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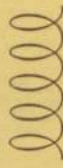
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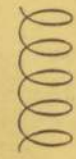
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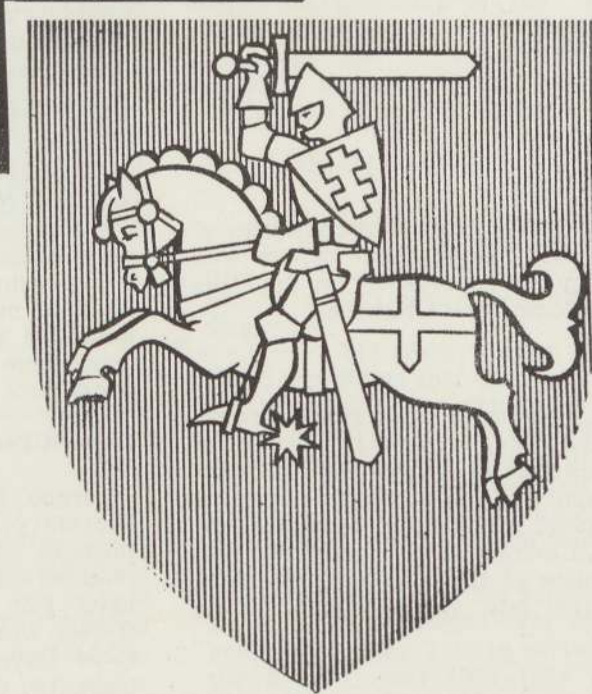
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New England District, Host

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
58th NATIONAL
CONVENTION**



58th National Convention Motto
AUŠRA NAUJOS GADYNĖS TEKA
THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA

**FRANCISCAN MONASTERY
KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE**

And so it was... a new era for the K of L, in new surroundings. Less formal, but more congenial... fewer "services", but more opportunity to "do your own thing". Perhaps it was the clear Maine air, or the quiet but breathtakingly beautiful surroundings of the Lithuanian Franciscan Monastery, or the most welcome presence of more K of L families, with children of all ages, that made this convention so refreshingly new and different. Whatever the reason, from the time of the first K of L arrivals on Sunday, Aug. 22, to the last departure on Monday, Aug. 30, the monastery gardens and buildings abounded with happy sounds, smiling faces, and evidence of a burst of new energy in the K of L.

Business sessions were better-attended than ever before (at least 85 and as many as 110 delegates and guests attended each plenary session), and more members expressed their ideas for the betterment of the organization. Numerous important resolutions were passed, both for improving organizational and for obtaining outside support from political and religious leaders for causes vital to Lithuanians.

Each mid-day, delegates paused to attend Holy Mass, celebrated or concelebrated by some of the many members of the clergy in attendance.

Social activities boasted of formal and informal, fun-making and news-making functions. Ladies' outfits ranged from shorts to pants-suits to granny dresses to cocktail dresses, and entertainment included an outdoor lobster and clam bake and indoor ballroom and folk dancing, community singing, excellent soloists, and of course the very exciting introduction and be-medaling of Capt. Roberts Brieze, the seaman who told the world of the tragedy of Simas Kudirka.

The following pages recall the highlights of the 58th National Convention, from business and social aspects. We hope they will serve to help individuals, councils and districts plan their future programs based on ideas and suggestions discussed during those four important days.

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

The 58th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania State of the Organization report was compiled from the annual reports of the Supreme Council Officers and Committee Chairman.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

The Knights of Lithuania is most grateful to its Spiritual Advisor, the Rev. Albert J. Contons of Brighton, Mass. for his counsel and guidance throughout the year. His report to the convention appears elsewhere in this issue. Sincerest congratulations are extended to Rev. Contons on his recent election to the post of President of the Lithuanian Priests' League, replacing the late Rev. John C. Jutt.

PRESIDENT

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Newark, National President presided at Supreme Council meetings held in Newark, Pittsburgh, and Worcester, and directed national K of L activities during the year. His full report appears elsewhere in this issue. The Knights of Lithuania is appreciative to Prof. Stukas for the many hours and concentrated efforts extended for the good of the K of L.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Juniors Vice-President, Albert Jaritis of So. Boston, attended Supreme Council meetings in Newark and Worcester. He assisted in the Juniors' program in New England, and proposed possible contests in photography, art, and essays for Juniors. He also did some preliminary work in setting up a ritual point system for Juniors.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Membership Vice-President Frank Zapolis of Chicago designed a new triplicate-form membership application, which is being printed and will be described in VYTIS when available. He conducted a membership drive, whose results appear under "Official Highlights" in this issue. Of the 39 active councils, 17 had gains, 16 had losses and 6 remained the same. A net gain of 26 members was realized.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Seniors Vice-President Vincent Ed. Pavis of Youngstown attended one Supreme Council meeting in Pittsburgh. He reported a general lack of interest of councils in the Seniors movement, judging from the extremely poor response received from councils to his request for information on and suggestions for improvement of the Senior Councils. He nonetheless urges more councils to establish Senior Councils and to require those over 35 to join, so as to leave the regular councils in the hands of younger members.

RECORDING SECRETARY

During her year as Recording Secretary, Nancy Kober of Great Neck, notified all officers, committee members and Honorary members of Supreme Council meetings, attended two meetings, (in Newark and Pittsburgh), and kept a record and mailed the minutes of those meetings to all parties concerned. She also compiled and mailed the official list of officers and committee chairmen, and the list of council presidents and secretaries.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Irene Rakaitis of Chicago, National Financial Secretary, reported a gain of 110 members and a loss of 84, leaving a net gain of 26, for a total membership as of Aug. 1971, of 1620. 6 councils have 100 or more members - C-7, Waterbury, C-26, Worcester, C-29, Newark, C-79, Detroit, C-96 Dayton, and C-112 Chicago. There are 39 councils, including 6 senior councils. One council, Pittsburgh Seniors, was dropped for non-payment of dues.

TREASURER

Stella Sankal of Cleveland attended one Supreme Council Meeting, and handled her duties with efficiency. The records of our organization were properly maintained and funds wisely invested. Her records were audited by Trustee Frank Gudelis before Convention and were made available to all interested delegates during the Convention.

TRUSTEES

Trustees Algerd Brazis of Chicago and Frank Gudelis of Dayton were not present at the Convention, but Mr. Gudelis traveled to Cleveland prior to the convention, where he audited the Treasurer's books, together with Honorary Member Juozas Sadauskas.

LEGAL ADVISOR

No report was received from National Legal Advisor, Anthony Stokna of Amsterdam, due to his illness. However, Mr. Stokna is currently handling the legalities of obtaining records and remaining monies from former Scholarship Fund Treasurer Irene Wood.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

No report was received from Illinois-Indiana President Algerd Brazis of Chicago.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

President Vincent Ed. Pavis of the MCD reported that the district's 23rd Annual Convention was held in Cleveland on Oct. 17, 1970. The 24th will be held in Detroit, Mich. on Oct. 9-10, 1971. The planned 1971 K of L Camp Dainava Week was cancelled due to lack of interest and support on the part of the membership, but the project will be reconsidered for 1972.

A most successful Pilgrimage to the Three Crosses Shrine, Dayton, was held Sun., June 27, 1971, and was preceded by a Lithuanian Luau at the home of Mary Lucas. Numerous other activities were sponsored by the 9 individual councils in the district.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

No report was given by District President Anne Klem of Kearny. However, Miss Klem attended the Convention and served on the Nominating Committee.

CALIFORNIA

No report was submitted.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

President Longinas Svelnis of So. Boston, reported that the NED has in its active council list 8 regular, 1 senior and 1 junior council. Also, C-18, Cambridge is being reactivated and will host the District's Fall Convention. The 4th Cultural Picnic is planned for Sept. 12 and the second TV Mass will be held Apr. 9, 1972 in Boston. Main efforts of the NED were concentrated on hosting the 58th National Convention.

VYTIS

Editor Loretta Stukas of Newark, with her staff of Anthony Yuknis, Rita Ochs, Josephine Zukas, Mary Kober, Balys Vyliaudas, Marilyn Kareiva, and Irene Sankus, published 9 issues - 7 monthly and 2 bi-monthly, since assuming their duties in Nov. 1970. Printing is done by VI VI Press, and mailing by Harper & Co., both of Chicago. \$450.00 was realized from VYTIS Christmas greetings, thus assisting with the financing of the publication. No major problems have been encountered, and members' response has been favorable. Future plans for regular columns include Letters to the Editor, Lithuanian Recipes, Editorials, and others.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee, as well as the entire K of L organization, suffered a tragic loss with the sudden and untimely death last June of Rev. C. Jutt, Lithuanian Affairs Committee Honorary Chairman.

Before his death, Father Jutt reported informally to the President that this had been a record year for publicity and letter writing for the Lithuanian cause, due in great part to the defection attempts of Lithuanians Simas Kudirka, the Brazinskas' and the Simokaitis'. Father also assisted the VYTIS Editor in preparing the June-July issue of VYTIS which commemorated the 25th Anniversary of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

At the request of the Supreme Council President, District and Councils held special masses for the soul of Father Jutt in various K of L cities. Also, the K of L year 1971-1972 was designated as the "Rev. John Jutt Memorial Year." Members are urged, as a tribute to Father Jutt, to intensify their efforts in working with this Committee.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Mary Jankowski of Worcester, concentrated her efforts in the New England District, but had mail contact with the chairmen of other Districts' and councils' Cultural Chairmen. She attended two S.C. Meetings, supplied information when requested, and assisted with cultural displays at the National Convention and the NED Cultural Picnic.



RITUAL COMMITTEE

The National Ritual Committee, Frank Zager of Detroit, Chairman, Rita Pinkus of Worcester and Helen (Zimmer) Skudra of Chicago, reported that 10 councils reported on their ritual activity. 18 First, 17 Second, and 7 Third Degrees were reported. 8 members were scheduled to receive the Fourth Degree during the convention but only 5 of these were present to receive the degree. The committee requested that applications for 3rd and 4th degrees give better information as the specific activities and offices for which points are awarded.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report was submitted, but a resolution was passed to present Longinas Svelnis with Honorary Membership at the 59th National Convention.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Reports were received from Juozas Sadauskas of Cleveland and Susan Boroskas of Brockton. Mr. Sadauskas publicized the K of L activities of Cleveland and the MCD, as well as several S.C. meetings, widely in the Lithuanian press. Mrs. Boroskas concentrated her efforts mainly on getting an appreciation of Lithuanian culture and knowledge of Lithuanian activities across to the younger genera-

tion of Liths and to non-Liths in the NED, by spreading English language books and pamphlets about Lithuania, and by exhibits and radio coverage.

Mention must also be made of excellent publicity work done by A. Skirius of California, V. Samaska of Chicago, F. Vaskas of Newark and H. Kulber of New York.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Chairman Dr. Jack J. Stukas of Newark met with committee members Gerald Zager (Detroit) and Walter Svekla (Philadelphia) during the convention to select 3 recipients of the 1971 award. The winners are introduced elsewhere in this issue. Dr. Stukas also reported that no final report has been received from former treasurer Irene Wood of Amsterdam. Mr. Zager presented a financial report of the Fund for the past year.

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Rev. Raila thanked the K of L for its past support and donations of \$278 received to date from the organization. He further asked councils and districts to become more active in assisting the LCRA's work, morally and financially.

