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ST. CASIMIR - KNIGHT

by Janet E. Swedis

Muscovite forces had attacked and laid siege to the Lithuanian fortress of Polock in 1518 and a small Lithuanian relief detachment hesitated in fear before the Daugava River. Suddenly, a Knight in white armor on a white charger appeared and led the vastly outnumbered Lithuanians to a crushing victory over the Russians. Not a single Lithuanian soldier at Polock that day doubted that the Knight was their patron, the saintly Prince Casimir.

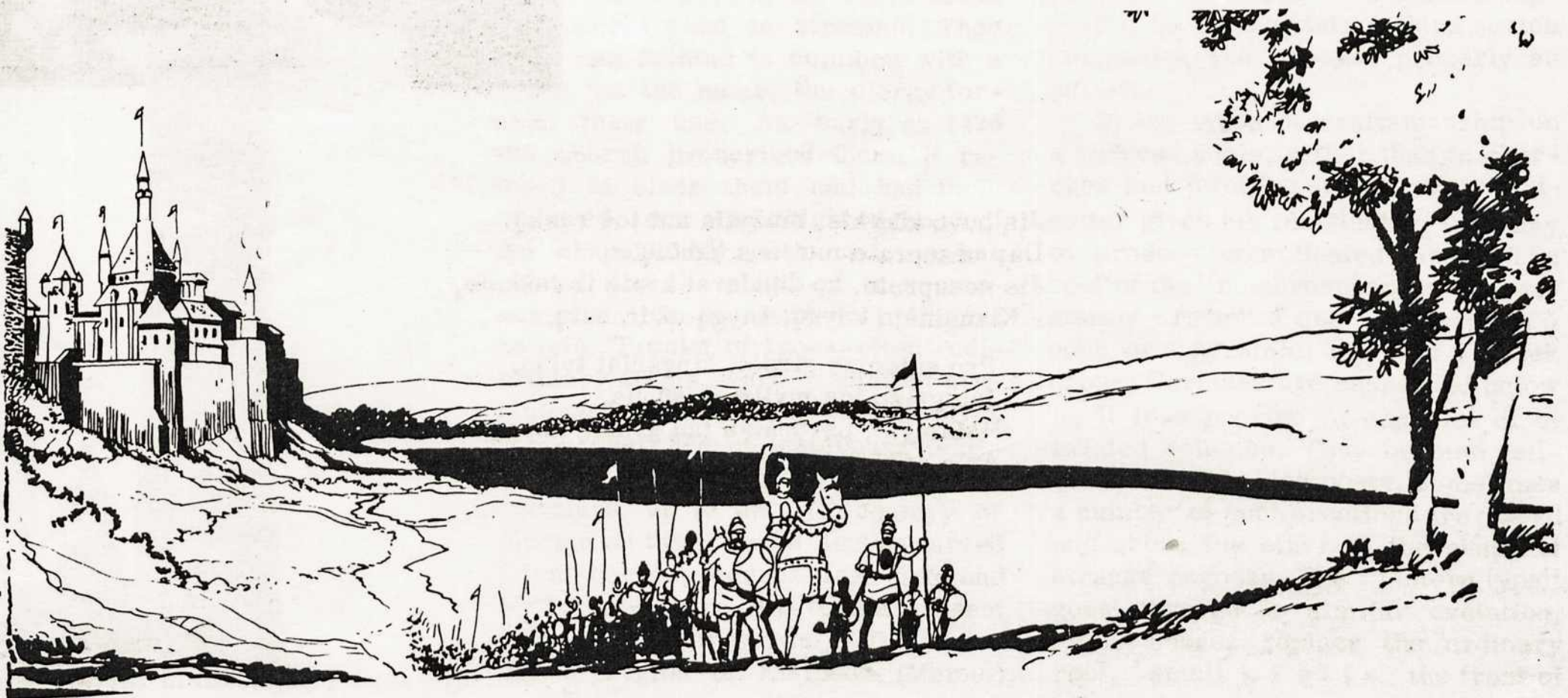
This miraculous victory saved Lithuania for a time and slowed the western advance of the Russians for all Europe. But it did more than this for the devout Lithuanian Catholics. Following this and many more mirac-

les, the cause of Casimir, Prince of Lithuania and Poland, was so advanced that he was canonized a Saint of the Roman Catholic Church in 1521. A prince of the fifteenth century was proclaimed a saint in the sixteenth century for all time.

A prince of the Middle Ages always became a knight and was expected to live his life according to the knightly code. The prime requisite in this code was devotion to God and His Church. Saint Casimir, Prince and Knight, certainly fulfilled this requirement. But the knight was also expected to live a life of honor, to respect his fellow man, to work for the benefit of all people, to live his life as an example of good for all.

Saint Casimir lived and died by the code of knight hood, and after his death he continued to serve his beloved Lithuanian people as a true knight. His perfection in this matter made him so familiar to the knights of Europe that in the latter part of the seventeenth century the famed order of the Knights of Malta chose St. Casimir as their patron.

With a heritage from a country whose symbol is a white knight on a red field, with a Patron who lived as a true knight and performed a great miracle as a knight, we who are also known as knights have a wonderful source of help and example so that we too may live according to the spirit of the knightly code.



Knygnešiu šeima

Neramu, šandie namo sūnus negrižta.
Pražiūrėjo motina akis. Ir laukia vis.
Ir laukus nesulaukia. Vėl nerimsta -
Kas motinos supras sunkias mintis.

Palinkusioj lūšnelėj visad buvo linksma:
Iš darbo vis pareidavo smagus -
Nors alkį, troškulį ar šaltį jautė jos sūnelis,
Bet sūnus buvo geras ir kantrus.

Šandie prisimena sena močiutė -
Buvo vyras jos, lyg sūnus šandie, gražus,
Ir gelsvos garbanos nuo vėjo taršės,
O tiesus žvilgsnis, griežtas, bet meilus.

Nuo tos dienos, kai paėmė žandarai,
Senutė motina daug pernešė vargų.
Šalis kentėjo priespaudoj, bedalėj,
Ne tas, kurioj gyvena jos sūnus.

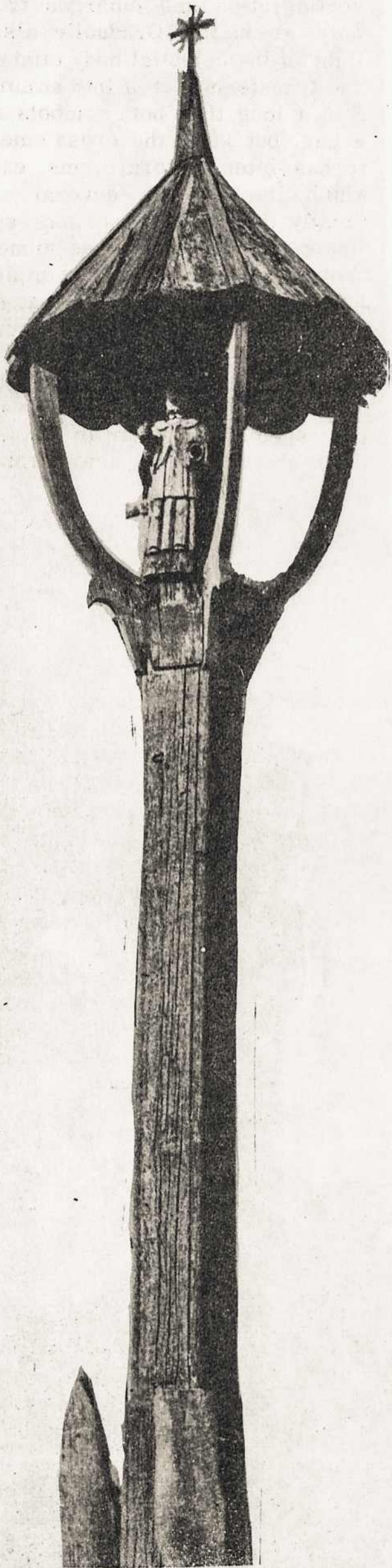
Jis buvo kūdikis, mažytis ant jos rankų,
Dar nesuprato motinos kančių.
Jis nesuprato, ko žandarai kratė ir ieškojo,
- Klausinėjo knygų, knygų uždraustų.

Pro sutemas girdėti žingsniai tylūs.
Jau grįžo jos mylimas sūnus.
"Mamyte, pərnešiau tau gražią knygą,
Apie nešėjus knygų uždraustų".



Sis eilėraštis yra gautas iš Lietuvos.

A nation's folkart is depicted by its . . .



Crosses and Chapels

Jurgis Baltrušaitis, Ph. D.

Lithuania is not only a country of wooden churches: she is particularly the land of crosses. Inseparable from the landscape their outlines follow the undulations of the fields and penetrate into the woods. They are placed along the roads, in the proximity of springs, on tombs, on pilialkaliai, both in solitary and frequented places. According to legend you find one every ten paces in Holy Zemaitija. At the cemetery of Vilnius they leave no room for a tree. Though they are originally funereal, they are mostly votive offerings. They commemorate a birth, a baptism, the favorable issue of a lawsuit. They are planted in times of epidemics or of drought. They remind the peasant of the successes and misfortunes of his lifetime. Their consecration was celebrated by ancient rites and banquets, at which mead and beer flowed in streams. They often had nothing in common with a cross but the name, the clergy forbade their use. As early as 1426 the church proscribed them. It refused to bless them and had them removed from the neighbourhood of the chapels. Mr. Basanavicius has proved that the origin of these monuments lies far back in primitive beliefs. Trunks of trees, often rudimentary stems, were erected in pre-historical cemeteries. The archives of the churches at Insterburg testify to the custom followed by the Lithuanians, up to the 17th century, of placing on their tombs figures carved from boards, horses for men and birds for women. Up to the present day in the graveyards of fishermen in the region of Klaipeda (Memel),

one may come across toads and fantastically shaped animals carved in oak or in pinewood. They are placed not near the head, but at the feet of dead. In these monsters covering on the grave, there is no trace of Christian symbolism. Though their variety seems to be inexhaustible, - Mr. Varnas photographed more than 2000 crosses all differing one from the other - these crosses and steles may be divided into several groups. According to Mr. Galaune, the most ancient type is a simple tree trunk rudely squared. Similar funeral posts have also been found in Russia, in Finland and in Hungary. At their tops there is sometimes a small roof and sometimes a small niche. From these two archaic types stem two series crosses: The "mushroom cross", crowned by a gable and the "lantern cross", consisting of a chapel supported by a pedestal. A third series comprises the crosses properly so called.

In the types of craftsmanship on a reduced scale, rather than in churches and dwelling-houses, the woodcutter gives his imagination free play to produce complicated forms. The roof of the "mushroom cross" is constantly renewed and reshaped as a cone or a pyramid, a star of a Greek cross. Cornices are suspended below it. It is supported by consoles or by twisted columns. They become reliquaries set on high posts. Sometimes a number of such erections are placed one above the other in the shape of strange pagodas. The "lantern type" goes through a similar evolution, small houses replace the ordinary roof, small k l ê t i s. the front of

which is decorated with two columns, buildings in the shape of a cross or a polygon with spires or small central domes or rotundas. The walls are frequently replaced by pillars. The chapel is often protected by trellis work, by jutting rooms, by openwork balustrades, so that the chapel itself seems to be nearly submerged under the weight of this light burden. It is an architecture of fairy tales and toys.

