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*During Solemn High Mass (Sunday, August 23 at Divine Providence Church, Detroit) three members were bestowed the Fourth K. of L. Ritual Degree: From left, Robert Boris (Detroit), Miss Anna Mae Uznis (Detroit) and John Jesulaitis (Chicago). In the foreground, pinning the medal — Archbishop John F. Dearden and National Spiritual Director Rev. A. J. Contons.*

## CONVENTION IN RETROSPECT

Rev. Albert J. Contons

It is with distinct pleasure that we look back upon the K. of L. convention in Detroit. This convention may well mark the turning of the tide of K. of L. fortunes. For in many ways it represents a rebirth of K. of L. enthusiasm, a budding of new ideas, and an acceptance of wider challenges.

The spirit, industry and dedication of the spiritual leaders, committee members, and K. of L'ers in Detroit were the spark

which inspired all at the convention to return home bearing the K. of L. torch still higher and prouder than ever before.

Council 79 of Detroit, which was reorganized within the last year and saw the phenomenal growth of its membership to over a hundred, is a magnificent example of what intelligent, resourceful, and enthusiastic leadership can accomplish.

If we were to sift the many words exchanged, reports submit-

ted, and plans envisioned at the convention, we might discover an encouraging pattern of new ideas and approaches which give bright promise for the future.

Most satisfying from the spiritual viewpoint was the impressive chanting of the Mass hymns by all the delegates attending the concluding religious services of the convention. Archbishop Dearden was pleased with this participation in the Mass and commented favor-

ably upon it. Most worthy of commendation are Rev. M. Kundrat, Rev. W. Staniewich, and Rev. T. Kerwin who did so much to make this phase of the spiritual program such an outstanding success.

Beginning in October, the K. of L. spiritual program will center on a deeper study of the Sacrifice of the Mass and a practical mastery of the Mass prayers and hymns. This will be most timely and in keeping with the recently expressed instructions of the Holy See and our bishops.

During the past year the K. of L. ventured into a new field: the publication of English works dealing with Lithuanian themes. The first such work was a booklet on ST. CASIMIR, written by Rev. Albert Contons, and already enjoying a circulation of 12,000 copies. More recently the K. of L. has published a booklet on OUR LADY OF SILUVA, authored by Rev. John Jutt. Within a few weeks this booklet has received wide acclaim for its attractive format and popular treatment of a revered subject.

To present these subjects to a wider audience, the New England District of the K. of L. found a warm welcome at the Boston Archdiocesan TV Center which broadcasts a 45 minute program of the celebration of the Mass and a sermon each Sunday over Channel 7, Boston. It is estimated that this program reaches half a million people. On Feb. 22 Rev. Albert Contons was celebrant of the Mass and preached a sermon on St. Casimir; on Sun. Sept. 6 Rev. John Jutt celebrated the Sacrifice of the Mass and preached on Our Lady of Siluva.

The use of the press, radio, and television offer a real challenge and a rare opportunity for the K. of L. to give wider expression to its purposes.

The K. of L. can rightly be proud of its work in Lithuanian Affairs which is doing so much to further the cause of regaining Lithuanian Independence. It was with pleasure that the K. of L. presented its Friend of Lithuania Award and Medal to Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan.

Student members of the K. of L. were given recognition by the annual scholarship of \$600.00, which

*Bragūs Vyčiai ir Vytės,*

*Malonu jus pasveikinti susirinkusius Detroite į 46-įjį Seimą.*

*Organizacijos tampa amžinomis, jeigu suranda amžinos vertės tikslus. Jų veikime entuziazmo būna tiek, kiek šio laiko uždaviniai yra aktualūs.*

*Dabartinio laiko aplinkybėse jūsų vadai moko surasti aktualų uždavinį: ginti ir populiarinti Lietuvos ir Lietuvos vardą Amerikos visuomenėje. To tikslo siekiate labai pasigėrėtinu būdu.*

*Linkiu jums pasvarstyti dar kelis uždavinius:*

*Padėti grįžti prie Dievo ir Bažnyčios tiems Amerikoje gyvenantiems lietuviams, kurie yra nuo jų nutolę.*

*Paremti pastangas viso pasaulio lietuviams išsilaikyti vienoje lietuviškoje ir krikščioniškoje bendruomenėje.*

*Padėti Amerikos visuomenei geriau suprasti komunizmo turinį ir jo pavojų.*

*Šiuose darbuose jūsų katalikiškas ir lietuviškas entuziazmas ras daug galimybių būti apaštalais. Dideli tikslai ir jų siekimas jums padės dar labiau branginti Lietuvos Vyčio vardą.*

*Telaimina Dievas jūsų 46-įjį Seimą ir jo dalyvius.*

*Jūsų Kristuje,*

**VYSK. V. BRIZGYS**

this year was awarded to a young K. of L. member from Worcester, Ann Marie McMorrow. This award is of particular interest for two reasons. First, the recipient received her first introduction to the K. of L. in the fast growing Junior movement. Secondly, it highlights the devotion and attachment to Lithuanian culture of young members, only one of whose parents is of Lithuanian ancestry.

Young people and teen-agers want to work for the ideals of the K. of L. This was dramatically proven by the lively Junior Rally conducted in Kearny, N. J. under the talented leadership of our national vice-president, Miss Helen Shields. But it is up to our older

members to provide encouragement and leadership for the teen-agers. The forthcoming Junior newspaper promises to give a great spurt to Junior organization and deserves the interest and support of young and old members alike.

Already at Detroit we have set our sights on 1963, the 50th anniversary of the K. of L. We hope to double our membership. But this will be possible only by developing new ideas, staying abreast of the needs of our times, encouraging the young, reviving an interest in former members, and busying present members with meaningful and interesting activities.

Detroit marked the turning of the tide in favor of renewed growth.

## WELCOMING ADDRESS

Robert Boris, Convention Chairman

Speaking for all the Lithuanians of Detroit, I sincerely welcome you all to Detroit, hoping that your stay here will be most enjoyable. Detroit is at your service just ask if there is anything we can do to make your visit more enjoyable.

Planning this convention during the last several months has afforded us an opportunity to consider the more serious aspects of our organization. We thought back to last Autumn, when the eyes of the entire world were focused on Vatican City, the Center of Christianity. We thought of the impressive rites, the once in a life time ceremonies, yet one little phrase captured our attention as did nothing else. You too may remember, had you listened to the broadcast of the Papal Coronation Ceremonies, that historical morning. Among indescribable splendor and pomp, the ceremonies were interrupted three times, as one of the prelates, holding a lighted taper to a bunch of flax, ignited it and in a sudden burst of flame, the flax disappeared into ashes, while he intoned a solemn warning to the newly elected Holy Father, "Sic transit gloria mundi..." "thus passes the glory of the world."

And we too, begin another convention, full of pomp and ceremonies, fun and entertainment, which as that burst of flame, will yield but a pile of ashes — a memory. The real impact of this convention will be the intangible effect on the soul and in the hearts and minds of you the delegates — this will determine the real worth and value of our congress. Thus, it might be well to consider these sessions and use them wisely, not a sounding board, where everyone is given a chance to blow his horn and waste precious minutes, with a little more sincerity and consideration of our organization, in the light of modern day conditions and circumstances. We wonder too, if any comparison has ever been made of where the organization stands as compared to past years. Has any real progress been made or are we losing status?

As a result of thoughts such as these, the Convention Committee has chosen as the convention motto — "Knights of Lithuania Soldiers of Christ!" Prompted by the resounding cry our late Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, during the World Congress of

## GREETINGS — SVEIKINIMAS

It is a pleasure to welcome to Detroit the Knights of Lithuania assembled in their 46th National Convention.

The Knights of Lithuania have distinguished themselves by their loyalty to the Church and its traditions. Particularly in these latter years when their homeland has suffered so much from oppressive persecution they have sought with diligence to keep before the eyes of all our people the sad lot of Lithuania. Through their efforts there has been promoted a wider understanding and appreciation of the strong Catholicity of the Lithuanian people and a deeper sympathy for the lot of those who now suffer under Red domination.

It is my prayerful hope that your Convention in Detroit may be productive of much good both for the organization and for the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† JOHN F. DEARDEN

Archbishop of Detroit

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Lay Apostolate in Rome last year — during which he called for a Consecration Mundi — the Consecration of the World. Has his plea fallen on deafened ears or will the only Catholic Youth Organization of American Lithuanians rise to meet his challenge?

This convention could prove that we are not sounding brass and tinkling symbols, smugly content in our lethargic slumber, satisfied to remain a relic of by-gone days, resting on past laurels; or will it prove that we are willing to stand up and be counted as Christians dedicated to the consecration of a world locked in the death struggle of religion and atheism, democracy or communism. The road is clearly marked, the objective is all too apparent.

With these few thoughts in mind, we sincerely urge that this convention be a milestone of progress, that during these days, the seeds for a new K. of L. be firmly planted. That after Sunday night, we'll be able to say, that the K. of L. will be a better organization and that we will be better members and upon our return home, we will carry this new spark, and that in the last analysis, the world will be a little better place in which to live, because of the Knights of Lithuania.

*His Excellency Most Reverend John F. Dearden, D. D., Archbishop of Detroit is presented with a Lithuanian wooden hand carved cross by National President Joseph Sakevich, while K. of L'ers are on guard: Robert Boris, Convention Chairman; Rev. Michael Kundrat; Rev. John C. Jutt; Joseph Chaps, William Juodvalkis, Convention Vice Chairman and Treasurer, and Rev. Albert J. Contons, respectively.*



## VYČIŲ SEIMAS DETROITE

Dainius

Lietuvos Vyčių 46-tas seimas Detroite buvo pradėtas iškilmingomis šv. mišiomis Šv. Antano bažnyčioje, penktadienį, rugpiūčio 21 d., kurias atnašavo dvasios vadas kun. Albertas Kontautas. Jis ir pamokslą pasakė.

Anksčiau, trečiadienį, buvo miesto apžiūrėjimas (tour) ir susipažinimo vakarėlis, ketvirtadienį sporto varžybos ir ekskursija laive, penktadienį įvyko margumynų vakarėlis. Ši vakarėlių sudarė ne tik tai Detroito kuopos, bet ir Gobienės šokėjų grupė 'Šilainė', ir Chicagos kuopa. Pilnutėlėje viešbučio Grand Ballroom salėje, publika šokėjus ne vieną kartą iššaukė rankų plojimu. Vakarėlio suruošime daug pasidarbavo Marie Zyren, Elena Mykolaitis, Barbara Siurbis, Viktorija Cepelonis, Gerald Graham, Rita Neverauskaitė ir kiti.

Per sportininkų garbei skirtus pietus pakalbėjo apie Lietuvą buvęs Tautinėj olimpiadoj Edvardas Martinaitis. Vedė programą kun. Vladas Stanievičius ir pristatė sekančius sportininkus, Detroit Tigers chief scout Ed. Katalinas, Antanas Kašeta (basket ball), Vince Banonis (football), Helen Shablis (keglių čempionė) ir kitus.

