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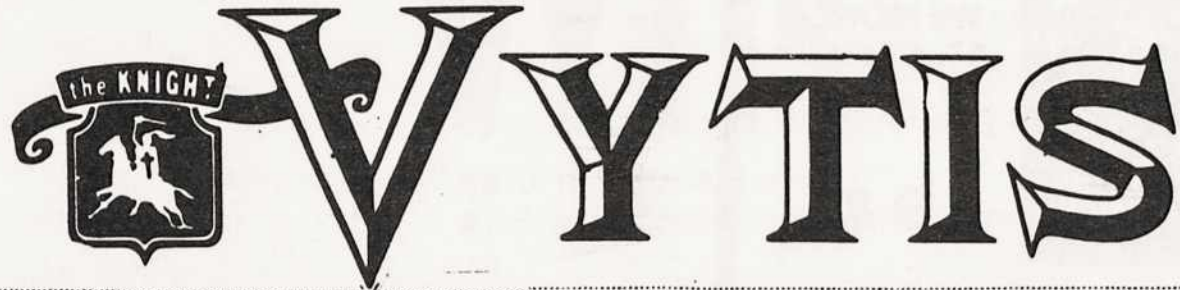
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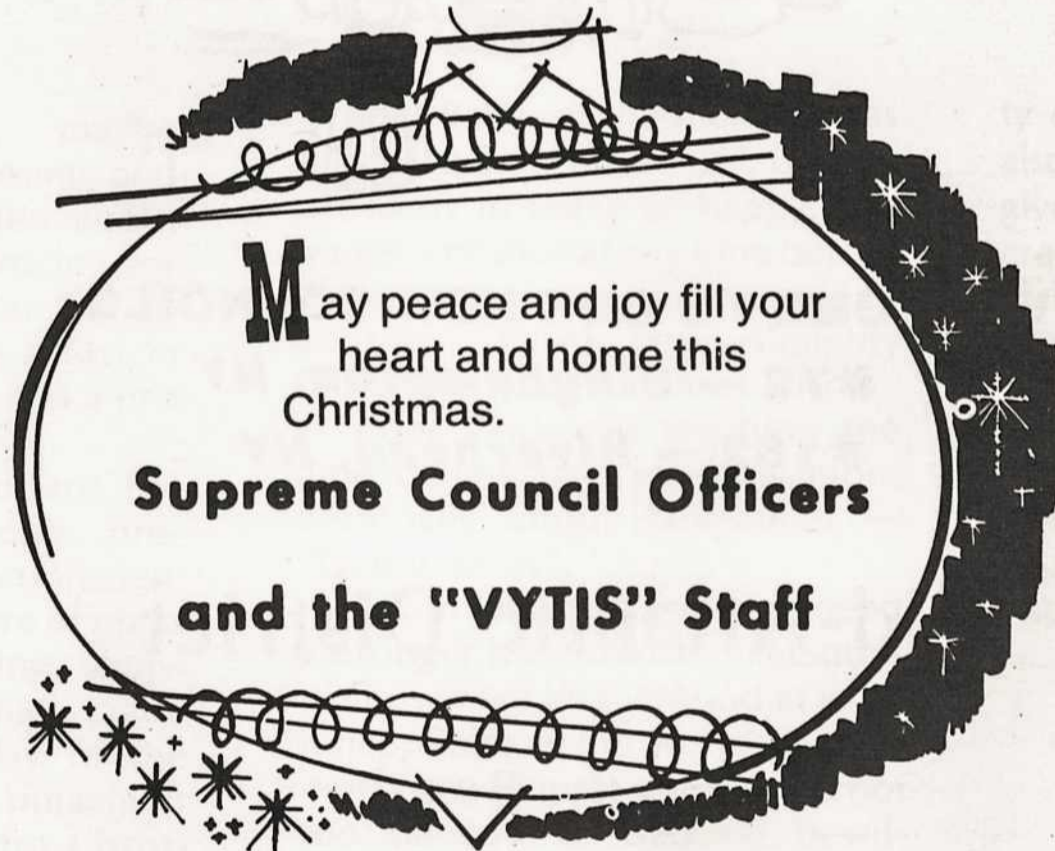
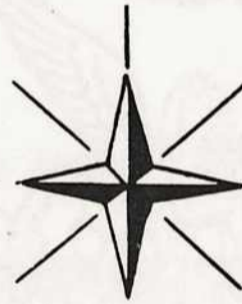
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ir  
LAJINGŲ NAUJU METŲ**

**LET US INSURE THE FUTURE OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA BY  
EXPENDING OUR ENERGIES DURING THE COMING YEAR TO ACTIVELY  
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***"The Year of the Youth"***



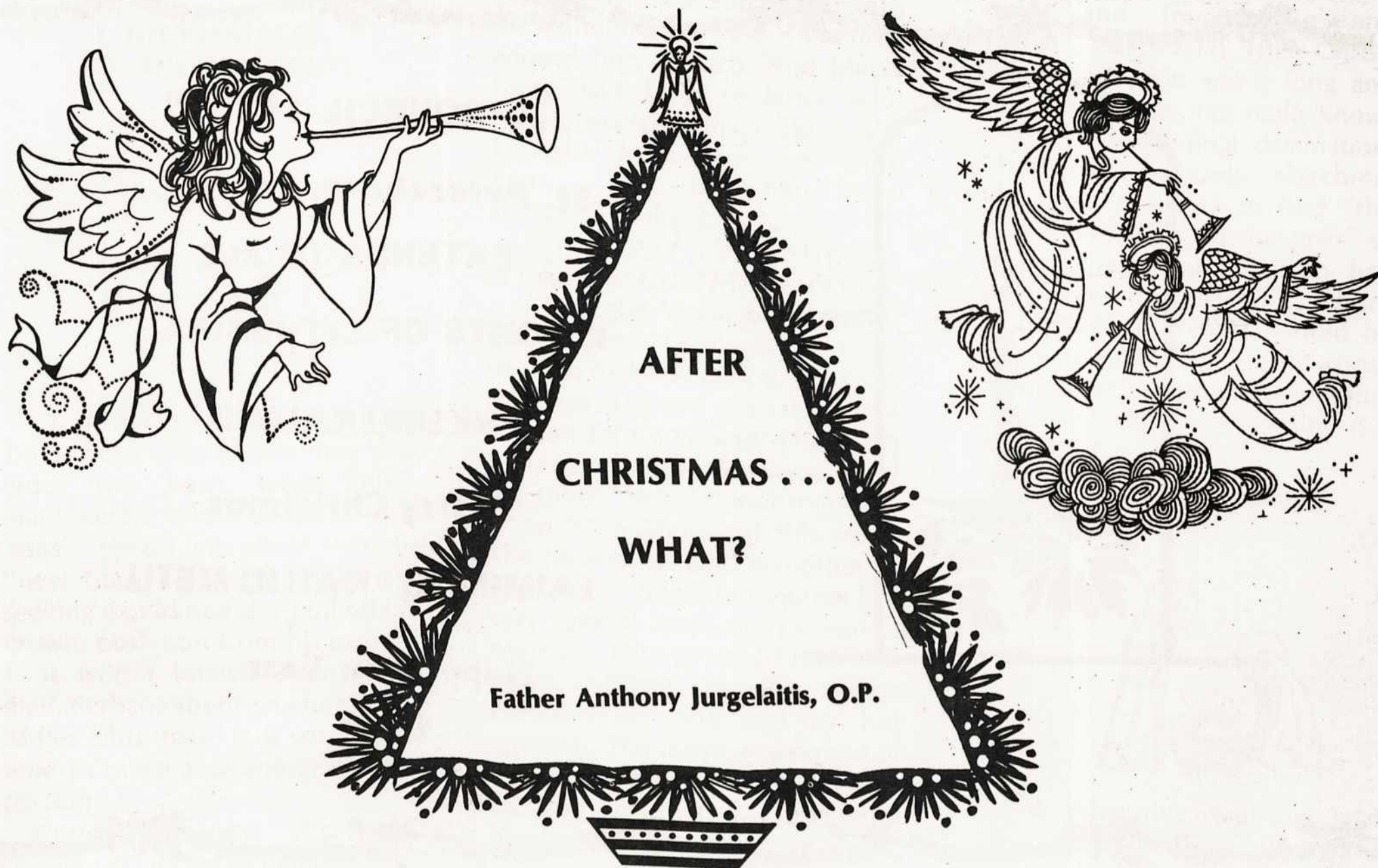
**WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCILS  
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Perhaps hundreds, maybe thousands of articles, poems and stories have been written about Christmas. But an article for Christmas entitled "After Christmas . . . what?" may be a first in journalism. In this case, it is a first for me.

This question is important. For many, maybe most people, pre-Christmas is a busy, confusing, distracting time, a mixture of plans of activities, card writing, shopping, with a somewhat vague thought of the Birthday of the Lord. So, we can ask ourselves: were our preparations for Christmas really a preparation for the celebration of the Birthday of "God become Man"? Did that activity prepare us for a better understanding of that deep mystery in which we all are involved as recipients of God's greatest gift?

The Babe of Bethlehem was "born for us, given to us". It was a gift to us to make us happy. Did we get a chance at any time before Christmas or on Christmas to exclaim: "Thank you, Almighty Father, for your precious gift?"

After Christmas we have the time to think more seriously, more personally about Emmanuel — "God with us".

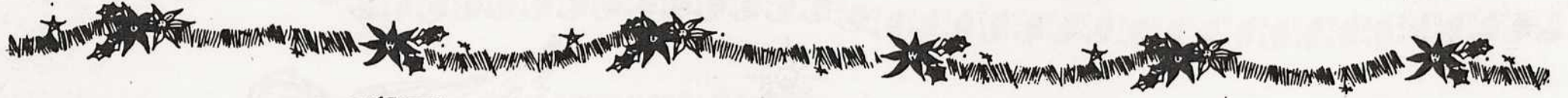
In our troubled times we need a stronger reassurance that God is with us, if we look around at what is happening in our world. With so much ungodliness around it is not too difficult to become bewildered, overwhelmed and shaken up in our faith. In this situation we do need proof that God is with us in spite of the pressures and the attacks of the ungodly.

How wise Mother Church is in establishing not only the Solemnity

of the Birth of the Savior, but also the Christmas Season that gives us time to recall the Massacre of the Innocents (December 28th), the Motherhood of God (January 1st), the visit of the Wisemen, the Holy Family, and the Baptism of Jesus by Saint John.

This Solemnity and these Feasts of the Church are part of the Christmas event, event though celebrated after Christmas.





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**EXTENDS TO ALL  
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**Merry Christmas**

**LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ**

**Happy New Year**

**1985**



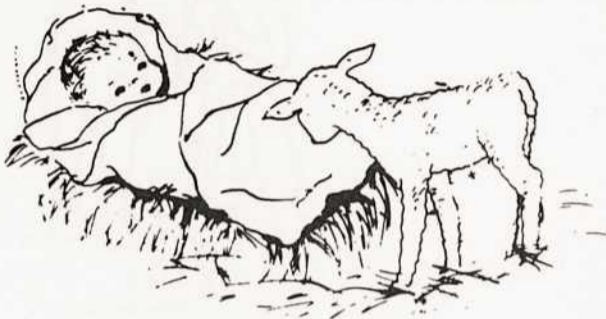
**NUOŠIRDŽIAI SVEIKINAME VISUS VYČIUS,  
LINKĖDAMI LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ ŠVENČIŲ  
IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ**



**Kuopa 12  
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**THE MASSACRE  
OF THE INNOCENTS  
(DEC. 28)**



1. The Holy Innocents, baby boys, born around the time that Jesus was born, were killed, slaughtered "for political reasons": Herod was afraid that the "new born king" the Magi was seeking would one day pull off his crown, push him from his throne.

It is not known how many died. Perhaps about one hundred. "After Christmas" is a very good time to make a meaningful comparison.

During the years after the Supreme Court decision legalizing a woman's right (?) to privacy, her right to choose between keeping or killing her unborn child, there have been one million five hundred thousand plus abortions in the United States. Just as in Herod's time, so now, these crimes were committed "for political reasons". The Supreme Court made God's Law a non-law by permitting abortion on demand.



**THE  
MOTHERHOOD  
OF GOD  
(JAN. 1)**

2. We believe that Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem is God, the

Father's co-equal Son. The angels, the shepherds, the wisemen adored him as such. And Mary? Mary gave birth to Jesus. Saint Luke records this: "And she brought forth her first-born Son... and laid him in a manger". (Luke 2,7).

No honor or privilege is greater than this: to be Mother of God.

Mary, the Virgin of Nazareth, the Mother of God, was also given to us to make us happy and keep us happy. The two short sentences in Saint John's Gospel: (To Mary) "Woman, behold your Son." and (To John) "Behold your mother." (John 19,26-27) reveal this truth. The Mother of God is mother of the Church. She is our mother in a very special way. Mary's Son is Mediator between the Father and us, his children. Mary is Mediatrix between her Son and us, her children. This is one reason out of many why she deserves our warmest love and highest praise. And obedience, too.

**THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN  
(Jan. 6)**



3. The visit of the Magi, representing the non-Jewish, non-believing world at the time, reveals to us that God's plan of Salvation included all of the daughters and sons of our first parents, Adam and Eve. The Wiseman traveled long, they arrived, they adored: "We have come to worship him..." (Matt. 2,2).

And notice this: Saint Matthew writes "And opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of

gold, and frankincense and myrrh". (Matt. 2,11). Their Christmas preparation was a long and difficult journey, not really knowing their exact final destination. They were actively searching, inquiring, yearning to find "the newly born King of the Jews" of whom the Prophet Micah had prophesied that he would be born in Bethlehem, that he would be ruler in Israel, the one "whose going forth is from the beginning, from the days of eternity (Cf Micah 5,2)

**THE HOLY FAMILY**



4. What the Magi saw, when they made their way into the cave — shelter, first of all, was the Child, then his mother and Saint Joseph — a Family. The liturgy of the Church rejoices in and celebrates this Holy Family, which is the perfect family, whose family life was based on love, devotion and sacrifice for each other. It does not matter in the least that Saint Joseph was foster father of God's Son. Poor, though he was, he willingly assumed the duties and worries of supporting his wife and foster-child. Jesus was his God-Son, in a way no other earthly godfather can say about his godson. In celebrating the feast of the Holy Family we cannot avoid thinking about our own family as parents, or as children. How helpful the Sacred Liturgy which reminds us of how Mary and Joseph brought up their God-given Child, and how the Child grew in wisdom and age and grace" in their poor, humble home in Nazareth.



**Greetings from us to you**

**May all your Christmas dreams come true  
Council 3 wishes you in the coming year  
Joy and gladness . . . never a tear**

**Our hopes and prayers will forever be  
That Lithuania will be set free.**

**As we celebrate our Saviour's birth  
Vyčiai will pray for peace on earth.**

**By Maryte**

**Council 3**

**Philadelphia, PA**





**THE  
BAPTISM  
OF JESUS  
BY  
ST. JOHN**



5. Next, there is a jump of a full 30 years to the beginnings of Christ's public ministry, which he began by submitting to the Baptism of Saint John the Baptizer.

Can you recall the whispered conversation between the Baptizer and the Savior of the world?

John: "It is I who ought to be baptized by you, and you come to me?"

Jesus: "Let it be so now, for so it becomes us to fulfill all justice." (Matt 3, 14-15).

Jesus seems to be saying "John, let me fulfill what is required of all faithful and righteous Jews. It is fitting that I give a good example in all things." I am in this world to show that I love and obey my Father, who sent me."



We have about three weeks of "after Christmas" — the Christmas Season. We can waste it and deprive ourselves of the full measure of Christmas joy, which God offers us. Or, we can prolong the celebration of the Birthday of the Lord.

There is a simple formula that can guide us in prolonging Christmas joys: "B plus W plus G equals PCJ." In other words: Being with God equals prolonged Christmas joys.

God took the first step. Wisely, He chose to become man to be born of the Virgin Mary, to be called Emmanuel — God with us. This is the Christmas joy we celebrate. If we think about and make part of our lives the "after Christmas" events and mysteries, we will better understand the real meaning of Christmas and find ourselves more eager to follow the Light of the World, shining through the Good News of the Gospel he spread among God's people.

This is how we can prolong our Christmas joys after Christmas and even into the entire New Year.

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

I take this opportunity to wish all Knights of Lithuania CHRISTMAS JOYS on Christmas, during the entire Christmas Season and all through the coming year.

Fr. J.

**and**

**LOVE and GOD WILL to ALL**



**Please remember  
in your prayers...**

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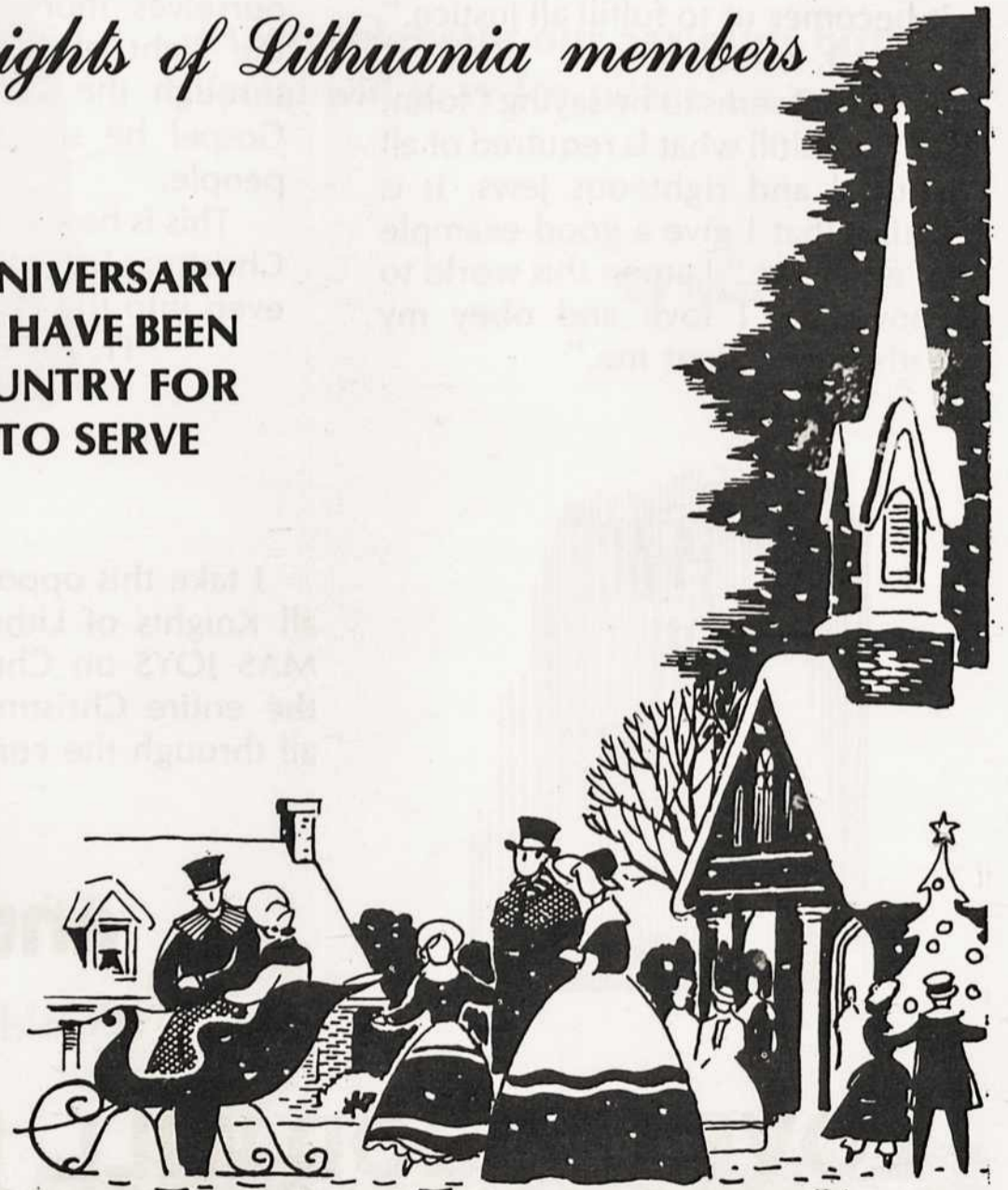
*Greetings for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all Knights of Lithuania members.*

**WE CELEBRATED OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE GOD AND COUNTRY FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. WE HOPE TO SERVE FOR 25 MORE YEARS!**

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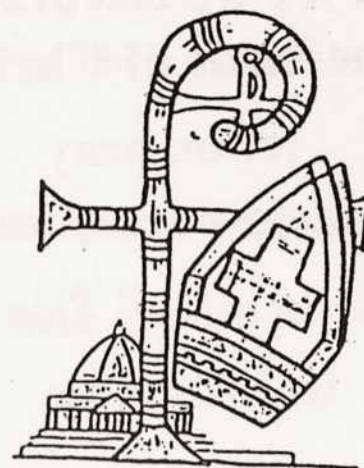
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**P**opiežius Jonas Paulius II savo inauguracijos dieną pareiškęs, kad jo popiežiavimo programą yra nustatęs II Vatikano susirinkimas, ištikimai tai vykdo. Audiencijose, kelionėse ir enciklikose jis nuolatos ir pabrėžtinai primena kiekvienos tautos epcialią misiją Dievo plane, kiekvieno žmogaus asmeninę vertę ir didingumą bei religijos, ir kultūros tamprų ryšį.

