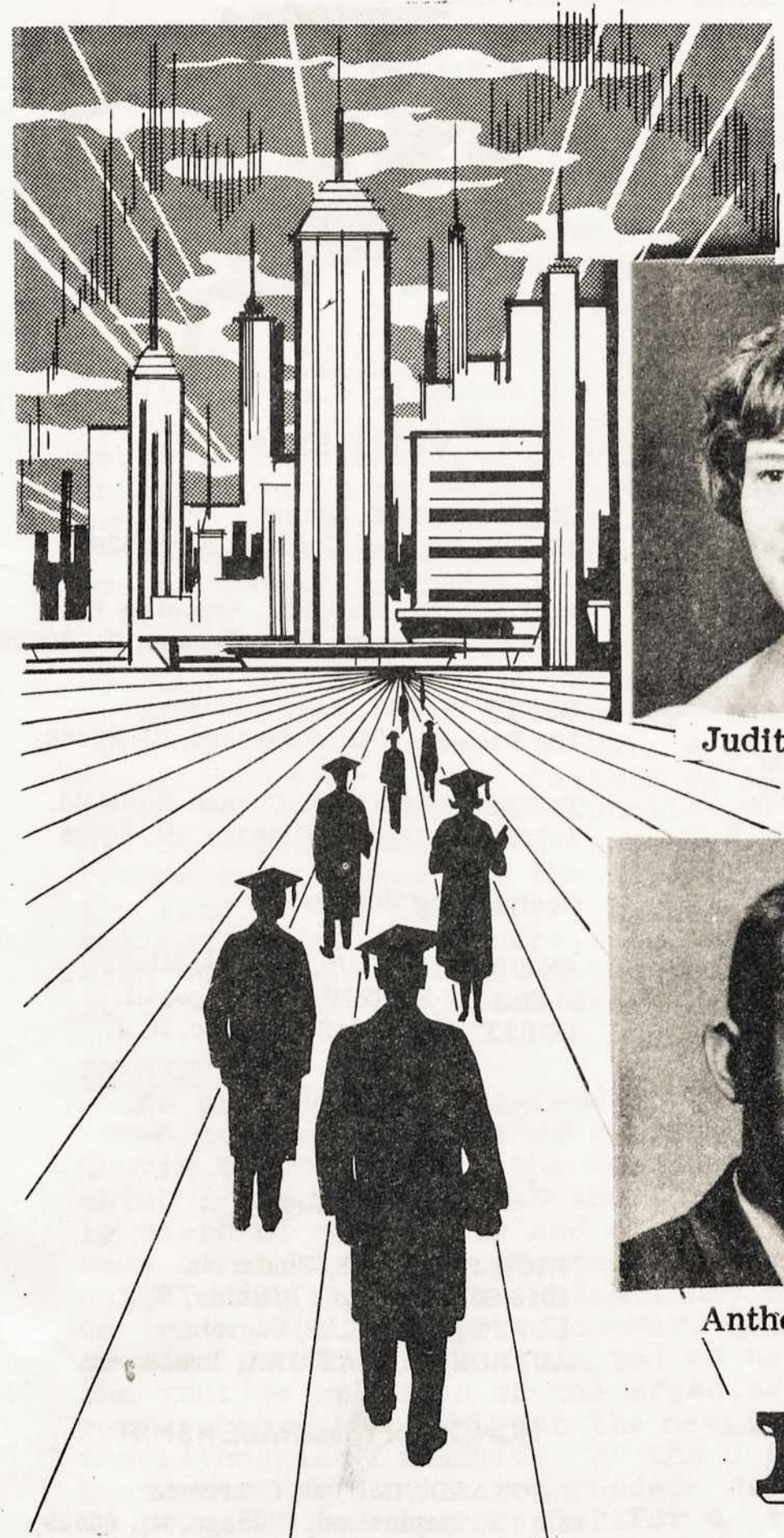


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STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

DELIVERED BY: HELEN T. SHIELDS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

In accordance with Article XI, section two of the Knights of Lithuania constitution, I hereby submit to the delegates of the 52nd National Convention the Supreme Council's Annual Report, wherein I have combined all those Supreme Council reports submitted to me prior to the convention.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

It was our pleasure to have as our Spiritual Advisor for the past year, The Reverend A. Valancius of Chicago, Illinois. In addition to attending several Supreme Council meetings, representing the K of L at various functions, Father Valancius was most conscientious in preparing for publication an article for the VYTIS for each issue. These articles were very well written and we express our appreciation to him for the time and energy that it took to prepare them. In May, a general appeal was made to all Pastors of Lithuanian parishes and all councils urging all to participate in the annual day of reparatory prayers for the liberation of the land of our ancestors, Lithuania, and the conversion of sinners, on the occasion of the anniversary of the dedication of Lithuanians dispersed over the world.

PRESIDENT

As president, I presided at three Supreme council meetings and requested Miss Laurin to preside at the fourth meeting which I was unable to attend. The untimely death of my brother and other unforeseen circumstances prevented me from accomplishing the program which I had hoped to during the past year. However, as much as time permitted, I attempted to handle the routine business of the organization representing the K of L at the meeting of the Lithuanian Community of the U S A, Board meeting and corresponded as much as possible. I regret that for a time, I was unable to reply to some of the letters received, and to those people I of-

fer my deep apologies. I want to express my very deep gratitude to Miss Eleanore Laurin and Miss Irene Sankus who were most kind in helping me to execute some of the duties which I could not take care of due to the many pressures I was under.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Executing her duties as First Vice - President in charge of Juniors, Miss Mary Stonis of Newark, N.J., wrote several open letters which were published in the VYTIS, attended several Supreme Council meetings and participated in the 7th New York-New Jersey District Junior K of L rally held in Kearny, N.J. We are happy to report that the Rally was most successful. The Clergy and Kearny K of L are to be highly commended for a job well done. Miss Stonis also attended and addressed the Juniors of C52, Elizabeth at one of their meetings and was active with the Juniors of C29, Newark. She expressed regrets that her appeals to the Junior Councils, and their counsellors brought no replies. However, in reviewing the Junior Page in the VYTIS, we know that our Junior Councils have been active during the past year, have sponsored numerous activities and that a New England Junior Rally was held in Westfield, Mass. Miss Stonis hopes that efforts to keep and strengthen the Junior Knights of Lithuania will continue to grow and increase in the future.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Miss Eleanore Laurin, Membership Chairman, reports that during the past year, one regular Council was reorganized --- Council 14, Cicero, Ill., one senior council was organized --- Council 111, Youngstown, Ohio and one Junior council was organized --- Council 13, Chicago, Ill. A total of 181 new members were enrolled compared to 91 of the year before. We commend all who made such great strides for K of L membership this year, and are pleased to announce that the following

achieved first place in their class:

District, Illinois-Indiana; Small Council, C13; Large Council, C112; Individual of a small council, Rev. Edward Abromaitis; Individual of a large council, Albert Raubiskis; Special Awards to Mr. & Mrs. V. Ed Pavis, Council organization spearheads and Stanley Marks.

Miss Laurin's report showed the number of new members in each class, the percentage of increase and the runners-up. An examination of this report on all those who bothered to get new members revealed that each other district and many of the other councils could have had winners IF they had "bothered" to keep their already enrolled members as well as getting new ones. The problem of maintaining the members already enrolled must be given our attention if we hope to increase our total membership.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Larry Svelnis in charge of Seniors continued his efforts to organize a Senior Group in New England. Unfortunately, he was unable to accomplish his goal. He felt that not having a Senior Group in his area, made it most difficult to plan a program on a national scale for the other Senior Councils. For the present, Mr. Svelnis is declining to run for office in the Supreme Council, and will concentrate his efforts on organizing Senior members in his area.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Miss Johanna Jakunas presented the following information regarding the membership status:

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Priests	76	76
Regular Members	1213	938
Families	365	324
Non-Subs. Members	116	63
	<u>1771</u>	<u>1401</u>

The above figures do not necessarily indicate that we have suffered a great loss in membership. The financial secretary advises us that she did not include in the figures any people whose dues for 1965 were not received—which was the case in 1964. Therefore, we urgently request council delegates to check with their officers the status of their members upon returning to their respective council and forward all 1965 dues to the Supreme Council Financial Secretary. According to the Financial Secretary's records, there were 193 members removed from the active list and the balance are delinquent in dues. As of August, 1965 we have a total of 4 Districts and 38 Councils. Council 103, Providence, R.I., has been removed from the active list since there were no dues forwarded to the Supreme Council.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Eleanor Sakevich discharged her duties as Recording Secretary to the best of her ability, attending two Supreme Council meetings, recording the minutes and forwarding them to all officers. She also took care of all correspondence that came to her attention. Family problems made it impossible for her to attend the other meetings.

