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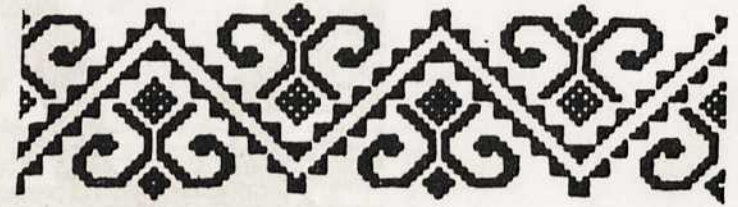
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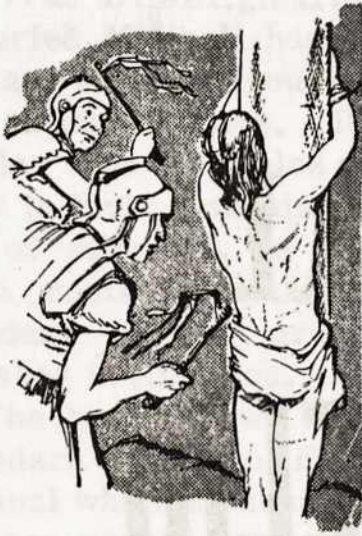
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HE CAME TO DIE

Peter P. Cinikas, MIC.

Everyone comes into this world **TO LIVE**; the purpose of Christ's coming was **TO DIE**. And because He did die, we have life in abundance. Christ gave His life as a redemption for many. Death was the crown to the life of Christ. No one could have taken away His life, but He chose to lay down His life for the redemption of all mankind.

During these holy days of Lent, the death of Christ is ever set before our eyes. The Crucifixion scene is not meant to be a grand finale scene in a great inspirational drama. It should have much more meaning to us. It was not staged for us to look upon and do nothing about it. It is the model for our lives.

The Calvary scene will bring us as much good as we want it to bring us for our own lives. We must repeat it in our way of life.

We need not be just on-lookers, but we can be sharers in the sufferings of Calvary, which were for our own redemption. The Holy Mass makes this possible for everyone. It is the renewal of Calvary on our altars.

Christ finished His work on Calvary, as He Himself said:

"I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself." He was lifted up from the earth on a Cross and He died. He finished His work.

Christ wants us to be drawn

unto Himself, as He is raised up from the earth; He wants us to be drawn toward the Holy Mass. Christ finished His work on Calvary.

The Center of Worship

In our churches, not the pulpit, the organ or the choir, but the altar is the center of worship because there is the daily enactment of the memorial of His Passion, the Sacrifice of the Mass.

The true value of it does not depend on the one saying it, or on the one hearing it, but on Jesus Christ, Who is the High Priest and the Sacred Victim of the Mass. And in it we are united with Him in the great Sacrifice. When we do unite with Him, with our whole souls, hearts and minds, Our Heavenly Father does see us with our imperfections, but rather He sees us in Him, the Beloved Son in whom He is pleased.

Especially in this season, we should unite ourselves with Christ in this greatest act of worship that can be offered to God and an infinite ocean of graces can be ours.

At the Holy Mass we can obtain the many graces necessary to help us repent all of the mortal sins we may have committed. Torrents of graces flow from the altars of God to enrich men. There is no other

act of worship that applies so many graces to those that seek them.

Our Lord Prays For Us

We have probably wondered what the most powerful prayer on earth could be: it is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

At Mass we can be more sure that our prayers will be heard because it is Our Lord Himself Who prays for us. The fruits of the Mass are granted to the person hearing it devoutly, not only in answer to his prayers, but indirectly, in virtue of the Sacrifice itself, through which the merits of Christ are applied to his soul. We may abundantly obtain eternal rewards provided we are in the state of grace. We also obtain temporal blessings, such as help in our work, etc.

By other good works we offer to God gifts that are human. In the Mass we offer Him gifts that are divine: His Only-Begotten Son. There is no more holy and divine act that can be performed on earth than the Sacrifice of the MASS.

May this then be our act of worship during the holiest of the days of Lent and on the most joyous of all days, Easter Day. Holy Mass is the most worthy of all gifts that we can offer to God for the joy we feel in our hearts on Easter morning after a season of penance.

BICENTENIAL PULKIM ANT KELIU.

by Anthony Dainius

Picture yourself in Lithuania, the year, the early 1800's. The neighboring "troika" Russia, Prussia and Austria had just completed the Third Partition of a defenseless country, the Russians sack Kaunas and Vilnius as they retreat ahead of Napoleon's Grande Armée in 1812, followed by a repeat performance when Napoleon retreats. Again you see your countrymen bear the ungodly yoke of Russian serfdom (baudžiava) - man's inhumanity to man. Your nature revolts but you are helpless. You have already seen your neighbors in three uprisings against the Cossacks, only to leave more widows, more orphans and more "močiutės" to weep over their slaughtered "vytis." Your spirit of vengeance cries out but your Christianity prevails; you reach for your only weapon, the pen.

To God on high,
"Pulkim ant kelių visi krikščionys,"
to the lonely orphan,
"Eisiu jau aš nat kapelių
Budint savo tėvelių,"
to the common man,
"Reiškiu, giedu, linksminu
Smūną žmogų raminu."

But you must keep on writing for intuition warns you that soon another curse will darken your hapless land,

"Anei rašto, anei druko mums tu-
/rēt neduoda,
Tegul sako bus Lietuva ir tamsi
/ir juoda,"

as the great poet Bishop Baranauskas was to lament Muraviev "the hangman's" edict banning the Lithuanian language in 1864.

This was the nightmare confronting our subject, a man of God, who was born just two hundred years ago on June 12, 1763 near Zarasai in northeast Lithuania. His name is Antanas Strazdas; he was ordained a Catholic priest in 1786. His parents were serfs and since serfdom was the unhappy lot of Lithuania, serfdom was the basis of most of his poems and songs, "Jum tik duoda duoną krimsti." He hated the very thought of man's subjugation by man and he said so; he loved the poor, hated duplicity whether lay or clerical, all of which made him unpopular, except with the poor. For these he wrote poetry and songs which rapidly spanned the length and breadth of Lithuania because this was something new - Lithuanian poetry in a land where Polish was the language of the elite, the "ponai." This rebirth of a nation even had its influence at the Vilnius University (founded in 1579) for it was picked up by the Lithuanian students, but it was short-lived.

Unfortunately only a few of Father Strazdas' songs were published during his life. It was not that he hadn't tried, for in 1824 the Vilnius censors not only refused to approve his submitted works, but failed to return his manuscripts. This was due to the antagonism from the "old guard" - czarist, clerical and the

landowners (dvarininkai) for they were the unhappy subjects of some of his poems:

"Ponam tai tiktai ulioti
Vynas gerti, kortas groti"
("Varnas")

"Atvažiavo kunigėlis
Valgo pietus - ir vištelius,"
(Ei, Tu Dominykai")

But he also had a bright outlook on life; in aiming to console the serfs (baudžiauninkai) he drew heavily upon nature for his poems, e.g. the dawn ("Aušra"), autumn ("Rudenėlis"), the hare ("Kiškis"), the cuckoo (Gegužėlė). The only works he did publish were entitled "Giesmės Swietiškos ir Šwintos" (1814) the first printed literary work of Lithuania. (K. Donelaitis' "Metai" was printed in 1818).

He was a pioneer of Lithuanian poetry and that at a time when the odds were against him, even the language, for there was no literary Lithuanian to draw upon. Other clerical poets, the Bishops Baranauskas and Valančius and Msgr. Maironis appeared after Father Strazdas. (He was also known as Drazdauskas.) His poetry is simple, as simple as his melodies; they were intended for the common people. If it weren't for an early musical training, it is quite certain that we wouldn't have heard of Strazdas or his melodies. The finest of these theologically and the most popular is "Pulkim ant Kelių."

of which both words and music were his. True to its original intent, "Giesmė prieš Mišias" has been just that, as many of us can vouch even back to our childhood days. It became so popular that the Poles and Germans put it in their hymnals. In the modern age of suburbia, its singing serves as a nostalgic link with the past grandeur of our great Lithuanian parishes in America.

The hymn as we sing it today is a modern version of Father Strazdas' original which must have gone through a dozen variations, perhaps because our grandparents had to sing it from memory in the XIXth century. For instance in the original circa 1824 we read:

"Su ašaromis, pulkim su viera
Prieš tą strosniausia afiera. . .

