



RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING, Archbishop of Boston, is presented the Knights of Lithuania Friend of Lithuania Award during the Convention Banquet, by the Rev. John C. Jutt, Honorary Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. The Rev. J. Walter Stanievich (left) and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Juras look on. (See page 8.)

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Delivered by:
Robert S. Boris, National President

On:
August 16, 1963

Endeavoring to continue the progress initiated several years ago, we shall again attempt to conserve precious session time by combining those Supreme Council Reports submitted to me prior to the convention.

Complete detailed reports of each officer have been reproduced through the kindness of the Boston Convention Committee. These should be thoroughly read and used to give a full report at the next meeting of your local council.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

The K of L Organization can be truly grateful for our Spiritual Advisor, Father Stanievich. His own humility would not allow him to mention the great prestige he has added to our organization, a fact which has been verified by clergy and laymen alike. Unfortunately, for the K of L, his duties as pastor of two parishes, ministering to the needs of his flock have made tremendous demands upon his time. Nonetheless, he has always found time to fulfill his duties as Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor. His advice and guidance in spiritual matters is sincerely appreciated. Especially noteworthy of his accomplishments this year was his invocation delivered before the House of Representatives in Washington on the occasion of the February 16th celebration.

PRESIDENT

As president, I called five meetings of the Supreme

Council to handle the routine business of the organization. In most cases, these meetings were well attended.

Unfortunately, circumstances at my place of employment required exceptionally long hours and weekends from November until May thereby leaving very little time for K of L matters. I did manage to discharge the most essential duties as are outlined in my personal report.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Miss Helen Shields for her fifth consecutive term, has been most successful in promoting the Junior movement. Her dedication to the Junior cause has been a source of inspiration to all. If only all officers performed their jobs with the diligence of Helen Shields, great accomplishments would be realized in all phases of organizational work. Two Junior Rallies were held in the New-England and New York- New Jersey Districts. Two new Junior Councils were formed, one in South Boston, and the other in Worcester, Massachusetts which now brings the total number of Junior Councils to 19 with 510 members.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

No report was received from William Grigas; however, we feel confident that an oral report will be presented to the convention.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

No report was received from Mr. Anthony Mazeika, Sr. who is filling the newly created office of Vice-President in Charge of Senior Activities.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Mrs. Rita Pinkus has presented the following information regarding membership status.

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Priests	84	84	83	84
Regular Members	1102	1072	898	1302
Families	263	272	684	361
Non-Subs. Members	92	100	119	125
Servicemen	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
	1564	1550	1792	1878

During the year, 25 delinquent members rejoined, plus 115 new members, while 68 members were dropped from the organization.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Miss Bernice Kavadaras has done a fine job as Secretary along with the many other duties. Her assistance in printing bulletins and the minutes is sincerely appreciated.

TREASURER

Mr. Albert Kassel has discharged his duties with great diligence and cooperation with all parties involved. Despite his attempts to obtain and place all funds in the general treasury under his control and administration as dictated in a resolution passed at the 49th National

Convention, there still are funds which have not been turned over to him. We have just experienced a very embarrassing situation regarding the History Fund which at the time of writing has not yet been resolved. Circumstances such as this, point up the need for all Supreme Council monies to be under the control of one treasurer.

TRUSTEES

Our trustees, Al Jaritis and Ed Martin will present a report of their examination later during the convention.

LEGAL ADVISOR

Mr. Konstant Savickus has been most helpful in resolving several routine matters during the past year.

THE INDIANA-ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Mr. Martin Gestautas reports five active councils and one Senior council in his district. Attempts are being made to reorganize several dormant councils. The District Choir has been foremost in publicizing the K of L, especially by releasing a phonograph record of Lithuanian Songs, the first ever pressed by a K of L Choir, to commemorate our Golden Jubilee. A fine monthly newsletter is being published. The District sponsored celebrations of February 16, St. Casimir's Day and Founder's Day. A \$200.00 donation was made to the Scholarship Fund. The District has decided to donate 10% of the profit of every activity this year to the Siluva Chapel Fund.

THE MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Although no report was received from the President, Miss Mary Trainy, it can be reported that beside the

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS were reunited at the Golden Jubilee Convention and included, from left Jack Jatis of Chicago; Robert Boris of Detroit; Prof. Alexander Alexis of Waterbury, Conn.; Joseph Sakevich of Brichtown, N.J., and Anthony Mazeika of Queens, N.Y.



councils in Pittsburgh, Dayton and Cleveland, there are three active councils in Detroit. The youngest, council # 139, which was organized last year, has celebrated its first anniversary with a banquet during which \$600.00 was donated to the church for a new tabernacle. Council #79 is sponsoring a weekly Senior Citizens program, where retirees gather in the church hall for a day of games, recreation, visiting and a lunch. The program is now in its second year and deserves high commendation. The Detroit K of L is to be highly complimented for the manner in which they organized the Siluva Chapel Drive. Solicitors were obtained to visit over 2,000 homes. Over 90% of the work was done by K of L members.

THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Miss Bernice Kavadaras, the inspiring and untiring President of the New England District, has accomplished a remarkable increase in spirit and activity in her District. Junior Councils in this District are amongst the the most active. A Jubilee year concert was sponsored in Worcester. The Boston council has spent a very vigorous year preparing for the Jubilee Convention.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Three Spiritual Bulletins have been issued by the District Spiritual Advisor, Father Peter Zemeikis, to encourage spiritual activities in the area. A Wayside Cross was dedicated in Newark, New Jersey. A monthly District Bulletin is being published. A District Award has been established to honor two of the most active Knights during the year. The awards this year went to Jack Stukas and Agnes Timmins. A Lithuanian Christmas Display was presented in the Paterson and Kearny libraries.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

No report was received from this committee.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The report of this committee is unchanged from last year.

BUILDING FUND

This report is given in detail on the following pages.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

Father John Jutt will report orally.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Jack Stukas will give an oral report.

PUBLICITY

Mr. Anthony Dainus and Frank Vaskas were responsible for most of the press notices during the past year. The weekly VYČIU VEIKLA column in the DRAUGAS is

being handled by Pranas Razminas. It would be to our advantage to have a K of L member in charge of this column but we have been unable to find anyone willing to assume this responsibility.

SPORTS

Mr. Ronald Venis' report is included in the report booklet.

VYTIS

We have now completed two full years of printing the VYTIS by "offset" and feel the results attained have more than justified the change. Financially, the last ten issues have cost less than the first ten published by "offset" as shown by the statistics below.

Year	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	--
1962-63	2,721.00	256	10.62	329	--

A process of reducing the printed matter is now being used so that approximately 20% more material can be used on any given page of printed matter. The VYTIS is now more profusely illustrated than ever before. This past year 329 pictures or illustrations were used, which is four times more than by the former method. The resulting savings are more than \$1,000.00 a year. The total cost for printing VYTIS during the past year including mailing, salaries etc., is \$3,706.90.

We have not only been concerned with the technical improvement of VYTIS, but have spent much time and effort in developing and establishing a permanent editorial staff. Due to increased responsibility in their place of employment, Miss Loretta Kassel, Editor, and Miss Marilyn Kareiva, Assistant Editor, have asked to be relieved of those duties and have spent much effort in locating a suitable replacement. It is now our great pleasure to announce that Mrs. Stanley Pieza, a professional journalist has agreed to be the Editor of VYTIS, if the next Supreme Council confirms her appointment. Mrs. Pieza, a K of L'er of long-standing is the wife of Stanley Pieza, Religious Editor of the Chicago Herald American, and has herself a long record of journalistic accomplishments. We look with great expectation to our new Editor, for VYTIS will now have professional talent. We strongly urge that the new Supreme Council confirm her appointment along with the other recommendations of the VYTIS Staff. Miss Kassel has agreed to remain on the staff as Associate Editor, for the time being.

No other job in the entire organization is as time consuming and requires such dedication as that of the VYTIS staff. I propose that this convention take appropriate steps to express our gratitude to Miss Kassel, Miss Kareiva, Mrs. Theresa Strolia and Petras Bagdonas for their wonderful spirit and work in behalf of the organization.



Former council and district presidents gathered in the session room for a 50th Anniversary Convention photo.

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Since this is our Fiftieth Jubilee Year, it might be well to draw comparisons between the K of L back during its infancy and the present time, but few of us were witnesses to the early K of L, thus such a project would be near impossible.

To merely congratulate ourselves on fifty years of existence, to rejoice in bygone glory and boast of past accomplishments will profit us nothing.

It seems to me that the greatest service we could do for our organization is to truthfully evaluate ourselves and examine our consciences organization wise.

Several of the questions which would be worth considering by all of us during the next few days are:

1. Is there a need for the K of L in this present decade as there was fifty years ago?
2. What role should the K of L of the 60's and 70's assume?
3. Are we really fulfilling our motto - "For God and Country"?
4. Is the K of L, as a helpmate of the Church, leading souls to Christ?
5. Does an occasional corporate Communion or day of recollection fulfill our religious obligations?
6. Does a chorus or two of "Kai aš turėjau kaime mergelę" and a polka during the K of L Dance fulfill our pledge to propagate and keep alive Lithuanian culture and tradition?
7. Are we fighting Communism with mere lip service or are we leading truly Christian lives filled with charity and love of our neighbor regardless of his color or race?

8. Is our organization and its members aware of the tremendous responsibility about to be placed upon it as a group of laymen and women, as a result of the Ecumenical Council? Will we be willing to accept this responsibility?

9. Is our organization in step with the times?

10. Are we attracting new members? Are our new members encouraged to set the pace or do we old-timers dominate and control and possibly stifle new ideas?

11. What can be done to overcome the ever increasing apathy of not only the members but of officers as well?

If we are willing to consider these questions and find the solutions, then, we can truly rejoice in the prospect of another fifty years of great attainments. But, ask yourself right now - AM I WILLING TO SET WRONG THINGS RIGHT???

I submit these questions to you the members of the Knights of Lithuania and hope that if nothing more is accomplished during this convention than a complete honest analyzation of these problems and, then, if each delegate will discuss these matters in his or her local council, we will be on the right track. Once we have completed this examination of conscience and decided on a course of action, we can then confidently forge ahead to another fifty years more glorious than the first fifty.

In closing, may I say thanks to all who have assisted me during this past year. I know that we shall feel amply rewarded in the knowledge that perhaps the world is just a bit better of a place in which to live because of the Knights of Lithuania.

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

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT - 1963

Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

Once again, a year has gone by and I have to present to you the results of my stewardship as Spiritual Advisor of the Knights of Lithuania. As usual, as one looks back in retrospect, he can find many regrets that more was not accomplished. Nevertheless, we can always learn from past mistakes and always hope that the future will be brighter.

During the course of the past year, I submitted five articles to the VYTIS. I have always felt that this is the best media through which the message of the Spiritual Advisor can reach the membership. My regret is that I was unable to write an article each month because of my parochial duties. I am grateful, however, to the other good Fathers who contributed their wonderful articles.

One of the first duties of my tenure this year was a visit to Waterbury, Connecticut. There, I had the very delightful visit with some of the members and was privileged to present the trophies to the Membership and Scholarship Winners.

In November, together with the National President, Mr. Boris, I visited Chicago. We visited a number of Lithuanian parishes with the idea of spreading some good will and at the same time hoping to revitalize some K of L Councils. We visited St. Anthony's Church, Cicero, Illinois, where we spoke with Monsignor Ignas Albavicius. In Chicago, we visited Father Edward Abromavicius at Holy Cross Church and Father John Savukynas, MIC at Our Lady of Vilna Church. All the good Fathers expressed varying degrees of enthusiasm. We also paid a call on Mother Adorata, Superior of the Sisters of St. Casimir. We concluded our stay in the "Windy City" by attending the Marian Fathers Annual Banquet as representatives of the Knights of Lithuania.