Kadangi žmogus nėra koks nors beveidis internacionalas, jis yra reikalingas jo prigimčiai, jo būdai atitinkamos diasinės, kultūrinės ir socialinės aplinkumos, kad galėtų vispusiškai išsiskleisti, išaugti pilnu žmogumi, naudingu savajam kraštui, Bažnyčiai ir visai žmonijai. Gyveną gimtajame krašte, normaliose sąlygose, žmonės tai gauna savaime. Kitokioje padėtyje yra išvietintas, svetimame krašte atsidūręs žmogus. Bažnyčia, tai suprasdama, visuomet stengėsi ateiti tam žmogui į pagalbą, o II Vatikano susirinkimas primigtinai iš vyskupų reikalauja, kad atskirų tautybių tikintieji, gyveną tame pačiame mieste ar valstybėje, būtų netik aptarnaujami jų gimtąja kalba, bet ir kad būtų gerbiami jų papročiai, tradicijos bei sudaromos sąlygos puoselėti jų savitą kultūrą. Tautinės parapijos turi būti ne vien religiniai, bet sykiu ir kultūriniai bei socialiniai centrai. Tačiau teorija ir praktika dažnai yra du skirtingi dalykai. Kiekvienas vyskupas ir klebonas turi savo nuomonę, ir kartais labai aiškius Bažnyčios potvarkius savaip interpretuoja bei pritaiko.

Šv. Tėvas Jonas Paulius II, žinodamas su kokiais sunkumais kartais susiduria etninės bendruomenės, pertvarkė jų sielovadą, paskirdamas jom po vyskupą, kad jie, kaip popiežiaus specialūs įgaliotiniai ir teisioginiai jam atsakingi, rūpintus, kad II Vatikano susirinkimo nutarimai ir šioje srityje būtų įgyvendinti. Kad vyskupai atkreiptų į šį potvarkį reikiamą dėmesį, dar prieš viešai paskeibiant, kad tautinei išėivijos

bendruomenės sielovadai yra paskirtas vyskupas, Vatikano nuncijatūros specialiu raštu apie tai raneša visiems vyskupams, kurių diocezijose gyvena tos etninės grupės tikinčiųjų.

Nors išėivijos etninėm bendruomenėm paskirti vyskupai neturi tiesioginės jurisdikcijos tautinių parapijų ir jose dirbančių kunigų atžvilgiu, tačiau, kaip liudija mūsų vyskupų Vincento Brizgio ir Antano Deksnio patirtis, nuoširdžiai bendradarbiaujant su lietuvių bendruomenės organizacijom, galima joms pozityviai ir daug pagelbėti.

Mažėjant lietuvių kunigų skaičiui bei neturint naturalaus, emigraciniu būdu tautinio kraujo transfuzijos, mūsų lietuviškom parapijom patikėta misija kasmet darosi sunkiau atlikti. Iškyla visa eilė naujų problemų, reikalaujančių centralizacijos, kooperacijos, persitvarkymų.

Kadangi pastoracija išėivijoje yra neatskiriamai susijusi su visu mūsų gyvenimu, aš visų prašau nuoširdžios kooperacijos ir maldų. Kada žmonės tarpusavyje sutaria ir vieningai ko nors kilnaus siekia, Dievas visuomet laimina jų pastangas.

Dėkodamas mūsų ilgamečiams ganytojams vyskupui Vincentui Brizgiui ir vyskupui Antanui Deksnui už visokeriopą pagalbą mano naujose pareigose, bei Jums visiems, mieli broliai, sesės lietuviai, už išreikštus linkėjimus, maldas bei dovanas „vyskupo fondui“ konsekracijos proga, reiškiu viltį Jus aplankyti artimoje ateityje.

Su geriausiais linkėjimais ir malda,

Nuoširdžiai Jūsų Krištuje.

Paulius A. Baltakis, O.F.M.

Vyskupas lietuviams katalikams išėivijoje

1984-IX-24

Kennebunkport, Maine



# Knights of Lithuania

As we celebrate  
the birth of Christ  
let us pray  
for world peace, and for  
our brothers and sisters  
in Lithuania

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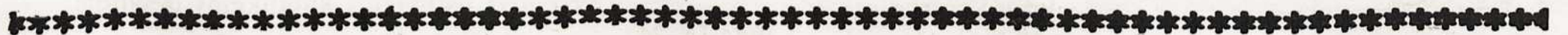


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KALĖDŲ ŠVENČIŲ IR NAUJŲ METŲ

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
TO ONE AND ALL!

**COUNCIL #40  
EAST ST. LOUIS**

From President Pat Kassly  
and all the members





## A NEW BISHOP FOR LITHUANIANS

by Philip Skabeikis

*Ordination of Bishop Paulius Baltakis,  
Portland, Maine*

The day broke bright and beautiful over the rocky, ocean-splashed coastline of Maine. A gentle breeze brought with it the subtle essence of a fading summer, yet also the promise of a golden autumn.

This day, as unpretentious as it seemed, would witness a historical event, an event that brought with it much good news and golden promise of its own to Lithuanian Catholics throughout the world.

On this Friday, September 14, 1984, a Lithuanian-born priest living in the free world became the very first to be appointed Bishop of all Lithuanians in the Free World.

Two beloved men, Bishop Vincentas Brizgys and Bishop Antanas Deksnys; Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas living in exile in the U.S. and Bishop for the Spiritual Assistance of Lithuanian Catholics in Western Europe respectively, have come to be closely associated with such a ministry. They are both of retirement age, however, and Pope John Paul II has formalized the position in his appointment of 59 year-old Bishop Paul Antanas Baltakis, O.F.M.

The new bishop was born in Latavenai, Lithuania, the second son in the family of eleven children. After high school, he applied for admission to the seminary, but met with deportation during the Nazi occupation in 1944. He faced forced

labor in Germany and Finland. Following the cessation of hostilities, Paul completed his studies and was ordained as a Franciscan in Belgium in 1952. In 1953, he emigrated to Canada and served as assistant pastor to Resurrection Parish in Toronto, Ontario. In 1969, he was transferred to Brooklyn, New York, where he oversaw the construction of a new friary and the adjacent Lithuanian Cultural Center, serving as local Franciscan Superior simultaneously. In 1979, he was elected provincial of the Lithuanian Franciscan Vicariate of Saint Casimir, headquartered in Kennebunkport, Maine.

His new position brings him an even further-reaching ministry. He must shepherd Lithuanian Catholics around the Free World into the next century.

The Concelebrated Mass of Episcopal Ordination took place on Friday, September 14, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, Maine, as the seat of the Lithuanian Vicariate of Saint Casimir is located in that diocese.

The standing-room only congregation of several thousand Lithuanians from the United States and Canada packed the modest Cathedral. The sanctuary itself was bedecked with yellow, green and red banners. The concelebrants in-

cluded 19 bishops and over 100 priests. Principal Celebrant was the Holy Father's personal representative to the United States, the Most Reverend Pio Laghi, who described himself as "the shadow rather than the Light", in referring to Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage through Canada. In his homily, Laghi defined the role of a bishop. He explained its origin as a Greek word meaning, "to see clearly". A bishop must be a teacher of doctrine, a priest of sacred worship and a minister of government. He must be "a man of the mountains, a man that stands tall". He called upon the new bishop to be an "administrator to the sons and daughters of the Lithuanian diaspora".

The Apostolic Letter confirming the appointment was read aloud and held aloft. The congregation consented through vigorous and sustained applause.

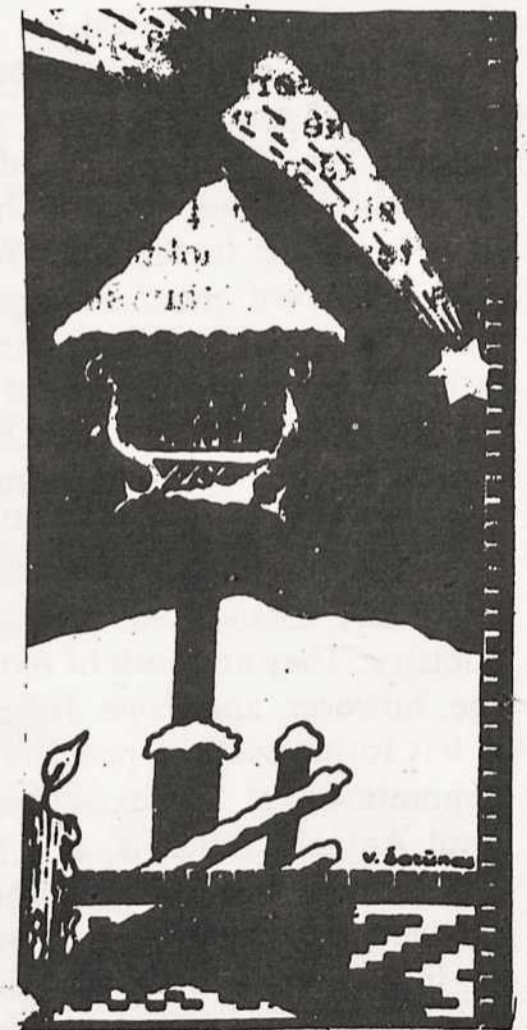
After the homily, Archbishop Laghi "examined the candidate" regarding his resolve to preserve the Faith and carry out his duties.

Following in succession came the "Laying on of Hands" invoking the Holy Spirit by all consecrating bishops present and constituting the heart of the ordination rite, the "Prayer of Consecration" offered while two deacons held the Book of Gospels over the new bishop's head, the "Anointing" signifying the call

Merry  
**Christmas**  
 From CHICAGOLAND



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to service and the power of the Holy Spirit and finally the "Investiture with Ring, Miter and Pastoral Staff", the traditional symbols of episcopal office.

The entire service was punctuated by spontaneous outbursts of warmth and applause.

In his own remarks during Mass, Bishop Baltakis pledged himself to care for the needs of the world-wide Lithuanian community and to devote the rest of his life to work with the Holy Father for the restoration of a genuine image of Christ in every Christian. In Lithuanian, he greeted all of his beloved parishioners and asked for their continued prayers.

At the conclusion of Mass, Bishop Baltakis strode to all corners of the church, bestowing his blessing upon the cheering throngs of people.

Music throughout the morning was provided by Saint Casimir's Choir of Brockton, Massachusetts, and the Portland Diocesan Choir, augmented by solists and cantors.

Without doubt, the organization with the largest representation was the Knights of Lithuania, and so it should have been as the new bishop has been a member of the K of L for several years, enrolled in Maspeth, New York's Council 110. Council 110 members travelled to Portland via bus, automobile and plane. The crozier bestowed upon the Bishop was a gift of the council to its distinguished member.

K of L members from throughout New England, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey and New York could be found among the crowd.

K of L-ers among the concelebrants included Archbishop Charles Salatka, Bishops Vincentas Brizgys and Antanas Deksnys, Fathers Jurgelaitis, Contons, Pugevičius, Janiunas, Bartkus, Raila, Baniunas, Pakalniskis and others.



The Offertory Procession included Jonas Adomenas and Nancy Miro, who presented a handwoven linen of the Lithuanian National Anthem, Marian Skabeikis who presented a desecrated crucifix depicting the suffering Church in Lithuania; and Philip Skabeikis, who carried the altar wine.

The Supreme Council was represented by National President Loretta Stukas, and Dr. Jack Stukas.

One of the readers during Mass was Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin Editor, Bernice Aviza.

In a recent interview with Marian Skabeikis for the Lithuanian R. C. Federation's English-language newspaper, "The Observer", Bishop Baltakis said that in speaking of the future, "One very real hope for the future is the Knights of Lithuania, where there can be found a deep appreciation of Lithuanian culture, quite apart from whether or not individual members can speak the Lithuanian language."

Following the Consecration Mass, a literal column of cars and buses moved south to the resort town of Kennebunkport, and the vast, grassy knolls of the Saint Anthony Friary, where nearly one thousand people dined beneath a huge tent. During the evening, National President Loretta Stukas presented the bishop with a check for \$500.00 on behalf of the Supreme Council, and announced that the 71st National Convention had voted unanimously to bestow Honorary Membership upon the new bishop during its next Convention.

For all who participated in the day's events, the memories will linger a great while, but they were not alone in their joy. A spiritual communion existed with their brothers and sisters in Lithuania. The news of the bishop's appointment that broke in June, 1984, had quickly reached Lithuania. In the 63rd issue of the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania", dated July 1, 1984, that recently reached the West, Catholics of Lithuania greeted the new bishop

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**HAPPY  
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*to all Knights of Lithuania members*

**ESPECIALLY TO**

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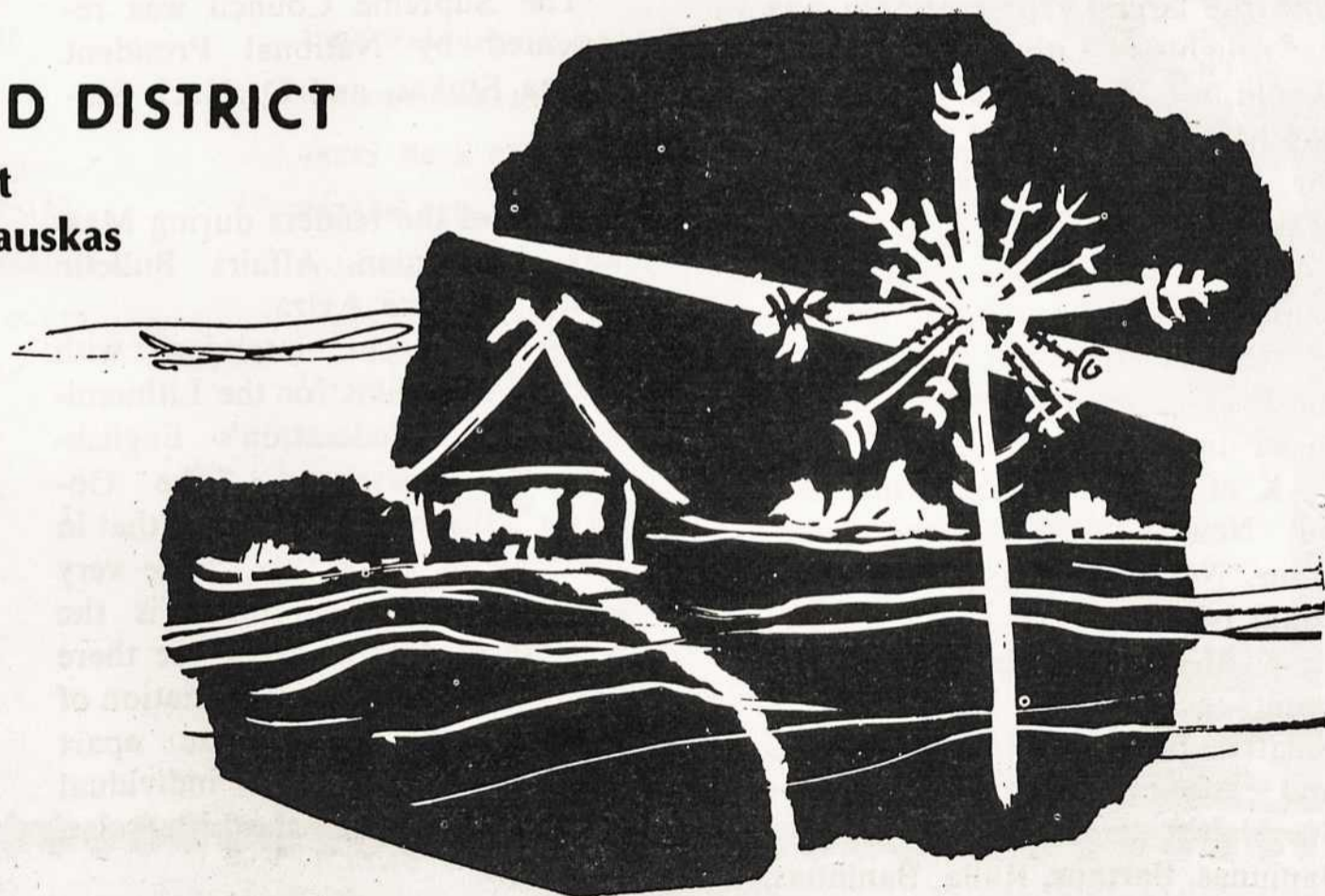
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Bishop Baltakis addresses reception at Kennebunkport

**TO HIS EXCELLENCY,  
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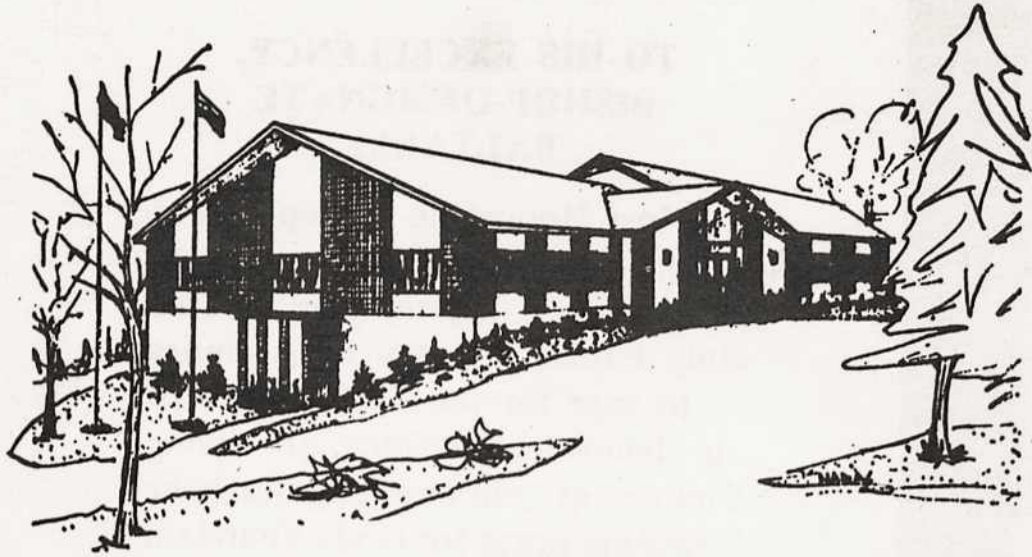


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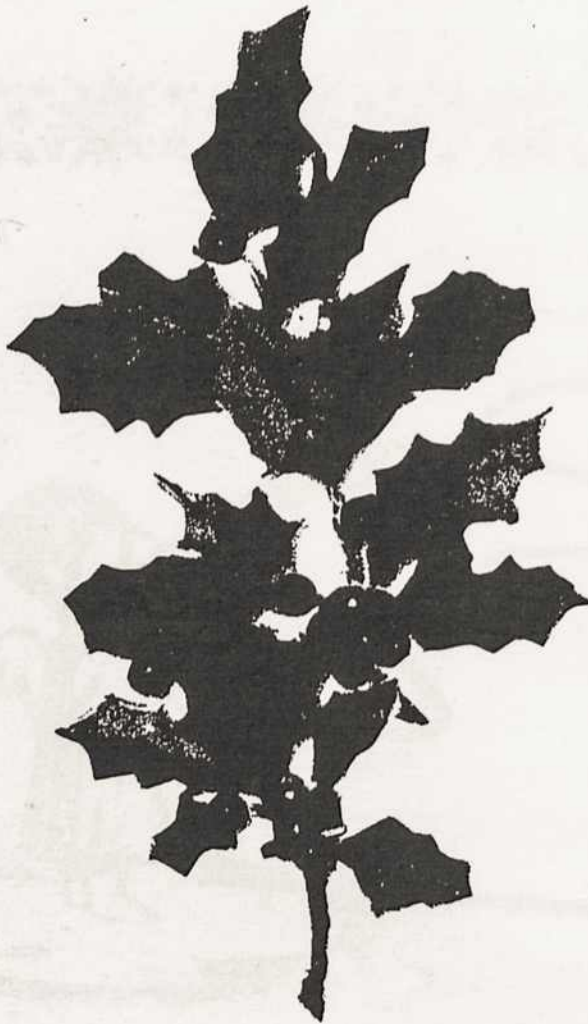
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# LITHUANIAN *in the* NEWS

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

BILL SENKUS, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J., was featured in "The Daily Journal", Elizabeth, last June for the book he has written "The History of a Lithuanian Community in Elizabeth". The 150-page book is a compilation of the joys and sorrows the Lithuanian community has experienced since 1931.