Šeštadienį buvo madų paroda vedama Anna Mae Uznis. Vakare šokiai. Per šios dienos posėdį, seimo dalyviai pasiuntė telegramą prezidentui Eisenhoweriui, liečiantį Chruščevio atvykimą Washingtonan. Jame pažymėjo, kad Chruščovas neieško taikos, bet pasaulio užval-

dymo ir šis atvažiavimas bus vilties sumažinimas po garbingo Pavergtųjų Tautų savaitės paskelbimo. Prita vienbalsiai. Pasirašyta seimo pirmininko Juozapo Bulevičiaus. Buvo perskaityti raportai apie Lietuvos Vyčių išleistas knyguotes "St. Casimer", kun. A. Kontauto ir "Our Lady of Šiluva" kun. Jono Jutkevičiaus ir rengiamo lietuvių kalbos vadovėlio angliškai reikalui.

Mokslo stipendiją gavo Anna Marie McMorrow iš Worcester, Mass. Garbės medalį gavo kun. dr. Ignas Boreišis, Šv. Antano parapijos klebonas Detroite. Vyčių ketvirtito laipsnio medalį gavo Anna Mae Uznis, Robert Boris ir Jonas Jesulaitis.

Per iškilmingas šv. mišias Dievo Apvaizdos bažnyčioje Detroito arkivyskupas John Dearden išgyrė Lietuvos Vyčius už užlaikymą tautos tradicijų. "Užlaikykite visas lietuviškas katalikiškas tradicijas, nes visų tautų tradicija stiprina tikėjimą ir šeimą", tarė arkivyskupas. Jam Detroito vyčiai įteikė lietuvišką kryžiaus koplytėlę, kaipo seimo atmintį, o gubernatoriui gintaro dovaną.

Vysk. V. Brizgys savo pamoksle pasveikino vyčius ir paskatino toliau dirbti Dievui ir Tėvynei. (Jis lankėsi ir posėdyje). Mišias laikė kun. Mykolas Kundrotas, dalyvavo parapijos choras, vargonais grojant Gerald Graham, prisilaikant Šv. Tėvo pageidavimo, kad visi giedotų per mišias. Po mišių visi nusifotografavo prie bažnyčios su arkivyskupu, vyskupu ir kunigais.

Prel. Ladas Tulaba. iš Romos, kalbėdamas baigiamajame bankete, priminė, kad Lietuva neteko 600,000 jaunimo. Pažymėjo, kaip Italijos karo belaisviai, grįžę iš Rusijos gyvė lietuvius kalinius už jų kantrumą ir drąsą. Toliau patarė delegatams surasti daugiau draugų Lietuvai kitataučių tarpe.

Šiame bankete kun. J. Jutkevičius Vyčių vardu įteikė Lietuvos Vyčių medalį gubernatoriui G. Mennen Williams, "kaip tikram draugui Lietuvos nepriklausomybės darbe". Anksčiau jo buvo paskelbta "Knights of Lithuania Week" Michigan valstybėj. Gubernatorius pažymėjo: "Mūsų laisvė nebus visuotina, iki tos dienos, kol kitos tautos neatgaus savo laisvės tarp jų ir Lietuva". Gubernatorius baigė žodį lietuviškai: "Kas bus, kas nebus, bet Lietuva nepražus".

Perrinkta beveik ta pati centro valdyba. Kun. A. Kontautas, dvasios vadas, Juozas Sakevičius (Point Pleasant, N. J.) pirmininkas, vicepirmininkai Elena Shields (Philadelphia) ir Larry Janonis (Bronx); Loretta Kassel (Chicago) raštininkė, Dorothy Sinkavitch (Worcester) finansų raštininkė, Rita Pinkus (Worcester) išdininkė, išdo globėjai Florence Zaleskas (S. Boston) ir Antanas Dainius (Detroit).

Sekančiais metais seimas bus rengiamas Worcester, Mass. Detroito seimas buvo surengtas 102 ir 79 kuopų prie šv. Antano ir Dievo Apvaizdos parapijų. Garbės pirmininkais buvo kun. dr. I. Boreišis ir

## CONVENTION ECHOES

**Anthony Yuknis**

When the long awaited time for the 46th National Convention arrived, Detroit K. of L'ers spread out the red carpet. Delegates and guests from all over the country converged at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in the Motor City. What a beehive of activities it was. The Motor city dislikes pedestrians — everywhere they have neon signs "DON'T WALK."

The early birds immediately found a program of activities lined up for them on Wednesday, August



**Frank Vaskas of Newark, N. J.**

19th. They first went to the Ford Museum in Greenfield Village. American history was seen everywhere — the Wright brothers original workshop, the Thomas Edison laboratory, ancient locomotives, vintage automobiles and others. After the conventioners inspected the ancient Ford "flivvers" most of them decided to keep their cars another year.

That evening the early birds were taken on a tour of inspection

kun. Mykolas Kundrotas. Seimo rengimo pirmininkas buvo Robert Boris.

Seimas buvo gausus ir gerai pavyko.



*Public Relations—Father Anthony Miciunas, M.I.C., Superior and General Manager of DRAUGAS (Lithuanian Daily), Chicago, Ill., conferring with Juozas Sadauskas of Cleveland, Ohio and Anthony Yuknis, chmn., of Chicago, Ill. on K. of L. matters in Detroit. Pictured below are two other members of Public Relations Comm.*

of the Goebel Brewery. A delicious, hot meal was served to all. Then a sample of the "alus" was offered to wash it down. The final stage of the visit ended up in dancing to Juke Box music.

On Thursday, the golf tournament took place in the Roseland Country Club, Windsor, Ontario. All of the people going to Canada were carefully screened as not to cause an international incident. After a rugged morning on the links the lowest scores were turned in by Loretta Kassel (Chicago) and Joe Stelmok (Brooklyn) in their own divisions.

That same Thursday, in the late afternoon, the bowlers met at the Satellite Bowling Lanes. Ann Scott racked up the best score for the gals and Charlie Rastukis bested the boys. The novice class was headed by Rita Pinkus and Bruno Sinkus in their categories.

This Thursday we all went to the Lithuanian Club for supper. At our first look inside we thought that we were looking at the Swiss Alps, but no — it was merely stacks of delicious Lithuanian food. It was very obvious that the ladies here want to keep the K. of L'ers growing.

After all of this, Thursday still wasn't over, and we knocked off the day by going on a scheduled boat ride. We enjoyed a cooling cruise for three hours to complete the day of activities. So another great day faded away into the night — into the far, far night.

Now, Friday was not to be outdone by Thursday and it was here before you knew it. We started out easy with a Sports luncheon. All of the Lithuanians went to the hotel's English room. Father Walter Stanevich was the toastmaster and Bill Juodwalkis made the presentations to the golf and bowling champs of the convention. The guest speaker was Edward Martinaitis of the 1938 Olympics Boxing Team of which he was welterweight champion. Other celebrities there were Vince Banonis of football fame; Tony Kasetta, basketball; Helen Shabis, bowling; and Ed Katalinas, baseball.

On Friday evening, in the grand

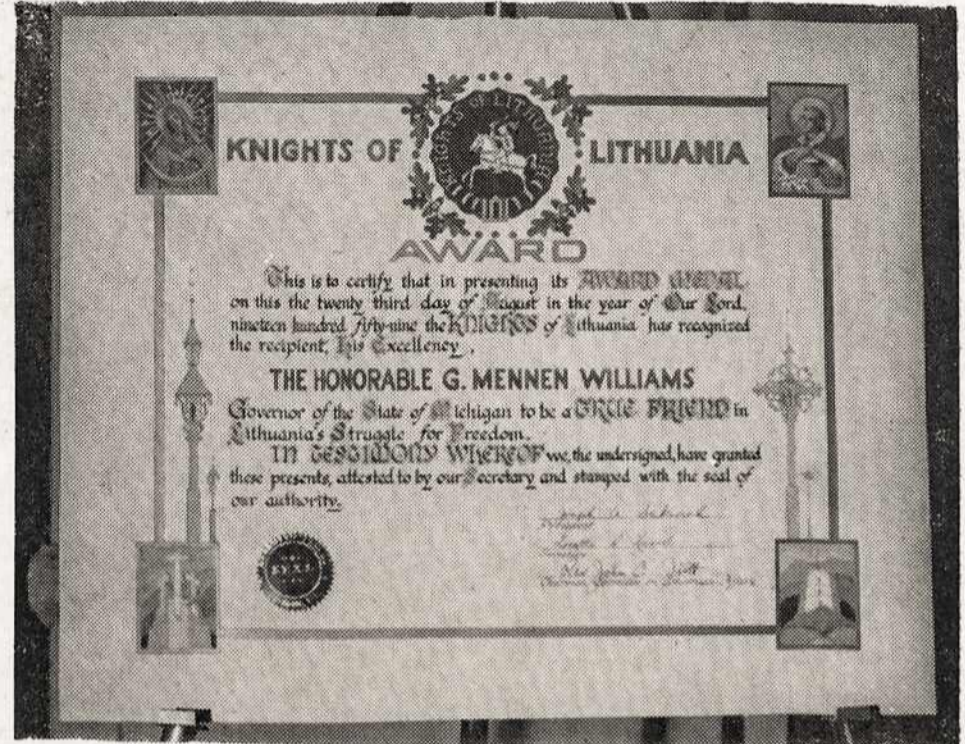


**Ed Šulaitis of Chicago, Ill.**

# THE HONORABLE G. MENNEN WILLIAMS

## Fourth Recipient of Knights of Lithuania AWARD MEDAL

REV. JOHN C. JUTT



In his "A Sermon In Rhyme", Daniel W. Hoyt wrote:

*If you have a friend worth loving,  
Love him. Yes, and let him know  
That you love him, ere life's evening  
Tinge his brow with sunset glow.  
Why should good words ne'er be said  
Of a friend till he is dead?*

The thoughts expressed in these beautiful lines prompt us this evening to make another presentation of the Knights of Lithuania Award Medal. The award was created by our organization to render honor and at the same time to manifest gratitude to those who, being non-Lithuanian, have nevertheless over a period of years raised their voices and expended their energies to defend Lithuania's inalienable right to freedom and independence.

Lithuania, the land of our forbears, has always been in what we might call an unenviable position. Being small with limited resources and surrounded by much larger and powerful neighbors, she has always had to struggle for her freedom. Her present status under the Soviet regime is a most regrettable one. With most of her institutions closed and many of her people exiled, she finds herself once again deprived of her liberty and enslaved under the domination of Soviet Communism. The circumstances of her present condition are such that there is very little hope of regaining freedom through her own efforts. She needs the aid and the support of the free world. She needs the help of true, loyal, staunch and indefatigable friends who, mo-

tivated by a strict sense of justice and blessed with genuine Christian charity, come to her aid and espouse her cause as one of justice and righteousness.

Happy and indeed fortunate is she in that she has friends of this type. On three different occasions in the past, we have had the great privilege of honoring such true and loyal friends: in 1955, a former Congressman who headed the House Committee for the investigation of Soviet atrocities committed upon Lithuania and her people; in 1956, a distinguished member of the United States Senate from the great State of Illinois; and in 1958, a most revered member of the House of Representatives from the coal mine regions of Pennsylvania. This year it is our happy privilege to honor for the first time a member in the gubernatorial ranks, the present Governor of the grand State of Michigan.

