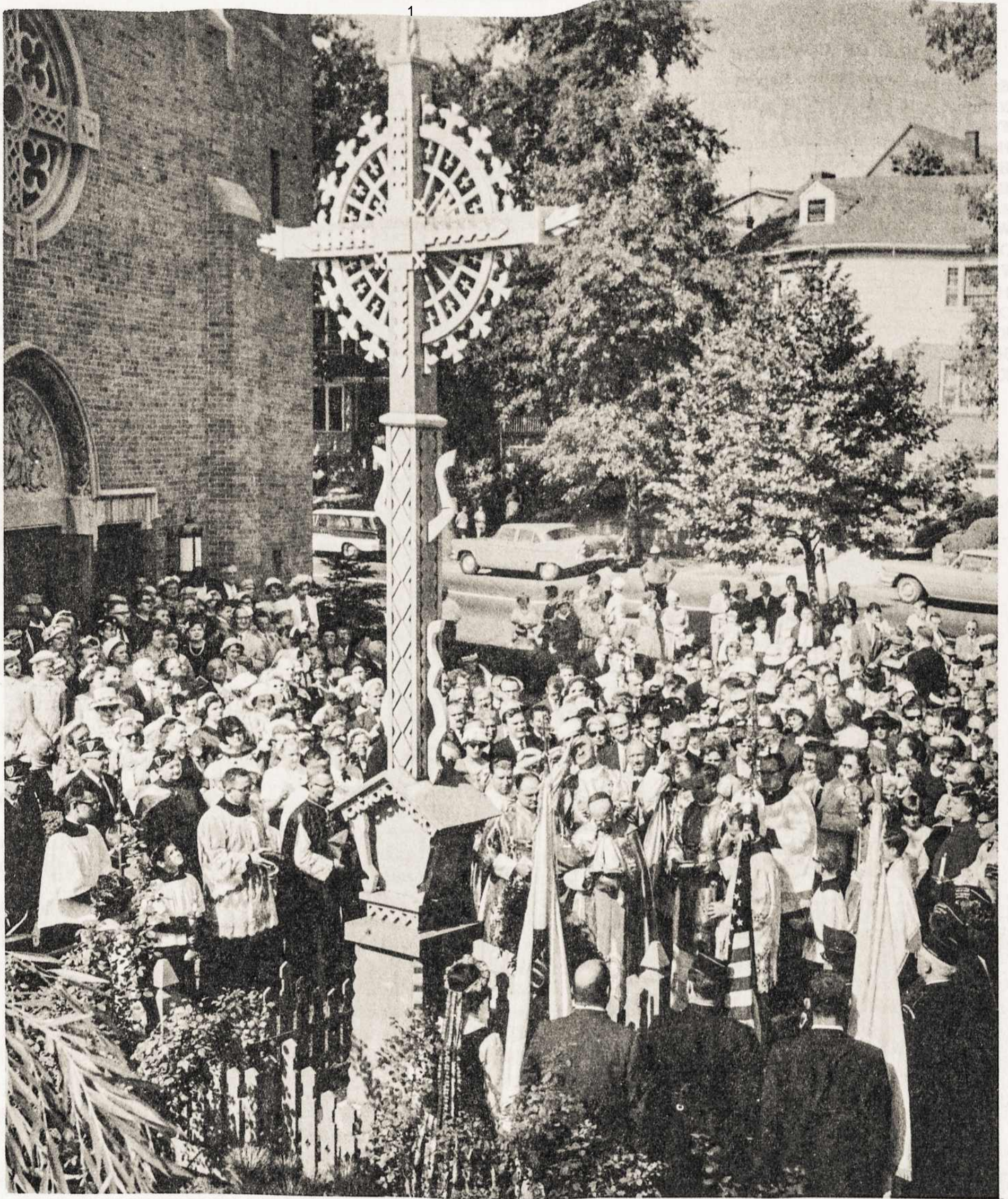


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49th National Convention Delegates and Guests participate in dedication of Council 90's Wayside Cross, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, N.J. (Photo by V. Maželis)

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# THE KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA 49th NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 17-19, 1962  
Newark, New Jersey

## "Į darbą! Į darbą, kam dega krūtinė!"

Apleisto dirvono vaga pirmutinė -  
Sunkiausia, bet kiek ten sapnų!  
Ir mūsų tėvynei, tiek amžių vaitojus,  
Ar žinom, ką auštantis žada rytojus? . . .  
Tik reikia darbų, milžinų!"

Maironis

Convention Motto



## STATE OF ORGANIZATION REPORT

Delivered by: Robert S. Boris, National President

On: August 17, 1962

Encouraged by the apparent success of our attempt to modernize the National Convention Sessions last year, we shall attempt to follow the same procedure this year. Most oral reports will be eliminated since they have been combined into one "State of the Organization Report." We shall therefore try, as briefly as possible, to review the highlights of those reports, which were submitted to me prior to the convention.

Complete detailed reports for each officer and committee have been reproduced and are found in this booklet for your reference. These should be thoroughly read and used to give a full report at the next meeting of your local council.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR.** The K of L can be truly grateful to our Spiritual Director, Father J. Walter Stanievich, whose report has just been given. His wise counsel and guidance has been appreciated by all who have called on him. His efforts to strengthen the bond of good will between our organization and the clergy, who are not members, had not gone unnoticed. Despite the tremendous demands of two parishes which are under his administration, he has not failed to fulfill his duties as Spiritual Director. The revival of our Spiritual Program has been well received and appreciated. We sincerely hope this most important phase of our program will be continued and expanded in the coming year.

**PRESIDENT** As President, I called six meetings of the Supreme Council to handle the routine business of our organization. Despite the hardships of travel, all of the meetings were well attended and productive of new ideas and plans for the future. I have attempted to discharge my duties to the best of my ability considering the restric-

tions of time and funds. We tried during the past year to establish a closer bond between the Supreme Council Officers, National Committee Members and local officers by publishing a newsletter in which ideas, instructions and information were exchanged.

Close contact was maintained between myself and the National Officers of other Catholic organizations such as the Kunigų Vienybė, Susivienijimas nad the Federation. It can be announced that plans for mutual aid between the K of L and Susivienijimas have been under discussion all year and definite proposals have been made for our study by Mr. Simutis.

Great personal satisfaction was experienced by participating, as a representative of the K of L, at the Consecration of His Excellency Bishop Charles Salatka, our first American Bishop of Lithuanian descent. We organized the collection of funds to present the Bishop with a lasting gift, as a token of our good wishes and also organized a nationwide Spiritual Bouquet with which we offered to the Bishop a prayerful remembrance of our great joy.

Of major importance too, was the request by Bishop Vincentas Brizgys to serve on the committee being organized to undertake the erection of a Lithuanian Chapel in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C.

Much time and effort was spent regarding the continual improvement of the VYTIS.

**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT** Miss Helen Shields has continued to spend her inexhaustable efforts in behalf of Juniors; no amount of time, work or expense was too great wherever the K of L or especially Juniors was concerned.

Junior Rallies were held in three of our Districts this past year, namely, the New England, New York- New Jersey and the Mid-Central. Six issues of the Junior Page were published in the VYTIS during the past year. Over one thousand extra copies were printed for distribution to all Junior Councils and the Parish Schools taught by our Franciscan Sisters.

A total of five new Junior Councils were organized during the past year in Athol, Mass., Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, (C-79) Mich. ; Kearney, N.J.; and Maspeth, N.Y. Junior Members now number more than 500.

The Third Annual K of L Camp for youngsters was successfully completed last weekend. Over 50 young people attended with several participants from Dayton and Cleveland. We are especially especially grateful to Mrs. Donna Stanievich of Detroit, who supervised the camp. Also deserving of praise were Mr. John Andrulis of Cleveland Bernice Kavadaras of Worcester, and Mary Motecus and Ruth Laucius of Elizabeth who spent the entire week at camp helping in numerous ways. Mr. Faustas Strolia of Chicago was the musical director and Mrs. Donna Bunikis was in charge of arrangements.

**SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT** No report was received from William Grigas prior to the writing of this report, but we feel confident that the results of the Membership Drive will be available at the convention.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** Mrs. Rita Pinkus presented the following information which gives an idea of our membership status

	1960	1961	1962
Priests	84	83	83
Regular Members	1102	1072	898
Families	263	272	684
Non-subscribing Memb.	92	100	119
Servicemen	23	23	7
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1564</b>	<b>1550</b>	<b>1792</b>

From these statistics we can see that more emphasis must be put on recruiting new members. Ways and means of attracting and recruiting prospective members must be discovered. 1,649 copies of VYTIS are mailed out each month.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** Miss Ursula Yankauskas has done a remarkable job. Copies of each Supreme Council meeting's minutes were prepared and mailed to all officers soon after each meeting. A file of officers for each council as well as chairmen of all standing committees was prepared. Her help with correspondence and other matters pertaining to her office is much appreciated.

**TREASURER** Mr. Albert Kassel has discharged his duties with efficiency and willing cooperation. An effort is being made to coordinate all monies and funds under one central control and administration of the Treasurer. Several unfortunate incidents during recent years have necessitated this move. We strongly urge that the resolution being sponsored by the Supreme Council in this matter be approved by all the delegates.

**TRUSTEES** Miss Eleanore Laurin and Mr. Stanley Vaitkus have performed their duties as required.

**LEGAL ADVISOR** Mr. Konnie Savickas has been most cooperative and especially so in preparing a rough draft of a revised constitution in which all old and ambiguous phrases have been eliminated.

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT** Miss Bernice Kavadaras has reported that her District has been most active. Her efforts to reactivate dormant or weak councils has been most admirable. There are thirteen active councils and four Junior Councils in New England. A very well rounded out program of Spiritual, Cultural, Sports and other activities has put this District on top.

**ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT** Although no report was received prior to preparing this report from Miss Eleanore Laurin, we know that the K of L Choir of this District has been most active and had represented Lithuanians in many places and events. We trust that a report will be made available during the convention.

**NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT** No report was received from Mr. Larry Janonis. We assume that the tremendous task of preparing this convention has occupied the time and efforts of the members in this District.

**MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT** No report was received from Miss Mary Trainy. However we attest the District Day of Recollection and Junior Rally which was attended by more than 150 persons.

**THE RITUAL COMMITTEE** has reported a total of 84 degrees were presented. The Ritual Committee has also prepared the Rosary Memento Card for use by the K of L during wakes. The Committee is also investigating the possibility of having a lapel pin for members holding the first and second degree.

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** has reported that two medals were presented this year. During the past year the Supreme Council has decided that from henceforth the fees for all Honorary Degree Medals will be paid for by the Supreme Council, as it is felt that any person deserving this Degree has worked sufficiently for the organization to merit this. The Supreme Council also asked to have some voice in approving the candidates who have to receive this degree.

**BUILDING FUND** assets are reported as \$1,297.88 by Frank Gudelis, Treasurer.

**LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS** Rev. John Jutt reports a banner year for the activity of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. A total of 4,222 bulletins were sent out to members serving on this committee. A complete report will be submitted orally.

**LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE** Mr. Jack Stukas will make an oral report during the course of the convention.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** An attempt was made to organize this committee as a result of the conference held

last convention. For various reasons no success was attained.

**PUBLICITY** Mr. Frank Vaskas and Mr. Al Manst were responsible for much publicity in the Lithuanian press.

**SPORTS** Mr. William Juodawlakis' report is contained in this booklet.

**VYTIS** Last year the Supreme Council took a number of major steps to improve the Vytis forming a "Vytis Improving Committee." As everyone is well aware the committee recommended a change from letterpress to offset press in order to effect financial economy. The Supreme Council authorized this change and beginning with the June 1961 issue, the VYTIS was transferred to Chicago where offset press facilities were available. At that time the committee report predicted a potential saving of \$765.00. We are most pleased to announce that this estimate proved to be very conservative. The cost data shown below indicates that offset press saved us \$954.00.

