

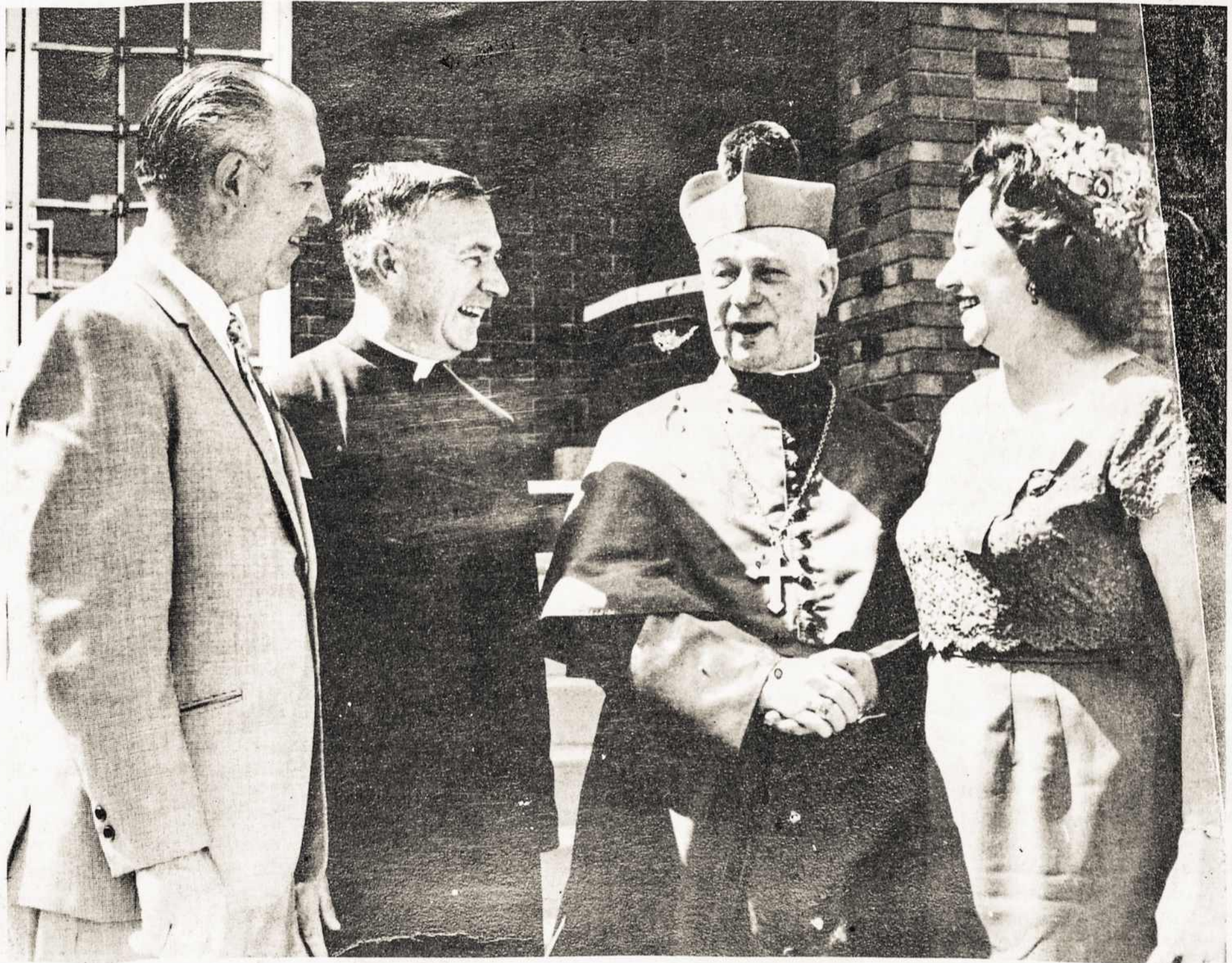
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*Convention Issue*

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# KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 54<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION

## STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

The 54th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania State of the Organization report was compiled from the report of the national president and the various Supreme Council Officers and chairmen.

### SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

A new personality was appointed as our Spiritual Advisor for the past year - Father Victor Krisciunevičius. Although Father was not appointed until October by the Lithuanian Priests League, he was able to contact many members and wrote several articles for the VYTIS. We know Father is interested in our organization as he has attended many of our National Conventions and we hope that his enthusiasm and interest will continue for many years to come.

### PRESIDENT

Our president, Alexander Wesey-Vasiliauskas, presided at all Supreme Council meetings, held in Worcester, Chicago, two in Newark and a Conference in Dayton. He also represented the Knights of Lithuania at many functions: as the affair honoring our oldest Honorary Member, Prof. A. J. Aleksis, who celebrated his 80th birthday and his 50 years of musical service; the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Illinois-Indiana District's K of L Choir; the Testimonial Dinner honoring our good friend and active member, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, which was a double celebration occasion - his elevation to Honorary Membership in our organization and also his Doctorate Degree from Seton Hall University. Greetings were sent in behalf of our organization on all appropriate occasions. Several articles were written for the VYTIS, in English and in Lithuanian, stating not only our president's personal opinions, but opinions of the Supreme Council. Again, the greatest task of our president was the writing of letters to members,

Supreme Council officers and to other organizations and persons outside of our organization.

### FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT (Juniors)

Miss Mary H. Stonis was as capable a Vice President as before. She contacted councils concerning Junior activities, and also wrote articles directed to the Junior Councils for the VYTIS. Our Vice President expresses her desire that all activity on the Junior level continually be expanded and intensified.

### SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT (Membership)

Eleanor Laurin, in charge of the National Membership Drive, reports most gratifying results for the 1966-1967 Membership Drive. There were new members enrolled and delinquents reinstated. But just as important, is the fact that this was not offset by losses. She wrote membership articles for each issue of the VYTIS with a special emphasis on total membership in each Council based on the paid-up percentages. These published standings apparently brought about an awareness and different views on Membership. Final standings and the award winners are listed elsewhere in this issue.

### THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT (Seniors)

Longinas Svelnis did an excellent job in helping to organize the So. Boston C17 Senior group with the aid of Honorary Member Phyllis Grendal. The reorganization of Providence, R.I. C103 as a Senior Council was also accomplished.

### RECORDING SECRETARY

Josephine Zukas was again the right hand of our President. They had the ideal arrangement both being from the same council, where they could contact one another quickly. She attended Supreme Council meetings, mailed out the Minutes and assisted in the writing of letters and other correspondence.

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Miss Helen Zimmer presented the following report:

Priests with councils	60
Subscribing Members	750
Couples (388)	776
Non-Subscribing Members	102

During the year we had 227 new members and 18 re-instated members. Council 79 took over first place as the largest Council, C112 moved to second and C26 dropped to third place.

### District Standings:

New England	520
Mid-Central	468
New York-New Jersey	358
Illinois-Indiana	304
Los Angeles	38

The Mid-Central and Illinois-Indiana Districts increased their membership and Los Angeles remained the same. Two councils were reactivated or organized: C103 Seniors of Providence, R.I. and C17 Seniors of So. Boston, Mass. With the help of Irene Sankus and Eleanore Laurin new membership cards and dues sheets were printed to help the Council Financial Secretaries submit their records correctly. Miss Zimmer states that if during the coming year each council concentrated on retaining every member and enrolling new members, next year we could count on a further and more sizeable increase.

### TREASURER

Mr. Frank V. Svelnis, Jr. was a capable treasurer and a fine accountant. The records of the finances of our organization are in good shape and the funds wisely invested. His records were completed and all were made available to the incoming treasurer.

### TRUSTEES

Our Treasurer's reports were audited by the National Trustees, Joseph Drumstas and Larry Janonis, and they found the national treasury and accounts in order.

### LEGAL ADVISOR

Mr. Konstant J. Savickus was contacted on a few matters this past year and has always given us his good advice and prompt replies.

### ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The officers and members of the District, under the leadership of Eleanore Laurin, have again successfully, through their programs and activities, kept the name of Lithuania before the non-Lithuanians as well as the non K of L Lithuanians in their area. They had an overall increase of membership; the Juniors, under the guidance of Cecile Matul and the other counselors, are flourishing; John Evans started a short term and a long term concentrated membership program; and the Seniors, with Ignas Sakalas and the others, are setting the pace for all of the members. The K of L Building Trustees are constantly im-



Al Wesey receives a welcoming plaque from Bob Shell, representing the City of Dayton, while Father Krisciunevicius looks on.

proving the building and the K of L Gardens, their latest completed task was the installation of the air-conditioning system. The K of L Choir with Faustas Strolia as Director and Vladas Paliulionis as President have as usual made many appearances representing our organization. The other officers and committee chairman have continued their various projects with much success. Among these, the Choir's Golden Jubilee Dinner; the July 4th American-Lithuanian Day Picnic, which was held two days at our own building and garden; the Memories of Lithuania Banquet and the St. Casimir's Day Celebration.

### MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The District President, Vincent Ed. Pavis, expressed their appreciation that the 54th National Convention was held in their area with Dayton C96 as host. During the year, the President reports that they experienced a rather normal year of progress and activity. When the reorganization of the Cincinnati council is completed, there will be a total of nine councils in the area. Due to the geographical distances separating the councils, the District meets twice a year. This year they met for the District Convention in October and the Executive Board met in May. Both meetings were held in Cleveland. All affiliating councils were well posted on District activities and projects through the KNIGHT-O-GRAM. The District continues to financially support many worthwhile projects. Events sponsored by the District and its councils were: the annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio; the Mid-West Bowling Tournament with C25 as the host and the annual K of L Camp Dainava Week for the benefit of our children. From the reports received, all of the Councils fittingly observed St. Casimir Day Rites and Lithuania's Independence Commemorations in their traditional ways.

### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Albert Jaritis, the District President, reported that four meetings were held with C26, C1, C78 and



**Clergy in attendance at the Convention:**  
 (l to r) Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Rev. T. Narbutas, Rev. J. Jutt and Rev. C. Pugevicius.

C17 as hosts. A very successful Junior Rally was held in So. Worcester with C116's sponsorship. There are now four Junior groups in the area: So. Boston, So. Worcester, Worcester and Westfield. The Bowling Rolloffs continued and were held in So. Boston, Lawrence, Worcester, Brockton, Norwood and So. Worcester. Two Seniors groups were organized or re-organized - C17 Seniors of So. Boston and C103 of Providence. Contact has been made with the Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Lowell, Mass and there is possibility of reorganizing the group.

#### NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

The District President, Mr. Alexander Wesey, reported that the District consists of 11 Councils with a membership of approx. 313. The membership has been going down and some Councils are small in number. But the District is active and we hope that more time will be spent in the future aiding councils which require some assistance. Four District conventions were held - two in Bayonne, one each in Newark and Brooklyn. The District Picnic was held in Bayonne. St. Casimir's Day was celebrated as an all-day affair - Holy Mass, Brunch and the District meeting. Hosts were the Brooklyn-Queens C 41 and the New York Senior Group. The Lithuanian Wayside Shrine erected during the New York World's Fair will remain as a permanent feature of the Flushing Meadow-Corona Park. Rededication ceremonies of the Cross were held on June 17th. The District quarterly Bulletin continues to keep all members informed of the activities. It was again decided to resubmit the District Resolution that the membership dues be raised to \$5.00 and in its entirety be turned over the Supreme Council. Plans are being formulated for a youth move-

ment - a youth rally - to be conducted next year in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. This will include other organizations in addition to our own organization. Father Stasys Raila has been appointed Chairman - with a preliminary committee consisting of Father Peter Zemeikis, Alexander Wesey, Ed Schmidt, Joseph Boley, Kazys Sipaila and Charles Strolis.

#### CALIFORNIA

No report was received.

#### VYTIS

More important than any phase of our activity is the Vytis. Here is where we talk about ourselves, our friends, our activities, etc. Here, too, is where other learn about our organization. This is where we must put our best effort to do our very best job. The VYTIS is, of course, our biggest expense. Realizing this, our Editor initiated the practice for raising money by ads and Christmas Greetings for the December issue. This was fairly successful and will be repeated again next Christmas. Since the last Convention, nine issues of the VYTIS have been published, - eight monthly and one bi-monthly. The August - September issue will be the Convention issue. The current staff consists of Irene Sankus, Editor; Theresa Strolia as Council News Editor; Staff assistants Gerry Mack and Marilyn Kareiva; and District Representatives Eleanore Laurin, Loretta Stukas, Frank Gudelis, and Leonard Valiukas. They are an energetic, enthusiastic crew of workers, and they are doing an outstanding job. They also need our help, - more writers, more articles - in both languages.

#### LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Father John C. Jutt, Honorary Chairman will present his report elsewhere in this issue. Charles Grigaitis, Chairman, has written all letters that were expected of him. The Supreme Council gave Father Jutt permission to conduct a raffle for the purpose of raising money for the purchase of additional "Friend of Lithuania" gold award medals. While Father Jutt feels we could have had a better response, 12 gold medals were purchased and an additional \$292.00 realized for K of L purposes. We are grateful to Father Jutt for his continued



Installation of new S. C. Officers.

interest in our Lithuanian Affairs Committee, for we know of no other activity where the K of L receives so much credit and publicity - all very favorable to our organization.

#### RITUAL COMMITTEE

We have three hard working individuals on this committee - Joseph Boley, Ed Daniels and Rita Pinus. They have made minor adjustments in the Point System and new tables have been made up. Their recommendations will be presented in a later issue.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

This committee should be foremost in our activity. This is the eyes ears and tongue of our organization. These writers should take the initiative to write as many letters as any Lithuanian Affairs Committee member. All Districts are being publicized, and all on this committee are doing a fine job. The District representatives were: Juozas Sadauskas (Mid-Central), Frank Vaskas (new York-New Jersey), Vincent Samaska (Illinois-Indiana), Albert Jaritis (New England), and Adele Petras (California).

#### LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Joseph Yanulaitis is a dedicated individual, and one of the staunch workers for the organization. He is familiar with much of Lithuanian activity and culture, is well read, and is always willing to help anyone in need of information. Joseph and his assistant, Dianne Beletsky, prepared a Culture Panel discussion during one of the Convention sessions.

#### LITHUANIAN CULTURAL GUIDE

Father Stasys Raila, whom we all know as a staunch Knights of Lithuania supporter, and former Spiritual Advisor of Philadelphia Council #3, has put together a book as a "Lithuanian Culture Guide." The book is being translated by Dr. Jack and Loretta Stukas, and Father Raila wanted the K of L to publish and expand this guide. We have not committed ourselves, since the major problem before the book can be published is to get clearance for any material that is used. Permission from the original writer must be obtained before any article, or portion thereof, can be used or duplicated. This takes a great deal of time, and for this reason, is progressing slowly.

#### KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SCHOLARSHIP

A financial report appears elsewhere in this issue. Announcement and presentation of the Scholarship Award will be handled later by the Committee Representative, Father Victor Krisciunevicius.

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

This Committee is not controlled by the Supreme Council, or by the Convention. At the present time we have only one grade of Honorary Membership. It has been recommended by the Supreme Council that there be four grades of Honorary Membership, and this would go from 1 to 4. Outsiders could get Honorary Member, 1st Degree, but the real hard worker and most deserving could work up to Honorary Member, 4th Degree.

#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Miss Eleanore Laurin is in charge of the Archives as custodian. These Archives are located in Chicago, in the Knights of Lithuania Building, on the premises owned by the Illinois-Indiana District. The Archives are being constantly looked over and catalogued.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

This committee consists of Joseph Boley, Anthony J. Mazeika, and Joseph Sakevich. Convention minutes are being checked to extract from them all Resolutions passed at Conventions since the last printing of the Constitution. These, along with any Resolutions which may be passed at this Convention, will be worked into the next text and be ready for printing.

#### K OF L PINS

We have a supply of the new, slightly larger, K of L pins which were on sale during the Convention. The pins are in control of our Treasurer and sell at \$1.00 each.

#### VYCIU VEIKLA COLUMN

On behalf of the entire K of L organization, we would like to express our appreciation to the administrators of DRAUGAS for permitting us the space for our weekly column in the newspaper. The Marian Fathers have always been most cooperative and helpful to our organization. We would also like to thank Mrs. Emilija Pakalniskis, of Chicago, her husband and family for their faithful contributions as Editors of the Vyčiu Veikla column.

#### TARYBA

The Knights of Lithuania is a member of the Taryba, and entitled to three votes at their meetings. Since most of their meetings are held in the Chicago area, our K of L representatives were also appointed from that area. They are Miss Eleanor Laurin, Mrs. Emilija Pakalniškis, and the third member to be selected as the occasion arises.

OUR LADY OF SILUVA CHAPEL DEDICATION CEREMONIES were held in Washington, D.C. Our K of L participated and was well represented. Vincent Samaska from Chicago represented the K of L on the committee, and the Illinois-Indiana K of L Choir participated in the program during the dedication ceremonies.

THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC CONGRESS in session in Washington, D.C. during September 3-4-5, 1966, had Joseph Boley as the K of L Representative.

THE AMERICAN LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION also in session on these same days in Washington, D.C. had as delegates from the K of L: Miss Eugenia Karpus from Brooklyn, N.Y., and Prof. A. J. Aleksis from Waterbury, Conn.

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# SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT - 1967

Metų pabaigoje prekybininkai sėdasi prie sąskaitų knygų, kad padarytų balansą. Prekybininkai žiūri, kad turtas ir skolos, pajamos ir išlaidos, aktyvas ir pasivas būtų sulygintas ir išvestas rezultatas. Laimingas tas, kurs iš tvarkingai vestų knygų gali išvesti gerą metų balansą.

Deja, šiandien čia negalėčiau pasigirti laimingu esąs. Argi nesusibalansuoja? Ne, ne tas. Nėra ką balansuoti. Dvasios Vado pareigoms paskyrimas man buvo persiųstas tik lapkričio mėnesio pabaigoje. Po to, buvo bandyta gauti visų kuopų Dvasios Vadų ir Pirmininkų pavardės ir adresai. Deja, ligi mano išvažiavimo dienos į Dayton'ą nebuvo gautas atsakymas.

