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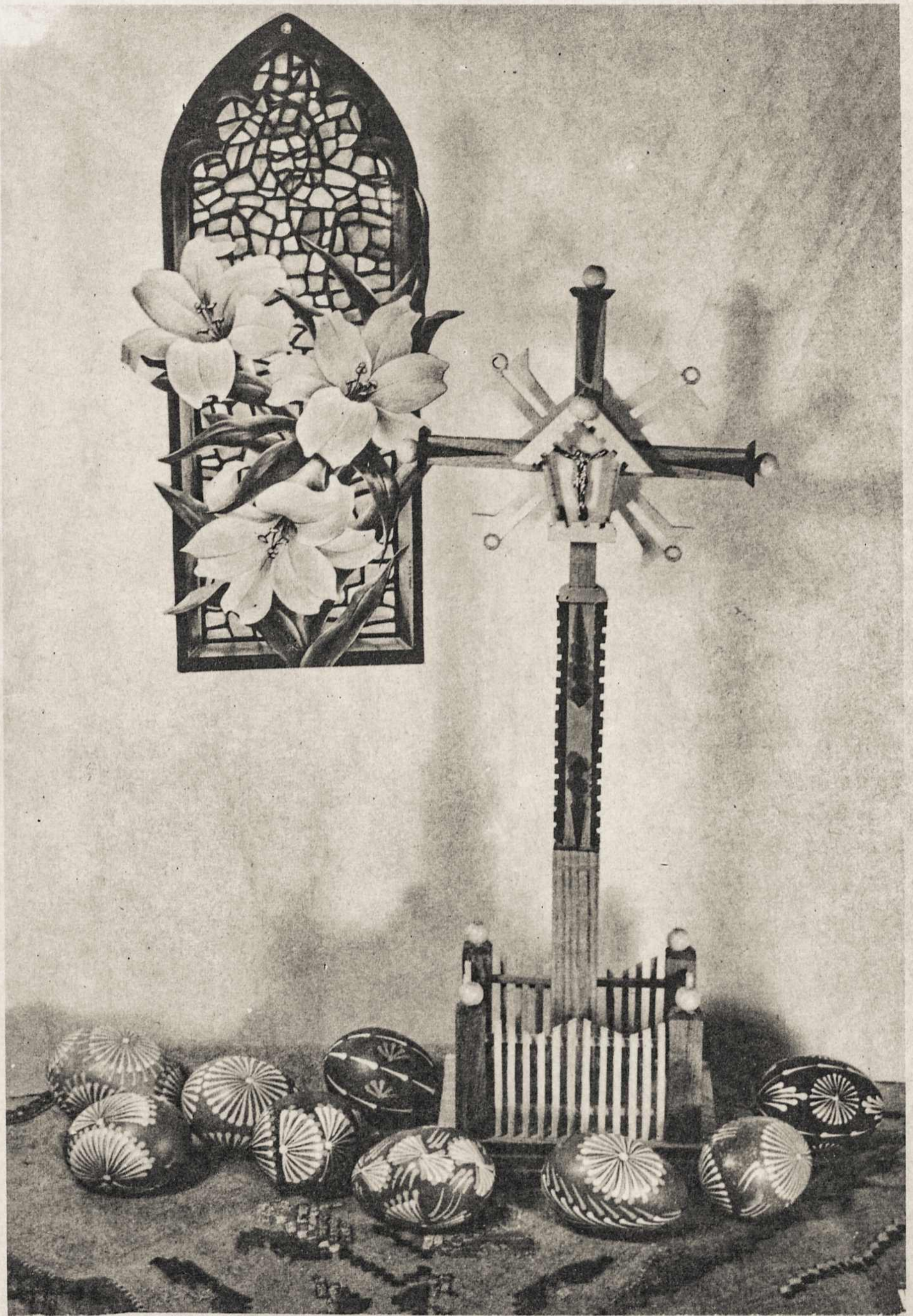


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Easter Faith

Rev. Albert J. Contons

We live in a time of skepticism. People question God, country, religion, morality, the very meaning of life. Doubt is widespread, and Thomas, the saint of Easter Sunday, is the patron saint of doubters. It was Thomas who refused to believe that Jesus was truly risen from the dead until he could touch the wounds in his hands and side.

A few years ago an Episcopal bishop, James Pike, got lost in the desert of Judea and died. He was typical of so many doubters today. Raised as a Catholic, James Pike became an Episcopalian and eventually was ordained a bishop. Some months before his death he was accused of heresy by some in his church. As a result he quit the Episcopal Church. Bishop Pike, as described by John Cogley in a beautiful article in Life magazine, was part believer and part agnostic, doubter.

He was a "religious believer who challenged the certainty of the agnostic; an agnostic who upset the complacency of the devout by his ceaseless questioning; a man of faith who was never quite sure about what he believed, a secular man for whom the world was never quite enough".

If we look into our hearts, we may find a Jim Pike hidden there. Many people are troubled by doubts: they are part believers in their own immortality, part doubters about their significance; they are "part men of faith, part children of doubt". Bishop Pike mirrored the feelings of many people today: their "sense of weakness, uncertainty, desperate

clinging to old ways, frightened acceptance of new realities".

Even his death was full of symbolism. He went to the Holy Land to write a book about the historical Jesus. While searching for the historical Jesus, just as in life, he became lost. Having quit the Church, he found himself wandering alone in the desert of Judea - in unknown terrain, cut off from human contact, dependent on his own resources, a man who had left the family of the Church and was now alone.

When finally he died of exhaustion and injuries, Bishop Pike's body was found still in a kneeling position, as if to show that finally "the believer had triumphed over the skeptic".

Thomas of the Gospel, like so many moderns, was a skeptic too. It was only when he could feel the nail prints in the hands of Jesus and put his hand into His side that the believer triumphed over the doubter. The nail prints and the hole in the side were signs pointing beyond - to the Risen Jesus triumphant over death, to the Savior who gives his disciples the Spirit of life, of hope, of love.

Like Thomas, we too touch signs that point beyond themselves to the Risen Savior. We touch the material world of science and technology and are left hungry - these are signs pointing beyond. We send astronauts to walk on the face of the moon but find our happiness has not increased - we need to look to mysteries beyond the moon. We plumb the secrets of human life in a test tube, we decipher the DNA, and still we



are left thirsty - we need to look beyond to deeper mysteries.

A surfer searches the Pacific for the perfect wave, and when he finds it in Hawaii it does not bring him happiness. The perfect wave that does not satisfy is a sign pointing beyond to the Risen Savior who alone can slake the thirst of the skeptic. And the surfer, disillusioned with his perfect wave, comes to believe in Jesus.

On Easter Sunday Jesus appeared to his disciples and said, "Peace be with you". He breathed on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit". He gave them the vision to see beyond what their natural eyes could see.

To us too the Spirit of Jesus gives the power to look beyond hatreds, divisions, sorrow and death to the love, unity, joy and life which the Risen Savior alone can communicate.

It is the Spirit of Jesus who raises up the child of doubt and gives him the strength to look beyond what our eyes can see, and become a man, a woman of Easter faith.

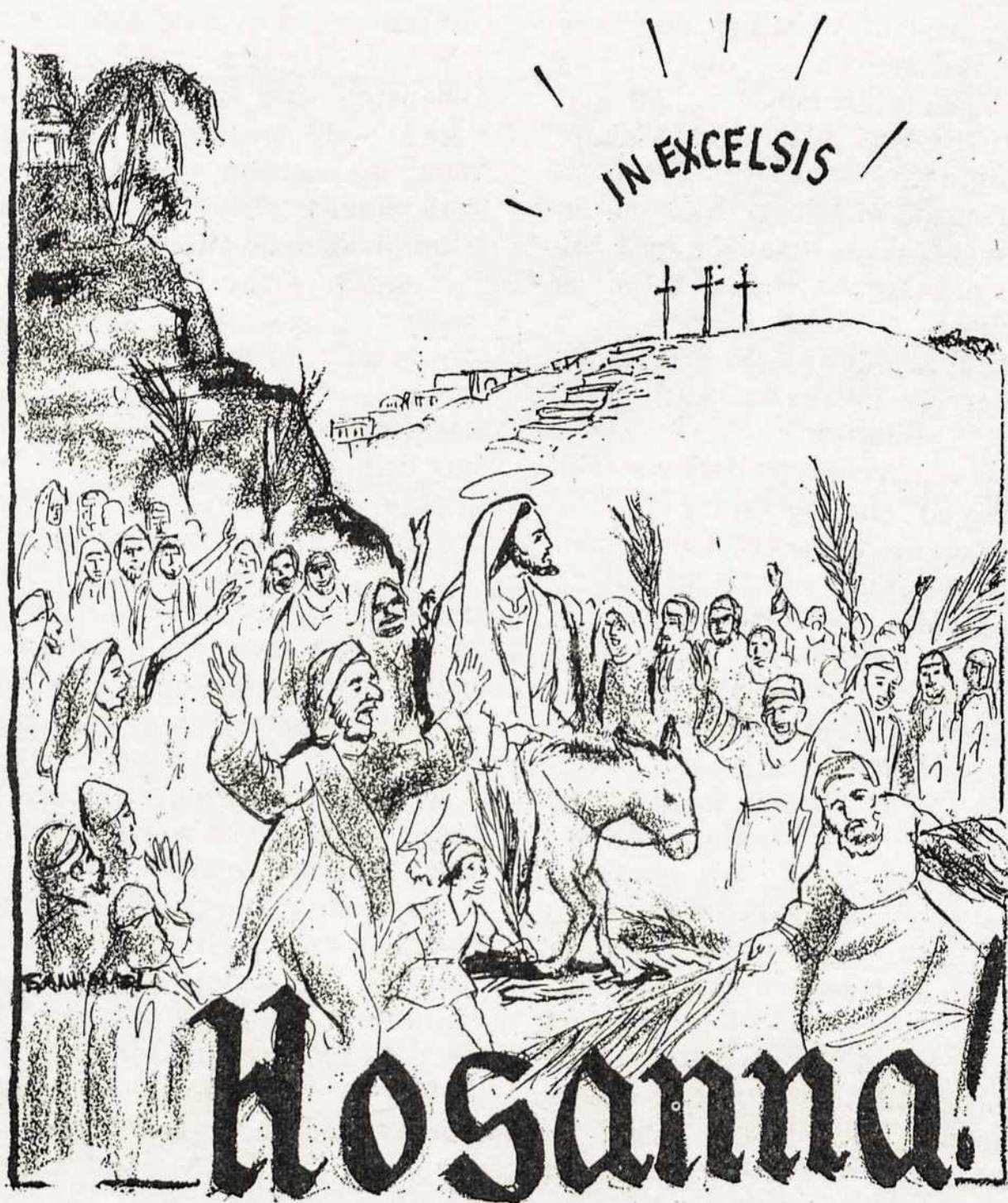
Palm Sunday in Lithuania

J. Yanulaitis

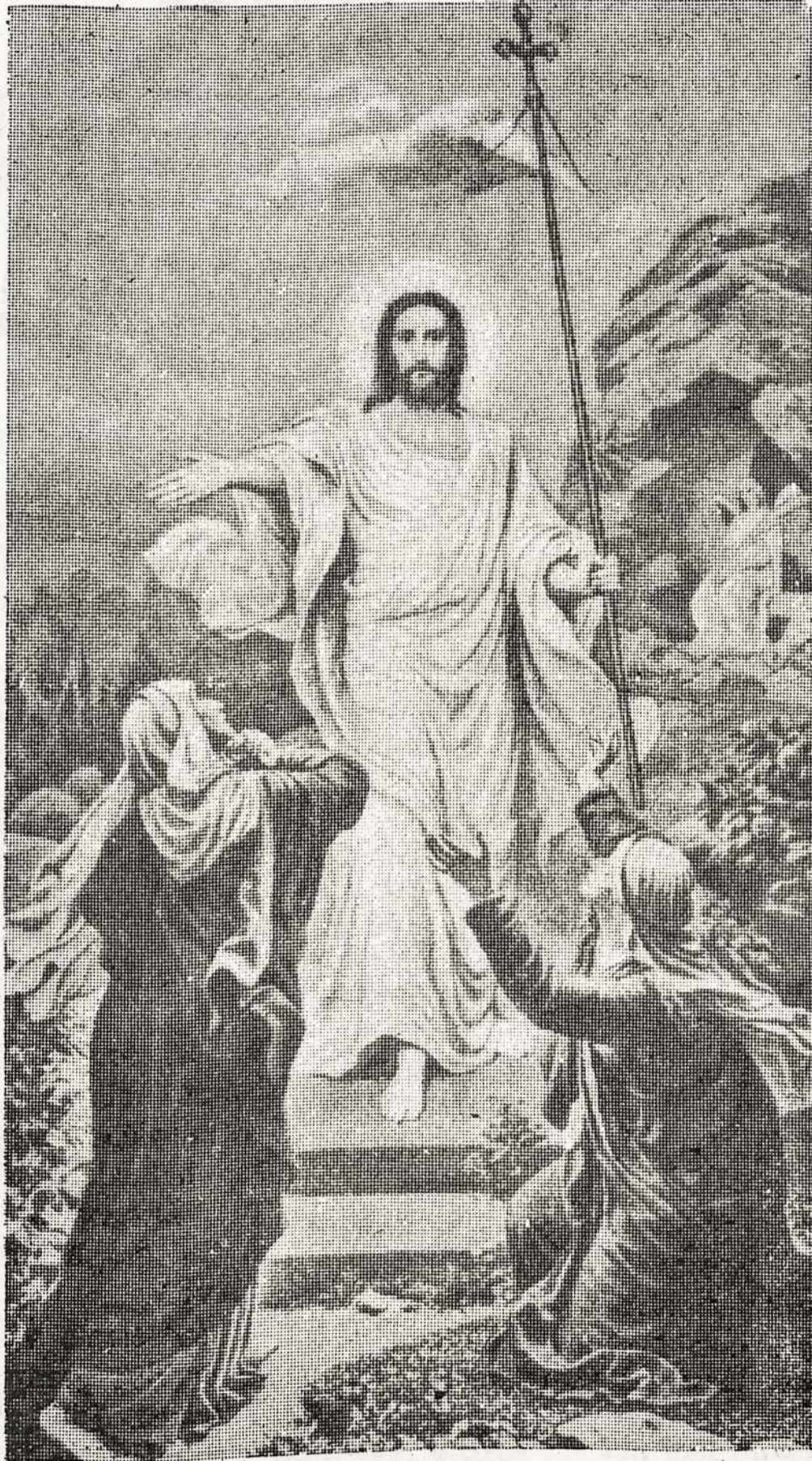
In Lithuania, the name "Palm Sunday" is a misnomer. Most natives there have never seen a palm, since it grows only in warm climates. Consequently, the "verba" or "dwarfed spruce" is used in its stead. It is with the verba branches that people go to church on Palm Sunday, each bringing his own branch to be blessed. The "kadugys" (another name for the bush) grows all year round. One is at liberty to cut its branches at any time. But on the Saturday before Palm Sunday the people take special care in choosing and cutting some well-formed branches, which the women-folk decorate with tiny paper flowers. These are neatly tied and artistically arranged on the verba branch. The town church appeared colorful on Palm Sunday and the refreshing pine odor that prevailed throughout the services not only served as an air purifier but as incense as well. It was amusing to note that when the blessing of the verba services began, the so-called "verba" artists didn't hear what was going on. They glanced about, here and there scrutinizing the verba that "so and so" made to see what flower she imitated and what hues had been used. When the services were over the blessed verba was brought home and dried. Then the needles were pulled off, the bare branches put behind a holy picture or in the rafters as a protection from lightning. The needles were saved in a bag and were used as incense during thunderstorms and sicknesses and deaths.

