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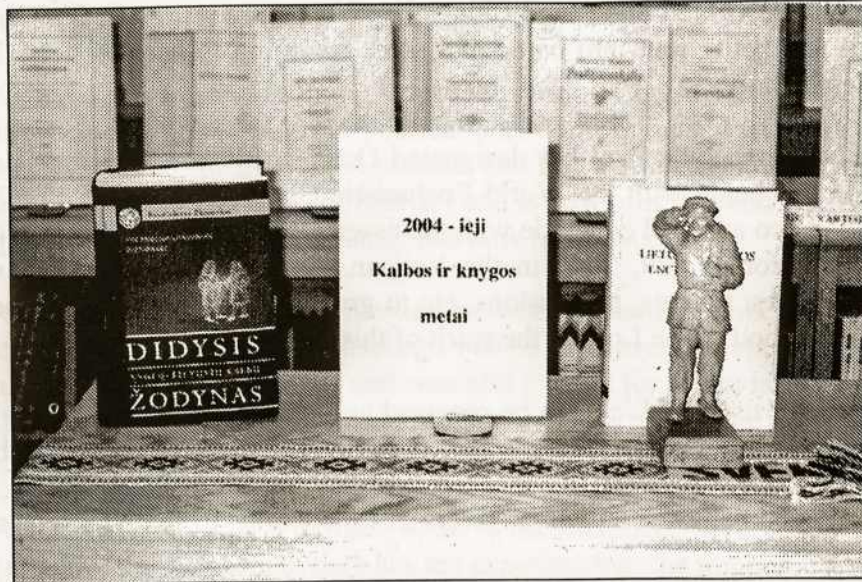
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Mission Statement: The Knights of Lithuania endeavors to instill in its members an attachment to Lithuania, the land of our ancestors, and knowledge, appreciation and love of the Lithuanian language, customs and culture.

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*"A quiet morning
with a loving God
puts the events of
the upcoming day
into proper perspective."*



Front Cover: Lithuanian statuettes on display at the Lithuanian Museum and Library at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir in Chicago. Come and visit when you're in the city. You will get a personal tour!

To My Fellow Knights

The news lately has been depressing. Four hurricanes in a six week period. Critical elections in both the United States and Lithuania. Wars and terrorism. Church closings. Our young people being sent into battle and some returning to heaven. The list seems endless. Where is hope?

The Holy Father Pope John Paul has designated October 2004 – 2005 the “Year of the Eucharist.” It will begin with the World Eucharistic Congress, October 10-17, 2004 in Guadalajara, Mexico and will conclude with the assembly of the World Synod of Bishops in the Vatican October 2-29, 2005 in the Vatican. People throughout the world are preparing holy hours, retreats, processions, etc to grow in faith and love for the mystery of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the spirit of this Eucharistic Year.

This is the time for us K of L'ers to be renewed and revitalized in our faith. **Through the Holy Eucharist** our faith in God's love is strengthened and therein lies our hope.

Let us be *hope*-filled believers and *hope*-givers as we continue to share our blessings with others.

Sister M. Janine



VYTIS REMINDERS FROM THE EDITOR

Articles for VYTIS should be sent composed and complete. We can edit, but cannot assume responsibility for composition, nor can we guarantee return of photos. Your contributions are appreciated.; however, articles from other newspapers and magazines cannot be used without permission.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR COSTS DOWN.

If you leave your regular residences for the winter (or otherwise), please inform June Grenier, the Financial Secretary. When you are away, *Vytis* is not deliverable, and we are often charged first class mail rates for the return of undeliverable periodicals.

If you move, please inform your local financial secretary or president as soon as possible.

Council Financial Secretaries

You are responsible to **send official changes of address and death notices** of members of your council to **June Grenier, the National Financial Secretary**. Please forward this information as soon as possible. **DO NOT SEND THIS TO THE VYTIS OFFICE** as this delays the procedure.

VYTIS Correspondents

Please send one copy of your Council News to the VYTIS office **by November 7th**.

President's Message

Dear Members,

We are on the threshold of a new Knights of Lithuania year. Our Councils and Districts have already scheduled their fall/winter events. Our Vytis Editor is in the throes of preparing for our annual Vytis Christmas Campaign.

The Supreme Council met Sunday morning before the closing Convention Mass. The Boards of our three Ancillary organizations – K. of L. Foundation, Aid to Lithuania and St. Casmir's Guild – were approved and ratified by the Supreme Council. Our Legal Advisor notified me that he has received confirmation that the Our Lady of Šiluva Fund is now officially incorporated as a tax-exempt not for profit corporation and its charter has now been issued.

The members of the 92nd Convention Committee are working hard to make the best plans possible to assure that next year's Convention in Pittsburgh will be an enjoyable experience for all of the Knights of Lithuania. Please keep a close and watchful eye out for future issues of the Vytis beginning with the January issue when the Committee will apprise us of all the plans they have in store for us.

I do have one very important request to make of all of our members. Everyone is well aware of the difficulties that many of our Lithuanian parishes are experiencing: the traumatic news that their parishes will be closed. I sincerely request that if and when such news comes to your area, please immediately send pertinent information to the Lithuanian Affairs Chair. The information will then be disseminated to all of the Knights of Lithuania (through Vytis, E-mail and regular mail). With this information on hand we can then all bombard with letters the hierarchy who are issuing these closing orders and plead the case of those Lithuanian parishes who are grappling with such sad and unnerving news.

It is imperative that we band together and focus our attention and energy on this important issue which is fast becoming more and more prevalent in today's society. We cannot and must not be "Ho-Hum" about this serious issue. In prior years the Knights of Lithuania was a driving force in keeping the name of Lithuania alive and in the forefront of the U. S. government and the American citizens' minds during the dark days of Soviet oppression. Our Knights of Lithuania letter writing campaigns initially spearheaded by the late Rev. John Jutt served to keep the plight of Lithuania on the front burner of our government's diplomatic agenda. Now, we must be strong and assertive again. We must direct our energies toward the preservation of our Lithuanian parishes. Please, when you receive information pertaining to any closing of a Lithuanian parish, take a few minutes of your precious time and actively participate in a Knights of Lithuania letter writing campaign. Each one of us can be an important player in the quest to keep all of our Lithuanian parishes open in their existing communities.

In closing, on November 2, -- All Soul's Day - please remember and pray for all our K. of L. members who are no longer with us. We pray for their souls and thank God that during their lifetime they were an important part of our Knights of Lithuania organization.

Vytiškai,

Agnes V. Mickūnas, H.M.
President



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION REPORT GIVEN TO 91ST NATIONAL CONVENTION...

What is the Foundation?

The K of L Foundation is an Endowment Fund. All donations are considered "Capital" and are invested. Only the interest received is spent – on K of L and Lithuanian needs.

Who belongs to the Foundation?

Regular members are those who donate \$100 or more to the Foundation.

Honorable members are those who contribute \$1,000 or more.

Anyone contributing \$5,000 or more may specify where the interest from this donation is to be used. For example, such funds have come from: The late **Ben Karklius** donated \$30,000, whose interest is to be used for a special K of L Scholarship each year.

The late **Msgr. Juozas Prunskis** donated \$1,500 whose interest is to be used each year as prizes for an Essay Contest.

Larry Svelnis donated \$5,000, asking that the interest be used to pay for needs of the Archives Committee.

Directors - become members (if not already members) when they are elected to serve as directors. Two directors are chosen from each District, as recommended by the District President and/or District officers. Each director is elected for a three year term which can be renewed.

This year, the Foundation members renewed the terms of Saulius Kuprys of MAMD, Lee Moore or MCD and Loretta Stukas of MAD. Newly elected was Barbara Schmidt of NED, to replace Clem Miller who resigned this year.

Who are the current officers and Board members?

President – Loretta Stukas, HM, MAD
Vice-President – Elinor Sluzas, HM, MCD
Secretary – Bernice Aviza, HM, MAD
Treasurer – Ann Marie Kassel, HM, MAMD
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Others: Irene Ozalis, AMD
Arlene Stiklius, NED
Anna Wargo, HM, AMD
Lee Moore, MCD
Barbara Schmidt, NED

Donations received:

All donations received up to July 15 are mentioned in the Annual Financial Report. One very generous donation (or inheritance) of \$22,246.37, was received just prior to the Convention, from the estate of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph White of Boston. This check, with added

funds from the Foundation Checking Account to total \$25,000 was converted to a CD.

Planned donations from the Foundation for 2004-2005:

\$800 will be used to purchase 100 special Lithuanian religious books, through Dr. Rose Somkaite, for use by Lithuanian schools.

\$200 will be sent to the Lithuanian National Foundation (Tautos Fundas), to adopt two schools in Lithuania. Tautos Fundas will add \$50 per school to our donation, so each school selected will receive \$150.00.

\$500 has been left on reserve for other projects, as the recommendation of and agreement by the Board.

Essay Contest:

This year's contest entries were good, but only three were received that were eligible for this contest. One other was received from a Junior, but was not considered eligible for consideration because of the wrong topic and other reasons.

Next year's Contest subjects selected were:

1. Memories of Things Lithuanian
2. Why Do I Love Lithuania?

The official announcement of the 2005 Contest will be made to Council Presidents and the VYTIS in March.

Future Contest prizes, "\$100 to \$300" will be determined by the Board based on the number of eligible entries.

Brochures:

K of L Foundation Brochures are still available and can be obtained by contacting either Loretta Stukas or Elinor Sluzas.

Other:

Please consider making donations to the Foundation, to keep alive this donation source for things K of L-ish.

Foundation capital as of July 15, was \$113,277.45. After the reported inheritance, its capital now totals \$135,523.82.

Please also consider other causes where donations are needed, and send your ideas to Loretta Stukas or other Board Members.

This year's Contest Winners:

1st Place - \$300.00 Walter Svekla, C-3, Philadelphia
2nd Place - \$200.00 Kathryn Urban, C-6, Hartford
3rd Place - \$100.00 Stephany Gutauskas, C-3, Philadelphia

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Stukas, HM,
K of L Foundation President

WHAT SHOULD COUNCILS DO TO IMPROVE THEIR MEETINGS...

