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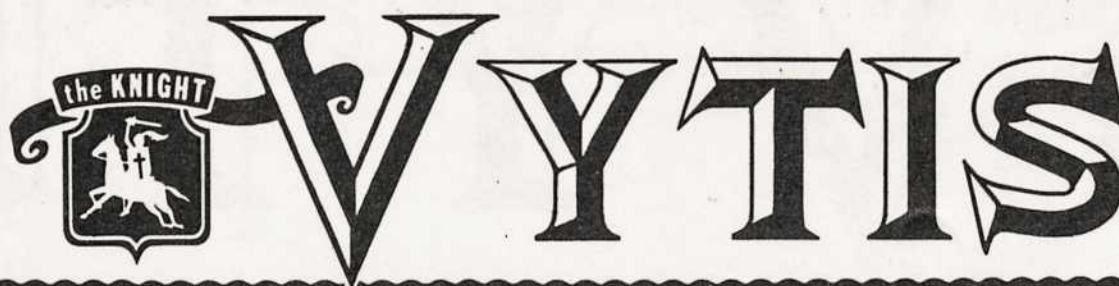
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STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

The 57th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania State of the Organization report was compiled from the reports of the Supreme Council Officers and Chairmen.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

The Knights of Lithuania is truly grateful to our Spiritual Advisor, the Reverend Albert J. Contons of Brighton, Mass. for his counsel and guidance throughout this past year. His report to the convention appears in this issue.

At the request of the newly-elected Supreme Council Board and with the consent of Rev. John Jutt, the Lithuanian Priests League president, Father Contons will remain as our Spiritual Advisor this current K of L year.

PRESIDENT

Dr. Jack J. Stukas of Newark, our National President, presided at the Supreme Council meetings held in Newark and Chicago. The Knights of Lithuania is appreciative to Prof. Stukas for the time and effort he extended to our organization. His report, which was presented to the delegates, appears in this issue.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Due to a lack of communication, Dianne Daniels of Philadelphia, our Vice-President in charge of Juniors, reported that she was greatly hampered in fulfilling her duties. Letters were sent to the District Presidents, but the only response received was from the Mid-Central District. Although the Camp Dainava K of L Week was cancel-



led, it was reported that the New England District held a successful Junior Rally. Through Mrs. Daniels' efforts, Council 3 of Philadelphia organized the only new Junior group. Unless we develop communication within our leadership, our various programs will fail. "The K of L Junior organization has something good to offer the Lithuanian American youth - please find time, be counselors and give these kids a chance to find our what we mean when we say FOR GOD and COUNTRY."

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Our Membership Vice-President, Leon Pauksta of Chicago conducted three separate, though interrelated, membership contests: 1) based upon per capita percentage of new members; 2) dues payments drive 3) individual new members. The drive enrolled 74 new members (not including reinstated or rejoined members) with 19 councils gaining new members and 13 councils attaining net increases in membership. No new councils were organized and one council, 103 of Providence, became inactive as it lost all of its members. Results of the Drive and award winners are listed elsewhere in this issue.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Seniors Vice-President, Longinas Svelnis of Boston, reports the Senior councils have remained active the exception of the Providence 103 council in Rhode Island. Although concentrated efforts were

made, no new senior groups were organized. The active are located in So. Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York, and Youngstown. Mr. Svelnis represented the Supreme Council at the very successful 3rd annual So. Boston Seniors /Alumni Reunion Night.

RECORDING SECRETARY

During her year as Recording Secretary, Dorothy Dutkus of Paterson, notified all officers, committee members and Honorary members of Supreme Council meetings, attended all four meetings and kept a record and mailed the meeting minutes to all parties. She also compiled and mailed the official list of officers and committee chairmen.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Helen Zimmer of Chicago, our National Financial Secretary, reported that although we gained an overall total of 48 members, we lost 121 members, thereby reducing our membership by 73 for a total membership as of August 1970 of 1,594. Five councils are in the 100 plus column: C7 Waterbury; C26 Worcester; C29 Newark; C79 Detroit; and C112 Chicago; with a total membership of 678. There are 40 councils including 6 Senior councils. No new councils were organized, but 3 councils, 6 of Hartford, 18 of Cambridge and 27 of Norwood were dropped for non-payment of dues as of July 31, 1970, the end of the K of L fiscal year.

TREASURER

During her term of office, our National Treasurer Stella Sankal of Cleveland, capably handled her duties with efficiency and cooperated with all parties concerned. The records of our organiza-

tion's finances are properly maintained and the funds wisely invested. Her records were made available to the National Trustees during the Convention.

TRUSTEES

Albert Jaritis of Boston, and, in the absence of Stanley Vaitkus of Dayton, former national treasurer, Frank Svelnis of Chicago, audited the treasurer's records and reported that the national treasury and accounts were in order.

LEGAL ADVISOR

No report was received from our National Legal Advisor, Anthony Stokna of Amsterdam.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The District, with Algerd Brazis of Chicago as President, Rev. John Savukynas as Spiritual Advisor, and Leon Pauksta as Board Chairman, realized a tremendously successful K of L climaxed with the honor of hosting of the 57th National Convention. The Chicago Seniors, the K of L Choir and the councils continue to spread the name of the Knights of Lithuania throughout the Chicagoland area. Added to these successful groups, the Chicago Juniors were reorganized through the efforts of Cecilia Matul, Helen Pius and Frank Zapolis. It was a rewarding year because of the fine cooperation of the officers, committee chairmen and every active member.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

President Vincent Ed. Pavis (Youngstown) of the MCD reported that the district consists of nine affiliating councils, C19 Pittsburgh, C25



CONVENTION PLENARY SESSIONS

Cleveland, C79 Detroit, C96 Dayton, C-102 Detroit, C111 Srs. Youngstown, C134 Cincinnati, C139 Detroit and the Cleveland Seniors. Although a K of L Week at Camp Dainava was planned in conjunction with the Ateitininkai group, after discussion at the semi-annual executive meeting, it was reluctantly decided to cancel this year's project and strive for a better start for the coming summer. The district and councils continue to sponsor the traditional, cultural and social activities. The 23rd Annual District Convention was awarded to the Cleveland Seniors.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Under the leadership of District President Albert Jaritis, the District held its Fall Convention in Waterbury, Conn., and the Spring Convention in Ansonia, Conn. There are eight active councils and one active senior council in the district. Plans for the 3rd Annual Cultural Picnic in Maironis Park, Mass. are underway and in working plans to organize a NED Scholarship Fund in memory of the late Rev. Michael Tamulavicius are in the works. The District sponsored Religion workshop, under the direction of Rev. Albert Contons was well received.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Although no report was received from the District, President Anne Klem of Kearny, did attend the Convention as an Honorary Member and actively participated in the activities.

CALIFORNIA

Our California representatives, C113 Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Seniors continue to function and ably represent the K of L on the west coast.

"VYTIS"

Editor Irene Sankus of Chicago, who had submitted her resignation effective December 31, 1969, agreed to remain until the completion of the October 1970 Convention issue. With her staff, Council News Theresa Strolia, Layout assistant Gerry Mack, and mailing assistant Marilyn Kareiva, she published ten issues, eight monthly and two bi-monthly since the last convention. Printing again was handled by ViVi Printing of Chicago and mailing, by Harper and Co., Chicago. The "Vytis" continued to operate within its projected budget primarily due to the Christmas Ad campaign which grossed \$634.50. The Editor expressed her appreciation to the District representatives and others who aided her throughout the year. Loretta Stukas of Newark agreed to assume the editorship with the November 1970 issue.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Rev. John C. Jutt, Honorary Chairman, presented an oral report which appears elsewhere in this issue. Co-Chairman Albert Zakarka of Chicago and Valentina Hotra of Detroit handled their duties as required and the report of their activities are included in Father Jutt's report. We are able to promote the name of Lithuania and our organization to the non-Lithuanians through



the works of this committee. Members should make every effort to find time to work actively with the group.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

As National Chairman of the Lithuanian Cultural Committee, Mary Jankowski of Worcester, primarily concentrated her efforts in the New England District and attempted to bring about mail contact with the chairman of the other Districts in regards to the Lithuanian Cultural activities. She attended S. C. meeting, supplied information when requested, and served as the chairman of the cultural display at the NED Cultural Picnic. She urged all councils/districts to establish a cultural committee for bigger and better programs for the coming year.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Members of the National Ritual Committee, Chairman Joseph Boley of New York City, Frank Zager of Detroit, and Rita Pinkus of Worcester, reported that they received word that only two members received the Second Degree, 6, the Third and at the Convention eighteen received the Fourth Degree. Again, there appears to be a lack of communication between the District Council ritual teams and the national ritual committee. It was also reported that this is the 32nd anniversary of the Ritual Committee.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

On behalf of the committee, Chairman Leonardas Simutis and Secretary Eleanore Laurin reported that as per the resolution passed at the 56th National Convention, Honorary Membership was conferred on Robert Boris of C102 Detroit at the Convention. There are several proposed recipients, for whom additional data or final action is needed, under consideration by the committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The members of this committee should be the eyes, the ears, and the tongue of the Knights of Lithuania. Doing their utmost to publicize our organization this past year were: Juozas Sadauskas (covering the MCD and Cleveland primarily in the Lithuanian press): Frank Vaskas (covering the

NY-NJD and Newark with American press releases and also in the Lithuanian press): Vincent Samaska (in the IID and the Chicagoland area primarily in the field of civic and national events such as the Captive Nations Committee works); Antanas Skirius (covering the California activities in Lithuanian-English publications); and Susan Boroskas (in the NED, not only occasional news write-ups, but also stressing to the non-Lithuanians, our culture, customs and history through historical and cultural exhibits and radio coverage).

S. C. CULTURE COMMITTEE

Frank Gudelis, treasurer, presented the following financial report covering the period of July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970:

Adult's Lithuanian Language Records (Sold Out)	
Balance - June 30, 1969	\$424.12
Sales	<u>77.00</u>
	501.12
Postage	<u>2.14</u>
Balance - June 30, 1970	\$498.98

Childrens Lithuanian Language Records	
Deficit - June 30, 1969	\$231.44
Sales	<u>48.00</u>
	183.44
Postage	<u>2.06</u>
Deficit - June 30, 1970	\$185.50

"Lithuania and Lithuanians" - A Selected

Bibliography

Deficit - June 30, 1969	\$ 36.02
Sales	<u>8.00</u>
	28.02
Postage	<u>.92</u>
Deficit - June 30, 1970	\$ 29.94

CANNON FABIJONAS KEMESIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Committee consisted of Chairman Dr. Jack Stukas (Newark), Secretary-Treasurer Irene Wood (Amsterdam), Rev. John Jutt (Worcester), Walter Svekla (Philadelphia), Frank Svelnis (Chicago), Rita Waitkunas (Boston), and Gerald Zager (Detroit). Rev. Jutt, Dr. Stukas and the Messers. Svelnis and Zager met and selected two recipients for this year's awards. The recipients are introduced elsewhere in this issue. Dr. Stukas also reported that for the coming year, Mr. Zager would serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the committee and further reported that the Memorial cards are now available for donations made in the name of a deceased person to the fund.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives Room, located in the Illinois-Indiana District K of L Building, has been renovated and re-organized. Alex Budris, Building Manager, rebuilt the bookcases to accommodate the large sized minute books and other material and has installed new locks. File boxes and jackets are being purchased for miscellaneous material according to categories which are being developed in the sorting process. Much progress has been made and the cataloging should be completed

in the next two months, with a little more time available after the Convention hosting activities. This is being done under the supervision of Ignas Sakalas and assistance by Alex Budris and Eleonore Laurin.

ASSOCIATE NON-LITHUANIAN SPOUSES RESOLUTION ADDED TO CONSTITUTION.

Sixty-Six to nine, the 57th National K of L Delegates, under secret ballot, passed the resolution adopted at the 56th National Convention for action by the councils and presentation to the 57th convention delegates to be accepted or rejected.

Of the 43 councils on the 1969 Financial Secretary's Report, three councils no longer exist, four councils have less than 5 paid-up members and four have not held the required minimum of four meetings a year. The number of active councils, in accordance with the constitution, was set at 32 and 22 was the two-thirds figure required for the constitutional change. The council and district representatives present witnessed verification of the active or inactive status of all the councils.