An old Lithuanian custom is to beat each other with the verba branches. Even to this day the saying goes that one must be hit with the verba to remain healthy during the coming year. The father hits the children on their bare legs while they are still sleeping on Palm Sunday morning to wake them for church. When hitting one with the verba you say "ne aš mušu, bet verba muša" (I do not hit you but the verba hits you). One can "ransom" himself from the beating by promising the "beater" an Easter Egg (margutis).

Beating each other with a green branch has its origins in ancient times, when all greens had a special significance, like the Christmas holly and mistletoe's symbolism. So the juniper branch there was attached a special power - its touch would give you new life, prevent sicknesses, and so on. Later with the influence that the church's blessing gave them, the power to chase Satan away was attached to it. Being blessed, it becomes a sacramental and as such we believe it will ward off evil.



PRISIKĖLIMAS



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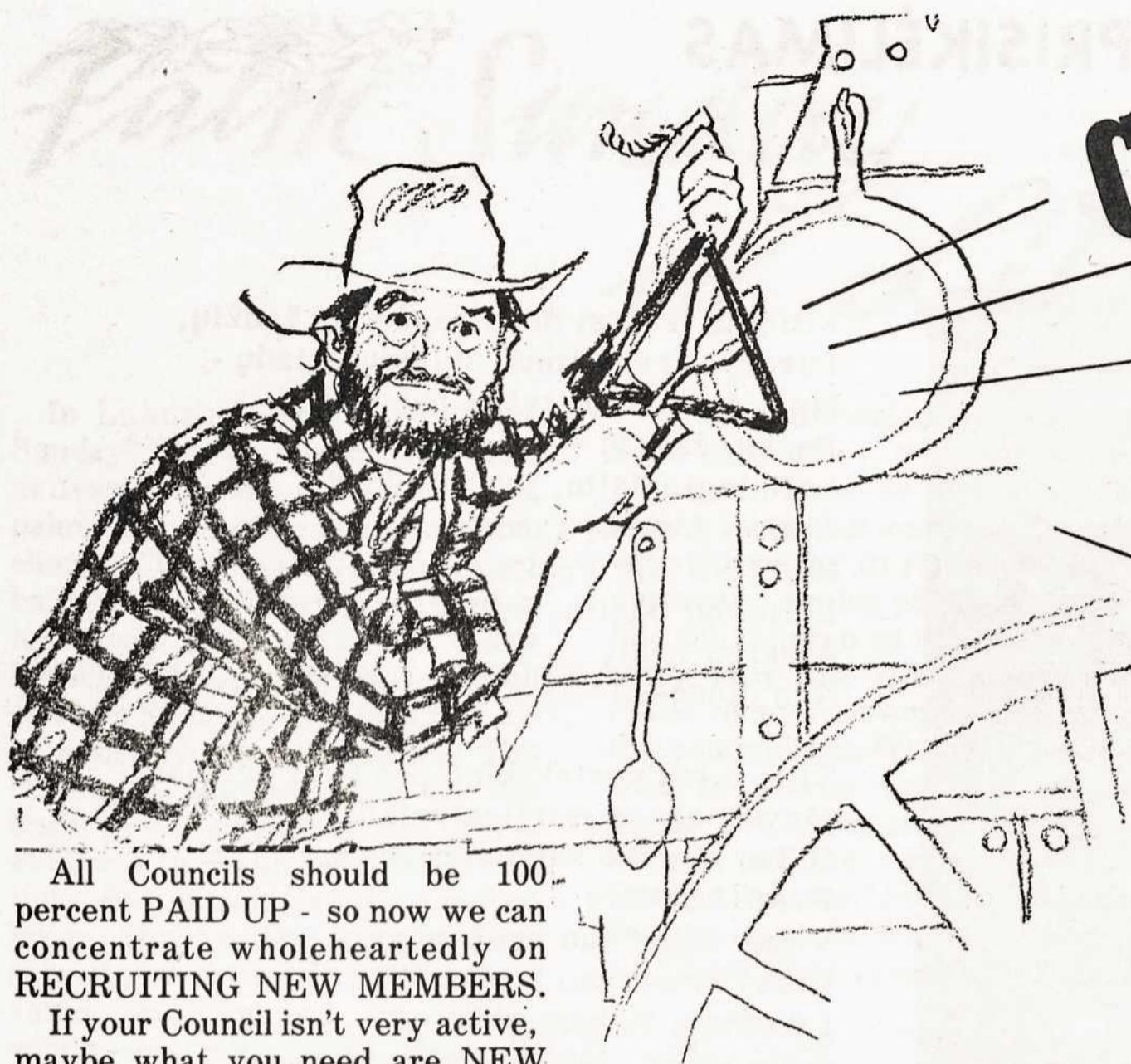
Kitiems ištarsi daug paguodos žodžių,
Parodysi regėjimus šviesių vaizdų -
Mes, atsiklaupę tyliai pabučiuoti
Penkių žaizdų -
Laimingi būsim, jei išmokysi
Atskirt Velykų rytmetį
Nuo Didžiojo Penktadienio.
Laimingi būsim, jei galėsime
Atskirti naktį
Nuo dienos.

Tiek metų nesiskubino pražysti karklai,
Išnykti akyse mirties vaizdai,
○ Tu, iš savo kapo atsikėlęs,
Kvieti vardais
Visas vėles nuo senkapių,
Visas vėles nuo žvyrdubių
Į didžiąją Velykų eiseną.
○ Tu kvieti, iškėlęs baltą vėliavą,
Ir mus žygiuoti
Su verbų šakelėmis.

Žinau, jog nepamirši jau nė mano vardo
Tarp daugelio gyvų ir negyvų vardų,
Kai senkapiuose atidarius vėjui
Senus vartus,
Išleisi mirusius pavasarius
Be žalio šilko apdauro
Išleisi mano protėvius
Be drobių, juostų, gintaro -
Kai senkapių vartus atvėrus vėjui,
Prisikėlimą
Karklai skelbs.

LEONARDAS ANDRIEKUS





**COME
AND
GET
'EM!**

All Councils should be 100 percent PAID UP - so now we can concentrate wholeheartedly on RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.

If your Council isn't very active, maybe what you need are NEW MEMBERS with NEW IDEAS to get your Council on the ball again. Or if you have an active Council, these activities should be used to draw new members.

It seems that lately we have been in a rut. I know it isn't easy to get new members, but there must be something we can do. If you come with a good suggestion or gimmick for enrolling new members, share it with your fellow knights. Send me your ideas, so we can pass them on and help other Councils to increase their membership too.

REMEMBER to sign up the ASSOCIATE MEMBER (a Non-Lithuanian, Practicing Catholic Spouse of a Lithuanian).

RULES FOR THE 1972 - 73 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

AWARDS FOR SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS:

Awards will be presented to the Council having the largest percentage increase over last year,

with a minimum of 10 percent increase. Categories are:

- First Category - 1-49 members
- Second Category - 50-99 members
- Third Category - 100 and over

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR NEW MEMBERS:

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN ON AN OVERALL BASIS for First, Second, and Third Place to those individual members with the most total points. Enrolling a NEW Member (one who has never belonged before) will earn 10 POINTS, and a REJOINED MEMBER (someone who has not been a member during the past year or longer) will earn 5 POINTS. The DEADLINE for the New Members Awards is JUNE 30.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

In the past, various Councils have been lax in using Membership Application Cards, making the task of keeping appropriate re-

ords of the Membership Drive difficult. Therefore, it will be a necessary REQUIREMENT that a MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CARD be sent to the Financial Secretary for each NEW MEMBER enrolled, in order for you and your Council to receive credit for the member.

COUNCILS ARE URGED TO SECURE ADEQUATE MEMBERSHIP CARDS FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARY - IRENE OZALIS, 6148 Erdrick St., Phila., Pa. 19135.

DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \$100.00 Lifetime Member
- 5.00 If a member joins from Jan. to March
- 3.75 If a member joins from April to June
- 2.50 For July to September
- 1.25 For October to December

Only the first member of the family joining must pay the full dues. Additional family members pay only \$2.50 per year, but do not receive the VYTIS. COUPLES pay \$7.00 their FIRST YEAR AS MEMBERS, and \$5.00 each year thereafter. Associate Members' dues structure is the same as that for regular members.

ALBERT OZALIS,
Membership National
Vice President



J. Yanulaitis

Our word for Easter comes from old German mythology, in which the goddess of Spring is named Ostara. The modern designation is Ostern which is also derived from it. However, in most European languages the word Easter resembles the Hebrew word "Pesach", which designates the Feast of the Passover. It was during the feast of the Passover that Our Lord instituted the Blessed Sacrament.

In French they pronounce it Paques (Pahk); in Italian, Pasqua (Pahskwah); in Portugese, Pascoa, (Pahz-kwah); in Dutch, Pasen; in Swedish, Pask and in Russian, Pasxa (Pahs-kwah).

Now in Polish it's Wilkanoc (V'yehl-kah-nohts); and in Czech, Velikooce. The similarity to our Lithuanian Velykos shows its Slavic origins. Veliki means big and noc means night. Interestingly, the Ukranians call it Velikdien (Big day)! Russians call it Voskresenia (Ressurrection Day) and every Sunday of the year is also called Voskresenia even to this day in Communist Russia!

The Liths along with their Eastern European neighbors follow a custom which goes back to the 9th Cent. All the foods that were forbidden to be eaten during Lent are prepared and arranged in baskets and brought to church where the priest blesses them,

and the faithful eat them at a family gathering on Easter morning. The forbidden foods were all meat, meat products and dairy foods. This means they did not eat eggs, cheese, butter, milk or fry with lard all during Lent! And we complained about one full meal a day!

The brightly colored Easter eggs are called Margučiai from the word Margas (vari-colored).

The feasts that follow Easter are šeštines (Ascension Thursday) which comes from the word šeštas (sixth), Thursday after Easter, and Sekminės (Pentecost) which is Sekminės derived from the ordinal number seven in Lithuanian Sekmas, from which we also get our word Sekmadienis for Sunday. In this order we follow with Corpus Christi which is the Ninth Thursday after Easter or Devintinės.

Since Easter Monday in Europe was still considered a holy day, no one worked but went to church and then went visiting friends and relatives, or went for walks in the country. It is called an Emmaus Walk in commemoration of the walk Our Lord took with two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus.

In your churches you will be told by your priests that Easter is the feast of feasts in the Church, that it is greater than Christmas. Yet, there is more publicity about Dec.

25th, than there is about the Feast of the Ressurrection, which as St. Paul says, "That if Christ be not risen then our Faith is in vain!" This is apparent especially to parents. The children egged on by radio, T.V., the press etc. get all wrapped up in Santa and Nativity scenes, carols and L.P.s. However, it is sometimes hard for Mom and Dad to find the right way to get the prominence of Easter across to the little people.

This is where our ancient Lithuanian Holy Week and Easter customs come to the rescue. Take them to church to visit our Lord in the Prison on Holy Thursday and again on Good Friday to visit His tomb. Make a spiritual wake, a Holy Hour at the tomb. Get them to help in preparing the Easter baskets of food that are to be blessed for Easter morning breakfast and last of all take them along to the beautiful Ressurrection services early Easter morning when the priests sings out in Lithuanian, "Linksma Diena mums nušvito!" A Happy Day has dawned for us this morn.

"The Easter Book", by Francis X. Weiser, S.J. Harcourt & Brace & Co. is an excellent book on various Easter customs with many references to our Lith ones such as Graudūs Verksmai, and even the music for above hymn.



Photo -
G. Kisielius

LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .

ONION-DYED EGGS (MARGUCIAI)

One of the simplest methods of coloring eggs is to place skins of 6 onions or more into cooking pot, pour in cold water. Place uncooked eggs in water which should cover them adequately. Bring to boil; after 15 minutes, remove 2 or 3 eggs. Let other eggs remain longer, removing them from water at different intervals. This way, you will get eggs varying in shade from bright yellow or tan to deeper tan or brown. When eggs are cool, rub them with cloth dipped in lard to obtain a bright sheen.

Lithuanians use two methods to decorate Easter eggs -- batik and dry point:

1) Using pin-point, fine stylus or similar tool dipped in hot melted wax, apply design to shell of cold, raw egg. Boiling eggs in onion-skin or other dye bath brings out the design.

2) After eggs are boiled and colored, designs are scratched into egg-shells with very fine-pointed knife or razor-blade.