The Honorable G. Mennen Williams was born in Detroit on Feb. 23, 1911. After completing his early schooling in Detroit and Salisbury, Connecticut, he successfully completed his studies at Princeton in 1933 and obtained his law degree three years later from the University of Michigan Law School. As an attorney he distinguished himself with excellent service for the Social Security Board, for the Attorney General of Michigan as well as for the Attorney General of the United States.

From 1942 to 1946, he served our country in the United States Navy, receiving ten battle stars

ballroom, we saw a show "K. of L. Capers." It was a pity that the great Florenz Ziegfeld isn't around anymore as he surely would have signed up at least most of the acts.

Tony Buknis met Tony Yuknis and they wondered who was spelling the name wrong. Then we also had Sinkus and Sankus present.

Then came Saturday when Ann Mae Uznis presented a gorgeous fashion show. As the beautiful dolls paraded up and down the stage most of the men had forgotten to eat their dinner. To say that Detroit is the Motor City is the bunk. Here is our second Hollywood the men will agree. Everybody wanted to get into the act.

Saturday was concluded with the grand ball in the ballroom. Dancing

continued until past midnight and everyone had fun.

The final day of the Convention arrived and after Mass this Sunday we had an enormous banquet in the Crystal Room. Twenty-five honored guests sat at the head table. At first, wondered if each one was going to make a speech — we hurriedly looked at our airplane, train and bus schedules. However, everything turned out fine as the speakers were few and the others were merely introduced. During the banquet the heavy rains came. We heard a terrific rumble over the hotel and we wondered whether it was thunder or merely Frank Jurgaitis passing over on a jetliner on the way home. Anyway, we'll see you all at the 47-th convention in "WOOSTA."





A GENERAL VIEW OF THE CLOSING BANQUET OF THE 46th K. OF L. CONVENTION IN DETROIT

and the Legion of Merit and participating in three Presidential unit citations.

His ability as an attorney in administrative positions and his fine record in the service attracted the attention of the people of Michigan so much so that they elected him Governor of the State of Michigan in 1948. He has since been reelected to five consecutive terms.

As Governor he soon made it clear to the so-called national groups that he was their friend and supporter. The Lithuanian element particularly enjoyed his friendship and support. When he first was asked by them to issue a proclamation for February 16 as Republic of Lithuania day for the State of Michigan, his letter of acknowledgment indicated the warmth and the concern that he has for those nations deprived of their liberty. He has since issued excellent proclamations each year. On one occasion he asked the Committee to show up early for the proclamation. This was so that he could invite them to breakfast and thus to get to know them better.

He was always a staunch sup-

porter of bills that were of great benefit to the displaced persons coming to this country. He was most instrumental in obtaining the passage of legislation to give DP doctors approval to practice in the state under more favorable requirements. This legislation was of great benefit to Lithuanians.

This concern of his for the so-called foreign groups prompted the National Democratic Party to offer to him the chairmanship of the Nationalities Division of the party in 1954. This Division has a Lithuanian section. He took over the Division because he knew and well appreciated the tremendous contributions made by the various nationalities to the good of America. He has worked diligently to make it a strong force whose voice could be heard and listened to.

He has been the most accessible Governor the Lithuanians in Michigan have ever had. He never fails to take advantage of opportunities to be present at Lithuanian affairs. The Lithuanians appreciated this and they a short time ago manifested their appreciation by tendering him a testimonial banquet.

He befriended Lithuania because he well knew what that small nation is now suffering at the hands of Russia. That is why he availed himself of a glorious opportunity to ask Soviet Vice-Premier Kozlov, who recently toured our country, direct questions about the liberation of Lithuania and the other captive nations under the Soviet regime. He urged that free elections be held in these countries so that the people themselves may decide under what form of government they wish to be. His straightforward questions put Kozlov in a very embarrassing position and really got under the skin of the Soviets. When Kozlov gave a typical Soviet answer, he was told that Americans don't believe a word that he says. Then later he had this to say about the captive nations: "Since the Soviets do not permit the Eastern and Central European nations to speak freely as to the type of government they wish, their case should be on every political conference table until those nations are free."

Because of our national convention, he was gracious enough to proclaim this week as Knights of



Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan present at Closing Banquet to receive the Knights of Lithuania award for his services on behalf of the people of Lithuania. Pictured with him, from left: Rev. Dr. Ignatius F. Boreišis, pastor of St. Anthony's; Msgr. L. Tulaba of Rome, Italy, principal speaker; Joseph A. Sakevich, national president; Rev. John C. Jutt, hon. chmn. of Lithuanian Affairs; His Excellency Governor Williams and honored guest; Ralph Valatka, toastmaster; Mrs. R. Valatka; Rev. Albert J. Contons, national spiritual director; Miss Phyllis Grendal, associate editor of "Vytis"; Rev. Michael Kundrat, administrator of Divine Providence Church.



**Rev. Dr. Ignatius F. Boreišis**

Just before this issue was off the press, we received sad news from Convention Chairman Robert Boris that Rev. Dr. Ignatius F. Boreišis, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Detroit, Michigan and honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania and co-host to the 46th National Convention this past August, died of a heart attack September 11th. Father Boreišis was a staunch friend and supporter of the K. of L. for many years. At the convention he was presented his honorary member's medal during the closing banquet, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, August 23rd. Father Boreišis will be greatly missed. The Supreme Council officers and members of the Knights of Lithuania organization express their deepest sympathy to the relatives, parishioners and members of Council 102 on the loss of their beloved pastor.

On December 25, 1887, in the village of Ratkapis, Rokiškis, Lithuania, Elžbieta Boreišis presented her husband Juozas with their only-born son who was baptized Ignatius.

In 1913, after pursuing a course in Engineering, he left his home and loved ones and came to America, where he entered Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Mich., where together with other Lithuanian clerics, Council 54 was established. Prior to ordination he found time during trips to other Lithuanian colonies, to assist at religious ceremonies at Easter-time and to Catechize during the summer months. Thus

he was instrumental in founding Council 43 in Grand Rapids, Mich., Council 82 in Gary, Indiana as well as Council 79 in St. George's Parish, Detroit. He was ordained on May 16, 1920 and shortly thereafter was appointed to organize the small group of Lithuanians on Detroit's Westside, into St. Anthony's Parish.

Under his guidance and encouragement Council 102 was developed into group of no small importance. The K. of L. Choir became the Parish Choir and was one of the major musical groups in Detroit; and took upon itself the soliciting of funds to purchase the finest organ available.

Among his other works and responsibilities, Father Boreišis also found time to study at the University of Michigan and earn his Doctor's Degree in Literature.

His great love of Lithuania and things Lithuanian, won for him the position of Patriarch of the Detroit Lithuanians. No worthy event took place without his participation and support. His efforts in behalf of the Knights of Lithuania were rewarded by the Honorary Degree. Despite failing health, he encouraged and supported the preparation of the 46th National Convention, where he was presented with the newly-struck Honorary Degree Medal. As fate would have it, exactly one week later, he collapsed at the Altar where he offered the Holy Sacrifice for nearly 40 years, and died shortly thereafter on September 11, 1959.

He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Marija Staugas in Detroit, Ludvika, Elzbieta, and Veronika in Lithuania.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

**The Supreme Council officers and members of the Knights of Lithuania organization express their deepest sympathy:**

**To Miss Helen Shields, national vice president of Philadelphia, Pa. on the recent death of her beloved father, Joseph Shields.**

**To Mr. William Walls, convention committee member of Detroit, Michigan on the sudden death of his beloved wife, on Thursday, August 20th, just before convention opened.**

**To Mr. Richard Malis of Gary, Indiana on the death of his beloved father. (He was notified by telegram, shortly after his arrival at the convention as delegate.)**  
**To Mr. Theodore "Teddy" Vallis, Miss Millie Vallis and Rev. Fr. Albert J. Contons, all of Boston, Mass., on the death of their beloved mother and aunt, respectively, Anna Contons Vallis.**

Lithuania Week for the State of Michigan. To our knowledge, this has been the first time in the history of our organization that a Governor has so honored us.

Because of his unflinching stand against and opposition to Soviet Communism which has enslaved Lithuania, because he has ever been a staunch advocate of freedom

for suffering Lithuania, because he has always willingly sacrificed time and effort to encourage with his support Lithuanians working for the restoration of Lithuania's Independence, because on numerous occasions he has shown himself to be a TRUE FRIEND IN LITHUANIA'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, it is presently a great honor and a high

privilege for me to present, in behalf of the officers and members of the Knights of Lithuania Youth Organization, the Knights of Lithuania AWARD MEDAL to that courageous and true defender of Lithuania's just right to freedom, His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Honorable G. Mennen Williams.



## LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

At the 46th National Convention at Detroit, Michigan, a resolution was passed urging the establishment of Lithuanian language classes by all K. of L. councils, and the writer was appointed to the Cultural Committee with the specific assignment of promoting this activity. That this is a much needed project there can be no doubt, as there is ample evidence at every convention that we have substantial numbers of K. of L. members whose knowledge of the Lithuanian language is extremely limited. Since the convention we have re-surveyed the field for available text books and can report only the following available:

"Marlborough's Lithuanian Self-Taught" This book was published at London, England in 1936 and reprinted at Chicago, Illinois in 1958, without change. Some of the phonetic values used therein are rather peculiar from the standpoint of the American-English language. However, this book can be of value and is obtainable from "Draugas" 4545 West 63rd St., Chicago 29, Ill. Price \$1.25.

Also, the Sisters of St. Casimir have some exercise books they use in their school classes, known as "Pratimai" I, II, III and IV. They have been very cooperative in supplying us with these publications. These books are inexpensive and can be of considerable use. If you will write to the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 West Marquette Road, Chicago 29, Ill., and ask them to send you sample copies of these books, you can then determine which of them will be most suitable for your needs.

The Cultural Committee is taking steps to have a suitable text book compiled and published. This will necessarily take some time. Until this task is accomplished, councils are nevertheless urged to establish and conduct Lithuanian language classes using the material described above. You are further asked to notify the Cultural Committee of the action you take in this matter, and we will work with you and give you appropriate suggestions. Also, any K. of L. member can obtain, without charge, a copy of the Lithuanian alphabet by requesting it from the undersigned.

**Frank Gudelis**  
129 Rita St. Dayton 4, Ohio



## HONORED

*Newly-Elevated Honorary Member. Anne Mitchell of Council 52, Elizabeth, N. J., was presented the Honorary Member's Medal during the Closing Banquet held at the Sheraton-Cadillac, Sunday eve., Aug. 23, 1959. Miss Mitchell has been a very consistent, conscientious and untiring worker for the K. of L. and the Lithuanian-American community. She received her Fourth K. of L. Ritual degree in 1949. Since then, she continued to be active in the organization and has served as National Convention Secretary and Banquet Chairman (1949), National Vice President (1950), chairman of Lithuanianism Drive and Contest (1952, 1953 and 1954), member of the New York-New Jersey District Lithuanian Affairs Committee, and has held many high offices not only in her council but also in the district for over twenty years. We are proud of Anne Mitchell's accomplishments and welcome her as Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania.*

**REPORT OF — Jack L. Jatis, Sec'y.**

### HONORARY MEMBERS COMMITTEE

During the past year, we had no meetings and few communications, except between Secretary Jatis and Chairman Simutis.

