

## 67-tojo Seimo Sveikinimai Ir Rezoliucijos

JAV PREZIDENTUI JAMES CARTER

June 23, 1978

The Honorable James Carter  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On the occasion of its 67th National Convention, the delegates of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance, assembled in the Holiday Inn, Pocono Lake Harmony, White Haven, Pennsylvania, on June 18, 19, 20, 21, 1978, extend best greetings from its membership to you President Carter.

We do appreciate your efforts in helping to create a strong economy at home.

We praise your brave statements in defense of human rights throughout the world, and ask you to continue your steadfast non-recognition of the forceful Baltic incorporation by the Soviet Union. Also help to create proper conditions so that diplomatic recognition of the Baltic States would have practical ways and means to perform their duties actively and properly.

With our sincere wishes for your continued good health, we remain

Most respectfully yours

FRANK J. KATILUS, Chairman  
MATAS ZUJUS, Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1978

Dear Mr. Katilus:

On behalf of President Carter, I wish to thank you for your greetings of encouragement and support conveyed to him during your National Convention.

As you know, the Vice-President and I along with several other key Administration people met with representatives of the Lithuanian-American Community. The President also briefly visited the delegation. The meeting was widely covered in the Lithuanian press and most of the concerns you mentioned were covered at the meeting.

We also wish to express our concern for Viktoras Petkus, the Lithuanian Catholic dissident who was recently sentenced for charges of Anti-Soviet agitation.

This Administration is steadfast in its commitment to human rights and recognizes the contribution that organizations such as yours have made in this area. We hope that we can work together in areas of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

ANNE WEXLER  
Assistant to the President

SVEIKINIMAS ŠV. TĖVUI

June 23, 1978

The Most Rev. Archbishop Jean Jadot  
Apostolic Delegate in the United States  
Washington, D.C.

Your Excellency:

On the occasion of its 67th National Convention, the delegates of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance, assembled in Pocono Lake Harmony, White Haven, Pennsylvania, on June 18, 19, 20, 21, 1978, beg to extend respectful greetings and to express their continued loyalty and devotion to the Vicar of Christ and to publicly profess their faith to our Holy Mother Catholic Church.

We invoke the Almighty God that the Successor of St. Peter be granted good health and a long life in His deeds of justice and achievements in world peace.

We pledge our words and deeds to the fulfillment of your Life's Purpose.

We beg to remain, Your Excellency,

Devotedly and Loyally yours,

FRANK J. KATILUS, Chairman  
MATAS ZUJUS, SECRETARY

July 3, 1978

Dear Mr. Katilus and Mr. Zujus:

I am pleased to acknowledge and thank you for the gracious letter of June 23, 1978 in which you conveyed the respectful greetings and expression of continued loyalty and devotion to the Vicar of Christ on behalf of the delegates of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance who were assembled at their 67th National Convention in Pocono Lake Harmony, White Haven, Pennsylvania, on June 18, 19, 20, 21, 1978.

I wish to assure you and all of your associates that I will be happy to communicate your sentiments to the Holy See. I know that the Holy Father will be deeply appreciative of this expression of devoted loyalty.

I wish to assure you of a continued remembrance in my prayers. With kind and cordial regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

JEAN JADOT  
Apostolic Delegate

III

Seimas visokerpiškai remia kovą už tikėjimo laisvę ir Nepriklausomybę pavergtoje Lietuvoje, savo pavergtiems broliams ir seserims prašo Dievo palaimos ir stiprybės einant aukos keliu į laisvę. Prašo visus veikėjus sutartinai dirbti laisvinimo darbą.

## MIRĖ POPIEŽIUS PAULIUS VI-TASIS

VATIKANO MIESTAS. — Sekmadienį, rugpjūčio 6, 9:40 P.M. (romos laiku), mirė iš eilės 262-sis Katalikų Bažnyčios Popiežius Paulius VI-sis, 80 metų amžiaus.

Mirtinas širdies smūgis jį ištiko klausant Mišių, atlaikytų jo kambary Castel Gondolfo vasarnamy.

Šeštadienį, rugpjūčio 12, po iškilmingų pamaldų, atlaikytų Šv. Petro bazilikoje, Romoje, palaidotas bazilikos grotėje šalia kitų mirusių popiežių.

Sermenų ir laidotuvių iškilmėse dalyvavo kardinolai ir kiti Bažnyčios dignitarai, įvairių religijų ir valstybių atstovai, nesuskaitomos minios žmonių — vietinių ir užsieniečių.

Velionis Popiežius Paulius — Giovanni Battista Montini, buvo gimęs 1897 m. rugsėjo 26, Concesio miestely, Italijos Alpių rajone.

Popiežius buvo išrinktas 1963 m. birželio 21 d.