The 32 active councils voted as follows: 23 - For; 6 - No Response; 1 - Against; 1 - Against (wanted more liberal membership); 1 - Against (wanted amendment of the resolution). Thus, with the required two-thirds (plus one) the Resolution went to the Delegates for a vote and, as mentioned, was passed 66 to 9.

Article V of the Constitution now includes the following: (p. 25) under Paragraph 3; "Organization members are: a) Juniors, b) Regular or Active, c) Seniors, d) Honorary, e) Associate Non-Lithuanian, Practicing Catholic Spouses; (Item "e" now added). (P. 26) Paragraph 7 added - "An Associate Non-Lithuanian, Practicing Catholic Spouse can hold office only in a Council, up to, but not including Vice President, will not be a Delegate or Alternate to the District and National Conventions, and will not hold any office on the District or Supreme Council Board."

YOUTH CAMPS

Following the precedence set during the previous years, the Supreme Council donated \$100.00 each to the youth camps: Dainava in Manchester, Mich., and Neringa in Putnam, Conn.

"VYCIU VEIKLA" COLUMN

The Convention expressed their appreciation to the administration of DRAUGAS for permitting the Knights of Lithuania space for our weekly column. The Marian Fathers continue to be cooperative and helpful in many facets of our organization. Emilija Pakalniškis of Chicago, with the assistance of her family, continues to edit the column.

Knights of Lithuania
57th National Convention
August 21, 22, 23, 1970

Chicago, Illinois

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

1969 - 1970



Dear delegates and guests,

During the past year it was a pleasure to serve again as spiritual advisor of the Supreme Council.

After last year's convention I prepared a suggested spiritual program hoping it might be helpful to councils and members during 1970. These suggestions were printed monthly in the "Vytis" courtesy of the editor, Irene Sankus, and a copy is submitted as part of this report.

At the request of the "Vytis" editor I submitted an article, FREEDOM AND RELIGION, for publication in the November issue of Vytis, and an article entitled THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS for December.

In May I mailed to council spiritual advisors a letter requesting that councils observe May 13 as a Day of Prayer and Penance for the Liberation of

Lithuania and World Peace. There was enclosed a copy of Bishop Antanas Deksny's special letter and the K of L spiritual program.

During the past year I attended and extended Supreme Council greetings at the New England District Cultural Picnic, Worcester, Sept. 14; N. E. District semi-annual convention, Worcester, Sept. 29; St. Casimir Communion Breakfast, Boston, March 1; N. E. District Religion Workshop, Boston, March 8; Eastern Regional meeting of the Lithuanian Priests' League Providence, R.I., April 21; N. E. District convention, Ansonia, Conn., April 26.

Sept. 18 I performed the sad duty of attending the funeral of Rev. Michael Tamulevicius, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester, and long-time spiritual advisor of K of L councils and the N. E. District. May 3 I participated in the Supreme Council meeting in Newark, N.J. May 16 I was principal speaker at the K of L Scholarship Benefit Dinner sponsored by the Boston Seniors.

In planning for the Religious Panel for this convention I have prepared an article on the CHURCH IN LITHUANIA which I hope will be accepted for publication in "Vytis" and other newspapers with which K of L'ers may have contact.

I wish to congratulate all K of L members and friends who took part in the K of L excursion to the blessing of the Lithuanian Martyrs' Chapel in Rome July 7, especially our president, Jack Stukas, who did so much to organize the tour, and Loretta Stukas, for the fascinating tour diary in "Vytis". We can all be proud that our organization was so wonderfully represented at such an historic occasion for the Lithuanian people.

May God bless all of you in your efforts and sacrifices for the ideals of the K of L.

Vytiškai,

Rev. Albert J. Contons

Spiritual Advisor - Supreme Council



CONVENTION DELEGATES and GUESTS. (Left) Povilas Dirkis, Joseph Ramanauskas, Kazimera Petrulis, all of Chicago, Juozas Sadauskas of Cleveland, Leonardas Simutis of Chicago. (Right) Loretta and Jack Stukas of Newark, Anne Klem of Kearny, Algird Brazis of Chicago, Helen Kulber of Brooklyn.



As President of the Knights of Lithuania, I spoke at numerous and various social, cultural and political affairs and functions during the year.

Of noteworthy accomplishment, was organizing the Knights of Lithuania excursion to Rome, June 28 - July 12, 1970, for the dedication of the Lithuanian Martyr's Chapel, in St. Peter's Basilica. With 73 participants, it was highly successful. We were cordially received by the Lithuanians of London at their club, and by the Lithuanian Minister, Mr. Balickas. We participated in the actual dedication ceremonies of the Lithuanian Chapel (with Lou Stukas playing the organ for all events), attended the mass held especially for us by Bishop V. Brizgys, and all the other functions connected with the dedication. Members of our group raised funds for flowers for the chapel, gave a monetary gift and flowers to Cardinal A. Samore on the occasion of our group's visit to his chambers, a monetary gift to Rev. P. Urbaitis, for the new Salesian Lithuanian School in Frascati, and flowers to Mrs. V. Lozoraitis, wife of the Lith. Minister to Italy. On the occasion of our official visit to Cardinal Samore, we asked his intercession in obtaining official Vatican recognition of the Knights of Lithuania, as a Catholic Youth Organization in America (similar to what the Knights of Columbus enjoy). Bishop Brizgys promised to assist us in this important endeavor. Your President, furthermore, asks for your approval in having a long/playing record of the historical dedication ceremonies made in the name of the Knights of Lithuania. As little

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES 1969 - 1970

financial commitment on our part as possible will be made. Any profits received could be utilized by the Supreme Council as it sees fit. I hope, furthermore, that 2 week overseas excursion trips could become an annual event for the K of L.

With the aid of John Subacius, ecclesiastical artist, a K of L lifetime membership certificate was designed and lithographed for distribution.

Your President would personally like to work on a new membership brochure, also on new Knights of Lithuania decals, lapel buttons or bumper stickers, etc., in assisting us in publicizing the K of L, obtaining new members and forming new councils.

Your President also asks for your cooperation in assisting the Lithuanian Religious Aid Organization (materials from which were sent to all K of L'ers) in its noble works, and suggests we cooperate with the Immaculate Conception Lithuanian Sisters of Putnam, Conn., in making its new camp "Neringa" in Vermont a success. Possibly a K of L study week could be organized there, including a convention which could logically be sponsored by the New England District.

Your President represented the K of L at the Lithuanian Educators Symposium in Chicago last November, and will do so in San Jose, California, this November, at the 2nd Baltic Studies Conference. I was elected to the governing council of the American Lithuanian Community Organization (A. L. Bendruomenės Taryba), and to membership in the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Sciences, in Rome. It is hoped that through active membership in these and other organizations, we can obtain from them greater recognition of, and more cooperation for, Knights of Lithuania activities.

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Irene Sankus as editor of "Vytis", for she has done a most outstanding and commendable job. Loretta Stukas, former editor, agreed to take on this difficult job, and select assistant editors from various districts to help her keep Vytis the shining mirror of our organization that it is.

Finally I am most appreciative of the cooperation I have received from other members of the Supreme Council, and National Committee Chairmen during my tenure as President, for which I am very grateful.

Nuoširdžiai ir Vytiškai Jūsų,
Jack J. Stukas
President

August, 1970

A. M. D. G.



CONGRESSMAN ROMAN C. PUCINSKI

THIRTEENTH RECIPIENT OF THE KNIGHTS OF
LITHUANIA AWARD MEDAL

In the last few years, Soviet Russian propaganda has succeeded in making the Western World think that its attitude toward religion has changed and that its prime efforts are dedicated to the task of procuring world peace. It is indeed unfortunate that some of our leaders, even in Congress, have been hoodwinked by this propaganda and have been lulled into a false sense of security as regards the intentions of the Soviet Union.

As a result, countries like Lithuania continue to be subjected by the Soviet to atrocities and to injustices which cry to heaven for vengeance. This is evident from a memorandum letter signed in 1969 by 40 priests of the Archdiocese of Vilnius in Lithuania and sent at the risk of grave punishment, to the Soviet authorities. This letter clearly demonstrated the contradictions of the Soviets who affirm constantly that religious freedom is guaranteed by the Soviet Constitution and yet do everything in their power to hinder religious practice and punish priests for the faithful fulfillment of their priestly duties.

While it is discouraging for us to see leaders in our own Government fall for Soviet propaganda, yet it is indeed heartening to know that certain others refuse to be taken in and continue relentlessly to fight against Soviet communism because they recognize it for what it really is: a diabolical system strongly bent on achieving its goal of world domination by the proletariat through a minutely detailed program of effective action, be it violent or non-violent. One of these latter men is our honored guest for this evening, the Honorable Roman C. Pucinski.

Our honorable guest was born on May 13, 1919 on the northwest side of Chicago. Educated in the public schools of Chicago, he attended Northwestern University and studied law at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. For 20 years before being elected to Congress, he was a staff reporter and writer for the Chicago SUN-TIMES.

When World War II broke out, he enlisted into the service as a private but soon was flying daring bombing missions, 48 in all, over Japan. This brave service earned for him the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with Clusters.

First elected to the 86th Congress, he, representing the very district in which he was born and brought up, has since been an highly respected member of the House of Representatives. As a Congressman, he has served on a number of important House Committees and continues to do so with honor and distinction.

During World War II when the Communists committed a mass murder of over 15000 Allied army officers, Congress appointed a Select Committee to investigate it. Our honored guest was appointed Chief Investigator. He learned of the crimes committed by the Soviets and as a result, he wrote the first indictment against the Soviet Union for these crimes.

His attendance at Lithuanian affairs and functions, be it Lithuanian Independence Day on February 16 or the Tragic Days of June or Captive Nations Week the third week in July, in and around the Chicago area, and the addresses delivered at each one convinced those present that he was well aware of and deeply concerned about the atrocities being committed by the Soviets upon the Lithuanian nation. He did not hesitate to condemn in vehement terms the Soviets for the perpetration of crimes which have enslaved the Lithuanian people to a tyranny which deprive them of their human dignity. This inhumane treatment of the peaceful and liberty-loving Lithuanians convinced him that his stand in foreign affairs, mainly that the Soviets cannot be trusted under any circumstances, is a solid stand and moved him to plead with the Western World in defense of Lithuania's God-given right to freedom and independence. Concrete steps must be taken by the free peoples of the world to free Lithuania from Soviet domination and occupation. This has been and continues to be his stand in behalf of suffering Lithuania.

House Concurrent Resolution 416, passed three years ago by Congress, is of tremendous importance to Lithuania because execution of its terms would bring about the defense of her right to freedom by the President of the United States before the United Nations and the holding of free elections under the direction of the United Nations. The people of Lithuania would decide for themselves the type of govern-

ment under which they would wish to be ruled. Congressman Pucinski voted for its passage and is one of those who insists that the terms of it be fulfilled. His strong support gives us hope for its eventual fulfillment.

No matter how small or inconspicuous a nation may be in the world of nations, every nation enriches the culture of the world with its own standing of the problems, hopes and goals of that country. On March 4, 1970, our honored guest testified before a Congressional Committee of the necessity of safeguarding the culture of all ethnic groups here in America. Fully realizing that the culture of Lithuania and other countries behind the Iron Curtain has added to the cultural betterment of America, he introduced a bill (H. Con. Res. 14190) which call for the establishment of Centers for Ethnic Studies and Culture in all elementary schools, high schools and colleges. This wholehearted interest and understanding of the ethnic problems in this country merit for him our sincerest gratitude and deepest appreciation.

Because of his firm conviction that the leaders of Soviet Communism cannot be trusted, because of his fearlessness in condemning Soviet Russia as a persecutor and enslaver of freedom-loving nations, because of his constant defense of Lithuania's right to freedom, a concern which is most gratifying to all Lithuanian people, because he fears not to take advantage of his high position to give aid to Lithuanians in their efforts to restore Lithuania's independence, because of frequent occasions he has demonstrated himself to be a FAITHFUL FRIEND of LITHUANIA in her struggle for freedom, it is indeed how a high honor and a distinct privilege for me to present at this time, with the approval and in behalf of the officers and members of the Knights



of Lithuania Youth organization, the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA AWARD MEDAL, to that sincere and resolute defender of Lithuania's God-given right to be and live as a free nation among the free and independent nations of the world, the highly esteemed and illustrious Congressman from the 11th Congressional District of Illinois, the Honorable Roman C. Pucinski.