The committee had no candidates to consider or investigate since Ann Mitchell of Elizabeth, New Jersey was approved and accepted by the convention held in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1958. Ann Mitchell's medal has been prepared and she will be presented with it during the Detroit convention's banquet on August 23, 1959.

The Chicago Seniors planned to hold a banquet and present honorary degree medals to their members who had received their honorary degree in previous years but not the medals. However, the banquet did not take place.

Recipients of medals this past year were: Attorney Anthony J. Young of Boston, Msgr. Francis A. Virmauskis of Boston, and Rev. Joseph J. Valantiejus of Waterbury. All of the three affairs at which the presentations were made were most impressive.

We regretfully note that only few of the districts or councils have reimbursed the committee for the cost of the gold medal. We have four medals on hand at this time, out of the twenty-two originally purchased. The remaining honorary members who have not yet received their medals total sixteen.



## ĮSPŪDŽIAI IŠ L. VYČIŲ

Nors Detroito Vyčiai ir jų seimo rengimo komisija, kuriai vadovavo R. Boris, daug nesigarsino, bet ką jie skelbė, veik viską ir išpildė, o nekurie dalykai buvo dar geriau padaryti, negu kituose Vyčių seimuose. Į šį Seimą delegatų, jų pavaduotojų ir svečių buvo gausiai suvažiavę iš visos Amerikos. Tai parodo, kad Vyčių dvasia ir patriotizmas Vyčių Organizacijoje nemiršta. Rugpiūčio 20 d. jau galima buvo spėti, kad seimas bus gausus, nes viešbutyje, ypač vakarop, kur žengsi, jau buvo galima pastebėti mūsų gražias lietuvaites vytes, kurių ir paties seimo metu vyravo daugiau, negu vyriškosios lyties delegatų ir svečių. Garbė mūsų vyčiams.

Šios dienos vakarui atėjus, di-

džiama delegatų ir svečių vyko paplaukioti laivu Detroito upe ir po ilgų kelionių mašinomis ramiai pailsėti. Šis plaukiojimas laivu užtruko tris valandas. Visi maloniai praleido laiką.

Sulaukus penktadienio ryto — rugp. 21 d., prie Sheraton-Cadillac viešbučio atvyko trys autobusai ir visus nuvežė pamaldoms į Šv. Antano lietuvių parapijos bažnyčią, kur klebonauja Vyčių Org. garbės narys ir 102-tros kp. dvasios vadas kun. Dr. Ig. Boreišis. Bažnytėlė neperdidžiausia, bet jŃn iėjęs jauties, kad esi lietuviškame šventnameyje. Ši bažnytėlė buvo gausiai pripildyta vyčiais ir parapijiečiais.

Pamaldų metu giesmes giedojo visi delegatai ir svečiai. Tai padarė

labai malonų ispūdį. Po pamaldų, Detroito Vyčiai visus pavaišino kavute, pyragaičiais ir vėl parvežė į viešbutį, kuriame prasidėjo seimas. Seimą atidarė L. Vyčių centro pirmininkas Juozas Sakevičius, paprašydamas sugiedoti Amerikos, Lietuvos ir Vyčių himnus.

Toliau sekė seimo vadovybės rinkimai. Išrinkti šie Vyčių veikėjai: Pirm. — J. Boley, vice pirm. — V. Činikas ir J. Stukas, nut. rašt. M. Andrikis ir E. Zimmer. Išrinkus seimo vedėjus bei ĩnešimų ir mandatų komisijas, ši seimo sesija ir baigėsi. Antroje sesijoje buvo išklausti centro valdybos raportai. Vakare įvyko to paties viešbučio patalpose margumynų vakarėlis lietuviškais motyvais. Šio vakaro pro-



## 46-jo SEIMO DETROITE

### SENELIS

grama visus sužavėjo, visiems atgavino lietuviškus jausmus ir širdis. Joje buvo ir ateiviui lietuviui ir čia gimusiam to meno, kokio seniai ir retai kada gaunama pasigerėti

Rytojaus dieną vėl vykom į tą pačią bažnyčią. Šv. Mišias atnašavo pats klebonas kun. Dr. Ig. Boreišis, o jam asistavo: kun. J. Jutkevičius ir kun. Karaveckas. Po pamaldų vėl užkandžiai parapijos patalpose ir grįžimas į Sheraton - Cadillac viešbutį prie organizacijos seiminių darbų.

Šios dienos sesijose jau buvo daugiau iškelta klausimų Vyčių organizacijos reikalais. Po pirmos sesijos, pietų metu, L. Janonis įteikė dovanas daugiausiai laimėjusiems

naujų narių prirašymo vajuje. O vakare įvyko šokiai ir kuriuos atsilankė labai daug lietuviško jaunimo.

Jau sekmadienio rytas — rugp. 23 d., busai ir vėl prie viešbučio ir visus veža į kitą lietuvių parapijos bažnyčią — Dievo Apvaizdos bažnyčią, kur klebonauja, L. Vyčių 79-tos kp. dvasios vadas kun. M. Kundrotas. Delegatų, svečių ir parapiječių suvažiuoja didžiausias skaičius, tartum į atlaidus. Šv. Mišias atnašavo šios parapijos klebonas kun. M. Kundrotas, o jam atsakinėjo seimo delegatai, svečiai ir bažnytinis choras. Visiems bažnyčioje dirigavo kun. V. Stanevičius, o vargonais lydėjo vargonininkas G. Graham. Šių pamaldų metu pa-

mokslą pasakė Vyčių garbės narys J. E. Vyskupas V. Brizgys. Kalbėjo ir Detroito arkiv. J. Dearden.

Beja, Vyčiai netik šių Šv. Mišių metuėjo skaitlingai priimti Šv. Komunijos, bet tai darė ir per visą seimą. Tai gražus, katalikiškas Vyčių pasireiškimas. Prieš šias Mišias arkiv. J. Dearden prisegė ketvirto laipsnio ženklelius šiems vyčių veikėjams: B. Boris, A. M. Uznis ir J. Jasulaitis. Jie visi trys buvo pakelti į ketvirtą laipsnį. Po Mišių visi grįžo į baigiamąjį Seimo posėdį. Ir galop visas seimas baigtas vakare didingu banketu.

Džiugu pažymėti, kad vyčių seimai darosi vis įdomesni, turiningesni ir gausesni.

"100-A-Year Club" (Top) — Surprise Plaque Awards presented by Father J. C. Jutt at the Saturday's Luncheon (Crystal Ballroom, Sheraton-Cadillac) to Mrs. Mildred Chinik of Pittsburgh, p. chmn. of Lithuanian Affairs and Mrs. Rita Pinkus of Worcester for having written over 100 letters as members of Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Not pictured — Frank Vaskas of Newark, N. J. and Leonard Valiukas of Los Angeles, Calif.



## VYČIŲ TALKA LIETUVAI

**Vyčių Lietuvių Reikalams Komisijos Garbės Pirmininko Kun. Jono Jutkevičiaus pranešimas Vyčių Seime.**



Šiais metais užbaigėme jau 13 metus, kaip veikia Lietuvos vyčių komisija lietuvių reikalams. Per tuos metus komisijos nariai parašė virš 250,000 laiškų. Vyčių organizacija šiuo gražiu tautiniu darbu gali tikrai pasidžiaugti ir net pasididžiuoti. Ar yra kita lietuviška organizacija, kuri būtų daugiau laiškų parašiusi? Tikiu, kad ne. Šis faktas pasidaro dar svaresnis, kai prisimename, kad rašė jaunimas, gimęs Amerikoje ir Lietuvos nematęs. Jis uoliai triūsia, kad laisvas pasaulis būtų geriau supažindintas su dabartine sunkia Lietuvos padėtimi ir žinotų jog lietuvių tauta niekada nesiliaus kovojusi dėl savo teisės laisvai ir nepriklausomai gyventi.

### REIKŠMINGI SKAIČIAI

Per praėjusius dvejus metus komisijos lietuvių reikalams parašyta biuletenių 1958 metais — 12, 1959 — 14, biuleteniuose laiškų atžymėta — 301 — 334, išsiųsta biuletenių — 2724 — 3192, pavardžių sąrašė (mailing list) buvo 184 — 187, kuopų su veikiančiom komisijom 19 — 20, laiškų bei atvirukų parašyta apie 13,288 — apie 12,059, atsakymų gauta apie 2,075 — apie 1,094.

Iš statistikos aiškėja, kad pernai daugiau biuletenių išsiuntėme, tačiau laiškų parašyta mažiau. Taip pat gauta mažiau atsakymų. Pernai išbraukta 52 asmenys iš pavardžių sąrašo, nes jokio pranešimo apie savo darbą nedavė, bet gauta 55 nauji nariai. Dabar iš viso turime 187 narius, kurie aktyviai dirba. Turime tam darbui pasiaukojusių 20 kuopų iš 50. Galėtų būti daugiau. Nustojo veikti Hartfordo 6 kuopa, Pattersono 61, Providence 103 ir Ansonijos 135. Gaila, kad kasmet atsiranda

kuopų, kurios neįvertina komisijos darbo, nors mūsų organizacijos konstitucijos reikalauja, kad kiekviena kuopa turėtų komisiją Lietuvos reikalams. Iš kitos pusės džiugu, kad Chicagos 112 kuopa vėl ėmėsi darbo. Tikimės, kad ir daugiau kuopų supras ši svarbų reikalą. Be to, šiemet nevysi nariai prisiuntė savo pranešimus ir dėl to kai kurie skaičiai yra apytikriai. Galima sakyti, kad laiškų pasiūsta daugiau negu 12,059.

**Komisija veikia dar per apskritis.** Jų atliktas darbas per pastaruosius dvejus metus taip atrodo: New Yorko - New Jersey apskritis parašė laiškų 1958 metais — 6,993, 1959 — 5,319, Naujos Anglijos 4,840 — 5,224, Chicago 216 — 485, Amerikos vidurio 631 — 276, Kalifornijos 132 — 253. Kiti 476 — 502. Matome, mažiau laiškų parašė New Yorko - New Jersey ir Amerikos vidurio (Mid-Central) ir šiemet daugiau parašė Naujosios Anglijos, Chicagos ir Kalifornijos apskritis.

### UOLI PIRMININKĖ

Praėjusiais metais komisijos pirmininkės pareigas ėjo M. Činikienė iš Pittsburgho. Jos uždavinys buvo visos organizacijos vardu parašyti oficialius laiškus šio krašto prezidentui, Jungtinių Tautų atstovam, senatoriam, kongresmanam, redaktoriui, kalbėtojam, rašytojam ir visiems kitiems, kurie kuriuo nors būdu atsiliepė apie Lietuvą. Tiems, kurie palankiai atsiliepė, ji parašė padėkos laiškus, o tiems, kurie nepalankiai prasitarė, parašė protesto, aiškinimo laiškus. Per praėjusius metus M. Činikienė parašė 303 laiškus, atsakymų gavo 35. Ji labai sąžiningai ėjo savo pareigas, užtai jai priklausė didelė padėka. Man teko eiti komisijos garbės pirmi-

ninko pareigas ir paruošti biuletenius, kurie buvo visiems nariams siuntinėjami. Be to, išsiunčiau 655 laiškus bei atvirutes.