Nepavykus "išiveržti" į kuopas, nedrąsiai pasibeldžiau "Vyties" Redaktorės širdin. Ji pritarė, kad greičiau už rožės žiedą, už visas kvapiąsias gėles miršta mūsų metai ir kad mes visi turime pradėti naują kelionę, prašydami Dievo Palaimos, bet ne su pliušiniais kačiukais ar kiaulytėmis... O kai nuostabusis gegužis nubarstė takus kvepiančiais žiedais ir visas kultūringasis pasaulis skubėjo sveikinti savo motinas, "Vyties" puslapiuose buvo leista pasakyti "Tave myliu, mama"... Mes žinome, kad Kristus - didysis meilės ir gailestingumo Keleivis, sodžiams ir miesteliams nešęs ir dalinęs meilės dovanas. Kristus liepė ir mums, Jo pasekėjams, panašiai elgtis. Bet "Jei nueturėčiau meilės", kaip aš galėčiau mylėti Kristų, savo artimą, savo organizacijos narę ar nari... Tai buvo keletas žodžių, keleta "sugraibytų" minčių, kurios turėjo pasiekti narių širdis.

Nuotolis ir tiesioginės pareigos neleido dalyvauti Vyriausios Valdybos posėdžiuose ir todėl apie organizacijos veikimą ir planus tesužinodavau tik iš man prisiųstų protokolų.

Vyčių Vyriausią Valdybą teko atstovauti Sv. Kazimiero minėjime, kur dalyvavo visos trys Detroit'o Vyčių kuopos. Tada vyčius plačiau (istoriškai) teko supažindinti su Lietuvos Sventuoju (Kazimieru). Ta proga buvo įteikta du "100 laiškų per metą" atžymėjimai ir "narių verbavimo" atžymėjimas 79 kuopai. Taip pat buvo suteikta septyniems Tretysis Laipsnis.

Birželio 18 dieną teko dalyvauti 139 kuopos rūpesčiu pastatyto lietuviško Kryžiaus šventinime, aukojant Sv. Mišias ir sakant tai progai pritaikytą pamokslą. Vėliau, iškilmingų pietų metu, Vyriausios Valdybos vardu sveikinau 139 kuopos narius, atlikusius gražų darbą. Tuo metu buvo suteikta keturiems nariams Trečiasis Laipsnis.

Sesės ir Broliai Vyčiai! Kiekviena pasirinkta programa, kiekvienas šūkis turi tapti kūnu, turi tapti gyvenimu, jei norima, kad jis atneštų pergalę, jei norima, kad jis atneštų laisvę. Negana sakyti "aš tikiu", o gyventi taip, lyg visai netikėtum. Negana sakyti "tikiu į Dievą", o gyventi be Dievo, nes Dievą neigti galima ne vien tik žodžiais, bet ir gyvenimu. Kas į Dievą tikrai tiki, to tikėjimą galima



iš darbų, iš jo gyvenimo išskaityti. Tikinčiam neužtenka tik per Kalėdas, Velykas ar organizacijos šventę į bažnyčią užsukti, neužtenka, kad toks, išgirdęs gaudų žodį, ašarą nušluosto. Toks Dievo tikrai nepažįsta, toks dar netiki. Tikėti - reiškia gyventi tikėjime. Tikėti nereiškia vien žinoti, ką reikia tikėti, bet ir išgyventi. Jei mestume žvilgsnį į save ir paklaustume, kaip yra su mūsų tikėjimu, kaip yra su mūsų gyvenimo programos šūkais - turėtume nusiskusti.

Sia iškilminga, mūsų 54 Suvažiavimo proga, žinant, kad šie metai Svento Tėvo Pauliaus VI paskelbti "Tikėjimo Metais", siūlyčiau atnaujinti apaštalių tikėjimo išpažinimą, stiprinti, gyvinti savo tikėjimą, kad turėtume jėgos ne tik pagal tikėjimą gyventi, bet iš jo gyventi, nes jis yra gyvenimo šaltinis.

Baigdamas, sveikinu visus Vyčius ir jų Delegatus. Linkiu darbingų ir vaisingų seimo valandų, ištvėrimo ir pasišventimo, sprendžiant opius mūsų organizacijos reikalus. Iš savo pusės siūlyčiau pasvarstyti Dvasios Vado rinkimo ar tvirtinimo reikalą. Mano supratimu, Suvažiavimo metu turi paaiškėti, kas yra ar bus sekantiems metams Dvasios Vadas, o ne kelis mėnesius delsti ir tuom trukdyti darbą. Taip pat siūlyčiau apsvarstyti Sekretorės darbą. Visi žinome ir suprantame, kad ji yra darbais apkrauta. Kodėl neturėti apmokamą sekretorę, jei tai įmanoma būtų? Į pagalbos šauksmą turėtų būti skrupuliškai atsižvelgiama, kada yra liečiama visa Vyčių Organizacija, o ypač jos dvasiniai reikalai.

Brangūs Vyčiai, teklesti mūsų tarpe paklusnumas Aukščiausiam, broliška meilė, pasitikėjimas, susiklausymas ir lietuviška vienybė. Eikime į gyvenimą su meile ir pasiaukojimu!

REV. V. KRISCIUNEVICIUS

# GEORGE M. BARMANN

## 11th RECIPIENT OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA AWARD MEDAL

When Our Lord was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane, one of His followers, said by some to be Peter, impetuous but motivated by an intense love for the Master, drew out his sword and cut off the ear of one of the High Priest's servants. Our Lord reprimanded his impetuosity by saying: "Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword." (Matt. XXVI 52-53) When He prepared the Apostles to take over His work after His Ascension, He did not give them armies or weapons but He gave them the power of the spoken and written word. "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." (Mark XVI 16) The great writers of the books of the New Testament were all inspired to put into writing all that they heard and saw concerning Our Lord.

Thus did Our Lord teach mankind a tremendous lesson. The world would be conquered for everything that is good, lofty, noble and ideal not by the weapons of war but by the power of the spoken and written word. Yes, at times it would be necessary to use weapons, to preserve all this against those, perverted by their thirst for power and the riches of the world but the main and principal weapon would be the force of ideas expounded truthfully and intelligently to all men.

Communists know the value of this lesson for, despite enormous sums spent on instrument of war, far greater sums are spent on the printed word which they have found is far more effective, in winning others to their materialistic philosophy of life.

Is it any wonder that the great Napoleon said once. "I fear three newspapers more than one hundred thousand bayonets." Is it any wonder then that Samuel Bowles, the journalist who established in 1824 the Springfield, Massachusetts REPUBLICAN, made this conclusion: "Journalism has already come to be the first power of the land".

Since 1940, Lithuania, subjugated and oppressed by a cruel Soviet, is undergoing a persecution in some ways similar to and in other ways worse than that suffered by the Early Church at the hands of Rome. Her one hope is to be free again, to be able to resume her rightful place among the free and independent nations of the world. Being a small nation, this hope lies not so much in the power of the weapons of war but rather in the power of world opinion formed by the printed word. The printed word, vividly depicting before the eyes of the free world the atrocities and injustices committed upon Lithuania, will, in my opinion, bring about more than anything else the eventual restoration of Lithuania's freedom.

Hence, Lithuania's friends will be and are those who wield their mighty pens toward the end of directing world opinion to the justice and righteousness of Lithuania's cause. One such friend, whom we are honoring in a most special way for the eleventh time in the history of the Knights of Lithuania, we have here with us this evening.

Presently the Editor of the Dayton-Miami Valley section of the Catholic Telegraph, official organ of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio, George M. Barmann is a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati and a veteran of World War II. Practically his entire life has been identified with the press and Catholic Action. Formerly a member of the editorial staff of the Springfield, Ohio SUN for 13 years, he has been with the CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH for now some seven years. After serving as president of the Council of Catholic Men of the Springfield Deanery and as Chairman of the Social Action and Population and Resources Commission of the Cincinnati Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men, he is presently President of the Milk for Babies Club, an organization aiding the children of India during the present food crisis, and a member of the Archdiocesan Catholic Poverty Commission for Dayton. He is also Editor of the Dayton Catholic Interracial Council Newsletter and author of many articles which have appeared in AMERICA, MARY TODAY, HOLY NAME JOURNAL and EXTENSION.

In his newspaper, Mr. Barmann is most generous in allotting space to the cause of Lithuania and the publication of events of Lithuanian interest. While giving much publicity to the events of Holy Cross Parish in Dayton, he takes full advantage of every opportunity to boost Lithuania's case by publicizing the celebration of February 16, Lithuanian Independence Day, the observance of Captive Nations Week and the exercises commemorating the so-called Tragic June Days of Lithuania. This year he did not hesitate to accept the invitation to be the main speaker for the celebration of Captive Nations Week in Dayton.

His pen never tires in bringing out into the open and before the American people the justice of Lithuania's cause and the God-given right she has to be free and independent. More than one reader has thereby become convinced that Lithuania has been unjustly occupied and that the Soviet should be forced to right the wrong she committed upon Lithuania by getting out at once from her territory. His war in behalf of suffering Lithuania has been one of constant battle after battle of words, both spoken and written, in



defence of Lithuania's right to live and function as a free nation of the world.

Witness further the tremendous amount of publicity given this our 54th annual National Convention. Ours is the conviction that this publicity has made us better known and has focused attention upon the concern that we have for the land of our forbears, Lithuania.

