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55th NATIONAL CONVENTION. Impressive commemoration at The Liberty Bell, symbol of America's Independence. Pictured are: Rev. John C. Jutt, Lithuanian Affairs Honorary Chairman, Mrs. Stella Willworth of the New York Seniors, Joseph Yanulaitis, Master of Ceremonies for the occasion, and newly-elected National President, Dr. Jack J. Stukas.  
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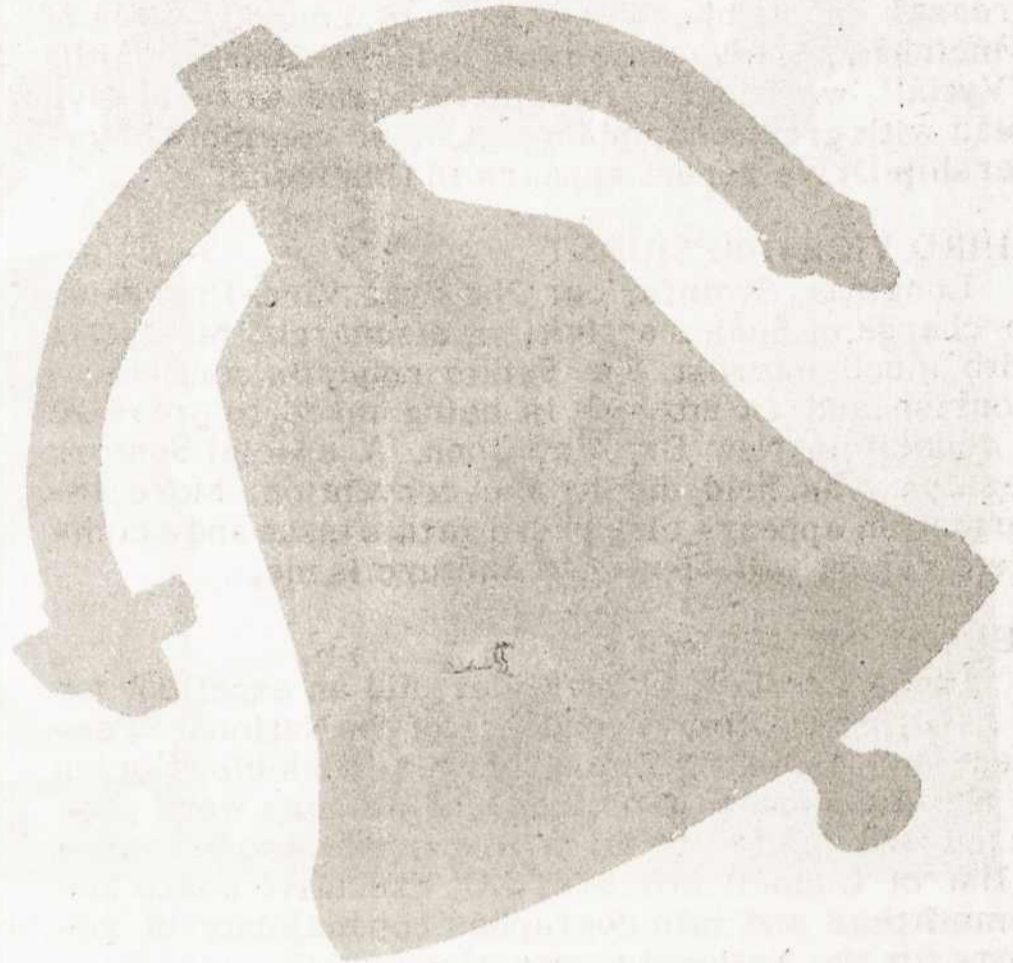
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**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**

**56<sup>TH</sup>**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION**



## STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

The 55th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania "State of the Organization" report was compiled from the reports of the national president, the various Supreme Council officers and chairmen.

### SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

The K of L is truly grateful to our Spiritual Advisor, the Reverend Victor Krisciunevicius of Detroit, for his wise counsel and guidance throughout this past year. His report to the convention appears in this issue.

### PRESIDENT

Our National President, Alexander Wesey-Vasiliauskas, reported that the past year was a very busy one not only for himself but also for all of the Supreme Council members. Five S.C. meetings wherein routine business of the organization was handled and discussed. Despite the hardship of travel, all of the meetings were well represented and productive on new ideas and plans for the future. The first meeting was held at the close of the National Convention in Dayton. At this meeting, Father Krisciunevicius was asked to remain as the Spiritual Advisor and the Priests' League granted this request. Other meetings were held in Cleveland on Oct. 21, 1967 with thirteen S.C. officers attending; in Chicago on Jan. 13, 1968 with fifteen officers attending; and in Philadelphia on Mar. 23, 1968 with eight officers attending. Each meeting attracted a large number of guests. The final meeting for this term was held just prior to the convention.

With respect to his fellow officers, Mr. Wesey stated that each one devoted much time and effort to the betterment of the Knights of Lithuania. They not only donated their valuable time to attend distant meetings but also donated their traveling expenses. Perhaps in the future traveling expenses would be allowed the officers. An organization can function properly only when all of the officers are able to meet together to exchange their views at the same time.

### FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Stanley Vaitkus, our First Vice-President in charge of Junior Knights, devoted his efforts in their behalf. Extensive correspondence in addition to "Vytis" article and the preparing of Junior Guide books took much time. Successful rallies were held in NED and NY-NJD areas. The K of L Week at Camp Dainava in Michigan was also successful. Two fund raising campaigns were planned. During the year, one new council was organized, C103 of Providence, R.I., thereby making a total of eight councils. The others are: C17 So. Boston; C26 Worcester; C29 Newark; C52 Elizabeth; C96 Dayton; C133 Los Angeles and the Chicago Juniors. Although Junior groups were known to exist in other areas, no official notification was received.

The Junior Essay Contest winner was Joan Adamaitis of C116 So. Worcester. More details and the winning essay will appear in a future issue.

## SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Our Membership Vice-President, Leon Pauksta, conducted an excellent membership drive. 137 new members were enrolled, twenty-four councils gained new members and fifteen councils attained net increases in membership. One new council, C134 of Cincinnati, Ohio, was organized. His articles in the "Vytis" were very informative and were always read with great enthusiasm. A more complete Membership Drive report appears in this issue.

## THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Longinas Svelnis, our National Vice-President in charge of Senior activities, discharged his duties with much interest. The Senior councils continue to flourish and an attempt is being made to organize a council in New Britain, Conn. A special Seniors session was held during the convention. More information appears elsewhere in this issue and a complete report will appear in a future issue.

## RECORDING SECRETARY

The secretary, Mary Kober, did an excellent job in handling the correspondence of the National President and assisting him whenever possible. Copies of the S.C. meeting notices and minutes were prepared and mailed to all officers. She also prepared a list of Council officers, S.C. executive board and committees and mimeographed the majority of reports for the National Convention.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Helen Zimmer, our National Financial Secretary, again handled her most difficult job in excellent fashion. Her report showed that although we gained 118 total members overall, we suffered a loss of 103 delinquent members, making our over-all gain only 15 for a total of 1,703 members. Other membership figures appear elsewhere in this issue. The following are the largest councils: C79 Detroit, 213 members; C112 Chicago, 169; C26 Worcester, 113; C7 Waterbury, 105 and C29 Newark, 102. There are a total of 43 councils including 8 Senior councils, two councils dropped for non-payment of dues.

## TREASURER

Our Treasurer, Stella Sankal, discharged her duties with efficiency and cooperation with all parties concerned. The records of the finances of our organization are in good shape and the funds wisely invested. Her records were completed and were made available to the National Trustees.

## TRUSTEES

Larry Janonis and Eleanore Laurin, our National Trustees, audited the Treasurer's records and found the national treasury and accounts in order.

## LEGAL ADVISOR

Mr. Konstant Savickus was most helpful in resolving several routine matters for the National President during the past year.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The NED, reported President Albert Jaritis, consisted of thirteen councils; eleven regular and two se-

nior councils plus two Junior councils. In the above total are two inactive councils, C18 Cambridge and C27 Norwood. During the coming year, plans will be made to revive these two councils to their former strength and activity. Two District conventions were held, the fall convention, with C116 So. Worcester as hosts and the spring one with C103 Seniors Providence, hosts. C116 and C17 So. Boston were the hosts for the Junior Rallies. Miss Irene Adamaitis and John Olevitz are to be commended for their work in the Junior field. Under the direction of Longinas Svelnis, the Seniors continue to flourish. Various activities were held to keep the councils together. District Roll-Offs were hosted by Worcester, So. Worcester, So. Boston, Brockton and Cambridge. The various councils held dances, concerts and other activities. Councils celebrated St. Casimir's Feast Day, helped celebrate Lithuanian Independence Day and the District's contribution to the celebration was the Cultural Picnic which was held at Maironis Park.

## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

The District President, Larry Janonis, reported that there are eleven councils with a membership of approx. 300. The Newark group remains the largest. Some of the smaller councils found it difficult continuing their activities, however, they produced some of the most active leaders in the District. The four District convention meetings were held in Elizabeth, New York, Newark and Paterson. Our publication is a source of contact between members and Josephine Zukas and her assistants are to be congratulated. Our annual St. Casimir's Day was held in Newark and although we were unable to sponsor an affair of our own, we joined the Lithuanian-American Council of New Jersey in a day of prayer for the Church on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary. Following High Mass, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, the Golden Jubilee Banquet was held in Newark. Many Newark council members worked on the committee and the banquet M-C was Dr. Jack Stukas. The biggest loss was the bowling League which kept councils closer together. C41 Brooklyn celebrated its 10th Anniversary and they are to be commended for their work in the Lithuanian Affairs field. The activity of the



Rev. Brother Antanas Saulaitis, S.J., cleric, discussed "Youth and Junior K of L'ers" at the Saturday session.



Pictured at the Closing Banquet, head table guests (seated, l-r) Nancy Kober, Prof. A. J. Aleksis, Rev. John Jutt, Mrs. Weinrott, Judge Leo A. Weinrott, main speaker, Alphonsus Romeika, master-of-ceremonies, Mrs. Uritis, George A. Uritis, guest speaker, Msgr. Vito Martusevich, Helen Zimmer. (Standing l-r) Helen Shields, Irene Sankus, Longinas Svelnis, Stella Sankal, Stanley Vaitkus, Dr. Jack Stukas, Rev. George Degutis, Leon Pauksa, Agnes Mickunas, Larry Janonis, Eleanore Laurin, Rev. Clarence Batutis, Alexander Wesey and Rev. J. Walter Stanievich. Seated at the special table are the newly elevated Honorary Members, Mary Lucas, Joseph Sakaitis, Anne Bender and Mary Jankowski.

New York Seniors, under Tony Mazeika, Sr., Peter Wytenus and Helen Kulber, is a big plus in the Lithuanian community.

#### MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

During the past year, the Mid-Central District experience a period of varied progress in several worthy endeavors reported the District President, Vincent Ed. Pavis. All councils worked to promote Junior groups with the main project, K of L Camp Dainava Week. \$100.00 was contributed to the Camp and all councils were urged to do likewise. As St. Casimir day and the 50th Anniversary commemoration dates were in close proximity, some localities observed the dates jointly. Rites were held by Dayton and Cincinnati; the three Detroit councils; and in Youngstown, the two Cleveland groups, Pittsburgh and Youngstown. In traditional manner, the annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation was held in Cary, Ohio with Stanley Vaitkus as chairman. The Mid-West Bowling Tournament was hosted by C79 Detroit. At the present time, the District consists of nine councils with an approximate membership of 480. The largest council is C79. Periodically the "Knight-O-Gram" is issued informing the membership of all activities and thus it acts to coordinate the work of the District.

#### ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Under the leadership of District President John

G. Evans, the District completed another most successful year and continued keeping the K of L name before the Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians. The Juniors and Seniors continued to flourish under the guidance of Helen Pius and Alek Budris, respectively. Vladas Paliulionis, winner of the District's Membership Drive, was presented with the John G. Evans award, a wrist watch. In addition to the many regular council activities, the following affairs were sponsored: Building and Garden workers' Testimonial Dinner sponsored by the Seniors; Special Building Fund Drive; New Year's Eve celebration; "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet commemorating the 50th Anniversary with the then Lt. Gov. Samuel Shapiro as guest speaker; St. Casimir's Day, ritual presentations; Bowling tournament and socials; 4th of July picnics; Golf tournament and many other events. The choir, with Faustas Strolia, as director continues to keep the K of L name in the public eye. Anthony Rudis was presented with the District's K of L Man of the Year award at the "M of L" Banquet. The members continue to attend most Lithuanian activities and in recognition, John G. Evans was selected to represent them in the Supreme Council of ALTA (American Lithuanian Taryba Alliance). This is an honor that we haven't had in many years.

#### CALIFORNIA

No report was received.

## "VYTIS"

The staff consists of Irene Sankus, Editor; Theresa Strolia, Council News Editor; Gerry Mack and Marilyn Kareiva, staff assistants; Loretta Stukas, Eleanore Laurin, Frank Gudelis, Leonard Valiukas and Susan Broroskas, District representatives. Ten issues were published since the last convention, eight monthly and two bi-monthly. A special feature, "Tautinis Menas" by Vladas Vijeikis, was compiled for this anniversary year. Through the efforts of the editor expenses in publishing the VYTIS were reduced by contributions and the Christmas campaign. Total contributions for the year were \$950.51 and completely covered the cost of the December '67 and March '68 issues. The March issue was sponsored by Mr. Kazys Sipaila of C-29 Newark. The total cost per page was reduced to \$12.44/page, thereby making more funds available to the Supreme Council for its many undertakings.

## LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Father John C. Jutt, Honorary Chairman, presented an oral report and it appears in this issue. Charles Grigaitis, chairman, handled all of his duties as required and his report is included with Father Jutt's report. Through this committee, we are able to promote the name of Lithuania and the K of L organization to the non-Lithuanian population. It is very important for us to publicize suppressed Lithuania and the restoration of Lithuania's independence, with the hope that some day we may visit Lithuania just as we are able to visit other countries in Europe today.

## LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Marcella Andrikis performed an excellent job as chairman of this committee. She represented the K of L at the following events: III U.S.A. and Canada Lithuanian Cultural Congress in Chicago; RUTA ensemble's Concert in Worcester; SANDARA concert in Chicago; Co-chaired the Greater Waterbury Area Ecumenial Concert of Sacred Music. She also initiated the Junior Essay Contest to mark the 50th Anniversary, sent several articles to "Vytis", submitted a suggested cultural calendar to the councils and communicated with the districts regarding cultural activity.

## RITUAL COMMITTEE

The committee, Edward Daniels, Rita Pinkus and Joseph Boley, thru July, 1968, a total of twenty-three first degrees were installed, fourteen second degrees, four third degrees and nine fourth degrees. The committee is constantly reviewing the point system and there have been a few minor changes suggested.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The acting secretary, Eleanore Laurin, reported that this committee was prepared to elevate seven members to the Honorary Membership at the convention. Due to the passing of Jack Jatis, this committee had temporarily nominated Miss Laurin to serve Jack's unexpired term and the delegates elected her as a permanent member of the committee.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee should be foremost in our activity. They could and should be the eyes, the ears, and the tongue of our organization. All Districts are being publicized and the committee members are doing a fine job. District representatives were: Juozas Sadauskas, MCD, Frank Vaskas, NY-NJD, Vincent Samaska, IID, Albert Jaritis, NED, and Adele Petras, Calif.

## CANON FABIJONAS KEMESIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship award this year has been increased from \$600 to \$1,000. It will certainly not be an easy task for this committee to raise that amount each year. Inasmuch as this is a worthy and important project, every K of L member should strive to promote funds in some way or other. We were fortunate to be named the beneficiary of \$1,000 in the last will and testament of Mr. Simonas Goodas, an ex-K of L'er from Newark C29. Inheritance taxes amounted to \$150 and the net amount of \$850 was deposited in the Scholarship Fund. In appreciation for this large donation, President Wesley arranged to have a Mass held at the deceased's church and arranged an interview with Mrs. Goodas whereby a profile could be published in the "Vytis". In conjunction with the Scholarship Committee, the supreme council suggested that a memorial Fund be set up whereby family and friends of a deceased K of L member could make a donation to this Fund in lieu of flowers. The Committee will have appropriate cards printed for this occasion.

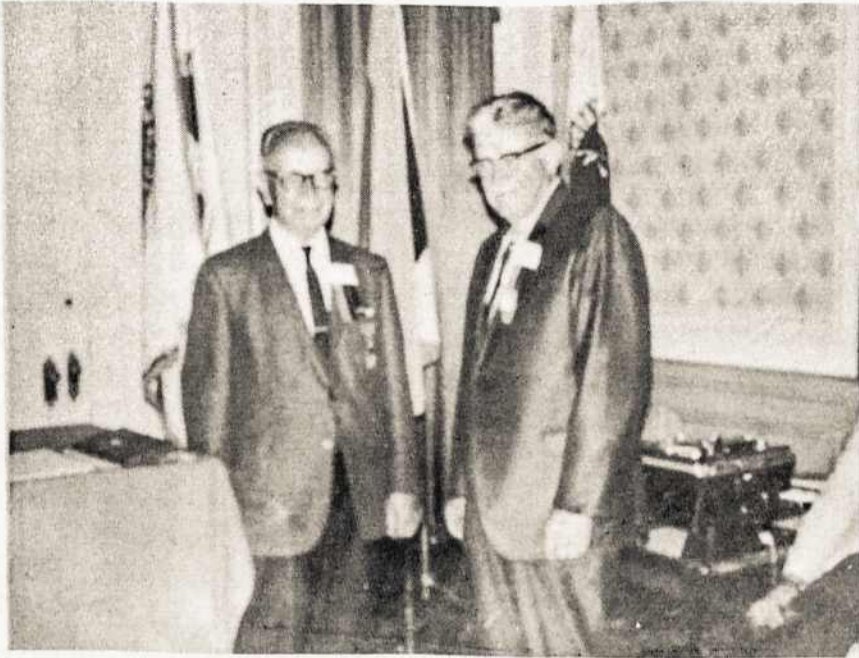
## CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee made the necessary revisions to our Constitution and Bylaws. This revision was sent to the "Vytis" editor for publication in the August-September issue so that all members would have the opportunity to review the amendments before convention time. Many thanks are due Joseph Boley, Joseph Sakavich and Anthony Mazeika for their untiring efforts in this matter.

## S. C. CULTURE COMMITTEE

The treasurer of this committee, Frank Gudelis, presented a financial report from July, '67 to June 30 '68 as follows:

Adults Lithuanian Language Records	
Balance - June 30, 1968	\$363.58
Sales of Records	35.00
	\$398.58
Postage	1.43
Balance - June 30, 1968	\$397.15
Children's Lithuanian Language Records	
Deficit - June 30, 1967	\$260.77
Sales of records	16.00
	\$244.77
Postage	.69
Deficit - June 30, 1968	\$245.46
"Lithuania and Lithuanians" - A Selected Bibliography	
Deficit - June 30, 1967	\$ 43.52
Sales	5.00
Deficit - June 30, 1968	\$ 38.52
Unpaid Account - 16 sets Adult and 2 sets Children's Record to Robert Boris	\$ 36.00



Honorary Members From East and West Meet. Prof. A. Aleksis, oldest K of L member, and Juozas Sadauskas, president of the Cleveland Seniors.

#### ARCHIVES

The K of L Building in Chicago has set aside a special room wherein all K of L material and records are kept. A few years ago this material was all catalogued and since that time very little additional material has been forwarded to the archives. The general membership should be advised that we have such a place set up and if there is any material they wish to donate, please contact any member on the executive Board for further details.

#### INCREASE OF DUES

The Supreme Council officers felt very strongly for the need of increasing dues. While there is a substantial amount in the Treasury, we cannot start spending it for the suggested needs since this amount cannot be raised by donations only. The resolution increasing the dues was passed and now, perhaps, partial traveling expenses could be reimbursed to officers, the "Vytis" could secure professional writers, and many other endeavors can be planned.

#### CAMP DAINAVA

Further Supreme Council activity included much discussion about Camp Dainava. At our Supreme Council meeting in Cleveland, it was made known that the Camp was having a drive for funds and since this camp is for our youth and a week is set aside as K of L Week, it was decided to contribute \$100 to the Fund. By doing so, the K of L received one vote for each \$100 donated. It was further suggested and approved that the K of L Supreme Council donate \$100 each year toward this Fund.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF NON-LITHUANIAN SPOUSES

This matter has been discussed at each Executive Board meeting and the members feel strong about accepting these people. However, due to constitutional changes, this poses a grave problem. Many years have gone by wherein this issue was discussed but with no success. If we cannot finalize the matter, perhaps we should close the matter forever. If we are to be a family organization we must accept spouses and children. We must adhere to the times. The motto, "God and Country", also includes family.

#### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

At one of the Supreme Council meetings, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to establish a Lifetime Membership upon payment of dues in amount of \$100. This was a constitutional change that was approved at the National Convention.

#### TARYBA

The K of L is a member of the Taryba and is entitled to three votes at their meetings. Since most of the meetings are held in the Chicago area, our K of L representatives were appointed from the area. They are John G. Evans, who was elected a member of the Supreme Council as vice-president, and Eleanore Laurin. The third member is elected as the occasion arises.

#### LITHUANIA'S 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

To give this Anniversary dues publicity by our members and our organization, we had many excellent ideas, however, they did not all materialize as well as anticipated. In addition to the special events sponsored by the Districts and Councils, the Supreme Council printed commemorative seals. The initial project was completed by Irene Sankus and Joseph Paulukonis. Mary Kober is handling the general distribution. The artist was Anthony Yuknis of Chicago and they were officially introduced at the Lithuanian Philatelic Exhibit held on Feb. 16-18, 1968 at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago. All Districts, Councils and individual members are urged to continue purchasing and using the seals during this commemorative year. A most appropriate use would be on our Christmas greeting cards.

#### LITHUANIAN CULTURAL GUIDE

Father Stasys Raila, whom we all know as a staunch K of L supporter and former Spiritual Advisor to the Philadelphia Council, has written a book in Lithuanian entitled, "Lithuanian Cultural Guide". This book is being translated into English by Dr. and Mrs. Jack Stukas. Father Raila is presenting this book to the K of L organization with the hope that we have it published. At the present time the Supreme Council officers have not committed themselves as to the publication since there are many legal aspects to be finalized before the book can be published. However, it is hoped that the new executive board will pursue this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

#### 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. The Marian Fathers have always been most cooperative and helpful to our organization. We would also like to thank Emilija Pakalniskiene of Chicago, her husband and family for their faithful contributions as Editors of the "Vyciu Veikla" column.

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# SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

## SESĖS IR BROLIAI VYČIAI,

Sveikinu Jus visus, suvažiavusius į savo 55-tąjį metinį Seimą. Žinau, Jūsų visų veidus puošia šypseną, o krūtinėje ... meile deganti širdis. Gaila, negaliu būti Jūsų tarpe ir matyti Jūsų spindinčias akis ir tas, meile degančias, širdis. Prieš metus spaudėm viens kitam rankas, o šiandien - tebūna leista tik rašytu žodžiu į Jus prabilti.

Kai pažiūriu atgal į praėjusius metus, pasijuntu, jog mano troškimai yra mane apgavę. Tikrai nuširdžiai norėjau eiti kartu su kitais Centro Valdybos nariais, bet gyvenimas stato savo reikalavimus, o žmonės - savo ... Todėl ir darbai, kurie man priklausė, liko neatlikti ir svajonės, liko nerealiizuotos. Tik vieno dalyko neužmiršau: Viešpatį, nužengusį ant Altoriaus nuolat prašiau Vyčiams palaimos ir meilės ...