One of the more pleasant tasks as Spiritual Advisor took place on February 14. I was given the great honor of giving the Invocation in Congress. Later that day I repeated this talk over the Voice of America and in an interview I was able to speak at greater lengths of the work of the K of L in America and our sympathetic interest in our oppressed brothers and sisters in Lithuania.

In March of this year, I sat in on several conferences with the Representatives of the Lithuanian Alliance. There was an exchange of ideas at this time and the meeting ended with the promise of further study regarding the matter of Insurance and the K of L.

In April, His Excellency, Bishop Brizgys, conferred with me regarding the Siluva Chapel at the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Washington, D.C. At this time I would like to take the opportunity to stress the importance of this drive. Although most parishes have already started this drive, may I also suggest to our membership that our participation as K of L'ers is

most important in this effort.

In May of this present year, I participated and represented the Supreme Council in the Anniversary Mass and Banquet of Council 139. I also participated in the last District Convention in Cleveland and the Supreme Council meeting that took place there at the same time.

This past July, I spoke over Detroit's WWJ radio station regarding Lithuanian Affairs. Once again, this broadcast was beamed over the Radio Free Europe. At this time I was able to detail at some length the work of the K of L over the past fifty years and spoke of the present K of L Jubilee Convention.

This briefly summarizes the high points of my stewardship as your Spiritual Advisor.

May I digress for a few moments of this report and state that although we can be proud of the achievements of the Knights of Lithuania over these 50 years, we cannot by any means rest on our laurels. We must remember that the problems that face us today are vastly different from the problems of a half century ago.

If we are to continue being a vital force among American Lithuanians during the coming years, we will have to face these problems. First of all, we will have to be even more zealous Catholics. Our activities will have to be more closely allied with our individual parishes and will have to be more active in Catholic Action. When we hear of K of L'ers giving scandal by their public actions, they are not only doing grave harm to all Catholics but especially are they hurting the cause of our movement, which was originated with the purpose of making better Catholics of us.

Secondly, we should not only show our loyalty to this wonderful land of our birth but we should never forget the land of our forefathers, Lithuania. She needs our assistance and so I would suggest the most potent way of aiding Her - namely, prayers. Too often, when every other means fails, we start to pray - while, in my opinion, the opposite should be the case. We should pray and ask God's guidance before beginning any project. Perhaps each council (which normally begins its meeting with prayer) should specifically set one prayer aside for the intention of Lithuania and Lithuanians.

Lastly, let us not be afraid to work and participate in Lithuanian activities. The time has come for us to broadcast from the roof tops what "manner of man" we are. If the Irish, the German and French and other nationalities can proudly proclaim their national origins, why not we? It is high time to ferret our provincialism and let others know - in our businesses, our offices, and our other jobs, that we are Lithuanian and mighty proud of it.



RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING

Seventh Recipient of the Friend of Lithuania Award

At the Hotel Statler in this same city of Boston, in a stirring address delivered some ten years ago at a banquet closing the Lithuanian Relief Fund Convention, our guest of honor pictured Lithuania as an early Christian mother who, deprived of her earthly possessions and condemned in a pagan prison to a most savage death, could still hope because she saw through the narrow slits of her prison walls the stars that were still shining. He spoke of the hope that Lithuania still has because, even though so ruthlessly deprived of so many of her children, so cruelly persecuted and victimized in the prison of a blood-thirsty neighbor within the Iron Curtain, she could still see the stars shining in the sky.

Our guest of honor stated very convincingly: "Suffering Lithuania still has her stars. For her the stars still shine and she can see them clearly as she gazes out her prison window. She has the star of respectful friends abroad." Little did he realize then that today, ten years later, he is one of those respectful friends abroad, one of the most gracious friends that persecuted Lithuania has ever had. Happy are we today to have him in our midst as the star of this, the Golden Jubilee banquet of our Knights of Lithuania.

A native Bostonian, His Eminence, Richard Cardinal J. Cushing was ordained to the Catholic Priesthood on May 26, 1921. As a priest, his accomplishments for the Church were many, particularly in the field of foreign missions and especially with the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. These accomplishments and his abilities were recognized, for on June 29, 1939 he was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Boston. Upon the death of Cardinal O'Connell some five years later, he was appointed Archbishop of Boston on September 25, 1944. His untiring efforts for Christ and His church and his ardent zeal for souls throughout this part of the country attracted the attention of the late good Pope John who honored him in a most special way on December 15, 1958 by making him a Cardinal, a Prince of the Church.

In the past eight years we have presented our Friend of Lithuania Award to men in governmental

circles who have exercised the influence they have to aid Lithuania in her relentless struggle to regain her rightful place among the free and independent nations of the world. Today we are privileged to make the award to one who, by word and by spirit, has ever encouraged suffering Lithuania to remain constant in the faith, undying in her hope and strong in her charity so that, in this same struggle, where others see darkness, discouragement and defeat, Lithuania may see the light, encouragement and eventual victory.

Without ceasing he has defended Lithuania's right to worship God in accordance with the dictates of her conscience. Very frequently he has urged Lithuania not to give up hope but to see the stars that still shine in the sky: the star of her loyal sons and daughters now residing in the free world, the star of a free press pleading her righteous cause, the star of her cultural vitality bidding her to be patient in her present trials and hardships, the star of her Catholic Faith which convinces her people that the struggle will not be in vain.

From the very beginning, His Eminence has recognized atheistic communism for what it really is: a diabolical and ruthless system bent on wiping out by deceit and vain promises the God-given rights of man and making him a slave, a puppet of the State. Hence it is no wonder that a short time ago he warned:

"Those who tell us that the Communist Party in this country is dead, dying or dwindling, should realize that the most dangerous, devastating Communists functioning in our nation gave no visible evidence of belonging to the 'Party' . . . there is more to the Communist threat than a 'Party'. It is a plot to create the Universal Communist State. It is a plot to surround and conquer us. And that plot is making progress. Cuba within 100 miles from our shores is proof if proof is needed."

A few years ago at a workshop for priests from the New England dioceses, His Eminence, in a masterful explanation, explained how Soviet Communism through a process which he called polarization, functions to

enslave countries like Lithuania and deprive their people of their inalienable rights as human individuals. He warned America at the time that it should never forget the pattern used by the Soviets to enslave Lithuania for that same pattern will be the one used by the same Soviets in their desire to enslave America.

Only a few short years ago, we might say that he was the only one with the foresight to see the advantage of publishing in booklet form the beautiful prayers written by four small Lithuanian girls while imprisoned by the Soviets in the barren wastes of Siberia. Through his encouragement and endorsement, the prayer-book, **MARY, SAVE US** was published not only in the English language but also in at least six other languages. He had the foresight to see the tremendous good that these prayers would do for Catholic Lithuania and the wide opinion they would create for the eventual fall of Soviet Communism.

Both Pius XI and Pius XII have noted that the principal reason for the advance of communism is our failure to understand it. His Eminence has repeatedly gone out of his way to make us understand what communism really is. Refusing to be taken in by its vague promises, he has warned that even the better-minded groups of society have been duped by Communist propaganda which has penetrated little by little all classes of people.

Yet it is unfortunate that his words of warning have for the most part gone unheeded. Like St. John the Baptist, more than once he has cried out: "I am the voice of one crying in the desert." (Joan. I 23). Frequently he has been commended for his forceful statements on the evils of communism but his honest reply has had to be: "Why is it that nothing is being done about it. What are the people waiting for?"

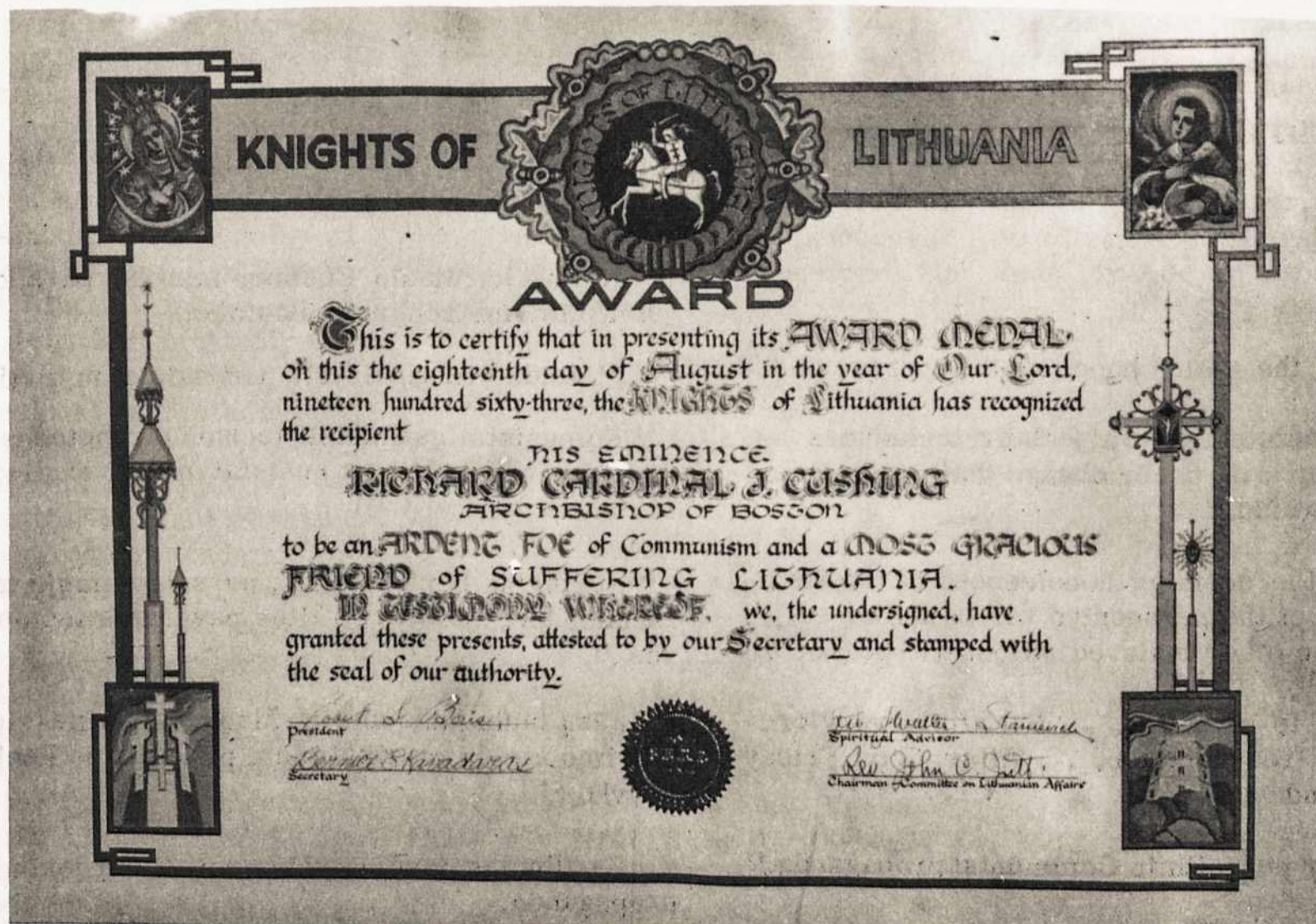
Permit us, Your Eminence, at this time to assure you that, as far as we Lithuanians are concerned, we shall not let you be "a voice crying in the desert." We shall continue to struggle and to employ every means possible to defeat communism for the cause of Christ and His Church in the world in general and in persecuted Lithuania in particular.

