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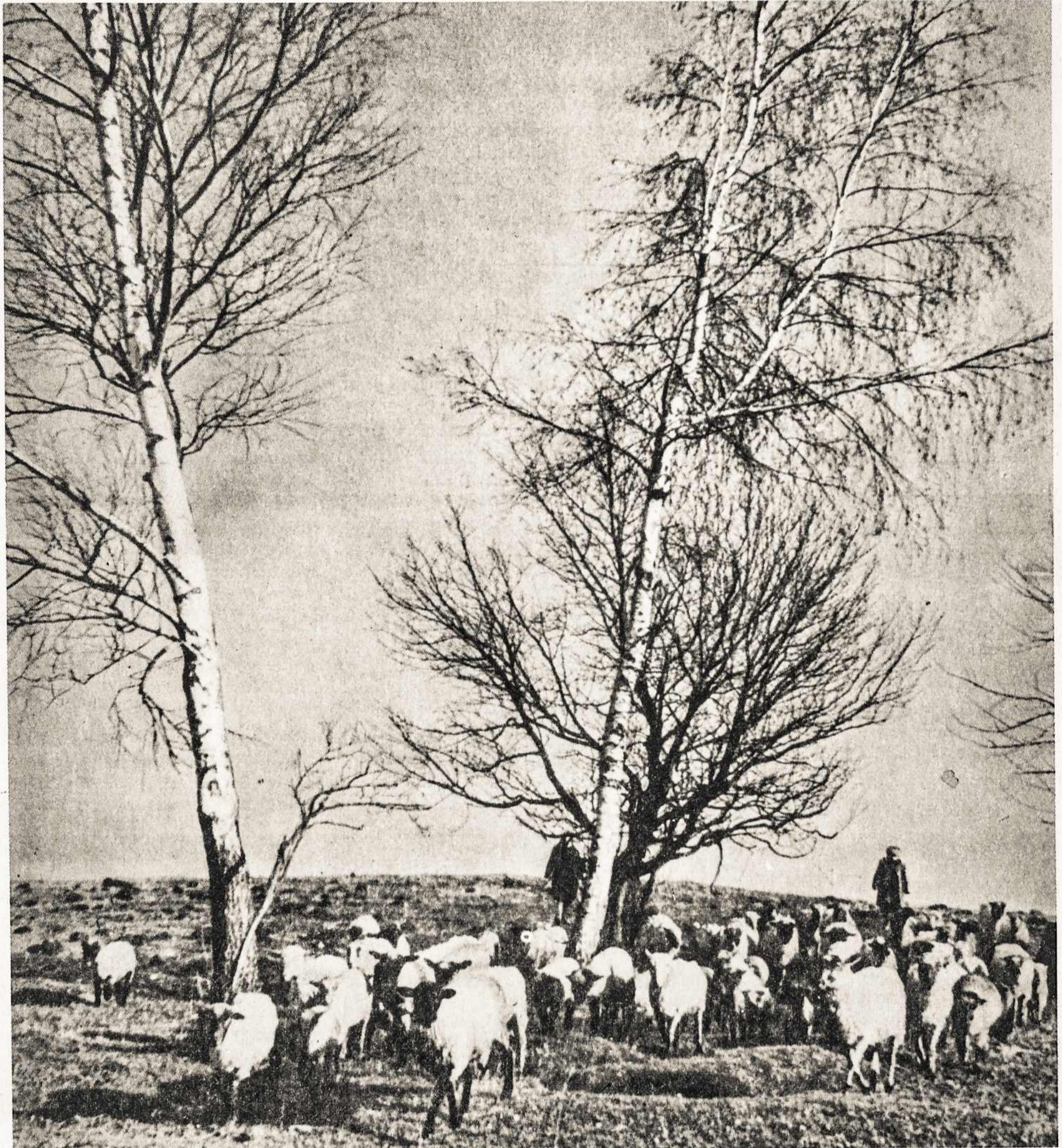


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ŠV. KAZIMIERAS IR LEGENDOS

Vyčių globėjas, Lietuvos karalaitis šv. Kazimieras, kurio mirties metinės tradiciniai kasmet švenčiamos kovo mėn. 4 dieną, yra gimęs 1458 metais spalio mėn. 3 d. Krokovoje - Vovelio pilyje. Iš visų šventųjų lietuviams jis yra artimiausias ir mieliausias, nes jis yra Lietuvos kunigaikščio Kazimiero sūnus ir jo senelis Jogaila yra lietuvis. Beto šv. Kazimieras, būdamas pasauliečiu, keliais protarpiais yra gyvenęs Vilniuje ir Trakuose. Nors mirė Gardine, buvo palaidotas Lietuvos sostinėje Vilniuje, 1629 pastatytoje jo vardo baroko stiliaus bažnyčioje, atskirioje šv. Kazimiero koplyčioje, kurią iš krašto gilumos kasmet suvažiuodavo aplankyti daugybė žmonių. Pasiimdę jie surengdavo mugę, vardu Kaziuko mugę. Čia Chikagoje Lietuvos skautai asmet ruošia tokią mugę Lietuvos globėjo šv. Kazimiero garbei. Užtat šv. Kazimiero kultas nuolat buvo gyvas ir prisimintinas. Šv. Kazimieras ne tik įaugo į lietuvių tautos gyvenimą, bet tapo apipintas įvairiomis legendomis, daugumoje kariškio pobūdžio. Viena iš tolių legendų sklido po kraštą, kad šv. Kazimieras turėjęs kariuomenę ir, kad priešams siaučiant su ja pasislėpęs giliuose urvuose budėdavęs. Vieni teigė, kad ta kariuomenė buvusi laikoma po Vilniumi, gi kiti, kad po Gardinu arba Kaunu. Toji kariuomenė Velykų rytą - kas šimtas metų - iškildavo iš po žemių ir lėkdavo baltais žirgais, švytėdama sidabro šarvais ir žėrinčiais kalavijais. Tą kariuomenę vesdavęs pats šv. Kazimieras su balta lelija rankoje. Apjoję žemę, vėl grįždavo į savo urvus ir pasislėpę vėl laukdavę pavojingesnių laikų. Šv. Kazimieras buvo pasižadėjęs, kad kai Lietuvą užpuls pačios sunkiausios dienos, jis pats su savo kariuomene išeisias į mūšį ir užkariausias visą pasaulį.

POV. DIRKIS

Antroji legenda yra istorinis faktas, bažnyčios atstovų tyrinėtas ir tik po trijų metų pripažintas tikru. Šv. Kazimieras tikrai pasirodęs 1518 m. prie Polocko. Tada buvo lietuvių-rusų karas. Rusai brovėsi gilyn į Lietuvą ir paėmę daug lietuvių nelaisvėn, sustojo vienoje pusėje Dauguvos upės. Kitoje pusėje stovėjo lietuviai, kurie meldėsi, nes negalėjo pereiti per upę. Tada ant balto žirgo žėrinčiais drabužiais pasirodė jaunikaitis ir parodęs brastą padėjo pereiti upę ir nugalėti priešą. Ši stebuklingą šv. Kazimiero pasirodymą yra aprašęs savo veikale Kazimieras Inčiūra "Baltojo Raitelio" baladėje. Tas įvykis yra užfiksuotas teptuku dailininko Mackevičiaus Panevėžio katedros lubose vyskupo Kazimiero Paltaroko rūpesčiu. Yra daugiau legendų, apie kurias kitą kartą.



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ŽODŽIAI SU ŠV. KAZIMIERU...

Šventas Kazimierai Lietuvos Karalaiti
Ilgesio valandom šaukiu Tave!
Nebėr niekur toliau mums bekeliauti
Gi mūsų žemė - didžiame varge!

Būdeliai išdraskė Tavo Šventovę
Paminė po kojom tikėjimo viltį!
Partizanai jų ten daug nukovę
Jie drasko Tėvynę it vilkai pikti!

Šventas Kazimierai nusilenkiam Tau
Vilniaus žygyje su meilę širdy!
Išveski Tu šalį į laisvę greičiau
Mes būsim kovoje amžiais visi!

Bal. Brazdžionis

EDITORIAL . . .

LITHUANIAN WORLD REVIEW

The following editorial commentary was prepared by the staff of Lithuanian World Review which is solely responsible for contents:

THE RIGHT OF SELF-PRESERVATION

On Monday, January 23rd, the Supreme Court of the United States declared as unconstitutional New York State's laws designed to keep subversives off the faculties and staffs of public schools and state colleges.

The Court, as expressed in the stated opinion of Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. did away with New York State's "complicated and intricate scheme of anti-subversive laws and regulations". One of the provisions declared unconstitutional was the state requirement that school and college teachers sign a statement that they were not members of the Communist party. Another was the requirement that teachers could be removed for "utterances of any treasonable or seditious word". Also, according to the decision, state employees could not now be removed solely on the grounds that they are Communist members.

The vote by the Supreme Court on this decision was 5 to 4 and sharply divided on the issue.

However, in the majority opinion expressed for the Court, Justice Brennan is quoted again:

"Our nation is deeply committed to safeguarding academic freedom, which is of transcendent value to all of us and not merely the teachers involved. That freedom is therefore a special concern of the First Amendment, which does not tolerate laws that cast a pall of orthodoxy over the classroom."

Lithuanian World Review takes issue with the majority opinion expressed by the Court.

The question involved in the necessity of loyalty laws is not a question of intolerant laws casting a pall of orthodoxy but one of preservation of the very source of academic freedom. Shall we permit academic freedom to be used as a tool for its own destruction. Where are the safeguards to that freedom?

The Communist party and movement has never publicly or privately denounced or disclaimed its subversive goals nor its aims at the overthrow of this democratic government.

If academic freedom and the other freedoms we enjoy are destroyed by those who use them for subversive purposes, can they then be freely restored by the pen stroke of a Supreme Court. If we permit the interpretation of academic freedom of a "transcendent value" to prevail universally and indiscriminately, than the very preservation of this democracy is at stake and the principle of academic freedom which is of such a great concern for Justice Brennan becomes irrelevant.

Where is academic freedom in any of the Communist nations?

Justice Tom C. Clark in the dissenting opinion is

quoted:

"I regret to say - and I do so with deference - that the majority has by its broadside swept away one of our most precious rights, namely, the right of self-preservation."

Lithuanian World Review hopes that efforts will be undertaken by the Congress and the people of the United States to correct this obvious and naively dangerous misinterpretation by the Supreme Court before the security of this nation is threatened. In this instance, the right of democratic self-preservation has absolute precedence over transcendent academic freedom.

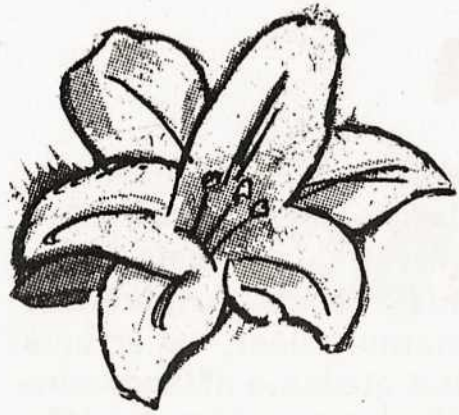
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PSALMĖS -

DIEVO HIMNAI -

Psalmės yra šventos religinės giesmės parašytos karaliaus Dovydo ir kitų šv. Testamento rašytojų. Psalmės yra hebrajų religinė poezija, kuri susideda iš 150 giesmių. Jos parašytos įvairiais laikotarpiais ir išverstos į įvairių tautų kalbas. Pats seniausias psalmių vertimas yra graikiškas LXX, kuris buvo atliktas apie II a. prieš Kristų, Aleksandrijoje. Pirmųjų krikščionių maldose daugiausia buvo giedamos arba kalbamos psalmės. Kai kurios psalmės yra gražūs himnai Dievo garbei. Kitose psalmėse prašome jėgų pergalėti priešus, kitose vėl reiškiamą padėką Dievui, bet dažniausiai išreiškiamą viltis ir pasitikėjimas Dievo gailestingumu. Psalmių ištraukos labai dažnai yra vartojamos Bažnyčios liturgijoje. Pavyzdžiui: mišių introitas, gradualas, ofertorium yra sudarytos grynai iš psalmių vieno ar kelių strofų. Šiandieną psalmės yra vartojamos kaip malda. Į lietuvių kalbą psalmės pirmą kartą buvo išverstos Jono Bretkūno XVI a. pabaigoje. Pirmą katalikišką pilną psalmių vertimą į lietuvių kalbą parengė vysk. M. Valančius, 1869 m., o Kaune pasirodė vertimas 1923 m. arkv. J. Skvirecko su plačiais paaiškinimais šv. Rašto II tome.