Šiandien ir man, kaip tam Evangelijos užvaizdui, atėjo valanda duoti apyskaitą už tai, kad per visus metus prie mano pavardės "Vytyje dar buvo pažymėta "Spiritual Adviser". Tai ne didvyriški ar nuostabiūs darbai, bet tik keletas datų, kada visų Vyčių vardu buvo reiškiami mano sveikinimai ar linkėjimai.

Dalyvaujant Centro Valdybos susirinkime Rugpiūčio 6 dieną 1967 m. Dayton, Ohio, pirmininko buvau įgaliotas atstovauti Vyčių Organizaciją Ateitininkų Sendraugių suvažiavime. Todėl Rugpiūčio 13 dieną nuvykau į Dainavą, Manchester, Mich., kur buvo minima 40 metų sukaktis nuo Palangos reorganizacinės ateitininkų konferencijos.

Spalio 15 dieną 1967 metais dalyvavau Detroito Mid-Central District Suvažiavimo iškilminguose pietuose, kuriuose kalbėdamas Vyčių Organizacijos reikalais, sveikinau suvažiavusius Centro Valdybos vardu.

Centro Valdybos susirinkime Spalio 21 dieną 1967 m. Cleveland, Ohio iškilniau reikalą daugiau rūpintis dvasiniais reikalais ir programomis Vyčių Seimo metu, daugiau prisitaikant prie žmonių Sv. Mišių atžvilgiu ir įvedant religinių paskaitų ar diskusijų suvažiavimo dienomis, pabrėždamas, kad ši programa būtų planuojama su Centro Dvasios Vado žinia. Deja, 55-tojo Seimo Rengėjai į tai neatkreipė dėmesio. Ir šias eilutes rašant, dar nebuvo gautas jois religinės programos planavimo ir atlikimo reikalas raštas. Rodos, "Lietuvos Vyčių Istatuose" (1950) 9 skyriuje, 4 paragrafe rašoma: "Seimo rengimo Komisijos planai turi būti patvirtinti Centro Valdybos ir SU DVASIOS VADO ŽINIA". Be to, Centro Valdybos Pirmininkas p. Alex Vasiliaskas, savo laiške, rašytame kovo 15, 1968 tarp kitko man taip rašė: " ... kaslink ateinantį seimą. Ar Philadelphia susisiekt su Jumi kaslink religinių arba kitų Seimo svarbesnių reikalų? Mūsų Konstitucija sako, kad Dvasios Vadas turi žinoti apie Seimo įvykius". - Tol, kol Lietuvos Vyčiai savo Konstitucijoje turi Organizacijos tikslę išsirašę: "Lietuvos Vyčiai laikosi katalikų pasaulėžiūros bei doros dėsnių, pratina savo narius giliau pažinti ir uoliau praktikuoti katalikų tikėjimą ir tinkamomis priemonėmis saugoja jų dorą", Centro Valdybos Dvasios Vado ignoravimas

nepateisinamas. Jei mano asmuo kai kam nepageidaujamas, tai dar nereiškia, kad galima nesiskaityti su Dayton'e vykusio seimo nutarimu.

Negalėjau nepasidalinti "Vytyje" keliomis mintimis apie "Ramybę, kurios ilgisi kiekviena, o ypač vyčio širdis. Tai buvo, tarsi, mano linkėjimai Jums visiems ne tik Kalėdų švenčių proga, bet ir Jūsų laimingai kelionei per šią ašarų pakalnę. Žmogus gali visko turėti, bet jei jis neturės Kristaus atneštosios ramybės savo širdyje, jis jausis nieko neturįs.

Sausio 13 dieną 1968 m. Čikagoje Centro Valdybos posėdyje, kuriame dėl profesinių pareigų neteko dalyvauti, buvo vienbalsiai nutarta pasiūsti sveikinimą Vysk. Charles Salatka jį paaukštinimo proga. Centro Valdybos Pirmininko p. Vasiliasko prašomas, pasiunčiau Lietuvos Vyčių vardu sveikinimą, žengiant jam kaip Vyskupui Ordinariui į Marquette, Mich. sostą, kartu su nevystančių Maldų Vainiku, linkėdamas, kad Viešpaties malonė jį visada lydėtų sunkiame Ganytojo darbe. - Vysk. Charles Salatka atsakė, prašydamas perduoti padėką visiems Lietuvos Vyčiams.

Negaliu užmiršti Frank & Sophie Zager, veiklųją Detroito 79 Vyčių kuopos porą, kuri Vasario mėnesį minėjo savo 25-rių metų vedybinio gyvenimo sukaktuves. Iškilmingos vakarienės metu, perskaičiau iš Vatikano gautą Popiežiaus Palaiminimą ir sveikinau visos Centro Valdybos vardu šia iškilminga proga.

Kovo 10 dieną 1968 m. buvo minima šv. Kazimiero šventė. Tai ypatinga diena Detroito Vyčių gyvenime. Tą dieną pirmą kartą visos trys Detroito Vyčių kuopos kartu su ateitininkais ir skautais atšventė savo Globėjo šventę. Teko koncelebruoti Šv. Mišias kartu su kleb. kun. Kundrotu ir kleb. kun. Stanevičium ir pasakyti tai dienai jaunimui pritaikytą pamokslą. Tai buvo gera proga laimėti Vyčių Organizacijai, jei ne narių, tai bent simpatikų.

Štai, girdėjote keletą datų iš praėjusių metų. Nieko ypatingo, žiūrint kūno akimis. Dvasioje, gal būt, ieškota meilės ... nes tikrosios krikščionybės žymė yra ne kas kita, kaip meilė. Ir niekas ryškiai šiandien nekrinta akysna, kaip tas faktas, kad mums Vyčiams, kaip šių laikų krikščionims, dažnai trūksta evangeliškosios meilės. Jau kun. Walter Stanevičius, 1962 m. rugpiūčio 19 d., 49-to Vyčių Seimo Newark, N.J. metu savo pamoksle klausė: "Ar Jūsų meilė yra tokia didelė, kad ir kitų žmonių tarpe atrandate Kristaus paveikslą, nežiūrint, kad jie būtų kitos spalvos ar kalbos?"

Sesės ir broliai Vyčiai! Užbaigiant, leiskite ir man Jūsų paklausti: "Ar Jūsų, kaip Vyčių, tikėjimas užima svarbų veiksni Jūsų gyvenime, Jūsų namuose, Jūsų darbe? Ar Jūs rodote pavyzdį, kad galėtų kiti Jus sekti?"

Brangūs Vyčiai, aukite meilėje. Norėčiau su šv. Povilu sakyti: "Aš meldžiu, kad Jūsų meilė labiau ir labiau gausėtų... " Lai Dievo, artimo ir Tėvynės meilė visada liepsnoja Jūsų širdyse!

Jūsų Kristuje

Kun. V. Kriščiunevičius



# REZOLIUCIJOS / RESOLUTIONS

The 55th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia (August 22-25) unanimously passed a resolution of sincere greeting to you, Mr. President, and of wholehearted support of our Government's Viet Nam policies. The Convention notes with regret and strongly condemns the recent action of the Soviet in Czechoslovakia. It indicates their deceit and the fallacy of their frequent statements on world peace and friendly coexistence. It further indicates the importance of executing H. Con Res. 416 recently passed by Congress and calling for freedom for the Baltic States. The Convention, therefore, urges you, Sir, to bring up the Baltic States question in the United Nations without any further delay.

(Sent by telegram to President Johnson)

The National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa., August 22-25, 1968, unanimously passed a resolution condemning the unjust invasion of Czechoslovakia by Soviet Russia and the unnecessary arrest of responsible Czech authorities. As members of a nation, Lithuania, which has felt the horror and tyranny of Soviet invasion with all its evil consequences, we, the delegates and their guests, express our sincere concern over the present Czech invasion and wish the people of Czechoslovakia strength and endurance in their present difficult hour. The resolution further calls for the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Czech territory and the return of responsible Czech authorities to Prague without further violence and any reprisals.

Upon serious consideration of the purposes of Captive Nations Week, the proclamation of which must be presented by act of Congress, Senate Resolution 374, each year to the President of the United States and noticing that the proclamation each year is being played down by our President out of fear of offending the Soviet Government, the National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa., August 22-25, 1968 unanimously passed a resolution calling for the return of the original purposes of proclaiming the third week of July as Captive Nations Week, i.e., letting the world know that there are Nations unjustly held captive by the Soviet Union and calling for the support of Senate Resolution No. 374 sponsored by The Honorable Thomas J. Dodd, U.S. Senator from Connecticut and demanding a sincere and more meaningful observance of Captive Nations Week without any fear of offending the Soviets. Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to President Johnson, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives and to the press.

55-tas Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas, susirinkęs Philadelphijoje, patvirtina sekančius į garbės narius - kurių biografijos buvo talpintos Vytyje prieš šį, 1968 m. seimą:

Marcella Andrikis, C-7, Waterbury, Conn. - voted in 1966  
 Mary Jankowski, C-26, Worcester, Mass. - voted in 1966  
 Ann Bender, C-26, Worcester, Mass., - voted in 1966  
 Joseph Sakaitis, C-26, Worcester, Mass. - voted in 1966  
 Mary Lucas, C-96, Dayton, Ohio - voted in 1967  
 Stanley Vaitkus, C-96, Dayton, Ohio - voted in 1967

Lietuvių Vyčių Seimas, susirinkęs Philadelphijoje, Bellevue Stratford viešbutyje, rugp. 22 - 25 dienomis, vienbalsiai nutarė pasveikinti visus Argentinos lietuvius ir ten su jais dirbančius Tėvus Marijonus. Taipgi sveujuba visą ten esantį lietuvišką jaunimą ir kviečia jį įstoti į vyčių eiles. Linki Tėvams Marijonams Dievo palaimos ir geriausio pasisekimo visuose Kristaus vynuogyno darbuose.

Suprantant svarbą Komisijos Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic States kilnių tikslų ir ypatingą dėmesį atkreipiant į ligi šiol jos nuveiktus darbus Lietuvos išlaisvinimui, 55-asis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas vienbalsiai nutarė pasveikinti ir pagirti Komisiją ir jos vadus, palinkėti Dievo palaimos bei didžiausio pasisekimo jų visuose darbuose ir paremti jų darbuotę visokiais galimais būdais.

Netekęs savo buvusio Vyriausio Dvasios Vado Kun. Anthony P. Kasper, Lietuvos Vyčių seimas, susirinkęs Philadelphijoje rugp. 22 - 25 dienomis, nutarė pareikšti savo gilų nuliūdimą ir nuoširdžią užuojautą a. a. kun. Antano broliui - Juozui Kasper, Fords, N.J.

Lietuvos Vyčių seimas nuoširdžiai remia visas lituanistines mokyklas ir ragina narius, tose vietose kur jų nėra, dėti pastangas, kad su klebonų pagalba tokios mokyklos būtų įsteigtos.

Seimas nutarė, kad išdo globėjai, kuomet tikrina finansų knygas, patikrintų ir kitas organizacijos nuosavybes: kur ir kaip laikomos seimų protokolų knygos, finansų raštų bei rekordų spintos ir kiti raštinės reikmenys, archyvai, bibliotekos, vėliavos ir antspaudai.

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the assembly of the 55th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania convened at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. on August 22 - 25, 1968, that Alexander Wesley (Vasilauskas) be and he is hereby gratefully acknowledged for his outstanding service and unselfish contribution to the betterment of the organization exemplary in his capacity of National President during the past three years.

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of this assembly that the Presidium members and Sgt. at Arms at this 55th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania be and they are hereby acknowledged for their untiring efforts in conducting an orderly convention.

BE IT RESOLVED by the members at the 55th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania convened at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. on August 22 - 25, 1968, that Emilia Pakalniskiene be and she is hereby acknowledged for her faithful performance and untiring efforts in acting as Editor of the weekly Vyčių Veikla Column of the "Draugas" newspaper.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 55th National Convention express its sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to the Rev. Clarence Batutis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Parish in Philadelphia and convention host, to the Rev. Albin Neverauskas, Spiritual Advisor of Council #3, to the convention committee and members of Council #3 for their arrangement of the National Convention and for the reception and hospitality shown to the delegates and their guests.

