

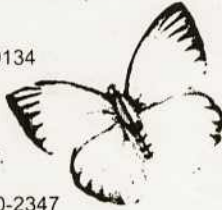
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Mission Statement: *The Knights of Lithuania endeavors to instill in its members an attachment to Lithuania, the land of our ancestors, and knowledge, appreciation and love of the Lithuanian language, customs and culture.*

To My Fellow Knights

The Washington Times on April 18th published an attractive multi-faceted supplement on Lithuania. It included information on Lithuania's NATO membership aims and subsequent meetings meeting in Vilnius.

Our Lithuanian Ambassador to the United States Vygaudas Ušackas reiterates President Adamkus's stance on the importance of NATO for Lithuania. Visiting in Chicago recently, the ambassador said, "We look upon President George W. Bush and the American people to lead the process of completing the unification of Europe through the subsequent enlargement of NATO at the next Summit in 2002."

It is important to project a strong unified voice. The Knights of Lithuania was one of the major Lithuanian organizations in the U.S. which pledged to pool efforts for this cause. Our representatives attended this meeting in Washington on March 11th, the 11th anniversary of Lithuanian independence. The signatories of the document noted that about 1 million people of Lithuanian descent living in the U.S. could unite their efforts and become an influential group asking the U.S. administration to support Lithuania's NATO aims.

Determination and perseverance move the world; thinking that others will do it for you is a sure way to fail. - Marva Collins.

Enjoy the summer!

Vytiškai,

Sister M. Janine



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A Day of Sunshine

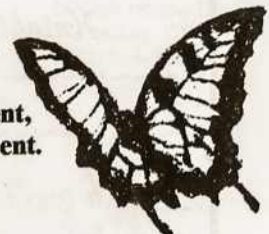
**O Gift of God! O perfect day;
Whereon shall no man work, but play;
Whereon it is enough for me,
Not to be doing, but to be!**

**Through every fibre of my brain,
Through every nerve, through every vein,
I feel the electric thrill, the touch
Of life, that seems almost too much.**

**I hear the wind among the trees
Playing celestial symphonies;
I see the branches downward bent,
Like keys of some great instrument.**

**And over me unrolls on high
The splendid scenery of the sky,
Where through the sapphire sea the sun
Sails like a golden galleon.**

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow~



A Note From Your Supreme Council President:

Dear Members:

Welcome to summer, and a Happy Father's Day to all of our K of L Fathers. As I write this, the convention committee is in final preparations for this year's convention, and I encourage everyone to attend. Please look in this issue of Vytis for further convention information. As you know, this year we will be having only one panel presentation. This year's panel is called, "Surfin' Lithuania," and will be moderated by Bernice Aviza. In today's computer age, I'm sure all our members will enjoy learning what is available on the internet about things Lithuania. The presentation will highlight genealogy, Lithuanian news, etc. I'm sure everyone will enjoy what Bernice has to present. You won't want to miss it!

With the coming of the lazy days of summer comes the time of year when we traditionally take life a little easier. Well this month I'd like to make yet another appeal to each of you with regards to NATO membership for Lithuania. As you know, NATO membership for Lithuania and her sister aspirants is a **NUMBER ONE** priority for all of us. I encourage each of you to continue to write your representatives in the U.S. Congress, your Senators and our President, George W. Bush, and let each of them know you support expanded NATO membership and encourage each of them to do the same. I know Lithuania can count on you.

Once again, Happy Father's Day, and here's to a wonderful summer. I look forward to talking to you again soon.

Vytiskai,

Rob Martin



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Have We Forgotten?

In 1608, two hundred years before Lourdes and Fatima, our Blessed Mother appeared in Lithuania in a town called, "*Siluva*."

The story of Our Lady of Siluva actually began in 1457, when Peter Giedgaudas, a diplomat for Vytautas the Great, built the first church in the area and gave the land to the Catholic Church. On one of his many travels he went to Rome, and while there, he obtained a magnificent painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus. This he brought back to Lithuania and put it in the sanctuary of the new church in Siluva.

Over the next hundred years, the Catholic Church in Lithuania experienced troubled times. Since much of the nobility and intellectuals turned to Calvinism and Lutheranism, many people fell away from the church. Property owned by the Catholic Church was confiscated by the authorities. In 1570, Father John Halubka, the parish priest of the Siluva church, fearing that his church would be targeted, took the treasured painting of the Blessed Mother and Child and other church documents. Father Halubka carefully wrapped them, put them in a wooden chest, and buried them under a large rock near the church. His actions were truly inspired, because a short time later, the church was seized by the authorities.

Years later, a new law was passed which gave the Catholic Church permission to reclaim their property if they could prove, with official documents, that the property was previously owned by them. The church in Siluva could not prove that 150 years earlier, in 1547, Peter Giedgaudas had deeded the land to them. The church remained the property of the state.

One warm summer day in 1608, several children of Siluva were tending their sheep and resting near a large rock. They heard someone crying, and as they looked up, they saw a beautiful lady standing on the rock, shedding bitter tears, and in her arms she held a child.

Frightened, one of the children ran back to the village to tell others of the happening. As the news spread, the believers and doubters went to visit the place of the rock. One day Our Lady appeared, and everyone there heard her crying and saw her tears fall to the large rock on which she stood. Among the crowd was a Calvinist teacher who earlier had said

that "she was the work of the devil," now approached her and asked, "Why are you weeping? Who hurt you? The reply came, "Formerly in this place my Son was adored and honored, but now, all that the people do is seed and cultivate the land." Having said this, she vanished.

The bishop appointed Father John Kazakevicius to investigate the phenomenon and question all witnesses as to the events. As a matter of historical record, the following is documented,

An old man who had heard of the apparitions remembered that Father Halubka, in 1570, buried a wooden chest near the church in Siluva. Since the man was blind, he had to be led, and as he approached the rock, his sight was immediately restored. Happily he led the authorities to the exact spot where the chest was buried, and when it was opened, they found the beautiful painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Child, undamaged, together with the documents, also intact, which proved the ownership of the land. Soon the property was returned to the Catholic Church.

Over the years many miracles have been recorded and the shrine has experienced numerous changes, and larger churches had to be built to accommodate the pilgrims. Devotion to Our Lady of Siluva was growing until the Soviet Union seized Lithuania in 1940.

Since 1940, this world has seen many changes, and today we find ourselves surrounded by moral decay, and many have lost their way.

Our Lady of Siluva is a most powerful intercessor before God. She once brought Lithuania back to the Church; so let us pray that,

"moved by your tears, may we, as our forefathers did, revive the spirit of adoration of your Son in our hearts, strengthen the tottering structure of the shrine that is the family, bring back your wandering children, and forgive the sins of our nation."

Our Lady of Siluva, intercede for you wandering children... bring them home to Jesus.

(Contributor of this article was

Mrs. Elinor Sluzas - C-96, Dayton, Ohio).



Touched by the June Tragedies



by Agnes Prieskonis

The June Tragedies have been remembered as yet another instance of "man's inhumanity to man," as sleeping Lithuanians were torn from their beds and deported to distant slave labor camps in boxcars, sometimes in only these underwear. Sometimes families were fragmented; sometimes the whole family - including children - was deported.

Now that we live in a society conditioned to accept the unacceptable, those who have the insight of the significance and are driven by a social conscience must remember to empower the always timely relevance of deeds of envy, betrayal, hatred and horror; yet, must promote healing of our wounds to progress.

Now that we live in a society traveling the more accessible roads of pleasure and self-interest, who cares? Perhaps too few, but they work harder to increase social conscience in spite of the abuse of words such as "inhumane." How can anyone adequately describe a "hate crime of such magnitude?"

There are many touched by the deportations, even in America. Broken families meant brothers unable to reach brothers sent to remote foreign camps - there were no status reports; children grew up in America never having seen their grandparents. In at least one instance, new wealth enabled a man to learn of his father's execution and locate his grave...almost 50 years later!

To avoid nurturing anger, but to contribute to the prevention of a recurrence of political deportations and death, we need to rally to the cause of NATO membership for the European democracies, including our beloved Lithuania.

And While We Are Remembering...

My Dad, John Yanusevicius, is 86 years old. He has been ill for approximately 4 years with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). This illness presents itself as Parkinson's disease in the beginning, and then, through additional exams and deduction, a diagnosis of PSP is made. This is the same illness that Dudley Moore has.

Our mom died in 1992 of lung cancer, and our father has been alone since. He has 3 daughters. My dad was born in the USA, but when he was 6 went back to live in Lithuania with his mother, father and brother. When he turned 16, an uncle brought him back to America to live. He spoke little English and went to night school to try and learn. A watch was stolen, and he was accused, (the foreigner did it). He was thrown out of school. My dad is one of the most honest men I have ever known. He never stole the watch. He told me that.

He met my mother, Adele Lunevitz, and in 1938 they were married, and made their home in Hamden, Connecticut. They struggled. We lived in a 4-room cinder block foundation home. They had 3 kids, and my grandfather lived with us for a while. We were poor, but I always thought we were rich because my dad never made us feel any other way. My parents were involved with the **Knights of Lithuania** for many, many years. All three of us children married and had children, and all became members of the **K of L Council - 50** in New Haven, CT.

My father is now unable to walk, has trouble seeing (at times), has limited use of his right arm, and is unable to speak at great lengths. He has been ill for a long time. Please, Sister, publish this letter, so that maybe the Lithuanians that subscribe to your magazine will send my dad letters or cards to wish him well. Then we all can read them to him, and he will know that the Lithuanians care. He is so lonely. **John Yanusevicius, 87 Bolton Street, Hamden, CT. 06518**

Do You Remember?

~by Ruth Sarafinas, C-26,
Worcester, Massachusetts



The following article consists of excerpts from a talk given to Council 26 by its Spiritual Advisor, Rev. John Petrauskas, M.I.C. at a recent meeting. How many of you remember the wonderful Fourth of July Lithuanian picnics at Marianapolis College? Well, this is how it all began-

Back in 1931, the Marian Fathers purchased the Ream estate in Putnam, Connecticut and moved their college, St. Mary's, there from Hinsdale, Illinois. The first two years were spent in getting settled and preparing the facility for students. Rev. John Novickas, MIC, was the Headmaster, with Rev. John J. Jakaitis, MIC, the Superior. By 1933, they needed money and met with the Lithuanian Catholic Federation in Norwood, Massachusetts on March 10 to devise a plan on how to raise the much-needed dollars. It was decided to hold a gigantic picnic to be called, "Lithuanian Day," for all Lithuanians. Of course, the major question was, "Would they come?" The date selected was the fourth of July, and the place was to be St. Mary's College (which was renamed "Marianapolis"). Invitations were sent to eighteen parish choirs, asking them to participate in the choral program.

