Dance: (l to r) Ed Sirgedas, VP; Jean Mactutis, fin. sec.; Msgr. Frank Bulovas, Spiritual Advisor; Helen Matulonis, sec.; Ann Morrissey, Lith. culture; Joseph Stelmokas, treas. and Bruno Rutkunas, C-110 president. Photo by Al Klimas.*

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

Thanks to Bernice Mikatavage and Annie Morgalis who provided an excellent St. Casimir's Day Program. The Special Mass with the Friends of Siluva Choir and Spiritual Advisor, Father Ron Jankatis, added a special beautiful touch. The Lithuanian gifts were carried by Gloria Dauchess, Marge Valinsky, Jim Mikatavage, Sister Adrian and Sister Regina, of the Sisters of St. Casimir. Father Ron's homily, as usual, was inspiring. Speaker at the luncheon was Sister Regina, who spoke on the cause of beatification of Mother Maria Kaupas.

Congratulations to Victor Prep who was named Man of the Year by the Elks Organization. No one is more deserving. Vic puts his heart and soul into everything he does.

We lost another member, Joseph Zelonis, Amžina Atsili, Joseph.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of Father Joseph Dambrauskas, MIC. Father came to our Lithuanian Day several times to promote the cause of the beatification of Blessed George Matulaitis. What a joy it was when we met in Rome on that blessed occasion. We're sure Father Joe and Blessed George are having a wonderful reunion in Heaven.

The Council has continued in the adoption of a Lithuanian orphan. We received a letter from his sponsor thanking us for his Christmas gift. We also received a letter from the school in Lithuania for the books and school supplies. The St. Francis School in Minersville combined with another school so the Sisters of St. Casimir donated the supplies while the Council paid for the shipping.

In memory of Father Jarasuans and Msgr. Neverauskas, the Council purchased a Multisystem Video for the Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome. All of Father Matt's large collection of VCR's was sent to the college earlier, but they had no system to use them. A huge thank you was received from everyone at the College.

Eleanor Vaicaitis has again accepted the chairmanship of Lithuanian Day which will be held on August 17 and 18. Eleanor always does a good job.

Our best wishes to all of our fellow Knights for a happy spring and summer.

#### **C-147 - St Petersburg, FL** **Dolores Jonaitis**

Our April 2nd meeting was well attended by members and guests. We honored Father Mathew Cyvas, whose 80th birthday was April 30th. We all sang "Ilgasių Metų". Our council presented him with a book from Lithuania, which was originally donated by Victoria Kleiveine. We had a lovely festive table, various dishes and desserts, prepared by Kazimiera Arlauskas, Dr. Aldona Valis, Petre Kasperavičiute, Elena Bacevičius, Genovaite Bakas, Valeria Lescinkas, Victoria Kleiveine and Dolores Jonaitis.

Our picnic in Veterans Park was held May 1st. Also discussed was the coming of the "LIETUVA" dance and singing group from Lithuania, in November.

Anthony Gudonis, our President, organized some 80 Lithuanians to see the Easter

Pageant "One Voice", on April 3rd. All who attended were pleased.

Our membership also voted to donate \$100.00 to the K of L Scholarship Fund.

Best wishes to Victoria Kleiveine for a speedy recovery. Her eye surgery was successful. Sorry about your accident Elena Jurkynas. We hope you're feeling better.



### **C - 153 - Treasure Coast, FL** **Florence V. Miskinis**

Belated best wishes to Connie and Jack Scheibelhut for their 50th wedding anniversary. Jack presented Connie with a gorgeous diamond. May they have many more happy years together!

The world renowned Vilnius String Quartet from Vilnius, Lithuania presented an unforgettable concert in February at St. Judes Church. The three hundred people who attended gave a standing ovation to the musicians, all are professors of music at the Academy. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated hearing the music of the great composers especially M. K. Ciurlionis.

New members of the K. of L. at C - 153 are: Victor and Ursula Malakas, Annie Yozenas, Joseph and Barbara Plekaitis, Vitas and Vera Patrick. We are growing.

March the third was still a very cold day for us as we gathered at St. Paul of the Cross Church for our annual St. Casimir's Day celebration. We entered the Church in a procession: - Cross bearer - Victor Malakas, lector Walter Barius - the Holy Scripture, St.

***C-153 new third degree Knights: (l to r) Frances Daniels, James Marcinkus and Florence Morris. Rev. V. Pikturna was too camera shy to pose for the picture!***

Casimirs picture - Michael Yudiskas, the American flag - Felix Zorskis, the Lithuanian Flag - Jonas Marcinkas, the Eucharistic Minister was Charlene Zorskis, the crown of thorns - Joan Bizausky, royal crown - Josie Lubinski, Lillies - Stella Miskinis. The Supreme Council Ritual Chairman, Elsie Kosmisky led in recipients for the third degree awards: Florece Morris, Frances Daniels, James Marcinkus. All carried candles adorned with the ribbons in the colors of the Lithuanian flag. The procession ended with Rev. Vytautas Pikturna, also a 3rd degree recipient.

By the altar, prior to the celebration of mass, Elsie Kosmisky presented pins and certificates to all four new third degree Knights.

Rev. V. Pikturna, our spiritual advisor, celebrated the Mass. Irena Monomaitis directed the Dainos choras and Lou Stukas, the organist, ended the ceremonies appropriately with the *Vyciu himnas*. We extend sincere congratulations to all the

third degree knights. Ilgiausiu metu.