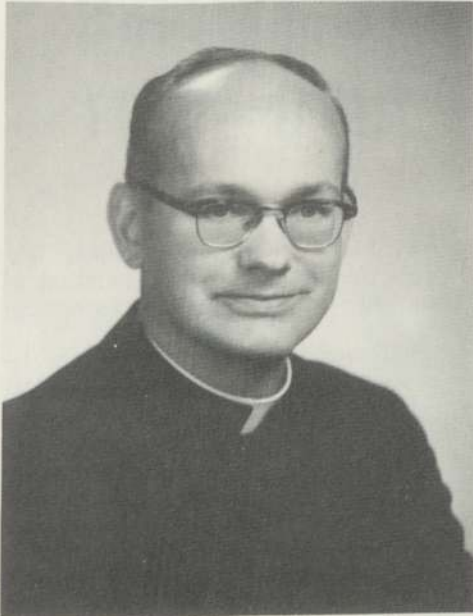
Father Raila also strongly urged that more efforts be concentrated on seeking out new leaders from the ranks of the youth.



The many sides of a Convention... Prayer, Work, Play. Top left: Rev. Titas Narbutas and Rev. Stanley Raila distribute Communion to Aldona Zaunius, Frank Zager, Bert Stoskus, and others. Top right: Loretta Stukas, Father Val, A. Zaunius, and Albinas Zukauskas at work. Bottom left: Jeanne and Larry Janonis, Al Ozalis, Alice and Benedict Karklius enjoy a break. Bottom right: Father Val, Ellen and Mike (Jr.) Grigaliunas and others enjoy the fresh air.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

1970 - 1971



Dear Delegates and Guests:

It has been a source of satisfaction to have the privilege of serving as Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor during the past year.

As a result of the Chicago convention in August of 1970, I prepared an article entitled RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN LITHUANIA - SOVIET MYTH. This article was published in the Boston Pilot, Vytis, and Garsas. We arranged with Immaculata Press to print 10,000 copies in leaflet form. These were circulated through various K. of L. Councils and others. It proved most useful in many ways: distribution to the members of the Boston Priests' Senate, Lithuanian Priests' League, National Convention of the General Women's Clubs in Pittsburgh (900 copies).



Rev. Julius Jutt, Bishop Brizgys, Revs. A. Janiunas, Anthony Jutt, A. Contons, W. Karaveckas at Rev. John Jutt Memorial Mass.

The financial aspect of the printing of the leaflet is as follows:

INCOME			
From Sales			\$108.50
EXPENSE			
Printing			
(Immaculata Press)	90.00		
Mailing	4.50	94.50	
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		BALANCE	\$ 14.00

I am most grateful to all who helped in circulating these leaflets.

During the past year I attended Supreme Council meetings in Chicago (post convention), Newark in November, New England District Conventions in Athol (Sept.) and Brockton (May), convention planning meeting of the New England District in Maironis Park, etc.

In the aftermath of the Simas Kudirka incident I wrote letters concerning this matter in the name of the K. of L. to the Boston Herald, President Nixon, Senators Kennedy and Brooke, Secretaries of State and Transportation and introduced an appropriate resolution in the Boston Priests' Senate, which unanimously passed it.

appropriate articles for the Christmas and Easter issues.

It was with the deepest regret that I learned of the untimely and tragic death of Father John Jutt. Unfortunately, I was in Europe with a student travel-study tour June 26 - August 5 and was unable to attend the funeral service.

May God bless all of you who are so devoted to the ideals and work of the Knights of Lithuania!

Vytiškai,
Rev. Albert J. Contons
Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor



Father Contons consults with Joe Boley and Adele Gabalis.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES 1970 - 1971

(Summaries of reports of other national officers and national committee chairmen are given separately, as has been done in previous years, and therefore are not herewith included).

As President, I again spoke at numerous social, cultural and political affairs during the year. I sent numerous letters and telegrams in the name of the K of L, seeking political aid for the Brazinskas', Simas Kudirka and Simokaitis' occurrences. In addition, I organized a prayer campaign for Mr. Kudirka, with masses sponsored by the K of L in various cities throughout the country. This campaign received considerable publicity in the local American press. The cooperation of all K of L'ers in this prayer campaign is deeply appreciated.

A recording (l/p) of the Papal Mass and ceremonies of the Blessing of the Lithuanian Chapel in Rome, in 1970, is now in production and will soon be released by Eurotone Records. It is being done in the name of the K of L, without cost to our organization. However we must distribute as many as possible to help the company at least recoup its costs. It will sell for \$5.00, with quantity discounts available.

I called, and participated in Supreme Council meetings: Nov. 8, 1970 in Newark, N.J.; Mar. 28, 1971 in Pittsburgh, Pa., and June 27, 1971 in

Shrewsbury, Mass. (Maironis Park). Formulated agendas for the meetings, and handled all correspondence and action on matters discussed and voted on.

In this connection, your President is unhappy over the fact, that many Supreme Council officers and National Committee Chairmen do not participate in SC meetings, nor do they submit reports as requested. In the future, similar to the Amerikos Lietuviu Bendruomene organization, SC officers should be concentrated in one District or area to make frequent and fruitful meetings possible, or SC officers from faraway areas should be reimbursed in full for their transportation expenses. However, there is no excuse for the non-submission of required reports.

From July 15 to 30, your President led an unofficial K of L tour, sponsored by the Jersey Shore Travel Agency, to 3 Scandinavian countries. Our group comprised 10 people.

I have agreed to organize, and assume responsibility, for a 15 or 17 day trip, approved by the SC, to be sponsored by the K of L, to 5 South American countries: Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. Cost per person, approx. \$800. Through 5 joint programs (concert-folk dance fetes), one in each country to be visited, K of L'ers participating would be able to meet local Lithuanian youth and possibly start an international K of L movement. The trip would take place in late June or early July, 1972.

In July, of this year, with great sadness I attended the funeral of Rev. J. Jutt, who for 25 years of hard work on his Lithuanian Affairs Committee, endeared himself to all of us and was an inspiration and a beacon of light to us. I appreciate the various Districts sponsoring memorial masses for the repose of his soul, in accordance with my request.

And finally, I am still seeking active cooperation with other major Lithuanian organizations in this country, by the K of L, especially the Bendruomene and Altas, for only in unity with all, shall we find strength in our work and activities for God and Country.

Nuoširdžiai ir Vytiškai Jūsų,

Jack J. Stukas
President,
August, 1971

ROBERTS M. BRIEZE

14th RECIPIENT OF THE FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD

Now named "The Rev. John C. Jutt - Jutkevičius" Award Medal

Following is the text of talk given by National President Dr. Jack J. Stukas, in awarding the Gold Medal to Mr. Brieze, during the Closing Banquet of the 58th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, on Sunday, Aug. 29, 1971, at the Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine.

Mr. Toastmaster, Your Excellency, Bishop Brizgys, Vicar General, Reverend Fathers, Knights and Ladies of Lithuania...

This afternoon, our organization is honored and privileged to pay due respect to a modern "Paul Revere." We all recall from our American history the midnight ride of Paul Revere, who rode through the entire night, arousing his countrymen that the British were coming...

Our esteemed guest, ROBERTS M. BRIEZE, last November 23rd, similarly called the attention of the American nation and the entire world as well, to the tragic story of a Lithuanian seaman, Simas Kudirka, who had jumped from a Soviet ship and sought asylum on an American coast guard cutter, the "Vigilant", in American territorial waters, was severely beaten by Russian seamen on the American ship and in an unconscious state, returned to the Soviet vessel in an American lifeboat. Surely Our Lady of Liberty, whose statue has stood for many years in New York harbor and who represents America's promise and will to be a haven for all those who flee oppression and discrimination, must have covered her eyes in shame that fateful day...

Had it not been for our esteemed guest, who like Paul Revere,



Dr. J. Stukas presents Mr. Roberts Brieze with Medal, as Anthony Miner looks on.

shouted the incident in rightful indignation to the world, Simas Kudirka and his great sacrifice would not have been made known. Yes, Mr. Brieze, you were the Paul Revere of America last year, telling the whole world of the injustice rendered Simas Kudirka, and of the tragedy of the Baltic peoples of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, who lost their freedom and independence after World War II to the Soviets, whose armies occupied their lands and to this very day refuse to return freedom and independence to them.

I don't think that Mr. Brieze realized, that in alerting the world to the Simas Kudirka tragedy, that he would call the attention of all nations to the plight of the Baltic States formerly sovereign member states of the League of Nations prior to World War II, whose people were decimated, tortured, exiled and incarcerated when the Communist Russian forces oc-

cupied them in 1940. Almost every newspaper and every radio station in the Free World last November carried an account of the Kudirka incident, and at the same time, recalled the unhappy fate of the Balts.

Just a few weeks ago, the free world was again reminded of the Simas Kudirka incident and the denial of liberties to the Baltic peoples by the Russians, when an account of his trial in Vilnius was somehow, albeit miraculously released...

Asked whether he considered himself guilty, Simas Kudirka answered: "I do not consider myself guilty, since I did not betray my homeland, Lithuania. I do not consider Russia, called the Soviet Union, my homeland." In the trial, Kudirka reflected on the waves of Lithuanians that went with their young to the concentration camps, and how the death of Stalin saved his people from physical extermination. He continued: "Now we are destined to die a much slower death - assimilation. However, we don't want to die. For 10 years our brothers in the woods, the Lithuanian partisans, fought for Lithuanian freedom and 50,000 of them were lost." Simas Kudirka stated further: "A new young generation has grown up, which intends to take the same road as their fathers." Before sentencing, Kudirka declared that he was a devout Catholic and wished to have a priest to give him the last rites of the Catholic Church. He had but one request: "THAT YOU GRANT MY HOMETLAND LITHUANIA INDEPENDENCE." Fortunately, he was not sentenced to death but to 10 years labor in a strict regime camp



Mr. & Mrs. Brieze, after Award Presentation, with Dr. Stukas and Mr. Miner. Seated: Rev. Dyburys, Rev. Narbutas, Mrs. Stukas.

with confiscation of personal property.

As President of the Knights of Lithuania, I was honored to receive a personal reply from President Nixon to my telegrams of protest. He regretted the incident and promised that he would see to it, this would never happen again on American soil or in American waters... The further action we Knights and Ladies of Lithuania will take, is embodied in a resolution that was formulated and approved at this memorable convention, which I will read again to you following the presentation of our award...

(Ed. Note - Resolution is printed on "Resolutions" page, elsewhere in this issue.)

Mr. Brieze knows only too well the face of Communist imperialism and perfidy. He was born in Riga, Latvia, sister republic of Lithuania in 1921, is married, and the father of three lovely daughters. His father was a building contractor. When the Soviet forces occupied his homeland Latvia, his father, mother, brother and sister were deported to Siberian concentration camps where they perished. He and one sister, fortunately, were able to hide during the Soviet scourge and eventually flee to Germany. Later, he managed to escape to Sweden. In 1949, Mr. Brieze along with other Baltic refugees succeeded in acquiring an old English minesweeper, which they adapted to use in the North Atlantic. It was even capable in time of difficulty, to be run on sails...

In 1950, on August 4th, about 100 Baltic refugees, seeking a new homeland, undertook the dangerous venture of crossing the mighty and forboding Atlantic in this vessel. It took them 25 days to cross the Atlantic and they were held six months by our Immigration authorities in Boston.

However, in recognition of this spectacular voyage to freedom in America, by a special act of the United States Congress, the Baltic refugees were given the right to remain and live in the United States. Since 1951, Mr. Brieze and his family have lived in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. As an able and experienced seaman, Mr. Brieze now has two fishing vessels and is President of the New Bedford Seafood Producers Association.

Such is the background of the man the Knights of Lithuania honor today. A man who knows what it is to lose his homeland, his family and his freedom. No wonder, then, that Mr. Brieze alerted the world to what happened to Simas Kudirka and to American ideals on that fateful day last November. We all know some of the details of this unfortunate incident which were published by a special congressional committee which investigated it. I am sure you will want to hear the story in a few minutes from Mr. Brieze himself who witnessed this sordid affair.

