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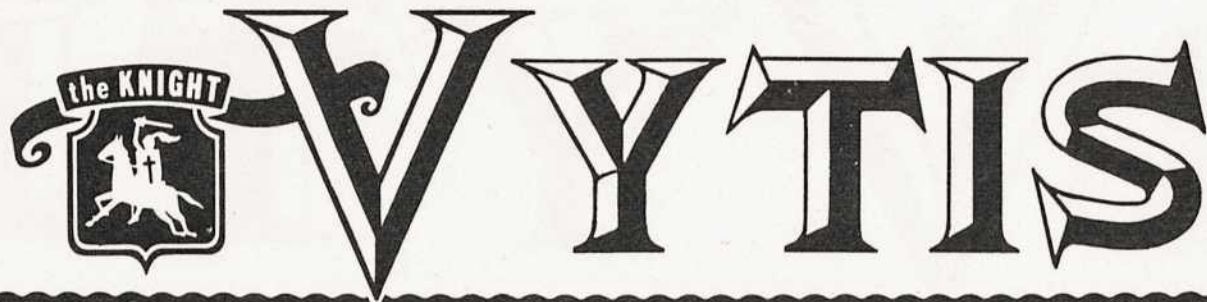
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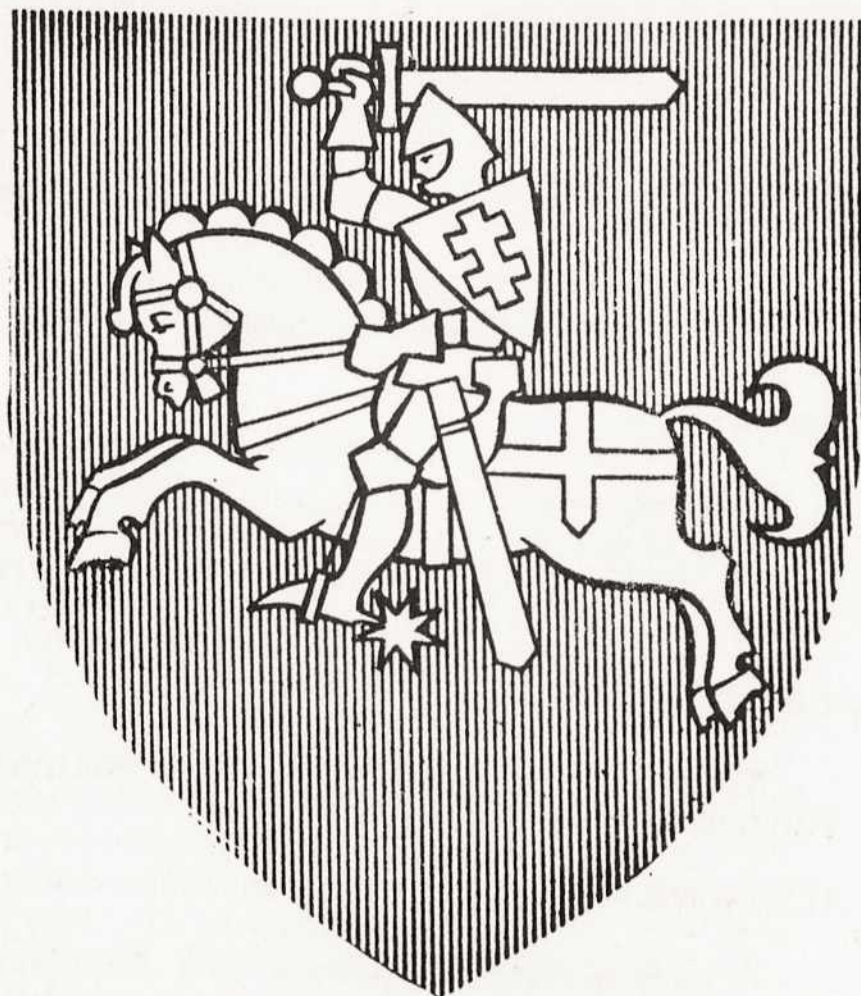
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59TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

**AUGUST 24-27, 1972
CLEVELAND, OHIO
COUNCIL 25, Hosts**

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

The 59th 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 Chairmen.