BE IT RESOLVED by the delegates of the 55th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania assembled at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. on August 22 - 25, 1968, that Rev. Stasys Raila be and he is hereby acknowledged for his inspiring Editorial published in the "Darbininkas" newspaper on August 14, 1968 with regard to the meaningful motto of "Vyčių Stiprybė - Lietuvos Viltis" adopted for the Convention.

The report of the Constitution Committee with the list of recommended constitutional changes, which appeared in the August-September "Vytis", page 7 to 11 was approved by the convention with the following exceptions:

Article III. # 1. Delete the following, "A lawfully constituted council consists of at least seven members including the officers.

Article IX. #8. Delete.  
#15. Delete.

Article XII. Correct numbers as follows: No. 4 to 5, 5 to 6 and 6 to 7.

Article XVI. #2. To read: The organization's liquid assets... are kept under the organization's name in federally insured banking institutions.

In addition to the constitutional changes recommended by the committee, the following amendments to the Constitution and ByLaws were accepted by resolutions of the delegates:

Article VI. Add #11: "A member shall be known as a Lifetime Member upon dues payments of \$100. A Special certificate is to be presented to him for this payment.

Article VIII. #6. Add new sentence: "---. He is also to receive, without charge, a copy of the organization bylaws".

Article IX. #8 amended to read: "Council delegates participating in the Convention have but one vote for its first five (5) members, and one vote thereafter for every ten fully-paid members in the Supreme Council as of the end of the fiscal year. Each delegate has but one vote".

Article XIV. #1 amended as follows: "An active Council shall consist of at least five (5) members, including an elected President and Secretary, holding at least four (4) meetings a year; thereby having one vote at the annual convention".



CONVENTION MOTTO

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## LIETUVOS VYČIŲ LIETUVIŲ REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS

## PIRMININKO RAPORTAS - 1968

Su šiuo seimu užbaigsime 22 metų darbo Lietuvos reikalų srityje. Labai abejoju, kad yra kita lietuviška organizacija kuri daugiau laiko galėjo pašvęsti Lietuvos reikalams toje formoje, kurioje Lietuvos Vyčiai veikė per tuos ilgus metus. Kiek gero toji veikla padarė Lietuvai ir jos vardui po visą pasaulį, tik vienas Dievas žino. Kiek Vyčiai padarė Lietuvos reikalams per praėjusius metus, galime žinote iš šios veiklos:

	1967	1968
Biuletenių paruošta	10	10
Laiškų biuleteniuose pažymėta	236	453
Biuletenių išsiųsta	2964	2340
Pavardžių ant "mailing list"	119	130
Kuopų su veikiančiomis komisijomis	13	12
Laiškų ir atviručių parašyta	11976	11179
Atsakymų gauta	3132	2470

Čia galime sekančias pastabas padaryti:

- 1 - Rašytojų dabar turime 130 kur pirmiau turėjome tik 119.
- 2 - Tik 12 kuopų turi veikiančias komisijas, tai viena mažiau negu pernai. Daug daugiau kuopų turėtų komisijas turėti.
- 3 - Mažiau laiškų parašėme bet kaip visada, taip šiais metais nemažai buvo tokių, kurie savo asmenišką raportą neprisiuntė.
- 4 - Atsakymų gauta mažiau. Čia priežastis gali būti tame, kad tie patys jau per kelis metus rašo laiškus. Kuomet kas nors gauna nemažai laiškų nuo to paties asmens ir maždaug ta pačia tema, jis nelinkęs tiek atsakymų siųsti.

Žingeidu žinoti, kaip apygardos laiškų rašyme pasirodė:

	1967	1968
New York - New Jersey apygarda	4720	7440
Naujosios Anglijos apygarda	2920	1844
Illinois - Indiana apygarda	742	452
Kalifornijos apygarda	1280	440
Mid-Central apygarda	254	113
Visi kiti atskirai	2060	890
	11976	11179

Čia irgi galime pastebėti, kad:

- 1 - New York - New Jersey apygarda kasmet daugiau laiškų parašo, o Naujos Anglijos apygarda krinta.
- 2 - Kalifornijos ir Illinois-Indiana apygardos mažiau parašė, bet gaila pastebėti, kad Mid-

Central tik 119 laiškų parašė.

- 3 - Kasmet turime tokių, kurie, nors ir ne Vyčiai, rašo laiškus, todėl, kad jie jaučiasi pareigą padėti mažam kraštui, kaip Lietuvai ginti savo teisę į nepriklausomybę.

Kuopos, kurios turi komisijas ir savo raportus atsiuntė yra sekančios:

Kuopa	3 - Philadelphia
Kuopa	17 - So. Boston
Kuopa	26 - Worcester
Kuopa	29 - Newark
Kuopa	41 - Brooklyn
Kuopa	67 - Bayonne
Kuopa	79 - Detroit
Kuopa	100 - Amsterdam
Kuopa	112 - Chicago
Kuopa	116 - Worcester
Kuopa	133 - Los Angeles
	New York Senjorai

Šios kuopos gali džiaugtis, kad jos stengiasi išpildyti tą, ką mūsų organizacija reikalauja, t.y. tautiniai veikti Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atgavimui ir lietuvių vardo kėlimui ypač svetimtaučiu tarpe. Jas mes sveikiname ir statom jas kaip pavyzdį toms kuopoms, kurios tautiniai snaudžia nes neišstengia veikiančias komisijas savo veikloje turėti. Lai seimo dalyviai, sugrįžę atgal į savo kuopas, supranta šį svarbų reikalą ir įtikina savo kuopos narius išrinkti gyvas veikiančias Lietuvių Reikalų komisijas.

Komisijos pirmininkas, užbaigęs savo antruosius metus, praneša, kad metų bėgyje jis parašė 245 laiškus ir gavo apie 68 atsakymų. Jam, Karoliui Griagaičiui, nuoširdžiai dėkojame už parašytus laiškus. Man, kaip garbės pirmininkui, teko per paskutinius metus parašyti 657 laiškus bei atvirukus.

Nuo 1953 metų mes bandėme pagerbti tuos narius, kurie bent 100 laiškų per metus parašė. Tokių narių mes turime nemažai, bet gaila, kad daugelis iš jų neišstėsejo taip kasmet padaryti. Tačiau sekantieji per paskutinius metus parašė bent 100 laiškų:

Pranas Vaškas - Newark	515 laiškų
Kazys Strolis - Newark	324 laiškų
Jonas Andriuška - Worcester	196 laiškų
Kun. Albinas Janiūnas - So. Boston	189 laiškai
Ronnie Ozalis - Philadelphia	149 laiškai
Alberta Bekeris - Philadelphia	140 laiškų
Alex Kardokas - Worcester	125 laiškai
Dottie Dutkus - Maywood, N.J.	117 laiškų
Lillian Sasnauskas - Philadelphia	103 laiškai
Irene Ozalis - Philadelphia	102 laiškai
Albertas Zakarka - Chicago	102 laiškai
Albert Ozalis - Philadelphia	101 laiškų

Šiuos narius mes nuoširdžiai sveikiname už gražų darbą padarytą ir už gražų pavyzdį visiems kitiems Vyčiams duotą. Be to reikia ypatingai pasveikinti Elena V. Kulber iš New Yorko Senjorių grupės, kuri daug biuletenių ir laiškų bei atviručių yra pasiuntusi įvairiems asmenims Lietuvos klausimu. Jų buvo arti 2000. Jos gražus pavyzdys sektinas visų Lietuvių, ypač vyčių.

Biuletinius galime paruošti tik tada, kada yra iškarpu, straipsnių, kurie liečia Lietuvos klausimą. Jas visas reikia perskaityti ir paskui nuspręsti, kaip atsakyti. Biuletiniuose nurodyta, kaip atsakyti ir kur laišką pasiųsti. Taip pasidaro aišku, kodėl tų iškarpu, straipsnių ir žinių reikia. Be jų komisija nieko negalėtų padaryti. Šie nariai daugiausia iškarpu prisiuntė; Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N.J., Al Jaritis iš South Bostono, Genovaitė Gobytė iš Amsterdam, N.Y., Cecilija Kincie iš Čikagos, Juozapina Žukienė iš Great Neck, L.I., ir Juozas Janulaitis iš Philadelphijos.

Siems ir visiems kitiems, kurie, kad ir mažiau iškarpu prisiuntė, tariame nuoširdų lietuvišką ačiū. Be jų pagalbos rezultatai būtų nebuvo tokie, kuriuos turėjome. Lai jų darbštumas bei pavyzdingas veikimas būna skatinimas visiems kitiems panašiai veikti. Kiekvienas narys kurs mato laikraščiuose ar žurnaluose ką nors apie Lietuvą turėtų iškirpti ir mums prisųsti. Mūsų šilta padėka eis tiems, kurie taip padarys.

Komisijos svarbiausias veikimas yra apie Vasario 16-tą dieną, kada Lietuva apvaikščioja savo nepriklausomybės šventę. Šiais metais komisijos darbas tą laiką buvo didžiausias iš visų praėjusių metų. Niekad tokių rezultatų neturėjome, kaip šiais metais. Daug laiškų buvo parašyta skatinant valdžios ir kitus ponus prisiminti Lietuvos dieną savo kalbose ir raštuose. Daug asmenų aplankyta tam, kad jie pritartų prie tos minties, kad Lietuva atgautų kuo greičiausiai savo nepriklausomybę. Po apvaikščiojimo teko nemažai padėkos laiškų parašyti. Pagal mūsų gautas žinias, rezultatai buvo toki:

- 1 - 16 gubernatorių ir 27 burmistrai paskelbė Vasario 16-tą dieną kaip Lietuvos Respublikos dieną savo valstijoms ir miestams.
- 2 - 111 kongresmanų ir 23 senatoriai kalbas pasakė Kongrese ir tos kalbos tilpo CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.
- 3 - 4 televizijos stotys ir 9 radijo stotys surengė įvairias programas Lietuvos šventę paminėti. Viena TV Stotis Bostone parodė programą, kuri tikrai visus žiūrovus sužavėjo.
- 4 - 101 laikraštis skelbė dienos minėjimus savo lapuose, o 4 net puikius editorialus apie Lietuvą turėjo.
- 5 - Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės proga Lietuvos trispalvė vėliava plevėsavo miesto rotušėje 10 miestų:

Kearny, N.J.	Sudbury, Ontario
Buffalo, N.Y.	Los Angeles, Calif.
Chicago, Ill.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Newark, N.J.	East Chicago, Indiana
Windsor, Ontario	Waukegan, Wisconsin

Čia gražus laimėjimas mūsų komisijos, ypač tų, kurie pastangas tam reikalui dėjo.

Šiais metais man gaila sakyti, kad daug ko negalėjome padaryti kas link Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės apvaikščiojimo. Čikagoje Vyčiai prisidėjo prie apvaikščiojimo, bet kur kitur labai mažai. Priežastis tame, kad Suvienytų Valstijų Prezidentas, nenorėdamas Sovietus užgauti, labai silpną proklamaciją paskelbė ir toji proklamacija be jokios reklamos

negavo. Man teko sužinoti, kad proklamacija buvo paskelbta tik iš lietuviškų laikraščių. Tik vėliau sužinojau, kad apie desetkas gubernatorių ir burmistru paskelbė tą savaitę formaliai savo valstijoms ir miestams. Be to, Prezidento proklamacija buvo taip silpna, kad Senatorius Dodd pasiūlė Senatui Rezoliuciją No. 374, reikalaujant, kad Prezidentas ir visas mūsų kraštas apvaikščiotų tą savaitę su didesniu stropumu ir be baimės, kad Sovietai bus užgauti. Jis pats pareiškė viešai, kad jis negali suprasti, kodėl mes bijome sovietus užgauti. Gubernatoriams, burmistrams ir Senatoriui padėkos laiškus pasiuntėme ir kitus laiškus parašėme raginant Senatorius paremti Senatoriaus Dodd rezoliuciją.