YOU, MR. ROBERTS M. BRIEZE, from our "braliutautas" Latvija, gave not only to the Lithuanian nation but also to Latvia

and Estonia a true hero, Simas Kudirka. Even your presence here this afternoon, has given valuable attention in the American Press and Radio to the cause of freedom for the Balts. We cannot measure the tremendous contribution you have made to freedom-loving people all over the world. As a seaman, you have lighted a new and more reliable beacon of freedom, a new lighthouse of liberty, for all oppressed peoples who long for freedoms lost. And the light you have made shines with ever increasing intensity, in an ocean of despair, dejection and abandon. Yes, Mr. Brieze, you are the man of the hour... the Paul Revere of oppressed nations and peoples. The Balts are indebted to you, and shall never forget your singular, great contribution to our noble cause - the liberation of the



Helen Kulber, National Public Relations Chairman, discusses Latvian press with Mr. Brieze.

Baltic states. And our great organization, the Knights of Lithuania, meeting at this 58th National Convention in Kennebunkport, Maine, shall never rest and we shall always work, strive, pray and sacrifice until one day soon, the three Baltic states of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, will join that great family of states, the United Nations, as free, and independent countries. LAI DZIVO BRIVA LATVIJA, ELAGU EESTI VABARYK, TEGYVUOJA NEPRIKLAUSOMA LIETUVA...

Knights and Ladies of Lithuania, I present MR. ROBERTS M. BRIEZE, noble son of our "braliutautas" Latvija... the Reverend John Jutt (Jutkevicius) Knights of Lithuania Gold Medal of Honor, for his outstanding contribution to the cause of Baltic Freedom.

FREEDOM and DIVINE PROVIDENCE

by Msgr. William Cuneen, V.G.

Sermon delivered by Msgr. William Cuneen, V.G., Representative of the Bishop of Portland, during the Convention Closing Mass, Sunday, Aug. 29, 1971.

"Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men reproach you, and persecute you, and, speaking falsely, say all manner of evil against you, for my sake. Rejoice and exult because your reward is great in heaven." Matt. V 10-12.

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before you... No servant is greater than his master. If they have persecuted me they will persecute you also... these things I have spoken to you that you may not be scandalized." John XV 18, 20, 21, XVI 1.

In your native land of Lithuania you would not be able to gather in peace and tranquility this day to join Christ as He offers Himself through the human instruments of myself and the priests who will celebrate this Mass with me. I bring you greetings of Bishop Gerety and Auxiliary Bishop O'Leary. As a Vicar General of this diocese of Portland, I officially represent the diocese within whose territory your priests have found a home.

When I was assigned to this honor I asked the priests here at St. Anthony's to give me information about Lithuania. Loss of independence negatively affected Lithuanian research and publication in the West. For the past 2 weeks I was on vacation and had ample opportunity to read a book of 259 pages entitled, "Lithuania Under the Soviets - Portrait of a Nation 1940-1965." After an opening chapter on Lithuania from the closing years of the twelfth century up to World War I, I read of your nation's struggle for independence between the two World Wars, and the history of foreign occupation and subjugation by Russia, then by Germany under Hitler, and then again by Russian Communism which is enduring unto this day. What happens to a nation's cultural and ethnic heritage when it becomes absorbed into a nation like Russia, whose language it does not speak, whose political system is abhorrent to its people, whose traditions are alien? The tragedy of Lithuania caught in a pincer between Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia, your nation's struggle to retain independence first from Russia and then from Germany - this was the message of this book. It made an overwhelming impression on me and evoked a deep admiration for the heroism of the Lithuanian people. Naturally, as a priest, I



Msgr. Cuneen (left) during Convention Mass, with Revs. Narbutas and Karaveckas and Bishop Brizgys.

read and re-read the chapter on "Soviet Policy Toward Religion" in your native land. Since both Nazism and Communism as political philosophies are based on the theory that the state is absolute, they have to deny the existence of God and strive to destroy belief in Him in human beings, and force religion to cease among its leading people by preventing them from fulfilling their duties to God. Read the Declaration of Independence of the Founding Fathers of this land which you have adopted and in which you have found refuge from Communist tyranny. A brief review of that will point out that they too believed that your rights come from God and not from the state.

Roman Catholicism is the traditional religion of Lithuania. It has deep historical roots and commands strong, almost universal support. In 1939 Pope Pius XII called Lithuania the outpost of Catholicism in North Europe. In 1940, 94% of all ethnic Lithuanians were Catholic. In 1940 there were 2 archdioceses and 4 dioceses with 3 archbishops, 9 bishops, 1439 priests, 708 churches and four seminaries. So from June 1940 to June, 1941, the first Soviet occupation, Moscow used all of its powers to destroy the Church: 1. Church property was confiscated, church funds likewise, so the Church lost all property, capital, and sources of income. 2. Religious education of youth was banned. 3. The Church was isolated from public life, hoping adults would "forget their religion." Persons seen in Church were threatened, Holy days abolished, Christmas and Easter made work days and those failing to report for work were punished, and



Msgr. Cuneen greets Closing Banquet guests.

seminaries were closed. Why deceive young men, who, when they became priests would have nothing to do? They hoped that priests would abandon vocations and take secular jobs, but none were converted. Priests were condemned as "enemies of the people", exploiters of the working class." Destroy priests at any price! Spy on them!

During the second Russian occupation in 1957, there was a mass deportation of clergy. Bishop Vincentas Borisevicius was arrested and condemned to death. Two other Bishops were deported to labor camps; churches were closed; seminaries were reduced to to one with 25 students.

A period of intense attack began in 1957 bringing with it anti-religious propaganda, war on the clergy, obstacles to worship, and formal restraints on religious practices carried out by police methods. Atheistic propaganda flourished. During 1960, 80,000 lectures were given by 779 groups. Concentrating on youth, schools of atheism were founded. Youth cannot be helped by the Church, for Church attendance is a crime. At home? If parents act, children are taken from them by court decision and entrusted to state institutions. Either declare yourself an atheist or lose your job and face reprisals. They paganized religious feasts by destroying their religious character. Thus, Easter became a spring festival; Pentecost a day celebrating the shepherd and his herds; St. John's Day a summer solstice festival. When no substitute for a feast day can be found, festivities are arranged and young people are required to attend and thus are prevented from attending church. To offset the ceremonial effect of baptism, confirmation, marriage and funerals, civil rites have been substituted for religious ones. Well known Marian shrines are either destroyed or priests are barred from visiting them, pilgrims are intimidated and discouraged, roads are blocked, transportation refused, visitors are searched and arrested.

Churches that remain open as of now, are state property and must be rented by the parishes with rents extremely high. Since parishioners had to pay these rents, these were increased 3 and 4 times hoping the faithful would tire of this burden. Although

there is a war against the clergy, the campaign against religion has not produced the desired results. People still hold on to their "superstitions." Pushed off the mountain, the Church descended to the valleys and continues its work. Even Moscow has found that Lithuanians are still quite religious and conscientiously attend church on holy days. So - a campaign of slander against the clergy: accuse them of all sorts of crimes, and the clergy have no opportunity to defend themselves.

Police methods are used in the following ways: communication with the Vatican is discouraged, Bishops deported, the Church is administered to the last detail by the Commissar for Affairs of the Cult which specifies when and how long church bells can ring. No priest can fulfill his duties or occupy any position without permission of this Commissary. Clergy cannot teach catechism to children. Priests cannot visit sick in hospitals. There are no religious publications in Lithuania today.

Ergo, the importance of basic truths in our USA Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence is very cornerstone of our Democracy. We cannot take the Declaration and its far reaching implications for granted. It is the foundation of all American life. Academic freedom to peddle all sorts of doctrines is a cloak under which subversive agents work. I am free to sell good food, but I am not free to sell poisoned food. Guard against use of freedom to destroy freedom.

If we neglect the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, human liberties which all of us cherish, will be lost. Bound up as they are with the truth repeatedly recognized in the Declaration - that the rights of each of us come from God and that no state can take them from us - we feel safe in accepting the rights but forgetting the source of these rights

171 years ago, our Founding Fathers adopted a charter recognized as one of the noblest documents of all time. They based its authority on Almighty God. Four times they referred to God. Members of Congress were even more explicit. For them the idea of God had to be integrated with everything if men were not to forget that their rights, liberties, and life itself come from God. Human rights come from Source of all rights, not out of thin air. This can be accounted for only by the acceptance of the teaching of divine revelation in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament held in common by the Jewish religion of the synagogue and all of Christianity - Protestant, Greek Orthodox, and Catholic. Nowhere but in that teaching is such a doctrine to be found. The very words "inalienable rights" used in the Declaration of Independence to characterize life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, are meaningless unless they refer to the divine origin of these rights. From the Judeo-Christian view of man these rights flow; form any other view, and no rights flow. Undermining this religious foundation of our national life prepares the way for the advent of the totalitarian omnipotent

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The idea of "giving"... especially where the K of L Scholarship Fund is concerned, has certainly caught on. Members are most generous each year with their donations to this most worthy cause, and as a result the K of L can also be generous in helping young members realize their life's goals, by assisting them in the financing of their education.

During the 58th National Convention's Closing Banquet, August 29, 1971 National K of L President and Scholarship Committee Chairman Jack J. Stukas presented scholarship totaling \$1000 to three worthy young K of L-ers, thus helping them to further their studies. Following is the text of Dr. Stukas' presentation of the Scholarships:

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is pleased this afternoon to award the 13th annual Canon Kemešis Knights of

Lithuania scholarship stipends to three deserving members...

As has been the case in previous years, highly qualified candidates have made the selections difficult. This year's selection committee included yours truly as chairman; Walter Svekla of Philadelphia, and Gerald Zager, Committee Treasurer, of Detroit. The selections have been based on an extensive and thorough investigation and analysis of the applicant's previous academic records, financial need, character, religiosity, organizational service and dedication to the principles of the Knights of Lithuania.

The selections we Trustees have made should assist worthy and deserving Knights and Ladies of Lithuania in furthering their college education. This year, the awards total \$1000.00, and will be paid to the recipients in two installments, one-half of the award prior to the start of each semester.

Our heartiest congratulations this afternoon to the three winners: The first award, in the amount of \$500.00, goes to: ROBERTA CHRISTINE DILLIS, of Council 1, Brockton, Massachusetts. Roberta will be studying at Stonehill College, in North Easton, Massachusetts. She plans to obtain certification as an elementary education teacher. Roberta has been both president and vice president of the C-1 Jr. K. of L., has been active in the drama club, chorus, and in softball, is a member of the society of outstanding American High School Students, Who's Who in High Schools, and has received the award for Outstanding Christian Womanhood and the National High School award for excellence. Both her parents are also active K of L members. She has been personally

involved in many K of L - CYO activities. Her guidance director, at school, Sister Vincentius, has this to say of Roberta: - "She has an excellent personality and a strong character. She reflects the fine home training she has received. She is well rooted in the ideals that make strong character and worthy womanhood."

The Second Award, in the amount of \$300.00, goes to: KATHERINE ALKSNINIS, also of the Junior K of L, C-1, Brockton, Massachusetts. She is entering into a program of nursing at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, in Boston. This young lady, in addition, has been active in her high school drama club, the Red Cross council, and in track. She has maintained high honors at school, and is greatly interested in her Lithuanian heritage. She was recently awarded a trophy in recognition for distinguished service as a



Roberta C. Dillis



Katherine Alksninis



member of the K of L - CYO for the past two years. Kathy has had a strong desire to go into nursing since childhood. The Knights of Lithuania is happy to assist her in this endeavor.