POV. DIRKIS



EASTER

THE HOLIDAY of HOLIDAYS

Easter is the holiest of holidays. It is the symbol of hope that death is not the ultimate end, that after death follows the brightness of joy of the Resurrection.

Easter is banned in Lithuania. People there observe Easter only in their hearts or within a family gathering.

But let us recall how festivities were at one time, in the past.

A Lithuanian MARDI GRAS introduced the Lenten season. Young people dressed in costumes representing various characters: Bacon-man (signifying that of plenty) duelling with the Gruel-man (the fast and diet symbol); also were on scene the skeleton, stork, goat and various other masked characters. People were frolicsome, full of gaiety, food abounding, and continuous dancing and singing. Then, at the stroke of midnight, the festivities would abruptly come to a halt - now it was ASH WEDNESDAY. Heads were bowed, ashes fell on them. Purple colors predominant in churches.

The long weeks of the LENTEN season begun. In the old days austerity, especially among the village population of Lithuania, was strictly adhered to - this was a time of meditation and self-denial, weeks of spiritual preparation.

Easter drew closer. PALMSUNDAY arrived, heralding the coming of Easter Sunday. A humorous Palm Sunday custom was to go waking others, especially children, from the early morning sleep. The sleepy-head was waken with a traditional lashing meted out with a willow-branch to the accompanying chant: "It's the willow-branch lashing, not me, it's the willow-branch..."

Similar to that first Palm Sunday centuries ago, people from all over proceeded to church carrying sprays of juniper and willow. These sprays, after being blessed in church, were carried back home and placed in various parts of the house: the blessed greenery was to protect the home from all evil spirits, from lightning and fire hazard; also, used as incense, it was to be beneficial in case illness struck a member of the family.

The week before Easter the town and village population was enthusiastically preparing for the Feast Day, both spiritually and physically: Easter duty had to be done, homes would undergo thorough spring cleaning inside and out. Even though at this time of the year the weather in Lithuania is usually chilly, yet storm windows were removed to allow more brightness into the home. Delightful nostalgic Easter odors were everywhere: floor wax, starched curtains, hyacinths starting to bloom, appetizing smells of food cooking.

THURSDAY before Easter the daily visits to churches to the Altar of Repose began. On this day, until Easter morning, the bells ceased to toll and the handbells of the altar-boys were replaced by wooden rattles.

Holy Thursday was also the day to color the Easter eggs. With unbelievable precision and delicacy the thick fingers of the farmer and his wife decorated the eggs with graceful twigs of the symbolic ruta (rue) and starlets and and birds and oh! so many other various designs. There seemed no end to imagination and artistic inspiration. The favorite method was tracing designs with hot wax and then dipping the already hard-boiled eggs into dyes. Also scraping fine and intricate designs on the already colored egg is widely known. And what choice of natural colors! Perhaps commercial dyes are easier and more simple to use. Yet no store-bought hue could equal the variety of home invented processes, such as the warm rust color derived from cooking the onion peel, or fine straw, using tree bark, metal rust, and many others. All these methods were used by our ancestors who, it would seem, not only were artists but also true alchemists!

GOOD FRIDAY. Whoever had not done so already, hurried to visit the Altar of Repose, to give honor to our Lord. People listened solemnly and with enchantment to the sorrowful liturgies and Lenten hymns. The housewives were busy as beavers trying to catch up with their work and to finish all the chores. On this day customarily the meat dishes were prepared, and how difficult it was to resist the temptation to try but one little morsel . . . But this would have spoiled the well kept long abstinence!

HOLY SATURDAY. People congregated in church where a traditional ceremony of water blessing took place, later to be carried back home. Another custom was the blessing of fire and getting it home. Usually the young men would follow through with this responsibility, arriving to church on horseback. In the churchyard a long-fire was lit and blessed. Dried "kempinés" (polyporus) were placed around the glowing embers; after a while they would start smoldering, filling the air with a peculiar pleasing odor. Located not too far away was the wooden barrel filled with water already blessed by the priest. Bottles were dipped and filled with gurgling water; a smoldering "kempinê" arranged (often in an earthenware pot) to be safely carried home. Then the young fellows would race in an attempt to be first to reach home, where the women were anxiously waiting for the blessed fire with which to start the oven fire and now proceed with the important Easter baking. An attempt would be made to keep the "kempinê" smoldering until the week after Easter Sunday - symbolic of maintaining peace and welfare at home.

The farmers made provisions of choice fodder for animals as well, so that they too would feel the solemn

KRIKŠČIONIŠKAS ALELIUJA

POV. DIRKIS

Mes vyčiai girdime bažnyčiose liturgijos pamaldose giedant Aleliują. Žodis Aleliuja yra dviejų hebraišku žodžių darinys, kuris randamas žydų religinėse giesmėse arba psalmėse - Dievo himnais vadinamose. Savo, gi, pirmykščia prasme, jis reiškia - garbinkite Viešpatį! Tai yra šlovinamasis ir džiaugsmingas himnas Viešpačiui.

Katalikų bažnyčios liturgijoje Aleliuja giedama iškilmingom progom - Kristaus Prisikėlimo Šventėje, Velykose, ir visame laikotarpyje iki Sekminių. Tuo reiškiamas džiaugsmas, kad Kristus nugalėjo mirtį.



Dabar susiduriame su nauju klausimu, būtent: kokia, gi, prasmė mūsų gyvenimo? Gyvenimo giliausia prasmė atsiskleidžia tikrai prisikėlimo fakte. Jei Kristus kėlėsi, tai ir mes kelsimės. Užtat giedame džiaugsmingą Aleliują. Giedame ne vien šventėse ir džiaugsmė, bet ir liūdesyje, rūpesčiuose ir kančiose, nes visa tai praeis akimoku, palyginus su amžinybe. Aleliuja neša optimizmą, kuris nušviečia visą mūsų žemišką gyvenimą. Tai yra krikščioniškasis mūsų gyvenimo Aleliuja. Tad, garbinkim Viešpatį, giedodami Aleliuja, Aleliuja!

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occasion of the Easter Day.

Every member of the family had to visit the "pirtis", a steam-bath house. First men, because the initial tart steam was easier for them to endure. After that followed women and children. What pleasure it was to go to this steam-bath with its delightful odor of birch twigs and fresh straw in the air . . .

And then - EASTER and RESURRECTION were here. In the country, celebration of the Resurrection began early at dawn, with the sun rising. From distant villages people set out for this festive event in the night hours to make certain they reached church on time. The wagons and horses were spruced up. Everyone was decked out in their very best, everyone in a festive mood; wagon passing wagon, racing, trying to get to church first.

And finally - Alleluia! Church bells were ringing, the solemn and majestic procession went round the church three times with everyone participating. Fluttering banners, sometimes brass band, and all present joining in the touching hymn of "Alleluia", all this would be a life-long experience for many a person.

After the service friends met and embraced wishing one another a Happy Easter, then hurrying home. The festive Easter break-fast table was waiting. What a thing of beauty to behold! The snow-white linen tablecloth was decorated with club-moss (lycopodium) or lingonberries leaves. For a centerpiece there was the traditional pot of sprouting velvety-green oats, in the midst of it a Lamb with a small red banner. Sometimes another lamb would be seen, more or less artistically "sculptured" out of butter. Dishes heaped with multi-colored Easter eggs hypnotized one with their beauty: how could one dare to peal and eat them? But this was part of the anticipated pleasure - each one selecting one's egg against the other's to see which was the stronger. If the other's egg cracked and mine remained intact, his egg belonged to me!

The table looked a true "nature morte" picture, and what a variety it offered. Here one found the obligatory ham: cooked, baked in bread-dough, smoked - to be eaten with hot freshly ground horse-radish. There was leg of veal with red lingonberries; and turkey stuffed

with prunes; and duck with red cabbage; and suckling pig browned to golden perfection, served whole; and more pork, rolled and jellied; jellied pig-knuckles; and sausages; and an assortment of cold-cuts. Further still, lined up for Easter parade, were baked goods and cakes. When housewives were preparing their "babas", it was strictly forbidden to slam doors, even to speak loudly, lest the goods in the oven collapse. Removed from the oven, they were tenderly, like babies, placed on soft pillows to cool. Now they stood there, proudly raising their heads decorated with white glaze strewn with colored poppy-seeds, sugar flowers, raising. Flat cakes were called "mazurkas", and there were many kinds of them: "the royal," "the gypsy", "the honeycomb," etc. Various torts adorned the table: chocolate, mocha, bread-crumbs, Napoleon, and others. Occasionally one would see the foreign "Baumkuchen", the "tree cake," a culinary highlight. The popular poppy-seed roll and yeast baked goods never failed to make their appearance.

To "wash" all this down, "degtinė" (Lithuanian rye or potatoe brandy) and home-made wines were served. In the liqueur group, first place went to a honey-liqueur, called a "bear-trap" by the Lithuania Minor population. Also various kinds of "antpilas," - alcohol poured over different berries with time allowed for fermentation. The most popular was cherry "antpilas." The countryfolk brewed beer and rye-bread-cider, "gira", which, when served, would bubble and pop much like champagne, pleasantly tickling the nose.

By now, erected swings were in full use by the young, the Easter egg hunt was on, and lively competition in the "roll-the-egg" game was in progress.

The Second Day of Easter was traditionally a day for visiting. The dining-room table was continuously replenished and rearranged. A welcome treat on that day was bowl of steaming bouillon or red-beet broth served with hot stuffed pasties.

Years ago even a Third Day of Easter was celebrated. All in all, the whole week was lived in the spirit of Easter. The holiday season would end with LOW SUNDAY, referred to in some areas affectionately as "Little Easter."

DAUGIAU KALBĖKIME SAVAM JAUNIMUI

SENELIS

Šioje šalyje turime daug lietuviško jaunimo, tik vardas, kad mes nemo-kame prie jo priėti, su juo susipa-žinti ir susigyventi, jį pritraukti prie savų lietuviškų organizacijų. Darbas yra gana sunkus, nes jaunimas yra jau trečios kartos ir sunkiai kalba lietuviškai. Atrodo, kad kuo toliau, tuo labiau jis nuo lietuviybės atšala, nes vėlesnės kartos tėvai ir jaunimas nenori turėti artimesnių ryšių su čia gimusiu ir augusiu jaunimu ir jam lei-džia greičiau žūti šios šalies ver-dančiame ištautėjimo katile, vieton to, kad ištiestų savo ranką tam jaunimui, kuris yra finansiškai daugiau pajėgus. Katalikų tarpe galime rasti savo tėvų ir protėvių tėvynės Lietuvos patriotų ir kovotojų dėl jos išlaisvinimo, iš komunistinės vergijos. Tą faktą ir pasiryžimą parodė pereitais metais čia gimusių ir augusių suorganizuo-tas žygis New York'e, prie Pasaulinės Jungtinių Tautų įstaigos, kuris nu-skambėjo ne tik per visą šią šalį bet ir per visą pasaulį. O to viso darbo vyriausieji sumanytojai ir vadai buvo Antanas Mažeika, dr. Alg. Budrec-kas, prelatas Jonas Balkūnas ir kit. Bet kai vyčiai kreipiasi į vėlesnės kartos žmones, kad padidintų ir pa-gyvintų šios organizacijos eiles, skambesnę lietuvišką žodį, tai mūsų vadai bėga-skuba į tolimas šalis, ten gaivinti ir žadinti lietuvišką jaunimą lietuvių. Mūsų lietuviška spauda, tam jų darbui ir kelionei pašvenčia ne tik straipsnius, bet ir vedamuosius, o tų vadų išlaidoms padengti kreipia-si į šios šalies lietuvius.

Mano manymu pirmiausiai reikia artimiau sujungti senąją, čia augu-siąją ir vėliau atvykusiąją kartas, nes galima pastebėti, kad šių trijų kartų santykiai kasdien vis tolsta.

Ši faktą konstatuoja vakarų rengimai ir Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šven-tės minėjimai. Ir jeigu mes ir mūsų organizacijos nekeliaus lygesniu keliu ateity, tai galime laukti išaugant dar didesnių kalnų tarp šių trijų kartų. Vėliau jau tikrai negalėsime surasti lygaus kelio, kadangi senoji karta me-tai iš metų keliauja į amžinybę, o čia gimusioji nesuranda galimybių bend-rai veikti su vėlesne karta. Tada šių kartų negalės sujungti nei kunigai Jut-kevičiai, nė daktarai Stukai, nė Anta-nai Mažeikos, nė daktarai Alg. Bud-reckai, nė inž. Antanai Rudžiai.