### DARBŪS TALKININKAI

Biuleteniam būtina turėti straipsnius iš laikraščių bei žurnalų — žinot, kas ir ką sako ar rašo ir kam siųsti laiškus. Daugiausia man iškarpu prisiuntė **Vincas Vyšniauskas** iš Gardner, Mass., **Pranas Vaškas** iš Newark, N. J., ir **Leonardas Valiukas** iš Los Angeles. Jiems esu dėkingas už jų pasišventimą. Dėkingas esu ir kitiems, kurie prisiuntė iškarpas. Šia proga noriu stipriai priminti visiems vyčiams, kad daugiau dėmesio kreiptų į straipsnius, kuriuos randa laikraščiuose bei žurnaluose ir kurie sumini Lietuvą vienu ar kitu atžvilgiu. Iškirpkite ir atsiųskite centrui! Be to, jei išgirsite ką nors sakant apie Lietuvą per radiją ar televiziją, praneškite, kada, kas ir iš kokios stoties girdėta. Norime padėkoti visiems, kurie verti, ir protestuoti ten, kur būtinai reikia.

### MŪSU TALKA

Šiais metais komisijos nariai vėl ėjo į talką Alto Informacijos Centru, pranešdami savo senatoriam, kongresmanam, gubernatoriui, miesto burmistram, kad Vasario 16 yra Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės diena. Laiškais bei asmeniškam pažintim veikė, kad Vasario 16 būtų priminta, jog Lietuva tebekenčia po Sovietų Sąjungos jungu. Tai atnešė daug gražių vaisių, nes Vasario 16 proga net 25 senatoriai ir 91 kongresmanas pasakė kalbas apie Lietuvą, o 15 gubernatorių ir 12 burmistru Vasario 16 paskelbė Lietuvos dieną, gi net 114 laikraščių išidėjo palankius straipsnius apie Lietuvą. Vyčiai visiems pasiuntė karštus padėkos laiškus. Keletas iš jų atsiuntė gražius atsakymus.

Štai ką kai kurie rašo:

Senatorius Howard W. Cannon (Nevada) rašo: "The present situation in your country is not only a concern of Lithuanian Americans but it is also the concern of every freedom loving citizen of these United States."

Kongresmanas Don L. Short (North Dakota) rašo: "I assure you that I will lend whatever influence I may ever have to see that the United States continues its policy of disapproval of the absorption of this country by the Soviet Union."

Kongresmanas Chester Bowles (Connecticut) rašo: "Let us work for the day when the Lithuanian people shall again be free to join a world where a desire for peace can be respected and international trust prevail."

Paul J. G. Keating (Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations) tvirtina: "I assure you that the Irish Delegation will constantly bear in mind the position of Lithuania and of all other countries in the world which have been denied their freedom."

Tingfu F. Tsiang (Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations) tvirtina: "You can be sure that my Government and people will continue to give our support to the realization of your aspirations."

Vyčiai netik prisidėjo prie Lietuvos nepriklausomybės šventės minėjimo, bet taip pat prie minėjimų Švento Kazimiero šventės, Lietuvos Tragiškų Dienų šventės, Maldos Dienos už Lietuvą ir kitų. Jų pagelba

įvairūs minėjimai buvo paskelbti laikraščiuose, atatinamos rezoliucijos buvo pagamintos, spauda buvo tinkamai painformuota apie Lietuvos dabartinius sunkumus po Sovietais.

Šioji visa veikla rodo, kad vyčiai, Amerikos jaunimas, didžiai rūpinasi Lietuvos nepriklausomybe. Dėl to neteisinga būtų sakyti, kad mūsų jaunimas niekam nevertas, jokios geros naudos iš jo nėra. Jam brangūs tie dalykai, kurie brangūs ir kiekvieno lietuvių širdžiai.

Šiais metais, kaip žinoma, JAV prezidentas buvo paskelbęs pavergtom tautom prisiminti savaitę. Ir čia vyčiai daug darė, rašydami laiškus, o paskui siuntė padėkas prezidentui, senatoriui Douglas, kongresmanui McCormack ir kitiems, kurie dėjo pastangas, kad toji šventė būtų įvesta.

### KLAIDU ATITAIKYMAS

Komisijos darbas yra taip pat žymėti klaidas, kurios daromos informacijose apie Lietuvą, jos praeitį, kultūrą ir žmones. Teko praėjusiais metais taisyti tokias klaidas apie šv. Kazimierą ir Tada Kosčiušką. Taip pat teko priminti tiems, kurie žemėlapius gamina, ir nurodyti, kad Lietuva buvo neteisingai užgrobtą ir todėl žemėlapiu turėtų rodyti Lietuvą, atskirtą nuo Sovietų Rusijos. Gauta laiškų ir atsakymų, kad ateityje tu netikslumų bus stengiamasi išvengti.

Štai keli pavyzdžiai:

Kongresmanas Samuel S. Stratton (New York) rašo: "Many thanks for your letter with regard to the nationality and birth of Thaddeus Kosciuszko. I appreciate having this information and will pass it along to my colleagues as you have requested."

Kongresmanas John D. Dingell (Michigan) rašo: "I appreciate your bringing to my attention the fact that he (Kosciuszko) was of Lithuanian origin."

Kiti irgi atrašė ir pranešė, kad daugiau dėmesio kreips Lietuvai ir jos vargstantiems žmonėms.

Teko mums per praėjusius metus parašyti padėkos laiškus vienam Jim Shea, kurš yra rašytojas CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH REGISTER laikraščiu, Cincinnati, Ohio ir kurs taip buvo sujaudintas tais laiškais, kad jis net vienos dienos kolumną pašventė pareikšti savo sujaudinimą. Štai ką rašo:

"One letter is a surprise. Two letters, an avalanche. But three letters written by strangers in three far places calls for an investigation. The letters were well written and friendly, even complimentary — the kind that warms the cockles of a columnist's heart. Little Lithuania, nearly forgotten victim of Nazi and Communist aggression, was the magic word that loosed the three-letter deluge."

Ir jis padaro tokią išvadą:

"What significance do I attach to all this? For one thing, there are some very thoughtful people among the Lithuanians and their descendants in this country."

Komentuodamas apie tą straipsnį, DRAUGAS (12-29-58) rašo:

"Tokiais laiškais, kurie padėką pareiškia už Lietuvos reikalų išskelimą, pats autorius yra įtaigojamas labiau išsigilinti į šį klausimą... Jau ne pirmas kartas, kad Vyčiai labai gerai ir vaisingai išnaudoja progas laiškais pasisakyti mums visiems rūpinčiais Lietuvos reikalais... Už šios rūšies Lietuvai nau-

**Convention Presidium.** Top to bottom, from left: Helen Zimmer (Chicago) and Marcella Andrikis (Waterbury), secretaries; Joseph Boley (New York City), chairman; Walter Chinik (Pittsburgh) and Jack Stukas (Hillside, N. J.), vice chairmen. Resolutions Committee. Seated, Rev. A. Miciunas, M.I.C. (Chicago), Anthony J. Mazeika, Sr. (So. Ozone, N. Y.), Anne Klem (Kearny, N. J.), Rev. J. C. Jutt (Worcester); standing, Jack Jatis (Chicago) and Rev. Walter Karaveckas (Pittsburgh). Mandate Committee. Joseph Chaps (Detroit), Eleanore Laurin (Chicago), Regina Malakas (Newark). Greetings Committee. Rev. A. J. Contons (Boston), Anthony J. Mazeika, Jr. (So. Ozone), Longinas L. Svelnis (Boston), Loretta Macekonis (Chicago), Helen Shields (Philadelphia). Not pictured — Rev. M. Kundrat (Detroit).

dingą propagandą vyčiams priklauso dėkingumas ir pagarba.”

Šis visas dalykas tiktai dar kartą parodo ką tai reiškia Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija, koki svarbų naudingą tautinį darbą Vyčiai dirba.

Dabar jau galima geriau suprasti, kodėl lietuvių visuomenė su pagarba žiūri į vyčių organizaciją. Bet dėl to taip pat reikia, kad daug daugiau narių isijungtų į komisijos darbą. Rašykite laiškus, ginkite Lietuva ir jos teisę į nepriklausomybę. Jei vieni gali surasti laiko rašyti laiškus, kodėl negali surasti kiti? Kodėl negali pasekti pavyzdžiu Prano Vaško (parašė 253 laiškus), Leonardo Valiuko (150), ar Ritos Pinkienės (136). Taip pat dėkoju ir kurie mažiau laiškų parašė, bet kurių darbas daug prisidėjo prie gražių rezultatų.

#### KA DARYTI ATEITYJE?

Norėčiau dar pareikšti kai kuriuos pageidavimus:

1. Reikia naujų narių, kurie galėtų rašyti laiškus, nes kas ligi šiol rašė, yra gerai žinomi, todėl jų laišškai mažiau beatkreipia dėmesio;
2. Kuopos, kurios yra apsileidusios, turėtų kuo greičiausiai išrinkti komisiją Lietuvos reikalams; to reikalauja mūsų organizacijos įstatai;
3. Vytės daugiau rašo negu vyčiai, ir čia gėda vyrukams, jie turėtų duoti daugiau narių tam reikalui;
4. Asmeniškai ryšiai su savo kongresmanais, senatoriais ir redaktorais yra labai svarbus dalykas: tik per tokius ryšius galėsime daugiau nuveikti Lietuvos labui;
5. Lėšos narių, kurie rašo laiškus, turėtų būti padengiamos iš kuopos išdo; kuopa turėtų džiaugtis, kad nariai rašo ir padengti jų išlaidas.

#### KOMUNISTAI SUPRANTA, O MES?

Daug kas iš mūsų dar nenori suprasti, ką reiškia laiškų rašymas. Tuo tarpu Lietuvos ir JAV priešai supranta. Komunistų Amerikoje yra apie 10,000, bet jie giriasi, kad į 72 valandas gali išsiųsti virš 50,000 laiškų jiems rūpimu klausimu. Jei jie supranta, kodėl mes negalime suprasti? Tik iš laiškų JAV valdžios žmonės sužino, kokie yra mūsų reikalai ir reikalavimai. Kam snausti? Kam laukti? Dirbkime ir veikime, nes esu tikras, kad tik mūsų visų sujungtom pastangom Lietuva galės atgauti nepriklausomybę. Dievas padės mums. Tuo būkime tikri.





*First Arrivals. Delegates registering with Lillian Stefan and Delphine Stefan, co-chairmen of the Registration Committee — Genevieve Gobis of Amsterdam, N. Y. (1.) and Mrs. Sophie Kaminski of Gary, Indiana; rear left, Anthony J. Mažeika, Jr. of So. Ozone, N. Y. and Vince Boris of San Antonio, Texas.*

## DETROIT CONVENTION A GREAT SUCCESS

*Felicija Grendal*

The 46th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania in Detroit was quick to get into the round-the-clock spirit of the Motor Capital of the World and, long before the opening on the 21st of August, day and night action was going on: On Wednesday, the 19th, early arrivals toured the Ford Motor Company, the Rotunda, Edison Museum and fabulous Greenfield Village. That evening, many took a trip to Windsor, Canada. Thursday, a Golf Tournament was arranged, followed by a Mixed Double Bowling Tournament in late afternoon. Thursday evening, everyone enjoyed the buffet supper served at the Lithuanian Club, and the refreshing three-hour cruise on the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair.

