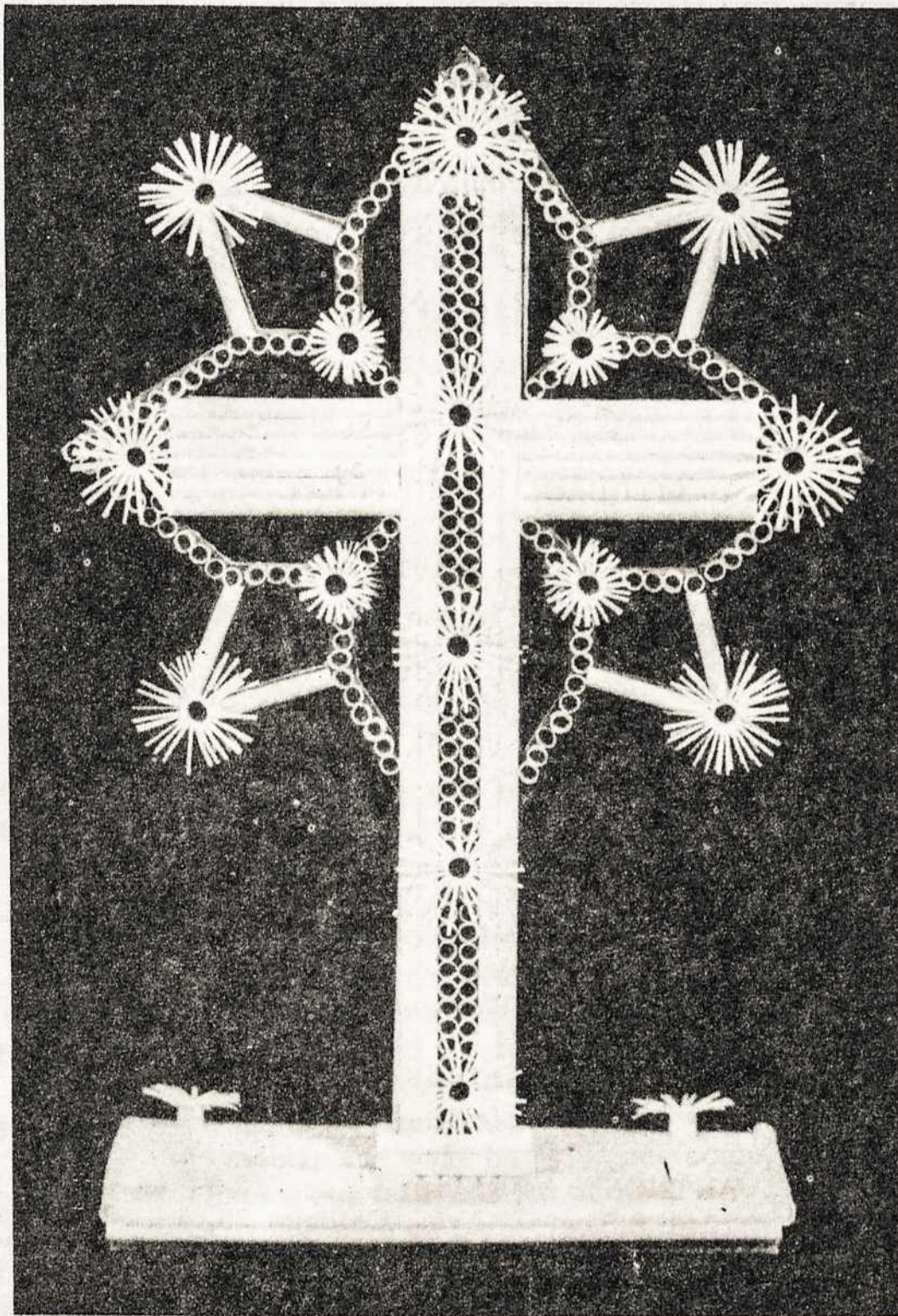


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A Christmas Prayer for Peace

HELEN STEINER RICE

Our Father, up in heaven,
 hear this Christmas prayer:
 May the people of ALL NATIONS
 be UNITED in THY CARE,
 For earth's peace and man's salvation
 can come only by Thy grace
 And not through bombs and missiles
 and our quest for outer space . . .
 For until all men recognize
 that "THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S"
 And peace on earth cannot be won
 with strategy and swords,
 We will go on vainly fighting,
 as we have in ages past,
 Finding only empty victories
 and peace that cannot last . . .
 But we've grown so rich and mighty
 and so arrogantly strong,
 We no longer ask in humbleness -
 "God, show us where we're wrong" . . .
 We have come to trust completely
 in the power of man-made things,
 Unmindful of God's mighty power
 and that HE is "KING of KINGS" . . .
 We have turned our eyes away from HIM
 to go our selfish way,
 And money, power and pleasure
 are the gods we serve today . . .
 And the good green earth God gave us
 to peacefully enjoy,
 Through greed and fear and hatred
 we are seeking to destroy . . .
 Oh, Father, up in heaven,
 stir and wake our sleeping souls,
 Renew our faith and lift us up
 and give us higher goals,
 And grant us heavenly guidance
 as Christmas comes again -
 For, more than GUIDED MISSILES,
 all the world needs GUIDED MEN.



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The STABLE AT BETHLEHEM

"The Marian"

CRECHE BECOMES FAMOUS



The Nativity Creche. A Universally Popular form of Religious Folk Art, and The Story of its Origin.

The scene is a quiet woodland in the Sabine Hills north of Rome. The year is 1223. It is the eve of Christmas and the hour is nearing midnight.

Suddenly the dark winter's night is pierced with the glow of a hundred tapers and the soft voice of men, women and children chanting the age-old hymn of the Christmas season, "Glory to God in the Highest."

A procession may be seen moving up the hillside from the village of Greccio to a humble cloister of the Brothers of Francis of Assisi. Francis himself - beloved patron of the poor, of children, birds, and animals - leads his brown-robed brothers and the people of Greccio to a cave near the cloister.

There, Francis has arranged to celebrate Christmas in a setting never before known. In the center of the cave, just below a make-shift altar, he had placed a manger filled with straw and in it, the figure of an infant. On either side was a live animal - the traditional ox and ass of the stable of Bethlehem.

A biographer has recorded Francis as explaining: I want to celebrate the coming of the Son of God upon earth and see with my own eyes how poor and miserable He wished to be for our sakes."

Thus was presented for the first time a religious tableau that was the inspiration for a unique form of folk art - the Nativity crib, or creche, as it is called - found today in homes and churches throughout the Christian world.

The Shrine of Greccio - where a church now stands - and the story of that Christmas scene became known throughout Europe. In 1316, Pope John 22nd, then living at Avignon, introduced the idea of the creche to the region of Provence in southern France, whence it spread throughout Europe and eventually the whole Christian world.

To this day in Provence, where shepherds still tend their flocks on the hills of that rich farming area, the account of the Nativity is as real as if it were a modern miracle. A simple little creche is arranged on a table in the best room in the house and neighbors visit each other to admire the tiny clay figures called santons (little saints) fashioned from hand-made molds. They are brightly painted to represent not just the Holy Family, the shepherds, the angels and the Wise Men, but various figures in the village as well.

In Italy, and especially in the city of Naples, some of the most distinguished sculptors of the 15th century devoted themselves to the beloved figures. Charles 3rd, of Spain, made his own statuettes and his Saxon queen sewed the garments that covered them with her own hands.