TREASURER

Mr. Frank Svelnis discharged his du-



Delegates and guests at the final session on Sunday.

ties with the greatest of cooperation. All bills forwarded to him were paid and he also received the 50% of the profit derived from the 50th Jubilee Convention held in Boston, Mass. We take this opportunity to thank the Jubilee Convention Host, Council 17, for the check forwarded to the Supreme Council Treasury as per decision of the delegates of the 48th National Convention. With the receipt of this check, the Jubilee Convention Committee expired.

TRUSTEES

Our trustees, Mr. Joseph Drumstas and Mr. Walter Svekla will present a report of their examination of the books orally during the convention.

LEGAL ADVISOR

Mr. Konstant Savickus was most kind in agreeing to serve as the Knights of Lithuania Legal Advisor for the past year. No major problems developed.

THE ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Under the leadership of District President, Mr. Vincent Samaska, the Illinois Indiana District enjoyed another year of full activity in the religious, cultural social and sports fields. The K of L Choir again made numerous appearances, with the most notable being in Verdi's Requiem. The Chicago Seniors celebrated their 20th Anniversary with a Banquet at which time His Excellency Bishop Brizgys and Consul Dauzvardis were the principle guests. Many members of the District participated in the Captive Nations parade held the second week of July. One of the major projects was the complete remodeling of the K of L Hall----the cost which amounted to \$10,000. It is hoped that in the future, the building will be used to advertise the K of L in a greater capacity than it has in the past. In addition to the Chicago Juniors under the guidance of Genevieve Maluska who is doing an excellent job with her first Junior group, C13 has organized a Juniors group in Town of Lake. Their first meeting had an excellent turn-out.

THE MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Councils of the Mid-Central District sponsored numerous and various activities that were of religious, cultural, social and sports nature. The annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey Ohio took place in May. District President Mr. Ray Medonis, was most pleased with the success of the Midwest Bowling Tournament that was held in Detroit. The week of Aug 15 - 22 has been reserved for the K of L Junior Camp to be held at Camp Dainava in Manchester, Mich. This camp is sponsored by the MidCentral District with District

VP Joseph Kazlauskas serving as Chairman..

THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

With Mr. Ronald Venis, District President, the New England District enjoyed a year of activity that was aimed at furthering the ideals and goals of the Knights of Lithuania organization. The Semi-Annual District Convention was well attended. The Junior Rally held in Westfield, Mass., was not only successful but also much enjoyed by the Juniors of New England. Spiritual cultural, social and sports activities were held on the District as well as on the council level.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

District president Mr. Alexander Wesley reports that the NY-NJ District has been active in all phases of K of L activities. All District committees are active as prescribed by the by-laws. The District took an active part in the "March to Washington" which was held to support U. S. Vietnam Policy. This fall the District is aiding the Students movement with a gigantic demonstration at Madison Square Garden to "Help Lithuania become a Free Nation". A few councils are weak in number or activity, but we have their promises that they will work for improvement.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Edward Daniels, Chairman, reports this committee met approximately 11 times during the past year. A total of 159 degrees were recorded with a record number of 23--4th Degrees. New ceremonials on ritual procedures were discussed, and application changes to be presented to this convention for approval. The 4th Degree certificates were changed and plans are underway to change the 3rd Degree certificates.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Leonard Simutie, Chairman, reported that he had received no applications for Honorary Membership during the past year. Activities in which he participated, speaking, representing or writing for or about the K of L are mentioned in his report.

BUILDING FUND

Mr. Frank Gudelis states that the re-ordering and custody of the K of L pins should be turned over to the Supreme Council Treasurer. He also feels that this Convention should decide the type of pin to reorder. There have been differences of opinion in the past on the "Official K of L Pin".

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Father John Jutt, Honorary Chairman, will report orally. Mr. John Andruska,

Chairman, reported that he had written 431 letters on behalf of the Knights of Lithuanian Supreme Council and received 80 replies.

PUBLICITY

As last year, so again during 1964 - 1965, our Publicity Committee members Marcella Andrikis, Frank Vaskas, Joseph Sadauskas and Anthony Yuknis were most active in their field, publicizing K of L activities in both the Lithuanian and English press. They are all to be commended for their efforts to publicize K of L activities. We express appreciation to Mr. Yuknis, who in addition to publicizing K of L activities, submitted several very interesting articles for publication in the VYTIS.

SPORTS

No report was received.

VYTIS

During the past year, several problems and circumstances developed which brought about changes in the VYTIS staff. In December, I approved, and later the Supreme Council ratified the following: Irene Sankus, Editor; Linda Vaicekauskas Associate Editor. Mrs. Betty Bozec remained as Layout Editor and Mrs. Theresa Strolia as Council News Editor. Mr. Petras Bagdonas was Lithuanian Editor until his teaching assignment required him to move to Alabama.

We are happy to report that with the elimination of certain problems, the VYTIS was able to be mailed the first week of the month for most of the year. Editor Irene Sankus has been attempting a variety of new ideas and spent considerable time looking for new writers and contributors to the VYTIS, thereby hoping to make our official organ more pleasing to our members.

As of October 1st, Mrs. Betty Bozec will be retiring to welcome a new addition to her family. Her duties will be assumed by Stella Gregar of C36.

We take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to Irene Sankus, Editor, and the entire VYTIS staff for the time, energy, and effort that they contribute each month in order to continue the publication of our official organ, the VYTIS.

Again, I'd like to remind the members that the Editor is always anxious to receive articles, material, pictures, ideas and suggestions from the membership.

LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL

Even though a \$500 donation was voted at the Alliance's Convention which was to be presented in five payments for each article published on the Alliance in the

VYTIS, we only received \$300. I was advised by William Kvetkus that the balance of \$200 would not be forthcoming until their Board discussed the matter. However, since our Editor had already planned the publication of the Alliance articles we published them as per our original agreement. No correspondence was received from the Alliance regarding their Board's decision on the \$200.

LITHUANIAN WAYSIDE SHRINE at the WORLD'S FAIR

The drive to raise fund for the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine at the World's Fair, which was begun in 1964, was ended officially July 25, 1965. Total contribution of the K of L was \$2 502.17. We express our sincere appreciation to Miss Annie Mitchell, Miss Dorothy Dutkus and Mrs. Rita Pinkus who spearheaded this drive, and also to each and every K of L'ers -- who contributed.

K of L SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This report will be given orally.

PRAYER CRUSADE

During the past year, prayer cards and leaflets were printed and with letters forwarded to councils in May. We have no reports from councils as yet, however let us hope that during the coming year, we will devote a part of our activity to real Catholic Action and enlist the prayers of thousands especially of our fellow Lithuanians to beseech Our Lord to grant strength to our brethren in Lithuania to retain their faith.

SUMMARY

Reviewing our activities of the past year, we have cause for rejoicing and also cause for concern. We can and should rejoice at the contributions and success that we were able to accomplish as we labored trying to further the ideals and reach for the goals which the Knights of Lithuania strive. It is our duty to concern ourselves with the "weak spots" -- of our organization -- make an effort to concentrate on strengthening and improving them. As long as we continue to direct our efforts towards betterment, improvement, and accomplishment, we shall continue to make progress, even though at times it may not be as much as we'd like. The important thing is that we advance.

Dievas telaimina musu pastangas, pasiryzimus ir nutarimus darbuotis "Dievo ir Tevynes" labui. Byvuokite, veikite -- ir linksminkites, Lietuvos Vyciai, ilgus -- ilgus metus! Aciu!

Helen T. Shields
National President

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND

NINTH RECIPIENT OF THE
K of L AWARD MEDAL

Given at the banquet closing the 52nd annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, California on August 8, 1965.