"Popular Lithuanian Recipes"
by Josephine Dauzvardis

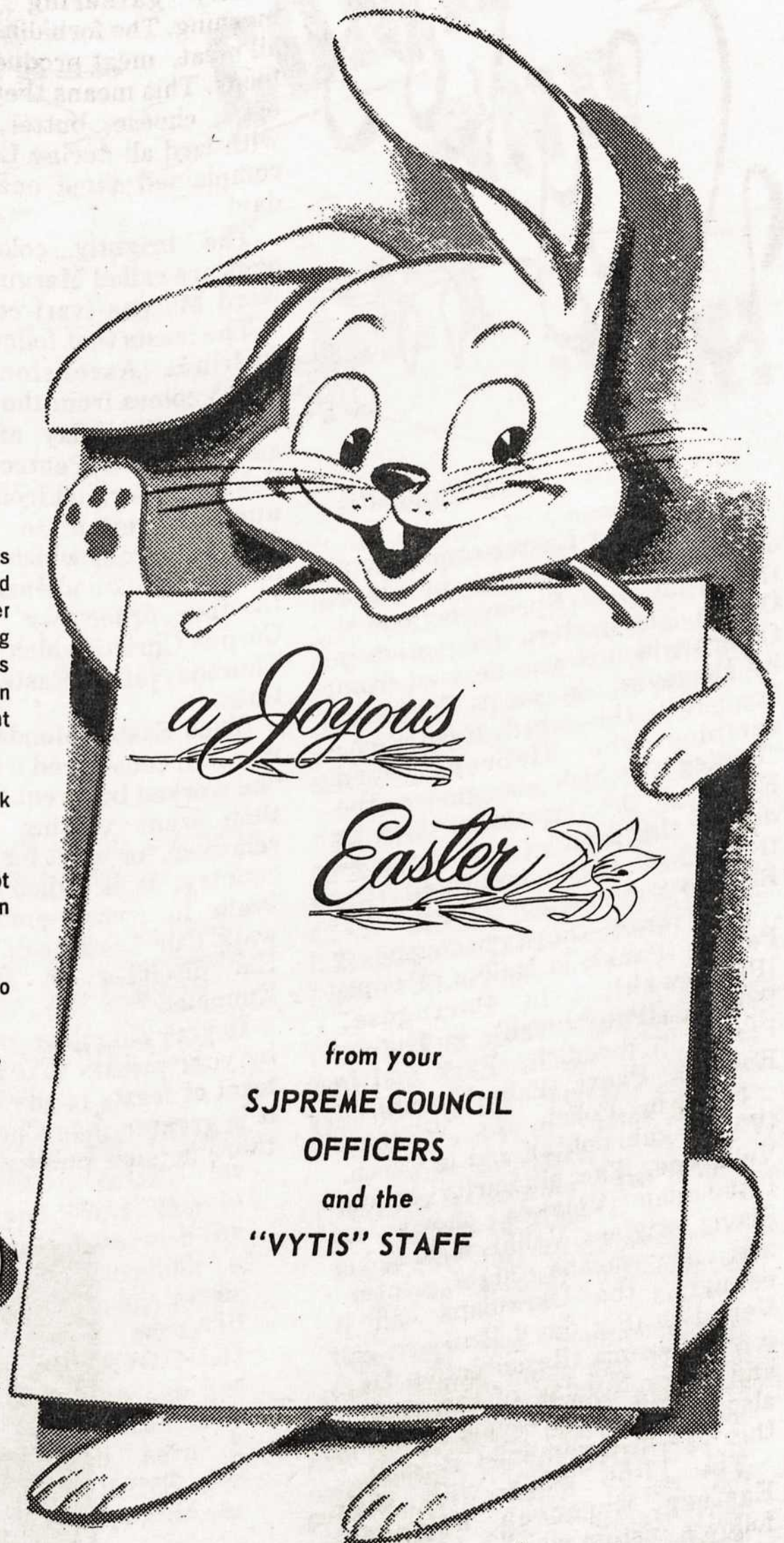


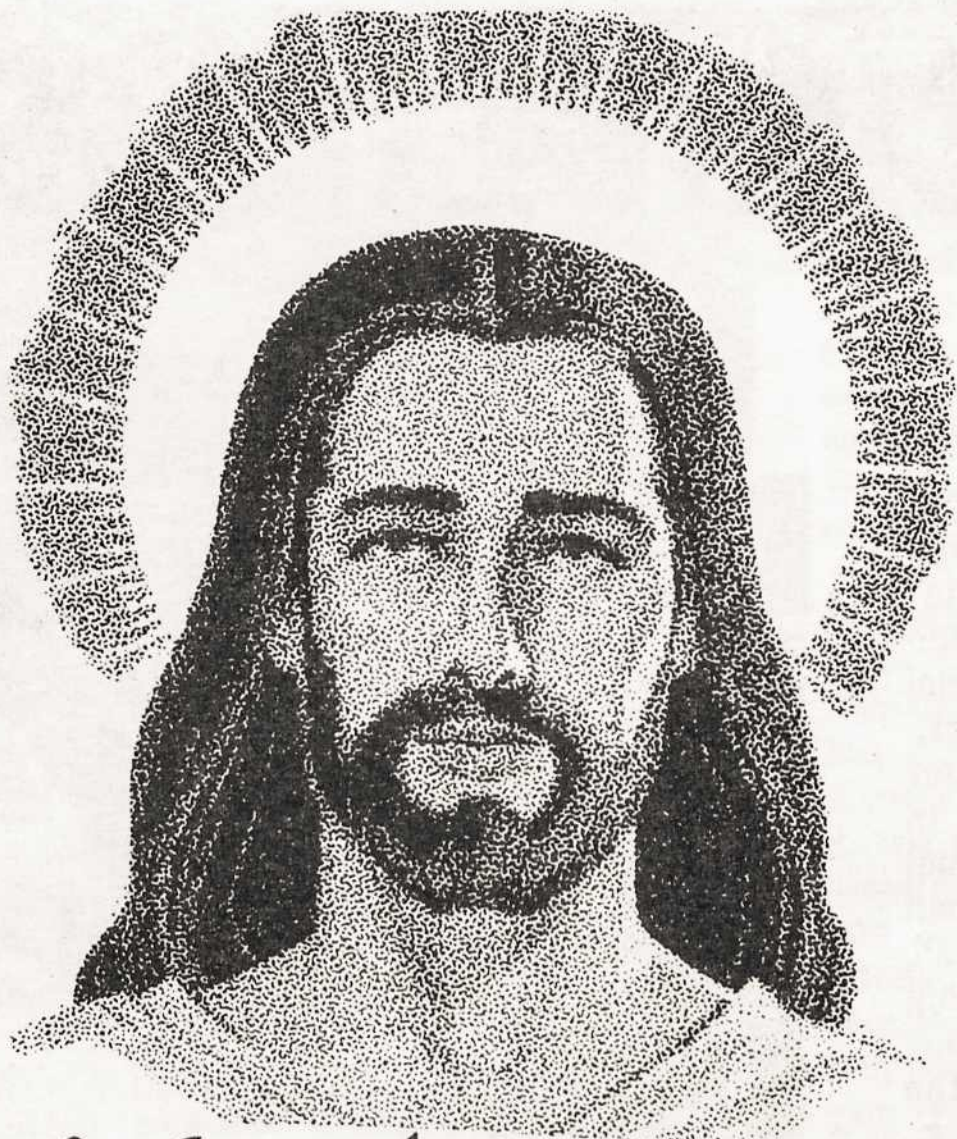
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Velykų džiaugsmas

“Jūs verksite ir liūdėsite, pasaulis gi džiaugsis, bet Jūsų nuliūdimas pavirs džiaugsmu”.

Šv. Raštas

Jeruzalės mieste Kryžiaus Kelio gatvės nutilo. Dar vienas kitas susitikęs pakalba apie paskutinius įvykius. Jokio judėjimo jau nėra.

Kalvarijos Kalno viršūnėje šauksmai nurimo. Dievo-Žmogaus drama baigta. Kristus, ant Kryžiaus pakabintas, jau miręs.

Prie Kryžiaus dar stovi keletas Jo artimųjų. Išsigandę apaštalai išbėgiojo. Jų viltys, kad Kristus bus žymus tautos Karalius, o jo mokiniai Jo karalystėje užims aukštas vietas, visai išnyko.

Baimės apimti mokiniai pasislėpė namuose ir net duris užsiraikino. Jie nuliūdę, kad jų mokytojas nužudytas.

Dabar gamta pagerbia savo Kūrėją, savo Viešpatį. Žemė pradėjo drebėti, saulė užtemo, kapai atsidarė. Šventyklos uždanga perplyšo. Net karininkas vadovavęs karių grupei, įvykdžiusiai mirties bausmę Kalvarijos Kalne,

labai išsigando. Jis sakė: “Iš tikrųjų šitas žmogus buvo Dievo sūnus”. (Mark. 15.38).

Šioje vietoje Viešpaties žodžiai, pasakyti apaštalams, išsipildė ligi paskutinės raidės. “Jūs verksite ir liūdėsite, pasaulis gi džiaugsis. Bet Jūsų nuliūdimas pavirs džiaugsmu”.

Dievo priešai džiaugiasi, kad Jėzus nužudytas. Išganytojo kūnas ilsisi uoloje iškaltame kape. Sunkus akmuo užristas ant kapo angos. Kareiviai eina sargybą. Visur tylą. Vidurnaktis. Sargai miega. Jau pasirodo aušros spinduliai sekmadienio rytą. Sudrebėjo žemė, nusirito akmuo nuo Kristaus kapo angos. Išsigandusi sargyba pabėgo.

Kristus atsikelia iš mirties ir žengia iš kapo į sodą. Aplink nematyti jokių žmonių.

Saulei tekant keletas moterų eina aplankyti Viešpaties kapą. Ir kaip jos nustemba, pamačiusios atristą akmenį nuo kapo angos! Negali tikėti. Viduje nėra kūno! Bėga jos į šalį ir čia pamato žmogų.

Jis joms prisistato esąs Kristus,

ką tik prisikėlęs iš mirties ir liepia tai pranešti apaštalams.

Moterys skuba, bėga pas mokinius pasakyti, ką mačiusios. Pirmieji jų žodžiai buvo: - Jėzus prisikėlė iš mirties!

Nepaprastas gandas paplinta po visą Jeruzalę ir apylinkes. Netrukus ir pats Kristus pasirodo savo Motinai ir apaštalams.

Džiaugsmas pripildo apaštalu širdis. Jų mylimas mokytojas prisikėlė ir jiems pasirodė. Užmiršo liūdesį ir ašaras. Tik džiaugsmas virė jų krūtinėse.

Nuliūdimas virto džiaugsmu. Dabar išsipildė tai, ką Kristus kalbėjo mokiniams. “Jūsų nuliūdimas pavirs džiaugsmu”.

Mūsų dienų pasaulis suskilęs į dvi dalis. Viena dalis eina su Kristumi ir laikosi Jo mokslo, o antroji kovoja prieš Jį.

Prisikėlęs Kristus aukštai iškėlęs neša pergalės vėliavą. Paskui Jo Kryžių žygiuoja ištisi žemės kontinentai ir žmonių milijonai.

Tie, kurie nekenčia Išganytojo, niekina Jo mokslą, žygiuoja paskui raudoną vėliavą. Jie stengiasi sunaikinti religiją ir nužudyti krikščionybę.

Velykų rytas juos gąsdina. Iš mirties atsikėlęs Kristus yra nenugalimas, nes Jis nugalėjo ir pačią mirtį. Kristaus priešai bijo Velykų; jų ginklai krinta iš rankų. Velykų varpai jiems yra patrankų griausmas. Kristus nugalėjo mirtį, Kristus nugalės ir juos.

Lietuvos žmonės laukia Velykų. Šventas ir didis džiaugsmas apima jų širdis. Kaip Kristus po kančių prisikėlė iš mirties, taip Lietuva atsikels iš vergijos laisvam gyvenimui.

Šiandien mums Velykos yra tarsi juodu debesiu apgaubtos. Tėvynėje siaučia teroras. Svetimieji, pavergę mūsų šalį, išniekino bažnyčias, religines šventes pavertė darbo dienomis, dvasios vadus persekioja ir kankina.

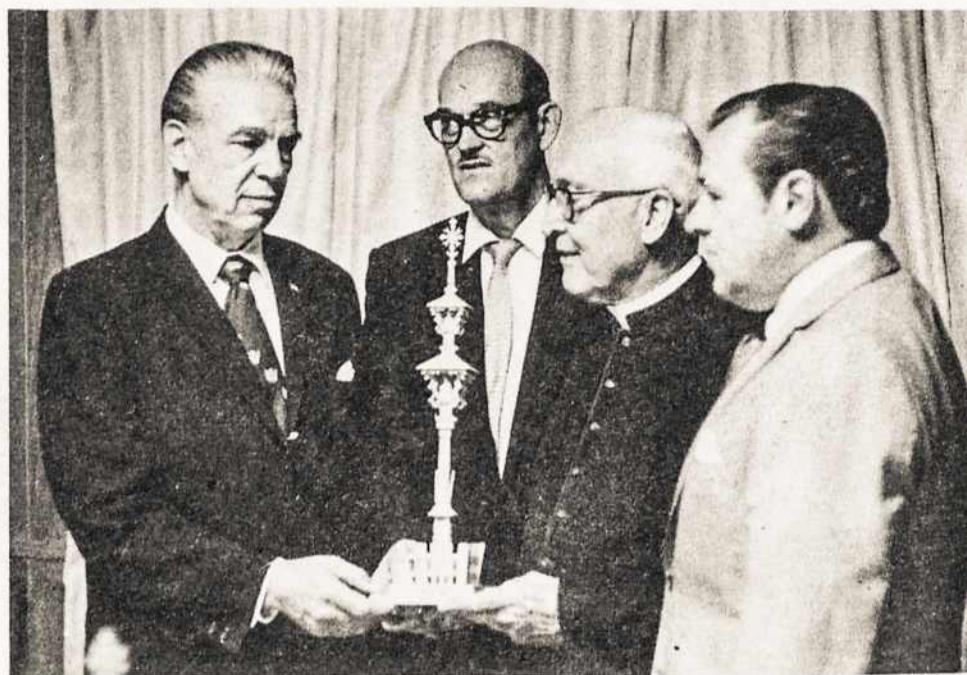
Tikėkime vėl skambės Velykų varpai ir šios giesmės žodžiai pripildys mūsų širdis džiaugsmu: “Linksmą dieną mums prašvito. Visi troškom džiaugsmo šito. Kėlės Kristus, mirtis krito. Aleliuja. Aleliuja!”

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

LITHUANIAN... AT CATHOLIC ACTORS' GUILD

Ed Sullivan, Guest of Honor at the Catholic Actors Guild dinner-dance, Hotel New York Hilton, graciously autographed the "Knights of Lithuania" listing in The Call Board souvenir journal for Helen V. Kulber (left), CAG member and K of L National Public Relations Chairman, as did Don Stewart, Ann Meara (in photo) and other celebrities... Stiller and Meara mentioned "Lithuanians" favorably in their comedy routine. Jerry inscribed the journal "Up the Lithuanians"; Ann said she had not known before that there was a "Knights of Lithuania". Handsome Don Stewart, star of TV's "The Guiding Light", impressed all with his beautiful dynamic singing. Among those who entertained for the occasion were lovely songstress Janice Harper, raconteur Harry Hershfield, Estelle & Alfonso Dancers, Tom Dillon, columnists Bob Considine and Earl Wilson, "Sugar's" Bobby Morse, with Will Jordon as M.C. Cyril Ritchard, President of the Catholic Actors Guild of America, made the presentation to Ed Sullivan.

