



MID-AMERICA DISTRICT
THE TRUMPET
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Fr. Augustine M. Kulbis, OSM
Friar Servant of Mary
1931 - 2014

All powerful God, out of love for Christ and His Church, Augustine served you faithfully as a Friar Servant of Mary. May he rejoice at the coming of your glory and now enjoy eternal happiness. Amen.

IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBERENCE

The MAMD is saddened to announce the passing of our beloved Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Gus. May God grant him a special place in Heaven for all the kindness he showed and good works he did here on earth. **Amžina Atilsi!**



Born
October 3, 1931

Solemn Profession of Vows
October 3, 1955

Ordained Priest
April 7, 1958

Born to Eternal Life
January 31, 2014

Mass of Christian Burial Celebrated
February 5, 2014

Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica
Chicago, Illinois

Interment
Queen of Heaven Cemetery
Hillside, Illinois

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with confidence, I fly to you, O virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Though he is gone from our sight we know that he will be with us in our hearts always.

A special thank you to all those who were able to attend Father's wake and/or funeral service. We realize the weather was at its worst both days and truly appreciate your being there. We also thank all those who were unable to attend but remembered Fr. Gus privately those days.

[St. Casimir's Day Commemoration and Spring Meeting Information](#)

Our annual St. Casimir's Day Mass and Spring Meeting will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Our host will be Council 16, Chicago, IL. The day will begin with Mass at St. Pius X Church at 10:00a.m. St. Pius X Parish is located at 4314 South Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL 60402. Our luncheon and meeting will follow. Reservations should be made to Mary Beth Slakis at 1.708.337.0193 or mslakis@att.net no later than Saturday, March 1, 2014. Cost of the Luncheon is \$15.00 for Adults and \$7.50 for Juniors.

[K of L MAMD 100th Anniversary Commemoration](#)

Our monument dedicated to Our Lady of Šiluva on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Knights of Lithuania is nearing completion. We look forward to its dedication on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at St. Casimir Cemetery. We will gather by the Chapel at 12:45p.m. and will process to the monument where we will conduct its dedication service and blessing. Following the service at the cemetery a luncheon will be held at The DoubleTree Hotel, 5000 West 127th Street, Alsip, IL 60803. Tickets for the luncheon are \$40.00 each, \$25.00 for Juniors and are available by contacting Georgianna Macke at 1.630.416.0658 or jurgina318@yahoo.com no later than Monday, April 28, 2014. We encourage everyone to please plan on attending this dedication and luncheon. Working together we can insure it will be a huge success.

[Supreme Council Comes to Chicago in the Spring 2014](#)

On Saturday, May 3, 2014 the members of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania will gather at The DoubleTree Hotel, 5000 West 127th Street, Alsip, IL 60803, for their Spring Meeting. The meeting will begin at 9:00a.m. SHARP! Any members wishing to attend are welcome to do so but are reminded that only elected Supreme Council Members and Honorary Members are eligible to vote. The group will break for a short lunch at Noon then return to the meeting at 1:30p.m. If you will be attending and would like to enjoy lunch with the Supreme Council please contact Rob Martin at 1.312.771.7432 or Amerlith1@aol.com to make a lunch reservation. Cost of the lunch is \$20.00 per person. In the evening in anticipation of the Šiluva Monument Dedication on Sunday the Supreme Council will attend the 5:00p.m. Mass at St. Pius X, 4314 South Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL 60402. Following Mass they will enjoy a dinner out at a local restaurant.

[Mid-America District Bowling](#)



Our next bowling is Saturday, March 15th. Bowling will start at 4:00p.m. at El Mar Lanes, 8435 South Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview, IL 60455. Please see the district calendar for future bowling dates. Come on out and bowl with us or cheer on your favorite district bowler. After bowling those who wish to head out to dinner as a group. As always, all our thanks to Sports Chair, Tony Armalis, for all his work in coordinating our bowling season.

[Our Lady of Šiluva Monthly Mass](#)

Members are reminded that a monthly Mass in honor of Our Lady of Šiluva is said on the first Friday of every month at St. Pius X Parish, 4314 South Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL 60402. Everyone is invited to attend. The Mass is held at 7:00p.m., in English, with the Šiluva Novena Prayers recited afterward. The next Mass will be on Friday, March 1, 2014. Hoping you can attend!



[Coming in 2014: Baltic DP Exposition](#)



In August of 2014, the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, together the Latvian Folk Art Museum, the United Latvian Associations of Chicago, and the Chicago Estonian House, are planning a yearlong series of exhibits, events and programs commemorating 70 years since the mass westward flight of Baltic Displaced Persons, refugees from the war-torn Baltic republics. The Baltic DP Exposition will include exhibits, programs and events, documenting the experiences of DP Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanians in European DP Camps; their subsequent immigration to and contributions to the United States, Canada, Australia, and other host countries, as well as to the Baltic homelands they left behind. Please visit the museum web site for additional information at http://www.balzekasmuseum.org/Pages/displaced_persons.html.