	Cost of Printing	No. of pages	Cost per page	No. of cuts	Cost of cuts
1959-60	\$3,145.49	240	\$13.10	97	\$130.00
1961-62	2,846.00	266	10.70	243	-

#### Printing Savings

266 pages a 13.10	-	\$3,475.60 (letterpress)
266 pages a 10.70	-	<u>2,846.00 (offset)</u>
		\$629.00

#### "Cut" Savings

97 a 1.34 per cut	\$130.00
243 a 1.34 per cut	325.00

Total: \$ 629.00  
325.00  
 954.00

These figures are comparative costs based on the cost of issuing the last ten issues of Vytis by letterpress instead of by offset.

Please bear in mind that these are not the only costs involved in printing Vytis, but are the items which are effected by the method of printing. Other expenses include: postage, salaries, misc. expenses, stationary and the cost of the Junior pages.. Total costs for publishing the Vytis in 1961-62 is \$ 3,787.03.

Beside the obvious financial saving effect by offset, 1) we now have more timely and interesting articles, 2) All issues were received by the members around the 15th of the month. (It had been hoped for less transit time, but it has been determined that the Vytis is in the mail approx. 14-20 days). 3) The change must have brought about a renewed interest in council news, as the editors are now flooded with council news. It was necessary to increase several issues to 28 pages for this reason. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Miss Loretta Kassel, Editor and Miss Marilyn Kareiva, Asst. Editor plus the rest of the Vytis Staff, who not only put out the last 12 issues of Vytis, but at the same time have been attempting to organize a permanent editorial staff. We feel confident that this task will be successfully fulfilled

and that the best possible talent will be part of the Vytis staff.

**CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION** received much attention in recent years, yet without concrete results. A recent Supreme Council meeting has entrusted the responsibility of drafting a new constitution to myself and the District Presidents. To date our Legal Advisor Konnie Savickas has rendered the most assistance in going over the old constitution and rewriting it in modern language etc. All councils are asked to make suggestions for other changes through their district president. It is hoped that a new draft will be available for everyone to consider by the end of the year.

In general, the past fiscal year appears to be one of great attainment and success. Practically all officers and committee chairmen fulfilled their duties. However, we are amazed by several instances where members of the Supreme Council and National Committee have allowed an entire year to pass without putting forth even a minimum of effort. The blame for this rests partially on the delegates who either nominated or voted for candidates whose past record of "non-performance" should have indicated their unwillingness to sacrifice time and work. Let's stop making a "popularity contest" out of our elections and look for candidates with the willingness and desire to work.

New ideas and methods must be found to increase our membership. Only from new members will fresh ideas and inspirations come. When an entire year passes with only one new or re-activated council (Council 139 - Detroit, Michigan) we feel strongly that the present pattern must be changed.

Last year we proposed that our Senior Councils adopt the drive for financial assistance to the Supreme Council. No progress has been noted along these lines, so again, we urge that our Seniors, who have shown such great love for the K of L in the past, consider this and make it one of their projects. This would help the Supreme Council to be more efficient and productive in the future.

With the Jubilee year but a few months away, we must give full support to the Jubilee Committee, which has been charged with the task of proposing ideas and suggestions for making this a great occasion with fitting ceremonies and activities.

Though our many and varied activities might present a fine picture of the K of L, and no doubt we do have much of which to be proud, there are sign of growing apathy, which causes alarm and concern. It does not require much searching to see this. Many officers are spending tremendous amounts of time and energy and find a feeble response from the rank and file members and often fellow officers. We would appreciate any ideas or suggestions to resolve this problem. Anything which will help to alleviate this situation will be of great importance to the organization.

In closing, may I say a sincere Ačiū, to all who have worked to make this past year a success, the good Lord will repay all who have done their best to work for the good of their fellow man.

Lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai, dirbkime, kovokime dėl Šventos Motinos Bačnyčios gerovės, Amerikos Lietuvių labui ir dėl Lietuvos laisvės. Ačiū.

# REPORT OF NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR REV. J.W. STANIEVICH

August 1961 - 1962

It hardly seems possible that one year has elapsed since I was appointed Spiritual Advisor to the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania. Thus, as I speak to you this morning I must say "mea culpa. . . mea maxima culpa," for it seems to me, after due consideration and examination of conscience that perhaps a great deal more could have been accomplished and more energy expended.

In the year of my stewardship, two general letters were sent to all the Lithuanian Pastors of the United States. The first one was written at the beginning of my tenure. The letter was written with the idea of introducing the Knights of Lithuania to all our Lithuanian Clergy. We were perfectly aware of the fact that many were and still are active in the in the K of L, nevertheless we hoped that those who were unaware of our program and our aims might be acquainted with us. As a good will gesture we made the offer at the time to send a subscription of Vytis to each Rectory with our compliments. The response to the letter was not overwhelming, nevertheless there were a number of heartwarming letters of encouragement and gratitude. Even though there are no apparent results from this venture, it is hoped that good will was imparted. Maybe at some future date some new councils may be established as a result of these efforts.

The second letter which was written to the Clergy was sent out within the past month. It was sent in the form of an invitation to attend our National Convention. We also invited any suggestions or constructive criticisms which the good Fathers may have had. Thus several letters were received and Deo Gratias, they were all complimentary to the Knights of Lithuania.

I had suggested early in the year, that all Councils would devote a specific amount of every meeting to a Spiritual program. The topics or

subject matter, prepared by myself would appear in the Vytis each month. As a matter of fact, the above mentioned articles did appear in the December, January, March, April, May-June and July-August issues. At the very outset I asked each council to report to me, as to whether this type of program would stimulate interest and would have any practicality. I also asked for any suggestions or criticisms with respect to the subject material. Thus far I have only heard from six councils, who said that they like the idea and were using the topics for discussions. Another council was using material prepared by their Chaplain. My feeling in this matter is that this program was not too successful - and I have the feeling that most of the councils did not use this or any other material. However, I still am convinced that this program can work and can be of tremendous importance to each of us. The Business and Social parts of each meeting should be separated and at least ten or fifteen minutes could be devoted to practical Catholic Doctrinal discussion. In these days of specialization we simply cannot be satisfied in being just mediocre or lukewarm Catholics. If we slip in this regard believe me, the entire K of L will crumble, decay and die a quicker death than we anticipate. No amount of Patriotic Lithuanianism no amount of convention conviviality will hold us together as that bond of Faith. And just the basic knowledge of catechism is not enough in our day and age.

To continue now with the report - during the fall of the year we were happy to have an informal meeting of several Supreme Council officers with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. Juras, President of the Kunigu Vienybe, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Balkunas. We discussed the problems of how we could have closer cooperation between the Clergy and the K of L. We feel that this meeting was of benefit to all parties concerned.

One of the high spots of my tenure of office was to work in close conjunction with the Supreme Council President to properly mark the Consecration of America's first Lithuanian Bishop. I am speaking of His Excellency Bishop Salatka, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Grand Rapids, Michigan. We received a rather fine response from the vast majority of Councils when we prepared a Spiritual Bouquet on the occasion of His Consecration. We also took part in the selection of a K of L gift that would be a lasting memory to Bishop Salatka. We purchased a Gold-plated Ceremonial Candleholder, an Ewer and Basin. They were all appropriately inscribed in the name of all K of L Councils throughout the United States. We also had the honor to be present at Bishop Salatka's Consecration in Grand Rapids, where we extended the best wishes and congratulations in the name of the entire membership.

Because of pressing parochial business, I have been unable to attend all the Supreme Council meetings. However, we were able to attend four of them. Since the Supreme Council President is a member of my Parish, there hasn't been a week that went by without spending some hours in discussing various phases of the organization.

Allow me to express a bit of pride in stating that the only new council that was founded during this past year took place at St. Peter's Parish in Detroit - which happens to be one of the parishes over which I have charge. We only hope that this newly founded council will continue to thrive and prosper during the coming years.

To conclude my report allow me to make an observation. And that is that there has got to be a little more effort and enthusiasm displayed on the part of the membership. I sincerely believe that this enthusiasm is displayed by the members of the Supreme Council and the time and effort that they expend is truly an

object of edification. Unfortunately this same enthusiasm is not displayed enough by the rank and file membership. I hope and pray that the delegates can bring back to their respective councils the same spirit that they are displaying here today. We may also extend a word of commendation to the councils which fol-

lowed some specific spiritual program. It is wonderful to hear that some districts held week-end retreats. This should be encouraged during the following year. You might check whether your particular councils receive corporate Communion each month.

May the good Lord bless this 49th Convention and make it a successful one. May the officers and delegates, upon the conclusion of this convention, go away to their respective cities as better Catholics, better American Lithuanians and better Members of the Knights of Lithuania.

## Food for Reflection

. . . Joining the K of L, we assume the title of a "KNIGHT". . . we must likewise reflect on and live up to the meaning of the title, and strive to make our organization one whose members are honorable, courageous, thoroughly Christian, and dedicated to a worthy cause.

. . . The Knights of Lithuania Organization is a CATHOLIC organization. . . Do all you can to keep this fact forever in the foreground. Your K of L membership can - and should - make you a better Catholic, if you cooperate!

. . . We are dedicated to aiding in Lithuania's fight for freedom. In our circumstances, the most effective way to help this cause is to be a group of "APOSTLES OF INFORMATION". . . constantly keeping the United States . . . and especially its press - informed of Lithuania's plight, offering encouragement to those who aid in this work, and objecting to or correcting those who oppose it or provide erroneous information.

. . . As AMERICANS OF LITHUANIAN DESCENT, it is our duty to foster Lithuanian culture, to keep it alive in the free world, and to help it become a part of - and enhance - the culture of the United States.

. . . Let your K of L membership continually better your AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. Love the United States, and resolve to keep it free and strong, so that it may be able to aid and encourage the many weaker or smaller nations of the world who hope or strive to be free.

. . . Do not rest on past laurels. LOOK TO THE FUTURE and do not be afraid to "change with the times." To be effective, an organization must see its failings and strive for constant improvement.

. . . "Be not overcome with evil. . . overcome evil by good."

. . . Thoughts gathered from the talk delivered by His Excellency Charles A. Salatka during the Closing Banquet.



His Excellency Charles Salatka addresses Banquet guests.



Sunday Mass Dignitaries: l. to r. Rev. J. Jutt, Bishop Salatka, Revs. Stanievich and Krisciunavicius

# THE HONORABLE RAY J. MADDEN - 6th RECIPIENT OF THE K of L AWARD MEDAL

introduction by Rev. John C. Jutt,  
Honorary Lithuanian Affairs Chairman



"Lithuania. . . has been the victim of the Communist world conspiracy which is still a threat to all free nations throughout the world", so spoke a distinguished gentleman at a luncheon given by the American Lithuanian Society in Washington, D. C. on February 14, 1960 on the occasion of the 42nd anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. By this statement, he demonstrated that he, unlike so many of the present day, thoroughly understands communism for what it really is: a diabolical system which labors unceasingly and unrelentlessly for the domination of the entire world, America included, by the Soviet Proletariat through the complete destruction and annihilation of all existing forms of government. This gentleman, my dear friends, is the man who, gracing us with his presence this evening, has been chosen by the Supreme Council and by you to be the sixth recipient of the Knights of Lithuania Award Medal.

A distinguished member of the House of Representatives, Ray J. Madden is a practicing attorney from Gary, Indiana. After service in the Armed Forces during the First World War, he occupied a number of city and county positions in Indiana. In 1942 he was elected to Congress to represent the First Congressional District of Indiana, a po-

sition to which he was re-elected nine successive times. As a member of the House, his abilities were at once recognized for he was elected to serve on a number of important committees: the Post Office and Post Roads Committee, the Armed Services Committee, the Labor and Education Committee and the powerful Rules Committee. Of the latter, he is presently the second ranking member.