Mūsų nūdieniniams vadams reiktų ne kitų šalių jaunimą organizuoti ir jį jungti, bet pirmiau savo šalyje sujungti lietuvius į bendresnį savo tautos ir pačios Lietuvos išlaisvini-mo veikimą. Kuo veikiausiai reikia išrauti iš šaknų tas mintis, kad aš didesnis ir kultūringesnis, negu tu, tai mes negalime ir bendrauti lietu-viškame veikime. Paimkime L. Vyčių org., kuriai priklauso tėvai, vaikai, tėvukai ir vaikaičiai ir visi moka su-sikalbėti, vieni kitus užjausti, parem-ti ir gražiai sugyventi, tartum būtų čianykštė lietuviška šeima. Tik dau-giausiai jai trūksta tikresnio ir gra-žesnio lietuviško žodžio, kuri daugu-ma myli, gerbia ir didžiuojasi lietu-viais esą ir gali tą kalbą laisvai nau-doti. Vieną sykį man su artimu gimi-naičiu nuvykus į valdišką įstaigą ir tarpusavy bekalbant lietuviškai, į mus lietuviškai prabilo inteligentiška mo-teris: "Aš ir lietuvi ir moku lietu-viškai kalbėti ir džiaugiuosi, kad esu lietuvi, nors esu ištekėjusi už kita-taučio - O'Maley. Mano lietuviška pa-vardė buvo Ona Gudžinskaitė iš Am-sterdam, New York. Dabar ji gyvena viename gražiųjų Cleveland'o prie-

miesčių. Mes turime ir daugiau tokių lietuvių, nesigėdinančių savo tau-tybės ir pavardės. Tik gaila, kad mū-sų jaunimas kuria šeimyninius židi-nius su kitataučiais, ypatingai mūsų vyčiai turėtų to vengti, nes vyčiams vaikinams visada yra laisvas žodis prakalbėti į lietuvių vyte. Gerai prisimenu, kai ankstesniais laikais vyčiai ir vytės kurdavo savo tarpe šeimyninius židinius. Tas ir palaikė mūsų mielos organizacijos ilgą am-žių - 53 m., ko ateityje reikia laukti su viltimi, nes nedidelis skaičius pa-seks mūsų Vasiliauskus, Sakevičius, Mažeikas, Pavius ir daugių didžiųjų vyčių pavardžių, kurie ne tik savo dar-bais kelia L. Vyčių vardą, bet ir as-menybėmis.

Nūnai eina vyčių org. naujų narių įrašymo vaju. Mūsų vadai šaukiasi ir prašo mūsų, kad visokiais būdais padidintume savo organizaciją, kaip naujais taip ir buvusiais nariais, at-gaivinant senas kuopas ir steigiant senjorų skyrius. Ragina ir plunksnos mylėtojus, kad ir jie daugiau rašytų į lietuviškus laikraščius. Tai gražūs atsišaukimai - mes turėtume jais sek-ti ir juos pildyti. O jei kurie nežino-me ir neturime patyrimo šiuose dar-buose, tai paimkime pavyzdį iš Vin-co Pavio, kada šiam didžiajam vyčių veikėjui reikėjo pagalbos, tai jis kreipėsi į draugus. Štai kaip į vieną iš jų, Vincas prabylo: "Juozai, ką ateitis mums rodo? Pastiprink, jei gali, ma-ne vytiškoje dvasioje - jaučiuosi be-jėgis." Gal tokiais gražiais ir didin-gais žodžiais mums reiktų kreiptis į mūsų organizacijos globėją - Šv. Ka-zimierą, kad Jis mums suteiktų dau-giau pajėgumo ir šventos dvasios, idant mes galėtume nugalėti visus sunkumus dirbant L. Vyčių org. di-džiuosius ir puoselėjančius darbus.

A. M. D. G.

FURTHER RETURNS ON MEDAL AWARD RAFFLE

Council 26 - K of L, Worcester Mass.	\$10.00	G. Zibinskas - Worcester, Mass.	2.25
Mary Gendrolas - Chicago, Ill.	2.00	Sophie Olbie - Amsterdam, N.Y.	2.00
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Marcella Andrikis - Waterbury, Conn.	4.00	Simon Aleliunas - Pittsburgh, Pa.	4.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Zager - Detroit, Mich.	2.00	Cecile G. Kincie - Chicago, Ill.	2.00
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Mr. & Mrs. A. Wilchesky - Detroit, Mich.	2.00	R. Chestnut - Worcester, Mass.	2.00
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Matthew A. Bujus - Hollywood, Florida	2.00	Robert Stevens - Auburn, Mass.	2.00
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F. Bernadicius - West Springfield, Mass.	2.00	Marion Lucason - Worcester, Mass.	6.00
Daniel Degutis - Elizabeth, N.J.	2.00	C. M. Vilemaitis - Englewood, Ohio	2.00
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Ann Miller - Worcester, Mass.	2.00	Olga Kersis - Worcester, Mass.	2.00
Dorothy Sinkavitch - Worcester, Mass.	2.00	Mrs. Helen V. Kulber - Brooklyn, N.Y.	5.00
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Dorothy Dutkus - Maywood, N.J.	2.00	Ed Daniels - Worcester, Mass.	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robt. S. Dillis - Brockton, Mass.	4.00	Regina Barisas - Worcester, Mass.	2.00
Liudas Stukas - Hillside, N.J.	2.00	Tony Morkunas - Worcester, Mass.	5.00
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James A. Dunski - Chicago, Ill.	2.00	Howard Beaudette - Gardner, Mass.	4.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Robt. J. Zemaitis - Worcester, Mass.	6.00	Mr. & Mrs. Robt. G. Zinkus - Worcester, Mass.	4.00
Wanda Pajeda - Worcester, Mass.	2.00	Anna Axtin - Lawrence, Mass.	6.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Theo. Pinkus - Worcester, Mass.	12.00	Richard Genaitis - Gardner, Mass.	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Thompson, Sr. - Worc., Mass.	2.00	Janet Swedis - Worcester, Mass.	2.00
Gediminas Janula - Worcester, Mass.	2.00	A. Buknis - Cleveland, Ohio	3.00
Glorida Metick - Worcester, Mass.	2.00	Ralph Valatka - Detroit, Mich.	2.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Paul J. Zukas - Norwood, Mass.	2.00	Helen Pauksta - Chicago, Ill.	3.00
Helen Shields - Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00	Patricia Richards - Waterbury, Conn.	4.00
Joseph Stevens - Waterbury, Conn.	4.00	Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Vaitonis - Gloucester, Mass.	2.00
Anne Bucinskas - Worcester, Mass.	2.00	Violet Brazaitis - Ansonia, Conn.	2.00
Joe Milenkevich - Ansonia, Conn.	2.00	C. Dubickas - Glendale, Calif.	4.00
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Anthony Dainus - Detroit, Mich.	4.00
Irene Rakaitis - Chicago, Ill.	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Malakas - Newark, N.J.	2.00
E. J. Povilaitis - Waterbury, Conn.	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. F. Senk - New Britain, Conn.	6.00
Dr. Henry Gailiunas - Athol, Mass.	2.00
Rita Skamarock - Worcester, Mass.	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Al. Wesev - Great Neck, L.I.	4.00
J. Malin - Kearny, N.J.	2.00
Rev. Paul F. Juknevicus - Chicago, Ill.	5.00
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Please notify us if there are any errors in the above tabulation.

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EASTER GREETINGS

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WINNERS OF THE
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
MEDAL AWARD
RAFFLE

\$100.00 - A. Rakaitis - Chicago, Ill.
50.00 - A. Alsankas - Philadelphia, Pa.
25.00 - John J. Roman - So. Boston, Mass.
10.00 - Rev. R. F. Thompson, Kearny, N.J.
5.00 - J. Spainaitis - Paterson, N.J.

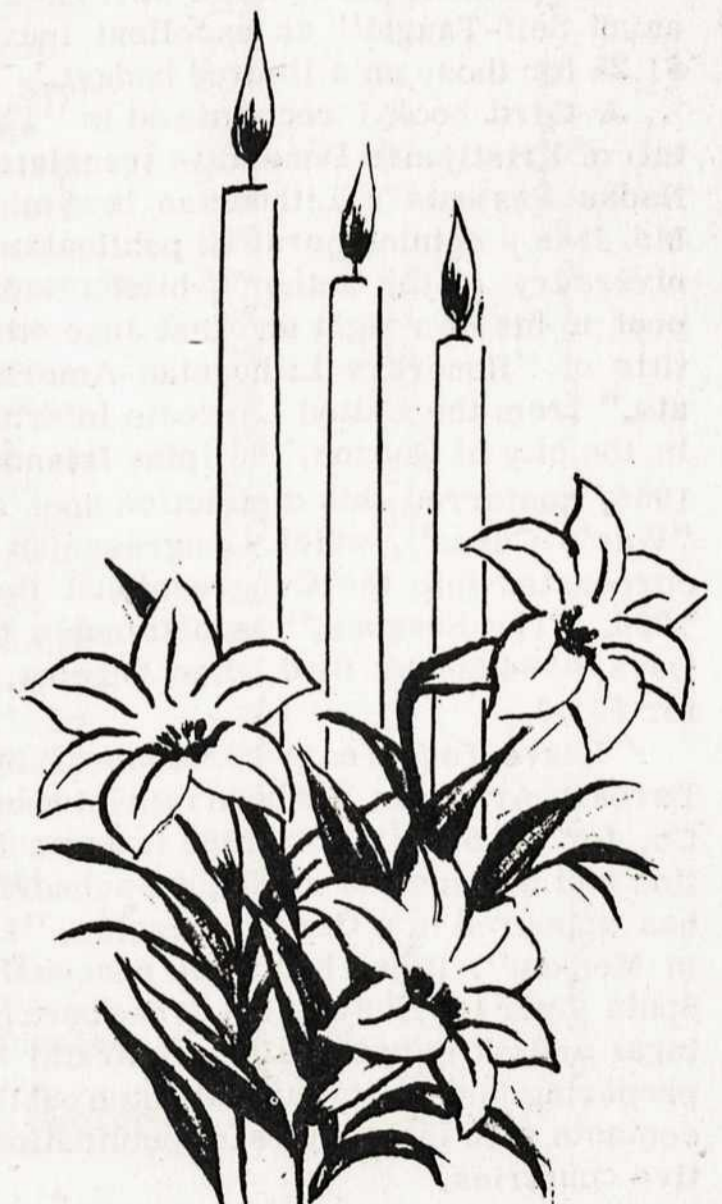
"WAR ON GOD IN LITHUANIA" books to: S. Sandic, The Point; J. Jonulate, Detroit, Mich.; Jonas Sakas, Chicago, Ill.; Betty Senulis, Pittsburgh, Pa.; S. Sandic, The Point; Walt Basek, Balboa, N.Y.; Frank Majde, Chicago, Ill.; Mary Mrozinski, Worcester, Mass.; Albinas Rudzevecius, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Vaskas, Newark, N.J.

LITHUANIAN-ENGLISH DICTIONARY to: Mrs. Anna Lenkaitis, Detroit, Mich. & John S. Razauskas, Dayton, Ohio.

HANDBAGS to: Hap Devise, Berlin, N.H. and J. Zukas, Port Washington, N.Y.

Many thanks to all those who cooperated with us in this raffle.

REV. JOHN C. JUTT



CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Our own Jack Stukas, former Cultural Chairman, has finally put his thesis for a doctorate in philosophy from New York University into book form. The book called "Awakening Lithuania," covers the period of Lithuania's period of independent life between the two world wars and tells us of how her people had prepared through long years and even centuries of hardship for that final day of independence which dawned on Feb. 16th, 1918. Highly endorsed by Joseph Kajecikas, Charge d' Affairs a.i., of Lithuania, Washington, D.C. who wrote the forward and also Rev. Peter P. Cinikas, Superior of Marian Hills Seminary, Clarendon Hills, Ill., it is a must for the student of Lithuanian History and should also find itself on the shelves of our K of L, and parish school libraries.

Order from: Dr. J. J. Stukas, 1016 Schleifer Road, Hillside, N. J. 07205. Cost \$5.00.