This year, 1965, marks the 25th anniversary of the Russian Soviet occupation of the Baltic States. It was on June 15 1940 that the Red army, against the desired will of the people and contrary to all principles of justice and charity, forced itself into the territories of the Baltic Nations and enslaved their peoples as members of the Soviet Union. Tens of thousands were deprived of their homes and possessions and were shipped in railroad cattle cars to the barren wastes of northern Russia and Siberia. Since that bleak day and until now, 25 years later, false arrests, merciless deportations, unfounded accusations, espionage, torture and death have been the terrible lot of the Baltic peoples.

Despite this enslavement, as horrible as it was and is, the people of Lithuania Latvia and Estonia have not been without hope. They knew that the Lithuanians, spread throughout the world, were deeply concerned about them and expended their energies to alleviate their trials and tribulations and to effect, in God's own good time, a restoration of their freedom and independence. They knew that, even among non-Lithuanians, there were those who, by their resolute determination and absolute fearlessness, demonstrated to them that they were their friends, - - - friends who would ever condemn the atrocities committed upon them and who would defend their rights before the judgment seat of the free world. Among these latter, we are indeed most happy to include him who graces our head table as the honored guest of this evening.

Born in Alameda, California in 1908, the Honorable William F. Knowland obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California in 1929. Upon graduation he joined the staff of his father's newspaper THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE, of which he became assistant editor four years later. A sincere desire to dedicate



himself to public service led him to be elected on the Republican ticket to the California Assembly in 1933 and two years later to the California Senate. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942 and was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Major.

It was in August, 1945 while serving overseas that the then Governor of California, Earl Warren, presently Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court named him United States Senator to fill the unexpired term of the deceased Hiram W. Johnson. Elected to a full term in 1946 and reelected in 1952, he served as Majority Leader of the Senate in 1953 and 1954 and as Minority Leader 1955 - 1958. He had occasion to serve for a time as a member of the United States Delegation to the 11th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. In 1958 he was a candidate for the governorship of California. Since that time he has been assistant publisher and general manager of the great and influential newspaper, THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE.

Throughout the entire time of his public service, he was a man who insisted on a "Hard" policy toward both Asian and European communism. This he did because he recognized communism for what it is "a diabolical system bent on the complete enslavement of mankind to the Soviet Proletariate. That is why he always championed the righteous cause of all nations to freedom and has ever been one of the strongest defenders of movements to aid and arm European nonCommunist countries. That is why he has ever been a staunch, resolute defender of Lithuania's right to freedom and, as such, has taken every opportunity both in and outside of Congress to condemn Russia's actions in Lithuania.

In a talk in 1956 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, he warned that unless Russia is

made to withdraw from Hungary, Lithuania and other countries, the very survival of the United Nations was at stake. He condemned the double standard which prevailed in the United Nations toward Soviet Russia and demanded that the Soviet Union be condemned as an aggressor and be expelled from the United Nations, that recognition of the Soviets by all free nations of the world be withdrawn.

In Chicago in 1957, he let it be known that he was definitely convinced that the United States should initiate through the United Nations moves calling for the removal of all Soviet troops from Lithuania, and then without any Soviet pressure applied, for free elections to permit the people to choose their own form of government. We ask, my dear friends, was that not the prelude for the formation of the present Committee of Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic States?

In other speeches, he pledged an everlasting war on tyranny. Commenting on the enslavement of almost 900 million people by Russia, he emphatically stated "We cannot and we have no moral right to forget the captive nations and all captive nations should know this." "No peaceful co-existence with Soviet Russia is possible for its sole purpose is the en-

slavement of all mankind.

He made it clear that if we are to fight communism successfully, we should do so with pure, unadulterated truth. Because they fear truth more than anything else, we should expose their ruthless oppression of human beings in Lithuania and other countries, the terror they use to subjugate free peoples, their suicidal armament races and their internal weaknesses.

Because he has proven himself to be a RESOLUTE foe of communism, because he has been fearless in this condemnation of Soviet actions in Lithuania, because he has ever defended her right to live as a free and independent nation of the world, because in so many ways he has demonstrated himself to be a RESOLUTE FRIEND of Lithuania, it affords me extreme pleasure and I deem it an unspeakable honor at this time, in behalf of the President and thousands of members of the Knights of Lithuania Youth organization, to confer this Knights of Lithuania AWARD MEDAL upon that RESOLUTE Champion of Lithuania's freedom, the former illustrious United States Senator from the glorious State of California, the distinguished Editor and Publisher of THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE, the Honorable William F. Knowland.

Rev. John C. Jutt

"LITHUANIA Shall Once Again Be FREE!"

(A summary of the address delivered by William F. Knowland, accepting the Knights of Lithuania Award.)

Lithuania was an early victim of Communist expansive tyranny. Vietnam is one of the latest victims.

There will be others unless the free world makes it clear that the nibbling tactics of Communism will not be tolerated. For if we permit a little nibble here and a little nibble there, there soon would be nothing left of the free world.

In this country and elsewhere there are some who would either preach or accept the doctrine: "Better Red than dead." This is a false and fatal doctrine. If widely accepted it would lead, in due course, to the communization of the world.

For a large free power to accept the destruction of a small free power is immoral from an international point of view. What is morally wrong can never be politically right.

The world should have learned of Munich that the road to appeasement is never the road to peace, it is only surrender on the installment plan.

Lithuania has a history in which all of her sons and daughters may take pride. The oppressive boot of Communist tyranny has not destroyed the spirit of freedom.

In God's good time, Lithuania shall once again be free!



L. to R., Mr. A. Wesley, Rev. W. Stanievič, Senator W. Knowland, Rev. J. Jutt and Dr. J. J. Bielskis.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT - 1965



REV. A. VALANCIUS

Almost a year ago to the day, at a similar gathering, in the Windy City, a graying arthritic pastor of one of the smallest parishes of the Lithuanian Community in the U.S., with a K of L Council counting the fewest names in its membership roles in the entire organization, nodded a proud though hesitant assent when approached to accept the spiritual leadership of our National organization. In his childlike enthusiasm part of the process of growing old, little did he realize that a year later he would be called upon to make a public confession of his stewardship.

A report, normally, is a collection of figures - some black, some red, stacked in adjacent columns of a specially prepared form. Both columns are totalled, with a subsequent result of predominance either of the red, or black. The individual whose activities are judged by these results, if the predominance is in the black, is complimented, retained and sometimes promoted; if the imbalance is of the red variety, he is criticized, reprimanded, sometimes given another chance or bluntly told to go fly his kite somewhere else.

Figures I have none. Never having been too enthusiastic or happy about keeping them, including my own. Of my accomplishments as your Spiritual Guide during the past year, I would like to honestly confess that I wish I had been far more generous with my time and efforts. In my small way I tried wherever possible to be physically present as often as possible at many pleasant gatherings of the very dedicated people who work so enthusiastically for the good of our organization, to the point of being fortunate enough to have imposed my person on the championship teams of both the Illinois Indiana District Bowling League and the Midwest Bowling meet recently held in Detroit. Whether these presences were beneficial to the body of our organization only you can determine - were you as wise in choosing your Spiritual Advisor as he was in selecting his bowling partners.

During the course of the year, I hope you found my bumbling contributions in our monthly publication, The Vytis, interesting and of some benefit to yourselves personally and may have helped in aiding you at improving the image of our worthy organization. If they have, then they hope to continue to make their regular appearance, regardless of who may be at the helm of the Ship, K. of L.

In the month of May, in a general appeal to all pastors of Lithuanian parishes and all Councils, we urged all to participate in the annual day of reparatory prayer for the liberation of our Fatherland and the conversion of sinners, on the occasion of the anniversary of the dedication of Lithuanians dispersed over the world by the Lithuanian Bishops gathered in Rome in 1951. We have no direct evidence of the response to our reminders, but from what few verbal reports that came to us, we feel that the cooperation, certainly of the K of L, was almost universal. For this we offer our humble thanks to all in behalf of our Beloved Mother.

As a whole, I can honestly say, that as far as I personally was involved, the associations and experiences have been most gratifying. In this era of an unaccountable friction between the ill-termed New-Breed and the Square - Generation, it might be worth considering turning the reins of leadership to those more in touch with the swing of the times. This does not intend to convey the idea that the oldtimers throw in the towel, but with the acquired wisdom of past experience guide the ambitious young generation, desiring to enter the field of endeavor prepared by those who preceded them. It takes courage to hand over a prized legacy and exceptional grace to permit others to use it for the most productive results.

