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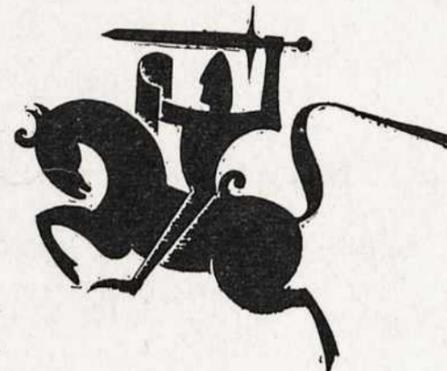
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# KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 53<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION



## STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

The 53rd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania State of the Organization report was compiled from the reports of the Supreme Council Officers and Chairmen.

### SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Rev. A. Valancius of Chicago, Ill., our Spiritual Advisor for the past two years, publicized the Prayer Crusade; attended the Supreme Council meeting in Chicago; wrote spiritual articles for the "Vytis" which were inspirational to all; and was extremely helpful to all officers and chairmen, especially those in his area.

### PRESIDENT

As president, Mr. Alexander Wesey, presided at all Supreme Council meetings. The meetings were held in Los Angeles, Calif., Newark, N.J., Chicago, Ill., and the last two in Worcester, Mass. His "President's Message" articles in the "Vytis" stated his frank opinions. Many thought-provoking ideas were instigated by Mr. Wesey. The greatest task and the most time-consuming was writing letters. This and all other tasks were capably handled by our president.

### FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Our 1st vice-president in charge of juniors, Miss Mary Stonis, was as capable in her second term of officer as in her first. She wrote several Open Letters and submitted some photos for the Junior page in the "Vytis". In May, 1966, she mailed a questionnaire to all council presidents requesting information on their junior councils. The response, however, was very poor. She attended the successful 8th Junior Rally of the New York-New Jersey District. As the dates conflicted she was unable to attend the New England District Rally.

### SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Miss Eleanore Laurin, membership chairman, reported that there were 148 new members enrolled and 184 delinquents reinstated. Thus the 1965-1966 Membership Drive realized a gain of 285 members and although there was a loss of 75, the overall increase was 210. The concentrated effort of gaining new members along with reinstating delinquent members resulted in a successful drive. Miss Laurin wrote membership articles for each issue of the "Vytis" which undoubtedly aided the Drive. Results of the Drive and award winners are listed elsewhere in this issue.

### THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

This year, the officer in charge of the seniors was Mr. Anthony Skirius. He sent his regards to the convention and expressed his desire that all councils have a seniors group.

### RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Josephine Zukas was the right hand of our national president. She attended Supreme Council meetings, mailed out the minutes and notices and handled all duties with great efficiency. Her one disappointment was the compiling of a district-council mailing list. Although she began the task early in her term, it was only completed in April due to the lack of response from the districts-councils themselves. It is hoped that this year there will be more cooperation and that the list can be compiled in time to be of benefit to all.

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Miss Johanna Jakunas presented the following report:

Priests with Councils	60
Subscribing Members	721
Couples (372)	744
Non-subscribing Members	90

## District Standings:

New England	532
Mid-Central	382
New York-New Jersey	365
Illinois-Indiana	298
California	38

As of 8/1/66, there were a total of 5 districts, 42 councils and 1,615 paid-up members, which was an overall increase of 210 over last year. This year a new dues and record sheets, as introduced by Albert Dagus (C-112), was distributed to all councils to help the financial secretaries and ritual chairmen keep more accurate records. Everyone was reminded that dues should be collected on a January-to-December basis.

## TREASURER

Mr. Frank Svelnis, Jr. was a fine accountant and a capable treasurer. All bills were paid and accounts were maintained in proper order.

## TRUSTEES

Mr. Joseph Drumstas and Mr. Walter Svekla audited the treasurer's books and found the national treasury and accounts in order.

## LEGAL ADVISOR

Our legal advisor, Mr. Konstant Savickus, gave legal assistance and advice whenever it was required.

## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Under the leadership of district president Miss Eleanor Laurin, the Illinois-Indiana District had another successful year. The membership in the councils increased, the juniors grew in number, and the senior group is still thriving and serves as an inspiration to all. The district was privileged to host a Supreme Council meeting and the annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament. Numerous activities of the religious, cultural, social and sports nature were sponsored. "The Trumpet", I-I monthly bulletin, continued to flourish with Miss Loretta Macekonis as Editor. The K of L Choir, with Mr. Faustas Strolia as director and Mr. Vladas Paliulionis as president again represented the district and the entire K of L organization at various civic and Lithuanian events. In November of 1966, the choir will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the first K of L Choir performance in 1916 with a Dinner-Dance.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The district, comprised of councils in the States of Michigan, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania and under the leadership of Mr. Vincent Ed. Pavis, continued with its activities. At the district's last convention, the delegates voiced a strong protest in the manner by which the district's resolution regarding spouses of K of L members was rejected at the last national convention. The delegates demanded that this resolution be resubmitted to the 1966 convention for a vote of all delegates assembled. The district sponsored its annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation and the K of L Week at Camp Dainava as well as many other events.

Efforts are still being made to organize and revive councils in all areas of the districts. Through the efforts of the president and secretary, a "Knight-O-Gram" was published.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Mr. Joseph Sakaitis, district president, led the district in two district conventions, held in Cambridge and Lawrence, a Holy Hour in Lawrence, six bowling roll-offs in different areas and a most successful junior rally, with four junior councils participating, in Worcester. All councils conducted a varied program of social, recreational, athletic and spiritual activity. Ritual and cultural activity was limited to a few councils. The many new faces now actively participating, lead the district officers to believe that they can face the future with optimism.

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

The district president, Mr. Alexander Wesey, reported that there were 11 councils in the district. Although some councils are smaller in number, the district is very active. The four conventions within the district were well attended. A successful junior rally was held in Bayonne. The World's Fair Lithuanian Cross remains in the area as part of the World's Fair grounds which will be turned into a park. Members of the district actively worked with the successful November 13th Manifestation Rally and demonstration held in Madison Square Garden. In addition to many varied activities, the district also published an informative bulletin.

## CALIFORNIA

No report was received.

## VYTIS

An important phase of our activity is the "Vytis". Our national organ should be a means of communication with other organizations and between ourselves. The editor, Miss Irene Sankus, and her staff published 11 issues since the last convention. Considerable time is spent attempting a variety of new ideas and looking for new writers and contributors. It is important that we remember that the editor is always anxious to receive articles, photos, etc. from the membership.

## LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman, the Rev. John C. Jutt's report appears elsewhere in this issue. Chairman John Andruska reported that he had written 311 letters on behalf of the K of L. This is one area in which we received the most publicity or credit. It is the type of activity where everyone should do their utmost.

## LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Joseph Yanulaitis reported that monthly cultural bulletins were sent to each council. He further reported that the bulletins are being read at each meeting and that the membership at large is gaining some knowledge of the history, customs and traditions that combine to form our cultural committee.

Rev. Stasys Raila, a staunch K of L supporter, is compiling a Lithuanian Cultural Guide. The book is be-

ing translated by Dr. Jack and Loretta Stukas.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The committee, consisted of Juozas Sadauskas (Mid-Central), Frank Vaskas (New York-New Jersey), Vincent Samaska (Illinois-Indiana), Rita Pinkus (new England) and Adele Petras (California), on a whole were most active in their field. Mr. Sadauskas submitted many Lithuanian articles to the "Vytis", "Draugas" and other periodicals; Mr. Vaskas, reported extensively on the activities of the NY-NJ district; and Mr. Samaska represented the K of L on the Lithuanian Youth Congress Committee and also was a member of the executive board of the Our Lady of Siluva Dedication committee.

#### RITUAL COMMITTEE

The committee secretary, Mr. Edward Daniels, reported that the committee met on nine different occasions to discuss ways of improving our ritual ceremonies and point system. A total of 124 degrees were presented during the last year.

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Jack Jatis, secretary of committee, reported that the committee received many applications for honorary membership. However, only three persons met all the requirements and qualifications, and Honorary Membership was bestowed to them during the Closing Banquet.

#### K of L SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The recipients of this year's award are introduced elsewhere in this issue. The convention voted to incorporate the scholarship fund into a memorial and to rename it the Canon Fabijonas Kemesis Scholarship Fund, in honor of the late Canon Kemesis who named our organization - "Vyčiai - the Knights".

#### BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank Gudelis presented his final report. The funds and K of L pins were transferred to the national treasurer. Mr. Gudelis also stated that there were 534 constitutions on hand and he would forward them upon receiving shipping instructions.

#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The K of L Archives are located in Chicago, in the K of L Building, on the premises owned by the Illinois-Indiana District. Miss Eleanore Laurin is the custodian.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES COMMITTEE

No report was received.

#### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

This committee of Mr. Joseph Boley, Mr. Jack Jatis, and Mr. Anthony J. Mazeika set up rules for the convention. This sheet of regulations or advice was based on Parliamentary Procedure plus the K of L Constitution and By-Laws.

#### PRAYER CRUSADE

As there was ample literature and instructions from the original mailing, the Supreme Council approved con-

tinuing the Prayer Crusade. Father Valancius and the Chairman who initiated the Crusade, Mr. Robert Boris, contacted all councils and pursued the Crusade further.

#### TARYBA

K of L representatives to the Taryba meetings: Mr. Robert Boris (Miss Eleanore Laurin, alternate) and Mrs. Emilija Pakalniskis. Miss Marcella Andrikis will be the East Coast delegate.

#### LITHUANIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA; ENGLISH VERSION

National president Mr. Alexander Wesley, Honorary Member the Rev. John Jutt plus many other K of L members wholeheartedly endorsed this printing. Everyone was urged to subscribe as the rates are reasonable.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

LITHUANIAN YOUTH CONGRESS - Mr. Vincent Samaska represented the K of L and made the arrangements for the one English session. Mr. Anthony B. Mazeika was the guest speaker. The topic was "American Lithuanians in the U.S.A."

OUR LADY OF SILUVA CHAPEL DEDICATION - The official K of L representative was Mr. Vincent Samaska and he diligently worked with the executive committee, under the direction of His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys.

AMERICAN CATHOLIC CONGRESS - The Congress program was headed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Balunas and Mr. Joseph Boley represented the K of L.

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Worcester's Holiday Inn "Welcome Knights of Lithuania" sign greets Steponas Bucmys (Dayton), Phyllis Grendal, H.M. (So. Boston), Mary Lucas (Dayton), A. Saltkus (Worcester) and W. Salinis (Philadelphia).