An excellent book for those wishing to learn the Lithuanian Language is an "Introduction to Modern Lithuanian" published by the Franciscan Fathers of Brooklyn. It is designed for those who know little or any of the language and has 40 lessons, a grammatical table, readings and a glossary. The text and all explanations are in English. It was edited by Profs. Dambriunas, Klimas and Schmalstieg. \$7.00 from The Franciscan Fathers, 910 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11221

The Franciscan Fathers still have copies of "Lithuanian Self-Taught" an excellent inexpensive book for \$1.25 for those on a limited budget.

A third book I recommend is "The Seasons" (Me-tai) of Kristijonas Donelaitis translated into English by Nadas Rastenis a Lithuanian lawyer from Baltimore, Md. It is a commemorative publication of the 250th anniversary of the author's birth. Nadas Rastenis is a poet in his own right and last June 4th, he received the title of "Honorary Lithuanian-American Poet Laureate," from the United Laureate International which met in the city of Quezon, Philippine Islands and on June 12, 1966, conferred this distinction upon him for his poem "War's Curse", which Congressman Garmatz had incorporated into the Congressional Record on Feb. 16, 1966. "The Seasons," is obtainable from: Lithuanian Days, 4364 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90029 for \$3.00

"Leave Your Tears In Moscow," by A. Nasvytis and Barbara Armonas, has been reprinted by Doubleday Book Co. for the 5th time! In 1962 it was a Book Club selection and was mailed to 700,000 subscribers! And now, it has appeared in a German version, "Lass die Traenen in Moskau". It has had three successful publishings in Spain (over 100,000 copies). It has been published in Portugal and two Indian dialects Marathi and Gujarati are preparing issues. Italian and Dutch publishers have made contacts with the authors for publication in their respective countries.

I mentioned that it has had its 5th reprinting here in

America. I wonder how many of our K of L members are acquainted with the book? How many copies are found in our parish grade school libraries? In the High Schools where our Lithuanian students attend? How many copies were distributed by our councils to our Mayors, Governors, Catholic and Secular Press City Editors? This is a job for our K of L councils. To put books such as these on the shelves of our parish, city, college, high school and university libraries. Would I be so naive as to ask how many of our K of L members ever heard of the book? Please don't answer because if you all answered at once I'm afraid your response would break the sound barrier and I would hear you all the way here to Philadelphia. FOR SHAME! An excellent opportunity for us to disseminate our cause and we're letting it slip through our fingers . . .

Should I mention it that the Heritage Press last year reissued "The Jungle" a story about a Lithuanian family and their struggles in the stockyards of Chicago which went on to make the best seller list; caused Pres. Theodore Roosevelt and Congress to pass legislation to clean up the mess; was published in 2 different languages throughout the world; was reprinted in 1940 and again last year by Heritage Press of New York AND also a paper back available for 60c Signet 1963 which is so cheap that every member should have a copy and yet I hesitate to ask if any of our members have seen the book. Available at any paper-back bookstore.

I suggested this once before and would like to do it again. That our councils at least would buy up copies of these books at wholesale lots and distribute them to their parish school libraries, the high school libraries that our parish children attend, plus the college, university and city libraries so that they can get a more favorable distribution and we wouldn't have individual students coming to us looking for material on Lithuania for their thesis, etc.

JOSEPH YANULAITIS
Cultural Chairman



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OFFICIAL NEWS

K of L CHARTER

The Knights of Lithuania was incorporated in 1915 at Springfield, Illinois. Certificate No. 1289 was issued on December 29, 1915 and signed by the following K of L members: Rev. B. Serapinas, Ona E. Klimavich, Anton Pocius and John Karosas. The copy of the Certificate (Charter) is now located in Chicago under the custody of the Board of Trustees - K of L Building.

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos įkorporavimas (Charter) buvo išduotas gruodžio 29 d. 1915 metais, Lietuvos Vyčiai (Knights of Lithuania) vardu, pažymėjimo (certificate) num. 1289 buvo pasirašytas: Fr. B. Serafinas, Anna E. Klimavicz, John Karosas ir Anton Pocius. Iki šiolei nebuvo žinoma kur randasi šis svarbus dokumentas, tačiau Liet. Vyčių namo direktorių Chicagoj pastangomis tapo surastas Springfield, Ill. ir gauta kopija, kuri dabar randasi direktorių žinioje.

Al. Budris, Pirm.
Albert Dagus, Rašt.

ELECTIONS - District and Council

Josephine Zukas, national recording secretary, reminds us that all of the districts and councils have not reported to her on their elections. If your district or council has not submitted a listing of officers, please do so immediately. Your cooperation and prompt response will be greatly appreciated by Mrs. Zukas.

1967 MEMBERSHIP DUES

National financial secretary Helen Zimmer informs us that the 1967 membership dues are now being accepted. Council financial secretaries should submit membership dues immediately after collection. Dues are to be paid on a January to December basis.

When a new member joins a Council, dues should be collected as follows:

- \$4.00 if members join from January - March
- 3.00 April - June
- 2.00 July - September
- 1.00 October - December
- 2.00 annually for non-subscribing member (Not entitled to receive VYTIS. Primarily for second or additional members of family living at one address not wishing to receive extra VYTIS copy)
- 6.00 Couple (First year, subsequent years, couple pays only \$4.00 per year)

Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from Miss Zimmer.

"VYTIS" THANK YOU

Our sincere appreciation to Rev. Mykolas Vembre of Brockton, Mass. and Rev. Simon Morkunas of Sioux City, Iowa for their generous donations to the "Vytis".

1967 PAID MEMBERSHIP AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 1967

C #	City	% Pd	9/66	2/67
41	Brooklyn	159%	17	27
112	Chicago	102%	122	125
*103	Providence	100%	0	10
111S	Youngstown	100%	17	17
139	Detroit	100%	22	22
100	Amsterdam	96%	27	26
113	Linden	91%	23	21
133S	Los Angeles	90%	31	28
10	Athol	86%	21	18
25S	Cleveland	84%	38	32
12	New York	79%	33	26
3	Philadelphia	78%	36	28
1	Brockton	71%	21	15
41S	Brooklyn	58%	24	14
96	Dayton	55%	76	42
Chicago Seniors		51%	43	22
6	Hartford	50%	2	1
109	Great Neck	48%	21	10
36	Chicago	47%	64	30
7	Waterbury	38%	97	37
17	So. Boston	26%	57	15
61	Paterson	20%	5	1
116	So. Worcester	20%	45	9
14	Cicero	9%	11	1
5	Chicago	7%	14	1
26	Worcester	5%	183	9
29	Newark	3%	72	2
13	Chicago	0%	27	0
18	Cambridge	0%	14	0
19	Pittsburgh	0%	41	0
24	Chicago	0%	1	0
25	Cleveland	0%	27	0
27	Norwood	0%	16	0
30	Westfield	0%	31	0
52	Elizabeth	0%	27	0
67	Bayonne	0%	5	0
78	Lawrence	0%	12	0
79	Detroit	0%	167	0
82	Gary	0%	16	0
90	Kearny	0%	26	0
102	Detroit	0%	41	0
133	Los Angeles	0%	7	0
135	Ansonia	0%	47	0
Pittsburgh Seniors		0%	2	0

JUNIOR NEWS

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Prepared by Helen Shields

WHY JUNIOR KNIGHTS ARE NECESSARY?

Have you, your council officers or members, ever given thought or discussed the future of your council and the Knights of Lithuania organization? Have you ever considered who will keep the Knights of Lithuania spirit alive by continuing to carry on the work we are doing today for Our God and Country? How we can get new, young, active, energetic, spirited members in our councils? The kind who would already be acquainted with the ideals and goals of our organization. The time will come soon enough, when for one reason or another, we shall not be able to do as much as we are doing today. Unless we look ahead, and plan to have others replace those we lose, our efforts of today, will not be of much value to anyone. Obtaining new members is a problem which is quite prevalent in many councils. Acquainting them with the purpose and various programs of the organization takes time. Inability to obtain new members with new ideas, new energy, vitality - and the desire to work for the principles of the organization will lead to eventual demise of councils. This we cannot let happen, while there is yet time to prepare future K of L'ers. This can be done by organizing Junior K of L Councils! By gathering the Catholic, American Lithuanian youth of your vicinity and organizing them into Junior K of L Councils, you will

be preparing new members for your council, new leaders, new talent, new assets which will insure the future for the Knights of Lithuania. Granted, it will mean some work, require someone's sacrifice and patience. But ask yourself this question: What good is all your work for the Knights of Lithuania, if there will be no one to carry on when or if you must relinquish your duties? Just as parents work and sacrifice to leave something to their heirs, we of the K of L family - must organize Juniors, so there will be heirs - who will inherit our hopes, inspirations and desires to work for God and Country in the Knights of Lithuania organization. Organizing and maintaining Junior Councils should have a very important place in each Council's Program of Activities. One of the prime reasons why the Knights of Lithuania were founded, was that it would be an organization which would unite the Catholic, American Lithuanian youth. Junior Councils will also keep our youth in our Lithuanian parishes. Therefore, Junior Knights are necessary:

1. To instill within our youth the desire to remain in close affiliation with their Lithuanian parishes.
2. To acquaint them with the ideals and purposes of the Knights of Lithuania organization.
3. To replenish our ranks, and furnish our organization with the type of members who will be prepared to carry on the various K of L Programs.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A JUNIOR COUNSELLOR OR COUNSELLORS

Before organizing a Junior Council, much thought should be given to the selection of the person or persons whose duty it will be to counsel the Junior Members of the Knights of Lithuania.

In selecting a Junior Counsellor, it would be wise to insure that the one or ones selected are qualified to work with young people and have sufficient time to devote to the guidance of a Junior Council. They should also be very well acquainted with the constitution, ideals and goals of the Knights of Lithuania Organization.

REMEMBER: The Counsellor is an important factor in determining whether or not your Junior Council will meet with success or failure.

Junior Counsellor(s) must be firm, but kind, patient, understanding, reliable and undaunted. They should conduct themselves in a manner whereby they would command the respect of the Juniors and also in turn, always treat the Juniors with respect.

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

C-41S, NEW YORK SENIORS HVK

Councils 41 and 41S will be hosts to the NY-NJ District on Sunday, March 12th. The annual Mass commemorating St. Casimir will be offered at 11 o'clock at the Church of the Annunciation, Brooklyn, at which time Third Degrees will be awarded to several members. The luncheon at 12:30 will be followed by a convention at 2 o'clock in the Parish Hall. "Ateitininkai" and friends of the K of L are cordially invited to participate.

41S elections were held recently with these results: Anthony J. Mazaika, President; John Subacius, Vice President; Eugenia Karpus, Recording Secretary; Emilija Sandanavičienė, Corresponding Secretary; Joseph Boley, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, Peter Vaicels, Chairman - Lithuanian Affairs, with Helen V. Kulber and Aldona Zaunius as Members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

As Rev. John Pakalniskis has moved to the Transfiguration Parish in Maspeth, Rev. Anthony Rackauskas has been delegated as the new Spiritual Advisor

C-133S, LOS ANGELES SENIORS

The Senior Council 133S of Los Angeles had a vivacious meeting Jan. 29th during which new officers were elected. John Cinga from Canada was elected chairman. A unanimous vote and applause was given Mr. Cinga to be President; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Adele Petras of Burbank; 2nd Vice-Pres., Jonas Puicunas of Hollywood; Recording Secretary, Vincent Tuskenis of L.A.; Financial Secy., Antanas Skirius of L.A., re-elected; Treasurer, Mrs. Ann Arnaskus of L.A.; and Revision Committee, Mrs. B. Stark, Mr. J. Andrius and Mrs. B. Skirius.

At our last fall meeting in Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kiškis' lovely home in San Gabriel we celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Rev. Father Celiesius reported on the Camp Dainava Youth Congress of July 5th, and the outstanding accomplishments of Lithuanian youth.

A birthday dinner was celebrated

for Father Celiesius at a private residence. Mathew Ambrose died on Dec. 11th. Masses will be held in memory of all of our deceased members on April 2. The 9:30 A.M. Mass for Mathew Ambrose and the 12:30 noon Mass for late Monsignor A. Stepanauskas.

Our Lithuanian Consular Dr. J. J. Bielskis celebrated his 75th birthday this past year. Fifty of those years were devoted to Lithuanian activities full time. Dr. Bielskis expressed gratitude to the vyčiai organization for all the assistance in those early years. He was Supreme Council President in 1918 and now honors us with a government position as consul for Los Angeles and California.