National President Joseph A. Sakevich and Officers and Committee Chairmen came several days early to deliberate in special meetings.

Great credit for the preparations and consequent success of the convention belongs to Robert Boris and Anthony Dainus, co-chairmen of the Convention Committee, Rev. Dr. Ig. F. Boreišis, pastor of St. Anthony's Church and Rev. Michael Kundrat, administrator of Divine Providence Church, and the C-102 and C-79 Knights who so ably hosted the convention.

The Solemn High Mass at St. Anthony's Church, August 21st marked the opening of the convention. Business sessions occupied the mornings and afternoons on Friday through Sunday, about which reports appear in this issue.

### **Knights, Then and Now**

Those of us who have been attending the conventions for some time, might recall our 35th national convention held in the Mid-Central district, back in 1948,



with C-102, Detroit, Michigan, as host. This year, the 46th convention was hosted by Council 102 and Council 79 (organized in 1958).

Since then, outstanding progress has been made and new projects developed, the most recent being — Spiritual Program, Culture Committee (Jack Stukas), the K. of L. Scholarship Fund, K. of L. Award Medals and Certificates presented to non-Lithuanians — defenders of Lithuania's just right to freedom, publishing of two booklets in English — ST. CASIMIR, prepared by Father A. J. Contons in 1958, and OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA, prepared by Father J. C. Jutt in 1959, both of which are history - making contributions to culture in the U.S.A.

This past 46th national Convention held at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, brought another bright page in a bright and proud record of the Knights of Lithuania. The convention was officially apprized that the Knights of Lithuania set the pace by being the first to sponsor a Mass in honor of St. Casimir over TV, Sunday, February 22, 1959. The television program which originated live from the Boston Archdiocesan TV Centre was arranged by the New England District. Thousands watched as Father Contons, nat'l spiritual director, celebrated the Mass and preached a sermon on St. Casimir. That a second and special televised Mass will be celebrated by Father Jutt, hon. chmn. of Lithuanian Affairs Committee, on WNAC-TV (Channel 7) on Sunday, September 6, to commemorate the apparitions of Our Lady of Šiluva in Lithuania in 1608 and will formally close a year of prayer by Lithuanians throughout the world for peace and relief of Lithuania from Communist - rule and oppression. Last but not least, the Knights of Lithuania is to sponsor a

Pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress in Munich in 1960, under the leadership of Father Contons, our national spiritual director.

**Convention Motto — "Knights of Lithuania Soldiers of Christ!"**

A public pledge of national participation in the Crusade of Prayer for world peace was given by acclamation by the delegates. In a resolution approved at the final meeting of the Convention, delegates registered from all over the country were unanimous for joining in the crusade. The convention pledged wholehearted support to the appeal of our spiritual leaders for a novena of prayer for the ruled and rulers of Russia, for nations in bondage, for the sorrowful languishing in prisons and refugee camps, for suffering people everywhere and for universal peace. The crusade is timed to coincide with the American visit of Soviet Premier September 15-25. Also a message was sent to President Eisenhower stating that the Knights were looking upon the coming visit of Krushchev with great apprehension.

Both Archbishop John F. Dearden and Bishop Vincentas Brizgys commended the Knights of Lithuania for preserving national traditions.

**Spot News**

**Dignitaries at Solemn High Mass** (photo on p. 20) was celebrated at the Church of the Divine Providence, Detroit, Sunday morning, August 23. Top to bottom — K. of L. Color Guards; **Most Rev. John F. Dearden**, Archbishop of Detroit and Fathers M. Daumantas and B. Dagilis; **Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys**, Bishop-in-Exile of Lithuania and **Rev. Dr. Ig. F. Boreišis**, pastor of St. Anthony's Church and Father W. Stanievich. Celebrant of the Mass was **Father Michael Kundrat**, administrator of the Divine Providence Church and **Father J. C. Jutt**, hon. chmn. of Lithuanian Affairs of Worcester, deacon, and **Father A. J. Contons**, national spiritual director of Boston, subdeacon.

**Panels.** Programming, Seniors, Juniors and Officers proved to be informative and beneficial to delegates.

**Membership Workshop.** Under the chairmanship of Larry Janonis, with all delegates participating, showed that there is considerable interest in the problems which are confronting the further growth of the K. of L. (Interesting opinions given by delegates to the many questions discussed will be summarized in the chairman's article next month.)

**Liturgical Workshop.** It was introduced to the convention delegates for the first time. Guest speaker, Rev. Thomas Kerwin of Detroit; rehearsal in Gregorian Chant for Sunday's Solemn High Mass and singing were supervised by Father Walter Stanievich and Gerald Graham, organist.

**Reports** of national officers and committee chairmen to appear in Nov. issue will give members an idea as to their activities in behalf of the K. of L. Detailed reports of the financial secretary and treasurer have been mailed directly to the councils.

**K. of L. Scholarship.** Anna McMorrow of Worcester, Mass., member of C-116, was awarded the second

scholarship. She plans to attend the Anna Maria College at Paxton, Mass. Career—teacher. Mother is Lithuanian.

**K. of L. Award Medal.** The 4th K. of L. Award Medal presented by the Knights of Lithuania for distinguished service and in recognition of outstanding performance in behalf of the Lithuanians was presented to Governor G. Mennen Williams (Michigan). Both the Medal and illuminated Certificate (designed by Sister Mercedes of Nativity B. V. M. parish) presentations were made by Rev. Fr. John C. Jutt, honorary chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. An article giving details of Governor Williams' achievements appears in this issue.

**Our Lady of Šiluva** booklet (English), prepared by Father John C. Jutt, is just off the press. Both English language booklets — ST. CASIMIR (prepared by Father A. J. Contons last year) and OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA (prepared by Father J. C. Jutt this year) are history-making contributions to culture in the U.S.A., and are worth having in your library. Mail your orders NOW: Rev. J. C. Jutt, 41 Providence St., Worcester 4, Mass. and Rev. A. J. Contons, 50 W. 6th St., S. Boston 27, Mass.

**Anthony J. Rudis** of Chicago, Ill., national president of the Lithuanian R. C. Federation of America and U. S. Delegate to the Second World Congress of the Lay Apostolate held in Rome, Italy in 1957, by letter invited all Catholic leaders and workers to attend the Federation's Convention which is to take place at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, November 27-29, 1959. Registration blanks may be obtained by writing to Mr. Rudis, 9339 So. Oakley Ave., Chicago 20, Ill.

**Newly-elevated Honorary Member** Anne Mitchell of Elizabeth, N. J. was presented medal at the closing banquet; also one for Rev. Dr. Ignatius F. Boreišis, honorary member of long standing.

**4th K. of L. Degrees** were bestowed upon Robert Boris (Detroit), Anna Mae Uznis (Detroit) and John Jesulaitis (Chicago).

**Keynote addresses** throughout convention days were recorded by Mr. Paul Labanauskas of U. S. Information Agency, "Voice of America" Lithuanian Service, Washington, D. C., and assisted by Mr. Singer.

**Booklets** entitled "Lithuania", published by Committee for the Lithuanian Pavilion at Chicago International Fair & Exposition, Inc. and through the courtesy of Lithuanian Consul Dr. P. Daužvardis, were distributed to all convention delegates.

**K. of L'ers — Lithuanian Radio Hour Directors.** Ralph Valatka, director of Lithuanian Melodies over Station WPAC - 1050 KC Ann Arbor, Sundays 1:00 - 1:30 p.m., invited Jack Stukas, director of Memories of Lithuania over Station WEVD, New York City for the past 18 years, to address his listeners in behalf of the K. of L'ers convened at convention in Detroit. Also present at the convention was William Kolicius of Pittsburgh, Penna., director of the Lithuanian Catholic Hour which is sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania, Pittsburgh, over Station WLOA — 1550KC Braddock, Penna.

**K. of L. Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage in 1960.** In accordance with the suggestion of the K. of L. Philadelphia Convention that the Knights of Lithuania

sponsor a PILGRIMAGE to the Eucharistic Congress in Munich under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Albert J. Contons, this convention was officially apprized as to the arrangements and details of the Pilgrimage by Father Contons. This Pilgrimage will be one of the great spiritual events in the history of the Knights of Lithuania. (A more complete description of this tour appears in this issue.)

**Lithuanian Arts & Crafts Exhibit** was admired by not only Lithuanians but non-Lithuanians who visited it. The exhibit was sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania with Juozas Jasiunas, as director.

**Membership Drive Winners.** INDIVIDUAL — 1. Anthony J. Mazeika, Jr. (Brooklyn, Queens); 2. Joseph Chaps (Detroit, Council 79). COUNCILS — Council 79, Detroit, Mich. (Anthony Dainus, pres.); Council 36, Chicago, Ill. (Sophie Zukas). DISTRICT — Mid-Central (Stanley Vaitkus, pres.).

**"100-A-Year Club"** — Surprise Plaque Awards were presented by Father J. C. Jutt, hon. chmn. of Lithuanians Affairs to the first pioneers of the Club: Mrs. Mildred Chinik (Pittsburgh), Frank Vaskas (Newark), Mrs. Rita Pinkus (Worcester); and Leonard Valiukas (Los Angeles) — to be mailed. All had written over 100 letters as members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

**U. S. Flag Flown over our House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.** Last year, Feb. 13, 1958, Father John C. Jutt had the honor and privilege to represent the K. of L. in saying the prayers at the Opening Sessions of the U. S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Congressman John W. McCormack (Mass.) presented the U. S. flag which flew over the House of Representatives that day to Father Jutt as a token of remembrance. That same U. S. flag, Father Jutt donated to the Knights of Lithuania through Nat'l. President J. Sakevich, to be placed in the K. of L. Archives.

**Toastmaster and Master of Ceremonies** — Rev. W. Stanievich (Sports Luncheon), Joseph Chaps (Friday's Luncheon & Fashion Show), and Ralph Valatka (Closing Banquet) received complimentary remarks for their masterful handling of their respective positions.

**Fashion Show** presented by Anna Mae Uznis, proprietor of Ann's Fashion Shop, Dearborn, Mich. during Saturday's luncheon at the Sheraton-Cadillac, received high praise. Ladies Prize Winners at the Show were Loretta Kassel (Chicago), Maryann Ambrose (Dayton), Ann Klaučius (New York), and Mrs. Kirsh (Detroit), received \$10.00 worth of Revlon cosmetics donated by Joseph C. Sipas, Worcester. Men's Prize Winners were J. Kuncaitis (Cleveland) and E. Anilonis (Elizabeth).

**Olympics Boxing Champ** — Ed Martinaitis, member of C-79, Detroit, gave a most enlightening talk on his visit to Lithuania in 1938 at the Sports Luncheon. (Other honored sports guests present — read Tony Yuknis' article appearing in this issue.)