# A WORD FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

It is with a blush of embarrassment that I approach this task of offering you a printed report of my feeble attempts at performing my duties as your National Spiritual Director. First of all, I am backward about making an accounting of any of my activities, because I have a particular aversion to keeping a log of my goings or comings, a consequence - no doubt - of any early infatuation with the literary products of Erle Stanley Gardner whose famous counselor, Perry Mason, always managed to discover frightening secrets about people by prying into their daily diaries. The second reason for my reluctance to making a detailed account of my past actions flows directly from the first. Since I have no written record of my daily carryings on, I must of necessity depend solely on the filing system of an absent-minded professor-type memory, and according to Riley this can be a very revolting development.

Lastly, I dread telling you what I have accomplished for your worthy organization, lest it receive a decision like to the one in the story which could well be a fitting corollary to our Lord's parable of the pharisee and publican praying in the temple. In it, it seems that a haughty habitue of the valley of tears suddenly received his call from above. And, immediately after his demise, without hesitation or even a reference to a road map, headed straight for the pearly gates. After making his hurried entrance was instantly confronted by the Keeper of the Keys. "Excuse me, sir. But, why this abrupt intrusion?" inquired the bearded Rock. "Well, you see, sir, I'm quite sure I belong here. You know I always kept the law, never missed mass on Sun---." "But, my dear man, did you do anything for the Church of our Master?" interrupted the kindly Peter. "Oh, most assuredly," came the ready reply. The Saint motioned to Gabriel, the keeper of the records, and asked for a report of this confident gent's doings for the Church. After a short pause the Archangel returned and reported that, yes, once, Mr. Smith had given 10c to the Church. The Keeper of the Keys turned again to the now seeming intruder, "And, now tell me, sir, have you ever done anything for God's little poor?" "I most certainly have," boasted our Smith. Once more Gabriel was asked to repeat his routine and once more returned with the information that their generous visitor had once dropped a dime in the collection basket for the Catholic Charities. Without turning back to our Mr. Smith, St. Peter leaned to Gabriel's ear and whispered, "Get 20c from the petty-cash box, give it back to this guy and tell him to go to you-know-where." I'm afraid that after two years as your Spiritual Advisor I have expended little more than 20c worth of effort in behalf of the K of L.

To me the office of Spiritual Director in an organization like ours is much akin to what officious, title-minded big business today would call Public Relations Director. For this, in truth, every priest is. It is his obligation to keep the family of God as happy as possible here upon earth and above all to steer it to the kingdom where com-

plete contentment is the rule of the day. The priest comes from God, reveals His magnificent attributes, tells us how much the Father is concerned about our welfare while we labor in trial and hardship and opens up to us the beauties of the home He has prepared for us who will serve as loyally as it is humanly possible. The priest returns to the Master with our grievances, complaints, suggestions - our prayers of petition; with our expressions of appreciation for what has already been done in our behalf, promises of continued loyalty as brave soldiers in His Militant Kingdom - our thanksgiving and adoration; with our regrets for poor effort and resolve to improve our efforts all along the line; our acts of contrition. To contain good public relations, there is usually an exchange of gifts. In our relationship with God we are extremely blessed in this regard for the Gift is one and the same. Through the Incarnation the Father gives us His Only Begotten Son to bring joy to the hearts of men, and we, through the hands of the priest, in the Mass, offer the same Christ to the Eternal Father, "in whom He is well-pleased."

And, so the Spiritual Director in an organization like the K of L, primarily concerns himself with keeping it constantly aware that it is a vital and important member of a very living body that is the Church - the Mystical Body of Christ; that this awareness must so impregnate our whole person, about which - the whole person that is - our modern world is so concerned and knows so little, that we not only utter the name of the Lord or merely act like Him, but in reality live and breathe Christ. At the same time, in his daily prayers and Masses, your Spiritual Moderator presents the problems and needs of the organization as a whole and those of the individual members to God. He invokes the continued providential care of the Father. At official functions and in their regular prayerful practices, together with them, promises their continued and intensified love of the Father and proclaims His Majestic Glory. Then, too, he presents the Father with the Gift of gifts daily at Mass in their behalf.

To say that I was entirely true to the above most trying task would be utter presumption. In company with the previously mentioned publican kneeling in the rear of the church with bowed head, I strike my breast in a "mea culpa" and repeat, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." I tried, and coupled with your prayers and your acceptance of the few messages it was my privilege to offer you on the occasions that presented themselves, I hope and pray that we have contributed something to advancement of the Kingdom of Glory upon earth and came closer to that Kingdom of Glory for the attainment of which all are here.

Yes, its direction and final attainment is right within our organization to this cause we have dedicated ourselves under that portion of our motto which says: "For God." We must labor at it quietly and slowly - noise and speed are handicaps for true spiritual progress. If you

lance carefully about, you will notice that these two elements could be the cause of the present confused state of our physical world. Almost everybody from teens to adults walks around with a transistor radio glued to his ear or has its obnoxious sounds blaring out of a suit pocket. Speed has brought the people of the world so close together that with each hum of an overhead plane we might well worry about the presence of a bomb in its bay. You know, there are places in the world this very day where that hum causes not only worry but makes one scramble for the nearest shelter. Let us spend ourselves in concerted personal effort and confident, persistent prayer that the present disturbances manifest almost everywhere in our land and all over the world be dispelled lest they catapult us into the chaotic demise of many giants of power and material wealth of the past.

But, I have digressed a little, though the present frightening displays of disregard for law and disrespect of man's personal dignity should be our concern, too. Since we are primarily a youth organization, we can do so by extending ourselves in keeping our young aware of their responsibilities and especially by offering them opportunities to burn up their inherent energies - by the use of their own talent and ideas - to work for their own betterment and the welfare of those with whom they will come in contact. Even they admit that they have nothing they can really call their own. It is instantly bought for them, presented in a neat package and ready for immediate use. They have the lumber to work with, as the man said, all we need do is supply them with the plans. Who knows they may build a better structure than we have. Give them a chance.

Before closing allow me to offer one more thought. Our organization is constrained from making long strides either in growth or progressive action because of its size and subsequently because of a meager budget to finance dedicated leaders who would devote themselves full-time for the purposes of our organization. And personal contact is most essential to sell and

promote any product, especially such as our organization to our present membership and to induce those interested in joining our ranks. Though we may be small numerically, we have been blessed with devoted young men and women who willingly and graciously share their well earned free time and none to bulging purses for the benefit of the K of L.

So, if you should be too critical with the work done by your present officers, remember that it is work that you could have done but refused to accept the burden with its concomitant sacrifices. And, when the time for choosing your leadership for the future arrives, be charitable enough not to insist upon the acceptance of an office, if you, yourself, would not want the demanding job. After you have made your choice, give as much as you can to assist your elected officials.

Once upon a time an elephant precariously wobbled across a dubiously constructed suspension bridge. When he reached the other side, a flea lodged in a wrinkle of its ear whispered: "Boy, we sure shook that bridge!" If we work hand-in-hand, leadership and the run of the mill member, next convention on reviewing our work, we too may be able to say: "Hey, how about that!"

God bless you all gathered at Worcester. I feel very low that I cannot be with you, in person. I want publicly to thank Father Jutt for offering me the hospitality of his rectory had I been able to come. May the Holy Spirit be the light guiding you in your decisions, that they always direct you in the ways of God, for your own good and for the good of all men. May the Heavenly Father bless you, those back in your local councils and all your dear ones. May those of our ranks who have been called by their Father already be in their place prepared for them by His Son. You and they shall always be in my mind, in my prayers and especially at the Altar.

Thank you for having given me the privilege of having been able to call myself your Spiritual Director over the past two years.

REV. A. VALANCIUS



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THE HONORABLE

## JOHN S. MONAGAN

TENTH RECIPIENT OF THE  
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA  
AWARD MEDAL

God alone can create and give life. Because life is loaned out to us by Him for our own good and development, life is a most precious thing. It is said that a drowning man will seize upon even a straw in a last ditch attempt to save his life. Instinctively, a man will put out his hand or his foot to protect his life. He would rather suffer the loss of his hand or foot than lose his life.

The life of a nation is just as precious. In fact, it is more precious than that of an individual because the life of a nation, when it is strong and free, permits the free exercise and progressive development of the life of its individuals. Restrictions on the life of a nation automatically bring about restrictions on the life of its people. Hence, the ardent desire of a nation to guard, protect and keep its life strong, free and independent. Without it, the pursuit of real happiness becomes almost impossible.

Today, Lithuania is struggling to preserve her life, her very existence. For now some 27 years, she has been fighting to preserve her identity against the ruthless and inhumane power of Soviet Communism which is more determined than ever to commit the horrible crime of genocide upon her. This struggle has not been easy. Yet despite the difficulties involved, Lithuania is not without hope because she knows well that throughout the world she has friends who are fearless in their denunciation of Soviet Communism for the religious, political and economic persecution of her people, who willingly espouse her righteous cause and who staunchly defend her right to live and to function as a free and independent nation among the free and independent nations of the world.

My dear friends, we are indeed fortunate to have in our midst this evening one of these friends, a friend of Lithuania who graces our head table with his presence on the occasion of this banquet which officially closes the 53rd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut, the Honorable John S. Monagan is a practicing attorney who, six years after his graduation from Harvard Law School in 1937, was elected to serve as Mayor of that city from 1943 through 1948. In 1958, he was elected to Congress as Representative of the Fifth Congressional District of Connecticut, a position he still holds with distinction.

In Congress, as a member of the House Foreign Relations Committee, he became acquainted with conditions in foreign countries by serving on a number of subcommittees studying economic aid to nations in

Europe, the Near East and South America. In 1962 and 1963, as Chairman of a special Captive Nations Committee which inquired into the experiences which European Nations had under Soviet domination, he witnessed the terrible sad plight of these captive nations. He saw no legitimate reason why they should remain captive. He fully recognized and firmly supported their aspirations to freedom. For this support, he was deemed worthy in 1963 to be the recipient of an award by the Assembly of Captive Nations at a dinner at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The honor was certainly well-deserved.

Presently, Lithuanians, particularly those in the United States, are expending almost their total energies to have the case of Lithuania and her sister nations heard before the United Nations. They are hopeful that our Congress will pass and adopt a resolution which will have our President, direct the attention of world opinion at the United Nations and other appropriate international forums to the denial of the rights of self-determination for the Baltic Nations and bring the force of that world opinion to bear upon the Soviet for the ultimate restoration of their independence. Many representatives introduced such resolutions but we are happy to state that it was our honored guest who submitted House Concurrent Resolution No. 416 which was unanimously approved by the House Foreign Relations Committee on June 21, 1965 and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 21, 1965 by a record vote of 298 yeas and No nays. Would that we had such a determined FRIEND for the passage of a similar resolution by the Senate!



Worcester's Mayor, George Wells observes Rev. John C. Jutt, Honorary Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, presenting the "Friend of Lithuania" to Congressman John S. Monagan.