For the Knights of Lithuania to flourish and not merely exist, K of L councils must get new members now. To do this, local councils, the backbone of the Knights of Lithuania organization, should improve their meetings not only to attract new and vibrant members, but also to retain their "regulars," who have served their councils faithfully for many years.

My essay will address some suggestions that hopefully may improve our meetings and ensure continued success of the Knights of Lithuania well into the future.

First, councils should have definite plans to hold meetings every month from September through June. I mention September as the beginning of the K of L year because it is right after the National Convention when council delegates return home having been energized and inspired by the activities, discussions and debates that transpire at the Convention.

If a meeting a month is not possible, a council should earnestly strive to have at least 8 meetings minimum per year. This number would ensure that council activity and interest will remain constant and not get dormant. The other 2 months could be scheduled to have socials related to Christmas and St. Casimir's day activities.

Second, each meeting should have a definite plan, agenda and goal. To make this happen, council officers should meet prior to the first meeting and plan for the coming year as well as what will be discussed at the first meeting. Most importantly, this planning should involve how the council will implement the motto of the K of L – For God and Country.

Officers' meetings could be held as needed, but should be scheduled at least every other month before the regular council meeting.

Third, the officers should keep the meetings interesting. Meetings should not last more than 2 hours, with 1 ½ hours as an optimal time. There should be a good mix of officers' and committee reports including Lithuanian culture, traditions, or language, old business and new business followed by appropriate announcements. Gridlock and other problem areas should be tabled after sufficient discussion, and addressed further at a future officers' meeting before being brought back to the council. All meeting topics should be presented to further the aims and goals of the K of L and thus benefit our organization.

Fourth, each member should be given a chance to voice his or her opinion. All members, especially the officers, should respect what each member has to say about how the council's business, socials, and donations should be conducted and handled.

Lastly, the meetings should be followed (or sometimes preceded) by an appropriate social. Food and drink are the quickest way to a prospective member's heart. Financing of council socials could be on a voluntary basis by members, or the cost could be taken from treasury funds.

These suggestions have worked for our council, and with careful planning and proper implementation by the officers, these proposals will hopefully improve K of L council life.

Walter Svekla, C-3, Phila., Pa.
First Prize Essay Winner, 2004
 (K of L Foundation Essay Contest)

10 STEPS TO A JOYFUL MASS

1. Make your genuflection upon entering Church a real act of adoration.
2. Sing the hymns even if you're not a good singer. God will love you for your effort.
3. Say the Our Father Prayer firmly and out loud.
4. Try to find one thing in the readings from Scripture that will apply to you – here and now.
5. Try to get at least one good thought from the homily by listening.
6. Make your donations to your Parish as a conscious act of sacrifice of yourself and your work to God.
7. Look for the beauty in the Eucharistic Prayer – it's there.
8. Make Holy Communion a real "Faith Experience," a real meeting with Our Lord and a real joining with others in His love.
9. Smile and say hello to someone when you leave the Church. A friendly smile goes a long way.
10. Stay and join in singing the recessional hymn – remember who left the Last Supper!



Schuyler Savings Bank
Celebrating 80 years
of Service...



Schuyler Savings Bank - Kearny, New Jersey

"LET THESE MEN, Your Neighbors, serve you thru SCHUYLER B. & L. Ass'n." So read an early handwritten flyer, distributed in 1924, to advertise the opening of the new Schuyler Building and Loan Ass'n. Schuyler was organized to serve the community. Special emphasis was placed on helping the Lithuanian Americans living in the community. It decided to provide its people a means of investing hard-earned savings and borrowing to purchase homes. Thus they begin building new lives in the US as viable and self-sufficient citizens. In late 2004, the institution, now called Schuyler Savings Bank, is celebrating its **80 years** of providing a place for financial dealings, financial advice and friendly help. It also continues to serve our community by enhancing the neighborhood and aiding institutions that also serve the community.

Back in 1924, many Lithuanian immigrants, who arrived in the US after World War I or earlier, settled in Kearny. They were seeking a better life in a free and independent nation. As new arrivals, they needed help in assimilating. Considered "foreigners," most were hard-pressed to break into the community, obtain credit or other financial aid. A few innovative Lithuanian immigrants who had overcome the first traumas of immigration decided that, one way or another,

they would establish a means for their people to become financially independent. They would open a bank!

The idea to start their own bank was good and useful, but its realization was difficult. A significant capital investment was needed to guarantee the new institution's existence. Few of the new immigrants, whose jobs paid minimum wages at best, had achieved enough financial stability to be able to contribute much to this capital. But, some older immigrants who had saved some money, willingly and without question brought in larger sums to allow the institution to start. Once by-laws were written and legal matters were settled with the State of New Jersey, the new Savings institution was organized and took its first steps into future success.

The first directors of the Schuyler Building and Loan Association were Lithuanian immigrants, who enjoyed the trust and confidence of the association's first investors. This was important, because in the early days, savings were not federally insured. Confidence in, and conscience of the institution were essential. That displayed confidence did not go unrewarded. Even with its difficult beginnings and progression, Schuyler Saving and Loan Assn. grew. Its investors prospered, its borrowers improved their ways of life, and the community enjoyed the fruits of a profitable financial institution catering to its needs. Today, the institution continues to serve the community. Today, some are descendants or family members of the original directors.

In its first ten years, by 1934, Schuyler's assets reached \$84,685, a noble achievement, considering that during that time period the nation suffered a depression, unemployment and other problems. Although the institution suffered from these woes, it nonetheless maintained its authority and not one investor or borrower suffered financial loss from his/her relationship with Schuyler. By its fiftieth anniversary, Schuyler assets were over \$9,000,000.

In 1978, Schuyler Savings & Loan Ass'n. moved into its own building at 24 Davis Avenue. During the 1990's, it expanded into a new, auxiliary building, at 20 Davis Avenue, which now houses the Mortgage Department. The institution has kept up with current technology and innovations. Besides its regular mortgages and savings accounts, it now also offers checking accounts, Equity Home Loans, Lines of Credit, ATM cards, an ATM Cash Station and soon - Check 21.

Throughout its history, Schuyler Savings Bank has been closely associated with the local Lithuanian community. Schuyler helped the members of the community become financially stable – and the community supported Schuyler Savings with its investments and loans. It now has become a central part and a stabilizing force of the entire Kearny Community.

In 1992, when Schuyler Savings Bank celebrated its Diamond Jubilee (75 years of existence), among other things, it donated 75 trees to beautify the town of Kearny. This year, as the Bank begins its 80th Anniversary, it has begun donating trees again, and plans to donate up to 80 trees, to enhance the town of Kearny. Attractive trash receptacles and benches, to be placed in the vicinity of the Bank and elsewhere, have already been purchased. Various gifts will also be given to bank customers as memorials of the Anniversary.

Over the years, “people helping people” has been the name of the game for Schuyler Savings Bank. The Bank began its life for the purpose of helping the local Lithuanian community. Its reward was a successful 80 year life of financial stability and growth. Today, it continues to serve the community by providing a safe haven for investment and borrowing.

Patarlės ir Priežodžiai

Proverbs and Wise Sayings...

Lithuanians have many proverbs and wise sayings. Apolonija (Polly) Žiausys, has written down some of those she hasn't yet forgotten.. (She has a total of 86, a few of which we will include here:)

Lietuviai turi labai daug patarlių ir pamokymų. Čia surašiau tik dalį tu, kurių dar nepamiršiau. (P.Z.)

1. -Neturtingas, kaip bažnyčios pelė.
(Poor as a church mouse.)
2. Šaukštu upės neišsėmsi.
(You won't empty the river with a spoon.)
3. Auksas ir pelenuose žiba.
(Gold shines even among the ashes.)
4. Ramus vanduo gilus.
(Still waters run deep.)

5. Susikalbėjo, kaip žąsinas su kalakutu.
(They communicated, like a goose with a turkey.)
6. Mažas akmuo didelį vežimą verčia.
(A small stone can overturn a wagon.)
7. Nekišk nosies kur nereikia.
(Don't stick your nose in where it doesn't belong.)
8. Užsispyręs kaip ašilas.
(Stubborn as a mule.)
9. Ką pasėsi, tą ir piaiši.
(What you sow, that you will reap.)
10. Aklas aklą netoli tenuves.
(The blind will not lead the blind very far.)
11. Kaip pasiklosi, taip ir išmiegosi.
(How you cover up, so will you sleep.)
12. Nespiauk į vandenį, gal prirėiks išgerti.
(Don't spit in the water, you may have to drink it.)
13. Limpa, kaip musės prie medaus.
(It sticks like flies to honey.)
14. Pikta, kaip širšė.
(He's mad as a hornet.)
15. Nauja šluota, gerai šluoja.
(A new broom sweeps well.)
16. Obuolys nuo obels, netoli nukrinta.
(The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.)
16. Koks tėvas, toks sūnus.
(Like father, like son.)
17. Verkia krokodilo ašaromis.
(He's shedding crocodile tears.)
18. Gudri kaip lapė.
(She's sly as a fox.)
19. Katei žaismas, pelei mirtis.
(For the cat, it's play; for the mouse, death.)
20. Netepti ratai, girgžda.
(Un-oiled wheels squeak.)

P.S. More next time. Thank you, Polly.

"Prayer... is a condition of mind, an attitude of heart, which God recognizes as prayer whether it manifests itself in quiet thinking, in sighing or in audible words."

Special Thank You's...

Dear Knights of Lithuania,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Scholarship Committee and to my fellow Knights for the Sviklas and Tamulevich Memorial Scholarship. I will be using the scholarship to further my college education at Purdue University.

Growing up in the Knights of Lithuania Organization has not only helped form a foundation built on strong Christian values and beliefs, but has made me extremely proud to be a "Lietuvaite." I hope to be a credit to the Knights of Lithuania Organization.

I would like to thank my parents, family, and especially my grandparents, Al and Julie Zakarka, for passing on the K of L Spirit to me. Also, to Reverend Anthony Markus, our Junior Spiritual Advisor, who incorporated our Catholic beliefs while teaching us about our Lithuanian Culture.

