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the land of our ancestors,  
and a knowledge, appreciation  
and love of the Lithuanian  
language, customs and culture  
since the K of L began in 1913.*



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**Cover: Mother of Fair Love (painter unknown, oil on canvas) Located at the Pažaislis Monastery, this painting was presented by Pope Alexander VII in 1661 as a gift to the monastery's founder, C. Pacas. The painting soon became famous for the miracles associated with it.**

## To My Fellow Knights

On March 30, 1999 council news editor and great friend, Dalia Bulvicius died in her sleep. The following is what was said about her by myself at her wake. Since many of the Knights and readers knew and loved her, I'd thought it best to share this with you...

*Thinking about Dalia.-  
Great People are Hard to Find*

When I think about my little jolly friend, only happy thoughts come to mind. Her home was a haven for all of us refugees and her hospitality was that of a most endearing mother, with a great sense of humor.

I first met Dalia as she was covering her last Knights of Lithuania convention, in Worcester in 1993. My mother and a few of her friends spotted Dalia sitting alone at a table awaiting breakfast and we asked to join her. She had covered a dozen K of L con-



*Lithuanian & Council News Editor,  
Dalia Bulvicius*

ventions and her life's work was immersed in the Lithuanian press, as she was also an editor at Darbininkas. Even at the time I first met her, her mobility was hampered due to her diminutive condition, Achondroplasia, but that certainly did not stop her attitude from being a most pleasant and helpful person, constantly telling stories and jokes.

I really got to know her after I had accepted the position as editor in 1994 and was scouting around for a council news editor who knew Lithuanian enough to also page edit Lithuanian articles. My choice of Dalia was due to her skills, education, love of Lithuania and proximity.

For three years we would work together on Thursdays, when she had a day off from Darbininkas,

and I would slip out on a "sales call" from my job. Those Thursday afternoons were a real treat, even though I had to make the trek on the G Train to

## Letters to the editor

### Dalia Makes the World Wide Web

The following appeared on an AOL website:  
"Un Ballo in Maschera

Dalia Bulvicius died on March 30, 1999. A contributing author and type-setter for Darbininkas, the Lithuanian-American newspaper, she also served as Council News Editor for Vytis, the magazine of the Knights of Lithuania.

Dalia was a daughter of Major Vytautas Bulvicius. Major Bulvicius organized the Lithuanian Activist Front. In 1941, he was captured by the Soviets. Tortured and finally killed, Major Bulvicius died, like Jesus, at age 33.

A week before her own death, I had the pleasure of photographing Dalia standing for the first time underneath her father's name, which heads the memori-

al plaque on Gediminas Prospect in Vilnius, Lithuania.

A good friend, an opera lover, a cat lover, a scotch drinker and a lot of fun, Dalia Bulvicius was one of the few people I've known who could easily have been an angel traveling in disguise.  
Wayne"

*-Thanks to Wayne Nehwadowich (the author)  
and John Baltrus, C-19 (via email)*

### Correction St. Casimir Guild Donations

In the February issue of VYTIS, the St. Casimir Guild report lists the \$13,000 donation from the estate of deceased member Olga S. Gray as a member of Council 141, Bridgeport. She was a member of Council 135, Ansonia, CT. Editors regret this mistake.

*Anna K. Wargo  
President, St Casimir Guild*

Brooklyn. Dalia would usually have some tasty Lithuanian meal, introduced me to a great cold saurkraut, her famous mushrooms, my favorite summertime treat of cold beet soup, dešros (not kielbasa, the Polish word), cepelinai, koldunai and a number of other delicacies, some of which I had not tasted since my grandmothers died many years ago.

Dalia's knowledge of the culture, the language, the idiosyncracies, and her ability to find stories of interest had helped to make up for the loss of another cherished editor, Vincent Boris, who died in 1997.

Adding the column "Smiles without Wrinkles" in VYTIS was her idea, as she said that humor was needed in this world when so much sadness surrounds it.

Dalia had just returned from a trip to Lithuania to attend a special Vilnius birthday party for C-110 member, Connie Nehwadowich, who had more than 80 friends at this gala event. Dalia said she had a great time, visiting with a few relatives and seeing the changes in her homeland from the last time she had visited there in 1985.

Everyone seemed to depend on Dalia who was as reliable as a clock for Lithuanian culture, translations, tidbits about holidays, stories about past K of L'ers, especially anecdotes. She spoke very highly of the workers in the group and this was why we at times liked to highlight a few in VYTIS, as "unsung heroes", since we felt they may not get the recognition they so rightfully deserve.

Dalia loved her adopted home in New York City, her position as the lead soprano in the Our Lady of Vilnius choir, and all the happy times spent following those noontime masses, telling stories and jokes, making some of the new wave immigrants, as well as us Lithuanian-Americans, feel so much at home. Often her own home, which was a large studio apartment in Brooklyn with a great view of Manhattan, was a haven for those of us who wanted to forget our troubles for



*Dalia at her father's  
memorial in Vilnius  
Photos by George Billeci*

awhile, listen to some good opera music or a movie, or just tell a few jokes and be in her company. A number of new immigrants found their way to her heart and home, some of them using Dalia's residence as a stopping place before they settled more permanently elsewhere. Her attitude was, "I was a refugee once and know how it feels to be a newcomer in a strange land, so why not make them feel at home."

Both she and her older sister were born in Lithuania and fled as children with their mother after her father was shot and killed by the communists in the early 40's. In fact, Dalia had finally seen the memorial in Vilnius for her father and others killed at the time on her final trip.

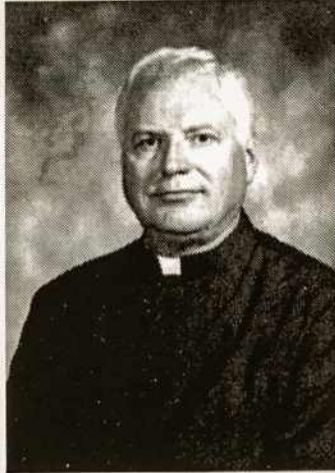
After living in Germany, where she learned the German language at a refugee camp, her mother took her young daughters to America, where they lived in New York for a number of years and where Dalia had most of her formal education. Later her mother and sister moved to Toronto, but Dalia liked the New York lifestyle and season opera tickets, one of her "splurges on herself". She had been an editor at Darbininkas for over thirty-five years and this upcoming year she had the option of collecting social security and retiring at 62. But a few short weeks before her birthday, the Lord took her in her sleep, and her best friend, Shirley, who lived in her building, found Dalia at peace in her own bed.

I guess the lesson is to cherish ones friends while they are alive, and realize the fragility and brevity of life, don't hold any grudges, laugh it off if possible and don't sweat the small stuff. But my friend and Lithuanian soul sister leaves a big void, not only in the production of VYTIS, but in the everyday joy of life. I cannot simply call her number and ask her to dig up some tidbit of Lithuanian lore, or find an unusual angle for a story. For the jokester and the journalist's work here on earth is done. She made our lives a lot more pleasant, and now it's our turn to continue and learn from the legacy she left behind. ❖❖❖

## *Monsignor Joseph Anderlonis*

# CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

**M**onsignor Joe was born in Philadelphia, the eldest of three boys in the family. His primary education began at St. Andrew Lithuanian parish school. When his family moved to the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia, he completed his primary education at All Saints parish school. He graduated Fr. Judge High School and entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook in 1962. Completing the B.A. degree with highest honors in 1966, Monsignor was selected to pursue advanced studies in Rome at the North American College. As a resident of the college, he was enrolled at the Jesuit Pontifical Gregorian University.



Monsignor Joseph J. Anderlonis became the tenth Pastor of St. George Lithuanian Parish, in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia.

Monsignor was familiar with the area since his paternal grandmother was one of the original parishioners.

Monsignor Anderlonis was awarded a Doctorate in Sacred Theology on May 29, 1987 after finishing additional studies (magna cum laude) at the Georgian University. His doctoral dissertation examined extensively the Christology of

the Swedish Lutheran theologian and bishop, Gustaf Aulen (1879-1977). His scholarship and research drew wide praise from Swedish scholars, as well.

He received a Bachelor's in Sacred Theology in 1968 and the Licentiate degree in 1970. Monsignor was ordained to the Priesthood in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome on December 19, 1969 by Bishop James A. Hickey.

In 1970, Monsignor returned to the Philadelphia area as curate at Resurrection parish, Chester, PA. He has served as associate pastor of Old St. Mary's - Society Hill, the Basilica-Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, and Holy Saviour Church, Linwood, PA. During the period from 1974 to 1977, Monsignor Anderlonis undertook post-graduate studies in dogmatic theology at the Gregorian University. From 1977 until 1982, Monsignor served on the faculty of Neumann College, Aston, PA as assistant professor of theology and as chaplain. During this time, he was the academic supervisor for the Permanent Diaconate Program of the Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware. On September 8, 1982, the Feast of Mary's Nativity,

It was early in 1988, that Monsignor Joe's name was brought to the attention of the Knights of Lithuania. Our then Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Jurgelaitis OP, had indicated his desire to retire and a search for a suitable replacement had been initiated. H.M. Helen Shields, along with other K. of L. members approached Monsignor Joe to determine his willingness to take on such additional responsibilities. After consideration by Monsignor and persuasion by Helen, Monsignor Joe agreed to accept the position. At the 75th National Convention in Washington, D.C. Monsignor was confirmed and concelebrated his first Mass as National Spiritual Advisor. For the last eleven years there has been a wonderful relationship between Monsignor Joe and the Knights of Lithuania.

He has taken his role as National Spiritual Advisor most seriously, speaking with great inspiration at K of L national and local masses, advising members and councils on matters of faith and morals and mem-

bership obligations, and in general, always being on hand to teach and counsel.

Early in 1990, Monsignor took upon himself a goal to totally renovate St. George Church. Through his dedication and the generosity of the parishioners, this renovation was started on April 23, 1990, the patronal feast of St. George, and completed in November of 1990. A Solemn Mass of Rededication was celebrated on November 25, 1990, the Feast of Christ the King, by the Most Rev. Paulius Baltakis, O.F.M., D.D. pastoral bishop for all Lithuanians outside of Lithuania. The "Dedication Day" festivities concluded with a banquet and dance at the Lithuanian Music Hall, not far from the church.

On March 11, 1990, the Supreme Council declared Lithuania's independence restored. Dr. Vytautas Landsbergis was elected parliamentary chairman. Along with several other priest friends, Monsignor went to Lithuania in August, 1991 where they witnessed the crucial coup d'etat in the Soviet Union, which eventually caused the downfall of the entire Communist empire. Fortunately, Monsignor and his friends returned safely to the USA. As Spiritual Advisor, he accompanied the group of K of L'ers on the Pilgrimage and Heritage Tour of Lithuania in the summer of 1993. At five of the seven Masses held during the tour, he was the celebrant and homilist. His skill in relating the liturgy to the reality of the time and place were never so evident. The liturgies at the Shrine of the Apparition in Šiluva and at Aušros Vartai were particularly memorable and ensured that the trip would be remembered by all the participants as truly a pilgrimage. Again in 1996, along with members, guests and friends of Council Three Monsignor traveled on a fourteen-day tour to Lithuania. The tour encompassed all the major cities and shrines in Lithuania. Each time Monsignor travels to Lithuania he spends as much time as he can with his relatives who are still living in Lithuania.