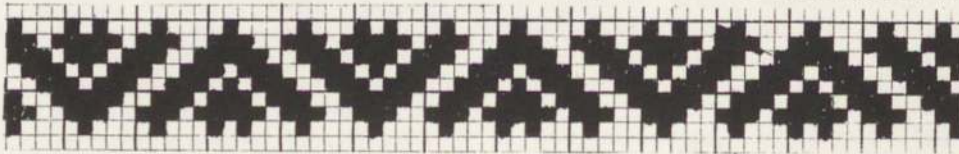
Our Third Knights of Lithuania Canon Kemešis scholarship award for 1971, goes to DRASIS PAJEDA, in the amount of \$200. Drasis is a member of Council 26, Worcester, is an ex-marine who has served in Viet Nam, and has been very active in sports, Lithuanian folk dance groups, and Boy Scouts. He speaks Lithuanian fluently, and his entire family, especially his sister Wanda, is very active in K of L activities.



Drasis Pajeda

According to the recommendations he has received, he is a fine gentleman, an outstanding Lithuanian and a capable person. He plans to make teaching physical

education his career in grade or secondary schools. He wishes to develop young people in athletics, for, as he says in his own words, "through sports young people learn how to get along with others and learn the true meaning of pride and sportsmanship." He hopes to continue his work with organizing and teaching junior knights. His guidance counselor said of him: "Drasis is a conscientious and fine young man, deserving of any assistance we can give him, while his employer said - "I have met many young men in my 30 years as a foreman, but Drasis has to be up among the first ten. He is a credit to his race."



FREEDOM AND DIVINE PROVIDENCE

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state. Marx, Stalin, Hitler - they knew this and built their systems on it.

Marx expressed himself in regard to the nature and rights of human being this way in his "Das Kapital": "The democratic concept of man is false because it is Judeo-Christian. The democratic concept holds that each man is a sovereign being. This is the illusion, dream, and postulate of Judeo-Christianity."

Hitler said, "To the Judeo-Christian doctrine of the infinite significance of the human soul, I oppose with icy clarity the saving doctrine of the nothingness and insignificance of the human being." This explains why all these totalitarian systems imprison rabbis, ministers, and priests.

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds, which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation". This statement emphasizes the fact that Natural Law depends on God.

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." They did not want Americans in

generations ahead to forget that human rights come from the Source of all rights, and not out of thin air. This doctrine had come down through long centuries. Jews, for thousands of years, had kept alive the sublime concept that he derives his rights from his Creator, and therefore, he has the solemn obligation to each of his fellow men in whom he should see a child of God.

"To secure these rights, governments were instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Governments exist for men; not vice-versa as Communists say. God made man a social being, ergo - society. For society, law is necessary. "Whenever government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it." Toward the end of the document, they appealed "to the Supreme Judge of the world" for the rectitude of their intentions.

It closes thus: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance of the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Your great contribution for this country would be to make known your own country's experience under Soviet Communism. Communists in this country have been working to scuttle the Declaration of Independence. They see that most Americans are taking the Declaration for granted and forget it. Academic freedom is not license. I am free to sell good oysters but not bad ones.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ELECTIONS

It was a most pathetic tragedy, that in this, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary year of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, the founder of the Committee, our beloved Father John C. Jutt, died before he could join us in celebrating the Silver Jubilee of this extremely important and highly evaluated committee which he led since its inception, and to which he had devoted so much time and effort.

Because of my great and abiding admiration for Father John, I felt greatly honored to be elected National Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee at the 58th National Convention. However, being fully aware that I cannot in any way measure up to Father John and his ability, I can only pledge to do my utmost to keep the Lithuanian Affairs Committee functioning within the framework established by Father John.

I now earnestly request the assistance of all K of L members. Please send any and all clippings from newspapers and magazines, information of radio broadcasts, television programs, and notes gleaned from books which deal with Lithuania or Lithuanians in any manner whatsoever to me for evaluation and the compiling of bulletins. Please include the complete addresses, if available, of these sources so that we could communicate with them.

God willing, with your help, we shall be able to maintain the Lithuanian Affairs Committee as: a very effective weapon in the defense of Lithuania, its ideals, and its inherent right to be again an independent and sovereign nation; a means of attracting attention to the Lithuanian political and religious situation; a powerful factor in gaining the support of U.S. and U.N. officials for resolutions favorable to the Lithuanian cause; and finally, a vehicle for rectifying erroneous and intentionally harmful or derogatory statements about Lithuania and Lithuanians.

The motto of the K of L, "For God and Country", commands us to support the Lithuanian Affairs Committee whose aims exactly coincide with our motto.

Please send all pertinent communications to:

National Chairman
Lithuanian Affairs Committee
Anthony M. Miner
49 Bruce St.
Grafton, Mass. 01519

VYČIAI! KALĖDOS NETOLI!

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

District and Council officer elections MUST take place either in the months of September or October, as per the constitutional change made at the 1964 National Convention.

Immediately after the election of new officers, PLEASE send the names and addresses of the officers to National Recording Secretary,

MRS. SUSAN BORASKAS
34 Arthur St.
Brockton, Mass. 02402

The Supreme Council and the National Committee Chairmen cannot operate efficiently without YOUR cooperation. As shown in the reports of the officers, there is a great need for better communication. Let's cooperate, and get those addresses to Susan.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The new National Financial Secretary, Irene Ozalis, reminds us the membership dues are \$5.00 per year and will be due on or before Jan. 1, 1972. She requests that the newly-elected Council Financial Secretaries begin collecting membership dues immediately. Dues should be collected for all year.

Also, to insure your members receiving their VYTIS promptly, please include members ADDRESSES as you send their dues, so that the secretary can verify that her records and those of the mailing company are correct. All dues, as well as address changes and corrections should go to:

MRS. IRENE OZALIS
6148 Erdrick St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19135

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DEADLINE - November 15, 1971

SEIMO

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CONVENTION
IMPRESSIONS

Rugpiūčio 25 - 29 dienomis Kennebunkporte (Maine) įvyko 58-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas. Tai pirmą kartą teko vyčiams susirinkti tokioje gražioje Lietuvos Pranciškonų Sodyboje. Naujosios Anglijos vyčiai tikrai atliko gražų darbą paruošę Seimą su gausia ir turininga programa.

Suvažiavę delegatai kiekvieną rytą, prieš pradėdami posėdžius, turėjo progą išklausti Šv. Mišias ir priimti Šv. Komuniją gražioje koplyčioje.

Pirmą dieną buvo sudarytas Seimo prezidiumas ir išrinktos komisijos. Pradedant darbo posėdžius buvo pasiūlyta ir priimta rezoliucija, kuri ragina vyčius vartoti lietuvių kalbą ne tik šiame Seime, bet ir visose kuopose.

Diskusijų metu paaiškėjo, kad vyčiai atvyko į Seimą su entuziazmu ir gera valia, pasiryžę aukotis savo organizacijos labui. Jie visus jungia, neskaldo, kuria, bet negriauna. Kraštutinybes jie moka gražiai išlyginti, išbalansuoti. Todėl Lietuvos Vyčiai Amerikoje yra igyvendinę bendruomeninę dvasią, susigyvenę į vieną didelę šeimą.

Vyčiai aktyviai reiškiasi tautiniuose darbuose ir greitai reaguoja, kai Lietuvos reikalai to reikalauja. Tokia tautinio darbo talka šiandien yra virtusi Lietuvos Vyčių veiklos pagrindu. Atiduok savo tautai, ką privalai!

Ne paslaptis, kad organizacinė veikla pareina nuo geros vadovybės. Tokią vadovybę mes turime

prof. Dr. Jokūbo Stuko asmenyje. Ir šio Seimo metu Lietuvos Vyčių Pirmininkas Jokūbas Stukas ragino vyčius laikytis lietuviškos linijos, sudaryti vieną katalikišką vieningą šeimą, tarnauti Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Vysk. Brizgys savo kalboje pabrėžė lietuvių kalbos grožį ir garbę ja kalbėti. Jis sakė: kas kalba 2 - 3 kalbomis, tas atstoja 2 - 3 asmenis.

Juozo Boley paruoštas vyčių biuletėnis gražiai priminė, koks turėtų būti vyčiai, kad būtų naudingas savo tėvynei Lietuvai.

Labai išpūdingos buvo 6 kunigų atlaikytos Šv. Mišios a.a. tauraus vyčių dvasios vado kun. John C. Jutt intensija.

Priėmė rezoliuciją Prez. Nixonui, reikalaujanti daryti žygių, kad S. Kudirka būtų išlaisvintas ir išleistas iš Lietuvos atvykti į Ameriką su šeima.

Seimo banketo metu buvo pristatytas latvis Brieze, kuris atidengė visą Simo Kudirkos tragediją. Jam kaip padėka už tai buvo įteiktas Aukso Medalis.

Po to, padėkojus Seimo rengimo komisijai už gerai atliktus darbus ir delegatams už pasišventimą, Seimas buvo uždarytas.

Bendra išvada yra tokia, kad Vyčių Seimus reikėtų organizuoti tokiose vietose kaip Kennebunkport ar panašiose, bet ne liuksu-siniuose viešbučiuose.

A. ir R. Žukauskai
C-29, Newark, N.J.



The Grigaliunas Family

"When I tasted the delicious food and the genuine Lithuanian soups in the Monastery dining room, I felt as though my mother was alive and cooking again."

Helen Grigaliunas,
C-69, Bayonne, N. J.

"Where else could a family of 5 get so much at such a low cost not only food, lodging, and scenery, but also wonderful activities, congenial new friends and a beautiful impression of Lithuanian activity for my children."

Mike Grigaliunas,
C-69, Bayonne, N. J.

"We're already saving our money for next year's convention."

Ellen, Mike, Jr. &
Joseph Grigaliunas,
C-69, Bayonne, N. J.



Presidium Committee



New Englanders relax



"What a Convention! Good company, good food, combined with work and play. Improved my Lithuanian vocabulary through pleasant association. Had the tremendous pleasure of personally expressing my gratitude to ROBERTS BRIEZE."

*Mary York,
C-12, New York, N. Y.*

"Mums Clevelandiečiams atrodo kad paskutinis L. Vyčių org. 58sis seimas buvo vienas iš gražiausių ir demokratiškiausių. Esame labai dėkingi šio seimo rengėjams!"

*Juozas Sadauskas
Cleveland Seniors,
Cleveland, Ohio*

"It was nice to see so many 'new' faces, but we did miss many convention 'regulars.' Perhaps it was the heavy rain that prevented their attendance."

*Helen Kulber
New York Srs., New York*

"Terrific Maine Clam Bake ... but oh, those Maine mosquitoes ...!"

*Gene Gobis
C-100, Amsterdam, N. Y.*



Peter and I were very impressed that a completely "Dievui ir Tėvynei" atmosphere was present throughout the convention.

For example the daily Masses, and prayers at the sessions ... the Lithuanian language still used at the sessions ...the socials included Lithuanian songs and dances the hospitality of the Franciscan Fathers and the wonderful committee members the willingness of the other Lithuanian guests of the Fathers to join us to help enrich our program our rich heritage was always present.

The final banquet was one of the most impressive affairs I have ever attended. An exceptional heartwarming welcome was given to Roberts Brieze, a very sensitive man who was sincerely impressed by the reception he received. It seemed like everyone's heart was so full of gratitude to Mr. Brieze, particularly since he is a Latvian and we have a mutual understanding and goal. This feeling prevailed and filled the atmosphere with a certain magnetism.