This year marks our 10th Anniversary. We were honored with the presence of several original members who organized our K of L Seniors in 1947 as Mrs. B. Stark and Mrs. Ona Wilkas. Several visiting guests at our dinner table were introduced, one of whom was Theresa Wendt.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. Puikunas and Financial Secretary's report by Mr. Skirius, a discussion was held on ways and means of celebrating our 10th anniversary, and making money for our depleted treasury. A recent concert with Faust excerpts was a great success given by "Moteryų Surtartinė". Our own member, Mrs. Bernice Skirius was the soloist.

Adele Petras gave a report in brief of the Supreme Council Meeting, also the highlights of "Vytis" Magaz-



Jonas Cinga, Los Angeles 133 Sr. President

ine, because we have many people who do not read English.

Several orders were received for the book, "Sielos Balsai." First and Second degree cards were passed out by Mr. Skirius. The meeting was closed with a prayer and social hour concluded the gathering.

WELCOME! Dorothy Sinkavitch and Ann Miller to Los Angeles on your trip back from Hawaii.

CLEVELAND, OHIO PRISIMINIMAS 50 M. SEIMYNINIO ŽIDINIO

Vasario 5 d., vyte Rožė Sankalienė-Adomaitytė, prisiminė savo penkiasdešimt metų šeiminio gyvenimo jubiliejų, nors a.a. Pranas Sankalas jau virš metų yra palikęs šį pasaulį. Bet a.a. Prano žmona, Rožė, norėdama iškilmingiau paminėti šį jubiliejų, užsakė šv. mišias Šv. P-lės N. Pagalbos parap. bažnyčioje, kad būtų ne tik pasaulietiškos, bet ir dvasiškos iškilmės. Šv. mišios buvo atnašautos ne tik vedbinio gyvenimo paminėjimui, bet ir už a. a. Prano sielą.

Po pamaldų vytes R. Sankalienės puošniuose namuose įvyko iškilmingi pietūs, kuriuose dalyvavo didokas skaičius artimų giminių iš Sankalų ir adomaičių pusės ir keletas artimų draugų vyčių senjorų, nes mamytė yra jų narė, o dukrelė St. Sankalaitė yra senjorų vyčių išdininkė ir daug žadanti pasidarbuoti ateityje. Pietūs buvo pradėti malda, kurią sukalbėjo J. Sadauskas, vyčių senjorų pirm. Toliau sekė užkandžiavimas ir draugiški pasikalbėjimai, kurių metu atsilankė ir didis svečias ir prekybininkas, Clevelando real estate organizacijos pirmininkas - W. T. Byrne, kurio org. vyte St. Sankalaitė agentauja. Ji dirba ne tik real-estate įstaigoje trumpų valandų darbą, bet yra ir autoritetas ir vedėja vienoje Clevelando didžiausiųjų radio stočių. Mat, mūsų Stasytė yra baigusi aukštuosius mokslus ir mažuosius pasididžiavimus. Vyčiai senjorai gali pasididžiuoti turėdami St. Sankalaitę savo valdybos narių tarpe.

Senelis

DON'T WORRY Sir Knight



WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS TO ANNOUNCE THIS MONTH

WE HAVE PROVIDENCE, C-103, WITH US AGAIN AND WE HAVE ANOTHER "FIRST TO BE 100% PAID-UP" WINNER

First, let's give a big K of L "hello" and "welcome back" to our giminès from Providence ... Rev. Martinkus, John Stoskus, the new president and the other officers and members, Aldona and Matthew Kairys, Ruth Krecioch, Irene Laudanskas, Beatrice Mathieu, Helen and Mildred Seraichekas and of course, Bertha Stoskus. C-103 is the first council to be reorganized this year and knowing something about a few of the members, we know they will be first in many things in our K of L circles.

Next, let's welcome to the Winners Circle, COUNCIL 41 and COUNCIL 139. In the small council category, they both were FIRST to be 100% PAID-UP. Council 41 now has 159% of its dues paid with 14 new members and Council 139 is 100% paid-up with 1 new knight. Honorable Mention is also due the Council 111 Seniors. Though not first, they have also reached the 100% paid-up mark and have one new member. Congratulations to all.

The dues contest still has two unclaimed awards - one in the 30-59 member category and one in the 60-99 member group. By the percentages already listed, it looks like we'll have another photo finish and more winners to announce in the next issue.

Our NEW MEMBER STANDINGS are also very gratifying. As of the first week in February, we have had 91 new K of L'ers enrolled and the members who signed them up in this first period are really scoring points for the INDIVIDUAL AWARDS. In the second period of the new member contest, you can earn 7 points for each new enrollee during February, March and April.

But we must remember, the COUNCIL AWARDS are based on your council's per capita INCREASE. So bring in those new knights; but also help by collecting dues, so that each new member means a gain and not a filler

for a loss. The Council Award standings thus far are as follows: Large Councils - C-112 has 10 new and an 8% per capita increase; C-26 has 29 new; C-17 - 4 new; C-7 - 3 new and C-29 has 2 new, but thus far the dues for these latter have not reached 100% so there is no per capita increase. Small Councils - C-41 has 14 new and a 59% per capita increase, C-111 Srs. have 1 new and a 6% per capita increase and C-139 has 1 new and a 5% per capita increase. C-1 has 7 new; C-3 - 6 new; C-100 - 3 new and C-133 Srs. have 1 new but again, these latter have no overall increase to date.

We're rooting for all of you and waiting for the few remaining "zeros" to join in.

During the past couple of years, we have been suggesting that we look for new members, beginning with those right under our own noses - our parents, brothers, sisters, next door neighbors and people with whom we work. Well, hooray for our side, it's beginning to take hold. Each new batch of new member cards shows more and more "familiar" surnames. Let's keep it up - the K of L is a winner with each one.

Perhaps we can now start "nagging" up an interest in prospective couples. It is difficult enough to get young people to join any organization and it is even more difficult to get children of "outsiders" to join our junior or teen ranks. So let's campaign to get children of "insiders" by getting more and more couples - parents, to become members - insiders. Let's plan and sponsor more activities geared to appeal to a family than we have in the past. Not all our activities; this could be very un-appealing to these young people we wish to attract. But - a few strategically spaced activities can, over a period of a few years, give us that next generation to whom we can pass on the love and ideals of our Lithuanian heritage which were given to our generation by our parents. If our ski-weekend buddies are with us at a family kugelis social or bazaar it can be almost as enjoyable as that weekend we spent with these buddies. Yes?

This is a membership DRIVE - so , let's ...

ELEANORE H. LAURIN
Membership Vice President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AL WESEY-VASILIAUSKAS
Centro Pirmininkas - National President



Reikia šiandie pripažinti, kad Lietuvos vyčiai yra amerikietiška organizacija. Beto yra ir šeimyninė organizacija. Apie šituos du punktus reikia pasiaiškinti.

Mes esam amerikietiška organizacija, todėl, kad šiandien mūsų narių skaičius daugiausiai susidaro iš čia gimusių ir augusių amerikiečių. Ir amerikiečių kalba yra daugiau naudojama negu lietuvių. Mūsų tėvai buvo ateiviai, bet iš naujų ateivių mažai kas įsirašė į Lietuvos Vyčius. Dėl to vyčiams nepasisekė gauti naujų narių - tikrų lietuvių - kurie būtų įsilieję su savo kultūra, mokslu, gryna lietuviška kalba, ir t.t. į vyčių organizaciją. Vyčiai negavo šitų vertingų tautos gėrybių. Negavus šitų ateivių didelės pagalbos, reikėjo veikti ir galvoti kaip seniau buvo daroma. Nebuvo kreipta gana dėmesio į lietuviškus tautiškus reikalus ir už tai negalima kaltinti vyčių organizacijos. Nors ir šiandieną vyčiai yra nusistatę veikti dėl Lietuvos laisvės ir palaikyti lietuviškumo dvasią, ir kultūrą, šitos mintys būtų dar stipresnės vyčiuose. Tadgi kaip vienas lietuvis išsitarė, "tegu vyčiai lieka amerikietiška organizacija". Jei daugiau iš D.P. būtų įsirašę į Vyčius gal tada būtų buvę daugiau lietuviškumo. Gal tada vyčiai būtų buvę lietuviška organizacija, nors šiandien gal jų yra per daug. Gal tada būtų Amerikos jaunimas pasitraukęs iš vyčių. Tas būtų buvę tikra katastrofa! Kas būtų pravedęs ir prisidėjęs prie lietuviams reikalingų darbų ir kovos už Lietuvos laisvę.

Bet neiširašymas į kitas Amerikalietuvių organizacijas buvo irgi blogai. Daugelis lietuvių organizacijų - pašalpinių ir bažnytinių pranyko arba likvidavosi. Valio vyčiams, kad jie išsilaikė virš 50 veikimo metų! Dabar būtų gera proga vyčiams atgaivinti tas lietuvių organizacijas kurios nebeveikia ir padaryti iš jų vyčių senjorų kuopas. Tai sustiprintų ir parapijų veikimą.

Lietuvos vyčių organizacija yra sudaryta iš trijų grupių. Jaunesniųjų, tikros kuopos ir senesniųjų kuopos. Tadgi šiandie, po 50 metų vyčių gyvavimo sugalvokim šūkį ateičiai - ateinantiems 50 gyvavimo metų - "Vyčiai yra šeimyninė organizacija."

O kas gali priklausyti šeimyninei organizacijai? Tas yra aišku: vaikai, tėvai, seneliai. Jeigu tėvas nėra lietuvis ar jis gali priklausyti vyčiams? Šiandie negali, bet padarykim, kad nelietuvis tėvas galėtų priklausyti! Šeimyniškam gyvenime, jeigu vienas iš tėvų nėra lietuvis, visgi vaikai yra lietuviai. Šiandie mes priimam tą vaiką į vyčius jeigu tėvas (arba motina) nėra lietuvis. Tad ar tas nelietuvis kuris vedė lietuvaitę, kuris augina lietuviško kraujo vaikus, kodėl jis negali priklausyti tai

organizacijai, kuriai visi jo šeimynos nariai gali ir nori priklausyti. Žinokit šitą, jeigu mes neatidarysim durų priimti tą vieną nelietuvių šeimynos narių mūsų organizaciją, tas asmuo išims savo lietuvišką šeimyną iš lietuvių gyvenimo, iš lietuvių veikimo. Tai yra jau vykdoma. Gaila! Mes visi pažįstam daug nelietuvių, kurie yra geri žmonės ir mums būtų pelnas jei jie priklausytų vyčiams.

Jau reikia organizuoti kalbėtojų grupę. Lietuvos vyčių nariai gali kvalifikuoti kaip vieni iš tų inteligentų, kurie pažįsta lietuvių tautos padėtį, lietuvių vargus, komunizmą ir jo žiaurumus, ir t. t. ALTAŠ jau ieško pagalbos per kalbėtojus pranešti visai Amerikai ir žmonių grupėms, klubams, apie Lietuvos išlaisvinimo reikalus ir t. t. Čia yra svarbus prisidėjimas visiems amerikiečiams ypač lietuviams agituoti viešai kalbomis, raštais ir t. t., padėti lietuviškam veikimui ir padėti pasauliui kovoti prieš komunizmą.

Kas atsitiko su Vyčių Fondu? Aš prisimenu, kad 10 ar 12 metų atgal buvom įsteigę Vyčių Fondą. Tas veikimas kiek susilpnėjo ir dabar sustojo. Bet reikia atgaivinti šį fondą. Visos organizacijos turi savo piniginius vėjus ir nustatytas fondų sumas. Lauksiu iš mūsų narių, iš mūsų prietelių \$100.00 aukų ir prašom padaryti didesnę auką atgaivintam Vyčių Fondui. Šis fondas gali būti naudojamas pagerinti "Vytį", sustiprinti stipendijų fondą, ir t. t. Dėmesio! Jau yra viena stambi auką - \$1,000.00 - vyčių organizacijai, kurią paliko a.a. Simonas Goodis iš Newark, New Jersey. Gera pradžia, prisidėkim!

We are today an American organization. We are also a family organization. I want to elaborate on these two points.

We are an American organization because our membership today consists mostly of youth that was born in America. Then too we speak mostly English. Our parents were from Lithuania, yet the newer arrivals did not become members of our organization. Because these newer arrivals did not join us we did not benefit from what they could have given us in their culture, learning, or language. Because we did not gain any of these benefits, we had to carry on our activity as we

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RULES FOR THE 1966-67 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Credit for enrolling members in the new drive will be earned only if the following rules and dates are observed.

TEN points were earned for each new or rejoin member you enrolled by JANUARY 31, 1967 provided the application cards are received by the national financial secretary BEFORE February 28, 1967.