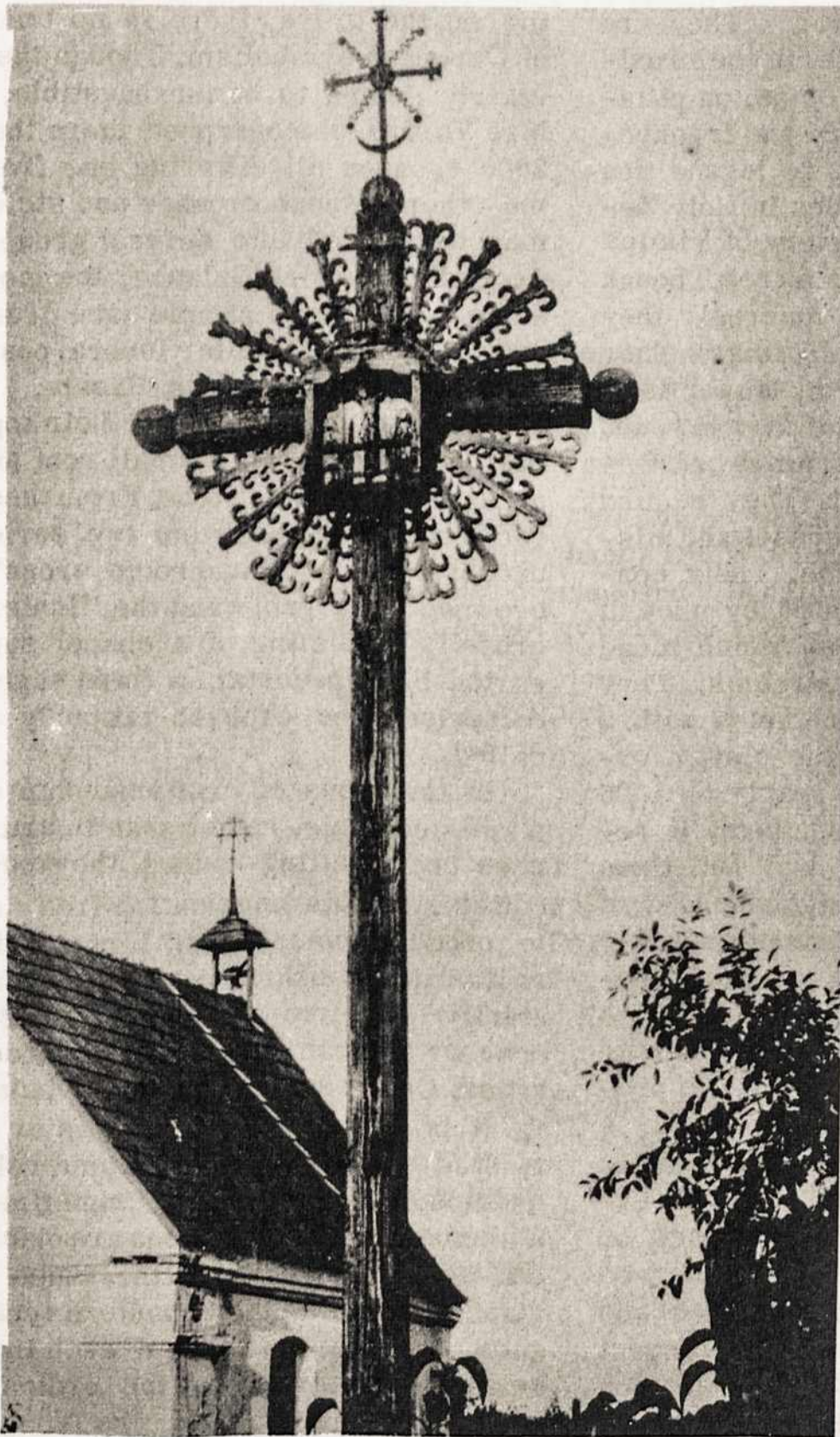
But it is the third group, that of crosses proper, that is the most fitting object of such goldsmith's work in boards. It may be combined with the "lanterns", and then the chapel is placed at the crossing of the arms. In some cases the chapel disappears completely, leaving nothing behind but its back wall, which then becomes an independent element of ornamentation, a shield with capricious outlines fixed at the intersection of the

arms of the cross. One could have thought that henceforth all traces of the ancient themes had disappeared, but such is not the case. Around the cross, with or without a chapel, wheels and discs of fire are often placed. As in Ireland, circles or fan shaped arrays of arrows, leaf-work, palm leaves, wreaths of flowers are often seen. Sometimes their dimensions do not exceed those of a simple aureole, but in certain cases the cross is submerged thereunder.

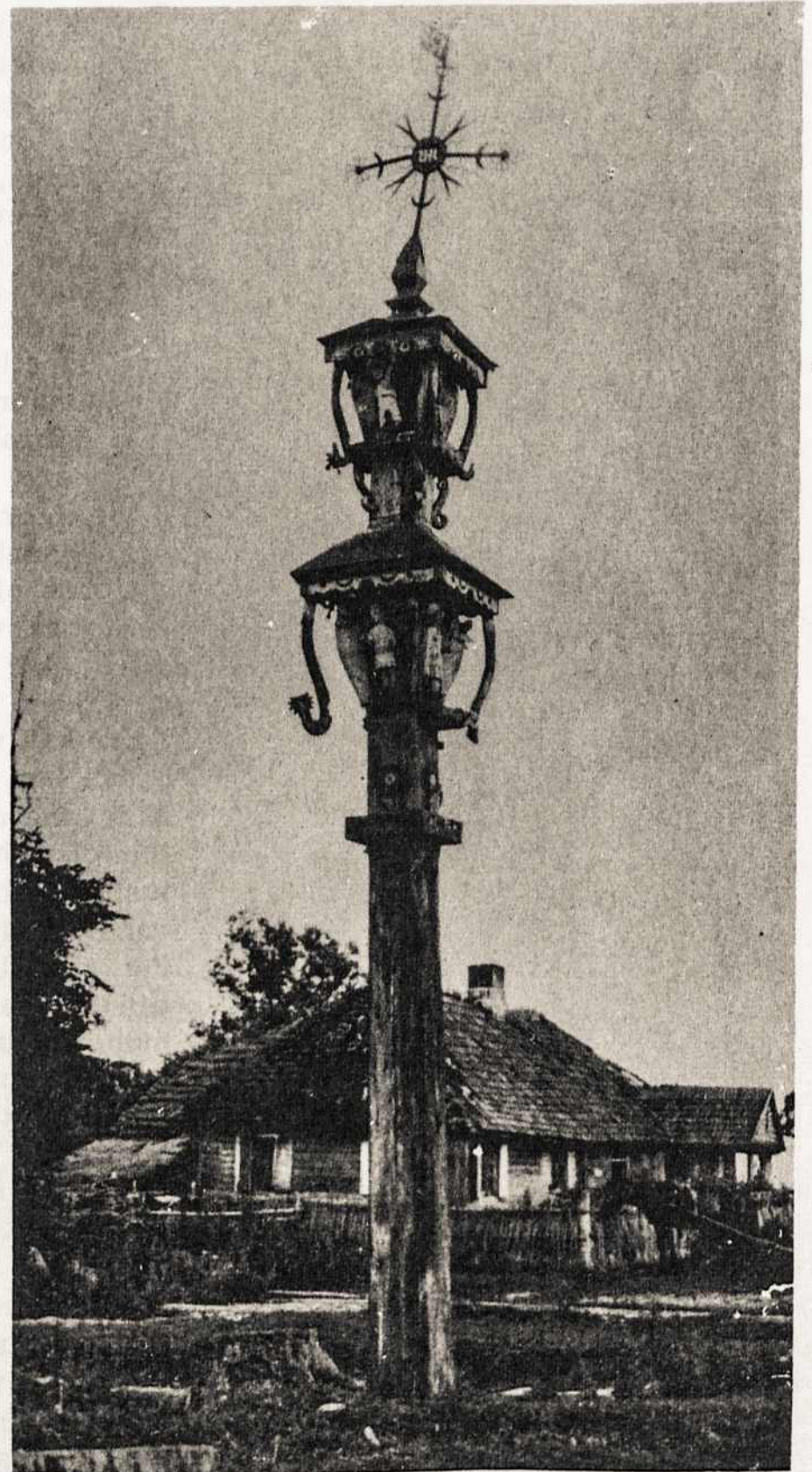
To the now barely discernible Christian symbol a other element is joined, the origin of which goes back to pagan traditions. It is a surviving remnant of prehistoric forms and of the ancient worship of the celestial bodies. Sun wheels are revived and eclipse the symbol of Christ. The myth is also preserved in the legend transmitted by words of mouth.

There can be no doubt that the most ancient forms are those in which the wheel prevails. Sunk in the flames of the former god, the emblem of the new religion is at first lost in the conflagration and emerges from it only gradually. Gradually also the light of the celestial body diminishes and transforms itself into an aureole. For a long time both symbols are at a par, but later the cross emerges. It has often several arms, each of which itself bears several arms. Finally the last of these accessories disappears and the cross alone remains in its traditional simplicity. The large grave crosses that stand inclined all over the open country belong to the most recent type.

Small votive chapels are scattered in the woods and in the meadows. They are especially popular in Zemaitija. They shelter small sculptures and



The sunburst cross



The Mushroom type pagoda



A "cabin" carved in the tree



A Votive Chapel



A cross above carved images

offerings are often placed here, such as wood or amber or glass, medals, colored tissues, artificial flowers, and frequently pocket mirrors to which some particular meaning seems to be attached. Small statues of the Holy Virgin are surrounded by bits of mirrors that reflect and multiply her image. Sometimes such chapels are suspended aloft on trees, sometimes they stand on the ground or on a base of stone. These are the cages or the cabins of the Saints. The "cages", often attached to oaks, firs and pines, do not differ essentially from the small "houses" set upon pillars and crosses, but the "cabins" constitute a distinct series. They are much larger, their height sometimes attaining two meters, they are no longer toy houses and not real houses. Sometimes they consist of an old excavated tree trunk, surmounted by a conical roof; the statuette itself is placed in the very heart of the tree. They sometimes reproduce the k l è t i s type of church or its pyramid-shaped steeple, and often they are built on a circular, hexagonal or octagonal plan. They are easier to make on account of their reduced scale, which presents the double effect of a church and piece of furniture. These

monuments abound in innovations, but they are not the work of ornamentalists like the lanterns. The decorative elements of Western buildings are adapted to them and the Gothic as well as the classic forms are reproduced there according to the taste of the joiner.

The small chapels are loaded with spires and ornamental flowers. Broken arches run along the walls and join the colonnades. The various themes are thrown into one and recast. Out of this mixture arose a fantastic miniature architecture, a Pompeian style of the Middle Ages, similar to that of the tabernacles and stained glass windows of churches. Baroque designs treated with liberty and measure are also frequent. Nothing is forgotten here, pinions, broken gables, delicately outlined roofs and so on. Cornices, entablatures, pillars, capitals and mouldings are carved with the greatest skill and an eye for detail. Imaginary and real at the same time, these small tempietti, lost amid the vegetation, seem to have been devised to receive the smaller deities of Nature. Like the steles, crosses and churches, these chapels are frequently surmounted with ornaments in wrought

iron. These appear later than the wooden solar roses, but continue their tradition. Until the end of the 18th century they usually represent the signs of celestial bodies, the sun, the crescent moon or celestial wheels. Later the cross appears, but it is often broken up by the geometrical ornamentations. Sometimes each arm bears supplementary arms, sometimes the horizontal arms are double or even treble. Angels, animals, persons and certain Oriental images are also represented. But the design is always dominated by the theme of radiation.

Arrows stream forth in all directions, regularly undulated sword blades, idealized vegetation, tulips which are already found on prehistoric jewelry, the ruta, the national flower and branches of fir. When executed in metal they retain all the hardness and refinement of the material of which they are made. In these complicated networks all the parts are cleverly united and cut with cold precision. The monuments are crowned by iron crystals resembling blackened crystals of snow.