In a May progress meeting that was held at the offices of the newspaper, "Darbininkas," a tentative program was laid out and adopted. The main events would be - an outdoor Solemn High

Mass, with a guest priest giving the sermon, a sports program, and finally, a song festival. At this time, eight choirs had sent in their acceptance to perform. All day long there would be various games of chance and other moneymaking attractions. It was also decided to have a program book with paid advertisements. This would list the activities, along with the names of the participants. Picnic proceeds were to be jointly shared with Marianapolis and "Darbininkas."

The next two meetings took place at Marianapolis College where preparations were finalized. Rev. Jakaitis was named the general chairman. The celebrant of the Mass would be Rev. Casimir Urbonavicius, and Brother John Banys would select the music for the Song Festival. A baseball game between the Waterbury and Norwood Knights of Lithuania would be the featured game. Joseph Zemaitis, the choir director and organist from St. Casimir's Parish in Worcester, would direct the combined choirs. They would sing three songs and the Lithuanian National Anthem as a combined choir, and then each choir would sing two songs individually. Fifteen choirs, totaling 700 voices, had sent in their acceptance.

In 1933, many people did not have automobiles, and a way had to be found as to how to get people there. The train company was contacted, and they said they would provide a special express train from Boston, but Marianapolis had to guarantee a minimum of 300 passengers. Arrangements were made with a stop in Norwood. The round-trip fare from Boston was to be \$1.75. The estimated travel time was about one hour and ten minutes. A corresponding trip by bus would take a total of three and a half hours one way. In less than four months, plans were made and executed, and the eventful day was about to arrive.

It rained on July 3rd and everyone was praying for a sunny 4th. The day arrived and the weather was perfect! At 8:05 a.m., the special train left South Station in Boston with 400 passengers in eight coaches. In Norwood, four more coaches were added and 200 additional passengers boarded. Everyone was happy and looking forward with anticipation to a wonderful day. At 9:35 a.m., the train pulled into the spur track at the Thompson railroad. Visualize a long unbroken line of people hurrying up the hill to the gates of Marianapolis.

Once there, they had to walk approximately a half-mile to where the 10:00 a.m. Mass was to take place. People did not seem to mind the walk, and their excitement seemed to inspire them to press onward. They all arrived on time.

Rev. Casimir Matulaitis, a priest from Lithuania, gave the sermon. He praised the Lithuanian-Americans for all of their accomplishments and commended them for their efforts to promote the Lithuanian culture and charitable works by establishing churches, schools, religious orders, hospitals, orphanages, numerous organizations, along with daily and weekly newspapers. Polyna Stoska sang a solo, "Salve Regina," during the Mass. (In later years she performed at the Metropolitan Opera and became a star of Broadway musical plays and the concert tour circuit). The Mass was deeply moving and impressive.

There was no problem in feeding this vast assembly of people. The dining facilities of the school offered a delicious lunch, as well as did the many outside booths run by the South Boston, Norwood, Providence and the two Worcester Parishes. Many people also brought their own lunches and took advantage of the lawns and fields for a more personal picnic with family and friends.

In the afternoon, the featured baseball game took place. The Norwood Knights of Lithuania were victorious against the Waterbury Knights, winning by a score of 13 to 3. While the baseball game was being played, there was a track meet with athletes from Holy Cross College, Classical High School, Boston English High School, and Marianapolis College. The star athlete was George Planskis of South Boston, who won the broad jump, the high jump and the shot put. The Norwood South Boston girls' volleyball game attracted considerable interest, with a lot of spectator cheering. The Worcester group triumphed, two to one, in the best of three.

Upon conclusion of all the sports activities, the Song Festival took place. Lithuanian people are a nation with a love for singing. Visualize a choir of 700, raising up their voices in song. The appreciative audience listened with rapt attention. It was like listening to choirs of angels.

Remember when the plans were being formulated for this picnic, the question was, "Would they come?" Well, they did! Not only did they come

by train, but there were 45 buses, and it was estimated that more than 2,500 private automobiles were parked inside the gates of the college. The local newspaper, "The Putnam Patriot," headlined this special Lithuanian Day, and reported that, "Ten thousand or more people, the largest number ever assembled in this part of Windham County, attended the first Lithuanian Day of New England. People were present from every state in New England, plus New York and New Jersey."

It was a happy crowd, with singing, merrymaking and visiting with relatives and friends. All age groups were represented, from the very young to the elderly. Some wondered if the young adults would attend, and they did, in large numbers, proving to the pessimists who figured they would not come, that they were wrong.

The day was perfect. All enjoyed the Mass and various events. Imagine if you were there at this first gigantic picnic; praying, singing, socializing, entering into various games, etc. It would be an event you would remember for the rest of your life.

The July picnics lived on for the next 37 years, but they never had as many people as those that attended this first one. Unfortunately, the last picnic was held in 1970. At this time, "Darbininkas" published an article in their newspaper stating, that due to technical difficulties, the demise of the picnic was brought about. However, they stated that guests would always be welcome, and they were encouraged to visit.

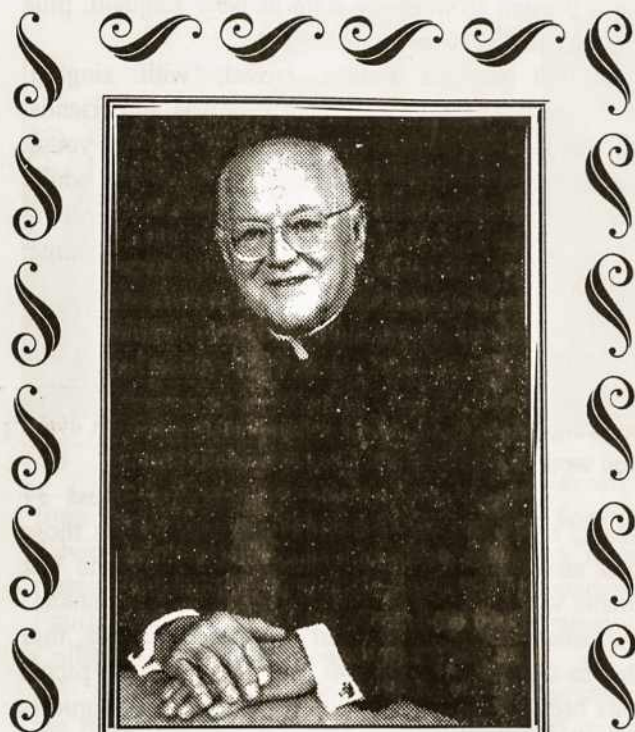
Note: In the early 30's, (St. Mary's) Marianapolis College was a Junior College and a preparatory school. By the late 30's, it developed into a four-year college. But, by the 50's, it reverted to a preparatory school only.

PRAYER:

Dear Father, thank You for the freedom I enjoy. Help me to remember that this liberty is not given so I may indulge myself, but so I may be free to do your will and serve others. Amen



The Knights of Lithuania Mid-America District warmly and sincerely congratulate their life-long friend and District Spiritual Advisor.



*Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas
Serving God and His people for 60 years*

On May 3, 2001, Rev. Anthony J. Zakarauskas celebrated his 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. He was born on July 3, 1917 in Cicero, Illinois, and graduated St. Anthony School and Quigley Preparatory Seminary, and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in 1941 with B.A., M.A., and S.T.L. degrees. He was ordained as a priest at age 23 (the youngest man on record in the Archdiocese of Chicago, according to "Chicago Sun Times") by Archbishop Stritch. He had to obtain a special dispensation from Rome in order to be ordained at that age. Then he attended the Graduate School at De Paul University and Loyola University.

Assignments: Father was an Associate Pastor at Nativity B.V.M. Parish (1941- 1949); Holy Cross

Parish (1949-1951); St. George Parish (1951-1956); Chaplain of the Sisters of St. Casimir Motherhouse (1956-1966); Chaplain of Holy Cross Hospital (1966-1970); Pastor of Nativity B.V.M. Parish (1970-1987).

He has been an active member of the Knights of Lithuania C-112 for over 60 years, Moderator of the K of L Mid-America District for 50 years; and Master of Ceremonies at the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet for 35 years. At present, he is still active as the Knights of Lithuania Mid-America District Spiritual Advisor.

In his early years at Nativity B.V.M. Parish, Father Zakarauskas founded a Girls' Glee Club, School Band, CYO Boys' Club, Girls' Junior Sodality, Boy Scout Troop, Cub Scout Pack, Girl Scout Troop and a Youth Center; he was very effective working with young people.

Special Affiliations and Memberships: Father was a Professor at Quigley Preparatory Seminary-North, at St. Casimir Junior College, St. Casimir Academy and Maria High School; Member of the Board of Consultors to Cardinal Cody; Member of Catholic Family Consultation Service. He also served as an Associate Judge in the Beatification Process of Mother Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir; Member of the Committee forming the Chicago Priests' Senate; a Member of the Archdiocesan School Board Nominating Staff; Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus; Chaplain of the International Order of Alhambra; Chaplain of the Lithuanian National Guard (Chicago); Vice-President of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Committee (Washington, D.C.); and Vice-President of the Lithuanian Martyrs' Chapel Committee (Rome).

In retirement, Father Zakarauskas continues to assist with Holy Masses and confessions in Nativity B.V.M. Parish and in the Sisters of St. Casimir Motherhouse Chapel.