SPIRITUAL ADVISER

The Knights of Lithuania is most grateful to its Spiritual Adviser Rev. Albert J. Contons of Brighton, Mass. for his continued counsel and wise guidance throughout the year. His report to the convention appears elsewhere in this issue. Rev. Contons continues in his post of President of the Lithuanian Priests' League, and as such has aided the organization much in encouraging much-needed support from the clergy.

PRESIDENT

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, National President, presided at the Supreme Council meetings held in Boston and Cleveland, led the K of L Excursion to South America, and directed other national K of L ac-

tivities during the year. His full report appears elsewhere in this issue. The Knights of Lithuania, is appreciative to Dr. Stukas for the many hours and concentrated efforts he so generously extended for the good of the K of L.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Juniors' Vice-President Dr. Peter Bizankauskas attended the Supreme Council meeting in Boston. He has been very active in promoting Junior activities in the New England area, and has made numerous recommendations to increase national K of L Junior activity.

Through Dr. Bizankauskas' efforts, a Lithuanian school was established as a part of the Brockton Public School's evening division. He recommended that K of L-ers attempt to do the same elsewhere. He also has been investigating the possibility of a Junior Convention or Camp, at Neringa, Kennebunkport, or elsewhere.

Contact has been made with the Ateitininkai, the Bendruomene, and several NE Lithuanian parishes to assist with K of L Junior activity.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Membership Vice-President Albert Ozalis was appointed in January, to complete the unexpired term of the late Vincent Ed. Pavis. Mr. Ozalis attended all the Supreme Council meetings and submitted membership articles to VYTIS regularly. He conducted the membership drive begun by Mr. Pavis. The results appear under "Official Highlights" in this issue. Of the 41 councils, 24 had gains, 10 had losses and 7 stayed the same. A net gain of 94 members was realized.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Seniors Vice-President Longinas Svelnis attended all Supreme Council meetings. He reactivated C-18, Cambridge, Mass. and is attempting to reactivate C-27, Norwood. He has kept abreast of Senior activity throughout the country by mail.

RECORDING SECRETARY

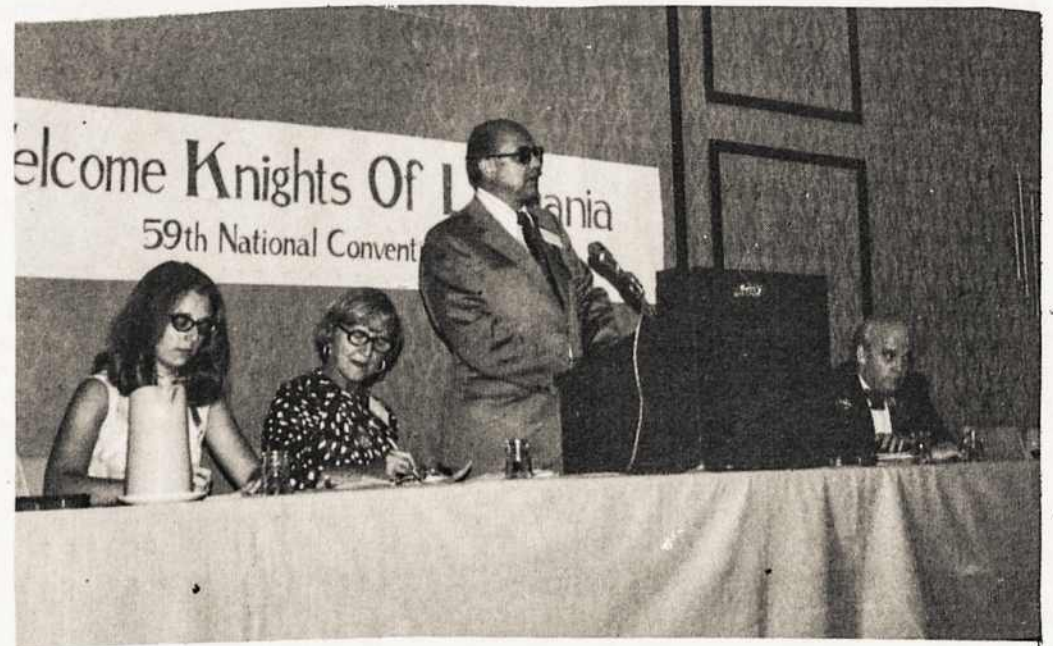
During her year as Recording Secretary, Susan Boroskas notified all officers, committee members and Honorary Members of Supreme Council meetings, attended all Supreme Council Meetings and kept the minutes of those meetings. She also compiled and mailed the official list of officers and committee chairmen, and the list of council presidents and secretaries.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Irene Ozalis, National Financial Secretary, reported a gain of 165 members and a loss of 71, for a net gain of 94 members. As of August, 1972, there were 1712 members. There are 550 members in the NE District, 481 in Mid-Central, 387 in NY-NJ, and 251 in Ill.-Ind., plus 43 members in Los Angeles, and a total of 41 councils. Mrs. Ozalis attended all Supreme Council Meetings, and kept the membership records efficiently.