SIMPLE FOLK ART

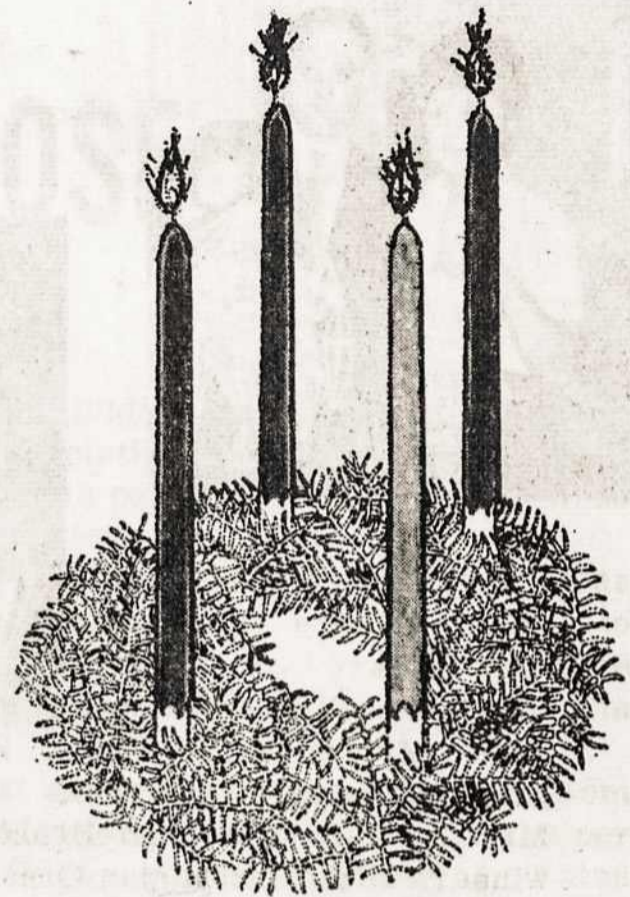
But in France, Germany and Spain, the creche was adopted also by the simple folk. Every church and home had its own hand-carved set of figures dressed, in each instance, in the clothing peculiar to that time and region.

The creche took on a variety of forms. Skilled artisans in Vienna in the 18th Century, created animated figures which enacted the Nativity with moving animals, kneeling shepherds and Wise Men presenting their gifts to the new-born Child.

Many experts in the field, as the noted American architect and designer, Alexander Giard, collect and treasure the creche. His collection of this rare folk art glorifying the birth of Christ, entitled, "The Nativity" was a major museum exhibition. It was also used by the International People-to-People Programs, which aims at international understanding among nations. A more appropriate instrument could not be used than the representation of the birth of Christ, whose mission was

" PEACE ON EARTH
TO MEN OF GOOD-WILL "

ADVENT WREATH



HELEN McLOUGHLIN

Most popular of the Advent customs handed down to us is the Advent wreath made of evergreens, bound to a circle of wire. German in origin - it was taken, so we are told, from the pagan fire wheel-the wreath represents the cycle of thousands of years from Adam to Christ during which the world awaited the coming of a Redeemer. It also represents the cycle of years since then that we have been awaiting His second and final coming in glory. It bears four candles, equally spaced, three purple ones to be lighted on the "penitential" Sundays, and a pink one for Gaudete, the joyful Sunday in Advent. Candles may be placed inside or outside the wreath.

Any kind of Christmas wreath such as those hung in windows may be used. It may be set on a kitchen or dining room table, on an end table in the living room, or in a child's bedroom. However, it is most appealing when suspended by four purple ribbons from a light fixture in the ceiling.

When our children were small we bought a large permanently-preserved pine wreath and used it year after year. Now that they are going to school they help to make a new one each Advent. Inexpensive and easy to assemble is the wreath we make from a bunch or two of laurel leaves bound to a circle of wire from coat hangers. The evergreens are secured by fine wire to the circle. Candles and ribbons are added as the wreath is put together. Laurel is practical because it does not shed when suspended over the dining room table. Moreover, laurel is a symbol of victory, and thus reminds us that Christ's coming means victory over sin and death. Loveliest of wreaths and fragrant, too, is one of fresh princess pine. When we use that type, we hang it in the living room and add a single silver star to it each evening in Advent when the candles are lighted for prayers.

City dwellers may make an attractive wreath of fireproof green paper, while country folks will find

a metal barrel hoop ideal as a frame for whatever evergreens are at hand. In our children's classrooms in New York City (Corpus Christi School), Advent wreath greens are kept fresh in plastic "snow" available at florists.

The home ceremony for use of the Advent wreath is simple. It consists of the Collects for the Sundays of the season. On the first Sunday of Advent, the family gathers for the blessing of the wreath by the father, who begins:

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

A l l a n s w e r: Who made heaven and earth.
F a t h e r: Let us pray. O god, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may Receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord.

A l l: Amen.

He sprinkles the wreath with holy water. The youngest child lights the first candle and the prayer for the first week is said.

F a t h e r: Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, o Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

A l l: Amen.

During the first week one candle is left burning during the evening meal, at prayers or at bedtime.

Two candles are lighted on the second Sunday and allowed to burn as before. The prayer for the week is:

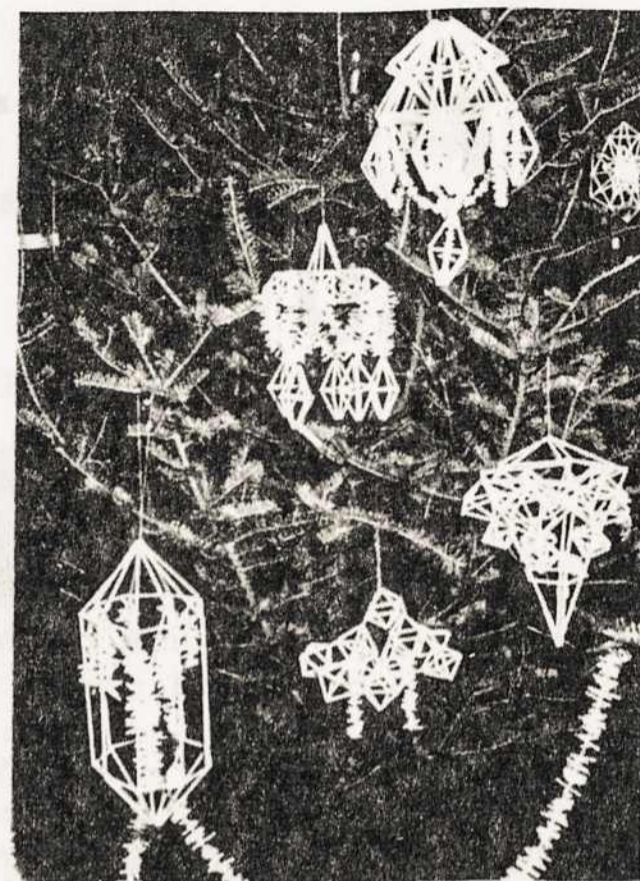
F a t h e r: Let us pray. O Lord, stir up our hearts That we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, That through his coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord.

A l l: Amen.

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Left: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zapolis, contest sponsor, display prize winning ornaments. Right: Sister M. Gratia, S.C.S., Mr. V. Vaitekunas and Bronė Jameikienė judge the 1963 prize winners of the Lithuanian Ornaments Contest.



1963 Winners - 1st: Top, 2nd: Upper Center and 3rd: Right Center, 4th: Lower left, 5th: Lower Center.

Christmas ORNAMENTS

FRANK ZAPOLIS

The traditional Christmas tree is of German origin, comparatively recent. The Lithuanian Christmas tree is still more recent, and yet paradoxically considerably older than the traditional tree. It is interesting how a simple, well nigh forgotten Lithuanian folk art blossomed out into the now accepted exceedingly popular Lithuanian Christmas tree. The Lithuanian Christmas tree has become an institution. It has inspired other nationalities to apply their native art to their trees. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, one can say that the Lithuanians have been flattered beyond expectation. Lithuanian Christmas trees have appeared throughout the length and breadth of the continent, in schools, institutions, places of business and even the President's White House lawn.

The appeal of the tree lies in its simplicity, in the exemplification of the principle that man, utilizing his God-given talents, can create things of beauty from commonplace materials, such as might have been found in and around the Christ Child's Manger. It decries the commercialism which has enveloped the Christmas season.

The origin of the ornaments is lost in the mists of time. It may have been a simple farm boy or girl of Lithuania who first observed the pleasing effect of the geometric patterns formed by random straws in field or barn, and perpetuated the patterns by stringing them. It may have been a woman with an ardent desire to beautify her barren home, who, using the most easily available materials, created art objects which were the forerunners of the mobiles of modern art.

In due course of time, the paukščiukai, šiaudinukai, sietynėliai, became standard art objects in Lithuanian homes. The word "Sietynėliai" offers an interesting clue. It has two definitions: constellation (of stars) and chandelier. The sietynėlis of straw and paper might have been a primitive reproduction of the big dipper, or later, a frank imitation of the ornate chandeliers of the manor houses of Lithuania.