The Knights of Lithuania has always been close to my heart and will continue to be so.

Labai Sirdingai Aciu,

Andreja Deksnis



Dear Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee,

I was very pleased to find out that I was a Knights of Lithuania Scholarship recipient. This scholarship will help me pursue a career in the pharmacy profession.

Being part of this organization has taught me life lasting lessons about the Lithuanian heritage.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Lydia Martis

Dear Knights of Lithuania,

I would like to thank you for selecting me for the generous Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship. This is a great honor for me. I have always felt

privileged to be part of the K of L throughout my life. It has taught me so much about my Lithuanian Heritage and how freedom is so important to us. It has helped me become the person I am today. This scholarship will be used toward my future career in Law, which I hope to continue in helping people in some way. I also plan to become a role model for future generations of Knights of Lithuanians. Again, thank you for helping me to continue on my path of life.

Respectfully,

Adam Theodore Westerling

Dear Knights of Lithuania,

I feel very honored, and I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for awarding me a scholarship from the Knights of Lithuania. It is sure to help out as I continue my studies at the University of Dayton. This also helps to inspire me even more to become a landscape contractor. Being a member of C-96, from Dayton, Ohio since second grade, has helped me see the real picture of caring, devoted members of a community. Everyone in this Council coming together to help out one another in any means possible. I have felt very privileged to be a part of it all. I plan to remain a part of this Council for many years to come, for it will instill in me a greater love for my heritage, and an even better understanding of religious values.

Thank you again from the deepest part of my heart for awarding me this scholarship, for I know it will make me a better person.

Sincerely,

Andrew Berczelly

*"A little thing is a little thing,
but faithfulness in a little thing is
a big thing."*



Juniors' Convention Report



As you all know, this year's Convention was held in Kearny, NJ. We all had such a good time, but the Juniors' experience was a little different. At this year's Convention, there were 27 Juniors, ranging in ages 8 - 18, from Ohio, New Jersey, Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians. We all started with the pre-Convention tour to Ellis Island and Liberty Island. After an eventful day, we had an enjoyable dinner at this nice Portuguese restaurant.

Thursday started the Convention, and we had our annual opening Mass. Then we went over to the Lithuanian Club for a delicious lunch. Later that day, we had our first meeting in the "Executive Meeting Room..." very special. There, we learned about Vyskupas Motiejus Valancius and all his great deeds: He was the first peasant bishop; He introduced the Lithuanian language to the Catholic Church, (prior to this, Mass was said in Polish or Latin.) He wrote the very first Lithuanian prayer book. There were a group of children who followed his way of life and looked up to him. They were called, "Valanciaus Vaikai," or "Valanciukai." "Valanciukai" are a group of school children that take care of abandoned grave sites or graves that have no family to take care of them. We, as "Valanciukai," made gardening tool gift baskets that we sold to our fellow K of L'ers, inspiring them to become "Valanciukai" also. We raised \$350 that we will send to "Valanciaus Vaikai." Last year, we sold cards made by this crippled 13-year old Lithuanian girl, Simona, and raised

\$300 to give to her family. So, this year, we tried to do the same and raised another \$250 to give to her family back in Lithuania.

Thursday night, we went to the races, where we could bet on horses or play in the mini carnival they set up for "kid entertainment." Friday, we went to the New Jersey Science Center, where we saw a great "Natural Disaster" documentary in the IMAX theater. We followed that with a pizza party, given to us by the Kearny, NJ Council. Thank You.

We gave our annual report to the Convention, and received our \$25.00 checks, made possible by the Supreme Council. Gratefully, Thank You!

We continued selling, totaling \$600 in the end. Saturday morning, as "Valanciukai," we planted flowers in pots and brought them over to the Lithuanian Church, commemorating all of our deceased Vyciai. It was a nice little ceremony. Saturday night, the closing banquet, was an interesting night. The Juniors all went to the Medieval Manor, where we got a vast meal and an entertaining performance of Medieval Knights, battling it out to win the Princess' hand in marriage. That night was our last night together as Juniors, as a whole.

Sunday morning, we all went to the Lithuanian Club and had a delicious breakfast. Then we went to the closing Mass, where our 2004 Convention came to an end.

We had such a great time, and we developed many friendships that will last us our whole K of L'ing years.

We miss you all, and we'll see you in Pittsburgh, PA, next summer!



~Vilija Bizinkauskas, C-1~

"The chief idea of my life is the practice of taking things with gratitude and not taking things for granted."



BISHOP MOTIEJUS VALANČIUS: A BRIEF OVERVIEW

(The following article was studied by the K of L Juniors during this year's Convention, and then shared with the delegates and guests by means of a special presentation.)



BISHOP MOTIEJUS VALANČIUS (1801-1875)

Bishop Motiejus Valančius was a man of great distinction and conviction. He accomplished very much despite the difficulties he faced in "Czarist Lithuania." The Czar was attempting in every way possible to destroy the will, culture, language and religion of the people of Lithuania. Bishop Valančius faced each of these challenges with logic and the "rule of law" as it was established by Moscow. In this fashion he circumvented many of the Czar's laws and kept the culture of the Lithuanian people alive. Here is a brief list of some of his accomplishments:

- 1801; born February 16 (Later, date of Lithuanian Independence Day)
- 1828 ordained a priest and earned a Master's Degree in Theology
- 1848 published his first book in the Lithuanian language, "Žemaičiaus Vyskupija". It was so thoroughly documented that it is still quoted today by historians, since many of the original documents no longer exist. This book makes him the first "Lithuanian Cultural Historian."
- 1849 Czar Nicholas 1 nominated Valančius for bishop, because he thought Valančius was loyal to Russia. He instead became greatest defender of the rights of the Lithuanian Catholic Church.
- He constructed new churches and repaired old ones without asking the Czar's permission.
- Recruited Lithuanian peasants to join the seminary and to be ordained priests in order to serve the people in their own native language, not in the Polish language, which was spoken by most priests.

- Established temperance groups where men took pledges not to consume alcohol. He convinced these people of the dangers of alcohol abuse and showed them how to better lives without it. This movement nearly bankrupted many taverns, and the owners complained to the authorities. As these groups grew, they were outlawed, because the Czar was afraid they would become too popular and plot against him.
- Established a parochial/church school system to defy the Czar, who was forcing children to be educated in state schools taught only in the Russian language.
- Taught farmers how to increase crop production, through crop rotation and pre-established planting schedules.
- Established printing places in Prussia, using his own money, in order to keep printing books in Lithuanian, following the Czar's order to ban all books written in latin letters. These books were smuggled into Lithuania, under the cover of darkness, by the "knygnešiai."
- He wrote many books on religion, religious practices, lives of the saints and many others. He wrote in a folk style, using words the people could understand and thus bringing them closer to God.
- Wrote many childrens' stories including "Mike Melagis" (Micky, the little liar), "Vaiku Knygelė" (The children's book), "Palangos Juzė" (Juze from Palanga) and others.

The harder the Czar attempted to stomp out the Lithuanian culture, the stronger it became. Mothers began teaching their children how to read in "private schools" at home or in the field. Bishop Valančius instilled pride into the peasant people of Lithuania, helping them to realize their invaluable importance in the country. Because of Bishop Valančius' great love for his culture, we are able to celebrate it, too. His tremendous efforts kept it alive, when everyone was trying to crush it. That is why, we can gather here today as Knights of Lithuania and pass on our traditions and language to our families.

Prepared by Maryte Bizinkauskas with information from the Lituanas article written by Saulius A. Girnius, published in 1976.

From Oblivion Rose the Enslaved Balts

On August 23, commemorating Black Ribbon Day, the day of the signing of the disgraceful Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact in 1939, a member of Parliament, one of the members of the former Lithuanian Freedom League and the 1987 initiator of the commemoration at the A. Mickevicius monument in Vilnius, Vytautas Bogusis, said over the Lithuanian Radio, that he learned about this pact in 1976. Did this pact and its secret minutes predestine the occupation of the three Baltic States, and was it unknown to the foreign state leaders, diplomats and politicians? Did the Helsinki European Security and Cooperation Conference attendees learn about it in 1973? These questions were replied to by an American Lithuanian, now residing in the USA, Algis Liepinaitis. He knew, because through his efforts, the news about the occupied BALTS, the shameful pact and its secret minutes became public. The news source was a Swiss citizen, the great Lithuanian patriot, Professor Juozas Eretas, the news dispenser was Algis Liepinaitis. The Lithuanian American Council President, Grozvydas Lazauskas, called J. Eretas the international freedom herald for the Baltic States, and A. Liepinaitis the international freedom call dispenser.

Who, after all, were these two strong Lithuanian patriots, of different generations, who, according to American Lithuanian Journalists' President Karolis Mikovaitis, worked for the same "sensitivity wave?" Commemorating not only "Black Ribbon Day," but also the anniversaries of "Independence Restoration" (March 11) and "Freedom Day" (Sept. 1), these names must be remembered with respect and shown to the youth as an example, because these persons' contributions, which remembered and reminded the world of the occupied and forgotten BALTS, helped bring them closer to freedom.

Stimulated by a noble friendship with the support of a Lithuanian patriot who had since entered into eternity, Michael Asmins, the Swiss citizen Juozas Eretas (1896-1984), in 1918, selected a second homeland, Lithuania, took its citizenship, and in various ways, worked actively for the good of Lithuania. When the Red Tide took over Lithuania, J. Eretas, with his wife and five children, secretly left Lithuania and returned to their first homeland, Basel, Switzerland, the place of their birth. But, he continued to work for

Lithuania, and Lithuanians, in his words, "for those who are in the homeland without freedom and for those who are in freedom outside of their homeland, as long as the heart continues to beat, and the future coffin," as per his desire, "is covered with the Lithuanian Flag."