Thank you, again. And with the always abundant grace of God continue your dedicated work under the banner --
"FOR GOD and COUNTRY."

It appears that the "age of science" has even caught up with the Knights of Lithuania. This year's Scholarship Award winners, five in all, consist of four prospective mathematicians and one future geologist!

Four members of the Scholarship Committee Board of Trustees, namely Jack J. Stukas, Chairman, Rev. John C. Jutt, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, and Loretta Stukas, carefully and extensively investigated and analyzed all applicants' academic records, financial need, character, religiosity, organizational service, and dedication to the principles of the Knights of Lithuania. All Trustees agreed that 5 candidates were equally qualified and deserving of the annual \$600.00 Scholarship Award. Thus, the Award will be divided in equal sums of \$120 each. The total award will be paid to the recipients in two installments.

The winners were announced during the 52nd National Convention by Rev. J. Walter Stanievich. Our heartiest congratulations to the winners!

MILDA M. PAKALNISKIS, of Council 112, Chicago, Ill., is also secretary and a most enthusiastic and faithful member of the K of L Choir in Chicago. In her spare time, she assists her mother in editing and writing for the weekly VYCIU VEIKLA column of the Lithuanian Daily DRAUGAS, and participates in numerous other Lithuanian activities. In high school Milda who served as her class's valedictorian, was awarded the Mayor R. Daley Scholarship Award and the Illinois State Scholarship Certificate of Merit. Rev. K. Trimakas, S.J., described her as "...intelligent and hard-working, with a friendly and pleasing personality and high moral standards."

Milda will use her award to complete her studies at the University of Illinois. She is majoring in mathematics and hopes to become a teacher or a laboratory-technician, and eventually "to marry and have a big happy family."

JUDITH A. SAVONIS, of Junior Council 52, Elizabeth, N.J., has been active in her council for six years, and has held numerous offices during that time. She is presently Treasurer. She has also been active as a member and officer of several parish youth organizations.

Judith graduated high school as valedictorian of her class and received the General Excellence Award for the College Preparatory Course. A teacher states "... She is a girl of fine moral character and promises to become a good leader of tomorrow's citizens. Her high school teachers all rated her as above average in industriousness, initiative, leadership, and responsibility." She plans to pursue the study of mathematics at Douglass College, in hopes of teaching math in college or high school.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

BRUCE P. KAUFFMANN, Vice-president of Junior Council 90, Kearny, N.J., looks forward to a career in geography and geology, upon completion of his Bachelor of Arts degree. In addition to his activity as a K of L Juniors leader, Bruno has also shown physical prowess as a member of the Lithuanian Dance Group of his city and the K of L Baseball and Basketball Teams. He was the recipient of several Soccer Awards, and a Marine Physical Fitness Certificate.

Of his scholastic abilities, a teacher writes: "... He is well liked by all who know him and shows honesty and good sportsmanship."

NANCY E. KOBER, Council 109, Great Neck, N.Y., has held numerous offices and participated and led many committees in her council, and is now a candidate for secretary of the NY-NJ District, and is serving as her council's secretary. Rev. Frank Bulovas notes that "... Nancy is imbued with an intense spirit of LITHUANIAN PATRIOTISM. Yet she is an American born girl of Lithuanian parents who were also born and raised in the United States."

The Scholar Incentive Award and several Art Contest Awards she merited attest to her scholastic and artistic talents. After studying mathematics and physics at Marymount College, Nancy looks to a career in teaching.

ANTHONY M. AMBRUTIS is the president of Junior Council 90, Kearny, N. J., and has held that office for almost two years. Of his qualifications for this Award, Rev. A. Zemeikis writes: "... He has cooperated with me, without reserve, in every endeavor that I have undertaken with the Juniors. On more than one occasion, I have seen him, by his enthusiasm sparks others to work on a project where before this spirit was lacking in them."

Anthony is the proud owner of several Kearny High School Science Fair Awards, and participated in various high school scholastic and sports societies. He plans to study mathematics at St. Peter's College, in hopes of becoming a teacher or applying his education towards mathematical work in industry.

VYČIAI kovotojai už Lietuvos Laisvę

Dr. J.J. Bielskio, Lietuvos konsulo, žodis, atidarant Lietuvos Vyčių 52-ji seima Los Angeles mieste.



Šiais metais, minint skaudžią Lietuvos pavergimo 25 metų sukaktį, malonu pastebėti, kad musu jaunoji karta pasižymėjo savo skaitlingu dalyvavimu ir nepaprasta veikla. Musu jaunimas matomai suprato, kad kaikurių laisvinimo veiksmu naudojamoms priemonėms savo naudinguma jau atgyveno. Todėl jie griebėsi šioms dienoms ir aplinkoms pritaikomas priemones Lietuvos laisvinimo reikalams panaudoti. Jų surengtos demonstracijos ir eisenos Washingtone, lietuvių bei daug gero padarė. Dabar besirengimas demonstruoti ties Jungtinių Tautų Rūmais be abėjo, vel duos teigiamų pasekų.

Malonu pastebėti, kad Vyčiai toje jaunimo veikloje noriai ir veikliai dalyvauja. Garbingai pagarsėjes Rezoliucijoms Rėmti Komitetas, jaunimo remiamas ir pasizymėjusio vyčio p. Leonardo Valiuko vadovaujamas, labai naudingą darbą dirba.

Idomu pastebėti, kad musu jaunimas griebėsi panašių priemonių, kurionis mes anais laikais, prieš apie 50 metų, lietuvių veiklai naudojom. Rengam Washingtone suvažiavimus, seimus. Dalyviai lankė savo rajonų kongresmanus, senatorius ir stengėsi, kad kuo daugiausiai pageidaujama rezoliucijų Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių Kongrese pasirodytu. Išrupinom audencija pas prezidentą Wilsoną, vėliau

pas prezidentą Hardingą. Surinkom milijona parašų po prašymu Lietuvą de jure pripažinti. 1918 metais sušaukėm visuotini Amerikos lietuvių Seima New Yorke, Madison Square Garden didžiulėse patalpose. Tose pačiose patalpose, kur dabar mūsų jaunimas rengia milžinišką lietuvių saskrydį, galingam lietuvių baisių prieš vergija pareikšti.

Anais laikais jaunimas netik dirbo, bet ir Lietuvos laisvinimo darbui vadovavo. Reikia pastebėti, kad anu laiku darbuotojų nors ir nedidelis likes būrelis, dar vis tebedirba Lietuvos laisvinimo veikniuose. Bet, suprantama, jie dabar jau nebe jaunimas, o tik senimas.

Mums visiems džiugu matyti mūsų šiu dienu jaunimo pastangas Lietuvai laisvinti, nepriklausoma valstybe atkurti, ir lietuvių tautai išsilaikyma užtikrinti. Malonu matyti, kad Vyčiai, pavieniai ir atskirose kuopose toje garbingoje veikloje dalyvauja.

Tikiu, kad Tamstos vėl rasite galimybių šiame Seima pareikšti, jog Lietuvos vadavimas ir, bendrai, lietuvių vystės reikalai, yra tarp pirmaujančių šios jau gerai pasižymėjusios mūsų brangaus jaunimo organizacijos rūpesčių, kaip kad buvo suprantama anais krizės laikais. Valio Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai!



SPEAKERS AT CONVENTION INCLUDED: L.to R., Vincent Kaslauskas, Pres. Lithuanian R.C. Federation; Jonas Jasaitis, Pres. Lithuanian Community of the USA; Rev. Dr. Peter Celiešius, Spiritual Advisor C-133; Jozas Bachunas, Pres. Lithuanian Community of the World; Kostas Liaudauskas, Pres. Lithuanian Community, Western Division.

RESOLUTIONS

REZOLIUCIJOS

At the 52nd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, California, August 5-8, 1965 the delegates passed the following resolutions:

Since according to present plans the Siluva Chapel in the Immaculate Conception Shrine in Washington will be completed and formally dedicated, the 52nd Convention resolves that the Knights of Lithuania organization be officially represented and that councils and individual members attend the ceremonies.

