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Chicago Juniors receive the first Knights of Lithuania Junior Award. Left to right: Miss Genevieve Giedraitis, Counselor; Judith Yocius and William Jonas, Presidents; Miss Bernice Kavadaras, 1st Vice President.

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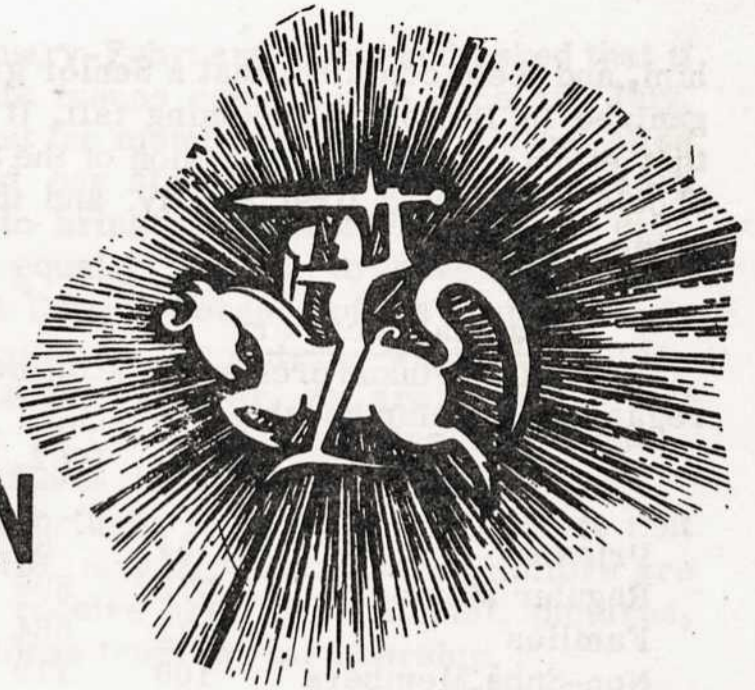
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STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

Delivered by:

Helen T. Shields, National President

Executing one of the duties listed in our constitution in Article XI, section 2, I hereby submit to the delegates of the 51st National Knights of Lithuania Convention the Supreme Council's Annual Report, wherein I have combined all 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 National Recording Secretary and Chicago Convention Committee. Please read them thoroughly and use them to present a full report at the next meeting of your local council.

Spiritual Advisor

For the third consecutive year, we were honored and privileged to have as our Spiritual Advisor, the Rev. J. Walter Stanievich of Detroit. In addition to attending several Supreme council meetings, representing the K of L at various functions, Father spent considerable time in organizing the Prayer Crusade for Lithuania by making all the necessary contacts and arrangements. In spite of the unexpected delays which were encountered in completing organizational work for this project, it is our hope that the Prayer Crusade will be enthusiastically developed by each and every council during this coming year.

It was Father's sincerity and enthusiasm that encouraged the Supreme Council at their January meeting to undertake the project of financing the erection of the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine Cross that was erected at the World's Fair. The Cross was dedicated, blessed and presented to the City of New York on June 14, 1964. It will remain there permanently in the park that will be built after the World's Fair closes.

Desiring to see a greater demonstration of our spiritual practices at our National Conventions, Father suggested an evening opening Mass and noonday Masses during the Convention. As you see by the program, the hosts of this convention have made the necessary arrangements, and it is the hope of the entire Supreme

Council that attendance at these Masses will be greatly improved.

President

As President, I called five meetings of the Supreme Council to handle the routine business of the organization, attended at least one of the District Conventions in every area, represented the K of L at various functions, reported on the status of the K of L to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation and corresponded with numerous persons. A more detailed outline is given in my personal report.

First Vice-President

It was indeed fortunate for the Knights of Lithuania to have Miss Bernice Kavadaras serve as First Vice-President for the past year. Under her direction many new features were introduced into our Junior Program. There was a considerable increase in the Junior Membership because of the Membership Drive which she so thoroughly conducted and we were most happy to learn of the organization of the Chicago Juniors under the leadership of Genevieve Giedraitis. Two very successful Junior Rallies were held in the New England and New York-New Jersey Districts. Total attendance was close to 300. At present, we have 18 Junior Councils with a membership of close to 700. The resumption of the Junior Page in the VYTIS and publication of the JUNIOR JOURNAL was most instrumental in informing the Juniors and their Counselors on Junior activities.

Second Vice-President

No report was received from Mr. Jerome Venis; however, we are hopeful that an oral report will be presented to the convention.

Third Vice-President

Mr. Larry Svelnis attended three Supreme Council meetings and held three meetings in Boston for the purpose of organizing a Senior Council. He was successful in organizing a committee of three who will assist

him, and feels confident that a Senior group will be organized in Boston this coming fall. It was his thought that efforts towards expansion of the Senior program should be devoted first locally, and then expanded to other areas.

Financial Secretary

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

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Priests	84	83	84	76
Regular Members	1,072	898	1,302	1,214
Families	272	684	361	365
Non-Subs. Members	100	119	125	116
	1,550	1,792	1,878	1,771

There were two Councils that were re-activated during the year: Council #113 of Linden, New Jersey and Council #13 of Illinois. In spite of this you will note that we suffered a loss of 100 members. Positive action must be taken to remedy this situation.

Recording Secretary

Miss Agnes Timmins diligently executed her duties of Recording Secretary by sending notices of Supreme Council meetings, attending four Supreme Council meetings, and forwarding copies of minutes to Supreme Council Officers and Committees. Her cooperation in all that was asked of her is sincerely appreciated.

Treasurer

Mr. Albert Kassel discharged his duties with the greatest of cooperation. After much effort and long delay, the History Fund was turned over to the Treasurer and to date all funds are now under the jurisdiction of the Treasurer with the exception of the Scholarship Fund.

Trustees

Our trustees, Miss Eleanore Laurin and Mr. Robert Boris, will present a report of their examination orally during the convention. In addition to fulfilling the duties of Trustee, Mr. Robert Boris agreed to serve as K of L representative on the American Lithuanian Council, was one of the representatives at the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation Convention held in Chicago and accepted the Chairmanship of the Prayer Crusade for Lithuania which will officially begin on September 9, the Lithuanian National Feast Day and the day dedicated to Our Lady of Siluva.

Legal Advisor

Mr. Konstant Savickus was most kind in agreeing to serve as the Knight of Lithuania Legal Advisor for the past year.

Illinois-Indiana District

In addition to preparing to host the 51st National Convention, Mr. Frank Svelnis reports that the Illinois-Indiana District sponsored religious, cultural, social and sports activities during the past year. One of the most notable successes was in the organization of Junior Knights of Lithuania on a District level. Because

of the dedication and enthusiasm of District Vice-President, Genevieve Giedraitis, and her assistants, the Juniors have made numerous appearances and helped publicize the K of L. We were happy to learn that one dormant council had been revived. The K of L Choir continued to thrive and made numerous appearances throughout the year. The monthly newsletter under the direction of Loretta Macekonis continued to keep the members of this district and other K of L'ers informed of all activities. Loretta Kassel and Stanley Simulis were the recipients of the District's K of L "Member of the Year" Award at the annual St. Casimir's Day Commemoration.

Mid-Central District

President Frank Zager reports that this past year an Information Bureau was instituted whereby a quarterly report or newsletter was sent to each Council informing them on various activities and programs that were functioning in the District. A most successful pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, Ohio was held on May 3. Dayton, Ohio was the scene of the very successful Mid-West Bowling Tournament held on Memorial Day weekend. Some difficulty has been experienced with the expansion of the Juniors; however, the District is giving this matter attention and hopes to strengthen their Junior activity. The District is to be congratulated on their determination to continue the K of L Junior Camp week, which this year is being held August 16 to 22 at Camp Dainava.

New England District

During the course of the year, President Benedict E. Coach held four Executive Board meetings which were devoted to planning and carrying a program of activity. The Semi-Annual District Conventions were well attended. The Junior Rally sponsored by the New England District and Council #17 of Boston, Mass. on April 19 was most successful. Spiritual, cultural and sports activities were held on the District as well as on the Council level during the year. The Junior Dance Group of Westfield, Mass. was outfitted with beautiful Lithuanian costumes which were obtained from Lithuania by the Rev. Vincent Puidokas. Of the social affairs sponsored, many were held for the purpose of raising funds. Council Presidents reported that meeting attendance had grown and that new members and ex-members have been attending meetings.

New York-New Jersey District

Miss Dorothy Dutkus, immediate past President of the New York-New Jersey District reports that Father Peter Zemeikis continued to issue Spiritual Bulletins which were sent to Councils to encourage spiritual activities. Junior activity continued to flourish and two Junior groups are preparing to participate with their Folk Dance Group at the World's Fair on Lithuanian Day, August 23. Dorothy Dutkus and Anne Mitchell served as Co-Chairmen of the Fund Raising Drive for the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine Cross that was erected at the World's Fair. The District presented various speakers following each District meeting who gave presentations on Lithuanian customs, folklore, etc. K of

Members from this District represent the majority of the Ruta choral group members which gives our Lithuanian culture a tremendous boost among the non-Lithuanian people. We were happy to learn that through the efforts of Joseph Sable, Linden Council #113 has been revived and is functioning most successfully.

Ritual Committee

No report was received from this committee.

Honorary Membership

No report received from this committee.

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

This year our Publicity Committee members - Marcella Andrikis, Frank Vaskas, Joseph Sadauskas and Anthony Yuknis - were most cooperative in their efforts to publicize K of L activities to the best of their ability in both the Lithuanian and English press. Many favorable comments and letters were received as a result of the press notices that were sent by our Publicity Committee members.

Scholarship Committee

The financial report of this committee is given on the following pages.

Constitution Revision Committee

At the October Supreme Council meeting it was decided to form a Constitution Revision Committee of three persons to work on the rewordage of the Constitution. Joseph Sakevich, Anthony Mazeika and Joseph Boley were asked to serve on the committee. Their recommendations are given on the following pages.

Sports

No report was received.