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Sekmadienis

Sulietuvino A.P. Bagdonas

Tai įvyko labai paprastai. Minios pakilo anksti tą sekmadienio rytą, prakeliavo pro Betanės kaimą ir sustojo žaliojo Alyvų kalno papėdėje; tai tas pats kalnas, kur Jis turėjo pradėti savo agoniją ir nuo kurio viršūnės Jis atsisveikins su pasauliu. To kalno pašlaitėje Jėzus sustojo; jis pasišaukė du savo mokinius ir jiems reiškė keistą įsakymą, liepdamas pasiekti artimiausią kaimelį, iš tikrųjų jau patį Jeruzalės priemiestį, kur jie turėjo rasti prie stulpo pririštą asilaitį, pripratusį prie ūkininko jungo, ant kurio dar joks vyras, moteris ar vaikas nebuvo jojęs. Tie du mokiniai turėjo atrišti tą asilaitį ir atvesti pas Jėzų, jei kas bandytų juos sulaukyti, jiems reikėjo pasakyti, kad Viešpačiui reikalingas to gyvulio pasitarnavimas. Mokiniai, nemažai sumišę dėl jiems duoto užduočio nebeatsiminė, ką pranašas Zacharijas prieš šimtmečius buvo parašęs:

"Pasakyk Siono dukteriai. Štai tavo karalius atvyksta pas tave, nuolankus ir jodamas ant asilo..."

Jie rado ne tik asilaitį, bet ir motiną, kuri jį buvo atsivedusi, stovinčią pririštą, o jos savininką netoli besikapstantį. Mokiniai atrišo jauną gyvulį ir paaiškino apstulbusiam savininkui. Sis nesipriešino, nes Jėzaus žodžiai, pakartoti ūkininkui, buvo viskas, ko reikėjo. Mokiniai grįžo vesdamiesi tylų gyvulį už trumpo odinio saito.

Jėzus ir kiti mokiniai buvo kai paprastai minios apsupti, bet sulig asilo pasirodymu kažkoks staigus entuziazmas uždegė minią. Jie pradėjo garsiai šūkauoti ir juokauti, reikšdami sveikinimus, tarsi be paaiškinimo žinodami, kad neįotas asilaitis buvo skirtas Jėzui. Bet jie taip pat atsiminė, kad asilaitis buvo karališkas ekipažas, pilnas simbolinės reikšmės Izraelio karaliams. Tykojantieji pariziejų agentai, būdami čionai, nepražiopsojo, ką reiškė neįotas asilas, o tai senos pranašystės išsipildymą. Jie stebėjo nudūrę žemyn akis, kas sekė toliau: bendra spontaniškai išsiliejusi minios pagarba.

Ar buvo kada pareikštas toks nepaprastas prisirišimas visoj Judėjoj? Minia kraustėsi iš galvos dėl šio vieno žmogaus. Mokiniai paklojo savo rūbus ant asilo nugaros Jam joti. Žmonės sujaudinti šiuo gestu tiesė savo drabužius ant dulkėto kelio prieš žengiantį asilą. Jų vieni ėmė mesti rūbus, kur Jis jojo, kiti piovė šakas nuo balsamų, akacijų, tamariskų ir nuo žaliųjų palmių. Pabėgėję į priekį už Jojiko jie nuklojo

prieš Jį žemę žalumynais, gėlių puokštėmis ir laukinėmis gėlėmis.

Pariziejai ne tikai matė tą visa, bet jie turėjo išklaudyti ir šūkių, skelbiančių didį stebuklą maldininkams ir svetimiesiems. Taip, juk jie pažino Lozorių, juk jie matė jį numirusį ir suvyniotą, dėl amžinojo Izraelio Dievo, jie matė, kaip lavonas buvo iššauktas iš kapo ir pasidarė vėl gyvas žmogus.

Ir tada tūkstančiai vyrų ir moterų ėmė džiaugsmingai šaukti, jungdamies kartu su apaštalu balsais, giedojo: "Hosanna Dovydo Sūnui!" "Teesie palaiminta mūsų tėvo Dovydo karalystė!" "Teesie palaimintas Karalius, kuris ateina Viešpaties vardu!" "Taika danguje ir garbė aukštybėse!" "Hosanna aukštybėse!"

Tų žodžių pakako įvaryti baimės į bet kokios privileijuotos klasės žmonių širdis. Kodėl jie sveikino garbino ir šlovino hosanomis šį žmogų? Jie vadino Jį Karaliumi. Jis pakerėjo minią.

Jie galvojo Jį esant ne tikai tikru karaliumi, bet vienu tų, kurie turėjo nežemiškos, viršgamtinės jėgos: angelas-žmogus, Dievas-žmogus, jie tuo visi tikėjo. Žinoma, jis galėjo su tais žmonėmis daryti, ko tik panorės. Bet kuriuo momentu Jis galėjo pasiūsti šią minią prieš bet kokią autoritetą, prieš Romos gubernatorių ir prieš sventyklos kunigus, palaužti bet kokią aukščiausią valdžią ir galybę, pasiskelbti Patsai valdovu ir net Karaliumi.

Sitoks požiūris, sitoks vaizdas ir pavojus buvo nepakeliamas fanatiškiems pariziejams ir godiesiems sadukiejams. Toks reginys, kaip šis, neribotos ir fantastinės ištikimybės ir pasišventimo, šaukėsi akcijos. Dvasiniai autoritetai žiūrėjo vienas į kitą blankiais išblyškusiais veidais. Visas pasaulis nuėjo paskui Jį!

Procesija prisiartino visai arti prie miesto su ilgomis raitytomis parudavusių akmenų sienomis, su tvirtais bokštais ir aukštais geležiniais vartais. Vaizdas to viso ir kartu nostalgiski vaikystės prisiminimai ir to, kas turėjo dabar įvykti, iššaukė ašaras Mokytojo akyse. Verkdamas dėl Jeruzalės, "ramybės vietos", Jėzus sušuko:

"Jei tu būtum pažinusi net ir šią pat dieną dalykus, kurie priklauso tavo ramybei! Bet dabar jie yra nuo tavo akių paslėpti.

"Nes ateis dienos, kai tavo priešai iškas griovį aplink tave ir apsups aplink tave ir suspaus iš visų pusių.

"Ir sulygins tave su žeme ir kartu tavo vaikus; ir

Šv. Kazimiero dienos proga

Povilas Dirkis

15 amžiuje katalikiškoji Bavarija buvo surišta giminystės ryšiais su katalikiška Lietuva. Mat, 1475 metais Lietuvos patrono šv. Kazimiero sesuo Jadvyga buvo išleista už Bavarijos kunigaikščio Vitelsbacho Jurgio Turtingojo. Vestuvinės puotos atsiminimai buvo kasmet kartojami iki II P. Karo Bavarijos Landshuto mieste. Atseit, buvo prisimenama triukšminga 1475 m. Landshuto mieste, Traunitzo istorinėje pilyje, kur gyveno kunigaikštystė Jadvyga, vestuvinė puota. Būdavo daromi vaidinimai atvirame ore, dalyvaujant virš 900 asmenų; jie trimitų garsams lydint, paraduodavo spalvingais viduramžių drabužiais pasipuošę - vaizduodami kunigaikščius, riterius, damas, miestiečius ir kaimiečius. Tuose vaidinimuose buvo atvaizduoami: Bavarijos hercogas Jurgis Turtingasis ir Didžioji Lietuvos kunigaikštystė, Kazimiero Jogailačio duktė Jadvyga Gediminaitė, Jogailos dukraitė ir šv. Kazimiero sesuo. Tų vaidinimų pažiūrėti prisirinkdavo minių minios žiūrovų. Be to, apie Lietuvos kunigaikštystę Jadvygą, kaipo buvusią Bavarijos kunigaikščio Vitelsbacho Jurgio Turtingojo žmoną yra užsilikusių pėdsakų ir po šiai dienai, pavyzdžiui, Landshuto pilyje kabo Jadvygos portretas, o Landshuto miesto rotušės salėje garsių vokiečių dailininkų piešiniai iš vestuvinių iškilmių, kurios per 500 metų buvo nepamiršamos pačių bavarų ir vaidinimais buvo gaivinamos. Taip pat ant kai kurių Bavarijos pilių, kaip Passau, iki šiol tebematyti Lietuvos Vytis, kuris primena apie buvusią kunigaikštienę Jadvygą,



ŠV. KAZIMIERAS

kilusią iš Lietuvos.

Todėl ir mums, minint Sv. Kazimiero šventę, tenka susimąstyti ir atkurti nors savo mintyse tos garsios praeities didingus momentus. Jeigu net vokiečių pilyse kabo Lietuvos valstybės ženklas - VYTIS, tai jis turėtų kabėti ir vyčių namų garbingoje vietoje, kartu su mūsų globėjo Sv. Kazimiero paveikslu. Todėl Sv. Kazimiero prisiminimas tejungia mus visus į vieną kūną - į vieną junginį, kurį sudaro po platų pasaulį išsklaidyti lietuviai.

jie nepaliks tavyje akmens ant akmens, nes tu nepažinai savo aplankymo meto."

Tai buvo, tartum Jis būtų matęs ateitį, tolimąsias Tito armijas apgulime ant Alyvų Kalno keturiasdešimt metų vėliau. Ugnis ir kalavijas krito ant Jeruzalės ir įvykdė tiksliai kiekvieną Jo pranašystės žodį. Tai buvo vienas baisių faktų istorijoje.

Jis jojo toliau apsuptas visus apėmusios staigios ekstazės meilės ir beribės ištikimybės. Pro miesto vartus, kur minia ėjusi siauromis gatvėmis plepėdama susimaišė su naujai atvykusia daugybe maldininkų, kurie Jį lydėjo. Kas ateina? Tai Jėzus, pranašas, iš Nazareto Galilejoje! Aklieji ir luošieji sekė Jį tiek arti, kiek begalėjo, pakol Jis pasiekė Šventyklos kiemą ir tenai, pačiame aukščiausiojo altoriaus šešėlyje Jis gydė

juos.

Ir vaikai, lakstydami aplinkui, pasigavo vyresniųjų giesmės žodžius: "Hosana Dovydo Sūnui!"

"Ar tu negirdi, ką tie išperos sako?" - šaukė koliodamies teologai ir rašto žinovai.

"Taip!" sutiko Jėzus. Ar jūs niekad nesate skaitę: "Iš kūdykių ir žinduklių burnos tu pagaminai gyrių?"

O! Jie žinojo, ką tai reiškė - tai senojo Dovydo pranašystė apie Mesiją! Ar tai nebuvo piktžodžiavimas? Ne, nes Jis tik pacitavo tekstą, jie už tai negalėjo areštuoti.

Bet to ilgiau nebebuvo galima pakęsti.

Už nepilnos savaitės turėjo prasidėti Didžioji Au-ka.



Writing Through the Ages

A stick in the mud may have started it all - but what a long way we've come!

Quill pens, lead pencils, ball point pens and now a felt tip marking device in spill-proof watercolors are just a few of the writing tools that have come to hand since the caveman made drawings in the mud with a convenient twig.

These earthy beginnings were reflected by writers 6,000 years ago in Mesopotamia (modern Iraq) - site of what may be the world's first civilization. Scribes copied documents and inventories on clay tablets with a stylus - a straight stick or a piece of reed, bone or wood. Carvings show the scribes holding the stylus in their closed fist and pressing on the tablet while the clay was still damp and soft, painstakingly making the strokes line by line with the edge of the stylus.

The Greeks and Romans scratched out their letters with a bronze or iron stylus on wax-coated wooden "stationery", but they added a new wrinkle: they flattened out the upper end of the stylus and used it as an eraser to smooth mistakes out of the wax!