Because of his intense love for justice and charity for all nations and peoples, because of his conviction that the cause of Lithuania is a most righteous one and deserves the effective attention of the entire world, because of his readiness to direct the power of his spoken and written word in behalf of Lithuania's case for freedom and independence, because on numerous occasions he has demonstrated that he is a **SINCERE FRIEND** in **LITHUANIA'S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM**, it gives me great pleasure and I deem it a distinct honor and joyful privilege to present at this time, in behalf of the President and thousands of members of the Knights of Lithuania Youth Organization, this Knights of Lithuania Award Medal to the distinguished Editor of the Dayton-Miami Valley Section of the **CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH**, to the eminent representative of those who wield the power of their pens for good - Mr. George M. Barmann.

REV. JOHN C. JUTT

Given in Dayton on August at the banquet officially closing the 54th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.



The official photograph of the delegates at the Dayton convention is available at \$2.00 per copy. Please send your orders to Michael P. Petkus, 260 Air Street, Dayton, Ohio 45404



OFFICIAL 54th NATIONAL CONVENTION PHOTO

# REZOLIUCIJOS / RESOLUTIONS

At the 54th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, held at the Sheraton-Dayton Hotel, in Dayton, Ohio, August 3-6, 1967, the priests, delegates and guests unanimously passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Soviet Russia has unjustly and against the free will of her people annexed Lithuania and persists in keeping her subjugated; and

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

WHEREAS, it has been the consistent policy of our Government to support the hopes of the Lithuanian people to regain freedom and independence; and

WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution 416, calling for freedom for Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia and calling for the United States to bring the question of their freedom before the United Nations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the convention express its profoundest gratitude and deepest appreciation to the President of the United States for proclaiming the week of July 16 as Captive Nations Week;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Convention express its heartfelt thanks to the Government of the United States for its continued policy of non-recognition of the Soviet absorption of Lithuania and other Baltic States;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Convention strongly urge the Government of the United States to carry out the demands of House Concurrent Resolution 416, particularly the demand that the Baltic States question be brought up before the United Nations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, the Honorable Dean Rusk, to the Ambassador of the United States Delegation at the United Nations, the Honorable Arthur Goldberg, to the Honorable Chairman of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees and to the press.

The Supreme Council set up a plan and a schedule wherein the celebrating of the 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence during the next year be held or sponsored by all Councils and Districts in these United States.

Following letter was composed from the Resolution submitted to the floor and sent to the Most Reverend Karl J. Alter, Archbishop of Cincinnati:

The priests, delegates and guests of the 54th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, held at the Sheraton-Dayton Hotel in Dayton, Ohio, August 3-6, 1967, express their heartfelt gratitude and profound appreciation to His Excellency, The Most Reverend Karl J. Alter, Archbishop of Cincinnati, for his warm greetings to the convention, for the celebration of the convention Mass on Sunday, August 6, and for the inspiring sermon delivered on that occasion.

They further wish to assure His Excellency that they were highly honored by his kind and fatherly presence in their midst throughout the entire program on Sunday morning.

Lietuvos Vyčių 54-asis Seimas nuoširdų ir karštą lietuvišką ačiū taria Šv. Kryžiaus Parapijos Klebonui, Seimo Šeimininkui, Kun. Daktarui Titui Narbutui už malonų seimo priėmimą ir tos parapijos 96-tai kuopai už puikų seimo paruošimą. Atstovai ir svečiai tikrai įvertina jų, ypač Kun. Narbuto, pastangas paruošti seimą, sutvarkyti mišias per visas mišias, ypač istorines mišias už mirusius narius šeštadienyje, ir puikiai priimti visus į seimą atvykusius.

BE IT RESOLVED, to thank Stella Pavis for the use of the Vytis emblem that is displayed on the podium. It is her personal handiwork and through her graciousness, she has loaned it for our use during the Convention.

## RECOMMENDATION

Inasmuch as some Supreme Board officers fail to fulfill their obligations, the Supreme Board should advise respective Councils that these members are not entitled to any credit toward their degrees and should mark their records accordingly.

A. M. D. G.  
LIETUVOS VYČIŲ LIETUVIŲ REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS  
PIRMININKO REPORTAS - 1967

Lietuvos Vyčių Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija jau veikia per 21 metus. Per praėjusius metus toji komisija aktyviai veikė, nes sekanti raportą galiu Seimui išduoti:

	1966	1967
Biūletenių paruošta	10	10
Laiškų biūleteniuose pažymėta	269	236
Biūletenių išsiušta	3,160	2,964
Pavardžių ant "mailing list"	161	119
Kuopų su veikiančiom kuopoms	13	13
Laiškų ir atviručių parašyta	14,185	11,976
Atsakymų gauta	3,906	3,132

Iš šios statistikos sekančias pastabas galima padaryti:

- 1 - Skaičius rašytojų žymiai nukrito nuo 161 iki 119.
- 2 - Kuopų su veikiančioms komisijoms pasiliko tas pats - 13. Tai labai mažas nuošimtis visų Vyčių kuopose.
- 3 - Apie 2000 mažiau laiškų parašėme ir mažiau todėl atsakymų gavome. Kaip kasmet taip ir šimet nemažai dar neatsiuntė savo asmenišką raportą nors mes visų prašėme.

Apskritys ar apygardos šitaip pasirodė:

	1966	1967
New York - New Jersey apskritis	4,638	4,720
New England apskritis	3,054	2,920
Kalifornijos apskritis	1,865	1,280
Illinois - Indiana apskritis	1,512	742
Mid-Central Apskritis	1,512	254
Visi kiti atskirai	1,604	2,060
	14,185	11,976

Čia aišku kad:

- 1 - New York - New Jersey apskritis gražiai pasirodė kaip pernai.
- 2 - New England apskritis, iš kurios tikimasi daug, mažiau parašė negu pernai nors skirtumas nėra didelis.
- 3 - Trys apskritys, Kalifornijos, Illinois-Indiana ir Mid-Central žymiai nukrito.
- 4 - Kasmet atsiranda tokių kurie, nors ir ne Vyčiai, tačiau interesuojasi komisijos veikla ir už tai suranda laiko laiškų parašyti. Kodėl daugiau iš mūsų Vyčių negalėtų taip pat daryti?

Sios Kuopos turi veikiančias kuopas ir raportus atsiuntė:

Kuopa 3 - Philadelphia	Kuopa 96 - Dayton
Kuopa 41 - Brooklyn	Kuopa 112 - Chicago
Kuopa 109 - Great Neck	Kuopa 79 - Detroit
Kuopa 133 - Los Angeles	New Yorko Senjorų
Kuopa 67 - Bayonne	Kuopa 29 - Newark



Kuopa 100 - Amsterdam      Kuopa 116 - So. Worcester  
Kuopa 26 - Worcester

Pastebėkite, kad didysis South Bostonas, kurs taip gražiai veikė per daugelį metų, net nuo pat pradžios komisijos veikimo, jau nebeturi veikiančios komisijos. Cia tautiniu atžvilgiu skaudūs dalykas. Ką kalbėti apie kitas kuopas kurių yra virš 35, kurios komisijoje neparodo jokio veikimo. Kasmet raginame seimo dalyvius daryti ką nors savo kuopose, bet tie paraginimai nieko gero neatneša. Už tai mūsų tautinis darbas netoks koks turėtų būti. Lai nuo šio seimo visos kuopos išrenka aktyvias komisijas, kurios galėtų ir turėtų sekti gražų pavyzdį tų kuopų kurios turi veikiančias komisijas ir kurios visos vertos mūsų pagarbos.

Komisijos pirmininkas jau užbaigė vienus metus kaip jis rašo laiškus visos organizacijos vardu. Kaip pirmininkas, Karolis Grigaitis parašė 90 laiškų ir gavo apie 15 atsakymų. Kaip garbės pirmininkui, man teko parašyti per praėjusius metus 623 laiškus bei atvirukus.

Paruošti biuletenius, nelengvas darbas. Reikia gauti iškarpa, žinias iš visų Amerikoje esančių narių, perskaityti jas, paskui nuspręsti kokį atsakymą duoti. Tiems kurie palankiai apie Lietuvą ir jos žmones parašo ar pasako, reikia pagyrimo ir padėkos laiškus parašyti. Tiems, kurie nepalankiai parašo ar pasako, reikia išaiškinimo, net kartais peikimo laiškus parašyti. Tad suprantama kodėl žinių ir iškarpų mums reikia. Be jų nebūtų galima biuletenių paruošti ir pasiųsti. Sekantieji daugiausia iškarpų atsiuntė:

Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N.J.  
Antanas B. Mažeika iš Brooklyn  
Juozapina Zukienė iš Great Neck, L.I.  
Genovaitė Gobis iš Amsterdam, N.Y.  
Juozas Janulaitis iš Philadelphia

Siems siunčiam mūsų karštą lietuvišką ačiū. Jei ne jie, tai šiais metais tokių rezultatų nebūtumėme turėję. Dieve duok, kad daugiau atsirastų tų, kurie galėtų jų gražų pavyzdį sekti. Ką tik matysite laikraščiuose ar žurnaluose apie Lietuvą, iškirpkite ir mums atsiųskite. Ką tik girdėsite apie Lietuvą per radiją ar televiziją, mums kuo greičiausiai praneškite. Būsime visiems dėkingi.