Vytis

One of the first acts of the 1963-1964 Supreme Council was to confirm the appointment of Mrs. Stanley Pieza as Editor of VYTIS. In November, I visited Chicago and conferred with Mrs. Pieza and most of the VYTIS Staff. On the 3rd of December, I received a letter of resignation from Mrs. Pieza. Immediate steps were taken to assure the publication of the VYTIS and secondly, I appointed a committee of three: Mr. Al Kassel - Chairman, Miss Eleanore Laurin and Mr. Frank Svelnis to locate a replacement. On January 9 I was informed by Mr. Al Kassel that Miss Linda Vaicekauskis had agreed to serve as Editor, and the Supreme Council confirmed her appointment at their meeting the following day.

It was almost ironic that at the same time very little material had been received for the January issue. After conferring with the Staff, I authorized them to

combine the January-February issue and asked that if possible, separate issues come out in June and July. I am confident that the membership has noted that Miss Vaicekauskis and her staff have been devoting much time and effort to bring us an interesting issue each month. We are equally pleased to have Mrs. Betty Bozec as Layout Editor. Because of the changeover in the staff, problems were encountered which slightly delayed several issues. However, we are confident that in the future the VYTIS will be reaching the membership around the 15th of the month.

I take this opportunity to remind the members that the VYTIS is OUR magazine and that the Editors are most anxious to receive articles, material, pictures, suggestions and ideas from the membership.

Lithuanian American Council

Proper steps were taken to seek admission to the Lithuanian American Council and upon notification that we were accepted, after conferring with the Supreme Council, I appointed Mrs. Mildred Chinik, Miss Marcella Andrikis and Mr. Robert Boris as K of L representatives in the Taryba. On June 26-28 of this year, the Lithuanian American Council held a Congress in Washington, D.C. The Knights of Lithuania were officially represented by Mrs. Mildred Chinik and Miss Marcella Andrikis, who served as Secretary of the Convention, and myself.

Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance

Much discussion in person and via letter transpired regarding the Alliance and the Knights of Lithuania. I was informed that the \$500 donation which was voted at the Alliance's Convention would be forthcoming with the provision that articles on the Alliance be published in the VYTIS. To date, two articles were published and two \$100 checks were received by our Treasurer.

At the Supreme Council meeting held in April, it was decided to extend an invitation to the Alliance to send a representative to our Convention to address the delegates in order that we may become better acquainted. I am pleased to inform you that we will be addressed at this Convention by District Attorney Thomas E. Mack of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who is a Vice-President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance.

Summary

Having studied and combined the reports that were sent to me by and about the many dedicated people who work for "God and Country" in various areas, I would like to comment briefly that the past year has been a fruitful one for the organization. Not all our plans were realized, or all the goals successfully reached. There are corrections and improvements to be made. Let us rejoice at our successes, be honest with our evaluations and sincere in our determination to make every effort to do just a little bit better next year.

Lai Dievas laimina mūsų pastangas, pasiryžimus ir nutarimus darbuotis "Dievo ir Tėvynės" labui. Prašykime, kad mūsų Patronas, Sventasis Kazimieras globotų ir padėtų mums mūsų veikloje. Gyvuokite, veikite ir linksminkitės, Lietuvos Vyčiai, ilgas, ilgas metus! Ačiū.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT - 1964

Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

During the past year, following the annual convention in Boston, I have the following items to report to the delegates of this, the 51st Convention of the Knights of Lithuania:

Shortly after the last Convention our Madame President, Miss Helen Shields, was in Detroit attending our District Convention. At this time we began discussing the future projects for the coming year. It was agreed that a Prayer Crusade for our persecuted Lithuanian brethren be inaugurated. The idea was to compose a prayer short enough to be printed on a prayer card suitable to be kept in a wallet or prayer booklet. Secondly, the project was to be amplified by assigning a Lithuanian City or Town to each Council. With this in mind, each Council would then adopt this City, the idea being that this would personalize our prayers and at the same time it would also acquaint us with the historical and cultural background of our adopted City.

What has happened to this project? Well, as simple as it may have been, we ran into a number of technicalities which are only now being ironed out. First of all, we communicated with His Excellency Bishop Vincent Brizgys, asking him to compose a suitable prayer. His excellency willingly agreed to do this; however, by this time he was deeply involved in the work of the Ecumenical Council. When the prayer, which you have all read in the Vytis, was sent to me, I then had to get a local Imprimatur. Again there was a waiting period until the prayer with a proper Imprimatur was returned to me. Next came the question of the printing of the prayer card. My understanding is that these cards will be ready for distribution at this Convention. In the meantime, I have prepared a list of the larger cities and towns of Lithua-



nia which can be used for this project.

One final thought in this regard is that if this Prayer Crusade proves at all successful in our various Councils, we can then enlarge the number of cities and towns and invite our Lithuanian parishes to adopt them. The primary object of this entire project, however, is basically spiritual. This will not only enable us to remember our suffering brethren, but will also allow us to do something more concrete than just giving lip service at the plight of our Communist dominated Lithuania.

In the fall of the year I was one of several Supreme Council members who represented the Knights of Lithuania at the Convention of the Lithuanian Catholic Federation in Chicago. During this visit to the Windy City we participated in a meeting of the Chicago K of L'ers and sat in on their discussion for the plans that they were making for this present

convention.

In January of 1964 I attended a Supreme Council meeting that was held in New York. At this time we agreed to cooperate in the project of financing the Lithuanian Cross that was to have an honored place at the New York World's Fair.

Locally, in the Detroit area, we sponsored the annual St. Casimir's Day commemoration. This year the affair was hosted by the St. Peter's Parish Council # 139. A Solemn High Mass was well attended by members of all three Detroit Councils. At the Banquet that followed, the ideals of St. Casimir were extolled and I feel that the membership was edified.

Finally, in June of this year, I represented the Knights of Lithuania at the annual Baltic Nations Day at the Detroit International Institute.

In my earlier remarks of this report, I had mentioned that I attended a planning session of the Chicago Councils. One of the suggestions that I offered was that we should strive to have an evening or noon-day Mass during the Convention. I would like at this time to commend the Chicago Councils for their fine efforts in this regard. As you read the schedule of Convention activities, you will see that we have begun our Convention with an evening Mass and that the subsequent days will have noon-day Masses. My prayerful suggestion is that everyone attending the Convention will avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity to join with the priest in offering Christ to His Heavenly Father at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It seems to me that now there is really no excuse to skip this most important feature of the Convention. I sincerely trust that the sessions of this Convention will be truly fruitful if we spiritualize the motives of why we are here.

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ SEIMUI PASIBAIGUS

A. P. Bagdonas

Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas yra nekasdieninis įvykis mūsų išeivijos gyvenime. Šis seimas, vykęs Chicagoje, buvo iš eilės 51-asis seimas. Vyčių organizacijos veikla reiškiasi ne tik atskiruose kuopose, bet ir tokiais, kaip ir šis seimas. Organizacijos šūkis Dievui ir Tėvynei sutraukė tūkstančius jaunimo po Vyčių vėliava. Ir šis seimas įrodė, kad Vyčių Organizacija yra gyvatinga ir judri; kad ji nuveikia didelius darbus Bažnyčios labui ir Lietuvos reikalui.

3 dienas trukęs Seratono viešbutyje kongresas buvo vienas iš svarbiausių lietuviškos Chicagos įvykių. Seiman suplaukė iš visų kuopų rinktieji atstovai ir svečiai. Daug jaunų veidų ir energingų pasišventusių širdžių.

Kadangi jaunoji vyčių karta ne visa kalba lietuviškai, seimas vyko dviem kalbom.

Mane ypač domino lietuviybės klausimai. Šis Vyčių Seimas turėjo atskirą posėdį lietuviybės klausimams nagrinėti. Pagrindinis šiuo klausimu referentas buvo Juzė Daužvardienė, visiems Chicagos lietuviams gerai pažįstama patriotė.

Jos mintys, patiektos šiam seimui yra svarbios ir aktualios kiekvienam vyčiui ir lietuviui. Ji išskėlė reikalą dažniau ir plačiau vartoti lietuvių kalbą savo tarpe, kad geriau priprastume ir išmoktume ją. Ragino pamėgti lietuviškas dainas, kurios taip išreiškia visą mūsų tautos ilgesį ir grožį. Jas dainuodami išmoksime mylėti savo tėvynę Lietuvą. Lietuviškos kanklės yra mūsų tautinis instrumentas, būtų gražu, kad vyčiai išmokytų skambinti kanklėmis. O mūsų tautiniai šokiai tokie puikūs ir originalūs, visiems jie patinka, visus kitataučius sužavi. Jų pagelba mes galime išgarsinti lietuvių vardą Amerikos visuomenėje.

Mūsų lietuviški valgiai, kaip kugelis, vėdarai, dešros, kopūstai ir kt. yra sveiki, originalūs ir rekomenduotini visiems vyčiams savo šeimose gamintis.

Lietuviška eglutė su tais šiaudelių ornamentais yra plačiai pagarsėjusi visoje Amerikoje ir yra užsitarna-



P. Juzė Daužvardienė Vyčių seime kalba lietuvių kultūros klausimais.

vusi pagarbos pas kitataučius. Palaikykime tą tradiciją kiekvienais metais ir garsinkime Lietuvos vardą.

Gintaro debiutančių baliai yra naujas dalykas Chicagoje, bet jis reikšmingas ir palaikytinas.

Vieną dalyką prelegentė ypač pabrėžė, tai reikalą atgaivinti lietuviškus vestuvinius papročius, kurie yra tokie įdomūs, tikrai senoviški ir tautiški. Čia įeina rūtų vainikėlio segimas, irnuometo nešiojimas. Nuometas tai žymiausias lietuvių moters tautinis papuošalas.

Be jos dar lietuviybės reikalu kalbėjo J. Stukas, primindamas mūsų žymiuosius menininkus ir architektus, kaip Muloką, Kašubą, Jonyną. Jie visi yra sukūrę daug žymių dalykų, kurie atkreipė amerikiečių dėmesį.