TREASURER

Stella Sankal 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 John Alankas during the Convention and were made available to all interested delegates.



Dr. Stukas addresses delegates as I. Adomaitis, M. Andrikis, V. Zukauskas listen.

TRUSTEES

Trustee John Alankas attended all Supreme Council Meetings and audited the Treasurer's books at the Convention. No report was received from Trustee Larry Janonis.

LEGAL ADVISOR

No report was received from National Legal Advisor, Frank Gelenitis.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

President Algerd Brazis and Secretary Irene Sankus reported that the IID has 6 councils. The K of L Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia and his assistant Audrone Simonaityte continues to flourish, and the Chicago Juniors, directed by Frank Zapolis, Cecilia Matul and Helen Pius continues to grow and recently performed at the International Dance Festival.

The District sponsored a "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner, a St. Casimir's Day commemoration (hosts - C-36), a K of L picnic and a Golf Day, held in conjunction with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

In the absence of President Larry Janonis, District Treasurer Loretta Stukas reported that the NY-NJ District has 11 councils. Four District Conventions were held during the year... in Great Neck (hosts, C-109), New York (hosts, C-12) Philadelphia (hosts, C-3) in conjunction with the District St. Casimir's Day Commemoration, and Newark (C-29, hosts). Each meeting featured panel discussions and/or special cultural activities. At the June meeting, after a referendum of all councils in the district, it was decided to change the District name, to the MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT, effective after the District's annual meeting in September. This will allow Philadelphia council and other future councils in Pennsylvania and elsewhere on the Eastern Seaboard to be included in the name.



Stasys Barzdukas, President of the Lithuanian World Community (Pasaulio Bendruomene), addresses the convention.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Frank Gudelis, President, reported the following activities.

The Mid-Central District's 24th annual convention was held October 9, 1971 at Detroit, Michigan with Council 102 as host. The 25th convention will be held this coming October in Pittsburgh. The semi-annual district board meeting was held May 20, 1972 at Detroit during the K. of L. Midwestern Bowling Tournament hosted by Council 139. A pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Cleveland was held June 25, 1972, hosted by the Cleveland Seniors Council. Numerous other activities were sponsored by the nine councils comprising the district. During this past year death claimed three of the MCD district officers - Father Titas Narbutas, Spiritual Adviser, Vincent Ed. Pavis, President, and Joseph Sinkwitz, Sergeant-at-Arms.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District President Longinas Svelnis reported that the reactivated C-18 hosted the Spring Convention, Founder's Day Program and the Ceremonies at Mr. Norkunas' grave site. The NED held a ceremony at the site where Simas Kudirka was beaten after making his unsuccessful bid for freedom, on the anniversary of the event. Over 50 K of L-ers participated in the program at Martha's Vineyard and in the placing of the wreath afloat. NED and C-17 hosted the Supreme Council meeting, and sponsored a well-attended TV Mass and a reception afterward at the So. Boston Lithuanian Club.

CALIFORNIA

No report was submitted.

VYTIS

Editor Loretta Stukas, with her staff of Anthony Yuknis, Rita Ochs, Josephine Zukas, Mary Kober, Balys Byliaudas, Marilyn Kareiva and Irene Sankus published 10 issues - 8 monthly and 2 bi-monthly since the last Convention. Printing is done by Vi Vi Press and mailing by Harper & Co., both of Chicago. \$687.00 was realized, net, from the VYTIS Christmas Greetings. Reader response has been very favorable,

and no major problems have been encountered. Mrs. Stukas is still in search of someone to prepare Lithuanian language lessons for VYTIS.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

No report was received from Wanda Pajeda, who was appointed to complete the unexpired term of the late Mary Jankowski.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman Anthony M. Miner reported that 3 bulletins, with a total of 421 copies were sent out. In addition, having received word of an emergency situation, a pending Senate vote regarding Sen. Fulbright's recommendation to cut \$46 million from the US Information Agency budget, which would have eliminated Lithuanian as one of the 25 language broadcast cut from the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, and Radio Liberty, Mr. Miner sent out 35 telegrams to Council Presidents urging them to wire their senators asking them to vote for a restoration of the proposed cut to the budget. The pressure of the demands by various groups forced the Senate to vote for a restoration of the \$46 million.