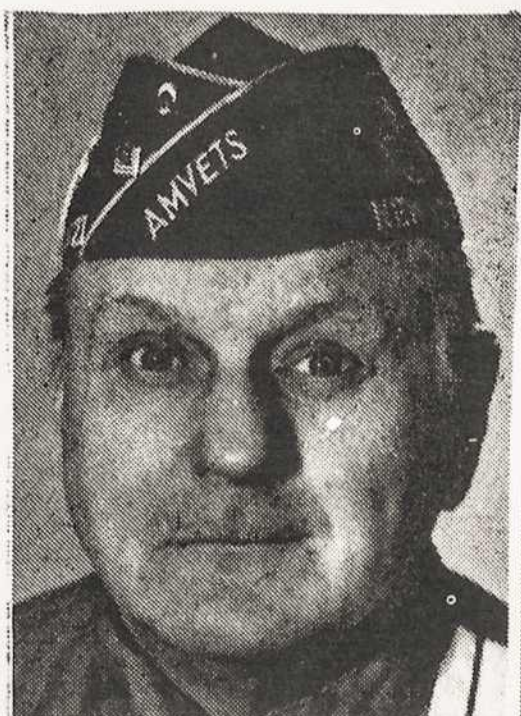
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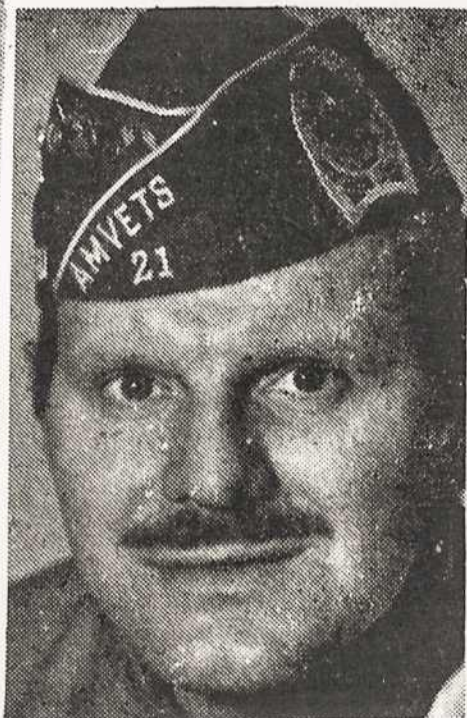
*William Senkus, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.*

EDMUND LIBERIS, C-100 Amsterdam, N.Y., and his son WILLIAM, received the "AMVET of the Year" award and trophy at the Amsterdam AMVETS Post 21 annual installation dinner last August, according to "The Recorder".

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**Edmund A. Liberis**



**William J. Liberis**

The Coaldale, Pa. area newspapers featured articles last June about the dedication of the Wayside Cross Shrine at St. John the Baptist Lithuanian Catholic Church in Coaldale. The traditional wayside cross was dedicated to the memory of Father Francis L. Mockus, who served as pastor of the Coaldale parish for almost 50 years. Bishop Thomas J. Welsh of the Allentown Diocese blessed the shrine, assisted by Father Francis Baransky, pastor of St. John's.



*Bishop Welsh blesses Pennsylvania Shrine*



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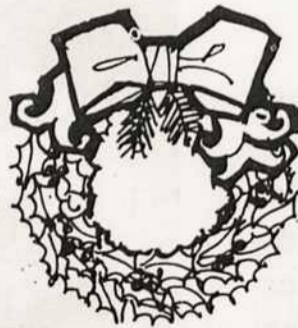
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**DR. JACK J. STUKAS**, National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, has been appointed to the Governor's Commission on Eastern European and Captive Nation History, reports the "Echoes-Sentinel", Warren, N.J.

His aim will be to correct the inaccuracies New Jersey's students read in their history books about the nations and peoples living under Soviet oppression.

Dr. Stukas, a first generation American with Lithuanian parents, has dedicated his life to sharing his culture with its strong ties to Christianity in this country. Part of the way he carries out that goal is through Memories of Lithuania, an hour long radio program he has been doing since 1941.

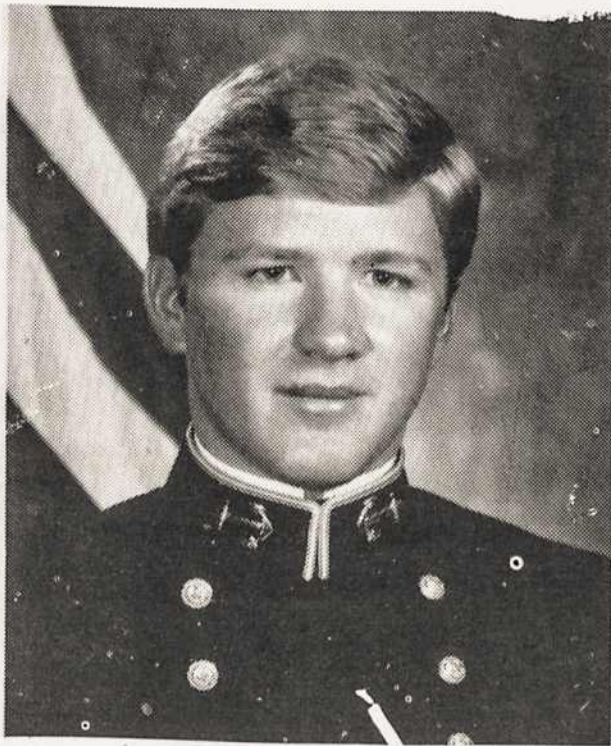
He noted the importance of continuing ethnic traditions, starting at home with children. "Let them appreciate the culture their parents brought with them and contribute it to this country." Both he and his wife, **LORETTA**, National President of the K of L, work within the Knights of Lithuania to help bring young



people into the group. Dr. Stukas works with young adults every day as a professor of business and international business courses at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J.

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**PHILIP J. ERICKSON**, grandson of **CHARLES** and **JOHN GENAITIS**, very active members of C-10, Gardner, Mass., was graduated in May from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and is now in Naval Flight School for pilot training in Pensacola, Fla.



**Philip J. Erickson**

"Sky and Telescope" magazine, April, reports an item of interest. Lithuanian comet hunters, **K. Cernis** and **J. Petrauskas**, were pictured with their telescopes at Vilnius Observatory. Together they discovered a comet in 1980, while Cernis found one in 1983.

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**VIDA IVANOUSKAS**, a 15-year-old Mattapan, Mass. girl whose mother is Lithuanian and whose father served in the Korean War, proudly read her award-winning essay "Preserve Freedom . . . Here's How" to the AMVETS convention last August in Knoxville, Tenn. Her stirring words were the top pick from thousands of entries in the ninth-grade category of the national contest, according to the "Boston Globe".

Vida said that being the daughter of an immigrant gave her a special insight into the freedoms of the U.S. Part of her essay reads: ". . . To preserve freedom, we must begin with peace within ourselves and then spread it to others. Freedom is not a store-bought commodity. There are many ways freedom can be preserved, but with every freedom there is a responsibility and with every right there is an obligation . . ."

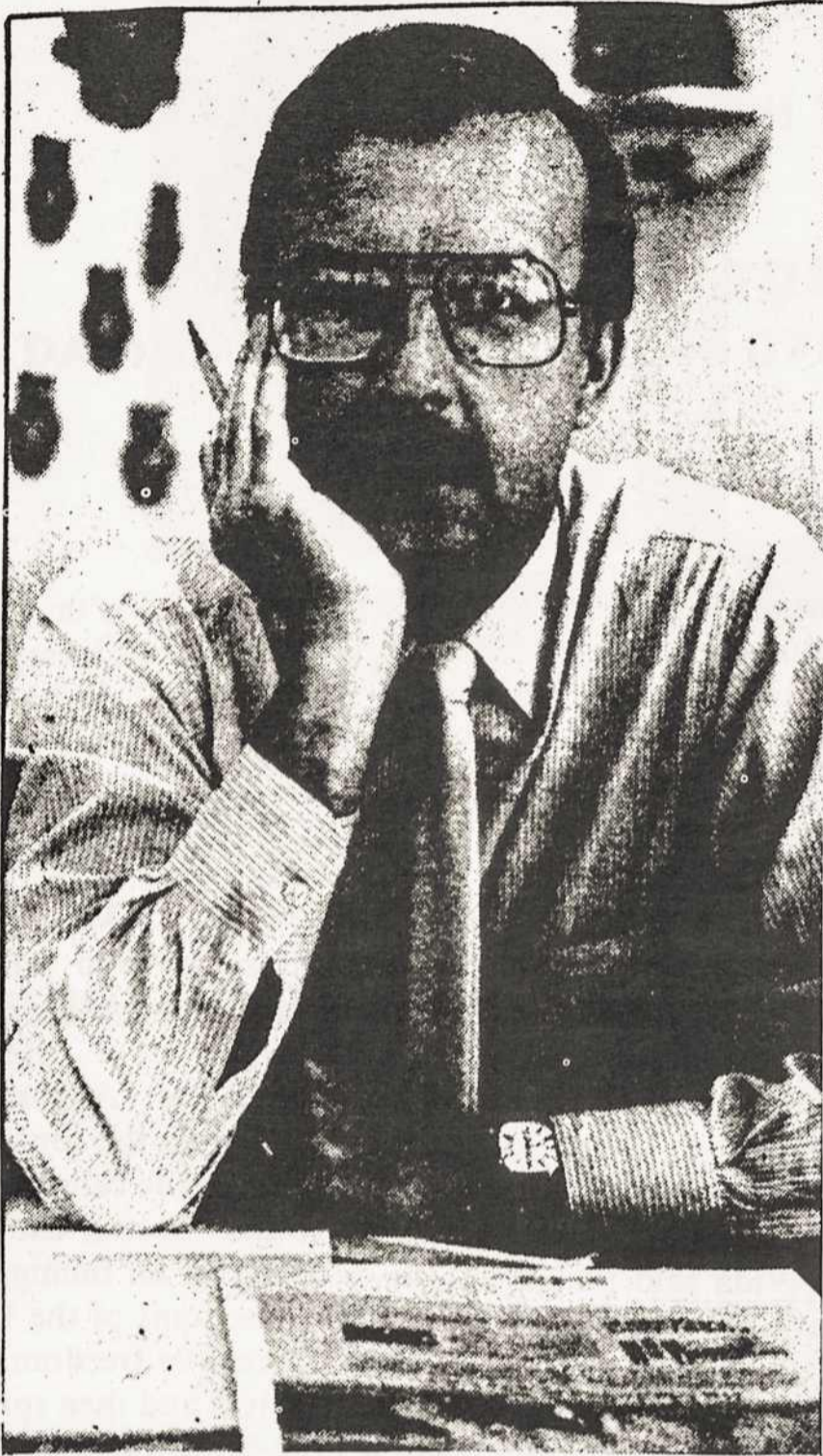
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**MICHAEL MIKOLAITIS**, C-100 Amsterdam, N.Y., has earned the Eagle Scout award, the highest in Boy Scouting, reports "The Recorder". Michael is past president of the Junior Council and recipient of the 1983 K of L scholarship award.

**CHRISTOPHER BABLIN** also earned the Eagle Scout Award. His parents **EDWARD** and **MIRGA BABLIN** and Grandmother **LOUISE KERBELIS** are members of C-100.

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John Chervokas in his Manhattan office.



The biggest craze since the Cabbage Patch Kids are called Brussel Sprouts, reports the "National Examiner". The soft-sculpture dolls are the brainchild of a former third-grade teacher, RACHEL ZUKAUSKAS, who lives in Manchester, Connecticut.

The cuddly creatures all feature funny hats and are shaped somewhat like Christmas stockings. Mrs. Zukauskas has been making dolls and puppets since she was a child. She went on to earn one of the first degrees in puppetry from the University of Connecticut. Her company, Rachel Toys, says more than 50,000 of the wee winsome Sprouts have been sold and can't be made fast enough.

Each Brussel Sprout is made completely by hand with all American-made materials and are very affordable at less than \$3 each.

Twenty years ago, reports the "Catholic New Yorkers", a mild-mannered grocer spoke a line that has since become a part of the culture. Said Mr. Whipple to a zealous shopper, "Please don't squeeze the Charmin."

JOHN CHERVOKAS was a 26-year old copywriter when he dreamed up the Charmin promotion — probably the longest running in American advertising. Clever lines seem to pop out of him like bubbles in a champagne glass. In his glass-walled office at Warwick Advertising in New York where he is vice chairman and chief creative officer, he also constructs crossword puzzles for the New York Times and writes an occasional column for the Times' Westchester Sunday magazine, which he describes as a male Erma Bombeck view of suburbia.

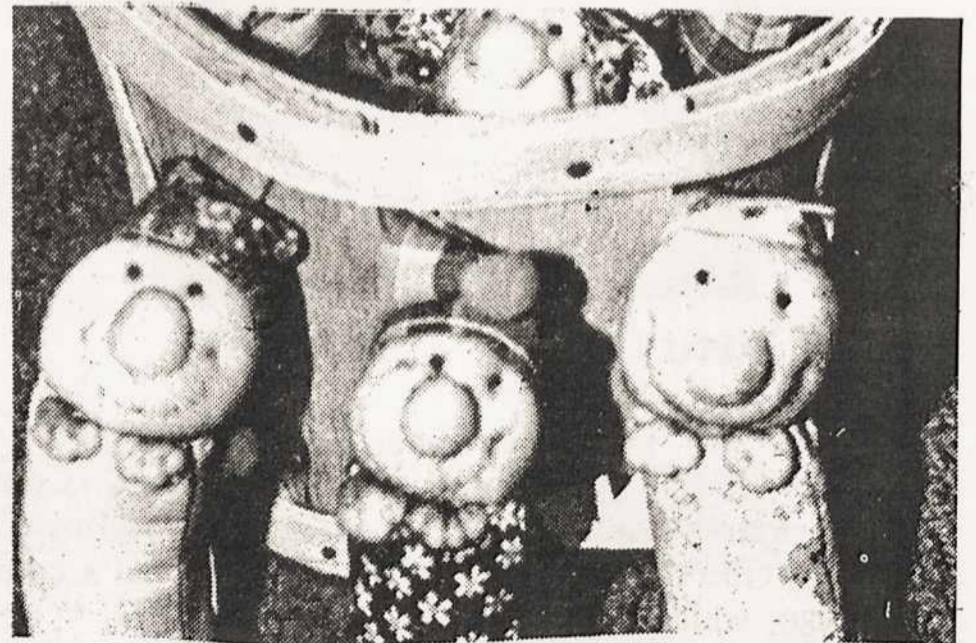
His latest clever line is on the cover of his first book, "Pinstripe Prayers or How to Talk to God While Pursuing Mammon." There are 38 talks with God, among them a Prayer on a Cold Commuter Platform, a Prayer for Coping With an Office Temptation, a Prayer Before Asking for a Raise, and a Prayer for Firing Someone.

In the Preface to "Pinstripe Prayers" he writes, "Business days are frenetic and freewheeling, intense and informal . . . No matter how trying or tiresome . . . there are always moments in which we can squeeze God."

Chervokas was born in Norwood, Mass. His name is Lithuanian — and he is unable to locate any other family in the world that has it. In his office there is a framed sheet titled "How do they misspell Chervokas, let me count the ways." There is a long, far-out list.

One of his favorite moments is the day Pope John Paul II got together with New York's youth in Madison Square Garden and the kids serenaded the pontiff with a song titled, "We Are Today," which was written by John Chervokas for the occasion.

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Merry Christmas  
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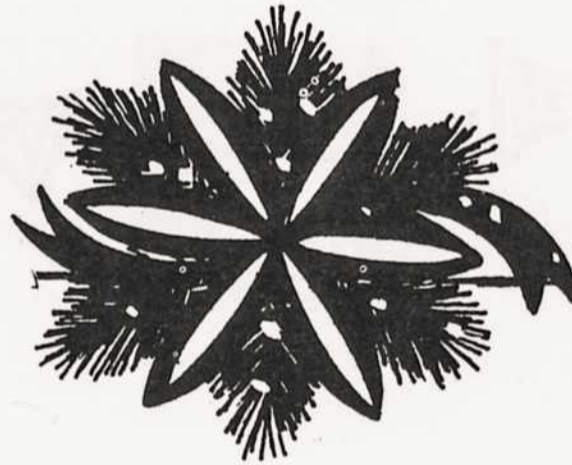
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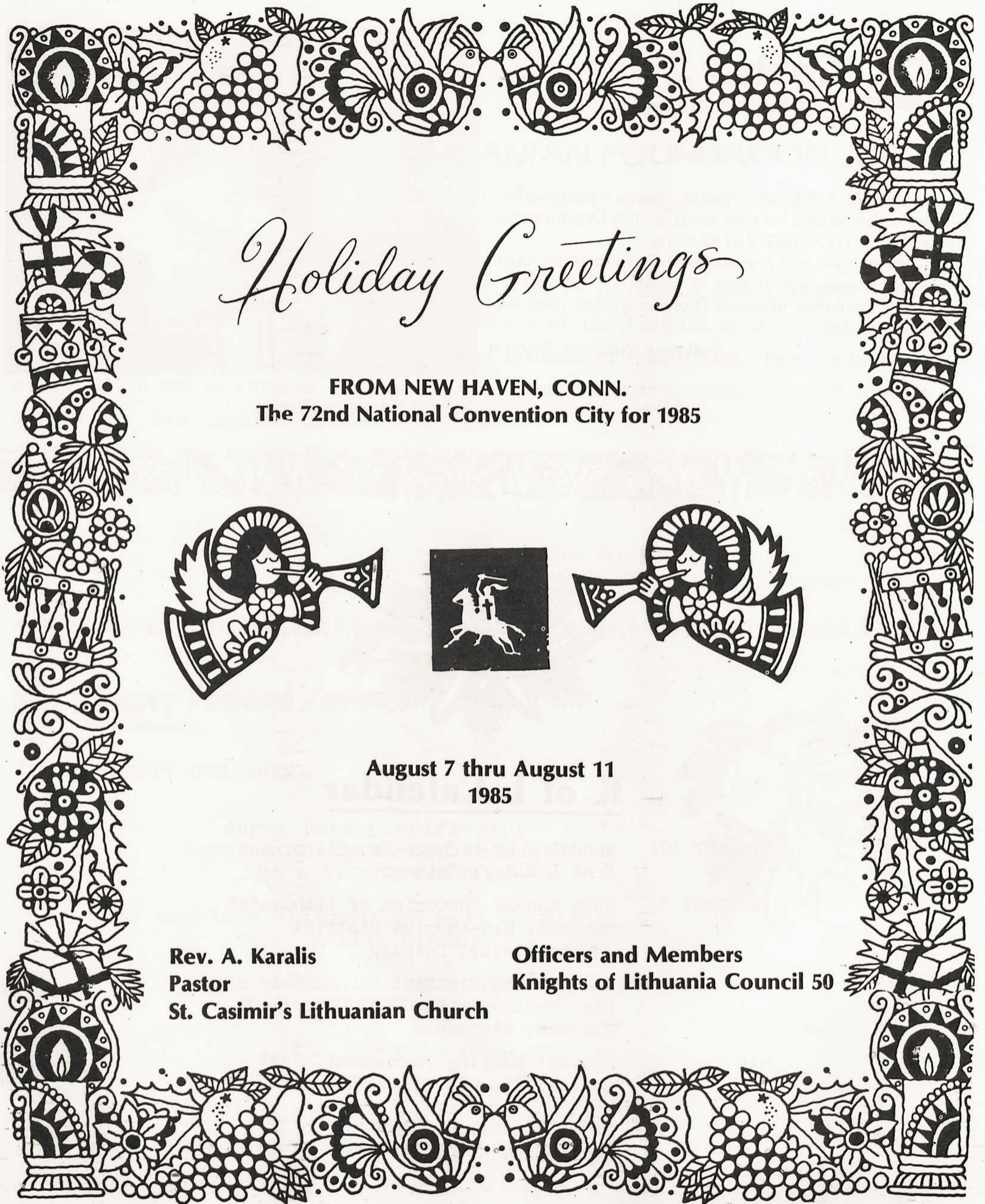


*Bishop Vincentas Brizgys*



## K of L Calendar

- JANUARY 19: Annual K of L Choir Benefit Dinner  
K of L Bldg., Chicago
- FEBRUARY 3: 25th Annual "Memories of Lithuania"  
Banquet, Mid-America District  
The Martique, Chicago
- MARCH 3: Mid-America District St. Casimir's  
Day Commemoration, Host Council-38,  
Kenosha, Wisconsin
- MAY 17-18-19: Midwest Bowling Tournament, Host  
Council-25, Cleveland, Ohio
- August 7-11: 72nd National Convention  
New Haven, Connecticut



# *Holiday Greetings*

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Knights of Lithuania Council 50**



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## OFFICIAL NEWS

### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

#### RULES

1. The drive will be conducted from January 1, 1985 through June 30, 1985.
2. Awards will be given as follows:-

#### COUNCILS

- Under 50 Members
- 51 to 100 Members
- Over 100 Members

#### INDIVIDUALS

- From Council with Under 50 Members
- From Council with 51 to 100 Members
- From Council with Over 100 Members

Awards will be calculated from a point system, as follows:-

- Organizing a new Council .....100 points
- Organizing a Junior Council.....100 points
- Reorganizing a dormant Council .....100 points

- Recruiting a Regular or Associate Individual Member..... 10 points

#### BONUS POINTS

- If new Member is Youth, between 18-30 years of age..... 20 points
- If new Junior Member ..... 20 points

3. Additional Rules:-

- Only new members brought into the Council between January 1, 1985 and June 30, 1985 will count towards the drive.
- Payment of one year's dues is required on new members.
- New Members will be classified as follows:-
  - People joining the K of L for the first time.
  - Former members rejoining the K of L.
  - Junior members advancing to Regular members.
- Transfers from other Councils do not count.