His Eminence's motto "Ut Cognoscant Te" (that they may know Thee) has ever moved him to make Christ better known among people by exposing those systems and doctrines which are opposed to Christ. Hence his fearless and forceful exposition of the true aims of atheistic communism. "Ut Cognoscant Te" - that people in America and the world over may know, O God, the evil being done to Thee by Soviet Communism and the harm being done to Thy Church in Lithuania where so many have died for Thee.

Because His Eminence has been a fearless foe of Soviet Communism, because he has been a source of a great deal of encouragement to Lithuanians all over the world, because he has proven himself to be a most GRACIOUS FRIEND of Lithuania in her struggle to preserve her loyalty to Christ and to regain her freedom, it is a source of great pride and extreme pleasure for me 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 fearless but GRACIOUS champion of Lithuania's freedom, a distinguished Prince of the Church, the illustrious Archbishop of Boston, His Eminence, Richard Cardinal J. Cushing.

Given at the Golden Jubilee banquet closing the Golden Jubilee Convention at the Bradford Hotel in Boston on August 18, 1963.

Rev. John C. Jutt





A WELCOME OF LOVE
BLESSINGS
and
CONGRATULATIONS
 to the
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Richard Cardinal Cushing
 ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON

SOME THOUGHTS. . . FROM CARDINAL CUSHING'S ADDRESS

"Prayer is the sole hope of the persecuted."

"The Communists may vary their techniques and methods, but they will never change their goal, to enslave the entire world."

"In spite of the seeming hopelessness of the situation, the prayers of the persecuted will be answered. . . Lithuania and the other enslaved nations will be freed."

"Your nation is crucified. . . But after every crucifixion comes a resurrection. . . After Good Friday comes Easter Sunday. . ."

"Never, never put faith in Communist propaganda."

KARDINOLAS APIE LIETUVĄ

Kelios kardinolo Cushing mintys, pareikštos vyčių jubiliejiname kongrese Bostone:

"Malda yra vienintelė persekiojamųjų viltis.

"Komunistai gali keisti techniką ir metodus, tačiau jie niekad nepakeis savo nusistatymo pavergti visą pasaulį."

"Nežiūrint beviltiškumo, persekiojamųjų maldos bus išklaustos, Lietuva ir kitos pavergtos tautos bus laisvos."

"Jūsų tauta kabo ant kryžiaus, bet po kiekvieno nukryžavimo ateina prisikėlimas, po Didžiojo Penktadienio - Velykos".

Kardinolas išpėjo vyčius nepatikėti jokia komunistų propaganda.

Knights of Lithuania

Scholarship Awards

During the closing banquet of the Knights of Lithuania Golden Jubilee National Convention August 18, 1963, at the Bradford Hotel, Boston, Mass., two members were awarded portions of the K of L Scholarship Award. Following is the presentation of the awards, as made at the banquet by Mr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.



WINNER No.1-NANCY ANN MILLER, of Council 26, Worcester, Mass. She has been accepted at the New England Conservatory of Music, and plans a career in singing. Not only is Nancy Miller a talented soloist who has appeared at various K of L functions, but she is also a gifted artist. Her vocal teacher said "I consider Nancy Miller greatly talented. She has a fine natural voice, musical talent, and appearance." We trustees hope she is successful some day in joining the Metropolitan Opera Company.



WINNER No.2-JANET ELIZABETH SWEDIS, Council 26, Worcester, Mass. Janet is currently enrolled at the State College of Worcester and plans to be a teacher. Janet Swedis has been active in K of L cultural affairs, nationally and in her council and has written several articles for our VYTIS magazine. The head librarian of her school said of her, "As a teacher, Janet has much to offer. A scholarship for her will help produce an excellent teacher."

The Board of Trustees of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund are pleased this evening to award the Sixth Annual Knights of Lithuania \$600.00 Scholarship Award to two deserving members, in equal shares of \$300.00 each.

Many highly qualified candidates made the selection especially difficult again this year. The committee of six trustees and officers: Yours truly as chairman, Joseph Boley of New York, Loretta Kassel of Chicago, Reverend Albert Contons of So. Boston, Rev. John Jutt of Athol, Anthony Mazeika Sr. of New York, and Rev. John Zuromskis of South Boston, have made the selection. The selection was based on an extensive and thorough investigation and analysis of the applicants' previous academic records, financial needs, character, religiosity, organizational service, and dedication to the principles of the Knights of Lithuania.

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

Our heartiest congratulations to the two winners, namely:

The following are excerpts from letters received by the Scholarship Committee from the Scholarship recipients. . .

"I want to thank you ever so much for your kindness in granting me the K of L Scholarship. I really appreciated all that you have done for me, and hope to repay you for your kindness some day. You have made my first K of L Convention very pleasurable and memorable."

Sincerely,
Nancy Miller

"My deepest gratitude goes to the members of the K of L Scholarship Committee for starting off my Junior year in college so brightly. I truly regret not being able to thank you all personally."

Gratefully,
Janet E. Swedis

SPORTS AWARDS LUNCHEON

THE SPEAKERS . . .



Left: FOOTBALL GREAT attending Sports Luncheon during convention was Joseph "Zap" Zapustia, of Holbrook, shown as he addresses luncheon audience.

Right: NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT spiritual director, the Rev. John D. Zuromskis, assistant at South Boston's St. Peter's Parish, served as Master of Ceremonies at the Sports Luncheon. Seated at Father's side is Ronald L. Venis, So. Boston, National Sports Co-Chairman.



IN GOLF, Ronald Venis presents awards to (left to right): Men's Best Par Player, Peter Gagle; Women's Best Par Player, Estelle Rogers; Novice Best Par Players Loretta Macekonis and Barbara Mazeika.



IN BOWLING, Ronald Venis presents awards to: (left) Ann Mitchel and Paul Neviera for High Triple and Novice High Triple, resp.; to (center) Joseph Drumstas and Rita Pinkus for High Single and Women's High Single, resp.; and to (right) Anna Mae Uznis and Andy Rozger, for Novice High Single.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON HONORS HONORARY MEMBERS

The Friday Luncheon was one with a new and interesting twist - the "guest-speakers" were not "guests" but rather our own members. In particular, the guests were Honorary Members, the twelve of them attending the Convention. Each was asked to express a few thoughts to the Luncheon guests, and all were feted with warm applause . . . a truly fitting way to start the convention.

Even the Mayor of Boston, the Honorable John F. Collins, graced the Friday Luncheon with his presence and his greetings. Pictured on the right are: Anthony Young, R. Rev. Msgr. Juras, Mayor Collins, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, and Robert S. Boris.



HONORARY MEMBERS participating in various Golden Jubilee activities were (seated): Joseph Boley, N.Y.C.; Felicia Grendal, So. Boston; Anthony Young, So. Boston; the

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Juras, of Lawrence; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Virmauskis, of So. Boston, and Prof. Alexander Alexis, Waterbury, Conn. Standing - Jack Jatis, Chica-

go; Frank Vaskas, Newark, N.J.; Ann Mitchell, Linden, N.J.; Joseph Sadauskas, Cleveland, Ohio; Anthony Mazeika, Queens, and Joseph Spranaitis, Paterson, N.J.

NEW SUPREME COUNCIL FOR 1963-64



SOME OF THE NEW OFFICERS:
(seated) Eleanore Laurin, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Helen Shields, and Bernice Kavadaras. Standing: Robert Boris, Albert Kassel, Rita Pinkus, Jerome Venis, Agnes Timmins and Longinas Svelnis.

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RESOLUTIONS

At the Golden Jubilee Convention of the Knights of Lithuania at the Hotel Bradford in Boston, Massachusetts, August 16-18, 1963, the delegates passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Knights of Lithuania is a Catholic organization uniting the Catholic Lithuanian youth of America into a strong organized force in accordance with the practice of Catholic principles, and

WHEREAS, Pope Paul VI was recently elected the Vicar of Christ on earth as the Visible Head of the Catholic Church; now be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania extend its sincerest congratulations to Pope Paul VI on his election and affirm with warmest affection its continued loyalty to the Holy Father; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania extend its heartfelt wishes for divine help and outstanding success to the Ecumenical Council soon to be reopened under the leadership of Pope Paul VI.

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WHEREAS, His Excellency, the President of the United States proclaimed the week of July 14, 1963 as Captive Nations Week; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the proclamation served to give increased hope to Lithuania and the other Captive Nations in their struggle to regain independence from the Soviet yoke; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania express this sincerest note of profoundest gratitude to the President of the United States for the proclamation and urge His Excellency to support the move to create a permanent Captive Nations Committee in Congress.

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WHEREAS, Lithuania, a freedom-loving nation, continues to be downtrodden by Soviet Russia which insists on depriving her of her inalienable right to self-government; and

WHEREAS, atheistic Soviet Russia has continued now for over a year to persecute the Catholic Church in Lithuania by desecrating the pictures and shrines of the Patron Saint of Lithuania, St. Casimir; now be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania vigorously protest the irreligious action of the Soviets in Catholic Lithuania and appeal to the Vatican, to the President of the United States and to the free world to use their influence to put an immediate stop to such action: be it further

RESOLVED, that Our Government take whatever means necessary to bring about the restoration of Lithuania's independence, a right that Lithuania has and which is enjoyed by so many other nations: be it further

RESOLVED, that the United Nations organization use its influence to prevail upon the Soviets to permit free elections in Lithuania so that Lithuania may decide for herself the type of government under which she wishes to live as a free nation.

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RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuanian 50th national convention commends the Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic States, a nationwide organization, for its dedicated efforts to free Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia from the bloody hands of Soviet Russia; be it further

RESOLVED, the Knights of Lithuania convention urges all the members throughout the country to take a very active part in this crusade for freedom for the Baltic States.

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The Knights of Lithuania, cognizant of the importance and effect of the Lithuanian-American Council, Inc., /Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba/, 6818 S. Western Ave., Chicago 29, Illinois, in providing continuous leadership for patriotic Lithuanian-American organizations in the fight for Lithuanian Independence, resolves to fully cooperate with this body and to name three persons to its Executive Board, thereby indicating full membership in the Council by the Knights of Lithuania as a national organization.

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The Knights of Lithuania assembled at this 50th Jubilee Convention resolve that we will endeavor to strengthen and maintain Lithuanianism in America by encouraging our Knights of Lithuania members to attend and support Lithuanian parishes and encourage them to join the Lithuanian parish choirs.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania recognize its deep devotion to the Patroness of Lithuania, "Our Lady of Siluva" and as a token of appreciation for the many blessings received through her hands here in America, we, the Knights of Lithuania, resolve to donate \$1,000.00 to the "Our Lady of Siluva" Shrine in Washington, D.C.

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After 50 years of achievement for God and Country, we the Knights of Lithuania are aware that there still is a great need of spiritual re-vitalization in our movement.

We further are aware of the fact that the spiritual aspect of our movement should be a more concentrated drive to be Catholic minded; that Catholic action should be the keynote of our religious program.

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that each Council will strive to promote a religious program at each of its meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Knight will strive to the best of their ability to live their lives more in accordance to Christian Principles.