On November 20, 1994, Monsignor Anderlonis celebrated his 25th anniversary in the Priesthood. The

Jubilee Mass was at 3 PM. It was accompanied by a brass quartet, played by students of Temple University. The homily was presented by a fellow classmate, Rev. Michael J. Sheridan (now Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, Missouri), who highlighted Monsignor Joe's career and qualities that endear him to all of us. The solemnity of the ceremony was embodied in the twenty-five priests who arched the altar in a semi-circle during the Consecration to concelebrate the anniversary Mass. Festivities concluded at a banquet to honor Monsignor that evening. Many Supreme Council officers and other members of the Knights of Lithuania joined to celebrate the occasion.

In recognition of many years of devotion to God and service to the Catholic faith and the Lithuanian people, on March 14, 1998, "Father" Joseph J. Anderlonis was named an Honorary Prelate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II with the title of Reverend Monsignor.

Since becoming National Spiritual Advisor to the Knights of Lithuania, Monsignor Anderlonis has served the organization with dedication. Each fall for the past eleven years, he has hosted the first Board meeting of the new Supreme Council at his parish hall. He has attended many of the other board meetings and has attended and presided as Spiritual Advisor at all of the National Conventions. In addition, he is also a member of the Boards of Aid to Lithuania, Inc. and St. Casimir's Guild.

The Knights of Lithuania are proud to claim Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis as National Spiritual Advisor. His presence in our organization has brought honor and praise to the K. of L.

This year as Monsignor Anderlonis approaches his thirtieth year in the Priesthood, it is both fitting and proper that Monsignor Joe is named an Honorary Member in the Knights of Lithuania and have this highest honor of the Knights of Lithuania bestowed on him at the Convention banquet in his native city of Philadelphia.



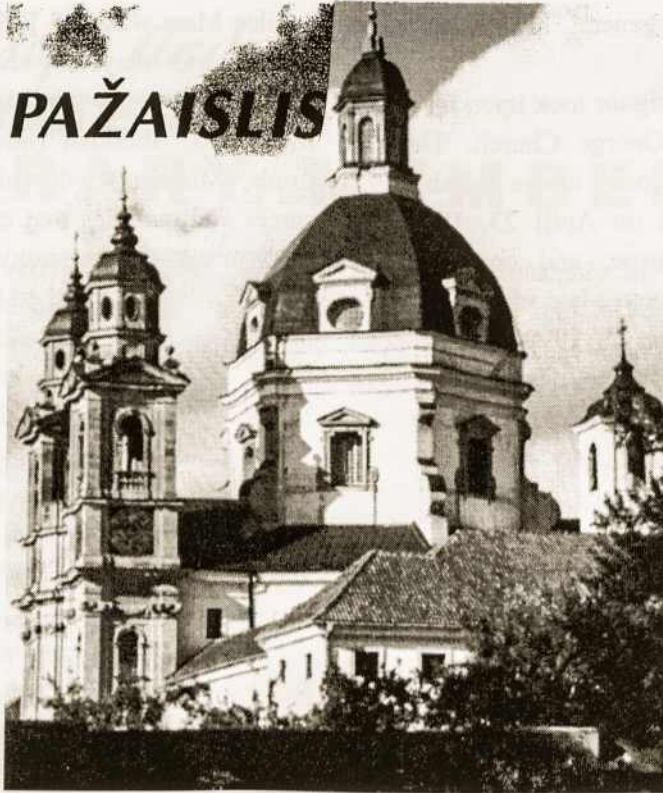
## Lithuania's Beloved

## PAŽAISLIS

On a high river bank of the Nemunas near Kaunas among the forests lies one of the most beautiful and interesting Lithuanian art monuments in the baroque style. Once a monastery and church of the Camaldolese priests, it was founded in 1664 by Lithuania's chancellor Christopher Zigmantas Pacas (1621-1684) and his wife Isabelle Eugenija de Mailly Lascaris.

This pious Lithuanian nobleman, after witnessing his homeland's hardships under Swedish and Russian occupations, and believing this to be God's punishment of the nation for its peoples' sins, founded a center for prayer and worship. Thus the monks could convince God through their prayers to forgive the nation and its people for their sins. Ideally suited for this purpose were the reclusive and contemplative Camaldolese monks. Christopher Pacas became acquainted with them in Italy, having visited Montis Coronae the Camaldolese monastery on several occasions as a student in the city of Perudzia. He was deeply influenced by the strict life of these recluses and became determined to find the same order in his native land. In 1662 Pacas received approval of his project from the Republic's senate, after earlier receiving the approval of Pope Alexander VII and the Camaldolese authorities.

To build the monastery and Church, Christopher Pacas invited architects and builders from Italy. According to legend, the first architect in Pažaislis was Ludovico Fredo, his work unfinished, joined the order and later died there.



## Baroque Monastery

In 1667 the cornerstone for the future church of the monastery was ceremoniously placed; soon to be called the Church of the Visitation of Mary. The building preceded laborously, since marble had to be transported along water routes from the surrounding area of Krakow, Poland. The actual building was completed in 1674 but the finishing touches took 40 to 50 years.

The church was decorated with the sculptures of Michael Wolschoid, originally from Germany, who settled in Vilnius. Works of gypsum for the church were provided by the masters of Lombard, Italy, directed by Giovanni Merii. The painters Del Bene, Michelangelo Palloni de Compa and Ferdinando della Croce painted the frescos and other paintings in the Church. Later, about 1686, Pietro Putini aided in the buildings, as did Pietro Rossi after the fire of 1755. The actual cost of the monastery and church is unknown although an estimated figure of 8 million Polish zlots has been cited as part of the cost. As legend tells, when Paca's received the total bill for the work, he threw it into the fire saying:

"What I gave to God, let God only know."

However, Christopher Pacas was unable to see the full glory and beauty of Pažaislis, for he died in 1684. In his will he requested to be buried in the crypt of the church at Pažaislis, next to his only son who died at a very young age.

Twelve Camaldolese monks were to live in separate rooms. It seems there were never more than that. The first members of this order came from Poland, but



according to the founder's wishes the first prior was a Lithuanian, Jerome Zigmantas Krasauskas.

The Pažaislis monastery, richly endowed by its founder, began to decline with the passing of time. In 1812, Napoleon's army plundered it, taking many of the church's riches, destroying the library and the archives, shattering and melting down its bells for ammunition. After the uprising against the Russian government in 1831 the monks of Pažaislis were charged with participation in the revolt.

Consequently in 1832 the monastery was closed, its wealth confiscated and the buildings themselves were given to pro Slavic monks from Russia.

The Russian monks repaired the monastery; they remodeled the church to look like a Russian Orthodox one, painted over some frescos, changed the Roman crosses into Russian crosses, and where the Camaldolese monks appeared in white robes, they painted the robes black. At the beginning of World War I, these monks fled back to Russia, taking with them the monasteries riches, archives, bells and some paintings. During the war, the Germans used it as a war hospital, vandalizing the church by tearing down its copper roof. In 1919, as they retreated, the Germans took with them all that they could. The plundered and abandoned Pažaislis monastery came into the possession of the Sisters of St. Casimir who, with the government's aid, repaired the monastery and church.

From the beginning the biggest treasure for the Church of Pažaislis was the miraculous painting of the Mother of God, which Christopher Pacas gifted to the church, upon receiving it from Pope Alexander VII in 1661. This painting, (depicted on this month's cover) which people called the Camaldolese Mother of God, quickly became famous and was especially adored by the nation's believers. Large amounts of people came to Pažaislis annually on July 2nd for the celebration of the Feast of the Visitation. When Pažaislis was in the hands



*Angels adorn the stucco of the dome of the Pažaislis capitula by Joanes Merli c. 1675*

of the pro-Slavic monks, they left the painting in place and allowed believers to pray in their traditional ways, seemingly to attract the people to orthodoxy.

When the Russian monks fled in 1914 to Russia, they also took the paintings of Pažaislis with them. It was only in the spring of 1928 that the Soviet Russian government, according to a treaty of 1920 returned the painting to Lithuania. It was renovated in Kaunas, repainted (unsuccessfully according to experts) and returned to its original place.

The formal journey of the painting from the Basilica of Kaunas to Pažaislis occurred May 17, 1928. The procession, including flags of churches, organizations and schools began its journey at 8 o'clock in the morning; it was headed by the archbishop-metropolitan of Kaunas. J. Skvireckas accompanied by the pealing of Kaunas' church bells, the music of orchestras, the echos of hymns, the procession proceeded through Kaunas towards Pažaislis. The painting was greeted along the way by decorated homes, prepared altars, gates built for the occasion. Indifferent to the heat, the long hard dusty road, the painting was escorted from Kaunas by a huge crowd of pilgrims.

After a 3 hour journey, the procession reached Pažaislis. Masses of locals arrived to greet the Pažaislis painting of the Mother of God, returned from Russian captivity. A temporary altar stood before the doors of the church, wherein students of the Ateitiniknu organization who had carried the painting on their shoulders throughout the journey, placed the painting upon the altar. Here the archbishop metropolitan held a pontifical Mass, during which the seminarian choir of Kaunas sang hymns. The mass was attended by members of the administration, and a representative of the Pope. The sermon was preached by a Marian priest Father P. Andziulis.

The painting of Mary is portrayed sitting with (☞ turn to page 11)

# KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.

## 1999 ESSAY CONTEST

Each year, the Knights of Lithuania Foundation asks K of L members to research a selected topic and write an essay on the topic. This project enables three lucky members to earn some prize money and all to share ideas with other members. This year, a contest is again being sponsored, but the actual topic is up to each entrant! We are asking you to use your creativity and write about some K of L activity close to your heart, to share some thoughts about the organization or their Lithuanian heritage or Lithuania itself.

For example, the essay may be a description of some special K of L or Lithuanian activity, or ideas of how to improve the organization, or impressions of what is going on in Lithuania, or thoughts of what your Lithuanian heritage means to you, or ... whatever your creative mind conjures up.

In short, we invite you to write an essay about:

something related to either **the Knights of Lithuania, your Lithuanian heritage, or Lithuania itself**, that is especially close to your heart.

Enter the Contest and share your thoughts. Rules are listed below.

**LENGTH:** 450 to 500 words (count all words).

**DEADLINE:** July 1, 1999. Essays received after this date will not be considered.

**ELIGIBILITY:** A contestant must be a Knights of Lithuania member (Honorary, Regular or Associate) in GOOD STANDING, OR a member of a Junior Council which is duly registered with the Supreme Council.

**CRITERIA:** Essays will be judged on content, originality, and ATTENTION TO CONTEST TOPIC. Correct grammar and neatness will also be considered in judging.

**MANUSCRIPT:** Must be typed or written legibly, double spaced. The FIRST PAGE should contain ONLY your name, address, council number, and the essay title. Succeeding pages should contain the essay contents but NOT your name. This is to assure anonymity in judging.

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## TWO WOMEN IN LITHUANIAN HISTORY

by Ed Baranauskas

### ANNE- PRINCESS OF LITHUANIA (1523-1576) QUEEN OF POLAND (1576- 1586)

Born in the royal palace of Cracow, Anne was the daughter of Sigismund the Old and his wife Bona Sforza, Duchess of Bari, Italy. Anne grew up with her four sisters (one of whom was by another mother), and brother Sigismund Augustus, who became the Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland after the death of his father. He was married three times, but, unfortunately, had no children. His death in 1572, ended the male ancestry of the Gediminas dynasty. Polish historians, on the other hand, refer to that period as the Jagiellonian dynasty.

Anne claimed the throne of Lithuania as her inheritance, and wanted the Lithuanians to proclaim her Grand Princess. The Poles, however, did not want the Lithuanians to elect a separate ruler. In 1573, the nobility chose Prince Henry of France as common king, but there were a number of conditions he had to agree to first, and one of them was that he had to marry Anne, which he promised to do.