Having lived through the second occupation of his homeland Lithuania as well as Latvia and Estonia, J. Eretas visited the Baltic communities in America and Europe, promoted activity to regain independence, and, with his writings, led them into a hopeful tomorrow. Among these writings was a trilogy – "Exile – "Change or Problem" (1964), "Exiled Lithuanian's Idea Whirlpool" (1965), "Small Nations and States" (1966), a study – "Foreign BALTS" (1973). All of J. Eretas' writings were written in the Lithuanian language, however, in the recent studies, perhaps attempting to familiarize a larger wheel of readers, the author, J. Eretas, wrote and published articles in the German language. In this study, leaning on documentation and indisputable facts, J. Eretas separated the USSR'S and Hitler's Germany's disgraceful conspiracies, unmasked the secret protocol violations between Lithuania and the USSR (and internationally) by way of occupation and showed the undeniable right of the three Baltic Nations to live independently and freely. He brought out the democratic questions of rights: is it necessary to maintain agreements, or can untruths be prescribed and, as Frenchman, Marquis de Custine, in 1839 said to the Russians, "if untruths are forgotten, shame passes and the booty remains."

Algis Liepinaitis, born in 1931 in Kaunas, in 1944 moved to the West, studied and worked in Germany, with the ranks of the American army, and in 1957 moved to the USA, where he studied at the Illinois Institute of Technology, from which he graduated in 1967, and worked for various engineering firms. In 1973, demonstrating interest in the newly released, in Basel, J. Eretas' Study, "Forgotten BALTS," as an especially important information source about the three enslaved Baltic nations, he, without delay, began to organize studies to translate it into other languages, (collected donations to cover expenses, sought translators, publishers and publicizers.) The publication, "Forgotten BALTS," appeared in the English and Spanish languages in 1974, in the Italian, French and Portuguese languages in 1975. The Study was propagated through various Lithuanian organizations, reached the USA Congress, the European Safety and Cooperation Conference

participants in Helsinki, Belgrade, Madrid and Vienna. The Study's translation, publication and circulation documents and the translated letters of J. Eretas, were carefully put together by A. Liepinaitis, into a special brochure, copies of which he gave to the Vytautas the Great Museum in Kaunas, Lithuania's Foreign Matters Ministry, and to these documents' authors. We should also mention here, that the "Forgotten BALTS," was translated into the Lithuanian language and published in 2001, also under the direction and financing by A. Liepinaitis.

In his letters to A. Liepinaitis, J. Eretas expressed his gratitude, and urged further work to help Lithuania. In one letter, he wrote, "I am amazed at your idealism! I wish you perseverance in this path, because this is one path that bodes well for American Lithuanians and for Lithuania itself. I am in complete agreement, that we must leave our shells – what good is it for us to remain in those shells? We must introduce ourselves to those who can help us." Truly, this was a path which drew freedom nearer and which helped bring about the recognition of Lithuanian Independence "rain" in 1991.

Juozas Eretas was laid to rest in 1984, by his mother, his wife, and daughter, in the cemetery in Basel. Algis Liepinaitis has taken on new concerns, does not idle, is active in America, but has also left his mark in Lithuania. His writing accomplishments have been recognized with gratitude by the Restoration Convention President and then Head of Lithuania, Vytautas Lansbergis, and was awarded National Recognition in 2003, by then President Valdas Adamkus.

(Article from "Lietuvos Aidas," Lithuania, August 29, 2003, by Algimantas Zulubas.

Translated by Loretta Stukas, HM)

"The Lord is slow to anger and great in power...His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of His feet."



Attending Our Lady of Siluva Devotions at Nativity BVM Church. The Our Lady of the Millennium Statue was on visit for 3 weeks.



New Officers of C-112 smiling for the camera

Someone You Should Know...



Dr. Sandra Bury, seen in her Oak Lawn office, makes trips to foreign countries at least once a year to donate needed services and distributes used eyeglasses to the poor. She works with Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity and has been to Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and Lithuania. (Photo/Mary Compton/Daily Southtown)

Dr. Sandra Bury doesn't limit her optometry practice to her Oak Lawn office. At least once a year, she jets to a foreign country with one crate of basic optical equipment and a single bag of luggage.

During each 10-day charity run, Bury conducts comprehensive eye exams and helps distribute 10,000 pairs of used eyeglasses to the poor.

"We usually have five or six doctors on a mission, and each one sees 75 to 100 patients a day," she said.

"I love the pure American spirit of volunteerism," she said. I pay all my own expenses, and I don't charge a penny. On VOSH trips, I get to see parts of the world I never would see as a tourist."

Bury has fond memories of setting up an eye clinic in Ecuador, where the sun rose and set at the same time each day.

Though the language barrier can be a stumbling block, she said she has learned enough Spanish during her travels to give an eye exam, order food and get around in a cab in Spanish-speaking countries.

In Peru, she prescribed glasses for the Quechua Indians with help from a translator.

"When I come back to Oak Lawn, I take the memories with me and they revitalize my life," Bury said.

But not every mission memory is a happy one. Sometimes, mission clinics run out of prescription eyeglasses on the first day of operation, leaving people who walked for three days for care empty handed. "So I always bring candy and toys for the patients," Bury said. "I want to give them something, but I can't always give them what they need."

And often, donated eyeglasses, most of which correct farsightedness or astigmatism, don't match the needs of mission patients.

"In Lithuania, a busload of blind people needed extreme prescriptions, and we had no glasses at all for them," Bury said. "They came over and had hope, and we didn't have what they needed." Bury's work has not gone unnoticed by her colleagues. In June, she was named 2004 Young Optometrist of the Year by the American Optometric Association. The honor is bestowed on one optometrist in the country, within 10 years of graduation, for service to profession, community and new doctors. Bury was honored with the same title in 2003 by the Illinois Optometric Association. In 2002, she won the Women of Vision Award from Prevent Blindness America.

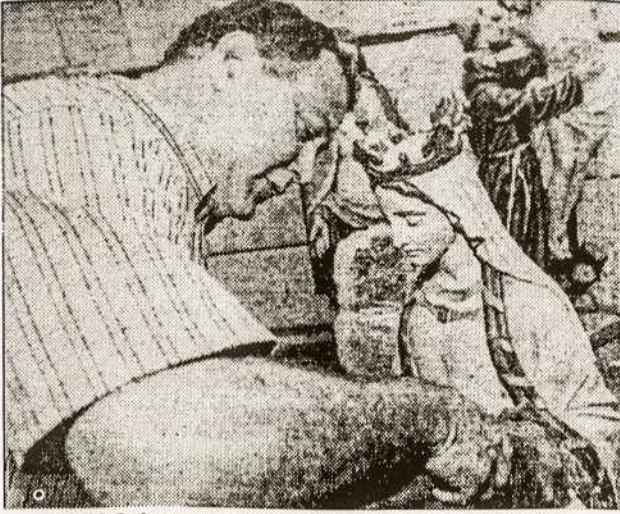
Optometry is a second career for Bury. The Marquette Park native earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Northern Illinois University, but jobs were scarce in her field, so she settled for an office job in downtown Chicago.

Seven years later, in 1989, Bury read an article about Dr. Floyd Woods of Oak Lawn, then president of the Illinois Optometric Association, and was inspired to write to him. "He hired me, and I did every job in the office, while I phased out my day job," Bury said. At night, she went to school. "Once I decided on a new career, it was the easiest thing in the world to do. I never looked back," Bury said. When she graduated from the Illinois College of Optometry in 1995, Bury became Woods' partner at Complete Vision Care. When not volunteering abroad, Bury conducts eye exams for South Suburban Public Action to Deliver Shelter, a not-for-profit organization that provides shelter and services for homeless people.

Sandy is the niece of C-112 Knights of Lithuania, Lorraine Wainauskis Svelnis and Dolores Wainauskis.

(The above article is an excerpt of one that appeared in the July 27, 2004 issue of the *Daily Southtown* of Chicago, written by Rena Fulka.)

Church's Statues on Way to Lithuania...



David Labrecque, owner of Wood Products Unlimited, Inc., in Lawrence, begins to wrap one of many figures that will be shipped to Lithuania. (Photo by Mark Lorenz, Staff.)

When St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lawrence closed last August, parishioners were wondering that was going to happen with the statues and other religious articles. They don't have to wonder any more.

Several statues, vestments, religious items and Stations of the Cross will be sent to Kaunas, Lithuania.

"We wanted a piece of us to go to the homeland," said Jim Ouellette, a former parishioner of St. Francis. "It was important for us that they did not end up in the dump or at a second-hand store."

Ouellette, whose grandmother and mother were of Lithuanian descent, said many Catholic churches in Lithuania are being converted back to houses of worship. The religious items from St. Francis will be going to Resurrection Church. They will receive vestments for priests and 10 statues, including ones of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, St. Anthony, St. Francis and 14 Stations of the Cross, and many pedestals.

The statues are being packed in crates by Wood Product Unlimited of Lawrence, at cost. Sister Helen Ivanauskas, a member of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified of Brockton, will help pay for the shipping.

"People can benefit from our loss," Ouelette said. "And it is a closure for us."

In addition to the items being sent to Lithuania, the 13-foot Cross that graced St. Francis is now located at Asuncion de la Virgen Maria Church in Lawrence.

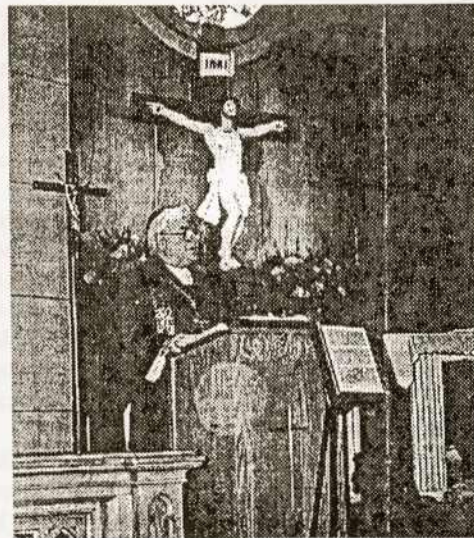
"It's wonderful that it found a home here," Ouelette said.

A plaque will be displayed in the church, with the following inscription in English, Spanish and Lithuanian: "This crucifix is given by the worshipping family of the former St. Francis of Assisi Lithuanian parish to the worshipping family of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Hispanic Parish, with the prayers, that Our Lord Jesus Christ will continue to shower His Graces and Blessings on all who meditate on His sorrowful Passion and venerate His Holy Cross." Father Paul McManus, pastor of Asuncion Parish and former assistant at St. Francis, said he had admired the crucifix for some time and asked for it when he found out the parish was closing.