Rev. John C. Jutt
Hotel Sheraton - Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Given on August 23, 1970 at the closing banquet of the K of L National Convention.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Once again, several young K of L members benefited from the generosity of K of districts, councils, and individuals who contributed to the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund. During the 57th National Convention's Closing Banquet, National K of L president and Scholarship Committee Chairman Jack J. Stukas presented \$400 scholarships to two worthy young ladies, thus assisting them in furthering their educations. Following is the text of Dr. Stukas presentation of the Scholarships:

"The members and trustees of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund Committee, consisting of yours truly as chairman, Rev. John C. Jutt of Worcester, Mass., Gerald Zager of Detroit, Mich., and Frank Svelnis of Chicago, who are present at this convention, have carefully reviewed the applications presented to the Committee this year for the 12th Annual Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Award. Based on the applicants' academic record, recommendations by their teachers, spiritual advisors and Knights of Lithuania officers, also financial need and K of L organizational activity, our committee has selected two worthy recipients of this year's award. The Scholarships of \$400.00 each, to be paid to the winners in two installments of \$200.00 each, will go:



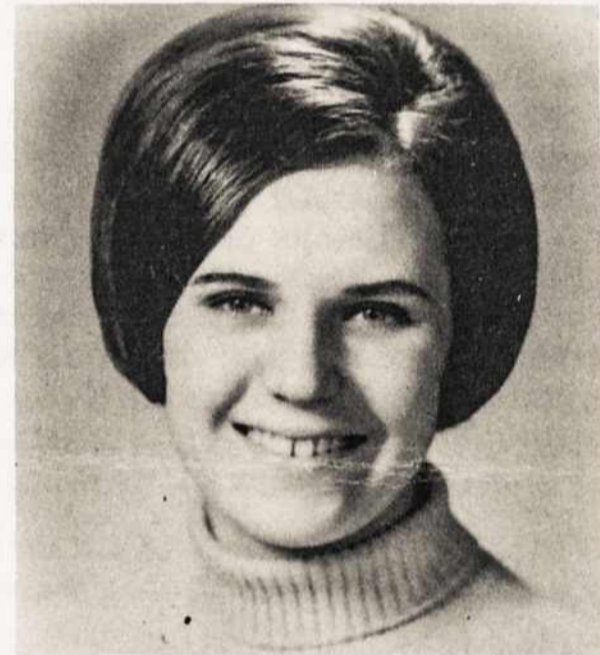
1) to a beautiful young lady from Council 36, Chicago, MISS LAUREN LEE KENTRA. She has been active in choral, band and scout activities, the Knights of Lithuania folk dance group, and on the committee for decorating Lithuanian Christmas trees at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. She is seeking a degree in Mathematics at the University of Illinois. In her application, Miss Kentra states that one of her chief future interests is the furthering of Lithuanian culture. This is what some of her teachers and spiritual advisors said about her:

... "Her intellectual ability is above normal and shows itself in her scholastic achievement, intelligent conversation, and application in everyday

situations. She is very industrious in her participation in all undertakings, including Lithuanian activities, especially the Knights of Lithuania. Lauren has a beautiful, warm, and considerate personality that compliments her integrity in all situations."

... "The character of this girl is one of absolute trustworthiness and deep moral integrity. She is a highly principled girl and adheres to these principles..."

Yes, we are indeed pleased and honored to present our \$400.00 Scholarship this year to LAUREN LEE KENTRA.



2) Our second award this year, also for \$400.00, goes to another beautiful young lady, from another part of the country - to BIRUTE ONA RACIU-KAITIS, from Council 26, Worcester, Mass. She is seeking a degree in Business Education at Central Connecticut State College. This young lady has also been active in Lithuanian Choral, folk dance, scout and academic organizations. Miss Raciukaitis plans to become a teacher in business and hopes to spend some time in the Peace Corps. Of her abilities, her references commented:

"... Miss Raciukaitis' intellectual ability, integrity, industry and personality are superior."

"... She is highly recommended by her instructors as an industrious student capable of doing college-level work. She has a pleasing personality and worked well with her instructors and her fellow classmates."

It is with pleasure that we award our second Scholarship Award this year to BIRUTE RACIU-KAITIS of Worcester, Mass."

NOTE: The first recipient, Miss Kentra, was present at the banquet and accepted the award in person.

L. STUKAS

REZOLIUCIJOS

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions and/or suggestions were all approved by the convention delegates with the exception of one resolution which was dropped.

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At the 57th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, held at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, August 20-23, 1970, the priests, delegates and guests, unanimously passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Soviet Communism continues to be one of the greatest and well-organized threats to human freedom throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Soviet Russia, as the 1969 memorandum signed by forty (40) priests of the Archdiocese of Vilnius, in Lithuania and sent to the Soviet authorities in Moscow indicates, is constantly bent on denying the Lithuanian people the rights they have as human beings; and

WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution 416, passed by Congress four years ago, has not as yet been put into execution and fulfillment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Convention express its sincere gratitude to President Nixon and to our Government for their persistent stand of non-recognition of the unjust absorption of Lithuania by Soviet Russia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Government of the United States take the initiative in leading the free nations of the world to protest effectively the continued enslavement of the Lithuanian nation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the United States take immediate steps to bring about fulfillment of the conditions of House Concurrent Resolution No. 416;

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

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RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania support the principles and purposes of the Lithuanian Religious Aid Society and encourage its councils and members to support its charitable efforts in every way possible.

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RESOLVED, that Knights of Lithuania Districts and Councils appoint a Religious Affairs Committee and Chairman to:

- a) assist the Spiritual advisor in presenting a spiritual program,
- b) coordinate the efforts of Lithuanian Religious Aid Society in obtaining the help of K of L members and others for the Church in Lithuania.
- c) assist in circulating publications about the persecution of the Church in Soviet-occupied Lithuania.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Council take the steps to look into the matter of publishing a record commemorating the solemn ceremonies of the dedication of the Our Lady of Vilnius Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and if feasible, take the appropriate steps to publish such a record.

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RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania sponsor publication of a leaflet publicizing the persecution of the Church in Soviet-occupied Lithuania and encouraging its members and friends to spread the truth about Lithuania as widely as possible.

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Tinkamai paminėti ateinančiais metais Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos 25 metų veikimo sukaktį.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania present awards to Johnny Unitas and Dick Butkus, both of Lithuanian descent, for their outstanding feats in professional football.

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RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania, assembled in Chicago, Illinois for their 57th National Convention, express their heartfelt gratitude and praise to Miss Irene Sankus for her outstanding and untiring efforts in editing the VYTIS the past six years.

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RESOLVED, that the members of the Knights of Lithuania assembled at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Chicago, Illinois August 20-23, 1970, express sincerest thanks to Mr. Kazys Jonaitis of the Chicago Seniors for donation of copies of his book of poetry "Sielos Balsai", to all delegates and guests of the convention and for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

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Atsižvelgiant į J. E. Vincento Brizgio nepaprastai kilnų ir didingą pasaulio Lietuviams žygi įruošime Lietuvos koplyčios Šv. Petro bazilikoje Romoje, 57-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas vienbalsiai nutarė pasveikinti ir pareikšti nuoširdžią padėką J. E. Vyskupui V. Brizgiui už to žygio įvykdymą.

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The 57th National convention of the Knights of Lithuania, meeting August 20-23, 1970 in Chicago, Illinois extends warmest congratulations to Consul General of Lithuania in Chicago, Dr. Petras P. Dauzvardis on the occasion of his 75th birthday, and more important a unanimous vote of appreciation for his 45th anniversary as Consul of Lithuania.

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Atsižvelgiant į Prelato Mykolo Krupavičiaus Vyčiams įkalbėtą kalbą bei sveikinimus prieš 15 metų per Vyčių Seimą duotus ir artinantis jo 85 metų gimtadieniui, 57-asis Lietuvos Vyčių seimas nuoširdžiai sveikina Prelatą Krupavičių ir linki jam geriausios sveikatos bei didžiausios Dievo sėkmės.

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Resolved, that the 57th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extends its sincerest and warm-felt congratulations to Council 102, Detroit, Michigan on the occasion of their 50th Jubilee, being celebrated Saturday, September 26, 1970.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 57th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered August 22-23, 1970 at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, express their sincerest appreciation to Mr. James Howard, Chairman of the Commemorative Captive Nations Medal (Eisenhower Proclamation), for his generosity in sponsoring the production of the medal and his interest in publicizing the fate of the Captive Nations.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the priests, approved delegates and guests to the 57th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, August 20-23, 1970, unanimously pass a resolution congratulating the Kiwanis International for achieving its lofty ideals during the past 55 years, ideals which have aided so many to appreciate more effectively the spiritual values of life and the practice of the Golden Rule, and wishing it even more success in their future endeavors. The Convention further expresses its heart-felt gratitude to the Kiwanis International for putting into effect their most commendable project of "Light a Green Candle For Hope on Easter For the Oppressed People of the World", one of these oppressed peoples being Lithuania.

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We, the members of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel in Chicago, Illinois for the 57th National Convention August 20-23, 1970, hereby express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the District Spiritual Advisor, Rev. John Savukynas, Rev. Boniface Vaisnoras, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church and the clergy of the Illinois-Indiana District, for their untiring effort in arranging the spiritual activities of this convention, and to the officers, committees and members of the Illinois-Indiana District for their outstanding work in arranging a successful and enjoyable convention.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the 57th National Convention acknowledge for their untiring efforts in conducting an orderly convention the Presidium members, the Sgts-at-Arms and the members of the convention committees.

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SUGGESTION:

That K of L Councils and members buy and read the book "VYTAUTAS THE GREAT" written in English by Msgr. Joseph Koncius. This book can be bought for \$1.00 (paperback) and sold for \$1.50, the difference staying in the council treasury.

SUGGESTION:

That the Convention agree and request the Supreme Council to look into the matter of sponsoring a K of L tour to the Scandinavian countries.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that due to high costs, etc. that membership dues be increased to \$12.00: \$8.00 to the Supreme Council and \$4.00 to the Councils.

D R O P P E D

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Your Holiness, Pope Paul VI
Vatican City

Your Holiness:

The clergy, delegates and guests of the 57th annual convention of the Knights of Lithuania, a national Lithuanian Catholic religious and cultural organization with councils in many cities of the United States, meeting at the Hotel Sheraton-Chicago, August 20-23, 1970, in Chicago, Illinois, extend their filial greetings to Your Holiness.

We wish to express our high esteem and cordial best wishes on the occasion of Your Holiness' Golden Jubilee of ordination to the priesthood and pledge our fidelity to Your Holiness as the Supreme Pontiff of our beloved church.

With sentiments of deepest appreciation, we thank Your Holiness for blessing the Lithuanian Chapel, dedicated to the Mother of Mercy in St. Peter's Basilica, July 7, offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, addressing such kind and gracious words to the Lithuanian people, and receiving a numerous delegation of pilgrims from the Knights of Lithuania.

Esteeming Your Holiness as our Beloved Holy Father, we humbly beg Your Holiness' Apostolic Blessing upon the officers and members of our organization.

Date: August 23, 1970

Rev. Albert Contons
Spiritual Advisor

Dr. Jack J. Stukas
President



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LIETUVOS VYČIŲ LIETUVIŲ REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS
PIRMININKO RAPORTAS - 1970

Jau 24 metai kaip Lietuvių Reikalų komisija veikia Lietuvos išlaisvinimo darbui. Per praėjusius metus, Lietuvos Vyčiai šiame svarbiame darbe šitaip pasirodė:

	1969	1970
Biuletenių paruošta	8	9
Laiškų biuleteniuose pažymėta	248	286
Biuletenių pasiųsta	2120	2225
Pavardžių ant "mailing list"	132	130
Kuopų su veikiančiomis komisijomis	10	8
Laiškų ir atvirukų parašyta	10450	10180
Atsakymų gauta	2317	2492

Iš šios statistikos, pastebėkime, kad:

- 1 - tik 8 kuopos turi veikiančias komisijas. Pernai buvo 10.
- 2 - 2 mažiau rašytojų turime.
- 3 - Nors mažiau laiškų parašyta, tačiau daugiau atsakymų gauta.