Kur tik galėjome, prisidėjome prie apvaikščiojimo Lietuvos Tragiškų Dienų sukakties. Be to visomis jėgomis paramos suteikėme tai Komisijai, kuri rūpinasi, kad Prezidentas įvykdytų Kongreso priimtą rezoliuciją No. 416, reikalaujant, kad jis iškeltų Pabaltijos Kraštų klausimą Jungtinėse Tautose. Kongresas priėmė tą rezoliuciją prieš du metus, bet dar kol kas ji neįvykdyta. Mums kaip Vyčiams reikėtų daug daugiau dėmesio atkreipti į tą rezoliuciją, nes ji labai svarbi ir būtina. Šiuo mes pasižadame be perstojimo remti neįkainojamą darbą, kuri dirba toji komisija, vadovaujama mūsų vyčio Leonardo Valiuko. Kiekviena kuopa ir kiekvienas narys - narė turėtų taip daryti ateityje.

Brangūs vyčiai - vyttės, šis raportas parodo, kad Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija nuolat veikia ir dirba Lietuvos ir visų Lietuvių naudai. Šis tautinis veikimas kelia Vyčių gerą vardą ne tik lietuvių, bet ir svetimtaučių tarpe. Jis naudingas, nes duoda pasauliui žinoti, kad yra toks kraštas, kaip Lietuva, kuri šiandien kenčia po Sovietų letena todėl, kad laisvasis pasaulis mažai jos ir jos vargų paisy ir kurios žmonės trokšta laisvės ir nori gyventi kaip laisva tauta tarpe laisvų ir nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų. Prašau visų pagalvoti, jei tokius rezultatus gavome su 130 narių, kokie rezultatai būtų, jei kiekvienas vyttis, kiekviena vyttė užsiimtų šios komisijos darbu. Gaila, kad yra nemažai lietuvių, kurie mano, kad laiškų rašymas nieko gero arba mažai gero atneša Lietuvos bylai. Jie visi apsirinka, nes televizijos programoje THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS, komentuo-damas apie protesto laiškus žmonių pasiųstus prieš kai kuriuos pasakymus programoje, DICK SMOTHERS sako: "Around here 150 letters is a catastrophe." Jei jis būdamas vietoje, kur jis tikrai žino, taip kaip gali būti mūsų tarpe tokių, kurie kitaip mano. Rašymas laiškų labai svarbus dalykas, daug svarbesnis negu kai kurie iš mūsų mano.

Šis komisijos veikimas daug gero daro, nes atkreipia pasaulio dėmesį į Lietuvos dabartinę sunkią padėtį ir sovietams ir jų progapandai didelį smūgį duoda. Šioji veikla neleidžia laisvojo pasaulio užmiršti, kad yra kraštas, kurs vadinasi Lietuva ir kuri neteislingai kenčia po žiauriais sovietais. Skaitykime ką kiti kalba ir rašo:

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS (July 15, 1968) editoriale rašo: "Captive Nations week is the reminder of a national shame. We stood by as the fond and complacent ally of Soviet Russia while the Kremlin demons dragged many of these nations, unwilling but powerless, into the dark and silent empire of Communism. You would think that our officials would shout denunciations of this crime.

in every world forum at every opportunity. But what do they do ... they simper over every gesture, no matter how meaningless, of Soviet 'good will'. The Captive nations once basked in the supposed warmth of such friendship. Too late they learned the real nature of Communism. We would do well to remember that we are marked for the same fate if we are ever so foolish as to let our guard down."

THE TIDINGS, Los Angeles (March 1, 1968) rašo: "Lithuania does not celebrate its independence anniversary joyfully. But it does celebrate it with hope. For Communist pressure has not succeeded in destroying Lithuania's religious faith and love of freedom. There is a strength of the freedom spirit contained in a commitment to justice, an allegiance to principle, a dependence on God's grace. As long as Lithuania retains that, and the free world supports it, there is hope."

Savo kolumne BOSTON RECORD AMERICAN, Henry J. Taylor priminė (June 19, 1968): "In the Nazi horrors of Eichmannism, genocide horrified the world. The United Nations dramatically approved an international convention condemning it and containing penalties for it. Indisputably the Kremlin is practicing genocide. And if the voice of even the smallest new African and Asian country is given respectful attention, how can we and the UN ignore the ancient voices of the raped Baltic and other states crying out for at least the unmasking of the performances of the Soviet Union."

Mano malonūs ir brangūs, Vyčiai - Vytės, visas pasaulis žino, kad Lietuva kaip kentėjo per 28 metus taip dabar kenčia. Kodėl? Todėl, kad laisvasis pasaulis leidžia žiauriai tautai kaip Rusijai neteisėtai užimti tą kraštą, kurs turi pilną teisę laisvai gyventi. Jos žmonės kenčia. Kodėl? Todėl, kad jie katalikai ir Lietuviai. Nežiūrint to, ką kiti sako ar sakys, mums pridera eiti į darbą ir pastangas dėti kad tas kraštas kurs daugeliui iš mūsų davė tėvus, atgautų tą savo nepriklausomybę kuo greičiausiai. Mums pridera todėl rašyti laiškus ginančius Lietuvos tikrą bylą. Partizanams Lietuvoje Liepos 20, 1951 Lietuvos požeminis laikraštis PARTIZANAS davė tokį patarimą:

"If American soldiers struggling in Korea



Convention delegates march with honor guard to Mass at St. Casimir's Church.

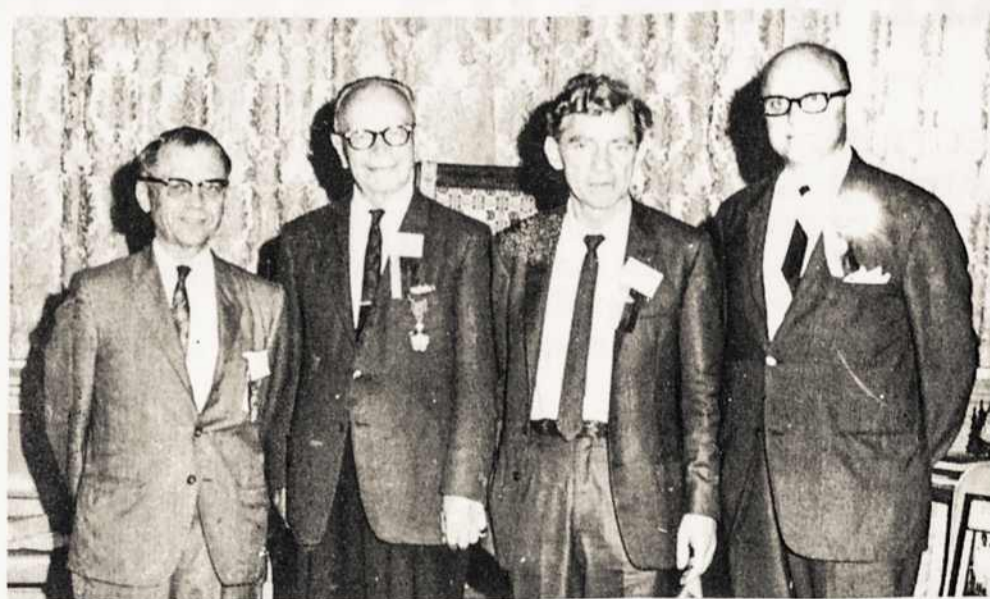
have enough patience to be in trenches and bear repeated enemy assaults, if they die there fighting not for their own, but for another people's freedom, then let there be not a single one of us who dares lose his patience."

Mes irgi tą patį galime rašyti. Jei Amerika kariauja Vietname padėti tiems žmonėms, kodėl mes negalime išsižadėti savęs rašydami laiškus už Lietuvos laisvę? Kodėl mes kaipo Lietuviai negalime ginti mūsų brolius ir seseris Lietuvoje per darbą, kuri mes galime geriausiai padaryti t.y. per laišku rašymą? Kodėl mes kaipo katalikai negalime meilės parodyti tam kraštui, kurs davė mums viską kas tik lietuviška mumyse per laišku rašymą?

Šiais metais Liepos 7-tą dieną mirė Worcesteryje Steponas Bugnaitis, kurs daugeliui vyčių gal nežinomas, bet seniems vyčiams jo vardas ši tą reiškia. 1909 metais atvykęs į Ameriką apsigyveno Lewiston, Maine kur kaipo jaunas katalikas vyrukas suorganizavo grupę jaunuolių rašyti laiškus ir straipsnius, kad galėtų atkirsti ir atsakyti taip vadinamus "Šliu-pininkus", kurie tuo laiku skelbė viską kas tik bedievišką, nekatalikišką ir priešbažnytinę. Jų tikslas buvo apginti Katalikų Bažnyčią ir apsaugoti tikėjimą visų Lietuvių prieš tuos, kurie neigė Kristų ir visą tą kas lietuviška žmogaus sielą. Iš tos darbuotės kylo mintis sutverti Lietuvos Vyčius. Pastebėkite, kad Lietuvos Vyčių idėja kylo nuo rašymo laišku ir straipsnių. Per visą gyvenimą Steponas Bugnaitis mylėjo Vyčius ir jam buvo didelis džiaugsmas matyti, kad vyčiai kovoja už Lietuvą ir už katalikybę ir lietuviybę. Šiandien mes visi galime sekti jo pavyzdžiu stengdamiesi įsijungti į Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos darbą. Tad, mano brangūs vyčiai-vytės, nesnauskime, bet dirbkime tautinį darbą. Duokime gerą pavyzdį mūsų lietuviškam jaunimui rašydami laiškus, gindami Lietuvos teisę į nepriklausomybę, keldami lietuvišką vardą per kiekvieną mūsų veiksmą. Mūsų visų bendros pastangos padarys mus geresniais lietuviais ir daug padės Lietuvai Dievo laiku atgauti savo nepriklausomybę. Dieve, taip duok.

Kun. Jonas C. Jutt  
Garbės Pirmininkas

Lith. Affairs Committee  
Report for 1967 - 1968



Honorary Members Meet. Anthony Young, Prof. A. Aleksis, Joseph Boley and Dr. Jack Stukas.



## OFICIALUS SKYRIUS *OFFICIAL NEWS*

### ELECTIONS

Election of new District and Council officers must take place in the months of 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 and addresses to the National Recording Secretary, Nancy Kober, 2 Bayview Avenue, Port Washington, N.Y. 11050.

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.

### RULES FOR THE 1968-69 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

SPECIAL AWARDS will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up: First category - 11-29 members; 2nd - 30-59 members; 3rd - 60-99 members; and finally, 100 members and over. These awards will be based on the national financial secretary's membership records as of August 1, 1968.

Credit for enrolling members will be earned only if the following rules and dates are observed: TEN points can be earned for each new or re-join member enrolled from August until April 1, 1969.

EARN five points for each new or rejoin member you enroll thereafter until July 10, 1969.



Membership totals will be supplied by the national financial secretary according to her records as of August 1, 1968. Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on these net increases.

#### "VYTIS" DEADLINES

November issue deadline was October 5th

December (Christmas) issue - 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. Rates for donations appear in this issue and explanatory letters will be sent to all presidents in the near future.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary Helen Zim-

mer reminds us that membership dues were increased to \$5.00 per year and will be due on January 1, 1969. She requests that the newly-elected Council Financial Secretaries begin collecting membership dues immediately. Dues should, if at all possible, be collected for a full year.

#### VYČIAI - KALĖDOS NETOLII

Galite palinkėti kiekvienam Vyčių nariui Linksmų Švenčių asmeniškai, su vienu sveikinimu - "Vytyje". Kaina maža, o "Vyčiui" didelė parama. Užsisakykite Kalėdų sveikinimus jau šiandieną.

NEXT SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 1968, Chicago, Ill.

# K of L SCHOLARSHIP

The influences of family and friends in a very active K of L Council seemed to have steered this year's Scholarship recipient into an active K of L life also, with a promise of continued activity and leadership in the organization. This consideration, plus the applicant's scholastic ability and the word of references on her behalf, helped Scholarship Trustees Dr. Jack J. Stukas (Chairman), Joseph Paulikonis (Treasurer) and Walter Svekla, present at the National Convention, decide to award DONNA MARY JANKOWSKI of C-26, Worcester, Mass., a \$650 scholarship, a sum anticipated sufficient to cover her tuition and expenses for one year in Hahnemann Hospital School of Nursing.