4. Records of the Supreme Council Financial Secretary will be used in determining the winners.
5. Special circumstances may arise during the course of this drive, and these will be judged on an individual basis.

Nancy Pawasauskas Miro  
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## CULTURAL CORNER

### A LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS

Anna Klizas Wargo

For Lithuanians, Christmas is one of the happiest holidays of the year. The day before Christmas, known as "Kūčios" everyone arises early to begin preparations for Christmas. Young people take turns grinding the poppy seeds for the aguony pienas (Poppy-seed milk). Hard square little biscuits (sližikai) were put into the poppy-seed milk and left to soften. "Kisielius", a jellied type of pudding made from cooked oats was prepared. Several kinds of fish, hard peas, sauer kraut salad and the other Kūčios foods were prepared.

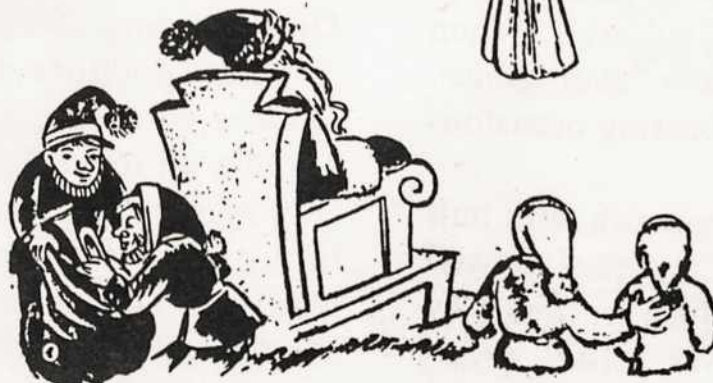
When the sun disappeared and the evening star appeared in the sky, "Kūčios supper" began. Fresh, clean hay was placed on the table and a heavy linen cloth was placed on the hay. The hay is the symbol of the hay-filled crib in which the Child Jesus lay at his birth. In the center of the table, a cross, laid flat was placed. At its side, in the household's prettiest dish, were placed the Christmas wafers (plotkelės). The head of the household gave the dinner blessing, prayed for those who were gone and for the Christ Child who was about to be born. He then broke the wafer and passed one to each member who passed this to each other, wishing each other good health and good fortune. One place was left vacant at the table for the Christ child.

Many games were played after dinner — pulling straws to determine who would live the longest,

going out to hear a dog bay. If a girl heard this, this would be the direction from which her future husband would appear.

In many Lithuanian households, the family would decorate the tree after dinner. Beautiful straw ornaments made by family members were used. The father had cut the tree early in the morning and brought it home. After the tree was trimmed, the entire family gathered around the tree and sang Lithuanian hymns and Christmas Carols.

Suddenly, what is the sound from outdoors? It is "Kalėdų Senelis" a jolly old soul who has goodies and gifts for all the Children. The family exchanges their gifts. After each gets his gift, the hay from the table is taken to the animals in the barn. It is Christmas for them too.



At Midnight, all dressed warmly, they attend the Bernelių Mišios. In some villages, the Bernelių Mišios is held at 6 o'clock in the morning. The church is decorated with fresh pine trees. In one corner is the crib. From this crib were tied streamers. Each one waited in line for the joy of rocking ever so gently, the Little Christ Child. A gift of money was left beside the crib for the Baby Jesus. After Mass, everyone went happily home.

Christmas Day was spent with family at home. The Christmas table was laden with tasty foods. There would be a roasted suckling pig with stuffing, mushrooms (baravykai) dried from the summer. There was sausage, lamb, cabbage slaw, pickled beets, horseradish, vegetables, home made pyragas (Lithuanian raisin bread) and cookies, cakes and fruit. There was wine and the favorite, krupnikas.

After dinner, everyone sang songs and visited with family.

The Christmas Holidays were celebrated from Kūčios to the Feast of the Three Kings.

**COOK'S CORNER**

MARY LUCAS, H.M.

**TRADITIONAL LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS  
DINNER**

RED WINE OR CHAMPAGNE  
 ROAST GOOSE WITH APPLE AND APRICOT  
 STUFFING  
 HOMEMADE SAUSAGES  
 LITHUANIAN SAUERKRAUT  
 RED BEET SALAD  
 POTATO PANCAKES  
 BEER  
 RYE BREAD  
 BIRCH LOG CAKE  
 (Vytis — Dec. 1980 Issue Pg. 32)  
 LEMON LITHUANIAN KRUPNIKAS  
 (Vytis) Dec. 1980 Issue Pg. 31  
 CANDIES AND COOKIES  
 (Vytis — Dec. 1983 Issue Pg. 29)

**ROAST GOOSE WITH APPLE AND APRICOT  
STUFFING**

12 lb. Goose. It is advisable to rub the goose with salt, pepper and onion inside and outside the night before roasting. Next morning, wash and dry goose before stuffing.

**STUFFING**

2 lbs. Apples, washed, cored & cut into quarters.  
 1 — box dried Apricots, soaked in water overnight.  
 Drain & cut.

2 cups white dried breadcrumbs or seasoned croutons.

1 large onion, sauteed in butter. Enough broth from cooked neck, tail, wing tips and giblets to moisten. Cut up giblets, neckmeat. Mix all together adding more seasonings and broth to taste. Stuff goose inside and also the neck cavity, pulling the skin over and sew up. Roast in open roaster until browned. 350' oven. When browned, add 1-1/2 cups boiling water over goose. Cover with lid and roast until tender, basting occasionally.

To serve, remove to a large platter, garnish with half slices of Calif. navel oranges, place a pitted stewed prune in front of the orange slices. Garnish with parsley sprigs between each orange slice. Serves 8-10.

**LITHUANIAN SAUERKRAUT**

1 lg. can sauerkraut  
 3 lbs. fresh cabbage, thin shreds.  
 1/4 lb. bacon, diced thin.  
 1 large onion, diced thin.  
 1 Bay Leaf.  
 4 whole Allspice  
 1/2 teasp. Caraway seeds (Optional)  
 Salt to taste  
 1 Tsp brown sugar (Optional)

Brown bacon till transparent.

Add onions and fry till light golden.

Add the sauerkraut, shredded cabbage and spices.

Taste for salt if needed.

Simmer slowly until cabbage is tender. This may be cooked two days before serving to blend the flavors. Then refrigerate.

**RED BEET SALAD**

2 cans (Julienned) Beets  
 1/4 cup Cider Vinegar  
 1 teaspoon dried or fresh dill  
 1 large Cucumber (Julienned)  
 2 whole green onions, also white part  
 1/4 pint sour cream  
 Salt, pepper and sugar to taste.

Mix beets, beet juice, vinegar and sugar in medium bowl.

In another bowl, place the julienned cucumber, salt and green onion.

Cover and place both bowls in refrigerator overnight.

Next day, drain juices from both bowls and mix together. Add sour cream and additional salt if necessary.

**POTATO PANCAKES**

4 Large Potatoes — Grated  
 4 Eggs (whisked)  
 4 Tablespoons fine cracker crumbs.  
 1/2 teaspoon Salt  
 1/4 teasp. grated Onion  
 1 teasp. Baking Powder  
 Oil for frying, 2 Tablespoons hot milk.

After potatoes are grated, pour mixture into large strainer to reduce the liquid.

Mix all together, adding 2 Tablespoons of hot milk.

Fry in oil in skillet. When one side is well browned, turn over and brown the other side adding more oil as needed. Place on paper towels. Keep hot in warm oven. May be served with sour cream or applesauce.

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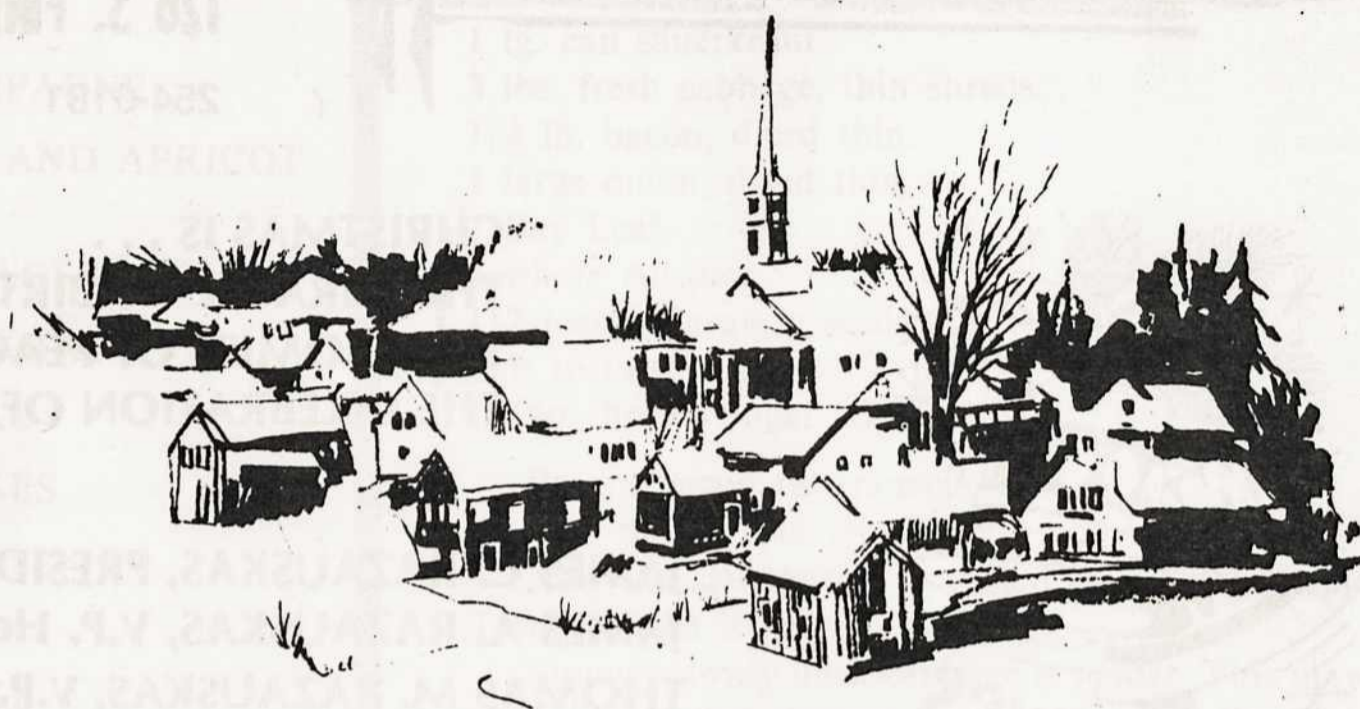
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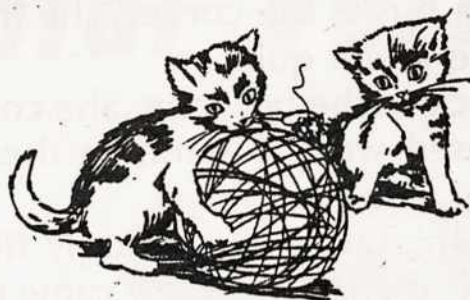


**Anthracite Council 144**

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# JUNIORS CORNER



## “O, YE CHRISTMAS KITTENS!”

### A short story

By ALDONA RYAN

“Here kitty, kitty, kitty,” pleaded Maryte as she knelt on the cold, garage floor. With her nose almost touching the ground, she could see her new Christmas kitten huddled behind the big riding mower.

“Come here, kitty,” she called again and again. “Oh, please come out. I’ll be late for choir practice,” she begged.

The kitten would not budge.

Her twin sister, Marionyte, stood beside her helplessly. The girls were twelve years old and both knew how to drive the mower. They did not want to take a chance on hurting the kitten by moving it.

From all outward appearances, the sisters were identical twins. Thick, blonde hair topped their slim, lanky frames. From their Lithuanian parents, they had received blue eyes, fair skin and small features.

Inwardly, however, they were different. Maryte was very out-going, sometimes to the point of seeming aggressive and loud. Marionyte was withdrawn, shy and quiet.

On the school’s softball team, Maryte was the pitcher and Marionyte was the catcher. On the tennis courts, Maryte served long balls from the back of the court and Marionyte played up front close to the net.

Both girls were good students but Maryte often became impatient and worked too quickly. Here, Marionyte plugged along and ended up with better grades.

It was the day before Christmas and a very busy time, indeed.

Maryte had surprised the girls that morning with her gift of kittens — two fuzzy, apricot-colored balls of fur.

Oh, the excitement of it! Maryte immediately picked up a drowsy kitten and waved it in the air. “I love you. I love you. I love you,” she sang as she danced around the room.

Marionyte poked a finger into the basket. The second kitten quickly wrapped itself around her hand with needled paws. Marionyte picked up the kitten and held it close to her heart.

“This one is mine, all mine,” sang Maryte. “I shall tie a blue ribbon around its neck and keep it forever and ever,” she said. Beribboned, the kitten fell asleep in her lap.

Marionyte gave her kitten a pink ribbon and sat quietly while the kitten picked at her clothes, climbed around her neck and chewed on her hair.

It was fate that made Maryte pick the shy, quiet kitten while Marionyte had received the aggressive and mischievous one.

It was hard to do the chores with the new kittens in the house. Hours went by while the girls bickered over names for the kittens.

They had not resolved this important point when the doorbell rang. It was the mailman with a load of cards and packages.

Maryte ran to the door with her kitten in her hand. As she bent over to pick up a package, the kitten swished from her hand, streaked into the garage and hid behind the big riding mower.

Through a stroke of luck, a newspaper reported had made an appointment for that afternoon to take a picture of their church choir for the Christmas issue. Both girls sang very well but Maryte had been given a solo part. She wanted very much to be in the picture.

Now it was time for choir practice and here she was with dirty knees and elbows trying to retrieve her kitten.

“You go on to choir practice,” she said to Marionyte. “Tell them I will be there soon.”

It was six blocks to the church. Only a few times had Marionyte made this trip alone.

Thinking about her new kitten and Christmas, she felt warm and glowing. As if she were filled with helium, she practically floated the distance on long, light steps.

The reporter turned out to be a motherly-type woman with a tape recorder. Somehow, Marionyte had not been prepared for this fact. She had expected a brash young man with a pad and pencil.

The photographer was a tall, thin man who started taking pictures immediately. His keen eyes noticed every movement of every little group. He snapped a picture of Marionyte explaining to the choir director why her sister would be late.

The reporter wanted to hear the choir sing. The choir director chose the hymn with the solo parts. He then told Marionyte she would have to sing her sister’s part.

With the kind-looking reporter watching and taping and, with Christmas friendliness all around her, Marionyte's shyness disappeared. She sang the notes with ease and skill. The reporter and the photographer clapped when the hymn was finished.

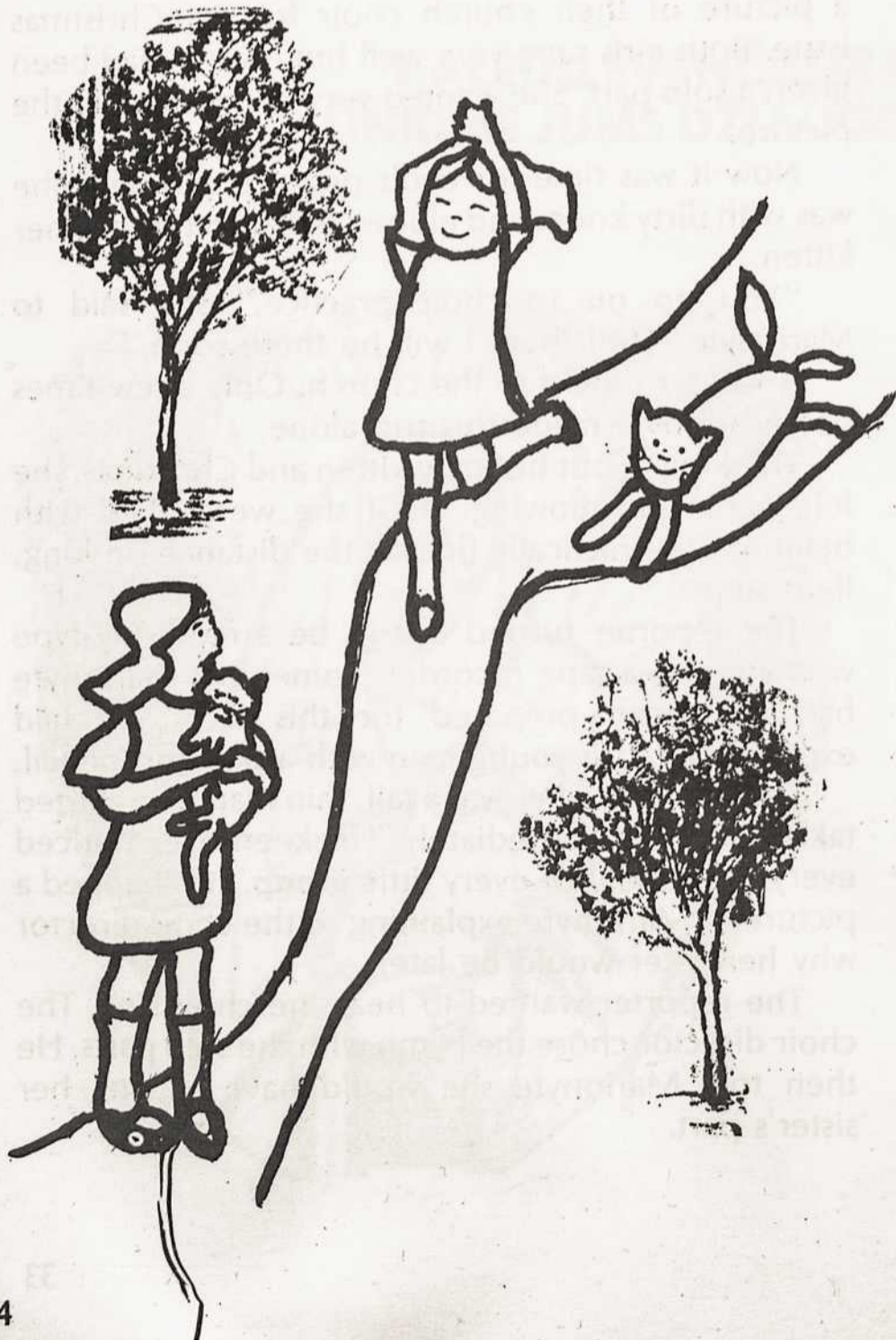
The choir director was very pleased with the performance. He complimented the entire choir and then he added, "Marionyte, you sang beautifully. It was very plucky of you to take your sister's place on such short notice."