During the 82nd Congress his membership on the House Rules Committee was most important for it passed Resolution No. 346 which set up a Select Committee for the investigation of communist aggression and the forced incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union. This committee of which he was a member took testimony of over 200 witnesses and recorded hundreds of exhibits at hearings held in the United States and Europe.

He thus was able to get first hand information on the ruthless and barbarous methods used by the Soviets to enslave Lithuania and the other Baltic States. The report of this Select Committee in 1955 served a most noble purpose for it gave the American people and the world a chance to understand better the Baltic States and to appreciate more fully the true nature, the unlawful tactics and the final objectives of the criminal conspiracy of world communism.

To the many Lithuanians who frequently approached him, his advice has always been generous and invaluable. To him the cause of the Lithuanians is his cause. To this cause he was and still is DEVOTED. Webster states that the word DEVOTED implies a consecration to a purpose. Judging from the time he sacrifices to advise the Lithuanians and to speak at their gatherings, one would certainly have to say that our honored Guest has consecrated himself to the lofty and noble purpose of making the world conscious of the



atrocities committed upon the Lithuanian Nation by a cruel and ruthless Soviet.

For the past two decades, it has been customary for Congress to permit one hour's time for tribute to Lithuania on February 16, the anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Day. Each year on this occasion he has been in the forefront of those who are battling for the restoration of Lithuania's freedom. One year he himself requested the hour and each year he has addressed the august assembly of the House of Representatives outlining the infiltration, duplicity and force used by the communists to submerge Lithuania. Why has he been so dedicated to the aspirations of the Lithuanian people? Because he is convinced that the ruthlessness of tyrannical communism is the only reason why the remarkable progress made by Lithuania during the 22 years of freedom from 1918 to 1940 has been curtailed and in many cases nullified.

At the present session of Congress, he is asking for the approval of a resolution to establish a Special Committee on Captive Nations. This Committee would investigate the Communist enslavement of captive nations because the people of the world should know the history of Soviet aggression in Lithuania and the other nations behind the Iron Curtain.

Also at the present session of



Congress, just recently he has introduced House Concurrent Resolution 418 which would ask Congress to condemn the false and oppressive persecution against all religions in Lithuania and in the other countries enslaved by the Soviet.

My dear Friends, I tell you we have a man here tonight who is truly dedicated to the cause of Lithuania because he is convinced that that cause is a just and righteous cause. We have a man here tonight who knows communism for what it really is and who sees the danger that lurks in it against the free nations of the world. We have a man here tonight who not only talks but also works, sacrifices his time and his energy in behalf of a country so dear to us and against which so much wrong has been done. We have a man here tonight who can without fear say and who says: "We must never forget the enslavement of Lithuania. The number one obligation of our Nation and other free nations is to keep militarily prepared or the liberty of all free people in the world is in jeopardy. In fighting for Lithuania, we are fighting for the destruction of the whole communistic system, a system which no man in his right mind can accept."

Because he has proven himself to be a staunch foe of Soviet Communism with its imminent dangers to a stable world peace, because he has ever condemned the unjust enslavement of the Lithuanian Nation by the Soviet, because believing in the righteousness of her cause he has demonstrated that Lithuania deserves the good will of all free nations, because he has proven himself to be a DEVOTED FRIEND of Lithuania,

it affords me great pleasure and I deem it an unspeakable honor to present at this time, in behalf of the President and the thousands of members of the Knights of Lithuania organization this Knights of Lithuania Award Medal to that DEVOTED champion of Lithuania's freedom, an illustrious member of the House of Representatives from the grand State of Indiana, the Honorable Ray J. Madden.

Given at the banquet closing the 49th Annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH MADE  
BY THE HONORABLE  
RAY J. MADDEN

"Words cannot express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the honor bestowed upon me by the Knights of Lithuania in presenting me with this award medal for my work in behalf of Lithuanian freedom."

"I have a great number of close friends and acquaintances among the numerous folks of Lithuanian extraction living in my First Indiana Congressional District. Through these friends and also during my work as a member of the Special Committee on Communist Aggression during the 83rd Congress, I had the opportunity to meet leaders of the Lithuanian people both in this country and Europe when we were holding hearings."

"I also learned a great deal about the remarkable history of Lithuania and the Lithuanians extending back for a thousand years. During these centuries, the Lithuanian people have made an outstanding imprint upon world history through their constant fight for freedom, self-government,

and independence. . ."

"Pages and pages were recorded by the Special Congressional Committee under the leadership of former Congressman Charles J. Kersten when we held hearings both in this country and in Europe. Radio, television, and newspaper publicity was sent out to millions throughout Europe and the world revealing the true facts and methods perpetrated by the communists in their effort to enslave free people."

"This Special Congressional Committee accomplished immeasurable results in concentrating the light of true facts exposing false communist propaganda and hidden secrets of communist methods of aggression and tyranny. Had it not been for the Lithuanian people in American, Lithuanian organizations, and the Knights of Lithuania, this Special Congressional Committee investigating communist enslavement in the Baltic States would not have been created. . ."

"The people of America and the people of the world owe the Lithuanian leaders in our country a great deal of gratitude for the work they accomplished in bringing the creation of this Special Congressional Investigating Committee. The credit for the results of these hearings should go to the Lithuanian people of America. These hearings along with the other investigations which have been instigated against the Communist menace must be continued. This fight against atheistic communism must be speeded with added vigor by the United States and all free nations until the victory against the world tyranny is completed and Lithuania and other satellite nations are restored to their freedom and independence."



# RESOLUTIONS

At the 49th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, August 17-19, 1962, the delegates and guests passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Soviet Communists are actively and practically dedicated to the principle of world conquest and to the victory of Soviet Communism over all existing forms of government, and

WHEREAS, the Soviet Communists have unjustly and against the free will of the people annexed Lithuania and have since subjected her people to a persecution the like of which the modern world has not seen; and

WHEREAS, Lithuania for 22 years from 1918 to 1940 has amply demonstrated the ability and capacity to govern herself by the remarkable progress she has made in all phases of her independent life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we express our sincerest gratitude to the President of the United States for proclaiming the third week in July as Captive Nations Week, a gesture which renewed the hope of those nations now behind the iron curtain;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees pass the resolutions for consideration by Congress, resolutions which would ask the United Nations to use its influence to force Soviet Russia to take leave of the territorial boundaries of Lithuania and to permit free elections in Lithuania under the direct supervision of the United Nations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United Nations make every concrete effort to impress upon the Soviet Union the need to return to their native land all those Lithuanians who are now in exile.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania, a Catholic organization for the American Lithuanian Youth of America, is deeply concerned about the spread of Christ's kingdom throughout the entire world; and

WHEREAS, our Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, has called for convening of an Ecumenical Council in October 1962 for the purpose of uniting all of Christendom under the Kingship of Christ and has asked for prayers and works of penance for the success of this Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we hereby, individually and collectively, pledge our earnest prayers and our works of penance toward the complete and total success of the Ecumenical Council.

(ED. NOTE: A reply to this resolution was received from the Vatican. See p. 13)

Having heard the report and recommendation of the Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee, approving elevation of His Excellency Charles A. Salatka to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Temporary Suspension of the Rules be invoked, and that His Excellency be elevated to Honorary Membership and presented with the Honorary Member Medal during the 1962 Convention Closing Banquet.

**BE IT RESOLVED**

1. That the Knights of Lithuania offer full approval of the work of the AMERICANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO FREE THE BALTIC STATES, and that all members of the Knights of Lithuania be urged to support the goals and work of this organization.

2. That the Knights of Lithuania urge the above-mentioned organization whose membership consists of Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians, and other Americans, to continue its work in the future with even greater energy and dedication.

3. That the Knights of Lithuania denounce the actions taken by Dr. Pijus Grigaitis, editor of "Naujienos" and secretary of the American Lithuanian Council, and his colleagues, opposing resolutions supported by the AMERICANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO FREE THE BALTIC STATES.

4. That the Knights of Lithuania recommend to the American Lithuanian Council that they disassociate themselves with Dr. Pijus Grigaitis, inasmuch as his actions are not in keeping with the spirit of Lithuanians who are striving to obtain freedom for Lithuania.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Committee be established to work with Bishop Brizgys for the solicitation of funds to build a Lithuanian Chapel in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Washington, D. C.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution be revised so that all Supreme Council funds and monies be under the complete control, knowledge, and jurisdiction of the Treasurer and that henceforth with this Convention all funds be turned over to the Treasurer.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution be revised to establish the office of Third Vice-President who would be in charge of Senior Activities.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution be revised so that the Election of Officers be the first item of business at the Saturday afternoon session so as to facilitate the newly elected Supreme Council to hold meeting prior to the close of the Convention.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Supreme Council establish a Junior K of L Fund to provide working capital for the Junior Movement and that monies be allotted from the General Fund by the Supreme Council for this purpose.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Supreme Council select a three member committee to further discuss with the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance the possibility of mutual assistance.

**WHEREAS** the Lithuanian American Council (Taryba) has resolved to extend its organization and has invited other organizations to join in its work, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Knights of Lithuania offer their wholehearted support to the Council and, if possible, request representation in the organization.

# REZOLIUCIJOS

Lietuvos Vyčių 49-jo visuotinio suvažiavimo, įvykusio 1962 m. rugpiūčio mėn. 17-19 d.d. Robert Treat viešbutyje, Newark, N.J. mieste, delegatai priėmė šias rezoliucijas:

## KADANGI

Sovietų Rusijos komunistai aktyviai reiškia savo nusistatymus pasauliui, kad Sovietų komunizmas yra panaikinęs visas buvusias formas ir gyvena savo valdfoj, ir

Sovietų Rusijos komunistai panaikino laisvą apsisprendimą ir kovoja prieš laisvę, aneksavo Lietuvą, nesiklausę žmonių, tautą naikina ir terorizuoja šių laikų modernizuotame laikotarpyje, kurių brutalumo pasaulis negali išivaizduoti, ir

Lietuva 22 metus (1918-1940) buvo laisva, savarankiškai rinko savo valdžią, padarė didžiulę pažangą ir visi žmonės džiaugėsi laisvu gyvenimu,

## VIENBALSIAI NUTARTA

Amerikos prezidentui duoti nuoširdžią padėką, kad jis paskelbė trečią savaitę liepos mėnesio "Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitę", kurios tikslas garsinti pasauliui, jog anapus geležinės uždangos yra tos pavergtos tautos naikinamos.

Yra dabartiniu metu rūpinamasi, kad Senato ir Atstovų užsienio reikalų komitetas priimtas Lietuvos reikalų rezoliucijas įneštų į Kongresą, o tas įteiktų Jungtinėms Tautoms ir reikalautų Sovietų Rusiją pasitraukti iš Lietuvos teritorijos, kad JT dabotų laisvus rinkimus krašte.

Bus rūpinamasi, kad Jungtinės Tautos spaustų Sovietų Rusiją tikrai atitraukti savo karines jėgas ir kraštą atiduotų valdyti patiems lietuviams.

## KADANGI

Lietuvos Vyčiai sudaro katalikų jaunimo organizaciją Amerikoje, kuri įsijungusi į Kristaus karaliją žinomą visam pasauliui, ir

Sv. Popiežius Jonas 23 šaukia didžiulį Bažnyčios kongresą spalio mėn. 11 d., kuriame ir bus palies-ti Kristaus Karaliaus laivo esančios problemos ir prašys tikinčiųjų melstis, tame judėjime ir Lietuvos Vyčiai giliai įsijungę,

## TODEL

Visi kviečiami individualiai ir organizuotai prisijungti prie laimingo Kongreso pasisekimo su malda.