He spent a short time in Poland, and returned home in secret after learning of the death of his brother Charles IX. Henry was crowned King of France in 1574, and apparently had second thoughts about marrying Anne, who was 28 years older than he was, for he was only 23 while she was 51.

Prince Stephen Bathory, governor of the eastern Hungarian province of Transylvania, age 43, was chosen to be the next King of Poland, and later the Grand Duke of Lithuania. He was offered the same conditions, and agreed to marry Anne. Their wedding and coronation took place in 1576. After Stephen died in 1586, Queen Anne did much to have Sigismund Vasa, the son of her sister, Queen Catherine of Sweden, to become Grand Prince of Lithuania and King of Poland.

Anne died in 1596, and was buried in the royal chapel of Wawel Castle in Cracow. She was the last of



the dynasty. Some historians called her Anne Jagiellonian, but to the Lithuanians she was known as Ona Jogailaitė.

### CATHERINE (1526-1583) PRINCESS OF LITHUANIA PRINCESS OF FINLAND QUEEN OF SWEDEN

She was known as Catherine Jagiellonian, but to Lithuanians she is Kotryna Jogailaitė. Her parents were King Sigismund the Old and Bona Sforza, Duchess of Bari, Italy. She grew up in a family with four sisters and one brother, Sigismund Augustus, who later became the Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland. When her father died in 1548 and her mother returned to Italy, she and her sister Anne lived at the palaces of their brother in Cracow and Vilnius. Both sisters remained unmarried for a long time.

When Ivan IV the Terrible, Czar of Muscovy, became widowed, he sent his envoys to see King Sigismund Augustus in the hope of marrying one of his sisters. The envoys chose Catherine, but the king postponed his consent to the marriage. Relations were established. In the meantime, with the Prince of Finland, John Vasa. He and Catherine were married in Vilnius on October 4, 1562.

When the newly married couple returned to Finland, John Vasa was taken prisoner by his brother, King Eric XIV of Sweden, who accused him of conspiring with Sigismund Augustus, against whom Sweden was fighting over Livonia.

Catherine refused to be separated from her husband, and spent four years in prison to be with him. Her daughter and son were born there, but her daughter died a year or two later. When the Swedish parliament removed Eric XIV from the throne because of insanity, her husband was proclaimed King John III Vasa in 1568, and Catherine was crowned Queen of Sweden. Her son, Sigismund Vasa, later became the Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland. Catherine died in Uppsala on September 16, 1583.



## Spiritual Advisors at Heavenly Rest

### Reverend Monsignor

**Frank Bulovas** ended his earthly journey on St. Joseph's feastday, March 19, 1999. He was born of Lithuanian parentage in the small hamlet of West Pullman which is located on the outskirts of Chicago, Illinois on April 21, 1916. When he and his sister Viola were of school age, their parents migrated East and settled in Brooklyn, New York. There Monsignor Frank attended Cathedral High School. His college years were spent at Marianapolis College in Thompson, Connecticut, where he graduated with a B.A. Degree in 1939. He attended Marian Hills Seminary in Clarendon Hills, Illinois and was Ordained to the Holy Priesthood on August 8, 1943.

He served as an Assistant Pastor in Our Lady of Miracles Parish, St. John the Evangelist Parish, and for the past 41 years at the Roman Catholic Church of the Transfiguration, Maspeth, New York and was Pastor for 19 of those years. Monsignor Frank was elevated to the rank of Monsignor on July 3, 1982.

Monsignor Frank was involved in Maspeth Community affairs, participating in the Memorial Day Parade and other functions. He was Chaplain for the Transfiguration Post No. 869, Catholic War Veterans, and the Ladies Auxiliary. He was the Catholic Chaplain for the United Veterans and Fraternal Organizations of Maspeth. He was the Spiritual Director for the Knights of Lithuania Council No. 110 and for the Great Neck Knights of Lithuania Council No. 109, and the Spiritual Moderator for the



*Rev. Monsignor  
Frank Bulovas*



*Monsignor Michael C. Ozalas*

Mid Atlantic Knights of Lithuania.

We prayerfully remember Monsignor's fifty-five years of serving our Lord so faithfully, and the many lives he touched through his service of the Lord. We will remember him as a dedicated priest and a loving and trusted friend.

### Monsignor Michael C.

**Ozalas**, 87, pastor emeritus of St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church, Scranton, and Spiritual advisor for C-74, died March 1 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, after an illness.

Monsignor Ozalas, son of the late Casimir and Antoinette Samuolis Ozalas, was born in Palmerton, PA on Dec. 19, 1911. His early education was in Sacred Heart Grammar School and Palmerton High School. He graduated from St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, and completed his studies for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD. He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. William J. Hafey, D.D., late Bishop of Scranton on June 3, 1939.

After ordination, his first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, Dunmore, PA. He served in a similar capacity at St. Casimir's, Pittston, and St. Joseph's, Scranton. During World War II from August 1943 to July 1946, he served as a chaplain in the Navy and obtained the rank of lieutenant. Upon leaving the service, he returned to St. Joseph's, at which time he was named to the faculty of the University of Scranton as a

professor of religion. His first pastorate was in October 1959 at SS. Peter and Paul Sugar Notch. In September 1962, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Duryea, and in September 1966, he was named pastor of St. Casimir's, Wilkes-Barre. In February 1969, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's, Scranton, where he remained until his appointment as pastor emeritus on

Sept 1 1987.

On Feb. 8, 1983, Monsignor Ozalas was named a Prelate of Honor by Pope John Paul II. He was also appointed a diocesan consultor in 1983.

Surviving are a sister, Pauline Nako, St. Louis, Mich.; nieces and nephews.



**Msgr. Michael Ozales**

Spiritual Advisor  
C-74, Scranton, PA  
March 1, 1999

**Msgr. Frank Bulovas**

Spiritual Advisor  
C-110, Maspeth  
March 19, 1999

**Dalia Bulvicius**

C-12, New York, NY  
March 30, 1999

**Victor Balanda**

C-36, Chicago, IL

**Walter Hotra**

C-79, Southfield, MI  
Feb. 25, 1999

## In Memoriam

**Joe Ysoris**

C-79, Southfield, MI

**William Dapkus**

C-79, Southfield, MI

**Albert Plant**

C-50, New Haven, CT  
Jan. 19, 1999

**Elsie Kupris**

C-29, Newark, NJ  
March 1, 1999

**Mary DiMarco**

C-19, Pittsburgh, PA  
Feb. 25, 1999

**George Karpus**

C-110, Maspeth, NY  
Oct. 24, 1998

**Frances Valonis**

C-110, Maspeth, NY  
June 1998

**Fred Daniel**

C-110, Maspeth

*Rest in Peace*

*Amžina Atilsj duok  
mirusiemš Viešpatie  
ir amžinoji šviesa  
tegujiemš šviečia,  
Amen.*



### Pažaislis

(☞ from page 6)

Jesus on her lap, her head gently tilted to the right and her face just touching Jesus' head. The babe's hands are placed on those of his mother.

The entire composition portrays gentleness, peace and tranquility. The painting is surrounded by a wreath of flowers similar to those that appear in Daniel Seghers' and Ruben's paintings, (according to Dr. H. Kairiukstyte-Jacyniene.) She also confirms that the composition of the painting's figures reminds one of

Madonna portrayals influenced by the ancient Byzantine style; however the style is similar to no other Italian painter except Daniel Seghers (1591-1661) of Antwerp who was famous for his paintings of flowers and lived in Italy. If this is accurate, the painting traveled from Flanders to Pope Alexander III to Christopher Pacas Pažaislis.

Also famous in Pažaislis is a painting of the Visitation, a copy of the famous artist Mariotti Albertinell. (1474-1515) the original is in the Uffizii Museum in Florence.

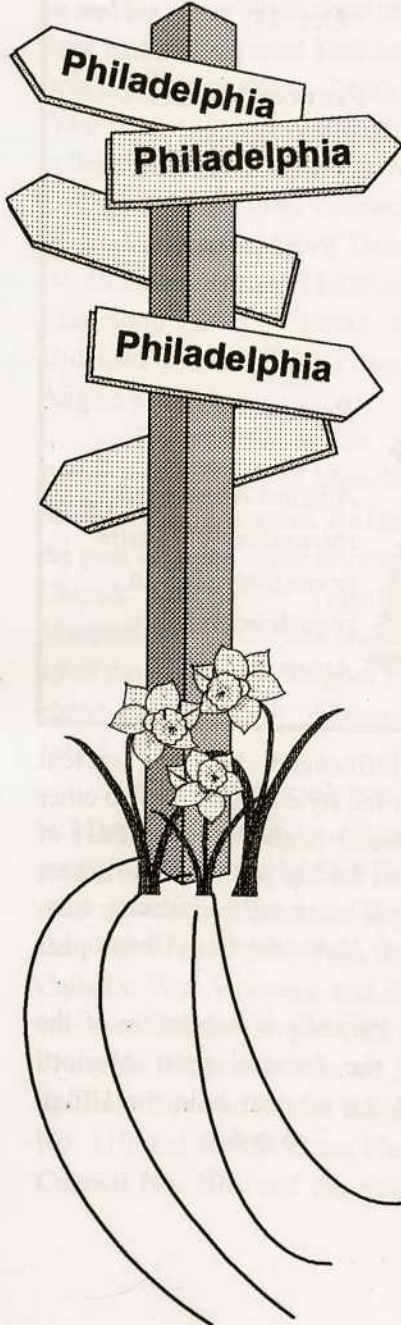




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## Lithuanians in the news

*Valio, Sr. Helen!*

*Our own Sr. Helen Ivanauskas, CJC, C-1 member and head of Lithuanian Children's Relief, recently received "My Brother's Keeper" the Life in Christ Award for all her years of outstanding humanitarianism..*



### The Closing of Ignalina Lithuania's Nuclear Power Plant

On March 17, the head of the European Commission's (EC) delegation to Lithuania told journalists that Lithuania would not be invited to join the European Union unless it agrees to an early closure of the Ignalina nuclear power plant. Earlier this year, the EC proposed that Lithuania create a joint group of experts to evaluate the expenses needed to close Ignalina, an expense Lithuanians say would cost \$2.2 billion in addition to \$4 billion in lost revenue. The Lithuanians annual budget is less than \$2 billion and President Valdas Adamkus stated "The closure of Ignalina would ruin the Lithuanian economy."

Although the EC claims the closure of the plant would be for safety reasons and compares the Soviet built power plant to Chernobyl, Vilnius officials say the plant is no more dangerous than other nuclear power plants in Europe or America. In addition, foreign experts from Sweden and America have already judged the plant to be safe.

Lithuanian government Chancellor Kestutis Cilinskas said he suspects the EC's anti-Ignalina tendencies have more to do with fears that Western European energy producers dislike cheap competition

from Lithuania. Lithuania supplies most of her own energy from Ignalina and sells off excess energy from this plant to neighboring Latvia and Belarus. Cilinskas further states that he does not buy the EC's argument that Ignalina's "Chernobyl-style" reactor poses an environmental threat.

"The nuclear station is necessary for Lithuania. It is not worth surrendering it to international blackmail," said Pres. Adamkus. "Instead we are in favor of the creation of a joint group for estimating the safety of Ignalina."

Other Lithuanian lawmakers say that closing Ignalina early would not only be expensive, but also would be an ecological disaster. Without the plant, Lithuania would lose the cleanest possible way to produce energy.