Egyptians were the first to get it all down on papyrus, from which we derive our word "paper". This soft, fibrous material required a different kind of writing implement, a reed brush. With this they used the world's first ink, made from carbon in a sticky solution of water and gum. The ink, in the form of small cakes, was used much like watercolors - the writer dipped his brush in the water and rubbed it onto the cake.

These early writing implements not only gave man a chance to get his message across - they even affected the alphabets he used!

Mesopotomians wrote in wedge-shaped symbols called cuneiform - because the wedges were easy to form in the sticky clay. The Greek letters contained lots of straight lines because the popular writing implements, wax tablet and stylus, weren't very good on the curves. The Egyptians first used a complicated picture alphabet, hieroglyphics. But they soon found that their brush pens could make bolder, more running lines - and they developed a cursive script for everyday use, reserving the hieroglyphics for inscriptions on monuments.

We get both our alphabet and our modern scrawl from the ancient Romans. At first they used only capital letters. But when they took up reed pens in about 300 B.C., they began to join their letters together for the sake of speed instead of stopping at the end of each

letter. That was the beginning of our lower-case letters - and illegibility.

Oddly, it was the quill pen favored by the signers of the Declaration of Independence that first gave men the idea of a fountain pen - they saw the hollow in the quill and drew their own conclusions. As early as 1663, inventors were turning out quill fountain pens which often proved a blot on their names.

In 1832 an Englishman, John Joseph Parker, patented a self-filling fountain pen in which the ink was fed to the nib by a pressure on the piston. The rubber ink sac was patented in 1859 by a man named Walter Mosely. In 1913, an ingenious Iowa jeweler named W.A. Sheaffer put a lever on the barrel - and launched the modern era.

Pencils are older than you may realize - did you know that the first ones were actually brushes? It's a fact; the fine hair brush used by medieval monks and Chinese scholars was called penicillus, or "little tail". The first real pencil, a handcarved wooden tube enclosing a square in 16th century England.

Though a clever Frenchman named Conte discovered in 1795 a method of pencil manufacture which is still basically the one used today, pencil makers still took a lead role in new developments. The Blaisdell Pencil Company, formed in Philadelphia in 1893 "for the purpose of manufacturing pencils of every nature, character and description," came through with the first colored lead pencils encased in paper wrappings and "sharpened" by pulling off the wrapping in strips to expose more lead. It also introduced an ingenious variety of industrial wax pencils or markers for writing on cellophane, plastic, metal, and even on human skin!

Another tool to make your mark with, called the felt tip marker, has recently appeared on the scene. It consists of a felt core or nib encased in an aluminum tube or container filled with fast-drying ink. Originally the container was a bottle or a can; now it has been refined to a tube almost like a pencil, for greater writing ease.

Of all the millions of people who jot down their thoughts with a ball point pen, few know that this implement, too, began life as a marker - it was patented as a device for marking boxes. Another surprise: the date on the patent was 1888! But the product, imperfectly developed, was written off by the public until it was reintroduced, in perfected form, around 1950.

Which all goes to show that - as our earliest civilized ancestors knew - it doesn't pay to be a stick-in-the-mud in the writing game!

Things You Never Knew About Easter

How did Easter get its name?

Why was this holy day seldom celebrated on Sunday by the first Christians?

And why is Easter—and not Christmas—considered the most ancient and most important festival of the Christian year?

The answers, unknown to many people, shed new light on the rich history and significance of the holiday.

The first Christians took relatively little notice of the anniversary of Christ's birth. Easter, to them, was the all-important holiday. As far as they—and the Gospels—were concerned, Jesus commanded men to remember not His birth, but His death.

"God raised Him up," said St. Peter in the first great Christian sermon, "having loosed the pangs of death. . . It was not possible for death to hold Him." (Acts 2:24).

Christ's victory is unique. Surgeons skillfully revive people after their hearts have stopped by means of massage or electric shock. What happened to Jesus Christ, however, is quite different from anything that ever happened before or anything that happened since. On that first Easter Sunday, a Man rose from the grave, waking up from death as if it were nothing more than a sound sleep.

With the drama of Christ's death and resurrection firmly fixed in their minds, early Christians debated the most appropriate date for marking the event. At first, Easter was celebrated on the 14th of Nisan (the Hebrew month corresponding to March-April), regardless of the day on which it fell. This, the date of the Jewish Passover feast, marked the death of Christ.

Christians of Jewish descent favored this practice. But Gentile Christians disagreed, insisting that Easter be observed on Sunday, the day of the resurrection. The issue was decided by the Nicaean Council, which in the year 325 decided that Easter would be observed by everyone on the Sunday following the full moon of the vernal equinox. But the ancient connection of Easter and Passover lingers on in the names many nations give to the holiday: the French *Pâques* and the Spanish *Pascua* are derived, through the Latin, from the Hebrew *Pesach* (Passover).

Why do we call it Easter? According to the 8th century historian Bede, the name comes from *Eostra* or *Ostara*, a Germanic goddess of dawn or spring. Ancient European tribes held an annual spring festival in honor of the death of winter and the return of the sun. When they became Christians, they kept many

of the joyous customs with which they had formerly greeted the renewal of spring.

We can also thank these tribes for the Easter rabbit. They believed that a bunny always turned up to make the goddess *Eostra* a present of a brand-new egg. The practice of giving eggs as gifts and eating them on Easter Sunday probably received added impetus because, in early Christian time, eggs were forbidden food during Lent. In many places, Easter games played with eggs were traditional; the Monday egg-rolling on the White House lawn is an echo of these frolics.

The white lily, symbol of the resurrection, is the traditional Easter flower. In the United States, the Bermuda lily became so popular for Easter use that it came to be known as the Easter lily.

While various folk customs enrich the holiday, the events of the first Easter itself are treated by some people as a mixture of myth and legend. Attempts have been made in the past, and are being made today to explain away the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Is the resurrection an historical fact?

" . . . He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures," says the First Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians, "And that He appeared to Cephas, and after that to the eleven. Then He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are with us still, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen by James, then by all apostles. And last of all He was seen also by me."

No event in history has been so clearly substantiated as this one . . . In the case of our Lord's resurrection, the story was written by the eyewitnesses themselves. This is primary source material of the highest credibility, written by men who never had any idea before that first Easter morning of spending their whole lives telling a story like this one.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead assures Christians all over the world of the truth of their religion. To followers of Christ, forgiveness of sin is real because of His resurrection, and life eternal is no longer a mere possibility, or even a future probability, but a present actuality. Christ's resurrection is the ultimate fact of the Gospel the Church of Christ preaches and the faith it professes.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!" (I Peter 1:3).

ARTISTRY

ON EGG

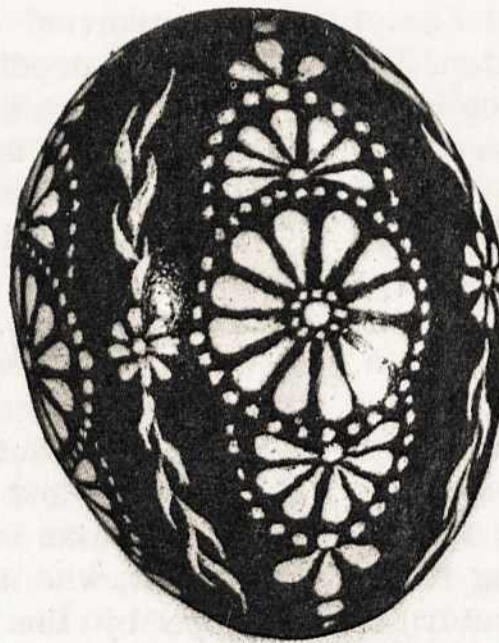
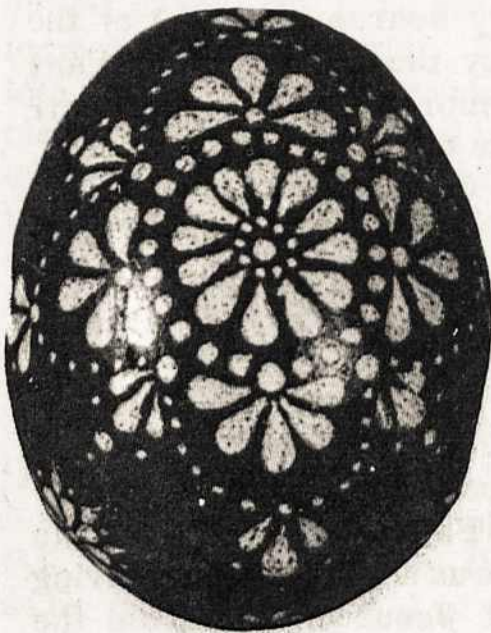
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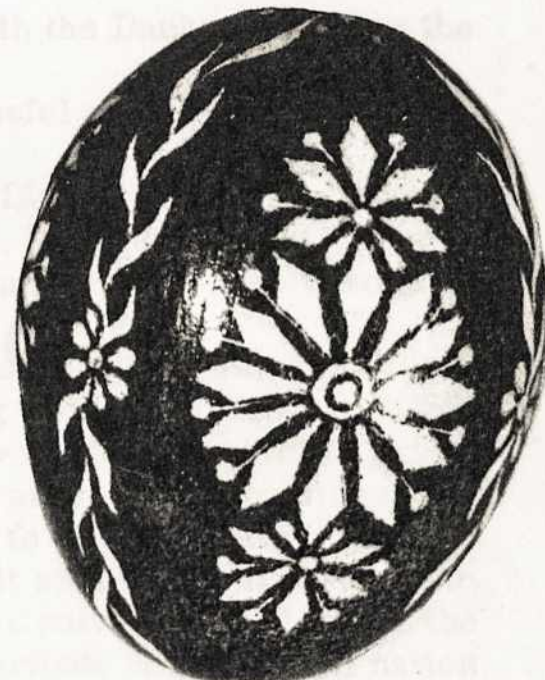


Eggs have been part of the Easter celebration since the development of Christianity. The egg was taken as a symbol of the tomb from which Christ emerged and it became traditional to bless and eat eggs at Easter time.

The custom of coloring eggs also goes back many years to a time before the first written records of our civilization. Roots, herbs, berries, seeds, and flowers provided pigment stains for every color of the rainbow. The first colored eggs were red and as time passed yellow, green, blue, brown, and even purple were added.

Colored eggs are particularly associated with the Lithuanian celebration of Easter. Intricately designed and multi-hued, these eggs, or "Margučiai", are typical examples of Lithuanian folk art. Friends and neighbors try to outdo one another in producing the prettiest eggs in the vicinity. The strength of the egg shells is also tested in egg rolling, picking, and hitting contests, as part of the Easter celebration.





The eggs pictured here are part of the collection of Miss Felicija Gresys of Chicago, one of the foremost Lithuanian Egg designers. Miss Gresys employs the knife-etching method, the more painstaking of the two popular methods used in Lithuanian egg artistry.