Išgirdę Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komiteto pranešimą, ir rekomendacijas, šiuomi nutariame pakelti Jo Ekscelenciją Vyskupą Charles Salatką į Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos garbės narius, pasiremiant "Temporary Suspension of Rules" ir jam įteikti garbės nario medalį - ženklą šio 1962 metų Seimo banketo metu.

# Secretaria Di Stato Di Sua Santita

Vatican City, August 22, 1962

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness is directed by the Holy Father to give expression to His sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the resolution with which the Knights of Lithuania, gathered together in their 49th annual convention, promised prayers and works of penance for the success of the Ecumenical Council, and has pleasure in conveying to the Officers and the members of the Knights of Lithuania and their families, the paternal Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness.

## REZOLICIJA

1. Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija pareiškia šimtaprocentinį pritarimą visai AMERICANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO FREE THE BALTIC STATES vieneto veiklai ir ragina visus Vyčius remti visomis išgalėmis šios organizacijos darbus ir žygius;

2. Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija ragina virš minėtą organizaciją, apjungiančią lietuvius, latvius, estus ir kitus amerikiečius, savo veiklą tęsti ir ateityje su dar didesne energija ir užsidegimu;

3. Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija pasmerkia "Naujienų" redaktoriaus ir ALT-bos Vykdomojo Komiteto sekretoriaus dr. Pijaus Grigaičio ir jo kolegų pragaištingą veiklą prieš rezoliucijų pravedimą Kongrese;

4. Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija pataria ALT-bai atsiriboti nuo dr. Pijaus Grigaičio, kurio veikla nesusiderina su geros valios lietuvių siekais Lietuvos laisvinimo darbe.

NUTARTA, sudaryti komitetą ir dirbti kartu su vysk. Brizgiu, kuris padėtų telkti lėšas pastatyti lietuvišką koplyčią Washingtone, D.C.

NUTARTA sudaryti komitetą ir dirbti kartu su vysk. Brizgiu, kuris padėtų telkti lėšas pastatyti lietuvišką koplyčią Washingtone, D.C.

NUTARTA, kad pagal konstituciją visi Aukščiausio komiteto surinkti fonduose pinigai turi būti kontroliuojami, visi pinigai perleidžiami kasininkui, kuris turi teisę surinkęs pagal taisykles laikyti.

NUTARTA, kad pagal konstituciją trečias viceprezidentas turės dabar sudaryti savo raštinę, kuris valdys sendraugių veiklą.

NUTARTA, kad pataisyti konstituciją ta prasme, jog ateinančiuose seimuose bus renkamas aukščiausias komitetas, kuris gales jau užbaigti besibaigiančio seimo programas.

NUTARTA, kad aukščiausias komitetas įsteigs jaunesniųjų vyčių fondą, kuris pagelbės pagyvinti jaunesniųjų vyčių veiklą. Visi pinigai bus išimti iš generalinio fondo ir perkelti į aukščiausią komitetą, jo kasininko žinioje.

NUTARTA, kad Centro Valdyba išrinktų trijų asmenų komisiją, kuri toliau ves diskusijas su Lietuvių Rymo Katalikų Susivienijimu galimybei suteikti vienas kitam pagalbos.

KADANGI Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba yra nutarusi šią Lietuvos laisvinimo organizaciją praplėsti ir kviečia kitas organizacijas į šį darbą įsijungti, Lietuvos Vyčiai savo 49-me seima, Newark, New Jersey, rugpiūčio 17 d. išreiškė šiam sumanymui pilną pritarimą ir sutikimą, galimybei esant, turėti Taryboje savo reprezentaciją.

# APPROACHING A LANDMARK

Sermon delivered by Rev. J. W. Stanievich during the Solemn Convention Mass.

In the eyes of God - a thousand years are like a moment. In the history of mankind - the Egyptian dynasty or the Roman Empire, which have existed for thousands of years seem like a very long time. To us - delegates to the 49th annual K of L Convention, a half century (which comparatively is a very short time) seems like a landmark - and, in truth, it is.

I say that it is a landmark, to us of the K of L, to come to an end of a half century of achievement in America - because of the unique position in which we are placed. The United States, historically speaking, is one vast melting pot - where languages, ideals, cultures are merged and fused, and the end product is what we call "America." In the 183 years of our Nation's existence, literally hundreds of tongues have been assimilated - scores of cultures were merged - and within a generation many national groups have lost their identity. And, on the course of this assimilation, hundreds of national and social fraternal organizations have become non-existent. Whether this is good or bad - only the historian of a future generation will be able to determine. It is however, with a degree of pride that we can say that the K of L have ended a half century of service to their God, their Church, their nation and their former homeland. And what is more gratifying - it not only exists today but seems to be thriving.

When the original founders of the K of L founded this Catholic organization at the turn of the century, they were faced with a complex problem. The thousands of Lithuanians who poured into this land of opportunity found themselves confused in this vast land. Whenever possible, they banded together in Colonies in the larger cities - there they maintained their faith, by building and supporting their Catholic Churches. There, then as now, they were able to hear the doctrines of



their holy faith explained in their mother tongue. The aliens who lived in smaller communities were less fortunate. For, without a stabilizing force, many lost their faith or at least it was weakened to such a degree that it no longer was able to motivate them as it should have. At this point, the K of L was organized to fill this void. It was instrumental in supplying a place for Catholic young people to meet in a familiar and friendly climate. "For God and Country" became the motto of this organization. And now, looking back almost three generations we can, with some degree of pride, say that we have rendered a unique service to our holy faith, to our land of adoption and to the land of our forefathers.

After a half century of achievement, we simply cannot rest on our past accomplishments - for if we are to exist and/or have a reason for existence, we must, even now, begin to make plans to meet the new challenges that face us today. We must face up to the fact that the coming years will also call upon our in-

genuity to cope with the interests of our young people - and perhaps we shall have to re-evaluate our entire organizational structure to see if our aims and goals comply with the needs of the day.

In 1913, when the K of L was founded, the world was preparing for what was to be known as World War I - and it was indeed a terrible holocaust. Today, however we are living in a period of uneasy peace with the threat of world extinction facing each one of us. We have all seen what inroads Communism has made - we, even now, see it making apparent progress in many corners of the world. We are seeing how indifference to God and religion is sweeping over our Nation. Furthermore, with the lowering of moral standards - honesty and integrity have become passe - and the lie has become the order of the day as long as you don't get caught. Yes, in a word, our very faith is being challenged.

You, my dear delegates, are you equipped to do your share today for God and Country? As K of L members does your Catholic faith play an active role in your lives - in your homes - your businesses? Is it so vital that it will attract others to follow your example? Is your charity toward your neighbor so great - that when you find others with a different color of skin or with a strange language - you are nevertheless willing to see Christ in them? For if we have been discriminated against, decades ago, because we were a minority, or because of our culture, our language or religion - must we now reciprocate in kind?

Five decades ago - the new arrivals from Lithuania on these new shores were for the most part uneducated. Lacking the opportunities which we now have, their interests were different. Today - thanks to your good parents - many of you have achieved a much higher level of education. Many of you are blessed with good professional positions. Naturally - these positions make more and di-

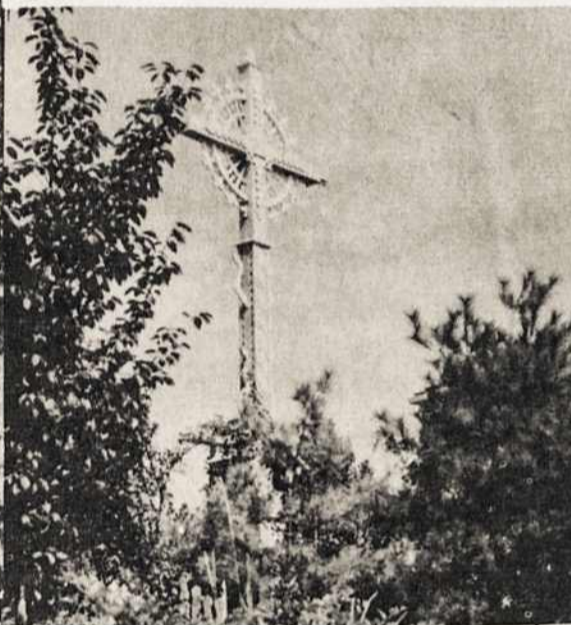
verse demands upon you. Some of you may feel that you no longer fit in the K of L climate (in other words it is has served its purpose). However, each of us should remember - that we owe a debt and must try to repay it by volunteering our services (whatever they may be) for the cause of "God and Country."

Furthermore, the K of L may have to tailor its program to meet the

needs of the day. No longer will a half-hearted business or social meeting be acceptable. Our organization must place more stress on the cultural and religious aspects of our program, not so much to make us different from our fellow Americans, but rather to advertise the fact that we too have contributed something of value to this great nation of ours.

In the last decade there has been a great influx of Lithuanians once again. Is our program so geared as to be beneficial to these people as it was to our forefathers?

Today, during this Mass, pray for all those who spent so much of themselves, of their time and energy toward this great ideal. And also ask the Good Lord that each of us will be able to face the future with the same zealous courage.



## WAYSIDE CROSS DEDICATION

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA  
COUNCIL 90**

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
Kearny, New Jersey**







# THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 49th NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Above: ( p.16 ) - Official Convention Photo - Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, N.J.  
Below: ( p.17 ) - Solemn Closing Banquet - Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N. J.





Kun. J. Jutkevičius

# VYČIŲ DARBAI LIETUVAI IR LIETUVIŠKUMUI

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ  
LIETUVIŲ REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS PIRMININKO  
R A P O R T A S  
1962

Romoje vienas lietuvis, kuriam Lietuvos dabartinė padėtis rūpi, apie Vyčius rašo: "Vyčiai nepalieka veiklos dėl mūsų kenčiančios Lietuvos. Mes lietuviai labai įvertiname Vyčių darbą ir linkime nepavargti ir nenusivilti jei pasitaikys koks išgama, kurs to Vyčių darbo neįvertins."

Tokių atsiliepimų mes Vyčiai esame sulaukę gana daug netik nuo lietuvių, bet ir nuo svetimtaučių. Kodėl? Todėl, kad Vyčiai jau per 16 metų dirba ir veikia Lietuvos naudai per savo garsią Lietuvių Reikalų Komisiją. Jau per 16 metų Vyčiai gina Lietuvos reikalus ir deda visas pastangas, kad Lietuva atgautų savo tinkamą vietą tarpe laisvų ir nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų. Kad visi gali taip atsiliiepti apie Vyčius, tai nenuostabu iš šios statistikos:

	1961	1962
Biuletenių paruošta	12	12
Biuleteniuose laiškų pažymėta	346	252
Biuletenių išsiųsta	3789	4222
Pavardžių ant "mailing list"	142	166
Laiškų bei atviručių parašyta - apie	18,183	23,295
Atsakymų gauta apie	3584	5433

Iš statistikos galima sekančias pastabas padaryti:

1. Per praėjusius metus rekordą padarėme, nes daugiausia laiškų išsiuntėme - apie 23,295, ir daugiausia biuletenių - 4,222. Pirmiau rekordiniai metai buvo 1952, kada parašėm 21,615 laiškų ir 1954, kada išsiuntėme 4,116 biuletenius.
2. Skaičius komisijos narių padidėjo ligi 166, tai yra 24 daugiau negu pernai.
3. Kasmet taip įvyksta, taip ir šiais metais keli neat-siuntė savo asmenišką raportą. Už tai galima sakyti, kad daugiau negu 22,363 laiškai buvo parašyti.

Cia žingeidus klausimas: kaip apskritys pasirodė šiame tautiniame darbe:

	1961	1962
Naujos Anglijos apskritis	7864	9680
New York - New Jersey apskritis	3861	5994
Mid-Central apskritis	1898	4278
Illinois - Indiana apskritis	1644	1754
Kalifornijos apskritis	1122	791
Visi kiti atskirai	1794	798

Galime sekančias pastabas padaryti:

1. Naujos Anglijos apskritis puikiai pasirodė. Veikimas padidintas ir daug laiko praleido laiškų rašymui. Cia ypatingu būdu reikia pagirti Worcesterio

116-tą kuopą, kurios komisijos nariai parašė suvirš 3000 laiškų. Kad visos kuopos taipveiktų, tai Lietuvos reikalai plačiau visur būtų žinomi.