Kaip visuomet, taip šiais metais Vyčiai nemažai prisidėjo prie garbingo apvaikščiojimo Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Šventės, Vasario 16-tosios. Jie parašė laiškus raginant ir aplankė žymesnius asmenis skatinant juos visus prisiminti Lietuvos šventę savo kalbose ir savo raštuose. Po šventės daug padėkos

laiškų parašė. Kiek žinome, rezultatai buvo tokie:

- 1 - 96 Kongresmanai ir 21 Senatorius kalbas pasakė Kongrese ir tas kalbas atspausdino CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.
- 2 - 18 gubernatorių ir 21 burmistras paskelbė Vasario 16-tą dieną kaipo Lietuvos Respublikos Dieną savo valstijoms ir miestams.
- 3 - 8 radijo stotys paminėjo šventę vienu ar kitu būdu savo programose toje dienoje. Net trys, specialias programas paruošė.
- 4 - 4 laikraščiai patalpino editorialus apie Lietuvą šventės proga o straipsniai apie minėjimus tilpo 98 laikraščiuose.

Kelti lietuvių vardą ypač svetimtaučių tarpe, duoti pasauliui progos geriau suprasti Lietuvos dabartinę sunkią padėtį ir ginti Lietuvos teisę gyventi tarpe laisvų ir nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų, Vyčiai rėmė per savo darbą ir dalyvavimą apvaikščiojimus Tragiškų Birželio Dienų, Pavergtųjų Tautų savaitės, savo garbingojo Patrono Sv. Kazimiero Sventės. Čia beveik visur savo kolonijose vyčiai daug prisidėjo prie reklamos tų visų įvykių. Vyčiai daug darbo įdėjo bandydami Kongresą; tikint nepripažinti konsoliarinės sutarties su Rusija. Tie bandymai veltui nuėjo nes Senatas pripažino tą sutartį. Dar kartą noriu perspėti visus, kad kasmet mums reikės sekti Baltuosius Rūmus ir Valstybės Departamentą, nes jie nepalankūs Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės skelbimui. Iš tų laikraščių, kurie apie tai patalpino editorialus, beveik kiekvienas minėjo, kad Prezidentas norėtų su Valstybės Departamentu panaikinti tą reikalavimą Kongrese priimtą 1959 metais. Pasisekė Kalifornijos Komitetui, kad Kongresas pravestų nors vieną rezoliuciją liečiančią Lietuvos klausimą. Kaip žinote Vyčiai daug prisidėjo prie šios rezoliucijos pravedimo.

Šių metų bėgyje turėjome lioteriją, kurios tikslas buvo surinkti lėšų auksinių medalių pirkimui. Vajus pasisekė, nes iš viso pajamų turėjome \$1,019.25. Pravesti lioteriją kainavo \$426.25. Liko gryno pelno \$593.00. Galėjome nupirkti 12 medalių už \$301.00, o likusius pinigus pasiunčiau Vyčių išdininkui - \$292.00. Vajus buvo sėkmingas. Už tai nuoširdžiai dėkojame visiems, kurie pirko bilietus ir, kurie vienu ar kitu būdu prisidėjo.

Brangūs Seimo dalyviai, matote, kad Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija per praėjusius metus nesnaudė, bet stropiai dirbo Lietuvos ir jos žmonių naudai. Daug narių, daug laisvo laiko pašventė komisijos tikslams ir čia yra gražus pavyzdys visiems Vyčiams, visiems Amerikos Lietuviams.

Ar šis vyčių tautinis darbas naudingas? Aišku, kad jis labai naudingas, nes padeda tiems, kurie jį dirba lietuviškoje dvasioje sustiprėti ir daugiau atkreipia kitų dėmesį į sunkią dabartinę Lietuvos padėtį. Stai ką kai kurie per praėjusius metus apie Lietuvą pasakė ar parašė:

- 1 - Ponas Melvin Munn, kurs kalba per savo radijo programą LIFE LINE (4-14-67) kalbėjo: "There is absolutely no valid reason for Russia's domination of Lithuania or the other Baltic States... Lithuania is sometimes termed 'A Forgotten Republic'. Here in America we have not forgotten her. We salute her spirit of endurance and fortitude and shall work unceasingly for freedom throughout the world."

- 2 - Marie Price iš Drexel Hill, Philadelphia, rašant laišką redaktoriui PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (6-16-67), klausia: "Why doesn't one see in the news or hear in the U.N. from anyone demanding that the U.S.S.R. give up and return to the natives the countries of Eastern Europe which were aggressively taken over by the Russians a number of years ago?"
- 3 - Kongresmanas Joseph P. Addabbo iš New Yorko kalbėjo: "I believe that before Premier Kosygin can ask any free nation to surrender land valiantly won against an aggressor, he must first come in with clean hands and should be willing to permit this question (H. Con. Ses. 416) be debated before the U.N."
- 4 - DARBININKAS (7-5-67) rašo: "Lietuvos Vyčiai atliko ir atlieka didelį darbą dėkodami (tiems, kurie remia Lietuvą). Jei jų darbas būtų praplėstas dar į pareiškimų paskleidimą tarp savo vietos Amerikiečių ar vietos spaudoje - opinija augtų, augtų įpareigojimas vyriausybei."

Mano brangūs Vyčiai-Vytės, mes jau per 21 metus dirbame šį gražų tautinį darbą. Kadangi šis darbas nelengvas, bet sunkus ir daug laiko užima, natūralu kartas nuo karto sakyti: "Esu pavargęs. Nusibodo man rašyti laiškus. Kai kiti rašo." Lengva nuleisti rankas ir lengviau dalykus imti. Bet paklauskite savęs: Ar rusai todėl paleis Lietuvą? Ar Lietuvos klausimas bus išrištas. Aišku, kad ne. Lietuva kenčia jau per 27 metus. Ji kenčia ne dėlto, kad ji negera, bet dėlto, kad ji katalikiška ir lietuviška. Tolkol ji bus po Rusijos letena, mes negalime nuleisti rankų, negalime būti pavargę. Kaip dirbome ligi šiol, taip privalome toliau dirbti. Dar labiau, nes komunistai tik ieško to, kad jų priešai nuleistų rankas, nieko nedarytų. Jiems tada pergalė būtų lengvesnė.

Darius ir Girėnas, kada ruošėsi skristi per Atlantą į Kauną, prieš skrendant parašė testamentą. Tame testamente užrašyti šie žodžiai:

"Lai Lituanikos pergalė stiprina Lietuvos jaunųjų sūnų dvasią ir veda prie naujų darbų. Jei Lituaniai reikės žūti Atlanto vandenyje, lai tas žuvimas skatina jaunųjų lietuvių drąsą ir nusistatymą taip, kad atsirastų lietuvis jaunuolis, kurs pergalėtų Atlantą Lietuvos garbei. Jaunoji Lietuva, mes skrendame tau. Vilties turime, kad dangus mus palaimins."

Šie du lakūnai pergalėjo Atlantą, bet negalėjo Lietuvos pasiekti, nes, kaip kurie tvirtina, jie buvo nušauti. Jie mirė, bet lai jų dvasia skatina mus visus prie naujų darbų. Rašykime laiškus. Remkite Lietuvos bylą. Ypač šiais tikėjimo metais, tikėkime, kad Lietuva galutinai atgaus savo nepriklausomybę. Taip bus jei mes visi iš vien dirbsime, savęs išsižadėsime ir rasime nuolat laiko ginti tą teisę, kurią Lietuva turi gyvuoti ir veikti tarpe visų laisvų ir nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų. Dieve, taip padėk.

KUN. JONAS C. JUTT  
Garbės Pirmininkas  
CHARLES GRIGAITIS  
Pirmininkas

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### ELECTIONS

Election of new District and Council officers must take place in September or October. 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 new officers, PLEASE send their names, addresses and zip codes to the National Recording Secretary, Mary Kober, 2 Bayview Avenue, Port Washington, N.Y. 10050.

The Supreme Council, your National Spiritual Advisor and committees cannot operate efficiently without the names of YOUR officers and chairmen. This year - let us all cooperate with our Supreme Council.

### RITUAL DEGREES

A new, clarified and revised schedule of credit points for use in connection with application for various degrees has been sent to council secretaries. Additional copies may be obtained by ritual committees and other interested members by writing to Supreme Ritual Committee.

### NEW THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT:

1) FAMILY ORGANIZATION - We are today an American organization. We are also a family organization. We are made up of three types of membership - the youth, regular councils, and seniors. So today, after more than 50 years of activity, let us dedicate ourselves to the future. Let us select a motto for the coming 50 years of our organization. Let our motto be "The Knights are a Family Organization." Incidentally, this is no reflection on our single people, because they are certainly a very important part of our membership. Single people, too, are related to a family.

2) DECALS or small stickers in the form of stamps that could be sold and passed around in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of Lithuania. Samples are brought here, and they will be left with the new Supreme Council.

3) LITHUANIAN POLKA RECORDS - I looked into this matter and consulted with people who are familiar with such a project. They agree that it's a good idea, and although somewhat costly at the beginning, a handsome profit could be realized. Of course, this project is not only important for the profit involved, but think of the publicity our organization would get, as well as publicity for the Lithuanians.