Telegrams were also sent to the Bishops' Conference in Atlanta asking them to issue a strong statement condemning the religious persecution in Lithuania. Mention of these persecutions was made by Bishop Dougherty at the conference.

Several petitions asking President Nixon to work for Kudirka's release were circulated at various affairs and sent to the White House. In addition, Mr. Miner sent at least 150 letters to government officials, clergy, newspapers, etc., and participated in numerous other Lithuanian Affairs activities.

A total of 1618 letters were officially reported by 13 councils, although many others were written.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Rita Pinkus, Chairman, stated that 9 councils reported on their ritual activity. 34 First, 18 Second, 3 Third and 5 Fourth Degrees were reported as given out during the year.



Committees at work - J. Sadauskas, A. Gabalas, A. Bender, A. Mazeika, Rev. Contons.



Public Relations ladies Helen Kulber and Mary York, relax after a busy year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Public Relations Chairman Helen Kulber reported extensively on her numerous activities in advertising the K of L and relating the situation in Lithuania, its occupation and suppression by Soviet Russia, and its history to the non-Lithuanian public, and also commented on various outstanding or unusual PR activities of other K of L-ers.

Mrs. Kulber is currently attempting to set up a Lithuanian Christmas display at the Hallmark Gallery in New York, and has corresponded with the New York Historical Society and the Landmarks Preservation Commission about installing a plaque to honor the first teacher in New York, Dr. Alexander Carolus Cursius-Curtius, a Lithuanian. She had opportunity to meet with numerous celebrities - clergy, actors, public officials - and always used the opportunities to speak of Lithuania's plight.

Mary York, NY-NJ District PR Representative, reported on her extensive work in publicizing District events, in the American and Lithuanian press. She prepared and presented to NY-NJ District Council PR Chairmen, an outline of hints for effective publicity work.

Juozas Sadauskas, MCD District PR Representative, worked diligently in keeping the Lithuanian press supplied with information about K of L activities nationally and in his district.

Excellent publicity work was also done by A. Skirius in California, V. Samaska of I-I D. and Albert Jaritis of NED.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Honorary Membership was presented to Longinas Svelnis at this National Convention, and Convention approval was obtained to present Honorary Membership to Anna Mae Uznis, C-102, Detroit, Michigan at the 60th National Convention.

The Committee reported that several other candidates are being reviewed for Honorary Membership, and if their accomplishments are found to warrant this honor, the Committee will present the resolutions to the National Convention Delegates for approval. Details for submitting a candidate for Honorary Membership were spelled out in the report. These details will be reported in the next issue of VYTIS.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Chairman Dr. Jack Stukas of Newark met with committee members Gerald Zager, Paul Kuzmickas and Irene Adomaitis during the convention to select the recipient of the 1972 award. The winner is introduced elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Zager presented a financial report of the Scholarship Fund for the past year.

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Coordinator Anthony M. Miner reported that he attempted by means of articles in the VYTIS to awaken K of L interest to support Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid with prayer and financial donations. He also tried to increase the income by selling records, pins, buttons, etc.

A total of \$362.31 was raised for LCRA by the K of L via various projects. It is hoped that this amount is greatly increased in the next year.



Officers - old and new. Left - Stella Sankal, Right - Sue Boroskas, Irene Sankus, Rev. Albert Contons, Irene Ozalis.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT 1971-1972

Dear Members of the Knights of Lithuania:

I felt it a distinct privilege to serve as spiritual advisor of the Supreme Council during the past year. We can all be justly proud of the many achievements and distinguished service of the K of L and its members in these difficult and challenging times.