Laiškų rašyme apygardos šitaip pasirodė:

	1969	1970
Naujos Anglijos apygarda	2192	2236
Illinois - Indiana apygarda	1332	2048
Kalifornijos apygarda	901	1991
New York - New Jersey apygarda	2031	1604
Mid-Central apygarda	1976	889
Visi kiti atskirai	2018	1412
	10450	10180

Čia galima pastebėti, kad:

- 1 - Naujos Anglijos apygarda užima pirmą vietą dar šiais metais, Illinois-Indiana apygarda daug daugiau parašė ir Kalifornijos apygarda gražiai pasirodė.
- 2 - Kaip pernai žymiai nukrito, taip šiais metais New York - New Jersey apygarda nemažai nukrito.
- 3 - Vis atsiranda tokių, kurie, nors ir ne Vyčiai, tačiau interesuojasi šiuo tautiniu darbu ir parašo laiškų Lietuvos klausimu. Čia gėda tiems Vyčiams, kurie turėtų rašyti, o dėl menkos priežasties nerąšo.

Sekančios kuopos turi veikiančias komisijas ir raportus atsiuntė:

Kuopa 3 - Philadelphia	Kuopa 96 - Dayton
Kuopa 79 - Detroit	Kuopa 133 - Los Angeles
Kuopa 112 - Chicago	Kuopa 29 - Newark
Kuopa 26 - Worcester	Kuopa 110 - Amsterdam

Šios kuopos sveikintinos, nes savo pareigą tautiniame darbe išpildo. Jos gerą pavyzdį kitoms kuopoms duoda nes jos dirba, kad Lietuva atgautų savo nepriklausomybę ir, kad Lietuvių vardas svetimtaučių tarpe būtų iškeltas. Per šį seimą dar kartą nuoširdžiai prašome visų atstovų čia susirinkusių atkreipti ypatingą dėmesį į Lietuvių Reikalų komisijos svarbą kiekvienoje kuopoje. Atstovai turėtų savo kuopos narius išjudinti taip, kad kuo greičiausiai būtų įsteigtos veiklios ir gyvos komisijos.



Per praėjusius metus pagal paskutinio seimo nutarimą komisija turėjo du pirmininkus: Albertą Zakarką iš Čikagos ir Valentina Hotrą iš Detroito. Jie metų bėgyje pasidalino darbą rašyti laiškus Lietuvos Vyčių vardu. Albertas Zakarka praneša, kad jis parašė 221 laišką, o Valentina Hotra, 130 laiškų. Nors abudu buvo labai užimti, tačiau stengėsi ištikimai darbą atlikti ir už tą visa organizacija yra dėkinga. Man teko toliau eiti garbės pirmininko pareigas ir per praėjusius metus parašiau 501 laišką bei atviruką.

Štai tie, kurie pernai parašė daugiau negu 100 laiškų:

	laiškų
Albertas Zakarka - Chicago, 112 kp.	221
Kun. Albinas Janiūnas - So. Boston, 17 kp.	149
Valentina Hotra - Detroit, 79 kp.	130
Rita Pinkienė - Worcester, 26 kp.	126
Jonas Andriūška - Worcester, 116 kp.	119
Pranas Vaškas - Newark, 29 kp.	106
Gerry Mockus - Chicago, 112 kp.	100
Mrs. Mildred Chinik - Pittsburgh, 19 kp.	150

Šie yra pavyzdingi komisijos nariai, kurie supranta komisijos darbuotės svarbą ir todėl dirba gražų tautinį darbą. Jiems ir kitiems, kurie mažiau parašė tariame nuoširdų lietuvišką ačiū.

Biuletenių negalime išleisti jei nebus iškarpu ar žinių apie Lietuvos klausimą. Ačiū Dievui, kad per praėjusius metus gana daug narių atsiuntė iškarpu, kurias perskaitėme ir paskui pasiuntėme tiems, kurie prašė. Šie daugiausia iškarpu atsiuntė:

Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N.J.

Al Jaritis iš So. Bostono, Mass.
 Kun. Albertas Janiūnas iš So. Bostono, Mass.
 Genovaitė Gobytė iš Amsterdam, N.Y.
 Cecilija Kincie iš Čikagos
 Leonardas Valiukas iš Los Angeles
 Juozapina Žukienė iš Port Washington, N.Y.
 Juozas Janulaitis iš Philadelphia
 Prof. Jokūbas Stukas iš Newark, N. J.
 Agnes Mickūnienė iš Philadelphia

Šiems nariams ir kitiems, kurie iškarpu atsiuntė nuoširdžiai dėkojame ir linkime daugiau sėkmės tautiniame darbe. Jūsų gražus pavyzdys turėtų paskatinti kitus panašiai veikti. Ypatingą padėką reiškiamo mūsų Elenai V. Kulber, kuri nenuilstamai dirba Lietuvos naudai ragindami valdžios ponus užtarti Lietuvos nepriklausomybės bylą, siųsdama informacijas apie Lietuvą laikraščiams ir dalyvaudama tautinėse rūbuose įvairiuose parengimuose. Kad daugiau tokių narių turėtume! Malonūs šio seimo dalyviai, pasistenkite vis atidžiai spaudą sekti ir jei rasitę ką nors apie Lietuvą, malonėkite mums atsiųsti. Šios iškarpos ir žinios apie Lietuvą labai svarbios. Už tą būsim visiems dėkingi.

Kaip kasmet darome, taip šiais metais kreipiamės pas valdžios ponus, kad neužmirštų Vasario 16-tos dienos kaipo Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės. Skatinome juos kalbas psakyti Kongrese apie Lietuvos dabartinę bylą ir tas kalbas patalpinti CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS. Pagal mūsų gautas žinias, rezultatai yra tokie:

- 1- 94 Kongresmanai ir 24 Senatoriai kalbas pasakė ir tas savo kalbas patalpino CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS.
- 2- 13 Gubernatorių ir 22 burmistrai paskelbė Vasario 16-tą dieną kaipo Lietuvos Respublikos Dieną savo valstijoms ir miestams.
- 3- 12 radio stočių paminėjo Vasario 16-tą dieną savo programose.
- 4- 96 laikraščiai skelbė parengimus tuose miestuose surengtus.
- 5- Burmistrai 8 miestų leido Lietuvos vėliavą plevėsuoti iš miesto rotušės.

Kas link Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės paminėjimo, rezultatai tokie:

- 1- Prezidentas Nixonas paskelbė tą savaitę visai Amerikai nors krašto laikraščiai daug publikacijos apie tai nedavė.
- 2- 45 laikraščiai publikacijos davė apie apvaikščiojimus, kurie įvyko tuose miestuose.
- 3- Atstovų Rūmuose 63 Kongresmanai kalbėjo apie pavergtas tautas.
- 4- 12 Gubernatorių ir 15 burmistru paskelbė tą savaitę savo valstijoms ir miestams.

Mažesnėje skalėje, bet kur tik galėjome, dirbome, kad Lietuvos taip vadinamos Tragiškos Dienos nebūtų užmirštos Amerikos spaudoje ir jos žmonių tarpe. Toliau daug darbo įdėjome ir įdedame kad Prezidentas Nixonas įvykdytų Kongreso priimtą rezoliuciją (H. Con. Res. 416), kuri reikalauja, kad jis iškeltų Lietuvos klausimą Jungtinėse Tautose ir, kad Jungtinės Tautos priverstų Sovietams leisti laisvus rinkimus Lietuvoje. Čia ypatingai labai svarbus darbas. Pastebėtina, kad iš tų 94 Kongresmanų, kurie kalbėjo apie Vasario

16-tą dieną Kongrese, 37 kalbėjo apie šią rezoliuciją ir net 10 iš jų patalpino rezoliuciją CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Kiekvienas Vytis-Vytė turėtų rūpintis apie šią rezoliuciją, nes, galimas daiktas, kad tai vienintelis kelias, kuriuo Lietuva atgaus savo nepriklausomybę. Panaudokite visi savo liuosą laiką šiam svarbiam darbui. Remiame Rezoliucijoms remti Komitetą, kurio galva yra vytis Leonardas Valiukas, nes šis komitetas pagal gautas žinias Lietuvos okupantams nepatinka. Jiems komitetas yra aštri adata, kuri neduoda jiems ramybės.

Brangūs vyčiai- vytės, aišku Jums visiems, kad Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija nesnaudžia, nenuleidžia rankų, bet stropiai dirba ir panaudoja kiekvieną progą kelti Lietuvos bylą visų akyse ir reikalauti Lietuvai tos nepriklausomybės, kuri jai priklauso. Ji nuolat veikia Lietuvos ir jos žmonių naudai. Pasaulis gali žinoti, kad mes dirbsime tol, kol Lietuva bus nepriklausoma. Kodėl? Todėl, kad nuo Dievo Lietuva turi teisę gyvuoti tarpe nepriklausomų ir laisvų pasaulyje tautų. Už tai, kongresmanas Mario Biaggi iš New Yorko prie Jungtinių Tautų šaukė:

"There has been a silence for 30 years, a clamor for justice denied for that long. I must tell you that you (the Baltic peoples) have justice on your side and not only in America but all over the world."

Savo gražiam straipsnyje birželio 11 d. 1970 m. David Lawrence, garsus kolumnistas rašo:

"At a time when Western powers have been granting freedom and independence to many nations in Africa, Asia and other areas, liberation of the peoples of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia has not had the widespread support it deserves."

Savo vasario 15-tos dienos leidinyje, Philadelphia Inquirer redaktorius šitaip atsiliepė:

"A nation (Lithuania) that would not be subdued in 120 years will not die in a quarter of a century. People with a language and a heritage that is over 700 years old and who have great pride in that language and heritage will not let it be crushed by the Communist oppressor so easily."

Kongresmanas Lester L. Wolff iš New Yorko, atsakydamas į padėkos laišką jam Prano Vaško parašytą, atsakė:

"I greatly appreciate your taking the time to offer your kind views in this important matter. As I previously noted, the independence of this tiny and courageous land is a matter which must concern all of us."

Mano brangūs vyčiai - vytės, Lietuvos vyčių tikslas yra padaryti mūsų čia gimusių jaunimą geresniais šio krašto piliečiais, partijotiškesniais lietuvių tautos nariais ir ištikimesniais katalikais. Kaip ištikimesniais katalikais, kurie gyvena pagal Kristaus duotą meilės įsakymą: mylėti savo artimą, kaip save ir kaip patrijotiškesniais lietuviams, kuriems rūpi viską kas tik lietuviška, pridera mums vyčiams stropiai dirbti ir aktyviai įsigilinti lietuvių reikalų komisijos darbe. Galime gerus laikus turėti

bet pagalvokime apie tuos, kurie Lietuvoje neturi tų privilegijų, kuriomis mes pasidžiaugiame. Mūsų svarbiausia pareiga, kaip vyčių, yra kelti visais galimais būdais ir visur Lietuvių vardą ir išsižadėti savęs Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atgavimo darbe.

Didysis Anglijos politikas, Edmundas Burke, yra pasakęs: "Kad blogis, blogybė triumfuotų, tik reikia kad geri vyrai nieko nedarytų." Sovietų komunizmas, kaip gyvenimo įvykiai rodo, yra blogas, daug žalos pasaulio žmonėms daro, Lietuvą sunkiai pavergė. Triumfavo. Kodėl? Todėl, kad vakarų 'geri vyrai' nieko nedarė. Nuleido rankas ir leido Sovietams užgrobti Lietuvą ir kitas tautas, kurios šiandien po sovietais kenčia.