Local experts have proposed two possible scenarios for eventual closure, either of which must be approved by Parliament. The first calls for shutdown of the first reactor in 2005 and the second in 2010. The second proposal seeks to give each reactor an additional 15 years of life.

If Lithuania decides to close the plant sooner, the EU would have to pay for most of the bill, according to Lithuanian members of Parliament.

*by R. Tracevskis from the Baltic Times 3/25-31/99.*

CHICAGO, ILL - A representative of Governor George H. Ryan presented a letter of welcome and gifts from the Governor to the Sarunas Marciulionis basketball team from the School of Basketball from Vilnius, Lithuania. Pat Michalski, (center) Assistant to the Governor for Ethnic Affairs made the presentation.



### Sarunas Marciulioilis Background

Sarunas Marciulionis was born June 13, 1964. He started school at the age of six and went in for tennis at about the same time. At the age of nine, Sarunas began to play basketball. His first coach was Jurij Fiodorov. A year and a half later Sarunas played basketball trained by another coach. Onute Butautiene.

In 1980-1981 he studied and trained together with the Lithuanian youth team at Panevežys Basketball School. His coach there was Raimondas Sargunas. In 1981, Sarunas finished school and entered Vilnius University where he studied journalism. At the same time he was one of the Statyba team players. He made his debut in the Premier League in 1982. In 1983 he became a candidate for the USSR team. Sarunas was elected captain of the Statyba team. In 1989 his career as one of the NBA Golden Warriors team players began. In 1992 his contract was extended to another five years. In 1994/95 Sarunas played for Seattle SuperSonics. Since 1995 Sarunas has been one of the Sacramento Kings. In 1992 Sarunas played for the Lithuanian national team in the Qualifying Tournament for the Olympics and the European championship in Greece in 1995. In 1996 Sarunas Marciulionis played in the Olympics in Atlanta.

Sarunas Marciulionis is Bearer of the Orders of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas and is a Cavalier of the Badge of Honour.

### The Baltics or the Balkans?

Traditionally, Americans have never been too up on their history or geography. Therefore, it's possible that NATO's latest war in Yugoslavia might have unintended consequences for the Baltic states (never mind

those in Serbia getting in the way of missiles straying from "military targets").

The Independent in Britain wrote, humorously, that most Americans probably mistook Kosovo for a filling station. That's not too far off the mark.

Here's bit of the briefing before Bill Clinton's televised address to Americans explaining the NATO bombardment:

Aide: Okay, Mr. President, we think it would be more convincing to explain to the people exactly where Kosovo is. So we've designed a specialized map of the region for you, and suggest that you use this pointer here to point out the area during the address.

Clinton: Fine with me. Let's see here - (takes the pointer and taps a coordinate on the map.)

Aide: No, Mr. President, that's Switzerland. You need to go a little further to the southeast, towards Greece. (Clinton moves the pointer somewhat southeast.) No, Mr. President, that's Slovenia.

Clinton (laughing): Knew I was getting close to those Baltics.

Aide: Umm, excuse me, Mr. President, but, uh, that's Balkans.

Clinton (frustrated): Couldn't we have Tony Blair give this presentation instead? He's got a better grasp of this whole situation than I do. Besides, his country's got more Algerians living in it than we do. Ain't that right?

Aide: That's Albanians, Mr. President.

Lithuania better watch the skies, just in case.

(Courtesy - The Baltic Times 4/99)

**Did You Know?** The Vilnius Town Wall is listed as one of the world's most endangered sites by the World Monuments Fund.



## Priest marked 50th in Amsterdam

Rev. Joseph Grabys celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination during a return visit to St. Casimir's Church in Amsterdam beginning March 14. He is currently at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Conn.

A native of Lithuania, Father Grabys was ordained on March 12, 1949. He came to the Albany Diocese in 1954, serving as a chaplain at the Dominican Retreat House in Schenectady and at the Provincial House of the Sisters of the Resurrection in Castleton. As an associate pastor and administrator, he was stationed in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,



*Rev. Joseph Grabys*

Schenectady; Sacred Heart, Sidney; St. Mane's, Cohoes; Sacred Heart, Stamford; and St. Joseph's, Schenectady. He was also an auditor with the diocesan Tribunal.

After teaching theology at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, he was named pastor of St. Joseph's, Scotia; St. Brigid's, Watervliet (where he served for 20 years); and St. Casimir's.

St. Casimir's Church hosted his Jubilee Mass on March 21 with a reception and dinner that followed. (Fr. Grabys had been

the spiritual advisor for C-100.)

*from the Evangelist, Mar. 11, 1999*

## TRIVIA QUIZ

by Ed Shakalis

1. The Russian composer Rimsky-Korsakov, Nikolai Andrevich (1844-1908) is best known for his most famous symphonic suite "Scheherazade" that is based on material from "The Arabian Nights".

WHO WERE HIS DESCENDANTS?

a). A LITHUANIAN FAMILY. b). THE GOD JUPITER. c). POMPEY THE GREAT.

2. On July 15, 1410 a decisive battle, one of the biggest in the history of the Middle Ages, permanently weakened the Teutonic Order. The two opposing armies met outside the village of Grunwald (also known as Tannenberg). On one side were the Teutonic Knights, with Western European mercenaries and on the other side were the Lithuanian-Polish-Ruthenian army supported by Czech and vassal Tartar contingents.

How many Teutonic Knights including western European mercenaries were killed at the "Battle of Tannenberg-Grunwald"?

a). 8,000 b). 20,000 c). 600

1. Before you answer, I suggest you read the following: In Anatol Lieven's book *The Baltic Revolution*, (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the Path to

Independence), he wrote the following footnote:

"The transformation of the Lithuanian pagan heritage into a more modern form began with the Renaissance. Chroniclers looking for words to describe Lithuanian pagan spirits, naturally turned to classical antiquity and came up with names like dryad - After the Lithuanian union with Poland, Lithuanian noble families, seeking to catch up with the Poniatowskis and dignify the paganism of their recent past, began to claim that their paganism was of classical origin and that they themselves were descendants of the ancient Romans. I myself had an amusing taste of this in a conversation with a woman from the Rimsky-Korsakov family in St. Petersburg. The Korsakovs were a Lithuanian family who accompanied a fifteenth century Lithuanian princess to Moscow to marry a Russian prince, and themselves became Russian nobles. They later successfully petitioned the Tsar to add Rimsky to their name to denote their Roman origin. I enquired about this: Well, Tatiana Vladimirovna said, family legend has it that we are descended from the god Jupiter, but this is not true of course. I nodded sympathetically. Then she continued. But what does appear to be the case is that we are in fact descended from Pompey the Great."

(☞ For the answers, see inside back cover.)



## *Aid To Lithuanian Seminarians*



The inauguration of the newly built St. Joseph's Provincial Seminary in Vilnius on Sept. 14, 1998 (top and middle photos) Seminarians with Archbishop Backis, Rector Dr. Hans Friedrich-Fischer and Spiritual Director, Fr. Renaud Marie Desplanques (top left); at the dining hall (middle left) and in the classroom with Bishop Boruta (bottom left).

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(top right) Seminarians and Rector in front of St. Joseph Provincial Seminary in Vilnius in 1998; (middle right) some of the young men at prayer: seminarians A. Peskaitis, V. Vaisvilas, G. Bogdevic, T. Jasinski and A. Dainoravicius; (bottom right) the seminary's library. Aid to Lithuania, Inc. offers an ongoing program to support these young men financially in their religious training.

*The Lithuanian Gardener**A Rose Is A Rose -**by Frank Petrauskas*

The rose is the queen of all flowers. Most everybody loves roses. With this piece I'm going to give you information on how to grow them and how to care for them. It is rather simple if you follow a few basic rules. First and most important is location. Next is the condition of the soil and last is the quality of the plant.

Just as location is important for a business so is location important for a rose bed. It is best to grow them in three quarter sun to full sun. If the three quarter sun were morning to mid afternoon sun then that would be better than just afternoon sun. Also don't grow them near or under trees as tree roots can be especially troublesome. Roses cannot compete well with many perennials so don't grow them together. Roses will do well if grown by themselves in a well prepared bed. Good drainage is absolutely necessary. Very few plants love wet feet.

A good garden site is an area where you will get gentle breezes and good drainage. The breezes are necessary to clear out the dangerous frost pockets. However too strong breezes will dry out exposed rose stems and whip long canes resulting in the loosening of the plants roots. Too often this brings about a dead plant come Spring. For this reason a good rose bed will be open but not fully exposed. Adequate windbreaks may be provided by a fence, a hedgerow or sturdy evergreens.

A raised bed or a slightly sloped bed is usually sufficient as far as good drainage is concerned. I'm not in favor of underground piping for watering and for drainage because the homeowner will more likely over water than under water. This will result in a soggy root system which is known as "wet feet" and it's a sure way to kill the plant.

Now lets go into soils and soil preparation. Roses grow best in PH range of 6.0 to 7.0 which is slightly acid. Roses can be grown in most any type

of soil but they do best in a heavier clay type soil with an abundance of organic matter incorporated into the soil.

Excellent organic matter is well-rotted cow manure, ground peat moss, dried manure and compost made from decayed leaves. To help the plants grow strong roots, phosphorous compounds should also be mixed into the soil. I like 20 per cent superphosphate, applied at a rate of 3 or 4 pounds per 100 square feet of garden area.

Our next step is to outline the boundaries of our bed. I would re-recommend a width of no more than 5 feet so as you can work from both sides easily. If you want a wider bed then you would need a foot path down the middle. Make sure the location is the best for your yard. As I said before location is most important and soil preparation is next in importance.

Rose roots penetrate deeply into the soil, and for that reason it is necessary to prepare the soil more deeply. If grass is growing on your bed area first take off the sod and set it aside. Next spread a liberal amount of organic additives over the bed and take a rototiller and till it in deeply. Spread another liberal amount of organic material over the bed and till that in going in 4 different directions. It is most important to till deeply to at least 18 inches.

We have settled on the location of the bed and we have prepared the bed for planting. Now we must shop for the roses. There are 4 standard types of rose bushes. They are the climber, the hybrid tea and grandiflora, the floribunda and the



polyantha. The climber is the large rose which we see on fences, trellises, and sides of buildings. They usually have a large mass of blooms. The hybrid tea and grandiflora are the ones which most rose lovers grow. They have the large blossoms with a beautiful fragrance and they are adapted to bed culture. The flori-bunda is a hardy rose and a bit smaller than the tea rose. It's blossom is smaller but they grow in bunches so you have quite a bit of color throughout the blossom period. Some will bloom from June until frost. The polyantha is the smallest of all roses. It is very hardy. It will survive most winters unprotected. It will continuously produce large clusters of small blooms. They blossom on both the old canes and the new canes.

Now what roses should I purchase? To assure yourself of the best plants, deal with a reputable dealer and look on the labels for the quality-grade markings established by the American Association of Nurserymen. That's my old organization. The best plants of each variety are rated Number 1, while lesser plants are graded Number 1 1/2 or Number 2. The roots and canes of Number 1 roses will be bigger, better developed and more numerous than those of lower rated plants.

As to what variety to purchase, I would stay with those varieties that do well in your area. Your dealer will give you a list of the best roses for your area. There are a number of roses whose patent has expired so they will be less expensive than the patented roses.

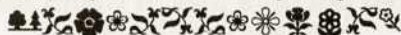
Today most roses come in containers so they can be planted at any time during the year. A good rule of thumb would be to soak them good with water while they are still in the container. Then you know the roots will be well watered. Next take your container plants and set them on top of your planting bed in whatever planting design you desire. Remember to keep them at least 3 feet apart. They must have room to grow and spread. Climbing roses should be planted, at least 6 feet apart.