Congratulations!

~~~ Ad Multos Annos!



Fr. Edward Stockus Retires...

Father Edward S. Stockus, who was ordained at the age of 60, is retiring from the active ministry. He has been named pastor emeritus of St. Hugh Parish in Lyons, IL, where he was pastor in 1994.

Rev. Stockus, now 70, has been serving as associate pastor at St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Oak Lawn, IL, since 1999. He also served at the parish earlier as a deacon before studying for the priesthood.

A mechanical engineer for many years, he was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 1974. After the death of his wife, Barbara, in 1986, he studied for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. He was ordained in 1991.

Born in Chicago, he attended St. Rita High School and the Illinois Institute of Technology. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Fr. Stockus is the cousin of Mary Kincius, C-36 and Vytis Business Manager.



A Tribute to Dad

Dad, you are mighty special
Each day of every year.
You truly bless our lives,
And we always hold you dear.

Your words have truth and wisdom.
You're firm, yet gentle, too.
Hope and faith and knowledge
Are typical of you

You strive for higher goals with
A quiet, steady aim.
You're modest when you win;
If you lose, you don't complain.

With respect and admiration
And pride and love, we say,
Dad, our humble thanks to you.
You're a great man every day!
~LaVerne P. Larson~



Bits and Pieces

"It is easier for a father to have children than
for children to have a real father."

~Pope John XXIII~

Becoming a father is easy enough,
but being one can be rough.

~Wilhelm Busch~

The acid test of a father's leadership is not in
the realm of his social skills, his public
relations, his managerial abilities at the
office, or how well he handles himself before
the public. It is in the home.

~Charles R. Swindoll~

Fathering is a marathon, not a sprint.

~Paul L. Lewis~

The father in praising the son extols himself.

~Chinese Proverb~

Lithuanians On-line

(Some interesting and Informative Lithuanian Internet sites)

Prepared by **Matthew Anderson**, Junior Member, C-141. Bridgeport, CT

<http://www.angelfire.com/ut/Luthuanian/index.html> Lithuanian Global Resources. Information on current event, customs, history, language, recipes, etc.

Note: I realize that the above URL address has misspelled the word, "Lithuanian," but you must type it exactly as written to get into the site.

<http://www.on.lt/index.html> Searchable database regarding many Lithuanian topics including new, leisure, travel, music, etc.

<http://www.maridana.com/wood.html> More shopping... Remember - there are only 270 shopping days until Christmas!

<http://www.travlang.com/languages/index.html> Good language and translation site. Common conversational phrases in 74 languages, (including Lithuanian, of course)! Also includes a variety of travel information.

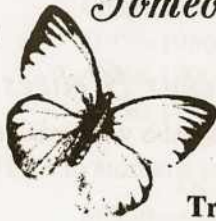
Thanks, Matthew!

*Don't hurry, don't worry.
You're only here for a short visit.
So be sure to stop and smell the*

Flowers.



Someone



You Should Know

Tribute concert: The Berklee College of Music paid tribute to Boston's senior composer, **Jeronimas Kacinskas, 93**, in a special concert April 8, in the David Friend Recital Hall at Berklee.

Before World War II, Kacinskas was a leading figure in the musical life of his native Lithuania, where he conducted both, the Vilnius State Opera and the Vilnius Symphony Orchestra on hundreds of occasions. In 1944, he and his wife were forced to flee under dangerous circumstances. He reached America, and in 1949 began constructing a new musical life for himself on the faculty of Berklee.

The program includes a "Nonet" he composed in 1938 for the International Society of Contemporary Music/World Music Days in London, and which was thought lost until the parts turned up in Prague a few years ago.

The program also includes two recent works, the Fourth String Quartet (1997), played by the Esterhazy String Quartet, and "2000 Year Anniversary of Jesus Christ's Holy Message to the People" for brass octet, which will receive its premiere.

Jeronimas Kacinskas is the retired organist and choir director of St. Peter Lithuanian Church of South Boston, MA

(Article submitted by: Regina Alexander of C-17, So. Boston correspondent).



88th National Convention Planned January
 Governor Resort at Walt Disney® World Village

Our Lady of the New Millennium Visits C-36, Chicago



Excerpt from the Parish Bulletin:

“Our Easter was especially blessed this year by the visit of Our Lady of the New Millennium. Not only on the ‘good weather’ days, but throughout the week, people came from near and far to see and to pray before the beautiful statue of Our Lady. We wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation not only to the **Demma Family** who commissioned the making of the statue and who are caring for it in its visits to various parishes, but also to the many who worked both before the statue’s arrival as well as during the Easter week in such a great variety of ways. May we each do our part to promote the continuation and spread of the graces flowing from Jesus through Mary in the weeks, months, and years to come!”



Dad of Mine

Time has left its mark on him
 In a very tender way;
 His shoulders are a little bent,
 His hair a little gray.

His eyes are kind and gentle,
 And they're dimmed by passing years;

For deep compassion dwells there and
 A thousand unshed tears.

Hands that do the best of deeds,
 Feet that trod a path divine,
 God bless him now and always---
 That precious dad of mine.

~Becky Jennings~



CONVENTION NEWS !!!!

Its still not too late to join us for the 88th National Convention in beautiful Lake Buena Vista, FL, from August 2-6. Please make your plans to join your fellow members for a wonderful convention. We would love to have you join us even if your vacation plans this year don't have room for your attendance at the whole convention or if you're just joining us for the weekend. We are happy to make individual event tickets available to those members and guests who will not be at the convention for the entire time. Below is the cost for individual event tickets.

Group Transportation to Outside Events	\$ 20.00
Thursday Evening Get-Together	45.00
Friday Morning Continental Breakfast	10.00
Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast	10.00
Saturday Box Lunch	20.00
Saturday Convention Banquet	50.00
Sunday Farewell Brunch	<u>30.00</u>
Individual Tickets Total	185.00

Please mail your individual ticket requests and check to Registration Chairman, Mark Bell.



About this year's Thursday Night Get-Together:

Dessert Party at Walt Disney World® EPCOT® Center.

With the 88th National Convention underway it will be time for everyone to come together and celebrate another great year and kick off another terrific convention. So, after you've had time to have your dinner, save room for dessert because Thursday evening we will travel by air-conditioned motor coach to the back lot of EPCOT® Center. Once there we will be escorted to EPCOT's® Isla Sola, which has been reserved this evening strictly for the Knights of Lithuania and their guests. Beginning at 8:00p.m. we will enjoy a private dessert party on this private island in the middle of World Showcase. From our vantagepoint we will be able to view the *Tapestry of Nations Parade* and then conclude the evening with one spectacular fireworks show. As the evening concludes we will return to our awaiting motor coaches and go back to our hotel with many wonderful memories of this once in a lifetime K of L event.



Getting from Orlando Airport to the Grosvenor Resort

For those who will be flying to the convention this year we recommend that you use Mear's Transportation to get back and forth to the hotel. Mear's Transportation Ticket Booths are located in the airport on the second level, Baggage Claim. Roundtrip shuttle tickets are \$27.00 per person, Adult, and \$ 19.00 per person, children 4-11.

**88th National Convention Planned Itinerary
Grosvenor Resort at Walt Disney® World Village
August 2-6, 2001 – Host: Supreme Council**

Wednesday: August 1, 2001 –

Registration & Information: 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. @ GR
[In Hotel Lobby] 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. @ GR

Preconvention Trip – 9:30a.m. – 5:30p.m.
Kennedy Space Center Tour

Supreme Council Meeting – 8:30p.m. – 10:00p.m. @ GR

Thursday: August 2, 2001 –

Registration & Information: 8:00a.m. – 9:15a.m. @ GR
[In Hotel Lobby] 12:00p.m. – 2:00p.m. @ GR
4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m. @ GR

Opening Mass – 10:00a.m. @ Queen of the Universe Shrine
Buses will depart at 9:30a.m.
Buses will return to hotel immediately after Mass

First Plenary Session: 1:00p.m. – 4:30p.m @ GR

Presentation of Colors and Supreme Council Members
Call to Order – Robert A. Martin, Jr., SC President
Opening Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM
Anthems - American
- Lithuanian
- Knights of Lithuania

Roll Call of the SC – Sr. M. Johanna M. Shainauskas, SSC,
SC Recording Secretary

Welcome from Convention Committee – Mark H. Bell, Committee Co-Chair

Election of the Presidium – District President's Chair

Adoption of "Rules of the Convention"

State of the Organization Report – Robert A. Martin, Jr.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Niedvaras

87th National Convention Minutes Review Committee Report

Greetings - In Person

- In Writing

Mandate Report – Mark Bell

Resolutions

Announcements and Instructions

Closing Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM



Knights of Lithuania Juniors – Pool Party – 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

Knights of Lithuania Foundation Meeting – 4:45p.m. – 5:45p.m. @ GR

Convention Get-Together: 8:00p.m. – 9:30p.m. Dessert Celebration @ Epcot® on Isla Sola

Early Bus will depart at 6:30p.m.

Main Buses will depart at 7:30p.m.

All Buses will return at 9:45p.m.

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Friday: August 3, 2001 –

Registration & Information: 8:00a.m. – 9:30a.m. @ GR
[In Hotel Lobby] 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m. @ GR

Mass – 8:30a.m. – 9:00p.m @ GR

Coffee+ – 8:45a.m. – 9:45a.m. @ GR in Hospitality Suite

Juniors Fieldtrip to the Magic Kingdom® - 8:30a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Second Plenary Session – 9:45a.m. – 1:45p.m @ GR

Opening Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM
Membership Report – Elena Nakrosis
Nominations Committee Report –