The word "plucky" remained in Marionyte's mind. It was the thought of the kitten that had made her plucky. Maybe that would be a good name for it, she thought.

Back home in the garage, Maryte had tried everything she could think of to get the kitten out from behind the riding mower.

Almost an hour had passed. Then, her father drove into the yard. He worked for an accounting firm and had come home early for the holiday.

The sound of the tires crunching on the driveway at such close range frightened the kitten and it finally moved. Maryte grabbed it just in time and held on tightly. She took it into the house and put it back in its basket.



After a quick wash-up, she started out for church. If she could catch a bus at the corner, she thought, she would get there much quicker.

It was a long block to the bus-stop. She could see an older, well-dressed woman standing there so a bus was still coming, she thought.

In another two minutes, she was only fifty feet from the corner. Just then, a small boy came rushing from the other direction. He knocked down the woman, grabbed her purse and ran.

Instinctively, Maryte shouted, "Hey! Stop!! You wicked boy!!" With long strides, she ran after him, hollering all the way. It was an easy task for her to catch him. She grabbed him by his jacket, took the purse and marched him back to the corner.

The noise she had made alerted the neighbors. A young couple came out to help her.

There had been a rash of purse snatchings at this corner recently, they said. Maryte had finally captured the little culprit.

The young wife went to call the police. Her husband held on to the snarling, squirming boy. Maryte gave the purse back to the woman. She had not been hurt — only slightly bruised from the fall.

As they waited for the police, a car stopped and a short, dark-haired woman and a tall, thin man with a camera got out.

They wanted to know why the young man was holding on to this screaming boy in this manner.

When they learned the truth, they said they were from the local newspaper. The tall, thin man asked Maryte to pose for a picture of her giving the purse back to the woman.

"I think I just met your sister a few minutes ago at St. Casimir's Church," said the female reporter. "I can see that my Christmas story this year will be about a very remarkable set of twins."

The woman who had been mugged, hugged Maryte. "It was very lucky for me that you came along at this time," she said. "This boy needs treatment. The neighborhood will be better off now." She gave Maryte a twenty dollar bill as a reward.

It all happened because of my Christmas kitten, Maryte thought. Otherwise, I would have gone to choir practice and missed all of this. The twenty dollars would be spent on toys and beds for the kittens. How lucky she was, she thought.

Hmmmm. Maybe "Lucky" would be a good name for her kitten.

Later, when the two girls exchanged stories, the decision was made. The day after Christmas, they would go shopping for their new kittens, Plucky and Lucky.

# Vyčiai Veikia



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## Council Activities

### Merry Christmas

After a restful summer, a busy fall awaited the MAD Knights. In Chicago this summer a MAD Knight, Adele Dauzickas, was elected Supreme Council Secretary.

At the Executive Board Meeting in September it was decided to hold a MAD Fair in April at Maspeth. The fair is always a great fund-raising affair, and we sure need the money. Our expenses were many. The St. Casimir pins (a great P-R item), an ad in the Vytis Christmas issue, a gift for Bishop Baltakis and our Lady Liberty Fund, besides other projects.

On September 9, many of us attended the closing ceremonies at St. Patrick's for the Year of St. Casimir. The sun was not only shining on Fun City but on many a breast of the Knights in the form of our golden St. Casimir pins.

His Excellency Archbishop O'Connor was a most genial host. He told the packed cathedral that Lithuanians can have St. Pat's at their disposal any time. He even spoke in Lithuanian and received a loud ovation. The readings were done by Marion Skabeikis and Brother Daniel Yenkevicius OFM, C-110 members. Many Knights participated in the offertory procession. MAD President Larry Janonis was on the welcoming committee. Our ever-popular

### MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Spiritual Advisor's Msgr. Frank Bulovas and Rev. John Pakalniskis, Pastor of Annunciation in Brooklyn, served as honor guards for the Archbishop. And finally, our beloved Bishop Paulius Baltakis, who is a MAD Knight and belongs to Council 110, was there.

A few days later we were in Portland, ME, at the Consecration of Bishop Paul. Our own Dr. Jack Stukas was the master of ceremonies at a reception for about a thousand at the monastery in Kennebunkport.

October found us in the City of Brotherly Love — Philly. Our host was Council 3 at St. Casimir's Church. In addition to the regular business, reports from Chicago delegates, Mary Ann Lepera with slides and HM Joe Boley in Lithuanian and the election of officers, there was a surprise in store. Mary Ann Lepera, our cultural chairman, wrote, produced and directed a play, "The Knights of Lithuania in the Year 2006," a meeting in Kaunas in independent Lithuania. All dialogue was in Lithuanian — no English allowed. All got A for effort even though our favorite "clown" Monk Monkevicius who played the Italian ambassador did manage to squeeze out "Oh, boy, Oh boy!"

### Happy New Year

We are all awaiting our communion breakfast which will be in March in Newark, Host Council 29.

The Executive Board for 1984-85 is as follows: Rev. F. Bulovas, Spiritual Advisor; Larry Janonis, President; John Adomenas, Vice President Membership; John Antanavicius, Second Vice President Juniors; Jean Janonis, Corresponding and Recording Secretary; Adele Dauzickas, Membership Secretary; Connie Siatsis, Treasurer; Millie Pietz, Helen Matulionis and Helen Shields, Trustees; Dale Bulvicius, Public Relations; Mary Ann Lepera, Cultural; Bernice Aviza, Chairman, Dale Bulvicius, Igni Walles, Lithuanian Affairs.

Linksmų Švenčių Visiem —  
DALIA

### C-3 — PHILADELPHIA

Greetings from Philadelphia! As we reflect on the 71st National Convention in Chicago, we realize another year has rolled by. John and Agnes Mickunas were our delegates and express their thanks to Council 36 for a wonderful time. John and Ann's daughter, a member of our Junior Council, received the Junior Conventionship Award. Maryte Lepera was a delegate representing the Mid-Atlantic District. The convention was exciting and all participants

were very enthusiastic. Next year will find us in New Haven for our 72nd year.

Bill Miller, a real good guy, is our counselor for our Junior Knights. Bill looked into his crystal ball, and lo and behold his juniors will participate in the Lithuanian Bazaar on November 17 and 18. This will be their first exposure.

The third and final district convention for the Year of St. Casimir took place at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church in Philadelphia. Joe Drumstas and Walter Maminiskas did all the foot work for this successful event.

Maryte Lepera wrote a skit depicting a Supreme Council Meeting in the Year 2006 in a Free Lithuania. Players were from many councils. They were Edmundis Binkis, Dale J. Bulvicius, Elsie Kosmisky, Ann Wargo, Alma Launikonis, Bronius Krokys, Albert Launikonis, Ann Davola, Ann Dudewicz, Aleksandra Abraitiene, Dorothy Banos, Mary Beltrus, Albert Monkevicius, Helen Chesko and Maryte Lepera. A special thank you to Helen Shields who was our narrator and special encouragement person.

We want to greet Al Ushka with a prayer for his recovery.

Lithuanian lessons in our council are alive and well and are taught to our members by E. Binkis.

New officers and committee chairmen are Maryte Lepera, president; Victor Stepolovitch, vice president; Dolores Herbert, secretary; Marge Petronis, treasurer; Agnes Mickunas, financial secretary; Bill Miller, Ritual; Victor Stepolovitch, Lithuanian affairs; Tom Lepera, Vytis correspondent and public relations; Francis Downey and Alice Bacon, sergeants at arms; Bill Miller, Junior counselor.

Tom Lepera

## C-12 — MANHATTAN

All of us were happy to see our friends again after a restful summer. Our meeting was a cozy one in our small parish rectory. Our talented member, organist and pianist Aldona Kepalaite, was giving a concert in the hall.

Our delegates to the Chicago Convention, Tony Yakavonis and John Tamasciuskas gave well-prepared reports. John put it well when he stated, "Ką mačiau užsimokėjau; ką girdėjau laimėjau; laimėjau kad buvau; parvažiavęs sapnavau; gimines mačiau; darbą atlikau!"

Life is made up of sorrow and happiness. The members of the council wish to express deepest condolences to Helen Matthews on the loss of her nephew and to Joe Sleder to that of his father. Amžina Atilsi!

In October our President Peter Zupko was reelected for a second term.

Our council was 70 years young in October. We had a fun celebration. After a Mass of Thanksgiving, all gathered in the hall. A huge cake was presented and *Ilgiausių Metų* sung. Friends came from everywhere. Mary Ann Lepera, President of Council 3 in Philly, brought hubby Tom and an assortment of friends. Faces were seen from Newark, Bayonne, and New Haven.

Beautiful music was provided by Joe Thomas' Band and his talented musicians, among them Charles Kryawa on the accordion and Ralph Rate on drums.

Our favorite radio personality and Professor, Dr. Jack Stukas, was there. He spoke about our need to preserve this tiny Lithuanian island in the great Borough of Manhattan. New York in a sense is his second home. He visits any time he can. He thanked our pastor, Rev. Vytautas Palubinskas, for rejuvenating the parish.

The surprise of the evening was "Elenos Šaulytės Pagerbimas," an Honorary Member, Past Supreme Council President, and a great friend of Council 12, whom we temporarily borrowed from Council 3. At times when we are stuck and don't know what to do, Elena comes through. "I don't know what's wrong with you people," she states and then proceeds to set everything straight.

MAD Poet Laureate Mary Ann Lepera wrote a poem in Elena's honor and a bouquet of roses plus a mounted St. Casimir medal were presented to Elena from a grateful Council 12.

At present we are preparing for the arrival of Santa who will visit us on December 9 — until then to all a good night!

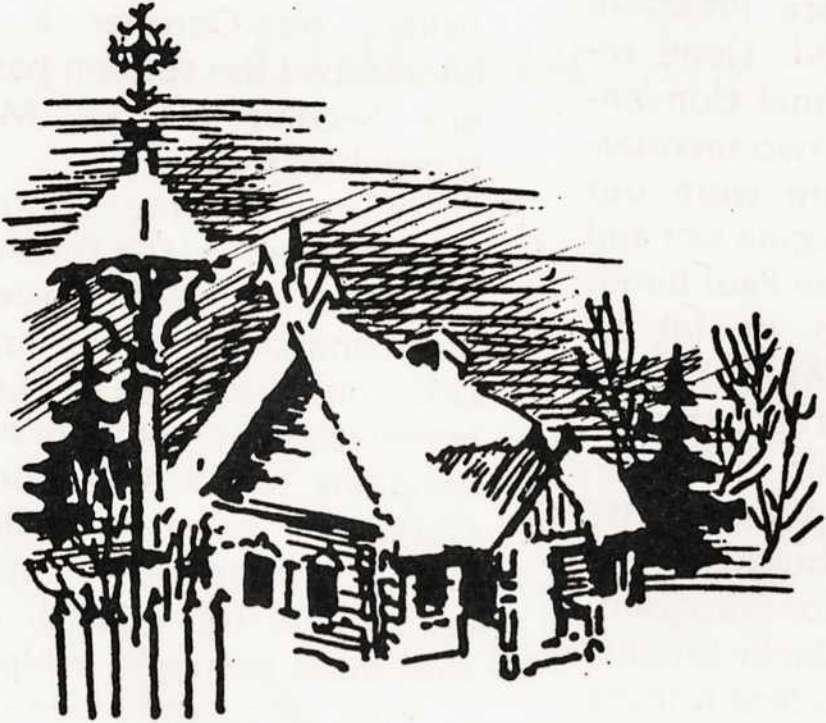
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## C-29 — NEWARK

Congratulations to our Recording Secretary Margie Brazaitis and Trustee Walter Brazaitis on the marriage of their daughter Patricia to Robert Frank. The beautiful wedding ceremony was followed by a Lithuanian style reception in our parish hall.

The Annual Ethnic Festival was held at Liberty Park in Jersey City. Our council sponsored a display of Lithuanian crafts and foodstuff. With the help of Chairlady Emelia Sadonis and a committee that proved to be the best cooks, bakers and salespeople ever, the affair turned out to be a huge success. The proceeds from the sale of all these items was sent to the University of Illinois to help finance the Lithuanian Department.

On September 9, a group of our members attended a Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City to commemorate the St. Casimir Jubilee. It was a day that will be long remembered. The



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**Amsterdam NY**

## In the Spirit of Christmas

It's the season of His birth.  
 Let us rejoice in loving  
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 and remember the true  
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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

**MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**

**COUNCIL 143**

**Pittston, Pennsylvania**



Cathedral was filled to capacity with Lithuanians from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other states. The Main Celebrant was Rev. John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York; Principal Concelebrants were Rev. Francis Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn, and Rev. Paulius, Bishop-Elect of all Lithuanians. The Homilist was Rev. Patrick Ahern, Auxiliary Bishop of New York. Our Council's Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. John Scharnus, was one of the many concelebrants.

The combined Lithuanian Choirs of Greater New York, under the direction of Viktoras Ralys, sang at the Mass. Their voices were outstanding. The choirs represented were Annunciation and St. George, Brooklyn; St. Casimir, Paterson and Transfiguration, Maspeth. A proud day for all Lithuanians!

Condolences to the families, relatives and friends of Leonard Wadeyka, Albert Jadelis and Anthony Kupris. May their souls rest in peace.

Eva Coll

## C-46 — FOREST CITY

Many C-46 Knights participated in Lithuanian Day at St. Ann's Monastery in Scranton to close St. Ann's Novena.

Forest City Old Home Week was held in July. We had a stand and sold arts and crafts, homemade pastries and plants. Members and non-members donated for the success of our project.

We closed our summer activities with a picnic meeting on the grounds of St. Anthony's Church in September. Members brought their own specialties, and we all enjoyed a delicious meal.

Blanche Motsko

## C-100 — AMSTERDAM

President Anthony Radzevich was recovering from surgery and was unable to conduct the September meeting. Vice President Gene Gobis presided. Gene reported on the National Convention in Chicago. The two secretaries for the presidium were our council members, Regina Kot and Bernice Aviza. Trustee Paul Binkis requested Gene to sit in for Trustee Radzevich for the audit. Our council received an award for excellence in public relations. Delegate Regina Kot added her comments on the business sessions and the junior program. Gene was one of the lucky Knights to see and hear President Ronald Reagan at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention which also took place at the Conrad Hilton.

John Paukstis and his convention crew did an outstanding job, and the Amsterdam delegates applaud their hard work.

Our new members, Steve and Adeline Raila, visited Lithuania in August. One incident reported involved their search for a certain church. They stopped a passerby and asked what was the name of the nearby church. The person responded in the negative. Asking why as a native he could not give this information, he responded, "I am an atheist and I don't know."

Refreshments were served by Sophie Olbie, Regina Kot and Gene Gobis.

Regina Kot received her Fourth Degree at the National Convention. The Supreme Council Ritual Committee also approved Polly Ziausys for the Fourth Degree. She will be inducted at a District Convention.

On September 6 we lost Anthony Beleckas who was in ill health for many years. On October 1 our council was again saddened by the loss of Benjamin

Kroup. We extend our deep sympathies to the Beleckas and Kroup families.

A Lithuanian Mass requested by our council for the soul of Julia Baltch was said by her son, Father Baltch, on October 8. Father announced the sudden passing of our Second Degree Member, Willard Kensell.

Willard, a former church trustee, president of the Parish Council and Holy Name Society and past commander of the American Lithuanian Veterans, will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Jennie and family. A large delegation of members attended the special K of L Ritual for Willard. Amžina atilsj duok mirusiam Viešpatie!

Vice President Gene Gobis again presided at the October meeting for President Radzevich who was relaxing at Cape Cod.

Polly Ziausys of the nominating committee reported that all present officers were contacted and agreed to continue for another term. The members unanimously voted for their continuation in office.

Our officers are Anthony Radzevich, President; Gene Gobis, Vice President; Sophie Olbie, Treasurer; Eleanore Olechowski, Secretary.

Slides of Father Baltch's visit to Lithuania in September were shown.

Refreshments were served by Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich, Eleanore Olechowski and Beatrice Jasewicz.

Smile & Sparkle



*Merry Christmas*

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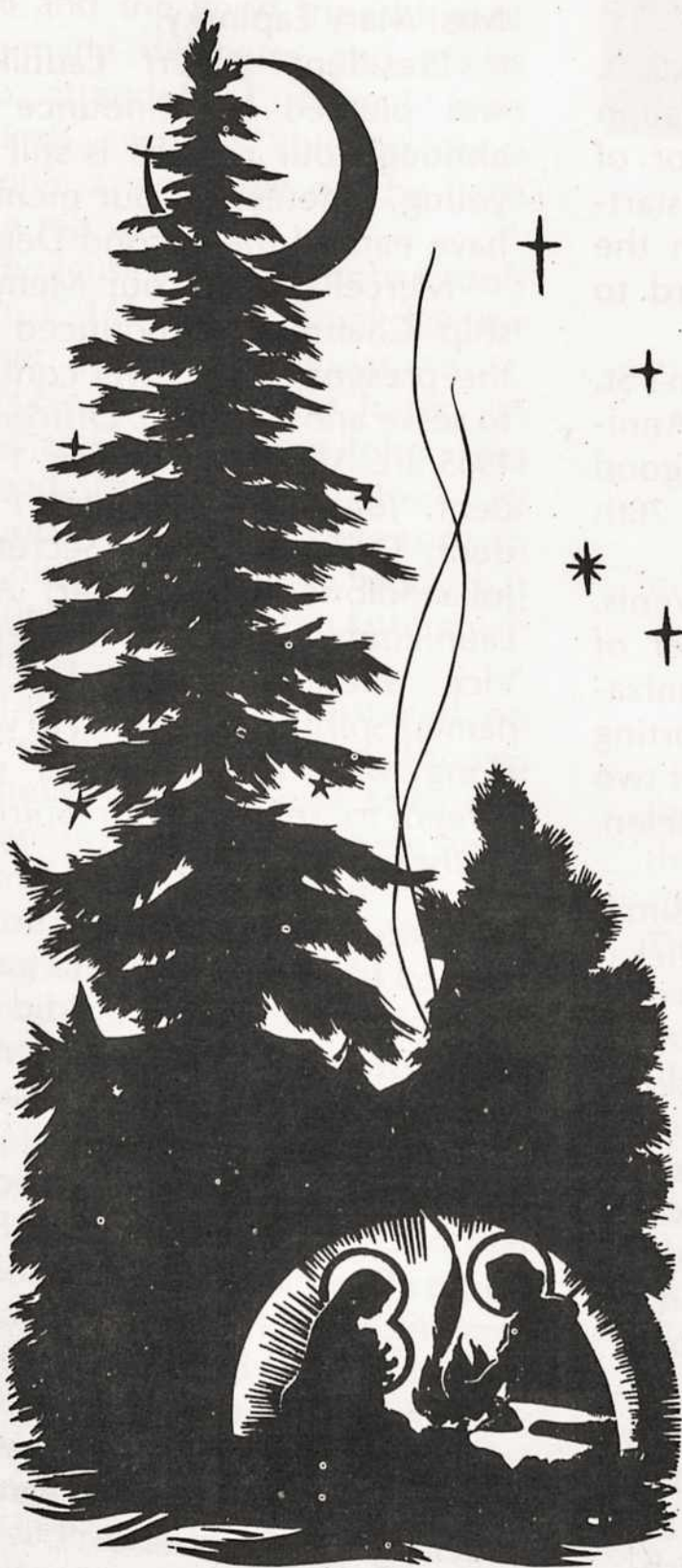
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## C-110 — MASPETH

In April we visited Toronto and Niagara Falls with a stopover in Hammondsport, New York's wine capital.

In July, C-110 attended the Westbury Music Fair on Long Island and happily met with Ann Jillian and Bob Hope. Ann Jillian was most charming, and Father Raila enjoyed speaking with her in Lithuanian.