During the past year I took part in as many K of L functions as my schedule allowed, namely, the New England District Convention, Cambridge Sept. 26, 1971; New England District meeting to plan the observance of the first anniversary of Simas Kudirka's leap for freedom, Worcester, Nov. 7, 1971; delivered invocation at the K of L sponsored observance of Simas Kudirka's anniversary, Martha's Vineyard, Nov. 21; Supreme Council meeting in So. Boston, Jan. 9, 1972; New England District convention and graveside ceremony honoring K of L founder, Mykolas Norkunas, Lawrence, April 30, 1972; K of L Scholarship Dinner, So. Boston, June 3, 1972; celebrated Mass on the anniversary of the death of Rev. John Jutt, Worcester, June 28, 1972; extended

greetings of Supreme Council to John and Irene Adomaitis, K of L leaders, on their Silver Wedding Anniversary, Worcester, Aug. 13, 1972.

At the request of Vytis editor, I prepared two articles for Vytis: PRINCE OF PEACE, December, 1971 issue, and CHRIST IS RISEN, REJOICE, April, 1972 issue.

At the annual convention of the Lithuanian Priests' League of America, Aug. 9-10, 1972 I presented a report on the Knights of Lithuania and its activities.

It is my prayerful wish that this convention be productive in new programs to promote the ideal of service to God and Country, and that members throughout the country find fulfillment, happiness, and an abundance of God's blessings in their commitment to K of L ideals.

Vytiškai,

Father Albert Contons
Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor



Rev. Contons performs official duties at Convention. Top; Oath of Office is administered to new members of Supreme Council. Bottom; Fourth Degree is bestowed.



IN MEMORIAM...

Please remember in your prayers...

JOSEPH MONTVIDAS
C-29, Newark, N.J. member
died Sept. 13, 1972

PETER VELEVAS C-90,
Kearny, N.J. memeber,
died Aug. 20, 1972



Dr. Stukas is presented gift on behalf of Argentine Lithuanians, via Alfredo Ruplenas, during K of L trip to South America.

Dr. J. J. Stukas

(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).

In October, 1971, urged all K of L's and Lithuanian organizations to send letters and telegrams to Pres. Nixon, urging him to request Soviet leaders to free Simas Kudirka when he visited Moscow, and to permit Kudirka's family to emigrate to the U.S. A petition was drawn with hundreds of signatures, which were sent to the President in the name of the K of L in Nov., '71.

Corresponded with numerous senators and congressmen on various occasions, to write, speak or act in behalf of oppressed Lithuania.

Personally handled large volume of correspondence regarding K of L matters, and frequently wrote articles to the Lithuanian Press on K of L activities and projects. Personally paid postage.

Called and participated in Supreme Council meetings: Jan. 9, 1972 in Boston; June 11, 1972 in Cleveland; also Aug. 24, 1972 in

Cleveland (pre-convention meeting). Arranged agendas for the meetings and handled correspondence and action on matters discussed and passed.

Produced long-playing record in name of Supreme Council: "Dedication Ceremonies of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel in Rome". (I organized the K of L excursion of 73 in June-July, 1970). Recording has Papal Mass for the Lithuanian pilgrims, talks by Bishop Marcinkus, Cardinal Samore, Minister St. Lozoraitis and other highlights. Available to Councils for sale at \$2.50 each in larger quantities. Retail list \$5.00. Profits should be allocated to Lithuanian Religious Aid. Possible tie-ins with local pastor or parish affairs should be attempted. The record was released without cost to the K of L, and in appreciation, we should help Eurotone Records recoup its costs by larger distribution of this beautiful and memorable collector's item.

In March, 1972, represented K of L at the 30th anniversary celebration of Viltis Magazine, in Denver, Colo., in honor of Vyts Beliajus, noted Lithuanian-American folk dance authority. Supreme Council voted \$100. toward my total expenses which reached \$350.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES

1971 - 1972

On April 15-16, read a paper on role of the K of L in the dissemination of information concerning Lithuania, at the 2nd Baltic Information Conference of No. America, in Washington, D.C.

On April 28-30, represented K of L at the Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenės Tarybos meeting in Chicago, as a member of that Taryba. Promised them we would organizationally aid their various projects and programs.

Subsequently, the Supreme Council voted to allot \$5.00 for each Council (\$200.) as a token first donation from each Council, which in the future would voluntarily make such a contribution. Your President rebutted criticism from the American Lithuanian Council, which erroneously argued that we were "merging" our organization and destroying our individuality, by stating that we will similarly support the American Lithuanian Council. The K of L seeks to unify Lithuanians, not to disunite them, and we will continue to aid all worthy organizations and cooperate with them, in their work for Lithuanian culture and freedom.

