



## Knights of Lithuania Council 7 Waterbury

### November 2022 Newsletter

Hello, Labas, Happy Thanksgiving, Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the second half of November, with Thanksgiving right around the corner. With that comes local football rivalries, dinner preparations, family, friends, and seemingly, the end of the year and all its hustle and bustle beginning right after. We hope all of you enjoyed the first half of the month, with the warmer than normal temperatures and nice days. Flip a switch it seems, and we're suddenly in the freezer. Our hope is that it's not a harbinger of what's to come.

At last month's meeting, we opened with a short, informative, and quite interesting presentation about Riverside Cemetery, presented by Marty Begnal. Later in the meeting, our council decided to make a donation to them, which will go to their maintaining and improving a vital piece of Waterbury history and a cemetery unlike most others. With Jonas Zemaitaitis being absent, Joe Karmuza capably stepped in to provide us with some interesting Lithuanian trivia questions.

Our nominating committee reported that the same slate of officers was willing and agreed to stay on for another term. At this meeting, our recording secretary will cast one ballot for the renewal of the slate and our election process will be completed for another three year cycle. We thank Bob Orintas who led the committee and presented the slate.

On the matter of dues, continued, Linas Venclauskas shall report at this meeting what prior dues collected will be distributed and to what purpose. Members who had paid last year when we later found out that the Supreme Council was not collecting, have a choice of using them for this upcoming year, be returned to the member if not deposited, or the amount donated to the Sisters of Immaculate Conception Family to Family Fund, assisting displaced Ukrainian families. This coming year, dues will be collected in the fashion they were before, as the free ride is over. Hopefully, members will do so, and appreciate all that is being done by the National organization to keep the K of L going strong into the future.

For those that are unaware, our council has established a website, **[knightsoflithuaniawaterbury.org](http://knightsoflithuaniawaterbury.org)**, that anyone can visit and find out more about our council, as well as inquire about membership and a host of other information that will grow with time. The site is being updated and maintained by Christian Allyn. Please forward the link to any one that may be remotely interested. The more visitors the better, as it will help drive some of them to inquire about membership. Speaking of such, repeating announcements are in place in St. Francis and St. Joseph's bulletins, with more parishes to be added shortly, as requests have been made. We will also be working on ads to be placed using the funds allotted by the Supreme Council in other forms of media. Along with this, we await to hear at this meeting any further progress made by the National Revitalization Subcommittee.

Discussed at the last meeting was the idea to clean out useful household items from the old club building and either donate them to Ukrainian Relief or Make A Home LLC. We will need volunteers to do this, and the idea was floated at the last meeting to do so after today's meeting, weather, conditions, and volunteers permitting. This would put those items that we no longer are using to very beneficial use. Yet another deed done well by our Council, when it happens.

**K of L Council 7 Christmas Party:** This will take place on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**, from **1 to 4 PM**, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Hall, 785 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, CT. The cost is \$20 per person, member and guests are welcome! The event is BYOB, and reservations with payment must be made by **November 30<sup>th</sup>** to Linas Venclauskas. Detailed information is provided on the flyer that was emailed out to all members, and on copies to be handed out at this meeting. Please bring donations that will be brought to the St. Vincent DePaul Shelter, along with one raffle prize to the Gift Raffle that we'll also have. **We need volunteers for set up, cleanup, and desserts!** See each and everyone there with bells on!

**The Traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve Dinner “ Kūčios ”** is making a return after a two year hiatus on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 3 PM**. The location this year is Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Hall. Please save the date and make plans or attending this one of a kind event. Tickets will be \$30 per person, children under 14 free. Tickets and reservations are available by contacting yours truly at **203.241.3695**, or Egle Zyle, **203.721.0722**, call or text, or by emailing [lebalsys@att.net](mailto:lebalsys@att.net) I will have physical tickets available shortly. **No tickets will be sold at the door!** Deadline is Tuesday, December 6. Spread the word to all you know as we'd like to have this event return as strong as ever!

If you are on FaceBook, please follow **Lithuanians in Connecticut** for updates regarding any Lithuanian events statewide. You need to be a member of the group, so if you aren't, put in a request and we'll bring you on board.

**The Hartford Lithuanian Radio program " Tėvynės Garsai " or " Sounds of the Homeland "** is heard Sundays from **5 to 6 PM** over **WWUH 91.3 FM**, or the internet at [www.wwuh.org](http://www.wwuh.org) Since the pandemic, the show has been only music. By the way, you can have **Alexa** play the program just by stating the call letters. **Tune in and stay entertained!**

Another **Lithuanian** radio program you may wish to tune in to is broadcast every Tuesday on **WPAT 930 AM** from **9 till 10 PM**. This is greater New York's weekly program and only in Lithuanian. It can be heard via **Alexa** or the internet also.

Thanks to our member **Julija Minkunas**, here is yet another great **Lithuanian** program to listen to; **Sundays** from **8 till 10 AM**, over **WJCU** in Cleveland. Some parts are in English. Look for it on the internet or ask **Alexa** to play it.

The **Brooklyn Neighborhood Association** is now meeting in person again. The meetings are on the second **Thursday** of every month, **6:30 PM, Duggan School**. Contact **Jerry Covino** or myself for further information. All are welcome to attend and join as members. Dues are \$10 per year. Also, please follow **Riverside Cemetery** on Facebook or other sources, as they continue their work maintaining the cemetery, and all the restoration work that needs to be done.

**Birthdays for November: Ina Grove, Janina Nawarskas, Zaidre Petruskevicius, Priscilla Steponaitis, Anne Vaichus, Jonas Zemaitaitis. Happy Birthday!! Many Happy Returns! Ilgiausių Metų !!** I will do my best to keep everyone mentioned in the newsletters as we go along. If I missed someone or erred, please let me know. Last newsletter I forgot to change the month at the top of the list. My apologies!

The Lithuanian community lost another beloved religious leader with the passing of **Msgr. Edmund Putrimas**, who, when Bishop Baltakis passed, became the spiritual leader of Lithuanian Catholics by appointment of the Pope outside of Europe. Our sincerest prayers and condolences.

*Please pray for the souls of our deceased members. Pray for all members who are sick or infirm for a speedy recovery. Pray to Blessed George Matulaitis for an end to this Covid pandemic and for peace in the world. Pray for the people of Ukraine and for the people of Russia. Pray for the end of the insanity that seems to have overtaken the entire planet.*

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!** **Follow your email for updates on all matters! Ačiū Labai !** Our next meeting will be on Saturday, December 3rd, at 1 PM as part of our annual Christmas Party.

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*" Overcome evil with good "* Blessed Archbishop George Matulaitis

**P.S. We are in our 107th season!! Let's keep a good thing going!!**