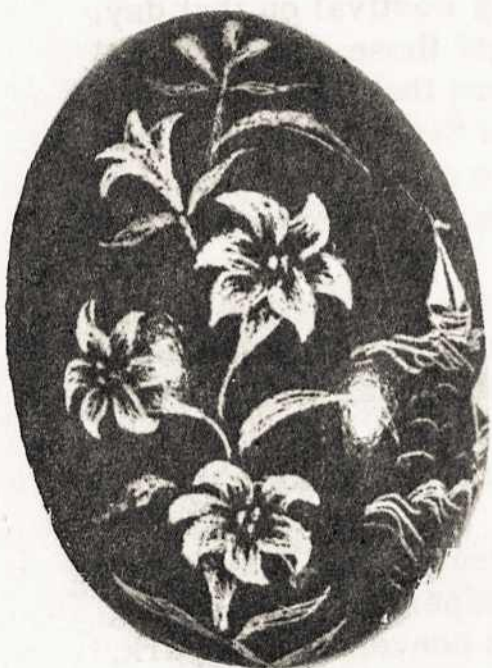
After they are hard-boiled, the eggs are dipped in dye or colored India Ink while still hot. Miss Gresys follows Lithuanian motifs as well as the Easter Lily design and a variety of other novelty designs. The designs are carefully scratched with a sharp knife or the head of a pin. Great care is taken to prevent cracking the delicate egg shell, especially when the egg is practically finished. Additional colors are often added or filled in after the etching is completed, and the egg may be rubbed with a waxed cloth to give it an enamel-like sheen. It takes three or four hours to complete one egg.

In the second method, the design is applied on the egg shell with beeswax. A suitable instrument may be made by pushing a straight pin into the smooth end of a match stick, or in the eraser of a pencil. This is dipped into melted wax and the design is applied with pencil-like strokes. After the design has been applied, the egg is dipped into a colored bath. The wax is removed with a warm cloth and the ornaments appear in white. A shine may be added by rubbing with a waxed cloth.

A great variety of colors may be obtained by using a series of colored baths. Dyes can be bought or made at home by boiling onion skins or walnut husks. Dark backgrounds, in general, are used to make the design stand out. Among the designs used are firs, roses, dots zigzags, and flowers. The design is small, delicate, and covers the egg with a network of lace.

Why not put your mind and your hands to work. . . and create some Lithuanian Easter Eggs for your Easter table.

(Photos by V. Noreika)



Cathedral in Vilnius



Prudential Building in Chicago

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was our pleasure to have the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas of Maspeth, N.Y. attend the Supreme Council meeting held in New York on January 11th. The Monsignor was most informative in acquainting those present with the part that the Lithuanians will play in the coming World's Fair. Because of the large number of nations participating, specific Sundays have been assigned to various nations. Lithuanian Day is scheduled for Aug. 23, and some 1600 singers have already registered for the Song Festival on that day. The number expected to reach well over 2000 by the time registrations close. Amongst those attending will be choirs from Europe, South America and Australia. It was with great joy that we heard that the K of L will be represented by the Illinois-Indiana District K of L Choir and their director Faustas Strolia. Folk Dances will be presented by a group of 500 to 600 Dancers, made up from various Folk Dance groups in the United States and Canada. A Symphonic Orchestra will provide the music. An Exhibit of arts, crafts, weaving and many other things symbolizing the culture of the Lithuanian people is being readied.

The Committee is preparing and will publish approximately 50,000 brochures for distribution to the public. Its purpose is to acquaint people with the plight of enslaved Lithuania and urge freedom loving people to assist us in our endeavors to restore freedom and independence to Lithuania. The Lithuanian Day World's Fair Committee, under the chairmanship of Prof. Jack Stukas is doing everything possible to represent Lithuania, which as we know, these many years remains under the yoke of Soviet Communism and is unable to have her own Pavilion.

We were most pleased to learn that a huge Lithuanian Wayside Cross will be erected just outside the Pavilion that will house the Lithuanian Exhibit. An agreement has been reached and papers signed, stating that the Cross will remain there permanently, after the Fair closes and the area is converted to a park.

Monsignor Balkunas informed us that the work involved was proceeding along quite well. However, he expressed some concern in obtaining sufficient finances to cover the expenses of approximately \$30,000 that will be incurred. He asked that we be mindful of their needs when approached in our respective areas.

Concluding his report, our National Cultural Chairman, Mr. Jack Stukas, suggested that we consider the possibility asking our membership to contribute to the erection of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross. It was pointed out, that a donation of \$2.00 from each member would provide the necessary funds of \$4,000. This would enable us to have an inscription placed at the base of the Cross informing the 70 million persons attending the Fair, that it was erected by the Knights of Lithuania. The response and reaction of those present was so enthusiastic, that even before the matter was officially voted on, more than \$60.00 was placed on the table, the first donation being made by our National Spiritual Director, Rev. J. Walter Stanieвич. The decision to conduct a Fund Campaign for the Wayside Cross at the World's Fair was unanimous, however, subject to approval by the World's Fair Committee. Their endorsement and approval was received at a meeting held on January 21st, agreeing that all funds contributed by the Knights of Lithuania would be for the erection of the Cross.

The President of the N.Y.-N.J. District, Miss Dorothy Dutkus of Paterson, N.J. and Honorary Member, Miss Anne Mitchell of Elizabeth, N.J. volunteered to conduct the campaign, and to select a larger committee if necessary. Letters of appeal have been sent to all members, councils and districts. Donations from K of L families, relatives, friends and acquaintances are most welcome. The Fund Campaign can be successful and our goal reached quickly, if the reaction to the appeal will be the same as that of those present at the Supreme Council meeting. Our aim is not to seek large donations from a few, but rather small donations by many, so that it would truly be a Lithuanian Wayside Cross erected by the Knights of Lithuania.

In Chicago, a magnificent kick-off campaign for contributions to the Cross' erection is being conducted by Felix and Aldona Daukus, producers of Echoes of Lithuania, Chicago's daily Lithuanian radio broadcast. At this writing, their collection has gone well over \$1000.00. Mr. & Mrs. Daukus have graciously agreed to continue collecting for the cross via their radio program, and to add these contributions

to those collected by the K of L. Chicago K of L'ers have offered to work with the Daukus', making the appeal a joint venture.

We express our deepest gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. Daukus for their wonderful cooperation and much needed help.

It is difficult to think of an object which would be more representative of Lithuania and her people. The nation and her children have been forced to bear the cross of Communism, but to them The Cross is a reminder that the Eternal Son of God, who suffered so much Himself, will not abandon those who have faith in Him.

The Wayside Shrines and Crosses of Lithuania have been uprooted and destroyed. We are not in a position to replace them, but we do have the opportunity and privilege of erecting ONE WAYSIDE CROSS, which will impress and let millions of people attending the Fair and those who visit the park later, know that we are descendants of Catholic Lithuanians, who cherish our faith and are proud of our heritage. Let us hope, that every member will consider it a privilege and not an obligation to give a donation for the erection of this Wayside Cross. Lithuania and her people will not be there! It should be our concern to see that both she and they are at least represented by that towering Wayside Cross. One, which we, the Knights of Lithuania, by our contributions, will place there affectionately as a tribute to that small nation on the Baltic Sea and her courageous people of whom we are descendents. Your warm reception and quick response to this appeal will be most appreciated.

Send contributions to : Miss Helen Shields, 217 Wharton St., Philadelphia, Pa.

OFFICIAL NEWS

VYTIS STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The Supreme Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Miss LINDA VAICEKAUSKIS, Council 36, Chicago, as Editor-in Chief of VYTIS, and of Mrs. BETTY BOZEC, Council 112, Chicago, as VYTIS Layout Editor. The new staff members will be formally introduced in the next issue of VYTIS.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Miss Vaicekauskis and Mrs. Bozec. It is hoped that the membership will support the new staff, with news, articles, suggestions, and moral support.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The K of L Membership Drive of 1964 began on Feb. 1 and will end on June 1.

The goal of this drive is to enlist 1000 new members. This goal will be reached with the cooperation of all our members. Awards will be made to the winners of each class or division.

- A - 81 or more members
- B - 41 to 80 members
- C - up to 40 members

Points are earned upon the following basis:

- 5 pts. for organization of senior council
- 5 pts. for organization of junior council
- 2 pts. for new member
- 1 pts. for reinstated member.

All Councils and districts will receive a package containing brochures, application cards and rules pertaining to this drive.

K of L Calendar

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| Mar. 15 | C-36, Chicago, Bowling Party, Woodmac Lane, 7625 So. Western Ave. at 2:30 p.m. Prizes at the K of L Hall at 7:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 29 | C-112, Chicago, Easter Dance, K of L Building |
| Apr. 25-26 | C-135, Ansonia, Conn., NED Convention |
| Apr. 30 | C-116, So. Worcester, Mass., Military Whist Party |
| May 30 | C-116, So. Worcester, Mass., Spring Dance. |

A T I T A I S Y M A S

Šių metų sausio-vasaro Vyčio numerįje per kiekvieno neapsižiūrėjimą išibrovė nemalonus klaidos, būtent: po pirmojo straipsnio "Vyčiai ir Sešioliktoji Vasario" turi būti A.P. BAGDONO pavardė, o po straipsnio "Naujus 1964 metus pradėjus", - P. DIRKIO. Ši nemaloni klaida išibrovė be redaktoriaus žinios.

K of L Adopts Personal Prayer

By Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

Shortly after our National Convention last fall, I had the pleasure of meeting our President in Detroit. In the course of our conversation, the topic of a spiritual program for the entire membership began to be discussed. We felt that something quite positive should be introduced that would not only be beneficial to each of our members but also to our organization. Some councils have had Cana and Pre-Cana conferences. Others have had weekend retreats. Some have had periodic Corporate Communion Sundays and Holy Hours. All of these are very good and everyone should be commended for participating in them. Still, we felt that there must be something beside these spiritual practices that could effectively promote our spiritual life as well as our ideals as Knights of Lithuania.

We finally hit upon an idea that we hope will be acceptable to our membership. First of all, we decided to contact His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Brizgys, D.D., to compose a prayer that would be apropos to us as Knights of Lithuania. This particular prayer would then be printed on a small prayer card, suitable for wallet or small prayer book. A second step is then to be taken. We shall assign a city or town in Lithuania to each council. This adopted city or town will be the particular responsibility of the council. It will be the task of each

council to familiarize itself with its adopted city. The members should know something about its history, its cultural background and its needs. And so, even though our prayers will be for the intention of suffering Lithuania, we will also be able to have a particular intention.

Now we would like to explain the reason for the delay. It so happened that because of the Ecumenical Council, His Excellency had to be contacted in Rome. After an exchange of letters, His Excellency graciously accepted to compose the prayer. There was some further delay because of the heavy schedule that Bishop Brizgys had at the Council. Finally, we had to obtain Diocesan approval of the prayer.

All the obstacles have now been hurdled and we ask you to read the prayer. We can also assure you that very soon you will be receiving the following prayer printed on the prayer card.

As I conclude these remarks, may I personally extend my sincerest greetings to all Knights of Lithuania and their families on Easter. On this glorious feast of Christ's Resurrection, I shall remember all of you in my Mass. On this day, let us not only rejoice and be glad, but let us pray for one another and for our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters in Lithuania.

LIETUVIŲ MALDA Į ŠVENČIAUSIĄJĄ MARIJĄ

Švenčiausioji Marija, kuri apsireikšdama Šiluvoje sustiprinai lietuvių dvasią, kad jie iki šiol išliko ištikimi Dievui, Tau ir savo tėvynei, stiprinki juos ir dabar, ypatingai dideliuose pavojuose Lietuvoje jų tikėjimui, dorai ir išsilaikymui.

Savo užtarimu, per mūsų Išganytojo nuopelnus, išmelski iš Dangiškojo Tėvo malonę, kad mūsų tautos sūnų ir dukterų širdyse degtų gyvas tikėjimas, karšta meilė jungianti ir tėvynėje kenčiančius ir svetur išblaškytus mūsų brolius ir seseris, kad lietuvių jaunimas brangintų skaistaus ir doro gyvenimo grožį, kad Viešpaties tėviška apvaizda greitai sugrąžintų laisvę Lietuvai ir visą tautą vestų jo įstatymų saugojimo keliu į taiką, gerovę ir išganymą. Per Kristų mūsų Viešpatį. Amen.