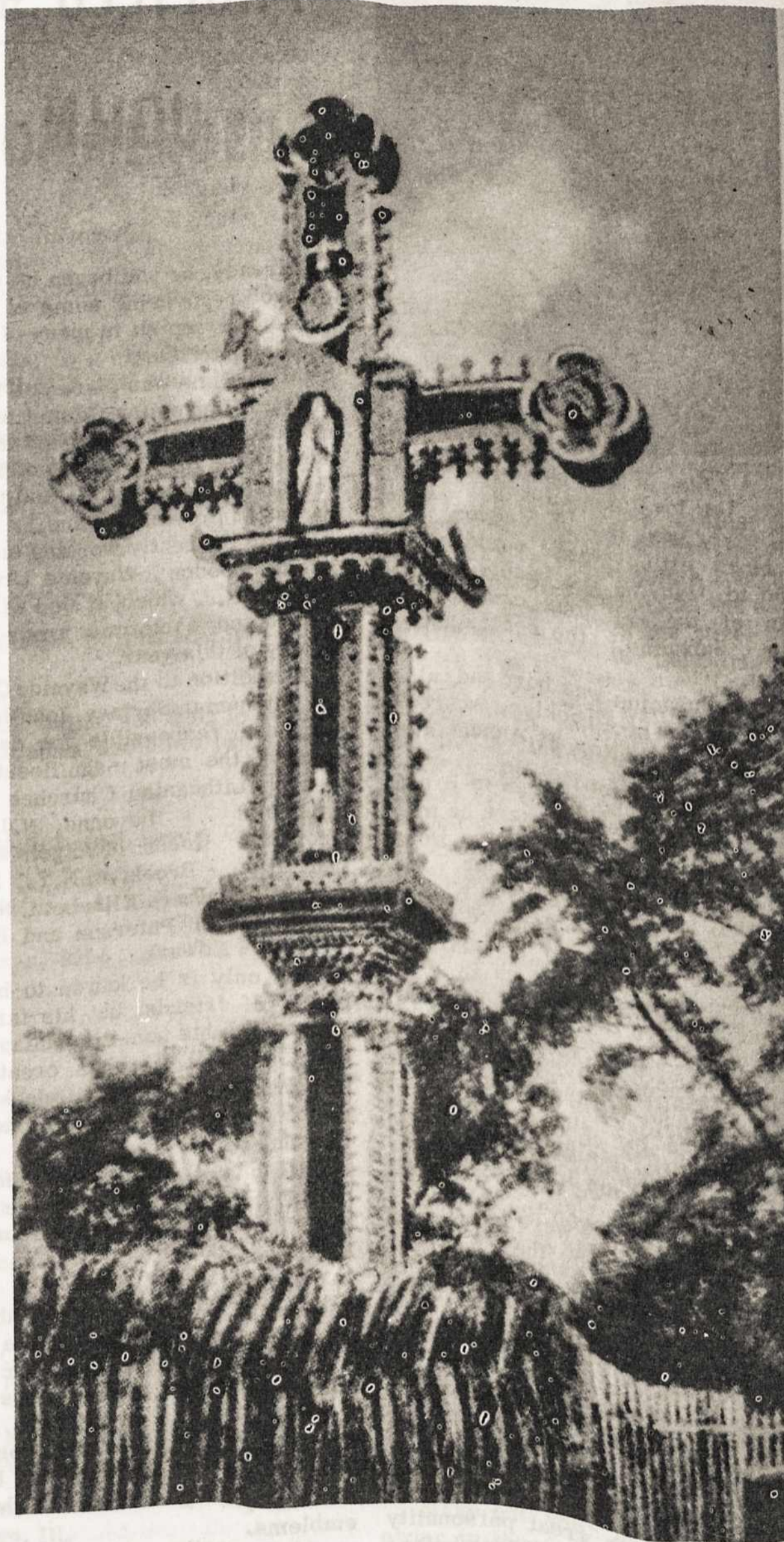
Pablogaslovyk musu nameliam
Duok urodzaju gausiu laukeliam.
Duok zgada, meile duok ir pakaju
O dušioms čysčiaus dangiška rojų."

A study of a few sources has shown these changes from the original: In 1909 (Mažas Šaltinėlis) new words are introduced - "šveistuves," "vėlėms" "po sparnu," "datirti." In 1913 (Kantičkos of Bishop M. Valančiaus as of 1859) we find "apiera" not "afiera," "ramybė" not "roju," "kozna"; in 1919 (Ramybės Šaltinis - Jakaitis) we find an early modern version and prayerbooks of 1926 and 1935 "Sv. Pranciškaus Dvasia" and "Maldaknyge" are definitely modern in language.

A final word about its caption or title. The early sources had "Giesmė Prieš Mišias," "Giesmė Mišioms Šventoms Prasiđėjus" (Mažas Šaltinėlis), "Giesmė Apie Šv. Sakramentą" (Kantičkos) but the title "Pulkim ant Kelių" only appeared in 1919 (Ramybės Šaltinis).

After almost seventy years amid poverty and frustration our beloved bicentennial Father Antanas Strazdas died April 11, 1833 just as he lived, a very poor priest, but one who bequeathed the Lithuanians of all ages something to bind them together the wealth of his immortal hymn,

"Pulkim ant kelių visi krikščionys
Didžiai ištroškę Jėzaus malonės,
Su ašaromis Dievą maldaukim,
Tą Mišių auką Jam atnašaukim. . ."





"A thing of beauty is a joy forever: Its loveliness increases, it will never pass into nothingness. . ."

More fitting words could not be used to describe the beauty and design of the religious creations of John Subacius, the ecclesiastical artist.

John Subacius was born and raised in the heart of Brooklyn, where he began his education at Annunciation Grammar School.

From here, he went on to Brooklyn Prep High School where he managed to keep a place on the Honor Roll right up to his graduation.

Then, after two years at Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N. Y., he began his training as an artist at the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome and at the Art Students League in New York, where he was awarded the Bridgeman Prize for drawing.

In 1938, he visited Lithuania and stayed there for six weeks, where he observed the designs and architecture of the various Lithuanian churches.

After his studies were completed, he was employed by the Rambush Decorating Company in New York, the largest church decorating company in America. Here, he worked for a number of years as an artist and decorator of churches.

At the present time, he has his own art studio in Richmond Hill, N. Y., where he now resides.

It was around 1960 when Council 41 welcomed this great personality into its midst. It wasn't long before John Subacius became a great asset to our organization, serving as Vice-President of Council 41 Seniors.

PROFILES

JOHN SUBACIUS

by Carolyn A. Nagin

Already, he had begun his untiring work of recovering some of the old Lithuanian spirit in many of our Lithuanian parishes.

In 1962, he was placed on the 49th National Convention Committee, during which time he designed the Wayside Cross for Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kearney, N. J., and executed the entire project by hand.

He is currently working on an exquisite wooden Wayside Cross for Newark, N. J. which, if God wills, will be erected sometime around April or May of this year.

In addition to the Wayside Crosses and Lithuanian Shrines, John Subacius has been responsible for designing some of the most magnificent altars in such Lithuanian Churches as: St. Michael's - Bayonne, N. J.; St. George's, Queen of Angels and Annunciation - Brooklyn, N. Y.; St. Peter and Paul's - Elizabeth, N. J.; St. Casimir's in Paterson and Blessed Trinity in Newark.

Not only is he known to his own circle of friends, but his fame has extended to his non-Lithuanian neighbors as well. He has created the designs for more than one hundred churches in the United States and Canada.

He has recently completed two Stations of the Cross, three altars and five wooden carved statues for the Resurrection - Ascension Parish in Rego Park, N. Y.

Among his other accomplishments are listed the design of the Vyčiq Flag and the Lithuanian War Veterans Plaque which now stands in the Trophy Room at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D. C. The plaque is composed of bronze surrounded by various Lithuanian emblems.

Also worthy of mention is his recent project - the cover design for a Lithuanian record album entitled, "Folk Dances of Lithuania."

It is surprising how someone with so many tasks to keep him busy could still find time for moments of leisure, but John Subacius is a man of much vitality and versatility. When he's not occupied with work, he can usually be found relaxing at the keyboard of a piano, where he enjoys playing and listening to classical music. His other interests include swimming, singing in the Glee Club and portrait painting. Especially notable are his self-portrait and that of St. Casimir done in charcoal.

It is easy to see why Council 41 beams with pride when we view the great accomplishments of our fellow-knight, John Subacius.

May God grant you every success in all your future undertakings.



A sample of John Subacius' work - monstrance of Lithuanian motif, at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunk Porte, Me.

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U. S. OBSERVES LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Washington

February 8, 1963

Dear Mr. Charge d'Affaires:

Permit me to convey, in the name of the Government and people of the United States, the warm regard of this country for the Lithuanian nation on the occasion of its forty-fifth anniversary of independent statehood. Americans remain strongly convinced that your people, like all other nations, are entitled to freedom and national self-determination. For this reason our Government continues not to recognize the forced incorporation of Lithuania in the Soviet Union. We are confident that the proven devotion of Lithuanians to liberty and justice, with which many of them have enriched our own shores, will serve their nation well in its efforts to achieve the eventual restoration of its rights.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Dean Rusk

Dean Rusk

Mr. Joseph Kajeckas,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim
of Lithuania

This invocation was delivered on February 14, 1963, before the U. S. House of Representatives, by Rev. J. W. Stanievich, National Spiritual Adviser of the Knights of Lithuania.

Almighty and Eternal God, through whose grace your faithful are able to serve You with dignity and joy, bless this august body of Representatives who serve this Nation and it's people. Lord, Thou hast given these United States a superabundance of blessings which too often, we have ignored. Humbly we realize that we surpass all other nations of the world in material possessions, grant that we may continue to share our bounty with the less fortunate.

Although in Thy Divine Providence Thou hast deemed it wise to make us the mightiest of nations, You have also taught us to extend a hand of friendship to those who are weak and downtrodden. Teach us, we beseech Thee, to always remember that might is not always right. Grant that by the keeping of Thy Commandments, Thy justice and the love of our fellow man may persevere.

Today, as we commemorate the anniversary of Lithuania's brief Independence, may we be reminded that She too, once was a mighty Nation and that Her Heroes were great. But now, in Thy inscrutable Wisdom, You have laid her low and are now testing her brave people under the yoke of a terrible oppressor. May this lesson of history teach us to rely upon Thee with greater zeal and constancy.

We pray Thee, Most Merciful Lord, to hasten the hour of Lithuania's deliverance and liberation. And that having been purified through this frightful ordeal, Lithuania and her valiant children, may once again freely serve Thee in the Community of free Nations. Finally, we implore Thee to bless and preserve this great Nation of the United States, of whom we are all so proud to be citizens. May it not only remain as a symbol of liberty, but also a bulwark against oppression and Godlessness.

These things we ask of Thee through the merits and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



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GOLDEN JUBILEE PROJECTS



ILL. - IND. DISTRICT

"Memories of Lithuania"
GOLDEN JUBILEE
CELEBRATION

"Martinique" Feb. 10, 1963

Top row: Left: Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, addresses guests. Right: Consul General P. Dauzvardis, Anthony Rudis, M.C., Mayor Daley, His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. John Jutt, Guest Speaker, and Martin Gestautas, I-I Dist. Pres., after presentation of award.

2nd R.: Left: Msgr. A. Martinkus and guests greet the Mayor. Center: Rev. A. Zakarauskas, I-I Sp. Adv., and Consul Dauzvardis. Right: Rev. Jutt, Mrs. Dauzvardis and Joseph Gribauskas, Honorary Chrmn.

3rd R.: Left: Algird Brazis, Chairman and Rev. John Jancius, MIC. Center L: Soloists Roma Mastienė and Algird Brazis. Center R: Azuolas Stelmokas. Right: John Byanskas, Accompanist.

Bottom: Special District Guests.

SAINT CASIMIR

ZENONAS IVINSKIS

SAINT CASIMIR, patron of Lithuania, lived at a time when Lithuania in many respects was a land of neophytes. When he was born, scarcely seventy years had elapsed since the baptizing of Lithuania had taken place in 1387. His grandfather Jogaila, the Duke of Lithuania, had remained a pagan the greater part of his life. It was only in his later years that he was baptized into the Roman Church and ascended the throne as a Polish King.