In planting mark the spot of the first container, set it aside and dig the hole in the spot marked. Always dig the hole a little larger than the plant and container. Remove the plant from the

container and set it in the hole. The bud union which is the knucklelike knot of wood on the main stem, should be level with the top of the hole. You may have to add some soil under the plant to bring it up to the proper height. If you have any sod to get rid of you can use some for backfill. Break it up into small pieces and mix it with your back fill soil. Also mix in a liberal amount of manure or fertilizer with the back fill. Fill the hole to about three quarters full with soil and the rest of the way with water. If the water soaks in quickly then give it another shot of water. Fill the rest of the soil. Now you have the first rose planted. Follow this procedure with the others and before long you will have them all planted. After planting place a mulch on top of the bed. Mulch is important to hold in moisture, to hold down weeds and to make a more attractive appearance.

The care of roses is not difficult if you keep after it. Keep the beds free of weeds. Prune any dead or broken canes. Trim off the dead blossoms. Water the roses if you have a dry period. Spray or dust for insects or diseases. Your Garden Center should have a number of spray and dust products and information on how to use them. The most common diseases are blackspot and powdery mildew and the most common insect is aphids.

Pruning roses is rather simple. In late Fall I cut them back about half way. Then in the Spring I cut them back further to the green wood. Good luck and I hope you have many fragrant blooms.



#### Smiles Without Wrinkles

The phone rings at KGB headquarters.

"I'm calling to report my neighbor Yankel Rabinovitz as an enemy of the State. He is hiding undeclared diamonds in his firewood."

"This will be noted."

Next day, the KGB goons come over to Rabinovitz's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept, break every piece of wood, find no diamonds, swear at Yankel Rabinovitz and leave.

The phone rings at Rabinovitz's house.

"Hello, Yankel! Did the KGB come?"

"Yes."

"Did they chop your firewood?"

"Yes, they did."

"Okay, now it's your turn to call. I need my vegetable patch plowed."

*-submitted by E. Budelis (via email)*

## HAPPY CAMP

By Dana Grajauskas

This summer, the beautiful forest and hills of Vermont will be filled with the voices of hundreds of children and young families singing the Lithuanian Birthday song "Ilgiausią Metų" as Camp Neringa celebrates her 30th Birthday!

The joyful and playful Lithuanian birthday song will be sung thanks to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Thirty years ago, the Sisters founded Camp Neringa in Marlboro, Vermont for children and families of Lithuanian heritage. The Sisters established Neringa from a wealth of camping experience, having organized summer camps for Lithuanian girls at their convent in Putnam, Connecticut since 1944. The move to Vermont expanded the camping program to include sessions for boys, session for families and sessions in English.

### Children put on a play at Camp Neringa (photos by L. Kulbis)



**Neringa Campers**

## 30TH BIRTHDAY NERINGA!

The expanded camping program has flourished over the past 30 years and is still alive and vibrant today! Each summer hundreds of children and families experience Lithuanian traditions, learn Lithuanian songs and dances, recreate historical dramas and create Lithuanian folk art while enjoying the fun, exuberance and personal growth that camping in Vermont provides.

The campers themselves best explain the experience of Camp Neringa:

"I like to learn about Lithuanian history. We play interesting games which teach us a lot about Lithuania's past." Gintaras, age 12

"I like the bonfires, we can sing, dance and watch the kids perform skits" Aura, age 9

"The family weekend helps us to remember what is really important in life" Mary Beth, a Neringa mom.

"Neringa will always have a special place in my heart and mind. I hope I never loss touch with some of the phenomenal people I've met here" Nick, age 16

Be a part of the Neringa summer! Encourage your friends and relatives to experience what Neringa has to offer and to provide to for their children and grandchildren. The Lithuanian camping experience is one of the best ways to learn about our Lithuanian heritage. The knowledge, personal growth and friendships made at camp are a treasure which camp alumni carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Celebrate Neringa's 30th Birthday by coming to camp this year. Camps in English include a session for children 7-16 years old from August 8-21 and a family camp for families with small children from August 21-24. For more information regarding these sessions, or sessions in Lithuanian please contact Dana Grajauskaite 617-923-4583 or [neringai@yahoo.com](mailto:neringai@yahoo.com)

Fr. Dan's

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

by Fr. Dan Yenkevich

## CHICKEN - VEGETABLE SOUP

4 tsp olive oil  
 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves cut into bite-size pieces  
 3 cups chopped green, red, and/or yellow bell peppers  
 1 cup onions, chopped  
 4 garlic cloves, minced  
 2 (10 1/2 oz.) cans chicken broth  
 1 (15 oz.) can whole kernel sweet corn  
 1 (14 oz.) can diced tomatoes, undrained  
 1 tsp, dried thyme leaves  
 1/2 cup fresh parsley

1) Spray Dutch oven with nonstick cooking spray. Add 2 tsp. of the oil; place over medium heat. Add chicken; cook 2 or 3 minutes or until no longer pink. Remove chicken from Dutch oven; set aside.

2) Add remaining 2 tsp oil to Dutch oven. Increase heat to medium high. Add bell peppers, onions and garlic; cook 4 minutes or until onions are tender, stirring frequently.

3) Add broth, corn, tomatoes, thyme and chicken; mix gently. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Stir in parsley. Enjoy!

## CHICKEN WITH TARRAGON - MUSTARD SAUCE

4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves  
 1/2 tsp paprika  
 1/4 cup non-fat sour cream  
 1/4 cup Dijon mustard  
 1/4 cup skim milk

1 1/2 tsp chopped fresh tarragon or  
 1/2 tsp dried tarragon leaves  
 1 Tbsp olive oil  
 2 tsp fresh lemon juice  
 1/8 tsp pepper  
 Additional chopped fresh tarragon

1) Line broiler pan with foil; spray foil with non-stick cooking spray. Place chicken on foil; sprinkle with paprika. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat for 8 to 10 minutes or until chicken is fork tender and juices run clear, turning once.

2) Meanwhile in a saucepan combine all remaining ingredients except pepper and additional tarragon; blend until smooth. Heat over medium -low heat until thoroughly heated.

3) Place chicken on serving plate, sprinkle with pepper. Spoon sauce evenly over chicken. Sprinkle with tarragon. If desired, serve with lemon,

## BARBECUED SHORT RIBS

1 cup tomato juice 1 tsp salt  
 1/2 tsp pepper  
 2 cloves minced garlic  
 1 1/2 tsp dry mustard  
 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce  
 1 tsp brown sugar  
 1/2 cup red wine  
 3 lbs short ribs

Combine all ingredients except ribs and mix well. Add the ribs and let stand in the refrigerator overnight. Remove ribs, and drain. Place on a hot grill and cook over hot coals for about 30 minutes. Turn and baste frequently with the marinating sauce. Makes about 6 servings.

## POT ROAST OF BEEF

3 lbs chuck or round of beef  
 1 Tbsp fat  
 1 cup water  
 1 cup red wine  
 1 1/2 tsp salt  
 4 peppercorns  
 6 medium potatoes  
 6 medium carrots  
 6 to 8 small onions  
 1/2 lb whole mushrooms, cleaned

Brown beef on all sides in hot fat in a heavy Dutch oven. Add water, wine, salt and peppercorns. Cover tightly and move to low to medium heat and simmer about 2 hours. Add remaining ingredients and simmer about 45 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Makes 6 servings.

## TOMATO SOUP CAKE

2 cups flour  
 1 1/3 cups sugar  
 4 tsp baking powder  
 1 tsp baking soda  
 1 tsp cinnamon  
 1/2 tsp ground cloves  
 1 can condensed tomato soup  
 1/2 cup shortening  
 2 eggs  
 1/4 cup water  
 1 cup chopped nuts  
 1 cup raisins (optional)

Mix dry ingredients in large bowl, add tomato soup and shortening. Beat at low speed to medium speed for 2 minutes. Add eggs and water, Beat 2 minutes more. Add nuts and raisins. Bake in greased and floured 13 x 9 x 2 pan at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes. Frost with white frosting.

Mid-America District hosts

## 39th Annual Memories of Lithuania Banquet

by Ellie Kasputis

On Sunday, February 7, 1999, the Mid-America District sponsored its 39th Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet. A crowd of over three hundred and fifty members and guests filled the Grand Ballroom of the Martinique Restaurant, in Evergreen Park, IL.

This year the MAMD honored the Chicago Lithuanian Cultural School for its dedication and commitment to training the Lithuanian youth of the Chicago area in their ancestral language, traditions and customs. After the cocktail hour, C-24 member Bruce Neberieza, announced the Grand March.

Honored guests included: Mrs. Jurate Doviliene, Directress of the school, her husband, Brunonas, banquet co-chairs, Ausra Padalino, Algerd Brazis, H.M., and Robert A. Martin, Jr., MAMD Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, who served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Consul and Mrs. Giedrus Apuokas, Mrs. Julie Zakarka, Scholarship Committee Chair, Rev. Victoras Rimselis, Spiritual



*Knights of Lithuania Dancers entertain at Memories Banquet on Feb. 7, 1999*

Advisor C-24, and Rev. Rimas Gudelis, Spiritual Advisor C-112.

After the Invocation given by Rev. Gudelis, the singing of the Lithuanian and American Anthems, led by our very own Al Brazis, and opening remarks from our co-chair, Ausra Padalino, C- 24, everyone dined on their choice of a wonderful Prime Rib or Boston

Baked Scrod dinner. As dinner was concluding with Baked Alaska, everyone was treated to a wonderful performance by the Knights of Lithuania Dancers, under the leadership of Frank Zapolis, C- 36.

However, true to form the entertainment was only just beginning. The Strolia Family Quartet was next. Under the direction of Faustas Strolia, H.M., C-157, he, two of his sons, Paul C-157 and Thomas C-157 and his brother Herkulis performed a memorable concert of Classical and

Lithuanian music. As always these memorable presentations are to short and the evening continued. Fr. Zak kept the evening moving with his great wit and demeanor.



*Strolia Family Quartet: Herkulis, Faustas, Paul and Thomas Strolia*

District President, Robert A. Martin, Jr. C-16, presented the greet-



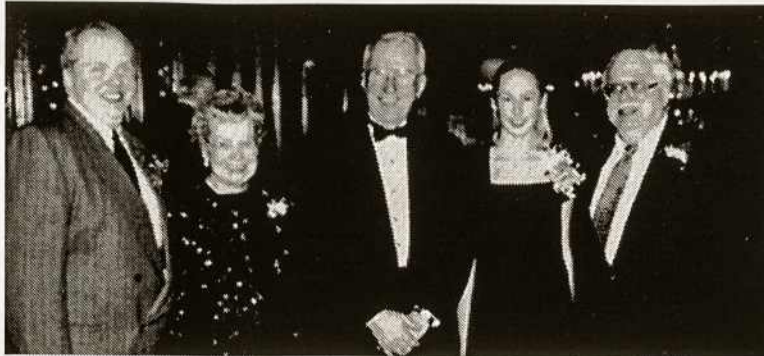
ings to the Knights of Lithuania, which had been received. First, was a greeting in person from Consul Apuokas, followed by those in writing from Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago, Gov. George Ryan of Illinois and Judy Barr Tompeka, Treasurer of the State of Illinois.