"As parishioners look at the Cross and meditate on Christ's passion and death, I hope they find the same consolation and joy it brought to our people," said David Boucher, a parishioner at St. Francis.

Blessed Stephen Bellisini Academy, a school for fifth and sixth grade boys, run by Merrimack College, with plans to expand through eighth grade, was opened at the former St. Francis Church after its closing.

(This article contains excerpts taken from a story written by correspondent, Yadira Betances, in the *Eagle-Tribune* and the *Pilot*, New England newspapers.)



Merrimack Regional Bishop Emilio Allue rededicates the crucifix, formerly located at the now closed St. Francis of Assisi Church. (Photo by Rev. Paul McManus)

ST. PETER LITHUANIAN PARISH
CENTENNIAL JUBILEE



(Homily as presented by Rev. Msgr. Albert J. Contons, Pastor Emeritus, 9/12/2004)

What an extraordinary joy we feel today in celebrating the first 100 years in the life of St. Peter Lithuanian Parish. We honor the founding fathers of the parish. They were strong in faith and fidelity to Christ and His Church. Determined to worship God in the Lithuanian language that was closest to their heart, according to the religious customs of their parents and ancestors, they raised funds and built a church. No priest or bishop was involved. It was lay Catholic action of the highest kind.

We honor the thousands who grew up and received their religious and spiritual training in the parish from dedicated priests, religious sisters and lay teachers, and later, in St. Peter School which reached a peak enrollment of 523 children in 1954. We honor the untold numbers of Lithuanian Displaced Persons, who came as refugees after World War II. We honor young Lithuanian immigrants who now come to Greater Boston in search of opportunity for a new life. We honor each of you, who today support our beloved parish and participate in guiding it into a new century of parish life.

Lithuania, during its history as a Christian nation, is distinguished for its courageous fidelity to Christ and His Church. Parishioners of St. Peter Parish have this same fidelity to Christ's word. They have love and respect for our Holy Father, the Pope. They have a strong adherence to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council.

For a century, parishioners have lived in fidelity to Christ. When Jesus was asked by a Pharisee, "Which is the greatest commandment?" he replied, "Love God, love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well."

(Mt 22, 32-40.) This is the divine law of Christ. Parishioners have lived this Law of Christ.

For a century parishioners have had a great love and respect for the Pope. Today, when the very life of the parish is threatened by the use of the Church's Canon Law, they draw courage from the words of Pope John Paul II, written to introduce the new Code of Canon Law and place it in perspective. He wrote, "It appears sufficiently clear, that the Code is in no way intended as a substitute for faith, grace, charisms, and especially charity in the life of the church and the faithful." The present Archbishop's intention to suppress St. Peter Parish by using Canon Law, is seen as a substitute for charity in the life of the Church. It would violate the teaching of Pope John Paul II. Parishioners look to Pope John Paul for "justice based upon charity" to save their parish.

Since Vatican Council II, parishioners are encouraged by its emphasis on the dignity of lay people, on their equality and infinite value in the sight of God. The Council teaches, "all the faithful enjoy a true equality with regard to the building up of the body of Christ." (L.G. #32)

Archbishop O'Malley was kind enough to come to St. Peter Church to say Mass on the feast of the Birthday of Mary. A beautiful liturgy and reception were prepared. Some 400 parishioners came, feeling like the one lost sheep of the Gospel, abandoned by their shepherd, marked for suppression. They came wearing buttons, "Save St. Peter Lithuanian Parish." This was the big issue on their minds. The Archbishop chose to address this issue with a ---"Great Silence." Did the Archbishop come like Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in search of the lost sheep, radiating God's love, anxious to know his sheep? Is he going to carry the lost sheep back to the flock on his shoulders like the Good Shepherd? We don't know. Time will tell.

The Archbishop encouraged parishioners to imitate Mary's response to the archangel who announced she would be the Mother of God. Mary responded with a generous, "Yes!" At the beginning of the last century, it was lay people establishing St. Peter Parish who spoke a resounding, "Yes!" to God's call. At the beginning of this new century of parish life, it is lay people, leaders and supporters, who come forward as "Friends of St. Peter Lithuanian Parish." They, too, speak a resounding "Yes!" to God's call to save the parish.

Mary's example is not only for laity, but for clergy and bishops as well. All must speak a resounding "Yes!" to God's word spoken by

Jesus; a resounding "Yes!" to God's word taught by the Second Vatican Council; a resounding "Yes!" to the word of God proclaimed by our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. St. Peter Parish will be saved by fidelity to Christ, fidelity to the Pope, fidelity to the Second Vatican Council, not only by parishioners, but especially by archdiocesan leaders.

This is the Church of Christ for which Lithuania's martyrs suffered and died. This is the Church for which St. Peter Lithuanian Parishioners have lived and sacrificed. This is the Church of Christ to which we pledge our faith and love, as we cross the threshold into the second century of St. Peter Lithuanian Parish life.

(Msgr. Albert Contons delivered this homily to a crowded church, and received a standing ovation by the parishioners. The copy of this homily was submitted by **Regina Alexander, C-17**)

A Job Well Done...

From: THE LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS' LEAGUE OF AMERICA (Amerikos Lietuviu Romos Kataliku Kunigu Vienybe)

Dear Generous Donors to the Lithuanian Breviary Fund:

Praise the Lord!

At the October meeting, 2002, of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests' League of America, we accepted the challenge to raise \$100,000.00 to publish the Lithuanian Breviary. The Lithuanian Bishops' Conference agreed to have a page, "In Memoriam," at the beginning of each volume, listing the names of donors of \$5,000 or more, with a request for prayer for all donors.

Thus far, the Fund has reached \$171,843.00.

Msgr. Contons has composed the page - one line per donor - taking into account the amount of money donated.

Thank you for your sacrifice to have the Lithuanian Breviary printed.

Rev. John E. Rikteraitis

Chairman: Lithuanian Breviary Fund

An Interview With God!...

A few weeks ago, a friend sent me a spiritual e-mail entitled, "[An Interview With God.](http://www.theinterviewwithgod.com)" The e-mail's words and pictures invited me to pause for a moment and reflect. For the full video presentation, you can log on to:

<http://www.theinterviewwithgod.com>

In the interview, God was asked, "What surprises you most about humankind?"

God answered, "That they get bored with childhood, they rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.

That they lose their health to make money...and then lose their money to restore their health.

That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the past, such that they live neither in the present, nor the future.

That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they never lived."

Just a few things to think about in this new season.

-Fr. Larry



L.to R.: Mildred Jagiella, Robert Martin, Jr. and Theresa Di Cello at the MAMD meeting in Kenosha this past June. Theresa was the hostess.

Responsive Chord



Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis, STD, HM, (left), and C-3 Knight, Stanley Petraitis, (right), with Stanley's 50 years of service Award Plaque.

Chorister. Character. Christian. These words begin to describe Knight Stanley Petraitis, a man whose lifetime of service to his parish shines like a steady beacon.

God blessed Stanley with an abundance of talent. This special grace struck a responsive chord in Stanley, whose music ministry as organist and music director, chiefly as children's choirmaster, began in earnest at St. George's, his parish church and alma mater, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the early 1950's, upon the death of his predecessor, organist Anthony Dzikas.

Petraitis' multiple talents are manifested in his organ playing and his singing. Whenever he tickles the keys on the Moller organ located in the choir loft of the church, at Sunday or weekday High Masses, it seems as though heavenly notes are floating through the pipes and descending upon the faithful. Stanley's mellifluous tenor voice, whether chanting the litany of the Saints or delivering familiar hymns, flows like ethereal honey poured from a celestial pitcher. I was mightily privileged to have Stanley sing at the funeral Masses of both my parents, where Stanley's golden, comforting voice acted as a balm, soothing my bereft soul.

Stanley was my choir director when I was a schoolchild at St. George's umpteen years ago. Today, pupils call him "Mr. Stanley," as he continues to rehearse and lead the St. George's children's choir during the new millennium.

Stanley still serves as chauffeur to priests who celebrate Requiem Masses at the parish, shuttling them to and from cemeteries to complete Catholic funeral rites.

Years ago, when Stanley needed a hip replacement, parishioners signed a giant get-well card and sent it to him while he was recuperating from his operation. We all missed him sorely and were happy that our card buoyed him up.

He hobbles now, and walks with a cane, yet Stanley's spunk remains indomitable. At our parish summer bazaar, he is the official "bean counter," who checks all monies collected from sales of food and games of chance, and records profit figures.

At our local Knights of Lithuania meetings, Stanley always obliges when we ask him to lead the Knights in singing the Vyciu Himnas or the Lithuanian National Anthem.

In the mid 1950's, for a stint of a few years, Stanley served as host of the Lithuanian language program on WTEL radio. In addition to playing Lithuanian music records, Stanley announced news, such as, birthdays, weddings, obituaries, meetings, and the like, to the larger Lithuanian community.

In October, 2002, at the banquet where St. George's celebrated its 100th anniversary as a parish, Stanley received a special plaque in appreciation of his "half century of devoted service...as Parishioner, Music Director, and Organist," an honor richly deserved by our lifetime church member.

Stanley's fidelity to his parish and his consistency in carrying out his music ministry avow that he serves the Lord. He may not be Pope, freedom fighter, or Nobel prize-winner, but to me, Stanley is a shining role model whose character exemplifies all the best of a dedicated Christian.

*Stephany Gutauskas, C-3
Philadelphia, PA.*



"Attaining inner simplicity is learning to live happily in the present moment. Keep in mind that life is a continuous succession of present moments."

District & Council News



New England District NED News Birzelis

On Sunday, Sept 19, 2004, the NED Fall Convention was held in Brockton, MA, hosted by C-1 "where it all began". As always, the Bizinkauskai orchestrated a well-run convention. It opened with Holy Mass at St Casimir's Church, with Maryte leading the Vyciu Himnas as we marched in carrying the NED flag and St. Casimir banner. Kun. Prusaitis spoke briefly at the start of Mass on the plight of the Lithuanian churches in the Boston area; 3 of the 4 are scheduled to be closed. He closed the Mass with a prayer to Our Lady to help the Lithuanian churches.