The ornaments were also associated with wedding customs and traditions in some regions of Lithuania. The "bride's tree", clusters of green boughs, set up in the corners of the room where the bridal feast took place, was bedecked with ornaments of the type we now associate with the Christmas tree. After serving its decorative purpose, the bride's tree was either purchased by the groom's family, or auctioned off to the wedding guests, with the proceeds of the sale going to the bridal couple. Occasionally, this same custom was practiced at christening parties, too.

Consequences resulting from the Lithuanian Christmas tree are numerous and gratifying. The tree has been accepted as an integral part of Lithuanian folk art.

The greatest rewards have been the stimulation and bringing to life of long forgotten memories and arts, the realization and awareness that Lithuania and Lithuanians have a cultural heritage meriting admiration and preservation.

KALĖDOS ŽEMAIČIUOSE

EMILIJA PAKALNIŠKIENĖ

Adventas būdavo susikaupimo laikas, užgimstančio Kristaus laukimas. Žmonės giedodavo vakarais savo trobelėse. Niekas tada nebesilinksmindavo. Jaunuolių būriai nebedainuodavo per kaimą eidami, šokių muzika nutildavo.

Kaip linksmybės žmogui nebeleidžiamos būdavo, lygiai panašiai buvo ir su maistu. Per Adventą pasnikas būdavo didelis. Tik vieną kartą savaitėje su mėsa bevalgydavome. Rytmečiais - košė su pienišku padažu, pietums - burokėliai su grietine užbaltinti, vakarienei - miltynė su duona. Jokių sūrių, jokių žuvelių, jokių uogienių ar kiaušinienių. Bet visi linksmi būdavome, nes Kalėdos artėdavo.

Advento sekmadienio rytais dar tamsoje važiuodavome į rartus. Ir bažnyčioje dar ilgai reikėdavo būti, kol aušti pradėdavo. Prieš arotus giedoriai traukdavo "adynas" Paskui patys arotai prasidėdavo. Po to normalios sekmadienio pamaldos. Ir taip visą dieną bažnyčioje išbūdavome.

Nė nepastebėdavome, kaip ateidavo Kūčios. Dvi dienas joms ruošdavomės.

Štai su mielėmis užmaišyta tešla prie šilto pečiaus rūgsta. Ji bus padalinta į keturias dalis. Iš vienos keps šližikus, iš kitos obuolinį-aguoninį pyragą, o iš likusios pins pynes, jas su kiaušiniu apteps ir cukrumi apibarstys. Iškeptos jos kiekvieno akį vilios savo aukso spalvos paviršiumi.

Valgiai iš silkių vakar buvo padaryti. Vyniotiniai acto skiedinyje jau mirksta. Maži silkės gabaliukai grybų ir svogūnų mišinyje jau marinuojasi.

Smarkus darbas vyksta. Trobos viduryje ant grindų sėdi vaikas, akmeniniame puode aguonas mala. Iš jų išspaus pieną ir užpils and šližikų. Prie krosnies iškaitusiais veideliais mergaitė verda avižinį kisielių. Lyg koks vezuvijus kunkuliuoja, taškosi.

Čia pat pustuzinis vaikų po kojomis maišosi. Jie irgi padėti nori. Mama davė kiekvienam po saują tešlos. Ant suolo minko jie savo pyragus. Ir katė nuo pečiaus nušoka jų darbo stebėti. Ir Margis ten pat netoli asloje išsitiesęs tūno, galvą ant priekinių kojų pasiguldęs. Visi kartu darbe dalyvauja, kaip kas mokėdamas, tai turės visi ir pyragais dalintis.

Stalą apskleidėme šienų ir apdengėme balta staltiese. Ir krovėme ant jo savo skanumynus.

Prieš pradėdant valgyti, tėvelis padalino plotkeles. Kalėdojant buvo jų palikęs zakristijonas. Ir linkėjome vienas kitam laimės. Bevalgydami traukėme iš po staltiesės šieno šiaudelius ir žiūrėjome katro ilgesnis. Kuris ilgesnį amžių turėsime.

Po vakarienės tėvelis išėjo į tvartus. Išnešė gyvulėliams tą šieną, kuris Kūčių stalą dengė. Tegu ir jie Kūčiose dalyvauja.

Karvės, prie sietų pririštos, didelėmis akimis į toli

bežiūrinčios. Gal jos liūdėjo, kad prie ėdžių teks ilgus žiemos mėnesius praleisti. Bet kai šieno gniūžtelę prie snukio pajuto, žvilgsnis pagyvėjo, ir savo aštrių liežuviu greitai paglemžė šieną iš tėvelio rankų.

Avys besančios linksmesnės. Visas jų būrys užtvarte begromuliuojas. Pamačiusios savo šeiminką jos choru subliovė. Tai darė įspūdį, kad yra jos mandagesnės už karves. Bent apsidžiaugia Kūčių vaišes pamačiusios.

Širmiai ir bėriai avižas bekramtą. Kūčių šieno jiems tėvelis ant avižų užbarstė, su ranka per karčius perbraukė ir pasakė: "rytoj mes važiuosime". Į tai atsakydamas vienas jų suprunksėtė. Bet labai laiko neturėdamas, ėdimu užsiėmęs.

Troboje pasilikę jaunieji pradėjo ateitį burti. Mergaitės parnešė glėbį malkų ir skaitė. Jei išėjo po porą, ateinančiais metais ištekės. Du linų gabaliukai uždegti į viršų lėkė. Nudžiugo mergaitė, jeigu jie ore susitiko ir į vieną sukibę sudegti baigė.

Į porą sueiti buvo mergaičių rūpestis ir tada.

12-tą valandą nakties gyvuliai žmonių kalba prašnekėdavo. Ir vanduo į vyną pavirsdavo. Eidavome klausytis, ką gyvuliai tarp savęs šnekasi, ir vandenį ragaudavome, bet niekuomet į tą tikrąją minutę nepataikydavome.

Kūčių vakarą tėvelis išmokėdavo samdiniams algas, visų metų uždarbi jiems atiduodavo. Atsisveikindavo jie ir išeidavo. Vienas-kitas pasilikdavo dar kokiai savaitei. Už tai jis gaudavo paviržį: avienos mėsos ir kepalą duonos. Kad turėtų ko valgyti pas tėvus beviešėdamas, kol apie Užgavėnes pas kitą ūkininką tarnauti pradės. O gal ir pas mus vėl grįš.

Kalėdų rytą prisėdome pilnos rogės, kojas su šunies kailių antklode apsikamšėme. Prunkšdami arkleliai nešė mus į miestą, į Bernelių Mišias. Baltos laukų platybės pro šalį lėkė, ir mūsų varpelio garsas jų ramybę ardė. O viršuje buvo didelis mėnulis ir milijonai žvaigždžių. Nebuvo Lietuvoje kaimo keliai spalvotom elektros šviesom išpuošti. Ant eglių blizgučiai nekabojo. Ir artimiesiems dovanų ten niekas nepirko, nes pinigų neturėjo. Bet tas nebuvo svarbu. Niekas taip gražiai neišdekoruos miškų, laukų ir sodybų, kaip pati gamta. Mėnulio apšviestos snaigės buvo nelyginant milijonai mažų kalėdinių švieselių.

Medinė mūsų bažnytėlė buvo tokia miela. Vaikų pulkai prie prakartėlės grūdosi. Vaškinių žvakių ir eglių alsuojantis kvapas, ir nepaprastai pakili mūsų nuotaka. Bažnytėlė nebuvo apšildyta, bet mes to nė nepastebėjome. Iš jos mes daug dvasinės šilumos išsinešėme. Išsinešėme meilę ne tik žmogui, bet ir savo kraštui.

Mes branginome savo gimtąjį lizdelį. Iš gražių miestų rinkdavomės į jį, kartu su visais šventes praleisti. Tėviškė mums buvo brangesnė už viską. Ir dabar ją nuolat mintyse tebematome. Kaip stebuklingą kalėdinę savo gyvenimo žvaigždę.