**Variety Show** — presented Friday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel by K. of L'ers from several districts and councils was most entertaining. High praise and commendation are due to the Convention Committee for making arrangements in presenting our own K. of L. talent.

**K. of L. Photographers** were Joseph P. Sipas of Worcester, Mass., Joe Chaps of Detroit, Michigan and Anthony Buknis of Cleveland, Ohio. Also Robert Boris and Anthony Dainus, Convention Co-Chairmen assisted in procuring convention pictures. Ačiū.

**New Jersey K. of L'ers**, each year, play host in their suites of room to all delegates. They are: Charles Oskutis, Edward Anilonis, Norbert Wysocki, Frank Meagher, Charles Ceponis, Charles Rusteika, Edmund Sharkus, Vincent Cuprewich, John Tratulis, Frank Mickevich, Joe Stelmok, Nik Napolitano, Joseph Sakevich, Matty Stankevich and Anthony Pinkin. Preceding the convention, Charles Oskutis, Anthony Pinkin, Norbert Wysocki and Frank Meagher spent two weeks at Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Public Relations.** The committee, consisting of Anthony Yuknis, chmn. (Chicago), Juozas Sadauskas (Cleveland), Ed Šulaitis (Chicago), and Frank Vaskas (Newark) reported that the convention received wide publicity in VYTIS (official organ) and throughout the country in the Lithuanian press: DRAUGAS (Chicago), DARBININKAS (Brooklyn, N. Y.), GARSAS (Wilkes-Barre, Penna.) and LITHUANIAN DAYS (Los Angeles, California). Also local papers — DETROIT TIMES and DETROIT NEWS gave space, and that keynote speeches of Archbishop Deardon, Bishop Brizgys, Governor William, Rev. A. J. Contons, Rev. J. C. Jutt which were recorded and transcribed by Mr. Paul Labanauskas, "Voice of America" Lithuanian Service would be taken and sent to hometown papers and Lithuanian radio broadcasters in New York City, Waterbury, Conn., Boston, Mass., Pittsburgh, Penna., Detroit, Mich., Chicago, Ill., Los Angeles, Calif., Toronto, Ontario and Montreal, Canada.

**Worcester, Massachusetts Chosen for the 1960 Convention.** Invitations for the 1960 convention were presented to the Convention by two state councils. They were from New England District to hold the convention in Worcester, Mass. and Illinois-Indiana District to hold the convention in Chicago, Ill. After Joseph Sipas, president of C-26, Worcester, Mass. and Eleanore Laurin of C-112, Chicago had presented the claims of their respective localities for consideration, it was announced that WORCESTER had received the majority of the votes. 1960 Convention will be held in WORCESTER... the second largest city in MASSACHUSETTS, where tradition is used as a rudder and not as an anchor...

**Golf Champs** announced at Saturday's luncheon by Larry Janonis, Sports Director were — Loretta Kassel (Chicago), Anna Mae Uznis (Detroit), Pat Zelinskas (Dayton), Joseph Stelmok (New York City), Chip Cepulonis (Elizabeth) and Charles Oskutis (Elizabeth).

**Bowling Champs** — King trophy was presented to Charles Rusteika and Queen trophy to Anne Scott (Dayton). Novice King trophy to Bruno Sinkus (Detroit) and Novice Queen trophy to Rita Pinkus (Worcester). The Golf Tournament took place at the Roseland Country Club, Windsor, Canada.

In closing, I might say that the Knights of Lithuania Convention this year had special interest for us as a united group that wishes to keep abreast of developments in the American and Lithuanians affairs. The Convention was most stimulating!

# REPORT OF -

## Rev. Albert J. Contons National Spiritual Director

During the past year I have tried to serve the needs of the K. of L. as well as time and circumstances permitted. Happily, I was able to attend all Supreme Council meetings with only one exception. Among other major events I was able to attend were the N. E. District conventions held in Athol and in Brockton, the N. E. District Leadership Course held in Providence, the N. Y.-N.J. Testimonial Banquet in honor of Frank Vaskas, and the Waterbury Council observance of St. Casimir's Day.

**VYTIS ARTICLES.** The following articles by the spiritual director appeared in our national magazine:

Oct. 1958 — OUR SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

Nov. 1958 — K. OF L. AND ST. CASIMIR BOOKLET

HOW THE K. OF L. CAN ATTRACT PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE

Dec. 1958 — POPE PIUS XII

March 1959 — THE CROSS AND EMPTY TOMB

April 1959 — SAINT CASIMIR

July 1959 — DETROIT CROSSROAD

**ST. CASIMIR BOOKLET.** The most important single project during the past year was the preparation, publication, and circulation of the booklet entitled "ST. CASIMIR" and published in the name of the Knights of Lithuania. During the year frequent reports were made to the Supreme Council and to the treasurer about progress of the booklet. The following statistics give a brief summary of this project:

Number of booklets printed .....	14,000
Booklets sold or otherwise distributed... appr. ....	12,000
Donors to the St. Casimir Fund ....	247
Income (sales and donations) .....	\$1,958.82
Expense to date .....	1,059.08

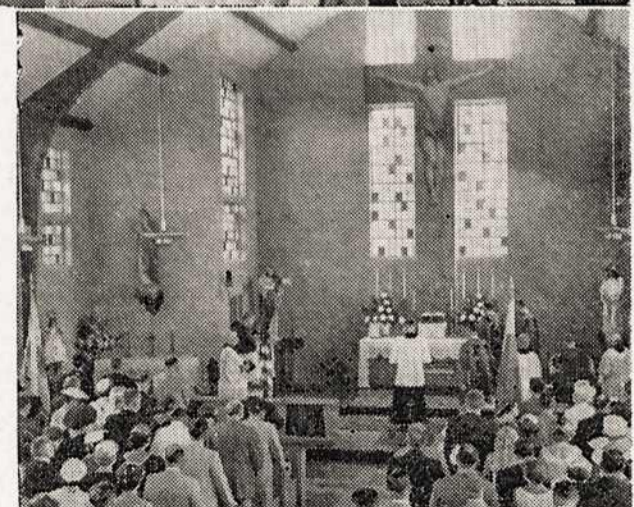
Balance to date .....	899.74
Balance includes	
1) donations received for St. Casimir drive .....	498.50
2) profit realized from sale of booklets .....	401.24
3) St. Casimir booklets on hand .....	2,000

My recommendation for the disposition of these monies is as follows: Transfer income received from donations, ie. \$500.00 to the K. of L. general fund. Reserve income received from sales, ie. \$400.00 for use by the Spiritual Committee.

The publication of this booklet by the K. of L. not only resulted in financial benefit to the K. of L., but much more important it helped spread knowledge and devotion to St. Casimir not only among Lithuanians but non-Lithuanians as well, and did much to increase the prestige of the K. of L. in the eyes of all.



*Dignitaries  
at  
Solemn High  
Mass  
See story  
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As a result of similar TV arrangements, Rev. John Jutt, author of the booklet, *OUR LADY OF SILUVA* published by the Knights of Lithuania, will be the celebrant of the TV Mass on Sept. 6, 1959 and will preach a sermon appropriate to the 351st anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin at Siluva.

The LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS' LEAGUE OF AMERICA received from me a full report of the Knights of Lithuania activities, including copies of last year's Spiritual Program and Spiritual Director's report for their convention held at the Statler Hotel, New York, on Sept. 25, 1958.

A LITHUANIAN PRIESTS' CONFERENCE to discuss problems of the Knights of Lithuania is being arranged for Oct. 12, 1959 at Marianapolis Academy, Thompson, Conn. at the invitation of Rev. Joseph Dambraskas, M.I.C.

**SPIRITUAL PROGRAM.** Because of the time consumed in circulating the pamphlet, "St. Casimir", a special spiritual program for last year could not be published.

The new Spiritual Program will center about Active Participation in the Sacrifice of the Mass. This program will be inaugurated at this convention during the Liturgical Workshop Saturday afternoon. It will be given practical expression in the chanting of the Solemn Masses by all the assembled Knights and Ladies.

We are most grateful to Fr. Michael Kundrat, Fr. Thomas Kerwin, Fr. Joseph Stanevich, Mr. Robert Boris and all the members of the committee who have helped to arrange the liturgical aspects of this convention.

Beginning in October of 1959 a series of instructions on active participation in the Mass and a suggested program for learning the Dialogue and Chanted Masses will be mailed to all spiritual directors and spiritual program chairmen.

During the fall we would also like to publish a leaflet of prayers in honor of St. Casimir as a follow-up of the interest created by the booklet on St. Casimir. The spread of knowledge of and devotion to St. Casimir should be one of the most important activities of the Knights of Lithuania.

I wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the assistance of Miss Florence Zaleskas, one of our national trustees, who took care of much of the secretarial work and mailing of the booklets; also the help of Frances Daniels, Winifred Skudris, Joanne Dravinskas, and Florence Zaleskas in preparing the mailing of the booklet to all K. of L. members and priests. Finally, I wish to thank all the priests, sisters, and K. of L. members who responded so enthusiastically to the publication of the booklet and did so much to give it wide circulation.

**TV MASS IN HONOR OF ST. CASIMIR.** On Feb. 22, 1959, as a result of arrangements made through Fr. John Zuromskis, Spiritual Adviser of the N. E. District K. of L. and of C-17, So. Boston, I was privileged to be the celebrant of the TV Mass on Channel 7, Boston, Mass. and to preach a sermon on St. Casimir. An audience of 500,000 viewers in the New England area is claimed for this program sponsored by the Boston Archdiocesan Radio and TV Apostolate.



Distinguished Guest of Honor — Monsignor Ladislaus Tulaba, Rector of Lithuanian St. Casimir's College in Rome (2nd left), is being flanked by K. of L. Spiritual Leaders at the convention. They are: Rev. John C. Jutt, Judge on Matrimonial Tribunal of the Worcester Diocese; Rev. Michael Kundrat, administrator of Divine Providence Church, Detroit and host; Rev. Albert J. Contons, professor at St. Sebastian's School, Boston.

There is no accurate way of gaging the impact of such a program. However the following excerpts from correspondence received give an idea of the opportunities available to the K. of L. in presenting their cause to a wider audience.

*"I really don't know if it's a television debut for you or for Father John Zuromskis or for the Knights of Lithuania; but whatever my lack of knowledge on this matter may be, I am congratulating all for the wonderful impression that was given on Channel 7 last Sunday morning. The audience that was reached saw an example of the Knights' motto — For God and Country."*

*"I wish you, Father John, and the Knights continued success in keeping the Lithuanian name and spirit before the public."*  
A. P. Mitkus, Marianapolis, Connecticut.

*"I would appreciate any information you could give me on ST. CASIMIR. I heard you speak of him on television. Would you know where I could get a picture and a statue of him? As my mother is from Lithuania, I think she would like a statue and I would like to get her one for Easter."* A. M., Mass.

*"...I am interested in the pamphlet about the Lithuanian patron saint as I have some fine Lithuanian neighbors. God bless you from a shut-in."* M. L., Mass.

*"...St. Casimir is my oldest and best friend. He has been my companion since I was about seven years old. I thank you for this opportunity of knowing him better."* Non-Lith. Brother, Mass.