4) PUBLISHING BOOKS - Another way of getting publicity or making money is by publishing books.

This is somewhat costly, but it should be considered an investment and again, worth it for the publicity. Some individuals contacted me regarding this, however, "I pleaded poverty," assuming we couldn't gamble on such a venture. However, building up the treasury would allow us to put money into publications.

5) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - In the deliberation of the Supreme Council during the past year, we were concerned with the Honorary Membership Committee and the persons who are elevated to Honorary Membership in our organization. In the past, a person or two might have been questioned - or the Committee's decision might have been questioned as to why this person received Honorary Membership when he is not a K of L member, nor even heard of the K of L. Then, too, there are others who worked hard for the K of L, who spent 30 or 40 years in the organization, and they, too, become Honorary Members. We thought then, that Honorary Members should be distinguished one from another and show that some are more deserving than others.

In this respect, the Committee was contacted and they were asked to consider this category of membership, and to try to come to some agreement on it. Their reply was favorable and they recommend the following to be added to our by-laws: "Honorary Members do not have to be members of the Knights of Lithuania but have to be of Lithuanian parentage and have to fulfill or be active in some activity benefiting the Lithuanians or American-Lithuanians." Further, it was mentioned that Honorary Members could be in four classes, - starting with 1st Degree, and the 4th Degree Honorary Member being of the highest order. Quite naturally, those of our own members - our most active members and most worthy members - would be of 4th Degree.

In the future, as in the past, the Honorary Membership Committee can present the member for Honorary Membership. They could also recommend what class of Degree he would be. The Convention, then, would reserve the right, by vote, to bestow the fitting Degree upon that individual.

### "VYTIS" DEADLINES

October issue deadline was September 5th  
November - will be October 5th  
December (Christmas) - November 5th

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

Christmas greetings from districts, councils, members and friends of the Knights of Lithuania will be solicited for the December issue. Letters will be sent to all Council Presidents in the near future with details and rates. More information will also appear in the October VYTIS.

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Julia Steele

##### New Jersey

Charles Oskutis

##### New York

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##### Ohio

Joanna Shigo, Steponas Bucmys, Evelyn Andrulis, John Andrulis, Kay Juratovic, Pat Korosek, Phil Korosek, Mary Lucas, Joseph Sinkwitz, Helen Vaitkus, Judy Petrokas, Rita Ambrose, Elinor Sluzas, Ann Scott, Frank Ambrose, Alice Karklius, Ben Karklius, Antanas Buknis, Frank Petrauskas

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#### GREETINGS WITH DONATIONS

Rev. Katarskis, Vandalia, Ohio	\$ 5.00
Konstant Savickus, Chicago, Ill.	20.00
Pauline Glugedienė, C-25 - Cleveland Srs.	10.00
Frank Vaskas - Newark	10.00
Council #96 - Dayton	100.00
Jack Stukas, C#29, Newark	25.00
Jack Jatis, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Ann Mitchell, Elizabeth, N.J., C-52 - H.M.	10.00
Aleksandras J. Aleksis - to the Vytis Fund	10.00
Matas Zujus - to the Vytis Fund	10.00

#### SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Council #116, Worcester, Mass.	\$ 15.00
Rev. Eugene Borek, Upton, Mass.	10.00
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Genevieve Gobis, Amsterdam, New York	10.00
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Pinkus Family, Worcester, Mass.	5.00
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Frank Vaskas, Newark, New Jersey	5.00
Larry Svelnis, Needham, Mass.	10.00
John Mickunas, Philadelphia, Pa.	8.00
Council #17, South Boston, Mass.	50.00
Council #29, Newark, New Jersey	52.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Zukas, Norwood, Mass.	10.00
Proceeds from C-29 Newark banquet for Dr. J. Stukas	100.00
Illinois-Indiana District K of L Choir	25.00

Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, Waterbury, Conn.	25.00
Judge & Mrs. Charles F. Paulis, Jr., Stewartsville, N.J.	25.00
John Sprainaitis, Paterson, New Jersey	10.00
Marcella Andrikis, Waterbury, Conn.	5.00
Vincent Ed. & Stella Pavis, Youngstown, Ohio	5.00
New England District	5.00
Council #100, Amsterdam, New York	10.00
Chicago Seniors	10.00
Frank Gudelis, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Council #96, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Council #111 Seniors, Youngstown, Ohio	10.00
Mrs. George Markunas, So. Farmingdale L.I., N.Y.	1.00
Josephine & Joseph Zukas, Port Washing- ton, L.I., N.Y.	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kober, Port Wash- ington, L.I., N.Y.	5.00
Council #52, Elizabeth, New Jersey	10.00
C#139 - Detroit, Mich.	50.00
Theresa Vaitkunas, C#139, Detroit	10.00
Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, C#139 Detroit	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kurponic, C#139 "	20.00
K of L Illinois-Indiana Dist.	50.00
Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor	10.00
Anthony Mazeika, Sr., C#41 Srs., N.Y.	5.00
Phyllis Grendal, C#17 Srs., So. Boston	10.00

#### ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Due to a last minute change in plans, the round table discussions were presented to the entire delegation during the Friday afternoon session. The discussion panels began with Dr. Jack J. Stukas conducting a panel on Lithuanian Literature; followed by a panel, led by the I-I District Choir Director Faustas Strolia on Lithuanian Songs and Music; and the final panel was conducted by Joseph Yanulaitis and Dianne Beletsky on Lithuanian Culture and Traditions. All of the discussions were warmly welcomed with enthusiastic responses and participation.



CONVENTION SPEAKERS. (Left photo) Ruta Domarkas, Al Wesley and Laima Poskocimas. (Mid-  
led photo) Rev. Casimir Pugevicius. (Right photo) Faustas Strolia, Dianne Beletsky and  
Larry Janonis.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT 1966-1967

## District New Member Standings:

New England	- 84 new members
New York-New Jersey	- 49 new members)
Illinois-Indiana	- 49 new members) tie
Mid-Central	- 44
California	- 1

## Council Awards (40 or over membership)

C112 Chicago	- 33%
C 29 Newark	- 29%
C 96 Dayton	- 24%

In the large Council category, the winning group enrolled 40 new members.

## Council Awards (Under 40 membership)

C 41 Brooklyn	- 82%
C139 Detroit	- 27%
C 3 Philadelphia	- 22%

In the small Council category, the winning group enrolled 14 new members.

## Individual Awards - (40 or over membership)

Leon Pauksta	- 127 points, C112 Chicago
Vladas Paliulionis	- 120 points, C112 Chicago
Kazys Šipaila	- 44 points, C 29 Newark

## Individual Awards (Under 40 membership)

Denis Mazeika	- 140 points, C 41 Brooklyn
Genevieve Gobis	- 50 points, C100 Amsterdam
Irene Svekla	- 40 points, C3 Philadelphia

A total of 227 new members joined our organization.

## 100% Paid-Up Dues - These Were First!

1st category (11-29 members)	- C139 Detroit and C41 Brooklyn (tie for 1st)
2nd category (30-59 members)	- C133 Seniors Los Angeles
3rd category (60-99 members)	- C36 Chicago
4th category (100 members and over)	- C112 Chicago

During the three terms of Membership Vice President Eleanore Laurin, the following results were obtained: 1,229 members in August 1964; 1,405 members, August 1965 (an increase of 175); 1,615 members, August 1966 (an increase of 210); and 1,688 members, August 1967 (an increase of 73).

## TWO NEW COUNCILS ORGANIZED

Congratulations are in order for our two new Councils. Council 103 Seniors, Providence, R.I., with 14 new members due to the efforts of John Stoskus and other members in the group was reorganized. Another Senior group joined our ranks - Council 17 of So. Boston, Mass., with 14 transferees from the regular C17 and 18 new members for a total of 32. Larry Svelnis, Phyllis Grendal and other go-getters added this new group to our list of councils.



## CONVENTION MASSES

All three Convention Masses were held in Holy Cross Church, Dayton. The Participants: Friday - Rev. V. Krisciunevicius; Saturday - Rev. J. W. Stanievich, Rev. T. Narbutas, Rev. J. Jutt, Rev. C. Puggevicius and Rev. V. Krisciunevicius; Sunday - Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Archbishop of Cincinnati, Rev. J. Jutt, Rev. V. Krisciunevicius and Rev. T. Narbutas.

## K OF L ON THE AIR

Due to the daily coverages of Radio and TV, the people of the Dayton area heard much about our 54th National Convention and the Knights of Lithuania. In addition to the newscasts, Dr. Jack J. Stukas appeared on two radio "talk" shows - "Dayton Place" and "Man-on-the-Street".



## RITUAL AWARDS

The National Ritual Committee, Joseph Boley, Edward Daniels and Rita Pinkus, presented the Fourth Degree to five deserving members: Irene Svekla, C3 Philadelphia; Walter Svekla, C3 Philadelphia; Lawrence Janonis, C12 Bronx; Geraldine Mack, C112 Chicago; and Dorothy Dutkus, C61 Paterson. Although several other members were also eligible for the Fourth Degree they were not present at the Convention and will receive their awards at a later date.