A Christmas Prayer

A Christmas prayer that has touched the hearts of mankind, was written by four young exiles of Lithuania while in a slave camp in Siberia.

The prayer book, written on waste paper secretly as they were not permitted to have prayer books in their Red confinement, has been translated into many languages.

The English and Lithuanian texts of the Christmas Prayer follow:



"Kalėdų malda"

Suledėjusiomis lūpomis,
ašarotomis akimis,
neviltes iškankinti
puolame prie Tavo prakartėlės,
Šventasis Kūdikieli!
Priimki mūsų prašymus,
maldas,
priimki mūsų ilgesį,
pasiryžimus,
priimki karžygių aukas,
priimki mūsų mylimųjų ašaras,
maldas, skausmu persunkuts rūpesčius,
išlaikyki mus visus
gražiai ateičiai.
Suteiki dangaus laimę
svečioj šaly
iš vargo ir bado mirusiems.
Dėl Tavo Švenčiausios Motinos
ir visų šventųjų nuopelnų,
pasigailėki mano mylimųjų
ir mūsų tautos.
Sutrinta širdimi maldauju,
sutrumpink
mūsų bandymo dienas.
Jei reikia aukos,
imki ją iš manęs,
tik duoki man
kankinių drąsos ir išstvermės.

"A Christmas Prayer"

With icy lips,
with tearful cries,
tormented by despair, we fly
to Your straw-cover crib,
O Holy Babe!
Accept our petitions
and prayers,
Accept our longing
and resolves.
Accept the sacrifices of heroes.
Accept the tears
of our loved ones,
their sighs and cares,
steeped in sorrow.
Preserve us all
for a dawning future.
Great heavenly bliss
of those who have died
in foreign land
from hunger and hardship.
Through the merits
of Your Holy Mother
and of all the saints,
have pity on my dear ones
and on my whole nation.
With a bruised heart,
I implore You -
cut short the days of our trials.
If you wish a sacrifice,
take it from me,
But give me
the courage and fortitude
of martyrs.

Amen.

Rekomenduoju ir patariu

L. ŠIMUTIS

Nemažu pasitenkinimu ir tam tikru įsijaudinimu perskaičiau kun. dr. Juozo Prunskio knygą "Mokslas ir religija". Autorius į "Lietuvių Dienų" leidyklos gražiai išleistą 140 puslapių knygą surinko garsių mokslininkų - medikų, biologų, botanikų, fizikų, chemikų, astronomų - o taip pat astronautų ir daugelio kitų išymybių pasisakymus tikėjimo bei religijos klausimais.

Skaitytojas, perskaitęs tuos pasisakymus ir į juos įsigilinęs, sustiprėja savo įsitikinimu ir tikėjimu į Pasaulio Sutvėrėją, į Dievą.

Tikėjimo priešai teigia, kad tikėjimas yra tik be-

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Man yra miela rekomenduoti ir patarti jauniems ir vyresniems vyčiams įsigyti knygą "Mokslas ir religija" ir ją perskaityti. Ji kainuoja tik \$2.00. Gaunama "Lietuvių Dienose", 4364 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. 90029 ir "Draugo" knygyne.

An Interview with Leonard Valiukas



Leonard Valiukas, President of the Americans for Congressional Action To Free the Baltic States.

Q.: There is a great deal of talk about your movement among the Baltic-Americans and other freedom-loving Americans in all parts of the country. Would you describe briefly your organization and its purpose?

A.: Ours is a nationwide movement. Presently it embraces thousands of the Baltic-Americans and other freedom-loving Americans. Among our members we have governors of various states, mayors of the major cities, and other influential and leading citizens of the nation. This is an American organization to help the Baltic States to get rid of the Communist yoke. The main purpose of this nationwide movement is to promote the passage by the U.S. Congress of more than sixty Senate

or House Concurrent Resolutions, introduced in this Congress, that call for freedom for Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. The full and official name of our organization is as follows: AMERICANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO FREE THE BALTIC STATES.

Q.: You just mentioned about sixty resolutions pending before the Senate and House committees. What does this legislation call for?

A.: All of these resolutions call upon the President of the United States to bring up the Baltic States' liberation question in the United Nations with the following actions as our goal: a) Withdrawal of Soviet troops, agents, colonists, and controls from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania; b) Return of all Baltic exiles from Siberian prisons, labor camps, or elsewhere; and c) Free elections under United Nations supervision.

Q.: What is the main obstacle in getting the passage of the aforesaid legislation?

A.: The administration still does not favor this legislation. According to the State Department, if this legislation passed, it would e m - b a r r a s s (!) the Soviet Union. However, we have already on our side so many Democratic as well as Republican legislators, that we hope to achieve our goal soon.

Q.: How can any Baltic-American help and assist you in this great project?

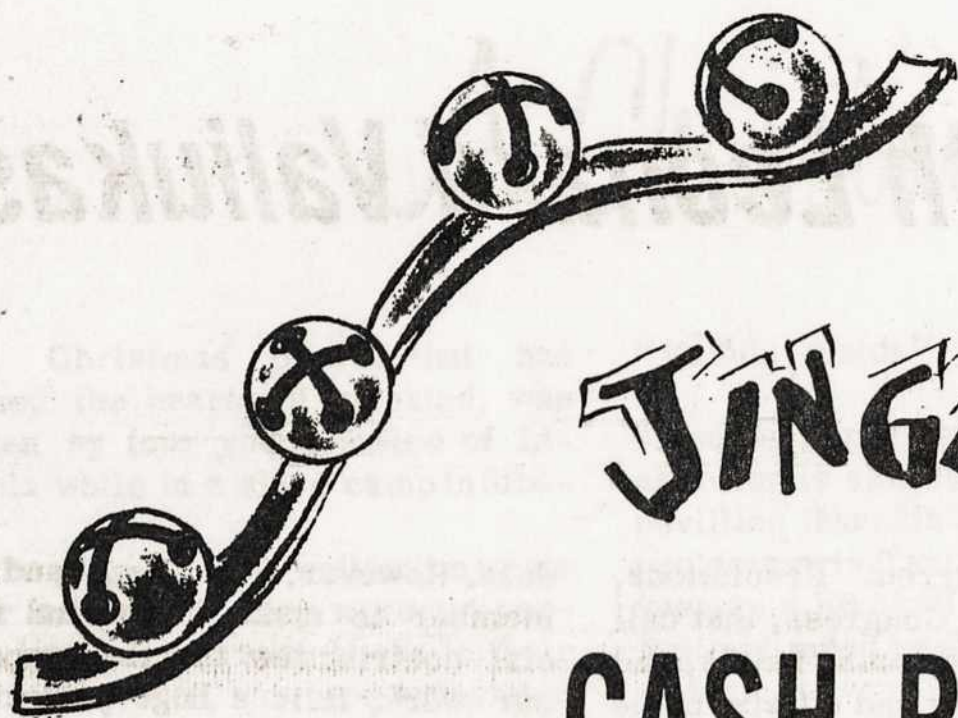
A.: We want each and every American of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian origin or descent to join this crusade to free the Baltic States. There are no established membership

dues. However, we ask each and every member to make his annual financial contribution for the support of our work. It is a huge project, and we need and welcome all the possible help and assistance from all freedom-loving Americans. This organization puts out a bulletin in English - THE NEWS BULLETIN. We ask each and every one to drop us a note, giving his or her full name and complete address. We gladly will supply everybody with all the necessary information; we will mail them our bulletin. Please write to: AMERICANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO FREE THE BALTIC STATES, Post Office Box 77048, Los Angeles, California, 90007.

Q.: Aren't you competing with some other Baltic-American organizations?

A.: Nothing has been ever done along this line by any of the Baltic-American organizations. Most of the Baltic groups and organizations are pleased with our work and they support it. Needless to say, we want each and every Baltic-American to be on our side and to support this crusade in all the possible way.