Brangūs vyčiai - vyčiai, ar mes leisime sovietų komunizmui toliau triumfuoti Lietuvoje. Ar mes būsimė tie "geri vyrai", kurie nieko nedarys. Būsimė tie geri vyrai, jei tingėsime laiškus apie Lietuvą rašyti, jei neprotuosime Sovietų neteisingą užgrobimą Lietuvoje, jei nepašvėsime bent kiek laiko ginti Lietuvos teisę į nepriklausomybę, jei nebūsimė tikrais vyčiais gindami kas tik lietuviška. Už tai nuoširdžiai prašau visų neatidėlioti laiškų rašymo, kasdien bent keletą minučių pašvęsti ginant Lietuvos bylą ir kovojant už jos nepriklausomybę. Jei visi iš vien dirbsime, jei kitus pritrauksime prie šio tautinio darbo, Dievas leis

Lietuvai sulaukti tos dienos, kada ji vėl galės nepriklausomai ir laisvai veikti tarpe visų nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų.

Kun. Jonas C. Jutt
Garbės Pirmininkas

Albert L. Zakarka
Co-Pirmininkas

Valentina Hotra
Co-Pirmininkė

Rugpiūčio 14, 1970

LIETUVIŲ REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS IŠLAIDOS:

Stencilai ir rašalas	19.80
Popierius ir vokai	42.05
Biuletiniai	44.04
Laiškai bei atvirukai	33.30
Telegramos, oro paštas ir special delivery	28.70
	<u>167.89</u>

Iš vyčių kasos nieko nereikalauju, nes šis svarbus tautinis darbas yra vertas visų mūsų pajėgų. Jis yra neįkainuojamos vertės.

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ELECTIONS

District and Council officer elections must take place either in the months of September or October as per the constitutional change which was approved at the 1964 National Convention.

Immediately after the election of new officers, PLEASE send the names and address to our National Recording Secretary Nancy Kober.

The Supreme Council officers, your national Spiritual Advisors, and the national committee chairman cannot operate efficiently without YOUR cooperation. As shown in the reports of our officers, there is a great need for better communication. This year - let us ALL cooperate with our elected officers and chairmen.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our new National Financial Secretary Irene Raskaitis reminds us the membership dues are \$5.00 per year and will be due on or before January 1, 1970. She requests that the newly-elected Council Financial Secretaries begin collecting membership dues immediately. Dues should be collected for a full year.

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NEXT SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

National President, Dr. Jack Stukas, selected Sunday, November 8th 1 P.M. for the next Supreme Council meeting, which will be held in Newark. As a decision must be made on the site of the 1971 National Convention, it is a necessity that all Board members attend this important meeting.

HOPE - - - - - MEMBERSHIP

An individual can not survive with dignity and stability without the hope of success and well being for the future, and the same can be said for an organization.

The Knights of Lithuania needs hope to survive with dignity and stability and enjoy success and well being for all tomorrow. We can provide this hope for the Knights of Lithuania by providing needed membership. Every member must find it within their hearts the charity to provide the Knights of Lithuania with this hope that can be the foundation to challenge tomorrow with success yet undreamed of.

Often we can find in new members, new leaders, new enthusiasm, new friendship, new excitement, new direction, new vigor, new hope that may have left us an individuals or councils or districts. New membership can invigorate and stimulate with the enthusiasm that once belonged to each and everyone of us.

I would like to offer a suggestion that for the coming month we look for that new membership under our own roof. There is nothing like looking in your own back yard. A mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, cousin. These people know you and you know them. Many of these people have tal-

ents that the K of L could use. Again it requires the charity of every member to provide the hope of success for tomorrow.

I would like to thank Leon Pauksta for the commendable job he did for the past three years as membership chairman.

RULES FOR THE 1970-71 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

100% PAID UP AWARDS

Awards will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid up.

1st category	- 10 members and under
2nd category	- 10 - 29 members
3rd category	- 30 - 59 members
4th category	- 60 - 99 members
5th category	- 100 and over

NEW MEMBER AWARDS

We will use same categories for awards as in 100% paid up. Awards will be presented to the council having largest percent increase over last year with a minimum of a 10% increase.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Using the same categories as in 100% paid up, we will give an award to those individual members with the most total points. Signing up a new member will earn 10 points and signing up a previous member will earn 5 points.

A new member is defined as someone who has not been a member during the past 12 months.

You can secure your membership cards from your council or district membership chairman.

FRANK ZAPOLIS
Membership Vice President

WANTED

What do you know! Someone in the Knights of Lithuania has stolen a top secret from the F.B.I.! And we hope he not only gets away with it, but puts it to good use.

Every so often our newspapers, radio and T.V. will reveal photos, names, descriptions and possible locations of the 10 most wanted and dangerous criminal on the lists of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Well, one of our alert K of L'ers, presently holding the office of Vice-President on the Supreme Council, Frank Zapolis of Chicago, picked up the idea and with a slight juggling of the words created a slogan which, we hope, will become the slogan of every K of L council during this coming year. "Get the 10 most wanted individuals in your community for the K of L". Somehow this suggestion was lost in the shuffle during the convention proceedings and like many other really im-

portant matters was almost completely forgotten.

Each year, no matter where the convention, with hardly a new face, almost the same people appear as delegates. Though there may be some who will resent the reference - but they happen to be the same OLD faces and they're not getting any younger.

What is more detrimental to the progress of our organization, is that so often our conventions become hung-up with matters related with views that were good for the past and stubbornly refuse to accept changes for the growth and improvement of the ideals we're working for. So much so, that you even hear fretful, hesitant whispers that maybe the K of L is on the way out.

Fear not, my dear Ladies and Knights! These graying K of L'ers are not a lot to despair. The past deeds accomplished in and for the American Lithuanian Community are on record and will be

remembered for many a year. However, there comes a time in the life of every person, whether individual or communal, when adjustments and improvements must be made, especially when things move at such a mad pace as they do today. Why, even as you drive your newly purchased car off the showroom floor the process of depreciation has already begun. Organizations, too, are victims of age and wear and tear as is our K of L. To admit this is no shame. To refuse to enter a service station is ridiculous.

To keep up with this better than mile-a-minute pace it is absolutely necessary for progress and survival itself, to harness the energies of the people of this rapid-fire era - the young men and women OF TODAY, who are not now in our organization. Young men and women of talent, but particularly men and women of desire and concern. Men and women in love with God, their country and their fellowman.

To involve this type of individual into action, such as is ours, it is no longer feasible to dangle some material bauble before him or her as an inducement to join our ranks. Besides, we are not in a position to compete in this field, since our material resources are too puny compared to what is presently offered elsewhere. And, too, those who are interested in the purely material, we do not want. After all our motto is "For God and Country".

To promote this spirit and make it grow we need people who are already imbued with it and desire to inject it in others. People in need of a structure to house and further develop these forces for their own moral development and that of others. We are that structure. Tell these people about us. Invite them in.

Our youth as a whole has been the object of reproach all too long, because of the malicious violence of a few. As we sometimes angrily, sometimes unconsciously become part of the chorus chanting maledictions upon all youth, among them are wasting young men and women with ambition, idealism and a desire to learn and to do. All that is necessary is someone, some body to hear them, to tell them, to turn them on, as they are wont to say.

There must be 10 such individuals in the neighborhood where your council exists. Go after them. Don't just tell them what they can get from the K of L, but to paraphrase our late President, ASK them to come in and do something for the K of L - for their God and Country in the American Lithuanian Society.

You will not need the wits of a Perry Mason to find them. Their fingerprints are all around you. Go get them. And don't stop at just 10!

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 The Hon. Juozas Kajeckas, Charge d'affaires, Lithuanian Legation, Washington, D.C.
 Hon. Petras P. Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania in Chicago and Mrs. Dauzvardis
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CONVENTION PLENARY SESSIONS

The topic was "Knights of Lithuania Current Goals, Obligations and Capabilities"... the purpose, to get an insight into where our organization has been, and where it is and/or should be heading, ... the device, the plenary discussion sessions of the 57th National Convention. To help develop this theme and to present guidelines for

further thought, discussion and action, the topic was divided into three sections - religious, cultural, and political and organizational. For each section, a moderator and several speakers were selected and one 1 1/2 hour session of the convention was set aside. In the open discussions that followed each session's speakers' presentations, the overriding concern seemed to be "how to attract the youth to the K of L, using religious, cultural or political themes".

Future issues of VYTIS will expand on the many noteworthy ideas presented by the speakers, since space shortage prevents adequate expansions herein. However, following is a brief description of some of the excellent ideas and thoughts considered.



1. ORGANIZATIONAL AND POLITICAL

Moderated by National President Jack Stukas and Honorary Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Rev. John C. Jutt, the Friday afternoon plenary session concentrated on means of improving and updating the organization, and also touched on K of L involvement in Lithuanian political affairs.

REV. PETER P. CINIKAS, administrator of the Lithuanian Daily "DRAUGAS", suggested that K of L's concentrate on getting out of their immediate circles in working for Lithuanian causes. They should be "missionaries", in bringing news of Lithuania's plight as well as her culture and history to the non-Lithuanian world. By showing pride in their heritage, they can earn respect for Lithuania from outsiders and gain their assistance in fighting for Lithuania's freedom from Communism. Referring to the K of L Letter-Writing project, Father Cinikas suggested that more concentration be placed on quality, rather than quantity of letters... that we concentrate on describing the situation in Lithuania more, when writing to papers, congressmen, etc.

Father also recommended that a new branch of the K of L be established specifically for professional people... that this group conduct special conferences, etc. in addition to the normal K of L activity, but in the name of the K of L. Thus, we would provide an incentive and an outlet in our organization for attracting Lithuanian doctors, lawyers, scientists, and members of other professions.

Practical suggestions for making the organization's Lithuanian Affairs work more effective highlighted the remarks of HON. PETRAS DAUZVARDIS, General Consul of Lithuania at Chicago. He strongly recommended that councils conduct Lithuanian Affairs classes, teaching the proper techniques and forms for use in writing letters to newspapers and public figures, regarding Lithuania's fight for freedom from Communism. For example, a standard terminology should be used in referring to Lithuania's present position, namely, she is "Soviet-Occupied Lithuania". Also, writers should stress that she was occupied "without provocation." Mr. Dauzvardis also thanked K of L'ers for their outstanding public relations work on Lithuania's behalf and urged them to continue.

National President of the "Taryba" - the American Lithuanian Council, EUGENIUS BARTKUS described the work of the various Lithuanian political and cultural organizations, and stressed the importance of the Knights of Lithuania cooperating more with these organizations. He especially stressed the important place the K of L holds in the Lithuanian community. Since most of its members while proud and aware of their Lithuanian heritage are also born and educated in the USA, they are much more qualified to communicate with American political figures and the American press about Lithuanian topics. They should thus use this fact to advantage by becoming more actively involved in American politics.

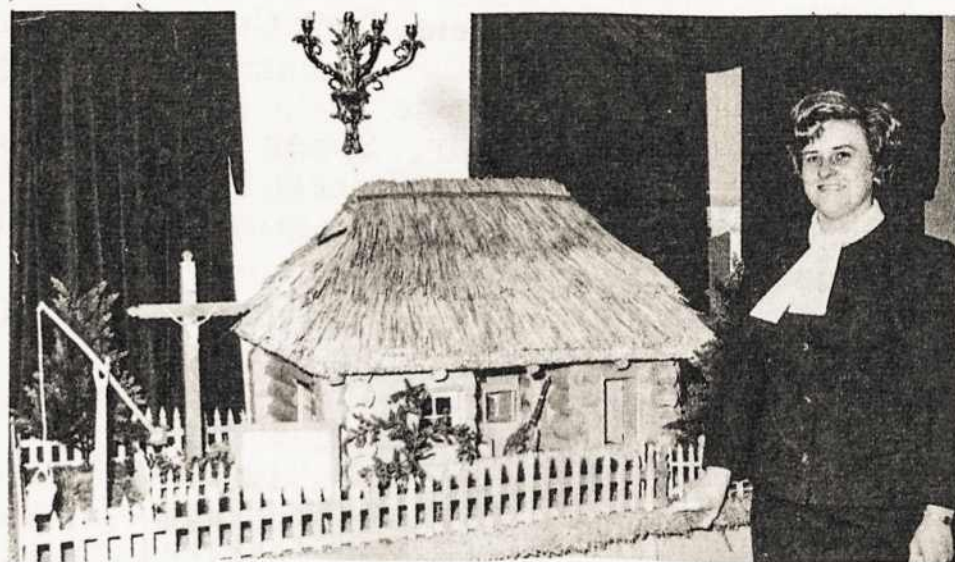
The last speaker in this discussion was FRANK ZAPOLIS, active in teaching and promoting Lithuanian folk arts and dancing, among Chicagoans. Mr. Zapolis presented a large number of excellent practical proposals for improving our organization and increasing its membership. He remarked that, most important, members should hold their heads high and be proud of and enthusiastic about their organization when seeking new members. To interest young people in the K of L, Frank suggested councils plan some special teen dances, picnics and the like, and encourage youngsters to learn Lithuanian arts, crafts, dancing and singing. Also, more family-type activities should be planned, whereby parents can bring their youngsters, to help them begin feeling comfortable in the K of L surroundings.