F. Strolia pageidavo išleisti lietuviškų liaudies dainų, verstų į anglų kalbą, kad mūsų liaudies muzika galėtų būti žinoma ir amerikiečių tarpe. Dar kalbėjo Aleksis, Mažeika, Sadauskas ir kt. Žodžiu, vyčiai savo seime kėlė grynai lietuviškos kultūros reikalus ir jos reprezentaciją amerikiečių visuomenėje, o tai parodo, kad juose lietuviškoji dvasia yra stipri ir veržli.

Garbė jiems už tai!



Speakers at the Convention include: Joseph Boley; Thomas Mack; William Kvetkus, LRCAA; Leonard Valiukas and Jack Stukas.

The Bells are ringing / School Bells, that is! /

Rev. A. Valančius

It's back-to-school time for millions of youngsters throughout the world. So, perhaps after having returned or heard reports from our recent convention in Chicago, and because of the season, it would not be amiss for us, too, to go back to school - our school. The school where our K of L organization is the major subject. Could we pass the entrance exam, which we are about to demand of those whom we hope to enlist into our ranks during the forthcoming membership drive? Our members, as they stand now, are certainly not representative of the Lithuanian Catholic community in the U.S. Could this be because of our failure to practice what we should have learned as K of L'ers? Let's be honest and test ourselves.

Before we plunge into the pages of our constitution, a document that many members of many organizations rarely acquaint themselves with, we could begin by a brief check on what we know about our very simple, yet lofty, motto - FOR GOD AND COUNTRY. See how well we have impressed it upon ourselves.

Words are merely tangible expressions of our inner ideas and ideals. Unless these same ideas and ideals are also visible in our behavior, our way of living, words become a mere noise that create a momentary clamor, like an elaborate and booming fireworks display, and quickly die away. Hence it is very important that we not only shout the motto - FOR GOD AND COUNTRY - and print it in our banners, on the walls of our meeting rooms and on the cover of our magazine; but far more important that we imprint them on our personality so that our very presence will reveal that we live FOR GOD AND COUNTRY. After all, the actions and changes suggested by our Vatican Council II are an effort to refresh the image of the Church, by refreshing the individual personalities of the Catholics, so that their Catholic living would attract all to the Mystical Body of Christ whose intimate members we are fortunate to be.

In order that we draw others to our beloved organization, it is imperative that we check how well we are God-minded and Country minded. How well do we live that motto which we quote so often and of which we are rightfully proud?

Now to school, and the first lesson, "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY". Very high sounding and very solemn words. Yet they are not a sudden discovery of a new idea by some learned philosopher, devoted saint, and patriot, nor even the founders of our worthy organization. They are merely a restatement of a very patent truth of man's purpose in creation.

Because of the extreme importance of the phrase, we shall break it up into the two evident parts and

take each one separately. Let us begin with the first half - FOR GOD. FOR GOD! Why, this is so self-evident; there is no way we can escape it - we are God's. By mere fact that we exist, we belong to God. Since we are creatures, we are inextricably bound to Him. Consequently all our activity should be directed to Him and for Him. All who attempt foolishly to do otherwise find life so empty, even self-inflicted death is a welcome release. Nothing created that exists, exists except from Him, through Him and for HIM. The truth that we are creatures, more than a union stamp on a product indicates that it is made by union hands, tells us and all others that we belong to Him.

Besides this, because of our precious gift of faith, we belong to God through the new life received by the waters of baptism. By it we receive His life - a life to be nurtured and nourished by the Flesh and blood of His Divine Son, our Brother, a life in the household of the kindest and most generous of Fathers, the life of Heaven. This sacrament, though it enlightens us and endows us with the potency to one day see God face to face and know Him as He actually is, does not bestow upon us the ability to know Him now like we do creatures around us - by our senses. Hence, our mental faculties, our mind and will, must constantly work at finding in creation the expression of His perfections that our senses reveal to us. However, we are also creatures of time. We are all members of a World, a world full of goodies, - goodies that so convincingly become necessities; for our well being, for our full development as human beings, yes, free human beings. And all of a sudden God can very easily fade from the picture, in many instances become completely obliterated. Our interest in Him and our soul can begin to drag.

Should this unfortunately happen to us, the founders of our noble organization thought it wise to keep it constantly before us by emblazoning the words FOR GOD AND COUNTRY upon the many things that we as members come in sensible contact with. Should our spiritual and physical faculties become dull or lazy, the sight of FOR GOD AND COUNTRY would arouse us to living as was intended by our Creator.

What does this mean practically? It should mean that a K of L'er, first of all, be a model follower of Christ. The practice of his or her religion must go beyond the mere bonds of a quick Sunday Mass, the observance of the Friday abstinence, annual performance of Easter Duty, and a periodic appearance at some public religious demonstration like Lithuanian Independence Day or St. Casimir's Day. He or she should actually become involved in all spiritual, civic,

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and social movements within the community, within the parish. The progress and development of man should become a personal matter. Since the spiritual so forcefully affects the physical, and since the material tries to downgrade the spiritual, we should constantly work at the development of our souls. This by no means requires one to burden himself with added devotions, nor is one required to become a religious "nut", there is no one more boring to a priest than a possibly well meaning soul who immediately starts babbling about religion. Religion "nuts" have driven more people away from the Church than to it. It isn't necessary to change your mode of living, your normal routine - up at the same time in the morning, same bus, same place of employment, same coffee break, same friends, same dates, same forms of entertainment - but as your motto says everything FOR GOD. OH! Though you may not notice, you have no idea what a change of face will take place in these commonplace activities. The story of the Incarnation in the New Testament tells us least about St. Joseph; yet his influence upon catholic hearts is next to our Blessed Lady's. This influence is most vividly described by Father Frederik Faber in his book on Bethlehem. He says of St. Joseph:

"He moves among the mysteries of the Sacred Infancy, a shy, silent figure. Between the coming and going of great mysteries we just hear him, as we hear the rain timidly whispering among the leaves in the intervals of the deep-toned thunder. But his odor is everywhere. It is the very genius of the place. It clings to our garments, and lingers in our senses, even when we have left the Cave of Bethlehem and go out into the world's work."

This is the kind of living we are attempting to convey. The kind of living that impresses our catholic friends and non-catholic associates. This is the kind of K of L'er that is intended by our motto.

How often in a day do you stop before a mirror? Today it is very difficult to say whether men or women do it more frequently (no statistics). You touch a wisp of hair here, brush off a speck of soot there, even out a smudge of lipstick - incidental, casual bits of behavior; yet all are constant attempts to look our best before others. While you're doing this, have you ever wondered how you look before God? The Apostleship of prayer Society, devoted to the honoring of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, has published leaflets of a morning offering, with sticky stuff on the back, suggesting that they be pasted on our mirrors; so that as often as we touch up our external appearance, we may direct our behavior and actions as if we were about to face the Big Boss, God. He can see through our pretty complexion and baby blue eyes into the face of our soul. Have you ever seen a lady leaving a table, especially in public, who didn't dive into her purse and extract a "miniature beauty parlor" to "fix her face", as she calls it; even though some dare to suggest that it is not quite good etiquette? We all want our women to be pretty and attractive; but how about a quiet, private thanksgiving for the food you have just received? In the same after-dinner situation men order another beer, or light a cigar. If each time we looked into a mirror and peered straight through our faces and saw the image of God imprinted on our souls and said "Lord, help me be like I want to look." You'd be lying if you said you didn't become better. After all, not all of us are blessed with comely features, and no amount of cosmetic or tonsorial artistry produced and devised by our beauty conscious industries will do much to improve them. Our souls, however, are all beautiful. We alone can distort them. Our behavior can make them ugly. A catholic soul living for God will attract others to the Catholic Church. It cannot help to attract members to our worthy organization.

End of first lesson: Live like you belong to God and live for God!

LIETUVOS REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS PIRMININKO RAPORTAS - 1964

Su šiuo seimu baigiame 18tus metus Lietuvos Reikalų veikloje. Per tuos metus daug padarėme Lietuvos ir jos žmonių naudai. Per paskutiniuosius metus veikla buvo tokia:

	1963	1964
Biuletenių paruošta	13	11
Laiškų biuleteniuose pažymėta	435	239
Biuletenių išsiųsta	3870	3420
Pavardžių and "mailing list"	140	159
Kuopų su veikiančiom kuopom	14	14
Laiškų ir atviručių parašyta - apie	23,654	18,097
Atsakymų gauta	5,140	3,957

Iš šios statistikos galime pastabas sekančias padaryti:

1. Mažiau padarėme už praėjusius metus, bet visgi veikla labai gera. Vien tik už pašto ženklelius išleista virš \$800.00.

2. Kuopos, kurios tautiniai veikia, sudaro mažumą, nes tik 14 kuopų turi veikiančias komisijas. Bet džiugu, kad daug ne Vyčių dirba tautinį darbą.

3. Daugiau narių turime, kurie rašo laiškus - 159, t.y. 19 daugiau negu pernai.

Seimo dalyviai be abejo nori žinoti, kaip apskritys pasirodė šiame darbe:

	1963	1964
Naujosios Anglijos apskr.	12,761	7,760
New York-New Jersey apskr.	3,996	5,048
Illinois-Indiana apskr.	4,053	2,990
Kalifornijos apskr.	780	988
Mid-Central apskr.	1,574	963
Visi kiti apskr.	490	348
	23,654	18,097

Iš šios statistikos aišku, kad:

1. Naujoji Anglija daug mažiau parašė laiškų, bet reikia atsiminti, kad pernai jai buvo rekordiniai metai.

2. Illinois-Indiana mažiau irgi parašė, bet New York - New Jersey ir Kalifornija daugiau parašė.

3. Mid-Central nukrito. Čia reikėtų daugiau paspausti, nes visiems aišku, kad šioji apskritis galėtų daug geriau pasirodyti.

4. Apskritys turėtų daugiau dėmesio atkreipti į kuopas, kad visos veiktų taip, kaip reikia šiame tautiniame darbe. Tik tokiu būdu galėsime daugiau tautiniai nuveikti.