To Lithuanians, our honored guest has never been a stranger. To them, he has always been free with his advice and counsel in the solution of their personal, organizational and national problems. No time has ever been so precious that he could not attend the many events and testimonials of St. Joseph's Parish in Waterbury, the religious and patriotic observances of the Lithuanian American Council, the Knights of Lithuania and other Lithuanian organizations. In fact, it was at a Knights of Lithuania District Convention that we first met Congressman Monagan and at this time we discussed strategies that might be used for Lithuania's aid in her struggle for freedom.

Because of his intense love for Lithuania and her people, because of his firm conviction that the subjugation and exploitation of Lithuania constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights and therefore an impediment to the promotion of total world peace and cooperation,

because of his readiness to dedicate his energies and abilities in behalf of Lithuania's present fight for freedom, because of his untiring efforts to bring about the downfall of the evil of communism, because not by mere words but by concrete action he has demonstrated himself on numerous occasions to be a REAL FRIEND OF LITHUANIA, it is now a high honor and a distinct privilege for me to present, with the approval and in behalf of the Officers and members of the Knights of Lithuania Youth Organization, the Knights of Lithuania Award Medal to a REAL FRIEND of Lithuania, the distinguished and highly regarded Representative of the fifth Congressional District of the State of Connecticut, the Honorable John S. Monagan.

Rev. John C. Jutt

Award made at Holiday Inn in Worcester on August 28, 1966.

Pictured at the Closing Banquet: Edward Daniels, Convention Co-Chairman, Mayor George Wells, Rev. John C. Jutt, Congressman John S. Monagan and Alexander Wesey, National President.



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S.m. rugpiučio 25-28 d.d. įvyksta Lietuvos Vyčių 53-sis suvažiavimas Worcester, Mass.

Labai man būtų buvę miela jame dalyvauti. Noro netrūksta. Deja, asmeniškai negalėdamas tame suvažiavime būti, bent šiuo giliai nuoširdžiai sveikinu Lietuvos Vyčių 53-jį suvažiavimą, bei jo dalyvius.

Gėriuos Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijs veikla bei jos atliktais darbais bevykdant Organizacijos kilnųjį šūkį - DIEVUI IR TEVYNEI.

Iš spaudos nuolat patiriu apie Lietuvos Vyčių atliekamus darbus Lietuvos labai ir jų pavergtos Lietuvių Tautos prisiminimą.

Giliai nuoširdžiai dėkoju už rodomą širdį Tautai ir darbo auką nelaimingiems tautiečiams.

Linkiu 53-jam Lietuvos Vyčių suvažiavimui sėkmės, kaip lygiai didelės sėkmės ateities veikloje.

Su nepalaužiamu, nenuilstamu entuziazmu tęskite kilnųjį darbą Dievo ir Tėvynės garbei.

Nuoširdžiai Jūsų  
J. Kajeckas,  
Lietuvos Atstovas.

# KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

LORETTA STUKAS

The 53rd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania provided the setting for the awarding of the 10th Annual Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Award. The \$600.00 award, made up of donations from Knights of Lithuania districts, councils, and individual members throughout the country, is intended to aid deserving members achieve a higher education, and thus, in at least a small way, enhance the organization also.

A board of 6 elected Scholarship Fund Trustees select the winners by evaluating the applicants on the basis of scholarship, character, service to the K of L, and financial need. This year, the Trustees present at the Convention, namely Jack Stukas (Chairman), Rev. John Jutt, Anthony Mazeika, and Loretta Stukas, chose to honor two outstanding knights, by awarding each of them half of the \$600.00 award. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee and the entire organization, Chairman Dr. J. Stukas, presented the awards during the Convention's closing banquet.

In addition to their scholastic achievements, both Scholarship winners this year were found to be especially outstanding in their K of L activity. It might also be noted that both come from active K of L fami-

lies. We congratulate the 1966-67 Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Winners, namely:

IRENE M. ADAMAITIS, C-116, Worcester, Mass. Irene is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Adamaitis, who met through the K of L, and continue to be active in the organization. Irene plans to attend Worcester State College, where she will study to become a school teacher. Of her abilities a teacher writes "She is one of the finest young ladies with whom I have come in contact. She is dependable, trustworthy, efficient and cooperative... Academically, Irene is an excellent student, ranking near the top of her class. She will be an asset to any college she may attend, and an excellent representative of the Lithuanian group."

Irene joined the K of L Juniors four years ago, as a charter member of C-116 Juniors. Since then, she has been writing regularly for VYTIS and for the Council's monthly newspaper, as a Juniors' representative. She has served on many committees and been delegate at several Junior conventions. This year, she graduated to regular C-116, and served as general chairman of the council's annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast.

Besides her K of L activity, Irene has been active in numerous other Lithuanian activities as well as school functions and committees. She was BVM Sodality Prefect at Our Lady of Vilna Church, & co-captain of the color guard of the Lithuanian War Veterans Drum Corps. When not involved in school work of Lithuanian activity, Irene enjoys reading, sewing, and cooking.

RALPH E. RADICSH, C-29, Newark, N.J. Ralph was introduced to the Knights of Lithuania by his mother, Helen Radicsh, a widow, who is a very active member of Council 29, Newark, and he has benefited by

her good example. Ralph has been accepted by Seton Hall University in New Jersey, and plans to major in Business Administration, with electives in Physics. Attesting to his scholastic abilities, a teacher writes: "...He has shown himself to be reliable, cooperative, friendly, and able to contribute to the group as well as to work alone. As one of the recipients of a certificate of achievement for three years of honor work in mathematics and because he is a stable, mature, and poised individual, I am sure he is capable of making the most of his planned college program."

Ralph's K of L career also began in the Juniors, which he joined in 1961. There, he served on several committees, attended all Junior Rallies and was a member of the Junior Dance Group. He joined the regular C-29 in 1964, and since then has chaired a Council Communion Breakfast and the Council Sports Committee, served as delegate to several district conventions and served on numerous committees.

In addition, Ralph is a member of the Ruta Lithuanian Ensemble and serves as an acolyte in Holy Trinity Church. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fencing, model railroading, and "Go"-carting.



## LIETUVOS VYČIŲ LIETUVIŲ REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS PIRMININKO RAPORTAS - 1966

Per šį seimą užbaigsime lygiai 20 metų darbo Lietuvos Reikalų veikloje. Per tuos metus galiu pranešti, kad tos komisijos nariai parašė ar ti 400,000 laiškų kelti lietuvių vardą pasaulio akyse ir ginti Lietuvos teisę į nepriklausomybę. Per paskutiniuosius metus irgi aktyviai dirbome kaip aišku iš šios statistikos: Biuletenių paruošta

1965 - 11; 1966 - 10

Laiškų biuleteniuose pažymėta

1965 - 351; 1966 - 269

Biuletenių išsiųsta

1965 - 3,640; 1966 - 3,160

Pavardžių ant "mailing list"

1965 - 154; 1966 - 161

Kuopų su veikiančiomis komisijomis

1965 - 15; 1966 - 13

Laiškų ir atviručių parašyta

1965 - 18,112; 1966 - 14,185

Atsakymų gauta

1965 - 3,832; 1966 - 3,906

Iš šios statistikos galime sekančias pastabas padaryti:

- 1 - Skaičius rašančių yra 161. Pernai buvo tik 154.
- 2 - Skaičius kuopų kurios turi veikiančias komisijas nukrito ligi 13. Kur buvo 15, dabar yra tik 13.
- 3 - Apie 4000 laiškų mažiau parašėme negu pernai. Šis skaičius gali būti mažesnis nes nemažai narių dar savo asmenišką raportą neatsiuntė.
- 4 - Nors mažiau laiškų parašėme, tačiau daugiau atsakymų gavome. Tai reiškia, kad asmenys kurie gavo mūsų laiškus daugiau domės į tuos laiškus atkreipė.

Kaip apskritys pasirodė laiškų rašyme, seimo dalyviai gali žinoti iš šios statistikos:

New York-New Jersey apskritis

1965 - 3,548; 1966 - 4,638

Naujos Anglijos apskritis

1965 - 8, 176; 1966 - 3,054

Kalifornijos apskritis

1965 - 1,147; 1966 - 1,865

Illinois-Indiana apskritis

1965 - 912; 1966 - 1,512

Mid-Central apskritis

1965 - 1,640; 1966 - 1, 512

Visi kiti atskirai

1965 - 2,689; 1966 - 1,604

1965 - 18,112

1966 - 14,185

Cia aišku kad:

- 1- Naujos Anglijos apskritis žymiai nukrito. Gaila, kad toji apskritis, kuri turi tiek daug 100-A-YEAR Club narių prasčiau pasirodė. Kur per tiek daug metų viešpatavo šioji apskritis šiame darbe, dabar turi užimti tik antrą vietą.
- 2- Visos kitos apskritys geriau pasirodė išskiriant Mid-Central.
- 3- Džiugu pastebėti, kad dar yra gana daug tokių, kurie, nors ir nepriklauso prie Vyčių, tačiau interesuojasi Komisijos darbu ir stengiasi parašyti tiek laiškų kiek gali. Štai gražus pavyzdys visiems Vyčiams.

Štai kuopos kurios turi veikiančias komisijas ir raportus atsiuntė:

Kuopa 3 - Philadelphia

Kuopa 26 - Worcester

Kuopa 79 - Detroit

Kuopa 112 - Chicago

Kuopa 109 - Great Neck

Kuopa 10 - Athol

Kuopa 29 - Newark

Kuopa 96 - Dayton

Kuopa 116 - So. Worcester

Kuopa 133 - Los Angeles

Kuopa 17 - So. Boston

Kuopa 67 - Bayonne

Kuopa 100 - Amsterdam

Šios kuopos Lietuvos ir lietuvių naudai gražų darbą dirba ir jos visos vertos mūsų pagarbos. Jos gerą pavyzdį duoda toms kuopoms, kurios nieko neveikia. Pagalvokite, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai turi beveik 40 kuopų, o tik 13 iš jų dirba komisijos tautinį darbą. Tūomi reikia mums visiems apgailestauti. Seimo dalyviai yra skatinami daugiau domės į komisijos tautinį darbą atkreipti ir sugrįžę į savo kuopas turėtų visas pastangas dėti, kad kiekviena kuopa turėtų savo veikiančią komisiją.

Su šiuo seimu komisijos pirmininkas baigia trečiuosius metus tautiniame darbe darbuotės. Jonas Andriuška, kaip pirmininkas, parašė oficialius laiškus organizacijos vardu ir kur tik galėjo, ragino kitus prie mūsų tautinio darbo. Per praėjusius metus parašė 311 laiškų ir gavo

daug atsakymų. Už jo puikų darbą mes visi esame jam dėkingi. Kaip komisijos garbės pirmininku, man tekė per praėjusius metus parašyti 768 laiškus bei atvirukus.