Panel Presentation – Surfin' Lithuania / Presenter: Bernice Aviza
Mandate Report –
Knights of Lithuania Foundation Report – Loretta Stukas, HM
Honorary Membership Committee Report – Frances Petkus, HM
Donations Committee Report –
Resolutions –
Announcements and Instructions –
Closing Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM

Final Banquet Table Seating Requests - Due at 2:00p.m.

Aid to Lithuania, Inc. Meeting – 2:00p.m. – 3:30p.m. @ GR

Saturday: August 4, 2001 –

Registration & Information: 8:00a.m. – 9:30a.m. @ GR
[In Hotel Lobby]

Mass – 8:30a.m. – 9:00p.m @ GR

K of L Junior's Character Breakfast – 9:00a.m. @ GR

K of L Juniors Convention – 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m. @ GR

Coffee+ – 8:45a.m. – 9:45a.m. @ GR in Hospitality Suite

Third Plenary Session – 9:45a.m. – 12:15p.m @ GR

Opening Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM
Donations Committee Report –
Trustee's Report – Agnes Mickunas, HM and Rita Sussko
Aid to Lithuania, Inc. Report – Robert Boris, HM and Regina Juska-Svoba
Mandate Report –
Election of Officers for the 2001-2002 Term –
Resolutions –
Announcements and Instructions –
Closing Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM



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Lunch Break – 12:15p.m. 'til 1:30p.m. @ GR
 Please pick up your box lunch upon exiting the session

St. Casimir Guild Meeting – 12:30 'til 1:30p.m. @ GR in Hospitality Suite
 Please pick up your box lunch upon exiting the 3rd session and bring with you to meeting

Fourth Plenary Session – 1:45p.m. – 4:45p.m @ GR
 Opening Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM
 Donations Committee Report –
 Juniors Report – Anna Marie Sluzas-Berger and Junior Members
 St. Casimir Guild Report – Anna Klizas Wargo, HM and
 Rev. Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, HM
 Mandate Report –
 Resolutions –
 Announcements and Instructions –
 Closing Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM
 Knights of Lithuania Anthem –

Supreme Council Elect Cocktail Party – 6:30p.m. 'til 7:30p.m. @ GR in Hospitality Suite

Convention Banquet – 7:00p.m. 'til 12:00a.m. @ GR in Hospitality Suite
 Cocktails – 7:00p.m.
 Dinner – 8:00p.m.
 Program – 9:00p.m.
 Dancing – following program

Sunday: August 5, 2001 –

Supreme Council Elect Meeting – 9:00a.m. 'til 10:00a.m. @ GR

Farewell Buffet Breakfast – 10:00a.m. 'til 12:00p.m. @ GR

Closing Mass – 1:30p.m. @ Queen of the Universe Shrine

Buses will depart at 12:30p.m.
 Convention Photo – Immediately after Mass
 Buses will return to hotel immediately after Photo

Notice: The book, "The Art of Sister Mercedes," is available for purchase at the price of
 \$38.50 + 3.50 for postage. Checks should be made payable to:

Knights of Lithuania
 2601 West Marquette Road
 Chicago, IL 60629-1817



IMPORTANT PLEASE READ !!!

Resolution to be proposed at the 88th National Convention

Subject: Changes to eligibility for Honorary Membership

Submitted by: Knights of Lithuania Council 3, Philadelphia, PA

Whereas, in the past the Knights of Lithuania organization and its Constitution have made no distinction between a person who has received Honorary Membership as a member of the Knights of Lithuania and those who received it as an outstanding Catholic Lithuanian who's achievements were exemplary and who were not members of the Knights of Lithuania, and

Whereas, in Article VIII of the Constitution concerning Members Rights, all Honorary Members regardless of whether they are regular K of L members or not, are given the right to be delegates at National Conventions, vote at Supreme Council, District and Council meetings and be elected to offices at the National, District or Council levels, we feel it is necessary to make some distinction, therefore,

Be it resolved that starting January 1, 2002, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph (a.) (ii.) be deleted in its entirety.

Article V, Section 2 Paragraph (a) should read as follows:

Honorary Membership may be conferred on:

Members for their outstanding accomplishments for the welfare of the organization and its ideals.

Honorary Members are named by the National Convention upon presentation by the Honorary Membership Committee.

Furthermore, be it resolved that starting January 1, 2002 the Supreme Council shall identify a new title to be conferred upon those outstanding Catholic Lithuanians whose achievements for God and Country have been preeminently outstanding and exemplary of the ideals of the organization.

Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc.

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2001 ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

- TOPIC:** 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.
- LENGTH:** 450 to 500 words. (Count all words).
- DEADLINE:** July 2, 2001. 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 members of a Junior Council which is duly registered with the Supreme Council.
- CRITERIA:** Essays will be judged on content and originality. 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.
- PRIZES:**
1st Prize - \$300.
2nd Prize - \$200.
3rd Prize - \$100.
- JUDGES:** One member of each K of L District, plus 2000 Contest Winner.
- MAIL TO:** Rita Sussko*
1254 Grandview Ave.
Union, New Jersey 07083-3729
- WINNERS:** Will be announced August, 2001, during the 88th National Convention in Orlando. Florida. Winning entries will be published in VYTIS.
- SPONSOR:** KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC., via a grant from Msgr. Juozas Prunskis.

* Note change of "Mail to" address, over that printed in April VYTIS.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 88TH NATIONAL CONVENTION AUGUST 2 - 5, 2001



Convention Site: Grosvenor Resort
1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd.
Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

Host: KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SUPREME COUNCIL

CONVENTION REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

All Bus Service as required; Thursday Night Get-Together at a local amusement park;
Coffee after morning Mass in Hotel on Friday and Saturday; Saturday Night Banquet and
Dance; and Sunday Brunch in Hotel before the Closing Mass.

Council No. _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
(Please print)

Street: _____ Phone No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

(Please do not mail any registration after July 5, 2001; bring them with you to the hotel).

Early Registration - \$175.00 per person (Prior to June 1) Amount \$ _____

Late Registration - \$185.00 per person (After June 1) Amount \$ _____

Junior Registration: \$90.00

(includes all adult activities plus Friday trip to local amusement park)

Name of Child _____
Age of Child _____ Amount \$ _____

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITY:

Wednesday, August 1, 2001 - Day Bus Trip to Kennedy Space Center

ADULT COST - \$45.00 per person Amount \$ _____

CHILD COST - \$30.00 per person Amount \$ _____

(Make checks payable to: Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council) Total Amount \$ _____

Mail Checks and Registration Forms to:

Mark H. Bell
Registration Coordinator
1224A 7th Avenue, North
Nashville, TN 37208-2606

Phone: (615)256-3790

***Knights of Lithuania National Scholarship Program for 2001
Awards Announced at the 88th National Convention in Orlando, Florida***

The *Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Program* is intended to help a worthy and deserving Knight obtain a college education. Applicants must be a member of the organization for at least two years in order to be eligible to apply for a scholarship award. (This will be verified with the National Financial Secretary.) The Scholarship Program is intended to be a stimulus for young Lithuanian-Americans to join and be active in our organization. Service to the Knights of Lithuania organization is of prime importance to be considered for this award.

Scholarships are awarded annually as a grant. Applications must be complete (i.e., picture, transcripts, recommendations, etc) to be considered by the Scholarship Committee. Applications must be submitted usually no later than June 30th of each year. The awards are paid to the recipient in two installments. ***** **APPLICANTS MAY NOW APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP MORE THAN ONCE. THIS IS OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION THAT AN APPLICANT MAY WIN MORE THAN ONE YEAR.******* There are various scholarships available with individual amounts decided upon by the Scholarship Committee by vote each year.

Each applicant has the responsibility of completing the application and securing entrance to the college of his/her choice. If the recipient of an award drops out of college, or if his/her scholastic standing becomes unsatisfactory to the college, the unexpended balance of the award may be forfeited at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship awards may be made to a person for undergraduate or graduate work. There is no age limitation. Organizational activity within the Knights of Lithuania is one of the most important criteria for obtaining a scholarship along with the following requirements and stipulations.

An applicant's *qualifications* will be based on recommendations made by his/her 1) *Council President or Council 3rd Vice President*; 2) *Spiritual Advisor or Pastor*; 3) *Former Teacher*; 4) *Character Reference*. Applicants will be evaluated on scholastic records, financial need, and most importantly, K of L involvement. The Scholarship Committee will carefully study the applications and decisions of the committee are final. The recipients of the Scholarship Awards will be announced at the annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

For more information, please write to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson:

Irena Gecas-McCarthy
30 Clinton Road
Garden City, New York 11530
(516) 746-0820 - home
(212) 436-5316 - work
e-mail: macgecas@msn.com (home)

In Memoriam...*Rev. Fabijonas Kireilis*

(Father Fabian - C-36)

Born: April 6, 1912**Ordained:** Kaunas, Lithuania
June 3, 1939**Arrived at I.C.:** Oct. 2, 1973

Father Fabian served the parish and people of **Immaculate Conception Church** in **Chicago, Illinois**, in the **Brighton Park** area until his official retirement last year. He died peacefully on April 5, 2001 after a brief illness.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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*Remembering All of Our
Faithful Departed from all
our Councils: (2000 - 2001)*

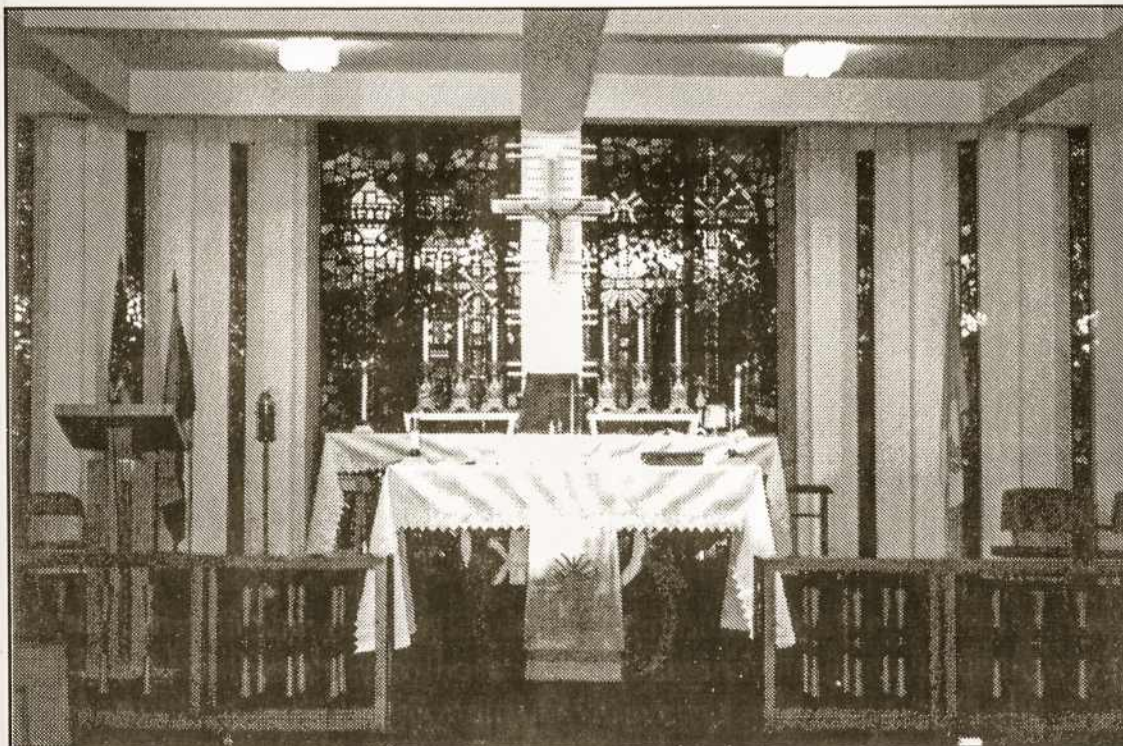