2. New York - New Jersey apskritis pasitaisė, nes daug laiškų parašė negu pernai, kada žymiai nukrito. Cia daug kredito priklauso Philadelphijos 3-čiai kuopai, kurios nariai parašė 1075 laiškus.
3. Mid-Central apskritis beveik trigubai padidino savo veikimą, ačiū Detroito 79-tai kuopai, kurios nariai labai interesuojasi Lietuvos reikalais.

Sveikiname tikru lietuvišku sveikinimu tas apskritis, kurios gražiai pasirodė ir linkime, kad kitos pasiryžtų daug daugiau veikimo parodyti šiame svarbiame darbe.

Pernai per seimą Irene Sankus buvo išrinkta Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos pirmininkė. Kaip pirmininkė ji parašė 343 laiškus, atsakymų gavo 107. Jos pareigos buvo sunkios: kalbėti nariams apie komisijos svarbą, raginti juos prisidėti prie laiškų rašymo, parašyti organizacijos vardu oficialius laiškus. Galiu liūdyti, kad ji puikiai savo pareigas atliko ir visa organizacija turėtų jai būti dėkinga už gražiai atliktą darbą. Be to ji nieko nereikalauja už savo išlaidas. Ji tą visą aukoja organizacijai. Kaip komisijos garbės pirmininkui, man teko paruošti biuletenius, kuriuos visi nariai apturėjo ir komisijos reikalais parašiau 991 laišką bei atviruką.

Komisijos darbas yra painformuoti spaudą apie Lietuvos dabartinę sunkią padėtį, padėkoti tiems, kurie palankiai atsiliepia ir protestus iškelti prieš tuos, kurie nepalankiai atsiliepia apie Lietuvą. Kaip reaguoti ir kam rašyti, galima žinoti iš straipsnių, kurie telpa laikraščiuose, žurnaluose ir knygose. Dėkui Dievui, kad nariai susiprato ir atsiunčia mums straipsnių. Daugelis atsiuntė, bet daugiausia atsiuntė:

Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N.J.

Antanas Yuknis iš Čikagos,

Vincas Vyšniauskas iš Gardner, Mass.

Uš jų darbštumą nuoširdžiai dėkoju ir lai jų gražus pavyzdys skatina kitus tą patį daryti.

Vėl šiais metais Vyčiai prisidėjo prie Vasario 16-sios apvaikščiojimo. Sausio mėnesyje per savo laiškus Krašto Prezidentui, Kongreso nariams, laikraščių redaktoriams, valstijų gubernatoriams, miesto majorams ir kitiems, Vyčiai prašė visų neužmiršti reikšmę vasario 16tojo visiems lietuviams ir kelti savo įtakingus balsus, kad Lietuva atgautų galutinai savo nepriklausomybę. Tas darbas atnešė daug vaisių, nes:

1. 11 gubernatorių ir 16 majorų paskelbė vasario 16tą dieną kaip Lietuvos Respublikos dieną savo miestams ir valstijoms.
2. 128 kongresmanai ir 27 senatoriai pasakė kalbas apie Lietuvą ir tos visos kalbos buvo atspausdintos CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.
3. 142 laikraščiai aprašė apvaikščiojimus, kurie vienur ar kitur įvyko.
4. Keliose parapijose Vyčiai daug prisidėjo prie tinkamų apvaikščiojimų savo miestuose.

Zodžiu, visaks buvo Vyčių daroma, kad pasaulis neužmirštų, kad Lietuva dar kenčia po Sovietais ir kad ji turi teisę gyventi nepriklausomai. Visi buvo raginami daryti viską, kas tik reikalinga, kad Lietuva atgautų savo nepriklausomybę. Daug palankumo susilaukėme, kaip antai:

Senatorius E. L. Bartlett rašo iš Alaskos: "You may be sure that my voice will be heard loud and clear my faith in the Lithuanian people."

Senatorius John Marshall Butler iš Maryland rašo: "As in the past you may rest assured that I shall publicize to the best of my ability the splendid example which Lithuania has been to the captive peoples of Eastern Europe and to the free peoples of the West."

Kongresmanas Paul A. Fine iš New York rašo: "We must continue in our support and encouragement to the people of Lithuania in their struggle to regain their freedom. . . We fervently hope and pray that the Lithuanian people will soon enjoy freedom in their historic homeland."

Majoras Samuel Yorty iš Los Angeles rašo: "I assure you that I take special pleasure in this proclamation dealing with Lithuanian independence because of the outstanding contributions those of Lithuanian extraction have made to our nation."

Per praėjusius metus Vyčiai darė ką tik galėjo, kad pasaulis žinotų ką tai reiškia taip vadinamos Lietuvos Tragiškos Dienos, skatino Senate ir Kongrese Užsienių Reikalų Komisijas paremti ir leisti praeiti į Kongresą svarstymui 12 rezoliucijų, kurios pareikalautų, kad Sovietai išeitų iš Lietuvos ir leistų laisvus rinkimus įvykti Lietuvoje ir darė spaudimus, kad Prezidentas paskelbtų trečią savaitę liepos mėn. kaip Pavergtųjų Tautų savaitę. Visuose parengimuose, kurie įvyko įvairiuose miestuose, Vyčiai aktyviai prisidėjo ir gražiai pasirodė. Šis raportas rodė, kad Vyčiai, kaip veikė per 16 metų, toliau veikia ir pasinaudoja kiekviena proga iškelti Lietuvos bylą ir pareikalauti, kad Lietuva atgautų savo nepriklausomybę. Jie be perstojo kreipiasi pas svetimtaučius, prašydami jų pagalbos ir panaudoti kokią įtaką turi Lietuvos labui. Nėra abejonės, kad Vyčiai yra tikri, patrijotingi lietuviai, kurie gražų tautinį darbą Lietuvos labui dirba. Už tai reikia pagirti sekančius, kurie puikiai pasirodė:

Jonas Andriuška iš 116-tos kuopos, kurs parašė 722 laiškus;

Leonardas Valiukas iš 133čios kuopos, kurs parašė 625 laiškus;

Edwardas Martin iš 79tos kuopos, kurs parašė 402 laiškus;

31 narys per praėjusius metus parašė virš 100 laišku ir taip užsipelnė tapti nariais taip vadinamo 100-A-YEAR klubo.

Kadangi tiek daug narių asmeniškai daug laišku parašė, todėl šie metai yra mums rekordiniai metai. Jiems ir kitiems, kurie laiškus parašė ir kurie taip gerą pavyzdį davė visiems, mes dėkojame ir lai Dievas duoda jiems tolimesnės stiprybės taip gražiai veikti mūsų tautos naudai. Stebėtinas dalykas, kaip šis darbas atnauja nariuose tikrą lietuvišką dvasią. Tai aišku iš laiško, kuri gavome nuo vieno nario:

"I've written to the Governors of every state asking them for proclamations on Lithuanian Independence Day. Well, the response has been terrific. . . Some people would say I'm bragging, no, just proud in the job we are doing."

Jei yra tokių, kurie nemato svarbos komisijos darbuotės, lai klauso sekančių pasakymų:

SIGN žurnalo redaktorius rašo: "We depend entirely on the good will of subscribers like yourself. It takes time and effort to sit down and write a letter and we do appreciate your interest."

Kolumnistas Edgar Ansel Mewrer rašo: "Several readers have written to thank me for my praise of heroic Lithuanians. I am glad for the time calls for heroism."

Tas pats kolumnistas savo kolumnoje (5-19-62) rašo: "Lithuanians in various parts of our country have written to thank me for upholding Lithuania's right to freedom. I can make no sense of a 'free' world that believes passionately in giving independence to various African tribes emerging from the stone age but has no sympathy for the oppressed peoples of the Soviet Union and Red China."

Prieš nedaugelį metų ne vieną kartą girdejome, kaip kai kurie mūsų senesnieji lietuviai peikė čia gimusią lietuvišką jaunimą, nes jam nieko tautiško nerūpėjo, rūpėjo tik geri laikai. Dabar tokių kalbų negirdime, nes esu tikras, kad visas lietuviškas pasaulis žino apie Vyčių tautinę darbuotę. Už tai mes skaitome visai ką kitą kaip antai:

DRAUGAS savo leidinyje (8-23-61) rašo: "Lietuvos reikalų Vyčiai niekuomet neužmiršo. Neužmiršta ir dabar. Kiekvienas patrijotas lietuvis džiaugiasi ir dabartiniams jų darbais, kurie reiškiasi garsinimu Lietuvos vardo angliškoje spaudoje, atsakinėjimu į priešų šmeižtus ir padėkojimu visiems tiems, kurie gina Lietuvos nepriklausomybės bylą. Šis jų darbas yra svarbus ir reikalingas. Vyčiai, tęskite jį ir toliau."

DRAUGAS straipsnyje apie išlaisvinimo veiksmus (1-24-62) rašo: "O kaip apie Lietuvių katalikų jaunimo Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją, kuri yra pasirinkusi labai garbingą vaidmenį garsinti Lietuvos vardą ir jį ginti Amerikos spaudoje. Ši naudingą darbą ji dirba eilę metų. Tuo Vyčiai daug pasitarnauja lietuvių tautai."

Mano brangūs Vyčiai-Vytės, Lietuva, kaip ir kitos tautos šiandien kenčia todėl, kad komunizmas per stiprus buvo ir yra. Prieš visokius teisingumo ir meilės principus, Sovietai neteislingai užgrobė Lietuvą ir laiko jos žmones kaliniais. Vakarų tautos nemato reikalo daryti konors konkrečiau, kad Lietuva atgautų savo teisingą vietą tarpe laisvų ir nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų. Už tai mums lietuviams nereikėtų snausti, bet dar labiau dirbti ir veikti tol, kol Lietuva neatgaus savo nepriklausomybės. Pernal per Vyčių Seimą garsusis Dr. Michael S. Pap, Ko-

legijos profesorius, iškalbingai kalbėjo apie pavojus, kurie gresia pasauliui nuo komunizmo. Tarp kitko jis pa-  
brėžė: "Mums būtinais reikia komunizmui duoti žinoti, kad tol, kol bus vienas laisvas žmogus pasaulyje, komunizmas neišloš, nes tas laisvas žmogus visuomet komunizmo tiks-  
lams bus priešingas." Čia mums geras nusistatymas. Ka-  
dangi esame lietuviai, kadangi mūsų protėviai iš to krašto buvo, kadangi lietuviškas krajas mūsų gyslose teka, mums reikėtų pasirašyti, kad tol, kol mes būsime lietuviais, ko-  
munizmas neišloš, Sovietai turės išeiti iš tos šalies, kuri taip brangi mūsų tėvams. Mes kovosime nenuilstamai.

Atsiminkime, kad Leninas užėmė Rusiją tada, kada buvo

tik 40,000 komunistų visame pasaulyje. Sovietai užėmė Čekoslovakiją, kuri turėjo tik 100 komunistų. Mes sudarome tik mažą grupę, bet su pasišventimu, su ištikimu veiki-  
kimu, kaip Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos nariai, mes pergalėsime priešus, mes pergalėsime komunizmą ir Lietuva vėl bus laisva. Tada bus mums ir visiems pasaulyje lietuviams garbė. Taip Dieve, padėk.

Kun. Jonas C. Jutkevičius  
Garbės Pirmininkas  
Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos.