Earn SEVEN points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, 1967.

Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during MAY AND JUNE, 1967.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S. C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 8-1-66. The Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on these 8-1-66 totals.

There will be FIVE AWARDS:

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had been doing in previous years. Our leaning was not too much in Lithuanian national affairs so our organization cannot be blamed for this. Although we are dedicated to the cause of liberation of Lithuania and to learn her culture, history, etc., we could have gained much more knowledge on these points. But as one Lithuanian was heard saying, "let the Knights of Lithuania remain an American organization." We could have been stronger in our "Lithuanianism". Then too we might have become a Lithuanian organization and we know there are now too many Lithuanian organizations. Also the American youth might have resigned from the K of L. That would have been a catastrophe because who would have started and carried out the Lithuanian Affairs job and the propaganda for the independence of Lithuania.

But their not joining other American-Lithuanian organizations was bad. Many Lithuanian organizations, both benevolent and parish, either gave up or liquidated. The Knights of Lithuania did fine as they kept active over 50 years. It would be a great step in the future if the Knights could organize or re-organize many of these inactive parish or benefit societies. They could become Senior councils. This re-organizing would also strengthen parish activity.

The Knights of Lithuania today is made up of 3 types of membership. Young groups, regular councils and seniors. So today, after 50 years of being active let us dedicate ourselves to our future. Let us select a motto for our future 50 years of activity. Let our motto be, "the Knights are a family organization."

Now, who can be a member in a family organization? That is clear - everyone in a family. If a parent is non-Lithuanian can he belong to the Knights. Today he can't, but let us arrange it so he can belong to a family organization. If one parent is non-Lithuanian the children

- (1) Individual in a large Council with the most points;
- (2) Individual in a small Council with the most points;
- (3) Council with less than 40 paid-up members;
- (4) Council with 40 or more paid-up members;
- (5) District with the greatest number of new members.

BE FIRST TO BE 100% PAID-UP AND GET A SPECIAL AWARD

Effective immediately, the councils in four categories will be eligible to receive an added citation for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up. Your quota is the 8-1-66 totals from the financial secretary's convention report.

1st category - 11 to 29 members

2nd category - 30 to 59 members

3rd category - 60 to 99 members

4th category - 100 members and over

If councils 61, 67 and 133 can double their membership they will also be eligible for competition in the first category.

are considered Lithuanian. So today we accept this child into our organization if one parent is non-Lithuanian. So why can't a non-Lithuanian, who married a Lithuanian, who is raising children with Lithuanian blood, why can't he belong to an organization where the other member of his family can belong. Please understand this, if we don't open the doors of our organization to the one non-Lithuanian parent that parent will take his "Lithuanian" family out of Lithuanian activity, out of the Lithuanian parish. This is being done right now! I am sure we all know some non-Lithuanian people that would be a great asset to our organization.

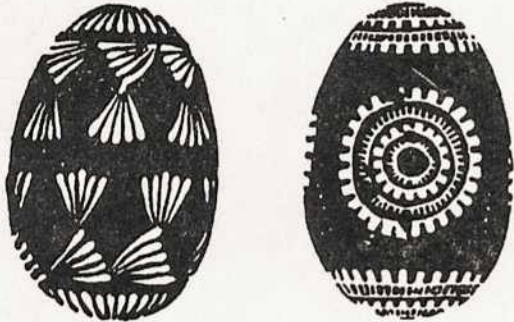
We need to organize a speakers bureau. Our members are qualified as part of the intelligencija that understand the plight of the nation of Lithuania, problems of the Lithuanians, communism and its evils, etc. The American Lithuanian Council is asking for help through speakers who could to American groups and organizations tell them of the Lithuanian situation, etc., etc. This is a very important activity for Americans and especially those with Lithuanian back-ground who could speak on behalf of all Lithuanians and enlighten the world about the freedom of Lithuania and the communist atrocities in Lithuania and throughout the world.

Where is our Knights of Lithuania financial Fund? If I remember 10 or 12 years ago we had a Vytis Fund. That activity apparently weakened and was forgotten. But let us re-activate this fund. Every organization has its financial drives and Funds. Let us see how many of our members can donate a substantial amount to this fund - say \$100.00 This Fund could be used to improve the "Vytis", to help the Scholarship fund, etc. I would like to report that we are about to receive a very generous donation (\$1,000.00) in the near future from a person who remembered the Knights of Lithuania in his will, the late Simonas Goodis from Newark, New Jersey. Please help us with your generosity!

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

LAWRENCE, MASS., C-78 Angel
Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet could stop C-78 from attending the ski weekend. It was fantastic as usual. Three cars came from Worcester to meet us in driving rain that Friday night. Our usual two hour drive took four hours due to the terrible weather. Saturday was a beautiful day for skiing, and it is surprising to see how much most of us have improved since the last ski weekend. Those attending from C-78 were Shirley and Bill Gobush, Irene Baublis, Mary and Dot Blazeovich, Mary Ann Derbyshire, and Dan Grudzinski. Saturday night C-26 threw a swinging party. Everyone had

a great time. Sunday after mass, we got more skiing in. Irene and Dot were just about the only two who got a ride on the ski-doo. This is the latest fad in the ski country. It was a wonderful weekend for C-78!

On March 5, 1967 we celebrated the feast day of St. Casimir, by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion in a body. After this we had breakfast at one of our fashionable restaurants in town.

On April 1, 1967, at St. Michael's hall in Lawrence, C-78 will hold a "Polka Fiesta". We've decided to go Mexican this year. We of C-78 don't believe in holding a plain, ordinary polka. Last year's "Polka Luau" was such a success that we thought we'd make the international scene again for another unusual dance. Those who wish to dress in accordance with our theme are welcome to do so. As host council, we will definitely dress Mexican. All New England district councils will be notified of this event. Please note that the date of our dance has been changed from April 8 to April 1.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-116 Onytė
We are most happy to report that

Mildred Lapinskas, our new president, is right on the ball. Wow! during the last meeting she presented a whole year's schedule of activities for our Council. It is a very ambitious program and we hope our "stay-away" members will start attending meetings and join us in some of the socials. You will be sorry if you don't - we guarantee a wonder New Year!

We were very pleased that our beloved Monsignor, Rt. Rev. C. Vasys, our spiritual advisor Father Albin Yankauskas and curate Father Stepnaitis were able to join us at our Christmas Party - the party was enhanced by Mrs. Albina Bacinskas who played the piano and led the group in sing-along of carols and Lithuanian songs - we hope Dorothy Glaster wasn't too disappointed that she didn't get her steak.

Anna Miller, of Paxton, recently was honored by her employers for many years of faithful service to her company. She is secretary to one of the vice-presidents of the Insurance company for which she works. Among the gifts she received was a diamond wrist-watch, stereo, luggage and many other gifts - besides being feted at several dinners by her associates. We add our belated congratulations to the very many she has already received. Ann is a wonderful person and deserving of such recognition.

The West Coast has enchanted our Ruth Ciras. She has been there twice in the past year - while her brother Frank, heads for the ski slopes of New Hampshire every January. Mildred and Charles Lapinskas traveled to New York to attend Jerry's wedding. We wish Jerry much happiness. Ann Jurkenas and Dot March must be happy the fishing season is over. Now that the golfing season is over, Barbara Mazeika can be found at the bowling alleys - from the scores printed in the local newspapers she is really rolling those pins down.

As for our own bowling league, Bob Paluses and his Queens are still in first place-and by the looks of things



C-78 at Purity Springs Resort - NED Ski Weekend. Standing, l. to r: Mary Blazeovich, Bill Gobush, Irene Baublis, Dot Blazeovich, Joe Bunevith, Paula Bunevith, Dan Grudzinski. Kneeling, Shirley Gobush, C-78 President.



PROF. ALEXANDER J. ALEKSIS HONORED BY TESTIMONIAL. God's most precious gift is life - and life's most treasured blessing is a friend. This was truly made manifest Sunday, January 22, 1967 when hundreds of admiring, grateful friends and associates gathered to honor Prof. A. J. Aleksis on the occasion of his eightieth birthday and fifty years of distinguished, dedicated musical and social leadership and service for God and Country. Literally and figuratively speaking it was a select "400" assemblage from far and near, with the Knights of Lithuania figuring prominently in honoring Prof. Aleksis, composer of the Knights of Lithuania Hymn and fifty years K of L honorary member.

Representing a veritable K of L "hierarchy" were seated in the front row right to left: guest soloist Louis Stukas who delighted the audience with his talented singing; a favorite among guest speakers, Rev. John C. Jutt, K of L Lithuanian Affairs honorary chairman; James Valaitis, testimonial chairman; Alexander Wesey, national president; Jubilarian Prof. A. J. Aleksis; U. S. Representative John S. Monagan; Rev. Paul Sabulis, Waterbury chaplain; Marcella Andrikis, testimonial secretary; Frank Shaknaitis, Mayor Palomba's representative and Mary Stonis, national vice-president.

Standing right to left: Joseph Samoska, toastmaster; William Gervickas; Mrs. Gervickas; Mrs. Loretta Stukas; hon. member Frank Vaskas; Mrs. A. Wesey; Joseph Rutkauskas; Larry Svelnis, national vice-president; Mrs. J. Samoska, Jr.; Phyllis Grendal, past "VYTIS" editor and hon. member; Albert Jaritis, NED president; Nell Diggles; Joseph Samoska, Jr.; S. Bujanauskas; Mrs. J. Rutkauskas; Kazys Sipaila Newark council president; Locadia Sulauskas; Mrs. G. Snirpunas; Patricia Richards; Mary Undraitis; Alfred Greblunas; John Alanskas; Mrs. L. Sulauskas; Lillian Paulauskas; Mrs. W. Shukaitis; George Snirpunas; Dr. William Shukaitis; Joan Stulpin; Edward Schmidt; Edward DiNapoli; Anthony Janusauskas; Mrs. P. Zilinkas; Peter Zilinkas. (Unfortunately, not all K of L'ers present appear in the picture.)

The testimonial was sponsored by various Waterbury organizations under the leadership of Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, pastor of St. Joseph's Church. (Marcella Andrikis. Photo by F. Vairo)

it will be a real battle trying to ease him out of it - Vic Mrozinski is on top with a handsome 106.3 average - followed by Charles Lapinskas 100.0 - for the women Dotty March is leading with 92.0 average with Milly Lapinskas close behind with a 91.5 - but, of course, it's still young in the season - and the way Marge Savage and Irene Ostrowski are smashing away at those pins - who can predict what will happen? Ralph Simkonis was all smiles after a recent match - he finally hit his first string over a hundred (102) - while his brother Billy helped de-

feat their opponents by coming up with a 100 string - John Savage seems discouraged lately - guess, you get that way when your team is in last place.

As we predicted, our councils A-la-Roma and "Pramoga" night was a smashing success. The spaghetti and meat balls were Just perfect - of course, we had our magic chef "Roberto" Paluses doing the cooking, and as we are all aware Bob is an expert at this sort of thing. A lot of loving care went into the preparation of the salad by Dorothy Sinkavitch.

We don't know of anyone who can stretch out one small bottle of dressing as well as Dotty can. Tony Miner was kept pretty busy with the refreshments - he did alright with the final prize of the "Pramoga" social. Charles Lapinskas, the best coffee maker in these here parts and Alex Kardokas set up the tables and did KP Duty. Everyone is still talking about the striking "flyers" and the hidden talent of Vic Mrozinski - we are sure the advanced notices had a lot to do with the nice turn-out- he also helped dish out the spaghetti

and was a big help to Rita Paluses - Rita conducted the "Pramoga" while Vic got stuck holding the bag. Marion Lukason and Ann Miller were "mother's little helpers" assisting here and there . . . So to the hard working committee and to all you wonderful cooks who baked those delicious cakes and cookies we express our deep appreciation. It was your combined efforts that made it the "still talked about" social affair. Voila!

Many ačiū!s are extended to Rt. Rev. Monsignor Vasys, Father Albin Yankauskas and Father Stepanaitis for the very nice "Kielbasy & Kapusta" supper which was held recently in the parish hall. Many K of L'ers were present at this parish workers appreciation dinner.