In August, our Council was represented at the National Convention by John & Ann Adomenas, Helen & John Cummins, Adele Dausickas, Stasia & Al Kraujalis, Helen Janis, Helen & Tony Yakaitis, and Evelyn & Ignas Walles.

On September 9, in commemoration of St. Casimir Jubilee, with C-110 participating, Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. On September 14, at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Portland, Maine, we witnessed the Consecration of the Rev. Paul Baltakis as Bishop. Bishop Baltakis is a C-110 member. On September 14, we visited Plymouth Rock, a vivid reminder of the many freedoms that we are privileged to enjoy as Americans! On September 24, we attended the annual Mass for Persecuted Lithuania which was celebrated in Transfiguration Church, Maspeth.

On September 29, C-110 held its semi-annual dinner-dance, at which Ziggy Brusack, a dear friend, and charter member, was awarded the Council's Commemorative Plaque. Congratulations to the committee as well as to Joe Thomas for his great music!

Special mention to C-3 for making us feel welcome as we participated in the Mid-Atlantic District Convention on October 7. A great hurrah to Helen & Tony Yakaitis and Ignas Walles in leading

the songfest on the trip home from Philadelphia.

### SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

TO: C-110 Officers for 1984-1985: Spiritual Advisor, Father Stasys Raila; President, John Adomenas; Vice President, Ignas Walles; Recording Secretary, Adele Dausickas; Treasurer, Karen Dagus; Financial Secretary, Jean Mactutis; Trustees, John Lekstutis and Roscoe Gilbert; Sergeants at Arms, Murie! Lekstutis and Tony Yakaitis and Maria Stungurys, Junior Counselor.

TO: Adele Dausickas on her election as Supreme Council Recording Secretary.

TO: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Bulovas, Pastor of Transfiguration Church and Spiritual Advisor of the Mid-Atlantic District, on starting his forty-second year in the priesthood. We look forward to your 50th!

TO: Members of Brooklyn's St. George's Parish on its 75th Anniversary! We extend our good wishes to C-12 on their 70th Anniversary.

PROFILE — Helen Venis, mother of two, grandmother of seven, active in many organizations, has been faithfully reporting the council news for the past two years. Many, many thanks, Helen. We wish you well!

Ending this Year of St. Casimir, Su Meile — Brenda Bell-Razickas

## C-118 — HAZLETON

Our council was saddened by the death of our Pastor and Spiritual Advisor Father Dastick who died June 9. We then were rewarded with a new Administrator, Father Doris who spent the summer with us and served as our advisor. The Knights held a get-acquainted coffee and cake hour for him to meet our parishioners. He brought a lot of joy and friendliness to the whole parish.

Again our prayers were answered when we were given a

permanent Pastor, Father Skitzki, in September. He is young and full of enthusiasm for working with us as our Spiritual Advisor. We thank God for this gift.

We held our third annual picnic in August at Val and Joe Dancho's grove at Drums. As always the food was great; but the over 40 pounds of Lithuanian sausage consumed was the best.

The highlight of the afternoon was the crowning of the queen. This year the honor went to Mrs. Margaret Lapinsky. Our first queen was Mrs. Julia Golonisk while last year the honor went to Mrs. Mary Lapinsky.

President Albert Launikonis was pleased to announce that although our council is still very young, nineteen of our members have earned the Second Degree.

Marcella Gelat, our Membership Chairman, announced that the present officers will continue to serve another term. Officers for 1985 are Albert Launikonis, President; John Lapinsky, Vice President; Doris Shanahan, Secretary; Julia Solonoski, Treasurer; Alma Launikonis, Financial Secretary. Vice President Lapinsky was named Spiritual Chairman to work along with Father Skitzki who agreed to serve as our Spiritual Advisor.

Joe and Valerie Dancho returned from Lithuania and gave a summary on what they did and saw. The most impressive moment was when they attended Mass in Vilnius.

A Living Rosary was said on October 21 before our Forty Hours Devotions with our Knights leading it. Each person participating carried a candle of the tricolors of the Lithuanian flag.

Valerie Dancho and Alma Launikonis chaired our annual Kūčios on December 9.

Alma Launikonis



## C-140 — SYRACUSE

Council 140 had no summer activities as it is difficult to get enough together for a council function. We do, however, keep involved in Lithuanian activities. Some of our members attended Lithuanian Day at Barnesville. Some also attended Lithuanian Day at Auresville. Both events were reported to be of fine caliber, and those who attended had a good time.

Norman Klimas, Frank & Irene Petrauskas were our delegates to the National Convention in Chicago. They enjoyed the hospitality of C-36 and the good friendship of the many delegates and guests who attended. Chairman John Paukstis and his able assistants deserve a warm pat on the back for a job well done.

Syracuse's loss is Binghamton's gain. C-140 lost Spiritual Advisor Father John Mikalajunas to St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church in Binghamton. Father John was named Pastor of St. Joe's by Bishop Harrison. We were sorry to see him leave but were happy that his first pastorate was a Lithuanian church.

Father John was installed on September 9 by Bishop Thomas Costello in a beautiful Mass and ceremony: Afterwards there was a brunch and reception in the parish hall. A number of C-140 members attended and reported having a most enjoyable day.

With Father John's assistance, we were able to revive Council 72 Binghamton on September 30. A total of 12 members were sworn in by Supreme Council President Loretta Stukas who was accompanied by husband Jack. Also in attendance was District President Larry Janonis and wife Jeannie who is District Secretary. They were assisted by Frank Petrauskas, C-140 President.



### WELCOME TO OUR

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COUNCIL - 72

BINGHANTON, N.Y.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

This all came about because Father John asked C-140 to hold their Mass for the Oppressed Church of Lithuania at St. Joe's. The Binghamton people were very happy to have us. After Mass, they put on an elaborate brunch, and we all ate very well. A good number of C-140 members attended and many friendships were started that day.

Many ačiūs to Father John and the St. Joe's people for their fine hospitality. Good luck and success to C-72 and President Cecilia Warnagiris, a fine young lady. May they grow, mature and prosper.

Pusbrolis

## C-143 — — PITTSTON

We skipped lightly through our spring and summer activities. Some were repeat performances; others were very new and exciting.

We traveled by bus to St. Michael's Church in Easton to attend MAD seminar hosted by Council 63. The point system, how to contribute to Lithuanian affairs, and ways to become better members were discussed. We received much food for thought as well as food for our pleasure. It was a day well spent.

The Feast of St. Ann, July 26, has been celebrated at the Shrine



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LINKIME VISIEMS VYČIAMS  
IR JŲ ŠEIMOMS**

**Maldaujame Aukščiausiojo, kad sumažintų vargą  
ir skausmą mūsų pavergtą brolių Lietuvoje.  
trokštame, kad naujai užgimęs Dieviškasis  
Kūdikėlis atneštų pasauliui taiką ir ramybę,  
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**ANNA KLIZAS WARGO**

May the Peace  
and Joy  
of Christmas  
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**M**ay you, our dear friends, be blessed  
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in Scranton for many years. One afternoon Knights from this area assembled with Father Peter Alisaukas, our moderator, to participate in the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

On August 12, our bus headed for Barnesville for a day of fun and fellowship. It was the 70th Annual Lithuanian Day, a tradition that hopefully will continue.

Dorothy Banos, Nellie Bayoras, Mary Ann Cipolla and Anastasia Stanley attended the 71st National Convention in Chicago. There is an abundance of Lithuanian talent in Chicago. Cultural Night was a night to remember. Entertainment was provided by the K of L Choir, K of L Dancers, Suzuki violinists, baritone Algerd Brazis and a Sing-along by Faustas Strolia.

Congratulations to Dorothy Banos who was inducted into the Fourth Degree preceding the inspiring eucharistic liturgy at the Immaculate Conception Church.

We were invited to parade in the First Annual Tomato Festival in Pittston. John Dajnowski accepted the challenge and organized a group of volunteers. Father Alisaukas decorated the float — not

forgetting the tomatoes and the garland of rue made up by Anna Duvalla. We were awarded a blue ribbon for the best costumed group.

We were back to work on September 8. It was time for Las Vegas Nite, our annual fund raiser. Thanks to Helen Butsavege, general chairperson, and her committee who worked together to make this a successful and enjoyable event.

The next morning, the Knights were off to New York City to attend the Eucharistic Liturgy at St. Patrick's Cathedral which was sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic District.

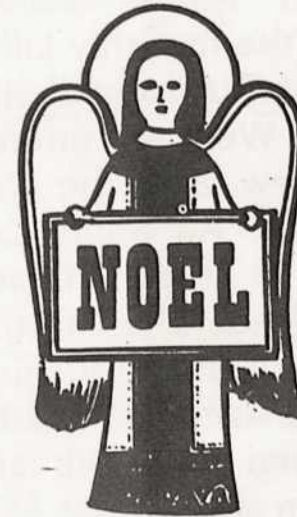
President Anne Challan received an invitation to join our neighbors in Exeter in a centennial celebration so we found ourselves in another parade. Father Alisaukas, Charles Dajnowski and John Wisnosky decorated the float. Paul Lauck, Chalres Dajnoski, John Wisnosky and Francis Hall carried the flags. Alberta Walsh, Marie Lauck and Anna Walatkas carried the banner. We had a good turnout. Some walked; others rode on the float.

Behind our group was William Daileda, a member Knight, with

his Boy Scouts. He has been in Scouting for sixty-two years — a scoutmaster for fifty-six with his present troop which he organized. Congratulations for your dedication to the youth in this area!

Cultural Chairperson Nellie Bayoras and her committee set up a mini-folk festival at Boscov's Department Store in Wilkes-Barre on October 13. Their next project was an exhibit at the Ninth Annual Folk Festival at the 109th Armory Wilkes-Barre, on October 25. A Lithuanian Village carved by Stasys Adomitis, New Jersey, was displayed. The Grandinèle Folk Dancers and Singers of Cleveland were featured.

Anastasia Stanley



## C-144 — ANTHRACITE

The 1984-85 year was opened with an impressive installation ceremony at St. Francis Church, Minersville. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Joseph Shelonis with Ritual Chairman Helen Chesko installed the following: President, Anna Klizas Wargo; Vice President, Eleanor Vaicaitis; Recording Secretary, Olympia Zelinski; Treasurer, Joan Reinhart; Financial Secretary, Anne Sikora; Trustees, Past Presidents Elsie Kosmisky, Joseph Yezulinas, Anna Supernavage; Sergeant at Arms, Joseph Yanall.

Committee charmen are Annie Morgalis, Cultural; Helen



Council 143 parades in Pittston

Chesko, Ritual; Ann Carlitus, Lithuanian Affairs; Bernice Mikatavage, Public Relations; Joseph Yezulinas, Radio Program Coordinator; Lucy Zelonis and Anna Supernavage, Religious Affairs.

Our thanks to the Lithuanian Day Committee for their efforts for the Lithuanian College in Rome. The sum of \$4,000 will be forwarded to the Lithuanian College.

May of our members attended the dedication of the beautiful St. Casimir Shrine at St. Casimir's Church in St. Clair. This was an inspiring end to our St. Casimir Year. We thank Father Dan Yenushosky for this very lovely shrine.

Our thanks to the Zarija Choir, under the direction of Eleanor Vaicaitis, and Father Matthew Jarasunas for the monthly Lithuanian Masses at Our Lady of Siluva in Maizeville. We also commend Father Matthew and the Zarija Choir for their All Souls Commemoration at the Lithuanian Cemetery in Frackville. This tradition is a little of old Lithuania.

Special thanks to Joe Yezulinas who continued the Lithuanian Radio Program after Father Al left.

Ann Carlitus, our dedicated Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, is continuing to collect pennies for Miss Liberty and is working on the adoption of a Lithuanian dissident for our council.

Anthracite Council's Junior Knights from Frackville performed under the banner of "Aušra" at the Šokių Šventė at Cleveland's Coliseum on July 1. They were the first representatives from Anthracite Council. Sister Angela CJC organized and directed Aušra with the assistance of Sister Verna CJC.

Aušra performed in the children's group category. They danced "Voveraitė," "Žvejų Polka," and "Šitam Dideliam Būry," accompanied by the festival symphony orchestra and a 250 member chorus.

The group was also enriched by the flavor of Cleveland-Lithuanian folklife as they participated in the cultural and social happenings. The festival flame was ignited at the "Rūpintojėlis" Shrine at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. A lively get-acquainted party was hosted at Cleveland's Public Auditorium. At Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the parish choir sang a joyful Lithuanian Mass.

The anticipated performance finally began. The audience and participants were well pleased by the magnificent spectacle. The performance culminated in a most impressive finale as over 2000 costumed Lithuanian dancers raised their folded hands in a choreographed prayerful plea for Lithuania.

Aušra dancers included Kathy Jo Bresnok, Gretchen Cielskowsky, Paula Ann Dillman, Karen Domalakes, Janet Domalakes, Tiffany Eye, Janine Graziano, Alicia Kirelavich, Joames Kulak, Tisha Kulak, Jennifer Lapp, Nichole Nedinsky, Melissa Paulonis, Joshua Paulonis, Victoria Prep and Cathy Ann Vernusky.

### C-146 — HARRISBURG

Our summer picnic meeting was held on September 9 at the poolside of the home of Vytis and Helen Grabauskas. Seventeen members attended. The weather was delightful and "viskas buvo pilna ir puiku." Labai ačiū, Vytis ir Elana.

Our Annual Mass for the Persecuted Lithuanians was celebrated at St. Peter's Church in Columbia by our dear Irish Spiritual Advisor, Father Joseph Smith. Twelve members attended. It was followed by a dinner prepared and served by Father Smith at his residence. Everyone agreed he's a super chef; everyone loves him for his ministry to our council. God bless!

Deepest sympathy to Mrs. Joanna Gilbert, our President, on the death of her only brother, Victor Matukonis. May he rest in peace!

Carol Grabauskas, our K of L scholarship recipient, was recently graduated from American University and is currently employed in an international program at the US Department of Agriculture. She holds membership in Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society; Sigma Iota Rho, School of International Service and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Best wishes!

Nell Berulis

### C-147 — ST. PETERSBURG

A round of applause is in order for our public relations lady, Mrs. Victoria Jacobson, and her committee for organizing a fine program for Captive Nations Week. The ceremonies were held at Williams Park in downtown St. Petersburg on July 21. Mayor Corrine Freeman, Congressman C. W. Young, State Representative Pat Bailey, White House representative Edward Lynch were among the dignitaries present. We had coverage by three TV stations.

Master of ceremonies was Sam McClelland of radio station WLTM. Joseph Miezelis was parade marshal. The ethnic groups marched in their native dress, a colorful sight. We also had several musical selections by the Sunshine City Pops Orchestra composed of 30 members who were solely financed by Mrs. Jacobson. Representatives of each ethnic group spoke. Harry Petraitis represented Lithuania. Thanks to Mrs. Jacobson and her committee for an interesting and impressive program.

From 75 council members 17 attended the National Convention. Eleven were certified by the Supreme Council Ritual Commit-



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tee for the Fourth Degree, but only five were able to be present. Mr. & Mrs. Aleksas Kraujelis, Mr. & Mrs. Kazys Kleiva and Mrs. Victoria Jacobson were inducted at the convention. At a later date, Fr. John Gasiunas, John Valauskas, Teresa Liutkus, Adolfas Palecis and Mr. & Mrs. Chalres Vilnis will be conferred the Fourth Degree with appropriate ceremonies.

Our Spiritual Advisor Fr. John Gasiunas celebrated his 80th birthday on September 20. We wish him the best of health and many more birthdays.

Fr. Adolphus Stasys underwent surgery in August and is doing quite well. Our prayers and best wishes for a full and speedy recovery!

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Augustinas Zigaitis who passed away September 9

Emily Petraitis



## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

This year the Mid-Central District Convention and Pilgrimage was held on October 13 and 14 in Pittsburgh, PA, at the Brentwood Motor Lodge. A luncheon was served after registration and preceding the annual meeting. Tom Bruzga (C-86), MCD President, opened the convention meeting. Many important issues were discussed. MCD made a contribution of \$100 to Vasario 16 Gimnazija, a Lithuanian School in West Germany. The school met disaster by fire during the past year. MCD also took out a \$50 ad in the Christmas issue of Vytis.

The officers and committee chairmen are Spiritual Advisor, Father Gediminas Kijauskas SJ (C-25); President, Frances Petkus (C-96); First Vice President (Membership), Margie Turner (C-19); Second Vice President (Juniors), Joe Mantz Jr. (C-96); Third Vice President (Seniors), Mary Trainy (Cleveland Srs.); Recording Secretary, Mary Pakutinskas (C-19); Treasurer, Tom Bruzga (C-86); Trustees, John Baltrus (C-86) and Bill Kolicius (C-19); Sergeant at Arms, Vince Tamy (C-19) and George Mikalauskas (C-96); Lithuanian Affairs, Ann Uzdavinis (C-79); Cultural, Luci Tabbert (C-25); Ritual, Alvina Luiza (C-25) and Public Relations, Vince Gray (C-25). A big hand was given to all the past officers, especially Tom Bruzga

Saturday evening delegates and friends had dinner at Keck's Restaurant. After dinner, the Center Stage Players, under the direction of Geoff Thompson, entertained with songs from Broadway Musicals. David Wenslovos (C-19), Master of Ceremonies, had a Trivia Game and awarded many beautiful plants to the people with the right answers.

Sunday morning the Knights all met at St. Casimir's Church for Mass. Pastor Fr. Walter Karaveckas officiated. Three Knights from Council 19 of Pittsburgh received their Third Degrees: Mary DiMarco, Albina Ewalt and Vince Tamy. All newly-elected officers were sworn in by Father. St. Casimir's Church was built in 1901. Although the church is old, it is very beautiful. She stands high and dignified, very much like a cathedral. Her two steeples reaching out to the sky, her domed ceilings artistically painted and her spectacular architecture make it a special attraction to all who visit.

After Mass, a family style brunch was served at the Royal Too Lounge. The delegates and guests then went to St. Francis Academy where services to honor deceased members were held in the Chapel. Tom Bruzga led the prayers. Refreshments were served and all were on their way home.

In 1985, Cleveland will host the Bowling Convention in May, and DuBois will host the next Pilgrimage in October.

Vince Grazulis



C-96 members at the Pilgrimage in Pittsburgh



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## C-19 — PITTSBURGH

Mid-Central District Meeting and Religious Pilgrimage were hosted by Council 19 on October 13-14. Weatherwise, it was unforgettable, extremely foggy in the morning and at night on both days. Otherwise, we had an enjoyable weekend.

Immediately following the serving of a delightful brunch, approximately 65 members attended our scheduled meeting at the Brentwood Motor Inn. Tom Bruzga, MCD President, conducted the business meeting in his usual competent manner. After welcoming messages from Council President Margaret Papeaka and Chairman David Wenslovas and numerous business discussions, an election was held. The following council members were elected to serve the district in their respective capacities: Marge Turner, Vice President for Membership; Mary T. Pakutinskas, secretary; Bill Kolicius, Trustee and Vincent Tamy, Sergeant at Arms. A surprising amount of K of L matters and concerns were resolved in the short time available at this meeting.

Later that evening, we enjoyed a great social which included dinner and entertainment at Kecks Family Restaurant in Clairton. Upon leaving the restaurant, we unfortunately encountered a real "ceiling zero" night.

On Sunday, Father Walter Karaveckas, C-19 Spiritual Leader, celebrated a Lithuanian Mass at St. Casimir's Church, South Side, Pittsburgh. After the Mass, we all enjoyed a family style breakfast at Royal Too Lounge. We concluded our religious pilgrimage with an inspirational prayer service at St. Francis Convent, including a commemoration of all deceased Mid-Central District K of L Members.

Our heartfelt appreciation to Sisters M. Francesca, M. Alverna, M. Valeria and M. Gabrielle for their enthusiasm and generosity in extending a warm welcome to all K of L members.

After the prayer service, a farewell gathering was held in the Lecture Hall at the Convent. Cookies, coffee and tea were provided. Our thanks to Lillian Gailys, Chairlady, and all who assisted her in providing an ample supply of the homemade goodies.

Although the fog caused some apprehension, it will keep alive the memory of this meeting and pilgrimage. C-19 members very much enjoyed our Mid-Central District guests and are looking forward to our next gathering. Iki pasimatymo!

Mary H. Tamy

## C-25 — CLEVELAND

The exciting events which our council members were looking forward to have come and gone and are now pleasant memories.