Next, we were on to our district Scholarship presentation. Julie Zakarka, C-112, Scholarship Committee Chair, and committee member, Al Mockus, C-112, presented the Eleanor Laurin Memorial 1999 Scholarship C-112 Recipient Andrea Deksnis (2nd from right) with Scholarship committee members (not in photo, C-24 Recipient Natalia Padalino) to two worthy young ladies, Natalia Padalino, C-24, and Andrea Deksnis, C-112.

The highlight of the evening was upon us, and our President, Rob Martin, presented the 1999 Mid-America District Award of Distinction. Jurate Doviliene, School Directress, accepted on behalf of the school. Through the generosity of the



*1999 Memories of Lithuania  
Banquet Committee*



*1999 Scholarship C-112 Recipient Andrea Deksnis (2nd from right) with  
Scholarship committee members (not in photo, C-24 Recipient Natalia Padalino)*



*1999 Award of District recipient Chicago Lithuanian  
Cultural School, accepted by directress, Jurate Doviliene  
(center with award) with (l to r) Frank Zapolis, Austra  
Padalino, Algerd Brazis, Robert Martin, Jr., Edita  
Apuokas, Consul Apuokas and Brunonas Dovilas*

MAMD Institute, a matching gift program was offered for the benefit of the school. The evening was a great success with over ten thousand dollars being raised for the schools continued success. After closing remarks from Robert Martin, Jr. and Benediction by Rev. Rimselis, everyone danced the night away to the Bamiskis Orchestra.

Special thanks to our chairs, Algerd Brazis, who worked diligently and tirelessly even though he is still recovering from a terrible accident last fall which has him wheelchair bound, Robert Martin, Jr., for his support and guidance, Austra Padalino, who once again did our organization proud with her professionalism, organization and leadership, and most especially all our committee members, who's hard work produced one of our most successful banquets. Ačiū Labai! ❖❖❖

**Smiles Without Wrinkles**  
-Yardwork's a real pain in the grass!

-If you don't have anything nice to say, sit next to me.  
-Of course I don't look busy-- I did it right the first time.  
-Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups. - **L. Galinskas**

**C-79 - Southfield, MI**

# District & Council News

**Notice to all C-News correspondents:** Due to the untimely death of our beloved C-news editor, Dalia Bulvicius, some of you may find that your council news this month may be missing. I am very sorry for that, since this issue was in progress when Dalia died and some of the copy was not retrieved. Please feel free to resubmit it and continue to send council news to: VYTIS editor, P.O. Box 1934, Grand Central Station, NY 10163. Please do not send copy to Dalia's home address. To insure timely placement, try to have your news typewritten and double-spaced, with all Lithuanian characters properly marked. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you or your council. -M. Abbott

## C-7, Waterbury, CT

### *Florence Morkus*

#### *Special Memorial to Anna Kaslas*

A memorial service for Anna Kaslas, a world-class contralto with roots in Hartford, CT was held on March 19 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartford. The holy mass was celebrated by Rev. John Conte and Rev. Joseph Matutis.

Miss Kaslas had died March 19, 1998 at the age of 91. She had begun her singing career in Hartford as a member of Holy Trinity Church choir and rose to international stature with the Metropolitan Opera, performing in such works as "Il Trovatore", "Rigoletto" and "Cavalleria Rusticana". As a soloist, she sang with symphony orchestras all over the nation. She returned often to Hartford to perform at the Bushnell Memorial and to sing at Holy Trinity and St. Joseph's Cathedral with a professional associate, Henry O'Connell.

In her early days as a student, Miss Kaslas, who was

proud of her Lithuanian heritage, won a two year scholarship to the Hartford Conservatory of Music. Her singing so impressed Msgr. John J. Ambot, pastor of Holy Trinity Church that he informed the then Lithuanian President, Antanas Smetona of her voice.

It was then that President Smetona decided to sponsor and subsidize her voice training in Lithuania and made it possible for her debut at the Lithuanian Government Opera House in Kaunas. Miss Kaslas also studied in Italy at LaScala and at the Julliard School of Music in New York City.

After her career with the Met, she went on to teach at the University of Indiana School of Music and the Eastern Conservatory in Rochester, NY. Miss Kaslas, once known as the "Songbird of Hartford" has a chrysanthemum named in her honor in 1936 by the Chrysanthemum society of America.

Among the many friends

who attended the memorial were her son, Anthony Lokot, Jr. from Pittsford, NY, her niece Loretta and husband, Dr. Richard Reece of Old Saybrook, CT and her professional associate, Henry O'Connell. Gene Ziurys, Parish Council Chairman, invited all for refreshments in the church hall following the service.

## C-17, South Boston, MA *Balandis*

Our annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast started off with a concelebrated Mass by Monsignor Al Contons and Father Steve Zukas. Fr. Zukas was the guest speaker at the Communion Breakfast. It was good to see Fr. Baltrashunas who was able to attend. We are grateful to Pres. Al Akule who headed the committee which included his wife Pat, Joe and Ann White, Al and Aldona Kropas, Larry Svelnis and others who worked. The beautiful flowers were donated by Ann Norinkavich IMO husband John and also Brenda Waychack IMO her aunt. A splendid portrait of St. Casimir in all his glory, that is permanently displayed over the tabernacle in the Vilnius cathedral, was brought from Lithuania and presented by Fr. Zukas.

Grandparents Joe and Betty Balaconis announced new additions to their family. Their daughter Doris (former Junior K of L'er) and husband are the proud but busy parents of twins,



*The So. Boston Quintet with Daiva Navickas, their leader and director at Lithuanian Independence Celebration, C-10 Athol's St. Francis Church, Feb 1999.*

John and Nicole. Great-Grandparents Vincent and Frances Zerveske's newest great-grandchild, is Baby Girl Eden Rose. They had an exciting trip to see their daughter in Oklahoma when Vincent landed in the hospital. All are doing well now. Congratulations!

Member Mary Ann Doherty had total hip replacement surgery, but is now recuperating back home in Wakefield. We wish you well. Also, best wishes for your health to Rita Uzdavinis. Frances Savicke is now a resident at the Marian Manor. We miss our former smiling and cheerful secretary. We wish to express our sympathy to Aldona Keaney on the passing away of her brother Francis.

Mr. Bill Olevitz who represents St. Peter's Church in the South Boston Youth Ministry, worked with Father Steve Zukas in hosting a very successful Youth Mass in February. Several K of L members helped serve the refreshments of pizza, and this

was a big hit.

C-17 South Boston and C-27 Norwood were hosts in January to hearing of the successful completion and the publishing of historian, Fr. Bill Wolkovich's trilogy, "Lithuanian Religious Life in America". Then C-17 voted unanimously to purchase the trilogy. The program also included both an exhibition of the author's publications and video excerpts of his activities.

Larry Svelnis, Chairman of the Archives Committee related that Ruth Krecioh, his committee member is now in Lithuania for 2 months, and should be of great help and resource for his committee when she returns.

Our busy and active vice-president Frank Markuns and wife Virginia are vacationing and visiting relatives in Florida.

C-17 looks forward to active participation at our neighboring Norwood C-27 NED spring convention, Iki pasimatymo!

## C-19

### **Casimir's Fair finds home on Pittsburgh's South Side** *Len Barcoucky*

While morning snow squalls cut down the crowd, a traditional Kaziuko Muge, or Casimir's Fair, drew about 40 people to the Prince of Peace activities center. The combination prayer service, luncheon and festival was held March 6 on Pittsburgh's South Side.

The annual event honors St. Casimir, the patron saint of Lithuania. It attracted many members of Pittsburgh Council 19 of the Knights of Lithuania, Prince of Peace parish and the Lithuanian Citizens Society of Western Pennsylvania. Connie Zatek, events coordinator for Prince of Peace, organized the event. She was assisted by her husband, Paul, and daughters, Ondrejana and Danitza.

The program began with prayers led by the Rev. David Kriss, pastor of Our Lady of the Valley in Donora and a "son" of Prince of Peace parish, and the Rev. Francis Plantés, spiritual advisor to the Pittsburgh council of the Knights of Lithuania. Recorded music for the service, which included the traditional hymns "Jezau Kristau Maloniausis" and "Marija, Marija," was provided by the Prince of Peace Unity Choir, directed by Jeri Walters.

Rita Johnson, Rob Medonis, Alice Lewellen and Zeno Yokshas, all members of Council 19, and my daughter, Sarah Barcoucky, presented the traditional symbols of St.



***C-19's The Kaziuko Muge, or Casimir's Fair, included prayers and the presentation of objects linked to the life of St. Casimir, the patron saint of Lithuania. Those taking part included, front row, from left, K. of L. members Alice Lewellen, Peter Barcoucky, the Rev. Francis Plantas; back row, Rob Medonis, Len Barcoucky, Zeno Yokshas and Agatha Bender. Connie Miskis Zatek, in costume, served as chairwoman for the annual event.***

Casimir. They included a picture of the saint, representing his love for God and the people of Lithuania; a lily, representing purity; a cross, representing his loyalty to the church; a gold crown, representing his royal blood; and a crown of thorns, representing his sense of justice and sympathy for the poor.

Rob Medonis, who taught English last year at the University of Šiauliai, talked about folk art in traditional and contemporary Lithuania. While interest in folk arts is waning somewhat in Europe, it appears to be rising in the United States, he said.

It would not have been a Kaziuko Muge without "verbos" — sticks of dried flowers and grasses braided together — and "muginukas" — heart-shaped honey and ginger cookies decorated with traditional

cream.

Frank Miskis displayed his collection of Lithuania postage stamps and first day covers. His collection includes the earliest examples of Lithuanian stamps, used during the German occupation during World War I, as well as brand-new issues.

### **C-26, Worcester, MA**

***Stephen V. Walinsky, Sr.***

Our president is back home from Florida, anxious to resume her responsibilities, and it did show at the March meeting. She had a full agenda of interesting and important topics for discussion for her subjects to ratify.

To accommodate the speaker of the evening, we delayed the meeting until after she gave her talk. Mrs. Barbara J.

designs. Larry Kuzlowski provided the verbos. He also demonstrated traditional techniques for decorating Easter eggs, using bees wax and natural colors like beets and onions skins. Mrs. Zatek baked the cookies.

Paul Zatek, aided by his mother, Helen, was the cook, preparing cold beet soup, sausage, sauerkraut and kugelis with sour

Sinnott, the President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Worcester, spoke on how to protect oneself from the opportunists who solicit for charity scams-prize scams-medical scams-home repair scams-insurance and financial scams. The two most frequently used words were, never and don't to telephone solicitations or mail requests. If you have doubts, call the BBB for assurance. This was a very good beginning for a very good meeting. Because of the program change, coffee and pastries were served by the G group before the meeting. Delicious.

Our Holy Hour of Sunday afternoon, March 21, was a tremendous success, thanks to Fr. John Petrauskas and Fr. Anthony Nockunas pastor of St. Casimir Church. Many thanks to those devoted NE district councils K of L'ers that traveled to join with us in prayer and pleasure, especially Council 116 for loaning to us their spiritual advisor Fr. Volngis, as a confessor. During the entire service you could sense the Spirit of Christ descending upon the congregation and their souls being cleansed by earned plenary indulgences.

Continuing the action of the afternoon, refreshments were offered by us, and following came the showing of slides of hospital conditions of Lithuania. These films were brought back by the nurses whom we helped to travel there. The audience showed sincere interest in every aspect of the state of affairs of the care of the sick of Lithuania. C-26 thanks them for coming back with the information.



**C-72 Juniors Deborah Miller, Amanda and James Distin with Pres. John Mankus and Jr. Council coordinator, Barbara Miller**

As I observe the attendees at our meetings and affairs, more and more walking sticks and canes, are cropping up. Could this mean that more elders than youngsters attend?