In his old age Jogaila had two sons, Wladyslaw and Casimir. Their childhood training was based on Catholic principles. Later (1440-1492) Casimir governed Lithuania and Poland. He was the father of Saint Casimir. The mother was a descendant of the Hapsburg family. She was princess Elizabeth, the daughter of Albrecht II, emperor and king of Germany. King Casimir and Elizabeth had six sons and six daughters. Saint Casimir, the second oldest son, was born October 3, 1458 in Cracow, Poland.



J. DluGošas moko karalaičius,
per jo petį žiūri šv. Kazimieras

Polish or Lithuanian?

Because Casimir, the Grand Duke of Lithuania, ruled Poland (1447-1492), it is erroneous to conclude that his son, Saint Casimir, was Polish (Polonus). It is ascertained by historical facts that among the kinsfolk of Saint Casimir not a single one was a direct descendant of Poland, the domain of his father. Saint Casimir belongs to the dynasty of Gediminas, which gave Lithuania her many heroic and noble statesmen. Since the time that Jogaila first ascended the throne of Poland in 1386, the Poles have claimed and renamed Gediminas family as the Jogaila dynasty. During the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries this dynasty brought Poland a high degree of fame and prominence. Thus, it was at this particular era of events that also Saint Casimir's own crown of glory is attributed to the Polish merit despite the fact that he is truly Lithuanian in origin.

Casimir, the Boy

In his youth Saint Casimir spent most of his days at Cracow with his father, who resided here more regularly than he did in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. However, he did learn much about his fatherland, the Lithuanian state and its history from his capable teacher, John Dlugosz, a Polish historian. Dlugosz testifies that Saint Casimir was "an excellent youth of rare talents and remarkable knowledge". Another teacher, Buonacorsi, a humanist, calls Saint Casimir a "holy youth" (divus adolescens). At the age of thirteen this "holy youth" was offered the throne of Hungary, but in spite of his advisers' earnest efforts he was unsuccessful in the struggle and failed to be crowned. Nevertheless, determined to have his son succeed him, King Casimir permitted his son to accompany him on his journeys to Poland and Lithuania.

Successful at Statecraft

In 1475 Saint Casimir arrived at Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, for the first time. Four years later (1479) he accompanied his father again on a visit to Lithuania. During this time the enemy was conspiring against King Casimir and his kin. They sought to dethrone him, but the conspiracy failed. Saint Casimir returned to Cracow alone, and there administered the affairs of State for two years. Here he proved himself to be a capable ruler.

This is a condensation of the English portion of the book "Šventas Kazimieras". The author, Zenonas Ivinskis, formerly a Professor of history at the University of Vilnius and the University of Kaunas, now resides in Rome, where he has been collecting historical documents at the Vatican and other archives. He has written numerous historical studies and scientific articles.

He was prudent in the handling of state finances and was just to all, but at the same time he was unrelenting to unfaithful statesmen. He improved Poland's diplomatic relations with Rome, for political dissensions had caused his father to lose favor with the Pope. While meliorating home conditions he was also aware of the threatening dangers of war with the Turks, who at the time were forcing their way through Constantinople and heading to western Europe.

When King Casimir returned to Poland in the spring of 1483, he sent his capable son to Lithuania as his representative. Little is known or recorded of his accomplishments at this time. However, it is confirmed that, as far as circumstances permitted, he shunned public life and preferred solitude, recollection and prayer.

Because of his rigorous fastings and mortifications he fell victim to tuberculosis of the lungs. His days seemed numbered. Finally, while journeying back to his father in Cracow, he died at Gardinas, Lithuania, on March 4, 1484.

The death of Saint Casimir was a poignant blow to his aged father, who had looked forward to the day when his son would ascend the throne. Now he had only his son's remains to bury at the Cathedral of Vilnius.

Honored by the Church

Soon after Saint Casimir's death many of the inhabitants of Vilnius began to visit his tomb and beg his intercession. The veneration did not cease. Finally even miracles were wrought. This caused Pope Alexander VI to issue a Papal Bull on the 15th day of May in 1501, announcing the grant of an indulgence to all those who on specified days would visit the tomb of Saint Casimir. The Papal Bull also confirmed the fact that miracles were performed due to the intercession of the saint. A copy of this bull is preserved in the Vatican Archives and it is considered as one of the oldest documents available testifying to the veneration of Saint Casimir.

Three other lengthy parchment letters are filed in the Vatican Archives. They were written about the year 1516 to the Pope of that time by the brother of Saint Casimir, Sigismund the Elder, who ruled Lithuania, by Bishop Albert of Vilnius and his Chapter and by the Franciscan Fathers of Vilnius. The letters contained detailed descriptions of the Saint's virtues and an account of the miracles that were wrought. An earnest petition for his canonization was also included.

On November 4, 1517, Pope Leo X appointed a legate to begin the process of investigation. The Papal legate, Zacharius Ferreri, was assigned to inquire into the possibility of Casimir becoming a saint despite his being "of royal blood and renowned lineage."

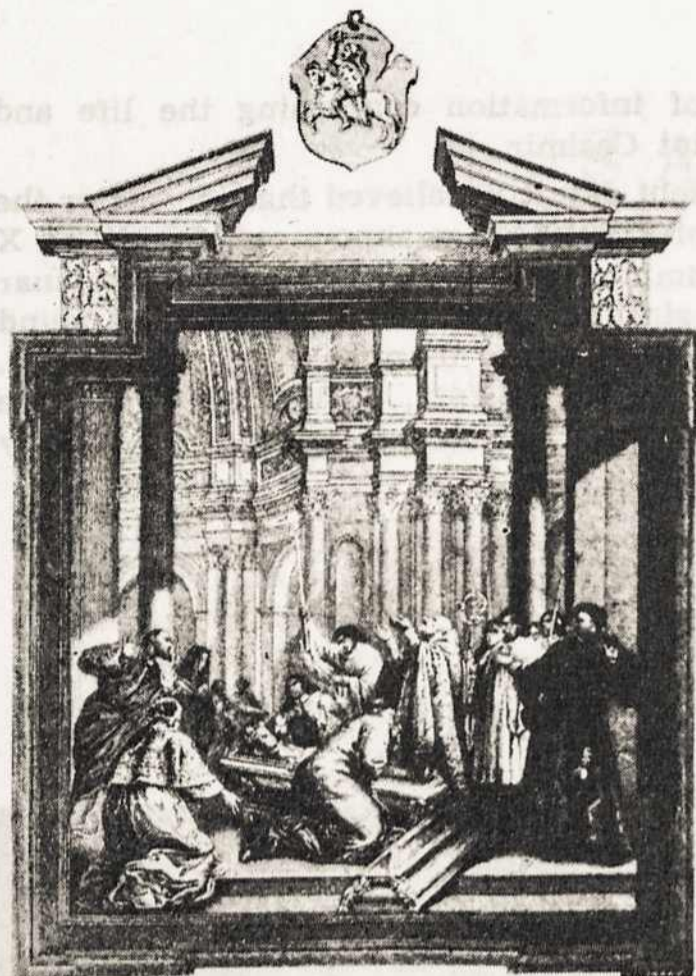
The findings were both astounding and edifying. Some of these facts were compiled in a book entitled "Vita beati Casimiri scripta Vilnae" and published in 1521. Thus Zacharius Ferreri, Italian by birth, will long be remembered as the first biographer of the Saint of Lithuania. In his writing the Papal legate has recorded that the saint wore a hair shirt, meditated on the Sacred Passion of Christ, slept on hard floors and frequently spent long nights in prayer, sometimes before the locked doors of the cathedral. He also related incidents about the virtuous life the saint led, emphasizing his honesty, justice, chastity, wisdom and spiritual courage. This little manual has remained the most re-

liable source of information concerning the life and miracles of Saint Casimir.

To the present day it is believed that soon after the investigations of Ferreri were announced, Pope Leo X proclaimed Casimir a Saint. This seems to be a popular misconception, since no written proof could be found either in Vilnius or Rome to uphold this contention. Actually, it was not until 1621, during the Pontificate of Pope Paul V, that the name of Casimir was finally



Šv. Kazimiero karstas altoriuje



Šoninis koplyčios altorius su Lietuvos Herbu viršuje vaizduoja Šv. Kazimiero karsto atidarymo momentą.

inscribed in the liturgy of the Roman Church. In 1636 Pope Urban VIII proclaimed him Patron of Lithuania and designated March fourth as the feast.

That year in Vilnius, amid pompous festivities, the saint's remains, encased in a silver coffin, were placed above a richly ornamented altar in a beautiful new chapel erected in his honor. The opening of the tomb for the first time occasioned an unusual experience. In spite of the fact that the deceased had been interred for a hundred and twenty years in a damp tomb, the body of the saint remained intact. Too, entombed with the body was the saint's favorite hymn to Our Blessed Mother: "Omni die dic Mariae."

His Universal Appeal

Devotion to Saint Casimir spread rapidly and steadily. During the years of Lithuania's independence this devotion began to manifest its influence in the aesthetic arts and literature. In praise of Saint Casimir many new poems were written, numerous musical scores were composed and masterpieces were painted. Devotion to Saint Casimir spread beyond the confines of Lithuania. It was felt in Poland, Italy, Belgium, Germany and other countries.

Of all the foreign countries Italy was one of the first to make public manifestation of its devotion to Saint Casimir. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries five biographies of Saint Casimir were published. Even to the present day many of the children are baptized by the name of "Miro", an abbreviated form of "Casimiro".

In Naples in the church of Saint George Major, a beautiful chapel was dedicated to Saint Casimir. Here too, the children of the nobility were organized into a Sodality which had Saint Casimir as its special Patron.



Šv. Kazimieras pasirodo Lietuvos kariuomenei ties Polocku

In 1677 the Tuscan Prince, Cosimo III secured a relic of this saint. He had a portion of the thigh bone (femur), which he kept in an ornate reliquary at the Basilica of St. Lawrence in Florence. This reliquary was decorated with ribbon bearing the inscription "S. Casimirus Magnus Dux Lituaniae" and the saint's own words: "Malo mori quàm foe dari" (It is better to die rather than be stained).