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WHEREAS, in the world there is evidence that delinquency and crime is on the increase among our young people, and increase due in great part to the number of moving pictures which deal with sex and other matters detrimental to morality; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church through its Bishops has set up in our country the National Legion of Decency for the purpose of informing the faithful of the moral worth of the moving pictures presently being shown in our movie houses and theatres; now be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania wholeheartedly support the National Legion of Decency in its most important work and urge its members and others to follow faithfully the Legion's ratings; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania vigorously protest and emphatically condemn all moving pictures which because of their detrimental effect leave much to be desired as far as the morality of our young people is concerned.

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WHEREAS, His Excellency, the Most Reverend J. Arthur Costello, was appointed during the course of the past year by the Holy Father as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark; and

WHEREAS, the delegates and guests of the Knights of Lithuania have the fondest memories of Bishop Costello who acted as Master of Ceremonies during the National Convention Mass held in August, 1962 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kearney, New Jersey; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania extend its sincerest congratulations to His Excellency, the Most Reverend J. Arthur Costello, upon his election to the ranks of the episcopacy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members and guests extend their heartfelt wishes to and pray for God's choicest and richest blessings upon Bishop Costello for good health and outstanding success in his work as a Bishop of the Church.

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WHEREAS Past Editor of VYTIS and Honorary Member Ignas Sakalas has so skillfully compiled and written an interesting and comprehensive Knights of Lithuania History, and

WHEREAS this outstanding leader and writer of the Knights of Lithuania has for so long offered all his talents unselfishly for the betterment of the organization, be it

RESOLVED, that, by recommendation of the Golden Jubilee Convention Committee and the Supreme Council, an additional stipend of \$300.00 over and above the amount previously agreed upon, be presented to Mr. Ignas Sakalas, and that this sum be taken from the K of L History Fund.

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Having heard the report of the Honorary Membership Committee during the first session of the 1963 Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, this Convention hereby unanimously accepts the recommendations of the committee, that Miss Helen Shields and The Rev. Benjamin Guronskas be elevated to Honorary Membership during this convention, and that they be presented with Honorary Member medals during the Convention's Closing Banquet.

Also, the Convention unanimously accepts the committee's recommendation that Stanley Pieza and Albin Manstavice also be elevated to Honorary Membership during this convention, but that Honorary Member Medals be awarded them during the next National Convention.

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WHEREAS the Lithuanian press and various individuals have announced that the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance has voted to donate \$500.00 to the Knights of Lithuania Official Organ, VYTIS,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Golden Jubilee Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend to the officers of the Alliance its heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation of their generosity and good will.

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We the Delegates and Members of the Knights of Lithuania at the 50th Jubilee Convention firmly resolve to express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Robert Boris for his untiring efforts and a vote of thanks for a job well done as President for three years.

Lietuviška Vytiška širdinga padėka.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania Golden Jubilee Convention extend their heartfelt thanks to Loretta Kassel, Editor of the VYTIS, and Marilyn Kareiva, Assistant Editor, for their untiring efforts and countless hours which they have contributed, regarding VYTIS publication during their years as editors.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 50th National Convention at this time extends its sincerest gratitude to the Host Council - 17 Boston, Mass. for their gracious hospitality, tireless efforts and many hours of hard work in the preparation for the Golden Jubilee Convention

SUGGESTION:

The Golden Jubilee National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania wholeheartedly lends its strongest support to the present drive for funds for the Chapel in honor of Our Lady of Siluva at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington not only by donating to the fund itself but also by giving the fullest cooperation to the drives being made in their respective parishes.

A practical suggestion would be to donate 10% of all the profit made from district and council affairs for one year.

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Sincerest gratitude is hereby extended to Messrs. Joseph Sakevich and Joseph Boley, members of the Jubilee Committee, for their efforts in preparing the memorable commemoration to open the Golden Jubilee Convention. Sincere thanks are also extended to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Juras for the warm reception at St. Francis parish in Lawrence, Mass., to Professor Alexander Aleksis for so beautifully leading the program, and to other members, namely Mrs. Ann Barauskas, Miss Mary Boraskas, Miss Genevieve Giedraitis, Miss Genevieve Gobis, Miss Phyllis Grendal, Mrs. Mary Jankowski, Miss Bernice Kavadaras, and Mr. Albinas Nievera, for their participation in the program.



Knights of Lithuania 1913-1963

Knights of Lithuania Golden Jubilee Convention, Bradford H Council 17 - Hosts.



Convention, Boston, Mass., August 18, 1963

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Hotel - Boston, Massachusetts, August 16-18, 1963

REZOLIUCIJOS

Lietuvos vyčių jubiliejinis kongresas Bostone rugpiūčio 14-18 dienomis 1963 metais vienbalsiai priėmė šias rezolucijas:

KADANGI Lietuvos vyčiai yra katalikiška organizacija, jungianti Amerikos lietuvių katalikų jaunomenę į stiprią organizuotą jėgą, pagrįstą katalikiškų principų praktika,

KADANGI popiežius Paulius VI, neseniai išrinktas Kristaus Vietininku žemėje, Lietuvos vyčiai išreiškia savo nuoširdžiausius sveikinimus popiežiui Pauliui VI jo išrinkimo proga ir užtikrina su nuoširdžiausia pagarba savo ištikimybę Šventajam Tėvui.

Lietuvos vyčiai išreiškia savo nuoširdžiausius linkėjimus ir prašo dieviškosios pagabos ir puikaus pasisekimo Bažnyčios Tėvų Susirinkimui, kuris tuojau vėl pradės darbą, vadovaujant popiežiui Pauliui VI.

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KADANGI J.A.V. prezidentas paskelbė š. m. liepos 14 d. Pavergtųjų Tautų savaitę,

KADANGI šis paskelbimas davė vilčių Lietuvai ir kitoms pavergtoms tautoms išsilaisvinti iš Sovietų jungo, nutarė:

Lietuvos vyčiai išreiškia nuoširdžiausią padėką JAV prezidentui ir prašo Jį paremti pastangas, kad būtų įsteigtas nuolatinis Pavergtųjų Tautų komitetas kongrese.

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KADANGI Lietuva, laisvę mylinti tauta, tebėra Rusijos pavergta ir jai atimta teisė į nepriklausomą gyvenimą,

KADANGI bedieviškoji Sovietų Rusija daugiau kaip metai persekioja Katalikų Bažnyčią Lietuvoje ir naikina paveikslus ir koplyčias mūsų Lietuvos globėjo, Sv. Kazimiero,

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos vyčiai stipriai protestuoja prieš tą antireliginę Sovietų veiklą katalikiškoje Lietuvoje ir kreipiasi į Vatikaną, JAV prezidentą ir visą laisvą pasaulį, kad jie paveiktų į tokios veiklos sustabdymą; kad mūsų valdžia imtųsi reikalingu priemonių Lietuvos išlaisvinimui, taipgi, kad Jungtinės Tautos panaudotų savo įtaką priversti Sovietus leisti laisvus rinkimus Lietuvoje, kad lietuviai galėtų išrinkti tokią valdžią, kuri galėtų garantuoti laisvą gyvenimą kaipo laisvos tautos.

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NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių jubiliejinis seimas pagerbtų organizaciją "Americans for Congressional Action to the Baltic States," už jos dideles pastangas padėti Lietuvos, Latvijos ir Estijos išlaisvinimui iš kruvinojo bolševikinės Rusijos jungo, ir

NUTARTA, kad L. Vyčiai paragintų visus narius Amerikoje aktyviai dalyvauti šiame žygyje dėl Baltijos kraštų išlaisvinimo.

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Lietuvos Vyčiai, suprasdami, kad Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba, 6818 S. Western Ave., Chicago, Ill., yra reikalinga ir reikšminga organizacija, kuri jungia visas patriotines Amerikos lietuvių organizacijas kovoje už Lietuvos laisvę, nutarė pilnai paremti šią organizaciją ir išrinkti tris vyčius, kurie įsijungtų į Tarybos Valdybą, tuo įrodydami, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai tikrai yra lietuvių tautinė organizacija Amerikoje.

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Mes, Lietuvos vyčiai, stengsimės sustiprinti ir išlaikyti lietuviškumą Amerikoje paragindami mūsų Lietuvos vyčių narius paremti ir padėti lietuvių parapijoms ir paraginti narius prisirašyti prie lietuviškų parapijos chorų.

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NUTARTA paskirti tūkstantį dolerių (\$1000.00) Lietuvių skyriaus koplyčiai Washingtono šventovėje įrengti. Siluvos Motina Marija yra Lietuvos Globėja, teikianti pagelbą mūsų kraštui ir mums Amerikos lietuviams.

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Po 50 metų darbo Dievui ir Tėvynei, mes, Lietuvos Vyčiai, esame įsitikinę, kad prieš mūsų akis stovi dideli uždaviniai, būtent: atgaivinti mūsų tarpe religinę dvasią, organizuotai plečiant katalikišką akciją. Todėl nutarta, kad kiekviena kuopa dalį programos susirinkimuose paskirtų religinei minčiai, o kiekvienas narys stengtųsi savyje ugdyti ir stiprinti religinę nuotaiką ir savo kasdieniame gyvenime taikinti religinius principus.

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KADANGI pasaulyje jaunuomenės nusikaltimai didėja daugiausia neigiamai veikiant kriminaliniams bei seksualiniams filmams, kurie išleidžia bei paniekina krikščioniškąją moralę ir kitus su ja surištus dalykus,

KADANGI šio krašto katalikų vyskupas įsteigė specialią organizaciją, kurios uždavinys sekti dabartinių filmų vertę ir informuoti savo tikinčiuosius, nutarė:

Lietuvos vyčiai visa širdimi remia šią sąjungą ir primygtinai prašo savo narius ir kitus tikinčiuosius sekti sąjungos nurodymus.

Lietuvos vyčiai visomis jėgomis protestuoja ir pasmerkia visus moralinius bei kriminalinius nusikaltimus iššaukiančius filmus, ardančius mūsų jaunuomenės moralinius pagrindus.

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KADANGI Jo Ekscelencija vysk. J. Arthur Costello, buvo Sv. Tėvo paskirtas pereinamais metais vyskupu pagelbininku Newark'o archidiecezijai,

KADANGI Lietuvos vyčių delegatai ir svečiai mielai prisimena vysk. Costello, kuris atlaikė visuotinio suvažiavimo mišias, rugpiučio, 1962, Sopulingosios Motinos bažnyčioje, Kearney, N.J.,

NUTARE: Lietuvos vyčiai širdingai sveikina Jo Ekscelenciją vysk. J. Arthur Costello jo vyskupu paskyrimo proga ir nariai bei svečiai reiškia savo nuoširdžius linkėjimus ir skiria savo maldas, kad Dievas palaimintų ir suteiktų sveikatos ir didelės sėkmės bažnyčios tarnyboje.

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KADANGI buvęs "Vyties" redaktorius, garbės narys, Ignas Sakalas, tikrai gabiai ir sumaniai suredagavo Lietuvos Vyčių Istoriją,

KADANGI ilgametis Vyčių organizacijos veikėjas, rašytojas Ignas Sakalas praeityje visus savo gabumus yra pašventęs daugiausia Lietuvos vyčių organizacijai,

TODEL Lietuvos vyčių jubiliejinio kongreso komitetas ir centro valdyba siūlo, prie sutarto atlyginimo dar pridėti \$300.00 iš pajamų, kurios yra gautos L. Vyčių istorijos išleidimo reikalui.

