



Mid-America District THE TRUMPET Fall 2016 Issue

Fall District Meeting, Wayside Cross Dedication and Fall Picnic



Our Fall Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 25, 2016** at **The Friendship Botanic Gardens (FBG)**. Council 82 – Gary, IN will be our host. The **FBG** is located at **2055 East U.S. Highway 12 Michigan City, IN 46361**. Our meeting will begin around **Noon**. Some of the highpoints for this meeting will be a report on this summer's national convention, update on our Fall Pilgrimage to Washington, DC in October; and election of officers for the 2016-2017 Term. **Following our meeting we will gather in the Lithuanian Garden at 2:00pm for the dedication and blessing of their Wayside Shrine**, which has been sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania Mid-America District. At the conclusion of the dedication and blessing we will gather in the FBG's Pavilion for a wonderful outdoor picnic. Food and beverage for the picnic will be available via an a la carte menu, allowing attendees to pick what they would like to eat. The tickets for the picnic will be available for \$1.00 each. Please contact **Loreta Vician** at **1.219.980.5027** or send her an email at **lruta1218@sbcglobal.net** to let them know you are attending **no later than Saturday, September 17, 2016**. At the luncheon there will also be a raffle. Hoping to see you there!



Feast of Our Lady of Šiluva Service



Our 2nd annual Feast of Our Lady of Šiluva Service will be held on **Saturday, September 10, 2016**. All are invited to gather at the monument to Our Lady of Šiluva at **St. Casimir Cemetery, 4401 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL 60655**. We will begin at **11:30am**. The service will be led by our District Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Markus, HM. Following the service we will gather for lunch at the **Golden Bear Restaurant, 12001 South Cicero Avenue, Alsip, IL 60803**.

Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members



Our annual Mass of Remembrance will take place on **Saturday, November 19, 2016** at **St. Pius X Church**. Our **Memorial Service and Mass** will begin at **10:00am**. 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 will go together for lunch at a local restaurant to be decided at a later date.

Annual Fall District Pilgrimage 2016



A reminder for those signed up for the Mid-America District's Fall Pilgrimage to the 50th 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 bus will be leaving from St. Pius X Parish, Stickney, IL, on **Friday, October 7, 2016** at 6:00am. All riders are asked to be there by 5:45am. A stop will be made in Michigan City to pick up those joining us from the Indiana area. We will arrive in Washington late in the evening. Our home for the weekend will be the **Embassy Suites by Hilton Alexandria Old Town**. On Saturday there will be a tour of the Washington, DC area. We are currently waiting on final approval to tour the **White House** in the morning. *Special note: This tour requires Secret Service clearance for all participants. If you signed up for the weekend after the tour registration cut-off date or failed to register you won't be able to take the tour with the group as we are*

unable to add to the list submitted. In the afternoon, through the efforts of Illinois' Congressman Lipinski's Office, we have been granted a tour of the **US Capital Building**. On Sunday, the **Anniversary Mass** will be at **2:00pm**. Following the Mass a ticketed reception is being planned. At this time we do not know the cost of the tickets, which will be available at your own expense. We will return to Chicago, IL, leaving in the morning on **Monday, October 10, 2016**, at approximately 7:00am, arriving back home late in the evening. For those traveling round-trip on the bus the bus fee will be **\$100.00 per person for K of L members** and **\$150.00 per person for non-members**. For those members who are just joining the group in Washington, DC, the cost of the bus will be **\$25.00 per person per day** you join us. Bus payment should be mailed to **Terry Strolia** by **August 31, 2016** at **15325 Sequoia Street, Oak Forest, IL 60452**. If you have any questions concerning the trip, please contact **Terry**, at **1.708.687.1430** or by email at **theres8@comcast.net**.

If you haven't done so already, please make your hotel reservations today! A limited # of rooms have been reserved at the **Embassy Suites by Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA 22314**. A king bedded suite is available for \$179.00 and will hold up to 3 people. A double/double bedded suite is available for \$199.00 and will hold up to 4 people. Both room rates include a made to order breakfast and evening cocktail reception each day for each guest. **Hotel reservations must be made by September 7, 2016**. You can reserve on line at <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/.../WASOTES-KNI-.../index.jhtml...> or by phone at **1.703.684.5900**, ask for reservations. When calling please refer to our Group Name: **KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MID-AMERICA DISTRICT** and Group Code: **KNI**. Again, there is a limited number of rooms available and reservations are first come first serve. **You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations.**



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 2, 2016**.