Protector of Lithuanians

Of all the miracles that were wrought through the intercession of Saint Casimir the most widely known is his apparition in 1518. At that time the numerous Russian army was threatening the city of Polock. To defend it a small Lithuanian army, powerless as it was against so potent a foe, set out to oppose the enemy. The only way they were to realize their scheme of defense was to cross the overflowing Dauguva River and save their fort. It was at this critical moment that the miracle took place. Saint Casimir, armored as a knight and seated on a white horse, appeared to the Lithuanian army and urged the men to cross the river. Immediately he himself took the lead and the entire army followed, without hesitation. The fort was defended and the enemy had to retreat.

Saint Casimir was considered the enemy of Moscow since the beginning of the sixteenth century, but the Lithuanians held him as their greatest protector in their war with the Orthodox Russians. When the Lithuanians were first subjugated by the Russian Czars, it was officially forbidden to celebrate the feast of Saint Casimir publicly and the beautiful church that was erected in Vilnius and dedicated to Saint Casimir was converted into a Russian Orthodox church. The present Russian occupation took over the Cathedral of Vilnius wherein the relics of Saint Casimir were enshrined for almost 500 years. The relics have been removed and temporarily sheltered in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul in Antakalnis, a suburb of Vilnius. Nevertheless, the Lithuanians await the dawning of the day when they can again enjoy complete freedom and the unhampered right to venerate their Patron publicly.

OFFICIAL NEWS

JUBILEE CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

March, 1963

Dear Knights and Ladies:

It is a great honor and pleasure for the South Boston Knights of Lithuania, Council # 17, to be host for the Golden Jubilee Convention, on August 14-18, 1963.

Such an enormous undertaking requires not only physical but also financial support. We are preparing a souvenir program book which will serve not only as a guide to the convention but also a permanent remembrance of the Jubilee year.

All net receipts will be divided equally between the local council and the Supreme Council. By supporting the '63 Jubilee Convention in your home area you will be building up the National KofL Treasury while receiving more tickets for events at a smaller cost to you. Our plan is to lower admission price through the ad book.

In the coming months we will attempt to keep you informed of the progress of committees and the activities which are being planned.

Sincerely,
Program Committee

To the Committee:

I would like to do my part in preparing for a successful Golden Jubilee National Convention to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, by having my name published in the Convention Program Book.

- () Patron - Donation \$10.
- () Sponsor - Donation \$5.
- () Booster - Donation \$ 1. or more.

Name
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Please return to: Longinas Svelnis, 43 Gage Street, Needham 92, Mass.
An early reply would be appreciated.

A New Approach to the Membership Problem . . .

R. Paul

Let's be selfish

So, maybe a new member to the K of L has another area of activity open to him; maybe he can enrich his life a little by new interests. But, WHAT'S IN IT FOR US . . .

Every man and woman is a storehouse of energy, ability, and ideas. True, some are better stocked than others. Well, then, let US get the key first. Let's not allow these bundles of talent to run around loose. Let US tap these ideas and put this energy to productive use. However . . .



. . . If you feel there's something lacking in our organization, that maybe we don't have so much to offer a new member after all, THEN LET SOMEONE ELSE DO THE OFFERING! Get a new spirit in here with something to GIVE; then each succeeding new face will have that much more to gain by joining . . .

But, then again, if you feel we have plenty to offer, then be big-hearted about it, and share the goodies with someone who is missing out. And . . .

. . . If you don't feel anything at all, how about going to your next council meeting and at least getting a reaction stirred up, no matter what kind.

(And, by the way, BRING THAT NEW MEMBER WITH YOU!!!)

IŠ SENDRAUGŲ GYVENIMO

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas, Š.m. sausio 18 d.

Lietuvos Vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas esti kas mėnesį punktualiai. Ir šiame, sausio 18 d. susirinkime dalyvavo gausus būrelis narių pasitarti, kad sekmingiau sektųsi pradėtas darbas. Vasario 16 minėjimas vasario 10 d. su bankietu Martinique patalpose 95 ir Western Ave. Minėjimą rengia visi Vyčiai bendrai. Šv. Kazimiero tradicinis minėjimas bus kovo 4 d., kuri šiemet rengia Vyčiai sendraugiai. Tą dieną visi vyčiai eis prie Šv. Komunijos in corpore. Sv. mišios bus Aušros Vartų parapijos bažnyčioje. Laike Šv. mišių giedos Vyčių choras. Pietūs bus Vyčių salėje.

Sendraugiai turės bendrą parengimą kartu su visais vyčiais balandžio 28 d. Vyčių salėje su gražia ir įvairia programa. Sendraugiai turi išrinkę komisiją, kuri lanko savo narius ligonius.

Mūsų sendraugiai turi patriotą na-

ri Stasi Rumšą, kuris atvyksta net iš Waukegan. Nepaisant didelių šalčių, jis dalyvavo ir šiame susirinkime. Kiekviename susirinkime esti įdomios paskaitos, kurias patiekia narys Povilas Dirkis. Siame susirinkime tema buvo 40 metų Klaipėdos atvadavimo paminėjimas. Prelegentas trumpais žodžiais apibūdino, kaip lietuvių mažas būrelis nugalėjo svetimus okupantus, atvaduodami kraštą, kad net svetima spauda paminėjo: kad Lietuvos "nykštukas" nugalėjo prancūzų "dramblių". Kitos paskaitos tema buvo poeto Prano Vaičiūčio gyvenimas. Prelegentas apibūdino Pr. Vaičiūčio nepaprastus gabumus, kaip jis per trumpą savo amželį davė tiek daug poezijos, kad kitas ir ilgą amžių gyvendamas, nebūtų tiek raštų palikęs. Tačiau poeto sunkiai siektas mokslas, varginas gyvenimas ir rūpesčiai, nukirto jo gyvybės siūlą, vos sulaukus 25 m. amžiaus. Prelegentas paminėjo ir jo sužieduotinę Julę Pranaitytę, kuri tragiškai pergyveno savo mylimojo mirtį, pasižadėjo likti vieniša ir gyventi jo atsiminimais. Šį pažadą iš-

tesėjo. Prelegentas priminė, kaip Julės brolis kun. Justinas Pranaitis irgi liūdėjo dėl sesers tragiškos nelaimės, ja rūpinosi, ir ramino kiek galėdamas. O kai kurių patriotų, visuomenės veikėjų gyvenimas užsibaigia dar tragiškiau Sibiro pusnyuose, kad net jų kapai nėra žinomi.

Koresp. O. Al-nė.

ŽINIOS ČIKAGOS SENDRAUGIAMS

- Š.m. vasario 19 d. įvyko Vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas Lietuvos Vyčių salėje, 8 val. vak.

- Š. m. kovo mėn. 12 d. 36-tos kuopos vyčių susirinkimas Lietuvos Vyčių salėje, 8 val. vak.

- Š. m. kovo 17 d. 112 kuopos rengiama šv. Patriko diena Vyčių salėje.

- Š. m. kovo 31 d. rengiamos rinkcijos vyčiams Aušros Vartų parapijos bažnyčioje.

- Š. m. kovo mėnesyje pasirodys ir lietuviškų dainų Vyčių choro plokštelė "Težydi vėliai Lietuva", kuri yra rekomenduotina visiems įsigyti.

Vyčių Choras dainuoja Clevelande

Vyčių choras yra vienas iš tų tautinių sanbūrių, kuris veikliai reiškiasi mūsų lietuviškos visuomenės veikime. Kiek leidžia laikas ir pajėgos, stengiasi atiduoti savo duoklę tėvynės Lietuvos labui.

Užtat, kai gavo kvietimą iš ALTO skyriaus Clevelande išpildyti meninę dalį programos Vasario 16 dienos minėjimo iškilmėse, sutiko išsikelti didesnį kelionę.

Nuo pat 8 val. ryto vasario 16 d. šeštadienį, prie Vyčių salės ėmė rinktis jauni žmonės su lagaminais. Tai Vyčių choras rengėsi savo išskylai - koncertui Clevelande.

Tikrai džiugu ir stebėtina, kad pagal skelbtąjį laiką, kada turėjo išvykti autobusas, jis išvyko vos 5 minutėmis pavėlavęs. Tai pirmas džiugus reiškinys mūsų nepunktualios visuomenės gyvenime.

Kelionė buvo linksma, skambėjo daugiausia lietuviškos dainos net ir iš

čia gimusiųjų jaunuolių krūtinė. Linksma nuotaika ir saulėta diena tvėrė ligi pat kelionės pabaigos.

Clevelande sutiko ALTO sk. pirmin. Žiedonis ir parengė Lietuvos Piliiečių Klubu svetainėje kuklią vakarienę, kur vienas iš Clevelando Vyčių sendraugių tarė jautrų sveikinimo žodį.

Rytojaus dieną visas choras dalyvavo šv. Jurgio par. bažnyčioje specialiose Vasario 16 dienos minėjimo šventės pamaldose.

Pats minėjimas įvyko Sv. Merg. Marijos Neperstojančios Pagalbos parap. naujoje erdvioje salėje, kuri buvo pilnai pripildyta Clevelando lietuviškos visuomenės.

Oficialioji dalis bazavosi Audėno pagrindine politine kalba ir kongresmano žodžiu angliškai.

Meninė dalis susidėjo iš 14 dainų, kurias išpildė mišrus choras ir 1 dainą moterų choras. Publika chorą su-

tiko karštais plojimais ir keletą dainų teko bisuoti. Pabaigoj Vyčių chorą puikiomis gėlėmis apdovanojo ir pasveikino Clevelando Vyčių senjorai.

Choras, nors ir negausus (nebuvo pilnas 40 žmonių), programą atliko pasigėrėtina, davęs net 2 dainas virš numatytos programos. Buvo jaučiamas gyvas kontaktas choro su publika. O tas labai daug reiškia. Vėliau chorui buvo parengtos atsisveikinimo vaišės ten pat, kuriose dalyvavo žymusis Ciurlionio ansamblio vadovas muzikas Mikulskis, nuoširdžiai pasveikinęs vyčius ir jų choro dirigentą Faustą Strolią, kuris iš tikrųjų ir buvo to pasisekusio koncerto vyriausias kaltininkas.