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Išklausęs Garbės Narystės komisijos pranešimo pirmoje sesijoje, šis seimas vienbalsiai priima pasiūlymą, kad panelė Helen Shields ir Kun. Benjaminas Guronskas būtų pakelti Garbės nariais šio kongreso metu ir jiems būtų įteiktas medalis šio banketo metu.

Taip pat priima pasiūlymą, kad Stasys Pieža ir Albinas Manstavičius taipgi yra pakeliami į Garbės narius šio seimo metu, bet garbės medalio įteikimas nukeliamas į sekantį seimą.

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KADANGI laikraščiuose buvo paskelbta ir kai kurių pranešta, kad Lietuvos Romos Katalikų Susivienijimas yra paaukojęs \$500.00 Lietuvos vyčių žurnalui VYTIS paremti, Lietuvos vyčių auksinio jubiliejaus seimas reiškia Susivienijimo valdybai ir nariams savo nuoširdžiausią padėką ir giliai įvertina jų nuoširdumą bei duosumą.

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Šio 50-to jubiliejinio kongreso delegatai ir nariai išreiškia savo širdingą įvertinimą Robert Boris už jo nenuilstamas pastangas ir puikiai atliktą darbą einant pirmininko pareigas.

NUTARTA: Lietuvos vyčių 50tas jubiliejinis seimas reiškia nuoširdžią padėką Loretai Kaselytei, VYTIES redaktorei ir Marilyn Kareivaitei, redaktorės pavaduotojai už jų judviejų nenuilstamas pastangas ir nesuskaitomas darbo valandas, kurias jos paaukojo leisdamos ir redaguodamos VYTI.

Lietuvos vyčių 50-tas jubiliejinis kongresas reiškia nuoširdžią padėką priėmimo kuopai - 17. Boston, Mass. už malonų svetingumą ir daug sugaištų valandų ir įdėtą darbą šio auksinio jubiliejinio seimo paruošimui.

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PASIŪLOMA: Lietuvos vyčių auksinio jubiliejaus proga kongresas nutarė nuoširdžiai paremti ir suteikti galimą pagelbą Lietuvių Kopyčios Fondui, kurio lėšomis mūsų Šiluvos Motinai pagerbti Washington bus įrengta kopyčia; ne tik fondui aukodami, bet ir bendradarbiaudami aukų rinkime ir telkime mūsų parapijose. Siūloma tam tikslui skirti 10% viso metinio pelno iš apskričių išdo.

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P A D Ė K A

Dėkojame Jubiliejaus Komitetui, Ponui Sakevičiui ir Bolevičiui už jų pastangas paruošiant minėjimą, Prelatui Jurui už prėmimą Sv. Pranciškaus parapijoj Lawrence, Mass., Profesorui Aleksui už išpūdingą programos pravedimą, ir už lietuviškų eilėraščių deklamacijas vyčiams Mrs. Ann Barauskas, Miss Mary Boraskas, Miss Genevieve Giedraitis, Miss Genevieve Gobis, Miss Phyllis Grendal, Mrs. Mary Jankowski, Miss Bernice Kavadaras ir Mr. Albinas Nievera.

K of L CALENDAR

Oct. 5-6 C-96, Dayton, Ohio Golden Jubilee Celebration.

Oct. 12-13 Mid. Central District Convention, Crestwood Motel, Detroit, Mich. Host Council, C-79

Oct. 13 C-36, Chicago, Ill. Golden Jubilee Year Reunion Dinner and Dance. Log Cabin Restaurant, Chicago, Ill.

Oct. 19 C-27, Norwood, Harvest Dance. Lithuanian Hall, Norwood, Mass.

Oct. 19 C-109, Great Neck, K of L Reunion Dance. Church of the Transfiguration Hall, 6414 - 56th Road, Maspeth, N.Y.

Nov. 17. ILL.-IND. DISTRICT K of L Choir Jubilee Concert and Dance. Darius-Girenas American Legion Hall, 4416 So. Western Ave. Chicago, Ill.

LIETUVOS REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS

PIRMININKO RAPORTAS-1963

Tiek kartų kiek lietuviai čia Amerikoje pareiškė norą, kad Suvienytų Valstijų Prezidentas reikalautų Jungtinėse Tautose, kad Sovietai būtų priversti leisti laisvus rinkimus Lietuvoje įvykit, Valstijos Departamentas atsakė kad lietuvių rūpestis savo tautiečių Lietuvoje ir jų noras iškelti jos bylą Jungtinėse Tautose yra daugiau politiškas negu praktiškas dalykas. Mums lietuviams, ypač mums Vyčiams, kurie taip rūpinasi Lietuvos padėtimi jau per 17 metų, tai yra labai skaudus atsakymas. Jį galima išaiškinti tik vienu būdu: Valstijos Departamentas bijosi užgauti Sovietus, nežiūrint to, kad tautos kaip Lietuva, tuomi privalo kentėti. Galiu visomis jėgomis užtvirtinti, kad Lietuvos byla ir Vyčių rūpestis dėl jos nėra koks politinis, bet labai praktiškas dalykas. Ir kodėl? Dėl atsakymo pažvelkime į tą, ką Vyčiai yra nuveikę Lietuvos naudai per paskutiniuosius metus:

	1962	1963
Biuletenių paruošta	12	13
Laiškų biuleteniuose pažymėta	252	435
Biuletenių išsiųsta	4222	3870
Pavardžių ant "mailing list"	166	140
Kuopų su veikiančiomis komisijomis	15	14
Laiškų bei atviručių parašyta	apie 23,295	apie 23,654
Atsakymų gauta	apie 5,433	apie 5,140

Iš šios statistikos pastebėti galima:

- 1 - Kad kitą rekordą padarėme, nes viršijome pereitų metų rekordą - parašėme iš viso 23,654 laiškus. Vien tik už pašto ženklelius Vyčių yra praleista virš \$1000.00
- 2 - Kad daug kuopų nepaiso ar turi veikiančias komisijas ar ne, už tat kad tik 14 kuopų savo raportus atsiuntė: viena mažiau negu pernai. Prašau Seimo dalyvių pagalvoti, kas iš tikro būtų, jei visos kuopos veiktų komisijos darbe - tiesiog kalnus nuverstume.
- 3 - Kad skaičius komisijos narių mažėja, nes turime 26 mažiau negu pernai. Pernai išbraukėme, 49 narius, nes veikimo neparodė. Metų bėgyje tas skaičius užaugo ligi 140, bet galėtų būti apie 300.
- 4 - Kad nariai stropiau veikė, nes daugiau laiškų parašė negu pernai su 166 nariais.

Kuopos, kurios veikiančias komisijas turi ir raportus atsiuntė yra:

Kuopa 3 - Philadelphia, Pa.	Kuopa 10 - Athol, Mass.
Kuopa 26 - Worcester, Mass.	Kuopa 29 - Newark, N.J.
Kuopa 36 - Chicago, Ill.	Kuopa 61 - Patterson, N.J.
Kuopa 78 - Lawrence, Mass.	Kuopa 79 - Detroit, Mich.
Kuopa 96 - Dayton, Ohio	Kuopa 100 - Amsterdam, N.Y.
Kuopa 116 - So. Worcester, Mass.	Kuopa 112 - Chicago, Ill.
Kuopa 133 - Los Angeles, Calif.	Kuopa 67 - Bayonne, N.J.

Apskritys šiame tautiniame darbe pasirodė sekančiai:

	1962	1963
Naujos Anglijos apskritis	9680	12761
Illinois - Indiana apskritis	822	4053
New York - New Jersey apskritis	5994	3996
Mid-Central Apskritis	4278	1574
Kalifornijos apskritis	791	780
Visi kiti atskirai	798	490

Galime čia pastebėti:

- 1 - Kad niekada komisijos istorijoje jokia apskritis nepadare rekordo, kuri padarė Naujos Anglijos apskritis šiais metais - parašė net 12761 laišką. Naujoji Anglija galėjo rekordą padaryti todėl, kad viena tik 116-oji kuopa parašė 5810 laiškų. Ką toji apskritis ir toji kuopa atsiekė per šiuos metus, tai gražus pavyzdys visoms apskritims ir visoms kuopoms.
- 2 - Kad Illinois - Indiana apskritis žymiai geriau padarė, o kitos apskritys žymiai nukrito.
- 3 - Kad ateinančiais metais kiekviena apskritis turėtų daugiau dėmesio atkreipti į kuopų veikimą, išrinkti gerus pirmsėdžius, kurie galėtų išjudinti kuopas taip kad kiekviena turėtų veikiančią komisiją.

Siais metais kaip pernai komisijos pirmininkės pareigas ėjo Irena Sankus, kuri parašė 230 laiškų. Jos darbas buvo rašyti laiškus Lietuvos Vyčių vardu, raginti kitus prie komisijos darbo ir kalbėti vienur ir kitur apie komisijos svarbą. Nuoširdžiai dėkojame jai už gražiai atliktą darbą. Ji praneša, kad dėl kitų pareigų negalės toliau pirmininkauti. Gaila, bet turėsime kitiems metams naują pirmininką surasti. Be to giliai įvertiname Irenos darbuotę, nes lėšas ji pati padengė. Linkime jai geriausios laimės. Man pačiam teko eiti garbės pirmi-

ninko pareigas ir eidamas tas pareigas parašiau 926 laiškus ir atvirukus.

Spausdiname biuletenius, kurie informacijos būdu duoda nariams žinoti, kam ir kaip laiškus rašyti. Biuletenių nebūtų galima paruošti, jei nariai nesiųstų iš laikraščių iškarpas ir kitų informacijų neduotų. Ačiū Dievui, kad turime narių, kurie skaito laikraščius, žurnalus, knygas, klauso kalbų per radiją ir per televiziją ir praneša, kada išgirsta ką nors apie Lietuvą. Sekantieji daugiausia žinių atsiuntė per praėjusius metus;

Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N.J., kurs jau per kelis metus užima pirmą vietą šioje srityje; Vincas Vyšniauskas iš Gardner, Mass.

Antanas Yuknis iš Cikagos.

Jiems ypatingą padėkos žodį tariau už darbštumą, už gražų pavyzdį, kurį daugelis galėtų sekti. Čia irgi noriu padėkoti visiems kitiems, kurie metų bėgyje atsiuntė iškarpy ir kitų informacijų davė. Giliai įvertinu jų pasišventimą ir tikiuosi, kad toliau ateityje atsiųs.

Kasmet lietuviai bando kuo iškilmingiausiai apvaikščioti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės - Vasario 16 dieną. Vyčiai kaip kasmet taip ir šiais metais gražiai prisidėjo, ragindami visus valdžios ponus dėti pastangas, kad Lietuva savo nepriklausomybę atgautų. Tas darbas buvo naudingas, nes:

1 - 138 laikraščiai išgarsino apvaikščiojimus, kurie įvyko miestuose, kur lietuvių parapijos yra.

2 - 117 Kongresmanai ir 26 Senatoriai idėjo savo kalbas į Congressional Record - daug iš jų pasakė savo kalbas arba Kongrese arba ten, kur apvaikščiojimai įvyko.

3 - 13 Gubernatorių ir 14 Majorų paskelbė Vasario 16-ą dieną kaip Lietuvos Respublikos Dieną savo valstijoms ir miestams.

4 - 4 laikraščiai idėjo editorialus apie Lietuvą ir 4 radio programos minėjo Lietuvą ypatingu būdu.