Kuopos, kurios turi veikiančias komisijas ir kurios raportus atsiuntė yra:

Kuopa 3 - Philadelphia	Kuopa 79 - Detroit
Kuopa 10 - Athol	Kuopa 96 - Dayton

Kuopa 17 - So. Boston
Kuopa 19 - Pittsburgh
Kuopa 26 - Worcester
Kuopa 29 - Newark
Kuopa 67 - Bayonne

Kuopa 100 - Amsterdam
Kuopa 112 - Chicago
Kuopa 116 - So. Worcester
Kuopa 133 - Los Angeles
Kuopa 135 - Ansonia

Šios kuopos atlieka labai gražų darbą Lietuvos naudai ir gaila, kad kitos kuopos neprisideda. Tik tada, kada visos kuopos veiks, galėsime turėti milžiniškus rezultatus. Lai tie seimo dalyviai, kurių kuopos neturi veikiančių komisijų, sugrįžę atgal į savo kuopas, paskatinti narius aktyviai dalyvauti šiame svarbiame darbe.

Komisijos pirmininko pareigas per praėjusius metus ėjo Jonas Andriuška iš Worcesterio. Jam į pagelbą ėjo Aleksandras Kardokas irgi iš Worcesterio. Jie abudu parašė 669 laiškus. Kaip pirmininkas, Jonas Andriuška parašė reikalingus laiškus vyčių vardu, paskatino kitus dirbti ir kalbėjo apie komisijos svarbą kuopoms ir kitiems. Nuoširdžiai jam dėkojame už gražiai atliktą darbą. Man, kaip komisijos garbės pirmininkui, teko parašyti 834 laiškus bei atvirukus.

Biuletenius galime paruošti ir išsiųsti tik tada, kada gauname pakankamai iškarpu bei straipsnių, kurie mums kam ir kaip laiškus pasiųsti parodo. Be jų negalima žinoti, kiek ir kam laiškų reikia rašyti. Ačiū Dievui, kad nemažai iš komisijos narių atsiuntė tas svarbias žinias. Tie, kurie daugiausia atsiuntė yra:

Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N.J.

Antanas Juknis iš Čikagos

Vincas Višniauskas iš Gardner, Mass.

Leonardas Valiukas iš Los Angeles, Calif.

Jiems nuoširdžiai dėkojame ir tikimės, kad visi kiti seks jų gražų pavyzdį ir atsiųs tas iškarpas, kurias matys laikraščiuose ir žurnaluose.

Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Dienos apvaikščiojimas praėjo labai sėkmingai. Čia Vyčiai kaip kasmet, labai gražiai pasidarbavo. Su jų pagalba, tokie rezultatai buvo:

1. 12 Gubernatorių ir 15 majorų paskelbė Vasario 16-tą dieną kaip Lietuvos Respublikos dieną savo valstijoms ir miestams.

2. 5 laikraščiai idėjo editorialus apie Lietuvą, o 127 laikraščiai išgarsino apvaikščiojimus, kurie įvyko tuose miestuose, kur yra lietuvių parapijos.

3. 110 Kongresmanų ir 24 Senatoriai pasakė kalbas apie Lietuvą ir tos kalbos tilpo CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

4. 5 radijo programos paminėjo Lietuvos dieną ir davė klausytojams progos susipažinti su Lietuvos dabartine padėtimi po Sovietais.

5. Lietuvos trispalvė vėliava plevesavo nuo

sostinės Hartford, Conn., dėka tos valstijos gubernatoriui, ir nuo Miesto Rotušės Newark, N.J., dėka to miesto majorui.

Komisija iškėlė Lietuvos nepriklausomybės klausimą ir Lietuvių vardą svetimtaučių tarpe kiekviena galima proga kaip antai: per savo patrono Šv. Kazimiero šventę, per Tragiškųjų Dienų minėjimus ir per Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitę. Darė spaudimus, kad Kongresas įsteigtų Pavergtųjų Tautų Komisiją, bet iš to nieko neišėjo, todėl, kad mūsų krašto Valstybės Sekretorius, Dean Rusk, buvo priešingas. Kadangi šiais metais Prezidentas Johnson paskelbė nors nepaprastu būdu Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitę, parašėme jam daug padėkoc laiškų. Norėjome duoti jam žinoti, kad lietuviai įvertina jo toki žygį.

Komisija per visus metus rėmė darbą, kuri dirba Kalifornijos Komitetas, kurs Kongrese turi 61 rezoliucijas, kurios reikalauja, kad Lietuvos klausimas būtų iškeltas Jungtinėse Tautose. Išrodo, kad tos rezoliucijos nebus Kongrese šiais metais svarstomos, nes Valstybės Departamentas mano, kad pasekmių neturės. Tačiau stengėmės duoti tiek paramos, kiek galėjome.

Iš raporto aišku visiems, kad Vyčiai tautiniai nesnaudžia, bet dirba Lietuvos labui kiek tik gali ir visokiais galimais būdais. Mūsų lietuviai, ypač ateiviai, labai domisi šiuo darbu nes kelis kartus buvau pakviestas jų grupėms pasakyti kalbas apie Komisijos darbą. Kiek laikas leido, tas kalbas daviau. Galiu pranešti, kad žinios apie komisijos darbo platumą tiesiog nustebina klausančius.

Šis Vyčių tautinis darbas daug padeda kenčiančiai Lietuvai, bet taip pat padeda mūsų patiemis nariams būti geresniais lietuviais. Štai ką vienas rašo:

"Since I have started writing letters in behalf of the freedom of Lithuania, I have found out quite a bit about the history of Lithuania for which I am very grateful. . . . When I get wound up about Lithuanian Affairs, I can't help myself and it seems that I just can't do enough but as long as I am able, I shall do whatever I can for Lithuania."

Kitas rašo:

"Mūsų miesto majoras buvo labai sujaudintas, kad gavo daug padėkos laiškų už proklamacijos paskelbimą. Šiandien yra smagu kada nueini pas valdžios ponus su kokiais reikalais ir išsireiški, kad esi lietuvis, o jie su pagarba išsireiškia: 'O you Lithuanians are a very fine people who appreciate what is done for them'."

Valdžios ponai, Senatoriai, Kongresmanai, redaktoriai, rašytojai ir kas tik turi bile kokios nors įtekmės, yra raginami padėti Lietuvai jos nepriklausomybę atgauti. Daugelis iš jų nuolat palankumo mums parodo:

Kongresmanas Cornelius E. Gallagher iš New Jersey rašo: "Today, almost 3 million Lithuanians and over a million Americans of Lithuanian descent guard the knowledge of what it meant to be free and guard the hope that one day that knowledge will bear fruit. This is an appropriate time to salute their courage, salute their faith and salute their adherence to the ideals that they share with all free peoples."

Rašytojas Pierre J. Huss rašo: "There is exasperating resistance among 66,000 youths in Lithuania to

the teachings of Marxism. . . . Some students in Klai-peda during the scholastic year exchanged the dignity of Soviet youth for foreign rags and chewing gum."

Profesorius Theodore Thurston, filologas, rašo: "The Lithuanian language is like an ancient monument of white marble & it still stands untarnished after many centuries of man's long history."

Yra tokių, kurie nemato daug prasmės laiškų rašyme. Tokie sudaro tik mažumą. Vieni iš jų sako, kad rašyti laiškus, tai laiko gaišinimas, o kiti, kad naudos jokios neatneša. Bet pažvelkime į tą, ką kiti mano apie tai:

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR rašo: "We greatly appreciate letters from our readers because they reflect their interest in our paper and they are the best possible means for us to obtain your ideas and comments."

Senatorius Jacob K. Javits iš New York tokį atsakymą davė "Thank you for your letter of approval. It is most heartening in what is often a difficult job. It is commonly believed that only those write who disagree; your letter is most welcome."

Viena Vytė, turėdama patyrimo su reakcija, kurią padaro redaktoriai į laiškų rašymą, šią pastabą daro: "I think the TRIBUNE is flattered when it receives out-of-town letters."

Tad aišku, kad laiškų rašymas daug ko reiškia ir daug padeda toje kovoje, kurią lietuviai daro Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės atgavimui. Mūsų komisijos nariai tą gerai supranta. Už tai jie rašo laiškus. Jie pasišvenčia ir dirba kiek tik laikas jiems leidžia. Daugiau iš Vyčių turėtų įsijungti į šį darbą. 1962 metais Amerikos Vyskupai pranešė:

"In today's world, our most obvious duty is to speak out, to make open profession of religious beliefs and moral convictions."

Šiandien Lietuva kenčia. Prieš visus teisingumo principus, jos laisvė buvo žiauriai nuo jos atimta. Ji laikoma po Sovietų letena. O visgi ji turi nuo Dievo teisę gyventi laisvai ir nepriklausomai. Jei kitos tautos mažesnės ir ne tiek kultūringos, kaip antai Afrikoje, gali laisvai gyventi, tai juo labiau Lietuva turi teisę nepriklausomai gyventi. Čia yra moralinis dalykas. Už tai mums lietuviams reikia kelti Lietuvos klausimą visokiais galimais būdais. Lai pasaulis nuolat žino, kad Sovietai yra kalti, kad jie yra kraugėriai, kad jie privalo išeiti iš Lietuvos kuo greičiausiai todėl, kad jie jokios teisės prie Lietuvos neturi. Už tai kelkime savo balsus, rašykime laiškus, darykime, kiek tik pajėgos leis, tą, kas galutinai Lietuvai duos, sugrąžins nepriklausomybę.

Per paskutinius metus su Vyčių Dvasios Vadu priešakyje, Vyčiai pradėjo maldos metus už Lietuvą. Kodėl? Todėl kad matė vien žmogiškais, politiniais būdais daug ko konkrečiai padaryti negalime. Žmogus privalo veikti ir nuolat dirbti. Tai tiesa. Bet Dievo pagalba irgi reikalinga. Kaip Kristus yra pasakęs: "Be manęs jūs nieko negalite." Todėl dirbkime pasišventusiai, nenuleiskime rankų, bet taipgi melskimės. Dievas padės mums ir galutinai sutvarkys pasaulio dalykus taip, kad Lietuva vėl galės gyventi tarpe laisvų ir nepriklausomų pasaulio tautų.