*"I am a student at .... College and must write a term paper on Lithuanians. I saw you say Mass a few weeks ago. You gave an inspiring talk on St. Casimir. I would really appreciate it very much if you would please send some information on St. Casimir. I think our patron will be an interesting model around which to describe our customs and traditions. Thank you very much, Father."* A. C., Mass.

# SUGGESTED ITINERARY

## FOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TOUR - 1960

### Sat. July 23 New York or Boston

Departure by mid-afternoon Pan American Transatlantic flight for London.

### Sun. July 24 London

Arrival in the forenoon. Transfer directly to Hotel Tavistock and balance of day at leisure.

### Mon. July 25 London

Forenoon city sightseeing including Trafalgar Square, St. James Palace, London Bridge, Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, etc.  
Afternoon city sightseeing, including Piccadilly Circus, Nelson's Column, Pall Mall, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Cathedral, Parliament, Downing Street, Westminster Abbey, etc.

### Tues. July 26 London

Morning at leisure. Transfer to airport for midday flight for Paris, arriving in the early afternoon. Transfer to Hotel Palais D'Orsay, with balance of day at leisure.

### Wed. July 27 Paris

Forenoon city sightseeing including Opera House, Church of the Madeleine, Arch of Triumph, Eiffel Tower, tomb of Napoleon I, etc.  
Afternoon city sightseeing including the Louvre, Sorbonne University, Notre Dame Cathedral, Sacre-Coeur de Montmartre, shrine of Catherine Laboure.

### Thurs. July 28 Paris

Morning at leisure. Depart by afternoon plane to Zurich. Continue by private motorcoach direct from airport for scenic drive to Lucerne, Switzerland, and transfer to Hotel Flora.

### Fri. July 29 Lucerne

Exhilarating 4½ hour excursion starting with a 1 hour cruise across the lake to Alpnachstad. Then by rack-pinion railway to "Pilatus Kulm", 1½ miles above sea level, stopping for magnificent Alpine views.

### Sat. July 30 Lucerne

Morning at leisure. Late afternoon flight to Munich.

### Sun. July 31 Munich

Early morning motorcoach departure for special Eucharistic Congress performance of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, returning in the evening.

### Mon. Aug. 1 Munich

Morning at leisure for Eucharistic Congress activities. Afternoon city sightseeing, including Nymphenburg Castle, Loewen Brewery, Fair Grounds, and German Museum.

### Tues. Aug. 2 Munich

Full day excursion to Salzburg in Austria, via Chiemsee and its lake castle of Herrenchiemsee, and returning by the Konigsee and notorious Berchtesgaden and the Eagle's Nest.

### Wed. Aug. 3 Munich

Attend Congress Festivities and the solemn greeting of the Papal Legate.

### Thurs. Aug. 4 Munich

Full day Bavarian Castles excursion, viewing the Fairy Tale Castles, built by the last kings of the Bavarian royal house.

### Fri. to Sun. Aug. 5-7 Munich

Attend Pontifical ceremonies, Lithuanian Day, Torchlight Procession, and impressive closing ceremonies of the Eucharistic Congress.

### Mon. Aug. 8 Venice

Leave by morning plane via Milan for Venice, Italy, transferring to Hotel Londres Beau Rivage in the early afternoon.

### Tues. Aug. 9 Venice

Forenoon city sightseeing, on foot, visiting Basilica of St. Marks, Palace of the Doges, Bridge of Sighs, Piombi Prison, Venetian Shops, Glass works, etc. Afternoon at leisure, with opportunity for an independent visit to the Lido.  
Evening gondola serenade, music and song while floating on the moonlit lagoon.

### Wed. Aug. 10 Rome

Leave Venice by early morning flight, arriving in Rome before noon and transferring to Hotel Michelangelo.

### Thurs. Aug. 11 Rome

Forenoon city sightseeing, including Borghese Palace, Villa Medici, Castle Sant'Angelo, Saint Peter's, etc.  
Afternoon sightseeing, including St. Paul's Outside the Walls, Maxentius Circus, Piazza Venezia, Imperial Forum, Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, etc.

### Fri. Aug. 12 Rome

Forenoon visit to the Vatican, including Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Gallery of Tapestry, Courtyard of Belveders, etc.  
Afternoon city sightseeing, including Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, Baths of Caracalla, Catacombs of St. Calixtus, ancient Appian Way, Basilica of St. John Lateran, and the Lithuanian College.

### Sat. Aug. 13 Rome

Morning at leisure (it is hoped to arrange a Papal Audience, with transportation provided). After-

noon excursion to Tivoli, visiting the Marian Fathers and the Lithuanian College Villa, and the ruins of the Summer Palace of Emperor Hadrian. At Tivoli a visit to the Renaissance Villa d'Este, renowned for its myriad fountains, cascades and water displays.

**Sun. Aug. 14 French Riviera**

Leave Rome by early morning flight, arriving in Nice before noon and transferring to Hotel Atlantic. Afternoon at leisure for bathing. Late afternoon motor excursion along the Grand Corniche to Monaco, dinner in Monte Carlo, evening visit to the Casino, and return by moonlight by the Lower Corniche.

**Mon. Aug. 15 Nice**

Depart by morning Alitalia flight to Bracelona, connecting with afternoon Aer Lingus flight, arriving in the early evening at Lourdes.

**Tues. Aug. 16 Lourdes**

Day at leisure. Depart by late afternoon plane, arriving in the early evening at Lisbon, Portugal.

**Thurs. Aug. 18 Lisbon**

Full day excursion to the revered Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, motoring by the 12th century Monastery of Alcobaca and the beautiful Manuelins Gothic Convent of Batalha. Lunch at Fatima and afternoon devotions, returning to Lisbon in the early evening.

**Fri. Aug. 19 Lisbon**

Forenoon city sightseeing, visiting the typical quarter of "Alfama"; the Church of Madre de Deus; St. George's Castle; the Cathedral, etc.

Afternoon excursion to Sintra, (Royal Palace); the beach; Hell's Mouth, a natural cavern on the coast; the fashionable seaside resort of Estoril, etc.

Leave Lisbon by midnight trans-Atlantic Pan American flight.

**Sat. Aug. 20 Boston/New York in the morning.**

TOUR FEATURES include: AIR TRAVEL, economy class trans-Atlantic and tourist class in Europe. HOTELS, Standard class, providing for twin-bedded rooms with private bath. ALL MEALS, except in London, Paris, and Rome, where only breakfast and lunch OR dinner is included. TIPS and TAXES as imposed by hotels and governmental authorities, TRANSFERS of passengers and two average size suit cases, and SIGHT-SEEING are also included.

**IMPORTANT:** The Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage as outlined above will be one of the great spiritual events in the life of the K. of L. All members and their friends are invited to participate. However, because of the limited facilities available at Munich for the Congress and the Passion Play, reservations must be made early. The K. of L. Tour has committed itself to making arrangements for a group of approximately 30 persons. It may be impossible to accommodate any more. To avoid disappointment, those interested in the pilgrimage should write as soon as possible for further information to the K. of L. national spiritual director, whose address appears on the inside cover page of VYTIS.

## REPORT OF – Joseph A. Sakevich

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The year 1958-1959 was a very active year for the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania. Meetings were held in Philadelphia, Penna., Newark, N. J., Worcester, Mass., New York City, Boston, Mass., and Detroit, Michigan.

At the meetings of the Supreme Council, the officers presented the programs of their respective offices. After some deliberation, and final approval, the programs were mailed to all councils.

The most important programs submitted were that of SPIRITUAL PROGRAM, JUNIORS, and the MEMBERSHIP DRIVE (all reports distributed to delegates).

Under the direction of Miss Helen Shields, vice president, a most effective Junior Program got underway highlighted with a "Junior Knights of Lithuania Rally", held in Kearny, N. J., on April 12, 1959. As an experiment, the Rally was held on a district level — sponsored by the New York - New Jersey District. The Rally was a very successful affair both in attendance and programming. Since this was our first attempt to hold such a Junior Rally, it is highly recommended that other districts conduct a similar Rally this coming year. The Supreme Council would be most happy to assist you.

Our second successful program — Membership Drive — was ably conducted by Larry Janonis, vice president. In fact, all officers performed their duties to the best of their ability.

This year's Supreme Council has tried to bring a business program to our National Convention which is much different from that in the past. With the cooperation of the delegates, we would like your close attention to the program and prompt action in attendance.

Also, the Supreme Council would like to make several recommendations:

1) To have all monies handled through one source, the Supreme Council Treasury.

2) That our Constitution and By-Laws be revised so as to conform with the changes of time. Members who have accepted to serve on this committee are: Larry Janonis, Loretta Kassel, Anthony Shalna, Albin Janks, Robert Boris, William Kolicius and your president, Joseph Sakevich. Volunteers are most welcome.

3) To select our Convention Site two years in advance so as to give ample time in which to prepare ourselves for such a convention. We feel that in time, Convention cities and facilities will be harder to find from year to year.

In closing, I want to leave a thought with you — that in working together toward the accomplishment of our objectives, we will find much satisfaction and the key to more Effective Living.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The November issue will be published soon. Remaining Convention Reports, all Council Activities, etc., will appear in the November issue. Deadline for December — Christmas issue is November 10th.

Please mail in Christmas and New Year's ads — greetings EARLY.

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**K. OF L. AND OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA BOOKLET**

Dear Member:

Our Blessed Lady appeared in Šiluva, Lithuania 250 years before She did in Lourdes. Why was Lithuania so blessed? A number of answers may be given but really only God knows. One thing is certain God gave Lithuania the privilege of being the place of Our Lady's first well-known apparition in Europe — a tremendous honor.

This apparition is very little known among the people of the world. This is a shame for there is no reason why Šiluva should not be as well known as Lourdes and Fatima. That is why there was published the booklet "Our Lady of Šiluva". The purpose of this booklet: to acquaint you and others with what took place in Šiluva some 350 years ago.

A year or so ago, the K. of L. published a similar booklet on St. Casimir. This booklet, written by Father Contons, fulfilled a long time need, that of giving our people something on the life of our Patron Saint in English. The K. of L. is continuing its cultural work by publishing this booklet on Our Lady of Šiluva.

Please do what you can to spread this booklet among Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians. Get in touch with your Pastor and arrange to have this booklet sold in front of the church. Your Pastor is being informed about this. Booklets may be had at the following rates:

- 1 — 4 copies — 25¢ each
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- 50 — 99 copies — 17¢ each
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**K. OF L. CALENDAR**

- October 31 — Chicago, Ill. (112)  
Halloween Party, K. of L. Youth Center.
- November 25 — Chicago, Ill. (112)  
Thanksgiving Dance.
- November 28 — South Boston, Mass.  
(27) DANCE, Bradford Hotel, Boston.
- 1960
- January 23 — Kearny-Harrison, N. J. (90) '60 by #90 — DANCE, Jackson's Auditorium, Kingland & Harrison Aves., Harrison, N. J.

**TO ALL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES:**

As your new National Financial Secretary, my job can only be done well with your cooperation.

I cannot stress enough the fact that all members should pay their dues on a January to January basis. In this way your job and mine would be easier and all our records would be more accurate.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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