Sunkiausias darbas yra paruošti biuletenius. Nariai atsiunčia iškarapas. Reikia jas visas perskaityti, išstudijuoti ir paskui nuspręsti kaip atsakymo laišką parašyti. Iš to aišku, kad be iškarpų mažai ką galime. Todėl siųsti iškarpas iš laikraščių, žurnalų ir kitas informacijas apie Lietuvą paduoti, tai labai svarbus dalykas. Sekantieji daugiausia žinių apie Lietuvą mums atsiuntė:

Pranas Vaškaš iš Newark, N.J.  
Leonardas Valiukas iš Los Angeles, Calif.

Juozapina Zukienė iš Port Washington, D.C.

Juozas Janulaitis iš Philadelphia, Pa.

Genovaitė Gobis iš Amsterdam, N.Y.

Tikrą lietuvišką ačiū tariame jiems ir kitiems kurie iškarpų bei kitų informacijų atsiuntė. Lai atsiranda daug daugiau, kurie matys reikalą atsiųsti visas informacijas apie Lietuvą ir apie Lietuvius, kurias mato laikraščiuose ar žurnaluose ar išgirsta per radiją ar televiziją.

Vyčiai daug prisidėjo šiais metais prie tinkamo apvaikščiojimo Vasario 16-tos dienos, Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės. Prieš šventę parašė laiškus ar kontaktavo įvairius asmenis, raginant juos tos šventės neužmiršti. Po šventės, daug padėkos laiškų pasiuntė. Rezultatai buvo toki:

- 1 - Kiek buvo galima sužinoti, 21 gubernatorius ir 27 burmistrai paskelbė Vasario 16-tą dieną kaip Lietuvos Respublikos Dieną savo valstijoms ir miestams.
- 2 - 9 radijos stotys paminėjo Lietuvą per savo programas toje dienoje. Daytono, Ohio stotis net specialią programą paruošė tai dienai.
- 3 - 104 Kongresmanai ir 24 Senatoriai pasakė kalbas ar savo kalbas patalpino CONGRESSIONAL RECORD apie Lietuvą.
- 4 - Straipsniai apie Lietuvą ir apie minėjimus, kurie įvyko įvairiuo-

se miestuose tilpo 98 laikraščiuose. 7 laikraščiai įdėjo editorialus, o 11 svarbesnius pasakymus apie tos dienos reikšmę.

Lietuvos Vyčiai rėmė visais galimais būdais lietuvių žygį Madison Square Garden, kurs taip sėkmingai įvyko lapkričio 13 dieną, 1965 metais. Džiugu buvo mums matyti kaip puikiai tame žygyje veikė mūsų jaunas Vytis Antanas Mažeika su kitais jaunuoliais. Jiems didelis kreditas išpuola. Jie netik dirbo ir dirba Lietuvai padėti, bet ir suprato mūsų komisijos darbo svarbą, nes paaukavo \$500.00 Komisijai. Tai pirmutinė auka, kurią gavome nuo lietuvių grupės. Nuoširdžiai dėkojame jiems už paramą, kuri paskatins mus stipriau veikti, kad galutinai Lietuva atgautų savo nepriklausomybę.

Toliau Vyčiai rado progos kelti lietuvių vardą, ginti Lietuvos teisę į nepriklausomybę ir supažindinti viso pasaulio žmones su dabartine sunkia padėtimi Lietuvos per apvaikščiėjimus savo garbingo Patrono švento Kazimiero šventės, Tragiškųjų Birželio Dienų ir Pavergtųjų Tautų savaitės. Per visas tas šventes, daug Kongresmanų ir Senatorių pasakė kalbas liečiančias Lietuvą, redaktoriai gana daug publikacijos savo leidiniuose davė išskilmėms, o tarpe žmonių daug daugiau domės toms dienoms buvo atkreipta. Kas link Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės, perspėju visus, kad negalėsime per ateinančius metus paleisti rankas ir nieko nedaryti. Dar labiau reikės veikti, nes Baltieji Rūmai ir Valstijos Departamentas nori tą savaitę panaikinti. Tuo tarpu pastebime, kad gubernatoriai ir burmistrai daug intereso parodo tos savaitės minėjimams. Siais metais net 35 gubernatoriai ir 20 burmistrai paskelbė Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitę jūrų valstijoms ir miestams.

Per praėjusius metus daug darbo įdėjome padėti Kalifornijos Komitetui praversti bent vieną rezoliuciją Lietuvos naudai per Senatą. Atstovų Rūmai pravedė jau vieną rezoliuciją. Dabar labai svarbu, kad Senatas tą patį padarytų. Spaudimus darėme ir dabar darome, kad Senatorius Fulbright leistų savo Užsienių Reikalų Komisijai svarstyti bent vieną rezoliuciją. Jei jis taip leistų, esame tikri, kad rezoliucija bus Senato priimta, nes turime nuo daug Senatorių užtikrinimą, kad jie taip balsuos. Tad šis darbas bus toliau tęsiamas ir ra-

giname visus be išimties tame darbe padėti.

Lietuvių Encyklopedijos Leidykla ruošia ir neužilgo išleis šešių tomų lietuvišką encyklopediją anglų kalba. Per praėjusius metus raginame visus įsigyti tuos tomus, nes ten bus daug žinių apie Lietuvą, kurios kiekvienam padėti geriau ir efektyviau komisijos tautinį darbą dirbti. Apie tai teko mums visiems nariams laišką parašyti, tik deja, kad 23, o ne daugiau, užsisakė. Mūsų mintyje kiekvienas Vytis turėtų tuos tomus įsigyti.

Iš šio raporto visiems gana lengva žinoti, kad tautiniame darbe vyčiai nesnaudžia, bet dirba ir veikia visais galimais būdais. Jie pašvenčia daug liūso laiko Lietuvos ir jos žmonių naudai. Jų pasišventimas iš tikro pavyzdys visų pasaulyje lietuvių sekimas.

Ką šis darbas reiškia Lietuvai ir mums visiems? Galime žinoti iš to kas buvo parašyta laikraščiuose.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (7-15-66) editoriale rašo: "There is no moral or ethical justification for their (BAL TIC STATES) continued captivity at this late date and, if the Kremlin could feel shame, the very existence of Latvinskaya S.S.R., Estonskaja S.S.R. and Litovskaja S.S.R. should be reproach enough to stir atonement.

THE TABLET, Brooklyn, N.Y. (6-16-66) irgi editoriale rašo: "Have the Soviets succeeded in convincing the Lithuanian people and the world public opinion that Russian imperialism is permanently entrenched in Lithuania and elsewhere? The almost daily complaints of the Communist-controlled press about 'Bourgeois nationalism' in Lithuania indicate that this success has been denied to Moscow.

"Some Western journalists see a new opening for the Baltic question in the reassertion of Rumanian claims to Soviet-annexed Bessarabia and Bukovina. Other detect nervousness in Moscow over Baltic nationalism. A Soviet delegation to the Interparliamentary Union Congress in Canberra loses face because of the Baltic issue. Improvement of U.N. atmosphere for raising the Baltic question is noted."

"Today, 26 years after the Soviet aggression and occupation, the cause of Lithuania's liberty is as alive as ever."

Kongresmanas Charles A. Halleck iš Indiana kalbėjo: "There is solid evidence that Truth is rising again in Lithuania in spite of all Soviet efforts to keep it down. It is important that these brave people know we share their hopes and aspirations."

Mano brangūs Vyčiai-Vytės, kaip kentėjo Lietuva jau per 26 metus, taip ir šiandien kenčia. Kodėl? Todėl, kad bedieviškas komunizmas nieko nepaiso. Jų tikslas yra išnaikinti viską kas tik katalikiška, priversti žmogų valstijai tarnauti kaip vergas. Kadangi Lietuva katalikiška ir stoja už žmonių Dievo duotas teises, ji šiandien persekiojama Sovietų. Jei esame katalikiškųjų pažiūrų, ne sunku mums uprasti, kad Kristus yra persekiojamas. Už tai mums reikia būtinai eiti į pagelbą Lietuvai netik todėl, kad esame katalikai, bet dar labiau, kad esame lietuviai. Komunizmas plečiasi nuolatos. Už tai prieš jį reikia kovoti be perstojo.

Tėvas Ledochowski, visų pasaulyje Jėzuitų Generolas, prieš metus visiems Jėzuitams šį įsakymą davė: "Now in present circumstances there is nothing more important, no necessity more urgent than this battle against atheistic Communism. Before this necessity we must relegate to second place every other work, however excellent and dear to us."

Iš to galime suprasti kokia baise nybė pasauliui komunizmas yra. Kovodami prieš komunizmą, kovosime už Lietuvą. Todėl supraskime kokioj blogoj padėtyj Lietuva yra. Rašykime laiškus jos pagelbai. Nenuleiskime rankų. Jei iš vien visi dirbsime, esu tikras, kad Dievas duos mums matyti tą dieną, kada Lietuva numes bedieviškus komunizmo pančius ir galės vėl būti laisva ir nepriklausoma. Dieve, taip padėk.

Kun. Jonas C. Jutt  
Garbės Pirmininkas

John A. Andruska  
Pirmininkas

Rugpjūčio 24 d., 1966 m.

# REZOLIUCIJOS / RESOLUTIONS

Lietuvos Vyčiai susirinkę 53-čiam seimui Worcester, Mass. siunčia širdingiausias linkėjimus Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos Kūrėjui ir garbės Nariui Prof. Aleksandrui Aleksiui. Komp. Prof. A. Aleksis prieš 50 metų sukompanavo Lietuvos Vyčių Himną todėl 3-jo seimo metu, 1916 m. Wilkes Barre, Pa. buvo pakeltas garbės nariu. Sveikindami, linkime p. Profesoriui dar daugelį metų nenuilstamai darbuotis Lietuvos Vyčių garbei ir gerovei.

Knights of Lithuania gathered in Worcester, Mass. for their 53rd annual Convention send heartfelt greetings to Prof. Alexander Aleksis, dean of K of L Honorary Members and composer of the Knights of Lithuania anthem, who, 50 years ago, was made K of L Honorary Member at the organization's 3rd Convention held in Wilkes Barre, Pa. in 1916. Congratulations and may Professor continue to work for the good and glory of the K of L for many more years.

Lietuvos Vyčiai ir jų svečiai susirinkę 53-čiam seimui vienbalsiai priėmė rezoliuciją reikalaujanti Senatą ir jo vedamą Užsienio Reikalų Komitetą neatidėliojant ir palankiai išspręsti esamą Senatą rezoliuciją liečiančią Pabaltijo Valstybes.

