



## *Mid-America District THE TRUMPET Fall 2015 Issue*

### Fall District Meeting and Luncheon



Our Fall Meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 26, 2015** at **St. Pius X Church**. Council 157 – Lemont, IL, will be our host. Our day will begin at **10:00am**. St. Pius is located at **4314 South Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL 60402**. At this meeting we will hold our annual election of officers for the 2015-2016 term. Those interested in running for office should contact Rob Martin at 312-771-7432 or by email to AMERLITH1@AOL.COM. Additionally we will hold a letter writing session. The purpose will be to contact our elected officials and let them know of our concerns regarding what is currently going on in Eastern Europe. Paper, pens, and envelopes will be provided as will suggested topics for your letter. Following the meeting lunch will be served. Cost of the lunch will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for juniors. Please contact **Georgianna Macke** at **1.630.416.0658** or by email at **jurgina318@yahoo.com**. **Lunch reservations must be made no later than Sunday, September 20, 2015.**

### Annual District Mass of Remembrance

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will take place on **Sunday, November 8, 2015** at **St. Pius X Church**. Our **Memorial Service** will begin at **10:00am** and we will then attend **Mass** at **10:30am**. St. Pius is located at 4314 South Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL 60402. Council Presidents are requested to contact District President, **Aldona Zajauskas** at **1.847.587.1419** or by email at **aldona9661@att.net** with a listing of your council's members who have passed away within this past year so that they can be included in the memorial service. Following the Mass those wishing to may attend the Parishes Annual Holiday Bazaar where a wonderful assortment of holiday items can be found, additionally a wonderful food court is available for those who wish to stop for lunch.



### Mid-America District Bowling



Our 2014-2015 Bowling Season began again on **Saturday, September 19, 2015**. As always we begin at **4:00pm** 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 **7:00pm**, in English, with the Šiluva Novena Prayers recited afterward. The next Mass will be on **Friday, September 4, 2015**.



## Annual Fall Pilgrimage



St. Pius V  
Church

Our Fall District Pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday, October 10, 2015**. This year's pilgrimage will be in the local Chicago area. Members of the Mid-America District will arrive, on their own, at the **Shrine of St. Jude, located at St. Pius V Church, 1919 South Ashland Avenue Chicago IL 60608** for **Mass at 10:00am**. Following Mass there will be a traditional St. Jude Oil Blessing★. Upon leaving St. Pius V members will travel to **Greek Islands Restaurant, 200 South Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60661**, for lunch. Each member will pay for their own lunch. After lunch we will then proceed to the **Shrine of St. Anne, located in Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2751 W. 38th Pl Chicago, IL 60632**. A **3:30pm** arrival at the Shrine is expected. So that we can get an idea of how many will be attending please contact Pilgrimage Organizer, **Terry Strolia, HM**, at **1.708.687.1430** or by email at **theres8@comcast.net** by **Sunday, October 4, 2015**. Hoping you will be able to join us.



Our Lady of Fatima  
Church

- ★ *For centuries the Church has blessed olive oil as a sacramental for healing. Some will have oil blessed for lighting a lamp, bodily healing, and even some will use it in cooking. As a sacramental, oil is used in the same way we'd use Holy Water, Holy Salt, and holy images. The blessing given by the priest beseeches God through the intercession of Saint Jude to heal those who use the Oil protecting them from evil and giving the gift of good health of both mind and body. The Bible also speaks of the healing power of oil and its use also reminds us of our own consecration at the time of Baptism and again at Confirmation. This oil is blessed with the relic of St. Jude but is not to be confused with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.*

## Feast of Our Lady of Šiluva Prayer Service

On **Saturday, September 12, 2015**, the Mid-America District will hold a prayer service in honor of Our Lady of Šiluva at the **Our Lady of Šiluva Monument at St. Casimir's Cemetery**. The service will be led by our District Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Markus, HM. This past May was the one year anniversary of our installation of this shrine to Our Lady. We hope that this will be the first of what will become an annual event for our district. **We will gather at 11:00am at the monument**. Following the service those wishing to go to lunch at a local restaurant together will do so.



## Looking Ahead to 2016 – District 2016 Pilgrimage



Next year will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of the Our Lady of Šiluva Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The Anniversary Mass will take place on **Sunday, October 9, 2016**, this is Columbus Day weekend. As our 2016 Pilgrimage, the Mid-America District will be having a bus tour going from Chicago, IL for its members. The bus will leave the Chicago land area in the early morning, most likely from St. Pius X Parish, Stickney, IL, on **Friday, October 7, 2016**, arriving late that evening. We will then overnight at a hotel to be determined for three nights in the Washington, DC, area. Events will be planned for Saturday, which will be a "free day" to tour the Washington, DC area. We will then attend the celebration on Sunday at the Basilica. We will

return to Chicago, IL, leaving in the morning on **Monday, October 10, 2016**, arriving in Chicago in the evening. We are currently investigating for the bus and hotel. More details will be available as they become finalized. Cost of the bus and hotel will be forthcoming in early 2016. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by contacting **Terry Strolia, HM**, at **1.708.687.1430** or by email at **theres8@comcast.net** so that we can keep you aware of up to date information.