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C-16 Vincent C. Zuck
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C-144 Vincent Mikatavage
C-147 Bronius Bakas
C-147 Rev. Steponas Ropolas, OFM
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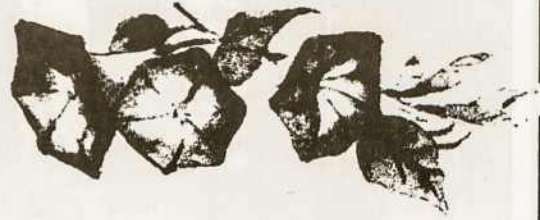
*Let us keep them always in our
prayers!*

SACRED PLACES

St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Calumet City, Indiana where the K of L Choir and other choirs jointly performed the "7 Last Words of Christ."



C-96's beautiful sanctuary in their Holy Trinity Church in Dayton, Ohio. The Supreme Council was graciously hosted at Dayton in March. Thanks!



Junior K of L'er, Erin Petkus, C-96, Dayton Ohio, and her family stop in Chicago during Easter break to visit the Sisters of St. Casimir Motherhouse.

They joined the Sisters, and many other guests, in the Liturgy, praying for the beatification process of Mother Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir. After the Mass, they joined the Sisters and guests for "coffee and..." and then had a brief tour of the Lithuanian museum and library.

At the left, Erin poses with a "Lietuvaite" in authentic costume in the museum. Below, she joins in a photo with her family; mom, dad, brother Robert and his friend.



KNIGHT LIFE



Lithuanian Day observance - Birzelis Dance Group of Hartford, CT. Director and founder is Dalia Dzikas. Athol, Mass. C-10.



C-10 Lithuanian Day observance, March 11. LtoR; Mary McCollon, Brone Qualters, Richard Qualters, Brone Wisniauskas. Row 2-Michael Baublis, Paul Krustapentus.

KNIGHT LIFE



Pastor of Nativity BVM church, Rev. Michael Yakaitis, smiles happily as C-112's members hand him a check from the profits of the "Champagne Luncheon." LtoR; Vince Petrosius, Anele Pocius, Mickey Petrosius, Rev. Yakaitis, Julie Zakarka, Ellie Kasputis, Sr. Johanne Marie and Estelle Rogers.



The happy couple, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and Alvina Giedraitis, celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss, April 21, 2001. They are C-112 members. Ilgiausiu metu!

KNIGHT LIFE



Birzelis dance group performing. Athol, Massachusetts.



K of L C-136 members dressed in their Lithuanian costumes, celebrating Lithuanian Independence Day LtoR.: Genute Baranauskas Bernice Aviza, Dorothy Richmire and Frances Maslanka.

KNIGHT LIFE



Rob Martin, Jr., tending bar at C-16's "Virtiniu vakaras." Proceeds of the event benefited the Sisters of St. Casimir. All their hard work was really appreciated.



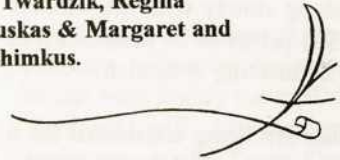
C-16's Wanda Pliskaitis directing everyone: "Line up right here for your virtiniai!"

KNIGHT LIFE



(At left) C-26's Irene Markevicius at the Lithuanian Spring festival, "Kaziuko muge."

(Below) The Pittston, Pa. Group celebrating Lithuanian Independence Day. LtoR; Mayor Connors, Msgr. Peter Madus, Martha Warnagiris, Nellie Bayoras, Richard and MarieLaske, Liz Kaminskas, MarthaWagner, Mary Twardzik, Regina Petrauskas & Margaret and Vito Shimkus.



District & Council News

Mid Atlantic District

C-110 Maspeth, NY Bruno Rutkunas

At this time, our council here in Maspeth, Queens, NY, is busy with preparations for the shipment of vital supplies to the needy in Lithuania. Attendance at our monthly meetings average around 45, with 200 or so members!!!!

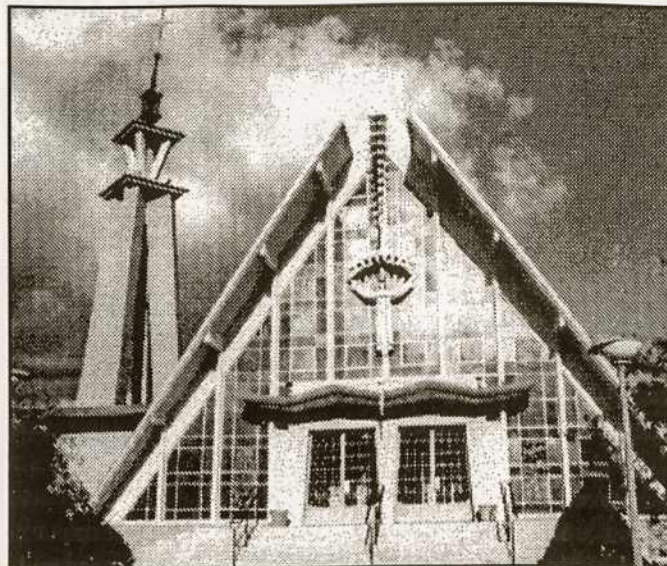
Our \$5.00 raffle donation to raise money for the Aid to Lithuania Fund is coming along slowly with the winners of three \$\$\$ prizes to be determined at our June 24 meeting & brunch.

Detail plans are being considered for a huge Dinner-Dance Celebration in the Fall of 2001.

C-136 Hudson-Mohawk Dorothy Richmire

Our April meeting was well-attended and the desserts were delicious, as usual. Bernice filled us in on the trip to Washington, D.C., accompanied by Helen Hayner. They attended the Conference of Baltic Nations and participated in discussions of Lithuania becoming a member of NATO. The vote comes up in the Fall of 2002. Bernice urged everyone to write to their congressman on this vote. FLOOD THEM WITH LETTERS!

Long-time member of our council, Ed Baranauskas and his wife, Genute, will be leaving soon to make their home in Lithuania. In honor of and in gratitude for his contribution and loyalty to the Knights, our council hosted a reception in their honor on April 22. Members of Council again displayed their culinary talents and we



all had a great time. We will miss the many articles that he authored in Vytis. Due to his annual visits to Lithuania, he was able and willing to share his knowledge and observations of current conditions there.

Genute is a native of Lithuania and emigrated to this country 19 years ago as his wife. She taught the Lithuanian language at Hudson Valley Community College and many of our members took advantage of the opportunity. I was one of them; however, since I do not have the opportunity to "use it", it is so easy to "lose it". Unfortunate but true.

We will miss them both. Bon Voyage, Ed and Genute and God be with you.

Please pray for those on the sick list, including: Betty Parker, recovering from pneumonia; Stella White, recovering from recent surgery; Helen La Pierre, Stephanie Dwulitt and Frank Zebuda. Thought for today: May you never forget what is worth remembering nor remember what is best to forget.

New England District

C-135 Ansonia, CT J.P.Sabulis

Well, here is the new year and we're off to a good start. The weather is cooper-

ating by dropping off all the snow we want. Plenty to speak of and those of us who can shovel have a job. Most of us hire the young who are strong and able. They have a job as long as we pay. Well I hope that the warm weather is not too far away.

We had a lot of sad news this month. Our member Jennie Loda lost her sister, Julia M. Pryplesh. Julia was seen in our church when she was able to come. We also will miss Father Anthony Jurgelaitis. We still use his Wake Service and St. Casimir prayers. He was a familiar face during the conventions and various events. Another familiar person is Father Justin Steponaitis of C-10 in Athol-Gardner. Fr. "Steppie", as he was fondly called, will always be remembered for his Masses and sermons at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N.H. That was quite a place for Mass and the activities after words at the Lithuanian Club in Gardner. These will all be sadly missed but the good memories of their deeds will always be remembered.

We would like to extend our best wishes to the Pastor and Spiritual Advisor of C-6, Hartford, Fr. John Conte, who was invested as Monsignor at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, in December. Congratulations, again!

We would like to say 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' to our Pastor, Father Pat.

Many more good years to come and good health always. Of course, this also applies to his ordination anniversary. We didn't forget that, either. Father Pat had a book published, recently, called "Walk a Mile in My Shoes". You can read a good book and all about Father Pat, too.

We have many events coming up and we are going to be quite busy too. We are going to have the rededication of our Wayside Cross with Bishop Rosazza on Saturday, May 19th. It's the first time that Bishop Rosazza has been to St. Anthony's and so it should be quite an affair.

Also on June 9th we are going to have a First Mass by Fr. Mike Parrotta. Fr. Parrotta has been here quite a few times in the past. This, too, is quite an affair not to be missed.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Thomas Koshis on his receiving his First Degree. Lots of luck, Tom!

Well we are to have a one day Fair in the summer. The exact date will be announced later. It looks like another fine time again.

Our meeting recently got off to a good start. Refreshments were aplenty and supplied by Anne Sabulis and Tony Chepulis. Tony also had brought ball point pens and nice calendars, all free for the members. A good time was had by all. It was like the old days; no one wanted to go home.

We remembered the home-bound members, too. Sr. Mary Arline Bujanauskas, Lil Chaplik, Ann Ramanauskas, Mary Slavin and Floyd Traupauskas. Hope all is well with you folks and doing fine.

C-6 Hartford, CT Leona Sawka

A successful pasta dinner was co-

chaired by Lillian Joseph and Alyce Gegeesky, accompanied by sous-chefs Leona Sawka and Judy Landers and was held on March 24th. Since we were honoring St. Casimir, Kaye Urban saw to it that a copy of this prayer was placed next to each plate. A nice touch. Thanks go to Pauline Kruk and Mary Conlon for their assistance during the evening.

Judy Landers informed us of "Stalinworld", an unlikely combination of Disneyworld and Soviet Gulag, located in the tiny village of Gruta, Lithuania. Almost 30 members of parliament had opposed the opening of the park and said that it was in very poor taste and offensive to those who died in the camps; some feel that it should continue as a reminder.

Social, Leona Sawka: The survey has been tallied and a cruise on the Connecticut River to Sag Harbor, NY, is on the agenda for June. After cruising the river for 3 hours, we will arrive in Long Island, NY, at noon with plenty of time for shopping, dining, etc. We will depart for home at 3:00 PM, a nice, relaxing day.

Leona's dumplings were made and distributed, a total of 40 dozen. Helping hands were Nell Knusto, Wandie Kruk, Irene Petkaitis, and Judy Landers. Thank you for a job well done!

Kay Urban's idea of "Make a Difference Day" was a success. K of L er's jotted down their coporal works of mercy which Kay read at the meeting. Some were quite interesting!

C-27 Norwood, MA Zaibas



Following a stormy winter, April showers brought our loyal members to the Spring meeting. Rev. Wm. Wolkovich, Louise and Paul Zukas, Dorothy Ausevich, Ramona Gonski, Albie and Lenore Jarvis, Kay Perednia,

John and Betty Skricki were in attendance. Sandy Melish must have been off spending her winnings from Las Vegas.

Snowbirds returning from Florida included Dorothy Ausevich, Louise Zukas, Albie and Lenore Jarvis. We await the return of Ed and MaryAnn Motyka who are still in Vero Beach. Albie and Lenore checked up on them; Ed is mastering his golfing skills and Mary Ann has recovered from her ankle injury. They sent greetings to all. George and Birute Barton have left for their home in Lithuania.

The Council extends their expressions of sympathy to the families of Kay Adakonis and Joe Sipas. Two fine K of L er's.