Plačiau apie Popiežiaus Pauliaus VI-jo gyvenimą, darbus, nuopelnus Katalikų Bažnyčiai ir pasauliui, taip pat apie išrinkimą naujo Popiežiaus, bus kitam "Garso" numerį.

## Nauja L.K. Susivienijimo Direktorių Taryba

L.K. Susivienijimo 67-tasis seimas, įvykęs 1978 m. birželio 18-21 d.d., išrinko (daugumą perrinko) šio sąstato Direktorių Tarybą 3-jų metų terminui:

**Dvasios vadas** — prelatas Jonas F. Baltusevičius-Boll, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.;

**Prezidentas** — adv. Thomas E. Mack, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.;

**Viceprezidentas** — Juozas B. Laučka, Bethesda, Md.;

**Sekretorius** — Pranas J. Katilius, Scranton, Pa.;

**Iždininkė** — Leokadija Donarovich, Landsdowne, Pa.;

**Iždo globėjai** — Vito A. Yucius, Pittsburgh, Pa. ir dr. Vladas Šimaitis, Chicago, Ill.;

**Dr. Kvotėjas** — dr. Albertas J. Valibus, Kingstonton, Pa.;

**Direktoriai** — Albina Poškienė, Chicago, Ill.; Saulius Kupris, Cicero, Ill. ir Bronius Bobelis, Woodhaven, N.Y.

## KONTESTŲ LAIMĖTOJAI

### Specialaus priešseiminio vajuos dovanų laimėtojai:

67-tojo Seimo bankete, birželio 20, Susiv. prezidentas adv. Thomas E. Mack ir sekretorius Pranas J. Katilius iškilmingai įteikė dovanas naujų narių įrašymo kontestų laimėtojams.

Už įrašymą 5 ar daugiau naujų narių specialiam priešseiminiam vajuje, dovanas gavo šie organizatoriai: Vytautas Paulauskas įrašė 12 narių; George Sadauckas įrašė 12 narių; Thomas E. Mack, Jr. įrašė 7 narius; Elena Mensiskaitė įrašė 5 narius; Roseane Walkavage įrašė 5 narius; Marijona Šrupšienė įrašė 5 narius.

### Stipendijas uždirbo:

Vytautas Paulauskas — David Paulauskui;  
George Sadauckas — Theresai Kozloski;  
Dr. Vl. Šimaitis — Andriui Budriui;  
Vito A. Yucius — David Donar;  
Mark Mack — Mark Mack.

Ta pačia proga sveikina Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybą, Vyriausiąjį Lietuvos Išlaivinimo Komitetą ir Lietuvių Bendruomenę.

IV

67-tasis seimas, įvykęs 1978 m. birželio 18-21 d.d., nutarė paskirti \$2,000.00 auką leisti Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronikoms anglų kalba ir įpareigoja L.K.S. vadovybę auką perduoti Kronikos leidėjams — Lietuvių Kunigų Vienybei. Seimas ragina L.K.S. kuopas aukomis remti L. Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronikų leidimą.

V

Seimas sveikina jaunimą — sportininkus, dainininkus ir visus lietuvius dalyvaujančius Pasaulio Lietuvių Dienose Toronte, o ypatingai Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės seimą ir linki, kad išeivijos lietuviškoji seima liudytų pasauliui ištikimybę savo Tautai ir nenulstamą kovą už Laisvę ir Nepriklausomą Lietuvą.

## Nauji Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimo Nariai

Paskiausiu laiku Susivienijimo centre užregistruoti šie nauji nariai:

7 kp., Pittston, Pa. — Charles R. Witaconis, gyv. Dalton, Pa.; įrašė Mark Mack.

29 kp., Chicago, Ill. — Bruno Acalinas, Jr., Antanas Elvikis, Sylvia Krumplis, gyv. Willow Springs, Ill., Audronė Ona Šimaitis, Milda Gutauskas Šimaitis, gyv. Moscow, Idaho; įrašė Susiv. izdo globėjas dr. Vladas Šimaitis.

28 kp., Luzerne, Pa. — Catherine Bolsar, gyv. West Point, Pa.; įrašė Florence Stravinsky.

48 kp., Cicero, Ill. — Ophelia Barsketis, gyv. Chicago, Ill., Daina Kojalis, Chicago, Milda Kupcikičius, Chicago; Linas K. Rimkus, Chicago, Linas Sidrys, Chicago; Rasa V. Šoliūnas, Lemont, Ill.; įrašė Susiv. Jaunimo komisijos narys, 67-tam seime išrinktas direktorius Saulius Kuprys.

89 kp., Hartford, Conn. — Stanley V. Šrupšas; įrašė Juozas Grinius.

94 kp., So. Boston, Mass. — Maryellen Potts, gyv. Roslindale, Mass.; įrašė kp. sekretorius Martynas Dapkus.