*Veronica Bizinkauskas
C-1 - Brockton, Mass.*



"It was heartwarming to see so many delegates and guests attending the Convention Masses daily."

*Annie Mitchell
C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.*

"New England District did a wonderful job on the 58th National Convention. It was my first, but I had such a wonderful time, I'll not miss the second, only in hopes it will come close to this one! Congratulations to all who made this one possible."

*Helen Matthews,
C-12, New York, N.Y.*

"It was a wonderful ... and refreshing ... convention."

*Stella Sankal
Cleveland Seniors,
Cleveland, Ohio*

"We bet Mary Jankowski, wearing her 'mini-pants', could easily win any 'Mrs. America' contest"

Anonymous

"Whew ... So glad you all came.."

*Larry Svelnis & Albert Jāritis
(Convention Co-chairmen)
C-17, So. Boston*



The Clambake before - and after



OFFICIAL CONVENTION PHOTO

REZOLIUCIJOS

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were all approved by the convention delegates.

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WHEREAS, despite proclamations in some quarters there have been statements about communism softening in its policies, factual evidences reveal that ideologically and practically the denaturalization, dechristianization and dehumanization processes, both in private and public life continue with unabated persistency in Lithuania and all communist occupied countries; and

WHEREAS, as of the present moment the Most Reverend Bishop Julius Steponavičius of the diocese of Vilnius, Lithuania has been stripped of his official position merely for his refusal to ordain two seminarians into priesthood, because they were found to have been infiltrators of the communist conspiracy; and

The Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Sladkevičius of Kaišėdoris diocese forbidden to perform his duties because he was consecrated Bishop without the permission of the communist party; and

Father Anthony Šeškevičius at this very moment is serving a one-year prison sentence in Lithuania for the simple crime of teaching Catechism to school-age children; and

WHEREAS, in our own day with the whole world as witness a Lithuanian Seaman, SIMAS KUDIRKA, was seized by communist sailors while seeking asylum aboard the U. S. Vigilant and at this very moment is incarcerated for a period of ten years in a communist prison;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA convening at its 58th National Convention in Kennebunkport, Maine, August 26-29, 1971 unites with Lithuanians all over the world, individuals and organizations, in strongly protesting to the whole world against the above-mentioned inhuman and immoral atrocities committed by the godless communist regime against all communist-subjugated peoples and especially our own Lithuania and Lithuanians; and with the same urgency we appeal to the President of our United States of America, the Congress of the United States, the American Catholic Bishops' Conference and to the members of the United Nations, particularly to those members who have recently obtained freedom and self-rule from the shackles of colonialism with full voice in the family of nations, to extend their utmost efforts that these injustices be rectified and the freedom of LITHUANIA and all subjugated nations be restored.

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WHEREAS, on November 23, 1970, a Lithuanian Seaman, SIMAS KUDIRKA, serving on a Soviet vessel, sought asylum aboard the United States Coast Guard ship, the SS Vigilant, and contrary to all American precedent, Soviet sailors were permitted to board an American vessel in American waters, seize and brutally beat him on the SS Vigilant and forcibly take him back to the Soviet ship and to Soviet-occupied Lithuania, where he is now serving a ten-year term in a communist labor camp for the "crime" of having sought freedom in free American territory.

We, the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, meeting at the Franciscan Monastery, in Kennebunkport, Maine, at our 58th National Convention, August 25-29, 1971, as AMERICANS of Lithuanian descent, express our grief and confusion over the United States officers' disgraceful abandonment of American policy and tradition in permitting this most un-American action and thus contributing to the subsequent incarceration of one of our Lithuanian people and the harassment of his family;

WE, FURTHERMORE, firmly petition the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States, not merely to state words of protest to the Soviet Union over this illegal infraction of international procedure, but to use their official powers to extend every positive means to have SIMAS KUDIRKA and his immediate family brought to the United States, where, at the risk of his very life, he sought refuge.

FURTHER, we, as Americans deeply believe that by such action our own confidence in and respect for basic American principles will be refreshed; and the image of the United States, as the citadel of freedom for all men, will be restored in the eyes of all subjugated nations of the world.

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WHEREAS, Attorney Anthony Oswald Shallna of Boston was recognized by the United States Department in 1939 as Consul of Free Lithuania, whose Exequatur was in full force and effect until his death, June 19, 1971, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime he devoted his energies in behalf of Lithuania's independence, and

WHEREAS, among his written works his booklet "Adjudication of Thaddeus Kosciuszko's Wills" provided documentary proof of Kosciuszko's Lithuanian ancestry; and

WHEREAS, for many years, during his legal secretary's tenure of office in the Knights of Lithuania organization, he kindly allowed his office to be a depository of the K of L files and practically K of L headquarters, and

WHEREAS, he had ties of friendship with Tevas Mykolas Norkunas, founder of the Knights of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS, in the early stages of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, he gave aid and advice in the practical realization of this important sphere of activity, and

WHEREAS, Honorable Shallna was a true friend of the organization and its purposes, BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, convened at Kennebunkport, Maine for its 58th National Convention, pay a deep tribute to ANTHONY OSWALD SHALLNA for all his acts and deeds and wish to send a copy of this tribute to his widow, Attorney Susanne P. Shallna.

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RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Ritual Committee review the system of awarding points toward meriting degrees of members on a more equitable basis for work done.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania elect or appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of erecting a plaque on the site of the school in downtown Manhattan where Dr. Karolis Kuršius - Curtis, a Lithuanian, was the first teacher in 1657, in what was then Niew Amsterdam.

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NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai vieną kartą metuose organizuotų ir vadovautų skaitlingiems pulkams maldininkų vykti į Washingtoną Tautinėje Marijos Šventovėje įkurtą Šiluvos Koplyčią - Lietuvos Globėjos ir Užtarytojos garbei.

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REZOLIUCIJA, kad būtų pakeltas į Garbės Narystę per ateinančią seimą, LONGINAS ŠVELNIS, 17-tos kuopos sendraugis ir Naujosios Anglijos apskrities pirmininkas, pagal rezoliuciją paremtą Naujosios Anglijos apskrities, priimta.

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Kadangi Lietuvos Vyčiai savo seime 1970 metais nutarė įvairiais galimais būdais remti Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės Šalpos veiklą, todėl šis seimas nurodo kad Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos, apskritys, ir Centro Valdyba, bendraujant su savo dvasios vadais, pasirūpintų organizavimu ir veikla Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės Šalpos Rėmėjų skyrių pagal L.K.R.S. Rėmėjų statutą, kuriam pritarė Kunigų Vienybės Seimas.

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai steigia LIETUVIŲ KALBOS IŠLAIKYMO KOMISIJA, kuri kuopoms siunčia paraginimus ir nurodymus kaip puoselėti lietuvių kalbos vartojimą. Komisija panaudoja šiam tikslui organą "Vytį" ir kitas prieinamas priemones žadinti geresnį kalbos pažinimą ir tikslesnį jos vartojimą.

1. Lietuvos Vyčiai kur galima savo susirinkimus ir posėdžius praveda lietuviškai.
2. Lietuvos Vyčiai remia visus lietuviškus institutus įvairiuose universitetuose ir ragina savo narius juose dalyvauti.
3. Lietuvos Vyčiai remia visus lietuviškus parengimus, kurie duoda progos pasidžiaugti lietuviškais meno kūriniais.
4. Lietuvos Vyčiai kur galima dalyvauja lietuviškose pamaldose ir ragina savo klebonus bažnytinėse apeigose naudotis lietuvių kalba.
5. Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos ir apskritys steigia lietuvių kalbos kursus arba kalbos studijų ratelius.
6. Lietuvos Vyčiai skaito ir remia lietuvišką spaudą, klauso ir remia lietuvišką radiją.
7. Lietuvos Vyčiai kooperuoja su kitomis lietuviškomis organizacijomis siekiančiomis panašių tikslų.

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WHEREAS, the high cost of travel can inflict hardships on many Supreme Council members and committee chairmen in attending Supreme Council meetings and thus can interfere with the efficient operation of the organization,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supreme Council pay the transportation expenses of all elected Supreme Council members and National Committee Chairmen who attend the Supreme Council meetings outside their immediate localities, with the following restrictions: That no member be reimbursed for more than two meetings per year, and that each trip reimbursement not exceed \$100.

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While we mourn the loss of our great leader, Rev. John C. Jutt, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a fitting memorial to him, we intensify all our efforts and energies in the furthering of the work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Friend of Lithuania' Award, presented at the National Knights of Lithuania Convention to a prominent figure who has befriended the Lithuanian Cause during the preceding year, hereafter be called the REV. JOHN C. JUTT - JUTKEVICIUS MEDAL., To honor the great man who initiated the award.

WHEREAS, there has been established an Associate Membership in the Knights of Lithuania for non-Lithuanian Catholic spouses, and

WHEREAS it is timely to formulate guidelines for local councils in granting proper recognition for services performed other than through our established ritual program,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a study committee of three be selected at this convention to determine the rights, responsibilities and methods of acknowledging services of Associate Members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recommended guidelines be formulated in time for approval at the 59th National Convention.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the 58th National Convention acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the untiring efforts of the Presidium members, the Sgts-at-Arms, and the members of the Convention Committees.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Knights of Lithuania assembled at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Me. for their 58th National Convention, hereby express their gratitude to the outgoing officers of the Supreme Council for their diligence in performing their K of L duties during the past term.

RESOLVED, that the members of the Knights of Lithuania assembled at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Me. for their 58th National Convention, Aug. 26-29, 1971, hereby express their heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the Franciscan Fathers for their gracious courtesy and complete cooperation in extending the beautiful facilities of the Monastery to the delegates and guests, and supporting our activities with their prayers.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at the Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me., for their 58th National Convention Aug. 26-29, 1971, hereby express their sincerest thanks and deep appreciation to the spiritual advisors, officers, committees, and members of the New England District for their outstanding work in preparing a successful, fruitful, and enjoyable convention.



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GENERAL FUND:

Rev. Vincent Puidokas, Springfield, Mass.	\$100.00
Judge John T. Zuris, Chicago, Ill.	25.00
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(In the name of the K of L)

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Delegates and Clergy in procession to Sunday Mass



CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Wanda Pajeda, Mary Jankowski, and others responsible for the superb Cultural Exhibit must have needed a truck to transport the wealth of Lithuanian Folk Art objects gracing the Library during the Convention. Situated in an ideal location... enroute for most to the dining room, the Gymnasium, and to the Monastery's "great outdoors", the room was constantly buzzing with activity and "ooh's and ah's" from K of L and non-K of L passers-by.

Besides the elaborate and interesting display of linens, national costumes, wood carvings, decorated Easter eggs (with even a genuine goose egg among them), rare Amber pieces, etc., etc., etc., Wanda also provided a selection of books, "Lithuania Lives", bumper stickers, Vytis decals, and even "Kiss Me, I'm Lithuanian" lapel buttons for sale... so that delegates could further advertise proudly their Lithuanian heritage.

One or more members of New England District's Cultural Committee were constantly on hand also, to explain the various exhibits to interested parties, of which there were very many.

1972 CONVENTION

No formal bids were received for hosting the 59th National Convention in 1972. Therefore, the Convention Delegates formally asked the Mid-Central District to consider either hosting the Convention as a District, or asking one or more of its councils to host it, inasmuch as all other Districts have hosted at least one National Convention during the past 4 years. Officers of the Mid-Central District agreed to bring this matter before their District Annual Convention to be held Oct. 9-10 in Detroit and to report on the outcome immediately thereafter to the Supreme Council. If the Mid-Central District cannot find a suitable host, the Supreme Council will select a site and host.