Kadangi, pagal dabartinius planus, Siluvos Koplycia Nekalto Prasidejimo Sventoveje bus uzbaigta ir formaliai pasventinta rugsejo men. 1966 metais, 52ras Seimas nuosirdziai nutare kad Lietuvos Vyciu organizacija butu oficialiai atstovaujama ir kad kuopos bei atskiri nariai tose iskilnese dalyvautu.

Since the American Roman Catholic Lithuanian Women's Alliance has accomplished and is accomplishing a most important role in the life of American Lithuanian women, and has done so much for the betterment of the Church and Lithuanians, the 52nd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, held in Los Angeles, unanimously resolves to greet the National Convention of the Women's Alliance to be held in Detroit on August 15 and 16, 1965 and extend its best in the deliberations of the convention and also in the life of the Lithuanian people.

Kadangi Amerikos Katalikiu Lietuviu Moteru Sajunga atliko ir atlieka Amerikos Lietuviu Moteru gyvenime labai svarbia role ir daug gero yra padariusi Baznycios bei visuomenes gerovei, Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas, Los Angeles mieste, vienbalsiai nutaria pasveikinti Moteru Sajungos visuotina seima kuris ivyks Detroite, rugpiucio 15 ir 16 dienomis, ir palinketi Dievo palaimos bei didziausio pasisekimo netik seimo nutarimuose bet ir lietuviu visuomeniniame gyvenime.

The Knights of Lithuania supports and helps towards the attainment of Lithuanian Freedom, towards keeping of Lithuanianism, the strengthening of Religious truths, for the accentuation of ideological thought, for the common union of professional elements. The Knights of Lithuania have contributed and contribute to the strengthening of our National and Cultural life. The 52nd K of L Convention wishes the Lithuanian Foundation and its committee the utmost success and God's Blessings. The K of L Convention approves their most important work.

Lietuvos Vyciai pritaria ir gelbsti Lietuvos laisves siekimui lietuvybes islaikymui religiniu tiesu tvirtinimui, ideologiniu paziuru ryskinimui, profesiniui ir socialiniui bendravimui. Lietuvos Vyciai prisidejo ir prisideda prie musu tautinio ir kulturinio gyvenimo stiprinimo. 52ras Seimas linki Lietuviu Fondui didziausio pasisekimo ir Dievo palaimos. Seimas uzgiria ju svarbu uzdavini.

Be it resolved since there is additional monies required to finish the work of Our Lady of Siluva Shrine in Washington, D.C. which will be dedicated September, 1966 the Knights of Lithuania 52nd Convention resolves to urge councils and individuals to contribute to the completion of that chapel.

Kadangi reikalinga daugiau lesu pabaigimui Siluvos Koplycios Nekalto Prasidėjimo Sventoveje, Washington D.C., Vyciu 52ras Seimas nutare raginti kuopas bei narius aukoti ir tuomi prisideti prie greito uzbaigimo koplycios, rugsejo men. 1966 metais.

Since the Committee of Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic Nations has in a concrete and dedicated fashion worked for the restoration of Lithuanian Independence, the 52nd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania greets the committee, wishes it outstanding success in its efforts and work for its goal.

Kadangi Committee of Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic Nations konkrečiai veikia ir stropiai dirba Lietuvai nepriklausomybe atgauti, Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas sveikina Komisija, linkia kuo didziausio pasisekimo savo svarkiame darbe ir ragina visus narius visais galimais budais Komisijos darbuote paremti ir jos garbingiems tikslams veikti.

Since the Lithuanian-American Council has provided fine leadership in the work of freeing Lithuania from Soviet slavery, the 52nd Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extends its cordial greetings to the Congress and wishes it further success in its work to restore Lithuanian Independence. The Convention further wishes the Council success in providing for all Lithuanian organizations effective means in winning the battle for the ultimate freedom and independence of Lithuania.

Kadangi Amerikos Lietuviu Taryba puikiai vadovauja visam tam darbui kurio tikslas yra islaisvinti Lietuva is Sovietu vergijos, Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas sveikina Tarybos narius ir linkia tolimesnio pasisekimo visuose darbuose kurie liecia Lietuvos nepriklausomybes atgavima. Seimas toliau linkia Tarybai pasisekimo nurodyti visoms Lietuviskoms organizacijoms efektyvinius metodus iskovoti galutinai Lietuvai laisve ir nepriklausomybe.

Since the 1964 Convention resolved that at any session of a National Convention a competent parliamentarian be on hand and since from a practical point of view this resolution is difficult to fulfil, the 52nd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania resolves to obrogate completely the resolution and advised the Supreme Council to appoint a committee of three members who would formulate the rules of parliamentary procedure for national conventions. The formulated rules would be reviewed and approved by the Legal Advisor. After his approval the rules would be presented to the National Convention for passage. Then that and subsequent conventions would be conducted according to those rules.

Kadangi praejusiu metu 1964 seimas nutare kad busimu seimu sesijose dalyvautu parlamentorisku taisykliu zinovas ir kadangi is patyrimo praktiskai rezoliucija neivykdoma, Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas nutaria ta rezoliucija pilnai atmesti ir pataria Centro Valdybai paskirti triju nariu komisija kuri nustatys parlamentariskos proceduros poredymus seimuose. Paruosti poredymai bus legalinio patarejo persiureti ir patvirtinti ir po patvirtinimo bus paduoti visuotinam seimui uztvirtinti. Tada visi visuotini seimai bus vedami pagal tuos poredymus.

Since Rev. Michael Urbonavicius, MIC. has celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Priesthood this year, and since he was very active in the Knights of Lithuania organization in former years, it has been suggested that a congratulatory resolution be prepared. "Ad Multos Annos, Father."

Kadangi Kun. Mykolas Urbonavicius M.I.C. atsventė savo 50 metų Auksini Kunigystės Jubilėju, ir kadangi Jubilėtas yra per daug metų buvęs aktyvus Vytis, 52ras Seimas sveikina Kun. Mykola Urbonaviciu ir linki jam Ilgiausiu Metu, Dievo palaimos testė savo grazu darba Kristaus vynuogyne.

The 52nd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extends its sincerest congratulations to the Knights of Lithuanian Youth Camp Committee for their fine efforts in sponsoring the K of L weeks beginning August 16-23, 1965 at Camp Dainava in Manchester, Michigan.

Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas nuosirdziai sveikina Lietuvos Vyciu Jaunimo Stovyklos Komisiija uz grazu darba padaryta paruosiant Vyciu savaites Dainavos Stovykloje, Manchester, Michigan per savaites pradedant rugpiucio 16 ir 23.

Since the Catholic Lithuanian newspaper in Chicago "Draugas" permits the publication of K of L activities, the 52nd Convention of the Knights of Lithuania expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Editors and the staff of "Draugas" for the goodwill shown to the K of L, especially for allowing the K of L to use the "Draugas" for publication purposes.

Kadangi katalikiskas lietuviskas laikrastis Cikagoje "Draugas" leidžia savo puslapiuose publikacija apie Vyciu Veikla, Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas nuosirdziai dekoja "Draugo" redakcijai ir visam stabui uz palankuma Vyciams parodyta, ypac uz leidima vartoti "Draugo" puslapius publikacijai.

Since the Catholic Lithuanian newspapers "Garsas" and "Darbininkas" publicizes K of L activities, the 52nd Convention of the Knights of Lithuania expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the editors and staff of "Garsas" and "Darbininkas" for the publicity given K of L activities.

Kadangi katalikiski lietuviski laikrasciai "Garsas" ir "Darbininkas" skelbia savo puslapiuose Vyciu parengimus, Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas nuosirdziai dekoja Garso ir Darbininko redakcijoms uz skelbima Vyciu veiklos.

The 52nd Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held in Los Angeles unanimously resolves to lend full efforts to the committee to Restore Lithuania's Independence in their efforts to hold a protest mass meeting in Madison Square Garden in New York on November 13, 1965 for the purpose of focusing attention on Lithuanian's present sad plight of all Americans and the United Nations. For the success of the protest demonstration, the convention unanimously votes to donate the sum of \$100.

Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas, Los Angeles susirinkes, vienbalsiai nutaria visokiais galimais budais remti Komiteto Lietuvos Nepriklausomybei atstatyti zygi laikyti masini visu Lietuviu protesto susirinkima, demonstracija Madison Square Garden, New Yorke lapkricio 13 diena 1965 metais tam tikslui kad visos Amerikos ir Jungtiniu Tautu demesis butu atkreiptas i dabartine Lietuvai Sovietu daroma skriauda. Kad zygis pasisektu, seimas nutaria \$100.00 paaukoti.

The 52nd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania resolves to pay up to and not more than \$300 to the National President for expenses incurred in the fulfilment of his duties at National President.

Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas nutaria paskirti ligi \$300.00 Centro Pirmininkui uz lesas padarytas jam einant pareigas kaip vyriausias Lietuvos Vyciu vadas.

Having heard the speech of Mr. Joseph Bachunas, President of the Lithuanian American Community of the U.S. concerning the coming of the Youth Congress in Chicago in July, 1966, the Knights of Lithuania 52nd National Convention expresses its gratitude to him for his speech and urges its members to participate as much as they can in the Congress.

Isklause Pasaulio Bendruomenes Pirmininko Juozo Bachuno kalba apie ateinanti Cikagoje Liepos menesyje 1966 metais Jaunimo Kongresa, Lietuvos Vyciu 52ras Seimas dekoja jam uz kalba ir ragina narius sulyg galimybes tame kongrese aktyviai dalyvauti.

Since the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John A. Kucingis, Pastor of the Los Angeles Lithuanian Parish, graciously accepted to act as host of this convention and since recently he was elected by the Holy Father to the rank of Domestic Prelate, the 52nd Convention of the Knights of Lithuania unanimously expresses its heartfelt thanks to him and congratulates him upon his elevation to the high honor conferred upon him by the Church.

Kadangi Prelatas Jonas A. Kucingis, Los Angeles Lietuviu Sv. Kazimiero Parapijos Klebonas, maloniai apsieme buti sio seimo seimininku ir kadangi paskutiniu laiku Sventasis Tevas ji pakele i prelatus, sis 52ras Lietuvos Vyciu seimas vienbalsiai nutaria jam nuosirdu aciu tarti ir ji pasveikinti uz augsta garbe jam Baznycios suteikta.

Since the Los Angeles K of L Council 133, through its convention committee and its members has so intelligently prepared the 52nd National Convention and has so warmly and friendly received the delegates and guests of the convention, this National Convention unanimously expresses its sincere gratitude to the Los Angeles Council and its president and members for their good-will and efforts.

Kadangi Los Angeles Vyciu 133cios kuopos Seimo Komisija bei nariai, ypac ju pirmininkas Leonard Valiukas, taip sumaniai surenge visuotina Vyciu 52ra Seima ir taip draugiskai bei nuosirdzisi seimo delegatus ir dalyvius prieme, sis seimas vienbalsiai nutaria sirdinga padekos zodi tarti Los Angeles visai kuopai, pirmininkui ir nariams, ir pareiskia jai savo gilu ivertinima uz parodyta nuosirduma bei darbistuma.

The Knights of Lithuania assembled at their 52nd National Convention at Los Angeles are most pleased to have in their midst two esteemed persons who have contributed so much of themselves for many years not only to the Knights of Lithuania organization, but also worked, labored, and ministered for the Lithuanian Americans in their respective areas, and the greater glory of God.

Therefore, we the delegates of this convention take this opportunity to extend our very sincere congratulations to our most honored and deeply respected Father Edward Abromaitis, Pastor of Holy Cross Church, Chicago, Illinois and Father John Jutt, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Worcester, Massachusetts on the occasion of their 25th Priesthood Anniversary. May the Almighty bless them with good health and strength to continue their work in Christ's Vineyard inspiring and leading us to work for "God and Country".

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OFFICIAL NEWS

RULES FOR THE 1965-1966 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Earn TEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll by JANUARY 31, 1966. However the cards must be post-marked and received by the National Financial Secretary BEFORE February 28, 1966.

Earn SEVEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL, 1966.

Earn FIVE points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during MAY & JUNE 1966.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S. C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 9-1-65. The Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of increase based on these totals as of 9-1-65.

There will be FIVE AWARDS:

- (1) Individual in a large Council with the most points;
- (2) Individual in a small Council with the most points;
- (3) Council with less than 40 paid-up members;
- (4) Council with 40 or more paid-up members;
- (5) District with the greatest number of new members.

NOTICE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Johanna Jakunas, National Financial Secretary requests that dues be paid as of January 1 to December 31. If a new member joins a Council, the dues should be as follows: \$4.00 if member joins from

- January - March
- 3.00 April - June
- 2.00 July - September
- 1.00 October - December
- 2.00 Non-Subscribing
- 6.00 Couple (First Year)

Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from the Financial Secretary.

"VYTIS" DEADLINE

- November issue - deadline October 5
- December - deadline November 5
- January, 1966 - deadline December 5
- February - deadline January 5, 1966

SPECIAL NOTICE TO DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Unless your 1965 membership dues are received by the National Financial Secy. within the next two weeks, this will be the last issue of "The Vytis" you will receive.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was wonderful after a few years of retirement to come to Los Angeles and meet you -- old friends and new. It was nice to meet in the "City of Angels" where the girls are not only pretty but their voices were sweet and melodious. The singing ejaculations were very enjoyable and we could see that much local talent was available. We saw your beautiful city with smog and without smog, and certainly the smog is no problem.

I hold that the National Convention was a successful one in its meetings and accomplishments. It was an orderly meeting and the agenda was well handled. New ideas were heard and exchanged. The joint session with the Bendruomene, Western Division, was a step in the right direction. More of these joint sessions should be held with other Lithuanian organizations.

So my dear Knights and Ladies, we have become much enthused with the spirit and

feeling of the Convention. We have been injected with pride and patriotism and let us hope it will last the year. Let this be an incentive to carry on and install in us more fervent ability and ambition. Let it keep us going perpetually so that we can replenish our feelings at the next convention.

If I can speak on behalf of the newly elected Supreme Council officers, I would like to say thank you for putting your faith and trust in us. We will do our best to serve and help you. However, please help us too. Do your duties as required and requested of you. Cooperate with us in all our requests and suggestions and may God Bless us all!

Sincerely,

Al Wesey-Vasiliauskas
National President

OFFICIAL *Highlights*



Standing L.to R., J. Drumstas, A. Wesey, A. Skirius, W. Svekla. Seated: E.Laurin M. Stonis and J. Jakunas.

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 C112 (Chicago) - Estelle Rogers
 C133 (Los Angeles) - Bruno Kątauskas, Helen Bartkus, Ann Laurinaitis, Natalie Radauskas
 C139 (Detroit) - Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, Theresa Vaitkunas

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 Edmund G. Brown, Governor of California
 Samuel W. Yorty, Mayor of Los Angeles
 Juozas Kajeckas, Charge d'affaires,
 Lithuanian Legation, Washington



George Todt and Rev. J. Jutt proudly display their awards to L. Valiukas, Ruta Lee and Arne Kalm, Vice-Pres., Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic States.

Dr. Julius Bielskis,
 Consul of Lithuania, Los Angeles
 Rev. Dr. Petras Celiesius, Spiritual Advisor C133 on behalf of Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Kucingis, Pastor of St. Casimir Church, Los Angeles
 Lithuanian R.C. Priests League of America, Rev. Edward Abromaitis
 Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, California
 Glen Lipscomb, Member of Congress
 A.L.T.S., Antanas Mazeika, Pres.
 Committee to Restore Lithuanian Independence, A. Mazeika, Jr., Pres.
 Lietuviu Romovas Ateitininku Sendraugiu Centro Valdyba, Juozas Zadeikis
 Lithuanian American Council, Inc., Leonard Simutis, Pres.
 Lithuanian American Council, Anthony Skirius, Pres.
 Lithuanian Community of the World, Joseph Bachunas, Pres.
 Lithuanian Community of the U.S.A., Inc. Vincent Kaslauskas, Pres.
 Lithuanian Community, Western Division, Kostas Laiudanskas, Pres.
 Lithuanian Community, Chicago Division, Jonas Jasaitis, Pres.
 "Lithuanian Days" Editor, A. Skirius
 Lithuanian R.C. Alliance of America, Leonard Simutis, Pres.
 74th Kuopa L.R.K. Sujunga, L.A.
 Council 36, Chicago
 Council 112, Chicago
 Dr. Fred Casmir
 Jack Stukas
 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Tenclinger
 Ronald Venis, N.E. District President

AWARDS PRESENTED AT LUNCHEON

At the Saturday Luncheon in the Golden State Room, the following awards were presented: AMERICANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO FREE THE BALTIC STATES AWARD PLAQUE to Rev. John C. Jutt, Honorary Chairman of the Knights of Lithuania Committee on Lithuanian Affairs; KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION COMMITTEE AND THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY OF THE USA, INC., WESTERN DIVISION PLAQUE to George Todt, columnist of The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner; THIRD DEGREES to Anthony Skirius and John Puikunas, both of the C133 Seniors.