A nice and faithful K of L couple, Bruno and Pat Sharkus will be missed at all of our activities. They now reside at the Eddy Pond assisted living complex. Enjoy.

I must cut this writing short because I must polish the silverware, grate the horse radish, decorate and color the eggs so as to be ready for a Easter. Hope yours was happy.

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

This month was exceptionally busy for me as our reliable financial sec., Martha Brack was confined to the hospital and is on the road to recovery. Ačiū Dievių! I had to collect the dues, calling everyone and depositing them in the bank as our trusty treasurer, Margaret Clegg was basking in sunny Florida.

We gladly welcome five new members: Phyllis Roach, Regina Yetkowskas, Marie Beneckini, Martha Wagner and Susan Patte. We hope they will be assets to our organization.

Msgr. Peter Madus had surgery on his face; we wish him a speedy recovery.

Our Pastor Emeritus, Msgr. Michael Ozalas, of St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church was called by God from this earth on February 28. He was a priest for almost 60 years, soft-spoken, patient and kind. His mission to God's service was done, finished on earth. How fragile and unpredictable life is.

Amžina atilisi duok mirusiemis viešpatie ir amžinoji sviesa tegol jums sveičia. Su Dievu!

The vested concelebrants at the Mass of Christian Burial were Msgr. Peter Madus, Msgr. William Pakutka who was also the homilist, Msgr. Anthony Norkunas, Msgr. Joseph Lasky and Father Peter Alisaukas. The Mass of Transferral was held with Very Rev. Eugene Gunning, V.F., presiding. Father Gerald Mullally was the homilist.

Casimir and Ruth Yanish celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February with a dinner provided by their children. We hope they have a happy and healthy future.

Our Amber District meeting was postponed for a week due to inclement weather. The following week we went to Binghamton and the weather was beautiful. Rev. John Mikalajunas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church welcomed all the Knights and said a beautiful



**Rev. John Mikalajunas, pastor of St. Joseph's in Binghamton, NY blesses medals for C-74's 4<sup>th</sup> degree recipients. They were presented by Elsie Kosmisky to Martha Brack and Della Zvirblis**

homily. This is a church where you still kneel at the altar rail to receive communion.

We congratulate Martha Brack and Della Zvirblis who received their well-earned 4th degrees. President John Mankus reported that things seem to be improving in Lithuania under the leadership of President Adamkus. Our sincere condolences go out to Elsie Kosmisky on the sudden death of her son, John Hnot. This is the hardest thing in the world to lose a child. Our prayers are with her.

Lillian Labas ended out meeting with a prayer for the sick and deceased members of the K. of L. Lillian and her husband are planning an anniversary cruise to the Bahamas.

Mark your calendar: on July 26 at 2:30 there will be a special Lithuanian Mass at St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton, PA



**C-82, Gary IN**  
*members of all ages  
 enjoy an Easter  
 get together  
 on March 13th  
 at Tavaras's for  
 "marguciai"  
 classes.*



He that has no cross, will have no crown! Su. Diev!

### **C-82, Gary, IN**

On March 13th, a jovial group of all ages from Council 82 met at Tavaras's for "marguciai" classes. Eggs were done in "beeswax design" assisted by Birute Ruzga and Loretta Vician and also "etched" design as Aldona Uzdavinis learned from her father. Casey Balt, an ex-cop, demonstrated putting out a beeswax fire. Recipes for the delicious baked goods were exchanged during coffee. Sister Janine showed pictures of the Indiana Lithuanian Independence Day dinner and her "other life" at Holy Family Villa. Now that our church and after-mass socials are gone, we especially relish our K of L activities/get together.

### **C-90, Kearny, NJ**

*Becky Pataki*

On Sunday, February 14th Council 90 braved the cold and celebrated Lithuanian Independence with a mass, flag raising, and luncheon.

Mass began at 11:30 AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. A procession of Council 90 members and children, all dressed in Lithuanian costume, led the

priests into the church. Throughout mass, Lithuanian hymns were sung, and the celebration ended with the congregation singing the Lithuanian National Anthem, and the Vyčiu Himnas.

The flag raising took place immediately following the mass at Kearny's Town Hall. Various town council members were present to show their support to Lithuania and her heritage. After the flag was raised, Council 90 President John Nakrosis spoke a few words.

From Town Hall, the group proceeded to the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center in Kearny to socialize over a Lithuanian meal. The morning long festivities had a great number of supporters, not only from Council 90 members, but also from other K of L council members.

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

*Fran Petkus*

The Dayton Community had two opportunities to celebrate the 81st Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration. The first was on Feb. 21st in Cincinnati. Members from C-96 participating were Elinor Sluzas, Judy Petrokas, Michael/Norma Petkus,

George/Frances Mikalauskas, Rob Pant and Junior Knights Robert/Erin Petkus. The program was excellent.

Elinor was asked to speak and she shared with those in attendance the many works the K of L performed during the years Lithuania was under communistic control. On Feb. 28th the Dayton community hosted the celebration with 10:30 AM Mass at Holy Cross Church followed by a brunch and program in the church hall. With Michael F. Petkus as MC, guest speaker was Dr. Rimantas Liaugminas of Dayton. Dr. Liaugminas brought us up to date on the situation in Lithuania today. It was a very informative presentation. Judy Petrokas read the proclamation to the White House regarding Lithuania's admission into NATO.

The 'Vejeliai Dancers', under the direction of Eric Geiger and Kristi Tipton, closed out the program. The dancers included a couple of new dances in their performance that went over big. This was followed with audience participation and everyone had a great time.

Eloise Berczelly was busy at 'her table' accepting donations for Aid To Lithuania, Inc. and LCRA.

**C-90, Kearny members in Lithuanian outfits at flag raising at Kearny's Town Hall on Lith Independence Day. Bottom photo, Malverna Sarnas accompanies Lithuanian songs on accordion.**



C-96 celebrated St. Casimir's Day on March 7th. Our day began with Mass at 10:30 AM at Holy Cross Church. Henry Pant led us into church with our K of L Cross, which was placed in front of the St. Casimir's altar. Offertory Bearers were our Junior Knights. At the end of Mass we were led in the Litany to St. Casimir in Lithuanian by Elinor Sluzas. Presentation of the 1st Degree to Julia Goecke was held. Congratulations! Rounding out the program was the singing of the Vyčiu Himnas. This was

followed with all heading to Ruby Tuesdays for brunch and our monthly council meeting. Thanks must go to George/Frances Mikalaukas and Betty Nash for a great job in putting the day together for us.

Congratulations to Chr. Annalouise Tucker on a very successful Palm Sunday Bake Sale the weekend of March 27-28, 1999. O n

Annalouise's committee was Robert, Linda and Lauretta Pant, Elaine Pacovsky and Junior Knight, Danny Tucker. Thanks must go to the members who contributed to the sale with donations and purchases.

Sports Chmn. Michael F. Petkus has been busy setting up practice bowling sessions for council members as we prepare for the MCD Mid West Bowling Tournament. C-96 will be hosting the weekend on June 11-12, 1999!

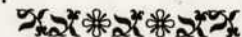
Congratulations to Joe and

Eleanor Mantz on the birth of their eighth grandchild, Joseph Michael Mantz!

Get well wishes go out to August Blum, Karl Keivel, Elena Miakalaukas, Stefanija Rastikis, Aldona Ryan and Elena Zukaitis.

Our deepest sympathies must go to Eileen Wilemaitis and her family on the loss of her husband, Mike, and Mildred and Ray Steinbrunner, Mike's sister/brother in law. Mike had been a long time member and had been ill for the past few years. Mike, through his tool making expertise, made a contribution to the government's Manhattan Project and several other major factors.

Our sympathies also go to the family of Pat Anthony. Pat died shortly after being ill. When Pat and her deceased husband Bill moved here from Torrington, CT about twenty years ago, they became members of C -96 and supporters of Holy Cross Parish. Pat's vocal contributions at the parish's Koffee Klatch will be missed. Sympathies also to Sue Keivel and family on the recent loss of her mother. May their souls rest in the peace of the Lord!!



## C-110, Maspeth, NY

### Rita Ceramella

On March 28, our council had its Šv. Kazimieras luncheon, where over 125 council members and friends attended.

The menu consisted of dešros, cabbage, potatoes and dark Lithuanian rye, longtime favorites.

This year the tickets for the luncheon were an unheard of \$5 each, so everyone was able to enjoy.

We had a raffle for this event with many unique prizes and the proceeds to go to ship packages to the orphans in Lithuania. We were honored to have John Sakal, MAD president in our presence, who joined in the festivities. We were also blessed with a guest, Mr. Jimmy Crockett, a distant relative of the famed Davy Crockett. Jimmy sang some old time favorites, his melodious voice was sheer perfection.

Our 75th Anniversary dinner dance was held April 25th at the Transfiguration Church Hall following the 11:15 pm mass. Our council's charter was granted on January 20, 1924 to the Knights of Lithuania, Lodge 110. Meetings were then held under the old Transfiguration Church on Hull Avenue. The council began with 16 members, grew to over 300, and now is less than that, but still one of the largest councils.

It is with heartfelt sadness that on March 19, we lost our spiritual advisor, Pastor Emeritus Msgr. Frank Bulovas was called home to the Lord. Msgr. was a 4th degree member of the Knights for 25 years, was



*After 50 years of active membership in C-102, Detroit, MI, Merri Hofner and Joe Guerriero received their 4<sup>th</sup> degrees at the Mid Central Pilgrimage last October in Pittsburgh, PA. Ritual assists Father.- submitted by Meriute*

not only a priest, but a teacher and friend and inspiration to us all. We also received word that George Karpus died late last year along with Ann Dugan, August Kodis and Aldona Keubelbeck who all have eternal rest. We will miss them greatly.

## C- 141, Bridgeport, CT

### Aldona Marcavage

We had a very successful St. Casimir's brunch. The turnout was great, it was so very gratifying to the hard working committee consisting of executive board members. The hall looked so springy bright with colorful primrose plants on each table. The stage was filled with pretty packages for the raffle. The food was delicious and plentiful and M/C Peter Balčius was a delight.

Barbara Schmidt tells us the VETRA dancers are looking forward to the "Šokiu Švente" to be held in Toronto July 4th week end. We wish them the best.

Norwood hosted the spring convention on April 25th for NED. It was a very productive meeting.

NED retreat date is June 25-27 in Kennebunkport, Maine. Are your reservations in?

Barbara and Paul Schmidt took a "spring work break" and traveled to California for a week. Mom took care of the cat.

Ilona and Frank Sciarappa flew to Lithuania for two weeks to include Easter holiday. It was a first for Frank, but for Ilona it was visiting her family and home again. Ilona's brother Dr. Armundas is staying in Lithuania to help his very sick mother, who is bravely battling cancer and to be a comfort to his father. So their Easter holiday was bitter sweet.

An entertainment spectacular was recently presented in Milford to benefit the Milford Council on aging, whose executive director is Kathi McDonald Bissell (a dear friend of Lithuania). Kathi took this opportunity to announce Lithuania's need for medical supplies. The response was unbelievable. Everything is delivered to Putnam to the Sisters of Immaculate Conception



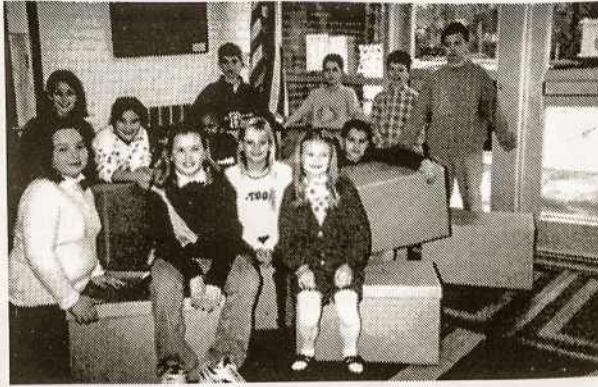
Convent. There it is properly packed and labeled and forwarded to Boston for shipping.