PRESS AND TV COVERAGE OF CONVENTION

Well before the 58th National Convention opened, the public was being made aware of its coming... especially along the Eastern Seaboard. Various American newspapers in Hartford, Conn., Boston, Mass., Portland, Maine, and even Cleveland, Ohio carried advance publicity, as did members of the Lithuanian press, namely DRAUGAS, DARBININKAS, GARSAS, DIRVA, and others. During the convention, MR. ED. WINSTON of the Portland Press Herald was a familiar sight, covering several of the sessions as well as the closing Mass and Banquet. Thanks to Mr. Winston and MR. JOHN M. LOVELL also of the Herald, a lengthy story of the Award to Mr. Brieze appeared the morning after the Convention, in the Press Herald. The story was also released to United Press International and Associated Press, and thus made its way into the Boston Globe, the New Bedford Standard-Times, the New York Times, the Amsterdam Evening Recorder, and others.

Thanks to MR. HENRY A. MAGNUSON of WGAN Radio and TV of Portland, extensive TV coverage was also made of the Closing Banquet, and appeared on the local TV newscast Sunday evening, Aug. 29.

Post-Convention reports also appeared in the forementioned Lithuanian papers and on several Lithuanian Radio Programs, including the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour of New York which featured a 15 minute interview about the Convention with Rev. A. Valancius and Dr. Jack Stukas.

A note of thanks would certainly be in order to all who publicized the convention, but especially to: Mr. Ed. Winson, c/o PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, Portland, Me., and Mr. Henry A. Magnuson, c/o Guy Gannett Broadcasting Services (WGAN Radio and TV), 390 Congress St., Portland, Me.



Wanda Pajeda at Cultural Exhibit



PLENARY SESSIONS

Four panel discussions were held during plenary sessions, with much success in obtaining audience participation and a wealth of ideas for improvement along the specific subjects discussed. Thoughts collected during those panels appear elsewhere in this issue. The panels and their coordinators were as follows:

1. "The Future of the K of L Juniors"
Mary Jankowski, Irene Adomaitis, Dr. Peter A. Bizankauskas.
2. "Rights and Privileges of Associate Members"
Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Rev. Albin Janiunas, Mary Yörk.
3. "Ritual Requirements and Revisions"
Rita Pinkus, Frank Zager, Vincent Ed. Pavis.
4. "K of L Participation in Lithuanian Affairs and Politics"
Helen V. Kulber and Anthony Miner.



REV. JUTT'S BROTHERS AT CONVENTION

The Rev. Fathers Julian and Anthony Jutt, brothers of our beloved Father John Jutt, were most welcome guests at the Convention on Saturday. They participated as concelebrants in Father John's Memorial Mass, and later addressed the delegates, thanking the Knights of Lithuania for honoring their brother at his funeral services and at this convention, and urging all to continue carrying out the work of Lithuanian Affairs Committee which was so dear to Father John's heart.



SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP FINALIZED AND DISCUSSED

The dates are settled... June 22 to July 7, 1972... and so is the price - \$850 for a K of L Excursion to 5 countries of South America. Details are given elsewhere in this issue, and were presented, along with a movie of the sights in store for us, by Bob McErlean and Jose Valderrama, representatives of Pleasant Tours, Inc. and Avianca Airlines, resp. Besides providing information on the trip, Bob and Jose, registered guests at the convention, had a good opportunity to meet and get to know our organization and its members.



FOURTH DEGREE AWARDED TO DESERVING MEMBERS

During the Convention's closing Mass, Sunday Aug. 29, 1971, at the outdoor Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes, five deserving Knights and Ladies were presented the Fourth Degree, Order of St. Casimir, by Rev. Walter Karaveckas of Pittsburgh, acting on behalf of Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Advisor who had to leave early for parish duties.

The recipients were:

ANN RAMANAUSKAS - C-135 - Ansonia, Conn.
 VIOLET BRAZITIS - C-135 - Ansonia, Conn.
 MILDRED DRIZNUS - C-135 - Ansonia, Conn.
 FRANK J. ZAGER - C-79 - Detroit, Mich.
 SOPHIE M. ZAGER - C-79 - Detroit, Mich.

They were presented with their 4th Degree Certificates at the Closing Banquet by Rita Pinkus, new Ritual Committee Chairman.



CONVENTION MASSES

Daily Mass was an integral part of the 58th National Convention, beginning with Thursday. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday noon-time Masses were held in the beautifully modern chapel of the Franciscan Fathers. The Sunday Mass was held outdoors, at the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Rev. A. Valancius was celebrant at the Thursday Opening Mass, Rev. Albert Contons celebrated the Mass on Friday. Saturday's Mass, a Memorial for Rev. C. Jutt, was concelebrated by His Excellency Bishop Brizgys, Revs. Julian and Anthony Jutt (brothers of the late Father John Jutt), Rev. Albinas Janiunas, NED Spiritual Advisor, and Rev. Walter Karavickas, Pittsburgh. Bishop Brizgys delivered the sermon. Sunday's Mass had the Rev. Msgr. William Cuneen, V.G., representative of the Bishop of Portland as chief celebrant, with Rev. K. Kuzminskas (Chicago), Rev. T. Narbutas (MCD Spiritual Advisor of Dayton), Rev. W. Karaveckas (Pittsburgh) and Rev. S. Raila (New York) as concelebrants. His Excellency Bishop Brizgys was in attendance, and Msgr. Cuneen delivered the sermon.



Celebrants at the Saturday Mass, and the Congregation at Sunday's Mass.



Father Dyburys, always smiling... and some of the committee, relaxing at last.

A GIGANTIC THANK YOU TO THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

It has been said that "the impossible just takes a little longer", but the New England District went one giant step further... They proved that the impossible can be achieved in a VERY short time, given adequate doses of determination, ability, hard work, and able-bodied and dedicated workers. Having assumed the awesome task of running this very different convention, in distant surroundings, as late as last MAY, Co-chairmen ALBERT JARITIS and LONGINAS SVELNIS set out to make this a truly enjoyable and worthwhile convention, with a bit of everything for everyone... at a minimum cost, and SUCCEEDED, judging from the countless smiling faces observed, the excellent attendance at socials AND sessions, and especially the encouraging number of younger people in attendance. Orchids truly go to the entire committee, namely:

HONORARY CHAIRMAN Dr. Jack Stukas	PROGRAM BOOK Longinas L. Svelnis
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FRIDAY FOLK FEST & DANCING

Susan Boroskas

FRIDAY MIDNITE BUFFET

Mary Carleton
Mary Minkus

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Leo Shakalis

CONVENTION SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

Sylvia Shukis

A big "Thank You" also goes to the Franciscan Fathers, who provided such excellent service - and especially to Rev. Jonas Dyburys for his most patient assistance whenever needed.

VYTIS THANK YOU

Editor Loretta Stukas extends her appreciation to the members who graciously supplied information and photos of the Convention, thus assisting with this issue... namely, Father Valancius, Mary York, Albert Jaritis, Gediminas Janula, Helen Matthews, Helen Grigaliunas, Stella Sankal, and Sylvia Shukis, Gene Gobis, Ann Mitchell, Helen Kulber, and others. A big "Ačiū" to you all.

CONVENTION PHOTO

Anyone still wishing to order the Official Convention Photo may do so by writing to Albert Jaritis, 75 Gates St., So. Boston, Mass. 02127 with a remittance of \$2.00.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WINNERS

		GAINED	
10 Members of Less	C-113	Linden, N.J.	1
10 to 29 Members	C-1	Brockton, Mass.	8
30 to 99 Members	C-100	Amsterdam, N.Y.	9
100 and over Members	C-96	Dayton, Ohio	26

APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES

The Convention Delegates selected the following members to serve on the various committees created by resolution to perform special functions during the coming year:

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Vytautas Radzivanas (C-41, Brooklyn), Vincent Ed. Pavis (C-111, Youngstown), Joseph Boley (N.Y. Srs., New York).

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE PROPAGATION COMMITTEE

Adele Gabelis (Chicago Srs., Chicago), Joseph Boley (N.Y. Srs., New York), Juozas Sadauskas (C-25 Srs., Cleveland), Anthony Mazeika (N.Y. Srs., New York), with Phyllis Grendal (C-17 Srs., So. Boston), as secretary.

LITHUANIAN RELIGIOUS AID SOCIETY COORDINATOR

Anthony Miner (C-26, Worcester)

DR. KURSIUS-CURTIS PLAQUE COMMITTEE

Helen Kulber (N.Y. Srs., New York)

A SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

When the Greetings Committee announced a Scholarship Fund donation of \$75.66 from Anthony Buknis of the Cleveland Seniors, the delegates questioned the odd sum... Mr. Buknis explained that this sum represented one week's pay check! Imagine the scholarships we could give, if more members took Tony's example...

"VYČIŲ VEIKLA" COLUMN

The Knights of Lithuania expresses its profound appreciation to the administration of DRAUGAS for permitting the space for a weekly K of L column. The Marian Fathers have been most cooperative and Mrs. Emilija Pakalniskis of Chicago has been very conscientious and efficient in editing the column.

CONGRATULATIONS SENT TO MSGR. BALKUNAS

The Catholic War Veterans of Queens honored Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Balkunas, pastor of Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y., with the Celtic Cross, for his 25 years of service as Chaplain. The presentation was made at the Aug. 28, 1971 Banquet of the four-day Convention of the Catholic War Veterans of the USA, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York.

The K of L, gathered at their own 58th National Convention, sent a telegram of congratulations to their eminent member, Msgr. Balkunas, and best wishes to the CWV.

NEEDED - OLD ISSUES OF VYTIS

Issues of VYTIS from the past 8 years are being prepared for binding, so that they may be placed permanently in the K of L Archives. However, copies of the JULY, 1964, and the OCTOBER, 1964 issues are missing. If anyone has copies of these issues and is willing to donate them to the Archives, the K of L would be MOST grateful! Please send them to

MISS IRENE K. SANKUS
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PRAY FOR THEM

Within the last two months, the Knights of Lithuania lost three of its outstanding leaders, who were called to their eternal reward.

THE HONORABLE PETRAS DAUŽVARDIS, Consul General of Lithuania at Chicago an active member of C-112, Chicago, and a long-standing friend of all K of L-ers, died on Sept. 26, 1971, and was buried at St. Casimir Cemetery, Chicago on Sept. 30, 1971...

MR. ANTHONY C. STUKNA, National Legal Advisor of the Knights of Lithuania, and an active member of C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y., died on Sept. 16, 1971, and was buried on Sept. 20, 1971 at St. Casimir Cemetery, Amsterdam...

MR. ALEX BUDRIS, Manager of the K of L Building in Chicago and a long-time, active member of the Chicago Senior Council, died on Aug. 17, and was buried on Aug. 21, 1971 at St. Casimir Cemetery, Chicago...

To their widows and families, the Knights of Lithuania extends its most heartfelt sympathy. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!

(More information will be given in the November issue).

THOUGHTS EXPRESSED... DURING CONVENTION PLENARY SESSIONS

... on THE FUTURE OF THE K OF L JUNIORS

Youngsters should be included as much as possible in a council's regular activities, so that they'd feel a part of the whole. But they should also be given a chance to have separate activities, where they can enjoy activities of their own. For this to succeed, the K of L must look for dedicated counselors in its midst.

The best way to make juniors enjoy regular council projects is to assign them special tasks to perform or specific parts of the projects to carry out on their own.

Energetic activities are needed to keep younger members interested, and Lithuanian folk dancing, singing and crafts answer that need well, provided equally energetic counsellors from the ranks of older members are willing to sacrifice time to teach, etc.