CONVENTION PANELS

This year two panel discussions were presented for the delegates. One panel was a round-table discussion on Committees and their respective duties. Eleanore Laurin, Membership Vice - President, presided and Annie Mitchell, Honorary Member from C52, and Benedict Coach of the New England District expressed their views. The second panel was on the subject of the Ritual Com-

mittee, its duties and functions. Edward Daniels of the National Ritual Committee led the discussion and presented new ideas for the modernization of the Ritual procedures.

RESULTS 1964 - 1965
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- 40 Active Councils were eligible
- 24 of the above Councils enrolled 1 or more new members
- 9 of the 24 Councils had an overall increase
- 15 of the 24 Councils suffered an overall loss

District Results:

Illinois-Indiana	-	66	new	members
New England	-	50	"	"
Mid-Central	-	44	"	"
New York-New Jersey	-	20	"	"
California	-	1	"	"

Council Awards (For large Councils)

C112, Chicago	-	14.4%	increase
C102, Detroit	-	9.5%	"
C96, Dayton	-	2.8%	"

Council Awards (For small Councils)

C13, Chicago	-	107.0%	increase
C111, Youngstown	-	72.7%	"
C61, Patterson	-	66.7%	"

Individual Awards - Large Councils

Albert Raubiskis, C112, Chicago
Estelle Rogers, C112, Chicago
Joseph Chaps, C79, Detroit
Mary Stonis, C29, Newark

Individual Awards - Small Councils

Rev. Edward Abromaitis, C13, Chicago
Olga Savitchas, C135, Ansonia
Adele Laritis, C113, Linden
Vincent Jakauskas, C12, New York

Special Awards

Stanley Marks, C111 Sr., Youngstown
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pavis, C111 Srs.,
Youngstown

S U P R E M E C O U N C I L M E E T S

Two official Supreme Council meetings were held during the Convention. Outgoing S.C. Officers and Committee Chairman held their last meeting prior to the Convention official meetings. Reports were presented and final convention arrangements were made.

Immediately after the Closing Banquet, the newly-elected Board, committee chairmen and others met to discuss plans for the coming year. These plans will be presented in the near future.

1964-1965 DONATIONS TO THE
K of L SCHOLARSHIP FUND

\$200.00	-	Illinois-Indiana District
100.00	-	Council 26, Worcester, Mass.
82.00	-	Council 29, Newark, N.J. (\$62, Individual Members and \$20, Simon Goodis)
50.00	-	Council 7, Waterbury, Conn.
25.00	-	K of L Seniors, Cleveland, Ohio - Council 139, Detroit, Mich.
20.00	-	Council 113, Linden, N.J.
13.00	-	K of L members, Chicago, Ill.
10.00	-	Council 3, Philadelphia, Pa. - Council 27, Norwood, Mass. - Council 96, Dayton, Ohio - Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y. - Council 109, Great Neck, N.Y.
6.00	-	Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio (Individual Members) - K of L Seniors, New York, N.J. (Individual Members)
5.00	-	Martin Rusgi, Bayonne, N.J. - Jonas Sprainaitis, Paterson, N.J.
2.00	-	A.F. Skirius and V. Kazlas, Los Angeles, Calif.

"BACK TO THE STICKS IN '66"

Letters of invitation were received from Dayton (C96) and Worcester (C26) to hold the 53rd National Convention in their respective cities. After much deliberation the delegates voted to award the Convention to Worcester in 1966.



Eleanore Laurin presents membership awards to: Antanas Buknis, special award for the Youngstown Seniors; Rev. E. Abromaitis, award to C-13; and Vyt Lubert award for C-112.



Joseph
Yanulaitis
4th Degree
Recipient



Third Degree Recipients, Mr. A. Skirius
and Mr. J. Puikunas.

RITUAL DEGREES

The National Ritual Committee announced the presentation of the Fourth Degree to Joseph Yanulaitis of C3, Philadelphia, and Third Degree Medals to Anthony Skirius, who was awarded his degree several years ago, and to John Puikunas, C133 Srs.

CONVENTION MASSES

Friday -- Opening Mass
Our Lady Chapel, Los Angeles
Celebrant, Rev. John C. Jutt
Saturday -- Mass for Deceased Members
Our Lady Chapel, Los Angeles
Celebrant, Rev. John C. Jutt
Sunday -- Solemn Closing High Mass
St. Casimir's Church, Los Angeles
Celebrant, Rev. Edward Abromaitis
Deacon, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich
SubDeacon, Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius
Sermon, Rev. John C. Jutt
Welcome, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Kucingis,
Pastor of St. Casimir's Church

GRACIOUS HOSTS C 133 and C133 Seniors

For their fine efforts, our thanks goes to the 52nd National Convention Committee: Chairman Leonard Valiukas; Members, Rev. Dr. Petras Celiesius, Juozas Andrius, Mrs. Helen Bartkus, Ed Bartkus, Miss Stella Galiauskas, Bruno Katauskas, Miss Ann Laurinaitis, Kazimiras Motusis, Mrs. Angela Norbutas, Leo Oksas, Mrs. Natalie Radauskas, George Radauskas, Jonas Puikunas, Mrs. Bernice Skirius, Anthony Skirius, and Loretta Vycius.



Visitors to Cardinal McIntyre included: L. to R., L. Valiukas, E. Laurin, J. Drumstas, Msgr. Kucingis, the Cardinal, A. Wesley, J. Jakunas and M. Stonis.

K of L VISITS CARDINAL

His Eminence Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, extended an invitation to the Supreme Council Officers of the Knights of Lithuania to visit with him. The audience was held Monday, August 9, 1965, and the meeting was highlighted by the presentation of a copy of the prayerbook written by the four young Lithuanian girls in Siberia to the Cardinal. He then stated that he would place the prayerbook in the special library of rare books at the seminary.

JOINT SESSION WITH BENDROMENE

On Saturday afternoon, the first matter of business on the convention agenda was a joint session of the Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian Community of the USA, Inc., Western Division. J.J. Backunas, President of Bendruomene; Jack L. Jatis, K of L Honorary Member; Al Wesley-Vasiliauskas, Convention Chairman; Leonard Valiukas, President of C133, Los Angeles; P. Kazlauskas Los Angeles Federation President; P. Payura President Los Angeles B.A.L.F. all spoke at the joint session of the need for more unification of Lithuanian organizations.

"VYTIS" THANK YOU

A special ACIU is extended to those who assisted us in preparing this issue, especially Eleanore Laurin, who not only served as "the eyes and the ears" of the "Vytis" at the Convention, but on her return acted as a translator, writer and consultant.

Our appreciation also to Leonard Valiukas who was most helpful.

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Social Sidelights

PRE-CONVENTION at UNIVERSAL CITY, Los Angeles, Calif.

Early afternoon, Thursday a busload of early bird conventioners took the scheduled trip to Hollywood's Universal City.

"Visitors Village", center of special displays and live action events, was the first stop. Photography enthusiasts found many subjects for their cameras: Annie Mitchell on a chariot or Jack Jatis in a Model "T" all unique props which many recognized from motion pictures and television shows in which they originally appeared.

For everybody's delight, there was a live fashion show displaying the gowns and costumes worn by the stars of various movies, but don't ask Andy Rozger, Vyt Lubert or Tony Buknis about colors or styles - they didn't get past the models' smiles.

Meanwhile, back at the canteen, Ben Coach and Louie Stukas waited in line for lemonades for the girls.