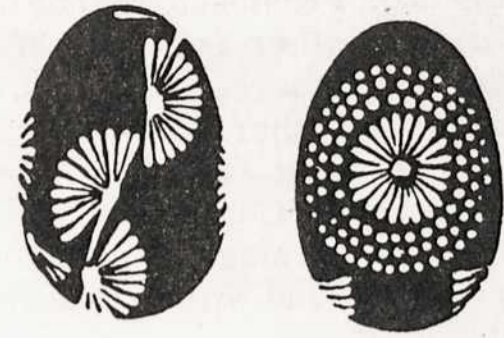
The inclement weather did not deter Paula and Joe Bunevith, Margie Savage, Elaine Kasper, Bob Stevens and of course, the old stand-by Frank Ciras from their annual trek to Purity Springs Resort, East Madison, New Hampshire for a week-end of skiing. This was a first for Margie and

Elaine and from all reports we hear they are a couple of naturals. The girls are looking forward to next year... Sounds like a good time was had by all. Then too our spies report seeing the Buneviths with a brand new turquoise 67' Impala ... Good Luck, folks!

Trudy Zibinskas was rewarded for her delicious cookies - she went home with the attendance prize - and speaking of cookies the ones baked by Paula during our last meeting were snatched up real fast - and if you weren't fast on the draw you didn't even get a chance to look at Irene Ostrowski's scrumptious tasting "devil dogs". Mmmm, real good.

We wish a fond farewell to Ralph Simakonis who has left for a tour of duty with his favorite Uncle - We shall miss you at our Friday night bowling, at our meetings, and your buoyant and spirited help on all our committees. Our loss is the Air Forces' gain. Good luck, Ralph.

The members of C-116 wish to all of you a very Happy Easter!



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

PHILADELPHIA, PA., C-3 Twinkle II

January, a big and busy month for C-3. First of all, we rang in the new year with our wonderful guests from Worcester, Mass. - they just love our Phila. Mummings Parade.

Jan. 22 was the day, though, for on this Sunday, C-3 celebrated its 25th Anniversary at a gala Dinner-Dance held in St. Casimir's Hall. This was a happy occasion and a capacity crowd of over 200 people helped us celebrate. Among the many



C-3, Philadelphia, celebrates their 25th Anniversary. Upper Left Photo: Main Table, l. to r: Rev. Bernard Shimkus, John Mickunas, C-3 Pres., Rev. Raila, Msgr. Martusevicius, Helen Shields, Rev. Batutis, John Gestite, Rev. Nevers, C-3 Spir. Adv., Irene Ozalis, C-3 Vice-Pres. and Rev. Eugene Wassel. Upper Right Photo: Guests at the Banquet. Lower Right Photo: C-3 members, l. to r: Irene Svekla, Agnes Mickunas, Diana Varevice, Dianne Beletsky, Alberta Bekeris, Ann Alsankas.



notables present were Msgr. Martusevicius, Spiritual Director in 1941, John Gestite, President at that time and various other officers from throughout the years. An award was presented to Father Raila, former Spiritual Director and a very inspiring figure in C-3's history. Another award to Msgr. Valančiūnas was announced and will be presented at a later date.

A feeling of closeness and warmth was present also by the attending members of the NY-NJ District - The Kobers', Jean and Larry Janonis, Martin Rusgi and our N. E. Pal, Ed Daniels, who was most happy to bring back to Worcester the 1st and 3rd prizes from our raffle. All in all it was a grand evening and an inspiration to our members to look forward to the next 25 years.

Just a week later, after recovering from all the hard work put into our 25th Anniversary Celebration, 27 of our members journeyed high into the Pocono Mts. for a weekend of winter frolic. A cold weekend under almost continuous snowfall, but just not too good for skiing yet after the warm week before. The boys enjoyed a sno-football game on Saturday, quite a spectacle and a little hazardous for some of them. On Sunday, the girls took over and showed them a tricky two or three plays and just what the game is all about. We enjoyed the weekend by going to a square dance lesson, getting tangled up at the toboggan run, sliding down the hill on Al Ozalis' wing, icicle dualing and riding the ski-mobile. We were happy to have with us on their first winter weekend, Julian (didn't like the cold) Greymas, Vic (the hiker) Balten, the swingers: Stan Kalaziunas, Richie, Diana and Jim Varevice, and Loretta (Parchesi) Staniskis.

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

One of the main events on C-29's calendar for this spring will be a testimonial dinner for Dr. Jack J. Stukas on Sunday, Apr. 16 in the Georgian Room of the Robert Treat Hotel. Dr. Stukas is being honored for his elevation to Honorary Member in the K of L, the highest honor a member can receive. It was due to the efforts of Dr. Stukas that the cultural and scholarship committees were started in 1957. Dr. Stukas served as

cultural committee chairman until 1964.

Serving on the arrangements committee for the testimonial will be C-29 president, Kazys Sipaila. Chairlady will be Miss Mary Stonis; souvenir program, Charles Strolis; co-chairlady, Julia Strolis; secy., Eva Coll; treas., Joan Yankauskas; tickets, Mrs. Eva Sharon; and publicity, Frank Vaskas.

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences are offered to Mrs. Joseph A. Sakevich on the recent deaths of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Juozas Zemaitis. May they rest in peace. Mrs. Sakevich served as supreme council recording secretary a few years ago, while her husband Joseph is a past president.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to two of our members on their becoming engaged. The happy couple are Joan Stulpin and Edward Schmidt, C-29 vice pres.

Several of our members journeyed to Waterbury, Conn. on Jan. 22 to participate in the testimonial dinner honoring Alexander J. Alexis on his 80th birthday. Our own Louis Stukas was the soloist at the musical program presented that evening.

A happy and blessed Easter greeting to each and every member.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. C-100

Smile & Sparkle

The annual Christmas party of C-100, was held Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Chanticleer Restaurant. Games were played. Prizes were won by Dr. Adam Kindar, Rev. Joseph Grabys, Albany, N.Y., Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Sr., Mrs. Irene Wood, Mr. Stanley Ralys, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ziausys, Mrs. Joseph Zemaitis.

Acting as Mistress of Ceremonies was Associate Professor Irene Wood of Russell Sage College, Troy, New York. Guest speakers included the Rev. John Ruokis, Canajoharie, N.Y., Rev. J. Grabys of the College of St. Rose, Albany, N.Y., Rev. Matthew Cyvas and Rev. Peter Janaitis of Albany, N.Y., Mrs. A. C. Stokna, and Donald Nikstenas, president of the local council.

The entertainment was provided by the Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas and Dr. Adam Kindar. Two new Lithuanian songs were sung by Rev. Baltch. Prof. Olsaus-

kas rendered a few selections on the ancient Lithuanian instrument "Kanklės". This instrument bears a resemblance to the zither. Dr. Adam Kindar showed the group slides of the council's summer outing which was held at his summer home in Lake Galway. Christmas carols were sung by all with Rev. Baltch at the piano. A prize was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maldutis for which the council is most grateful.

Rev. Robert K. Baltch was presented with a Christmas gift from the local council and another from Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Orante.

The local officers for 1967 were presented to the group by Mrs. Wood. They are Donald Nikstenas, president; Miss Genevieve Gobis, vice-president; Mrs. Sophie Olbie, treasurer and financial secretary; Mrs. Eleanor Olechowski, secretary; Bill McCune, sergeant-at-arms; Atty. A. C. Stokna, Chairman Ritual Committee; Matthew Orante, Chairman Lithuanian Cultural Committee; and Edward Baranauskas, Chairman Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

Others present at the banquet were Mrs. Adam Kindar, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvigas, Mrs. Stanley Ralys, Mrs. Sadie Dzek, Mrs. Anna Chacks, Miss Sadie Vaitelis, Mr. John Barkauskas, Schenectady, N.Y., Mr. Joseph Zemaitis, Mr. Leonard Olechowski, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Miss Helen Radzevich, Mr. Michael Kerbelis, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Mr. Peter Hayes, Mrs. Anna Yunker, Mrs. Josephine Nikstenas, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Beleckas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mrs. Marcella Rimkus, and Mrs. Virginia Miciulis.

Chairman of the Christmas banquet committee was Miss Genevieve Gobis. She was assisted by Mrs. Virginia Miciulis, Mrs. Eleanor Olechowski, Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Mrs. Irene Wood, and Mr. Donald Nikstenas.

NEWS BITS . . . Belated birthday greeting to Sophie Olbie - Dec. 5. She was taken out to dinner at the T & T Restaurant in Lake George, N.Y. by Helen Dombroski and Gene Gobis. They also stopped at the Hitching Post in Lake Luzerne.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Charles and Sadie Karbus and family in the recent loss of Sadie's father, Alexander Kisielius.

On the sick list is our popular

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Dilis were honored at a dinner on Dec. 4, 1966. Prior to the reception, which took place in Holy Trinity parish hall, there was a Mass of Thanksgiving offered in Holy Trinity Church, at which the couple renewed their marriage vows on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Dilis is a member of C-29 and both are very active in Lithuanian organization in the NY and NJ area. The event was sponsored by the joint Lithuanian organization including C-29. Dr. Jack J. Stukas was the toastmaster at the dinner. (The Wanderer. Photo by V. Mazeilis)



member "Chuck" Maldutis. May God grant Chuck a speedy recovery! We're all "plugging" for you Chuck.

Ginny Miciulis' husband, Chet, (or Stretch) is recuperating from an operation. Get well fast, Chet! Your "Mail Public" misses your smiling face. Chet is one of the local mail carriers.

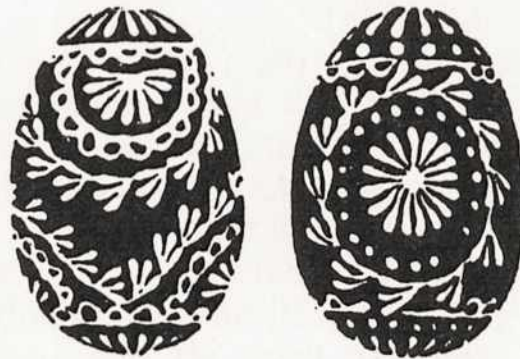
Our local council together with the American Lithuanian Community will be commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day in Amsterdam on Feb. 26. Our guest speaker will be our one and only Prof. Jack Stukas. His brother Louis Stukas will be the guest soloist. It will be good seeing our K of L buddies from New Jersey.

The A. L. C. Auxiliary had an Autumn Festival in October. Some of our K. of L'ers were on the committee. They included Ginny Miciulis, Sadie Karbus, Louise Kerbelis. Michael and Louise Kerbelis had a table-full of former K of L'ers with them. They were his son, Valentine and wife, Theresa, his daughter, Mirga and son-in-law Ed Bablinskas. Another table of K of L'ers were Matthew and Isabelle Orante, Don and Mary Ann Nikstenas, Gene Gobis and Julian Greymas, Eleanor and Lenny Olechowski. Guests from Santa Monica, California, John and Veronica Patrick, (former Amsterdamians) were with Eleanor and Lenny. Charles and Sadie (Auxiliary President) Karbus and Tony and Ann Radzevich were also present. We can't overlook Irene Wood . . . she made it from Troy, New York.

Congressman Samuel S. Stratton, Mayor Marcus Breier, and Assemblyman Donald Campbell all stopped at the K of L table and met Julian Greymas.

The McKinley's, Isabelle and Milton, (Palisades Park, N.J.) visited Amsterdam over the Thanksgiving holidays. They spent the holidays with their relatives, but they managed to spend some time with Gene Gobis and Frances Luzinas.

Feb. 1 - our president's birthday - Don Nikstenas. Feb. 17 - our Spiritual Advisor's birthday - Father Baltch; Feb. 27 - our secretary's birthday - Eleanor Olechowski!



MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 Elinor

We of C-96 hope you start planning your vacation NOW. "Head in the WRIGHT direction in '67 ... Head for Dayton, Ohio - Home of Wright Brothers, fathers of aviation.

We have many wonderful plans made for you. Each month we will tell you something about the National Convention to be held here August 3rd thru the 6th. We will also tell you some things about our Dayton.

Since Dayton, Ohio is the home of the Wright Brothers and since this year is the 50th anniversary of "Powered Flight", I want to tell you about the Air Force Museum. It is the largest and most complete museum of

its kind in the world! It has planes of every type and description. Among which are space capsules; captured enemy planes from the various wars; guided missiles, anything you can think of pertaining to powered flight is there. It is not only interesting but it will be an experience you will always remember. Incidentally there are several planes in which visitors may "man the controls" and there have been many a boy or girl "taking off into the wild blue yonder". So why not plan to come to the Knights of Lithuania National Convention. Your young people will love our Junior K of L and our Juniors will be perfect hosts to them.

Since the holidays are over, we are busily working on the National Convention. We started the New Year with our annual election dance and cocktail party, which was held at the Holiday Inn Motel. Thanks to Anne and Joe Boeke for the fine arrangements they made. Fifty-five of our members were in attendance.