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SILUVA

Most Holy Mary, who by your appearance at Siluva, strengthened the souls of Lithuanians, so that to this day they have remained faithful to God, to You, and to their country, strengthen them once again amidst the serious dangers to their Faith, Morals, and their very existence.

By your intercession and our Saviour's merits, obtain from our Heavenly Father the grace that the sons and daughters of our country keep in their hearts a living Faith, and an intense Love which unites us all - those in Lithuania and those dispersed throughout the world. Grant that the youth of Lithuania value the beauty of a pure and holy life, that our Lord's Fatherly Providence grant freedom to Lithuania, and His sure Way lead us all to Peace, Goodness, and Salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nihil Obstat
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Jobs
Censor Librorum
Jan. 24, 1964

IMPRIMATUR
Rt. Rev. Bernard Kearns
Vicar General
Jan. 24, 1964

An Invitation

TO THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

During the last Supreme Council meeting in New York, I raised the question as to whether anyone would be interested in a group pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress. This year the Congress will hold its sessions in Bombay, India. Naturally, this fact lends itself to some interesting possibilities, one of which is a trip around the world. And so, if there are some bold adventurers in the K of L who might possibly be interested in such a venture, would you please lend me your ears.

Before we go much further, I think you should be warned of one particular drawback! It seems that because of the climatic conditions of the Orient, the Congress is to open on November 28th and will end on December 6th. We realize that normally this is a very bad time for most people to leave their jobs or to ask for time off. Nevertheless, the dates are set by "the powers that be" and we have no control over this particular situation.

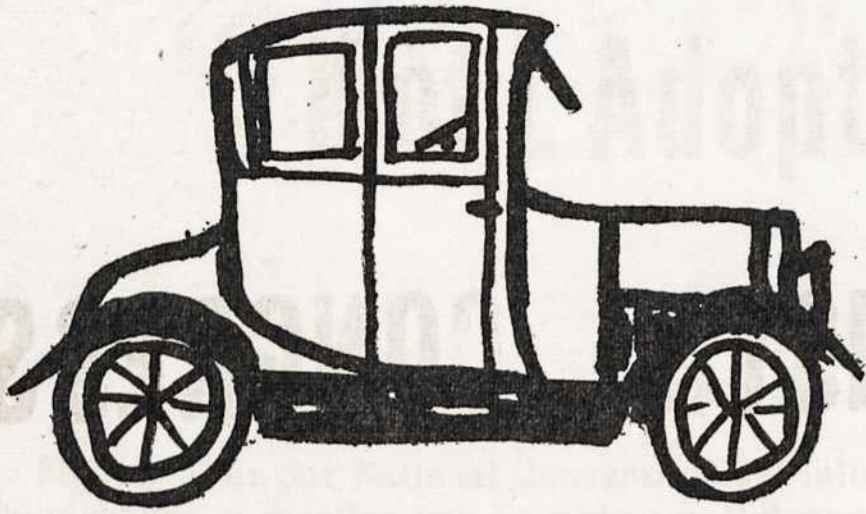
Since this is merely a test balloon, there are some items that are not firm yet. For example, the itinerary includes a number of wonderful places, but because of the limited time, some might prefer to see fewer places and spend more time there. Naturally this could be done. Secondly, the price has not been definitely set. The estimated price of the itinerary would be in the vicinity of \$1,650.00 - which would include jet fare, hotel, tours, transportation to and from airports, tips and meals. It would not include side trips or other incidentals.

Such a trip is based on a minimum of 16 passengers. This is the reason why I am asking those who might be interested to please let me know before I begin to make any definite plans. My address is: St. Anthony (Lith.) Church, 1750 Twenty-Fifth Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48216.

Father J. Walter Stanievich.

ITINERARY

Nov. 13	Lv.	NEW YORK	7:30 P.M.	Nov. 28			
Nov. 14	Ar.	PARIS	8:25 A.M.		to	Attend Congress	
Nov. 15		IN PARIS		Dec. 6			
Nov. 16	Lv.	PARIS	9:20 A.M.	Dec. 7	Lv.	BOMBAY	7:00 A.M.
	Ar.	ROME	11:00 A.M.	Dec. 7	Ar.	SINGAPORE	3:10 P.M.
Nov. 17		IN ROME		Dec. 8		IN SINGAPORE	
Nov. 18	Lv.	ROME	3:35 P.M.	Dec. 9	Lv.	SINGAPORE	8:00 A.M.
Nov. 18	Ar.	BEIRUT	7:35 P.M.	Dec. 9	Ar.	HONG KONG	1:30 P.M.
Nov. 19		IN BEIRUT - visit Byblos		Dec. 10		IN HONG KONG	
Nov. 20		Beirut to Damascus by surface		Dec. 11	Lv.	HONG KONG	12:55 P.M.
Nov. 21		IN DAMASCUS		Dec. 11	Ar.	TOKYO	5:15 P.M.
Nov. 22	Lv.	DAMASCUS	9:45 A.M.	Dec. 12			
	Ar.	JORDAN	10:55 A.M.	Dec. 13		IN TOKYO	
Nov. 23		IN JORDAN		Dec. 14	Lv.	TOKYO	10:00 P.M.
Nov. 24		IN JORDAN				Cross International dateline	
Nov. 25	Lv.	Jordan and pass through Mandelbaum Gate into Israel. Continue on to Tel Aviv		Dec. 14	Ar.	HONOLULU same morning	9:10 A.M.
Nov. 26		IN TEL-AVIV		Dec. 15		IN HONOLULU	
Nov. 27	Lv.	TEL-AVIV	6:35 P.M.	Dec. 16	Lv.	HONOLULU	3:00 P.M.
Nov. 28	Ar.	BOMBAY	6:20 A.M.	Dec. 16	Ar.	LOS ANGELES	10:00 P.M.
				Dec. 16	Lv.	LOS ANGELES	11:00 P.M.
				Dec. 17	Ar.	NEW YORK	6:40 A.M.



THAT WAS THE YEAR, THAT WAS...

... filled with important, and not so important; local, national, and international events - as are all years when viewed from the present.

It was the year that movies-goers in Connecticut celebrated because they could see their favorite movies, such as "The Silent Witness," "Green Men of Plumas," and "The Countess" with Francis X. Bushman, on Sundays because the Connecticut Court had decided that moving pictures do not "disturb the Sunday peace." If one had a more "cultured" taste for entertainment that year, and a better-lined pocket-book, he could see and hear Enrico Caruso then appearing in Carmen at the Met. Of course for those a little lean in the pocket the most popular books - India's Love Lyrics, Arcadian Adventures with the Idle Rich, and Swollen Headed William could be curled up with in an easy chair. Poetry certainly must have taken an interesting slant when Diamond Jim Brady turned poet. For those with a more lively taste for entertainment Vaudeville shone with such stars as Ethel Barrymore, Harry Fox and Jennie Dolly, Fannie Brice, Annette Kellerman, and Eva Tanguay. Stage plays were: "Camille," "Poor Little Thing," and "Hello Broadway", written by and starring Cohan.

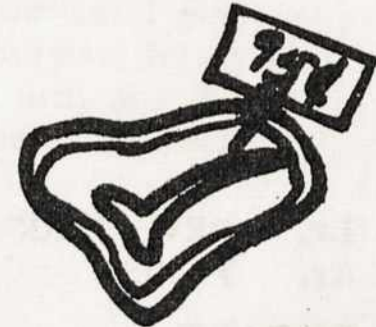
It was also the year of the daring swim suit; a lady could now bare her legs, as far as mid-tigh, and allow her entire knee to be seen. And, stunning tennis outfits consisting of: hats, knee socks, full-length skirts, and plaid three-quarter jackets; were all the rage for that vigorous sport. Boys, in this year were seen in Breton sailor hats, knickers, and long socks. It was a daring year in the American world of fashion.



The year wasn't all sweetness and light; it was the year in which, in quick succession, Archduke Ferdinand and his wife were killed, on June 29th; England declared war on Germany; German cruisers raided on England; and the Cunard Line paid a \$50,000 premium to insure the Lusitania for \$10,000,000 on her voyage from England to America and back. It was, of course, the year in which Woodrow Wilson was President, but it was also the year in which Adlai Stevenson, ex-senator and secretary of the Interior, died.

The War in Europe was not the only cause for alarm and grief it was the year Pope Pius X died and Pope Benedict was elected by the cardinals. It was the year a volcanic eruption in Japan killed 500 citizens; the year an IWW bomb meant for Rockefeller killed four of its makers; the year the threats of Zapata aroused alarm in Mexico City. It was a year of especially heavy despair in New York when - the Yankees dropped to last place.

It was "one of the good old" years when Studebaker 6 sold for \$1575. Meat prices, though, reached astronomical (not a common adjective for this year) proportions when they rose to 95 c a pound.



It was the year suffragettes apparently so angered the male public that violent action was taken. It was a year that foresaw the slow but sure coming of Prohibition. The measure was beaten in the House with the slight margin of 197 to 189.

That was the year - 1914; the year the Knights of Lithuania, then in their first year of existence, added Council 4, at Providence of God Parish in Chicago, to its list of councils. This was the start of the Chicago District of the K of L, 50 years ago. The district still exists - as the Illinois-Indiana District - and is planning a big history-making "birthday celebration" during the National Convention this year!

Be sure to wish them Happy Birthday, by attending the Convention. Remember the dates - August 7 to 9 - plan to arrive early and stay late!

JUNIOR NEWS

THREE JUNIOR K of L RALLIES PLANNED

The month of April will be Rally Month for the members of the Junior Knights of Lithuania. Three districts - New England, New York-New Jersey, and Mid Central - will sponsor Junior Rallies. Each rally is open to Junior K of L members, as well as to the Lithuanian youth of parishes where Junior K of L's do not exist. Each event will include religious devotions; reports of activity in the junior councils; entertainment by each council in the form of music, dances, songs, skits, and exhibits; and a full course meal. An added highlight of each rally this year will be the presentation of one award in each district to the junior council enrolling the most new members during February and March. The schedule for Junior Rallies is:

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT - Sunday, April 5 - St. Anthony's Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Hosts: Jr. Council # 102

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - Sunday, April 19 - Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Brockton, Mass.

Hosts: Jr. Council #17 of So. Boston, Mass.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT - Sunday, April 26 - New York-New Jersey area

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The Junior Membership Contest is now in full swing; notices should have been received by all councils. Rules for the contest are simple. The contest runs for 8 weeks - from February 4, 1964 to March 31, 1964. Each new member that joins a Junior Council during this time and registers with the Supreme Council First Vice President, will earn two points for his, or her, Council. Each member that re-joins a Junior Council, after not having been a Junior member for one full year, and is also registered with the Supreme Council First Vice President, will earn 1 point for his, or her, Council. A prize will be awarded in each of the three districts, the Mid-Central District, the New England District, and the New York-New Jersey District. The council with the most points in each district will be awarded a prize at its Spring Junior Rally.

Invite your friends to join in K of L fun. Council presidents, send report on new members - signed by your Spiritual Advisor and Adult Counselors- to the Supreme Council First Vice-President, no later than April 2, 1964 if you wish your council to be eligible for prizes.

JUNIOR COUNCIL 17, South Boston, Mass.
reported by John Olevitz, Counselor

Our Junior Council has had several activities since the beginning of the fall season. Our Halloween Party, Monte Carlo Night, and Christmas Party were all great fun. We are now working plans for our Junior Council First Anniversary Party. Every Saturday morning we have bowling which is directed by Al Vaychulis.

Our officers for the coming year are: Pres. Geraldine Marcinowski; V. Pres. Michael Zarkis; Sec. Carol Wisotski; Treas. Linda De Stefano. Adult Counselors: Alice Zaremba, Ronald Venis, John Olevitz.