The January Communion Breakfast and February Lithuanian Independence Day events were highly successful. On June 10th we will have a program to commemorate the Tragic Days of June. Many C-27 members will attend the retreat in Kennebunkport at the Franciscan Monastery. More than 100 New England K of L er's take part in this annual June weekend.

Our own Fr. Bill continues his scholarly research and writings. He has an article in Bridges on Lithuanian Jews to escape during the oppression.

We congratulate Fr. Lucey on the 50th year of his priesthood. We are proud to have him in St. George Parish.

Our thanks and praise go out to the new editor, Sister Janine and her most capable staff at the Vytis. They certainly are doing an excellent job. Voilio!!!

C-17 South Boston, MA Regina Alexander

On April 1, 2001, St. Peter Parish held its annual Pensininku Balias in the

church hall. Our own C-17 member, Donatas Galentas, was the organizer. His mother, Genute, from Lithuania, has been visiting him and also helped out. Last summer Donatas graduated from Bridgewater State College and was awarded a degree in Computer Science. He is a K of L Scholarship recipient and is now pursuing a successful career in his vocation. Also, he is available for extra work - trouble-shooting of all personal computers.

The Seniors Banquet at St. Peter Parish has been sponsored annually by the graciousness of the Cambridge Lithuanian Club. C-17 member, Al Siauris, is the treasurer and active member of the club. Aciu labai.

There were other C-17 members who volunteered to help make the banquet a success. Seen in the kitchen were Frank and Virginia Markuns who recently returned from vacationing in Florida. Pres. Al Akule and other volunteers were also busy. Organist Romas Gasparonis and the Choir added the music for the occasion. It was nice to be served by Pastor Fr. Steve Zukas. In fact, there were two former pastors who attended - Fr. Anthony Baltrashunas and Msgr. Albert Contons who returned from Florida just days ago.

Milly Vallis had an extensive and busy vacation with members of her family. They visited Washington D.C. and Virginia.

Congratulations! Walter and Nellie Bosy were greatly surprised on the Golden Anniversary. They celebrated happily at their daughter Joanie's home with family and friends from far and wide.

Our best wishes for recovering and good health go out to: Marian Matachinskis who lives in Houston, TX, is recuperating after serious surgery, with the help of her daughter, Sr. Mary Anne, from Ghana, Africa.

Also recovering from hospital stays are: Beattie Stakutis, Lillian Vallis, Al Kniupas, Brenda Wachack and Eleanora Chaplick. We wish them well.

Looking forward to seeing many K of L'er's in Kennebunkport, Maine, in June. Iki pasimatymo, likit sveiki ir linksmi.

C-26 Worcester, MA Ruta

Charles Pavolis, a member of C-26 and an attorney, was the featured speaker at the April council meeting. In the introduction, Ann Leseman called him "our local boy". We are proud of his accomplishments. He is an attorney on both state and federal levels and has been an attorney since 1994.

He spoke on various subjects. Since many of our members own three-deckers - unique homes to the New England area - he covered Landlord-Tenant Law. He gave a thorough insight of some of the difficulties that may arise with tenants and how owners may solve and avoid problems. He also explained a Healthcare Proxy and a Living Will and the differences between them. Wills and various kinds of trusts were also reviewed. A question and answer period followed. The members gained a great deal of helpful information and also learned the importance of having an attorney's assistance.

This same evening, three of our members received their First Degree. Recipients were Anne Holm, Charles Pavolis and George Sopczak. Ann Leseman was in charge of conferring the degree and led the recipients and members in prayer and song. Congratulations were extended to them from all the members.

Wanda Ramonas is very proud of her grandson, Derek Troiand, age 10, who was one of 100 young writers selected across the state by Kids Write 2001 to attend a workshop under the direction of

the Worcester County Young Writers' Institute. He attends St. Peter's Central School. It will be a day of exciting and thought-provoking writing and arts activities.

Dorothy Virbasius's grandson, Christopher Widak, has been taking violin lessons for over seven years plus has been attending violin camp in the summer for the past five years. He plays in a full youth symphony orchestra in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the Longy School. His group will be going to Finland in the near future for a ten-day concert tour. They will be playing 5 to 6 concerts while there. Dorothy said that relatives were invited to attend a concert where their European repertoire was played. She said that sitting there and closing your eyes you could not believe these were teenagers playing this wonderful music.

It is off to Phoenix for Jean and Paul Grabauskas. They will be driving out there to visit their son, Tom, and are planning to stay there for two or three weeks. What an opportunity to see some of our beautiful country. Everyone wishes them a safe and enjoyable trip.

Irene Markevicius who is an active member of our council also belongs to the Lithuanian Scouts. On Palm Sunday, she was working at their Lithuanian Spring Festival- Kaziuko Muge which was held at Maironis Park. This festival was first started in Lithuania in the 13th century and has been held in Worcester for the past 48 years. It is always held on Palm Sunday and features Lithuanian crafts, food, and palm (verbas) which look like flowers. Many of our members were there in attendance enjoying the afternoon with friends and relatives.

C-103 Providence, R.I. Bertha R. Stoskus

Although we do not have a council

news correspondent and our news may be dated, we are still active and most members contribute to keeping St. Casimir's Parish alive.

Members Alyce Grybas, Elizabeth Tribusis and, occasionally, Irene Quinn make coffee for the Koffee Klatch after the Lithuanian Mass on Sunday. They decorate the church for the holidays plus other chores around the church.

Our activities include the February 16th commemoration with Bendruomene. On March 4th, St. Casimir's Day observance was held with Mass and then our members adjourned for Brunch at the Comfort Inn; Fr. Jurgelaitis who was with us for so long was remembered with a reading of his St. Casimir poem in Lithuanian and in English. Over the years as National Spiritual Advisor he wrote many articles in the Vytis.

April 1st, Marcy Couitt, Junior Coordinator, had an Easter egg workshop. It was successful and the children enjoyed it.

Sunshine Committee, Gene Macys, needed some sunshine when she sprained her ankle, recently; she has healed nicely and is up and around.

Victor Mathieu had an unfortunate accident falling down the cellar stairs and had a long recovery; he still has a few problems. He is well enough to drive his new car around. Good Luck.

It was good to see Peter Denisewich at the April meeting after the chemotherapy treatments.

Next on our list is Veronica Kiela who is going in for knee-replacement in May. The physical therapy after surgery will be important, Veronica.

Irene and Jim Quinn returned home from Florida in time for Easter. After Easter, Dr. Tom and Danute DeCesare left for some traveling in Germany.

Bill Piacentini isn't doing any traveling because he currently sustained flooding in his basement after the heavy rain that hit R.I. That problem was cleared in time to entertain a house full of guests from Lithuania for about a month.

Kathy Krecioch was treated as a VIP by Macys. She was picked up by limousine for the Employee Recognition awards ceremony at the Hampshire House in Boston. Congratulations, Kathy!

Member Dr. Liudas Jagminas and Dr. Associates have opened an Emergency Care Center, 'STAT CARE' at the Warwick Mall. They had a formal opening on Feb. 28th. We all wish you success.

Going through some old Vytis', recently, it was interesting reading some C-103 news written by Helen Denisewich. Helen, if we didn't thank you before, a sincere aciu!

C-10 Athol-Gardner Vincukas

Congratulations are extended to Rev. Albin Yankauskas, former pastor of St. Francis and Spiritual Advisor of our K of L council, on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. He was born on the Feast of St. Albin, March 1, 1923, the son of Paul and Emily (Karosas) Yankauskas in the parish of Our Lady of Vilna, Worcester. He was graduated from Classical High and prepared for the priesthood at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT, and the Grand Seminary in Montreal. He was ordained by Bishop John Wright on May 19, 1951, in St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester. Fr. Al served in several parishes and was pastor of St. Francis, St. Casimir's, Worcester, and St. Joseph the Good Provider Parish, Berlin, MA.

Father is best remembered by his kind and pleasant way with his flock. Father retired from the active priesthood and resides at Southgate, a home for retired priests in Shrewsbury. Teveli, linkime sveikatos, dziaugsmo, ir nuo Dievo palaimos be ilgiausiu metu!

Being the month of graduations, we wish the graduates of high school and college success in their future endeavors. When away from your home and your parish and K of L, remember your Lithuanian heritage!

Bill and Brone Wisniauskas spent 14 days touring Spain and Portugal, recently.

St. Blanche's in Erving where several of our members worship lost the roof of the church with a tremendous loss. Living in the snowbelt is taking its toll on all of us.

Upcoming dates: Lithuanian Supper at St. Francis on Oct. 27. Reserve that date to be with us. Also, our Kucios will be observed on Dec. 16th at the church.

Mid Central District

C-25 Cleveland, OH Ursula Kunsitis

Sunday, March 4th, C-25 celebrated St. Casimir's Day at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church with our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, officiating at the Mass. Thank you to Kathy Kaczmarek, Ursula Kunsitis, Dick and Jean Marks, Dolly Oberaitis and Joan Thompson who served as our Gift Bearers and Vic Staskus and Jim Thompson as our Flag Bearers. After a brief visit to the Coffee Hour and Lithuanian Bookstore, members gathered for a delicious lunch at Finamore's Restaurant. Fr. Kijauskas was the lucky winner of our 50-50 raffle. Truly, Father, you have the luck of the Irish!



This joyous day ended in sadness when we learned that Joe Ivoska's brother, Frank Ivoska, of DuBois, PA, had passed away in Texas where he was scheduled to have heart surgery. We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Joe and his family and all our DuBois friends.