## The Mid-America District now on Facebook



In this ever changing world of electronic communications we're starting to catch up. Please join the Mid-America District on Facebook. Our Facebook page will carry messages from our fellow district members as well as important information about happenings within the district and our member councils. You can find the page by typing Knights of Lithuania Mid America District in the search line. We will also still have our website available as well. Hope to see you on line!

## Receive *The Trumpet* Electronically

Dear Members: In an effort to be more cost effective please remember that issues of *The Trumpet* are available on our website at: <http://knightsoflithuaniamid-america.weebly.com>. To get your copy electronically instead of having one mailed to you, please notify us at [AMERLITH1@AOL.COM](mailto:AMERLITH1@AOL.COM). We will then start sending your copy via email as well as posting it on the website. Thanks.

## Congratulations to our members!

We would like to congratulate Maria Deksnis of Council 158 – Long Beach, IN on her elevation to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania. The ceremony took place during the banquet at this summer's national convention in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Also, it is with great joy that we announce that the candidacy of Julie Zakarka of Council 112 – Chicago, IL, has been unanimously approved by this year's convention delegates. Julie will be receiving her Honorary Membership next summer during the 103<sup>rd</sup> National Convention.

Congratulations to you both! We are very proud of you and happy for you! Valio!



## Council Christmas Gatherings

### ***Council 16 – Chicago, IL***

The members of Council 16 will gather for a holiday dinner on **Saturday, December 5, 2015** at ***Ignatz Ristorante, 2421 South Oakley Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608***. We will plan to arrive at 5:00pm. Each attendee will pay their own. As we have to make a reservation all members wishing to attend are asked to contact **Rob Martin** at **1.312.771.7432** or **[Amerlith1@aol.com](mailto:Amerlith1@aol.com)** to let us know you're coming no later than **Saturday, November 28, 2015**. All are welcome.

### ***Council 112 – Chicago, IL***

The members of Council 112 will hold their annual Christmas Party on **Friday, December 11, 2015** at ***Mabenka Restaurant & Banquets, 7844 South Cicero Avenue, Burbank, Illinois 60459***. The festivities will begin at 4:00pm. Cost will be \$25.00 per person. Reservations are required and should be made with **Regina Juskaitis** at **1.708.422.3541** no later than **Friday, December 4, 2015**. All are welcome.

### ***Council 157 – Lemont, IL***

The members of Council 157 will hold their annual Kučios on **Monday, December 7, 2015** at the ***Ateitininkų Namai, 1380 Castlewood Drive, Lemont, IL 60439***. The evening will begin at 6:00pm. All attendees are asked to bring a meatless dish to share with the group. Please contact **Georgianna Macke** at **1.630.416.0658** or by email at **[jurgina318@yahoo.com](mailto:jurgina318@yahoo.com)** by **Monday, November 30, 2015** to let them know you will be attending. Also please let her know what you will be bringing or for suggestions of what to bring. All are welcome.

# Events you should know about!

## September 2015

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day
  - National Grandparents Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Feast of Our Lady of Šiluva
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Patriot Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Šiluva Prayer Service @ St. Casimir Cemetery.
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Fall Mid-America District Meeting. Host: Council 157, Lemont, IL.

## October 2015

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> - Los Angeles Lithuanian Days @ St. Casimir Parish.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - District Pilgrimage to the Chicago area Shrines of St. Anne and St. Jude.
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Columbus Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween

## November 2015

- 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints' Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Daylight Saving Time ends
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls' Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club Fall Fundraiser @ Palos Country Club. More details to follow.
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Advent

## December 2015

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Council 16 Christmas Dinner @ 5:00p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> - St Nicholas' Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
  - Council 157 Annual Kučios @ 6:00p.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Council 112 Christmas Party @ 4:00p.m.
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve

## January 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Day

## February 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> - National Freedom Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Groundhog Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Shrove Tuesday
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for Spring 2016 The Trumpet submissions
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day

- 15<sup>th</sup> - Presidents' Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Lithuanian Independence Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.

## March 2016

- 4<sup>th</sup> - St. Casimir's Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Restoration of Independence Day - Lithuania
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph's Day
  - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday
  - First Day of Spring
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Holy Saturday
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

## April 2016

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Divine Mercy Sunday
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Tax Day (Everyone's favorite day of the year.)
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Earth Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Arbor Day

## May 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Mother's Day (Lithuania)
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Mothers' Day
  - Deadline for Summer 2015 The Trumpet submissions
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Ascension Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Armed Forces Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day

## June 2016

- 14<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day

## July 2016

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day - God Bless America!
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Coronation Day - Lithuania

## August 2016

- 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> - 103<sup>rd</sup> National Convention in Binghamton, NY.
  - Host: Council 72 - Binghamton, NY. More information to follow.
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for Fall 2016 The Trumpet submissions

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