JINGLE, JINGLE

CASH REGISTER BELLS

REV. A. VALANCIUS

Did you ever believe that you could come to dread Christmas? Or did it ever come to your mind that you would come to hate Christmas? I heard a fellow say he already did! Why? Well, it seems that in the midst of his holiday shopping, he became suddenly aware that his none too bulging purse had shrunk to almost nothing. And yet there were names on his list, whose bearers, he felt, expected something for Christmas. And, there could be others, whom he forgot to add to his list. Every glad hand extended his way began to feel like one expecting to be filled come December 25. The daily newspaper did not help his distraught condition. It merely aggravated it. No sooner he opened it - it stared at him accusingly - ONLY?? DAYS UNTIL XMAS, DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY! With what? And there must be more who EXPECT a gift! Else why do I get that sugary smile when I meet them. This feeling began to become an obsession with him. And in this era where personal acceptance is a must, the sense that you were not becoming one of the crowd because you forgot to do something for one in the crowd, can really drive one to the nearest psychiatrist. (In the above case the poor guy had to walk.) Now, when he sees colored lights, tinsel and holly covering the entrances of well stocked shops to the accompaniment of hitherto pleasant Christmas melodies, he wants to say "Nuts to Christmas."

We hear a lot about PEACE in the world today. Peace means tranquility of soul. A restful spirit with oneself and with everybody - something like you felt last Thanksgiving after dinner as you stretched out on the sofa before your TV set. Most of us think that you get to feel this way when you have everything you want. Well, look around. The people of America, especially, have never had it so good. They're making cars for kids, the kind they can drive, electrically operated. Soon you'll hear conversations like this, "Johnny, run down to the corner and get a quart of milk." From Johnny, "Can't ma, my battery's low." And yet are we relaxed? Are we able to stretch out

mentally, like we do physically after a restful day at the beach? Despite the abundance of psychiatrists, flying banners covered with brotherhood slogans and day-to-day peace conferences among nations; we distrust ourselves, are suspicious of our neighbors and as a nation are drowning in debt in the arms race lest we be caught unawares even by so called allies. Teenagers are problems, adults lay awake dreaming up ways of making a fast buck, oldsters have nowhere to go while their offspring seeks an out for their care by hoping a benevolent state or some charitable (?) institution will be gracious enough to baby-sit with their ageing parents. Everyone is in frightful hurry to get somewhere, not many know where, and with all the instruments of speed at our disposal, none seems to get us there, at least not on time. Oh yes, there is one place they always get to and on time. I just returned from such a place after saying "goodbye" to one of my friends. Over its entrance are inscribed the initials R.I.P!

If Christmas has become a maddening rush for gaily decorated shops, it is because we have gotten away from the birthplace of that great occasion. The conditions of that day were similar to our own day. Bordering the pasturelands of the shepherds sat the city of David, Bethlehem, jammed with visitors from many parts of Palestine and even more distant sectors of the world. There was drinking, gayety, excitement. There also was tension, uncertainty, distrust. Within the cold, dank walls of the cave there was quiet and peace, like an echo of the message of the angel choirs, - Peace to men of good will. It was there because in it there was a sharing of something more penetrating than the exchange of mere material goods. In that cave mankind shared its humanity with God and the Omnipotent God condescended to give of His Divinity, in order that in that union both might enjoy a peace and a happiness up until now unheard of.

Over the centuries, whenever mankind became averse to sharing its humanity with God, though He was always ready to endow men's lowly souls with His

divinity, it always found itself in a heap of trouble. So it is today. Even christian men and women build churches to catch the eye of man, organize social and charitable groups with a purpose of pleasing men, not hurting their feelings, going along with the modern trend. Very little is thought of how it will please God. Yet His wants, His desires should be the guideposts by which we regulate our living with others. While readying ourselves for the coming of the anniversary of the birth of the Christ Child, the first name at the top of our shopping list should be one at the mention of which every knee on earth, above the earth and below it shall bend, Jesus.

When purchasing gifts for our dear ones, we almost have our own private eye system to learn what would be most pleasing, most desirable to them. What He wants for Christmas is what He wants of us every day - ourselves. We needn't go any farther than His magnificent and touching expression of love in the Gospel of St. John. Read it! There you will find what He would like to receive from you. Carefully follow its instructions. You will never be afraid of Christmas again. You will be filled with the calm hovering over the members of the Holy Family, the shepherds from the neighboring hillside, the learned Magi of the far east. This kind of peace is catching, like the scent of a permeating perfume, it builds into a veritable city of contentment. It makes everyone happy. This kind of peace we wish you and pray the good Lord to send you all united at the Bethlehem of our altars.

Advent Wreath (cont. from page 5).

Three candles are lighted on the third Sunday and during that week. The prayer is:

F a t h e r: Let us pray. We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of Thy coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

A l l: Amen.

All four candles are lighted on the fourth Sunday and allowed to burn as before. The prayer said the fourth week is:

F a t h e r: Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we pray Thee, O Lord, and come; rescue us through Thy great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Thy gentle mercy. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

A l l: Amen.

At the end of Advent, candles and ribbons are changed to white, evergreens renewed if necessary, and tiny Christmas balls added to decorate the wreath. We hang ours in the entrance hall where it adds a festive note to the house and gives us a chance to explain the wreath to neighbors and tradespeople who have not seen it previously. The wreath, unless it sheds too much, is kept during the Christmas season, until Epiphany.

From "Family Advent Customs" -The Liturgical Press

*We wish you peace, joy and
happiness for Christmas and the
New Year*



*Linksmu Kalėdu
ir laimingu
Nauju Metu*

THE SUPREME COUNCIL

and

VYTIS STAFF

OFFICIAL NEWS

MINUTES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The second Supreme Council meeting was held on Saturday, October 17, 1964, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Adams Street, Newark, New Jersey. The meeting was opened at 3 p.m. with a prayer by Reverend Peter Totoraitis, Spiritual Advisor of Host Council # 29.

A written roll call revealed that the following were present:

Rev. Peter Totoraitis - Spiritual Advisor of C-29, Helen Shields - President; Mary H. Stonis - First Vice President, Eleanor A. Sakevich - Recording Secretary; Johanna Jakunas - Financial Secretary; Joseph Drumstas - Trustee; Walter D. Svekla - Trustee; Marcella Andrikis - Public Relations; Frank Vaskas - Public Relations; Charles Petronis - Sports Committee; Kazys Sipaila - President of C-29.

Minutes of the Supreme Council meetings held in Chicago on August 6, 1964 and on August 9, 1964 were read. A motion was made and seconded that the Minutes be accepted as read.

No report was received from Reverend A. Valancius. An article entitled, "The Bells Are Ringing (School Bells, That Is!) appeared in the October issue of the VYTIS. It is hoped that everyone took the time to read this very important and inspiring article.

Our President, Miss Shields, reported that she made contact with Sacred Heart Parish in New Philadelphia. The Pastor has given permission to distribute K of L brochures and attempt to organize the K of L council. The necessary brochures, etc. will be forwarded to New Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pavis, formerly of Cleveland, and now located in Youngstown, are putting forth their effort to organizing of a senior council there.

Our First Vice President, Miss Mary H. Stonis, commented on the fact that parents do not seem interested in the Junior K of L. There are a few interested parents who wind up doing everything including transportation, etc. The Jr. and Sr. K of L will be getting together with the parents and show that the children can work with the parents' help.

The report of our Second Vice President, Miss Eleanore Laurin, pertaining to the Membership Drive is on file with the Secretary. The Membership Drive rules were read and explained. Walter Svekla made a

motion that the Supreme Council give their approval. Approval was given for two mailings in regard to the Membership Drive.

Miss Shields asked Joseph Drumstas to get the Membership Brochures from Jerome Venis and also if he would be able to store them. If Eleanore Laurin sent envelopes to Joe would he in turn be able to send them out to individuals and councils? Mr. Drumstas agreed to do this.

The report of our Third Vice President, Larry Svelnis, is on file with the Secretary. A motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted as read.

Our Recording Secretary, Eleanor A. Sakevich, reported that notices of the October 17, 1964 meeting were sent out to all members of the Supreme Council.

Our Financial Secretary, Johanna Jakunas, reported that she received all the literature, etc. from Rita Pinkus. Miss Jakunas is to order the new stationery and send a supply to the Supreme Council officers. A suggestion was made as follows: a format should be made up so that a definite form can be followed by succeeding secretaries.