Rugpjūčio 10, 1962

## New Members to The 100 - A - Year Club



New 100-a-year club members and chairmen. Seated, l. to r. B. Kavadaras, E. Martin, Rev. Jutt - Hon. Chairman of Lith. Affairs, Bishop Salatka, I. Sankus - Lith. Affairs Chairman, G. Gobis, M. Rusgi. Standing, l. to r.: W. Svekla, E. Anusauskas, G. Mack, W. Tenclinger, D. Dutkus, A. Kassel.

Rev. John T. Jutt, on behalf of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, presented plaques denoting that the following people had written one hundred or more letters during the past year and therefore became members of the 100-A-Year Club:

Irene Sarcewicz	C-3
Steve Salnaitis	C-3
Virginia Salnaitis	C-3
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Walter Svekla	C-3
William Wisnauskas	C-10
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Eleanor Anusauskas	C-26
Ann Marie Kassel	C-36
Walter Tenclinger	C-36
Dorothy Dutkus	C-61
Martin Rusgi	C-67
Geraldine Chaps	C-79
Joseph Chaps	C-79
Victoria Chepelonis	C-79
Margaret Marchak	C-79

Patricia Milius	C-79
Magdalena Smailis	C-79
Marianne Smailis	C-79
Cecilia Yunc	C-79
Genevieve Gobis	C-100
Geraldine Mack	C-112
Anthony Yuknis	C-112
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Joan Cashman	C-116
Ruth Ciras	C-116
John Dvareckas	C-116
Dorothy Glaster	C-116
Alex Kardokas	C-116
Bernice Kavadaras	C-116
Dorothy March	C-116
Joyce Miller	C-116
Rita Skamarock	C-116
Gertrude Zibinskas	C-116

Our sincerest congratulations to all the Award winners and we hope that they will continue writing letters that will help keep the name of Lithuania alive and prominent among

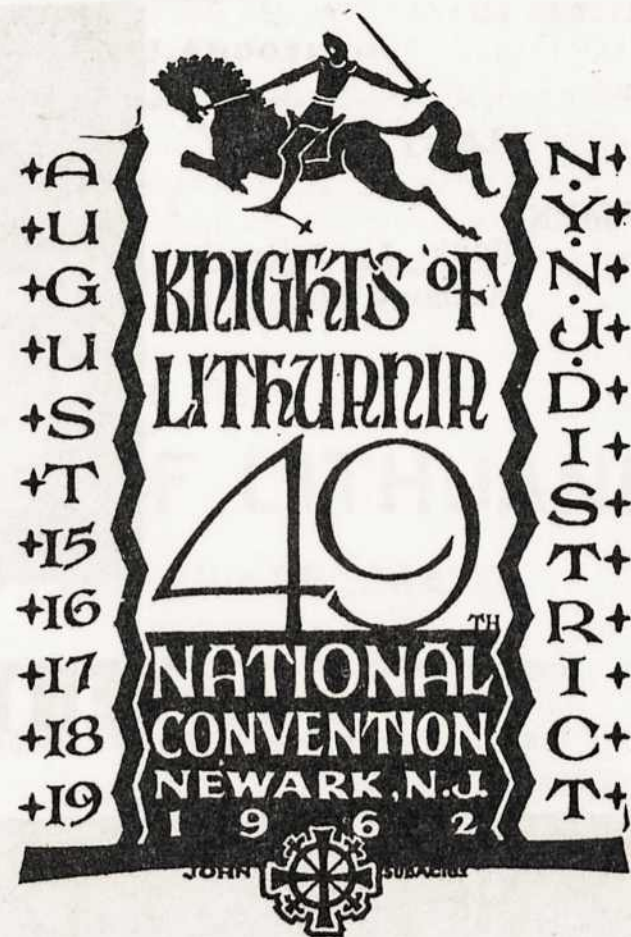
the non-Lithuanians, which will aid in freeing Lithuania from Communist rule.

Members who previously received their plaques but actively worked on the Committee should be commended. Congratulations to: John Andruski - C 116, Leonard Valiukas - C 133, Edward Martin - C 79, Irene Sankus - C 112, Frank Vaskas - C 29, Sophie Zager - C 79, Mildred Lapinskas, Ann Kokernak, Marion Lucason and Barbara Mazeika, all of C 116, Lillian Sasnauskas - C 3, Rita Pinkus - C 26, Hedy Sarcewicz C 3 and Albert Zakarka - C 112.

A special note to the new members of the Club: Receiving your plaque should NOT mean that your work is finished. It should mean that your work has only begun and you should double your efforts for the coming year!

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AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK I EXTEND

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TO YOUR 49TH NATIONAL CONVENTION.



*Hugh J. Addonizio*

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MAYOR

AUGUST 17, 1962

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American Lithuanian R. C. Women's Alliance  
Elizabeth Paurazas, President  
American Lithuanian R. C. Women's Alliance  
New York-New Jersey District  
Moteryų Sąjunga  
New York-New Jersey Apskritis

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New York-New Jersey - Martin Rusgi, Geraldine Kern, Joseph Sable

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Illinois-Indiana - Irene Sankus, Theresa Pupinik

Mid-Central - Marcella Onaitis

## COUNCILS REPRESENTED (30, including 2 Senior Councils)

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C 1 (Brockton) - Sylvia Shukis

C 3 (Philadelphia) - Lillian Sasnauskas, Agnes Timons, Walter Svekla, Irene Varevice, John Miskunas

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C 6 (Hartford) - Joseph Silaika

C 7 (Waterbury) - Anthony Janusauskas, John Alanskas, Lillian Paulauskas, Peter Kudzma, Marcella Andrikis, John Sakalauskas

C 10 (Athol-Gardner) - Nellie Melaika, Alvin Rodski

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C 18 (Cambridge) - Genevieve Malin

C 19 (Pittsburgh) - Julia Aleshunas, Mildred Chinik, Andrew Rozger, Stephen Onaitis, Alice Potts, Tom Unites

C 24 (Chicago) - John Jesulaitis

C 25 (Cleveland) - Evelyn Andrulis

C 26 (Worcester) - Carol Tagman, Helen Gillus, Mary Jankowski, Joseph Sipas, Edward Daniels, Eleanor Anusauskas, Rose Chestnut, Theodore Pinkus, Anne Bicinskas, Patricia Valungis, Joseph Drumstas, Vyto Morkunas, Stephen Walinsky, John Simonavich, Alex Kuzmickas, Frances Grigas

C 29 (Newark) - Louis Stukas, Mary Stonis, Charles Strolis, Jack Stukas, Frank Vaskas, Eleanore Sakevich, Joseph Sakevich, Julia Strolis, Kazys Sipaila

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C 67 (Bayonne) - Constance Mack

C 79 (Detroit) - Magdalena Smailis, MaryAnn Smailis, Margaret Nashlon, Chester Nashlon, Victoria Chepelonis, Edward Martin

C 90 (Kearny) - Catherine Daunoras, Barbara Gelcius, John Nakrosis, Anne Klem, Charles Nakrosis, Ellie Nakrosis, Mildred Grinevicius

C 96 (Dayton) - Steponis Bucmys, Elaine Lucas, Anne Sinkwitz

C 100 (Amsterdam) - Genevieve Gobis, Joseph Olsauskas

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C 139 (Detroit) - Terese Vaitkunaite

## GUESTS

New Jersey - Ona Paciene, Eva Treclokas, Tony Jenkins, Regina Schmidt, Joan Yankauskas, Ona Pocius, A. Budreckis, Alice Salkauskas, Ann Mensler, R. Butkus, New York - Marguerite Montville, Regina Marcis, Barbara Mazeika, Eugene Marcis, Jeanne Janonis, Grazina Kulikauskas, Helen Matusevicius, Marie Nekunas, Eugenia Karpus, Daina Botyrius

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Pennsylvania - Joseph Yanulaitis, Theresa Mazeika, Irene Ozalis, Albert Ozalis

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Illinois - Jean Shlaustas, Irene Norusis





Pictured is

Rev. J.W. Staniewich...  
left: presenting the Honorary  
Membership Medal to Bishop  
Salatka,  
right: greeting T. Vaitiekunas  
and Rev. Krisciunevicius  
of the new C-139.



## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED

Elevated to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania were His Excellency Charles A. Salatka, Bishop of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Frank Vaskas, member of C 29, Newark, New Jersey. They were presented with their Honorary Membership Medals at the Convention's Closing Banquet.

## FOURTH DEGREE AWARDED TO SEVEN

During the Convention's Solemn High Mass Sunday, Aug. 19, 1962, His Excellency Archbishop Boland presented the Fourth Degree, Order of St. Casimir, to Andrew Rozger, C 19-Pittsburgh, Loretta Kassel, C 36-Chicago, Irene Sankus, C 112-Chicago, Florence Zaleskas C 17- So. Boston, Dorothy Sinkavitch, C 116- So. Worcester, Bernice Kavadaras, C 116- So. Worcester, Anne Klem, C 90- Kearny. They were presented with their 4th Degree Certificates at the Closing Banquet by Edward Daniels, Ritual Chairman.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AWARDS

### District Results

New England	122 new members
Mid-Central	62 new members
Illinois-Indiana	31 new members
New York-New Jersey	18 new members
California	8 new members

### Council Results

	New	Reinstated	% Increase
1. C-7, Waterbury	40	25	98%
2. C-79, Detroit	43	-	29%
3. C-26, Worcester	19	14	27%

### Individual Results

1. J. Denapole (C-7, Waterbury)	33 new members
2. J. Chaps (C-79, Detroit)	31 new members
3. B. Petrosky (C-79, Detroit)	10 new members

## NEWEST COUNCIL REPRESENTED

The newly-organized Council 139 of Detroit, Michigan, started off on the right track by sending its Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius and its VYTIS Correspondent, Therese Vaitekunas, to represent it at the Convention. And Father and Therese returned home arms laden with reports, etc., heads filled with memories and ideas, and address books replete with names of new friends and fellow Knights.

We were indeed happy to meet them both - and doubly thrilled to welcome Council 139 to the Fold and extend congratulations to its new officers: Rev. Krisciunevicius, Spiritual Adviser; Alex Gadwell, President; Tony Wilchesky, Vice-President; Mary Ziurinskas, Secretary; Ann Sirvydas, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

## CONVENTION TALKS

Following the pattern set at last year's convention, four panel discussions were presented to the entire delegation. The purpose of the panels was to present to the delegates solutions to some of the problems they face, new ideas for improving the organization, and information about other activities in the Catholic and/or Lithuanian community. This year, time did not permit many question and answer periods. However, even without audience participation, we are sure that these ideas will prove useful in helping improve the K of L on both the national and local levels. Our heartiest congratulations and thanks to the speakers:

MSGR. HENRY G. BECK, Professor of Church History at Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J., who spoke on Catholic Action and in particular on the coming Ecumenical Council;

DR. A. TRIMAKAS, President of the VLIK, who spoke on the work of the VLIK and its efforts towards bringing about freedom for Lithuania and abolition of Communism there and elsewhere;

BERNICE KAVADARAS, President of the New England District and newly-elected Supreme Council Recording Secretary, who spoke on Programming of K of L Activities, on the council, district, and national level;

HELEN SHIELDS, Supreme Council First Vice-President and Juniors' Committee Chairman, who spoke on the importance of Juniors' activity in the K of L.

## CONVENTION MASSES

- Friday - Solemn Opening Mass -  
Holy Trinity Church, Newark - Msgr. I. Kelmelis, Celebrant
- Saturday - Requiem Mass for Deceased Members -  
Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Elizabeth - Rev. J. Jutt, Celebrant
- Sunday - Solemn High Mass - Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny - Rev. Stanievich, Celebrant  
Rev. Jutt, Deacon,  
Rev. Krisciunavicius, Sub-deacon

## VOICE OF AMERICA REPRESENTATION

Although a Voice of America representative was not on the scene at this convention, tape recordings of various highlights of the week nonetheless made their way to Voice of America headquarters, thanks to the efforts of Jack Stukas, National K of L Cultural Chairman and formerly on the V of A. Staff. At the request of Voice of America, Jack recorded the talks of Bishop Salatka, Father Jutt, Dr. A. Trimakas, President of VLIK, and others. Hopefully, the recordings will be used for broadcasts to Communist-enslaved Lithuania.