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LITHUANIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Local Long Island legislators were recently presented with replicas of the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine in Flushing Meadows Park (at the site of the N.Y. World's Fair of 1964-65), in appreciation of their service to the cause of freedom for Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia. Pictured, l. to r. are N.Y. State Senator Martin J. Knorr of Ridgewood, N.Y., Peter C. Wytenus, Chairman of the Lithuanian Shrine Committee, Msgr. John J. Balkunas, pastor emeritus of Transfiguration parish, Maspeth, and Assemblyman Joyn T. Flack of Glendale.

LITH PASTOR NAMED CARDINAL'S CONSULTOR

REV. ANTHONY J. ZAKARAUSKAS, pastor of Nativity BVM Church, Chicago, has been appointed "Archdiocesan Consultor" by John Cardinal Cody, Archbishop of Chicago. The appointment makes Father Zakarasukas one of 11 priests who meet as consultors twice a month with Cardinal Cody and the diocese's five auxiliary bishops to act on matters concerning management of the diocese.

Before his appointment as pastor of Nativity BVM, Father served as chaplain of Holy Cross Hospital. Earlier he also served as chaplain to the Sisters of St. Casimir motherhouse, was assistant at several other Lithuanian parishes in Chicago, and taught at St. Casimir Junior college, Maria High School and Quigley Preparatory Seminary.



BALTIC FESTIVAL AT GARDEN STATE ARTS CENTER

The mammoth and well-known GARDEN STATE ARTS CENTER at Holmdel, New Jersey will be the scene of an exciting Baltic-American Festival on Sunday, June 17, 1973. The Festival is being sponsored by the Arts Center itself, in cooperation with a committee representing the Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian communities of New Jersey. The Lithuanian portion of the program will feature the "Grandinėlė" Dance Ensemble of Cleveland, Ohio and the "Žibuoklės" Women's Sextet of New Jersey. Latvian and Estonian dance groups, choirs and soloists will also participate. Tickets can be obtained via various Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian organizations. Pictured are various members of the planning committee, with representatives of the Arts Center.

COLLEGE SENIOR HONORED

MISS CHARLOTTE L. DILLIS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillis of Brockton, Mass. has qualified as a finalist for a Merit Scholarship. This honor is shared by less than one-half of one percent of the Nations graduating secondary school seniors.

Miss Dillis received a Certificate of Merit which cites her as one who has demonstrated high potential for college achievement by distinguished performance in the National Merit Scholarship program.

Miss Dillis is a student at Cardinal Spellman High School, a parishioner of St. Casimir's Church and an active member of C-1, (Brockton), Knights of Lithuania.

Her mother and father as well as her four sisters are active K of L members. Charlotte's sister Miss Roberta Dillis was a K of L Scholarship winner in 1971, and her sister Miss Marjorie Dillis won the scholarship in 1972

FOOTBALL AND HOMEMAKING MIX?

PETER BIZINKAUSKAS, Jr., member of K of L C-1, Brockton, and a football and wrestling star at Brockton High School, recently was chosen the High School's Betty Crocker "Homemaker of Tomorrow" in the annual search conducted by that company throughout the U.S. He was winner over a group of 60 girls and about a dozen boys who competed in the contest at B.H.S., and is now eligible for the State competition in April. State winners will compete in Washington, D.C. for the special awards of college scholarships.

Young Peter, son of the K of L National 1st Vice President, and himself the 2nd Vice President of the New England District and also the NED Public Relations Chairman, is a senior at Brockton High. He has played for two years as line-backer on the varsity football team, and is also active in scuba diving and wrestling. He plans to be a medical doctor majoring in foods and dietetics. He gained experience and knowledge for the contest's exam, which involved homemaking in many areas, by helping care for his younger sisters and brothers and sharing responsibilities in his very active household.

DR. JEROME ADVISES WOMEN ON HEALTH AND BEAUTY CARE

DR. JOSEPH B. JEROME, member of K of L C-112, Chicago, is the American Medical Association's Secretary for the Committee on Cutaneous Health and Cosmetics. Recently, he was interviewed by Gigi Kushla, for the Chicago Tribune. The interview, which appeared in the Tribune's Feminine section on Feb. 5, 1973, included numerous questions and answers regarding the use of various cosmetics and their effect on the skin, proper cleansing methods, and other topics affecting a woman's health and beauty.

AMBER STONE DEDICATION

The Knights of Lithuania, New England District, urges all Knights and Ladies to participate in the Mass and dedication of the "amber stone" at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire in memory of Lithuanian Freedom Fighters and Martyrs on Sunday May 20, 1973 at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Ernest J. Primeau has been invited to be Con-celebrant. After the ceremonies, snacks and refreshments will be served at the Legion Post in Gardner.

Naujosios Anglijos apygardos vyčiai kviečia lietuvius gausiai dalyvauti šv. Mišiose ir "Gintaro" dedikacijoje, skirtoje Lietuvos laisvės kovotojų partizanų ir kankinių atminimui. Visa tai įvyks Pušų katedroje, Rindge, New Hampshire, sekmadienį, 1973 m. gegužės 20, 5:00 v. p.p. Šv. Mišias atnašauti yra pakviestas Ernest J. Primeau, Manchester, New Hampshire Vyskupas.

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMEMORATIONS...HERE AND THERE

IN THE US SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES...

The 55th Anniversary of the restoration of Lithuanian Independence was celebrated in the Senate of the United States on Feb. 15, under the sponsorship of Senator Charles Percy of Illinois. A similar celebration took place in the House of Representatives Feb. 20, under the sponsorship of Congressman Daniel J. Flood of Pennsylvania. In addition to the comments made by Mr. Percy and Mr. Flood, numerous other Senators and Congressmen expressed their concern for the lack of freedom in Lithuania and their wishes that Lithuania may soon again be recognized as a free and independent nation by all the world.

BOOKS DONATED TO LIBRARY

To commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Lithuanian Declaration of Lithuanian Independence, the Lithuanian Community of Nashua, New Hampshire, donated some 25 books on Lithuania or the Lithuanians in English, and several books in the Lithuanian language, to the Nashua City Library. These books will be made available to Nashua residents through the Library's Circulating Department. It is also planned to gradually build up, by valued donations, a collection of stereo, Hi-Fi and L.P. records of selected representative Lithuanian songs by choral groups and individual artists. This action is certainly to be commended, and is worthy of copying by other Lithuanian communities through the USA.

ON CAMPUS

The Lithuanian Student Club of the University of Toronto, Canada, sponsored a "Lithuanian Day on Campus", on Friday, Feb. 23rd. Highlights of the celebration included slides and films on Lithuania, an art and folkcraft exhibit, Lithuanian literature, foods, and a folk song and dance program.

The University of Dayton, Ohio, sponsored a Lithuanian Week from FEB. 18th THROUGH 24th. The University radio station conducted a three-hour special program on Lithuanian history, culture, and music. There were also special forum discussions on Lithuanian problems and a gala cultural evening on Feb. 24th, featuring a folk song and dance program, Lithuanian foods and a cultural exhibit. Local Knights of Lithuania participated in the project also.



PROCLAMATIONS...

Members of the Lithuanian American Council of Chicago visited Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago on Feb. 6, 1973, to receive a proclamation designating Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in Chicago. In gratitude for the Mayor's signature on this important proclamation, the committee presented His Honor with a miniature hand-carved Lithuanian Wayside Shrine.

Pictured are, l. to r., Vladas Soliunas, Antanas Svitra, Irene Blinstrubas, Lithuanian General Consul Josephine Dauzvardis, Juozas Skorubskas, and Mr. Daley.

FEBRUARY 16 IN PRINT

Countless newspapers throughout the country made special note of Lithuanian Independence Day via editorials, news stories on Lithuania, and letters to the editor. Especially note-worthy was the excellent editorial which appeared in the New York Times on Feb. 16, entitled "The Baltic States". Also, the Trenton, N.J. Diocesan newspaper "The Monitor" carried an excellent and lengthy article on the meaning of the Lithuanian Independence Day commemorations in the free world. The article was written by Rev. John Tomalionis of Somerville, N.J.

It is next to impossible to mention all the commemorations held all over the USA, recalling Lithuania's brief days of independence. No doubt every Lithuanian community can boast of such an event... many can also boast that their commemorations were graced by local senators, congressmen and other public dignitaries. A few samples were chosen to be mentioned herein, to provide some insight into the variety of activities sponsored, and to present ideas for novel commemorations that can be held in the future, to further bring public attention to Lithuania's plight.

PLOKŠTELĘ IŠLEIDUS

Chicagos Vyčių choro valdyba dar kartą nori čia prisiminti visus tuos labai gerus žmones, kurie įgalino išleisti antrąją dainų plokštelę "Vai lėkite dainos".

Choro vadovas Faustas Strolia daug vargo bemo-kydamas chorą. Į vieną repeticiją ateina visi choris-tai, į kitą tik pusė. Reikėjo daug kantrybės turėti. Ir kitų rūpesčių turėjo jis sąrišyje su plokštelės išlei-dimu. Bet visus nugalėjo. Jis yra vienintelis pats didžiausias choro ramstis.

Nedrašu buvo prašyti muziką Aleksandrą Kučiūną, kad sutiktų akompanuoti, nes yra jis labai užsiėmęs. Ir koks džiaugsmas buvo, kai sutiko. Choristų nuotaika tuojau pakilo, darbas pradėjo sektis. Ir mūsų plokštelė dabar graži yra dėl to, kad padėjo mums muzikas Aleksandras Kučiūnas.

Ir mūsų solistas Algirdas Brazis plokštelės vertę iškėlė. Jis toks linksmas ir mielas yra visuomet. Ne tik daug padeda, bet ir nuotaiką visų pakelia.

Ir gražus Audronės Simonaitytės balsas mūsų plokštelę puošia. Graži yra ir ji pati, ir gero charak-terio. Ji yra mūsų choro papuošalas.

O paskiri choristai atliko patį didžiausią darbą. Daugybę neapmokamų valandų pašvęsti turėjo repeticijoms. Niekas negalės atsilyginti jiems už tai.

Dr. Jokūbas Stukas kiekviena proga ragindavo chorą leisti dainų plokštelę. Jo raginimai davė vaisių - buvo išleista pirmoji plokštelė "Težydi vėlei Lietuva". Po to jis vėl skatino choro valdybą ruošti kitai plokštelei. Būdamas Centro Valdybos Pirminin-ku, viename posėdyje pasiūlė skirti lėšų choro plokštelei išleisti. Jo siūlymas buvo priimtas - paskirti 600 dolerių. Jis padėjo ir technišką plokštelės išleidimo darbą atlikti.

Ponia Stukienė paskubino plokštelės gaminimą. Ir kiekviename "Vyčio" numeryje reklamavo ją, apie Chicagos Vyčių chorą rašė. Ji yra kitą kartą dainavusi tame pačiame chore, yra buvusi ir pirmo-sios choro plokštelės "Težydi vėlei Lietuva" išleidimo organizatorė, tad ir dabar choro rūpesčiais tebegyvena.



Momentas iš plokštelės krikštynų.



Trys didžiausieji Chicagos vyčių choro plokštelės "Vai lėkite dainos" išleidimo rėmėjai, Loreta Grigaliūnienė, Peter Gagle ir Juozas Juška, aukoję tam reikalui po šimtą dolerių. Iš šalių stovi choro vadovas Faustas Strolia ir pirmininkė Estelle Rogers.

Jauna porelė - Milda ir Šarūnas Lišauskai - plokš- telės leidimą organizavo ir dabar dar tebesirūpina jos išplatinimu.

Emilija Pakalniškienė reklamavo naująją plokštelę savo redaguojamame Vyčių Veiklos skyriuje "Drauge".

Plokštelės išleidimas buvo brangus, ir būtų buvęs neįmanomas jeigu nebūtų atsiradę gerų žmonių, kurie supranta reikalą ir ištiesė pagalbos ranką. Po šimtą dolerių aukojė trys choristai - Loreta Grigaliūnienė, Petras Gagle ir Juozas Juška. Po penkias dešimtis aukojė Klaudijus ir Birutė Pumpučiai ir Antanas ir Virginija Bilitavičiai. Ir mūsų mieli 112-tos kuopos nariai, Andriejus ir Doloresa Yukniai, 50 dolerių aukojė.

Gruodžio 10 d. Vyčių salėje buvo plokštelės pri- statymas visuomenei. Jo Ekscelencija Vyskupas Vincentas Brizgys palaimino ją. Lietuvos Generalinė Konsulė Ponia Juzė Daužvardienė atsilankė į prista- tymą ir priėmė mūsų pirmąją "Vai lėkite dainos" plokštelę. Krikšto tėvais buvo inžinierius Antanas ir Marija Rudžiai. Ponas Rudis pasakė ta proga gražią kalbą. Ponia Marija Rudienė pavaišino susirinkusius. Pristatymo organizavimu daug rūpinosi Aldona ir Algirdas Brazilai.

Per ponų Rudžių radijo valandą "Lithuanian Forum" dabar girdime naujosios plokštelės dainas. Girdime jas ir per Aldonos ir Felikso Daukų valandą. Ir Margučio radijo vedėjas Petras Petrutis garsina mūsų naująją "Vai lėkite dainos" plokštelę. O Aleksandras Pužauskas gražiai aprašė "Naujienose" krikštynų pokylį.