Our Treasurer, Frank V. Svelnis, Jr., sent in a written report. This report is on file with the Secretary. (The Trustees, Joseph B. Drumstas and Walter D. Svekla, have checked the figures and found them to be correct.) The report was accepted as read.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT - A written report was sent in by Frank V. Svelnis, Jr., President. The report was read and accepted. This report is on file with the Secretary. The District bulletin, "The Trumpet" is also on file. Two councils have re-organized since the Convention.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT - No written report was received. The Junior camp at Camp Dainava, Manchester, Michigan, was a success. Mid-Central District Convention was to be held Nov. 7-9 in Detroit.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT - No written report was received. Mary Stonis reported that the District donated \$25.00 to the Pakstas Memorial Fund. A thank you letter was sent to Cardinal Cushing for his generous donation for the upkeep of the Wayside Cross at the World's Fair. A News Bulletin is to be published shortly and before each district meeting.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - No written report was received. Miss Shields received a letter from Benedict Coach, including a list of the new District officers.

VYTIS - A letter from Irene Sankus saying that the October issue of the VYTIS was mailed on the 15th of the month. A letter was received from Marilyn Kareiva informing us that Petras A. Bagdonas, Lithuanian Editor, left Chicago and is teaching in Helena, Alabama. A letter is to be sent him in behalf of the K of L thanking him for all his endeavors as Lithuanian Editor, and to wish him the best in his new adventure.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS - No written report was received.

RITUAL COMMITTEE - A letter from Edward A. Daniels, Chairman, was read. Several questions were brought up. Our President tried to straighten us out on the above committee. Miss Shields will send a letter to each of the officers of the Ritual Committee asking that they submit a detailed report on their present activities, and what their plans are for the coming year.

SPORTS - Charles Petronis was not able to give much of a report as he is new and does not know what he is expected to do. Our President cleared this up. This committee's job is to promote sports' activities within the K of L. The Sports Chairman can give advice to the District Sports Chairman, give them ideas, etc., and sponsor some sort of Sports affair during the year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Marcella Andrikis reported that Professor Aleksis spent two weeks in Rome. While there, the Professor had a tape made of the Vatican program that is beamed behind the Iron Curtain from the Vatican radio. Professor Aleksis spoke on this program, and the K of L Hymn, which was composed by the Professor, was played from a recording and transmitted to Lithuania over the Vatican radio.

Frank Vaskas reported that Linden Council #113 was having a dinner and dance tonight, October 17, 1964.

A letter from Joseph Sadauskas to Helen Shields was read. Mr. Sadauskas sends greetings and regrets that he is unable to attend the meeting. He asked that a report of this meeting be sent to him.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE - Miss Shields spoke to Joseph Yanulaitis with reference to this committee. An article is to appear in the VYTIS. Father Raila reported that a book is being prepared both in English and Lithuanian. It is a guide book that can be used in co-ordination with individual council programs.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - No written report was received.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - No written report was received.

BUILDING FUND - No written report was received.

JUBILEE YEAR COMMITTEE - We have not received a report on the financial disposition of this committee.

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE - No written report was received. Motion was made and seconded that we table this matter until the next Supreme Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS - In regard to the letter that was received re the Pakstas Memorial Fund, requesting donation. All membership is urged to contribute. The Supreme Council urges that donations to this fund should be made by individual councils.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE - Copies of the various resolutions that were presented at the 51st National Convention are on file with the Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS - A letter was received from Leonard Valiukas, President of Council # 133, Los Angeles, California, informing us that the 52nd National Convention will convene at the Statler-Hilton Hotel during the week of August 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1965.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer by our President, Miss Shields.

Eleanor A. Sakevich
Recording Secretary



RITUAL NOTES

Sample application forms and complete outlines on current Ritual procedures have been brought back to most of the councils by their convention delegates. For any additional information, those who are locally in charge of the Ritual may write to any member of the Supreme Ritual Committee, who will be pleased to furnish the requested information without undue delay.

If there remains any unfinished business between a council and the Ritual Committee, kindly call the matter to our attention. We shall try to dispose of it quickly and satisfactorily.

Your Committee is prepared to serve the councils and districts to the best of their ability, so that those who are eligible to any honors will not be neglected and the ceremonial used in the presentation of the Degrees will be beautiful and inspiring.

Research on a member's qualifications ought to be thorough, and done unhurriedly and far in advance of the planned ceremonies. The listed qualifications, especially in the case of Third and Fourth Degree applications, which also involve District or Supreme Ritual Committee, must be verifiable, if necessary, in minute books or other official records. The candidate for a Degree will be more greatly honored if his credentials are in good order, of unquestionable merit, and satisfies every member of the responsible committee which must approve the application. It will also be a more meaningful occasion if the committees and the candidates for the Degree devote the necessary time and study in preparation for the ceremonies.

Send all applications to the secretary of the Ritual Committee:

Miss Florence Zaleskas
264 Bowen Street
South Boston, Massachusetts

The Supreme Ritual Committee

A WORD TO THE WISE!



The wise old owl keeps his eyes open even when asleep. Perhaps we can all take a tip from this bird and keep our eyes open - FOR NEW MEMBERS, - at all times.

Many of us never thought of enrolling our parents. . . Some of us have overlooked our former members, who have married or have dropped out of activity a few years ago and may be ready for the K of L again. . . We should not be discouraged from asking people with whom we associate in different organizations. . . All of the above may appear to be involved, but a name-only member now could give us an active member in the future.

There is another large and relatively untapped market for membership - our Lithuanian-born young people (the displaced persons). Their parents are quite concerned over the fact that they are drifting away from their own organizations. Because the K of L is a modern, American-Lithuanian progressive group, we may be able to get them and hold them, for selfish-like increased membership and for the cause we are dedicated to - keeping alive and thriving all things Lithuanian.

Actually this can be a thing of great MUTUAL benefit. After all, we are not so perfect in our Lithuanian language nor do we have that rare first-hand knowledge of customs. We could enjoy learning a new song or adding a better word to our vocabulary.

And, finally, we should take another look at our present membership composition. Do we need more young people to keep the ones now enrolled with us? . . . Do we need more of the 25-40 years age group? . . . Are there old-timers who would like to join, especially if there is no Senior Council active in the area?

Let us examine each of the above points and see if we can utilize everyone of them for increasing our enrollment and FOR THE GOOD OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

RULES FOR THE 1964-1965 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Earn TEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll by JANUARY 31, 1965.

Earn SEVEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL, 1965.

Earn FIVE points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during MAY & JUNE, 1965.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S.C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 9-1-64. Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of increase based on these totals.

There will be FOUR AWARDS.

- (1) to the INDIVIDUAL with the most points;
- (2) to a COUNCIL with less than 40 paid-up members;
- (3) to a COUNCIL with 40 or more paid-up members;
- (4) to the DISTRICT with the greatest number of additional members.

As an INDIVIDUAL, you are also eligible to earn an ADDITIONAL 100 points for:

- (1) Organizing a new council: Junior, Regular or Senior;
- (2) Re-Organizing a dormant Council: Junior, Regular or Seniors;

(If more than one person is responsible for the organization or re-activation of a Council 75 points will be given to each such person - but not more than 3 persons).

Remember - each new council also boosts the chances for your DISTRICT to win the award.

Eleanore H. Laurin
Membership Vice President

JUNIOR NEWS

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL K of L JUNIOR COUNCILS

Now that all the Junior Councils are back to serious activities after the summer holidays, isn't about time we all buckled down to real work?

What can we do to help each other become more well-known in our local vicinities? - How can we obtain new members to swell our ranks? - - What can we do to keep our members interested so that they will look forward to attending meetings and activities? . . . These are just a few of the questions of which we are all aware. I would be very interested in receiving your ideas on how we could cope with the above questions. It is possible that by exchanging thoughts, we could all gain our goal and at the same time help one another.

With Christmas just around the corner, I would suggest a real get together of the K of L councils, the Juniors and their parents. Plan some type of activity

so that all concerned would get to know one another.

The parents would have an opportunity to meet their children's companions and the people who are working with their children. The Juniors would get to know the regular K of L's and the regular members would see who will be taking their places in the future.

As 1st Vice-President in charge of Juniors, I would appreciate all the help you could give me. In turn, I shall be happy to give any assistance I can to help solve any problems concerning the welfare of the Juniors.