## REPORT BOOKLETS ON THE SCENE AGAIN

Through the efforts of Bob Boris, Ursula Yankauskas, and the many officers interested in reporting and recording their accomplishments in print, another report booklet was prepared and distributed to delegates. The booklets, containing full reports of the work of the various officers and committee heads, afforded the officers and chairman the opportunity to expound in detail on their work and their ideas, provided delegates with concrete, written information to take home to their respective councils, and left more time in the convention sessions for informative and creative meetings.

## K OF L ON THE AIR

Lithuanians from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut were afforded the opportunity to learn a bit about the K of L and its Convention, by listening to Jack Stukas' Memories of Lithuania Radio Broadcast, on Sat. Aug. 18. Father John Jutt, Honorary Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, was the featured speaker on the broadcast and spent ten minutes summarizing the work and effectiveness of the K of L, and the accomplishments of the current convention.



## SUPREME COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING CONVENTION

Supreme Council officers and Committee Chairmen met officially twice during the course of the Convention. The first meeting was Thursday evening, and revolved around plans for assuring a smooth convention. Topics discussed were: Resolutions being proposed by the Supreme Council (in particular, the K of L attitude towards the AMERICANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO FREE THE BAL-TIC STATES and its work, and K of L representation in the Taryba), Ritual Degrees, Honorary Membership, VYTIS and its extended staff, Jubilee Year plans, K of L History, LRC Alliance.

On Sunday afternoon, immediately before the final session, the newly-elected board met to outline plans for the coming year, and to review resolutions still up for voting during the final convention session. Among the topics discussed were: Juniors and the Juniors Fund, VYTIS, the Treasury and handling of the various funds by the Treasurer, Taryba, Membership Brochures, Seniors' Activity. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 1962, during the Mid-Central District Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Attending one or both of the meetings were: Rev. J. W. Stanievich, Rev. John C. Jutt, Rev. Stasys Raila, Rev. Peter Zemeikis, R. Boris, H. Shields, W. Grigas, U. Yankauskas, B. Kavadaras, R. Pinkus, A. Kassel, E. Martin, A. Jaraitis, L. Kassel, I. Sankus, E. Daniels, A. Klem, J. & E. Sakevich, A. J. Mazeika, L. Janonis, R. Venis, J. Jatis, F. Vaskas.

## FUTURE CONVENTIONS

1963 GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION - Wed., 8/14 - Sun. 8/18, 1963 - Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass. - C-17 Hosts. Council 17, with John Olevitz as General Chairman, is working hand-in-hand with the Supreme Council Jubilee Committee to formulate plans for the Convention. As the official program will be held for a period of FIVE DAYS, everyone was urged to begin making their plans now so that there will be sufficient time to participate in the entire program. Special activities to commemorate our Golden Jubilee are being scheduled. The complete program will be published in the VYTIS at a later date.

Unofficial bids were received for the 1964 and 1966 Conventions. Chicago suggested that since we're ending the first half century near the origin site of the organization, we begin the next half century in Chicago with the 1964 Convention. To help celebrate their 25th Anniversary, C-26 invites us to hold our 1966 Convention in Worcester.





Scholarship Committee Chairman J. Stukas announces Scholarship Award recipients, during Closing Banquet.

During the closing banquet of the Knights of Lithuania 49th National Convention August 19, 1962, at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N.J., three Knights were awarded portions of the K of L Scholarship Award. Following is the presentation of the award, as made at the banquet by Mr. Jack J. Stukas, Scholarship Committee Chairman.

The Board of Trustees of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund are pleased this evening to award the 5th annual Knights of Lithuania \$600.00 award, again, to 3 deserving candidates in equal shares of \$200.00 each.

Many highly-qualified candidates made the judging especially difficult this year. The committee of six trustees and officers: Yours truly, as chairman, Joseph Boley of New York, Loretta Kassel of Chicago, Rev. Albert Contons of South Boston, Rev. John Jutt of Athol, and Anthony Mazeika of So. Ozone Park, made the selections, based on an extensive and thorough investigation and analysis of the applicant's previous academic record, financial need, character, religiosity, organizational service and dedication to the principles of the Knights of Lithuania.

The selections we trustees have made should help the worthy and deserving knights in furthering their college education. The total award will be paid to the recipients in two installments.

Our heartiest congratulations to the winners, who are:

## Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Awards

WINNER NO 1 - BERNARD ANTHONY YANAVICH, Jr., of C-7, Waterbury, Connecticut. He plans to study Law at Scranton University, in Scranton, Pa. He has been very active in the Junior K of L Council in Waterbury, and in fact was instrumental in organizing it and served as its vice-president and president. Bernard's pastor, Rev. Gradeckas, has this to say about him: "This young man is morally good, frequents the sacraments, and conducts himself as a true Christian gentleman. He is ambitious, industrious, zealous, honest, and committed to ideals that are noble and idealistic."

WINNER NO. 2 - RICHARD PETER SMOLEK, of C-102, Detroit, Michigan. He plans to study Civil Engineering at the University of Detroit. Richard is an active member of the Junior K of L in Detroit. The Smolek family and his mother's family, Zakuagiris, have been life-long members and active supporters of all Lithuanian activities including the K of L. Young Richard Smolek writes: "The Knights of Lithuania is a proud tradition in our family. It is my goal to participate and advance in the K of L organization until perhaps I too may have the honor of leading Council 102 as its president."

WINNER NO. 3 - MARY JANE ANDRULIS, of C-25, Euclid, Ohio. She has applied to Western Reserve University in Cleveland and also to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Mary Jane is an industrious and well-liked member of C-25 in Cleveland. Her high school principal recommended her as follows: "In addition to her marked intellectual ability, her spirit of industry and desire to excel are commendable traits." Mary Jane Andrulis tells us that she has always received a satisfaction from sharing her knowledge with others, which has grown into a desire to teach. She aspires to teach elementary school.



Bernard Yanavich, Jr.



Richard Smolek



Mary Jane Andrulis

## SIDELIGHTS...



### FREEDOMLAND

Early-comers to the Convention found themselves Wednesday morning on their way to Freedomland in the Bronx, America's newest and greatest entertainment center. The Juniors outnumbered the regulars on this trip and before the day was over, everyone was a "junior" at heart. They relived the excitement and adventure of our great American heritage and had fun doing it. They rode on a stagecoach, a space ship, a Mississippi sternwheeler, a steam train, they saw the Chicago fire, Wild West in action, San Francisco quake, the Mardi Gras, which all took them back to the "Good Old Days." Vyčiai discovered America's past and loved it.

### MANHATTAN ISLE CRUISE and UNITED NATIONS TOUR

Thursday an unexpectedly large group showed up for the cruise and the tour. The Committee is still trying to figure it out - 15 reservations had been made, 50 tickets requested in case more than 15 showed up, AND 77 people were on the bus. This ride to NYC packed full of laughter and togetherness, was a good prelude for the 35 mile cruise around Manhattan. They saw New York City's wonderful skyline, New Jersey's palisades, Statue of Liberty, ocean liners and other

Delegates from East and West register for a busy five days of sessions and socials.

points of interest of the world's largest city. They cruised on the Hudson River, the East River, the Harlem River and the New York Harbor. The sights were wonderful and quite a contrast from Freedomland's spectacles.

The tour of the United Nations' Building was a different kind of adventure for our visitors. They learned at first hand the purposes and workings of the U.N. and visited the many conference rooms and other facilities - Int'l Gift Shop, restaurant. Here they came in close contact with the people of all nations from around the world. Our fellows were more fascinated by the U.N. guides, girls of all countries (with their enchanting accents) than in what was being explained to them. This doesn't explain what attracted the three girl delegates who failed to return to the bus.



"What's on the schedule?"



### GET-ACQUAINTED PARTY AND VARIETY SHOW

"Getting acquainted" officially started Thursday night, with the Get-Acquainted Party and Variety Show, at St. George's Lithuanian Hall, in Newark.

New York-New Jersey District's "distant" members from Council 3 in Philadelphia started the show rolling with a bang--or rather with a clap of hands and an array of jokes, songs, and shenanigans. But even their "Minstrel" disguises didn't fully hide the identity of the participants - - John Mickunas, Walter Svekla, Agnes Timmons, Irene Vavrice, and Lillian Sasnauskas. The rest of the program featured a variety of acts by the Bayonne and the Newark Juniors, and by a trio of young singers from the New York Council, who are on the road to giving the Kingston Trio a run for their money! Since it was too difficult to decide which act deserved the prize for the best act, it was agreed, at the suggestion of Jack Stukas, M.C., that all be proclaimed "winners"... and all deserved congratulations for their participation!

Following the Variety Show, Joe Thomas and His Orchestra provided the music, and the New York-New Jersey girls provided the food-- for a most enjoyable and memorable evening.



Guests enjoy "Maironis Centennial" presentation during Friday Luncheon.



Rev. D. Pathe entertains Saturday Luncheon Guests.

## CONVENTION LUNCHEONS

"1962 - Maironio Metai" - the Maironis Centennial - was the theme of Friday's Luncheon Program. Through the efforts of Joseph Boley, Honorary Member, a colored slide and tape-recorded description of the poet Maironis' life and works was presented after the Luncheon. The presentation included views of Maironis' birthplace, scenes and quotes from his life, and recitations of a few of his many inspiring works.

The Saturday Luncheon, or Awards Luncheon, was especially enjoyed by the recipients of the various honors bestowed, in particular, the 100-a-year Club Awards and the Membership Drive Prizes. Rev. David Pathe, the Luncheon's most delightful guest speaker, blended wit and wisdom into a talk that both entertained and inspired his listeners. Jack Stukas served as Master of Ceremonies.



## RUTA CONCERT

The Ruta Ensemble, the choir whose songs are heard at almost every K of L social gathering throughout the U.S. - via their very popular "Sing Along in Lithuanian" record, proved that the record was but one of their many accomplishments. During the Convention's Cultural Program Friday night, the Ensemble, under direction of Algirdas Kačanauskas, presented a most enjoyable concert of Lithuanian music. The program included compositions of modern day Lithuanian composers and a medley of the "Sing-Along" favorites. Part of the concert was devoted to selections from Lithuanian and other opera, and featured the voices of soloists Florence Schrim and Louis Stukas.

A unique touch to the program was provided by Brone Venckus who recited several works of the poet Maironis, in honor of the centennial of his birth, being commemorated during 1962.

## LITHUANIAN EXHIBIT

The Lithuanian Exhibit Room was visited by many with interest. Many thanks to Joe Yanulaitis of Philadelphia (pictured right, with exhibit), who brought his collection of articles for everyone to see, and to others who added their treasures to the display.