Kadangi 1965 m. sausio mėn. 21 d. Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių Atstovų Rūmai priėmė rezoliuciją Nr. 416 liečiančią tą patį klausimą, todėl seimo dalyviai reikalauja Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių Senatą priimti panašią rezoliuciją.

Supažindinimui minėto Komiteto Pirmininkui ir nariams kas dedasi šiuo metu pavergtoje Lietuvoje, Seimo dalyviai siunčia brošiūrą "Lietuva Sovietų Okupacijoje". Delegatai yra pilnai įsitikinę, kad šioje brošiūroje pateikti faktai, aiškiai parodys kodėl Lietuva turi būti tuojau išlaisvinta iš Sovietinio jungo.

The delegates and their guests to the 53rd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, now in session, unanimously adopted a resolution urging Senator J. William Fulbright and his Foreign Relations Committee to act without delay and favorably on one of the Senate Concurrent Resolutions concerning the Baltic States. Since on June 21, 1965, the House adopted H. Con. Res. 416 concerning the same question, it is the conviction of the Convention that the Senate adopt a similar resolution.

In order to acquaint the Chairman and the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with what is presently happening in subjugated Lithuania, the Convention takes the liberty of sending the book "Lithuania under the Soviets". The Convention is convinced that it presents sufficient reasons why Lithuania should be immediately freed from Soviet domination.

Lietuvos Vyčiai susirinkę 53-čiam seimui vykstančiame Holiday Inn Worcester, Mass. 1966 m. rugpjūčio mėn. 25-28 d.d. nutarė įsteigti stipendijų fondą, pagerbimui vieno mūsų organizacijos didžiausio kūrėjo. Todėl, mes, Lietuvos Vyčiai susirinkę šiame seime, vienbalsiai nutarėme minėtą fondą pavadinti Kanau-ninko Fabijono Kemežio stipendijų fondo vardu.

The Knights of Lithuania assembled at their 53rd National Convention held at the Holiday Inn, Worcester, Massachusetts during August 25-28, 1966 hereby resolve to honor the memory of one of our organization's greatest organizers by dedicating our Scholarship Fund to his memory.

Therefore, we, the Knights of Lithuania assembled at this Convention, unanimously vote to dedicate our Scholarship Fund to the memory of Canon Fabijonas Kemėšis.

Lietuvių Vyčių organizacija, per savo 53-ąją seimą Worcesteryje, vienbalsiai nutarė pareikšti pilną ir nuoširdų pritarimą Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic States ir gilią padėką už ligi šiol nuveiktus darbus Lietuvos naudai. Seimas skatina tai Komisijai toliau tęsti tą svarbų darbą Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atgavimui ir ragina visus Vyčius ir ne-Vyčius remti visais galimais būdais tos Komisijos žygius, darbus ir nutarimus. Seimas linki kuo geriausios sėkmės tame darbe kurs turi už tikslą bent vienos rezoliucijos pravedimą Suvienytų Valstijų Senate.

The Knights of Lithuania organization during its 53rd National Convention unanimously adopted a resolution to convey their full support to the Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic States and also extends their grateful appreciation for the committee's work in behalf of the Lithuanian cause. The delegates urged the committee to continue their earnest labors towards attaining of Lithuanian independence. All members as well as non-members were informed of the importance of backing the committee's aims, works, decisions. Hope was extended to the committee that the U. S. Senate would pass at least one resolution that would be of benefit.

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Lietuvos Vyčiai, susirinkę Worcesteryje 53-iam seimui, vienbalsiai nutarė pareikšti pilną pritarimą Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos veiklai ir linki didžiausios sėkmės tame darbe, kurio tikslas yra atgauti Lietuvai nepriklausomybę. Seimas irgi ragina visus Amerikos Lietuvius remti Tarybos darbuotę taip, kad Tarybos nariai su dar didesne energija toliau tęstų savo veiklą Lietuvos naudai.

The Knights of Lithuania, assembled in Worcester, Massachusetts for the 53rd National Convention un-animously agreed to extend their full support to the American Lithuanian Council (Taryba) in their activities as well as wishing them every success in their aim to gain once again the independence of Lithuania. The convention delegates urge all Lithuanian Americans to back the Council in order that they might work toward the interest of the Lithuanian nation with a greater energy.

Išklausė skaitytą Garbės Narystės Komisijos Pirmininko Leonardo Simučio ir raštininko Juozo Juozaičio raportą, siūlome, kad (a) Panelė Eleanor Laurin iš 13-tos kuopos, Chicago, Ill., Prof. Jokubas J. Stukas iš 29-tos kuopos, Newark, N.J., ir Vincas Ed. Pavis iš 111 tos kuopos, Youngstown, Ohio, būtų pakelti į Garbės Narystę per šį seimą ir, (b) Taipogi užgyrimui į Garbės Narystę per sekančius seimus yra numatyta sekantieji nariai: Mary (Thompson) Jankowski, 26-tą kuopa, Worcester, Mass., Ann (Lukasavage) Bender, 26-ta kuopa, Worcester, Mass., Marcella Andrikis, 7 kuopa, Waterbury, Conn., Anne Klem, 90 kuopa, Harrison-Kearny, N.J., Joseph Sakaitis, 26 kuopa, Worcester, Mass.

After hearing the report from the Honorary Membership Committee Chairman Leonard J. Simutis and Secretary Jack Juozatis, it is recommended that:

a) Eleanore H. Laurin from Council 13, Chicago, Ill., Prof. Jack J. Stukas from Council 29, Newark, N. J., and Vincent Ed. Pavis from Council 111, Youngstown, Ohio be elevated to Honorary Membership during this convention (and)

b) the following members be approved for this same honor at future convention: Mary (Thompson) Jankowski, Council 26, Worcester, Mass., Ann (Lukasavage) Bender, Council 26, Worcester, Mass., Marcella Andrikis, Council 7, Waterbury, Conn., Anne Klem, Council 90, Harrison-Kearny, N.J., and Joseph Sakaitis, Council 26, Worcester, Mass.

Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas, vyksta 1966 metais rugpiučio mėn. 25-28 dienomis Worcester, Massachusetts, išklauses prel. Jono Balkūno pranešimo ragino visus Vyčius kuo skaitlingiausiai dalyvauti Siluvos Kopylės dedikacijos iškilmėse ir Liet. Katalikų Kongrese, kurie įvyks rugsėjo 3, 4 ir 5 d.d. Washington, D.C.

The Knights of Lithuania convention in session August 25-28, 1966 in Worcester, Massachusetts heard an address by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas in which he urged all Knights to attend the dedication of the Our Lady of Siluva Shrine and the Lithuanian Catholic Congress on Sept. 3, 4 and 5 in Washington, D.C.

Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas, vyksta 1966 metais rugpiučio mėn. 25-28 dienomis Worcester, Mass., išklauses pranešimus, sveikina Amerikos ir Kanados Lietuvių Kunigų Vienybės sumanymą leisti knygų seriją "Krikščionis Gyvenime" ir ragina visus Vyčius leidžiamas knygas užsisakyti bei prikalbinti savo pažįstamus taip pat pasiūsti savo užsakymus.

The Knights of Lithuania convention in session August 25-28, 1966 in Worcester, Massachusetts upon hearing the report, endorsed the American and Canadian Lithuanian Priests League's subsequent issuance of the book, "Catholic Life" ("Krikščionis Gyvenime") and urged all Knights not only to subscribe themselves but to solicit subscriptions.

Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas, vyksta 1966 metais rugpiučio mėn. 25-28 dienomis Worcester, Mass., išklauses pranešimus, sveikina sumanymą leisti lituanistinę enciklopediją angliu kalba ir ragina visus Vyčius ją užsiprenumeruoti bei kalbinti savo pažįstamus, kad ir jie pasiūstų savo užsakymus.

The Knights of Lithuania convention in session August 25-28, 1966 in Worcester, Massachusetts upon hearing the report, endorsed the publication of the Lithuanian Encyclopedia in the english language and urged all Knights not only to subscribe themselves but to solicit subscriptions.

Mes, Lietuvos Vyčiai susirinkę Holiday Inn, Worcester, Mass. 53-čiam seimui, reiškiamo nuoširdžiausią padėką šv. Kazimiero parapijos Kunigams, už jų labai kruopščiai paruoštą religinę programą Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo metu 1966 m.

We the members of the Knights of Lithuania assembled at the Holiday Inn in Worcester, Massachusetts for the 53rd National Convention, hereby express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the clergy of St. Casimir's parish for their untiring efforts in arranging the spiritual activities of the 1966 Knights of Lithuania Convention.

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Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija susirinkusi 53-čiam visuotiniam seimui vienbalsiai priėmė nutarimą padėkoti Didžiai Gerb. J. A. V. Senatoriui Thomas J. Dodd - Conn. už jo nenuilstamą gynimą Lietuvos reikalų prieš J.A.V. Senatą ir pasaulio bendruomenę. Suvažiavimas tikisi ir turi vilties, kad Senatoriui Dodd pritariant ir padedant šis klausimas ateityje bus palankiai išspręstas. Kadangi, 1960 m. Senatorius Dodd buvo pagerbtas, kaip didžiausias Lietuvos reikalų gynėjas ir draugas, todėl mes Lietuvos Vyčiai turime jame pasitikėjimą, kad jis savo balsu ir ateityje lietuvių reikalus nuoširdžiai gins ir parems.

The Knights of Lithuania organization, now in session for its 53rd National Convention, unanimously passed a resolution thanking the Honorable Thoms J. Dodd, U. S. Senator from the State of Connecticut, for his continued and dynamic support of the righteous cause of Lithuania before the United States Senate and before the world court of public opinion. The convention express its sincere hope that a most favorable solution will be forthcoming in the situation which now faces Senator Dodd. It likewise expresses its vote of confidence in him whom the Knights of Lithuania honored in 1960 as a True Friend of Lithuania.

Mes, Lietuvos Vyčiai, susirinkę Holiday Inn, Worcester, Mass. 53-čiam seimui, reiškiame labai gilią padėką 26-tos kuopos Valdybai, Komitetams bei nariams už jų labai gražų ir malonų seimo globojimą.

We the member of the Knights of Lithuania assembled at the Holiday Inn in Worcester, Massachussetts for the 53rd National Convention, hereby express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the Officers, committees and members of Council 26 for their untiring efforts in arranging a successful and enjoyable convention.

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## OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

### OFFICIAL NEWS

#### RULES FOR THE 1966-67 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Credit for enrolling members in the new drive will be earned only if the following rules and dates are observed.

Earn TEN points for each new or rejoin member you enroll by JANUARY 31, 1967. However the cards and dues must be post-marked and received by the National Financial Secretary BEFORE February 28, 1967.

Earn SEVEN points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL, 1967.

Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during MAY & JUNE, 1967.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S. C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 8-1-66. The Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on these 8-1-66 totals.