5 - Kelios kuopos turėjo savo apvaikščiojimus, o kitos lošė svarbiausią rolę tuose apvaikščiojimuose, kuriuos savo parapijos turėjo. Man teko dalyvauti apvaikščiojime, kurį Cikagos Lietuvos Vyčiai turėjo. Šis parengimas buvo vienas iš gražiausių, kurių aš kada mačiau. Didelis kreditas eina įkagiečiams už puikiai paruoštą parengimą.

Komisija daug prisidėjo įvairiais būdais prie apvaikščiojimo Lietuvos Tragiškų Dienų birželio mėnesyje, savo Patrono Sv. Kazimiero Sventės, kovo mėnesyje, Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės, liepos mėnesyje. Komisija stropiai remia gražų darbą, kurį atlieka Kalifornijos Komitetas, kurs Kongrese jau turi 36 rezoliucijas, liečiančias Lietuvos klausimą. Vyčiai stengiasi visokiais būdais suteikti Komitetui tiek pagelbos, kiek gali.

Šis raportas konkrečiai rodo, kokį gražų tautinį darbą dirba Lietuvos Vyčiai. Vyčiai nenuilstamai veikia, kad Lietuva atgautų savo nepriklausomybę, nuo lat primena laisvam pasauliui, kad Lietuva po Sovietais neteislingai kenčia ir be perstojimo tvirtina, kad lietuviai nenuleis rankų, bet dirbs ir dirbs tol, kol ji nebus vėl nepriklausoma. Vyčių darbas atneša Lietuvai ir mūsų tautai daug palankumo:

Kongresmanas Seely-Brown iš Connecticut rašo:

"In . . . Lithuania and in other countries, millions of people are living under rulers who have been imposed upon them and for these . . . we must keep the lamp of freedom lighted . . . There is more that we can do ourselves than merely to hope and pray."

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS, Worcester, Mass. rašo editoriale: "That the citizens of the world's captive nations should be returned to their former dignity should be the hope and prayer of all free men - especially Americans who fought off the yoke of colonialism to become a beacon of freedom in the world."

Garsusis kolumnistas David Lawrence (1-7-63) rašo:

"These are days of hypocrisy and surrender of basic principles. Even the strongly worded resolutions of yesteryears are not repeated. The net effect is to create among the peoples of the Communist colonies in Eastern Europe the belief that they have been abandoned by the West with the full knowledge and consent of the United States Government."

GARSAS apie Vyčių veikimą rašo: "Čia reikia pridėti ir kitą praktišką darbą, kurį Lietuvos Vyčiai šiandien atlieka. Jie dabar yra bene vieningi, kurie stengiasi asmeniškai būdu ginti bei kelti lietuvių ar Lietuvos problemas plačioje Amerikos visuomenėje."

Vienas lietuvis gyvenantis ten kur lietuvių nėra, rašo privatiname laiške:

"I am happy to see someone concerned about Soviet barbarism in Lithuania. As long as Lithuanians do not become apathetic and continue to care for their brethren, our cause will not be lost and our cause is to see justice return to this too often-ravaged land of lakes and fine trees and handsome people . . . My father is a Lithuanian and my mother is Polish. However, I am especially proud to possess a Lithuanian name and to be connected to this outstanding group of people . . . Every Lithuanian name I encounter either on the street or in the newspaper like I found yours, brings joy to my heart."

Seimo dalyviai gali lengvai suprasti, kokį gražų tautinį darbą Komisija dirba. Rašome laiškus kam ir kada tik reikia. Pasinaudojame visokiomis priemonėmis kelti lietuvių vardą svetimtaučių akyse ir supažindinti laisvą pasaulį su persekiojimais, kurie šiandien Lietuvoje po Sovietais vyksta. Sekantieji daugiausia laiškų parašė per paskutinius metus:

Jonas Andriuška iš 116-os kuopos - 729 laiškus;
Alex Kardokas iš 116-os kuopos - 525 laiškus;
Pranas Vaškas iš 29-tos kuopos - 453 laiškus;
Mildred Lapinskas iš 116-os kuopos - 353 laiškus.

Nemažai kitų buvo, kurie parašė po 200 ir 100 su virš laiškų. Šiais metais buvo net 44 nariai, kurie šimtą



PARTICIPATING CLERGY at various convention functions included the Rev. Jonas Pakalniskis of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rev. (unidentified) of Toronto; Rev. John Jutt of Athol, Rev. W. Walter Stenievich of Detroit, Rev. Albin Janiunas of Lawrence, Mass.; Rev. Albert Contons of South Boston, and the Rev. John Zuromskis, also of South Boston.

su virš laiškų parašė. Niekada neturėjome tiek daug. Be to gana daug buvo, kurie visgi parašė laiškus kada reikėjo. Nors neparašė šimto, tačiau dirbo ir su jų visų pagalba galėjome šį gražų raportą seimui ir visam lietuviškam pasauliui išduoti. Jiems visiems tariau nuoširdų lietuvišką ačių, bet tiems, kurie daugiausia parašė noriu ypatingu būdu padėkoti ir pagirti.

Čia noriu ypatingą šiltą padėkos žodį tarti kun. Longinui Jankui, kurs pernai per seimą Komisijai įteikė \$40.00 čekį su ta sąlyga, kad komisija nupirktų 1000 pašto ženklelių savo tautinį darbą tęsti. Čia labai gražus gestas ir mes nuoširdžiai įvertiname Tėvelio nuoširdumą.

Vieno Amerikos laikraščio rašytoja gavo tiek daug padėkos laiškų, kad ji atrašė vienam komisijos nariui ir klausė kame dalykas. Jai labai žingeidus dalykas, kad tiek daug iš vienos organizacijos galėjo atrašyti ir ji todėl norėjo aprašyti mūsų darbą jos laikraštyje. Žinau, kad mes iš to galime džiaugtis, bet nedaviau leidimo už tad, kad tada pasaulis žinotų, kad organizuotai veikiame ir taip to efekto, kuri ligi šiol turime neturėsime. Pranešu Seimui šį dalyką, nes aiškiai parodo, kaip Komisijos darbas paveikia svetimtaučius. Gaila, kad svetimtaučiai supranta, o daugelis iš mūsų to nesupranta.

Katalikiškojo Amerikos Jaunimo seime, kurs įvyko Buffalo, 1963 metais, Ed Sullivan buvo pagrindinis kalbėtojas per pokylį, kurs seimą užbaigė. Tarp kitko, jis tarė: "If something happens on TV that you as Catholic young people find offensive, drop a note to the network. If a station got 100 letters of protest, it would galvanize sponsors of the show to instant action." Stai ką garsus žmogus rašo ir kalba apie laiškų rašymą.

Mano brangūs Vyčiai - Vytės, Lietuvos žmonės dar vis kenčia. Jie nori ir trokšta laisvės turėti, bet jos neturi todėl, kad žiaurūs Sovietai juos persekioja. Kodėl? Tik todėl, kad jie katalikai ir lietuviai. Jūsų vargas ir kentėjimai ne politinis dalykas, kaip kai kurie norėtų mus įtikinti, bet praktiškas dalykas. Mūsų darbas Lietuvos naudai per praėjusius metus padarytas rodo, kad mes žiūrime į tą visą kaip į praktišką dalyką. Todėl mes dirbame ir pinigus išleidžiame. O kad būtų daug daugiau narių, kurie šį tautinį darbą dirbtų! Esu tikras, kad jūsų pasišventimas su pasišventimu kuri dabartiniai nariai parodo atneštų daug vaisių: palengvintų Lietuvos padėti, vilties jos žmonėms duotų ir galutinai atneštų mums garbės, nes Lietuva surastų savo vietą tarpe laisvų ir nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų. Dieve, taip jai padėk.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

By His Excellency
ENDICOTT PEABODY
Governor

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

1963

- WHEREAS, The Knights of Lithuania was originated in Boston in 1913 and is a youth organization comprised of Lithuanian - Americans whose dedications and objectives are directed toward God and country, and
- WHEREAS, Their spiritual and social responsibilities over the years have fostered good citizenship in many ways and have helped develop stronger community ties throughout the nation, and
- WHEREAS, The entire membership of the Knights of Lithuania represents a deterrent to the forces of communism and is a symbol of hope and freedom for Lithuanians in their Motherland behind the Iron Curtain, and
- WHEREAS, The national convention of the Knights of Lithuania this year is being held in Boston and significantly will feature the 50th anniversary of its founding in our capitol city, where American freedom has its origin, and
- WHEREAS, Delegates from as far west as Los Angeles and as far north as Montreal will attend this important four-day conclave in Massachusetts;
- NOW, therefore, I, ENDICOTT PEABODY, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in observance of the Golden Jubilee, and the purposes and programs of the Knights of Lithuania, do hereby proclaim as

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA WEEK

August 11 through August 18, 1963

and request the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and to participate in its activities wherever possible.

GIVEN at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this second day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

By His Excellency the Governor

ENDICOTT PEABODY

KEVIN H. WHITE
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Greetings Linkėjimai

GREETINGS WITH CONTRIBUTIONS

Alexander Alexis, Hon. Member - Waterbury, Conn.	\$10.00
Felicija Grendal, Hon. Member - So. Boston, Mass.	\$5.00 - Cultural Fund
Matas Zujus, Hon. Member - Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Editor, GARSAS - Lithuanian Weekly	\$10.00
Rev. Paul Gillis, Wiggins, Miss.	\$10.00
Kun. V. Karalevičius, Elizabeth, N.J.	\$10.00
Adele Sabaliauskas, Chicago, Ill.	\$10.00
Simonas and Ona Goodis, W. Orange, N.J.	\$25.00
Helen Pinkin, Elizabeth, N.J.	\$5.00 - Cultural Fund
Jack Stukas, Hillside, N.J.	\$5.00
Council 82, Gary, Ind.	\$10.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$100.00

SPECIAL GREETINGS

In addition to the impressive array of formal greetings received in writing, several oral personal greetings were also heard. Extending greetings to the convention in person were the Hon. John F. Collins, Mayor of Boston on behalf of the Marian Fathers, Mr. A. Stelmokas, on behalf of the Lithuanian Community of America (Bendruomenė), and Dr. J. Girnius, on behalf of the Ateitininkai.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys,
Aux. Bishop of Kaunas, in exile
Most Rev. Charles A. Salatka
Aux. Bishop of Grand Rapids, Mich.
Lithuanian R. C. Priests League of America
Rt. Rev. Francis Juras, President
Hon. Juozas Kajeckas
Lithuanian Charge d'Affaires, Washington, D.C.
Hon. Julius J. Bielskis
Consul of Lithuania, Los Angeles, Calif.
Hon. Jonas Budrys
Consul General of Lithuania, New York, N.Y.
Hon. Petras Daužvardis
Consul General of Lithuania, Chicago, Illinois
Hon. Anthony O. Shallna
Consul of Lithuania, Boston, Mass.
Nukryžiuotojo Jezaus Seserys
Motina Cecilija, Vyresnioji
Congregation of the Marian Fathers
American Province of St. Casimir
Rev. V. Rimšelis, MIC, Provincial
Chicagos Marijonai
Kun. Vytautas Bagdanavičius, MIC
Draugo Namų Vyresnysis
Lithuanian R. C. Alliance of America (LRKSA)
Leonardas Simutis, President
Lithuanian R. C. Federation of America (ALRK)
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American Lithuanian R. C. Women's Alliance
Elizabeth Paurazas, President
Lithuanian American Council, Inc. (ALT)
Leonardas Simutis, President
Ateitininkų Federacijos Valdyba
Dr. Juozas Girnius, Federacijos Vadas
DRAUGAS - The Lithuanian Daily Friend
Kun. P. Garšva, MIC, DRAUGO Moderatorius
Pr. Razminas, "Vyčių Veiklos" Redaktorius
LITUANUS
Vyt. Vygantas, Vadas
Pax Romana, IMCS
Vyt. P. Vygantas, Pirmininkas
Lietuvių Enciklopedijos Leidykla
Juozas Kapočius, Leidėjas
Moksleivių Ateitininkų Sąjunga
Kun. I. Urbonas, Dv. Vadas
Lietuvių Veteranų Sąjungos "RAMOVE"
Bostono Skyriaus Valdyba
Adomas Tumas, Pirmininkas
Lithuanian R. C. Alliance of America
Council 265, Detroit
Vladas Mingela, President
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bacys
Council 26, Worcester, Mass.
Edmund Rudis
Seoul, Korea
Leonard Valiukas
Los Angeles, California