After a delicious lunch in the festively decorated church hall, Maryte led the National Anthems and Veronica Bizinkauskas HM, C-1 President, greeted us. NED Pres., Vivian Rodgers, congratulated Veronica on receiving Honorary membership and presided over the business meeting and, as always, did a fine job. Much was accomplished.

Vilija Bizinkauskas reported on the Juniors at the National Convention. They had many fun trips and many projects were accomplished which will aid the children in Lithuania.

Jim Rogers reported that the Sviklas-Tamulevich scholarship awards went to Camp Neringa and 8 recipients.

Vivian Rodgers announced that Msgr. Contons would be the retreat master at the NED retreat next year in Kennebunkport. She reported that after much effort by David Boucher, we have a new finial and pole for our NED flag. The other finial was lost on its way to a National Convention. We hope

nothing happens to this one.

Charles Treciokas (C27) and Phyllis Gendreau (C17), delegates to the National Convention, gave excellent reports - Charles on the plenary sessions and Phyllis on the social events. It sounded like a good convention.

After break-which included delicious desserts- the meeting resumed. Kun. Albin Janiunas gave a stirring talk on the closing of the Lithuanian churches and urged us to support the Lithuanian Mass at our churches. He was followed by Fr. Shakelis and Msgr. Contons. Fr. Zukas, Pastor of St. Peter's in So. Boston, explained the closure of his church and what is being done. He also explained that the press blew an incident at his church out of proportion. Elections were then held with Vivian Rodgers being re-elected president.

Other officers are: Barbara Schmidt, C-141, VP; Phyllis Gendreau C-17, Corresp. Sec.; Frances Bumila C-1, Rec. Sec.; Marion Racicot C-26, Treas.; Marion Hobitz C-78, and Bill Wisniauskas C-10, trustees; The committee chairpersons remained the same.

The flag was transferred to C-6, Hartford, for the Spring Convention on April 24, 2005. We closed with the singing of the Vyciu Himnas and the recitation of Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Siluva.

After another delicious meal, we departed for home, hoping to meet again at the NED Cultural Fair, Oct 17 at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury, MA. The park is on Quinsigamond Lake, which is Indian for: You fish on your side of the pond and I'll fish on mine.

C-17 South Boston, MA Regina

On Sept 8, 2004, the Blessed Mother's birthday, as well as the Feast of Our Lady of Siluva, the Archbishop of

Boston, Sean O'Malley, concelebrated with Pastor Fr. Steve Zukas, Msgr. Albert Contons, Fr. Al Janiunas, a special 100th Celebration at St. Peter Lithuanian Parish. The Archbishop spoke of the joy and miracle of 100 years as an active parish. He also remarked there is sadness in the church closing due to the reconfiguration process. Included with the parish choir, vocalist Maryte Bizinkauskas C-1, sang the beautiful hymn by Faustas Strolia HM, "Our Lady of Siluva".

A 10:00 Mass on Sun, Sept 12, 2004 at St. Peter Lithuanian Parish was concelebrated by Bishop Paul Baltakis. Among the celebrants was Pastor Fr. Zukas, Msgr. Al Contons and guest priests. The church was filled, standing room only. Msgr. Contons said a memorable homily, which received a standing ovation. The St. Peter Lithuanian Parish Centennial Celebration, 1904-2004, followed with a grand Jubilee Banquet at Anthony's Pier 4 Restaurant. Almost 500 people attended. Among the C-17 members who participated in the 2-year preparation: Gloria and Algis Adomkaitis, Joanne and Tony Shalna, Wanda Kiely. Alice Ruseckas handled the tickets. Aciu to all the devoted, hard-working members of the "Friends of St. Peter Lithuanian Parish".

The Jubilee Program included presentations by C-17 members Gloria Adomkaitis, Sr. Eugenia Glineckis Arnold Plevockas.

The closing ceremonies at the Jubilee Banquet consisted of inviting some of the most honored, eldest, or most active parishoners to light 1 of the 100 candles which surrounded the traditional pastry, "Raguole". Some C-17 members joining in lighting the candles were: Anna Norinkevich, Bronius Kontrimas, Al Kleponis, Al and Aldona Kropas; also, Msgr. Al Contons and Pastor Fr. Steve Zukas, Florence Zaleskas, Frances Zaleskas, Brenda Wachack, among many others. We all stood up

Knight²² Life



C-25, July 3rd Picnic. Nelda and Charles Machutas are pictured here.



C-25 - July 3 Picnic. L.-R. 1st Row; Cliff & Catherine Schneider, Bill Jakubs, Nellie Samas, Helen Jakubs, Eleanor & Al Bendokas. 2nd Row: Ben Karklius, Nelda & Charles Machutas, Jean Marks, Ursula Kunsitis, Joan Ortman, Dick Marks, Joe and Ann Ivoska and Todd Craig.



C-25 - July 15, Open House. L. to R.: Bill and Helen Jakubs; Gene and Ursula Kunsitis and Nellie Samas

C-25 - Open House. Betty August and daughter, Barbara.



to sing "Ilgiausiu Metu" before Msgr. Contons gave us a final benediction.

C-17 files and archives were moved to the Lithuanian Hall, E Street. Gloria and Algis Adomkaitis enlisted the aid of the Lithuanian Boy Scouts for this responsibility. Sirdingai aci visiems.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Pres. Frank Markuns and his family on the passing away of Virginia Markuns. Virginia's friendly smile and her long years of loving and devoted service to her family, friends, and church will be greatly missed.

Mary Matachinskas, longtime member of C-17, sadly writes from her home in Houston, TX, that her dear son, John, passed away, suddenly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Get-well wishes go to our Ritual Chairman, Larry Svelnis. May you be well on the road to recovery soon.

Congratulations to C-1 Pres., Veronica Bizinkauskas HM, who was bestowed an Honorary Membership at the annual National Convention in NJ this year!

St. Peter Lithuanian Parish and Function Hall will be sorely missed. We have many beautiful memories of the spiritual and cultural values instilled in us all. Now is a time of great adjustment for us all. Iki pasimatymo. Dieve palaimink mus visus.

C-27 Norwood, MA Zaibas

It was a solemn and sad day, August 22, 2004. After the 8 AM Mass celebrated by our priest in residence, Fr. Wm. Lucey, Council 27 met for the last meeting to be held in the St. George Parish Hall. The Archdiocese of Boston decided to close our church, St. George's, built so many years ago by our caring Lithuanian immigrants. Fr. Lucey attended the meeting. He gave us his thanks for the many years our council had worked diligently to

keep the spirit of our Lithuanian heritage and Roman Catholic beliefs alive. He told us that our Spiritual Director, Fr. Wm. Wolkavich was continuing to heal and adjusting to his retirement status. The stations of the cross are to be sent to a church in Lithuania. Msgr. Gintaras Grusas will oversee this project. Fr. Lucey gave us his blessing and asked us to carry along with us the good spirit we have from being St. George Parish members.

Pres. Chas. Treciokas visited Fr. Donald Delay, St. Mary's of East Walpole. He was appointed Administrator of St. George. He invited us to hold our K of L meetings in his rectory. We will meet Sept 26. Charles and Carol Treciokas gave us a summary of the National Convention, NJ. We were sorry to learn that our request to review Ritual requirements was denied. Our council still plans to work at the NED Cultural Picnic held in Maironis Park in Worcester.

The council extends their warm wishes to Louise Zukas, a dedicated member. We hope her recovery will be swift and complete. We also extend prayers and good wishes to her son, Rev. S. Zukas, that his efforts to keep St. Peter's of So. Boston a viable and much needed church and school will be rewarded.

In attendance at this last meeting at St. George R.C. Lithuanian Church were: Dorothy Ausevich, Ted Callahan, Ramona Gonski, Albie and Leonora Jarvis, Sandra Melish, MaryAnn and Ed Motyka, Kay Perednia, S. Betty Skricki, Terry and Stan Wasil, Charles and Carol Treciokas, Paul Zukas.

C-78 Lawrence, MA Pranas

Archbishop Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap. of Boston Archdiocese, is closing 82 churches, parishes, this year, because of a lack of personnel (vocations)-shortage of priests, large repair bills for older churches and schools.

St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in South

Boston and St. George Lithuanian Church in Norwood, MA are closing. The only Lithuanian parish remaining open is Sts. Rocco and Casimir in Brockton, MA where Father Prusaitis is Pastor. The Immaculate Conception Lithuanian Church in Cambridge, MA received an extension when Auxiliary Bishop Boles telephoned the Pastor, Fr. Simeon Saulenas, to say that the latter could stay on. The latter Pastor is 85 years young and ordained a priest 60 years ago.

There was a large protest meeting on June 13, 2004, in So. Boston's Lithuanian Church, called by Fr. Stephen Zukas, to save the largest Lithuanian parish in Boston. Some 300 parishoners attended the well-publicized-in-the-Boston papers rally. Many people signed up to pledge \$500 apiece, raising \$100,000.00 to defend the existence of the largest Lithuanian parish in the Northeast of Mass. which serves 3,000 Lithuanians. Civil and Church lawyers have been hired for the purpose - to go to Rome to seek continued operation of the Lithuanian Church and school. Gloria Adomkaitis is Chairperson of the large volunteer group raising \$100,000 funds for legal fees.

The following members of C-78 went to So. Boston to give moral support at the June meeting-rally: Pres and Mrs. Ronald Benius, Marion Hobitz, Gertrude M. DeCrescenzo, Julia Grauslys, sons Richard Grauslys, Charles Grauslys, Zita Lesinskas, James and Christine Quелlette, John and Janina Kouropoulas, Jonas Stundza.

Our new member, L.CPL. Pilvelis, John M., joined the U.S. Marines here in the States. We pray for him and wish him and his family well.