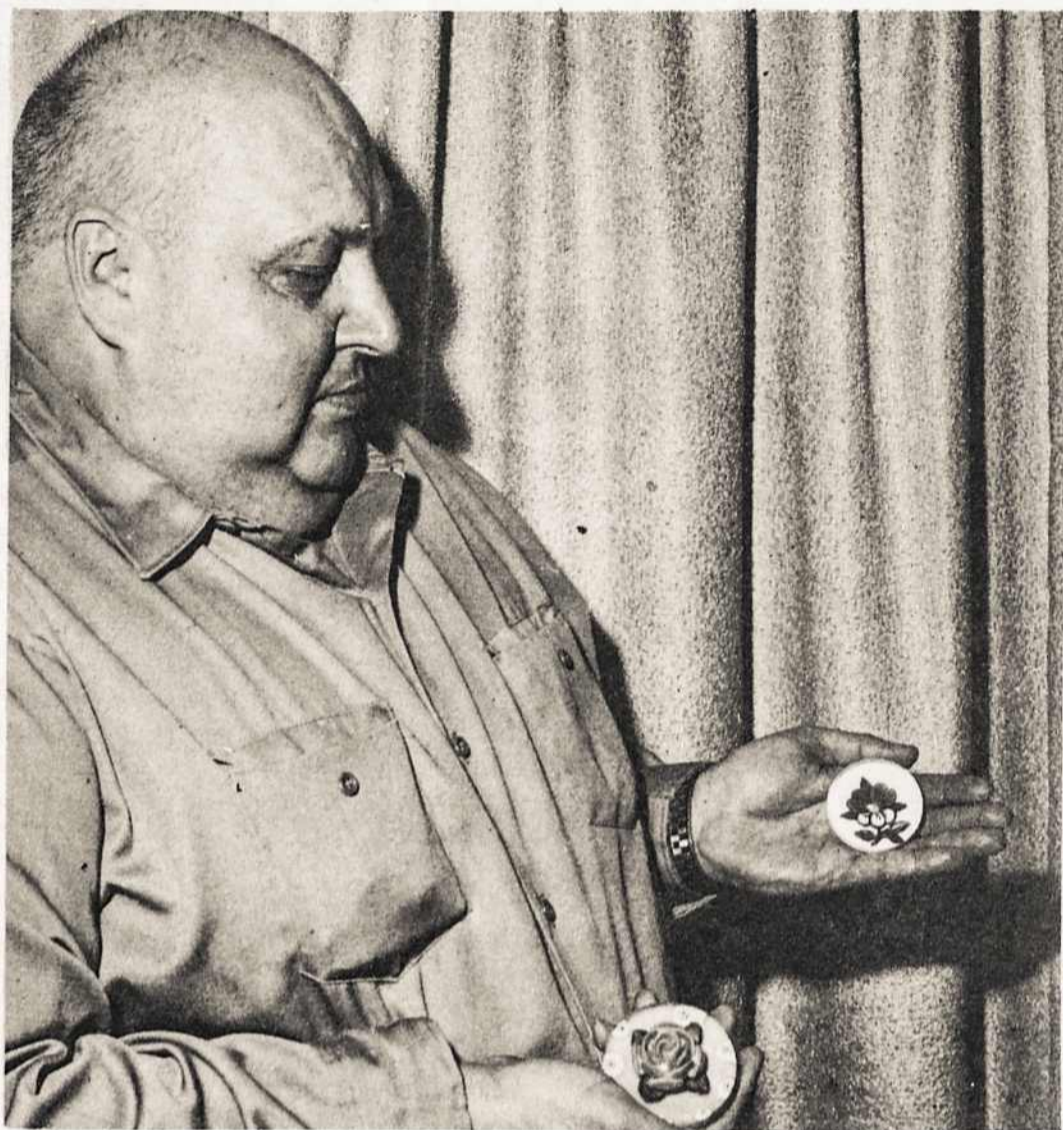
Šia proga dar reikia prisiminti Centro Valdybos narę Ireną Sankutę. Ji visuomet paremia chorą Centro Valdybos posėdžiuose, jei kokį klausimai iškyla.

Dėkojame visiems čia suminėtiems žmonėms. Iš visos širdies dėkojame.

Chicagos Vyčių Choro Valdyba

MORE UPCOMING CONVENTION NEWS

CULTURAL EXHIBIT



A Cultural exhibit at the Fuller Art Center, Oak Street in Brockton featuring a handblown glass display of Charles Kaziun of Brockton.

Mr. Kaziun was born to Charles and Mary Kaziun at Brockton on May 18, 1919. His father was a shoemaker working in a Brockton factory. Both parents were immigrants from Lithuania. One of the major events in the lives of Brockton inhabitants was the annual Brockton Fair. Here, Mr. Kaziun saw a most fascinating exhibition of glassblowing. He watched every movement and operation of the members of the famous Howell Family as they demonstrated so skillfully their

trade of ornamental lamp glass creations. This display of skill motivated Mr. Kaziun into becoming one of the skilled glassblowers of our time.

Mr. Kaziun's works are turned out at his studio shop in Brockton. Not all his production is perfect, but Charles Kaziun is a perfectionist. He markets only those products which he considers to be the best he can make. Many a collector has placed the work of Charles Kaziun on a par with or superior to the workmanship and

brilliance of the fine French paperweights of the past. His particularly minute, perfectly formed signature K cane is inserted in every marketed product, usually in the base. However, each type of weight made by Charles Kaziun has a distinct signature. Great variety is attained by Kaziun in identification of his work as well as in weight designing. It would be helpful if all weight makers identified their work as meticulously as Kaziun does.

Charles Kaziun and his wife, Louise MacBeth Kaziun have two young children - a daughter, Mary and a son, Charles. The only weight Mr. Kaziun has named to date is a beautiful one called "Mary" for his daughter, which he made on the day she was born. It is a pink fourteen-petal rose with four green leaves, surrounded by eight white canes all resting on a light-blue ground and encased in purest crystal.

Excerpts taken from THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GLASS PAPERWEIGHTS state that "We are fortunate to be able to see in our time the successive accomplishments of a great craftsman as they come from the annealing kiln, for the technical excellence - one may justifiably call it perfection of Kaziun's paperweights is on a comfortable par with fine work from the classic period".

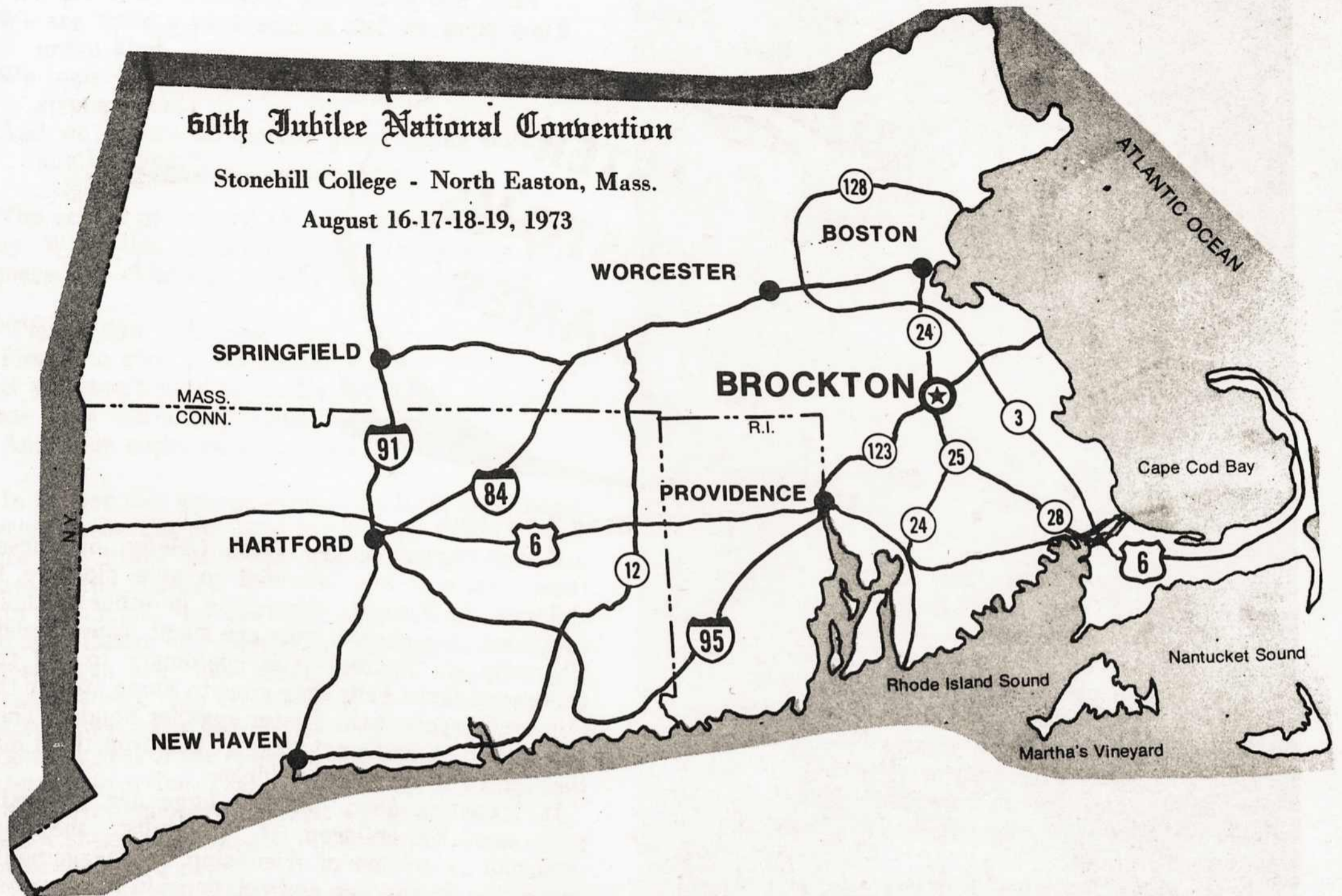
The glass display will be shown for three weeks culminating with a formal showing to delegates and guests the week of the Knights of Lithuania 60th National Convention, August 16 - 19, 1973.

THE 60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 16 - 19, 1973

**STONEHILL COLLEGE
NORTH EASTON, MASS.**

**HOSTS
C-1, BROCKTON, MASS.**



PREVIEW OF CONVENTION 60

WEDNESDAY:

GAY NINETIES NITE (GENTLEMEN START GROWING YOUR MUSTACHES)

THURSDAY

PM MASS AT OUR LADY OF SORROW CONVENT
TRADITIONAL LOBSTER BAKE

FRIDAY

AM SESSIONS
MASS
60TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON
(HONOR DESERVING MEMBERS)
PM SESSIONS
SUPPER
ART EXHIBIT & CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION
CONCERT ALL TO BE HELD AT FULLER ARTS MUSEUM

SATURDAY

AM SESSION
MASS - LUNCHEON (AWARDS)
PM SESSIONS
SUPPER
ANNIVERSARY BALL (FORMAL RECEPTION OF NEW S.C. OFFICERS)

SUNDAY

MASS AT ST. CASIMER'S CHURCH
PHOTO OF CONVENTION
SESSION (IF NECESSARY)
BANQUET 2 PM

* PLANS FOR THE DAY ARE IN THE MAKING BUT NOT DEFINITE AY YET.





EASTER EGG CUSTOMS AND GAMES

By Venetia Newall and V. Beliajus

Many picturesque customs and ceremonies are connected with the giving of Easter eggs in different countries. One of these is the Easter Egg Tree. In Pennsylvania, at Kutztown, this old European custom is still observed, but it is not clear from which part of Europe the custom derives in this case. Though described as Pennsylvania Dutch, the town appears to be in a German or Austrian district of Mennonites, and is near strongholds of the Moravian Church - a sect having its origin at Herrnhut, on the borders of Silesia.

In Germany the Easter Egg Tree consists of gaily decorated eggs suspended from a tree or bush by threads. In Hungary, generally on Easter night, the boys in certain villages set up Easter Egg trees on the gate of their sweetheart's house. These are decorated with eggs, but also with other items, and are known as the boys' "coat of arms".



Photo W. Ochs

Easter egg games are legion. Chiefly, of course, these pastimes are intended to give pleasure to children. In France, when, as in other Catholic countries, the church bells are silent from Maundy Thursday till Easter, it is customary to tell the children that the bells have gone to Rome, to see the Pope and to collect the Easter eggs for Sunday. They will return, bringing the eggs, and drop them into the houses of all good children.

In Hungary now, painted eggs are generally exchanged by children. If by adults, they are regarded as tokens of friendship or engagement, depending on the age and relationship of giver and recipient. In Poland they are also mostly presented to children, though formerly it was the custom on both Easter Monday and the following day for young couple to call on their elders, bringing gifts of colored eggs. Every child who calls at a house at Easter is given one of these.

In Yugoslavia, children are told the Easter hare has laid its eggs in the stable. In Ireland, children collect goose and duck eggs during Holy Week. These are given as gifts on Easter Day. There is an Irish saying which runs: "One egg for a true gentleman, two for a gentleman, three for a churl, four for a tramp". In Austria, Germany and America, eggs are concealed for the children in small nests about the garden. In France, Germany, Austria, and England, children used to go and ask for eggs. In Germany this was called DINGEIER, the eggs which are owing. In England, the custom was known as Pace (Pasch) Egging.

Until the late 19th century, groups of young men, the Pace Eggers, travelled around north country villages at Easter, asking for colored eggs at all the houses. They were amateur actors dressed in costume, or clothes decorated with ribbons, with faces blacked or masked. Generally there was a female character, played by a youth called Old Miser Brown Bags. This was a north country pastime, especially popular in Lancashire. In Blackburn and its neighborhood, the actors wore animal skins, and a character called Old Toss Pot carried a basket for the Easter eggs. They sang:

"We are two-three jolly lads all of one mind
 We are come a pace-egging and we hope you'll
 prove kind.
 We hope you'll prove kind, with your eggs and
 strong beer,
 And we'll come no more a pace-egging until
 another year".

The actors performed the St. George's Mummer Play. When this custom declined, the youths were replaced by children, usually girls, who sang:

"Please Mrs. Whiteleg
 Please to give us an Easter Egg.
 If you won't give us an Easter Egg
 Your hens will all lay addled eggs
 And your cocks all lay stones".

In France this was performed by local choir boys. Recently the custom was revived in Britain, and Pace Egg Plays have been performed in different parts of the country.

In Lithuania, on the Saturday before Easter, intricate Easter egg (Margutis) coloring takes place. These eggs are then taken to the church night services where they are blessed, then brought back home. They wake the children distributing Easter eggs. The rest of the eggs are eaten before the meal or as guests arrive. These beautiful artistic creations are unceremoniously cracked by guest and host, good wishes are exchanged, then topped with strong horseradish and eaten.