The group boarded the open air trams, under the guidance of Ann Laurinaitis, which carried them through the 410 acre studio grounds.

Included in the tour were sets as a European Village, New York street, New England Village, the "ocean" for McHale's Navy, the Mississippi, Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho"

house and the creepy abode of "The Munsters". While making a stop to visit Cary Grant's on location bungalow, talent scouts Marty Rusgi and Wally Svekla discovered a pretty starlet. It's too bad she was already under contract, especially as Frank Vaskas was ready to scoop every other reported in town with the news.

With a "good - bye" wave from Eddie Munster, the group returned to the Statler Hilton.

LUNCHEONS

The Friday Luncheon was served in the Garden Room, West - with a delicious seafood menu.

At the Saturday luncheon, held in the Gold State Room special awards were presented the Rev. John C. Jutt and George Todt.

After Sunday's Closing Mass, a luncheon was held at Michael's Restaurant.

CONVENTION SOCIALS

The social events of the convention were officially opened with a reception in the Garden Room with Leonard Valiukas and the Los Angeles council members as hosts. Not since Chicago, a year before, had the early arrivals seen one another, so excitement and warm greetings filled the

air. Father Jutt, Father Abromaitis and Father Celiesius were busily chatting away with old and new friends. The nominating committee members, Al Wesley Vince Samaska, Ben Coach and Frank Zager were rounding up the nominees for the Presidium and the various elected officers and committees. And the Los Angeles Seniors were graciously welcoming the old and the young K of L'ers.

The Saturday night Ball in the Pacific Ballroom was an even more exciting social event for here, all the delegates and guests and many of the Los Angeles Lithuanians were present. Entertainment, polka, waltzes and table-hopping were the order of the evening.

Although not everyone was present, the special reception preceding the Banquet Sunday night was quite the highlight. Among the many celebrities present were: the beloved pastor of St. Casimir's parish in Los Angeles, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Kucingis, William F. Knowland, George Todt, Prudencia Bickus, our very own movie and TV star, Ruta Lee that most charming couple Dr. Julius Bielskis and Mrs. J. Bielskis, various other guests and the Supreme Council officers.



E. Laurin, P. Bickus, R. Lee, J. Jakunas, L. Valiukas were present at the pre-banquet reception party.



Ruta Lee, George Todt listen intently as Mr. J. Bachunas addresses Saturday's luncheon group.



Rev. A. Abromaitis has everyone including L. Valiukas and Senator Knowland in a happy frame of mind at the Banquet (Photo: Paul Jasiukonis)



Head table at the banquet included civic, religious and Lithuanian leaders.

BANQUET

The official finale was the Dinner - Dance in the Golden State Room, Sunday night. Honored guests were Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Kucingis, William F. Knowland, Rev. John Jutt, Rev. Edward Abromaitis, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Rev. Edward Abromaitis, Miss Ruta Lee and guest, Mr. and Mrs. Bachunas, Miss Helen Shields, Mr. Alexander Wesej, Mr. & Mrs. G. Todt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Speecher Anthony Skirius, Leonard Valiukas and the representative of Mayor Yorty.

All of the guests were pleasureably entertained by Mrs. Bernice Skirius and her Sextet.

CONCERT

The cultural event was a Concert, star-studded with performers. Prudencija Bickus, one of the leading Lithuanian-American sopranos of Chicago, thrilled the audience with arias from several operas, numbers from some musicals and a brilliant

rendition of excerpts from Bruno Markaitis, S.J., cantata "Bells of Vilnius", (Vilniaus Varpai).

Rimtautas Dabsys, a Lithuanian-American bassbaritone of Los Angeles, delighted the music lovers with folk songs in a duet with Mrs. Bickus and the St. Casimir Parish Choir of L.A. This part included numbers by Bronius Budriunas, a distinguished Lithuanian-American composer and the director of the St. Casimir Choir.

The Choir itself gave an excellent performance. The piano solo by Raimonda Apeikyte and her accompaniment for the other performers added to the program.

Mrs. Zibute Nida Brinkis was a most capable announcer for the program.

POST - CONVENTION AT DISNEYLAND

At one time or another, most of the K of L'ers had an opportunity to visit Disney's wonderlands. Some enjoyed "Adventureland". An explorer's boat cruise carried them on an exciting trip down jungle rivers ---

the misty Amazon, the murky Mekong, the hippopotamus - filled water of the Belgian Congo and the swirling Nile --- what material for Jean Gobis and her camera.

In "Tomorrowland", the visitors rode the monorail, getting a 2½ mile preview of the future in city mass transportation. However, we hear that Adeline and Bernie Vitkus enjoyed the high-speed bobsled which carried them down the Matterhorn.

"Fantasyland" was a site Ceil Kincie and Beana Montville just couldn't miss. They soared aloft with Dumbo the flying elephant and below, in one of the wonderlands, they could barely make out the faces of Adam and Madeline Druzdys and Marcela and Steve Onaitis.

Many who took the trip to "Frontierland" just had to ride the mine train. Others viewed the days of Early America on the river boats, or as Joe Yanulaitis on a log raft which also took him to Tom Sawyer's Island.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Rusgi, Svekla, and Stukas took over the social entertainment in behalf of NY-NY until the "professionals", Chippo Chaponis and Charlie Rusteika arrived. Everybody had to stop and visit them at least once a day for refreshments, and for what was even more important, to find out if Joe Sable and John Tratulis had arrived. Were Rita and Ted Pinkus keeping them as a surprise for the birthday party they held for Mary Stonis? No, they didn't appear there either. Leonard Valiukas' Host Suite



Principles of Friday's Concert graciously accept the applause of the audience.

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Friends visit with former New Jerseyite , Ann Laurinaitis.



E. Laurin celebrates her birthday with a party given by friends at the Convention.

was open at all times but nobody saw them there. In fact, Lillian Paulaskas and Mary Undraitis were assigned to the case, but failed to find Joe or John.

Mr. and Mrs. Skirius hosted a swinging-singing party. Chicagoans Estelle Rogers & Loretta Macekonis thought that Claire Grigaitis and Rose Chesna should come to the Mid-West and join their K of L Choir. Of course, Ed Daniels didn't miss the opportunity to audition also.

The final get-together of the Convention week-end was the Sunday night "Eleanore Laurin Birthday Party" and "The Worcester Farewell". Ann Laurinaitis, Natalie Radauskas and Helen Bart-

kus were kept busy making more and more sandwiches as Joe Drumstas kept eating them.

George Radauskas, Ed Bartkus and Bruno Katauskas and our instant bartender, Jack Jatis, were busier than the famous one armed paper hangers. With all the personalities present at this event, Miss Personality herself, Helen Shields had to act as hostess ex-officio.

But this was not the last of Convention birthday parties. The next one was a "?" candle affair for Louie Stukas in San Francisco. But this time only six were left to do the serenading--Joan Jakunas, Gerry Kern, Eleanore Laurin, Joan Lun-

ch, Marty Rusgi and Wally Svekla.

While all this was going on, Helen Shields was having a hard time leaving LA. Her plane conked - out just after take-off and had to return with quite a reception of fire engines, foam trucks and ambulances. In fact her brief stopover for change of planes in Chicago ended up with an overnight stay.

The last "Happy Birthday" strains were echoed for Jerry Jesulaitis the last weekend of August, when Leonard Valiukas invited Chicagoans for a get-together at the Palmer House in Chicago during a two day stopover on his way to Washington, D.C.

Editor's Notes

The Lithuanian Affairs report presented by Rev. John Jutt at the convention will be printed in full in the next issue of the "VYTIS".

Due to our printer's vacation schedule the October Anniversary issue of the VYTIS will be delayed. However, everyone will receive their copy before the end of the month.

K of L Calendar

- OCTOBER 2 - Supreme Council Meeting Newark, N.J.
- OCTOBER 2 - C29, Newark, N.J., Banquet 50th Anniversary of C29 St. George's Hall, Newark
- OCTOBER 10 - C36, Chicago, Ill., Banquet 50th Anniversary of C36 K of L Bldg., Chicago
- NOVEMBER 13 - Mass-Meeting Rally Madison Square Garden, N.Y. Sponsored by the Committee to Restore Lithuanian Independence (CRLI)