Our trip to Dayton for the Mid-Central District Meeting and Bowling Tournament was enjoyable. The host council was cordial and well organized. President Tom Bruzga did an outstanding job. Our council was well represented.

Eighteen of our members bowled in the tournament. Congratulations to Captain Dolly Oberaitis, Tony Oberaitis, Ray Vanagas, Joe Guzauskas and Joanna Shigo who took second place with a handicap team event of 3054. Neldo Machutas, Ruth Guzauskas, Vince Gray and Joanna Shigo did well in the other events.

The World A'Fair which we visited Saturday evening was very interesting, especially the Lithuanian Wedding Scene exhibit which received a blue ribbon award.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to Father Walter

Katarskis for his warm welcome and for the beautiful Mass on Sunday. Alvina Luiza, Ritual Chairman, presented Albert Wallis his Third Degree.

After Mass, Elaine Pacovsky, Mary Lucas and their crew prepared a delicious buffet dinner of Lithuanian favorite foods.

On July 1, the Seventh Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival was held at the Cleveland area. This was a large and expensive undertaking for the Lithuanian Community in the Greater Cleveland Area. President Vyto Balas kept us informed. Our council made a generous monetary donation. Lucy Montville Tabbert spent many hours rehearsing with the chorus which accompanied the dancers. Ursula and Gene Kunsitis handled bus arrangements to transport members to the Coliseum.

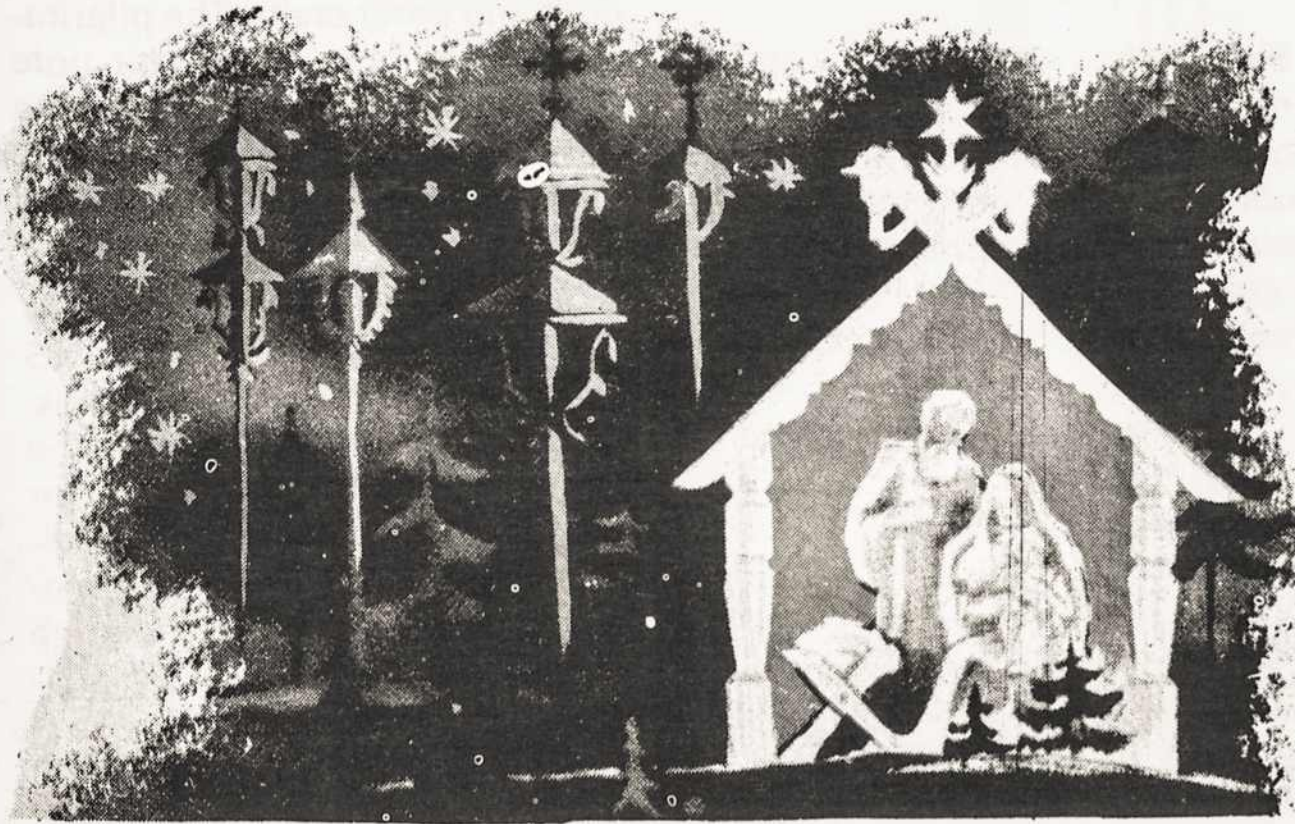
On a beautiful, hot and sunny Sunday afternoon in July, Helen and Bill Jakubs opened their beautiful home and pool to our council for a pool party. A good number of our members attended and enjoyed cooling off in the pool or just socializing on the patio. The kitchen crew was busy setting the table with goodies which members brought for a pot luck dinner. Gene Kunsitis grilled the steaks to perfection. Ursula served the patio group. An added treat was the presence of our out-of-town guests, John Andrulis from Sun City, Arizona, and Betty & Vic August from St. Petersburg, Florida. Our thanks and appreciation to Helen & Bill for a fun-filled afternoon.

On August 3, Charles R. Machutas, son of Nelda and Charles, lost his life in a traffic accident. Our members extend their deepest sympathy. May his soul rest in peace!

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## C-86 — DU BOIS

Seven of our members recently attended the Mid-Central District Convention and Pilgrimage in Pittsburgh. We extend our congratulations to the newly-elected officers of our district, especially Fran Petkus, our new president. We ran our election on a "Three and Out" theme. Any district officer who had served three years or more was ineligible to run for that same office. It certainly helped us come up with some new faces, including three young adults — the lifeblood of the future of our organization! From our council, Tom Bruzga and John Baltrus were elected as treasurer and trustee, respectively. Congratulations to all those fine people from Pittsburgh who helped put it on.

We extended our Statue of Liberty fund raising until the end of the year since many Du Bois members have not contributed. Please turn your personal donations in to Tom Bruzga who is collecting for the council and the district.

Two chances to each member of the DuBois council were sent out for the benefit of our district. The drawing will be held at our Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Cleveland in May. Our 1984 drawing brought in over \$500 for the coffers of the Mid-Central District.

Ozzie Abromavich is running the weekly lottery drawing, filling in for Scubby Radzavich who died earlier this year. Funds from this 20-week drawing are used to offset our annual K of L Bowling Tournament expenses. Ačiū labai! And our annual thanks goes to Dick Radzavich and his bingo committee for continuing the monthly bingos at the Lithuanian Club. Profits realized benefit both K of L and St. Joseph Church.

Tomas

## C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

Sixty-eight delegates and members gathered at the Brentwood Motor Lodge for the Mid-Central District Convention and Pilgrimage in Pittsburgh. Following greetings from MCD President Thomas Bruzga and an opening prayer by Sister Valeria, the meeting went into full swing. The beautiful name tags were made by Sister Francesca. President M. Smailis, Bertha Janus, Ann Uzdavinas, Frank and Sophie Zager and Marge Nashlon represented Council 79.

Reports of MCD Officers and chairpersons were given. Members were urged to write to prisoners of conscience in Lithuanian or English and to continue the Darius-Girėnas Stamp Campaign by signing petitions. Lithuanian Affairs Chairperson Stefanija Rastikis won support and a donation of \$100 to Vasario 16-ta Gimnazija in West Germany, the only Lithuanian high school in the free world. Financial support for renovation of the Statue of Liberty through individual and council donations was requested. K of L was first, ethnically, to make donations to the fund.

Congratulations to our new MCD President Frances Petkus and a hearty thank you to outgoing President Thomas Brzzga. Also, congratulations to our C-79 member Ann Uzdavinas upon her new role as Lithuanian Affairs Chairperson.

In heavy fog, we found our way to Keck's Restaurant for a wonderful dinner and show on Saturday evening. During Sunday Mass, Father Walter Karaveckas gave an enriching sermon on ethnicity. Times have changed and the thirst for ethnic recognition has become a reality. Thanks to Sister Francesca and her group for

their great hospitality. Sister continues with her lovely handmade dolls and other crafts. The pilgrimage ended on a significant note with lighting candles and reading of deceased members. Council 79 lost the greatest number of members.

A big ačiū to David Wenslovās and all C-19 members. The 1985 Pilgrimage will be held in DuBois.

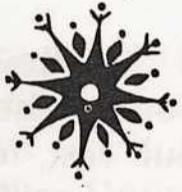
As the result of election, the following members emerged for 1985: President, Magdalena Smailis; Vice President, Richard Danielak; Recording Secretary, Marge Nashlon; Financial Secretary, Stella Hotra; Treasurer, Jeanne Yakstys; Trustees, A. Dainus, Joseph Yakstys and Chester Nashlon; Sergeant at Arms, Leonard Balkus. Our pastor Fr. V. Krisciunevicius will continue to serve as Spiritual Advisor. The committee heads are Catholic Action, Mary Keller; Cultural, Stella Hotra; Lithuanian Affairs, Helen Santorum; Ritual, Marianne Newberry; Public Relations, Tony Dainus; Vytis, Sophie Zager; Rosary, Violet Panavas and Sunshine, Chip Newberry.

Frank Zager, chairman of the 25th Anniversary of Council 79, wishes to extend his sincere thanks to a splendid committee. Co-chairperson was Sophie Zager; Mary Keller made the lapel ribbons; Richard Danielak donated Knight souvenirs; Maggie Smailis took care of the anniversary cake and the engraved matches. A special ačiū to all members who helped in any way on the day of our important event.

To each and everyone a healthy New Year, topped with Peace and Happiness!

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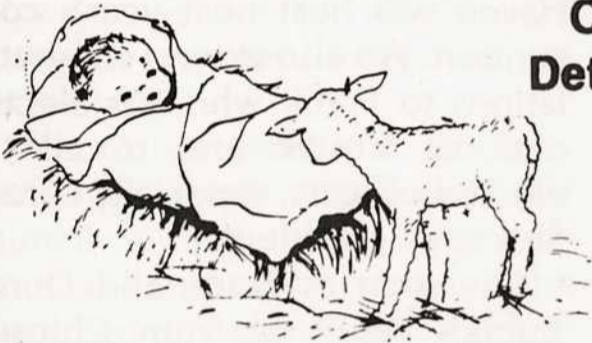




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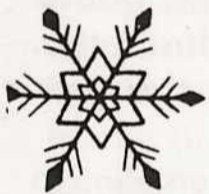


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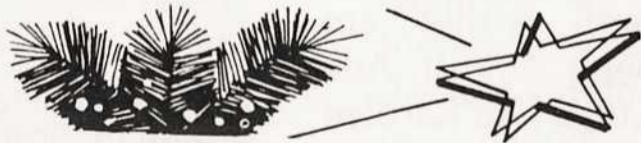
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## C-96 — DAYTON

Our council is looking forward to another busy year as council officers were elected at our Election Night Dinner on October 27. They are Joseph Peter Mantz, President; Aldona Ryan, First Vice President; Secretary, Kitty Prasmantas; Treasurer, Sally Miller; Financial Secretary, Fritzie Mikalauskas; Trustees, Rick Noreikas and George Mikalauskas; Sergeants at Arms, Pat Smiley, Joseph E. Mantz and Karl Kievel.

Committees will be headed by the following: Religious, George & Fritzie Mikalauskas; Lithuanian Affairs, Stefanija Rastikis and Eleanor Mantz; Cultural, Mary Lucas and Michael Petkus; Ritual, Frances Petkus; Bulletin Editor, Elena Mikalauskas; Historian, Eugenia Gecas and Joe Ryan; Condolences, Frances Razauskas; Social, Eleaine Pacovsky; Saryšis, Joe Gecas and Helen Kievel; Telephone, Joyce Berczelly; Sports, John Berczelly; By-Laws, Eleanor and Joe Mantz and Joe Ryan; Vytis, Cecelia Yankus; Monthly 50-50 Raffle, Rick Norėikas.

Stanley Vaitkus, Joe Ryan and Karl Kievel presided over the election. Father Vaclovas Katarskis will continue to be our Spiritual Adviser.

On September 9, a large group of K of L's participated in the annual Calvary Cemetery visit to place flowers on the graves of our deceased members. The Lithuanian Club was the scene of our annual "Homecoming" on September 22. MC Elinor Sluzas presented five ladies from Detroit who entertained with Lithuanian songs. A buffet dinner and dancing completed the festivities. Fifteen members attended a wienner roast on October 7 at Siebenthalers Cabin, south of Dayton.

Joe E. & Eleanor Mantz, Joseph Peter Mantz, Stefanija Rastikis, Frances Petkus and George, Fritzie & Elena Mikalauskas attended the Mid-Central Pilgrimage and Convention in Pittsburgh. Council 19 were excellent hosts and the weekend was outstanding. Father Walter Karaveckas of Council 19 gave an excellent and meaningful sermon on the relationship between the regular Knights and associate members at the Sunday mass in St. Casimir Church. Congratulations to our members who were elected to MCD offices: Frances Petkus, President; Joseph Peter Mantz, Second Vice President and George Mikalauskas, Sergeant at Arms.

We were saddened to hear of the death recently of one of our long-time members, Charles Petkus, 57, brother of Eleanor Mantz. He was a Fourth Degree Knight and very active before moving to Tampa, FL. A K of L Wake Service was held at the funeral home in Tampa. Our sympathy is extended to his family and many relatives.

A good friend of our council, Joan Shigo (C-25), became seriously ill while attending a high school class reunion in Pennsylvania and was confined at the Hershey Medical Center. Our prayers are offered for her complete recovery.

Cecelia Yankus, Vytis correspondent, is now recuperating at home after undergoing lung surgery. Get well wishes are extended to Joseph August, Ada Sinkwitz, Mary Lucas and Karolyn Ambrose.

Cecelia Yankus

## C-102 — DETROIT

TIGER TOWN USA! How about our Tigers?

Once again our council was saddened by the passing of the mother of Rev. Walter Stanievich and John Stanievich. A beautiful

Mass was celebrated by Rev. Stanievich with twenty-one preists assisting. May her soul rest in peace! Fr. Stan is our council's former spiritual advisor.

Donna and Frank Bunikis represented Council 102 at the National Convention in Chicago and came home with enthusiastic reports of the favorite convention city. They had a wonderful time with old friends and enjoyed getting together with our former president, Frank Peterson and wife Isabel, whose Council 50 New Haven will host next year's convention. We also extend congratulations to Frank who was elected national trustee and to all the elected officers, especially Loretta Stukas as president.

As soon as Frank and Donna Bunikis returned from Chicago, our California members, daughter Margie and Jeff Krieg with their two daughters, came in for a much too short visit.

The traveling Klucens, Bob & Ray, are not letting the dust settle. Among trips they took this year was one out west.

Our council is small in numbers, but the spirit of cooperation is there when most needed. Among those seldom seen at meetings, helping at the Annual Rummage Sale were Ruth & Mart Wagster, Rose Sawnick and Bob Boris who donated a table full of quickly sold stereo equipment. Terry Medonis, who traveled 45 miles in one direction three times to help set up and sell; brought husband Ray on Sunday. Among regulars doing duty with marking pens were Maryanne Guerriero, Edna Klucens, Donna Bunikis, Gena Baibak and Madam. President Grazina Vaskelis. Frank Bunikis and Joe Guerriero took care of setting up tables and publicity; Ray Medonis helped them with clean up. Angela Buksnis rewarded the workers with a delicious kugelis treat, enjoyed by all

## MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

### C-36 — CHICAGO

the workers after the close of the sale on Sunday. Unable to help this year but supporting us in spirit were Donna & John Stanievich. We pray for a speedy recovery for John. We also missed Super Saleslady Jo Jonulate whose 95-year-old mother has been on the sick list. The response in donations was most gratifying, and we were able to contribute a nice donation to the parish.

A speedy recovery is also extended to Peter Buksnis who is recovering from emergency surgery. Get well wishes are extended to Joe Kurpovic of Council 139.

A belated welcome to Tony and Marie Zyren who joined our council in the spring. The old-times will remember Marie. She produced "South Pacific" when C-102 hosted the national convention in the fifties. We also welcomed Chris Stanievich, daughter of Donna and John, to our bowling league. We are proud that the K of L Mixed Bowling League is still in existence and that so many of the young people are joining us.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS . . .  
MERIUTE



*Frank Bunikis and Joe Guerriero sold in the Men's Department at C-102 Rummage Sale*

Our 71st National Convention is now only a very happy memory. Chicago was blessed with beautiful cool weather throughout for both delegates and the committee members.

Extra special thanks must go to so many people: Ausra Padalino, coordinator of special events; Lucy Kilkus for guiding our Juniors through its tour and sailing with the help of Messrs. Pumputis and Jesinavicus for providing sailboats which were skippered by Kazys Ozalis Jr. and Mykolas Maksvytis; Co-Chairman Loretta Gestautas and Mary Kincius for a most memorable evening at St. George Parish; our wonderful and talented choir and dancers who through the efforts of Faustas Strolia, Frank Zapolis and Choir President Klatt made our cultural night one to be remembered.

The convention banquet was attended by 650 people including fifty Sisters from St. Casimir Convent. The Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Msgr. Mozeris, pastor, will remain in our memories with the special musical arrangements and singing of the choir under our talented music master Faustas Strolia. The beautiful flowers at the altars were selected by Evelyn Ozelis.

The farewell luncheon was attended by 375 delegates and friends with Chairman Dave Gaidas and Co-chairman Evelyn Ozelis in charge. Anita Bozas of Ajays catered. A super job of publicity was performed by Chairlady Ruth Kazlauskas, assisted by Salomeja Daulys. Ann Marie Kassel capably handled the registration and hospitality room. Chairman Frank Svelnis did an excellent job on bus transportation.

Thanks to Ed Valskis, convention treasurer, for his professional

way of handling convention funds to show a profit of approximately \$10,000; Ona Naureckas, cultural room chairman; Stanley Pieza, special events chairman; Chairlady Denise Vaikutis of our Martini-que Denner Theater; Scottie Zukas, convention secretary; decorations chairlady Theresa Balciunas and her assistant Lucy Zurlis; Chairman Ralph Gaking of our Sportsman's Park Outing and Mary Smith and Sue Suski for the beautiful afghan raffled at the outing; Bruce Neverieza and Vyto Abraitis, banquet co-chairman; Vince Samaska, church coordinator and Jerome Jankus our sergeant at arms.

Fr. Peter Cibulskis and Fr. Fabian Kirelis worked behind the scenes to make sure that all the necessary religious articles were on hand for the Masses at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

And sincere thanks to the many members, too many to mention without serious omission, who assisted the chairmen.

Our sympathy to Ann Marie Kassel, Theresa and Faustas Strolia, Georgianne and the Strolia boys on the death of their mother and grandmother Bernice Pupinik, our council's vice president and long-time member.

Condolences to Adele Latonas on the recent loss of her beloved daughter; Lucy Zurlis and Theresa Balciunas on the death of their mother Franciska Fedorovics; Helen Vilkelis on the loss of her brother Daniel; Helen Gaking and her family on the passing of her husband Ralph who served on the convention committee; Sister M. Therese on the untimely death of her sister Sylvia Banach; Benedict and Katherine Pocius on the death of Ben's mother.