Grįžimas autobusu buvo dar išpuilingesnis, nes jautėmės visi savo pareigas atlikę su kaupu ir tuo didžiamoms. Dainoms skambant Cikagą pasiekėme vos 5 val. pirmadienio rytą.

A. P. B.

Šv. Kazimieras

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ GLOBĖJAS

Povilas Dirkis

Lietuvos Vyčių globėjo šv. Kazimiero šventė buvo įsteigta 1636 metais kovo mėn. 4 dieną popiežiaus Urbano VIII.

Šv. Kazimieras ne tik yra globėjas Lietuvos Vyčių Amerikoje, bet jis yra visos mūsų tautos dangiškasis globėjas. Tad Vyčiai kaip katalikiškos organizacijos nariai, švęsdami šv. Kazimiero šventę, nors trumpai turėtų prisiminti tuos senus laukus, kada gyveno tas taurusis Karalaitis ir savo kojomis lietė Lietuvos žemę.

Šv. Kazimieras gimė Krokovoje, Vavelio pilyje 1458 metais spalio 3 dieną ir mirė 1484 metais kovo mėn. 4 dieną Gardine. Jo palaikai buvo iš Gardino atvežti į Vilnių laidojimui, kur ir dabar tebėra. Jo tėvas buvo Kazimieras, Did. Lietuvos kunigaikštis ir Lenkijos karalius; motina - Elžbieta iš garsios Habsburgų giminės. Sioje pilyje karalaitis Kazimieras augo, mokėsi pas tėvus, kurie ruošė jį būti Lietuvos ir Lenkijos valdovu. Tačiau karalaitis Kazimieras išžengė Lietuvos istorijon bei jo gyveniman ne kaip valdovas, o kaip šventasis. Susipažinus su šv. Kazimiero gyvenimu gaunasi išpūdis, kad tai buvo tikro lietuviškumo ir tyro katalikiškumo pavyzdys. Tai buvo be kompromisinis jaunikaitis, kuris idealą vertino aukščiau už viską, dėl jo ir mirė. Kūnu būdamas Lietuvos ir Lenkijos karaliaus kilmės, šv. Kazimieras nepamiršo ir labai svarbaus dalyko - kad kiekvieno žmogaus siela yra Dangiškojo Karaliaus sutverta. Jo garbė ir glūdi tame, kad jis nepamiršo

antros tiesos ir nepastatė jos žemiau už savo kūnišką kilmę. Jis buvo labai pamaldus asketas, sav krašto ir tautos idealų patrijotas ir katalikų bažnyčios gynėjas nuo įvairių atskalų. Rodė gailėstingumą vargšams ir išlaikė skastybės dorybę iki mirties. Šv. Kazimieras buvo anų laikų jaunimui lyg daugiaspalvė vaivorykštė šviečianti audringame gyvenime, o šių dienų jaunimui lyg jūros švyturys, rodantis kelią, kad nepaklystume tamsoje.

Šiandieną, po penkių šimtmečių, žvelgdami praeitin, matome šv. Kazimierą ne sunaikintą, o išaukštintą. Jo asmenyje yra iškūnytos aukščiausios krikščioniškos dorybės, kurios šv. Kazimierą iškėlė į altoriaus garbę.

Dabarties lietuvių jaunimui šv. Kazimieras yra naujosios kovos įkvėpėjas, kovos, kuri turėtų išugdyti savyje taurųjį kazimierinį ryžtą siekti tą pačių kilnių idealų.

Minint šv. Kazimiero asmenį tenka pabrėžti, kad jo pagrindinė tarnyba - šviesti Lietuvai savo taurumu.

Nors ir neturime pilnesnio šv. Kazimiero gyvenimo vaizdo, bet dėl to jo šventumas nėra mažesnis nei kitų šventųjų. Mums lietuviams šv. Kazimieras tebėra tokios pat reikšmės kaip ir kitų tautų šventieji saviešiams. Kadangi šv. Kazimieras iki šiol tebėra vienintelis kanonizuotas Lietuvos šventasis, tad tebūnie jis mums visiems mūsų kilniųjų siekimų uždegęs pavyzdys.



Vilniaus katedra, prigludusi šv. Kazimiero palaikus. Dabar bolševikai šv. Kazimiero palaikus perkėlė į šv. Petro ir Povilo bažnyčią Vilniuje.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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ILL.-IND. DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS

The Ill.-Ind. District annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet was held on Feb. 10th at the Martinique Restaurant. This year we not only commemorated the independence of Lithuania but also the Golden Jubilee of the K of L. The evening began with a cocktail party for honored guests, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. A. Rudis at their home. Mr. Rudis was also M.C. at the dinner. Bishop V. Brizgys gave the invocation. Consul Petras Dauzvardis, Rev. J. Jancius, the Marian Provincial, and Rev. A. Zakarauskas gave their greetings and best wishes to the K of L. Rev. John Jutt, our guest speaker, was dynamic and inspiring as always. He told us our efforts for Lithuania's Independence should not weaken, but should be stronger than ever. Father pointed out that there are many people who know of our cause and are willing to help us. District President, Martin Gestautas presented Fr. Jutt with a Citation on behalf of the Ill.-Ind. District for his efforts in fostering Lithuania's cause for freedom.

We were honored also with the presence of our Mayor, Richard Daley, who is well acquainted with Lithuanians and their activities. He encouraged us to continue our patriotic work. Greetings were received from senators and congressmen from various parts of the country. Honored guests attending the banquet included Bishop Brizgys, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony Martinkas, Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Paškauskas, Rev. John Jutt, Rev. John Jancius, Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Hon. Richard J. Daley, Consul and Mrs. P. Dauzvardis, J. Gribauskas, and A. Brazis.

The banquet room was filled to capacity for this successful affair. Everyone enjoyed the affair, and we owe a word of thanks to Joseph F. Gribauskas, Honorable Chairman, Algird Brazis, General Chairman and to the competent committee for their very hard work: Vincent Samaška, Loretta Macekonis, Al Raubiskas, Irene Sankus, Eleanor Laurin, Frank Svelnis, Balys Brazdzionis, Anthony Yuknis, Martin Gestautas, Irene Rakaitis, Estelle Rogers, and Dolores Yuknis.

The Knights of Lithuania Ill.Ind. District Choir participated in a program commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day on Feb. 17th in Cleveland, O. The program was sponsored by the Cleveland chapter of ALTAS and was held at the new Lithuanian Hall. After the program the Choir was treated to a dinner fit for a king.

On April 27th the District will hold a commemoration of Founder's Day. More information will be provided at a later date.

Chicago, Ill. C-36

Blogas

Belated congratulations are in order to our recently elected Officers for the Golden Jubilee year. The 1963 Officers are Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Paul Juknevicus, Immaculate Conception parish, President - Walter G. Tenclinger, 1st Vice-president - Johanna Jakunas, 2nd Vice-president - Richard Shlaustas, Recording sec'y. - Dolores Kupetis, Financial sec'y. - Betty Mikalauskas, Corresponding sec'y. - (Mrs.) Emily Gestautas, Treasurer - Joseph Ulevicius, Trustees - Lucille Stacy, Alphonse Plienaitis, Sgt.-at-Arms - Frank Svelnis, Jr.

We sincerely hope that each and every member of the council will strive to make this year our BANNER year.

... HEART'S DANCE A SMASHING SUCCESS... yes, this headline was read all over the beaming faces of the hard working committee of our Annual dance which proved to be the



Soloists at the K of L Choir Program in Cleveland. Left to right: Albinas Rudzevičius, Al Shulicke, Ann Marie Kassel, and Mečys Mikutaitis. (Photo by A. Raubiskis)

most successful venture that this council has ever undertaken. . . ACIU, ACIU to Robert Paul and Vince Samaska the Co-Chairmen, and to Betty Mikalauskas, Dolores Kupetis, and Irene Nerushis for their untiring efforts which climaxed in a night to remember in K of L history. Swarms of K of L supporters swelled the Ballroom and Rathskeller of Darius-Girenas American Legion Building dancing to the music of Ampolaires Polka Band. We really proved that the Lithuanians can keep up with the Polka-rage in Chicago. We thank all of the members of our council who unselfishly worked to help make this dance the success that it was. We can go on and on, but ACIU LABAI.

A few days before the dance the District held their Memories of Lithuania banquet at the Martinique Restaurant and C-36 was represented by about 30 members. Congratulations are in order to Frank Svelnis and Vince Smaska who handled the arrangements. Music was provided by Wally Tenclinger and combo. Seems that since Wally has the latest in electronic equipment available, he is able to create amazing sounds with his new "Cordovox". Members and guests attending the affair from C-36 included Lucille Stacy, John Kilkus, Joan Jakunas, Betty Mikalauskas, Dolores Kupetis, Robert Paul, Irene Narushis, Helen Zimmer, Loretta Kassel, Fr. Paul Juknevicius, Al and Ann Marie Kassel, Richard and Jean Shlaustas, Joe and Willie Ulevicius, Theresa and Zenia Federovics, Faustas and Terry Strolia, Ed and Ann Mikalauskas, Marty and Emily Gestautas, Al Plienaitis, Wally Tenclinger, Mrs. W.F. Tenclinger, Sr., Don Tenclinger, Jerome Jankus, Stanley Vilutis, Al and Ed Pratt, Genevieve Giedraitis, Bernice Pupinik, and others.

CALLING ALL FORMER COUNCIL 36 MEMBERS. . . the district commemoration of K of L Founders Day in April will reunite former C-36 members who will also be honored. But our plans are in the dark now and we need everyone's cooperation in Please help us by informing Marty Gestautas (District President, C-36) at Globe 8-3046 in Justice, Ill.

Filling her heart with real SUNSHINE was our traveling VYTIS editor, Loretta Kassel, who embarked in the sub-zero cold of Chicago to SUNNY ACAPULCO, Mexico.

Chicago, Ill. C-112

"GEM"

Congratulations are in order to the new officers who were elected at our December meeting. Once again at the helm as president is Al Dagus. He will be ably assisted this year by the following officers: Al Mockus, vice-president; Lorraine Wainauskas, financial secretary; Ruth Dagus, recording secretary; Betty Bozec, corresponding secretary; and Monica Kasper, treasurer. Trustees are Irene Rakaitis and Ed Krivickas. Al Shulicke, Al Matulis and Ray Bartkus are the new sgts; at-arms. We are very fortunate in having Father Zakarauskas continue as our spiritual adviser for another year.