Donna, the daughter of Peter and Mary Jankowski, who are active members of C-26, Worcester, is also active in C-26. Earlier, she was a member and secretary of the C-26 Juniors. About her K of L activity, one of her references from C-26 comments " ... An ardent member of our organization, she attends all our functions, be they spiritual, cultural or social, and has been a hard worker on some committees ... A former member of the Junior Knights of Lithuania, she has been Recording Secretary, VYTIS Correspondent, Speaker at the National Convention in Chicago,

Cultural Committeeman for the National Convention in Worcester, Chairman of the Junior Rally Committee, Chairman for the Graduation Dance Committee, and has served on several other committees. Donna is an asset to our organization, our church, and our community. ..."

Her Council Spiritual Advisor remarks "she is serious-minded, industrious in her studies and in whatever she does, very trustworthy, blessed with a pleasing personality and outstanding in many ways. In my opinion, a better candidate cannot be found for the K of L scholarship." And from a former teacher we learn "Donna has been ... a very diligent and industrious student. She has a very pleasing personality, is a generous girl and associates well with both the faculty and student body. ..." Her pastor remarks "Donna is a very capable girl of high moral standards and a credit to both the Junior K of L and ... the regulars also. ... I recommend her highly."

Donna plans to study nursing. Of her future plans, she writes "For the next three years, I hope to stay at Hahnemann Hospital in the course for Registered Nurses. After graduation, if possible, I would like to further myself by studying to specialize as a surgical nurse. This field has always inter-



Scholarship Committee Chairman and newly-elected S.C. president, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, congratulates Scholarship recipient Donna Jankowski of C26.

ested me greatly."

Donna Jankowski, who attended the convention, was presented the Scholarship Award during the Convention's Closing banquet, by Scholarship Fund Chairman and newly elected National President Dr. Jack J. Stukas. It is interesting to note that during the same banquet, Donna's mother, Mary Jankowski, was elevated to Honorary Membership in the organization.

To Donna and her parents, we extend our warmest wishes for continued success in their lives, in the K of L and elsewhere.

September 1, 1968

"For the VYTIS"

Dear Fellow-Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for the scholarship award I received at the National Convention in Philadelphia. Most of all though, I want to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to everyone who makes this worth while fund possible. In the future, I will try to continue, to the best of my ability, to work as a proud member of the Knights of Lithuania. Thank you again to all.

Sincerely,

Donna Jankowski  
Council 26, Worcester, Mass.



Scholarship winner, Donna Jankowski with her mother, Mary, who was elevated to Honorary Membership.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT (1967-1968)

## District New Member Standings

Mid-Central	- 52 new members
New York-New Jersey	- 33 " "
New England	- 28 " "
Illinois-Indiana	- 22 " "
California	- 2 " "

## Council Award (50 or over membership)

C112 Chicago	- 12%, 18 new, 169 total
C 79 Detroit	- 9%, 17 " 213 "
C 29 Newark	- 7%, 7 " 100 "

A special award was presented to C79 Detroit, Joseph Chaps, for reinstating former members and for attaining a membership of over 200.

## Council Awards (Under 50 membership)

C78 Lawrence	- 45%, 5 new, 13 total
C41 Brooklyn	- 43%, 12 " , 43 "
C90 Kearny	- 39%, 7 " , 29 "

## Individual Awards (50 or over membership)

Estelle Rogers	- 80 pts., C112 Chicago
Joseph Chaps )	- 40 pts., C 79 Detroit
tie	
Edward Sackle)	- 40 pts., C 79 Detroit

## Individual Award (Under 50 membership)

Joseph Maezer	180 pts., C134 Cincinnati
Vytautas Radzivanas	- 50 pts., C 41 Brooklyn

## 100% Paid-Up Dues - First councils

11-29 category	- C 41 Brooklyn
30-59 "	- C100 Amsterdam
60-99 "	- C 7 Waterbury
100 & over "	- C112 Chicago

As of August 1968, we had a total of 1,703 members, with a total 137 new members for the 1967-68 membership drive.

Membership Breakdown: Priests with councils, 60; subscribing members, 768; couples (396), 792; and non-subscribing members, 93.

District Total Member Standings: Mid-Central, 511; New England, 485; New York-New Jersey, 378; Illinois-Indiana, 301; California, 28.

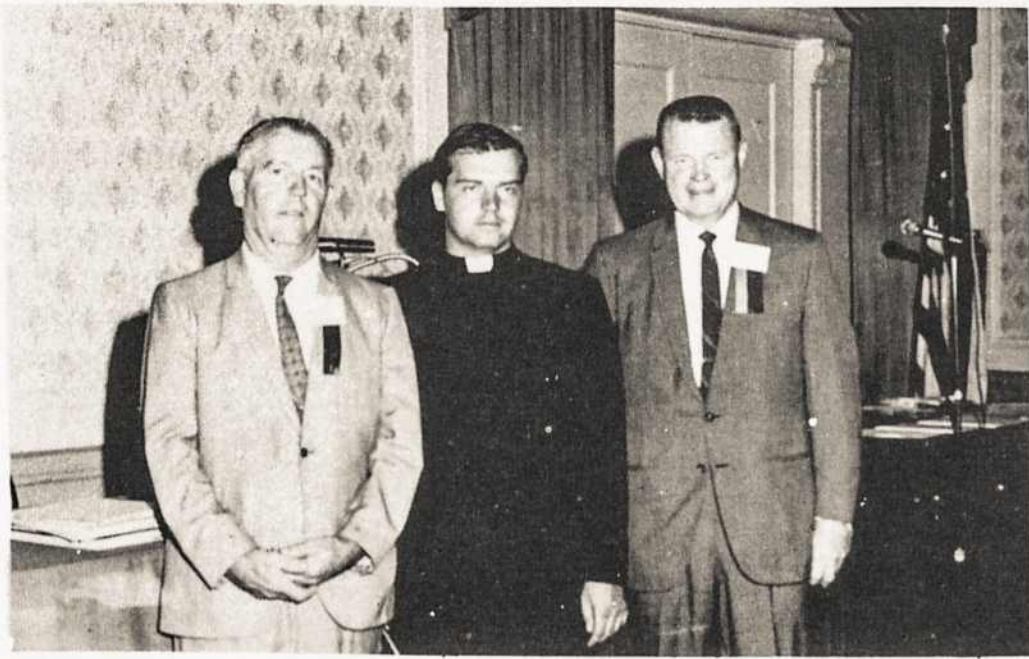
(The above figures are based on the reports of the National Membership Vice-President and the National Financial Secretary.)

## NEW COUNCIL ORGANIZED

Congratulations to our new council in Ohio - C134 of Cincinnati. Through the efforts of Frank Gudelis, Mary Lucas, Joseph Maezer and Stanley Vaitkus. This council was organized in the latter part of 1967 with 18 members and now has a total of 21 members paid for 1968.



Delegates attend daily Mass in Hotel's Red Room.



Retiring president Alexander Wesey, guest speaker, Antanas Saulaitis, S.J. and Juniors Vice-President Stanley Vaitkus meet after a business session.

#### PANELS DISCUSS MODERNIZATION OF K OF L AND K OF L JUNIORS

Modernization of methods for attracting and keeping new members, young and old, seemed to permeate the two major panel discussions conducted during the convention sessions. The first panel, held Friday afternoon, was entitled "Ideas for the K of L Future" and was conducted by Rev. Albert J. Contons of Boston, Mass. The panel concentrated on what to do to make K of L meetings and activities more interesting and timely - and to attract more regular members. After a short talk by Father Contons, the delegates were split into sub-groups of 10 or less and instructed to discuss the points brought up by Father Contons. After a short discussion period, the chairman of each group presented a summary of his or her group's "brainstorming" session. Numerous excellent ideas were presented for improving the organization's activities, many of which will be discussed at length in future issues of VYTIS. Also, a copy of Fr. Conton's talk will appear in a later issue.

On Saturday, Rev. Brother Antanas Saulaitis, S.J., cleric, discussed "Youth and Junior K of L'ers". His talk featured concrete and unique ideas for bringing new life and hope into the K of L Juniors' activity. Brother Saulaitis, who has worked with Lithuanian children in various parts of North and South America, made numerous interesting suggestions for making Lithuanianism a living part of the Lithuanian young people's lives. The use of tools and ideas on the young people's level, to capture their interest and keep it, was emphasized. A lively discussion by the delegates followed the talk. Brother Saulaitis' talk in its entirety will also be published in a future issue of VYTIS.

#### SPECIAL AWARD

During the convention's Closing Banquet, Anthony J. Mazeika, on behalf of the New York Seniors, presented a special award to JUOZAS SADAUSKAS of the Cleveland Seniors, the oldest living Senior K of L'er. (Other members may be older, but are not members of Senior Councils.) Mr. Sadauskas, who writes constantly for the various Lithuanian publica-

tions under the pen name of "Senelis", was so honored in recognition of his untiring work for the Knights of Lithuania in the field of Public Relations.

The award was in the form of a commemorative medal honoring immigration to the United States. On one side of the medal is a picture of the Statue of Liberty; on the other, a view of Ellis Island, where until some 10 years ago, immigrants to the U.S. used to disembark to go through preliminaries of being received into the USA. The idea for the award was conceived by Helen Kulber of the NY Seniors, and was carried out by the Council.

#### CONVENTION MASSES

With special permission, the Friday and Saturday Masses were held at Noon each day in the Red Room of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Thursday's Opening Mass and the Sunday Mass were held in St. Casimir's Church, the home parish of Council 3.

The celebrants: Thursday - Rev. Albin J. Neverauskas, Spiritual Advisor of C-3; Friday - Concelebrated with Rev. Albert Contons, C-17 So. Boston, Rev. John Jutt, C-26 Worcester and Rev. Peter Shakalis, C-78 Lawrence; Saturday - Concelebrated with Rev. Albert Contons, Rev. John Jutt, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, C-102 Detroit and Rev. Stasys Raila of New York; and Sunday - Gerald V. McDevitt, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia.



#### INDEPENDENCE HALL COMMEMORATION

The Liberty Bell, symbol of the United States' Independence, provided the background of the convention's special Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Republic of Lithuania. After Mass and Brunch on Sunday, delegates and guests gathered at Independence Hall, in the courtyard behind the Liberty Bell, led by a color guard bearing the American, Lithuanian and numerous K of L flags. Many passers-by also paused to observe the proceedings... and also devoutly bowed their heads with K of L-ers, as Rev. John Jutt led a prayer for Lithuania and Lithuanians. He asked that Independence be returned to Lithuania, and that Lithuanians - and people of other captive nations - maintain their courage to withstand and outlast the yoke of Communism.

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A brief talk in both Lithuanian and English, was delivered by Dr. Jack J. Stukas, reminding the listeners of the purpose of this commemoration. Since the proceedings were recorded by the Voice of America Staff for transmission to Lithuania, Dr. Stukas addressed his Lithuanian remarks specifically to those who would listen to the VOA broadcast in Lithuania, assuring them that we join them in spirit, in their relentless fight for freedom from Communist oppression.

Several traditional folk songs were played on the native "Kanklės" by two young Lithuanian girls, dressed in native costume. Following a reading of a Freedom Proclamation by Dennis Mazeika, a wreath was placed beside the Liberty Bell by Stella Willworth, dressed in Lithuanian costume, and Rev. Jutt and Dr. Stukas. Joseph Yanulaitis served as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Singing of the the American and Lithuanian national anthems and the hymn Marija, Marija closed the impressive commemoration.

### RADIO COVERAGE AT CONVENTION

Representatives of the Voice of America were present at the Sunday events of the Convention, so that a report of convention highlights could be broadcast to Lithuania itself.