The Greeks dye their Easter eggs red and bring them to church for the midnight services. After the resurrection of Christ is announced, the eggs are then cracked with the person standing nearest, announcing that, indeed, "Khristos Anesti - Christ has risen", and wish each other a "Kalo Paskha - Happy Easter". Eggs are also enclosed in special Easter cakes, and when portioned at the dinner table, the recipient of the egg will likewise be the fortunate recipient of many blessings.

Pace Eggers used their eggs for various games. The principle of egg pecking, or shackling as it sometimes called, is to hold an egg firmly and tap other people's so briskly that they break. Obviously to win, one's own egg must not be broken. This game is very popular in Greece where it is always played with red eggs. Family and friends always play it, but most particularly husband and wife. Each makes a wish, and whoever wins will see their wish comes true. Two red eggs tapping each other is a common motif on Greek Easter cards.

Christians play this game in Syria, Iraq, and Iran. In Norway it is called Knekke, meaning "knock". In Switzerland Eier-Tutschen, or Eier-Dupfen, as it is called in the Canton of Berne, is very popular. Whoever breaks his own egg must surrender it to the winner. If the egg is very hard, one can win a good many. In Berne Canton, and especially in Emmental

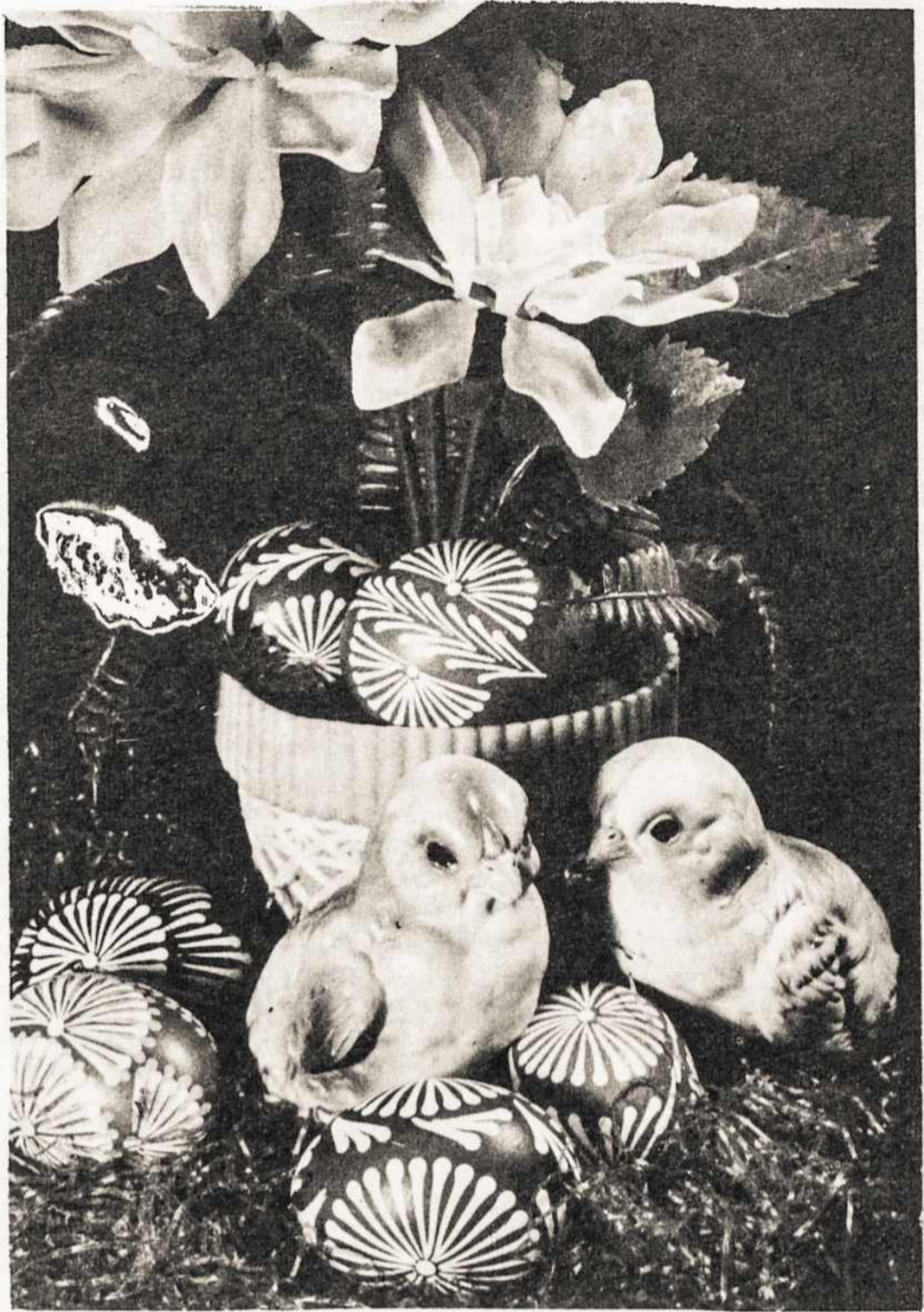


Photo R. Kisielius

region, this sport was a public occasion - until recently, when someone was caught with an egg of cement! Since then the Canton government has banned the game as a public sport. It continues unofficially.

Various other games were played in England. In egg conkers, the idea was again to keep one's own egg intact as long as possible. Egg rolling, another north country invention, has survived to the present day. The most publicized even takes place in Avenham Park, Preston, on Easter Monday afternoon. Children roll colored hard boiled eggs down the grassy slopes of the park to the Ribble River, which flows through it. Originally one tried to keep one's own egg intact as Victor Egg, and to seize other people's broken ones. But this is impossible now, as so many take part in the game. Barton-on-Humber in Yorkshire also has an egg rolling, and it is still popular in Austria, Switzerland, and Germany. European customs often reappear in the United States. Hence egg rolling on the White House lawn is a popular game, originally introduced by Dolly Madison.

Egg throwing formerly took place indoors and it is recorded that, in 1839, the bishop and dean of

Chester cathedral threw eggs to their choir boys. Later it was played outside on the village green. It still survives in parts of France. Eggs are tossed in the air. Anyone who lets his fall must pay a penalty. Sometimes this turns into a street battle fought with eggs.

American children are told that their eggs are brought by the Easter rabbit. Popular tradition here has confused the rabbit with the hare, the original Easter animal. Sacred to Easter, the pagan goddess of spring, it was a symbol of fertility, for hares breed very rapidly. They mate when only a year old, and the females can produce several litters in the year.

One legend says that the hare was a bird, transformed by the goddess Eastre. There used to be ritual hare hunts in England at Leicester and Coleshill, and there is still a Hare Pie Scramble at Hallaton on Easter Monday. In Europe the Easter

Hare is supposed to lay its eggs in the garden, and greeting cards often show it carrying a little basket filled with eggs. In Switzerland, colored Easter eggs are brought by the cuckoo. They arrive when its first call is heard. At Frederiksburg, Texas, bonfires are lit on Holy Saturday on the tops of neighboring hills. Children are told that the Easter Rabbit is burning flowers to make dye for coloring eggs. This custom was introduced by German settlers. Near Bad Pyrmont in West Germany, at Lugde, an old town on the Saxon boundary, wheels are still prepared from oakwood and decorated with straw and green branches. On the night of Holy Saturday, they are taken to the top of a nearby mountain, set on fire, and sent spinning on their way into the valley. These remnants of fire worship are of extreme antiquity, but their link with Easter, and particularly Easter eggs, is extremely tenuous

VILTIS



Iš Sendraugių Gyvenimo

CLEVELAND, OHIO



Cleveland Seniors President Stella Sankal presents Rev. Joseph Angelaitis or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church a check in the amount of \$634.00, profit from their Card Party, to be forwarded to the St. Casimir College in Rome, Italy.



Cleveland Seniors November Birthday Boys being feted by members, l. to r.: Anthony Buknis and Ignas Visockas (seated) and Charlotte Petkunas, Rose Sankaliene and Antoinette Visockas kissing husband Ignas.



Cleveland Seniors Christmas Party guests, Dec. 11, 1972 at Hofbrau Haus Restaurant, Cleveland.

JUNIOR NEWS

THIS IS YOUR PAGE

Attention all Juniors... If enough interest exists, the "Juniors" section of the VYTIS will be revived! We "old-timers" consider the Junior movement the hope of the future K of L, so would like to hear more about you and just what you're up to. By the same token, other new and old Junior Councils are always looking for ideas. Perhaps your activities can benefit others. Why not write about them? Send all news about Juniors to the Editor, MRS. LORETTA STUKAS, 1467 Force Drive, Mountainside, N.J. 07092. Keep the news coming, and we'll keep the Juniors Page alive.

WELCOME - NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY...

C-110, MASPETH - RICHMOND HILL, N.Y.

Feb. 24, 1973, saw the rebirth of the Junior K of L movement in New York. Seven active youngsters from the Maspeth-Richmond Hill area of New York attended the organization meeting of C-110 Juniors at Transfiguration Parish in Maspeth. Energies were vented in a Lithuanian-English scavenger hunt before the meeting settled down to business. Newly elected

officers of C-110 Juniors are: President - William Sidtis, Vice-President - Richard Meseika, Secretary - Jane Zanis, Treasurer - Arunas Stungarys, Correspondent - Antanas Ambrosini, Sgt.-at-Arms - Jonas Stungarys, Cultural Chairman - Leo Stungarys. They have a variety of ideas and interests to keep the group active. Up-coming on the agenda are a home-made crafts sale, dramatics and outdoor activities.

These young Lithuanian Americans are their own best public relations committee, and C-110 is growing every week. If you know of a child in the Maspeth-Richmond Hill area who is of Lithuanian descent and interested in a variety of exciting activities, why not introduce him or her to the K of L? Meetings are held on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Transfiguration Parish Hall.

Marian Sidtis
C-110 Junior Counselor

C-90, KEARNY, N.J.

New Jersey is also buzzing with Junior K of L activity. C-90, Kearny, officially reorganized its

Junior Council in February, with its first meeting at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center. The elected officers are Diane Mazur, President; Sandy Staskus, Vice-President; Betsy Gelenitis, Treasurer; Ruta Bauzys, Secretary; and Bernie Kohanski, Sgt.-at-Arms. Audrey Kohanski is Cultural Chairman and Cathy Rokas and Patty DuCasse are VYTIS Correspondents. Other charter members include Adam Matus, Scott McBride, David Gelcius, John Bariou, Paul Gelenitis, and Gary Gavin. Council advisor is Mrs. Genevieve Mazur.

Cultural Chairman Audrey Kohanski prepared a story about St. Casimir for the first March meeting, and is teaching members one sentence in Lithuanian for each meeting. On March 16, Ann Klem, President of the Regular Council 90 attended the meeting and demonstrated how to make Lithuanian Easter Eggs. Future activities planned are a display and explanation of Amber, a cake sale, and preparation for a special "Junior Presentation" Ball to be sponsored by the regular C-90. Most members also enjoy membership in the K of L, C-90, Lithuanian Dance Group, directed by Mrs. Ellie Nekrosis.

C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS. - JUNIORS

As I take pen in hand,
I'll write of a group both great and grand.
As I start, the first I'll tell,
Is to introduce the officers of the Junior K of L.
First, there's Patty, Snitchel Mitchel.
She's our President,
A tough Southie lifelong resident.
Next is Joany, bony but nice,
She takes the place of our President,
She is our Vice.
Then comes Lima, we call her Bean.
She's our Treasurer and nippa-keen.
Next is our Secretary, Paula's her name.
In our group she's a legend of piano playing and fame.

Sgt.-at-Arms follows, her name's Nan,
She'll keep them in line if anyone can.
Then there's me, I'm true blue,
I'm Correspondent.
Through rain, snow, sleet, and threats,
I'll see this paper through.
Now you know them
I don't care if you think
That this poem really does stink.
Cause we will continue to give them hell,
Our St. Peter's, Council 17 Junior K of L.
P.S. I almost forgot!
Our head is a true friend's pal.
And...

This is the end, believe it or not.

Doris Balaconis

APRIL

29 - NED SPRING CONVENTION, 492 E. 7th St., So. Boston, Mass. —
C-17 So. Boston, Hosts.

MAY

4-6 - C-25 — 3rd Annual GARAGE SALE, at Residence of Ruth and Joe
Guzauskas, Cleveland, Ohio

12 - C-10 - Athol-Gardner SPRING DANCE, Athol Lithuanian Club,
Athol, Mass.

13 - C-90, Kearny, N.J. MOTHER'S DAY SOCIAL.

19-20 - ANNUAL MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Cleveland, Ohio, C-25 Hosts.
Headquarters: Holiday Inn, Wickliffe, Ohio. Tournament at Palisades II Lanes.

19 - C-17 & 17 Srs. SCHOLARSHIP DINNER-DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club,
366 W. Broadway, So. Boston, Mass.

20 - NED DEDICATION of Amber - Altar of Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

JUNE

3 - MAD DISTRICT CONVENTION, Transfiguration Church Hall, Maspeth, N.Y. - C-110 Hosts.

10 - MCD ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE,
Dayton, Ohio

JUNE

17 - BALTIC FESTIVAL of
SONG AND DANCE,
Garden State Arts
Center, Matawan, N.J.
1:30 p.m.

JULY

29 - NED FAMILY PICNIC,
Father Pudiokas Camp,
Southwick, Mass.

AUGUST

5 - "MEMORIES OF
LITHUANIA" RADIO
PICNIC, J. J. Stukas,
Director. "Priedaine"
Latvian Park,
Freehold, N. J.

K of L Calendar

60th
K of L
NATIONAL
CONVENTION

AUGUST 16-19, 1973
Stonehill College
North Easton, Massachusetts

C-1, Brockton, Hosts

AUGUST

16-19 - K of L. 60th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Stonehill College,
North Easton, Mass. - C-1, Brockton, Mass. Hosts

SEPTEMBER

16 - NED 6th ANNUAL CULTURAL PICNIC, Marionis Park,
Shrewsbury, Mass.

29 - C-17 & C-17 Srs. PRE-CONVENTION DANCE, So. Boston
Lithuanian Club, So. Boston, Mass.