158 kp., Pittsburgh, Pa. — Elaine E. Tauras (Juv.), gyv. Silver Springs, Md., Lorraine Yucius ir Paul John Yucius; įrašė Susiv. izdo globėjas Vito A. Yucius.

163 kp., Chicago, Ill. — Renee Marie Česna ir Stephanie Lynn Česna (Juv.), gyv. Niles, Ill.; įrašė Juozas Česna, Sr.

155 kp., Scranton, Pa. — Michael Gedman, Stacy M. Phillips, gyv. Taylor, Pa.; įrašė kp. sekretorius Jurgis Sadauckas.

222 kp., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. — Andrius Penkauskas (Juv.), Lina M. Penkauskas (Juv.) ir Rita A. Penkauskas (Juv.), gyv. Willowick, Ohio; įrašė V.A. Yucius.

111 kp., Plymouth, Pa. — John J. Pieszala, Mrs. Laverna Pieszala ir John Wayne Pieszala (Juv.), gyv. Larkville, Pa.; įrašė Vytautas Paulauskas.

Šie nauji nariai įrašyti prieš pat 67-tąjį seimą. Būtų gražu, kad tokius gausius narių sąrašus galėtume paskelbti kiekvienam "Garso" numerį.

## LIETUVIŲ KONGRESAS 1979 M. BUS CLEVELANDE

Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba liepos 21 d. turėjo posėdį savo būstinėj Chicagoj. Dr. K. Bobelis painformavo, kad ryšium su Holocaust filmu buvo išsiųsta apie 70 laiškų redakcijoms, televizijų, radijo stotims. Penkiuose didmiesčiuose tie laiškai buvo išspausdinti didžiojo spaudoje.

Dr. K. Bobelis pranešė apie plačias ALTos pastangas gelbėti V. Petkų. Pažymėjo, kad į asmenišką dr. K. Bobelio laišką gautas prez. Carterio palankus atsakymas. Pasidžiaugė, kad prez. Carteris liepos 20 d. savo kalboje parodė susirūpinimą V. Petkum. Asmeniškais kontaktais su Washingtono žmonėmis taip pat daroma pastangų padėti V. Petkui.

T. Blinstrubas pasidžiaugė, kad pavergtų tautų minėjime Chicagoje įvairūs kalbėtojai, jų tarpe ir gen. Grigorenko, labai gerai iškėlė lietuvių reikalus.

Dr. L. Kriaučeliūnas painformavo apie jo ir dr. J. Valaičio pasitarimus su Lietuvių Bendruomenės vadovais A. Gečiu ir A. Gurecku. Tas reikalas bus plačiau svarstomas ateinančiame ALTos posėdyje.

Kun. J. Prunskis pranešė apie plečiamus ryšius su JAV spauda ir su mūsų organizacijomis.

Kun. A. Stašys painformavo, kad 1979 m. bus šaukiamas Amerikos Lietuvių Kongresas Clevelande. Vietinis ALTos skyrius šutiko jį globoti.

Posėdžiui vadovavo dr. K. Bobelis. Be suminėtujų dar dalyvavo dr. K. Sidlauskas, dr. J. Valaitis, inž. Gr. Lazauskas, J. Pakalka, J. Talandis, E. Smilgys, E. Vilimaitė, I. Blinstrubienė.

ALT Informacija

Dievuli mano, argi mūsų godos  
Tave prie kelto iš dangaus atprašė,  
Ar gal tos šviesios rudenio naktužės  
Tave iš mūsų žemės išsavnau.

(V. Mykolaitis-Putinas, Rūpintojėlis. Rink. "Mano Mėnesiai", 1973 m.)





The Chair respectfully urges each of you to think about our founding purposes, and changes in those purposes that perhaps should take place; bring your thoughts and suggestions in June to our Pocono Convention and let those suggestions be put to fruitful action. So that our Alliance, "esto perpetua", let it endure forever.

Monsignor Boll, Mrs Donarovich, Frank Katilus and I have regularly performed the duties of the Executive Committee from time to time and whenever the occasion arose for a special meeting. Surely you have all read the minutes of those meetings as they've been reported and in order to conserve time and energy I shall not go into detail of the business during those sessions but will comment that the attendance of the members was regular, and their diligence and perseverance in meeting the problems that confronted us was continual.

We continue to have a number of legal problems although they are not of any great moment. The plague of complex forms, petitions, questionnaires and reports along with affidavits, etc. from the various states with which we do business is vexing. Sometimes it makes one feel that many of these departments are in existence purely to irritate. It is so rare that we find communications from any of them aimed at doing something for us. The request always caused grief rather than joy.

Many of the problems that we deal with have to do with requests that are unlawful or illegal — although perhaps not immoral. Many are from members of the legal fraternity or their clients who insist they are entitled to certain benefits or funds from a (quantum meruit) basis. That is, our rules and regulations in our constitution may not allow them to receive benefits, but their own sense of the law and right, causes them to argue that they should receive them.