Fr. Albin F. Janiunas helps Fr. Simeon Saulenas with the 4 PM Saturday English-Lithuanian, Bi-lingual Mass and Sun 10 AM Mass. St. Casimir Lithuanian Church in Nashua, N.H., was the only Lithuanian parish in

Manchester, N.H. when it closed last year. The Lithuanians in Nashua and neighboring Hollis have elected to attend the Lithuanian Mass at Holy Rosary Church at 11 AM in the lower church, every first Sunday of the month, in downtown Lawrence, MA where Fr. Janiunas received permission from Bishop Allue SDB to say this Mass for the Lithuanians of Greater Lawrence.

With the closing of Lithuanian parishes, the K of L councils will not have a meeting place. One member plans to clean their breezeway and invite the local council - provided they bring their beach chair to the meeting.

C-6 Hartford, CT Bette Ann Liudzius



"Here we go again, Lord, for Your greater glory". Once again, our Chaplain, Fr. John Rikteraitis, opened our first meeting of the new season with his usual prayer, asking God's blessing on us and encouraging all to strive forward for a successful year, now that our summer respite is over.

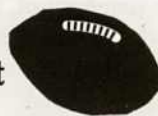
Gene Ziurys welcomed back all the smiling faces and thanked members for such a good attendance. Hospitality chairpersons, Gertrude Kruzinauskas and Birute Pellerin once again were busy setting out snacks provided by committee members Florence Grigas, Judy Landers, Cathy Salka and others. Joseph Liudzius provided some of his krupnikas to our usual refreshments of tea and coffee, to celebrate his wife's receiving the Lithuanian Woman of the Year 2004 award from the Lithuanian American R.C. Women's Alliance.

Joe and Arlene Stiklius recounted briefs from the convention and made one feel that a trip to next year's convention in Pittsburg would again be an enjoyable event. Gene Ziurys repeatedly had to go up to receive awards for C-6 members - Kay Urban won 2nd place in

the essay contest, Alyce Gegesky won an award for recruiting most members, and our council won an award for membership. Alyce is so good at recruiting that she is this year's nominating committee chairman. She urged the membership to give a positive response when committee members Judy Landers, Bette Ann Liudzius and Kristina Serksnas call to select a slate for the upcoming C-6 elections.

New members given the oath in person this month were Irene Celinka, Arline Nolan and Gloria Scoville. Gene Ziurys borrowed Caryl Balskus' and Brian Daigle's cell phones to administer the oath to Jim Heslin and Joseph Klimas. New members again greeted a new technology.

Amber District



C-74 Scranton, PA Marie Laske

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. Summer goes so quickly.

Pray for our home-bound: Mary Twardzik, Rose Stanches, Leo Zewicki, Della Zvirblis and Lizabeth Kaminskas. Leo Bozenko has her son and his family visiting from CA. Ruth Yanish had her children visit and then went to Colorado to visit her son, Dr. Michael and his family. Margaret, our Treas., is our world traveler.

We are planning our Kucios; reliable Jean Kavelines, Sandi and Susan (Marie Laske's daughters) will do the cooking. Jim O'Neil, our newest member, Lithuanian Affairs Chairperson, is great and knows much about Lithuania from his Lithuanian mother.

Della Zvirblis and daughter, Marie, had to evacuate their home because of the flooding.

Attorney Rebecca Georgia married Mario Emilino this summer; God grant

them happiness and good health.



Mid Central District Ursula Kunsitis

Angela and Vyto Staskus just loved their trip to Alaska. They did the whole thing - land, train, and cruise. They were joined by their good friends, Stase and Jonas Kazlauskas and are ready to go back to enjoy Alaska's beauty at a moment's notice!

Our council was saddened by the death of John (Jack) Valley who passed away July 23. Our prayers and condolences to his wife, Helen, and children Patrice and John and their families.

On Aug 1st, we lost another dear member, Nellie Arunski, who had been a member for over 50 years. She belonged to the original group (Joe Sadauskas), held many offices and was very vital in keeping our council alive. Our deepest sympathy to her children, Mary Ellen Bilicki, Marsha Witkowski, and Thomas Arunski and their families. May they both Rest in Peace. You will both be missed but not forgotten!

On July 3, 20 members enjoyed a spur of the moment picnic at the home of Gene and Ursula Kunsitis to welcome home Nelda and Charles Machuta and Helen and Bill Jakubs.

Several days after the picnic, Joe Ivoska was hospitalized and we are happy to let you know that he is doing very well. Stay that way, Joe!

During that same week, Al Bendokas was rushed to the hospital and is now on the road to recovery. Please keep both these fine gentlemen in your prayers.

Jean and Dick Marks hosted a lovely open house on July 18 for Betty August of Canton, GA, who was visiting family in Cleveland. It was good to see Fran Pranskevich and Joan and Jim Thompson - hope to see you at the meetings, too.

Paul Chalko and wife, Irene, visited Lithuania and Poland in July. Both enjoyed themselves immensely and were surprised by the beauty of both countries.

In July, Jean and Dick Marks enjoyed Red Lodge, Montana with their daughter and son-in-law. While there, Dick helped to install a gas line. Aren't father's great?!

Upon returning from his annual July vacation in Quebec, our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, repacked his bags and prepared to lead a tour to Lithuania from Cleveland, Aug. Father said that one of the highlights of the Tour was their arrival in Vilnius when they were invited to meet the President of Lithuania, Valdas Adamkus, at the Lithuanian "White House". The group was surprised at the great number of tour buses in Vilnius filled with tourists from all over Europe. Hope Father will give us a synopsis of his trip at one of our meetings.

After the 10 AM Mass on Aug 22, Fr Gediminas was surprised with a party in his honor, commemorating his 30 years of service at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. The hall was filled to capacity with parishoners and well-wishers, including Dick Marks, representing C-25. Father is now known as the Priest Who Wears Many Hats! Congratulations, Father, and many more happy, healthy years at OLPH. Thank you for everything!

MidAtlantic District

C-12, New York, NY Irene Senken

C-12 had its meeting Sept 12 and Pres. Jovida Sleder opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes were read by Aldona Zausis, VP. Masses are said & K of L meetings are in the lower church hall. Giedre Kumpikas, C-110, gave an interesting dissertation on happenings

in Lithuania. This young lady manages the Lithuanian program at WPAT 930AM on the dial, 9 PM on Mondays. One of the Lithuanian-speaking members, George, gave a very nice presentation on Lithuania. His wife is also a great farmer-cheese maker. Labai aciu.

Congratulations to Lithuania's new President Valdas Adamkus.

Happy belated birthday to Vinnie Cuperwich, Sept 14. Ilgiausiu metu to all birthday candidates for Sept-Oct. Our Pot Luck for the meeting satisfied all. It is with joy and gratitude that our beloved Moderator, Fr. Eugene Savuda, has returned after a lengthy illness. Welcome back, Father!

MidAmerica District MAMD Meeting J. Shain

On Sept 19, C-82, Gary, IN hosted the MAMD meeting at the VFW facility in Merrillville, IN. Everyone was warmly welcomed by C-82 Pres., Joanna Rudzevicius and District Rec Sec Mildred Jagiella. The weather could not have been more perfect, especially for the outdoor Mass and picnic which followed the meeting. We were also privileged with the attendance of two special guests; Supreme Council 2nd VP, Becky Pataki, C-90, Kearny, and Nijole Kaveckas, dear friend of C-112 member, Anele Pocius.

Our MAMD President, Robert Martin, Jr., ran the meeting smoothly, with a superbly organized agenda, as usual.

1st VP, Theresa Strolia, spoke of the upcoming annual Pilgrimage - this year to the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Perryville, MO- which she has arranged for the District. All members and friends were invited to attend. Maria Deksnis, 3rd VP, reported that the Jrs. again successfully performed their annual Our Lady of Siluva skit at Nativity BVM church on Sept 9. Rec

Sec Mildred Jagiella gave a concise report re: the 91st National Convention Council 90 was highly praised for their fantastic job of hosting. Ritual Chair, Georgianna Macke, with the assistance of Robert Martin, presented the District Award Medal and Certificate to Sr. M. Janine Golubickis, SSC, for her continued, untiring, and dedicated service to Councils 82 and 157 and to the District Vytis Correspondent, Sr. Johanna M. Shainauskas, SSC, C-112. Sr. Johanna announced that the Vytis convention issue is being printed and work on the next issue has been started. The new Sports Director for MAMD was announced: Tony Armalis. St. Casimir Guild Rep, Theresa Strolia, reminded everyone to help support the Pontifical College in Rome by requesting Mass stipends whenever possible. C-112 reminded all about the Installation ceremony for Nativity BVM's new Pastor, the Rev. Anthony Markus, scheduled Sept 25 at the 5PM Mass. Their council also spoke of the tremendous success of their annual Our Lady of Siluva procession on Sept 12. Maryte Sepikas, C-133, L.A., sent an invitation to the L.A. Lithuanian Fair weekend- Oct 2-3. This event is sponsored by the L.A. Lithuanian-American community and held on the church grounds.

The result of the election of new officers was: Pres, Robert Martin, Jr.; 1st VP, Theresa Strolis; 2nd VP, Joanna Rudzevicius; 3rd VP, Andrea Deksnis; Treas, Robert Damasauskas; Rec Sec, Mildred Jagiella; Corresp Sec, Ann Marie Kassel HM; Trustees- Mary Kincius, Anele Pocius, Glenn Perutis; Sgts-at-Arms-Janeen Perutis, Edward Pocius, Lorraine Svelnis. The new officers were then installed; Estelle Rogers HM, administered the oath. Various announcements then followed: Supreme Council meeting, Oct 16, Philadelphia; MAMD Jrs hayride- Oct 30; MAMD Bowling, Oct 23, Arena Lanes; MAMD Choir concert and dinner, Nov 7 at Polonia; St. Casimir's Day Mass, luncheon and meeting

March 4-7 in Los Angeles at St. Casimir Parish; 92nd K of L National Convention, Aug 11-14, 2005, Pittsburg, host C-19; 93rd National Convention-Aug 3-6, 2006, Lake Buena Vista, FL, Supreme Council host; 45th annual Mem'ries of Lithuania Banquet-Feb 6, 2005; Annual Mass for MAMD's deceased members-Nov 13, Holy Family Village in Lemont, 11AM

The next district meeting, Nov/Dec to be hosted by C-16 at "Seklycia" in Chicago, date to be announced in the "Trumpet". The meeting ended with a prayer, followed by Mass concelebrated by Rev. Msgr. Ignatius Urbonas HM and Rev Stephen Snoich, OSB, of C-144, now residing in Lake Village, IN. The perfect day ended with a scrumptious picnic luncheon, M-mmm good. Aciu, C-82. Iki pasimatymo.