CONVENTION PRESIDUM

CHAIRMAN Joseph Sakevich

VICE CHAIRMEN Helen Shields
Larry Janonis

SECRETARIES Ann Marie Kassel
Irene Rakaitis



CONVENTION COMMITTEES

SGTS-AT-ARMS Albert Kassel, Walter Svekla

MINUTES Robert Boris, Marcella Andrikas

PRESS Helen Akimovich, Anthony Mazeika, Juozas Sadauskas, Paul Zickus



NOMINATING Bernice Kavadaras, Eleanore Laurin, Anne Mitchell, Anna Mae Uznis



MANDATE Victoria Chepelionis, Helen Zimmer, Walter Tenclinger



GREETINGS Ruth Grasha, Helen Gillis, Jack Stukas



RESOLUTIONS Rev. John C. Jutt, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Prof. Alexander Aleksis, Benedict Coach, Genevieve Giedraitis, Mary Jankowski, Magdalena Smailis.

MANDATE REPORT

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DISTRICTS REPRESENTED (3)

New York-New Jersey - Joseph Sable, Ann Pocius
New England-Kunegunda Coach, Leon Barauskas
Illinois-Indiana - Eleanore Laurin, Anne Marie Kassel

COUNCILS REPRESENTED (33, incl. 3 Senior Councils)

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New York Seniors - Zuzana Mazeikiene, Jonas Subacius
Chicago Seniors - Jonas Jakubs

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C5 (Chicago) - Loretta Macekonis

C7 (Waterbury) - Marcella Andrikis, John Alanskas, Lillian Paulauskas, Peter Kudzma, Walter Pitcavage

C10 (Athol) - William Wisnauskas

C12 (New York) - Larry Janonis

C17 (So. Boston) - John Daniels, Jerome Venis, John Romon, Sr., Florence Zaleskas, Larry Svelnis, Aldona Kearney, Felix Zaleskas, Ronald Venis, Albina Rudziunas, Danute Rudziunas;

C18 (Cambridge) - Jean Malin;

C19 (Pittsburgh) - Mildred Chinik, Andy Rozger, Alice Potts, Antoinette Naujelis, Tom Unites, Julia Aleshunas;

C24 (Chicago) - John Jesulaitis, Petronella Zakaras.

C26 (Worcester) - Joseph Drumstas, Mary Jankowski, Theodore Pinkus, Joseph Sakaitis, Edward Daniels, Helen Gillus, Anne Bucinskas, Rose Chestnut, Joseph Sipas, Vyto Morkunas;

C29 (Newark) - Joseph Sakevich, Eleanore Sakevich, Jack Stukas, Jack Remeika, Mary Stonis, Kazys Shapila;

C30 (Westfield) - Benedict Coach, Mary Minkus, Helen Alexik, Anne Shabonis;

C36 (Chicago) - Walter Tenclinger, Loretta Kassel, Helen Zimmer, Genevieve Giedraitis;

C41 (New York) - Eugene Marcis, Regina Marcis;

C52 (Elizabeth) - Ruth Laucius, Stanley Naiva, Daniel Degutis, Charles Oskutis, Anthony Mankus, Mary Motecus;

C61 (Paterson) - Dorothy Dutkus;

C67 (Bayonne) - Martin Rusgi;

C78 (Lawrence) - Mary Neveresky, Anna Svenchonis

C79 (Detroit) - Victoria Chepelonis, Ruth Grasha, Magdalena Smailis;

C82 (Gary) - Michealine Kurpalis, Joseph Kurpalis;

C90 (Kearny) - Ann Klem, Cathy Daunoris;

C96 (Dayton) - Steponas Bucmys;

C100 (Amsterdam) - Genevieve Gobis, Eleanor Stauskas;

C102 (Detroit) - Ann Mae Uznis;

C109 (Great Neck) - Sue Zebart, Ann Sosaris, Ann Martens;

C112 (Chicago) - Peter Gagle, Estelle Rogers, Irene Rakaitis, Monica Kasper;

C116 (So. Worcester) - Barbara Mazeika, Ralph Bucinskas, Charles Lapinskas, Mildred Lapinskas, Marion Lukason, Dorothy Sinkavitch, Rita Shamarock, Ann Miller;

C135 (Ansonia) - Lillian Chaplik, Ann Barauskas, Olga Savitskas;

C139 (Detroit) - Theresa Vaitkunas.

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CONGRATS TO THE COMMITTEE

For a most difficult job well done - and for the warm hospitality extended, the delegates and guests offer heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Host Council 17, and especially to the

CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

Honorary Co-Chairmen Rt. Rev. Francis A. Virmauskis and Rt. Rev. Francis M. Juras; Spiritual Advisor Rev. John D. Zuromskis; General Chairman John J. Olevitz; Secretaries Albina Rudziunas and Alice Ruseckas; Treasurer John Daniels; Rev. Albert Contons, William Gorski, a.a. Dr. Juozas Leimonas, Povilas Zickus, Monica Plevockas, a.a. Kasty Sauciunas, Rita Venis, Alice Zaremba, Phyllis Gendreau, Edmund Rudis, Jerome Venis, Joseph Boley, Rev. Alb. Janiunas, Joan Lisauskas, Longinas Svelnis, Ronald Venis, William Zaremba, Joseph Casper, Jr., Stanley Griganavicius, Felix Zaleskas, Albert Jaritis, Julian Alexander, Anthony Zaremba, Frank Stankevicius, Madeline Druzdis, and the . . .



CONVENTION COMMITTEE members of host council 17, South Boston, pose for the record. From left, front row: Anthony Young, John Daniels, Albina Rudziunas, Jerome Venis, John Olevitz (chairman), Alice Ruseckas, and Joanne Antonelis. Second row: Phyllis Gendreau, Monica Plevock, Diane Plevock, and Dana Rudziunas. Third row: Madeline Druzdis, Donna Grigas, Mary Zaremba, Janet Gideck, and Paula Antonelis. Fourth row: Anita Daniels, Anthony Zaremba, Alice Zaremba, and Rita Venis. Fifth row: Leo Rudziunas, Albert Jaritis, Madeline Druzdis, Felix Zaleskas, and Longinas Svelnis; last row: Ronald L. Venis and William V. Gorski.

THE JUBILEE COMMITTEE was represented by (seated) Loretta Kassel, Chicago; Loretta Macekonis, Chicago; Joseph Sakevich, Bricktown, N.J.; the Rev. Albert Contons, Boston; Eleanor Laurin, Chicago, and Helen Shields, Phila., Pa. Standing - Larry Janonis, Bronx, N.Y.; Prof. Jack Stukas, Hillside, N.J.; Longinas Svelnis, Needham, Mass.; Prof. Alexander Alexis, Waterbury, Conn., Anthony Mazeika, Queens, N.Y.; and Robert Boris, Detroit, Mich.

Jubilee Committee members not pictured: Joseph Boley, Ignas Sakalas, and Frank Gudelis.



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J & P. Antanelis, V. Bruzgys, J. Casey, A & V. Druzdis, M. Gailius, J. Gidick, P. Grendal, D. Grigas, V. Jurgela, J. Kacinskas, Dr. A. J. Kapochy, B. Kapochy, A & M. Kleponis, A. & L. Kontrim, J. Lubinas, B. Martus, C. Morris, A., P. & R. Neviera, J. Pasakarnis, E. Pavidis, P. Plansky, A. & D. Plevockas, M. Raskauskas, J. J. Roman, M. Ross, A. Rudauskas, D. & L. Rudziunas, B. Sauciunas, C. Sawiski, A. & J. Shalna, P. Slinger, B. Statsky, F. Sumski, H. Suprin, P. Virbickas. A. Yelmokas, A. Yomont, A. J. Young, F. Zaleskas, H. & M. Zaremba, H. Zemaitis and The Members of C-17.

Congratulations also to the Supreme Council Jubilee Committee, who assisted with the convention planning as their major Jubilee Year Project.

OFFICIAL *Highlights*



FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT

For the first time in 50 years of K of L History, a member of the "Fair Sex" was elected to lead the organization as National President. Pictured is Miss Helen Shields, the newly-elected president, receiving the gavel from Robert S. Boris, outgoing president. Looking on is the Rev. John D. Zuromskis of So. Boston, NED Spiritual Director.

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

Elevated to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania were Rev. Benjamin Guronskas, Helen Shields, Stanley Pieza, and Albin Manstavice. Rev. Guronskas and Helen Shields received their Honorary Membership Medals during the Convention's closing banquet. Since Stanley Pieza and Albin Manstavice were not present at the convention, presentation of their medals was deferred to the next convention, or to an appropriate occasion before then.

TWELVE AWARDED FOURTH DEGREE

Twelve members were awarded the Knights of Lithuania Fourth Degree (Order of St. Casimir) during the Sunday Solemn Mass. The recipients were: Olga Saviskas, Alphonse Barauskas, and Anne Barauskas of C-7, Waterbury; John Daniels and John Olevitz of C-17, South Boston; Adele Degutis, Eva Grudzinskas, Frances Nochunas, Vincent Grazulis, and Angela Basky of C-26, Worcester; Louise Zukas of C-27, Norwood; and Monica Kasper of C-112, Chicago.

MEMORIAL OPENING

Thursday of Convention Week was spent paying homage to the man who founded the Knights of Lithuania 50 years ago, Mykolas Norkunas. Honorary Members, delegates, and guests met at St. Francis Church, Lawrence, Mass., to participate in a Memorial Mass for the soul of Mr. Norkunas. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Juras, pastor of St. Francis, officiated at the Mass, and Rev. S. Saulenas, a relative of Mr. Norkunas, greeted those gathered and delivered the sermon.

After Mass, the group gathered in the parish hall for breakfast and a memorial program. A program under the direction of Prof. A. Aleksis, followed. Several inspirational compositions of Mykolas Norkunas were read by various members.

The event concluded with a visit to Mr. Norkunas' grave, where the members recited several prayers and sang "Marija, Marija" and "The Knights of Lithuania Anthem."

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETINGS BEFORE AND AFTER

Convention business began early for members of the 1962-63 Supreme Council. They gathered Wednesday evening for a Supreme Council meeting. Among the topics discussed were - final arrangements for the convention, suggested resolutions to be submitted, suggestions for presidium and Supreme Council nominees, and final reports.

On Sunday afternoon, the newly-elected Supreme Council met with former officers and honorary members to discuss plans for the coming year. A VYTIS reference library was established, an extensive membership drive was planned, changes in the Lithuanian Affairs awards system were discussed, and various other ideas were considered.