Those of you who have the opportunity to visit our home office are urged to do so. The trip is approximately one-half (1/2) hour from the Holiday Inn in the Poconos which will be our headquarters. Our home office is fully restored, and through the good graces, as well as skill and experience of Monsignor Boll, it is more attractive than ever. The surrounding areas in the City of Wilkes-Barre continue under a very large rehabilitation program; it is estimated that \$247,000,000 have been funded for those purposes; new streets, curbs and sidewalks have been installed through out a great part of the City. It is planned that the telephone and electric light poles will be eliminated, with electrical conduits being installed underground. As the City is beautified and improved, the value of our property increases, and I'm sure you will be proud of it when you see it.

We continue to have problems with the loss of Lodge secretaries, and the difficulty in replacing people who are devoted and willing to give up their time to handle the Lodge. To our loyal and faithful, wonderful secretaries who are rounding out their careers, and patiently handle their duties with devotion, we say "God Bless You." They act "bonafide" and are "semper fidelis" in good faith and always faithful. Since we last met, the Eucharistic Congress was held in Philadelphia, and this great country participated in America's Bicentennial. On your behalf and in your stead I visited or participated in celebrations in the Schuylkill County Area, the Baltimore Area and the Wyoming Valley Area where there has been participation by Lithuanian groups along with many other similar groups. In 1976 the New York Times carried an article probably read by 50 million people, concerning the giant Ethnic Festival with 24 ethnic groups which took place in the Pittsburgh Civic Arena, and which has been in existence for 20 years. Perhaps our Trustee, Mr. Yucius, will have more to tell you about that.

Most of the American Lithuanians continue to be aware of the fact that Lithuania is still under the yoke of Soviet Colonialism — this fact was driven home repeatedly during the Centennial celebration. In Washington and other capitols of the world diplomatic maneuvering continues. The United States Government, we are proud to say, still continues to reassure us of the Government's policy of non-recognition of the occupation of Lithuania; other governments support this policy. Much lip service is paid to this thought, but the fact remains — the people there continue enslaved.

On behalf of your Society, the Chair and the Board have written protest letters and petitions urging continued support of the non-recognition policy to various Congressmen in Pennsylvania and other states, and various newspapers publicizing the Alliance' stand. Senators Goldberg, Scott, Percy, Schweiker and Javitz, in addition to President Ford and President Carter have been the recipients of these letters and petitions. It is not much, but it is something we can do to keep a flicker of flame of spirit alive. The Board was delighted to announce that this Convention would be held in the heart of the beautiful Pocono mountains in Pennsylvania. Locally in the Wilkes-Barre Area, the delegates are diligently working for an interesting banquet and convention program. The board again urges you to bring your families along — share the fun in this great, beautiful resort area and meet many of the friends and delegates of prior conventions. We look forward to seeing you again at what we hope will be more enjoyable and more successful than our Atlantic City meeting. As you are aware, our Secretary, Frank Katilus, was appointed as Executive Director filling the vacancy which existed when Monsignor Boll resigned.

From the very beginning, the Monsignor filled that role with more than just duties of an Executive Director. He was our Ambassador, he was our counselor, he was the Captain of our ship, and steered it faultlessly. Our sincere thanks and deep gratitude are extended to Monsignor Boll for his splendid efforts during the time he served that role. On your behalf and personally, I thank him. I deeply appreciated his dependable, loyal service to our Society.

**Susivienijimo vadovybė pasirodė išmokėti nariams iš eilės 10-tąją dividendą. Iš visų lietuvių fraternalinių organizacijų mūsų Susivienijimas buvo pirmasis pradėjęs mokėti nariams dividendus. Turėdamas didesnę narytę, Susivienijimas būtų pajėgėnis mokėti dar didesnius dividendus. Tad visi dėkimos prie narytės didinimo — įrašant naujus narius.**

You just can't imagine the many compliments I've heard about him from people across the country, for his kind, courteous and prompt attention for advice, for requests and even personal whims from our members, and particularly our secretaries.

Yet this has been typical of him in the decades that he served our society. All his assignments have been fulfilled with dedication, diligence and loyalty. Once again I should like to express to the Monsignor, both personally and on behalf of you and the society, grateful appreciation for the splendid interest and enthusiasm in his role as "charge d'affaires" until we selected an Executive Director.

As you know, in the Fall of 1977, our secretary, Frank Katilus was appointed, and since that time has performed his duties admirably. Our office continues to run and function smoothly. In March of this year, as toastmaster for the annual banquet of the Taurus Club of Wyoming Valley, it was a real privilege and pleasure to introduce the finest editor, and also the one with the longest, continuous tenure in the Lithuanian newspaper world, our own dear Matas "Methuselah" Zujus. He continues to be bright and spryly and we must offer CONGRATULATIONS!!! He was gallant and gracious as he and secretary Katilus escorted Helen Mennens and Rosean Walkavage to the banquet and dance.