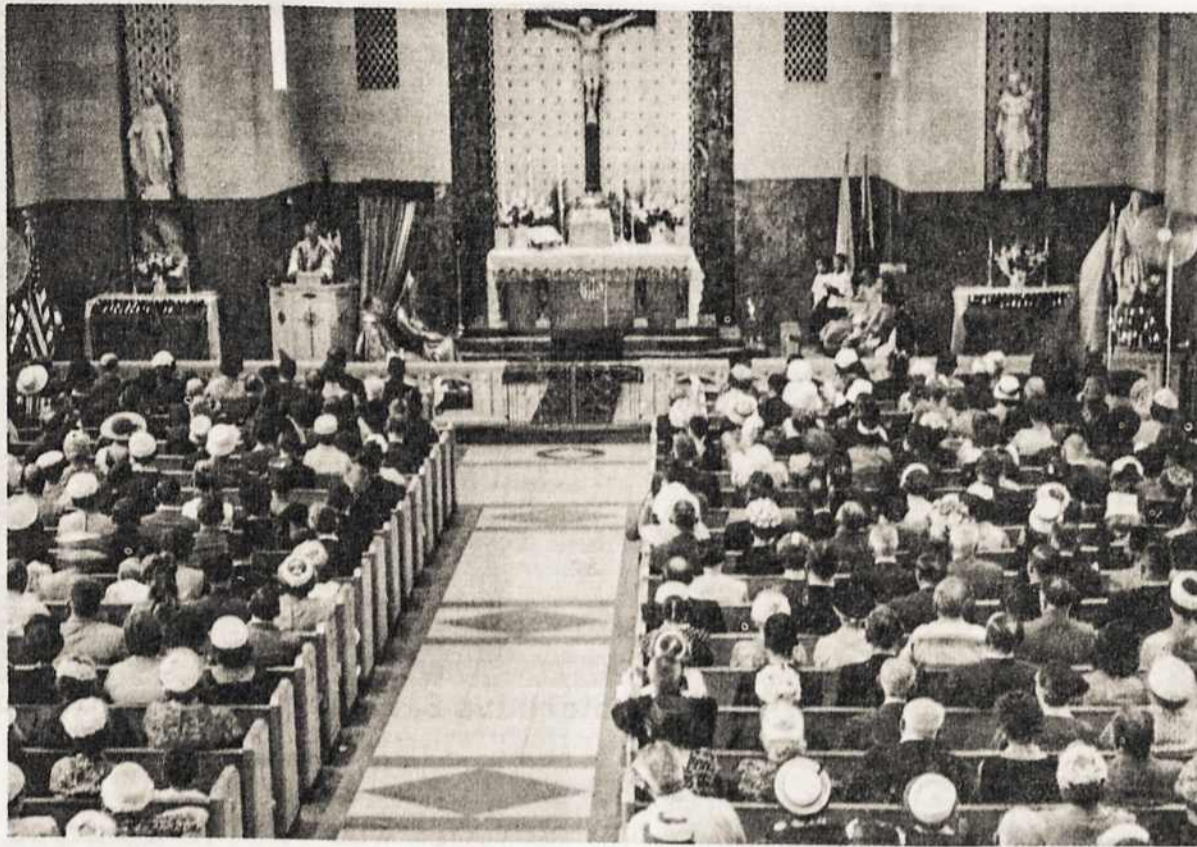
All who attended agreed that, thanks to the versatile and talented Ruta Ensemble and its soloists, the evening was indeed culturally satisfying and musically enjoyable. The concert was held in the new Kearny Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, which was designed by a Kearny K of L-er, John Nakrosis.

## DANCE CONTESTS

The music of Joe Thomas was enjoyed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. . . and was remembered long afterward, thanks to the aching muscles, sore feet, etc. of those who "could have danced all night." Additional "mementoes" in the way of dance prizes helped a few of the dancers remember the good music even more. Congratulations to the Dance Contest Winners:

TWIST -- Anthony B. Mazeika and Grazina Kulikauskas  
 CH-CHA - Louis Stukas and Ellie Nakrosis  
 POLKA - Alvin Rodski and Nellie Malafka





### SUNDAY FESTIVITIES

Perhaps the most impressive part of the entire convention was, appropriately, the Sunday morning program. Ceremonies began with the Solemn Dedication of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross, outside of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kearny. Archbishop Thomas A. Boland officiated and Bishop Charles A. Salatka assisted while hundreds watched and joined, in a prayer for Lithuania, and a silent prayer for deceased K of L's.

Delegates and guests then marched into the church in procession, led by the Bishops, a host of clergy, and an Honor Guard from the Lithuanian American Veterans and Auxiliary of Newark. Before Mass, Archbishop Boland conferred the Fourth Degree on seven Knights and administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Supreme Council.

Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, National Spiritual Adviser, was celebrant of the Mass and delivered the sermon. Revs. John Jutt and Krikščiunavičius served as deacon and subdeacon, respectively. A choir made up of K of L-ers from various cities in the US and directed by Algird Kacanauskas, sang the mass, to the awe of all present. After a few words of greeting and inspiration, Archbishop Boland conferred the Papal Blessing to participants in the Mass.

After Mass and the Convention picture, delegates proceeded to the parish hall for a delicious luncheon of chicken and all the trimmings, and a Welcoming Greeting from the Luncheon's Honored Guest, Mayor Joseph Healy of Kearny. Peter W. Vilevas served as Master of Ceremonies.

### CLOSING BANQUET

Climaxing the many and varied events of the 49th National Convention Sunday night was a Closing Banquet equal to the requirements of a solemn and impressive close to a fruitful three days. Seen throughout the Banquet Hall as well as at the head table was a bevy of distinguished guests from varying parts of the world and various walks of life.

The program, under guidance of Master of Ceremonies Charles Paulus, N.J. Warren County Prosecutor, included a greeting by Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr.

Two very prominent personalities graced the scene as featured speakers and both were recipients of special awards. His Excellency Bishop Charles A. Salatka, the first American Lithuanian to be elevated to the Episcopacy, was conferred the medal of Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania. The Honorable Ray Madden, U.S. Congressman from Indiana (Gary District), received the special Non-Lithuanian Award Medal for his outstanding work on behalf of the Lithuanian people and their fight for freedom. Excerpts of both talks appear elsewhere in this issue.

An array of other awards and honors were bestowed on deserving Knights (also mentioned elsewhere in this issue). Songbird Florence Schrim added a beautiful cultural touch to the program with several vocal selections. Lou Stukas was her accompanist.

### OFFICIAL "TIDBITS"

Elizabeth Council remembered all our deceased members following the Saturday Mass by stopping for a moment in prayer and placing a wreath at the foot of their Wayside Cross.

Missing - the council and district banners that were to hang in our convention room. They disappeared just before the convention start without a trace. The cross from the NY-NJ District's standard and the decals for distribution to all the delegates also disappeared. The banners hanging were the ones made to replace or add to complete the set. Knight private eye, where are you?

The City of Newark paid tribute to Lithuania by having the Lithuanian flag flying in front of the City Hall during the Convention.

### "CONGRATS" ON A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By Council cooperation, the New York-New Jersey District made this a most enjoyable Convention. The Executive Committee, listed below, worked hand-in-hand to insure smooth running activities.

HONORARY CHAIRMEN - Rev. Peter Zemeikis, Larry Janonis;

CHAIRMEN - Joseph Sable, Anne Klem

SECRETARY - Constance Mack

TREASURER - Ann Mitchell

GENERAL COMMITTEE - Ann Baronas, Joseph Boley, Dottie Dutkus, Al Janks, Anthony Mazeika, Millie Grinevich, Ann Mensler, Rita Miskewitz, Mary Motecus, Ellie Nakrosis, John Nakrosis, Marty Rusgi, Kazys Sipaila, John Subacius, Charles Strolis, Jack Stukas, Louis Stukas, Frank Vaskas.

## CONVENTION EXTRAS

Special thanks and congratulations go to the Convention Executive Committee - on behalf of all the delegates - for providing attractive "comfort" features for those attending the various functions. For every activity away from the hotel, there were chartered buses to transport everyone to and fro. . . after each of the Convention Masses, coffee, juice, and rolls were provided for all attending. . . during the sessions, very helpful pages, from the ranks of the Junior K of L, were around to answer questions and run errands. For these and other details, we repeat. . . AČIŪ LABAI!

### "LIETUVIŠKOS VAKARUŠKOS"

A social highlight at this year's convention was the formal invitation from the Illinois-Indiana District to the delegates and guests to attend their reception, appropriately entitled "Lietuviškos Vakaruškos," on Friday evening.

The McCarter Galleries, the setting for this gala affair, was decorated exclusively in Lithuanian colors. The Chicagoans even imported Lietuviškas Suris via "Vabalas", to serve the more than one hundred fifty guests while they danced the polka and twist numbers.

Hoping that they would set a trend for future convention socials, the delegation expressed their idea as one of another "Chicago first, Kodėl Ne!"

### SEMI-FORMAL DANCE AND PRE-DANCE "WARM-UPS"

Once again, the delegates from Philly hosted their traditional Pre-Dance Cocktail hour. Their suite, decked out in ballons and Lithuanian decorations, was complete with charming hostesses to serve refreshments and dashing hosts to explain the decorations. Milling through the crowd were many guests who were enjoying their first convention warm-up parties. From the Philly suite, the crowd moved to the Brooklyn cocktail party hosted by Charles Sinkavitch, who feted the throngs with a variety of cocktails and a very select display of hors d'oeuvres. Traveling through the hotel it was noted that many similar warm-ups were taking place on a smaller scale.

At the dance, Joe Thomas and his

## RELAXATION. . . AFTER SESSIONS



orchestra provided entertainment with those fast, fast Jersey polkas and many specialties throughout the evening. The "Golden Slipper" really developed into a spectacular, ending with dancing in the halls!

Impressed by the firm bachelor status of Convention Co-Chairman Joe Sabel, the orchestra dedicated an original selection entitled "Joe Sabel, Don't Get Married Polka." (Incidentally - this polka even made the radio waves, via Jack Stukas' "Memories of Lithuania" broadcast on Saturday and Bernie Wyte's Polka Show on Sunday of Convention Week.)

Dancing was offered on two levels of the hotel's facilities. Post-Dance activities included an Open House in the NY-NJ District Suite and a party given by the Boston Delegation

### EXTRA - CURRICULAR CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Opening the convention social festivities was the NY-NJ "Hello-Hello" Open House, held Wednesday evening in the Host Suite. During the gathering Lou Stukas and Agnes Timmons took turns accompanying the Sing-Along "Addicts". . . and succeeded in luring all arriving delegates, who just "followed the music" to the festivities.

Of course, the perennial hosts to every convention, the Elizabeth Boys, retained their social status and title of "Hosts with the Most" by continuing to host parties every night of the convention.

Post-convention activities started Sunday night, with Movie-Time K of L." The premiere showing, a combined effort of Chicago and Worcester, attracted a roomful of guests who viewed many interesting K of L variety show shots from Worcester and also the Mummings Parade in Philly.

The traditional Monday morning "Farewell Breakfast" party in the Chicago suite opened with a special "award" coffee and cake celebration in honor of Helen Zimmer (Helen admits it was worth waiting three years for the award). . . continued with a lavish lunch (compliments of Lou Stukas), refreshments (compliments of all guests with left-over refreshments), music, singing and dancing. . . and ended in the late hours of the afternoon when every one bid Adieu, to the strains of "I'll see you in Bawston". . . or "To the Sea in '63, Alleluia."

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### SOMETHING FORGOTTEN?

No - we did not overlook... or neglect... nor bypass certain important items discussed at the Convention. We just felt that things like...

Jubilee Committee Work  
 Jubilee Year Plans  
 K of L History

Introductions of new Honorary Members and new Fourth Degree Members... cannot be quickly summarized in this "bird's-eye view" issue. Look for the above - and more - in the November and December issues.

## K OF L

### CALENDAR

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| Oct 12-14 | C-17, So. Boston, Weekend<br>Lost Wilderness, New Boston, Mass.   |
| Oct 13    | C-36, Chicago "Autumn Twist" Dance<br>K of L Hall, Chicago, Ill.  |
| Oct 27    | C-109, Great Neck, Annual Fall Dance.<br>Knights of Columbus Hall, 2 North Plandome Road, Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. |
| Oct 28    | N.E. District Rolloffs<br>C-26, Worcester, Hosts  |
| Nov 10-11 | C-26, Worcester Musical Show<br>St. Casimir Church Hall   |
| Nov 10    | C-52, Elizabeth Dinner-Dance<br>Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Elizabeth, N.J.  |



Judging from the smiling faces, it **MUST** have been a good Convention!!