Congratulations to Vic Staskus upon opening his third ELECTRIC BEACH Tanning Salon. According to "The Times" of Westlake, it was named one of the best businesses for 2001! This truly is a family affair with sons Edward and Richard working as manager and assistant manager; daughters-in-law Vanessa and Amy are also on the payroll. If you ever find yourself in Cleveland and need a good tan, stop in at one of Vic's Salons at Kamm's Plaza, Westlake, or Fairview Park.

After a long and trying illness, our member Albina Pauline Wallis passed away on Saturday, March 18th. All our members extend their deepest sympathy to Al Wallis and their daughter, Patricia, and son, William. Al and Albina were members of the Dayton council for many years and returned to Cleveland and joined C-25. Albina was a Fourth Degree member. Council members gathered at the Jakubs' Funeral for a Prayer Service on Tuesday.

Steve and Lillian Yurkovic ran another successful Coffee Hour at OLPH Church on April 1. Thank you, Lil and Steve, Jim and Joan, Helen Valley, Dick and Jean, Gene and Ursula, Eleanor Bendokas, Stella Sankal, Betty August, Theresa Capuria and Joan Ortman. Aciu Labai!

Lil and Steve Yorkovic enjoyed Easter Week with their son, Father Dale, who is Pastor of St. Mary's in Livingston, Montana. Incidentally, Congratulations to Fr. Dale who will be celebrating his 10th year as Pastor.

Snowbirds Helen and Bill Jakubs are back in town sporting their new Monaco "Dynasty" travel van. Absolutely beautiful - a mansion on wheels. We wish you much happiness and happy travels!

Paul and Irene Chalko looking tanned and rested after a Spring vacation at Fort Meyer's Beach!

A big "HELLO" to our house-bound members: Nellie Arunski, Helen Garnis, Adelle Tanner, Mary Trainy, Angela Perko and Al Wallis. We miss you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers!

Have a pleasant Summer, everyone!

C-96 Dayton, OH Frances R. Petkus



A round of applause for a most successful Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale goes to the members and participants who made it happen. Special thanks to our Co-Chairpersons, Laurretta and Linda Pant and their committee, Henry and Robert Pant. They had the room set in a festive theme for the occasion. There was an abundance of raffle gifts donated by members and local merchants. Too many winners to list except for the big winners - a huge Basket of Cheer and other goodies went to Eloise Berczelly while the children's basket of goodies went to Junior Knight, Alex Fletcher.

Elaine Pacovsky must be thanked for the wonderful Koffee Klatch she put out in conjunction with the Bake Sale.

In Old North Dayton, which is comprised of four Catholic churches in close proximity of each other, three being ethnic churches, Lithuanian, Polish, and Hungarian, Fr. Michael Holloran of Holy Cross Church was approached by a lay missionary asking to conduct a mission in one of the parishes. Rather than all sessions

being held in the same church for the four nights, each night the mission was at a different church. It was an idea that proved very successful. Parishoners from all four parishes attended each church for the four-day mission. Thanks to Fr. Mike, it was a wonderful time of sharing amongst the people in the area.

Congratulations go out to three members who have rejoined C-96 - George and Josephine Zilinkas and Vida Gecas. Vida is with the American Embassy in Kiev! A warm welcome and many years of active participation in the council.

We must extend our deepest sympathies to the Zilinkas', George and Josephine, on the recent loss of their sister, Sister Imelda Zilinkas. May she rest in the peace of our Lord.

April proved to be a busy one for K of L Alice Karklius Scholarship recipient and C-96 member, Amy Berczelly. First, she became engaged to Robert Glaser! One day recently Dayton was hit with storms that created 'black ice' conditions on the roads. Amy had a one-person accident that demolished her truck but she was okay. Then on April 28th Amy graduated magna cum laude from Kettering College of Medical Arts with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Profession-Physicians Assistance major! With scholarships and working to save money towards her goal, Amy is ready to put her education to work and with no school loans tying her down! Congratulations, Amy!!!!

It was good to see Mary Lou Lastoskie, St. Petersburg, FL, in town, recently!

Amber District

C-3 Philadelphia, PA Stephany Gutauskas



Joan Kibauskas Iwasko's granddaughter,

Kelsy Martinez, received her First Holy Communion on February 24, 2001. The occasion was extra special in that Kelsy wore the same dress that her mother, Susan, wore when she received First Holy Communion 37 years ago. We congratulate the new communicant and whole-heartedly welcome her to the full participation in the Mass.

Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM, Agnes, HM, and John Mickunas attended the Supreme Council meeting held in Dayton, OH, on March 31 and April 1.

On those same dates, Victor Stepalovitch participated in a weekend retreat at St. Joseph's in the Hills in Malvern, PA.

On Wednesday, April 4, several C-3 members attended the last Lenten lecture of the year held in St. George's parish hall where Sheila McMaster, RN, of Catholic Social Services, gave an informative talk about programs and services available to the elderly within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

On Saturday, April 7, a good group of C-3 members enjoyed dinner and a production of "Meet Me in St. Louis", a presentation of the Port Richmond Theater Group, held in the Lithuanian Music Hall. Other Vyciai attended either the opening night or closing night performances of the musical.

The council held its monthly meeting on Sunday, April 8th. Our members had favorable comments about the tasty social presented by Irene and Walter Svekla.

A nice group of Vyciai was present at a beautiful Mass held at St. George on Saturday, April 21, honoring Sister Theresa Mary Mich, O.S.F., on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of her Religious Profession as a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia. Knights personally congratulated Sr. Theresa Mary after the Mass at a reception held at near-by Casbah Caterers.

Also on Saturday, April 21, several C-3 members were enchanted by the dulcet harmonization of Dainavos Ansamblio Vyru Oktetas, a singing octet, who performed a medley of Lithuanian songs at the Lithuanian Music Hall.

On Sunday, April 22, another group of Vyciai kicked up their heels or tapped their toes to the music of Chuck Pendrak and his Orchestra at a Polka Dance held at the Polish American Citizens' Club in Clifton Heights, PA.

On Sunday, April 29, our own Jeanne Dorr received an Ethnic Leadership Award from the Heritage Ball Committee in New Jersey for her many years of service to the Lithuanian community. Jeanne is well-known for her involvement in Lithuanian orphans' care as well as for her promotion of Lithuanian affairs before American congressmen. We applaud and congratulate Jeanne for her tireless efforts on behalf of Lithuania and Lithuanians. Valio!

At the end of April, Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM, vacationed approximately a week in Germany. We're all happy Msgr. was able to get in a little R & R.

C-144 Anthracite, PA Ona

Plans are being made for the 87th Lithuanian Days to be held at the Schuylkill Mall in Frackville, PA, with Eleanor Balsis as Chairperson. Proceeds from this affair always go to Lithuanian causes and in the past few years it has been to our Humanitarian Aid to Lithuania. Many hundreds of pounds of much needed items are sent to the elderly poor, poor village schools, orphans, hospices, places that sometimes get no other aid from others. We also support the Pontifical Lithuanian College in Rome and the Carmelites in Pastuva, each year.

Our Humanitarian Aid Committee works very hard collecting these items, packing them and mailing them. Along with shoes, boots and clothing for the people, they send much-needed books to the poor village schools, vitamins, and many other items too numerous to mention. They are all dedicated in the work. All members aid in whatever way they can. God has been good to us and we pray that we can continue with the wonderful work.

Congratulations to one of our younger members, Carol Luschas, who did a Lithuanian project for her high school and received many accolades. Carol wore a Lithuanian costume, had a lovely display, spoke on the history of Lithuania - she explained the Lithuanian Easter customs, verbas on Palm Sunday, the blessing of the Easter basket; she made Easter bread to share and spoke on marguciai. Carol and her sisters, along with their mother, make beautiful straw Christmas decorations. They have learned to do the onion skins with etchings. They are all to be commended for spreading their Lithuanian Heritage. Thank you, Luschas family.

Once again, we have lost a member. Mary McGinley went to her glory on March 28th. Amzina Atsilsi, Mary.

Cultural Chairman, Mary Koons, brings a Lithuanian Hymn to each meeting. It was wonderful singing "Linksma Diena" at our April meeting.

We welcome new members Betsy Day and Elaine Kelly.

We congratulate our member, Elsie Kosmisky, who will be receiving her Honorary Degree in Orlando in August. Elsie is our hard-working Financial Secretary and has done much to deserve this honor. Ilgiausiu Metu, Elsie.

We wish to see many of you at our Lithuanian Days. August 11, Aug 12, Schuylkill Mall, Frackville, PA. For

further information, call Eleanor Balsis, Chairman, 570-544-2591 or Email akliz@ptd.net.

C-74 Scranton, PA Marie Laske



We had attended the Amber District meeting at Pittston. Mass was celebrated by Father Peter Alisauskas; it was beautiful. Margaret Clegg, Leona Bazenko and Liz Kaminskas were delegates. Martha Wagner, Dick and Marie Laske also went.

Martha Waragaris and Mr. and Mrs. Sowa received their Fourth Degrees. Seven others received their Third Degrees.

Our next Amber District will be in Easton, PA. We met members from Forest City and other places. The meal was great and the meeting was very informative.

C-74, Scranton, has been having the Flag-Raising for Lithuanian Independence Day for 25 years and Richard and Marie Laske have been Chairpersons for many years. Sometimes the weather and the aging process are hurdles, but the K of L from Scranton and Pittston -Nellie Bayoras Romanas and Martha Waragiras are faithful K of L ers from Pittston - They fill any voids. God bless you all!