Regrettably the membership drive which offered fine incentives such as the scholarships and the trips to Disney Land has not been successful. The Board is at a loss as to explain this; perhaps during our sessions in Pennsylvania there will be ample thought provoking comment from the floor.

Our office employees have been loyal and faithful. We've upgraded their compensation and tried to keep it in line generally with the increased cost of living. We've improved their medical and hospital benefits and anyone who is aware of the working conditions, would be pleased to compare them with similar societies elsewhere.

At the end of this report you will find a chart entitled "Comparison of Operations 1967 to 1977". The figures that we've supplied are taken from our audit and you will note that for clarity, we have rounded those figures. Three years ago, our chart was mainly concerned with solvency and surplus.

However, this year we would like to bring to your attention, a dramatic change that has taken place.

The assets have only been reduced 9.1% from \$2,937,000 to \$2,668,000.00 in that ten year period. Yet our membership has decreased from 6612 to 4163 for a 37%+ decrease. A "first time change" that we mentioned in Atlantic City, that is, when we found that investment income exceeded premium income, has continued. Looking at the 1967 line, you see that in that year our premium income was \$192,000.00 as compared with \$107,000.00 in investment income. Just below that, gaze at the dramatic change that has taken place in 1977 when our investment income was \$135,000.00 as compared with \$89,000.00 in premium income. Percentage wise investment brought 60.3% of our income and dues and premiums, 39.7%. This is important to remember, because through the years at many conventions, we've heard arguments about the fact of large payments made by membership, with little having been said about the income from investments. Going one step further in the chart, these figures mean that if you were to dissolve this society today, each member would be entitled to approximately \$640.00 as compared to \$444.00, if it were dissolved in 1967. This means, of course, that each individual equity in our society has increased almost 50% in the past 10 years. We cannot let this fact pass without applauding the Executive Committee headed by Monsignor Boll, Mrs. Donarovich and Frank Katilus. This committee has made important changes in the manner of handling financial investments, and there is absolutely no question in my mind that our sound financial structure, particularly in comparison to other fraternal societies, is due largely to the efforts of the Executive Committee.

Your society continues with an A-1 rating as listed in the various private insurance reports. Ten years ago, the Alliance had a solvency ratio of approximately 130%. In other words, it had \$130.00 in assets for each \$100.00 of liabilities. It now has a solvency ratio of over 148%. This compares with a current ratio of 105% for the average of the 25 largest life insurance companies in the world. Interest on the Alliance's surplus funds will amount to over \$50,000.00 in 1978 which is more than the Alliance's 1977 gain from operations. We all have to admire the Alliance's extraordinary financial position, but it seems time to take advantage of that position, to strengthen our membership, to increase our fraternal benefits, and to do whatever else is fair and equitable under the circumstances. The Chair has other comments to amplify these facts, but would reserve time at the dais to do that, rather than report it in print, which would prove embarrassing.

My dear friends, again I say to you, as I did in 1975 that we continue to be a very strong, sound and solid financial society. Our investments are A-1 and accepted nation wide. Our service to our members is quality and they get more than "quis pro quo" for their dues. We are very grateful to the members and officers who have been so loyal and persevering for over the past 92 years. But we must mark well our purposes and the changes to be made therein. We must face them just like the family, the church, the schools and the government have to face change. It is said that nothing is more constant than change.

Love in action could be a definition of fraternalism. Fraternal societies like ours, just like other institutions, for example, the Orders of Brothers, from whence many say, the word "frater" comes and who, are truly committed to the practice of brotherly love, have a past of worth, and unending challenge at present, and a purposeful future. We have performed admirably in the past. Though comparatively small, we have been relevant in our nation, and we will continue to be, unless we become irrelevant by our own choice or malfeasance.

The world does not move slowly, and society in general is rapidly changing, and there are a great many needs for a great many people. There will be no one to blame if we cease being fraternal — however, if we do become fainthearted and weary of brotherly love, and doing honestly, and doing well, then one viewing us, might say we lost our fraternal commitment.

There could and should be areas of endeavor open to us, and horizons stretching before us, for doing fraternal



Nauja lietuviška šeima: Pranutė Laučkaitė ir Rimas Domanskiai, susituokę gegužės 6 Marylando universiteto koplyčioje. Jaunosios tėvai Izabelė ir Juozas Laučkai iš Bethesdos, Md., o jaunojo tėvai — dr. Alina ir Vandalinas Domanskiai iš Palos Park, Ill. Jaunavedžiai apsigyveno Chicagoje. Nuotr. P. Mockevičiaus

good not only in our society, but in Lithuanian American areas of politics, religion, arts and the sciences. We needn't be brilliant or outstanding in personality or vocation, so long as we are loyal and persevere with sincere hard work.