Immediately following Mass, over one hundred attended the banquet at the Holiday Inn in Palm Beach Gardens. A delicious dinner was served to guests from the Gold and Treasure Coasts, Long Island and Pennsylvania. Due to the beautiful gifts, the raffle was a great success. Our talented local artist, Aldona Biliunas, donated a lovely oil painting of a typical Lithuanian town. Ona Meiller donated a beautiful shell afghan and Ursula Malakas, our new member, donated a lap robe, tri-color afghan and a Lithuanian doll. Thanks to these three ladies for making our raffle such a success. Lou Stukas accompanied the guests in the ever popular Sing - a - Long with songs from here and Lithuania, old and new. We ended the day with - with "Eisim Brolelei Namu, namo".

Pres. Jim Marcinkus was chair person and his able assistants were co-chairpersons Frances Daniels and Florence

Miskinis. Ticket co-chairperson was Stella Miskinis, who alone sold twenty two tickets. Many thanks to all who attended and we hope to see more next year.

At the March 10th meeting, Pres. Jim Marcinkus announced the wonderful results of the banquet. Florence Miskinis and Frances Daniels were chosen as delegates to the convention in Brockton, MA, their hometown.

Farewells were said to Charlene and Felix Zorskis who sold their home in Port St. Lucie and are returning to Long Island. We certainly are going to miss them. They have been terrific workers and always willing to help regardless what the occasion. Please come back and visit us. God bless you both.



## Did you know? In Lithuania...

Comparable to the pranks of Halloween was the eve of **St. John the Baptist (Joninés)** where farmers could expect pranksters to pull up a bean crop and leave it by the door.

Swimming season in the Lithuanian lakes commenced on the feast of **SS. Peter and Paul (June 29)** and closed on August 15, the feast of the **Assumption**.

For the summer feast of the **Assumption** (Aug. 15) garden bouquets of zinnias, asters, dahlias, gladioli and sprigs of ruta were blessed at the BVM altar. After the Žolines blessing, the bouquets are taken home and dried. If anyone died during the year, the dried flowers were placed in the coffin with the deceased as a reminder of the Assumption.

- Submitted by **Bro. Joseph Zutelis, CSC**  
of Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia,  
PA, from his parish 100th Anniversary  
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# BIRŽELIS - 1996 - JUNE

*Žinom Širdį tokią, Širdį maloningą  
ji visiems atleidžia, nes ji gailėstinga*

Surely, His Heart is a Heart so gracious  
all can be forgiven, out of His compassion.

In Lithuania, the entire month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The faithful are exhorted to daily prayer befitting the never-ending love and mercy of the Redeemer. Special services (berželinės) are held in the churches throughout the month. It is recommended that we pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart as a family unit at home.

- June 2            In Lithuania, the first Sunday of June is observed as "Father's Day."
- June 6/9        The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Devintinės*) which in Lithuania is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. (In the US, this feast is observed on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday.)
- June 14        The Day of Mourning and Hope. This secular commemorative day calls to mind that most traumatic event of modern Lithuanian history, the mass arrest and deportation of untold thousands of Lithuanians, which began on this date in 1941. It was a desperate act of terrorism by the the occupying Soviet forces before they retreated in the face of the German onslaught.
- June 16        In the U.S., the third Sunday in June is observed as "Father's Day."
- June 24        The Solemnity of the Birth of St. John, the Baptist. In Lithuania, the feast day is also known as "*Joninės*." The name reflects an unsuccessful attempt to superimpose a Christian significance on an older (pagan) tradition of a mid-year festival. The Christian relevance has been lost; but, the name and the all-night revelry starting on the eve of St. John's Day continue.
- June 28        On this date in 1932, the most beloved Lithuanian poet, prelate Jonas Mačiulis-Maironis died in Kaunas. Among his works set to music were: "Marija, Marija," "Lietuva Brangi" and "Kur Bega Šesupė."

## NAME DAYS CELEBRATED IN JUNE:

Adele (June 30)  
Anthony (June 13)  
Cyril (June 27)  
*Gediminas* (June 27)  
*Mantas* (June 29)  
Paul (June 29)  
*Rimvydas* (June 17)  
*Šarūnas* (June 28)

*Algis* (June 2)  
*Arvydas* (June 23)  
Efrem (June 9)  
*Jūratė* (June 18)  
Marcellinus (June 2)  
Peter (June 29)  
Robert (June 7)  
*Svajūnas* (June 7)

Aloysius (June 21)  
Barnabas (June 11)  
*Elvyra* (June 5)  
Justin (June 1)  
Norbert (June 6)  
*Ramūnas* (June 12)  
*Rūta* (June 4)  
*Vidas* (June 15)

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## DZŪKIJA, LIETUVOJE

Vieškelis vingiais, supas birželei,  
 Šypsosi saulė danguje.

Mes esame Dzukai, girių karalei  
 O karaliene - Dzūkija.

Kiek daug gerų draugų,  
 Geresi mano teviške,  
 Dzukai užjuos, Dzukai paguos,  
 Dzukai tau širdi atiduos.

*-old song from Dzūkija  
 Author unknown*

## DZŪKIJA, LITHUANIA

The winding highway, young birch trees swaying,  
 The sun is shining in the sky.  
 We are the Dzukai, kings of the forests,  
 And the queen is - Dzūkija.

Many of our good friends,  
 Greatly admire my fatherland,  
 Dzūkai console - Dzūkai comfort  
 Dzūkai give back your heart to you.

*Translation by ANTONIA M. WACKELL*

*(Note: This was sent to Mrs. Wackell from a Lithuanian Brazilian cousin of hers in Sao Paulo. It was a folksong from childhood. Are there similar songs about the other regions in Lithuania?)*