Recorded was the Sunday Mass and sermon, the Installation and Fourth Degree Ceremonies, and the Commemoration at the Liberty Bell. Also, interviews were conducted with retiring president Alexander Wesity, and Lithuanian Affairs Honorary Chairman Rev. John C. Jutt. These recordings were edited and made into several programs, which have already been transmitted to Lithuania on several separate occasions.

Further radio coverage was given to the convention by Mr. Henry Savickas of the "Bendruomenės Balsas" radio program in Philadelphia.



### FIRST LIFETIME MEMBER

At one of the Supreme Council, the Board unanimously passed a resolution to establish a lifetime membership upon payment of dues in the amount of \$100.00. The resolution was accepted at the National Convention. Our first "Lifetime Member" is Konstant J. Savickus, our National Legal Advisor, who belongs to C5 Chicago.



Prof. Aleksis leads the guests in the singing of the K of L Anthem as Dr. Cimics, daughter of Tėvas Norkunas listens.

### CONVENTION GUEST

One of the highlights of the Saturday Luncheon was the pleasure of meeting and hearing Dr. Phyllis Cimics, the daughter of Mykolas Norkunas, who is fondly referred to by the members as the father of the Knights of Lithuania. As a commemoration of his 100th Birthday Anniversary in 1969, Dr. Cimics plans to write a book, which will be not only a printed treasure recounting his achievements for Lithuanians and the Knights of Lithuania, but will also give us an insight of Mykolas Norkunas - the man. We know that among the many talents of Dr. Cimics, they will be none the less in the literary field and are awaiting the book we shall all cherish - the biography of Tėvas Mykolas Norkunas.

### SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS

The last meeting of the outgoing Supreme Council was held on Thursday, August 22nd in the Philadelphia Hospitality Suite to make final arrangements for the convention. Attending were: Rev. J. Jutt, Rev. A. Contons, Rev. P. Shakalis, Alexander Wesity, Leon Pauksta, Larry Svelnis, Mary Kober, Helen Zimmer, Larry Janonis, Eleanore Laurin, Irene Sankus, Al Jaritis, Jay Paulukonis, Helen Shields.

Immediately after the Closing Banquet, the newly-elected Board met in the Chicago Presidential Suite to plan for the coming year. In attendance were: Rev. J. Jutt, Dr. J. Stukas, Stanley Vaitkus, Leon Pauksta, Larry Svelnis, Nancy Kober, Hellen Zimmer, Stella Sankal, Larry Janonis, Eleanore Laurin, Irene Sankus, Al Jaritis, Edward Daniels, Jay Paulukonis, Charles Grigaitis, Ed. Pavis, Frank Vaskas, Helen Shields, Stella Pavis, Joseph Boley, Mary Kober, Alexander Wesity.

### SENIORS MEET NATIONALLY

An official Seniors Session was held on Saturday just prior the Inaugural Ball. Third Vice-President Longinas Svelnis presided. Speakers included: Anthony Mazeika, Sr. of the New York Seniors; Juozas Sadauskas, Cleveland Seniors; Joseph Boley, New York Seniors; and Vincent Ed. Pavis, C111 Srs. A question and answer period followed where new ideas and views were presented.

## HONORARY MEMBERS

A special tribute was extended the Honorary Members at the Friday Brunch which featured the introduction of the six who had the honor conferred upon them this year. These honored six were Marcella Andrikis, C-7 Waterbury; Ann Bender, C-26, Worcester; Mary Jankowski, C-26 Worcester and Joseph Sakaitis, C-26 Worcester, whose Honorary Memberships were sanctioned in 1966; also, Mary Lucas, C-96 Dayton and Stanley Vaitkus, C-96 Dayton, who were presented for this distinction in 1967. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the informal address of Prof. Aleksis, one of our original Honorary Membership recipients and still one of our most active members, and his reflections on many of the sixteen other Honorary Members present.

As is traditional, the medals were presented to the newly elevated members during the closing Convention Banquet. Mrs. Adele Gabaliauskas who was made an Honorary Member over thirty years ago and who was living abroad during the other occasions when the medals were presented, received hers during this Banquet also.



## HONORARY MEMBERS MEET

Since almost one half of the total living Honorary Membership attended the Convention, a special meeting was called to discuss the ways and means they could assist the organization. After a short but fruitful exchange of ideas and suggestions, a special committee, comprised of Rev. John Jutt, Anthony Mazeka and Phyllis Grendal, was selected by all present to work out a program for all Honorary Members to make contributions for the good of the K of L as a special group. In addition to these three and the six new recipients, this special session was attended by Prof. Alexander Aleksis, Joseph Boley, Adele Gabaliauskas, Frank Gudelis, Eleanore Laurin, Anne Mitchell, Edward Pavis, Juozas Sadauskas, Helen Shields, Prof. Jack Stukas, Frank Vaskas, Anthony Young and Matas Zujus.

## 56TH!!! "ROBERT TREAT" in '69

The convention delegates accepted the bid of the New York-New Jersey District to meet in their district for the 1969 National Convention. The NY-NJD people have already held a meeting and selected the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, N.J. as the convention site. Dates - August 20-24, 1969. Honorary Chairman will be the District President Larry Janonis.



## CULTURAL EXHIBIT

A truly remarkable exhibit was seen by members in the Poor Richard Room. This exhibit was prepared by Joseph Yanulaitis and with the exception of a few pieces of amber, borrowed from C-3's feminine members, the entire exhibit was part of his private collection of woodcarvings, weavings, books, crosses, etc. Among the many items was a bulletin board featuring Vytautas; an exhibit dedicated to Darius-Girenas with a bust of both in their flying helmets as the main point of attraction; copies of the Siberian Prayerbook in 10 different languages; a Lithuanian Christmas Tree decorated with real straw ornaments as they were made in Lithuania; displayed books not only written about Lithuania but also those written in English by Lithuanian authors; among the rare prints was the title page of a Lithuanian New Testament printed in Berlin in the Gothic Alphabet in 1865; and post card views which depicted Lithuania as "Little America" to the Soviets even after 28 years of occupation. Mr. Yanulaitis is to be congratulated for presenting a most interesting and informative exhibit.



## FIVE RECEIVE FOURTH DEGREE

The National Ritual Committee, Edward Daniels and Joseph Boley, presented the Fourth Degree to five deserving members: Ann R. Miller, C116 So. Worcester, Stanley Kavy, C96 Dayton, Estelle Rogers, C112 Chicago, Albert Raubiskis, C112 Chicago, and Loretta Macekonis, C5 Chicago. Although several other members were also eligible, they were not present at the convention and will receive their degrees at a later date.

**Merry  
Christmas**



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## K of L Calendar

### OCTOBER

- 6 - New Jersey BALTIC NATIONS FESTIVAL, Trenton, N.J.
- 12 - C-29 Newark, ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE, St. George's Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 12-13 - M-C DISTRICT CONVENTION, C-96 host, Dayton, Ohio
- 13 - ST. PETER'S LITHUANIAN CHURCH PARISH REUNION, Moseley-on-the-Charles, Dedham, Mass.
- 13 - BANQUET for MSGR. CONSTANTINE A. VASYS, sponsored by the Worc. Area Council of Lith. organizations, Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall, Worcester, Mass.
- 20 - SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Chicago Midway House, Chicago, Ill.
- 26 - NY-NJ District CABARET SHOW and DANCE, St. Michael Parish Hall, Bayonne, N.J.

### NOVEMBER

- 10 - I-I District MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS, Our Lady of Vilna Church, Chicago, Ill.
- 16 - RUTA ENSEMBLE CONCERT, Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Elizabeth, N.J.
- 30 - C-17 So. Boston, FALL DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club, So. Boston, Mass.

### "ACIU" TO THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Convention and all its activities ran smoothly - thanks to the hard work of the Host Council 3 and especially the Convention Committee: Rev. C. Batutis, pastor; Rev. A. J. Neverauskas, spiritual advisor; Helen T. Shields, general chairman; Agnes Mickunas and Lillian Sasnauskas, secretaries; Albert Ozalis, treasurer; Ann Alsankas, John Mickunas, Irene Ozalis, Irene Svekla, Agnes Mickunas, Leonore Balten, Anthony Burch, Jr., Alberta Bekeris, Charles Petronis, Veronica Ozalis, Walter Svekla, Joseph Yanulaitis, and general committee: Victor Balten, Diane Beletsky, Ann Danacarte, Julian Greymas, Michael Krivinskas, Thomas Meron, Joseph Petkunus, Margaret Petronis, Albert Rupsis, Felicia Rupshis, Loretta Staniskis, James Varevice, Richard Varevice.



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COMMEMORATIVE STAMP. The tri-color seals are still available at \$1.00 per sheet from your council president, Mary Kober and in the Chicago area, Irene Sankus. Addresses listed on page 2. End this commemorative year in the right way by using the seal on all your Christmas mail.



# Social

## Sidelights

The delegates and guests to the 55th National Convention began arriving on Wednesday, from Mid-Central, Midwest and the East, so they could unpack, relax and enjoy the sights and sports scheduled for Thursday. Eddie Daniels, Helen Gilius, Mary and Donna Jankowski, Jeanne and Larry Janonis, Jerry Jesulaitis, Mary Lucas, Joe Sakaitis, Joe, Ada and Kathy Sinkwitz and Grace and Vitalia Vaskelis were among the early birds. Those who took the Walking Tour of Philadelphia's historic sites saw the faithfully preserved buildings of early colonial days like Independence Hall, the Old Custom House and Carpenter's Hall, which was founded in 1724 by a group of master carpenters and housed the sessions of the First Continental Congress. Other shrines of American Liberty they viewed were the Birthplace of Old Glory - the Betsy Ross House, Christ Church, founded in 1695, where Washington, Adams, Franklin and other famous patriots worshiped; the First Bank of the U.S.; the Quaker meeting house and the National Memorial to the Unknown Soldiers of the American Revolution.

The Penn Center Bowling Alleys is where the guests gathered for a little tournament and relaxation. Of the twenty four who took part in this event, those who distinguished themselves as good

bowlers and those who were good sports received awards. In the women's division, Julia Aleshunas, C-19, received the High Average trophy with a 472 and Gene Gobis' 151 earned for her the High Single trophy to show off to her fellow C-100 members. The Good Sports awards went to Anne Mitchell, C52, for Low Average and Rose Chestnut, C-26, for Low Single. In the men's division, a trophy was presented to Joe Sinkwitz, C96, for his High Average of 510 and to Al Grigonis, C26, for a High Single game of 180. The male Good Sports were Val Bazilauskas, C26, Low Average winner and Al Jaritis, C17, who beat the others for Low Single. Of course, by the time the bowlers returned to the Bellevue Stratford, they found another hundred guests had arrived and were awaiting the busses to take them on to the events of Thursday evening beginning with the opening Mass at St. Casimer Church.

The traditional Hospitality Party began with a happy note, at the St. Casimir Parish Hall where Chairman John Mickunas and the committee prepared the "Vakaruskas". Each guest was tagged with a name of part of a well known pair and had a fun time finding the other half. Finally, when Guinevere found Lancelot, Bread found Butter and Adam found Eve,

the band played a special polka for these special couples. The šeiminkės Ronnie Ozalis and her friend Elizabeth, Frances Navickas and Felicia Rupsis prepared a Knightly Buffet with such a variety of tempting dishes that everyone found something (or three) to suit their taste. Before, during and after dinner the guests enjoyed the music of the Night Owls for dancing or just as background for chatting and recapping of "what's new" since the last Convention.

After the opening session Friday morning and the noonday Mass, the Delegates and Guests filled the North Cameo Room for the "Salute to K of L Honorary Members" Luncheon. Albert Ozalis, Master of Ceremonies for the program portion introduced Alberta Bekeris, Luncheon Chairlady, who welcomed the guests; Eleanore Laurin, who gave a short resume of the history of activities of the 1968 Honorary Membership recipients and Prof. Alexander Aleksis, whose remarks included reflections on the activities and accomplishments of the Honorary Membership recipients in the early days of the organization.