JUNIOR COUNCIL 30, Westfield, Mass.
reported by Carol Bernadicius

The Juniors in Westfield have been busy learning new Lithuanian folk dances and having fun doing it! Our leader and director, Mr. Charles Duda, sure has been a wonderful teacher.

Members of our folk dance group are: Ray Duda,

Carol Bernadicius, Joseph Sabonis, Dorothy Minkus, Ann Marie Kucharski, John Allen, Catherine Kucharski, Rudy Duda.

JUNIOR COUNCIL 26, Worcester, Mass.
reported by Eleanor Anusauskas, counselor

Council 26 Juniors had an active 1963. Our activities were: a cake sale, a winter sports day, a bowling party, a paper drive, a pizza party, an outing and beach trip, a car wash, a Halloween party, a trip to the Ice Capades in Boston, and several dances. We also sold "bulkas" (Lithuanian bacon rolls) after Masses in the fall.

In addition to our many socials, our Lithuanian Folk Dance Group reorganized during the spring and performed at the Jubilee Year Concert of the New England District. We also were faithful in attending devotions every evening in May.

We have decided to entrust our leadership to the girls in the coming year and give our boys a rest. Our leaders for the coming year are: President, Susan Swedis; Vice-President, Susan Mollis; Secretary, Lorraine Dailida; and Treasurer, Carol Matukaitis.

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

So. Worcester, Mass. C-116

Onytė

We extend one hand in a fond farewell to the Rev. Michael Tamalavich, our spiritual advisor, who has been transferred to St. Casimir's parish, and with the other hand we extend greetings to the Rev. Albin Yan-kauskas. Our best wishes to both Fathers.

Our president, Al Krasinskas, announced during the February meeting the dates of several coming events. (Incidentally the February meeting was one of the best in a long time, with nearly 30 members attending.) Our council's Military Whist will be held on Apr. 30, and the Spring Dance on May 30. With the cooperation of all our members these affairs can be just as successful as the ones held in the fall. Make your plans now to support these events.

The second half of our bowling season is well under way with the Chucks, captained by Charles Lapinskas, still in first place. But Bob Paluses has promised everyone that they will not be there for long. He figures his team will "de-throne" the Chucks any day now. Charley still holds the high average for men. He even won a chicken dinner for his fine bowling. Barbara Mazeika leads the women with a 97.8 average.

St. Casimir's Day was celebrated as usual by our members with a Communion Breakfast. Our guest speaker was one of our own members, John Kokernak, who spoke about the World's Fair. He also showed slides. The spiritual committee, headed by Dot March, must be commended for all the arrangements.

Our members participated in the celebration on the anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Day at the New

Lithuanian Club. Jack Kasper, Alex Kardokas, and the Lapinskases arranged an exhibit with one of the local banks as part of the celebration.

The entire parish was deeply saddened by the recent death of Mrs. Blanche Miller. Our sympathy is extended to Shirley, Virginia, and Joyce on the death of their beloved mother.

Congratulations to Mildred and Charles Lapinskas, new co-editors of the council newsletter, "The Equestrian."

On the recent ski weekend to Purity Springs Resort in New Hampshire Rita Skamarock and Dot Sinkavitch report that it rained so hard they should have brought their water skis instead.

How lucky can one be? Frank Kudarauskas won the portable TV raffled by the CYC group.

Ann Miller was on jury duty for the entire month of February and reports that she knows for sure that crime does not pay.

Barbara Mazeika and Joan Cashman are off for a week of skiing at the Laurentian Mts.

Ann Markvenas says they haven't decided what to call the men who go to the moon. So, she suggests "lunatics."

Westfield, Mass., C-30

Genovaitė

"Frolics in the Snow", C-30's annual snow party, was cancelled this year by the weatherman much to the disappointment of the ardent ice skaters and sledders.

Feb. 2 was the date for the NED Bowling roll-off held in Westfield at the Community Lanes. Everyone had a grand time and returning to St. Casimir's Church parlors, enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by District Corresponding Secretary, Mary

Minkus and her committee of C-30 members.

Ann Sabonis, Ann Kylish, Doris Tarnauskas, Edna Bernadicius, and Virginia Tarnauskas did a grand job planning 1964's St. Casimir's Day observance, held on Mar. 8. The covered-dish supper was delicious thanks to the generous contributions of all the members. The good work of Frank Bernadicius and District Pres. Benedict Coach on the entertainment committee helped make a pleasant evening for all. This affair is always a family gathering and, with the addition of the Jr. K of L, there was a crowd in attendance.

A happy and holy Easter to one and all.

So. Boston, Mass. C-17 Žinutė

At the first meeting of C-17 with the new officers presiding John S. Daniels, the newly elected president, presented a message to the members in which he stated that there would be no activities of a social nature, unless more of the membership takes an active part in them. John said that he wanted to take the pressure off the certain few who always volunteer. So, take notice, members. There are plenty of spiritual and social activities coming up, and to make these a success we need both your physical and financial support.

1964 marks the Golden Jubilee of our council. A committee has been formed, and they are formalizing plans for this great event. Once more they will need your support.

The St. Casimir Day Communion-Breakfast on Mar. 1 was a great success due to the hard work of the committee. There are too many names to place in this column. Those who took part can take a bow for their

participation. The chairman was Larry Svelnis and the guest speaker, Anthony Shalna, Jr.

The ski weekend proved to be a restful one, because of the rain which ruined the snow on the slopes. The K of L'ers had to think up some projects to keep occupied. One of them was a surprise birthday party for Al Jaritis. They really had Al "snowed under." It was like an atomic project secret. Al gives his heartfelt thanks to the group for the wonderful party.

At the last meeting we greeted two new members, Frank Sabitiski and Joseph Kaskus. May we welcome both of you to our organization. Joe is a co-op student in marketing and advertising at Northeastern University. This means that Joe goes to school so many weeks and then goes out into the business world for as many weeks. In this way he puts his education to practice.

Ed Rudis called his mother from Korea by telephone. I hope he didn't reverse the charges. Ed sends his best regards to everyone.

In the bowling league, John Olevitz has taken over the hi-single, 146, and the hi-triple, 350, for the men, while the female leader is Rose Marchese with 120 for hi-single and a 330 for hi-triple. There is still plenty of room for any spares who want to bowl on Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. at the South Boston Bowlerama. All are also welcome to attend the bowling banquet to be held at the end of the season, at which trophies will be awarded.

South Boston was host for the fifth New England Rolloffs and Communion Breakfast. Our members did their best to try and feed all the hungry bowlers. The last rolloffs will take place in Brockton.

C-17 participated in the Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration. . . . Father Zuromskis was host to a group of C-17'ers at his rectory, and he showed some of that famous Lowell hospitality. . . . Bill Gorski was made press secretary to Gov. Peabody. Bill, along with the Rev. A. Contons, has undertaken another hard job of raising money for the Sisters of Jesus Crucified of Brockton, Mass. The Sisters are now planning to build a nursing home, and once more the plea for help in fulfilling a dream. If you can, give up one package of cigarettes per day, and put that money aside.



Newly elected officers of C-27, Norwood, Mass.

Those of you who don't smoke can put aside the money for some candy or other entertainment. In a short while you could send the convent a donation, and it wouldn't hurt too much. Remember, this could be done easily during the lenten season.

We hope that Ann Kleponis is on the road to recovery, and may we also extend this wish to: Florence Zaleskas; to Helen Suprin's father; and to Rita Venis' father. . . . Remember in your prayers Mildred Buea of C-116, a real, true, hard-working K of L'er. . . . In closing - "Pray as if everything depended upon God, and work as if everything depended upon man." Francis Cardinal Spellman.

Norwood, Mass. C-27 Gabby

Our January meeting was highlighted by the election of our new officers; Father Aloysius Klimas, Spiritual Director; George Barton, President; Paul Zukas, Vice-President; Joan Dabrowney, Secretary; Mrs. Agnes Vaitones, Treasurer; and Joanne Perekslis, Financial Secretary. Congratulations to all of them and the best of luck for the coming year.

Our newly elected president and NED Cultural Chairman showed us two books, "Lithuanian through the Ages" and "Vilnius, Capital of Lithuania". Both were very interesting.

We also enjoyed the film "Atlan-

tic Salmon Fishing in New Brunswick, Canada". Agnes and Alge Vaitonis deserved the credit for the films shown at our Christmas Party for the children of St. George's parish. Afterwards our usual social followed with plenty of delicious food.

Congratulations to Joan Dabrowney. She is now a registered nurse with many more responsibilities.

Athol-Gardner, Mass. C-10

Vincukas

Our K of L council held its annual meeting in January in St. Francis church hall in Athol at which time new officers were elected for the year 1964: Dr. Henry Gailiunas, president; 1st vice pres. - Michael Waslaske; 2nd vice pres. - Howard Beaudette; treasurer - Nellie Melaiika; rec. sec'y - Frances Milosh; finc. sec'y - Bill Waslaske; VYTIS Correspondent - Bill Wisnauskas; social co-chairmen, Frank Anoris and Al Rodski; ritual chairman, Mary Gauronsky; spiritual chairman Lennie Davidonis; and Rev. John Jutt, Chaplain. We wish the new officers a banner year.

Father Jutt has returned from a three week vacation in Mexico. . . . Some of our members were seen at the NED bowling roll-offs and the ski weekend.

This reporter wishes the VYTIS staff and all the members of the K of L a happy and holy Easter.

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3 Sunshine

The weekend of Jan. 17, 18 and 19 found C-3 members at Lake Harmony Lodge in the Poconos for our annual winter weekend. The weather was ideal for the skiers and skaters, but a little too wet for the football players. We returned home in good health and, for the first time, without casualties.

March 1, C-3 commemorated the feast of St. Casimir with a procession and Communion Mass, followed

by a brunch at which first and second degrees were awarded. The noted speaker for this occasion was Father Cavanaugh of the Society of the Propagation of Faith.

We're glad to see that moving out of Philly hasn't stopped Trudi and Joe Simmons from attending social functions.

Birthday greetings to: Eleanor Chebatoris, Joseph Simmons and Felix Kaczanauskas (March).

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Joe Yanulaitis on the death of of his father.

Kearny, N.J. C-90 Dimples

Congratulations to the following newly elected officers: Mildred Grinewich, President; Ellie Nakrosis, First Vice President; Andrew Leonard, Second Vice President; John Nakrosis, Treasurer; Ann Klem, Secretary; and Kathy Daunoras, Financial Secretary.

Best of luck to Barbara Gelcius who recently became engaged to Robert Rokus.

Welcome back to Dottie Bezge-la, just returned from a cruise to Puerto Rico.

Get well wishes are sent to Judge Charles Paulis.

Welcome aboard to a new member, Jim Udis. Jim recently bowled a 245, league high, and ended up with a 613 series.

Brooklyn, N.Y. C-41 J. M.

C-41 cordially congratulates the newly elected officers for the year 1964; president, Anthony Mazeika, Jr.; vice pres., Stanley Dedinas, treasurer, Kestutis Ramančionis; recording sec'y, Joan Mažeika; "Darbininkas" correspondent, Elvira Ragažinskis; VYTIS correspondent, Joan Mažeika.

The following members received degrees at the same meeting: 1st degree, Al Jankauskas, Donnie Jonaitis, Paul Kamage, Veronica Latinis, Helen Playtis, Vytautas Radzivonas, Elvira Ragažinskis and Kęstutis Ramančionis; 2nd degree, Stanley De-

dinas, Carolyn Nagin, and Denis Mažeika.