C-82 Gary, IN Daisy Ann Talley



It was a perfect day for the 7th annual Outdoor Mass and Picnic held Sept 19. A great and friendly crowd was present. Pres Joanna Rudzevicius chaired the event. Mass was concelebrated by Msgr Ignatius Urbonas and Fr. Stephen Snoich OSB. Organ music was provided by Faustas Strolia HM, C-157 Cantor was Ann Marie Kassel HM, C-157. Liturgy Coordinator was Sr. Janine Golubickis, SSC. Joseph Neverauskas's grandson, Joseph, was our young, efficient altar boy.

As usual, a traditional Lithuanian meal by Loreta Vician, virtually single-handedly, was enjoyed by all. Entertainment by Bronius Muras provided superb music, even for dancing.

A 50/50 raffle was held with Birute Vilutis and Virginia navigating the 50/50 trail. Winner was Mary Beth Slakis, C-16.

C-112 Chicago, IL

J M Shain

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Rev. John Kuzinskas, chaplain of Holy Family Village for the Aging. It was proudly announced that we have, at present, 221 paid members in our Council. Anele Pocius introduced a new member, Bruce Nebriza, and a member who is re-attending, Donald Dausinas. Maria Deksnis, reporting for her daughter, Andrea, who is in charge of Juniors, reported that the Juniors once again performed very successfully and respectfully, their annual Our Lady of Siluva skit.

The annual Siluva outdoor procession held at Nativity BVM church was so well attended, that it even made the front page of the local newspaper, the Southtown Herald. It truly seemed that this year's participants numbered twice that of past years.

The main task of this meeting was, the election of officers for the coming year. The results were as follows:

Pres. - Leon Pauksta; 1st Vice-Pres. - Al Mockus; 2nd Vice-Pres. - Anele Pocius; 3rd Vice-Pres. - Andrea Deksnis; Rec. Secretary - Gerri Chaplin; Board Secretary - Mary Anna Gercius; Corresp. Secretary - Alvina Giedraitis; Financial Secretary - Maria Deksnis; Treasurer - Dolores Wainauskis; Trustees - Lorraine Svelnis & Ellie Kasputis; Sgts.-at-Arms - Ed Pocius, Ed Deksnis, Antanas Pauzuolis & Louis Rogers; ATL & Lith. Affairs - Sr. Theresa Papsis; Vytis Corresp. - Sr. Johanna Marie Shainauskas; Lith. Publicity - Antanas Pauzuolis; Ritual Committee - Julie Zakarka;

Social Committee - Diane and Virginia Svehla; Sports Chair - Tony Armalis. Congratulations to all!

It was announced that, Al Mockus has been approved by the delegates of the 91st Convention, as a recipient of Honorary Membership in August of 2005. Valio!

Some final announcements were then made: Sign the petition requesting a star on Hollywood Blvd. for Ruta Lee; the K of L choir dinner and concert at Polonia on Nov. 7; the Summer Manifest for the Sisters of St. Casimir this past July was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped!

All were then reminded of the annual pilgrimage, which will be to the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Perryville, Missouri, the weekend of October 23rd & 24th.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by our new Pastor of Nativity Parish, Rev. Anthony Markus. Tantalizing refreshments were then served by Julie Zakarka and her terrific assistants.

Iki pasimatymo! Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

*"Sometimes the loveliness
of God's presence*

comes in the midst

of pain."





Crowd watching "Malunas" Folk Dancers in Baltimore, MD.



Joseph Sanco, C-144, admiring artifacts in the mini museum at Lithuanian Days, Frackville, PA.

10 EASY WAYS TO KILL YOUR COUNCIL

Someone You Should Know...

C-50 Proves K of L members will fight to the end!

(Excerpt from the West Haven Register)

"Some would-be thieves messed with the wrong granny," police said.

Three women entered an elderly woman's home one Friday morning, and distracted her, while one of them tried to steal items from her house. The woman, who is in her 90's, was suspicious, and threatened to call 911.

When she picked up the phone, one of the three thieves tried to wrestle it out of her hand. The elderly woman then knocked the robber over the head with the telephone receiver and shouted and screamed for all three to leave.

Stunned and terrified, the 3 robbers ran outside and sped away in an older, dark-colored midsize car.

"They picked the wrong woman to mess with," said the detective investigating the case.

The victim, who the police did not identify, called 911 and alerted police about the incident. No one was seriously injured in the skirmish.

The suspects may be the same women responsible for similar robberies in New Haven over the last two weeks. In all of the cases, two of the women thieves tried to coax the elderly home owners into letting them inside and then lured them into another room. In the meantime, a third person entered the house to steal items.

Guess what! The elderly woman, victim of the above described robbery, belongs to the K of L, C-50! Her name is Joan Augustine.

(This article was submitted by Robert Peterson of C-50, Hubbardsville, NY.)

"Peace is when time doesn't matter as it passes by."



"Be a life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for."

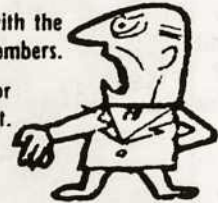


Don't attend meetings.

If you do attend a meeting, get there late.

Constantly find fault with the officers and other members.

Never accept an office or committee appointment.



Don't bother about getting new members.



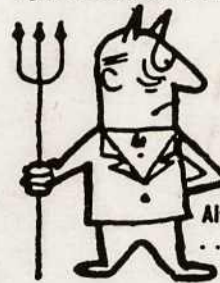
Take all the assistance the organization gives but don't give IT any.

Delay paying your dues as long as possible.



Agree with everything in a meeting, then disagree with everything afterwards.

Ignore communications from your organization.



Always suspect the worst . . . never expect the best.

**Don't be a
MEMBERSHIP KILLER**

**Be a
MEMBERSHIP BUILDER**



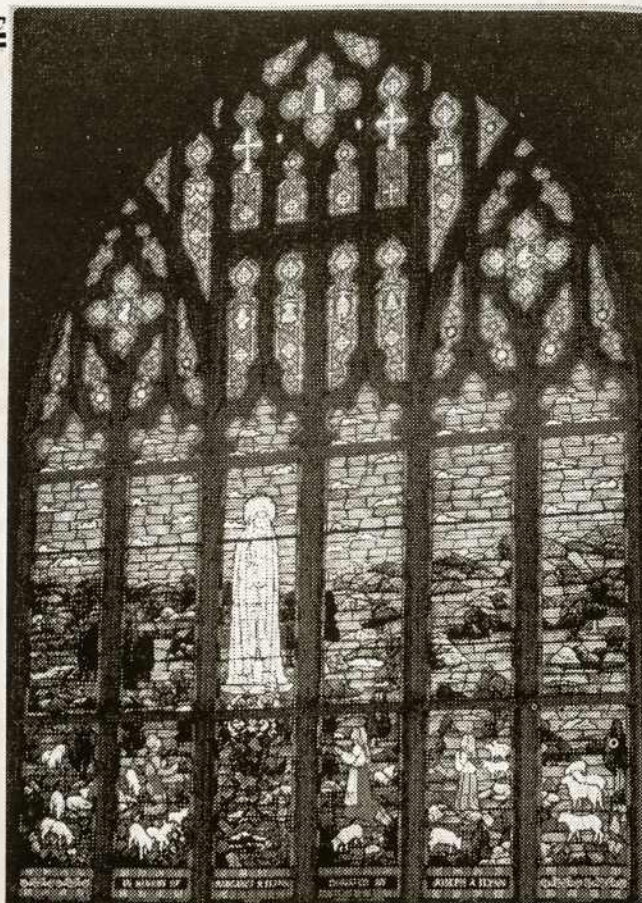
C-144, Ann Bendrick; Larry Domalakes, Pres.; Karen Domalakes at the K of L Sales table during Lithuanian Days.



Some smiling "Liberty Ladies" during the pre-Convention tour to Ellis and Liberty Islands



Juniors of C-112 pose for a photo before presenting their annual "Our Lady of Siluva" skit in the church.



The beautiful Church window which used to be located in St. Francis of Assisi Church,
Lawrence, Massachusetts (since closed)

K of L Obituaries

Council	Name		City	State	Date of Death
3	Phillip	Machonis	Glen Mills	PA	6/29/2004
7	Helen	Shatas	Waterbury	CT	7/28/2004
10	David	Lucas	Gardner	MA	7/14/2004
17	Adolph	Ivanauskas	Mattapan	MA	7/8/2004
17	Virginia	Markuns	South Boston	MA	9/5/2004
25	John	Valley	Willoughby	OH	7/23/2004
25	Nellie	Arunski	Cleveland	OH	8/1/2004
26	Mary	Anusauskas	Millbury	MA	7/1/2004
26	Alice	Deres	Worcester	MA	7/1/2004
29	Mary	Honeymar	Hillside	NJ	7/17/2004
78	John	Stundza	Lawrence	MA	6/21/2004
86	Anthony	Novitsky	DuBois	PA	6/2/2004
110	Anne	Rodman	Brooklyn	NY	9/7/2004
112	Sylvia	Jankauskis	Chicago	IL	4/8/2004
112	Juozas	Juska	Chicago	IL	7/31/2004
112	Sofija	Plenys	Oak Lawn	IL	6/13/2004
141	Milda	Lietuvninkas	Trumbull	CT	8/31/2004
144	Esther	Bartashus	New Philadelphia	PA	8/4/2004



Rally to save St. Peter's Church - So. Boston.
Chris & Jim Oulette, Marion Hobitz, Ron
Benius and Rita Benius - Member of C-78,
Lawrence, MA.



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demonstration in So. Boston, MA



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So. Boston, MA

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