Friday evening's social success was the Moonlight Cruise on the Showboat. With more than three busloads of K of L'ers on board, the boat rocked with not only the waves, but also with dancing and singing. In fact, "Kas Subatos Vakarėli" could be heard from the Philly shores to the New Jersey shores. Many of the guests enjoyed whirling around the dance floor to the music of Bobby Jay and the Jaywalkers, others spent the evening buying plastic cups and everybody enjoyed the Lithuanian Folk Dance group performances. A good



Phillie guys and gals entertain their guests during Hospitality Night.



Lithuanian Folk Dancers entertain on the Showboat.



Happy K of L'ers enjoy a bus-ride to one of the social events.



CONVENTION DELEGATES AT LUNCHEONS (Upper left) Honorary members Juozas Sadauskas, Adele Gabalas, Jack Stukas and Ed. Pavis. (Upper right) Bowling Chairman Tony Burch, Jr., winners Gene Gobis, Joe Sinkwitz, Julia Aleshunas and M-C Charles Petronis. (Left) Cleveland Senior ladies at luncheon. (Right) M-C District guests enjoy the luncheon.



time was had by all and, this of course, made Chairlady Irene Ozalis, the gal with the broadest smile that evening.

The Saturday "Awards Luncheon", also held in the North Cameo Room, featured the presentation of the Membership Drive Plaques by S.C. Vice Pres. Leon Pauksta. John Mickunas enjoyed assisting Leon and delivering the awards to the recipients, (with a kiss or a handshake, depending on the winners). Anthony Burch, Jr., the Bowling Party Chairman, presented trophies to champs and special awards to those whose score sheets read like Golf Pro totals.

Chairman and Master of Ceremonies Charles Petronis also introduced a special guest speaker, Dr. Phyllis Cimics, daughter of our founder, Mykolas Norkunas. The audience spent a moment in silence then sang the Vyčių Himnas in memory of Tėvas Norkūnas. After the closing remarks by Diane Beletsky, the Delegates and Guests returned to the Glover Room for the final session of the day.

The Saturday Knight Inaugural Ball was held in the Rose Garden which was decorated in frills, falls

and pompadours, English lime and jeweled cuff links, and dancing shoes and slippers whirling around the ballroom floor from early evening until the band finished the last measure of good Night Ladies. About mid-evening, the new officers of the Supreme Council were introduced to the audience and, with a round of applause, they began the dancing to the new set of waltz and mellow melodies. Another highlight of the evening was the Polka Contest. Chairman of the Ball Irene Svekla and the three District Presidents, Al Jaritis,



NED president Al Jaritis takes the opportunity to talk on the "hot line".

Larry Janonis, Ed Pavis, representative Eleanore Laurin adjudged Hedy Sarcewicz and Ted Norvaisa, from Philly, the winners from the five finalist couples. The Polka King and Queen were presented with gifts and the dancing and merriment continued.

After the Ball, the guests drifted off to some of the open house gatherings for that final touch to a memorable evening. Some visited with the boys from Elizabeth, some with the boys from Boston; others met with their friends at the Mary Stonis Suite or at the Stukas party.

Some of the other "swinging" party-givers were the Worcester guys and gals, Gene Gobis and friends, Louis Stukas, and, of course, Howie Beaudette with his magic potion.

Veronica Ozalis, Brunch Chairlady, and the šeiminkės Elizabeth, Fran and Felicia arranged the delightful luncheon at the St. Casimer Hall after the Sunday morning Solemn High Mass and the photo posing. It was a distinct honor to have Gerald V. McDevitt, Auxiliary Bishop of Phila-



(Left photo) - Introduction of officers at the Inaugural Ball. (Right photo) A bevy of C26 beauties ready for the ball.



delphia give an informal address to the guests as a part of the very short program. Immediately after, everybody went to Independence Hall where a special Freedom Declaration was proclaimed as a part of the unique ceremonies at the site of the Liberty Bell.

The Convention weekend scheduled activities closed with the Farewell Banquet in the Grand Ballroom Sunday evening. Attorney Alphonsus Romeika, Master of Ceremonies, introduced the guests at the Head Table - Rev. Clarence A. Batutis, Pastor of St. Casimir Church, Phila.; Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Detroit and Past S.C. Spiritual Advisor; Msgr. Vito J. Martusevich, Pastor of St. George Parish, Phila.; Rev. George Degutis, Pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Phila.; Rev. John C. Jutt, Lith. Affairs Honorary Chairman; Alexander Wesey, Immediate Past National President; Irene Sankus,

"Vytis" Editor; Helen Shields, Convention Chairman; Agnes Mickunas, Banquet Chairman and the newly elected Supreme Council Officers. Mr. Romeika then introduced George A. Uritis, Representative in the General Assembly (123rd District), Commonwealth of Penna. and Mrs. Uritis. In his remarks, Rep. Uritis expressed his desire to reorganize the K of L Council in his town and pledged his assistance in accomplishing this. Honorable Leo A. Weinrott, Judge of the Philadelphia County Courts and Mrs. Weinrott were introduced and Judge Weinrott addressed the audience as principal speaker of the evening. He expressed his concern over the critical situation in the Communist countries in Eastern Europe and how the current oppression in Czechoslovakia points up the hardships endured in occupied Lithuania. Professor Alexander Aleksis, of Waterbury Conn., Dean of the Honorary Members was then introduced and he and Eleanor Laurin, presented the Honorary Membership Medals to the recipients. Edward Daniels presented Certificates to the members who received their Fourth Degree during the ceremonies at St. Casimir Church earlier in the day, and as is also traditional, Prof. Jack Stukas announced the name of the Scholarship recipient. Rev. John C. Jutt also addressed the audience on the subject of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee's Annual Award. During the Program, Hon. Memb. Anthony Mazeika, Sr. presented a special award, in behalf

of the New York seniors, to Hon. Memb. Juozas Sadauskas in recognition of his many years of devoted activity with the organization, especially in the field of writing.

The 55th National Convention officially ended with the close of the Banquet, but most of the guests stayed on for a few more "unofficial" social functions like the Open House hosted by our Phillie Good Guys. Tillie Shields disengaged a couple of musicians from their instruments so John and Agnes Mickunas could entertain the visitors with a couple of accordion and banjo duets and even a solo or two. Charlie Grigaitis thought this was the most and insisted they play the polka, another polka and then a couple more polkas. Diane Beletsky and Eddie Daniels (Mr. & Mrs. now) enjoyed their last fling as bachelor and bachelorette. Amid fanfare and ceremony, as only the Philly guys and gals can arrange,



Presidential Suite residents, Helen, Irene and Eleanore with guest, Leon Pauksta.



Convention chairman Helen Shields with C-29 president Strolis relax.

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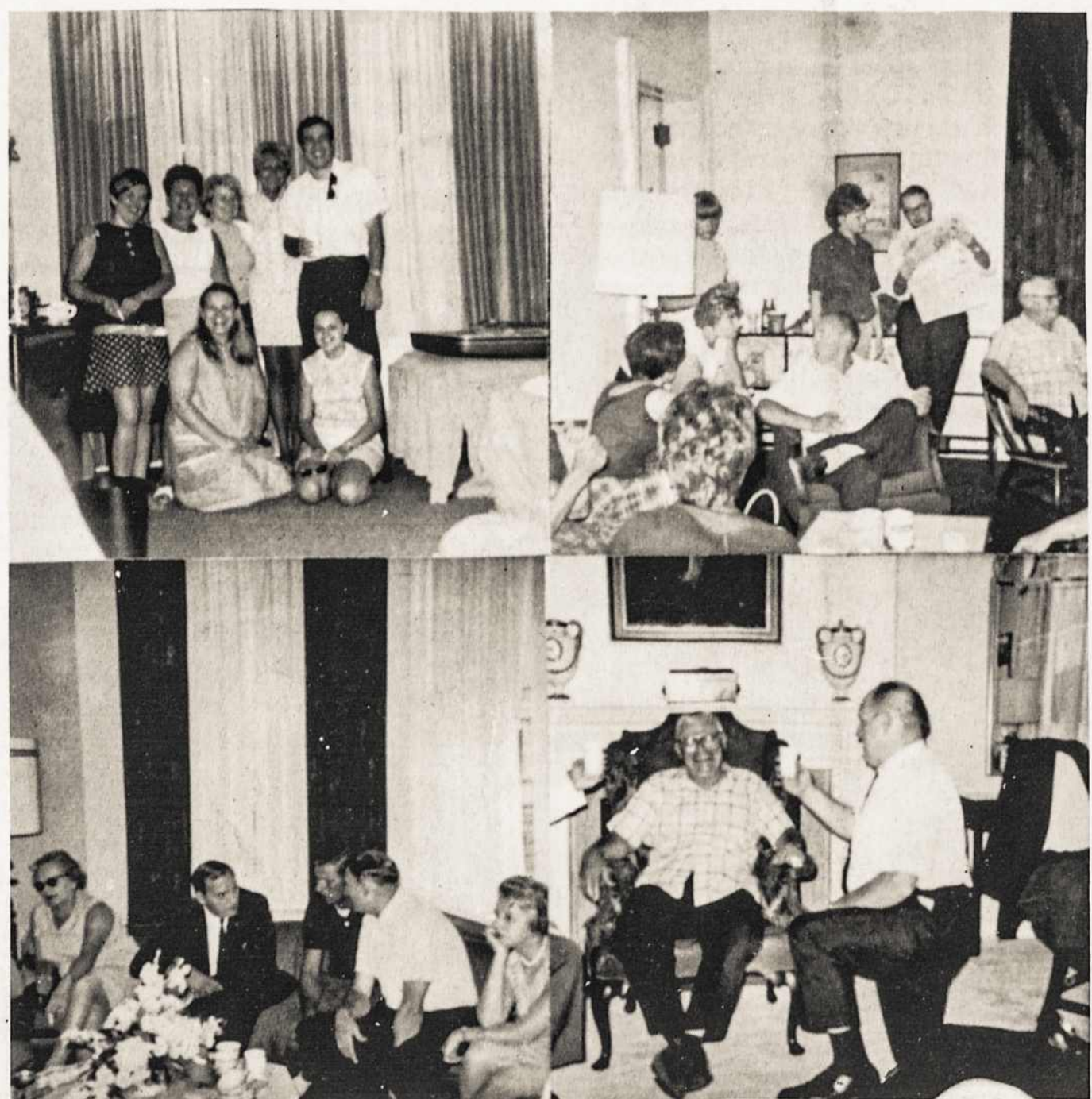
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Helen Shields was presented with an amber pendant and earrings as a tribute to Helen's twenty five years as a K of L'er.

While this was going on, many of the guests went for another "walking tour" ... of the Presidential Suite, occupied that night by the Chicago girls, Eleanore Laurin, Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer, (with clearance from Washington that is). The "cupboard" was anything but bare, so while the hostesses entertained, the guides, Larry Janonis, Al Jaritis, Leon Pauksta, Larry Svelnis, Leo Shakalis, Joe Sakaitis and Frank Jonika pointed out the "hotlines", the Eagle over the "T" closet, and other features. There were almost as many unique and

interesting items to see here as there were at the Cultural Display of "old" Joe Yanalaitis' collection of Lithuanian arts and crafts. (Council 3 members make this reference to Joe, not because of seniority in age, but in number of years as a member, when distinguishing between him and Joe Yanalaitis, the Western member of C3.) If any of the guests are still interested in a souvenir, contact Jeanne Janonis; there was nary a one left after her thorough examination of the premises. But, as the evening wore on, the visitors said their good nights here and at the Pnily Suite for that Conventional forty winks so they wouldn't miss the Host Council's "Coffee, Rolls and Leftovers" Party Mon-

day.  
By 9:30 that next morning you could see Phyllis Grendal, Charles Strolis, Mary Lucas and Marty Rusgi sipping coffee, Louis Stukas and Howie Beaudette sipping tomato juice and Gene Gobis and friends savoring sweet rolls. And by 10:00 the Worcester guys and gals, the Detroit girls, the Pittsburghites and Chip Chaponis joined the other leftovers with their leftovers for the final farewells - until the "56th" in New Jersey.



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