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.

Special Note: Previous members should be given the choice of maintaining their continuous membership and seniority status by paying up any lapsed dues. These members will be listed as "reinstated" and no applications will be required.

If previous members have been delinquent three or more years and do not wish to reestablish their continuous membership, new applications will be required. These members will be listed as "rejoins" and both application cards and dues must be submitted within the specified dates to receive the credits for the particular Drive period.

#### BE FIRST TO BE 100% PAID-UP and GET A SPECIAL AWARD

Effective immediately, the councils in four categories will be eligible to receive an added citation for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up. Your quota is the 8-1-66 total, as listed in the Financial Secretary's Convention Report.

- 1st category - 11 to 29 members
- 2nd category - 30 to 59 members
- 3rd category - 60 to 99 members
- 4th category - 100 members and over

If councils 61, 67 and 133 can double their membership they will also be eligible for competition in the first category.

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#### ELECTIONS

Election of new officers must take place in September or October for each District and Council. This constitutional change was approved at the 1964 National Convention and should be adhered to in the same manner as all other articles of the Constitution.

Immediately after the election of your new officers, please send their names, addresses and zip codes to the national recording secretary, Josephine Zukas. It is important that the Supreme Council has a listing of all officers of every District and Council.

# OFFICIAL *Highlights*



Standing: J. Drumstas and Al. Wesey. Seated: E. Laurin, M. Stonis, H. Zimmer, J. Zukas.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT	Al Wesey-Vasiliauskas C109, Great Neck
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT	Mary Stonis C29, Newark
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT	Eleanore Laurin C13, Chicago
THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT	Longinas Svelnis C17, So. Boston
RECORDING SECRETARY	Josephine Zukas C17, So. Boston
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Helen Zimmer C36, Chicago
TRUSTEES	Joseph Drumstas C26, Worcester  Larry Janonis C12, New York
LEGAL ADVISOR	Konstant Savickus C5, Chicago
"VYTIS" EDITOR	Irene Sankus C112, Chicago

## COMMITTEES

### LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

Rev. John Jutt, Honorary Chairman, C26 Worcester  
Charles Grigaitis, Chairman, C26 Worcester

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Juozas Sadauskas, Mid-Central, C25 Seniors Cleveland

Frank Vaskas, New York-New Jersey, C 29 Newark  
Vincent Samaska, Illinois-Indiana, C36 Chicago  
Adele Petras, California, C133 Seniors Los Angeles  
Albert Jaritis, New England, C17 So. Boston

### LITHUANIAN CULTURAL

Joseph Yanulaitis, Chairman, C3 Philadelphia  
Dianne Belestsky, C3 Philadelphia

### RITUAL

Joseph Boley, Chairman, C41 Seniors New York  
Edward Daniels, C26 Worcester  
Rita Pinkus, C26 Worcester

### SCHOLARSHIP (elected for a three year term)

Jack Stukas, Chairman, C29 Newark  
Johanna Jakunas, Secretary, C36 Chicago  
Jay Paulukonis, Treasurer, C 26 Worcester  
Walter Svekla, C3 Philadelphia  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas Maspeth  
Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius, C139 Detroit

### SPORTS

Robert Kerbel, C26 Worcester  
Michael Zuma, C26 Worcester  
John Jesulaitis, C13 Chicago

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Leonard Simutis (Chicago), Jack Jatis (Chicago),  
Anthony J. Mazeika (New York), Ignas Sakalas (Chicago),  
Prof. Alexander Aleksis, (Waterbury).

### CONVENTION PRESIDUM

CHAIRMAN . . . . . Joseph Yanulaitis, C3  
CO-CHAIRMAN . . . . . Jack Jatis, H.M.  
Joseph Paulukonis, C26  
SECRETARIES . . . . . Albina Burdulis, C26  
Nancy Kober, C109

### SGTS-AT-ARMS

Albert Jaritis C17, Michael Zuma C 26

### MINUTES COMMITTEE

Helen Shields, H.M., Frank Vaskas, H.M.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Vincent Ed. Pavis (M-C), Joseph Sakaitis (N-E),  
Eleanore Laurin (I-I), Alexander Wesey, (NY-NJ)

### MANDATE COMMITTEE

Johanna Jakunas - C36, Helen Zimmer C36,  
Birute Burdulis C26, Mary Stonis C 29

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. John Jutt J.M., Anthony Mazeika H.M.,  
Walter Svekla C3, Mary Lucas C96, Mary  
Jankowski C26, Anne Mitchell H.M.

### GREETINGS COMMITTEE

Dr. Jack Stukas C29, Helen Kulber 41 Srs.,  
Gloria Metrick C 26, Paul Kuzmeskas C26



KEY TO CITY OF WORCESTER (Above) Worcester's Mayor George Wells presented the "Key to the City of Worcester" to Convention Chairman William Grigas and National President Alexander Wesey.

## MANDATE REPORT

### SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS

Alexander Wesey (Great Neck), Mary Stonis (Newark), Eleanore Laurin (Chicago), Joseph Zukas (Great Neck), Johanna Jakunas (Chicago), Joseph Drumstas (Worcester), Walter Svekla (Philadelphia), Vincent Ed. Pavis (Youngstown), Joseph Sakaitis (Worcester).

### CLERGY

Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Juras (Lawrence), Rev. John C. Jutt (Worcester), Rev. M. Urbanavicius MIC (Marian Hills, Ill), Rev. A. Contons (So. Boston), Rev. Albin Yankauskas (Worcester), Rev. V. Krisciunevicius (Detroit), Rev. Michael Tamulevicius (Athol), Rev. Alfonse Volungis (Worcester), Rev. Leonard Kvedas (Waterbury), Rev. Robert Baltch (Amsterdam), Rev. V. Puidokas (Westfield), Rev. Anthony Perkunus SBD (Caracas, Venezuela), Rev. Joseph Margis MIC (Buenos Aires, Argentina), Rev. A. Janiunas (So. Boston).

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Rev. J. Jutt (Worcester), Prof. A. J. Aleksis (Waterbury), Phyllis Grendal (So. Boston), Jack Jatis (Chicago), Anthony J. Mazeika (New York), Anthony Young (So. Boston), Anne Mitchell (Elizabeth), Helen Shields (Philadelphia), Frank Vaskas (Newark), Juozas Sadauskas (Cleveland), Rev. M. Urbanavicius MIC (Marian Hills, Ill), Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Juras (Lawrence).

### DISTRICTS REPRESENTED (4)

Illinois-Indiana - Eleanore Laurin, Helen Zimmer  
Mid-Central - Vincent Pavis, Julia Aleshunas  
New England - Joseph Sakaitis, Barbara Mazeika  
New York-New Jersey - Frank Vaskas, Nancy Kober

### COUNCILS REPRESENTED (31, including 3 Senior Councils)

Cleveland Seniors - Juozas Sadauskas, Stella San-

kaitė, Marijona Trainauskaitė, Anthony Buknis  
New York Seniors - Antanas Mazeika, Helen Kulber, Eugenia Karpus

Youngstown Seniors - Stella Pavis

C1 (Brockton) - Sylvia Shukis, Patricia Miskinis

C3 (Philadelphia) - John Mickunas, Jr., Diane Bel-  
etsky, Julian Greymas, Agnes Mickunas, Alber-  
ta Bekeris, Irene Varevice, Joseph Yanulaitis

C7 (Waterbury) - James Valaitis, Marcella Andri-  
kis, Lillian Palauskas, John Alanskas, Frank  
Shaknaitis, Nellie Shaknaitis

C10 (Athol-Gardner) - William Wisnauskas, Howard  
Beaudette, Alvin Rodski, Nellie Melaika

C12 (New York) - Larry Janonis

C17 (So. Boston) - Albert Jaritis, Brenda Statsky,  
Longinas Svelnis, Jean Pasakarnis

C18 (Cambridge) - Algis Martisauskas

C19 (Pittsburgh) - Stephen Onaitis, Marcella Onai-  
tis, Andrew Rozber, Tom Unitas

C25 (Cleveland) - Evelyn Andrulis, John Andrulis

C26 (Worcester) - Michael Zuma, Charles Grigai-  
tis, Paul Kuzmeskas, Robert Kerbel, Janice Tag-  
man, Charles Kerbel, Carol Grigas, Rita Pinkus,  
Mary Jankowski, Ann Bender, Birutė Burdulis,  
Glorida Metrik, Ann Buciskas, Vladas Ged-  
mintas, Emily Gudzevich, Albina Burdulis, Jo  
Anne Ivaska, John Jacobson, Walter Grimala Jr.,  
Ann Ridick, Joseph Paulukonis, Helen Gillis, Ed-  
ward Daniels, Wanda Pajeda

C29 (Newark) - Edward Schmidt, Louis Stukas, Lo-  
retta Stukas, Jack Stukas, JoAnn Stulpin, Mary  
Stulpin, Mary Stonis, Charles Strolis, Jack Re-  
meika

C30 (Westfield) - Benedict Coach, Sophie Kuchar-  
ski, John Tanauskas, Kunigunda Coash, Helen  
Alexik

C41 (New York) - Denis Mazeika

C52 (Elizabeth) - Mary motecus, Daniel Degutis

C61 (Paterson) - Dottie Dutkus

C67 (Bayonne) - Martin Rusgi

C78 (Lawrence) - Diana Dwaske, Dorothy Blaze-  
vich

C96 (Dayton) - Mary Lucas, Steven Bucmys

C100 (Amsterdam) - Genevieve Gobis, Joseph Ol-  
sauskas



Pictured at the Closing Banquet: Edward Daniels, Rev. John C. Jutt, William Grigas, Frank Vaskas, Alexander Wesey, Vincent Grazulis and Rev. Alphonse Volungis.

C109 (Great Neck) - Mary Kober, Sue Zebart  
 C112 (Chicago) - Leon Pauksta, Mirga Pakalniskis  
 C113 (Linden) - Adele Leraitis, Joseph Sable, John  
 Tratulis  
 C116 (Worcester) - Irene Adamaitis, Ann Miller,  
 Paula Bunevith  
 C139 (Detroit) - Therese Vaitkunas

Marion Racicot, Eleanor Carmody, Dana Pauliuko-  
 nis, William Grigas, J. Vembre, Petras Kalasle,  
 Kostas Skurodys, Mildred Young, Dorothy Glaster,  
 Pranas Stanelis, Marion Lukason, Louise Totilas,  
 Mary Doginikas, Grazina Cesna, Mary Mrozinski,  
 Olga Kersis, Christine Delonis, Elaine Salkaus, Dot  
 Sinkavitch, Rita Skamavich, Gertrude Zibinskas,  
 Adella Ceraska, Frances Kules, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph  
 Sabonis, R. Gemnis, Antanas Vairuse, M. Korainis,  
 A. Lileikis.