Our council is very grateful for the good luck and success in activities during the past year. Excellent relations with other Lithuanian organizations, financial successes with our November Play-Dance (in conjunction with the Seniors), and with our annual Christmas Dance, as well as the recruitment of many fine new members into our council have made our council busy and happy. We warmly welcome Al and Gene Jankauskas, Veronica Latinis, Helen Playtis, Vytautas Radzivonas, Elvira Ragažinskis, Paul Kamage, Kęstutis Ramančionis, Steve and Vida Gerdvilas into the permanent council fold.

As for future plans, C-41 has on the agenda a co-organizational meeting with the Student Branch of the N.Y. Ateitininkai on March 21, and a Spring Dance to be held sometime in April. We are very proud to announce that our council folk-dance group performed at the Great Neck Cultural Night on Feb. 14 (sponsored by the Great Neck Adult Education Dept. and C-109) and they will perform at the New York World's Fair in August of 1964.

News Bits: Happy Birthday to Tony Mažeika (April 1), Helen Playtis (Apr. 5), and Al Jankauskas (Apr. 15). Warmest congratulations and the best of luck to our student teachers Carolyn Nagin, Helen Playtis, and Joan Mažeika. Many miles of enjoyable driving, Carolyn, with that new red Renault-Dauphine of yours.

Linden, N.J. C-113 Cerberus

The renaissance of C-113 is well under way. Our latest roster shows 17 reinstated members, a membership increase of 50%. The officers for 1964 are pres., Joe Sable; vice pres., Ed Pribush; recording sec'y, Sally Ashmont; financial sec'y, Aldona Krotulis; treasurer, John Ashmont; and trustees, Dominick Budrecki and Anthony Vernickas. The new officers were installed at the Feb. 29 meeting. Rev. Peter Zemeikis, District Spiritual Advisor, administered the oath.

Our first item of business was the restoration of the council charter.

Master craftsman, Joe Krotulis, refurbished the frame and document with so much vigor that he is now recouping his energy in the legendary "Fountain of Youth" discovered by Ponce de Leon in 1513 and named Florida. Adele Leraitis and John Tratulis are also headed for the Sunshine State. If any more of our members join the exodus to the winter playland Linden's reorganization program may have to emanate from "Surfside 6."

Our reorganization program includes - a card party, a bus ride to Windward Beach, an Ed Krotulis Picnic, a 40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance, a tour of the New York World's Fair, and a bid for the 1965 National Convention.

Chicago may give you more in '64
In '65 plan to see

The World's Fair and Council
one-one-three!

Amsterdam, N.Y., C-100

Smile & Sparkle

The annual Christmas banquet of the council was held on Sunday night, Dec. 8 at Robertshaw's Drum. Attorney A. C. Stokna was Master of Ceremonies. Guest speakers included: Rev. Robert K. Baltch; Rev. J. Grabys of St. Rose's College, Albany, N.Y.; Rev. Matthew Cyvas, newly appointed pastor of St. George's Church, Albany, N.Y.; Rev. J. Krivickas; Dr. Adams Kindar; Dr. Aldona Baltch; Prof. Irene Wood of Russel Sage College, Troy, N.Y.; Miss Monica Toker; Prof. Joseph Olsauskas; Bill McCune; and Walter Rusilas (1st president of our council - Happy birthday Walt - Dec. 8).

Games were played and the winners were Mrs. J. Nikstenas, Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Miss Eleanor Stakauskas, Benjamin Kroup, Jr., John Gerutis, Dr. Aldona Baltch, Mrs. Irene Wood, Mrs. Polly Ziausys, and Mrs. Sadie Karbus. Christmas carols, and Lithuanian and American folk songs were sung.

Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baranauskas, Schenectady, N.Y., Mr. Charles Karbus, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Kazlauskas, Mrs. A.C. Stokna, Mrs. Adam Kindar, Mr.

and Mrs. Matthew Orante, Mrs. Anna Yunker, Miss Margaret Boccio, Miss Gene Gobis, Mrs. Walter Rusilas, Miss Ann Billis, Mr. Lonny Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Mr. and Mrs. John Svidarckas, Mrs. Benjamin Kroup, Jr., Mr. Edward Ziausys, Mr. George Gravrokas, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nikstenas.

At our January meeting, Father Baltch showed us movies of our K of L Christmas banquet. Gene Gobis announced the winners of the money-making scheme. . . 1st prize - Chet Wall, Amsterdam, 2nd prize - Al Grodski, Gardner, Mass., 3rd prize - Ed Friderici, Amsterdam, and 4th prize - Isabelle Orante, Amsterdam. Due to the small attendance at the meeting, voting for new officers was set aside to March 8, immediately after our annual Communion breakfast. Coffee and dessert were served by Gene Gobis.

A good friend of our council, Monica Toker died on Jan. 13. Only a month prior she and her dear friend Lonny Parks were guests at the K of L Christmas banquet. Monica was a most courageous girl. On March 17, 1962 she became blind, but she overcame this difficulty through training at the school for the blind in Boston. She even tried to ski. We will all miss her.

Others sharing the loss of loved ones recently were: Eleanor Stakauskas (her mother), Helen Dombroski (her dad), Gene Gobis (her aunt, Caroline Gobis and her uncle Walter Shatas), Gen Zoal (her husband, Frank who was the president of the American Lithuanian Club and a very good friend of the K of L.)

Vitty Morkunas of Worcester paid Amsterdam a visit twice recently.

Belated birthday greetings to Sophie Olbie - December 5th, and to Father Baltch - February 17.

Birthday greetings to Pauline Urban - April 26th.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. C-139

Mary

At our January meeting, the following officers were elected: Stanley Wesley, President; Alex Gadwell, Vice-President; Mary Ziurinskas, Secretary; and Theresa Vaitkunas,

Treasurer. Our congratulations to them and wishes for a successful term. Two of last year's officers were re-elected and Father Kris is Spiritual Advisor of our small but growing Council.

In December, five of our members attended a social at the home of Ray and Terry Medonis, and we wish to thank them for a very enjoyable evening.

We wish to welcome back Stanley Wesley and his wife, Bertha. Welcome to the K of L also goes to Julius Wesley, Mary and Edward Waitkus and their son, Edward.

Detroit, Mich. C-102

During the Dec. 15, meeting the election of officers was held. The 1964 officers are Bill Juodawlakis, president; Clem Galinas, 1st vice-pres.; Ray Medonis, 2nd vice-pres.; Donna Bunikis, recording secretary; Josie Jonulate, financial secretary; Christine Mishakis, corresponding secretary; Charles Mishakis, treasurer; Bob Boris, Frank Bunikis, and Bill Norkunas, trustees.

Our holiday party was held Dec. 28, at the home of Ray and Terry Medonis. Chris Meshakis planned the menu for our pot luck dinner. Members from C-139 joined us for an evening of holiday cheer. We were happy to have in attendance our two newest members, John Ambrozaitis and Bob Jansauskas, along with some of their friends. Now you are initiated, Boys.

Some of our members attended the New Year's Eve party with C-79. Good food, enjoyable music, many balloons and friendly people made the evening a success.

On Jan. 19, after our monthly Communion breakfast, the new officers presided over the meeting and committee chairmen were chosen. Plans were made for future outings and coming meetings.

The social event of the month was our theater night on January 25. We saw the play "You'll Never Know" at the Vanguard Theater. Those who attended included Father Stanievich, Anna Mae Uznis, Bob Boris, Donna and Frank Bunikis, Maryanne and Joe Guerriero, Chris and Chuck Mishakis, Helen and Tony Smolek

and Terry and Ray Medonis. After the performance the group met at Carl's Chop House for a midnight snack.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

District News

Our bowlers in the District league are still looking for spectators, if you're in the vicinity of Gage Park Bowl on Friday evenings. With more than half the season over, St. Anthony Savings and Loan is in first place with 45 wins and 24 losses, Petkus Funeral Home is second with 39 and 30 and ? Lounge is third with 37 and 32.

On March 7th, the District Choir sang at the Lithuanian Jesuit Center for an affair which honored Antanas Smetona, Lithuania's President, and on April 4th they will sing for the benefit of BALF.

Congratulations to our Choir Director, Faustas Strolia and his wife Theresa, on the birth of their first child, Paul, on Jan. 20th.

Don't forget Chicago in '64 (everyone but Joe Sable, that is).

Chicago, Ill. C-112

The welcome mat is out for new members, Diane Yurkus and Antanas Balcytis.

In the capable hands of Julie Zakarka and her committee our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Dance was again most successful. The fall decor, good companionship, and the music of the "Top-Tones" added to the entertainment.

Choir Concert - A Success! Again our District Choir's Concert was well received by a "full-house" audience. Helping to stage this event were, Eleanore Laurin (General Chairman), Al Zakarka (Choir Pres.), Julie Zakarka (Ticket Chairman), Al Raubiskis (Bar Chairman) plus many other council members.

112'ers again journeyed to the K of L Bldg. for their Annual Christmas Party. Social Chairman Zena

Antanas Balcytis-36
6819 S. Washtenaw Ave.
Chicago 29, Ill.

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Chicago 36, Illinois

Savokaitis and her committee did a wonderful job in planning the event. The evening's entertainment was most pleasant, topped by a visit of our own "Santa," Pete Gagle.

During the recent holidays Ray Samoska and Andy Tatusko both announced their engagements. Congratulations to the boys and their brides-to-be!

From all indications, the K of L's celebrating the New Year at D-G's started the year in proper style. The added attraction of the evening was the announcement of the engagement of Loretta Kassel and Jack Stukas.

Our Council was host to the monthly bowling social in January at Wood-Mac Lanes. A good showing both at the lanes and at the social after helped make the event successful. Bowling Winners - Al Raubiskis and Alice Tomczak! What has happened to "What-Again" Gerry Mack????? Jack Metrick of Worcester again proved he's a fun bowler and a regular party boy. Chairman, Al Raubiskis, expressed his appreciation to everyone who gave assistance.

Belated greetings to our January and February Birthday babies: Lorraine Wainauskas, Petras Bagdonas, Gerry Mockus, Gerry Mack, Ca-

roline Stoiser, Ruth Tautkus, Estelle Rogers, Cecilia Adas, John Evans, Sophie Bockus, Anele Pocius, and Al Raubiskis. Also March greetings to Ann Mockus, Vyt Lubert, Red Cibulskis, Ed Krivickas and Vladas Pa-liulionis.

Random Thoughts! The insurance field must really be paying-off for Al Mockus! First, a new car and now, a new home! Speaking of cars, we noticed that Irene Sankus is currently menacing pedestrians with her new "Olds"!

Date To Remember! C-112 Annual Easter Dance, K of L Bldg.; Chairman Andy Yuknis

Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo

Cleveland, Ohio

Sausio 18-tą Paulina Glugodiene užkvietė vyčius senjorus pas save bendrai paminėti ir pasidžiaugti josios gimtadieniu ir 70 metų sukakčia. Visus svečius nuoširdžiai priėmė, vaišino skaniai paruoštais valgiais ir gėrimais. Tikiu, kad visi il-

gai prisimins parodytą lietuvišką vytišką širdį.

Clevelando L. Vyčiai jau nekartą yra pagerbę P. Glugodiene už jos nuveiktus didelius darbus. Vyčiai ją pakėlė į ketvirtą laipsnį; ypatingai yra gerbiama už scenišką veiklą. Vyčiai

senjorai išrinko dvi nares šiai mėsai senjorei vytei nupirkti atmintinę dovaną.

Linkiu Paulinai Glugodienei sulaukti dar daug daug tokių gimtadienių. Dievas testiprina ir laimina visuose tavo žygiuose!

J. Sadauskas.



Clevelando senjorai Onos Mikelickienės gimtadienio paminėjime.



Clevelando vyčiai senjorai susirinkę pagerbti Polą Glugodiene, josios 70 metų gimtadienio proga ir 52 metų puoselėjimo lietuviškos veiklos.