What a great life we have. How well off we are. Really — what are our duties. To simply obey the law, support government by paying taxes and to vote for continued operation of our democratic way of life. Our children aren't even asked to fight or die or render military service. We are bound to continue the work of our parents and grandparents, to find the means and the way to continue our progress, to have our members enjoy a new cornucopia of fruitful benefits from our society.

On behalf of the Board, for whom I speak, it must be said that they have been diligent, and they've tried as best they know with the talents God gave them to continue to have our society prosper, and we pledge our best efforts with you, and with God's help, in attempting to do so in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Mack, Esquire  
President

#### COMPARISON OF OPERATIONS 1967—1977 (Rounded Out figures)

	Assets	Premium Income	Investment Income	Members	Gen. Life Expenses
1967	2,937,000	192,000	107,000	6612	47,000
1977	2,668,000	89,000	135,000	4163	65,000
	-9.1+%	39.7%	60.3%	-37+%	

### Report of the Vice-President

Dear Fellow Board Members, Delegates and Members of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance:

In behalf of the Waterbury and Hartford chapters, I wish to extend our greetings and the wish for a successful convention.

My duties as vice-president have been minimal as our president has been faithful in attending all meetings and I presided for short periods at each meeting.

I attended all the Board, our state and local meetings. I am presenting three new applications and our secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Veturis stated she hopes more will follow.

I have delivered and distributed complimentary copies of Garsas to the Spauda Book Store and St. Joseph's Church in Waterbury, hoping to interest new members.

I have been and will be available to our Board and to the New England members in any way I am called upon to serve.

I have attended as a good will ambassador of our Alliance and financially contributed to many of our Lithuanian activities. In Waterbury we continue to meet fraternally trying to keep the members of our chapter together and hopefully to enlarge our membership. The closing of the Chase Manufacturing Company and the American Brass Company strike left our city in a depressed state, which affects enrollment of new members.

We are continuing to have annual Masses offered for our deceased members and for members' deceased immediate relatives.

Mrs. Elizabeth Veturis, our devoted secretary for many



Lietuviškas namas su kryžiumi tautų festivalyje Baltimorėje

years, has informed me that she and her husband will not be able to attend the convention because her husband has been in the hospital four times within a short time.

I want to thank our officers, Board members and the office staff for their co-operation and patience in giving me their help. Again, I wish to thank the delegates for their confidence in electing me as your vice-president for six years and three years as director. It has been my pleasure to serve.

I want to extend my sincere hope that the Alliance will thrive and it will always be my pleasure to help attain that goal.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alvera M. Balanda**  
Vice-President

Vicepirmininkui Sauliui Kupriui išėjus iš posėdžio salės, seimo sek. Leokadija Donarovich pakvietė raportuoti sekretorių ir dabartinį egzekutyvų direktorių Pr. J. Katilių.

Iš klausius St. Garliausko, St. Šrupos ir J. Giedraičio pastabų, Juozui Griniui pasiūlius priimti, J. Giedraičiui parėmus, raportas priimtas vienbalsiai.

## Report of Secretary and Executive Director

Dear Rev. Fathers and Delegates:

Three years have gone by since we met in Atlantic City and here we are now meeting in beautiful Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania for the 67th Convention of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.

May I say that it is a pleasure and a privilege to be here with you and as Secretary of the Alliance to welcome you and extend my personal greetings to you, and to wish you well in your endeavors that you are going to confront in the next few days, and I do hope they will be very fruitful to both you and our great organization.

As for my duties as Secretary, I attended all of the Board of Directors meetings, recorded all of the minutes and did everything that was delegated for me to do by the members of the Board.

I was re-appointed by our president Thomas E. Mack, Esq. to act on the Executive Committee and there again I attended all meetings, recorded all the minutes and worked very well with the other members of the Executive Committee, namely, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Boll, Leocadia Donarovich and Thomas E. Mack, Esq. and we met quite frequently on various matters of the Alliance and I must say this Committee worked very well together on all matters pertaining to business of the Alliance.

I was appointed as Executive Director of the Home Office and General Organizer by the Board of Directors and assumed the responsibilities October 1, 1977, and I am very happy to report that the Home Office is in very fine operation, everything is going on very smoothly. I must take this opportunity to thank the office staff for their co-operation they are giving me and the way everybody is working together, makes it a pleasure to be there. Especially the co-operation of Editor Matas Zujus, it is superb.

One of my first duties after assuming the Directorship, was to write letters to all lodge secretaries, asking them if I could be of any assistance in helping them in getting new members into the Alliance, and I regret to say, secretaries who have been secretaries for many years and are now getting up in age and are looking for somebody younger to take over their duties and they can't get anybody.

So the new membership situation is very sad, to witness the many members whose certificates are being paid because of endowments, but most of all the members who are cash surrendering their Certificates. We do need a shot in the arm in finding some new way to write new members into the Alliance.