GUESTS

Connecticut

Sister M. Apollinara, Sister M. David, Anthony Alex-  
 ander, Joseph Silaika

Michigan

Annette Byrne

Illinois

John Jakubs

New York

Antanas Vaiciunas Helen Yocis, Carolyn Murphy,  
 Joanne Janonis, John Alkunas

Massachusetts

Mildred Lapinskas, James Kules, Irene Ostrowski,  
 Vyto Morkunas, Gediminas Janulis, M. K. Watkins,  
 John Kucharski, Pranas Pauliunonis, Shirley Gobush,  
 Mary Blazewich, Francis Milash, Rita Maitkunas,  
 Joseph Sipas, Doris Tarnauskas, Frances Grigas,

Pennsylvania

Richard Simelis, Terry Mazeika

Rhode Island

K. V. Martinkus



CONVENTION COMMITTEES: Top Row, Left: Vincent Ed. Pavis & Jay Pau-  
 liukonis; Center: Vincent Ed. Pavis, Joseph Sakaitis, Eleanore Laurin & Al  
 Wesey; Right: Johanna Jakunas, Helen Zimmer, Birutė Burdulis & Mary  
 Stonis. Center Row, Left: Albert Jaritis & Michael Zuma; Center: D. Blaze-  
 vich, Birutė Burdulis, Jack Stukas, Gloria Metrick, P. Kuznickas, Loretta  
 Stukas; Left: Father John Jutt, Anthony Mazeika, D. Blazevich. Bottom Row:  
 Father Jutt, A. Mazeika, Walter Svekla, Mary Lucas, Mary Jankowski, Anne  
 Mitchell.

## GREETINGS with Donations

Rev. V. Puidokas, Westfield, Mass.

\$100.00 - Supreme Council

Konstant J. Savickus, S.C. Legal Advisor

Chicago, Ill., \$20.00 - S.C.

Council 116, Worcester, Mass.

15.00 - Scholarship Fund

Jack L. Jatis, Honorary Member, Chicago

\$10.00 - Supreme Council

Felicija M. Grendal, Honorary Member

So. Boston, Mass., \$10.00 - Scholarship

Frank Vaskas, Honorary Member, Newark

\$10.00 - Supreme Council

John Sprainaitis, Honorary Member

Paterson, N.J., \$10.00 - S.C.

Matas Zujus, Honorary Member and "Garsas"

Editor, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

\$10.00 - "Vytis" Fund

Chicago Senior Council - \$10.00 - S.C.

Council 109, Great Neck., L.I., N.Y.

\$10.00 - Supreme Council

Loretta Macekonis, C-5, Chicago, Ill.

\$10.00 - Supreme Council

Antoinette Naujelis, C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa.

\$10.00 - Supreme Council

## GREETINGS

James Moyers, Assistant to the President of the United States, on behalf of the President

John A. Volpe, Governor of Massachusetts

George A. Wells, Mayor of the City of Worcester

Juozas Kajeckas, Lithuanian Charge d'Affaires, Washington, D.C.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Pranas Juras, Lawrence, Mass.

Rev. Michael Urbanavicius, MIC, Honorary Member, Clarendon Hills, Ill.

Rev. Anthony Perkunas SBD, Lith. Chaplain, Caracas, Venezuela

Rev. Joseph A. Margis MIC, Lith. Chaplain, Avellaneda, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Rev. Vaclovas Martinkus, Providence, R.I.

Rev. Peter Zemeikis, Spiritual Director, NY-NJ District

Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Brockton, Mass.

Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Putnam, Conn.

Lithuanian Roman Catholic alliance of america, Leonard Simutis, Sr., President

Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America, Kazys Kleiva, President

Anthony O. Shallna, Honorary Consul of Lithuania, Boston, Mass.

Worcesterio Lietuviai Skautai, Petras Molis, Vadovas  
Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic States, Leonard Valiukas, President

Lithuanian World Review Radio, Anthony B. Mazeika, Director

Leonard Simutis, Chairman Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee

Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, Honorary Member, Waterbury, Conn.

Anthony F. Kneizys, Honorary Member, Hashua, N. H.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tenclinger, C-36, Chicago, Ill.



## RITUAL DEGREES

The National Ritual Committee announced the presentation of the Fourth Degree to the following member: Marion Lukason C116, Mildred Lapinskas C116, Helen Gillus C26, Anne Ridick C 26, Mary Kober C109, Magdalen Ranucci C26, William Grigas C26, Vyto Morkunas C26, Louis Stukas C29, Josephine Zukas C109, Johanna Jakunas C36, Agnes Mickunas C3, Vincent Kazauskas C27, Joseph Drumstas C26, Charles Tagman C26.

## 100-A-YEAR CLUB MEMBERS 1966

Frank Vaskas, C29 - 360 letters

John A. Andruska, C116 - 311

Alex Kardokas, C116 - 205

Walter Svekla, C 3 - 113

Ruth L. Grasha, C79 - 108

Mr. Mrs. J. Jagiella, C112 - 105

Albert Zakarka, C112 - 105

Ona Walls, C79 - 100

Miss Grasha and Mrs. Walls are new members of the club.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP BESTOWED

Eleanore Laurin (Chicago), Vincent Ed. Pavis (Youngstown), and Prof. Jack J. Stukas (Hillside) were elevated to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania. They received their medals at the Closing Banquet.



Honorary Membership Committee Secretary, Jack L. Jatis, presenting Honorary Membership medals to three Knights.



#### CULTURAL EXHIBIT

The Cultural Exhibit was a point of interest reviewed by just about every conventioner. It was also a feather-in-the-cap for Mary Jankowski, her committee and the Worcester hosts because it was also a focal point of interest for the many non-Lithuanian guests at the Holiday Inn. The display included an unusual collection of amber jewelry, with many pieces which came directly from Lithuania. There was a beautiful array of wood-carvings, way-side crosses and chapelets, carved with traditional Lithuanian motif by the few remaining artesans. Not only the women but also the men stopped to admire the intricate and colorful patterns woven into national costumes, sashes, ties, scarfs and table cloths. Also available, for scanning and purchase, were many books, magazines, records and a variety of other printed literature. Among the other things which the visitors were able to view and admire was the Art. Featured items were paintings of our patron, St. Casimir, and Darius-Girenas. It is not very often that members have been able to absorb Lithuanian culture from such a large and varied collection of Lithuanian arts and crafts.

#### AWARDS LUNCHEON

During the Saturday Luncheon, in addition to the membership awards which are described elsewhere in this issue, the following awards were also presented: Nancy Kober, secretary of the NY-NJ District, presented an award to the Reverend John C. Jutt for his work on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, now in its 20th year; Father John Jutt presented 100-A-Year Award Plaques to deserving members; Father Jutt also presented Rita Pinkus (C-26, Worcester) with a special award for having written at least 100 letters in the Lithuanian Affairs field for each of the past eight years; a special award was presented to Prof. Jack J. Stukas for promoting the K of L culturally through his radio program, "Memories of Lithuania", now celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Dr. and Mrs. Jack J. Stukas received a Papal Blessing on the occasion of the "Memories of Lithuania" program's 25th Anniversary. Theodore and Rita Pinkus also received a Papal Blessing on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

#### LITHUANIAN CROSS POST CARDS

Through the courtesy of the Lithuanian Committee for the New York World's Fair and the efforts of Alexander Vakselis and Helen V. Kulber color postcards of the Lithuanian Way-Side Cross at the New York World's Fair were distributed to the delegates and guests. The Cross remains in an area as part of the World's Fair grounds which will be made into a permanent park.

#### PETITION SIGNED

A petition, sponsored by a non-Lithuanian organization, the St. Michael Forum in New York City, urging the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate to act immediately on the House Concurrent Resolution 416 concerning the Baltic States, was signed by many of the delegates and guests at the convention. The petitions were bound and delivered to Sen. J. William Fulbright, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in Washington D.C.

#### SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Original drawings, of historical and prominent people by John Subacius, which will illustrate "Awakening Lithuania" by Dr. Jack J. Stukas, were displayed in the meeting rooms. Also displayed by Helen Kulber, C-41 Seniors, was an album, containing many items and pictures pertaining to Lithuania and Lithuanians which appeared in newspapers from February 7th to March 7th.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

The delegates and guests viewed a film during the the fourth session, on the successful Manifestation Rally in Madison Square Garden, NYC, and the demonstration march to the United Nations Building.

During the same session, the delegates heard an interesting talk by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas of Maspeth, N.Y. The Monsignor spoke on the "Challenge to our Youth in America."

#### CONVENTION MASSES

All three Convention Masses were held in St. Casimir's Church, Worcester. The celebrants: Friday's Opening Mass - Rev. John C. Jutt, pastor of St. Casimir's; Saturday's Mass for Deceased Members - Rev. Joseph Margis, MIC, of Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Sunday's Closing Mass - The Most Rev. Bernard J. Flanagan, Bishop of Worcester.



Rev. John Jutt, Bishop Bernard Flanagan and Msgr. John Balkunas.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 1965 - 1966

### District Results:

New England	-	56	new	members
Illinois - Indiana	-	32	"	"
Mid-Central	-	30	"	"
New York-New Jersey	-	29	"	"
California	-	1	"	"

(NOTE: In each District, the largest council also had the greatest number of new members in their District: C26, 33 new members; C 112, 16 new members; C79, 12 new members; C29, 8 new members.)