Mid-America District Bowling



Our monthly district bowling has concluded for the 2015-2016 season. The 2016-2017 season will begin on **Saturday, September 17, 2016**. As always we will start at **4:00pm** at **El Mar Lanes, 8435 South Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview, IL 60455**. Please see the district calendar for additional 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.

Congratulations to our member!

We would like to congratulate Julie Zakarka of Council 112 – Chicago, IL 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 Binghamton, NY.

We are so proud and happy for you! Valio!

Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club Annual Fall Festival

The members of the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club invite everyone, ladies and gentlemen, to join them as they sponsor their annual **Fall Festival** on **Sunday, November 13, 2016**. The day will begin at **1:00pm** with cocktails (cash bar) and a chance to browse through the many Lithuanian Crafts and Artists that will be available that day, a wonderful raffle will also be available. A delicious lunch will be served and as always a most enjoyable program will be presented. The festivities will be held at the **Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway, Orland Park, IL 60462**. Hoping everyone can come out and support the CLWC as they continued their great works throughout the Lithuanian Community of the Chicago Area. For tickets, more information and reservations please contact either **Genevieve Maluska at 1.708.974.4924** or by email at **gmaluska@att.net** or **Cecilia Matul at 1.708.460.6004** or by email at **angelonsunrise@yahoo.com**.



Council Christmas Gatherings

Council 16 – Chicago, IL

The members of Council 16 will gather for a holiday dinner on **Saturday, December 3, 2016** 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** to let us know you're coming no later than **Saturday, November 26, 2015**. All are welcome.

Council 112 – Chicago, IL

The members of Council 112 will hold their annual Christmas Party on **Friday, December 9, 2016** 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 2, 2016**. All are welcome.

Council 157 – Lemont, IL

The members of Council 157 will hold their annual Kučios on **Monday, December 5, 2016** 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** by **Monday, November 28, 2016** 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.

Merry Christmas

Events you should know about!

September 2016

- 2nd - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 5th - Labor Day
 - National Grandparents Day
- 8th - Feast of Our Lady of Šiluva
- 10th - Our Lady of Šiluva Prayer Service @ St. Casimir Cemetery.
- 11th - Patriot Day
- 17th - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 25th - Fall Mid-America District Meeting. Host: Council 82 - Gary, IN.

October 2016

- 1st-2nd - Los Angeles Lithuanian Days @ St. Casimir Parish.
- 7th-10th - District Pilgrimage to Washington, DC.
- 10th - Columbus Day
- 15th - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 31st - Halloween

November 2016

- 1st - All Saints' Day
- 2nd - All Souls' Day
- 4th - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 11th - Veterans Day
- 12th - Supreme Council Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.
- 13th - Chicago Lithuanian Woman's Club Annual Fall Festival
- 19th - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 19th - Memorial Mass for Deceased Members @ St. Pius X Church
- 24th - Thanksgiving Day
- 27th - First Sunday of Advent

December 2016

- 2nd - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 6th - St Nicholas' Day
- 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12th - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 24th - Christmas Eve
- 25th - Christmas Day
- 31st - New Year's Eve

January 2017

- 1st - New Year's Day
- 6th - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
 - Epiphany
- 16th - Martin Luther King Day
- 21st - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.

February 2017

- 1st - National Freedom Day
- 2nd - Groundhog Day
- 3rd - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 11th - Deadline for Winter 2017 The Trumpet submissions
- 13th - Presidents' Day
- 14th - Valentine's Day
- 16th - Lithuanian Independence Day
- 18th - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.

March 2017

- 1st - Ash Wednesday
- 3rd - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 4th - St. Casimir's Day

- 11th - Winter Mid-America District Meeting and St. Casimir's Day Mass @ St. Pius X
 - Restoration of Independence Day - Lithuania
- 12th - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- 18th - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 19th - St. Joseph's Day
- 20th - First Day of Spring

April 2017

- 3rd - Divine Mercy Sunday
- 7th - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 9th - Palm Sunday
- 13th - Holy Thursday
- 14th - Good Friday
- 15th - Holy Saturday
 - Tax Day (Everyone's favorite day of the year.)
- 16th - Easter Sunday
- 22nd - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
 - Earth Day
- 29th - Arbor Day

May 2017

- 4th - National Day of Prayer
- 5th - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 7th - Mother's Day (Lithuania)
- 14th - Mothers' Day
 - Deadline for Summer 2015 The Trumpet submissions
- 14th - Ascension Day
- 20th - Armed Forces Day
 - Mid-America District Bowling @ El-Mar Bowling Alley, Burbank, IL @ 4:00p.m.
- 29th - Memorial Day

June 2017

- 2nd - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 14th - Flag Day
- 19th - Father's Day

July 2017

- 4th - Independence Day - God Bless America!
- 6th - Coronation Day - Lithuania
- 7th - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 28th-30th - 104th National Convention in Dayton, ON. Host: Council 96 - Dayton, OH. More information to follow.