Belated congratulations also to First Degree members Albert Matulis and John Aksys and to Second Degree member Keistutis Bagdonas.

Our December Communion Sunday was well represented by 24 members. After Mass, breakfast was held at the Algiers Restaurant, which of late seems to be one of our favorite eating places because of the very excellent food. We were honored to be joined by Father Zakarauskas.

In spite of way-below zero weather and loads of fresh snow, our January bowling party at Queen's Alleys was attended by more than 50 bowlers. Afterwards, the tired, hungry group hurried to the K of L Bldg. for a delicious supper of baked chicken with all the trimmings, prepared by Chef Julie Zakarka and co-chefs Monica Kasper, Betty Bozac and Dolores Yuknis. Master of Ceremonies for the program that followed was Judge Alphonse Wells, and among the guest speakers were Canon Zakarauskas, Father Valancius, Father Savukynas, and District President, Marty Gestautas. Top bowling award winners were Steve Manst and Gertie Carver. Estelle Rogers was the recipient of a special "Gutter Ball Gertie" award. Though she once was famous for her gutter balls, she's been improving so much that we all will soon be asking her for pointers.

The K of L Bldg. on March 17 will be the scene of our council's St. Patrick's Day Party. The able chairman of this affair is Al Shulicke. It promises to be a lot of fun.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Westfield, C-30

Genovaitis

The feast of St. Casimir was observed by C-30 with all members receiving Communion in a body at the 10:30 High Mass on Sunday, March 10. At 6 p.m. a covered dish supper was held with Ann Kylish and Ann Sabonis in charge of arrangements.

Every member of C-30 is working hard for the success of the Spring Convention to be held in Westfield in April. President, Benedict Coach has some fine committees working with him. General Chairmen for this affair are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sabonis. Dance Committee Chairman is Frank Bernadicius assisted by John Tarnauskas and John Kucharski. Reservations are in the capable hand of Doris Tarnauskas and Sophie Kucharski. Entertainment is being handled by Carleen Smyk and Theresa Atkocaitis. The Sunday Night Smorgasbord is being planned by those two wonderful cooks Nellie Dardinski and Helen Alexik. Edna Bernadicius, and Virginia Tarnauskas are in charge of plans for Sunday's Brunch, with a Cultural Display under the direction of John Tarnauskas.

Of course all the workers are happy to receive the prayers and inspiring words of our Spiritual Advisor, Father Vincent Puidokas, who has encouraged the heart of every council member to make this Convention the best ever.

Congratulations are in order for Jim and Marcia Rogers on the birth of a son, Kenneth Allen, born in January.

So. Boston, Mass. C-17

"Rodo" Balsas

The St. Casimir Day Communion Breakfast was held in cooperation with the other parish organizations and was a most successful venture. Father Zuromskis was the chairman of the affair.

Ed Rudis had a major role in the exercises at the Municipal Building, So. Boston on Feb. commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day. Many other council members, too numerous to mention, also took part. A big thank you to all of them.

The annual Ski Weekend was truly

a success. Both the pro's and the amateurs tried out the slopes of the White Mountains of New Hampshire. There were spills galore, and all one can hear from current conversation is how hard the fluffy, white snow is!

Plans are underway for our annual Spring Dance. We are hoping for a very successful affair to help defray the expenses of the coming Jubilee Convention. Hope that you are saving your money, because Boston wants you to have a grand time and find that this was the best convention ever.

The past two months have seen the ranks of C-17 swell with sixteen new members: Paul Neivera, brother of Joanne Neivera Shalna, a student at Boston College; Michael Caspar, brother of Joseph, also of Boston College; Clare Swiacki of So. Boston; Mrs. Helen Zaremba, mother of Alice, Billy, and Buddy, who in the past has been a hard worker although she wasn't a member; Mrs. Anna Kontrim a former member (Mrs. Kontrim is another hard worker who would help all organizations); Albert and Vyto Jurgela, who transferred their allegiance from C-103, Providence; Mr. and Mrs. A. Shalna from New Jersey; William, Ann Marie and Cecilia Satkevitch; Frances Sumski, who is studying at State College, of Boston; and Stephen Green.

The hiking society is chafing at the bit, but cannot find any free time to take the invigorating hikes through the Blue Hills. Can spring be far away?

We are searching throughout the entire New England District for talent for the gigantic Talent Show to be held sometime in May. If you have any hidden talent and are not bashful exhibiting it on the stage, get in touch with the talent scouts, Al Jaritis, Ed Rudis, John Olevitz, Bill Gorski, or Larry Svelnis. This group won't even take the usual 10 per cent retainer fee.

Some openings are still available on C-17's Jubilee Committee. If you can type, file, read the telephone directory, or lick stamps and envelopes, and if you can spare some time, please contact John Olevitz. He will be happy to have you and will be able to give you more information.

The Supreme Council meeting was cancelled at the last moment, and C-17 is still looking forward to being host for them. . . A large group of



Left to right: Bernice Kavadaras, N.E. Dist. Pres.; John Andruski, Lith. Affairs Chrm. of Council 116; Mayor of Worcester, Joseph C. Casdin; and Vytautas S. Macys, Chrmn. of the 45th Anniversary Celebration of Lith. Independence Day in Worcester.

C-17'ers attended the C-1 Snowflake Ball. Everyone had a good time and wound up eating Chinese food in Bridgewater. . . Caught a glimpse of Norma Razvadauskas at the Snowflake Ball, and she said that things were going well at Brown University. . . Don't forget to contact this reporter if you have any NEWS. No scandals will be reported and no one will be maligned or libeled. If by chance this reporter has offended anyone with his jest, a public apology will be written. . . Until next month, keep plugging the Jubilee Convention!

So. Worcester, Mass. C-116 Onyte

The most important event of the past month in our council was the organization of a junior council. The ground work was done by Father Tamalavich, Mary Klimkaitis, and our NED president, Bernice Kavadaras. We welcome our juniors and wish them much success. Our first "get-acquainted" affair was our St. Ca-

simir Day Communion Breakfast. Lai gyvuoja Vyčiai!

February was a very busy and active month for all our members. We took a very active part in the observance of Lithuanian Independence Day. A stirring and dramatic tableaux, depicting the life of a book smuggler, was presented by our members. It was enthusiastically received and acclaimed by the audience. William Burdulis, Sr., our organist, directed the play.

In addition to the tableaux, the Lith. Affairs Committee and the Cultural committee met one evening for a campaign of letter writing. About twenty-five members came, and hundreds of letters were written. John Andruska and Alex Kardokas must be commended for the fine work they are doing on their committees. Ditto to B. Kavadaras, who handled the publicity for the Independence Day celebration, and to John Dvareckas for arranging to have the Lithuanian flag flown at city hall.

Our annual Military Whist was held Feb. 16th. It was a very suc-

cessful project, thanks to Dot March, who managed to get everything organized in spite of the fact that she was recovering from an operation.

Congratulations to Mildred Lapinskas and Al Krasinskas who are co-editors of the "Equestrian", our council newspaper.

Our Spring Dance is to be held on Patriots' Day, April 19th at Maironis Park. Joe Drumstas will provide the dancing music. We hope to see all our members and guests at the dance. We guarantee you to have a good time.

Quite a few of our members traveled to Athol's Winter Carnival. Too bad the weather hampered the skating and skiing. Nevertheless those who attended had a very good time. Tony Minikauskas and Stan Grigas were the best square dancers. . . Ann "twinkle toes" Miller won a polka record. . . Richie Swedis and Bob Stevens arrived after the dinner in their Sunday best. . . We decided that the men from C-26 are the heartiest eaters. . . Fr. Jutt was sporting a nice tan, just back from Puerto Rico. . . The following weekend was spent at Purity Springs Resort, N.H., at the NED Ski Weekend. . . Mary Klimkaitis and Joan Cashman are our best skiers. . . Congratulations to John Kokernak on receiving his commission in the Army Reserve. . . Vin Savage has enlisted in the Air Force for four years and will not be among us for some time. . . Jackie Kapsar's C.Y.C. team is having a winning basketball season. . . Wonder who will be our champ of the ping-pong table, Tony Kunsaitis or Jackie Cashman? . . . We are all happy to hear that Barbara Maziuka's dad has fully recovered from his recent illness. Barbara Cashman has a new job with a house builder. She will be designing new houses. . . Mildred Lapinskas is now a full fledged member of the fire brigade. She helped to put out a fire at her mom's apartment. Please, Milly, watch yourself. . . Jimmy Gvazdauskas gave his girl a diamond. Congratulations! That makes another C-26 and C-116 match.

Brockton, Mass. C-1

Kazoki

It gives me great pleasure to extend the warmest greetings from C-1 Brockton to all K of L'ers throughout the country.

With an optimistic look to the future, we wish to welcome Fr. Anthony Kneizys as our new spiritual adviser. I'm sure with his vigorous vitality you'll be reading of the many accomplishments of our council.

We began the year by attending a movie in Boston, followed by a sumptuous meal in China-town. The highlight of our social season was the 19th Annual Snow-Flake Ball held at the Walk-Over Club in Brockton. I'm sure that all who attended went home in a gay mood. We wish to thank all the other councils who attended, and hope they all arrived safely home. Good old New England weather was true to form - bad. The evening was topped off by a brigade of us going to a Chinese restaurant for a meal. Chinese again? Sunday, Feb. 4th, found a very weary group of Knights being installed. All told we received sixteen new members. Installation ceremonies took place in the church with Father Kneizys officiating at the services. New officers are president, John Yuskaitis; vice president, Sylvia Shukis; secretary, Mary Boroskas; treasurer and financial secretary, Albert Skirius; religious chairman, Patricia Miskinis; and social chairman, Mrs. Marilyn Yuskaitis.

The next activity planned is a ski trip to New Hampshire, so if this reporter returns in one piece, you'll be hearing from us next month.

Athol-Gardner, Mass. C-10

Vincukas

The council's annual Winter Carnival was held on Jan. 19 and 20. It began with a successful square dance held in the Lithuanian Club, Athol. Ray Pushee was the caller. During the intermission Alec Kuzmiskas of Worcester, played Lithuanian folk tunes on the piano while everyone danced to them. The caller was thrilled, because he had never seen them done. Thanks Alec! This year it was noted not to select a carnival queen because of difficulties that arose in the past.