OCTOBER

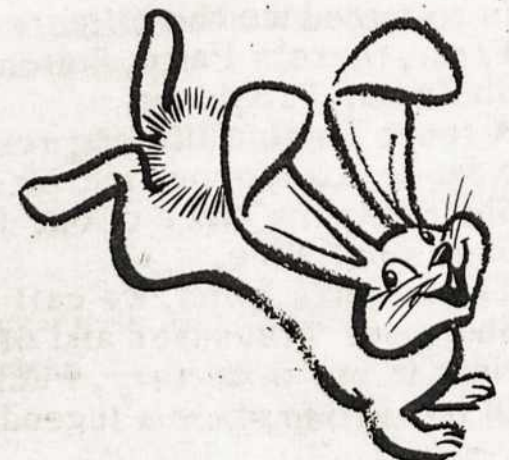
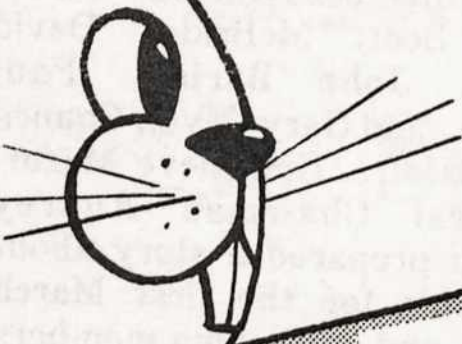
7 - C-90, Kearny, N.J. - AMBER BALL,
Kearny, N.J.

NOVEMBER

11 - TELEVISION MASS, Channel 7 WNAC,
Government Center, Boston, Mass. Sponsored by
New England District.

17 - C-17 & 17 Srs. - NOVEMBER FEST - So. Boston,
Lithuanian Citizen's Club, So. Boston, Mass.

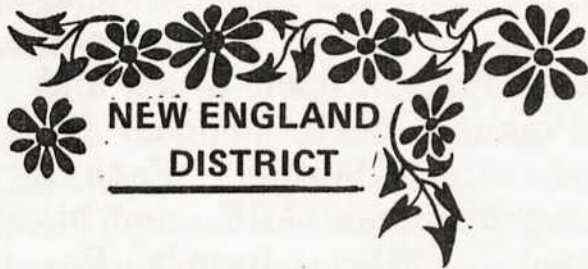
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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

VYČIAI VEIKIA

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C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER,
MASS. Vincukas

Our local council sponsored a Christmas party for the altar boys of St. Francis Parish. All 24 boys were presented gifts given by our members. They were given a dinner by Father Stepie, enjoyed a program of games and sang Christmas carols. Charles Genaitis acted as Santa. After their party, Fr. Stepie treated the council members to a great Christmas party in the rectory. Thank you, Father, for a wonderful time.

C-10 sponsored a program commemorating the restoration of the Independence of the Lithuanian nation, Feb. 16, 1918. The program was presented on Feb. 18 in the parish hall. A Lithuanian quintet under the direction of William Burdulis sang many selections and were received with much emotion. Guest speakers included Area Representative, Thomas Colo, who is married to a former member, Marie Senkievich and Mikas Subatis of Boston. Pres. Howie Beaudette was general chairman and acted as master of ceremonies at the highly successful program. Both "The Athol Daily News" and "The Gardner News" carried nice articles on the affair. After the program, the council members, quintet and speakers held a party in the rectory. All members donated covered dishes. The Athol-Gardner council

celebrated the feast of their patron, St. Casimir, on Mar. 3 by attending the 5:30 Mass in St. Francis Church. A dinner followed at the Tully Brook Inn. Father Steponaitis led the group into church with acolytes, celebrated the Mass, and preached the sermon. After Mass, all venerated a true relic of St. Casimir. Color bearers during the procession were Howie Beaudette and Charles Genaitis. William Wisnauskas was general chairman of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Perekslis, Jr. were sponsors of a new Lithuanian flag that was blessed at the Mass. The flag will be placed in the church along with the American flag and will be used at all official programs.

Our council will hold a Spring Dance on May 12 at the Lithuanian Club on South St., Athol. Paul Kuzmeskus and Howie Beaudette are general co-chairmen. All area K of L's are invited to attend. Keep the day open to enjoy it with our council.

The Genaitis' attended the "Snowflake Ball" in Brockton. They also visited their daughter and family in Washington State during the Christmas holidays.

A welcome to our council is extended to Paul and Debbie Kuzmeskus, who have proven to be an asset already. Our membership now stands at 26.

C-17 - SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.
Along the Strandway

Spring is just around the corner, and it should get a few of the members, who have been

hibernating throughout the winter, into the active circle again. C-17 has been busy with many activities and will continue to be active.

The council sponsored its first St. Casimir's Day Communion Supper and a large number attended. Rev. Albert Contons was the guest speaker at the dinner. It made up for the time in 1972 when a snowstorm forced his cancellation and Father Januinas ably replaced him as the speaker. The Juniors added some flavor to the night serving as waitresses, and we couldn't have had any prettier gals for the occasion. It was great to see the good turn-out for the supper.

We nearly had a millionaire in our midst; Joseph Lubinas was one of the finalists in the Million Dollar Drawing Sweepstakes. Unfortunately Joe wasn't the winner, but said it was worth every thrill. Found another Boston Bruin buff and one you would never suspect (because her favorite sport shall remain nameless). That's Ann Kleponis! Perhaps one of the season ticket holders will allow you the use of their tickets before the season is over.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Kiburis know how to escape the cold weather, - a trip to Puerto Rico. The doctor flew to San Juan for a medical seminar and together with his wife enjoyed a well deserved rest. The "Snowflake Ball" of C-1, Brockton, brought out a large contingent of our council members. Larry Svelnis and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brieze were the judges who selected the Snowflake King and Queen. Gliding through the

blue waters of the Caribbean were Joe and Ann Petchell who sailed to the Netherland Antilles. Joe reported he and Ann lost three-quarters of a pound each while on the cruise. Joe probably couldn't interpret the Dutch language on the scales!

One of our newest members is Ann Marie Markuns, who is President of the Cardinal Cushing High School Senior Class. Her parents are members of the Seniors and her sister a member of the Juniors. Fred Hirst is heading back to Marine Platoon Leader's School, Quantico, Va. Fred is a junior at Boston College, a Lithuanian language student, and an enthusiast about anything Lithuanian.

John and Alice Olevitz's daughter, Valerie, underwent her second major surgery in three years and we can report that she is well on the road to recovery. Valerie will be running around with her playmates before long and will be returning to school, where she is an excellent student. John is also busy with John Casimir, the hockey player, and attends every game. The Mighty-Mites play twenty-five games, and the players are all between five and six years of age. Bill and Lillian Gorski went on a ski-week holiday and left Noe Noe at home. For those who might wonder, Noe Noe is a mare and, unfortunately, cannot ski.

The council's Juniors, under the direction of President Patty Mitchell, are planning a cake sale to raise funds for a Mother's Day celebration. These kids are eager to help the K of L and we should be just as eager to help them. They'll be taking our places in the not too distant future.

Helen Suprin heads for the hills each weekend to continue her skiing. Look to Big Blue and you'll see Jean Pasakarnis coming down the hill with the speed of lightning. The reason we don't see Frank Grigas these days is that he is working a great deal of overtime since his plant moved and they have to get reestablished once

more. Frank Markuns attended the Credit Union Convention held at the Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass.

For whom the bells toll: Remember in your prayers Ann Kudarauskas's brother Joseph; Jerome Venis, father of Jerome and Ronald; and Stephen Rocklaj., a former member of C-17; and all other departed members.

Larry Svelnis is truly busy these days with the "Amber" dedication for the remembrance of the Lithuanian Freedom Fighters and Martyrs which will take place May 20 at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire. This is truly a beautiful place for the dedication to take place. A Con-celebrated Mass will be held with our NED and C-17 Spiritual Advisor Rev. Albin Janunas as the principal celebrant, and Rev. John Zuromoskis, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Lowell, Mass., and Rev. John Bucevicius of St. Casimir's Church, Nashua, New Hampshire assisting. This beautiful spot is known world-wide and the plaque that will be put in place will let the world know a little about Lithuania. Take all roads to Rindge, N.H. for the 5:00 P.M. Mass; bring along your friends and let the rest of the world know about this event. Bishop Ernest Primeau of New Hampshire was invited to participate, but his schedule was too busy to partake in our celebration.

Support your council activities and help when and where you can. The same few people are working on all committees, and would like your aid. Remember that it's your organization and the success depends upon YOU.

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

"Dzūkelė"

Charlie and Millie (Lapinskas (our President and Secretary) marinated the pork which was stuffed into casings for the Mar. 3 Communion Supper. Prior to eating this wonderful gourmet food of the Lithuanians, members

of our Council joined together to honor our patron, St. Casimir, by attending the 7 P.M. Mass and receiving Holy Communion in corpore. The reservations came in great number, great enough to have our two chefs working overtime, to be certain there was enough Kielbasi and Cabbage to satisfy the appetites of our hungry members. Members of the committee included Mr. William Karas (Millie's dad), Alex Kardokas and his daughter, Carol, Francis and Adele Degutis, Helen Gillus and Rita Pinkus. Guests of honor included our Pastor, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, and his assistant, Father Joseph Budzeika, MIC.

Get-well wishes are being sent to Alex Pridotkas (at St. Vincent Hospital) and Ted Pinkus (at City Hospital). We hope their hospital stays will be brief and their recovery rapid.

Michael and Donna (Jankowski) Murphy have moved into their new home in Leicester and all of us wish them only happiness in their new abode.

Our Executive Committee urges us to put a circle around Apr. 29 on our calendars to be certain that nothing interferes with our attending the NED Convention in So. Boston.

The February Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration was indeed gala this year. Anthony Miner, President of C-116, was part of the arrangements committee who were responsible for the guest speaker, Dr. Jack Stukas. He was, in a word, marvelous and all who heard Dr. Stukas were most edified. Both parishes had a Mass for Lithuania's intention. Our parish, St. Casimir's, had a High Mass at 10 A.M. on Feb. 18. Organizations were represented, and the attendance was very good. The yellow, green and red flowers, the honor guards standing by the American and Lithuanian flags, the over-all atmosphere of the occasion, all led to a seriously prayerful hour. Members of C-26 who sing in the parish choir are

Adele and Francis Degutis, and Anne and Steve Walinsky (Sr.). Olga Kersis was at the organ.

Bowling continues to be a highly competitive sport. Just look at the closeness of these high-average scores: for women, it's a 100.3 average for Helen Gillus, while it's 100.1 for Joan Krusas. For men, Charlie Lapinskas is tops with a 104 average, with Alex Pridotkas at 103.4. With the bowling season nearing an end, the final results will be interesting indeed!

Our Council will be part of the parish organizations uniting for the annual Mother's Day Sunday, honoring our mothers, living and deceased. Details will be forthcoming, but plans are well underway. So far, we know that members of various organizations will attend Mass and receive Holy Communion with their Mothers as guests, and coffee - and will be served in the parish hall following Mass.

With the Lenten season at hand, with Easter soon to follow, one reminisces about past Easters. We wonder just how many young people were taught the beautiful Lithuanian custom of decorating eggs by their able and willing instructress, our dear late Mary Jankowski. A great number, to be sure.

Ellie Walinsky will be celebrating her birthday on Easter Sunday this year. Husband, Steve, and children Mark and Lynne, are asking the Easter Bunny to leave a birthday cake for their mommy (along with their Easter eggs, of course).

Little Vyto Morkunas (Ann and Sparky's little son) is so much better and due to be discharged from St. Vincent Hospital within a few days. Happily for mom and dad, of course. Alena Pinkus Birch was a recent visitor to Worcester, accompanied by her husband, Tony, and son, Joseph, to visit Alena's dad, Ted Pinkus, hospitalized, mentioned above. She has a lovely family and it was a delight to see them, if only for a brief visit.

Happy Easter, happy spring-time, to all!

C-78 - LAWRENCE, MASS.

M.A.N.

C-78 members were popping their buttons with pride due to the fact that we were the winners, taking First Place, in the 1972 Membership Drive.

At the Parish Picnic, our members had a table called "Paštas" (Post Office), which was a great success.

John Stundza, one of our active members, entered the seminary for the priesthood. A get-together was held for him at the home of Mary Neveresky. Vice-Pres. Anna Svenchonis baked a cake for the occasion, and all had a wonderful time. Our prayers and best wishes are with John.

Another of our active members, Dorothy Blazeovich, became the bride of James Paskevich. Congratulations! James is now a new K of L member, as is John Umpa. Welcome!

A speedy recovery is wished for Anna Axtin's mother, who is in the hospital. Our prayers are with her.

On Feb. 11 our members held a Blitz Party beneath the Parish Church hall. It was a great success. Our thanks to all who helped, and especially to our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Alphonse B. Jansonis, for his great hospitality.

Belated birthday greetings to Pres. Mary Neveresky who celebrated on Mar. 10.

Our members attended the Feb. 18 celebration which was in observance of Lithuanian Independence Day.

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

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Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Brother Knight, Anthony Yuskis, who passed away Jan. 30. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lillian Chaplik whose father passed away Jan. 18.

Ann and Walter Arbachouskas, owners of The Gold Leaf Florist Shop, who donate flowers for our altar throughout the year, are in

the process of building a greenhouse on their newly-acquired property. Good Luck!

Ann Sabulis is recuperating and doing very well after a most serious operation. John, her husband, the most outspoken and best-liked alderman in the City of Ansonia, - although running the gauntlet of playing the role of husband, father, and alderman, hasn't lost any weight. This shows what happens when you come from Good Lithuanian Stock.

The Knights of Lithuania "Smile" buttons being sold by Violet Brazitis are going like hot cakes. There are still a few buttons left. See her if you would care to own one.

Charlie Stefon, Al Barauskas and Walter Stachowicz were released from Griffin Hospital recently. (Some people will do anything to get away from working).

Rose Marie and Walter Tabaka celebrated their wedding anniversary last month. What anniversary was it? Or do you stop counting after the first? Stay the beaming couple that you are. Many more anniversaries to you both.

Our Council will participate in the Parish Picnic in June. Come to our meeting to offer your ideas and your services to make the picnic a success.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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I do believe members of C-25 must have the cleanest - emptiest attics, basements, and garages in the neighborhood. Everyone is busy once again preparing for our 3rd Annual Garage Sale to be held at Ruth and Joe Guzauskas' on May 4-6. Well - that's one way to get rid of all those white elephants. Go to it, fellow Knights. Let's make this one the best and biggest.



**THE TIME
IS RIPE!**

MAY 18-20, 1973

PICK YOUR BALL AND COME TO CLEVELAND, OHIO
FOR THE MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT!

Headquarters: Holiday Inn

Hosts: Council-25

Friday - May 18

Keglers' "Early Bird Get-Together" - Holiday Inn
28500 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio

8:30 P.M.