Kun. Jonas C. Jutt

Garbės Pirmininkas

Rugpiūčio 6 d. 1964 m.

RESOLUTIONS

At the 51st National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, August 6-9, 1964, the delegates passed the following resolutions:

Whereas the official news of the Vytis publishes the proposed addition of Section 10 (Articles XIV), that the election of Council Officers must be held in September or October,

Be it therefore resolved that the election of Council officers be held in September or October after the National Convention.

May 13, 1951 in Rome in St. Casimir's Chapel, Lithuanian Bishops dedicated Lithuania and all Lithuanians throughout the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Now every year, on May 13th, all the world where there are Lithuanians, this day is observed as a Day of Prayer and Penance for Lithuania's Independence, world peace and conversion of sinners. We request all Knights of Lithuania council members to actively participate in this crusade of prayers.

Whereas in past conventions difficulties have arisen with respect to parliamentary procedure,

Be it therefore resolved that at any session of a National Convention a competent parliamentarian be on hand and that this parliamentarian is to be provided by the host council even if a professional is to be hired.

Whereas our Spiritual Advisor Rev. J. Walter Stanievich has faithfully fulfilled his duties as Spiritual Advisor for the past three years,

Be it resolved that the 51st Knights of Lithuania National Convention extends its most sincerest heartfelt thanks for his untiring efforts and spiritual guidance.

Whereas during the past convention week the local clergy have shown so much interest in the Knights of Lithuania and have opened their hearts and churches to all members

Be it therefore resolved that the 51st Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend their thanks to all participating Pastors, Priests, and Parishes and also to the American Legion Posts.

Whereas the Illinois-Indiana District has shown so much courtesy, kindness, and consideration to all councils present at the 51st National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania,

Be it therefore resolved that we the delegates of this 51st Knights of Lithuania Convention extend our sincerest thanks to all the members of the Chicago's Host Council for every consideration shown to us.

The Resolution Committee of the 51st Knights of Lithuania National Convention suggest that the host council make arrangements to supply copies of all resolutions and suggestions that are accepted by the convention to the delegates.

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Lietuvos Vyčių 51-mo visuotinio suvažiavimo, įvykusio 1964 m. rugpiūčio mėn. 6-9 d.d. Chicago-Sheraton viešbutyje, Chicago, Ill. mieste, delegatai priėmė šias rezoliucijas:

Kadangi mūsų organe "Vytis" oficialiose žiniuose buvo paskelbtas sumanymas priedo prie konstitucijos Skyriaus XVI, paragrafo 10, kad -

Organizacijos kuopų valdybos renkamos Rugsėjo ar Spalio mėnesiuose,

Todėl Lietuvos Vyčių 51-mas seimas nutarė priedą priimti. Visos kuopos savo valdybas turi išrinkti Rugsėjo ar Spalio mėn.

Kadangi Gegužės 13 d. 1951 metais Romoje šv. Kazimiero koplyčioje Lietuvos vyskupai Lietuvą visame pasaulyje gyvenančius lietuvius pavedė Nekalčiausios Širdies Marijos globai

Ir kadangi dabar kasmet Gegužės 13 d. lietuviai, kokiam pasaulio krašte bebūtų, švenčia kaip maldos ir atgailos dieną dėl Lietuvos išlaisvinimo, pasaulio taikos ir nusidėjėlių atsivertimo,

Todėl Lietuvos Vyčių 51-mas seimas prašo, kad visi vyčių kuopų nariai tą dieną dalyvautų bendroje maldoje.

Kadangi praeituose seimuose per sesijas buvo pasireiškę sunkumai dėl stokos parlamentariškų taisyklių (procedūrų) žinojimo,

Todėl Lietuvos Vyčių 51-mas seimas nutarė, kad būsimų seimų sesijose dalyvautų ir parlamentariškų taisyklių žinovas. Juo pasirūpina, arba kad ir profesionalą parlamentariškų taisyklių žinovą pasamdo seimo šeimininkas - Seimo Rengimo Komisija.

Kadangi Centro dvasios vadas kun. J. Walter Stanievich per tris paskutiniuosius metus ištikimai ir atsidėjusiai ėjo savo, kaip dvasios vado pareigas,

Todėl Lietuvos Vyčių 51-mas seimas reiškia kun. J. Walter Stanievich didelę pagarbą ir nuoširdžią padėką už jo nenuilstamas pastangas ir vadovavimą vyčiams dvasiniuose reikaluose.

Seimo metu visą savaitę Chicagos lietuvių dvasininkija daug dėmesio kreipė į vyčius, atidarydama savo širdis ir rodydama paslaugą suvažiavusiems seimo dalyviams.

Todėl Lietuvos Vyčių 51-mas seimas nuoširdžiai dėkoja parapijų klebonams ir kunigams, vadovavusiems seiminėms iškilmėms ir dalyvavusiems jose. Taip pat dėkoja Amerikos Legiono lietuvių postams už jų dalyvavimą ir papuošimą iškilmių.

Lietuvos Vyčių 51-mas seimas reiškia nuoširdžią padėką Seimo šeimininkui - Illinois-Indiana apskrities Seimo Rengimo Komisijai - už seimo metu parodytą kuopų atstovams mandagumą, malonumą ir nuoširdumą.

Lietuvos Vyčių 51-mo seimo Rezoliucijų Komisija siūlo, kad seimo šeimininkas - Seimo Rengimo Komisija - sutartų pagaminti kopijas visų seimo priimtų rezoliucijų bei pasiūlymų ir jas pasiųstų visiems to seimo atstovams.



Knights of Lithuania Official Convention Photo, Aug. 9, 1964, Maria High School, Chicago, Ill.



Solemn Closing Banquet Aug. 9, 1964 Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

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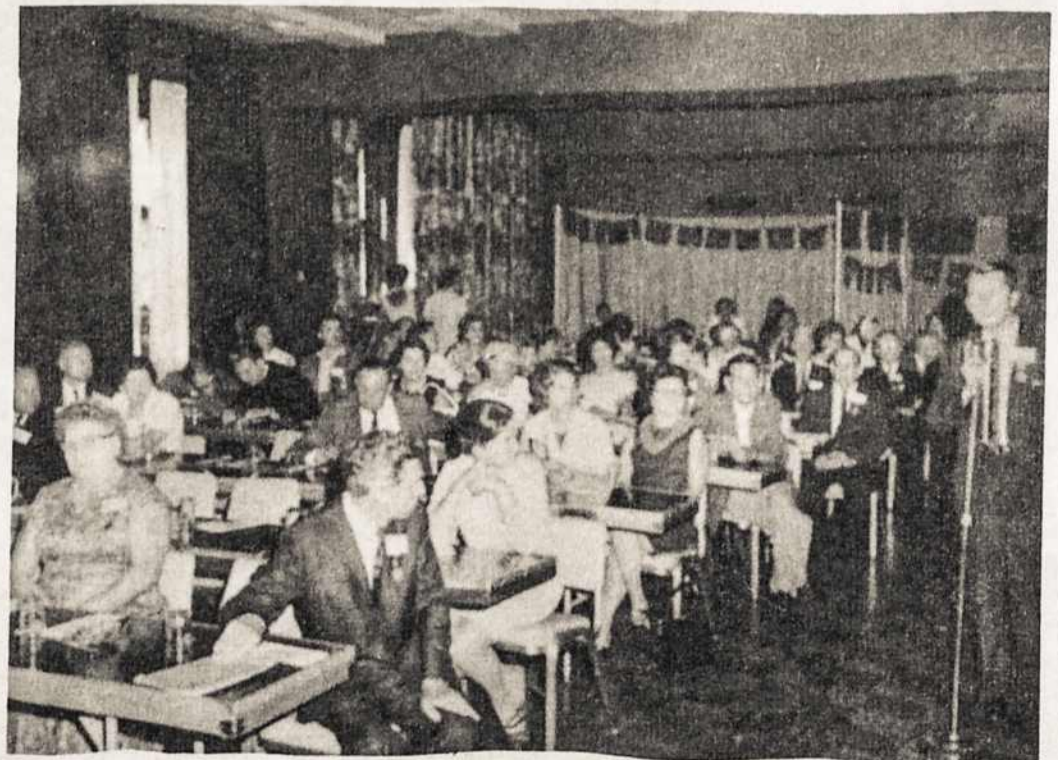
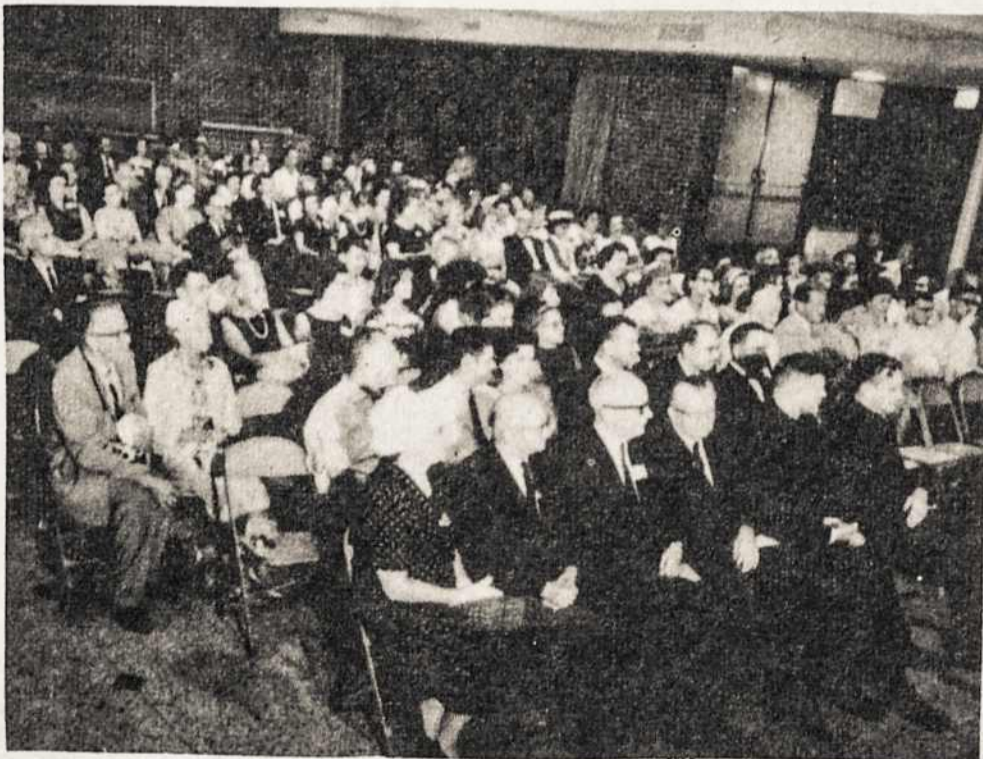
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Following are the resolutions passed at the 51st National Convention and sent to the President of the United States, Secretary of State, and United States Senators of the State of Illinois:

"The delegates and guests of the 51st National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, August 6-9, 1964, unanimously passed the following resolutions:

1. Since experience has amply demonstrated that Soviet Communism, based on atheism and the denial of the dignity of the human person, has for its aim the enslavement of the entire world, we go on record as deploring and condemning the principles of Soviet Communism.
2. We express our deepest gratitude to the Government of the United States for its firm stand against Soviet Communism and cherish the hope that it will continue to oppose the principles of Soviet Communism everywhere and exert every effort to protect the rights of all inhabitants in those nations.
3. In view of the fact that World War I and World War II were fought for the freedom of all nations, we go on record as condemning Soviet Russia for enslaving millions of people of freedom loving nations.
4. We are grateful to the Government of the United States for the continued non-recognition of the unjust absorption of Lithuania and other Baltic States by Soviet Russia. It is our hope that our nation's leaders will continue to maintain this stand.
5. We are grateful to the President of the United States and express our appreciation for proclaiming the third week of July as "Captive Nation's Week." Thus the unjust action of Soviet Russia has been brought to the attention of the free world.
6. We firmly uphold the stand of our present government of the United States of America and trust that it will continue to do everything in its power to continue the same source of action in opposing Soviet Communism in any corner of the world.
7. We resolve that copies of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, and to the United States Senators of the State of Illinois."

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 NEW JERSEY - Casimir Chaponis, Aldona Zaunius.
 PENNSYLVANIA - Walter Svekla, Theresa Mazeika, William Kvetkas, Irene Varevice, John Mickunas, Joseph Yanulaitis.



Opening Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

MEMORABLE OPENING

Perhaps the most impressive part of the Convention was the opening. It began on Thursday, August 6, 1964 with a Solemn High Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church. The K of L Choir, directed by Faustas Strolia, sang the Mass and the entire congregation joined in the responses.

The Formal Opening Session was held immediately after the Mass in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. President Helen Shields presided. After the posting of colors by the Don Varnas and Darius-Girenas American Legions Posts and the K of L Sgts-at-Arms, and the singing of the American, Lithuanian and K of L Hymns, the Supreme Council Officers and the members of the Nominating Committee were introduced.

The President of the Illinois-Indiana District, Frank Svelnis, Jr. welcomed all the delegates, dignitaries and guests to the Convention. Greetings were extended to the Knights of Lithuania from the following: Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania in Chicago; Kazys Kleiva, National President of the Amerikos Lietuvių Rymo Katalikų Federacija; Rev. Mickunas, who represented the Marian Fathers; Danute Kraučeliunaite, who represented the Ateitininkų (Giedrininkų); A. Santaras, Vice-President, Lietuvių Fondas; Bruno Nainys, District President, Bendruomene; Leonard Simutis, Sr., President Tarybos and Susivienijimas Amerikos Lietuvių; Rev. Stasys Valiušaitis, vice-President, Lithuanian Committee for the World's Fair; Valerijonas Simkus, President Vilniaus Krašto Lietuvių Sąjunga. The session adjourned after Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, I-I District Spiritual Advisor, extended his wishes to the delegation for a successful convention.

"CONGRATS" TO LINDEN and CHICAGO

Two newly reorganized councils, C13 of Chicago and C113 of Linden, N.J., were officially represented at the Convention by: Joseph Sable and Adele Leraitis of C113; Rev. Edward Abromaitis, Ceceil Kincinas and Martin Santosky of C13. Congratulations to Joe Sable of Linden, Eleanore Laurin and Loretta Kassel of Chicago for their untiring efforts in the reorganization work.



Helen Shields and Fr. Stanievich at the opening session.

GREETINGS - LINKEJIMAI

GREETINGS WITH CONTRIBUTIONS:

Prof. A. Aleksis (Hon. Member) Waterbury, Conn.
 Felicija Grendal (Hon. Member) So Boston, Mass.
 Jack L. Jatis (Hon. Member) Chicago, Ill.
 Matas Zujus (Hon. Member) Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
 Rt. Rev. F.A. Virmauskas, So. Boston, Mass.
 Rev. Albert Contons, Brighton, Mass.
 Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, Waterbury, Conn.
 Rev. V. Karalevicius, Elizabeth, N.J.
 Alfonse F. Wells, Chicago, Ill.
 Konstant Savickus, Chicago, Ill.
 Longinas Svelnis, So. Boston, Mass.
 Julia Aleshunas, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SPECIAL GREETINGS

In addition to the many formal greetings received in writing, personal oral greetings were extended at Thursday's opening session. A full description appears elsewhere in this issue.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

His Eminence Albert Cardinal Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago
 Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, Aux. Bishop of Kaunas, in exile
 Otto Kerner, Governor, State of Illinois
 Richard J. Daley, Major, City of Chicago
 Hon. Anthony O. Shallna, Consul of Lithuania, Boston, Mass.
 Hon. Petras P. Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, and Mrs. Dauzvardis, Chicago, Ill.
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Juras, Lawrence, Mass.
 Lithuanian R.C. Priests League of America, Rev. George J. Vilciauskas
 Marianapolis College, Thompson, Conn., Rev. Michael Urbanavicius, M.I.C.
 Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Spiritual Advisor, Supreme Council, Detroit, Mich.
 Rev. Anthony Zakaruskas, Spiritual Advisor, Illinois-Indiana District
 Rev. Raymond Yuskas, Chaplain C 7, Waterbury, Conn.

Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Brockton, Mass., Mother M. Elizabeth
 Sisters of St. Casimir Convent, Chicago, Ill., Mother M. Adorata
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 Gedimino Kavaličius, A. Banys
 Federation of Lithuanian Youth Organizations, Juozas Miklovas
 Litanus Foundation, Algis Lukas
 Lithuanian Student Association, Algis Zaparackas
 Sophie Barcus Radio Family, Mr. and Mrs. Daukus
 Charles Percy, Candidate for Governor of Illinois
 David W. Healy, 13th Ward Alderman, Chicago
 Al Wesey, New England District President

CULTURAL EXHIBIT

"See the Lithuanian Cultural Exhibit," the sign said, as we registered for the Convention. . . So we did. . . and went away duly impressed and newly inspired by the many and varied artistic talents of our Lithuanian people!

We looked with awe and longing at the displayed wealth of "Lithuanian Gold" in the form of modern Amber jewelry, marveled at the unusual wooden hand-carved miniature "farms" - complete with weeping willow trees, wells, crosses and houses - the intricate miniature wayside crosses, and the colorful tablecloths, dresser scarves, ties, and bookmarks, woven in a variety of Lithuanian geometric designs; and admired the lacy straw Christmas ornaments, delicate and intricate hand-etched Easter Eggs, and the interesting Palm Sunday decorations, the "Vilniaus Verbos." Even the youngsters, the K of L Juniors, displayed their prize-winning handiwork. The music lover could purchase any number of Lithuanian records. . . the homemaker, a Lithuanian cookbook. . . and the souvenir hunter, a woodcarving or woven bookmark.

In addition to assembling this exhibit, the Cultural Committee also prepared a booklet, "of Lithuania. . . Lithuanians. . . and Knights" which was distributed to all of the delegates and guests.



CONVENTION PANELS

Following the pattern set in previous years, several panel discussions were presented to the entire delegation. Our sincere thanks to the speakers, namely: Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, former National Spiritual Advisor of Detroit, who spoke on Catholic Action; Bernice Kavadaras, Immediate Past 1st Vice Pres., who spoke on the importance of Junior activity in the Kof L and presented slides of Junior activities; and Mrs. Josephine Dausvardis, wife of Chicago's Lithuanian Consul General, who spoke on Lithuanian culture and customs. Some of Mrs. Dausvardis' ideas and thoughts will be presented in the coming issues.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP MEDALS BESTOWED

Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Albavicius of Cicero, Ill., Mrs. Adele Gabalauskas of Canada and Stanley Simulis of Chicago, who were elevated to Honorary Membership years before the medals were introduced and Albin Manstavice of Chicago, who was elected to Honorary Membership in 1963, all received their Honorary Membership Medals during the Convention's Closing Banquet.

FOURTH DEGREES AWARDED

During the Closing Mass Sunday, Aug. 9, 1964, Juozas Jagminas, Juozas Ramanauskas & Kazimieras Rubinas of the Chicago Seniors, Jack Stukas & Kazys Sipaila of C 29, AnnMarie Kassel & Helen Zimmer of C36, Elizabeth Bozec, Alexander Mockus, Edward Pocius, Irene Rakaitis & Julie Zakarka of C112, and Leonard Valiukas of C133, were awarded the Knights of Lithuanian Fourth Degrees (Order of St. Casimir) by Rev. J. Walter Stanievich.

ALLIANCE SPEAKER ADDRESSES DELEGATES

Thomas E. Mack, District Attorney of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who is a Vice President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance addressed the delegates and guests at the Saturday morning session.



Rev. J. Walter Stanievich presents the 4th Degree at Nativity BVM Church.



Presentation of Honorary Member Medals at Closing Banquet. Top left: Prof. A. Aleksis presents medal to Stanley Simulis. Top right: Honorary Membership Chairman Leonard Simutis & Honorary Membership Secretary Jack Jatis present medals to Rev. A. Valancius. Bottom left: Mrs. Gabalauskas; Bottom right: Albin Monstavice; Center: Msgr. Albavičius.