A lovely luncheon to honor Sr. Paulė and give her the opportunity to meet Kathi Bissell and give thanks to Milford Seniors was planned at the Senior Center. Also invited were several members of the Knights of Lithuania supporting this project: C-141 president Clemencine Miller H/M, Stella Marcinauskis, Alice and Stephen Wilcinkas, and Aldona and Sylvester Marcavage. (Aldona is also a volunteer at the center). Unfortunately Sr. Paulė was too ill to attend. To add to the disappointment, Kathi was also too ill to attend. The project, nonetheless was a great success, and a truck load of medical supplies was delivered to Putnam the next day. During this time Lithuania's needs received much favorable publicity via local radio station and an interview with Clemencine and Aldona for the local newspaper.

Sister Helen came from Brockton recently to Clemencine Millers' house and filled her wagon full of donated children's clothes and a big bag of stamps. C-141 is trying hard to help the needy in our parent's "Tevyne". God bless them.

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

After a snowy Saturday, our St. Casimir's Day celebration turned out to be a beautiful, cold and sunny day. The church was filled to capacity with the friends



*C-141 recruited Sandy Panucka, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Orchard Hills School, Milford, CT and some of her class to pack goodies for shipment to orphans as part of Feb. 16*

of Šiluva choir singing the beautiful Lithuanian hymns. The altar flowers were in Lithuanian colors. The Offertory gifts were presented by Atty. Paul Domalakes, his wife, Patricia and their four children, plus Brone Lobachusky, daughter of Dr. Joe and Suzanne Lobachusky. It was such a beautiful sight to see this young family and child present the gifts. There wasn't a dry eye in church. Fr. Ron Jankaitas, as usual, gave a very touching homily.

Following Mass, a luncheon was served. Our very talented decorators, Evelyn Prep and Anne Sikora outdid themselves. The hall was magnificent. President Marian Wydra gave the welcome and another good pep talk for Lithuanian causes. Father Ron gave the invocation. Our guest speaker was Dr. Joseph Lobichusky who gave an interesting talk on ancient Lithuanian customs, explaining how pre-Christian pagan customs were absorbed into the Christian ones. It was most enlightening.

First and second degrees

were given by Ritual chairperson, Helen Chesko. Our thanks to all who served on this committee to make another memorable St. Casimir's Day celebration.

Condolences to Elsie Kosmisky, who lost her youngest son, John Hnat to a sudden death in January. We also send our sympathy to Florence Strouphauer, on the loss of her husband,

and Vincent Wychunas, who lost his brother, long time member John Balesky after a serious illness. Amžina Atilsi.

Now, as Spring approaches we are beginning to plan for our **85th annual Lithuanian Days which will be held August 14-15**. We hope to make this better than ever.

Our orphans and poor school committee is busier than ever. Packages were mailed for Easter, many letters of thanks have been received by the council. Chairperson, Bernice Mikatavage is going to Lithuania and hopes to visit some of the places we have been shipping to. Bernice Zilaitis' wife Irena, was visiting from Lithuania for several months and entertained many members. Happy Spring.

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

St. Casimir's Day this year was a Special Day for our Council. Five of our members received their 3rd Degrees. Mass was requested by our Council, in memory of our deceased members. Before Mass, John

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**ON THE CALENDAR...**
**District Meetings****Sept. 24-26, 1999**MCD Meeting - Pilgrimage  
Hosts: C-25, Cleveland, OH**July 26, C-74 hosts:**2:30 Lithuanian Mass  
at St. Ann's Basilica in  
Scranton, PA**1999 National Convention****July 29-Aug. 1, 1999**

Hosts: C-3, Philadelphia

**Aug. 14-15, 1999**Lithuanian Days  
C-144- Anthracite Council  
Contact: Anne Wargo  
(717) 429-0132**Sept 25, 1999**Lithuanian Open Golf  
Tournament  
Benefit for Lithuanian  
Children's Relief at Squirrel  
Run Country Club, West  
Plymouth, MA*Send in your district/council  
events at least 2 months in  
advance, to the editors to be  
included in this listing.*


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Jonaitis, carried our K of L Flag to the alter, attended by Maria Gelažius and Kazimiera Arlauskas, followed by our recipients carrying lighted candles. All were dressed in their Lithuanian outfits. It was very impressive. Shortly after, they were greeted by our Spiritual Advisor Rev. Matas Čyvas, who



***Future members of C-144:  
Paul Luke, Madeline,  
Meredith and Annie Domalakes,  
children of Atty. & Mrs. Paul  
Domalakes, bring offertory gifts at  
the annual St. Casimir's Mass at  
St. Casimir's Church in  
St. Clair, PA***

blessed the medals. After some Prayers, our Ritual Chairman Dr. Aldona Valis, together with Father Čyvas, placed the medals on Irena Diktanas, Petre Kasperavičiute, Valeria Lesčinskas, Aldona Kiratuk and Brone Urbonas. All looked lovely and radiant. Our Flag remained inside the altar area throughout the Mass.

We were also gifted with the presence of Bishop (Vyskupas) Rimantas Norvila from Kaunas Lithuania, who was here for "Gavenios Rekolekcijos" at our St. Casimir Mission. His Homily was "LOVE", within ourselves and toward others. Love thy Neighbor etc. Our Men's Choir "AIDAS", sang at

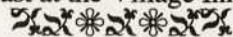
the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Norvila and Concelebrants Father Čyvas and Father Kirkalas. Alfas Shukis and Valeria Lesčinskas carried the gifts.

Later we all went to dinner at the Lithuanian Club. Bishop Norvila spoke about St. Casimir. Also Valeria Lesčinskas read a passage on St. Casimir. Special thanks go to our committee members who organized the complete Ritual Service, due to the absence of our President John Jonaitis, the week earlier. Chairpersons were Father Čyvas and Irena Diktanas. Also, thanks to Marija Gelažius and Alfas Shukis, and Dr. Aldona Valis, our Ritual Chairman.

We were sorry to hear our new member Aldona Oliene, fell and injured her leg. She is now hospitalized. Get well quickly. We miss you. Also, Father Steponas Ropolas OFM, is still convalescing. Our prayers are with you both.

Father Rafailis Sakalis, from Kennebunkport Maine, has come to our Mission for about a Month. We welcome Him wholeheartedly.

A one-year Remembrance Mass for Victoria Kleiva, our former (Charter) Recording Secretary, was requested by her daughters Loretta and Angela, at the Chapel. Lovely turnout, with breakfast at the Village Inn.

**Did you know?**

Lithuanians and Latvians buy more fresh cut flowers for all occasions than any other gift item. Many vendors stay open long hours to fill the demand.

## Answers to Trivia Quiz

What is your answer?

a). A Lithuanian family; is probably the correct answer. According to the "Lietuviu Pavardziu Zodynas 1985", a Korsakovas family lives in Vegeriai and another in Vilnius.

b). The god Jupiter; I heard he is now a high priest of a pagan cult ( I'm not sure how many Lithuanians belong) located in the hills of Los Angeles .California. Recently, he was spotted with Elvis Presley in Harvard Square,(The Republic of Cambridge, Ma.)

c). Pompey the Great; why not, if you are lucky to be blessed with a noble Roman nose, or you have a hidden desire to wear a TOGA and a RUTA(rue) wreath on your head, you too may be his descendant or at least a descendant of an Ancient Roman.

2. It depends on which version you want to believe.

a). POLISH version

(<http://www.polandtour.org/history/1410.html>) :

" The Teutonic Knights, with Western European mercenaries, supported by infantry and cannon, about 27,000 men in total was commanded by Grand Master Ulrich Von Jungingen. Polish- Lithuanian-Ruthenian army, supported by Czech and vassal Tartar contingents, of about 39,000 men was commanded by King Wladyslaw Jagiello himself. The battle lasted for several hours. King Jagiello, unlike his opponent, did not lead the army to battle, but coordinated the efforts from the nearby hill. The Polish and Lithuanian forces were instead led by king's brother Witold, Grand Duke of Lithuania. By the end of the day, eight thousand Teutonic Knights were slain, including the Grand Master of the Order, and 14,000 prisoners were taken for ransom."

b). LITHUANIAN version (Dr. Joseph B. Koncius book, Vytautas The Great, Grand Duke Of Lithuania, 1964):

"The Teutonic Knights kept careful watch upon the Lithuanian army as it marched towards the river Narev. This army was composed of Aukstaiciai, Zemaiciai, several troops from Eastern provinces and about 3,000 Tartars. Soldiers were summoned from Trakai, Vilnius, Gardinas, Kaunas, Lyda, Smolensk, Polostsk, Vitebsk, Kiev, Briansk, Brasta, Drogochin, and other cities: the whole force numbered about 45,000 troops. All of these forces gathered at Gardinas on June 15, 1410." "The Polish army numbered about 15,00 men". "The Teutonic Knights gathered about 50,000 very well-armed men, and they concentrated their armies between

Grunewald Forest and Tannenberg Village, just opposite the Polish-Lithuanian armies."

"In this battle the Teutonic Knights met decided disaster. In addition to the men who were killed (20,000), 3000 were taken captives. Their power was broken and the Polish and Lithuanian armies were left in undisputed possession of the whole territory of the Teutonic Knights."

c). TEUTONIC ORDER version ; (The Catholic Encyclopedia,<http://www.knight.org/advent/cathen/14541b.htm>):

"The number of Knights never exceeded a thousand, but the whole country was organized in a military manner, and with the constant arrival of new Crusaders the order was able to hold its own among its neighbors, especially the inhabitants of Lithuania, who were of the same race as the natives of Prussia and like them, pagans. In the battle of Rudau (1307) the Lithuanians were driven back, and they were converted only some years later, with the Grand Duke, Jagellon, who embraced Christianity when he married the heiress of the kingdom of Poland (1386). With this event, which put an end to paganism in that section of Europe, the Teutonic Knights lost their raison d'etre. Thenceforth their history consists of incessant conflicts with the kings of Poland. Jogellon inflicted on them the defeat of Tannenberg (1410), which cost them 600 knights and ruined their finances, in order to repair which the order was obliged to have recourse to exactions, which aroused the nobility and the towns and provided the poles with an opportunity to interfere against the order." Which answer to the trivia question do you believe?

a). 8,000 (POLISH version) b). 20,000 (LITHUANIAN version) c). 600 (TEUTONIC ORDER version)

If you were to ask a wise old Lithuanian peasant for an answer to this question, he would probably answer; "TIK VELNIAS ŽINO" !!! (Only the devil knows)



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## *Bye Mom*

My Mom went on a trip today  
 To a special place so far away.  
 God came and took her by the hand,  
 And led her to His special land.  
 A shining place-just a sigh away:  
 Where there's no tomorrow--just today.  
 We hated to leave her go so far,  
 Just two clouds behind a shining star.  
 But we know that she is waiting there,  
 And someday we'll climb that Golden Stair.

*-by Anna Helen McDonald*  
*from My Book of Poetic Thoughtery c1998*  
*woodcarving Raseinių Magdė by A.Puškorius*

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