To publicize the K of L more, Mr. Zapolis suggested more printed "handout" material, donations of Lithuanian books and records to local libraries, and even a traveling "folk art" display, sponsored and financed by the Supreme Council.

2. LITHUANIAN CULTURAL

The Lithuanian cultural discussion on Saturday morning, which might be called a "how-to" session, was moderated by Mary Jankowski, National Cultural Chairman.

HELEN PIUS, well-known in Chicago circles for her creative abilities in making straw Christmas ornaments and intricately designed Easter eggs, briefly described these and other examples of Lithuanian Folk Art. She showed the most attentive audience how to make the basic module of the Lith. Christmas ornament and described how it can be used to build more intricate and original



designs. She also mentioned her work in teaching these techniques to young and old alike, and suggested such "Workshops" as excellent means of attracting and keeping members.

Lithuanian Music-traditional and modern - was FAUSTAS STROLIA'S main topic of discussion. Mr. Strolia, who is director of Chicago's Knights of Lithuania Choir and assists in directing several other groups in the city, told of how Lithuanian youth behind the Iron Curtain express themselves and their devotion to their country through music, despite Communist efforts to suppress nationalistic feelings. With the help of his accordion, Faustas demonstrated the differences between modern and traditional melodies and even encouraged delegates to sing a few verses of both.

He suggested that frequently just living or changing the beat of familiar melodies makes the youth take a new look at "Tradition and Culture"... that perhaps this was a way to reintroduce Lithuanian young people to traditional music and culture and thus win them back into the fold of Lithuanian activity.

The organizer and director of the Balzekas Lithuanian Museum of Chicago, STANLEY BALZEKAS, JR., spoke of his work through the museum in the preservation, documentation, and publicizing of Lithuanian culture and history. The Balzekas Museum has become very well known, even in non-Lith. circles, as a haven for Lithuanian cultural displays, art shows, contests, discussions. It houses countless objects of art and historic interest from various phases and ages of Lithuanian life.

Mr. Balzekas encouraged members to visit the museum, and when possible, contribute items of interest, be they newspaper clippings, old recordings, Christmas ornaments, or the like.

3. RELIGION

Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Advisor, moderated the discussion of religious aspects of K of L involvement, and the condition of the Church in Lithuania today.

His Excellency BISHOP VINCENTAS BRIZGYS, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Bishop-in-exile of Kaunas, Lithuania, spoke of the condition of the Church in Lithuania, and the continuing lack of religious freedom there. He described the work of the Lithuanian Religious Aid Society in assisting priests and other religious behind the Iron Curtain, and strongly recommended that the K of L take a very active part in fostering this important work,

as a part of its overall Spiritual Program. His Excellency suggested that too many of us take our religion for granted and become passive in our practice of it. It is up to all who enjoy religious freedom to rally to the aid of those who do not. The Bishop, who was one of the prime movers in the building of the Lithuanian Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, thanked the K of L and especially Dr. Jack Stukas, for their participation this summer in the Chapel's Blessing.

REV. KAZIMIERAS KUZMINSKAS, who works with Rev. Stasys Raila in the Lithuanian Religious Aid movement, showed interesting - and frightening pictures of religious oppression in present-day Lithuania, and documentation of the genocide practiced by Communists in Lithuania, particularly against the clergy, during Russia's brutal occupation of Lithuania some 30 years ago. Truly, these photos and their explanations proved the tremendous need for action like that of the Religious Aid Society, and our participation in it.

Certainly, many noteworthy ideas were presented by the various speakers, and deserve serious consideration. We sincerely hope delegates will try to make use of at least some of these thoughts to improve their own councils and thus help make all the K of L much larger, stronger and more effective.

L. STUKAS



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE (1969-1970)

District New Member Standings

New England	- 26 new members
New York-New Jersey	- 23 new members
Mid-Central	- 16 new members
Illinois-Indiana	- 8 new members
California	- 1 new member

Council Awards (50 or more members)

C26 Worcester	- 8.1%, 11 new, 136 total
C96 Dayton	- 7.5%, 6 new, 82 total
C7 Waterbury	- 7.1%, 7 new, 106 total
C29 Newark	- C.1%, 6 new, 99 total

Council Awards (Under 50 members)

C1 Brockton	- 20%, 3 new, 18 total
C100 Amsterdam	- 20%, 8 new, 49 total
C111 Srs. Youngstown	- 13%, 2 new, 15 total
C102 Detroit	- 12.5%, 4 new, 40 total
Cleveland Seniors	- 12.2%, 5 new, 45 total
C139 Detroit	- 10%, 3 new, 31 total
C52 Elizabeth	- 4.5%, 1 new, 23 total
New York Seniors	- 4.5%, 1 new, 23 total
C19 Pittsburgh	- 4%, 1 new, 35 total

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Anna Bender, C26 and Estelle Rogers, C112 tied for 1st place with 30 pts.

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10 or less category	- C61 Paterson
11-29 category	- C111 Srs., Youngstown
30-59 category	- Cleveland Seniors and C100 Amsterdam (tied)
60-99 category	- C7 Waterbury
100 & Up category	- C26 Worcester

As of August 1970, based on the National Financial Secretary's records, we had a total of 1,594 members with a total of 74 new members (not including the reinstated or rejoined members) for the 1969-70 membership drive.

Membership Breakdown: Priests with councils - 73; Individual members - 809; and couples - 712.

District Member Standings: Mid-Central - 481; New England - 473; New York - New Jersey - 346; Illinois-Indiana - 256; and California - 38. Only the Mid-Central District gained in total membership.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO CONSUL GENERAL DAUZVARDIS

On the occasion of his 45th year in service of Lithuania, the Illinois-Indiana District presented Consul General of Lithuania in Chicago Dr. Petras P. Dauzvardis with a commemorative and distinctive plaque at the Convention's Closing Banquet. Dr. Dauzvardis is a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Lithuania and a member of Chicago's Council 112. The Knights of Lithuania and especially the Illinois-Indiana District is truly appreciative of the fine cooperation and capable assistance extended them by both the Consul General and his lovely wife, Josephine - our Lithuanian Lady of Lore.



HONORARY MEMBERS MEET

Following the Saturday afternoon business session, the Honorary Members met for a special session to discuss ways in which their group could be of more aid to our organization. Pictured above are: (seated) Mary Jankowski, Anne Klem, Rev. A. Valancius, Rev. John Jutt, Leonardas Simutis, Annie Mitchell, Adele Gabalas, Phyllis Grendal, Ann Bender. (standing) Dr. Jack Stukas, Frank Vaskas, Robert Boris, Antanas Mazeika, Joseph Boley, Stanley Vaitkus, Juozas Sadauskas, Vincent Ed. Pavis, Frank Gudelis. In attendance at the convention, but not pictured were: Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Eleanore Laurin, Mary Lucas and Ignas Sakalas.



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP BESTOWED

Robert S. Boris, former National President and a member of Council 102 Detroit, was elevated to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania at the Convention Banquet. Honorary Membership Committee Chairman Leonardas Simutis, called on all the Honorary Members present to serve as an honor guard for Mr. Boris!

RADIO and PRESS COVERAGE

The 57th National Convention was well publicized

over Lithuanian Television, courtesy of Tolius Slutas; Lithuanian radio, courtesy of Felix and Aldona Barcus of the "Sophie Barcus Programs" and Petras Petrutis of "Margutis Radio"; Lithuanian press - "Draugas", "Sandara", "Naujienos", "Dirva", and "Darbininkas".

Mr. Petrutis also interviewed President Stukas for "Margutis" radio programs. Rev. Peter Ciniakas was most helpful in post-convention photo coverage in the "Draugas".



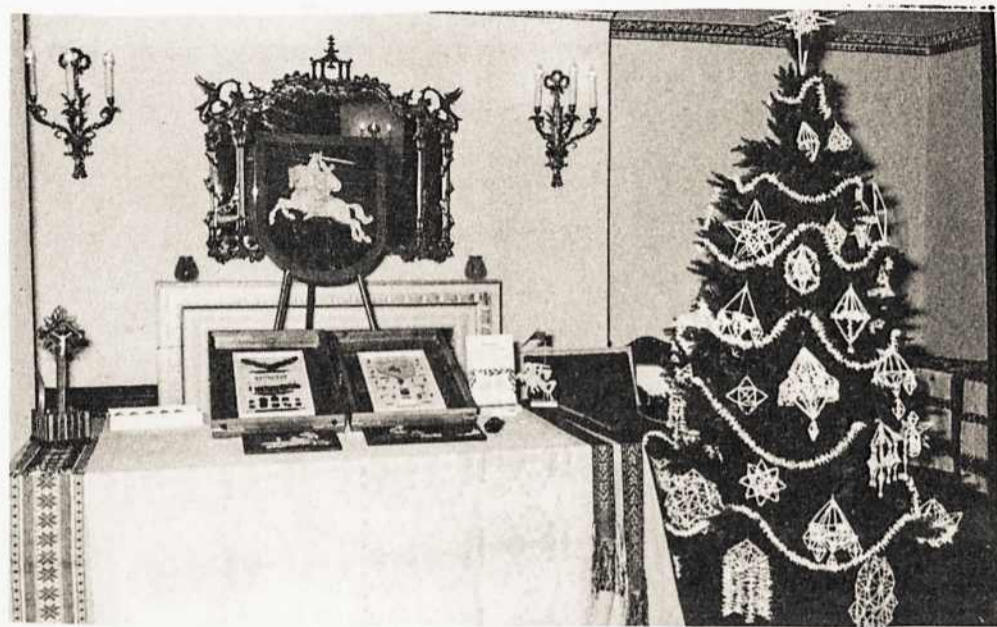
FOURTH DEGREE AWARDED TO DESERVING MEMBERS

During the Convention's Sunday Mass Sunday, August 23rd, His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys presented the Fourth Degree, Order of St. Casimir to record number of deserving recipients. The recipients were: Canon V. Zakarauskas, Rev. Paul Juknevicius, Lorraine and Frank Svelnis, Andrew and Dolores Yuknis, Frances Petkus, Petronella Zelinskas, Helen Pius, Lillian Kodis, Mary Minkus, Ada Sinkwitz, Albert Kassel, Geraldine Mockus, Veronica Omlor, Mary Stonis, Lillian Sasnauskas, and Eloise Berczelly. They were presented with their 4th Degree Certificates at the Closing Banquet by Joseph Boley, Ritual Chairman.

CONVENTION MASSES

The Friday and Saturday Convention Masses were held in the King Arthur Room of the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel with special permission. Sunday's Mass was held at Our Lady of Vilna Church.

Convention Opening Mass Celebrants: Rev. Albert Contons, Nat'l. Spr. Advisor, and Rev. John J. Jutt, Honorary Member and Hon. Chrmn. Lith. Affairs Committee. Mass for Deceased Members Celebrants: Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, former Nat'l. Spr. Advisor, Rev. Jutt and Rev. Contons. Sunday Mass Celebrants: His Excellency Vincetas Brizgys, Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania, Rev. Walter Karaveckas, Spr. Advisor of C19 Pittsburgh, and the Reverends Contons, Jutt and Stanievich. In attendance were: Honorary Member Rev. M. Urbanavicius, IID Spr. Advisor, Rev. John Savukynas, Rev. John Miciunas, MIC., Rev. Paul Juknevicius, and Canon V. Zakarauskas.