### Council Awards (For large Councils)

C26 Worcester - 25%  
C112 Chicago - 13%  
C79 Detroit - 10-%

### Council Awards (For small Councils)

C1 Brockton - 50%  
C41 Srs. New York - 32%  
C13 Chicago - 28%

### Individual Awards - Large Councils

Estelle Rogers (50 1/2 pts) C112 Chicago  
Eloise Berczelly, C96 Dayton  
Olga Savitskas, C135 Ansonia

### Individual Awards - Small Council

Anthony J. Mazeika (28 pts) C41 Srs. New York  
Sadie Korbus, C100 Amsterdam, Pauline Pigeon &  
Roland Pigeon, C1 Brockton, all tied for second  
Juozas Sadauskas, C25 Srs. Cleveland, Ignas Visoc-  
kas, C25 Srs. Cleveland and Father Wassel, C 3  
Phillie, all tied for third

### Special commendations

C7 Waterbury - 42 members reinstated  
C79 Detroit - 39 reinstated  
C17 So. Boston - 25 reinstated  
C26 Worcester - 20 reinstated

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

- \$100.00 - Illinois-Indiana District  
- Council 26, Worcester, Mass.  
75.00 - Council 113, Linden, N.J.  
50.00 - Council 29, Newark, N.J. (Individual  
Members)  
- Alexander Wesey, National President  
48.00 - Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio  
25.00 - Council 116, Worcester, Mass.  
20.46 - New York-New Jersey District  
Sports Committee  
20.00 - Council 1, Brockton, Mass.  
10.00 - Council 27, Norwood, Mass.  
- Council 30, Westfield, Mass.  
- Council 52, Elizabeth, N.J.  
- Council 96, Dayton, Ohio  
- Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y.  
- Council 109, Great Neck, N.I., N.Y.  
- Council 135. Ansonia, Conn.  
Felicija Grendal, H.M., So. Boston, Mass.  
- Frank Gudelis, H.M. Dayton, Ohio  
- Jack L. Jatis, H.M. Chicago, Ill.  
- Rev. Eugene Borek, Upton, Mass.  
- Irene K. Sankus, "Vytis" Editor  
- Steponas Bucmys, C-96  
- Anthony Buknis, C-26 Seniors  
- Gene Gobis, C-100  
- Mary Kober, C-109  
- Joseph & Josephine Zukas, C-109  
6.00 - Council 90, Kearny, N.J.  
Individual Members  
5.00 - Council 10, Athol, Mass.  
- Frank Vaskas, H.M. Newark, N.J.  
- Rev. John Pakalniskis, N-Y Seniors  
- Rev. Dr. St. Valiusaitis, C-29  
- Mary Lucas, C-96  
- Barbara Mazeika, C-116  
- Ann Miller, C-116  
- Pinkus Family, C-26  
- Joe Sable, C-113  
- Mary Trainy, C-25 Seniors



Msgr. John Balkunas, Maspeth, N.Y. addresses delegates and guests during the Closing Banquet.



Addressing the guests were: (left) Mayor George Wells and (right) Representative D. Donohue.



Joseph Yanulaitis, Cultural Chairman, presents two books to Bishop Flanagan.

### RITUAL PANEL

The Supreme Council Ritual Committee conducted a panel, led by Edward Daniels, on methods of improving our ritual ceremonials, point systems and ways and means to bring the ritual degree back to a prime importance in our organization. The committee will submit their finding at a later date.

### "UP TO HEAVEN IN 67"

Invitations by Gene Gobis and Father Baltch on behalf of C100, Amsterdam, N.Y. and by Mary Lucas on behalf of C96, Dayton, Ohio were extended to the delegates to hold the next convention in their respective cities. After discussion and a closed vote, C96 of Dayton was awarded the 1967 National Convention.

### SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS TWICE DURING CONVENTION

Outgoing Supreme Council Officers and Committee Chairmen held their last meeting Thursday, Aug. 24th before the Convention's official opening. Old business was cleared up and final convention arrangements were made.

Newly-elected officers, committee chairmen and others met after the Closing Banquet to discuss plans for the coming year. Details will be presented at a later date.

The next Supreme Council meeting will be held in Chicago on November 12th.

### A MOST SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

For a difficult job well done -- a sincere thank you to the convention committee: Rev. John C. Jutt, Rev. Alphonse A. Volungis, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Balkunas, William A. Grigas, Vincent J. Grazulis, Edward A. Daniels, Olga Kersis, Gloria Metrik, Albina Burdulis, Mrs. John Carmody, Helen Gillus, Mrs. Arthur Racicot, Gediminas Janula, Rita Pinkus, Ann Bender, Stephen Walinsky, Eleanor Anusauskas, Joseph Sepas, Claire Grigaitis, Carol Grigas, Joseph Drumstas, Magdalene Ranucci, Frances Grigas, Angela Busky, Nancy Miller, Mary Jankowski, Jo Anne Ivaska, Anne Bucinskas, Christine Delonis, Charles Grigaitis, Arthur Racicot, Jane Sakalausky, Marion Shapiro, Mary Doginikas, Charles Kerbel, Paul Kuzmeskas, Karen Butkus, Janice Tagman, Pauline Yanusas, John Carmody, Walter Grimala, Adele Ceraska, Joseph Sakaitis.

### "VYTIS THANK YOU"

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### "VYTIS" DEADLINES

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All material except Council News must be sent to the Editor.

RELATED CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to our national president Al Wesley and his wife, Starsy. They celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 11th.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

As of publication date, no decision has been made as to The National Spiritual Advisor. An announcement will be made in the next issue.

## K of L Calendar

October 22 C-36, Chicago, La Fiesta Mexico  
Chicago, Ill.

October 29 C-112, Chicago, Halloween Party  
Chicago, Ill.

October 29 - Mid-Central District Convention,  
October 30 C-25 host, Cleveland, Ohio

November 5 C-109, Great Neck, Fall Dance,  
Transfiguration Parish Hall,  
Maspeth, N.Y.

November 12 Supreme Council Meeting,  
Chicago, Ill.

November 12 Illinois-Indiana District K of L Choir's  
Golden Jubilee Banquet, Chicago, Ill.

November 12 C-96, Dayton, Polka Party, New Lithua-  
nian Hall, Dayton, Ohio

December 3 C-29, Newark, Lithuanian movies.

December 31 Illinois-Indiana District New Year's  
Eve Party, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

# Social Sidelights

## "FOR THE SPORTS-MINDED"

The Worcester welcome pace was set on Thursday. Early in the A.M. the "pros" and amateurs met at the Mount Wachusetts Country Club for the convention Golf Tournament. The sporting-events continued in the afternoon, for those still able, with sportsmen and bowlers meeting at the Colonial Lanes for the annual convention Bowling Tournament.

## "LET'S GET ACQUAINTED"

The welcome pace continued, Thursday evening, at the Get Acquainted Party with an "ole time" band which gave everyone present their favorite type of dance music, including the Philly theme - "O' Dem Golden Slippers". The pace continued with community singing which echoed through every corner of Maironis Park and the buffet spread which was planned to please the palate of every guest. If the delegates and guests, who had already arrived from neighboring Boston and all points south and west to Chicago, wondered what would be in store for them socially, by the evening's end they knew - it would be the greatest!

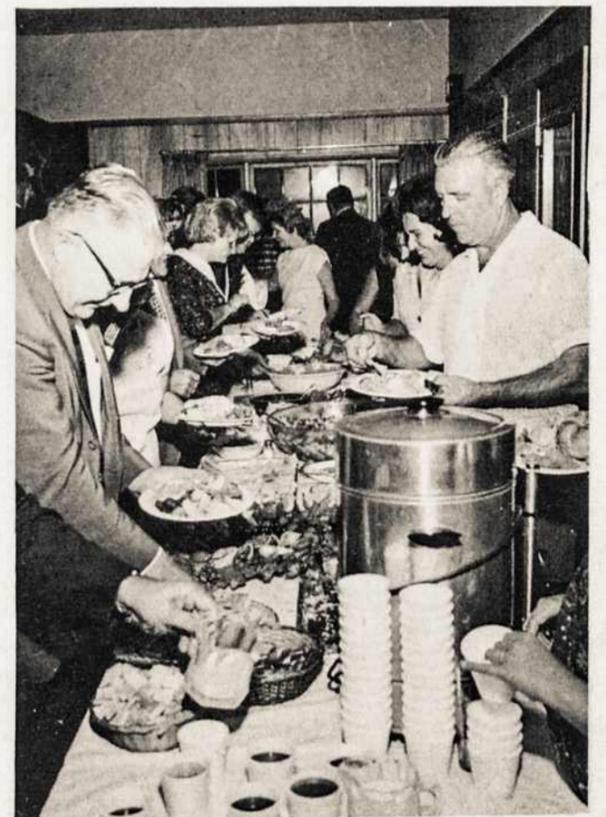
## "WE COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT..."

The warm and well appointed setting of the Ballroom at the Lithuanian Naturalization Club was the scene for Friday's Semi-formal Dance. The affair was especially pleasing for the ladies for they were able to show off their formals and frills that evening. More conventioners had arrived by then and the place was filled with greetings, gayety and more singing and dancing. Lithuanian culture was added to the evening's entertainment with the excellent performance of several dance numbers by the Worcester Lithuanian Scout group.

## "ANYONE FOR CHICKEN?"

After Saturday's busy business sessions - everyone dashed off to the call of "All Aboard for Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchambunagunbamaugg".

As hungry as everyone was, they could not eat all the barbeque chicken prepared by the chefs at Indian Ranch. And if you don't believe that our Joey D plays the most danceable music anywhere between the Atlantic and the Pacific, just ask the bus drivers who couldn't even get the first bus filled to leave before the time the last one was supposed to pull up at the Holiday Inn. Another great!



Scenes from Maironis Park and Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchambunagunbamaugg.

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Lithuanian Scout Group, Worcester

#### "A LITE REPAST"

The Friday and Saturday "breaks" - the luncheons - were held at the Holiday Inn. During the Friday Sports Luncheon, the golfers and bowlers received their just rewards. The guest speaker was Jack Healy, football coach of Holy Cross College. The Awards Luncheon was held on Saturday. The Sunday Brunch after Mass was typical of the "Woosterites"... it was a Banquet! and was held at the St. Casimir Church hall. It was a distinct honor and pleasure to have Bishop Flanagan with the group for this occasion.

#### "A GRAND FINALE"

The evening closing banquet was truly a grand finale. This was also held at the ballroom of the Lithua-

nian Naturalization Club. Between the dinner courses, flash bulbs popped everywhere as the camera enthusiast tried to capture the last of the memorable week end, and bring back mementos of the host of dignitaries who honored the occasion and were honored that night. Certainly Chairman Bill Grigas, his co-chairmen Ed Daniels and Vince Gerulis and every special event chairman and committee member deserve a thank you from everyone attending for there is no doubt that every one there had enjoyed it from beginning to end.

#### "EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES"

The planned activities kept the delegates and guests so that there was

not too much time for those "extra curricular" socials. However, the boys and girls from Philly, those "good guys" made time to add to the party portion of the convention, Sunday night. As usual, they entertained with such enthusiasm and vigor that exhaustion never had a chance to touch a single one there. Also, as usual, they came equipped with a musical ditty for the host city - "WORCESTER, MASS" (Sung to "Baby Face")

Worcester, Mass.

Those people there have got a lot of class

Their hospitality, you can't surpass  
 In Worcester, Mass.

The Holiday Inn in jumping  
 They sure have started something.  
 Sixty-six

We're back in Worcester in the stix in  
 sixty-six,

We didn't need a shove  
 Cause we just fell in love  
 With good old Worcester, Mass.

#### "A FOND FAREWELL!"

Then, of course Worcester, not allowing themselves to be outdone in the hospitality class, hosted the Tuesday morning farewell party, with coffee, milk, rolls, snacks and other "leftovers". With baggages and packages, the guests met in suite 315 for one final friendly session which will, for most, have to last 'til Dayton in '67."



Head Table guests - Convention - Closing Banquet