August 2017

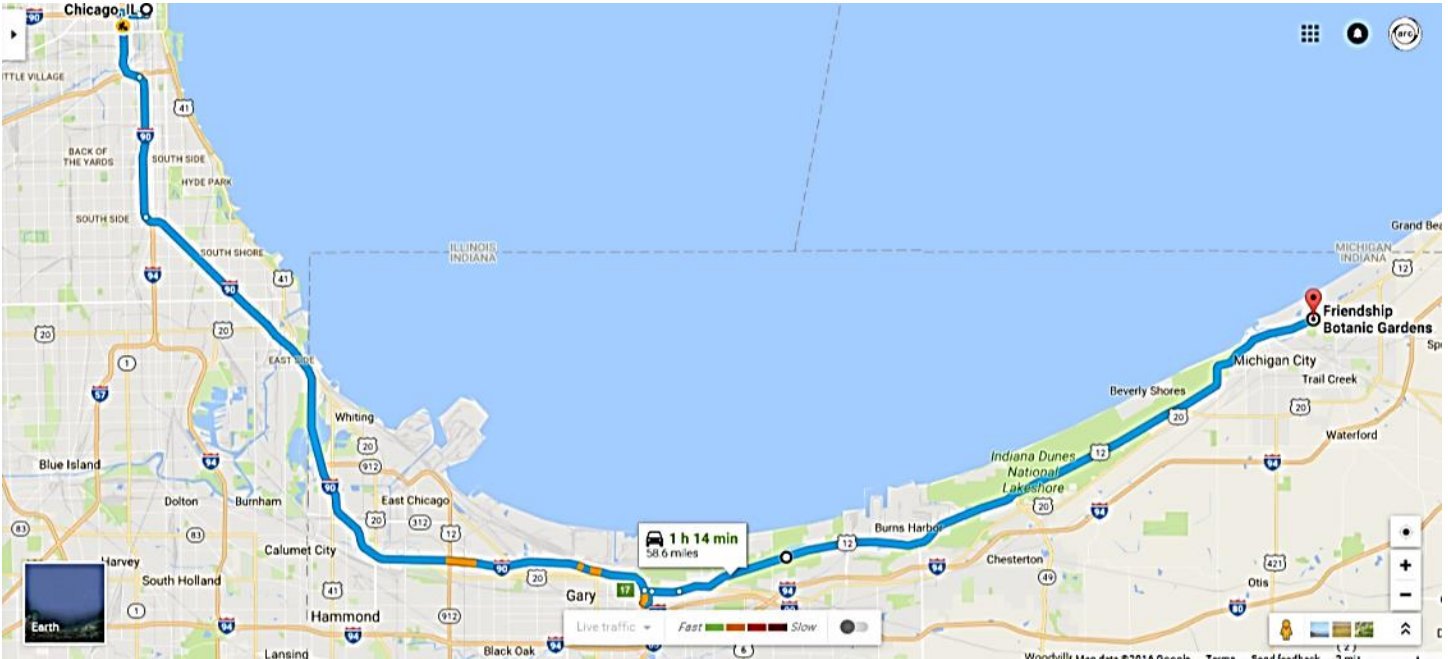
- 4th - Our Lady of Šiluva Mass @ St. Pius X Church @ 7:00pm.
- 29th - Deadline for Fall 2016 The Trumpet submissions



Wondering where to send your Council's News for "The Trumpet"? 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 / Phone: 1.312.771.7432.

Directions from Chicago to Michigan City's Friendship Botanical Garden



From Chicago, IL

Follow I-90 E to US-12 E/US-20 E/E Dunes Hwy in Gary.

Follow signs for Interstate 90 Skyway E/Indiana Toll Rd

***Take Indiana Toll Road to exit 17 to merge onto
US-12 E/US-20 E/E Dunes Hwy***

Drive to US-12 E in Michigan City

Merge onto US-12 E/US-20 E/E Dunes Hwy

Keep left to continue on US-12 E

Destination will be on the right

**Friendship Botanic Gardens
2055 East U.S. 12, Michigan City, IN 46360**

Approx. driving time 1 hour & 15 minutes