CULTURAL EXHIBIT

An interesting, diversified and most ornamentive display greeted the convention delegates and guests in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel's Club Room. Chairlady Helen Pius compiled a truly outstanding exhibit that was enjoyed by Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians alike. Along with items from her personal collection as Christmas tree ornaments of straw and beautifully etched Easter eggs, the display included the Traveling Exhibit of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture with its most admired Lithuanian homestead, the weavings, wood-carvings and way-side crosses of Stanley Yurkus, and items from the collection of Mary Krauchunas.

CANON FABIJONAS KEMEZIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

No report was received from the Secretary-Treasurer Irene Wood at the Convention. The list of donors will appear in a future issue.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS

The last meeting of the outgoing Supreme Council was held on Thursday, August 21st in the Chicago Hospitality Suite to make final arrangements for the convention.

Immediately after the Closing Banquet, the newly elected Board met to plan for the coming K of L year. A summary of the meeting will appear in a subsequent issue.

1971 CONVENTION

After much discussion, the delegates elected to have the members of the Supreme Council select the site for the 58th National Convention to be held in 1971. A suggestion was made to hold a five-day convention at one of the youth camps - "Dainava", "Neringa" or Kennebunkport. A decision will be made at the next Supreme Council meeting.

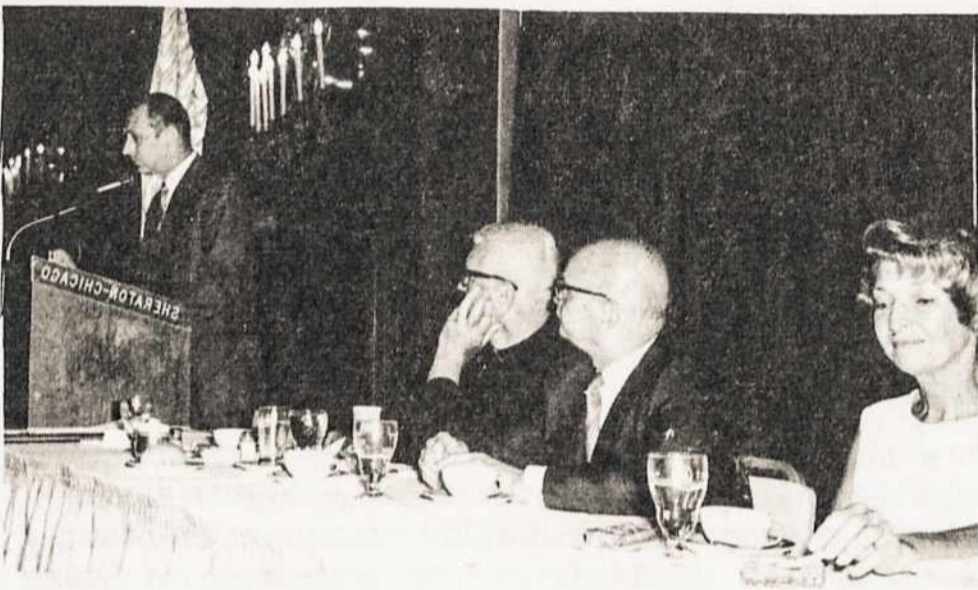
"VYTIS" THANK YOU

Editor Irene Sankus extends her appreciation to the members who graciously supplied information and assisted in the preparation of the convention issue, especially Sylvia Shukis of Brockton, Eleanore Laurin of Chicago, Loretta Stukas of Newark, and Tony Yuknis of Chicago.

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CONVENTION MASSES. (Left) Opening Mass held in the King Arthur Room. (Right) Convention Mass, Our Lady of Vilna Church.



LUNCHEONS

Chairman and master of ceremonies Harry Petraitis introduced his honored guests at the Friday Sports Luncheon - Phil Krause, who received a special award in recognition of coaching the basketball team of Lithuania to the European Championship in 1937-39; Tony Zale, former middleweight champion of the World; and Frank Alis (Alisaukas) a boxing champion who won in Lithuania's first boxing Olympics in 1938. Representing the Sports Chairman Richard Shlaustas, Rev. A. Valancius presented golf and bowling trophies; and Phyllis Norwich, a free-lance journalist from California, presented special awards to John Unitas and Richard Butkus on behalf of the Knights of Lithuania 1970 National Convention. Other guests were Consul General Dr. Dauzvardis, Convention Chairman Algerd Brazis, Mrs. Sue Krause, and Mrs. Tony Zale.

The Saturday Awards Luncheon featured the presentation of Membership Awards by National Membership Vice-President Leon Paukstis. On behalf of the National Ritual Committee, Rita Pinkus presented the Third Degree to two deserving members of the IID - Alexandras and Emilija Pakalniskis of Council 112. National President Stukas exhibited and spoke on the new Lifetime Member Certificates which will be presented to our two Lifetime Members - Konstant Savickas (C5) of Chicago and Vyt Lubert (C112) of California. Chairman and M-C Frank Zapolis introduced the other honored guests - Honorary Member Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Albert Contons, and the District Presidents, Anne Klem (NY-NJD), Albert Jaritis (NED), Vincent Ed. Pavis (MCD), and Algerd Brazis (IID).



"AČIŪ, AČIŪ" TO THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Illinois-Indiana District, by Council cooperation made this a most memorable Convention. The chairmen and committee members worked very hard to insure each and every delegate and guest an unforgettable memory of Chicago.

Congratulations to: Spiritual Advisor - Rev. John Savukynas, with the assistance of Rev. John Miciunas, MIC; General Chairman and IID President - Algerd Brazis, ably assisted by his wife, Aldona; Treasurer - Monica Kasper; Secretary - Loretta Macekonis; Registration - Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer; Program Book - Stanley Molis; Sports - Richard Shlaustas; Cruise - Leon Pauksta; Sports Luncheon - Harry Petraitis; Awards Luncheon and English Publicity - Frank Zapolis; Lithuanian Publicity - Emilija Pakalniškis; Cabaret Night - Estelle Rogers; Inaugural Ball - Vincent Samaska; Brunch - Irene Rakaitis; Banquet - Andrew and Dolores Yuknis; Cultural Exhibit - Helen Pius; Transportation - Alexander Shulicke; Details - Eleanore Laurin; Banquet Toastmaster - Dr. Joseph Jerome.

The officers and chairman were assisted by the following hard-working committee members: Gerry Mack, Ann Marie Kassel, Theresa Strolia, Felix Daukus, Stella Molis, Algis Barakauskas, Aedine Jasaitis, Thomas Mortell, Albert Kassel, John and Lucille Kilkus, Bruno Gramont, Julia and Al Zakarka, Al Samaska, Al and Gerry Moccus, Peter Gagle, Jay Vutech, Ray Grigaliunas, Vladas Paliulionis, Al Matulis, Helen Gudauskas, Albina Gaides, Aldona Sugar, Birutė Baskauskas, Irene Norusis, Christine Chernius, Albina and Lillian Kodis, Frank and Lorraine Svelnis, Dolores Wainauskas, Edward Krivickas, Cecilia Matul, Adele Zunas, Anthony Yuknis.

"OUR HERITAGE IS LITHUANIAN!"
"GARBINGA MŪSU LIETUVIŠKA KILMĖ!"

Convention Motto

Social Sidelights

"Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" was the theme song of Joe Noreikas, Charlie Oskutis and Joe Paz, out at the Silver Lakes Country Club Wednesday morning. The boys came early to participate in the first pre-convention activity - golf with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce. And golf they did, in spite of the first rainy day in Chicago in a month.

Actually, the pre-convention activities began a day earlier. "Well, here it is in print - Come Early and Stay Late. - So here I am," said Al Jaritis. For being the first arrival, (Monday to be exact) Al got the special treatment - dinner with Helen Zimmer, Irene Sankus and Al Raubiskis. (Those White "Socks" had better make some kind of deal with the Red Sox, or these Chicago fans will have to get second jobs, if they have to pay off on many more dinner bets.)

During dinner there was much conversation about the unbelievably beautiful new lounge of Richard Shlaustas. "I Believe" said Al Jaritis, "but show me". So the Knights and Ladies got into Irene's "Big Gold Taxi" and stopped off at the KNIGHTS INN, only to find that other early arrivals were already there - the boys from Elizabeth - Charlie, Joe, Frankie and Norby. Soon Worcesterites - Paul Kuzmeckas, Al and Vin Gregonis joined the group and it turned out to be the first Chicago Hospitality Suite Party - on 69th Street, the "Strip" of Lithuanian Plaza.

Wednesday, as we mentioned, was occupied with golf, but meanwhile, back at the Sheraton, the Registration Committee, Irene Sankus, Helen Zimmer, Gerry Mack, and Ann Marie Kassel were welcoming the first registrants, Bernadette and C-96



President Joseph Noreikas, and the others. Thursday morning more delegates arrived and with the aid of voluntary chauffeurs, Julie Aleshunas, Andy Rozger, and Vince Samaska the bowling enthusiasts were on their way to Bruno Shotas' Woodmac Bowling lanes for the second sports event chairmanned by Sir Richard Shlaustas and most ably assisted by Lady Ann Marie Kassel.

For the non-bowlers, there was "Detour - There's an Amber Road Ahead". The invitation of Joan Shaputis and Peggy Zakaras was accepted by Phyllis Grendal, Mary Jankowski, Rita Pinkus, Annie Mitchell, Mary Minkus, Lillian Sasnauskas, Helen Kulber, Anne Bucinskas. So while the bowlers were doing their thing, these girls were doing

theirs - enjoying a shopping spree. They had their appetites whetted for amber while viewing the amber displays, among the many others at the Balzekas Museum, and on their stop off at Terra, they bought up all the Lithuanian Gold they could afford. With their treasures, they still had time to join in on the bowling event as the cheering section to the finish.

For the winners it was "Smiles", for the also rans, it was "A Little Bitty Tear". With some additional wheels like those of Tony Yuknis everybody got back to the Sheraton in time for the S. C. meeting and/or a little dinner before the moonlight cruise.

Chairman Leon Pauksta had all the ecologists exerting pressure on all the smogologists with the end result - a beautiful night for viewing the unique sights of the Chicago skyline on the lake at night. As the mariners poured up the gangplank of the Trinidad, Signor "Auksapirštis" Ažuolas Stelmokas welcomed them with his Lithuanian medleys to put everybody "In the Mood". "Rock" and Roll is usually the mood of Lake Michigan, but that evening she was mellow. As song and laughter rang out into the night, we sensed the friendly envy of the crews of various international ships at the docks and the passengers of the other "tour" cruisers along the multimile path of the excursion.

Delegates and guests filled the Boulevard Room to capacity for Friday Sports Luncheon. Chairman Harry Petraitis has a most impressive representation of athletes at this event. Phil Krause received a special award in recognition of his coaching and





LAKE MICHIGAN CRUISE

leading the basketball team of Lithuania to the European Championship in 1937-1939. Phil dedicated two years to bringing the name of Lithuania before the public and press of England, France, Germany and other countries with this team of champions. One special guest was Frank Alis (Alisaukas) boxing champion in the National Guard and Division CYO and who won in Lithuania's first boxing Olympics in 1938. In these Olympics two other winners, now deceased, were John Naudziunas and Ed Martinaitis of Detroit, who many of us remember most fondly.

Another guest was Tony Zale, middleweight boxing champion of the world who now teaches the art of boxing in Chicago's Marquette Park with many of his students aspiring young Lithuanians Harry himself is also a champ. Along with the team of which he was captain, he was presented with a gold medal by Lithuania's Prime Minister Mironas for taking first place in the Basketball Olympics in Lithuania.

Father Val did a magnificent job of presenting the golf and

bowling awards to the winners: Joe Paz, Albert Kassel and Charlies Oskutis for golf; and Julie Aleshunas, Gene Gobis, Albert Jaritis, and Al (Jose) Gregonis, the bowling victors.

The winners must have tired themselves out 'cause some couldn't make it to the luncheon and their awards were accepted by Annie Mitchell for Joe and Charlie, Loretta Stukas for Al K., and Bobby Gregonis for Jose.