REPORT BOOKLETS ON THE SCENE

Due to the efforts of Agnes Timmons, Eleanore Laurin and many of the Officers, the report booklets were again prepared enabling the delegates and councils to have a permanent record of the works accomplished by the Supreme Council officers and committees. A special thank you to Marilyn Kareiva, who took time away from her regular duties to mimeograph the entire booklets.

CONVENTION MASSES

T h u r s d a y -

Evening Opening Mass
Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago
Celebrant Rev. A. Zakarauskas
Welcome: Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. A. Mozeris

F r i d a y -

Noon Mass, Holy Cross Church, Chicago
Celebrant, Rev. E. Abromaitis

S a t u r d a y -

Noon Mass, St. Anthony's Church, Cicero
Celebrant, Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Albavicius

S u n d a y -

Closing Mass, Nativity B.V.M. Church, Chicago
Celebrant, Rt. Rev. Msgr. V. Cernauskas
Sermon: Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys
Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas, in exile

Donations received too late for the Convention Program book:

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Zimminsky, So. Boston, Mass. - \$5.00.

AWARDS PRESENTED AT LUNCHEON

At the Saturday Luncheon, the following awards were presented: 1ST ANNUAL JUNIORS AWARD to the Chicago Juniors by Bernice Kavadaras, Immediate Past 1st Vice Pres., for their outstanding accomplishments; LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS 100-A-YEAR PLAQUES to Ann Alsankas (C3) and to Mr. & Mrs. John Jagiella (C112) by Albert Zakarka, who represented Rev. John Jutt; and THIRD DEGREES to Genevieve Giedraitis (C36), Anele Pocius and Balys Brazdzionis (C112) by Rita Pinkus, who represented the Ritual Committee.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS

Two official Supreme Council meetings were held during the Convention. Outgoing S.C. Officers and Committee Chairmen held their last meeting before the Convention officially opened. Reports were presented and the final convention arrangements were made.

Immediately after the Closing Banquet, the newly-elected Board, committee chairman and others met to discuss plans for the coming year. Many important topics were discussed and will be presented in future issues.

NEXT S.C. MEETING - OCTOBER 17, 1964 - NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

"YEAR ROUND" MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOW IN PROGRESS

Greatest number of points for every new or reactivated member before the end of THIS year - September to December, 1964.

Details to follow!

But don't wait - earn more in '64!

"CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME"

In 1965, that is! Council 133 of Los Angeles, California was chosen to host the 52nd National K of L Convention. President Leonard Valiukas assured all of the delegates that his committee will begin making arrangements immediately and invited one and all to "Go West Young Man (and Woman) - Go West in 1965".

"AČIU, AČIU" TO THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Illinois-Indiana District, by Council cooperation made this a most memorable Convention. The chairmen and committees worked hard to insure "a productive and entertaining" convention. Officers:

Chairman, Eleanore Laurin

I-I Distr. Pres., Frank Svelnis, Jr.

Secretary, Irene Rakaitis

Treasurer, Albert Kassel

Chairmen and Committee: Andrew & Dolores Yuknis, Stan Kancevich, Loretta Macekonis, Algird Brazis, Johanna Jakunas, Loretta Kassel, Walter Tenclinger, Richard Shlaustas, Albert & Julie Zakarka, Vincent Samaska, Genevieve Gedraitis, AnnMarie Kassel, Theresa Strolia, Helen Zimmer, Albert Raubiskis, Lorraine & Dolores Wainauskas, Martin Gestautas, John Evans, Estella Rogers, Helen Gudauskas, Walter Stroga, Vladas Palulionis, Irene Sankus, Eleanore & Frank Zapolis, John & Lucille Kilkus, Walter & Stella Gregar, Camilla Bereckis, Carole Mengle, Monica Kasper, Milda & Mirga Pakalniskis, Irene Norushis, Carol Balis, Geraldine Cherry, Betty Mikalauskas, Gerry Mack, Joseph & Wilhelmina Ulevicius, Bob Paul and Angela Kvietkauskas.



Convention Committee

WORLD JOURNAL

The 7th annual Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Awards were announced at the closing Banquet of the 51st National Convention in Chicago, Aug.9,1964. Mr.Jack Stukas,Scholarship Committee Chairman, made the presentation of the two - \$300.00 awards.

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Many highly qualified candidates made the selection especially difficult again this year. The selections were made on an extensive and thorough investigation and analysis of the applicants' previous academic record, financial need, character, religiosity, organizational service and dedication to the principles of the Knights of Lithuania.

Our heartiest congratulations to the two deserving winners!

AUDRONE KRISTINA JARMAITE, 249 Ripley Pl., Elizabeth, N.J., member of Council 52, Elizabeth, N.J. Audrone plans to study architecture at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. She has been very active in the Junior Knights of Lithuania movement of Council 52, and has already achieved a reputation for her scholarly and artistic endeavors. In her application for the award,Audrone stated:"A scholarship from the K of L will help me greatly, because it is hard on my parents to put the 5 of us through formal schooling. Upon receiving my baccalaureate degree, I would like to go on to graduate work or to work at an architectural firm doing assignments for the government.



STEPHEN VINCENT WALINSKY, JR., 56 Kenberma Rd., Worcester, Mass., member of Council 26, Worcester, Mass. Stephen has raised funds for the Knights of Lithuania History Fund, and has been a member of various council committees. Stephen is completing his studies for a degree in economics at Assumption College, in Worcester, Mass. His professor at college, George A.Doyle, had this to say of him:"He is a credit to your people." A leading businessman in Worcester stated: "My big regret is that I do not have a son like him. Stephen has proved beyond any doubt his honesty and integrity and has a tremendous personality. He has worked for our firm in his spare time. If we had more Stephen Walinskys, in this fine country, we would have very little or no trouble with our teenagers.

In his application for the scholarship award, this young Lithuanian gentleman writes: "It is essentially the K of L motto:"For God and Country," that is a motivating factor in my decision-making activities. Besides this motivation, it is a way of life keeping me physically busy and mentally aware of the plight of our fatherland Lithuania. The K of L keeps me spiritually awake to the fact of my true presence here on earth, attainment of the sharing in the Divine Goodness and Perfection in our Father."

Social Sidelights

"PRE - CONVENTION"

The weather was perfect, the water a little cold, the company lively, and the occasion - a Lithuanian Luau, on Sat., Aug. 1st.

Polynesians and Hawaiians have nothing on Lithuanians when it comes to enjoying a beach party.

Dinner was prepared, served, and by all indications - enjoyed, on the beach itself.

A string of colored lights enclosed an area covered with straw mats, blankets, and lounging K of L'ers. Lithuanian music and songs provided an interesting aural background.

A few Knights got so carried away by the evening's excitement they carried away a few of their fellow knights and joyously dumped them into the lake - all of which caused a series of retaliatory efforts on the part of the doused members.

The evening was warm, though comfortably so, so some of the conventioners donned swim suits and took a midnight dip.

The following day, Sunday, was truly a day of rest. Luau guests attended Mass, ate breakfast, and in general enjoyed a typically "lazy day at the beach."

Pre-Convention fun continued in the Monday a.m. with a tour through Marina City - where "the Phillie gang" (as they had affectionately come to be known) visited apartments.

The group had lunch at Kungsholm Restaurant - famed for its smorgasborg and puppet opera. By all indications (really!!! seconds and thirds?) lunch was thoroughly enjoyed. Following lunch "the Phillie gang" plus two delegates from Detroit went on to see the puppet show.

Buckingham Fountain and the Chicago skyline were of primary inter-

est on the evening boat tour Monday night. For a loftier view of Chicago at night, those interested tried the top of the Allerton Hotel.

On Tuesday there was a four hour tour that went through Old Town and saw its art and antique shops and its stores with their colorful old-time façades.

Rush Street was next to be toured, with its concentration of night clubs, and night entertainment centers. From there the tour went on to Chicago's fabulous "Gold Coast".

Turning south, the final stop on the tour was the famous Museum of Science and Industry.

Tuesday night, for those interested, a good meal and very fine entertainment was provided at a prominent Chicago night club from which some of the diners went on a nighttime tour of Old Town.

Wednesday's tour took the group to Providence of God Church and to the Bridgeport area, a distinctly Lithuanian community where many Lithuanian immigrants first settled in Chicago.

Then, to St. George's church where the third national convention was held in 1915, to refresh our memories as to our beginnings. The tour then went on to Brighton Park where they saw Darius Girenas Hall, the K of L Hall, and the new and beautiful, though as yet not completed, Church of the Immaculate Conception. Throughout the tour various Lithuanian owned and operated businesses were pointed out.

A thoroughly enjoyable tour was conducted through the Jesuit Center where tour members saw the well-known Ciurlionis Art Center, wayside crosses, and the chapel.

Lunch was provided through the courtesy of Holy Cross Hospital,

after which the hospital's public relations man, Stan Kancewich, conducted a tour through the hospital exhibiting its many modern facilities and its chapel.

From the hospital the tour went on to Maria High School where their famous art department was seen, as well as their chapel.

The last stop on the tour was to the Mutual Savings and Loan Association where tour members attended a party hosted by Mr. and Mrs. John Kazanauskas (good supporters of the organization).

Tour members returned to the hotel where they had time to relax and to freshen up before leaving that evening for dinner at Sharko's, a Lithuanian restaurant.

On Thursday the Royal Hawaiian Pool of the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, on the 16th floor of the hotel, was reserved for a Splash Party for K of L members.