Perhaps this convention will find a solution to bring in more new members, which the Alliance so badly needs. Our investments are terrific, thanks to the fine work of the Executive Committee.

In conclusion, I want to thank the delegates of the previous 66th Convention in placing their trust in me in re-electing me as Secretary and I wish the delegates assembled here at the 67th Convention the best of everything and hope that your efforts will be fruitful, and hope that you can come up with something that will better our great organization.

Respectfully submitted,

**Frank J. Katilus**  
Secretary and Executive Director

Pirmininkas pakvietė raportuoti išdininkę Leokadiją Donarovich. Prie išspausdinto raporto ji pranešė, kad 1977 m. lapkričio mėnesį dalyvavo Pensilvanijos Fraternaliniam kongrese, Pittsburghe. Čia apdraudos departamento komisijonierius pranešė, kad naujus narius galės įrašyti tik leidimus turintys prirašinėtojai. Tokia tvarka prasidės 1978 m. liepos mėnesį. Ji taip pat paaiškino apie naujus valstybės departamento taksų (Internal Revenue) reikalavimus.

Jurgiui Sadauckui pasiūlius, Marijonai Šrupšienė parėmus, išdininkės raportas priimtas vienbalsiai.



Dalyvavę draugiškose krepšinio rungtynėse tarp Australijos lietuvių ir Clevelando Žalbio, liepos 1 Clevelande. Lengvai laimėjo Australijos komanda. Nuotr. V. Bacevičius

## Išdininkės Raportas

Brangūs Atstovai-Atstovės,

Per paskutinius tris metus aš turėjau garbės ir malonumo tarnauti kaip išdininkė Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimo ir dirbti bendrai, draugiškai su mūsų nariais, su kuopų raštininkais ir su organizacijos vadovybės nariais. Išdininkės pareigos yra nustatytos mūsų konstitucijoje. Jas išpildžiau kuo sąžiningiausiai. Dalyvavau visuose Direktorių Tarybos susirinkimuose ir dėjau priėmimo nutarimų įgyvendinimo. Prie to, tarnaudama Egzekutyviam Komitete prisidėjau prie investicijų ir kitų finansinių reikalų svarstymų ir nuosprendžių darymo. Seka mano finansinis raportas:

### TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS January 1, 1975 to January 1, 1978

Total Checking Accounts Balance, January 1, 1975		8,395.58
Receipts:	1,011,951.42	
Transf. fr. Beneficial Sv. Bnk., Phila., Pa.	38,000.00	
Transf. fr. Public Fed. Savings, Phila., Pa.	26,600.00	
Transf. fr. Divident Acct., Wyoming N. B.	2,000.00	
Redeposits	232.92	1,078,784.34
		1,087,179.92

Disbursements:		
First Eastern Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	14,210.47	
Miners Savings B., Pittston, Pa.	224,565.72	
Wyoming Nat. Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	693,593.59	
Transf. to Benef. Sav. Bank Phila., Pa.	59,000.00	
Transf. to Public Fed. Sv., Phila., Pa.	69,000.00	
Transf. to Divident Acct., Wyoming N. B.	18,000.00	
Bank Chgs.: NSF, Endors. Missing etc.	302.81	1,078,672.59
		8,507.33

FIRST EASTERN BANK, WILKES-BARRE, PA.		
Balance as of January 1, 1975	4,520.65	
Receipts:	573,867.80	573,867.80
Disbursements:	14,210.47	578,388.45
Transf. to Miners S.B. Pittston, Pa.	219,000.00	
Transf. to Wyoming Nat. B., W-Barre	192,400.00	
Transf. to Benef. S.B., Phila. Pa.	59,000.00	
Transf. to Public Fed. S., Phila., Pa.	69,000.00	
Transf. to Divid. Acct., Wymg. Nat. Bk.	18,000.00	
Bank Chgs: NSF, Endors. Missing etc.	302.81	571,913.28
Cash Balance	6,475.17	
Outstanding Checks	284.31	
Balance of Bank Statement	6,759.55	

MINERS SAVINGS BANK, PITTSTON, PA.		
Balance as of January 1, 1975	3,264.22	
Receipts:	219,000.00	222,000.00
Transf. fr. First Ea. Bk. W.-Barre., Pa.	3,000.00	
Transf. fr. Benef. Sav. Bk., Phila., Pa.		225,264.22
	224,565.72	224,565.72
Disbursements:	698.50	
Cash Balance	2,407.24	
Outstanding Checks		3,105.74
Balance of Bank Statement		