Sunday's activities were centered at Tully Brook Inn. The dinner was family style. President Rodski and

our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. John Jutt, welcomed the guests and said Grace. Weather conditions put the damper on the sports events planned for the afternoon. Skiing and skating were curtailed. Tobogganing at the Waslaske farm was slow and slushy. Therefore we were forced to remain in-doors where we danced, played cards, and enjoyed Fr. Jutt's slides of our summer outing and his recent trip to Hawaii. Supper and dancing ended the day's activities, and all the guests left, having had a great time. Guests were present from Athol, Gardner, Worcester, Lowell, Norwood and Boston. About 60 people attended.

It was good to see Casimir and Dot Pinigis, former C-10 members who are now parents of five, at our winter carnival. Also Blanche and Olga from Gardner attending their first K of L function. . . Lennie Davidonis, C-10's photographer is convalescing, thus no pictures this year. . . Maryann and Wing Langlois came with their three little "cherubs" wearing identical ski sweaters. . . The Juniors benefited from the sale of Howie's Famous Concoction. . . Vyt and Dot Kajeskas of Providence spent several days in Gardner and attended the carnival with their son, Francis. . . Something new was added at our carnival this year. Coffee and doughnuts were served at the club after the dance. . . What would our Carnival be without Vilna, Rita, Anne, Dottie, Mary and Bea-Bea? - or the C-26 boys, Joe, Sparky, Ed, Joe, Dee, and Jack.

At our January meeting the following slate of officers were elected for 1963: Fr. Jutt, spiritual advisor; Alvin Rodsky, president; Howard Beaudette, 1st vice president; Dr. Henry Gailunas, 2nd v.p.; Nellie Melaika, treasurer; Frances Milosh, rec. sec'y.; Bill Waslaske, fin. sec'y.; Bill Wisnauskas, Lith. Affairs Chmn.; Frank Anoris, social chmn.; Lennie Davidonis, spiritual chmn.; and Mary Gauronsky, ritual chmn. Congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected officers and chairmen!

Father Jutt has just returned from a two week vacation and priests' reunion in Puerto Rico. . . Richard Genaitis has just been elected vice pres. of the sophomore class at

Northeastern University. . . Dr. Gailunas is really helping the country's economy. He recently bought a snowblower and a stereo which he put in his office for the enjoyment of his patients. . . St. Francis Parish, Athol, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Fr. Jutt has special plans to commemorate the occasion which will be announced later.

Member of the Month - I would like to introduce to you a fine, young, Catholic, Lithuanian gentleman. Bill Waslaske has been in our council for several years, now in the capacity of financial secretary. He really knows how to collect dues! Bill was born in Athol and raised on the Waslaske farm. Between school and chores, he found time to be an ardent stamp collector and a staunch outdoors man. After graduating from Athol High, Bill attended Worcester Polytech Institute for two years and spent two years in the army. At present he resides in Clinton and is employed in the engineering department of Supernault Co. Bill drives in from Clinton for our monthly meeting, real K of L spirit! Last but not least, Bill is a sport parachute jumper.

Waterbury, Conn. C-7 Lelija

With the Jubilee Year of the K of L as an incentive for a bigger and better year, we started out very well in C-7. At our January meeting we welcomed three new members: Virginia White, whose parents are members of long standing, Robert Azukas, whose dad is in charge of St. Joseph's Parish bowling alleys, and Joseph Kopatus, a former Junior. Hope to see these new members often.

Plans made at our January meeting included a Dešry Vakaras on Feb. 23, which was the first of many such evenings planned for the year. Our annual Communion Breakfast was held on March 3rd. General Chairman Tony Jenkins and Mr. A. Aleksis, program chairman, planned a full day. Through Mr. Aleksis' efforts Mr. Joe Boley, a well-known and well-liked member of the K of L, was invited to be our Guest Speaker. A holy hour and musical program were planned for the afternoon.

Eleanor Barkauskas, former treasurer for many years, has re-

signed her post. We all wish to thank Eleanor for the many years of able and conscientious work she did as treasurer and hope she will soon be able to accept an officer's position again. John Alanskas has accepted the position as treasurer. Hold those purse strings tightly, John!

Marcella Andaikis, fin. sec'y, wishes to remind all members that 1963 dues are payable now! . . . Ann Roach of C-7 was recently elected financial sec'y. of the Ladies Guild of St. Joseph's Parish. . . Patricia Richards, C-7 secretary, is celebrating her birthday on St. Patrick's Day. Many happy returns from all of us, Pat. . . Some of our members have not let the ice and snow and winter weather interfere with their fishing - John and Al Alanskas have proved that a good fisherman is a good fisherman regardless of the weather. Some of us have had delicious Perch Suppers to prove it.

As of our January meeting this reporter was elected correspondent for the Vytis and local English papers. Mr. A. Aleksis was chosen as correspondent for the Lithuanian press. Anyone having news of interest, or wishing to make an announcement contact Mr. Aleksis or Lillian Paulauskas. Ligi kito mènesio.

N.Y.-N.J. DISTRICT

Elizabeth, N.J. C-52 Nuff Said

Now that the winter season is upon us, snow weekends are in vogue. Another bus load of the "outdoor" women and men spent an enjoyable weekend at the "Joe End Barn". The N.Y.-N.J. District weekend in the Pocno Mountains was reported to have been just great, too.

Our annual elections, or should I say re-elections, were held at the last monthly meeting: president, Charles Oskutis, vice president, Ed Sharkis, rec. sec'y., Ann Mitchell; fin. sec'y., Fran Balandis; treasurer, Stan Naiva; Lith. Affairs Comm., Fr. W. Karlavičius; Ritual, Mary Moteus; Welfare, Ann Baronis; social, Norb Wysocky; Cultural, Ruth Laučius; sports, Gerry Kern; and Trustee, Pete Kasilonis. We have a fine aggregate of officers now, who

deserve our utmost confidence and support.

Mar. 24th is the date for our annual Communion Breakfast. Juniors are invited to attend.

A belated Christmas gift came to Mr. and Mrs. Al Balandis on Dec. 27 - Annette, 8 lbs. 11 oz. Next Christmas Santa will be bringing toys. Congratulations! Ditto to Mr. Mrs. Frank Kidzius who also are proud parents of a little girl. . . Santa was also nice to Fran Buzis. He brought her a diamond ring by way of Ronald Alexander. Our best to both of you! . . . Pete Kasilonis made the local headlines when his car was stolen and retrieved in 90 minutes. That's Jersey justice for you. . . We now have two presidents with troublesome backs, Kennedy and Oskutis. Charlie said he would be OK in a couple of weeks. . . Charles Rusteika recently went to the altar. He gave his niece away. Also in the same wedding party was Stan Naiva. . . Mr. and Mrs. Tony Papalis' son won first prize in our council's contest for the best drawing of Vytautas for grammar school children. . . Our deepest sympathy to Ray Zabita on the death of his father.

Great Neck, N.Y. C-109 JAN

At the January meeting we welcomed two new members bringing our total membership to 21. Richard Kurila, recently wed to our very capable Secretary, Marion Rogers, was sworn in. Richie looks like a real athlete - just what we need for our sports activities. The name of George Dergentis, our second new member, was written in our books, and now we can have "music wherever we go," since George is a very accomplished accordionist. He has livened up many of our meetings and picnics with his accordion playing. So glad to have both these new members to bring more life and spirit to our council!

Al and Starsy Wesey are ready for their vacation, this time 3 weeks in California. Al's brother Pete, and sister-in-law, Marie, will be their travelling companions this year, which will make the trip even more fun. Don't we envy them!

We extend our heartfelt sympa-

thies to Sue Zebart on the loss of her mother, and to Bill Bernatovich on the loss of his father.

Our Annual Spring Dance this year to be held on Saturday nite, May 25 at the K of C Hall, 2 N. Plandome Road, Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. We hope to see many of our friends from neighboring councils there. We promise you all a wonderful time!

So nice to have our Spiritual Advisor, Father Frank Bulovas, attending so many of our meetings and functions, and obliging us with his wit.

Let's see if we can get Beruta Gonzales' husband, Joe, to become our next new member - seems like he'd fit in wonderfully!

Ricky Marks just was promoted - he is now Assistant Manager of the Miracle Mile office of the Meadowbrook Bank. Wonderful, Ricky, lots more success to you!

Marion Kurila was recently hospitalized for a few days, but is feeling good as new now. . . Millie and Charlie Rogers are bursting with pride over the arrival of their new grand-daughter via their daughter Jeanette and her husband. Little Bobby is also happy about his new sister. . . Lou Ann Sosaris finally settled in her new job, after a few quick changes.

Our Christmas Party was a social success with the antics of "slippery" Joe Zukas, Nancy Kober, right in the groove, with the "Mashed Potato," the crowd doing the Limbo, and Ann Martens trying to teach Bob Burke the Polka. Stacia and Paul Wain, although busy with Christmas shoppers, closed their shop early in order to join our celebration.

Newly-elected officers for 1963 are President - Al Wesey; Vice-President - Ricky Marks; Secretary - Marion Kurila; Treasurer - Lou Ann Sosaris; and Financial Sec'y - Mary Picardi.

To make our meetings more orderly and to expedite planning of socials and other activities without wasting precious time at monthly meetings, we have organized committees to cover all phases of K of L work. This will certainly make our meetings shorter by not dragging out details which can be handled more concisely by a few appointed persons. A great improvement, indeed!

Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100

Smile and Sparkle

C-100, held its first monthly meeting for 1963, the Golden Jubilee Year, on Jan. 7th at the St. Casimir's Church meeting rooms.

Sadie Karbus and Ann Beleckas, co-chairmen of the Christmas banquet, presented their reports. The dinner was held recently at Robertshaw's Drum with the following members present: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. Peter Janaitis and Rev. Joseph Grabys of Albany, Rev. Alphonse Petraitis of Schenectady, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Attorney & Mrs. Anthony Stokna and daughter, Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nikstenas, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Beleckas, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jasper, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sweet, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drenzek, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zemaitis, Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Mrs. Helen Vainosky, Helen Dombroski, Patricia Sargalis, Dorothy Bednarczyk, Eleanor Stakauskas, Margaret Boccio, Monica Toker, Genevieve Gobis, Mr. Dick Mc Cune,

Mr. Lonnie Parks, Mrs. Annacetta Guzilliek, and Mrs. Ann Kutchis. Prizes were won by D. Bednarczyk, Mrs. W. Jasper, Mrs. Guzilliek, Mrs. Adam Kindar, E. Stakauskas, Rev. Peter Janaitis, and Dick McCune.