Mid America District

C-36 Chicago Balandelis

Greetings after the most holy and blessed of holidays... Easter!! This finds many of us still beaming and in the aura of Christ's Rising from His Death... parish activities toward the preparation of and for Holy Week... Choirs rehearsing, attending services and in general enjoying each others' camaraderie and good wishes for a

continuance of good health and feasting.

Under the leadership of our new president, Evelyn Ozelis, and her committee... accomplished the task of celebrating Council's 85 years of existence without a break. It was truly a gala event attended by many other council friends and dignitaries. It seems hard to surmise the fact that we can continue for yet another ten or twenty years ...

Although C-36 members are beginning to age, their spirit drives them on. Their next fundraising effort will be the annual "Dinner is Served" for Sunday, June 3, 2001. We do seem to enjoy anything with food attached to the event. There is always a table for C-112's "Champagne Brunch"... and C-16's "Dumpling Party". The gent with the best appetite is Dave Lornaitis. He is the skinniest guy and hardly adds a pound for all that he packs in. Thanks to his energy we always have tables and chairs set up for our meetings and events.

On a sad note: Former Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fabian Kireilis went to his final eternal rest on April 5th, just a day before his 89th birthday. May God have mercy on his soul. Also, Ray Simutis, brother of both Ruth Kazlauskas and Dr. John Simutis. Also, those of you who knew Gerry Mack... Eternal Rest Grant to them, O Lord!

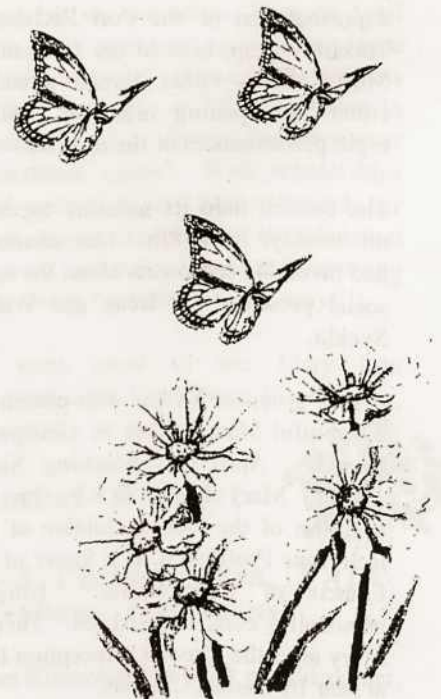
The St. Casimir Day, March 4th, was hosted by C-36. The morning started with the Lithuanian Mass at 10:30 AM at Immaculate Conception Church. Then a catered brunch, special awards, and quarterly District meeting, led by Glenn Perutis, District President. It is truly amazing how much good works get done, decisions get made, donations get determined, under the enthusiasm of good leaders and willing members.

We are keeping in mind the August convention being held in Orlando,

Florida. Early bird, Mary F. Kincius, has had her registration, hotel reservation, airfare, and car rental already taken care of. All she needs now is company.

Sally Daulys took on the awesome task of feeding (for dinner) a group of University students that were invited by the Omaha, Nebraska University. The city of Siauliai is their sister-city and they welcome exchange students. Chicago welcomed them to concertize in front of the statue... "Our Lady of the Millennium" which was at Immaculate Conception parish from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, also at the parish hall, at the Lemont Lithuanian World Center, and at the Jesuits' "Jaunimo Centras". What a wonderful and appreciative group of young students! They couldn't get over the Lithuanian meal that Sally prepared. For their almost 3 weeks in the United States, they were tasting a variety of American goodies.

Keep writing those senators and congressmen to get Lithuania into NATO, along with Latvia and Estonia. We'll really celebrate then!



From the Lithuanian Embassy...

In his Easter greetings sent to *Vytis*, Ambassador Vygaudas Ušackas of the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington, D.C. included this timely verse:

Nešu tau, Viešpatie, aš savo džiaugsmo
auką, -
Išsaugotą, išaugusią jaunų dienų javuos.
Tu man davei gyvenimą kaip gintarinį lauką,
Pražydušį pavasariais gražiausios Lietuvos!

~Bernardas Brazdionis~

Giesmė birželio mėnesiui..

Radau aš širdį vieną,
Liepsnoja meile Ji,
Prie Jos tik mano siela
Laiminga ir rami.

Širdis Jo tikras rojus,
Ir atilsis saldus,
Be Jos aptemes būtų
Ir augštasis dangus.

Myliu aš Tavo širdį,
O Jėzau, Tu žinai,
Tai visas mano džiaugsmas
Uoliai tarnauti Jai.

Skaisti, graži ta meilė,
Tikroji šventuma,
Švelni kaip dvasių giesmės,
Galinga kaip jūra.

Radau ir nepaleisiu,
Jėzau, aš Tavęs,
Aš trokštu nuolat būti
Prie dieviškos širdies.

Someone We Should Know, but Don't...

Browsing through some magazine clippings, we came across the following poem, and to our surprise, it was written by a Lithuanian from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We took the liberty of reproducing it here, in hopes that someone will recognize the name and let us know where this wonderful poet resides. We would like to get in contact with her and also congratulate her for this extraordinary talent:

Just an Ordinary Somebody

The kettle is whistling in the kitchen,
Antique china so perfectly displayed;
Friendship is a noted priority,
Highlighted on my list today.
Napkins folded, silverware polished,
The cuckoo clock accurately chimes the time,
My heart leaps with such anticipation
For a friend is about to arrive.
The fresh aroma of buttermilk biscuits
Makes all seem cozy and sweet,
Tis a thrill to display my varied talents---
Add a friend to make the recipe complete.
A knock at the door is happily welcomed,
And I believe a wonderful day is here
"Cause a friend took precious moments
to visit with me---
Just an ordinary somebody who cared.

**Linda Grazulis
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

Congratulations, Linda, for having been published. Your fellow Lithuanians are very proud of you!

Bits and Pieces...

We are always the same age inside.
~ Gertrude Stein~

How softly runs the afternoon
Beneath the billowy clouds of June.
~C.H. Towne~



Knights' Kitchen Korner

PANCAKES/BLYNAI, SKLINDŽIAI

1 cup flour
1 tbspn. Sour cream
4 eggs
1 cup milk
¼ tsp. salt

Separate egg yolks from whites. Beat yolks til light, stir into sifted flour, add cream, milk and salt. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Fry on butter. Use one large tablespoon of batter per pancake. Serve with honey or preserves.

Apple pancakes: add peeled, thinly sliced or grated tart apple to batter.

TORTE "NAPOLEON" NAPOLEONAS

4 cups flour
1 lb. lightly salted butter
1 pint sour cream

Sift flour onto pastry board. With pastry blender or two knives, gradually cut softened butter into flour until crumbly. Blend in sour cream. With hands, form dough into 11 or 12 egg-sized round balls. Refrigerate overnight in covered bowl. Before baking, let dough stand at room temperature about 15 minutes. Roll each ball almost wafer thin on very lightly floured board. Roughly fit into 12-inch ungreased pie pan. Prick all over with a fork. Bake each layer at 350 degrees, 4 to 5 minutes. Cool. Stack layers atop each other. With very sharp knife, even the sides, saving trimmings for crumbs. Put layers together with

FILLING.....

(FILLING FOR NAPOLEONAS)

1 ½ lb. unsalted butter
2 cups powdered sugar
8 egg yolks
1 pkg. Vanilla pudding mix
2 cups milk
½ cup half and half or Carnation milk
2 tsp. vanilla
juice of one lemon

Cream butter, yolks and sugar. Stir pudding mix into 1 cup cold milk. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Gradually pour and stir pudding into butter and yolks. Scald and slowly pour in 1 cup milk, cream and vanilla. Slowly add heated lemon juice. Cool. Spread about 1 tbspn. between each layer. Frost sides and top with same filling, sprinkle with finely crumbed layer trimmings.

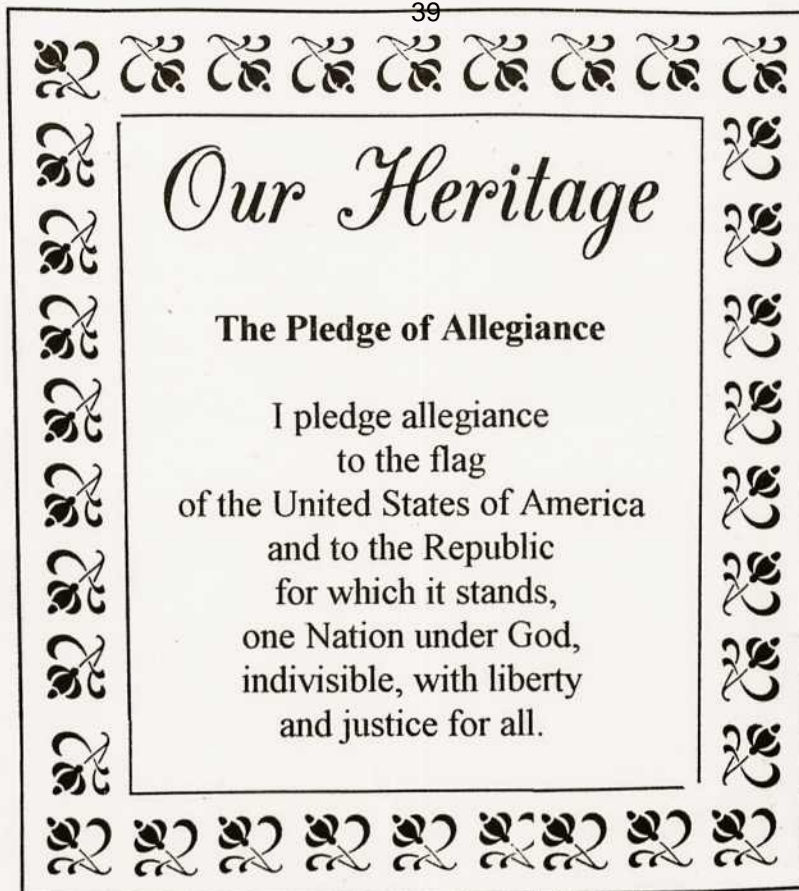
One or two layers may be spread with stewed apricot or apple puree or berry preserves.

COLD BEET SOUP ŠALTIBARŠČIAI

3 bouillon cubes
4 cups boiling water
1 No. 2 can shoe-string beets
2 -3 blossoms fresh dill
1 stalk green onion
1 small cucumber
1 hard boiled egg
½ pt. Sour cream

Dissolve cubes in boiling water. Add beets. Cool slightly. Add finely cut onion, diced peeled cucumber, finely chopped dill, and salt to taste. Blend in cream. Add diced egg. Chill several hours. Serve in chilled soup bowls, with hot potatoes boiled in jackets. Buttermilk may be substituted for cream.

For variation, add small can deveined shrimp (well rinsed) before chilling soup.



About the Text:

In 1892, in honor of the four hundredth anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World, President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed a national school celebration. For the occasion, Francis Bellamy, of Boston, Massachusetts, felt that the nation's schoolchildren should state a simple yet heartfelt patriotic pledge, one that would be a part of a flag-raising ceremony. The now familiar Pledge of Allegiance was the result, and it first appeared in the September 1892 issue of *The Youth's Companion*, of which Bellamy was editor. On Columbus Day of that year, children first recited America's Pledge of Allegiance in classrooms across the country.

The pledge has undergone some revisions in the past one hundred years. The original version was lengthened in 1923 and again in 1924. After the United States entered the second World War, Congress established guidelines for the treatment of the national flag, and included formal guidelines concerning reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The proper position for reciting the pledge included standing with one's right hand over one's heart or, in the case of military personnel, at attention. Men were to remove their hats, and uniformed personnel were to salute. The year 1954 brought another revision to the Pledge when Congress voted to add two words: "under God." The Pledge was now not only a patriotic declaration, but a public prayer as well, one that all Americans continue to recite with pride.

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Heart of the Year

Ida Scott Taylor

On the meadow the clover is growing,
Out in the sunshine the breezes are blowing,
Clover and breezes are dancing in glee,
Nodding and bowing their brightest to me;
This is the time when the birds are the fleetest,
This is the time when their songs are the sweetest,
This is the time when their notes are most clear,
Heart of the June time is heart of the year!

Now when the May trees are done with their blooming,
Now when the roses the air are perfuming,
Now when the lilies are turning to snow,
Nestling their soft creamy throats in a row,
Now is the time when the tongue wakes to gladness,
Breaking in song as the brooks rush to madness,
Now is the time that we welcome most dear,
Heart of the June time is heart of the year!

Lifted above us the heavens are shining,
Azure and white with a silvery lining,
Glories are there that our eyes cannot reach,
Things that are hidden from sight and from speech;
Heaven is o'er us about and above,
God is the Author and Father of Love;
God is within us, His spirit is near,
God in the June time is Heart of the Year!