Children are imitators... we must give them something good to imitate. Thus, if we make the K of L something attractive and familiar to our children, they will grow up wanting to become members.

Each council should decide on the kind and extent of Junios activity it should have, and what age groups it should aim at, recognizing that the future of every council depends on the incorporation of more young blood.

... on RITUAL REQUIREMENTS AND REVISIONS

Degrees are earned on K of L activities or Lithuanian and religious activities done under the auspices of the K of L, but not for Lithuanian activity in other organizations.

All K of L Ritual degrees, including the First and Second, represent important steps upward in the organization, and as such, should be presented in a solemn and dignified manner, at special council or district meetings or gatherings.

Council Ritual Chairmen have been very lax in reporting the bestowing of the First and Second degrees. As a result, members eligible for higher degrees frequently encounter difficulty getting National approval for those degrees, due to a lack of adequate records.

To encourage more Junior activity, the points awarded for Junior Counseling should be greatly increased.

It was recommended that the Ritual Committee revise and standardize the questions used in 2nd and 3rd degree examinations to make them more relevant.

... on THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Now that our constitution allows for Associate Members, we should not treat them as second-rate citizens, but rather grant them appropriate privileges and opportunities of membership.

The USA does not allow a foreign-born citizen to be elected President. By this precedent, it is appropriate that the K of L likewise rule against non-Liths (Associate Members) holding a presidency in the organization, but should allow them to hold other offices.

Associate members who work actively for the K of L should be granted some form of Ritual degrees or other recognition.

Numerous other Lithuanian organizations have benefited greatly from allowing non-Lithuanian spouses membership - full or limited - and the K of L likewise stands to gain from the entrance of full families, even when the mother or father is not of Lithuanian heritage.

... on K OF L PARTICIPATION IN LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee of the K of L must be the eyes, ears, and voice of the K of L in political matters. It must keep the public aware of the Lithuanian cause through newspaper articles, letters to key people in government, and the like, and also by thanking all who publicize or befriend Lithuanian causes.

Public Relations work on a smaller level must not be ignored either. Local papers are always anxious to hear of local citizens' activities, so K of L-ers are urged to report their attendance at conventions, and send copies of important resolutions to their local papers, as well as to their congressmen, senators, etc.

Many young people are anxious to do papers on Lithuanian life, art, folk music, etc., but frequently complain that organizations are hesitant to help them. When we hear of such students, we should show an interest in them, introduce them to books, pamphlets on Lithuania and its arts and crafts, and offer general assistance, so as to further interest them in working for our causes.

Introducing ourselves to people of other nationalities as Lithuanians and members of the Knights of Lithuania can reap many rewards, in new friendships, and in more publicity for the name of Lithuania, for such introductions invariably lead to questions about "where is it," etc., and provide an excellent forum for telling of Lithuania's plight, and interesting others in our culture.



Social

Sidelights

Hellos - introductions - greetings - welcomes began to be exchanged as early as Sunday, Aug. 22, as the first Convention guests and hosts arrived to enjoy the beauties of the Franciscan Monastery and the many activities planned by the New England District. But after a few warm "Labas's", hosts and guests went their separate ways, temporarily, to prepare for the rest of the week. For the first time, even the hosts were "out-of-town-ers" and had to travel from other states to attend the convention!

Larry Svelnis was seen immediately (and constantly) toting boxes, setting up chairs, and paving the way for a well-run convention, while Al Jaritis, Leo Shakelis, and occasionally Wanda Pajeda began shuttling guests from the airport and bus stations.

Early guests had their own "jobs" to do... the Grigaliunas' of Bayonne checked out the "saltiness" of the pool... the Zukauskas' of Newark discovered the expanse of the grounds and verified that the beach was indeed only a 5 minute walk away, while Helen Kay, Helen Radicsh and Ann Abromaitis investigated the local shops in town.

Mary York, C-12's own "Liberty Lady" from New York, carefully arranged her "Statue of Liberty" display, and began distributing "Liberty" souvenirs to new friends she made.

While Larry and Jeanne Janonis figured out how to keep their "Cold Duck" really cold, the Grigonis brothers and Paul Kuzmickas looked over the "Sleepy Hollow", and found its quaint cabins quite adequate (or so they thought).

The Stukas' (Jack and Loretta, alias "Helen"), arriving on Wednesday with Father Val, persuaded Al Jaritis into taking a much-needed break to check out the local lobster-houses... and found them WELL WORTH RECOMMENDING!



Isn't the beach lovely?



SHIP AHOY - K of L Cruisers depart.



It looks like Ladies' Day at the Convention.

Meanwhile, 45 would-be-sailors chartered a fishing-boat Wednesday evening, and ventured out on a two hour "Ocean Cruise", along the beautiful New England Coast line. Annie Mitchell, one of the hearty souls aboard reports - "As we got out into deeper waters and the 'cool' Maine air, all bundled up and cuddled together to keep warm. The boat was piloted by a father and son team, with both of them describing the various homes, lighthouses, and boats in view as we traveled on. We saw many buoys in the water... the captain explained that these were lobster traps. Each person knows his own trap by the number on the buoy. (Is it true, that Albinas Zukauskas caught a lobster with a rod and reel? Perhaps he hadn't heard about the traps).

While the Worcester girls - Dottie Sinkavitch, Rita Pinkus, Ann Miller, Helen Gillus, and a few of the "host" boys were passing candy around, the moon peeped out in all its splendor, and a most artistic sight appeared.

The sparkling stars, the still-blue skies, complete with moon, the white-capped waves speckled with the blinking of boat lights and lighthouses, awed all of us, and inspired at least a silent "God Bless America." As we headed for shore, a few went inside to keep warm, but most were diehards, and though turning blue, stayed at the helm until docking. It was a beautiful trip and one we will never forget!

We docked at 8:30, and hurried off to 'warm-up', and to watch Father Baltch's slides of Lithuania, or attend the Supreme Council Meeting."

Then on to sleep, to be wide-awake for the opening sessions. Rumor has it, however, that the "Sleepy Hollow" was not too sleepy Wednesday night!

The dining room was almost devoid of K of L-ers for Thursday's evening meal. The big attraction was outdoors, as preparations for the real "Down East Clambake" began. Observing the elaborate preparations was almost as exciting as feasting on the finished products - lobster, chicken, clams, corn, potatoes, and onions - all emerging from the huge makeshift "steaming oven", with coffee and watermelon to top it all off. An army of "uninvited guests", better known as mosquitoes, invaded the outing and sent the less hearty indoors, while brave souls, fortified by Helen Suprin's "6-12 Bomb" stayed around for seconds.

Eventually, all made it indoors to the gym for dancing and socializing without the "biting visitors"... and then drifted off in various directions... to check out the "Ice Cream Parlor" (?) at the Guilford House or the "Cape Cods" at the Nautilus, or get another viewing of Father Baltch's slides.

Another "uninvited visitor" arrived Friday - and again kept all indoors. Tropical Storm Doria banged a few windows and wet a few hairdos, but didn't dampen too many spirits. And Rita Pinkus, at the Registration Desk, just kept on signing in wet travelers, and giving out some very welcome gifts. The plastic raincoats, courtesy of J & B Scotch, came in mighty handy; also the steel tape measures from Liberty Mutual helped in setting distances for puddle jumping! The Florida license plate outside Helen Kulber and Bea Hoff's window, which read "Arrive Alive" must surely have applied to the brave travelers who battled Doria to attend the Convention.

Before too many days passed, the Committee learned too that all work and no play makes for dull people... and they were not dull people. The Committee "suite" was a constant haven for relaxation and work, in equal doses. A birthday party for Adele Martus of So. Boston and Mary Martus of Hyde Park was just one of the highlights of the "suites"... No wonder somebody was always "in search of a typewriter..."



The Clambake "oven" in full operation.



At the Registration Desk, Helen Gillus and Rita Pinkus greet new arrivals.



Happy Birthday - to Adele and Mary Martus.



In the Sable Suite - Stanley Valatka, Mary Motecus, John Tratulis, Helen Matthews, Joe Sable, Walter Svekla.

Friday evening's entertainment began at Joe Sable's "suite" in Guilford House, where the "Ducks were Cold" and the "Scotch was Generous"... then on to the Library, where a standing-room-only crowd listened to Bob McErlean and Jose Valderrama describe the coming K of L trip to South America and watched movies of South America that had all viewers walking out dancing the "Cha-Cha-Cha" and vowing to save for the trip.



A. Kerbelis and P. Bizankauskas entertain.

After the evening's business session, more entertainment. Soloist Antanas Kerbelis, of Montreal, Canada, delighted all assembled with his rendition of some popular Lithuanian folk-songs, and returned for several encores. His accompanist was our own Peter Bizankauskas.

More folk songs rang out and the committee-prepared song-books were in full view, as Fathers Martinkus and Karaveckas led a hearty Lithuanian Community Sing.



Sing - Along, with Fathers Martinkus and Karaveckas.



Peter Podalskis and Tony Buknis reunited.

Somewhere, during a chorus of "Kai aš turėjau", Tony Buknis of Cleveland Srs. felt a tap on his shoulder, and a "Hi, Remember me?" Remember he did... the "tapper" was Peter Podalskis of Detroit, who, a mere 50 years ago, as a shy teenager, was signed up to the K of L, C-102, by Tony Buknis, first Financial Secretary of C-102. It was a grand reunion, after 50 years!



Stella Sankal and Juozas Sadauskas of Cleveland.

"Time to shake a leg", said Birute Radzivanas, C-41, Brooklyn, as the singing ended. She quickly lined up young and old, and taught them several Lithuanian folk dances, with the help of hubby Vytautas and several members of her C-41 Dance Group.

All that energy expended was quickly replenished by a sumptuous



Ready for dancing and singing - Frances Romano, Jack and Loretta Stukas, Joe Boley.

"Midnight Buffet" (just a bit early), served by lovely NE ladies in pretty Granny dresses. Susan Boroskas and daughter made a lovely waitress team... and the boys unanimously agreed that Dotty Sinkavitch served the best drinks in the house, and John Alanskas didn't seem to mind the assistance one bit.

AT THE CONVENTION BALL

From Granny dresses to Cocktail outfits, from bright lights to a soft glow... In a few hours, the gym was transformed into a night-club atmosphere, ready for Saturday Night's Convention Ball, where delegates and guests enjoyed dancing to the music of Joe Pasioka and his Connecticut Polka Band. The dancers came early, stayed late, and enjoyed the variety of tempos, and the relatively short intermissions.

That Helen Kulber is energetic in Lithuanian affairs there is no doubt, but she's equally peppy on the dance floor - judging from the spontaneous Charleston she and her sister Beatrice Hoff demonstrated to the envy of lookers-on.

If medals were being awarded that night, Joe Boley would surely have earned one for his waltzes, and Larry Janonis for his polkas!

"After the ball was over", it was on to "The Stable - Stall I", for more refreshments, singing, and laughs, compliments of Phyllis Grendal and Annie Mitchell.



Happy - Hour - Annie Mitchell and Adele Leraitis.

On Sunday morning, a most welcome visitor - the SUN - appeared, to everyone's delight. The convention business behind them, conventioners took advantage of the hours between breakfast and Mass to stroll around the grounds, get a last look at the many sights, shop for a few more souvenirs in the Monastery gift shop, and begin their goodbys. Aldona Zaunius appeared as the only lady in Lithuanian costume - and led the procession to Mass.