### SHRINE OF THE THREE CROSSES

Immediately after the Closing Convention Mass, the delegation assembled at the Shrine of the Three Crosses located on the Holy Cross Church grounds. Rev. V. Krisciunevicius spoke briefly to the delegates and a memorial wreath was laid at the foot of the center cross. The Shrine was erected in 1965. The Cross at the left has the motifs of the crosses in the region of Vilnius and the southern part of Aukštaitija; the middle Cross, the motifs of central Lithuania and the eastern and southern parts of Zemaitija; and third Cross, the motifs of the part of Lithuania called Dzūkija. The statuette on the front of this cross is of Our Lady of Siluva.

### SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS

The outgoing Supreme Council held its last meeting Thursday, August 3rd before the Convention's official opening, to clear up old business and to make final convention arrangements. Attending were: Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, Rev. T. Narbutas, Alexander Wesey, Mary Stonis, Eleanore Laurin, Longinas Svelnis, Helen Zimmer, Larry Janonis, Joseph Drumstas, Albert Jaritis, Vincent Pavis, Phyllis Grendal, Frank Vaskas, Mary Lucas, Stanley Vaitkus, Irene Sankus, Anthony Buknis, Johanna Jakunas, Gerry Mack and Stella Pavis.

Immediately after the Closing Banquet, the newly-elected Board met in the Dayton Hospitality Suite to plan for the coming year. Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, Rev. John Jutt, Alexander Wesey, Stanley Vaitkus, Leon Paukstis, Longinas Svelnis, Mary Kober, Helen Zimmer, Stella Sankal, Larry Janonis, Eleanore Laurin, Albert Jaritis, V. E. Pavis, Phyllis Grendal, Joseph Boley, Frank Vaskas, Irene Sankus, Charles Grigaitis, Stella Pavis and Anthony Buknis.

### CONVENTION SPEAKERS

This year there was an opportunity for all of the delegates and guests to hear three most interesting speakers: Rev. Casimir Pugevicius of Baltimore, Maryland who is the Director of the Catholic Infor-



mation Center for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and who handled the publicity for the dedication of the Our Lady of Siluva Shrine in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Father Pugevicius spoke on possible ways to acquaint the youth and interest them in joining our organization. Mr. John D. Adams of Waterbury, Connecticut spoke on "The Knights and how they should celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence". Miss Ruta Domarkas and Miss Laima Koskocimas represented the Lithuanian Information Center, based in Chicago. Miss Domarkas, the Assistant Director of the Center, spoke on the advantages of a clearance house for publicity on Lithuanian matters. All of the subjects and ideas presented will be further discussed at the next Supreme Council meeting.

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The K of L Scholarship Committee, Chairman Dr. Jack Stukas, Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, Johanna Jakunas and Walter Svekla, after discussing the qualifications of all of the candidates awarded the 1967 Scholarship to Denis Mazeika, C41 Brooklyn and Mirga Pakalniskis, C112 Chicago. Each was awarded 1/2 (\$300.00) of the Scholarship. A more extensive description of the recipients will appear in the next issue.

The convention delegates adopted a resolution to increase the scholarship to \$1,000.00 beginning with the 1968 convention.

Mr. Kazys Jonaitis, a Chicago Senior, published a book of his poetry - "Sielos Balsai" and donated the book to our organization. All profits from the sale of this book will go to the Scholarship Fund. It was decided that any person donating at least \$2.00 would receive a copy. More information on this will appear in the next issue.

### CULTURAL DISPLAY

Council 96 and their Cultural Display Chairman, Mary Miller, are to be complimented on the interesting and extensive display which was viewed by the delegates, guests and visitors in the Cotillion Lounge. Among the items on display was a spinning wheel, three feet high, made by an old man living in Lithuania who used to make spinning wheels. It took him from Christmas to Easter to hand carve the wheel perfect in every detail. It was packed in small cartons, shipped to the United States and then re-assembled. Other items viewed by all were hand-made linens, included six tablecloths (each of a different design), runners, toweling, linen thread from Lithuania, a variety of wood carvings (one a miniature spinning wheel with the mother at the wheel teaching her child Lithuanian in secret as it was forbidden to be taught), a carving of a devil and the drunk, jewelry boxes inlaid with amber, miniature souvenirs from Lithuania gathered from different provinces such as miniature salt holders from Druskininkai, a wooden bath scene from the resort of Palanga, a Lithuanian dancing couple in ceramics. Also a national costume from the Kaunas section and many wayside crosses each in different workmanship and each representing different provinces. It is said that if you travelled in Lithuania, you could always know what section you were in by the wayside crosses. There were many, many other items on display and books and records on sale. The Dayton Council must certainly be proud of their Lithuanian heritage to collect such a distinctive array of Lithuanian objects.



Raymond Vasys of Worcester views the interesting Cultural Display.

### CONGRATS TO THE COMMITTEE

For the warm hospitality - and for a most difficult job well done, the delegates and guests extend congratulations and thanks to Host Council 96 of Dayton and especially to the Convention Committee: Rev. Titas Narbutas, Spiritual Advisor; Mary L. Lucas, Chairman; Stanley Vaitkus, Co-Chairman; Ann Boeke, Irene Veigel, Pat Zelinskas, Secretaries; Elinor Sluzas, Publicity; Frank Gudelis, Treasurer; Eloise Berczelly and Frances Petkus, Get Acquainted Party; Catherine Prasmantas, Breakfasts & Brunch; John H. Veigel, Program Book; Judy Petrokas and Steponas Bucmys, Concert; Ada and Joseph Sinkwitz, Semi-Formal Dance; Anne Scott, Luncheons & Closing Banquet; Rita Ambrose, Registration; Michael P. Petkus, Program Book, Church & Shrine Arrangements; Elaine Lucas and Laurreta Pant, Hospitality Suite; Jim Richey and John Scott, Sports Activities; Joe Boeke, Sightseeing Tour; Charles Petkus, Hotel Arrangements; and Sally Miller, Cultural Display.

## K of L Calendar

- SEPT. 3 - LITHUANIAN DAY, Canadian World's Fair EXPO 67, "Place de Nation" Montreal, Canada
- 9 - C-112 Chicago, GOLF OUTING, Cog Hill Country Club
- 23 - N E District PRE-CONVENTION DANCE, LNC Hall, Worcester, Mass.
- 23 - C-112 Chicago, SUMMER'S END DANCE, K of L Bldg, Chicago, Ill.
- 24 - N E D CONVENTION, Our Lady of Vilna, Worcester, Mass.
- 28 - I-I District QUARTERLY MEETING, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- OCT. - (Date to be announced) SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Cleveland, Ohio
- 13 - M-C District PRE-CONVENTION PARTY, Argyle Bowl, Detroit
- 14 - M-C District CONVENTION, Holiday Inn, Detroit, Mich.
- 14 - C-17 So. Boston, OCTOBERFEST, Stephen Darius A. L. Post, So. Boston, Mass.
- 15 - M-C District CONVENTION BANQUET K C Hall, Detroit, Mich.
- 28 - C26 Worcester, MASQUERADE MAD - CAP, LNC Hall, Worcester, Mass.
- NOV. 25 - C-17 So. Boston, FALL DANCE, S.B. Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.

THANK YOU...THANK YOU

A most sincere ACIU is extended to those who assisted the VYTIS staff in producing this issue...Eleanore Laurin, Gerry Mack, Nancy Kober, Mary Lucas, Anthony Buknis, Albert Raubiskis and Gediminas Janula.

COME AND HAVE A BALL WITH COUNCIL 3 and the friendly people in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA IN '68  
We had you here in '58  
We want you back in '68

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50 metų Sukaktį Philadelphijoje  
Laisvės Varpo Gimtinėje



AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK - THE DELEGATES RELAX!

# Social

## Sidelights

The conventioners who came early for our 54th National gathering had a variety of pre-convention activities in store for them. Wednesday was reserved for golfers, in the A.M., at the well known Kitty Hawk Golf Course and for the bowlers, in the P.M., at the McCook Lanes. Then, after the 19th Hole and 11th Frame sessions, the some 55 guests invaded the Out-of-this World abode of the Hostess with the Mostest, Mary Lucas. Mary and her daughter Elaine entertained with a spread supreme to satisfy even the most seasoned party-goer.

By Thursday morning, even more guests arrived in Dayton and had the another unofficial get-acquainted social during the unusual tour of the Air Force Museum at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and from what we hear, the best air conditioning was to be found under the wing of one of the super planes. As the busload of tourist arrived back at the hotel Sheraton they found many smiling faces getting out of cabs, ready and eager to join them in the activities planned for the evening.

It WAS a Knight of Gaiety, with bustles, feathers and bows and with gartered shirt sleeves, mustaches and bright vests at the Thursday night get-together social. The Lithuanian Club, where the delegates and guests gathered, was as nice a setting as we've seen anywhere in the country for the evening's festivities. Between dancing, the hello kisses, the singing and the toasting everybody enjoyed the gourmet spread, prepared by the C-96 gaspadinës, featuring skanios dešros su kopūstais, jautiena, balandėliais and a variety of trimmings. Even after the last No. 9 left, both the early arrivals and late comers stayed until their endurance wore out. The evening was both gay and GO.