Resolution for consideration for addition in Mid-America District By-Laws

The following resolution concerning membership in existing districts will be presented and voted upon at the Spring 2014 Meeting. A resolution to the District's by-laws is passed by a 2/3rd majority vote of those attending the meeting where the vote is called for question.

Whereas it is important that Knights of Lithuania districts keep regular business and social contact among their member councils, and

Whereas it is becoming increasingly difficult for district members to travel long distances to attend business and social functions, and

Whereas districts must consider many factors related to the expansion, finances and viability of their district, and

Whereas it is possible for individual councils to exist without membership in a district, keeping direct contact with the National Knights of Lithuania Organization,

Be it resolved that existing districts have the right of acceptance into their district, by any council petitioning to become a member of that district.

Mass in Lithuanian



Members are reminded that Mass is celebrated every Sunday in Lithuanian at our Chicago land area Catholic Churches/Parishes of Lithuanian decent. Mass in Lithuanian can be attended at the following: St. Anthony Parish, Cicero, IL @ 9:00a.m.; Immaculate Conception Parish, Chicago, IL @ 10:30a.m.; Nativity B.V.M. Parish, Chicago, IL @ 10:30a.m. and Blessed George Matulaitis Mission, Lemont, IL @ 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

Lithuanian Independence Event at Navy Pier

On Sunday, March 2, 2014 from Noon to 3:00p.m. there will be a Celebrate Lithuanian Independence Event at Chicago's Navy Pier, Crystal Garden's Ballroom. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Come on out and enjoy an afternoon of live music, dance, folk art and more. Presented in partnership with Consulate General of Lithuania



Gary, IN Lithuanian Independence Day Celebration

On Sunday, February 23, 2014 the Lithuanians of the Gary, IN area will sponsor their annual Lithuanian Independence Day Celebration. The commemoration will begin at 1:00p.m. at the Griffith, IN, American Legion Post 66, 132 North Wiggs Street, Griffith, IN. All are welcome to attend and celebrate with their fellow Lithuanians from the Gary, IN area.

Easter Egg Decorating Workshop at Balzekas Museum



The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture will sponsor a Lithuanian Easter Egg Workshop this spring. At the time of this publication the date and time have not been published. Please contact the Museum directly for additional information at 1.773.582.6500. Tools and instruction sheets will be provided. Participants must bring 6 hardboiled and colored eggs. This will be held at the Balzekas Museum, 6500 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago IL 60629.

*A Happy Easter Season
to one and all!*



Events you should know about!

Contact: Rob Martin, The Trumpet Editor @ 1.312.771.7432 or Email: amerlith1@aol.com

March 2014

- 4th St. Casimir's Day
- 5th Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
- 8th Mid-America District Meeting @ St. Pius Church, Stickney, IL (See additional information in this issue.)
- 15th Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.

April 2014

- 13th Palm Sunday
- 19th Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 20th Easter Sunday

May 2014

- 3rd Supreme Council Meeting in Alsip, IL (See additional information in this issue.)
- 4th MAMD Dedication of Our Lady of Šiluva Monument @ St. Casimir Cemetery, Chicago, IL, @ 12:45p.m. (See additional information in this issue.)

MAMD Dedication Luncheon @ The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Alsip, IL, following dedication ceremony. (See additional information in this issue.)

- 17th Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 11th Mother's Day
- 27th Memorial Day

June 2014

- 14th Flag Day
- 15th Father's Day
- 23rd K of L Tour to Lithuania begins

July 2014

- 4th Independence Day – God Bless America!
- 6th Coronation Day - Lithuania
- 7th K of L Tour to Lithuania returns
- 24th-27th 101st National Convention – Host Council 133, Los Angeles, CA @ Embassy Suites Hotel – Glendale, CA. (Watch the Vytis for updated information and news as well as our website.)

August 2014

September 2014

- 1st Labor Day
- 8th Feast of Our Lady of Šiluva
- 20th Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.

October 2014

- 18th Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 31st Halloween

November 2014

- 1st All Saints' Day
- 2nd All Souls' Day
- 15th Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 27th Thanksgiving Day

December 2014

- 24th Christmas Eve
- 25th Christmas Day
- 31st New Year's Eve

Wondering where to send your Council's News for "The Trumpet"? Wonder no more!

We would love to include your council information. If you would like to have something included in a future issue of "The Trumpet" please send it to the address below. Please see the calendar in this issue for submission deadlines. Hoping to hear from you!

Email: AMERLITH1@AOL.COM

U.S. Mail: The Trumpet c/o Rob Martin / 3420 South Lituania Avenue / Chicago, IL 60608-6720

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