After Mass in the lovely outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Convention Photo at the St. Anthony Shrine, the crowd



Top left: Terry Mazeika and Joe Boley enjoy a dance. Top right: Gene Gobis, Don Holleran, Sophie Olbie. Bottom left: Helen Matthews, John Tratulis, Frances Romano. Bottom right: Anthony Radzevich, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Peter Hayes and Terry Mazeika.

weaved its way to the Gym again... this time for the Closing Banquet.

With the Cultural Exhibit as a suitable back-drop, the head-table guests chatted and became acquainted with guests of honor Mr. & Mrs. Roberts Brieze and with the Bishop of Portland's representative Msgr. Cuneen, while enjoying pre-banquet refreshments in the Library and having pictures snapped by photogs from the local newspaper, and the official convention photographer.

After enjoying the Banquet meal, blessed by the Invocation of Rev. Titas Narbutas of Dayton, and elegantly served and deliciously prepared by the Monastery "chefs", some 300 guests settled back to enjoy the program, ably directed by "Emcee" Anthony Miner.

Mr. Miner introduced the Honored Guests - His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. Msgr. William Cuneen. Rev. John

Dyburys, O.F., Rev. Titas Narbutas, Rev. Stasys Raila, Capt. & Mrs. Roberts Brieze, Supreme Council President Dr. Jack J. Stukas, VYTIS Editor Loretta Stukas, Presidium Co-Chairmen Joseph Boley and Larry Janonis, Jeanne Janonis, and Convention Co-Chairmen Albert Jaritis and Larry Svelnis, and then turned the program over to Dr. Stukas, who presented the "Rev. John C. Jutt Award Medal" for outstanding service to Lithuania's cause, to Capt. Brieze. Mrs. Brieze was presented a fragrant bouquet of pink carnations by Wanda Pajeda.

In all his humility and sincerity, Mr. Brieze, accepting the award, endeared himself to everyone attending and convinced all that he is truly a modern day "Paul Revere!"

More warm wishes and wise thoughts were expressed by Bishop Brizgys and Msgr. Cuneen. And

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
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To my Dear Friends
Knights of Lithuania
Roberts Brieze
Aug. 29 - 71
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A memento for the K of L - an autograph by Roberts Brieze.

Top: Mr. & Mrs. Brieze, after awards. Bottom: the Briezes with Bishop Brizgys and Dr. Stukas.



Knights of Lithuania 58th National Convention Closing Banquet.



Elena Blandyte entertains.

in response to Msgr. Cuneen's wish for some "beautiful Lithuanian singing", the M.C. introduced lovely Elena Blandyte of Chicago, who provided a musical program of some beautiful Lithuanian songs. She was ably accompanied by Dr. Peter Bizan-kauskas.

The rest of the program included the awarding of Fourth Degree Certificates, by Rita Pinkus, Membership Drive Awards, by Vincend Ed. Pavis, and presentation of the Scholarship Awards, made by Dr. Stukas. The winner of the First Award, Roberta Dillis, attended the Banquet with her father, and accepted her award in person.

Some closing words of thanks from Convention Co-chairman Larry Svelnis, a closing prayer by Father Raila, and the Convention officially ended, with the singing of the VYČIŲ HIMNAS.

But the sun was still shining and exuberance prevailed, as delegates clustered around Capt. Brieze to congratulate and thank him, and to get his autograph, then drifted off to enjoy a last swim or walk, or to prepare for departure.

Later, cocktails in the Stukas "Presidential Suite" and the Mary York "Secretarial Suite", followed by the after-banquet buffet in the dining room gave many a chance to become even better acquainted with the gracious Mr. and Mrs. Brieze.

And to hear more of that "Lithuanian Singing" (and to join in as well), a few hikers... among them Father Narbutas, Helen Kulber, Beatrice Hoff, Adele Ga-

balas, and others, and led by our soloist Elena Blandyte, strolled through the "Franciscan woods" later in the evening, serenading the birds with choruses of "Daug, daug dainelių" ... etc.

The traditional "left-over party", normally held Monday morning, started earlier (perhaps in the absence of the traditional hostesses, the Chicago girls). The committee was seen still scurrying around and rushing to the sessions room all evening... the other guests appeared in time to watch the TV broadcast which featured the convention. When the lights went on after the TV went off... ANOTHER buffet, and refreshments, perfect for "mid-

night snacking"... and bidding farewells.

Larry and Al decided by Monday morning that there would be no more "surprise parties" and proceeded to do a final clean up. Some last remaining guests collected some fresh cukes from the gardener, rye bread from the cook... purchased "just one more gintaras" from the gift shop, and headed home, aglow with memories of old and new friends, inspirational thoughts, and resolves to keep the K of L alive. Any group that can gather for these few days and do so much work, exchange so many ideas in such a friendly atmosphere must be doing something right!

AT THE BANQUET



Head Table guests - Rev. Dyburys, Rev. Narbutas, Mr. & Mrs. Brieze, A. Miner, Dr. & Mrs. Stukas, Bishop Brizgys.



Stella Sankal, Sophie and Frank Zager.



Susan and Anthony Mazeika, Anne Klem, Father Val, Juozas Sadauskas.

SOUTH AMERICAN FESTIVIDAD - K of L STYLE

A Knights of Lithuania South American "Festividad" is planned with YOU in mind. It will take place June 22 to July 7, 1972, and will visit 5 South American countries Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, and Venezuela which have larger Lithuanian centers. We will be arranging concerts with local Lithuanian Catholic youth groups in a special "getting to know you" effort. Both K of L and local talent will be featured.

Bob McErlean, who was instrumental in arranging the K of L excursion to the Lithuanian Chapel Dedication in Rome, is handling arrangements for the Pleasant Travel Service, formerly known as "Trips

N' Tours." The trip will be an enjoyable and unforgettable one for all. As space is limited, MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS WITHOUT DELAY!

In order to facilitate early booking, the agency has arranged to credit all monies received, with interest, at the rate of 5%, from the day received through April 15, 1972. Please have your deposits in as early as possible, to assure yourself a seat and in any event, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the Lithuanians of South America, and to really enjoy a holiday in this enchanting continent.



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- Complimentary flight bag.
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- Complimentary cocktail party upon arrival in Bogota.

Daytime Flight JFK-BOGOTA

1st DAY—THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Depart JFK via Avianca flight No. 53 at 11 a.m.

Arrive Bogota, Columbia 4:05 p.m.

After landing formalities and customs clearance, you will be met by local representatives who will assist you to the HOTEL CONTINENTAL.

NOTE: In all cities visited hereafter you will be met and transferred on arrival and departure.

2nd DAY—FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Today we embark on a half day drive through the capitol of Colombia, also known as the Emerald City, as most of the trade in gems is being carried on there. Ascend by motor and funicular railway to the summit of Monserrate from which you will get an excellent bird's eye panorama of the red-roofed city. Visit the Quinta de Portocarrero, the estate presented to Simon Bolivar, the Liberator, now an interesting historical museum.

3rd DAY—SATURDAY, JUNE 24

The Salt Mines of Zipaquirá

Half day excursion to Zipaquirá, 30 miles north of Bogota and a center of a rich cattle farming district. Rock salt is mined here on a large scale and the immense galleries of salt in the mines, gleaming under the electric lights are most impressive.

Saturday evening—Program with local Lithuanians.

4th DAY—SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Depart Bogota via Avianca flight No. 81 at 9:45 A.M.

8:40 P.M.—Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina, transfer to Hotel Regidor.



5th DAY—MONDAY, JUNE 26

City—Half day drive around the capitol of the Argentine Republic and the largest city in South America with superb parks, wide boulevards, museums and theaters; Avenida de Mayo and the Congreso (Capitol), mighty Boulevard "9 of July", Palermo Park and the race course, Colon Opera House, Presidential Casa Rosada, the docks, and the crude Boca district.

6th DAY—TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Day at leisure.

Tuesday Evening—Program with local Lithuanians

7th DAY—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Depart Buenos Aires via Aerolineas Argentinas, flight No. 244 at 4:15 p.m.
5:00 P.M.—Arrive Montevideo and transfer to Columbia Palace Hotel.

8th DAY—THURSDAY, JUNE 29

City Sightseeing—Half day drive includes the business and residential sections of Uruguay's capital and the noted Montevidean beaches as far as Carrasco. Stops at the Legislative Palace, monument "A la Carreta", Parque de los Aliados and Stadium.

Thursday Evening—Program with local Lithuanians.

9th DAY—FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Depart Montevideo via Cruzeiro flight No. 114 at 6:00 p.m.

9:30 P.M.—Arrive Sao Paulo, Brazil, transfer to Sao Paulo Hotel.

10th DAY—SATURDAY, JULY 1

A half day will be spent driving around the principal points of interest of this fast growing Brazilian metropolis; the Triangle, commercial center of the world's greatest coffee business; impressive skyscrapers; Municipal Stadium, School of Medicine, residential areas, and the famous suburban Butantan Snake Farm.

Saturday Evening—Program with local Lithuanians.

11th DAY—SUNDAY, JULY 2

Day at leisure.

12th DAY—MONDAY, JULY 3

Depart Sao Paulo via Cruzeiro flight No. 810 at 10:00 a.m.

11:10—Arrive Rio de Janeiro, transfer to Regente Hotel.

13th DAY—TUESDAY, JULY 4

City and Sugar Loaf

Half day drive around the most beautiful city on earth with shady avenues of mosaic patterns and marble, palatial buildings, open-air cafes, famous beaches - Avenida Rio Branca, the Municipal Theatre, Beira Mar, Botafogo, Copacabana, the hippodrome, the Botanical Gardens, and thence by cable car to the peak of the famous granite cone, the Pao de Ascuar (Sugar Loaf Mountain).

14th DAY—WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Depart Rio de Janeiro via Pan American flight No. 516 at 8:45 a.m.
3:00 P.M. — Arrive Caracas, Venezuela, transfer to the Hotel Las Americas.

15th DAY—THURSDAY, JULY 6

For our final day in South America, we will take a half day drive through the suburbs of the capital of Venezuela and the shopping center. Visit the Pantheon where the Great Liberator Simon Bolivar is entombed, the house where he was born, the Bolivar Museum, the old church of San Francisco, the Capitol, and thence through residential suburbs to the picturesque town of Petare, visiting on the way an orchid farm.

Thursday Evening—Program with local Lithuanians.

16th DAY—FRIDAY, JULY 7

Depart Caracas via Viasa flight No. 750 at 9:30 a.m.
2:00 P.M.—Arrive JFK.

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K of L Calendar

OCTOBER

- 9-10 MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL
CONVENTION, Holiday Inn, Dearborn, Mich.
C-102, Detroit, Michigan - Hosts
- 9 C-29 ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE,
Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N. J.
- 16 C-26 DINNER DANCE, Worcester, Mass.-
Commemorating 55th Anniversary of Council

NOVEMBER

- 14 TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR ANNE KLEM,
Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, 6 Davis Ave.
Kearny, N.J. - 4:00 p.m. - Admission \$10.00
- 20 HOLY TRINITY LITHUANIAN CHURCH,
Newark, N.J. - 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
(Mass and Dinner)
- 20 C-17 & 17 Srs. FALL DANCE, So. Boston
Lithuanian Club, So. Boston, Mass.

APRIL

- 9 ANNUAL TV MASS, Boston, Mass.
Sponsors - New England District

Kearny C-90 cordially invites all K of L-ers to attend a Testimonial Dinner for Anne Klem, District President, C-90 member, to celebrate her elevation to Honorary Membership. The Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 14, 1971 at 4:00 p.m., at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, 6 Davis Ave., Kearny, N.J. Tickets are \$10.00, and can be obtained from Mary Grinewich, 201/483-7532, Eleanor Gelenitis, 201/991-7903, or Ellie Nakrosis, 201/998-9641.