WYOMING NATIONAL BANK, WILKES-BARRE, PA.		
Balance as of January 1, 1975	610.71	
Receipts:	438,083.62	
Transf. fr. First Ea. B. W.-Barre	192,400.00	
Transf. fr. Benef. Sac. Bk., Phila., Pa.	35,000.00	
Transf. fr. Public. Fed. Sv., Phila., Pa.	26,600.00	
Transf. fr. Divid. Acct., Wyom. n.b.	2,000.00	
Redeposits	232.92	694,316.54
	693,593.59	694,927.25
Disbursements:	693,593.59	693,593.59
Cash Balance	1,333.66	
Outstanding Checks	2,763.90	
Balance of Bank Statement	4,097.56	

BENEFICIAL SAVINGS BANK, PHILA., PA.		
Balance as of January 1, 1975	2,675.14	
Receipts:	59,000.00	60,603.31
Transf. fr. First Ea. B., W.-Barre, Pa.	1,603.31	
Interest Earned		63,278.45
Transf. to miners Sv. B., Pittston., Pa.	3,000.00	
Transf. to Wyoming N. Bk., W.-B.	35,000.00	38,000.00
Balance as of January 1, 1978	25,278.45	

PUBLIC FEDERAL SAVINGS, PHILA., PA.		
Balance as of January 1, 1975	4,623.67	
Receipts:	69,000.00	71,748.11
Transf. fr. First Ea. B., W.-B., Pa.	2,748.11	
Interest Earned		76,371.78
Transf. to Wyoming N.B., W.-B. Pa.	26,600.00	
Transf. to Divid. Acct., Wyoming N.B.	15,000.00	41,600.00
Balance as of January 1, 1978	34,771.78	

Summary		
First Eastern Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	6,475.17	
Miners Savings Bank, Pittston, Pa.	698.50	



Taip atrodo dabar Jack Sharkey, sulaukęs 75 metų, kadaise buvęs pasaulio bokso čempionas. Gyvena Epping, N.H. Šią nuotrauką įsidėjo Nashua Telegraph liepos 12, drauge buvo ir platus pasikalbėjimas su juo.

Wyoming National Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	1,333.66
Beneficial Savings Bank, Phila., Pa.	25,278.45
Public Federal Savings, Phila., Pa.	34,771.78
Divident Account, Wyoming Natl. Bank, W.-B., Pa.	387.52
Total Cash Balance, January 1, 1978	68,945.08
MINOR BENEFICIARY — TRUST FUNDS	
Balance as of January 1, 1975	2,331.44
Interest Earned	369.05
New Accounts	594.21
	963.26
Accounts Paid	321.44
Balance as of January 1, 1978	2,973.26

Baigiant, dėkoju jums, gerbiami delegatai-delegatės, už pasitikėjimą. Jaučiu, kad darbą atlikau sąžiningai. Linkiu iš širdies, visiems 67-tojo Seimo delegatam geros sveikatos ir geriausio pasisekimo seimo darbuose. Ačiū.

**Leokadija Donarovich**  
Išdininkė

Pirmininkas pakvietė raportuoti posėdin sugrįžusį dvasios vadą prel. J.F. Baltusevičių. Jis žodžiu paminėjo, kad Susiv. dvasios vado pareigose yra išbuvęs 32 metus.

Marijonai Šrupšienė pasiūlius, Thomas E. Mack, Jr., parėmus, dvasios vado raportas priimtas vienbalsiai.

## Spiritual Director's Report

My dear Friends in Christ:

As your Spiritual Director for over 30 years, I guess I have offered more than my fair share of invocations and benedictions on these occasions when we break bread together. And, I suppose, if we were to measure the value of this particular office in relation to the time accorded it, we might be tempted to underestimate its intrinsic worth.

But from my point of view, it is one of the most important roles with which you have entrusted me. You have made me your spiritual guardian and given me the prayerful task of placing our Organization under the patronage and guidance of the Giver of all good gifts...Christ himself.

For we have grown fraternally and spiritually, not only by the merits of our dedicated staff and the efforts of our foresighted and fiscally competent Executive Board, but on the prayers and sacrifices of people of faith. Our membership is predicated on and dedicated to the principal of sharing and caring for each other as brothers in Christ.

Our Society is unique in its origin. We were founded, not by corporate capitalists seeking gilt-edged security in the market place, but by poor people. Immigrants to our land who sought to help each other and their families through difficult times... (particularly in time of death).

And, praise God, we have never changed our motivation. We have new computers to analyze our assets; we have marvelous machinery to post our statements; we have all the gadgetry to make business transactions function smoothly. But we have never lost sight of our goal.

Instead, we have nurtured, fostered and furthered the spirit of our humble founders. And may the day never come when we consider you a number rather than a name!

Susivienijimo bičiuliai, padėkite savo organizacijai tęsti kilnius darbus savo tautiečių, visuomenės ir mūsų tautos naudai. Tą jūs padarysite įrašdami naujus narius, pagyvindami kuopų veiklą ir organizuodami naujas kuopas, kur jų dar nėra.