At Friday's Sports Luncheon, Golf and Kegglar Trophies as well as Crying Towels and Special Awards, were presented to the "Best" and to those who were in some way "Distinctive" among the sports activities participants. Michael Petkus, Stanley Vaitkus, Ann Scott and Paula Petersok re-

ceived additions for their mantels by their talents with the woods and irons. Charlie Oskutis received the "Hardiness Award" a pair of retread feet, for his ingenuity - golfing without his shoes - which went on to Chicago without him. Some of us are familiar with the "Bogey", but there is only one person - anywhere - who has been honored with the "Doggy" Award. Miss Dolores Wainauskis managed not only to hit a few golf balls, but also, would you believe, this doggy, which has brought her this distinctive honor.

Jim Richey, the Master of Ceremonies at the Luncheon, received a Crying Towel, along with the others who gave "distinctive" performances at the bowling alleys - John Petkus, Frank Ambrose, Joe Nausieda and Charles Vangas. In the bowlers' winners circle were John Andrulis, Dave Petrosky and Charles Petkus and among the women, Evelyn Andrulis, Nellie Arunski and Eva Leasure. A special Oscar went to two candlestick bowlers - Larry Svelnis and Rose Chestnut, in recognition of their "E" for effort.

The feature of this occasion was the interesting guest speaker Harlan Fengler, Chief Steward of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, who entertained the audience with his unusual firm - "30 Days in May".

In remembrance of the Lithuanians and the Knights of Lithuania, Mr. Fengler was presented with a hand-carved Wayside Cross.



Father Kris expressing a point of view to the Scholarship Committee (left photo) while Past S. C. President Bob Boris poses with a bevy of K of L beauties (right photo).



(Right photo) Archbishop Alter accepts a Wayside Cross as a Convention memento from Stanley Vaitkus, C-96 President. (Left photo) The Glitter Ball's King Stanley and Queen Mary with their attendants.

Many of the conventioners have heard recordings of the Cleveland Men's Octet but they had a chance to enjoy their modern renditions in person at the Friday Night Concert. The performance took place at the Bro. Lawrence Ball Theatre, University of Dayton. Their program included Lithuanian Folk Songs and translations of classic numbers from Broadway productions, sung by the Octet and some accompanied by soloist Irena Gri-galiunaitė. The Octet is one of our newer song groups, organized in 1960, and gaining in popularity since then, especially with the set that enjoys the continental rhythms of the tango, cha cha, and the fox trots. The young but talented director of the group Rytas Babickas, who is also a director with the Ciurlionis Ensemble, arranges all the songs and Petras Kudukis, administrator, is responsible for the lyrics of most of their numbers. The other members of the Octet are Algirdas Gilys, Mindaugas Motiejunas, Gytis Motiejūnas, Mečys Aukštuolis, Džiugas Staniškis, Fabijonas Kaminskas and Vytautas Raulinaitis. For a musical treat that was different and thoroughly delightful, congratulations go to Steponas Bucmys and Judy Petrokas, Chairmen. Miss Petrokas was also Mistress of Ceremonies and Ingrida Bublienė was the announcer.

The Saturday Awards Lun-

cheon was another delightful intermission between the business sessions of the day. The highlight was the distribution of plaques to the Individuals, Councils and the District who were winners in the National New Member Drive. The Second Place Awards were a certificate of Merit. A plaque was also presented to each of the winners of the 1966-67 - 100% Paid-Up Dues Special Drive. As a little note of observation of what a little applied effort on the part of interested leaders can do - Denis Mazeika received the Individual in a Small Council Award, Council 41 won the Small Council New Member Plaque and they were First to be 100% Paid-Up in the Small Council Category. The same for Leon Pauksta and Council 112, in the Large Council classification. Mary Lucas was Mistress of Ceremonies for this luncheon, Eleanore Laurin, Membership Vice President made the announcements of the winners and Father Walter Stanievich, past S.C. Spiritual Advisor, assisted in the distribution of the rewards.

This was a week end of awards and rewards. The Saturday Night Glitter Ball, which was held in the Grand Ballroom, also had its share with the delegates and guests electing Mary Lucas - Queen of the Ball and Stan Vaitkus - King. Then during the evening of both formal and short

gowns floating around the room, under the starlite chandeliers, the Knights and their ladies elevated another pair to royalty. They chose Larry Janonis and Virginia Dutkus as the King and Queen of Polka, with Irene and Walt Svekla and John and Agnes Mickunas as close contenders. The end came too soon, so as the last strains of the orchestra faded out, the dancers glittered off to the Chicago reception and other hospitality parties.

The presentation of a masterpiece Wayside Cross to His Excellency, Most Reverend Karl J. Alter, Archbishop of Cincinnati, was the highlight of the Sunday morning brunch at the Holy Cross Parish Hall. We know that Father Narbutas, Pastor, felt as much pride on this occasion as the delegates who were present. And, according to the unanimous delight of those present, the brunch should have been called a banquet. If the connoisseurs possibly will not get around to sending a little note recognition let us now thank Kitty Prasman-tas and the Committee Cooks for their delicacies.

The Sunday Night Banquet was truly a Grand finale of the Convention. After the main course, Master of Ceremonies Stan Vaitkus and his pleasant personality took over the program portion. The Honorable Mr. Whalen, member of the U. S. Congress,

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from the State of Ohio, was the guest speaker and was introduced by Elinor Sluzas. A pair of amber cuff links was presented to him after his inspiring speech, as a remembrance of the Knights of Lithuania and even more important - Lithuania's cause. Another important guest was Al Straszas, City Personnel Director, who welcomed the delegates on behalf of the City of Dayton.

The program continued with a greeting from S. C. Spiritual Advisor, Father Krisciunevicius, who also presented the Scholarship Report, and President Al Wesey who expressed the thanks of the entire organization to the Dayton Council. Honorary Member and honored member of the Ritual Committee, Joseph Boley, then presented the Fourth Degree Certificates to the five recipients. An additional and unexpected feature of the evening's program was a special award by Council 96, to Honorary Member Frank Gudelis - a plaque and \$200.00, for his dedicated and untiring services to the Council, Holy Cross Parish and his other worthy interests. Mr. Gudelis graciously accepted the award and immediately, in his usual generous manner, donated the money, equally to the K of L Scholarship Fund and the Holy Cross Seminary Fund. Father Narbutas also extended his greetings to the delegates and guests at the banquet.

The highlight of the affair was the presentation of the annual Friend of Lithuania Medal, by Father Jutt, to the 1967 recipient, Mr. George Barmann. Then the evening came to an end with a closing speech by Convention Chairman Mary Lucas and an introduction of the guests at the speakers table, by Co-Chairman and M.C. Stan Vaitkus.

The guests enjoyed the hospitality of the delegations from the various headquarters. There

was the Dayton suite, for anyone who wanted to pass the time of day - or night - and meet old friends. Charlie Grigaitis and the young set from Worcester had open house at all times. The boys from Elizabeth were having a convention on the "Continent" this year, but Charlie Oskutis was an able emissary and, for a change, a guest. (Our pleasure.) Estelle Rogers managed to fit quite a few conventioners in her "little suite"; enough to rattle the bricks as they sang Happy Birthday to Mary Stonis.

After the Saturday Glitter Ball, the Chicagoans held their annual "This is to thank you for YOUR hospitality" party in suite 609. New member and first time conventioner Joe Nauseda got the usual initiation - bartender for the night.

The last of the "guest" parties was the one hosted by the boys and girls from Philly. Between the "New Year" and the "Bird Dance" and the Hour of Humor starring Tony Kober (with intermissions filled in by Fr. Jutt, Joe Boley, Joe Nauseda and Gedeminas Janula), the most exaltedness John Mickunas and vaidelutės Irene Svekla and Agnes Mickunas knighted Presidium Chairman Larry Janonis and conferred upon him the title of "Good Guy of the Year".

In the wee hours of the morning, after the final convention festivities of the evening before, a weary Daytonite was overheard saying to a departing Philadelphia delegate: "If you need help, call us. We've been through it".

Then came that sentimental yet happy part of the Convention the "Left-Over Party", as usual, Monday morning. The Dayton hosts served the coffee and donuts and sweet rolls and "left-overs" amid the last minute exchange of conversation... and then

in pairs or threes or fours, the delegates headed for home. Some of the guests like Leonard Valiukas, Gene Gobis, Joe and the Chicago girls from 609, scheduled to leave at a later hour, and the committee members, weary by GO, drove on to the site of the first reception - the home of Mary Lucas, for that final bit of hospitality.

Whether flying or driving - on to Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Chicago or Los Angeles, no doubt All the delegates had pleasant memories and were already making plans for attending the "55th", humming ...

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Vyčiai, Vyčiai klausykit, Aleluia  
Į Philly važiuokite, Aleluia

Billy Penn matysite, Aleluia  
Liberty Bell paringisit, Aleluia  
Vyčiai, Vyčiai, etc.

Session time mes dirbsime, Aleluia  
In spare time pašoksime, Aleluia  
Vyčiai, Vyčiai, etc.

Juoksim, šoksim, dainuosim, Aleluia  
Real good time turėsime, Aleluia  
Vyčiai, Vyčiai, etc.

Lots of things mes turėsime, Aleluia  
Boy, oh boy, nemisykit, Aleluia  
Vyčiai, Vyčiai, etc.