The new officers for 1963 are: Spiritual advisor - Rev. R. Baltch; President - Donald Nikstenas; Vice-President - Matthew Kazlauskas; Recording & Corresponding Secretary - Eleanor Stakauskas; Treasurer - Sadie Karbus; Financial Secretary - Ann Beleckas; Sgt. at Arms - Prof. Joseph Olsauskas; Lithuanian Affairs Committee - Genevieve Gobis; Ritual Committee - Atty. A. C. Stokna, Cultural Committee - Milda Zemaitis; Scholarship Committee - Donald Nikstenas; Spiritual Committee - Rev. R. Baltch; Membership Drive Committee - Sadie Karbus; Publicity Committee - Eleanor Stakauskas and Genevieve Gobis; Junior Members Committee - Sister Mary Gerard.

Rev. Robert K. Baltch presented his former classmate, the Rev. Leo Zarembo of Montreal, Canada, as the guest speaker. Rev. Zarembo, who lived in South America for ten years, presented a very interesting talk on life in various countries on this continent.



Members of C-29, Newark, N.J. witness signing of Proclamation of Lith. Ind. Anniversary. Left to right: Eva Treciokas; Pres. of C-29, Joseph Balchiunas; Mayor of Newark, Hugh J. Addonizio; Rev. Peter Totoraitis and Mary Stonis.

Our annual Communion Breakfast was held on March 3 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Pirez's Restaurant. The committee in charge of arrangements were Eleanor Stakauskas and Gene Gobis.

Belated birthday greetings to Ann Beleckas (November 16) and Sophie Olbie (December 5), Atty. A.C. Stokna (January 8), and Patricia Fura (Jan. 10). Don Nikstenas (Feb. 1), Rev. Baltch (Feb. 17) and Eleanor Stakauskas (Feb. 27).

Brooklyn, N.Y. C-41

Carolei

Congratulations to the new officers of C-41: President, Grace Kulikauskas; vice-pres., Joan Mazeika; secretary, Carolyn Nagin; and treasurer, Michael Savage. Best of luck to all of them for a most successful and rewarding year. It seems this year proved it's a woman's world after all. We girls will certainly have to work hard to prove to the fellas that we can handle the job.

The biggest item on the agenda is our annual St. Casimir's Communion Brakfast. The program included folk dancing, a Lithuanian play on St. Casimir, an accordion solo, and finally, group singing with audience participation. All in all, it was a successful event.

Birthday greetings to Michael Savage, Feb. 20 and Carolyn Nagin, Mar. 18.

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3

Sunshine

The Jubilee Year was opened by C-3 at their Installation Dinner - Jan. 6. And on Jan. 7, after our monthly meeting a little celebration was prepared by Social Directors Helen Shields and John Mickunas, consisting of toasts from golden goblets, hors d'oeuvres, and everyone puffing on a big cigar.

Congratulations to Irene Varevice and Agnes Timmins, co-editors of our Council Bulletin "Knights 'n Days" on its First Anniversary. Wishes for continued success were voiced by all the members when the girls were presented with a cake at our after-the-meeting social.

Despite the fact that the weather limited our outdoor activities, we all had a pleasant weekend at the POCO-

nos. Everyone certainly knew the K of L was there - the cook prepared "Kugeli" for us, the musicians learned to play "Norio Miego" and "Klumpakojis," and during intermissions we entertained everyone with Lithuanian folk songs. It was a weekend to remember. We're sorry that Ginny and Steve Salnaitis couldn't be there with us.

C-3, as well as other organizations of St. Casimir's Parish worked together to sponsor a dance on Feb. 23, for the benefit of the Parish.

Birthday Wishes to Eleanor Chebatoris and Tom Meron (March).

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. C-102

Jaye-Jaye

Congratulations to Evelyn and Clem Galinas on their 16th Wedding Anniversary. Evie looks real fine in her new Mink Stole - her gift from Clem.

Our Welcome Mat is out to Richard Smolek, son of Helen and Tony, who transferred to our Council from the Junior 102'ers. Glad to have you, Dick.

C-102 was well represented at the Social held on Sunday, Jan. 27th for the benefit of our wonderful Sisters at St. Anthony's Parish. "Ačiu" to our good-hearted members, Rose and Pete Podolski for the use of their "Ambassador Hall." Terry Medonis walked off with a variety of prizes, including a 5-pound salami.

We're envious of vacationing Carl Gobis and Rudy Sakal, who by this time are lolling on the sandy beaches in sunny Florida. Wish we could join them.

Don't see much of our S.C. President, Bob Boris, these days. His duties at U.S. Cold Storage, coupled with K of L activities, keep him on the move. Bob isn't the only traveler in the Boris family. It is reported that Brother Vince, on civilian duty with the Air Force in Texas, is now on temporary assignment in Turkey. Hope our VYTIS issues are reaching him.

Glad to see Gus Baibak again at our January meeting and breakfast.

The K of L bowling league is going strong. The latest member to join the girls' "200 Club" was Terry Me-

donis, with 202. Jo Jonulate is still high with 229. Ray Medonis' 256 game is 3rd high, just 3 pins out of first place for the men. Evelyn Galinas is still holding her own with 563 - 3 high for the girls. Team standings in the league have really shuffled the last few weeks. Only time will tell. We were all disappointed that Father Stanievich couldn't join the bowlers this year, due to our early starting time on Friday. Hope he can make it next year.

Due to a few changes in St. Anthony's schedule of Masses, effective in February, our meetings will be held immediately following 10:30 A.M. Mass, the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Dayton, O., C-96

EL

New officers for the year are Fr. Narbutas - Spiritual Adviser; Ann Scott - president; Frank Ambrose - vice president; Kitty Prasmantas - rec. sec'y.; Frank Gudelis - treasurer; Ray Omlor - sgt. at arms; Elaine Lucas - Vytis correspondent; Stan Vaitkus - trustee; and Mike Petkus - trustee. We have many plans on the agenda for the coming year, including a fitting celebration for the 50th Jubilee. Officers' meetings have been revitalized, and a campaign is now on in our council to activate our members ages 16 through 30. So far progress is impressive.

As becomes the season some of our sports-minded members participated in an ice skating party.

Congratulations: to Pat Petkus and Phil Karosack of Cleveland on their engagement; to Sarah and Charles Petkus and Joanne and Tony Zelinskas on the births of their sons; and to Mary Lucas who is now associated with A and M Petkus Realty.

Detroit, Mich. C-79

Plikas

With the old year gone and the new year well in progress, we are on our way to making it one of our best. We started off with a new slate of officers - some old faces and a few new ones. A get-together night to acquaint old and new board members was held at Redford Inn on

Jan. 12. Twenty-four members were present: Our spiritual advisor, Fr. M. Kundrat, Dorothe and Ed Martin, Maggie Smailis, Ruth Grasha, Pat and Andy Milius, Ann Kase, B. Walls, Betty and Frank Petroski, John Kolinske, Bertha and Frank Janus, Tony Dainus, Sophie and Frank Zager, Eleanore and Walt Waskiewicz, Ann and Vito Paul, Margaret and Ches-

ter Nashlon and Vicki Chepelonis. We wish to thank Bertha Janus and Sophie Zager for making arrangements for this affair. I am sure everyone agrees we all had a nice time. (One of our more reserved members had a little trouble singing in the dark, and another wouldn't do one of the newer dances.) Also in our midst were some painters whose motto is

'Old painters never die, they just fade away.'

Our council's annual Pre-Lenten dinner was held on Feb. 10, for the benefit of Divine Providence Church. The general chairman of this affair was Mrs. Blush. A fine committee was chosen to work with her, and it turned out to be a very successful affair.

K of L CALENDAR

Mar. 17	C-112, Chicago, St. Patrick's Day Party, K of L Building, Chicago, Illinois
Mar. 24	C-52, Elizabeth, Communion-Breakfast
Apr. 19	C-116, So. Worcester, Annual Spring Dance, Maironis Park
Apr. 27	Founder's Day Celebration, Ill- Ind. District, K of L Building, Chicago, Illinois
Apr. 28	C-36, Chicago, Fashion Show, K of L Building, Chicago, Illinois
Mar. 24-26	C-25, Cleveland, Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio

LETTERS TO THE

*Editor
Vytis*

Dear Editor:

Loretta - you and the staff have our blessing in publishing the January issue of the VYTIS. It really was a surprise and something entirely different. I enjoyed it tremendously and enjoyed the few pictures published.

Can you imagine how Edward Daniels, Joseph Sakaitis, Joseph Sipas and Yours Truly looked about ten years ago? Just imagine, we all had hair! These pictures are sure priceless. So again, I must say thanks for the time and effort that the VYTIS Staff has put into the last issue and all the issues to make the publication enjoyable to all.

Yours Truly... Vytiškai,
Joseph Drumstas
Pres., C-26, Worcester

ED. NOTE:

Thanks so much for the kind

compliments. To all who enjoy seeing "Views from the Archives"... please scan your photo library and perhaps contribute some of your old K of L snapshots for all to enjoy in the VYTIS. We will return the pictures if so requested.

My Dear Editor:

Lithuanians, Latvians, and Estonians have inhabited the lands along the shores of the Baltic Sea for many centuries. They rejoiced in their freedom and independence. Now they have fallen victim to the tyrannical aggression of the Soviet Union.

How should we go about encouraging the liberation movement? The first step, in my opinion, would be to demonstrate the earnestness of our concern by raising the issue of the Cap-

tive Nations at every diplomatic conference and at every United Nations Session.

Let us spread the facts about Soviet imperialism at every available opportunity. Let us continue to demand that the Soviets respect all their obligations. Above all, let us make liberation a cardinal goal of our diplomacy.

Liberation is not a pipe dream. By using the diplomacy of persuading the Soviets to liberate its satellite empire, and hard bargaining on the part of the West, we can induce the Soviets to grant freedom to the unyielding, "troublesome" captive peoples of Europe.

Sincerely yours,

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