Lillian Paukstis

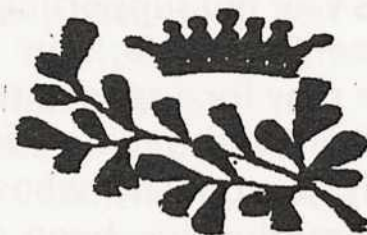
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Kalėdu Švenčių*

**COUNCIL 135**  
Ansonia, Conn.

*Laimingu  
Nauju Metu!*

"Home of the Wayside Cross"

Special  
Christmas Blessings  
To You All  
In This Special Year  
of  
SAINT CASIMIR



Council 1, Brockton, MA

**COUNCIL #133,**  
**LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

WISHES TO EXTEND  
Very Merry Christmas  
and

Happy, Prosperous New Year Greetings  
MAY THE CHRIST CHILD BLESS  
EACH AND EVERY ONE



May the Blessings  
of Christmas  
Remain With You  
throughout the New Year

**COUNCIL 139**  
**DETROIT**

A Blessed and Joyous  
Merry Christmas

A Healthy and Prosperous  
New Year 1985

Sventų Linksmų Kalėdų

Sveikų Laimingų Nauja Metų 1985

**ANNIE MITCHELL MATULEVIČIUTE**

Honorary Member

**C-52 - ELIZABETH, N.J.**



SU ARTĖJANČIOMIS ŠVENTĖMES  
PITTSBURGH 19-TOS KUOPAS  
VYČIAI SVEIKINA SAVO  
BENDRADARBIUS IR LINKI  
TOLIAUS DIRBTI IR AUKOTIS  
**DIEVUI IR TĖVYNEI!**

Pittsburgho Vyčių  
19-toji kuopa

**LINKSMŲ ŠV. KALĖDŲ IR  
LAIMINGŲ NAUJU  
METŲ VISIEMS**



**C-46 Forest City, Pa.**

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**  
**TO ALL**  
**K of L MEMBERS**  
**FROM**

**C-118 HAZELTON, PA.**



## C-112 — CHICAGO

As mandated by our constitution, election of officers for 1984-85 was held during our September business meeting. Al Mockus served as the nominating committee chairman and conducted the elections with the following results: President, Paul Binkis Jr; Vice President, Albert Zakarka; Secretary, Mary Juzenas; Financial Secretary, Alice Cekanor; Treasurer, Albert Dagus; Corresponding Secretary, Betty Tucker; Trustees, Albert Cekanor and Dolores Wainauskis; Sergeants at Arms, Edward Deksnis and Louis Rogers.

The after-meeting social was handled by our innovative social committee, Julie Zakarka and Louis Rogers. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Al Mockus, host-extraordinaire, surpassed himself when he hosted the officers and chairmen board meeting just prior to our 60th Anniversary Banquet.

A big "ačiū" to 60th Anniversary Banquet Chairman Algerd Brazis and the entire committee for a job well done; the event was held on October 6, K of L Building. Due to the efforts of many, such as Dutchie Yuknis, many members were in attendance and everyone truly had a delightful evening. We were especially pleased to have Illinois State Senator Frank Savickas and 15th Ward Alderman Frank Brady, C-112 members, among the distinguished guests. Our Cultural Chairlady Susan Bolanos did another spectacular job in arranging the photo displays which were the highlight of pre-banquet reception.

More Convention News: Congratulations to a very hard-working K of L member, our own Estelle Rogers, who deservedly was proposed for Honorary Mem-

bership in the K of L and will receive the medal with appropriate ceremonies during the 1985 convention banquet.

Also, it was great seeing our Florida members Harry & Emily Petraitis during the Convention. They participated in all the business and social events.

Our condolences to Kazys Rozanskis on the death of his sister in Lithuania and to Valeria and Joseph Stanaitis on the death of her mother, Martha Unik, of the Chicago Seniors.

### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



## C-7 — WATERBURY

Our council members manned the Lithuanian food booth at St. Joseph's Home and School Fair in July. Again this year our girls prepared and served delicious Lithuanian food. Alma Torre and Marcella Laureckas manned the booth for the three days. Doris Blinn, Toni White, and Jean Benaitis cooked the food. Our President Walter Kalick grated the potatoes for the kugelis. They all did a great job.

We did not meet in July and August due to vacations and hot weather.

Bronislaw & Diane Lazauskas attended the Mass at the Cathedral in the Pines. Some of our members joined Council 50 of New Haven at their picnic at the Raccoon Club in Durham.

A group from C-7 went to the NED Convention in New Haven. Our delegates were Pat Richards, Frances Janiskas, Vickie Silliman, Joe Blinn, Delores & John Juniatis, Father George, Bronislaw & Diane

Lazauskas and President Walter Kalick. One of our life members, Bronislaw Lazauskas, was elected Second Vice President and Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Coordinator. Congratulations! Mr. Lazauskas was also commended for his efforts on behalf of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid.

Pat Richards, Alma Torre, Ann Cheplick, Frances Juniskas, Delores & John Juniatis, Vickie Silliman, Diane & Bronislaw Lazauskas attended New Haven's commemoration of St. Casimir Jubilee on October 6. A banquet followed the commemorative mass.

Diane & Bronislaw Lazauskas represented Council 7 at the 10th Anniversary of Bridgeport Council 141 with Mass at St. George's and brunch at the Sheraton on October 7. It was well attended with delicious food and interesting and informative speeches.

Travelling to Boston on October 14, Diane & Bronislaw Lazauskas witnessed the commemoration of the St. Casimir Jubilee. Mass was celebrated at Holy Cross and a banquet followed at Treepport Hall. Victor & Theresa Vaitkus also attend. The program was nice, the soloist excellent and people congenial.

The 90th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Church was celebrated on November 4 with council members actively participating in the memorable event.

Waterbury Council 7 wishes everyone blessings for the Christmas Holiday and a healthy, happy and prosperous 1985!

Bronislaw & Diane Lazauskas

## C-10 — ATHOL-GARNDER

Our Council's summer outing was attended by 25 members who enjoyed themselves boating, barbecuing their steaks or just relaxing at the beautiful home of Frank Amoris on Whites Pond.

On short notice, Bill and Brone Wisniauskas arranged for a bus to attend the Consecration of Bishop Paulius Baltakis in Portland. It was a very impressive show of dedication on the part of the Lithuanians who filled the Immaculate Conception Cathedral to overflowing. The reception was planned just perfect. Brone Klamauskas and her staff had the Herculean task to feed 900 persons and did an excellent job.

On September 24, the New England District sponsored a Mass at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH. It was a beautiful fall day and drew about 250 persons. The chief concelebrant was Bishop Oder Gendron of Manchester. He was assisted by the Reverends John Christian, Justin Steponaitis, Albert Contons, Albert Abracinskas, Anthony Baltrunas, Albin Yankauskas, and Joseph Bucevicius. NED Spiritual Advisor Rev. Albin Janiunas was homilist. Bishop Gendron also spoke briefly. Fr. Steppie supplied the altar boys and cross bearer.

Approximately 100 persons returned to the American Legion Home in Gardner to lunch. Howie Beaudette was in charge of arrangements and was assisted by our girls who provided the pastries. NED President Al Jaritis was general chairman.

The Lithuanian Club of Gardner entered a float in the Fall Parade marking the 199th anniversary of the founding of Gardner. The float was really the highlight of the parade and made the front page of Gardner News. Lennie Davisonis drove the jeep drawing the float and served as announcer. The Queen was Terry Roy, daughter of Jim & Mary Ann and a student at St. Vincent's in Worcester. Brone Bekeris and Brone Wisniauskas rode the float in Lithuanian dress with kankles and accordion, respectively. The float

was decorated in our tri-colors, a large crown and plenty of rūta. Gardner, get ready for the biggie in '85!

Initiator of the float was Anthony Kraskauskas. K of L'ers who served on the committee were President Gloria O'Malley, Bill & Brone Wisniauskas, Lennie Davisonis, David Lucas and Jim & Mary Ann Roy.

Our September meeting was preceded by Devotions to Our Lady of Šiluva and homily by Rev. Justin Steponaitis.

Christine Genaitis, daughter of Dick & Donna Genaitis of Stoneham, was the proud grand prize winner of the Jordan Marsh Father's Day Essay Contest. Christine is a third grader at Robin Hood Elementary School. The contest was open to children ages 8 to 10 in 16 Jordan Marsh Stores. Congratulations!

Lennie Davidonis has redone the Gardner Lith's Club huge Vytis shield that was incorrectly painted. Thanks, Lennie!

Father Stepie attended the Priest's League Convention in Toronto. He also attended the St. Casimir's commemoration and the Lithuanian World Congress.

Condolences are extended to the Verock family on the untimely death of their daughter, Dorothy Mahoney, who leaves six children.

Vincukas

## C-26 — WORCESTER

"My Kind of Town, Chicago Is!" sang our delegates upon their return from the National Convention: Rita Pinkus, Ann Bender, Helen Gilus, Ann Walinsky and Ann Bucinskas.

Marian March, ritual chairperson, assisted by Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MID, spiritual director, presented first degrees recently to Elizabeth Abraham, Anthony Brazauskas, Anne & Diane Skrocki and Francis Tagman; second degree to Frances Kardokas.

Supper meetings continue to attract grand numbers, and Joe and Antoinette Ivaska's beef stew was the September attraction. The efforts of Mildred and Charles Lapinskas and their committee for the whist party paid off with a handsome profit. The council's annual picnic in June and the parish picnic in September found the usual members hard at work. The Rámsdells, Leonard and Ruth, were special food servers at the reception at the Kennebunkport Monastery following Bishop Baltakis' Consecration on September 14.

Mrs. Nell Thompson, Rita Pinkus' mother and a long-time member of the K of L, recently has taken residence at the Spring Valley Convalescent Home, 81 Chatham St., Worcester, MA 01609. A line or two from old friends would certainly help Nell to adjust more quickly to her new address.

We ask you to remember in your prayers the souls of Frank Tagman, Gerry's husband and dad of Sharon and Francis, and Vincent Luckasavage, Ann Bender's brother. Sincere sympathy to the bereaved families.

Just as the October meeting was drawing to a close, Rita Pinkus, president, took advantage of the large attendance for nomination of officers. In a receptive mood, the body made its choices for strong leadership in 1985: President, Rita Pinkus; Vice President, Geraldine Tagman; Recording Secretary, Mildred Lapinskas; Financial Secretary, Marion Racicot; Treasurer, Theodore Pinkus; Auditor, William Leseman; Sergeant at Arms, William Karas; Lithuanian Affairs, Ann Bender; Public Relations, Virginia Cummings; Vytis Correspondent, Olga Kersis. A scrumptuous meat loaf dinner preceded this meeting with Rita Pinkus as chairlady of an energetic committee.



**EI VYČIAI!**

# Christmas Greetings

**"THE BIGGEST LITTLE  
STATE IN THE UNION"**

**COUNCIL 103**

**PROVIDENCE,**

**RHODE ISLAND**



**May the  
Joy and Peace  
of Christmas  
be with you  
through  
The Coming Year**

**LINKSMU ŠV. KALĒDU IR  
LAIMINGU IR SVEIKU NAUJU METU**

**COUNCIL-17**

**SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**



**LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ  
IR  
LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ**

Msgr. Francis J. Pranckus	Spiritual Advisor
Mrs. Nancy P. Miro	President
Mrs. Victor Miller	1st VP
Mr. Sylvester Marcavage	2nd VP
Miss Ann Petrus	3rd VP
Mrs. Alphonse Trainis	Treasurer
Mrs. Paul Schmidt	Recording Secretary
Mrs. John Marcinka	Corresponding Secretary

**AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF  
Council 141, Bridgeport, CT**

**COUNCIL 26  
WORCESTER, MA**



A Merry Christmas  
filled with Happiness and Cheer  
And a Happy and Holy New Year

**TO ALL  
MEMBERS OF THE  
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**



*Merry Christmas*

AND

EVERY HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR

To our fellow Knights



**Council 145  
Holyoke, Mass.**

**SVEIKINAME  
KALĖDŲ ŠVENČIŲ  
IR  
NAUJŲ METŲ PROGA**



**Waterburio vyčių 7-ji kuopa.  
K of L. Council No. 7  
Waterbury, CT**

There are six teams bowling this year, and there is strong competition between Captains John Godek, Lewis Lloyd and Richard Godek whose teams manage to stay in the top three. Thus far, titles for high single, high triple, high average are held by Helen Gillus and John Godek.

Helen Gillus chauffeured Ann Bender and Ann Bucinkas to the NED Convention in New Haven where the three ladies represented our council as delegates. Congratulations to Joseph Chaplis of Providence, newly-elected president of NED.

Dorothy Seilius, a most cherished member, died in September. Our council honored Dorothy with the ritual at the calling hours and an honor line at the church and cemetery. We knew her well and loved her and pray that God rest her precious soul.

James Valentine, brother of Claire Stolulonis, died suddenly last September. Margarita Glodas, mother of Francis Glodas, died in October. Beautiful participation at the wakes and funerals attested once more that the heartaches of our members are shared by us all.

Sincere condolences to the bereaved families!

Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC, our spiritual advisor, left St. Casimir's after nine years as assistant for new duties. His address is 6336 So. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60629. Our grateful thanks and our prayerful wishes for good health and contentment!

"DZŪKELĖ"

## C-27 — NORWOOD

Another year, election time — very surprising to hear our President Paul Zukas declined to take the office again. Paul is always there whenever there is something to be done. We sincerely hope to see his smiling face full of enthusiasm and ready to help

anyone. Likewise, Louise Zukas resigned being our recording secretary after two years. With the small council we have and the precise reports Louise always gave, we hope you will give us your most welcome support.

Our officers are President, Helen Dallalis; Vice President, Fred Picard; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Mary Ann Tamasanis; Financial Secretary, Adelle Picard. Father Bill Wolkovich, our tireless leader, will chair Lithuanian Affairs. Ritual chairpersons since our council started are George Barton and Helen Dallalis. Trustees, Aldona Jackson and Stanley Dallalis; Sergeant at Arms, Sandra Melish complete our official family.

Mary Ann Tamasanis traveled to our former curate's parish picnic in Haverhill. He was assigned a parish across the street from his parents' home. We all know him as Father Joe Svirksas — gone but not forgotten.

Our Father Bill gave a violin and harp concert with Ellen Rubin in his home town of St. Michael's Hudson. We're not bragging; but, if you closed your eyes, you would believe you were on your own cloud. Certainly winging it!

September 23 seven of us traveled to the Cathedral of the Pines. Bishop Orone Gendron, Bishop of New Hampshire, held Mass. Fr. Janiunas, as usual, did an outstanding job of arranging everything. All who missed this day in the pines truly missed our Creator's Glory — breathtaking to say the least.

Since Gardner is a short distance away, we were guests of Council 10 for a luncheon. Thanks to C-10 and the Genaitises who escorted us. Attending were Adele & Fred Picard, Mary Ann Tamasanis, Sandy Melish, Donna Jackson and Helen & Stan Dallalis.

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## C-50 — NEW HAVEN

Members of Council 50 gathered at the Markiewicz Funeral Home to pay their last respects to Helen Markiewicz who died June 10. Helen was one of our dearest members and St. Casimir's Church was her pride and glory. Father Karalis, pastor and spiritual advisor, celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial with Father Gradeck, former pastor, and five area priests as concelebrants. St. Casimir's Choir with two soloists from St. Stanislaus sang at the Mass.

We share with Nellie Lipkvich Ericson the sadness in the loss of her husband Bernard on August 31 and express our sympathy to her and her family.

We welcome Joseph and Ann Tiskus and Fred Logol into membership in C-50.

On August 12, thirty members spent the day on the beautiful grounds of the residence of Charles & Alice Dekas. This was our annual council picnic. We had a delightful day and are grateful to Charles and Alice for their hospitality.

New Haven received three awards at the National Convention: namely, gain in council membership individual membership writing and early payment of dues. Congratulations to Al Gedrim for helping us attain these awards! Isabel & Frank Peterson, Bernice Barile, Ann Meskins, Helen Medley, Al & Ann Gedrim, Ann Francis, Evelyn Lepensky and Mary Yesukevich attended the convention.

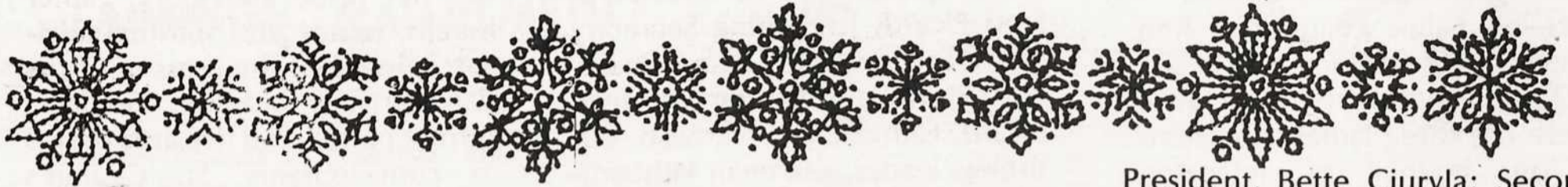
Our 75th Anniversary Parish Picnic was held on September 16 on the grounds of the New Haven Raccoon Club in Durham. The committee comprised of Sam Meshak, Pat & Leo Tamulis, Charles & Mary Geipel was instrumental in presenting a good-sized check to our pastor, Father Karalis.

The 75th Anniversary Banquet

DR. & MRS. JOHN RACKAUSKAS 36  
10425 S. KENTON  
OAK LAWN, IL. 60453

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Chicago, IL 60632

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at the Ambassador in Hamden was even greater. Charles Dekas was our triumphant master of ceremonies. He presented our most beloved Archbishop Whealon who has been impressed with our heritage since the day he was assigned to a Lithuanian Parish, his first since ordination, in Akron, Ohio. He praised our choir and commented on the colorful native dress and Lithuanian readings at Mass. Mr. Sullivan spoke on the pursuit of goals, renewing old ones, reaching for the highest and never neglecting St. Casimir's Church goals. Fathers Gradeck and R. Kteraitis, former pastors, shared some precious moments while serving St. Casimir's. Mae Jacobs (Jokubaite) lauded St. Casimir's for seventy-five years of achievement. Mr. Dekas finally presented Pastor Albert Karalis who was jubilant and grateful. He closed with a prayer. Dancing was the next order of the day.

Charles Dekas capably served as chairman of the anniversary committee and was assisted by Al Gedrim, Joan Augustine, Helen Case, Ann Meskins, Al Gutauskas, Anthony Kordorsky, Helen Balchus, Bruno & Theresa Strimaitis, John Saulys, Albina Lipcius and Father Karalis.

H. Balchus

### C-103 — PROVIDENCE

Our September meeting was held at Indian Rock Acres, the summer home of Dr. & Mrs. Biruta

(Cioiys) Cunningham. The delegates to the Chicago National Convention gave their reports. A pot luck supper followed. Thanks for your hospitality!

On September 14, we traveled to Portland for the Episcopal Ordination of Father Paulius Baltakis, OFM. We were also guests of the Franciscan Fathers at the reception on their monastery grounds.

Many of our council members participated in the Rhode Island Heritage Festival on the State House lawn in Providence on September 16.

Our Day of Prayer for Persecuted Lithuania was held on September 18. It consisted of the recitation of the Rosary, Holy Mass, Homily and special prayers for persecuted Lithuanians. Father A. Jurgelaitis OP, Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor, led these prayers. As usual, there was a coffee hour in St. Casimir's Church Hall.

Ten members were approved for degrees at the NED Fall Convention in New Haven. Fourth Degrees were conferred upon Bette Ciuryla, Anthony Gudeczauskas and Irene Waleska; Third Degree recipients were Peter and Helen Denisewich, John Jacknevich, Joseph Kiela, William Piacentini Jr., Sophie Sakalys and Agnes Waitonis.

Our officers and committee chairmen for this year are President, Joseph Waitonis; First Vice

President, Bette Ciuryla; Second Vice President Vito Kapiskas; Treasurer, Raymond Savickas; Recording Secretary, Susan Gudeczauskas; Corresponding Secretary, Helen Denisewich; Financial Secretary, Irene Walaska; Cultural, Helen Gudeczauskas; Lithuanian Affairs, Bill Piacentini Jr.; Ritual, John Walaska and Bette Ciuryla; Trustees, John Jacknevich and Peter Denisewich; Social, Agnes Waitonis, Alice Grybas and Sophie Sakalys; Sunshine, Sophie Sakalys.

Our members made a pilgrimage to Boston to join the thousands of Lithuanians from northern New England at the closing of the St. Casimir Year at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Archbishop Bernard Law was main celebrant of the Mass and preached the homily in English. Bishop Paulius Baltakis preached in Lithuanian. Our new council banner was carried by Vic Mathieu.

Surrounded by autumn decorations and tables set with dainty foods, our K of L'ers shared the fun of an Octoberfest. Our decorators and council caterers did a fine job. Many thanks for this festive get-together.

C-103 Lithuanian Classes began October 17. Our professor, Father Jurgelaitis was pleased to see five new students, bringing the number to 22. This year there will be mini-courses in Lithuanian Songs, Lithuanian Cultural Highlights and Lithuanian Writing.

Helen Denisewich