Saturday's Awards Luncheon guests again filled the Boulevard Room to capacity. Frank Zapolis, Chairman and Master of Ceremonies introduced the guests, Rita Pinkus presented 3rd Degrees to the proud recipients and Leon Pauksa, Membership Vice-President, awarded the plaques to the Dues and New Member Drive winners. He was most capably assisted by Al Dagis who got to seal the deal with a kiss for all the girls and a handshake for the boys who received a plaque - a record number of winners this year.

"Come to the Cabaret" was Estelle Rogers' invitation to Delegates and Chicagoans and everybody, but everybody, came. Yes, Estelle, Chairlady of the Get together party had a beautiful sell-out on her hands and whether they ate early or late, the everybodys enjoyed it. George Jonikas and his orchestra kept the dance floor occupied at all times. With a guitar at her fingers and a song on her lips, Gerry Mockus and fellow entertainers Pete Gagle, Ruth Dagis, Birute Baskauskas, Estelle and Al Shulicke



GOLF and BOWLING WINNERS with Father A. Valancius - Julia Aleshunas, L. Stukas for Al Kassel, A. Mitchell for C. Oskutis and J. Paz, Al Jaritis and Gene Gobis.



CABARET NIGHT FUN-FEST.
(u.r.) Entertainers G. Mockus with guitar, P. Gagle, E. Rogers, B. Baskauskas, R. Dagis and A. Shulicke. (Above) K of L Choir Director F. Strolia, Father J. Jutt and T. Strolia. (Below) Funtime at the K of L Bldg.

put on a show of shows and Albie Samoska stole the show as the Hi Hat. Al Mockus served as the M-C and the entire show was arranged by Julie Zakarka. It's a good thing that the weatherman again cooperated as the K of L building and garden were jammed - just jammed with delegates and guests joined by Chicagoans galore. It was "the right time and the right place to be".

The Convention Ball had quite a different touch this year. Chairman Vince Samaska's idea of two orchestras gave everyone the pleasure of continuous dance music, plus entertainment, if they wanted to just sit and enjoy the Hawaiian band and their lovely South Seas Isles dancers. Further entertainment was provided by the new District Juniors Lithuanian Folk Dancers who also gave an outstanding performance. From the "Blue Tango" to the "Two O'Clock Jump", the band played on til everyone found the right melodies for a twirl or three around the floor.

"Everyone's Talkin' " about the swinging Chicago Parties held on Saturday night following the Convention Dance. The delegates enjoyed Chicago's hospitality not only in Suite 2512, but also at parties in the Rogers-Macekonis suite and in rooms of the other Chicago girls - Irene, Dolores and Monica of C-112. "Come Together" was the idea and come together everyone did. The girls in 2512, extend a special thank-



you to volunteer bartenders, Vince Gregonis of Worcester and Bob Zimmer of Chicago for coming to their rescue. But in the "Wee Hours of the Morning", it was again Gerry Mack who did the bartending bit.



(U.R.) NED rep., Al Jaritis, Mary Jankowski. (L.F.) MCD reps., Jule Salisaviciene, Peter Luiza, Juozas Sadauskas. (Above) Flag bearers, V. Samaska, J. Noreikas, E. Krivickas, J. Jankus, N. Sapkus.



Conventioneers from East and West enjoy the Friday night and Sunday morning bus rides. Along with scenic bus rides, all were entertained by Peter Luiza of Cleveland's C-25.



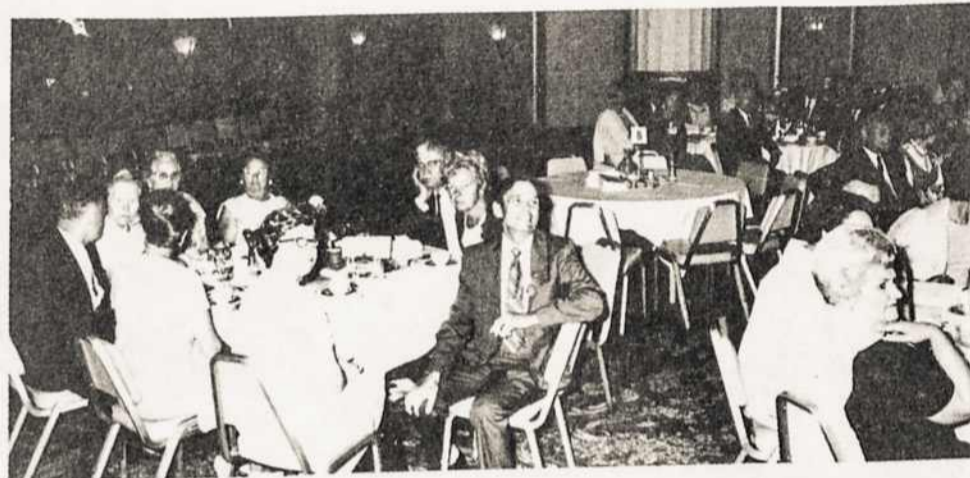
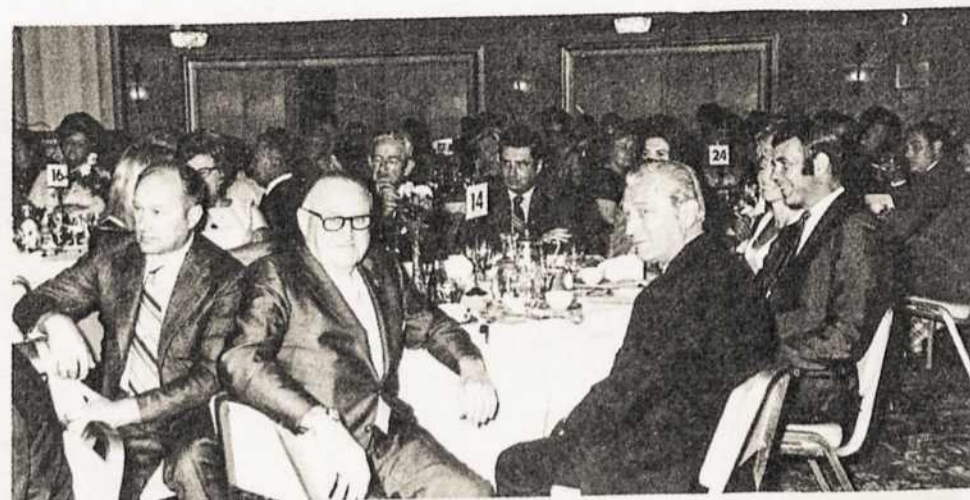
Chairlady Irene Rakaitis and the gracious ladies of Our Lady of Vilna Parish prepared a banquet of a brunch for the guests to enjoy after the Sunday High Mass. Those who had chicken or sausage, or both, approved. But, the most popular dish on the menu was the kugelis and if the ladies had made a pan apiece for the guests, it probably wouldn't have been enough. The program was brief and everybody dashed off to the busses so they could get back to the hotel for the pictures, the last session and the long awaited closing Banquet.



Ann Marie Kassel, Cook County Commissioner George W. Dunne, Genevieve Maluska, Helen Gudauskas.



BRUNCH SCENES



BANQUET SCENES



Knights of Lithuania Choir entertains at Convention Banquet with Faustas Strolia, Director and Aldona Brazis, accompanist.

The Cocktail Reception and the Banquet certainly were executed to perfection by Chairlady and Chairman Delores and Andy Yuknis. By five-thirty the distinguished guests of the dais, the Supreme Council Officers and other special guests were arriving at the Lake Superior Room for a little social cocktail and hors d'ouvres interlude before the dinner. Other banquet guests had their liquid refreshments in the magnificent Crystal Foyer.

Just before dinner the guests of honor were escorted in the Grand March in the traditional Illinois-Indiana District manner, by the lovely costumed girls of the choir and the choir gentlemen. The audience approvingly applauded as the guests were lead down the center of the Grand Ballroom to the two tiered table of honor.



MORE
BANQUET
SCENES



Algerd Brazis opened the festivities with the singing of the American and Lithuanian anthems. His Excellency Bishop Brizgys gave the Invocation and after welcoming the guests, Andy Yuknis introduced Dr. Joseph B. Jerome, the Master of Ceremonies. The program began with several beautiful Lithuanian songs by the K of L Choir with Al Brazis as soloist. Faustas Strolia directed and Aldona Brazis did a beautiful job as accompanist. As indicated by the overwhelming acceptance by the audience, the performance was without a doubt one of the finest performances of the choir.

After dinner, the balance of the program which included the usual introductions and greetings, the eagerly awaited presentation of the Lithuanian Affairs Award, as well as a Special Award to Consul General

Petras Dauzvardis, the Honorary Membership Medal to Robert Boris, and the presentation of the 4th Degree certificates finally ended with a warm word of greeting and thanks by the Convention General Chairman Algerd Brazis and the stirring singing of the "Vyčių Himnas".

Honored guests at the Banquet were: His Excellency Vincent Brizgys, Rev. Albert Contons, Rev. John Jutt, Rev. John Miciunas, Roman C. Pucinski, Consul General and Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis, Cook County Board President George W. Dunne, IID President Algerd Brazis, Leonardas Simutis, Robert Boris, the newly-elected Supreme Council members, "Vytis" Editor Irene Sankus, Joseph Boley and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yuknis.

The famous Monday morning "Left-Overs" party began quite early in Chicago's Hospitality

Suite 2512. Some of the departing guests came early for breakfast and stayed on for lunch, just we would like to believe, hating to leave the company and their often only annual pleasant conversations and reminiscences like "Those Were the Days" and "Seems Like Old Times". And so, after the many suite parties hosted by the Pittsburgh ladies, the New Jersey boys, the Worcester boys, the Detroit girls, and the many, many room parties and the Monday Finale Party in Chicago's suite, everybody left with some more memories to take back home and bring back for conversation at the next convention. The committee was plain pooped. In fact, "So Tired" - that Al Jaritis, Phyllis Grendal, and Larry Svelnis reversed the usual procedure, said "So Long" to the committee and sent them home to rest.



(Upper left) Algerd Brazis, guest, Aldona Brazis, Prudencija Bickus, Congressman Pucinski, Stanley Balzekas, Jr. Adele Zunas, Stanley Molis. (Upper right) Dr. Stukas with Scholarship recipient Lauren Lee Kentra. (Lower left) Honorary Members Adele Gabalas and Rev. Paul Juknevicius. (Lower right) Registrars Ann Marie Kassel and Gerry Mack with Leonardas Simutis and Antanas Mazeika.

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OCTOBER

- 2- The Consular Ball, sponsored by the Governing Board of the Library of International Relations in honor of the Consular Corps of Chicago, Gold Room of The Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- 10- C29 Newark, N.J. 55th Annual Dinner-Dance, St. George's Hall.
- 17-18 MCD Convention, Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Cleveland, Ohio.

NOVEMBER

- 7- C26 Worcester, Ann. Harvest Dance, Maironis Pk., Shrewsbury.
- 7- Testimonial Dinner for Algirdas Kačanauskas, sponsored by the "Rūta" Ensemble, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 7- 8 C134 Cincinnati and C96 Dayton, Cultural Event, Cincinnati Convention Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 8- Supreme Council Meeting, Newark, N.J.
- 14- K of L Juniors Dance, sponsored by C36 Chicago, Ill., K of L Bldg.

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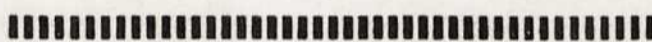
After my resignation at the first Supreme Council meeting of the past K of L year, held on Aug. 23, 1969, I thought I was looking forward to the completion of the 1970 Convention issue. But now that the issue is completed, I find the moment is not as joyous as expected.

To the many, many members and friends throughout the country who assisted with encouragement, articles, ideas, constructive criticism and monetary contributions during the past six years, my grateful appreciation - I shall miss all of your letters and telephone calls.

To my staff and assistants, throughout the years - Gerry Mack, Marilyn Kareiva, Terry Strolia, Povilas Dirkis, Tony Yuknis, and Betty Bozec, a special thank-you. A big "ačiū" also to the District reps. - Loretta Stukas, Eleanore Laurin, Susan Boroskas, Frank Gudelis and Mary Lucas.

To my successor, Loretta Stukas, my best wishes for another successful term as Editor of "Vytis".

I shall never forget those I worked with - it really has been fun and an experience I shall always treasure and never forget.
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