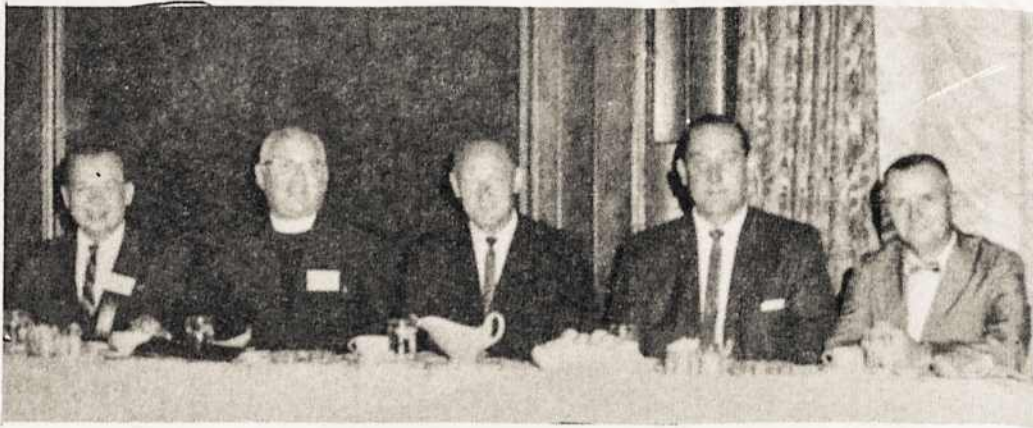
SPORTS

Wednesday was the night of the National Bowling Tournament at Wood-Mac Lanes. After much discussion regarding the bowling rules and regulations, scoring systems, etc., the tournament finally got under way with participants from all parts of the country. Even by "candlelight," some of the bowlers did well as evidenced by the "winning scores". Hi-Series (Men) Al Manst of Chicago; Hi-Series (Women) Loretta Kassel of Chicago; Mixed Doubles: 1st, John Tratulis of Linden and Regina Marcis of Brooklyn; 2nd, Vyto Lazauskas of Chicago and Irène Varevice of Phillie; 3rd, John Kilkus of Chicago and Betty Vera of Gobels, Mich.; "Lowest number of pins down", Louis Rogers of Chicago and Ann Alsankas of Phillie.

*A. Among those present at....
Thursday's "Get Together"*



Luncheon Scenes



Left to right: Frank Svelnis, Rev. Zakarauskas, William Osmanski, "Moose" Krause and Connie Savickas before Friday's luncheon.



Left to right: Rev. Stanievich, Fr. Valančius, Eleanore Laurin, Lorraine Wainauskis, Judge A. Wells and Rev. Zakarauskas greet Bishop Hillinger before Saturday's luncheon.



LUNCHEONS

Friday's Sports Luncheon featured guest speakers Edward "Moose" Krause, Athletic Director of Notre Dame University, and William "Bill" Osmanski, D. D. S., former professional football player with the Chicago Bears and currently in politics. After addressing the luncheon guests, both men presented the sports trophies. Master of Ceremonies was National Legal Advisor Konstant Savickus, who is a member of C 5.

The guest speaker at Saturday's Awards Luncheon was the Most Rev. Raymond P. Hillinger, pastor of St. Mel's and well-known lecturer. Alfonso F. Wells, Chicago Superior Court Judge and member of C112 was the Master-of-Ceremonies.

After Sunday's Closing Mass and Convention Photo, a brunch was held at the Darius - Girenas Memorial Building with Konnie Savickus again serving as M.C.



Bishop Brizgys addresses the Closing Banquet.

CLOSING BANQUET

The finale of the Convention was the Solemn Closing Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Sunday night. In addition to the delegates and guests, there were representatives from various parts of the country and from varied professions on the impressive list of guests in attendance. Honored guests were: The Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, Consul General Dr. Petras Dauzvardis & Mrs. Dauzvardis, Rev. B. Markaitis, S.J., Rev. V. Rimšelis, M.I.C., Rev. J. Jutt, Rev. J.W. Stanievich, Rev. A. Valancius, Rev. A. Zakarauskas, John Zuris, Jack Stukas, Leonard Simutis, Sr., Jack Jatis, the newly-elected Supreme Council Officers, the recipients of Honorary Membership Medals, Leonard Simutis, Jr., and Mrs. A. Brazis. The well-known toastmaster Stan Kancewick was the Master - of - Ceremonies. Banquet Chairman Algird Brazis and

Ona Skever added to the enjoyment of the evening with several vocal renditions, accompanied by John Byanskas.

K of L CHOIR CONCERT

A colorful, gay "anniversary card in song . . . such as the Convention Concert, presented Friday evening by the K of L Choir of Chicago, under the direction of Faustas Strolia and accompanied by John Byanskas, in commemoration of the Illinois - Indiana District's Golden Jubilee.

The evening's program, presented at the Holy Name Cathedral Auditorium, was divided into two parts. The first, presented in straight concert style, depicted in song the more serious side of Lithuanian music; and included a pleasant combination of lively marches, moving patriotic numbers and hymns, and melodic folk songs and Lithuanian opera selections. Especially enjoyable and outstanding were the performances rendered by soloists Jonas Vaznelis and Prudencija Bickienė.

Highlights of the Choir's history were brought out throughout the program by commentator Milda Pakalniškis, and some of the people responsible for making the history were introduced. The first half of the program closed with "Malda už Tėvynę", (words by Leonard Simutis Sr. and music by Leonard Simutis Jr.). Mr. Simutis, Jr., a former director of the choir was invited to direct the choir in this number.

The second half of the program was set in an old Lithuanian garden and was free and gay in form, with choristers moving happily about the stage enacting the folk songs they sang. Soloist Jonas Vaznelis reappeared and added much to the program with a solo number, and several numbers in which the choir lent the background.

Even Lithuanian dancers appeared on the scene, in the persons of the Chicago K of L Juniors and the Sauliai Dancers.

Most fittingly, the Concert closed with the K of L Anthem "Vyčių Himnas", and the first director of the original K of L Choir and author of the Anthem, Professor Alexander J. Aleksis, was invited to direct the singing of the hymn.

SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

The beautiful red and gold East Room was the scene of the Convention Dance. Music was provided by the Del Rene Orchestra and Steve Fornak's Polka Band, with our own Wally Tenclinger adding a "different beat" on his accordian. From the "twist", "hokey-poke" and "chacha" to "Noriu Miego", "Klumpakojis" and "polka" to the waltz, samba, and fox-trot, the dance floor was "jumping" from early evening until the lights were dimmed. In fact, some of the dancers were so enthused, they continued on into the corridor with the "limbo". A few Chicagoans still haven't recovered from the now-famous "Golden Slipper" dance.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As usual, the Elizabeth boys, "unofficial committee" began entertaining on Wednesday night and continued their hospitality every evening of the Convention. . . Joe Sable of Linden and Marty Rusgi of Bayonne were hosts at an unusual "champagne-water-

mellon" party before the Saturday Dance. . . The "Phillie Crowd" held a "New Year's Eve" Party following the Banquet that really had the delegates and guests "swinging". . . and of course, the hosts - Chicago - held Open House in "The Bungalow" and their other suites throughout the entire week.

The traditional Monday morning "Farewell Breakfast" in another Chicago suite opened with rolls, coffee, sandwiches, etc., compliments of Gerry, Loretta, Joan, Helen and Irene, and "left-overs", compliments of all guests with left-overs. In addition to saying goodbye and getting names and addresses for their "little black books", all assembled enjoyed - the birthday party for Eleanore Laurin (with "queen-size" candle and all)... the new game "Scales" invented by Charlie Petronis and Wally Syekla... the singing, dancing, photo-taking. . . the selection of a parliamentarian. The day and the Convention ended with everyone bidding "su Dievu" in the late afternoon. As a Phillie-bound plane was passing over Chicago's South Side, it was seen swaying from side-to-side and voices were singing - "oh, them Gold Slippers. . ."

AND SO . . . FAREWELL



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The 1965 Convention DATES and SITE

The 1965 national convention of the Knights of Lithuania will be held in Los Angeles, California. You will hear and read more about it in the next issues of VYTIS magazine. This time we just want to inform you about the convention dates and site only.

*** Convention dates: August 5-6-7-8, 1965
*** Convention site: Statler Hilton Hotel
930 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, Calif., 90017

Make your plans NOW to attend the 1965 national convention of the Knights of Lithuania. If you have any questions, please feel free to write to Mr. Leonard Valiukas, President of the K of L Council # 133, host to the next year's convention. His address: 3015 Severance St., Los Angeles, Calif., 90007.

LITHUANIAN TO BE TAUGHT IN CHICAGO

Can you Speak Lithuanian? Read it? Understand It?

As a Knight of Lithuania you should. Chances are it's not your fault; there aren't too many places you can pick it up, use it, But if you believe in keeping the spirit, and the culture, and the language of Lithuania alive - you can.

If you'd like to learn Lithuanian the Pedagoginis Lituanistikos Institutas will begin classes in October. The course will extend through two semesters and will meet for four hours each week.

This class is for those who know no Lithuanian, and for those who know it tik truputį. For this reason the classes will be divided into two groups, with not less than ten in either group.

Classes will begin October 15, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at the P.L. Institute, 5620 S. Claremont Ave., Chicago, Illinois, 60636.

For further details about the course, registration, . . . please write to the address given above, or call PR 8-7227 and ask for Father J. Kubilius between 10 and 12 in the morning, or between 8 and 10 in the evening.

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Pavieniams ir nepavieniams asmenims kartas nuo karto vis besikreipiant su pageidavimu mokytis lietuvių kalbos, o tokio kurso prie jokios mokyklos Chicagoje nesant, Pedagoginis Lituanistikos Institutas, minėtų pageidavimų skatinamas, nutarė tokio kalbos kurso dėstymą suorganizuoti prie šio Instituto.

Šio kurso programa numatoma išeiti per du semestrus, dirbant vakarais po 4 valandas savaitėje klausytojų pasirinktomis dienomis.

Klausytojais priimami asmenys, kurie lietuviškai nemoka ir šiek tiek mokantieji. Pagal tai ir pats mokymo darbas planuojamas dviem grupėm, nemažesnėm kaip po 10 klausytojų grupėje.

Pamokos pradedamos š.m. spalio 15, ketvirtadienį, 7 val. vakaro, P.L. Institute, 5620 S. Claremont Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60636. Dėstys mokytojai, baigę aukštąjį Lituanistikos mokslą. Registracijos bei smulkesnių žinių reikalų kreiptis laišku aukščiau nurodytu adresu arba telefonu PR 8-7227 į kun. dr. J. Kubilių, S.J., nuo 10 iki 12 val. rytais ir nuo 8 iki 10 val. vakarais.