May I extend to all of the Juniors, their parents and their counselors, the blessings of the Christ Child on this Christmas and all through the New Year.

Mary Stonis
Juniors Vice-President

Make Your Own:

STRIPED *Christmas* CANDLE

1. Take any discarded candle stubs, preferably of different colors (such as red and green, the Christmas colors, or any colors that fit in with your Christmas decorations). Melt the colors separately, because you'll probably want more than one tint.

2. Use a bottle, or jar, of an interesting shape (such as a catsup bottle that won't be used again.

3. Place a funnel in the mouth of the bottle.

4. Suspend a string into the bottle by tying one end of it to a stick that will rest on the rim of the funnel.

5. Pour in the first layer of wax.

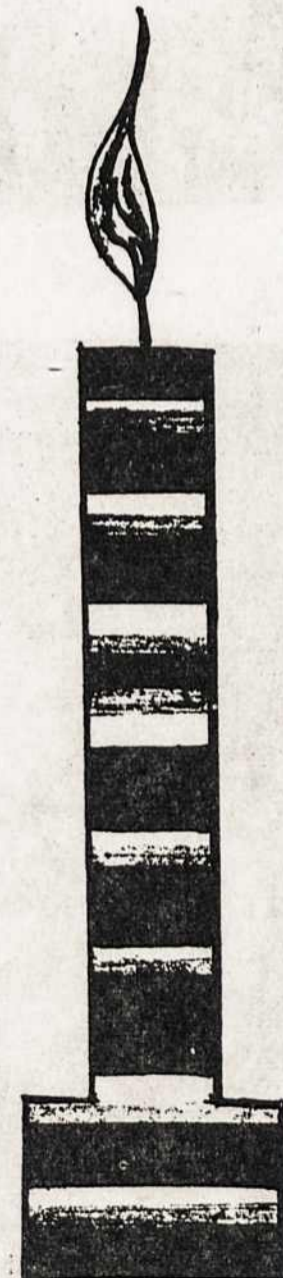
6. Clear the sides of the bottle by heating with a hot cloth.

7. Set the bottle in cold water to harden the wax.

8. Repeat steps 5, 6, & 7 until the bottle is filled and the candle completed, with each layer separate and distinct.

9. Cool overnight and the next morning break the bottle.

10. Place the finished striped Christmas candle in a decorative dish or bowl.



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Chicago, Ill.

The Chicago Juniors elected officers on Tuesday, Oct. 6th with the following results: Pres. William Janas; V.P. Joseph Guszczo; Rec. Secy. Joyce Janas; Corres. Secy. Laura Micika; Treas. Richard Rickus and Sgt-at-Arms Thomas Wiley.

Their itinerary for the first two months of activities has included Lithuanian folk dancing, singing and creative arts. During the arts and crafts hours, they created their own Halloween decorations such as paper bag witches, 3-D lanterns and pumpkins. They also built a ghoulish-equipped spook house.

The Halloween Party itself was attended by dozens of pint-sized witches, princesses, sailors and goblins. Awarding the costume prizes was

a difficult decision for the judges - but at last the following were selected: Most Ingenious Costume - Anita Giedraitis, who rolled in as a die (dice); Funniest Costume - Mimi Klat, a real live popcorn eating cannibal; Prettiest Costume - Christine Giedraitis, who entertained everyone as a Russian Cossack dancer.

After the March of Costumes - apple dunking, musical chairs, marshmallow-eating and other games was the order of the day.

This year, under the direction of the I-I District Juniors Coordinator Genevieve (Giedraitis) Maluska and the other counselors: Camilla Bereckis (Arts), Cecilia Matul and Helen Pius (Arts, Crafts, Dancing), Joan Jakunas (Lith. History and Folklore), Josephine Miller (Singing), Ray Wiley (Accompaniment), Al Raubiskis (Pho-

tographer), the Juniors hope to have a most interesting and rewarding year.

C 29, Newark, N.J.

M. Stonis

Our Council held their annual Halloween dance Oct. 24, 1964 at the Parish Hall of the Holy Trinity Church in Newark. The dance was a huge success and both the members and their friends had a bang-up time. The committee would have been more pleased to see the other Junior councils represented, as they missed a grand time dancing to a fine orchestra. We hope that in the future, we will have the pleasure of their company and in turn, we will do all we can to please them at our next affair.

Chicago Juniors' Halloween Party



VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited by Mrs. Theresa Strolia, 4541 So. Washtenaw, Chicago, Ill. 60632

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Newark, N.J., C-29 The Wanderer

Our first bit of activity after a long summer vacation was the annual dinner-dance on Sat., Oct. 3 at St. George's hall. It was one of the most successful events for C-29 in several seasons. The invocation was offered by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ignatius Kelmelis, pastor of Holy Trinity Church. The assemblage sang the anthems and the K of L Hymn; Louis Stukas was accompanist.

Notes off the cuff: The committee in charge of the dinner-dance certainly deserves a doffing of the chapeau for making this affair the success it turned out to be. The junior councils of Newark and Kearny, under the leadership of Louis Stukas and Ann Klem, combined to perform in four Lithuanian folk dances. They made a big hit with the audience, especially the non-Lithuanians who were on hand for the dinner. The event received coverage in the "Advocate",

official organ of the Newark archdiocese and in the Evening News.

October 17 certainly was a busy time, what with the Supreme Council meeting in the afternoon in Newark and then Linden, C-113's celebrating its 40th anniversary in the evening.

On the week-end of Oct. 10-12 several of us traveled to Chicago for the wedding of Jack Stukas and Loretta Kassel. It was a delightful event, thanks to the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kassel. We were happy to see many of our Chicago friends including Frank Svelnis, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kurpalis, and Carol Shirvinski of Gary, Ind.

Our condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the following, who suffered a deep loss in their families recently: to Dominic Budrecki of C-113, whose wife Anna passed away; to Elsie Kupris on the death of her mother, Mrs. Teofila Andrulavicius; to Walter Brazaitis on the loss of his father; and to Mrs. Alphonse G. Shadis, whose husband passed away. "Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord."



The pictures below show C-41 of New York as they participated at the World's Fair on Lithuanian Day.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTR.

Congratulations and best wishes for a most successful year, to the new I-I District Officers: Spiritual Adv., Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas; Chrmn. of the Board Frank Svelnis; Pres. Vincent Samaska; 1st V.P. Genevieve Maluska; 2nd V.P. John Jagiella; 3rd V.P. Ignas Sakalas; Rec. Secy. Irene Sankus; Corres. Secy Helen Pius; Treas. Albert Raubiskis; Trustees Stella Gregar and Joseph Ulevicius; Sgts-at-Arms Walter Gregar, Edward Pocius, Vladas Paliulionis and Louis Rogers.

Belated wedding congratulations to Walter Tenclinger and Carole Ann Mangle, married on Sept. 13th; to Loretta Kassel and Jack Stukas, on Oct. 10th; and to Genevieve Giedraitis and John Maluska, on Nov. 7th.

Loretta Kassel Stukas, who became a resident of Hillside, N.J., after her marriage paid a "flying visit" to Chicago recently. It seems that there remained a few odds-and-ends to clear up! Even though the visit was brief, we all enjoyed seeing her again and hope to take her up on her invitation to visit Hillside soon.

With the Fall season, our Bowling Socials became a regular monthly feature again. The first two parties were hosted by our newly reorganized councils: C 13 (Town of Lake) on Nov. 1st and C 14 (Cicero) on Nov. 29th. C 5 (North Side) will host the December Christmas Party social. Hosts for the January and February parties will be C 36 and C112, respectfully.

From the I-I District to all of our friends! May we wish you a bright and merry Christmas and every joy in the coming year!

C 112, Chicago, Ill. "112 Inquirer"

Christmas Greetings with best wishes for happiness in the coming year to all of our K of L friends.

It is our pleasure to announce that Canon V. Zakarauskas has agreed to remain as the Spiritual Advisor for the coming year. Under Canon Zakarauskas' guidance, we feel certain that our Council will continue to make gains.

