



May 2020 Newsletter

Hello, Labas, Happy Belated Mother's Day and Memorial Day Dear Members and Friends,

Our sincerest hopes that everyone has been staying virus free and healthy, as well as adjusting to very different ways of doing things. We cannot yet all meet in person but God willing, and hopefully soon, we will be able to whether in June or in September. All of you are missed by your Council president and officers and I'm sure missing each other too. At least it's spring and one can get out and enjoy the weather, sunshine, and fresh air whenever possible. It certainly is beneficial to do so.

Seeing as we aren't meeting in person, yet again this newsletter is taking the place of what would have been our regular May meeting, albeit a little belatedly. I honestly intended to have this sent out over a week ago but a bit of writer's block, other activities, work, and a minor computer issue held us up. Unlike last time, we as officers of our council did not teleconference, but have kept in touch very frequently via email, messages and phone. That being said, should any member have a concern of any kind, we want to hear from you! Reach out to any officer in any fashion you desire and we will do our utmost to address your question or issue. We thank you for your understanding.

Though we are not meeting and planning any events or addressing other matters, doesn't mean that the officers have been sitting idly by. Marlene Warren, our secretary, has been communicating to all of you via email all the goings on that she receives information on. Linas Venclauskas, our Financial Secretary, has also been busy updating our database in regard to our membership information. All of you should have received via mail and update sheet to validate all your information. Many of you have responded. If you haven't, please take time to do so, either by mail or email. His email is linas316@mac.com. By keeping all information current, we can reach everyone and not leave anyone out.

All of you should have received the By-Laws via email and if needed commented on them. If anyone wishes to get the draft on paper, please let us know. Not sure if there will be a chance in June to review and vote on them or if we will have to hold off till September. In any case, they're ready to go. Many thanks to all who helped in any way and to Marlene who has kept everything current on her computer!

Regarding the sale or any other issue of the club building, there has been absolutely no news. The utilities have been turned off and there has been no word whatsoever from anyone regarding the sale. I'm sure the Archdiocese has far greater worries, but one would think we would have heard something. I still have been checking on the building weekly to make sure nothing untoward has occurred.

For this newsletter we do not have an update on the finances. Our balance from last month may have only been affected by a final settlement with Eversource, the utilities provider. Other than that, there should be no other expenses to report on. Likewise, there is no other income to report on either. Not a bad situation but not a good one either.

On a sadder note, we lost two members, one former and one current over the last month. Firstly, **Anne Kundrotas**, who for years was a member of our council and a very integral part of it. Our condolences to Diane Gay her daughter, and her husband and their children on this tremendous loss. Secondly, we lost **Doris Blinstrubas**, a 4th degree member, who also was an integral part of our council and active since before I ever even joined. Our condolences to Judy, Mary, Janet and the rest of her extended family. Sadly, due to the virus, we couldn't pay our respects in either case nor do a proper ritual as we would for any member. They will both be missed for their past and current contributions to not only our council but in larger Lithuanian circles as well.

On behalf of our Council. Bob Orintas requested Masses through the Marians and has kindly made donations without asking for any kind of reimbursement. We are deeply grateful to Bob for his thoughtfulness and acts of kindness and sympathy on behalf of all of us. May their souls rest in peace. *Amžina atilsj.*

Normally, page two would list various events and reminders of happenings that our members might have an interest in participating or attending. Thanks to Covid 19, no such things at all are here to be presented for your perusal and consideration. Among the casualties are the **Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival** that was to be held in Philadelphia over the July 4th weekend. This has now been postponed to **August 6th, 2021** in Philadelphia. We are also pretty sure that the Lithuanian Club of Waterbury Clambake and Picnic is off due to all of this, and also any event that may have been scheduled for Putnam in July, both due to limits on attendance and group sizes. If anyone has information to the contrary or on anything else, please let me know. Also, any K of L event, both NED and National has either been postponed or cancelled. The National Convention is postponed till next year also. We can only hope that sooner than later we can resume a more normal course of events. This includes our fervent hope that Masses resume shortly. On a similar topic, a few of us have met at the Lithuanian Cemetery on a couple of Sundays to pray the Rosary. If anyone is interested, please contact Peter Verseckas or myself for further information.

The Hartford Lithuanian Radio program "Tėvynės Garsai" or " Sounds of the Homeland ", is heard every Sunday from **5 to 6 PM** over **WWUH 91.3 FM**, or the internet at www.wwuh.org. The show now has English segments along with the Lithuanian ones and a variety of music. You can even ask Alexa to play this station by stating the call letters. **Tune in and stay informed and entertained! Please note, lately due to no one from their staff being allowed to go to the station studio, their program lately has mainly been just music.**

Another **Lithuanian** radio program you may wish to tune in to is broadcast every Tuesday from **WPAT 930 AM** from **9 till 10 PM**. This is Greater New York's weekly program and is exclusively in Lithuanian. It can be listened to over Alexa or via the internet. The program is hosted by Giedre Kumpikaite. Thanks to Erik Bartkus for the heads up on this one.

Lastly, if these two sources of Lithuanian music and information leave something to be desired, there is the internet, where every Lithuanian radio station from Lithuania can be found. There are even apps one can put on their cellphone that have all of them under that listing and one touch and they're playing. The variety is incredible!

Birthdays for May: Ellen Jarus Hanley and Alphonse Jarus. Congratulations to Al Jarus on his 103rd!! Many Happy Returns! Ilgiausij Metų !! If I missed someone or erred, kindly let me know! If we do not have your birthday on file, we can't announce it...

Please pray for the souls of our deceased members. Pray for all members who are sick or infirm for a speedy recovery.

If there is anything you would like to see in our newsletter or know of anything we missed or erred on **please let us know! As of this writing, we are not sure if we will be meeting in person or via newsletter once again. Follow your email for updates on all matters! Ačiū Labai !**

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"Overcome evil with good" Blessed Archbishop George Matulaitis

P.S. We are in our 104th season!! Let's keep a good thing going!!