Saturday - May 19

Registration - K of L Suite - Holiday Inn
Brunch - Holiday Inn

10:00 A.M. to Noon

12 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Midwest Bowling Tournament - new Palisades II Lanes
27401 Tungsten Rd. - Phone 289-7300

3:00 P.M.

10th Frame Taps - Holiday Inn

8:30 P.M.

Sunday - May 20

Midwest Bowling Tournament Mass - St. George
Lithuanian Church - 6527 Superior Avenue

10:30 A.M.

Bowling Tournament Awards Banquet (Smorgasbord)
Hofbrau Haus - 1400 E. 55th Street

12 Noon

Registration Fees

Bowlers: \$17.00

Non-Bowlers: \$13.00

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Co-Chairman

Ruth Guzauskas
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EPK

C-25 was saddened by the death of fellow member John Arunski, husband of Nellie, who passed away on Feb. 20 after a rather lengthy illness. The funeral was well attended by our members and members of the Cleveland Seniors. Fr. Balys Ivanauskas, our Spiritual Advisor, officiated at the Mass of the Resurrection. We'll miss John; may his soul find peace and eternal rest. Our deepest sympathy to Nellie, their daughters, son and grandchildren.

Our eligible bachelor, Andrew Palzes, is looking tanned and raring to go after his three-week cruise in the Caribbean. You never know where you'll meet your fellow Knights. On this same Cruise ship, Andy met Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guerriero from Detroit, C-102. It truly is a small World!

Belated Birthday Wishes are extended to: Peter Luiza - Jan. 30; John Andrulis - Feb. 10th and Ursula Kunsitis - the 17th. Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday are wished Nellie Arunski, Mar. 20th; and our April Knights: Bruno Bartkus - 11th; Charles Machutas - 12th; and William Jakubs, the 23rd.

Vic August, Chairman, and Ruth Guzauskas, Co-Chairman, report that plans are well underway for the MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT to be held in CLEVELAND, OHIO MAY 19 - 20, hosted by C-25. Headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn in Wickliffe, Ohio and the Tournament will be held at the new Palisades II Lanes. John Andrulis, Alice Karklius, Al Shigo and Gene Kunsitis make up the rest of the committee. A fun-filled and challenging weekend is planned for all our guests. The committee urges you to send in your reservations NOW. DON'T MISS THE TOURNAMENT IN CLEVELAND IN MAY.

We are happy to report that Joe Reedick of C-25 is recovering nicely after leg surgery. We are glad that all turned out well and that complete recovery is just around the corner.

Mid-Central Dist. Pres. Peter Luiza reminds you once again to keep June 10 open for the Memorial Pilgrimage to be held in Dayton, Ohio.

During the next couple of months - OHIO is the place to be. We'll be here to welcome you with open arms!

PALAI DOJOME JONĄ ARUNSKI

Cleveland, Ohio. Vasario mėn. 20 d. mirė Jonas Arunskis, išsirgęs per ketverius metus ir ilgą laiką išgulėjęs ligoninėje. Jis iškentėjo daug skausmų ir pakėlė net kelias operacijas. Jonas Arunskis, nors ir ne lietuvių kilmės, bet, vedęs dorą lietuvaitę vyte Anele Grigaravičiūtę, sutapo su lietuviais. Po vedybų įstojęs į Lietuvos Vyčių 25-tąją kuopą, išsilaike joje iki mirties.

Jonas ir Anele Arunskiai išaugino dvi dukteris - Marytę ir Maršą - ir vieną sūnų Tomą. Jau buvo susilaukę ir trijų vaikų. Anele Arunskienė drauge su savo mirusiu vyru visą laiką priklausė tai pačiai Lietuvos Vyčių 25-tajai kuopai ir buvo ketvirtojo laipsnio narė. Jie abu kiek tik galėjo dirbo vyčių naudai.

A.a. Jono kūnas buvo pašarvotas Adelės ir Sūnaus Jakubs laidotuvių koplyčioje. Jį ten gausiai aplankė buv. draugai, pažįstamieji ir vyčiai. Jie papuošė jo karstą gėlėmis ir sudėjo aukas Šv. Mišioms atlaikyti.

Vasario 23 d. koplyčioje kun. K. Žemaitis su visais dalyviais atkalbėjo atitinkamas maldas. Laidotuvės įvyko vasario 24 d. iš Šv. Jurgio bažnyčios, kurioje pamaldas atlaikė ir gražų pamokslą pasakė L.V. 25-tosios kuopos Dvasios Vadas klebonas kun. B. Ivanauskas. Vargonais labai išpuodingai pagrojo muz. Jūra Blynaitė. Apie 50 automobilių palydėjo Joną į Kalvarijos kapines amžinam poilsiui. Laidotuvių apeigas atliko kun. B. Ivanauskas.

Po laidotuvių visi, palydėję mirusį, buvo pavaišinti ir drauge išreikšta jiems visos šeimos

padėka.

A.a. Jonas Arunskis paliko liūdinčius savo šeimos narius: žmonelę Anele, dukteris - Mariją ir Maršą - ir sūnų Tomą su savo šeimomis. Taip pat tris brolius ir vieną seserį.

Mielas Jonai, ilsėkis ramybėje!

Senelis

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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Can't you feel a hush of anticipation as our church nears completion? At the last Parish Council meeting, it was announced that hopefully the Divine Providence complex would be completed by June 1. With the good Lord's blessing, we hope the weather will co-operate so construction can be finished in time. Already, there are two bookings for weddings!

Snow and freezing weather blew into our area on Feb. 7, spreading misery into an unusually balmy air in January, and our board meeting had to be cancelled.

Nevertheless, progress was made for our Bake Sale and Bazaar slated for St. Patrick's Day. Chairman Vicki Chepelonis and her committee worked diligently for its success. All members were contacted for cakes and donations of "special" pastries and other contributions. A committee meeting to that effect was held at the Frank Zager home on Feb. 28, preceded with a finger lickin' luncheon, munching on "finger sandwiches" prepared by Sophie, and indulging in Vicki's raisin bread. We promised to diet after the New Year; now we started after St. Pat's Bake Sale.

Council members and a vast number of Detroit's Lithuanian-Americans observed the 55th Anniversary of the restoration of Lithuanian Independence on Feb. 18 at Mercy College. Dr. K. Bobelis of Chicago was the keynote speaker. A musical program followed, featuring the Aidutes singing group of Chicago, directed by Mrs. Alice Stephens. Other

events commemorating the occasion included the display of the Lithuanian flag at the City - County Building, and Masses were offered at the three Lithuanian churches - St. Anthony's, St. Peter's and Divine Providence at St. Beatrice's.

On an almost springlike day on Feb. 13, a Ladies Day was enjoyed by a group of our members and their guests at Cobo Hall. A capacity crowd came for the annual Heart of Gold dinner to hear its keynote speaker, Mike Douglas. Other celebrities for this worthwhile event were Mrs. Wm. Milleken, wife of the Governor of Michigan, and Katherine Gribbs, wife of the Mayor of Detroit. Violet Panavas was the lucky winner of the beautiful centerpiece. Others in attendance were B. Janus, H. Zukowski, Vicki Chepelonis, Alice Repshas, Anna Kuiber, A. Kuli-kauskas, Julia Medenis, M. Rufus and Sophie Zager. The presentation of the Heart of Gold awards to various worthy volunteers followed the banquet. While the presentations were being made, Julia Medenis demonstrated things in her own unique fashion. Out of "nowhere", she pulled out little, red Valentine cases filled with "surprises" and presented them to each of us at the table, as a gesture of friendship and good will. That is Julia for us! Labai Ačiū!

Speaking of volunteers, there are many dedicated workers serving on the Church Building Committee and the Parish Council, working many hours, - for three years now. Which is why our member, Frank Zager, Membership Chairman of the Parish Council of Divine Providence Church is appealing, in behalf of the whole committee, to all former K of L members and parishioners to rejoin the church. Many have moved away, and it is much easier to "fall out" at a church closer to their homes. However, from the beginning, we clamoured for a Lithuanian - language church from the Archdiocese of Detroit. We got our

request. But where are the members? If you have been lackadaisical, please return to our church, and spearhead your efforts to encourage another Lithuanians (former, or those not belonging to any other parish) to enroll at Church of Divine Providence. This requires dedication and sacrifice. Much is required financially for the completion of the Divine Providence complex, if it is to survive in years to come. Dedication reveals heritage, ancestry and love for Lithuania. We invite you to enroll NOW. Think Divine Providence! To register in the parish, please call at the rectory, 25335 W. Nine Mile Rd., near Beech-Daly Rd., Phone 354-3429.

SOFFI SNOOPING:

A delightful birthday celebration with a family gathering was hosted by Helen Tucker to honor her mother, Mrs. Mary Yekulis, who was 76 years young... Bertha Janus has sold her home in Novi and will be moving closer to her daughter, Nancy and family, in Sterling Heights. Viso geriausio, Bertha... M/M R. Bulota (nee Tina Hotra) have moved from Lincoln, Ill., to Downers Grove. Her parents, Stella and Walter Hotra, visited them on the occasion of the Bulota's first anniversary, Feb. 19. All went out to celebrate at a lovely restaurant... A double-fold celebration was held on Feb. 18 for the Frank Zagers - the baptism of their first grandchild, Tanya Marie, and their 30th wedding anniversary... Elizabeth (Petroski) Quinn and her hubby are now living in Denver, Colorado, due to advancement in his job. And they just love it (according to Betty, Sr.)... Speaking engagements and out-of-town trips as a trainee instructor with IRS, keeps our ex-Pres. Gerry Zager really hopping... Pete Stanulis has been hospitalized due to a long siege of ill health. Our prayers and best wishes go out to him that God will restore him to the best of health.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO
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The Dayton community was exposed to Lithuanian culture the week of Feb. 18-25. Under the chairmanship of Frank Ambrose, our week began with six Knights and parishioners as guests on station WVUD-FM from 6-9 A.M. presenting Lithuanian history, music and answering call-in questions. On the 21st, a panel of three guest speakers, was presented at the Kennedy Union West Ballroom. This program covered Lithuanian identity, the Church, culture and Lithuania and the Soviet system. Question and answer periods were held after each discourse. Feb. 24 was Lithuanian Cultural Evening which consisted of a grand display of Lithuanian mementos, art, amber, woven items, decorated eggs and Christmas decoration demonstrations, etc. The public was entertained with Folk dancing by the Neris dancers of Pittsburgh and Folk singing by the Ausra Singers of Windsor, Canada. Lithuanian refreshments were served.

The week ended with our annual celebration of the 55th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Lithuania's Independence. This portion of our activities was held at the Lithuanian Hall on Valley Street. All activities were open to the public at no charge, except for the dinner that followed the Independence Day Program. Our Committee will have complete coverage and pictures of this tremendous week in more detail for the next edition of the Vytis. Too much work by many made this the success it was to let it slip by with a short coverage!

Much thanks to Dr. Šarūnas Lazdinis for the time he gave to complete our eight-week course on Lithuanian History. Much was covered and some of us came through with a broader understanding of Lithuania's background. We were pleased to see that three Jrs took advantage of the course: Ed Sluzas, Ray Gecas

and Michael Petkus. Much thanks is extended to Jim O'Neal, a parishioner and history major at the University of Dayton, for the presentation of two parts of our course. Thanks to Maria Lazdinis for her portion on Lithuanian culture.

Craft classes are moving along smoothly. The last two projects were Mod Podge under the instruction of Elinor Sluzas and the help of Elaine Pacovsky and Karolyn Ambrose. Elinor started us on glass decoration, and had the help of her sister, Roseann Fletcher. Many of us went home with cuts from this project! Thanks to Mary Lucas, Pat and Elizabeth Zelinskas who took on refreshments voluntarily the last few times.

ODDS AND ENDS:

Greetings to our three newest members: Isabel Latos, Julius and Stephanie Rastikis. May you have many active years with the council! You have contributed much in the past as non-members; it is now a pleasure to have you all on the active list.

Did you see Ann Scott, Polly Pietrzak and Elizabeth Scott on the Paul Dixon Show recently? This is a live show from TV 2, Cincinnati. Ann managed to tell Paul of our Lithuanian Cultural Program that was to take place in Dayton and also showed off some of our craft projects.

Hitting the vacation trail were Joe and Amelia August, spending time in various parts of Florida and visiting Amelia's brother, Alex Cekun, in Orlando. Charles and Fran Vangas took a Caribbean cruise taking in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Charlie has informed us he and Fran have invested in a condominium complex at Pompano Beach, Fla., and are open for reservations. Pat Zelinskas has a most "interesting" business trip to Hartford, Conn.

Did you hear that John A. Berczelly has taken over the lead in single-high-for-men in our bowling league with a 252! Con-

gratulations, John! Speedy recovery wishes are extended to Ada Sinkwitz who has re-entered the hospital for further surgery on her leg. Get-well-quick prayers are sent out to you, Ada!

April birthday greetings are sent to Rita Ambrose, Eloise Berczelly, Steponas Bucmys, Donna Jean Dailey, Tina Kavy, Elinor Sluzas, Irene Veigel, Jim Urban, Cathy Roberts, Richard Conrady! Anniversary Congratulations are extended to John and Irene Veigel!

Our deepest sympathies are offered to Nellie Arunski, one of our dear friends from Cleveland C-25, on the recent loss of her husband, John. We all pray his soul is at peace.

C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

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Our deepest sympathies are extended to Helen Smolek and Terry Medonis upon the recent loss of their brother, Vito Zaliagiris, His untimely death from a heart attack was deeply felt by his family and many friends. Vito was Past President of C-102 and very active in reorganizing our council following World War II. May he rest in peace.

Maryanne and Joe Guerriero are back from a lovely vacation in Florida, which included a cruise to the Bahamas. Nice surprise on the cruise was finding that fellow passenger was Andy Palsis of Cleveland, Ohio. They returned just in time to join us for an evening out at Mitch Housey's restaurant, where Bill Klucens and Gus Baibak were the lucky guys who had ringside seats for the Belly Dancers performance, while bachelor Carl Gobis got stuck furthest away from the floor show. Such is life!

On Mar. 4 we joined our sister council to attend Mass at St. Peter's Church to commemorate our patron Saint Casimir's feast day. Afterwards we were treated to a delicious brunch by C-139, this year's hosts. This is an annual

cooperative event in Detroit which we always enjoy and look forward to. Thanks again, C-139, for a lovely time.

Please remember in your prayers

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