At the September Council meeting, former Congressman of the 3rd



L. to r.: Joan Balauskas, Mary Ann Fisher, Helen Zimmer, Algirdas Kacanauskas, Louis Stukas, Peter Stukas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stukas (Loretta Kassel), Paul Kassel, Johanna Jakunas, Anne Marie Kassel, Patricia Stukas.



Mrs. Jack Stukas and Mrs. Paul Kassel, parents, greet the bride and groom after the ceremony with the traditional wine, bread and salt.

District, Emmett Byrne, presented an American Flag that flew over the Capitol in Washington to the Council. He also spoke on Americanism and his interest in the Lithuanian people. The entire Council thanks Estelle Rogers for her efforts in making the arrangements for Mr. Byrne's appearance.

Our Halloween Party was held in the home of Dolores and Lorraine Wainauskas on Sat., Oct. 31st! Among the guests were numerous clowns, a harem girl, a mixed up couple, a gypsy, "Baby Snooks", a Lithuanian cowboy, the Red Fox, a beach-comber, several beat-niks, a band leader, a girl from India, "Carmen", and several Indian maidens. We understand that in addition to the game-playing, dancing and refreshments, - the gypsy (at other times of the year known as Eleanore Laurin) spent her evening telling the most fascinating fortunes to everyone.

Chicago, Ill., C-36

After the convention, several of

our members were busy making plans for their weddings. Wally Tenclinger was the first to take the step in September. It seemed a little odd going to a K of L's wedding and not having Wally and his band play, but Wally obliged with a few numbers so the Ateitis Dancers could do some Lithuanian folk dances. Congratulations to Wally and Carole.

Loretta Kassel and Jack Stukas of New Jersey were the next to be married, in October. At their reception, some of the New Jersey traditions found their way here, plus "Golden Slippers". After their honeymoon in Bermuda, Jack and Loretta had a reception in New Jersey, to which the bridal party from Chicago traveled. That was really a wedding held in the old Lithuanian style, one week long. Best wishes Loretta and Jack.

In November, Genevieve Gedraitis and John Maluska, both of Council 36, were married. Best wishes GiGi and John.

The newly elected officers of Council 36 are: Frank Svelnis, Jr., president; Helen Pius, 1st vice-president; Kazys Ulevicius, 2nd vice-pre-

sident; Vilhelmina Ulevicius, recording secretary; Stella Gregor, corresponding secretary Emily Gestautas, financial secretary; Joe Ulevicius, treasurer; Vince Samaska and Wally Gregor - trustees; and Jerome Jankus and Napoleonas Sapkus, sergeants-at-arms. Congratulations!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Athol-Gardner, Mass. C-10

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In compliance with the wishes of the Supreme Council our council held its election of officers at the Oct. meeting. Elected were Rev. John Jutt, Chaplain; president - Dr. Henry Gailiunas; 1st vice pres. - William Wisnauskas; 2nd vice-pres. - Howard Beaudette; treas. - Nellie Melaika; fin. secy. - William Waslaske; rec. secy. - Frances Milosh; VYTIS correspondent - Bill Wisnauskas; Lith. affairs chairman - Anne Novack; social affairs chairmen - Al Rodski and Frank Anoris; spiritual chairman - Lennie Davidonis; and Ritual chairman - Mary Gauronsky.

Westfield, Mass. C-30

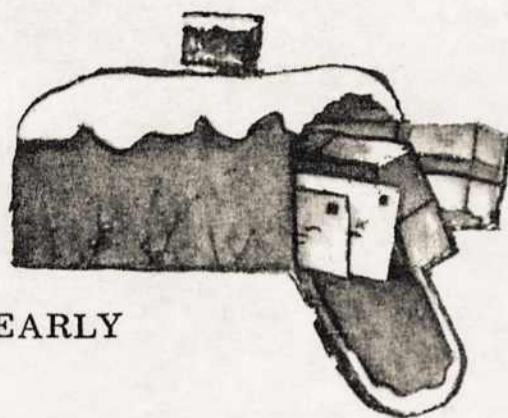
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C-30 was well represented at the NED Convention held in Athol, Sept. 27, with Sophie Kucharski, Frank Bernadicius, Mary and Bernard Minkus attending as delegates. Congratulations to Benedict Coach who was elected District 1st Vice President and Mary Minkus who is 2nd Vice President in charge of Juniors.

Elections were held at the October meeting and elected were president, John Tarnauskas; vice pres., Bernard Minkus; secretary, Theresa Atkocaitis; treasurer, Stella Jutkus, Ritual, Helen Alexik and "Cookie" Coach; Lith. Affairs, Benedict Coach; and Cultural, Mary Minkus. Congratulations to the new officers!



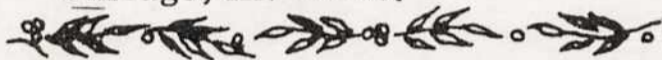
The Presidium at the Fall NED Convention at Athol, Mass. consisted of : left to right: Mary Minkus, Benedict Coach, Barbara Mazeika and Jerome Venis.



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Our annual Christmas Party was held December 12th at Shaker Farms Country Club with Doris Tarnauskas and Sophie Kucharski in charge of arrangements. As usual they did a wonderful job. Thank you ladies.

1965 is to be an active year for St. Casimir's Parish; we are celebrating our golden anniversary. The K of L will help organize and direct the many affairs to be held. Working on the various committees will be John and Doris Tarnauskas, Frank Bernadicius, Joseph Sabonis, Sophie Kucharski and Helen Alexik.

A very happy and holy Christmas to one and all and a wonderful New Year.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. - C102 Dvynukës

The attendance at the October meeting was certainly one of exchanging smiles, handshakes, and re-acquaintances. So nice to see Vic and Marie Yokin, who re-joined C-102 recently. We've enjoyed many splash parties in their lovely pool. Frank James and his wife Rosemary were among the long-time-no-see faces along with Tony Smolek, Edna Klu-

cens and Carol Gobis.

Congratulations to Maryanne and Joe Guerriero, who recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. The council feted them with a surprise party in deep appreciation for their long standing as active K of L'ers

Congratulations are also in order to Chris and Chuck Mishakis, who walked off with numerous awards at the recent flower show at the Statler. Their yard is an array of beautiful varieties of mums.

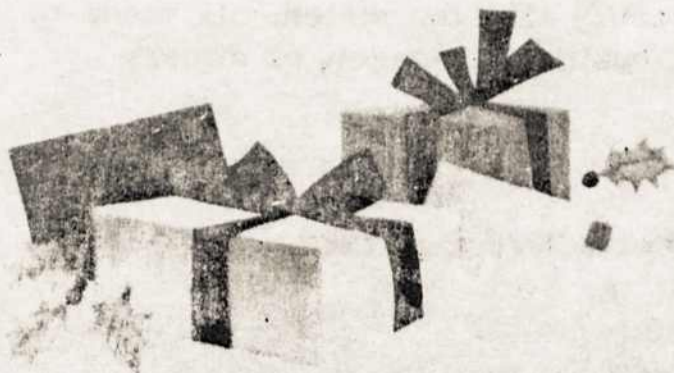
In keeping with the newly adopted resolution, elections were held, and we're pleased as punch to have Bill Juodawlakis remain in the driver's seat as president. We're especially appreciative since the arrival of Baby Paul born to Maryanne and Bill in May, and extra school evenings keeping him on the go.

Bill's team-mates consist of Father Stanevich as spiritual advisor; Clem Galinas and Vicky Dombrasukas as first and second vice pres., respectively; Helen Smolek, rec. secy.; Jo Janulate, fin. secy.; Evelyn Galinas, corr. secy.; Chuck Mishakis, treas.; and trustees, Frank James, Vincent Ruseckas and Vytas Bilunas.

So good to see Aldona Bilunas recovering so nicely from her recent operation, and just in time to treat us with home made goodies at breakfast. Also on the recovery list is our own Bob Boris, who is recuperating from a major operation. He sojourned to Texas, visiting with brother, Vince, while the color returns to his cheeks. He should return just in time for the Mid-Central District Convention.

Have you seen Jo Jonulate's filing system? TERRIFIC!

As the old saying goes, two heads are better than one, so councils 102 and 139 joined forces in co-sponsoring the Mid-Central District Convention. The committee is hard at work to make it a successful and enjoyable event. Hope to see you there!



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