Congratulations to all of our new officers for 1967:

Spiritual advisor, Rev. Titas Narbutas; President, Stanley Vaitkus; 1st vice-pres., Michael J. Petkus, Jr.; 2nd vice-pres., Anne and Joe Boeke; recording sec'y., Elaine Lucas; financial sec'y., Frances Mikalauskas; treasurer, Frank Gudelis; trustees, Eloise Berczelly and Sam Bakanauskas; sgt. at arms, Stanley Kavy; cultural chrm., Mary Lucas; ritual chrm., Ada Sinkwitz; Lith affairs chrm., Phyllis Ritchie; condolence sec'y., Kay Sluzas; social chairmen, Phyllis Mayauskas and Sarah Petkus; "Saryšis" representatives, Joe Gečas and Joe Cernevičius; "Vy-tis" correspondents, Elinor Sluzas

MARTIN * * * * *

THE MAN

Visions of long, winter shadows and a fast-approaching dusk danced before us. With this had begun the arrival of a beginning of an end of profile of a man. "Did you hear that"? , a seventy-niner exclaimed, and this vocal point continued on endlessly one evening in December.

This was supertime. To Edward Martin it also meant getting home in time for supper. Edward had a fine existence. He was a good husband, and a successful painting contractor. He had a good wife and a lovely home. There were two children, Phyllis Ann, a student at Wayne State University, and a teenage son, Tommie. Life was so good that Ed could dream a wish and stand a chance of watching it come to life. Sadly, all this came to an end on December 16, when Ed was killed in a automobile accident. Everyone was stunned and speechless. It couldn't happen to Edward.

Ed Martin was never seen to rebut. If his "Lithuanian" temper erupted it would fade as quickly into geniality and forgiveness. His sense of humor was as deep as his sentimental nature and when he was moved by something tender a mischievous gaze would hit his pale blue eyes. At other times he had a habit of tossing back his head and roar with laughter that seemed to develop in the depths of his athletic frame.

His athletic career began in Illinois where he was born. Ed was a professional boxer in the 1930s, and fought in Golden Gloves, winning titles as a middleweight boxer. But there is more than one way to entice a young

and Irene Veigel; telephone squad chrm., Ida Kavy; sports committee, Charles Petkus, Jim Ritchie and John Veigel; religious committee, Pat Zelinskas, John and Anne Scott, Maxine Bakanauskas and Alice Petkus ; photographer, Geo. Mikalauskas.

With these fine members on the board we should have a very successful year. Good luck everyone!

On Saturday, Feb. 4th, we had our Mardi Gras Party. Almost everyone came masked and those who didn't wear a mask were fined. Sarah Petkus and Phyllis Mayauskas outdid themselves in the "culinary" department . . . Chicken with all of the

R. I. P.



Edward Martin

man into a boxing career. With Edward, it was the lure of travel. Just before the Second World War, he toured Europe and among the countries he visited and lectured was Lithuania. Probably no person of Lithuanian heritage had so successfully intertwined the cultural precepts of Lithuanianism with the often unheralded necessities of boxing.

The Martin family had experienced all facets of the husband-father moods and understood them well. But the most touching and best remembered came during the summer season when everyone - relatives, friends and K of L'ers descended on the Martin swimming pool for board meetings and other gatherings. He and wife Dorothe, would welcome them all graciously, giving way to such pranks as "rare spills" by Ed (not intended to be "facetious"), spilling and drenching others about him with gaiety. Ed Martin loved fun- he enjoyed living - and trimmings.

Our Religious Discussions in the homes of K of L members are becoming more and more popular. Hilda and Joe Cernevicius hosted the last discussion; Alex and Polly Pietrzak will open their doors for the next ones. Father Narbutas is encouraging all of us to attend.

Religion is an important part of our organization and I can't pass up this opportunity to congratulate those K of L members who, along with our choir serenaded at the homes of six convalescing parishioners during Christmas week! You can't know how warm it made us feel to see those people with tears streaming down their fa-

he had no fret about work.

As a two-term president of council 79 in 1962-64, he was a hard working, ambitious man. "No matter what has been said or done", Edward never wavered to emphasize a point, working tirelessly for the Lithuanian cause. He was a Third Degree member. He received a 100-Year award serving on the Lithuanian Affairs committee, writing approximately 500 letters. Another of his achievements on council level was the establishment of a Cultural, Educational and Religious Fund, insuring the organization of the need of creative accomplishments. Ed had always regarded indisposition as a personal weakness, thus always volunteering to assist wherever need be - A Kiddies Christmas party, weenie roast, setting up chairs for a card party or other organizational doings.

Lithuanianism was chief fore-runner in Ed's many activities. Even as president of the council, obeying a sudden impulse, he conducted meetings in Lithuanian. He often favored the three Detroit councils for exploring programs to improve fraternal cooperation for Lithuanian community betterment.

Besides his K of L activities, Ed was a World War II veteran and First Vice Commander of the Lithuanian Catholic War Veterans. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society of Divine Providence Church.

Our memory, our impression of Edward Martin is that he was a man's man, not because solely of nationalistic reasons - but because as a person the replacement for Edward Martin will NEVER be there.

Sophie M. Zager

ces, singing along with us the lovely Lithuanian Christmas Carols. Some of them hadn't heard Lithuanian Carols in years. Before we left each home, we presented them with a box of homemade cookies. That evening, I'm sure, no one had to remind us it was the Christmas season . . . we felt it inside of us. Maybe next year you will want to be part of our Choir!

Congratulations to our new "Mr. and Mrs." - Henry and Lauretta (Omlor) Pant; Joe and Nadine (Shipman) Sinkwitz, Jr. May all of your little ones be K of L members.

Start your vacation plans NOW . . . and center them around the National Convention in Dayton, Ohio!

DETROIT, MICH., C-139

Ann

Sunday, Jan. 8 - Beginning the new year, members of C-139 gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Podolsky to honor Reverend Victor Krisciunevicius our new National Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Kris has been at St. Peters for fifteen years, and five years ago he helped organize C-139. He has most generously given us his time, working along and guiding us as our Spiritual Advisor. We feel proud that the Supreme Council has chosen Fr. Kris as Spiritual Advisor for 1967. Father is an excellent writer and speaker, and we believe he will contribute a great deal to K of L activities.

Our hosts, Stella and Charles, really outdid themselves in hospitality. Stella, the food was simply delicious and, of course, Charlie's department was the "most". Thanks for a wonderful party.

Also, at this time our new officers took office: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius; President, Ann Sirvydas; Vice President, Catherine Kurpowic; Secretary, Helen Gadwell; Treasurer, Theresa Vaitkunas; Ritual, Al Gadwell; Social, Helen Mallen and Leo Condon; Sports, Tony Wilchesky; Sargeant of Arms, Joe Kurpowic. A rousing vote of thanks was given to our outgoing President and Vice President, Joe Kurpowic and Al Gadwell, for a job well done and a most successful year.

Thursday, Jan. 19 - What a cold,

shivery night to have our first card party of the new year. Bravely, many of our good friends showed up. After some competitive pinochle, and warmed by hot coffee and cake, all enjoyed the evening. Surprisingly even some of that "jingling stuff" was added to our treasury. Chairman, Mrs. Helen Mallen, assisted by Miss Theresa Vaitkunas, did a very fine job. Mrs. Mallen has been "under the weather" for some time. Hope you will be feeling fine soon, Helen.

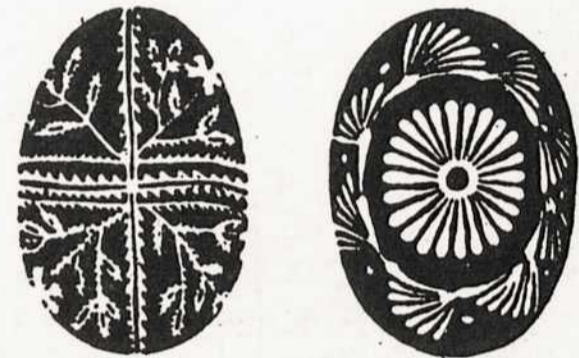
Sunday, Jan. 22 - Monthly Communion followed by breakfast snack and meeting. Considering everybody was tired after the long holiday season, the attendance was pretty good and quite a bit was accomplished at the meeting. Would like to see more members at our monthly communion.

Sunday, Feb. 19 - St. Peter's Parish commemorated Lithuania's Independence Day at 10:30 Mass. C-139 again joined the Ladies Alliance in planning for a fitting and inspiring observance of this day so dear to all Lithuanians.

Sunday, March 5 - St. Casimir's Day at St. Peters. It was C-139's turn to host our two sister Councils 79 and 102. This is a rotated affair between the three Councils and there could be no better time to get our members together than on the Feast Day of our Patron Saint. Mass was held at 12:00 noon for the deceased members of our Councils and for the intentions of all members. This was followed by a

delicious Lithuanian style dinner in our Church Hall - kilbase, kapusti, roast beef, chicken, you name it - we had it. Miss Theresa Vaitkunas and Mrs. Helen Mallen were co-chairman. Mrs. Catherine Kurpowic and Mrs. Helen Gadwell were in charge of reservations.

Glad you're back with the 139's, Pat Sirvydas. Pat is away at school but promises to attend our meetings, etc., when she is in town. Also, a warm welcome to Charles Podolsky who finally decided to join his "MRS." and become a member of C-139.



ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

CHICAGO, ILL. C-36

J.J.

C-36 started the New Year with many familiar faces at the K of L New Year's Eve Party. Besides the regulars, it was great seeing Gigi and John Maluska, Al and Al Kassel and Jack and Loretta Stukas. This was one of Al Kassel's first K of L activities since his illness. We all hope to see him at all future K of L activities.

The January meeting of our council was held at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. Many members arrived early despite the severe rainstorm to view the exhibits of art, amber and stamps.

The council was making final plans for our Las Vegas Nite scheduled for February 4th; BUT because of the recent snowstorm it was decided to postpone the event to a later date.

C-36 extends best wishes to Gigi and John Maluska on the arrival of their second daughter.

Condolances to the Pakalniškis family on the death of Mrs. Pakalniškis' mother in Lithuania. In memoriam of her death, a mass was held at Our Lady of Vilna Church. The K of L Choir sang at the memorial mass with the solo sung by choir member, M. Rüsteika. After the mass, a memorial breakfast was held at the K of L Building.



Chicago Knights celebrate John Byanskas' birthday. Seated, l. to r: Maria, Al and Julie Zakarka, Al Matulis, Helen Zimmer, Al Plienaitis. Standing: Birthday celebrant John Byanskas, Eleanore Laurin, Vladas Paliulionis.

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Come early and bring your entire family. There are wonderful places to visit and things to do. Participate in the Knights of Lithuania Convention at the Sheraton-Dayton Hotel!

We have arranged to have K of L "sitters" available so that you can enjoy late evening festivities!

K of L Calendar

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| March | 12 | NY-NJ District Annual Communion Breakfast and Meeting, Host NY Seniors C-41, Church of the Annunciation, Brook- | | | |
| | 19 | I-I District Quarterly Meeting, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill. | | | |
| | 26 | C-112, Chicago, Annual Easter Dance, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill. | | | |
| April | *1 | * NOTE DATE CHANGED from 8th. C-78, Polka Fiesta, Lawrence, Mass. | | | |
| | 2 | Chicago Seniors Ham Raffle and Social, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill. | | | |
| | 16 | C-29, Newark, Dr. Jack J. Stukas' Testimonial Dinner, Robert Treat Hotel, Georgian Hotel, Georgian Room, Newark, N.J. | | | |
| May | 2 | * DATE RESCHEDULED from 1/28. I-I District's K of L Choir Dance, Pakstas | | | |
| | | | | | Hall, Chicago, Ill. |
| | | | 26-28 | | Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Host C-25, Cleveland, Cloverleaf Bowling Center and Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Brecksville, Ohio |
| | | | June | 4 | NY-NJ District Meeting, Host C-67, Lithuanian-American Citizen's Club, Bayonne, N. J. |
| | | | | 4 | NY-NJ District Picnic, St. Michael's Parish Picnic Grounds, Bayonne, N.J. |
| | | | July | 4 | I-I District Annual K of L Picnic, Chicago Ill. |
| | | | August 3 | -6 | Knights of Lithuania 54th National Convention, Host C-96, Dayton, Ohio |
| | | | Sept. | 3 | Lithuanian Day, Canadian World's Fair, "Place de Nations", Montreal, Canada. |