VOICE OF AMERICA AT THE CONVENTION

Once again, the Voice of America "attended" the Knights of Lithuania Convention, in the person of Alfonas Petrutis, representative of V.A. from Washington, D.C. Mr. Petrutis and his assistants recorded various highlights of the Convention, including portions of the sessions, the concert, the Sunday Mass, and the Closing Banquet, for broadcast to Communist-enslaved Lithuania. Parts of Cardinal Cushing's talk during the Banquet will also be broadcast via Voice of America to Cuba.

In addition to the Convention's events, Mr. Petrutis also recorded interviews with various K of L leaders attending the convention. Among those interviewed were Helen Shields, Rev. John Jutt, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Jack Stukas, and Loretta Kassel.

CONVENTION MASSES

- Thursday - Memorial Mass for Mykolas Norkunas
St. Francis Church, Lawrence, Mass.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Juras, Celebrant.
- Friday - Solemn Opening Mass
St. Peter's Church, So. Boston
Rev. Albert J. Contons, Celebrant
- Saturday - Requiem Mass for Deceased Members
St. Peter's Church, So. Boston
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Virmauskis
Celebrant.
- Sunday - Solemn High Mass, offered for Lithuania's Freedom
St. Peter's Church, So. Boston
Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Celebrant;
Rev. J. Pakalniskis, Deacon; Rev. A. Angelaitis, Sub-deacon

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

With 50 years of activity behind us, the Golden Jubilee Convention seemed a fitting time and place to consider various aspects of this activity - and to discuss the question, "Where do we go from here?" Three roundtable discussions were conducted with this thought in mind. Following are some of the questions considered during these discussions. Consider them yourself. . . what would your answers be?

For lack of space, a discussion of the answers received during the convention is postponed until future issues. But perhaps you'd like to add your answers. . . for other readers to consider.

1. The Need for the K of L. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Juras, Chairman.

Is there a need for the K of L in this present decade as there was fifty years ago? What role should the K of L of the 60's and 70's assume? Is our organization in step with the times?

2. Our Religious Needs. Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Chairman

Are we really fulfilling our motto - "For God and Country?" Is the K of L, as a helpmate of the Church, leading souls to Christ? Does an occasional corporate Communion or day of recollection fulfill our religious obligations?

3. Our Cultural Needs. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman

Does a chorus or two of "Kai aš turėjau kaime mergele" and a polka during K of L Dance fulfill our pledge to propagate and keep alive Lithuanian culture and tradition?

NEXT CONVENTION - "Lake Michigan's Shore in '64'"

The Illinois-Indiana District was chosen to host the 51st National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania in 1964. The Convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois, and will help commemorate the District's own Golden Jubilee.

THANK YOU . . . THANK YOU

A most sincere AČIU is extended to those who assisted the VYTIS Staff in producing this issue . . . namely, official photographers Fay Foto Service and Bill Gorski, "unofficial" photographers Eleanore Laurin and Al Kassel, and contributors Bernice Pupinik, Anne Marie Kassel, Marilyn Kareiva, Eleanore Laurin, and Helen Zimmer.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HISTORY PUBLISHED

One of the major Golden Jubilee Year projects, on a national scale, was the release of the Knights of Lithuania History, entitled "Lietuvos Vyčiai Amerikoje" - "The Knights of Lithuania in America." The book, providing an interesting description of K of L highlights over their 50 years of existence, presents the story in both Lithuanian and English. A very sincere expression of gratitude and congratulations should be extended to those responsible for the book's publication, particularly to Ignas Sakalas, who compiled the history and wrote the Lithuanian section, to Stanley Pieza who wrote the English section, to Joseph Boley who handled the business end of the project, and to the many contributors to the History Fund.



Browsing through a copy of the newly-published K of L History are Joan Lisauskas, Loretta Macekonis, and Eleanore Sakevich.

Social Sidelights

BANQUET SCENES

SPECIAL GREETINGS at the Banquet were extended by Rev. Francis Virmauskis, (pictured right), Honorary Member, and pastor of St. Peter's Church in South Boston.

Another Honorary Member, Attorney Anthony Young, served as Master of Ceremonies. A special feature of the program was soloist Nancy Miller, who also won one half of this year's Scholarship Award. Nancy sang several operatic arias, and some well-known Lithuanian compositions.



THE REV. MIKAS URBONAVIČIUS, MIC, a professor at the Marian Seminary in Hinsdale, Ill, was also presented with his Honorary Membership Medal during the Closing Banquet. Although Father Urbonavičius joined the ranks of Honorary Members many years ago, this was the first fitting opportunity to present him with the medal.

Shown presenting Father with the medal is Jack Jatis, secretary of the Honorary Membership Committee. Robert Boris and Helen Shields look on.



ANOTHER PRINCIPAL attending the Banquet was Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Juras (left), Honorary Member and pastor of St. Francis Church in Lawrence, Mass., pictured greeting out-going Supreme Council President Robert Boris. Rev. Urbonavičius and Jack Jatis look on.



A BIRTHDAY CAKE in honor of the K of L Golden Jubilee was baked by the Plevock bakery and presented at banquet to the Joseph Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Brighton, Mass. From left: Diane Plevock, Dorchester; Michael Casper, Paula Antonelis, Joseph Casey, and Joanne Antonelis, of South Boston; Howard Beaudette of Gardner, and Mary Jankowski, Worcester.



VYČIŲ VAKARELIS

The Wednesday evening get-together was held at the Boston Lithuanian Club. Everyone certainly had more than enough to eat from the delicious buffet table. The lively music was provided by Joe Drumstas and his band. This was "Lithuanian Night" and everyone was to speak in Lithuanian. To be sure, it proved very interesting to listen to some trying to get a message across.

CLAM BAKE

We've heard the phrase "Stop! You're rocking the boat!" Well, after the Thursday nite Clam-Bake - it's changed to "Stop! You're rocking the Island!" And rock it we did - in Polka Time - Twist Time and Chow Time. The Surf at Nantasket had some dishes to please all appetites; whole lobster a-la-basket or chicken-by-the basket, corn-on-the-cob, clams and even water-mellon. Then, everybody - but everybody danced!

CULTURAL CONCERT

Rousing marches and beautiful Lithuanian folk songs, intricate and graceful movements woven into Lithuanian folk dances, and a lively set of American folk songs were joined together to make an unforgettable and most enjoyable Cultural Evening on Convention Week's Saturday night.

The Cleveland Male Octet, directed by Rytis Babickas, provided the Lithuanian folk songs plus an array of operatic and musical comedy numbers. The Boston Lithuanian Folk Dancers, directed by Ona Ivaškienė, provided the dances, and three young men from New York added intermission interest with their "Hootenany" magic. Jack Stukas, National Cultural Chairman, was master of ceremonies.

Judging from the enthusiastic rounds of applause and many encores each group received, the program was very much enjoyed by all.



QUADRUPLE HANDSHAKE brings together for convention greetings the Rev. John D. Zuromskis of South Boston, N.E. District K of L spiritual advisor; John Jacoboskas of Chicago, first pres. of S. Boston Council 17; Longinas Svelnis of Needham, and Anthony Kneizys of Fairfield,

EAST AND WEST COMBINE FORCES

The S.F.E. & P.O.B. & B.P. (Translation: The Society For Encouragement and Promotion of Bigger and Better Parties) was formed and its first session was held at the Bradford Hotel Saturday evening, August 17, 1963. The "Board of Directors", composed of Jerry Venis (So. Boston), Joe Drumstas (Worcester) and Eleanor Laurin (Chicago), unanimously approved a motion to combine forces of their respective city delegations for the first "working session." All 200 plus V.I.P. (Delegates & guests) present were delegated equal authority in the F. B. D. S. Department (Translation: Food, Beverage, Dance, Song Dept.). Rita Pinkus and party set up the "coffee-break" and "refreshments table". Daniels, Drumstas, Kassel, Sakaitis, Tenclinger, Venis and a few others volunteered to share the pleasure of their work with a bit of beverage service duties. And so it went - on into the night - everybody working busily, happily and asking for more and more work. At the next meeting of the Board, it was decided that with the enthusiasm shown by all the V.I.P.s that the S.F.E. & P.O.B. & B.P., is here to stay.



PRESENT COUNCIL AND DISTRICT presidents attending the convention included, from left (seated) Dorothy Dutkus, Mayfield, N.J.; Bernice Kavadaras, Worcester; Mildred Chinik, Pittsburgh; and Jean Malin, Arlington, Mass. Standing - Joseph

Drumstas, Worcester; Benedict Coach, Westfield; Martin Rusgi, Newark, N.J.; Walter Svekla, Phila., Pa.; Ann Mitchell, Linden, N.J.; Walter Tenclinger, Chicago; Alvin Rodski, Gardner; Pauline Malin, Arlington, Mass. and Jerome Venis, So. Boston.

WE COULD HAVE DANCED . . .

It was no wonder that delegates "could have danced - and sang - all night," at the Semi-Formal Dance on Friday, and on after. Philly's C-3 representatives helped put everyone in a proper party mood, with their traditional Pre-Dance Cocktail Party. Then Al Soyka and His Band kept things humming and people hopping with his lively polkas - and some "restful" two-steps and chachas for the less energetic. Since community singing somehow became the intermission pastime, the "intermission" after the band stopped for the evening continued on into the Boston, Elizabeth, and other suites...

MONDAY MORNING . . . AND THE "SEARCH PARTY"

The traditional Monday Morning "Search Party" started as usual - coffee by Boston, rolls by Philly, suite by Chicago, guests, entertainment, and "left-overs" by everyone else - but ended differently! This year, the "search" was for energy, and nobody - but nobody found it! Result - quiet conversations and farewells - and a resolve to get plenty of sleep before next year's convention!

"SEE YOU IN CHICAGO!!!"



The "Search", and the Convention, has ended!



Golden Jubilee Convention Closing Banquet, Sunday, August 18, 1963 - Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass.

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EDITORIAL STAFF CHANGES

During the past year, both of us have found conflicts between VYTIS and our own jobs. In both cases, the work involved is most time-consuming and makes it difficult for us to give our all for the VYTIS. We both personally felt that if we were to continue in our present capacity, we could not provide the time and energy required to provide an interesting and on-time VYTIS.

Therefore, at the May meeting of the Supreme Council, we rendered our resignations as Editor and Assistant Editor, effective August 1, 1963 (immediately after completion of the August-September issue of VYTIS).

On August 18, 1963, during their first meeting, the newly-elected Supreme Council officially appointed Mrs. Stanley Pieza of Chicago as the new Editor in Chief. We know that she is highly qualified to fill the position, and the VYTIS will prosper under her direction. Our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Pieza on her appointment.

Anne Pieza, the wife of Stanley Pieza, Religious News Editor of the Chicago American, is also an accomplished journalist. For the past few years she has served on the staff of the Southwest News Herald, published in Chicago. Both Stanley and Anne are Fourth Degree members of the K of L, Chicago Seniors Council.

To ease the change-over, Loretta Kassel has agreed to stay on as Associate Editor to Mrs. Pieza. Any other staff changes or additions will be announced later.

We have indeed enjoyed producing the VYTIS in the past two years and have found it to be a rewarding experience. Our sincerest thanks go to the staff and the many other members and friends throughout the country who have assisted us. We hope they will continue helping the new editor and staff.

Sincerely,

Loretta I. Kassel, Outgoing Editor
Marilyn H. Kareiva, Outgoing Asst. Editor

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Please notice. . . we said ALL Council Correspondence should be sent to Terry, for easier operation.

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