Participated with members of the Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenė (American Lith. Community) at their invitation, to represent the K of L, in delegations to Cardinal Krol in Phila. and Bishop Dougherty in N.J. to request their proclaiming an official Day of Prayer for Lithuania's persecuted in the name of the Bishop's Conference. This was successful and June 18, 1972 was declared a Day of Prayer for Lithuania throughout the U.S. A historic act, indeed...

Arranged another historic first: the official K of L Tour to 5 South American countries, from June 22 - July 7, 1972: Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Venezuela. Organized K of L concerts, with our own artists: Prudencija Bičkienė, Louis Stukas, Vitalis Žukauskas, also Vyt. Puškorius, in the countries named. Affairs were highly successful. We gave Lith. records as gifts to our hosts in the name of the K of L. Recorded interviews with local Lith. dignitaries and hosts were aired on "Memories of Lithuania", New York, and will be made available to all Lithuanian programs throughout the country, on request. K of L Councils are possible in Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo, and efforts are being made in the regard.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, your president, also Larry Svelnis, Irene Adomaitis, Louis Stukas, Loretta Štukas and Grace Vaškelis met with members of the TFP. Catholic Youth Organization in Brazil, who, as fellow - brother Catholics, wished to aid the Lithuanian Cause. They want to start a campaign to gather 500,000 to a million signatures, under a manifesto to the United Nations, with copies to Western governments and the Holy See, protesting the illegal occupation of Lithuania and brutal religious persecution under the Soviets. In addition, there would be extensive press and radio coverage, parades, demonstra-

tions, etc. TFP could assume \$1500. of the estimated \$6500. cost. K of L officers and members in the excursion, promised to help in raising the \$5000. needed in the U.S. \$150. was contributed by members of the group, and approx. \$300. has been raised by your President from listeners of "Memories of Lithuania". K of L Councils, Districts and the Supreme Council, should donate to this most worthy cause, which has been given extensive coverage in the Lith. Press as a K of L project. We should also solicit non K of L'ers to donate to this drive. Time is short, and this should be done as soon as possible.

The Supreme Council voted to urge all Councils to assist the publication of the Encyclopedia Lituanica, which sorely needs new subscribers and financial assistance. Each Council should subscribe to a set (and probably donate it to the local library), which will have 6 volumes at \$15.00 each. Two volumes have already been published. Orders should be sent to Mr. J. Kapocius, 395 W. Broadway, So. Boston, Mass. 02127. Our organization appeared in the Lithuanian version, and Loretta Stukas, Vytis Editor, is preparing a story on the K of L for the current English version.

Cooperated with the Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman in writing letters and telegrams to congressmen and senators, asking for the reinstatement of the

full budget for Voice of America programs. Had the budget been cut, as Sen. Fulbright and his Committee wanted, programs to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia would have been dropped.

I requested, as desired by the Supreme Council, that the American Lithuanian Community organization desist in using "Lietuviškų Reikalų Komisijos" as the designation of similar committees within that organization. They agreed to change their committees to - "Talkos Lietuvai Sekcijos", and the matter was closed.

Finally, it is essential to the future growth and strength of our organization, that we have a memorable, grandiose and truly fitting 60th anniversary convention in 1973. Bishop V. Brizgys promised to assist in getting special recognition from the Holy See for the K of L on this occasion. Our membership should elect Supreme Council Officers who will do all they can to organize this outstanding convention, and select a really appropriate site.

It has been a pleasure and source of personal gratification to have been of service to the K of L the past four years as National President. I wish your new President God's choicest blessings and I will do what I can to assist him or her and all other officers in the future.



Among the energetic K of L leaders at the convention - left photo, Convention Chairman Charles Machutas, and Anthony Miner. Center photo, Irene Ozalis, Phil Skabeikis, Mary Stonis, Marge, Frank Vaskas. Right photo, Anthony Buknis and Mary York.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Marjorie Dillis



Once again, thanks to the generosity of K of L members and friends, another young member will be assisted in obtaining a college education, with the receipt of a Scholarship Award.

During the 59th National Convention's Closing Banquet, Aug. 27, 1972, at the Hollenden House of Cleveland, Ohio, Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee Chairman Dr. Jack J. Stukas presented a scholarship totaling \$500.00 to a worthy young K of L-er, thus helping her to further her studies. Following is the text of Dr. Stukas' presentation of the Scholarship!

The Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania is pleased this afternoon to award the 14th

Annual Knights of Lithuania Canon Kemesis Scholarship Fund Stipend to one deserving member this year.

This year's selection committee included Yours Truly as Chairman, Irene Adomaitis, Paul Kuzmickas, and Scholarship Committee Treasurer, Gerald Zager. The selection we have made should assist this worthy candidate in furthering her college education. The award totals \$500.00 and will be made in two installments. Our heartiest congratulations to the young lady, MARJORIE JOANNE DILLIS, of Council 1, Brockton, Mass.

Marjorie is the second oldest of 15 children. She is an active K of L member, as are her parents and two sisters. She is also active in the CYO. Marjorie graduated

with honors from Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton, where she was Class Secretary, a member of the Dramatic Society and of the National Honor Society. In addition to this, she was chosen Second Runner-up in the recent contest for Miss Teenager of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and was awarded the ELKS Youth Leadership Award.

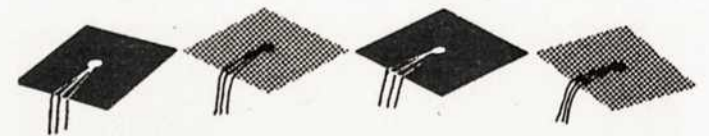
Marjorie Dillis hopes to become a nurse. She prepared for this career by volunteering her services in the hospital all through high school, and now plans to attend the Catherine Laboure School of Nursing, to complete her studies towards this most worthwhile goal.

About Miss Dillis' personal traits, her teachers and friends report:

"Her integrity is above reproach, her generosity most genuine, and her concern for others is highly commendable because of her stability and solid common sense and good judgement"...
 ... "She has grown into a lovely warm person... Her love for God and family are two of her most important assets"...

... "Marjorie is most qualified in every way for her chosen profession of nursing"...

To, Marjorie Dillis, recipient of the 14th Annual Knights of Lithuania Scholarship, the Supreme Council and the VYTIS Staff extend heartiest congratulation and best wishes for a successful career in nursing.

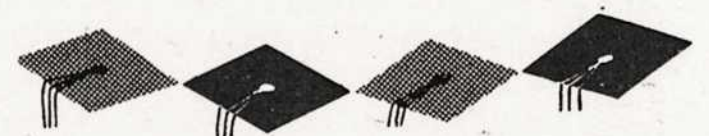


Dear Dr. Stukas,

I would like to express my thanks to you and the members of the Knights of Lithuania for finding me worthy of the \$500.00 Knights of Lithuania Scholarship. This award will greatly lessen the financial burden of the coming year.

Once again, many thanks.

Sincerely,
 Marjorie Dillis



"KUO JŪS MANE LAIKOTE?"

Pamokslas Vyčių Seimui, 8/27/72

Šv. Jurgio Par. bažnyčioje, Clevelande

Kun. Albertas Kontautas

Broliai kunigai, mieli Vyčiai, Brangūs lietuviai:

Kristus evangelijoje klausia Petrą, ir jis klausia mus, "Kuo jūs mane laikote?"

Prieš metus kun. Zdebskis Lietuvoje buvo apkaltintas, kad mokė vaikus katekizmą. Teisme jis pripažino, kad stovi kryžkelėje prieš dvi galimybes, kaip ir kiekvienas krikščionis Lietuvoje ir Amerikoje. Viena galimybė, "būti kunigu pagal Kristaus mintį, ryžtantis eiti pareigas, kurių reikalauja Kristus ir Bažnyčia. Kita galimybė, rinktis vadinamą 'taikaus bendradarbiavimo su ateistais keliu' bandyti tarnauti dviem valdovams. Būti kunigu savo pareigose, bet ateizmui būti nepavojingu... eiti į konfliktą su sąžine.

Į Kristaus klausimą, kun. Zdebskis atsakė, "Tu esi Kristus, gyvojo Dievo Sūnus". Už tokį tikėjimą jis buvo nubaustas vienus metus kalėjimo, kaip kun. Šeškevičius, kun. Bubnys ir visa eilė kitų kunigų ir pasauliečių. O kaip mes atsakome į Kristaus klausimą, "Kuo jūs mane laikote?"

Kodėl komunistai persekioja Bažnyčią? Kodėl neleidžia kunigui laisvai skelbti Evangeliją, prieiti prie jaunimo, lankytis pas žmones? Kadangi komunistai supranta, kad vienintelė pasaulėžiūra, kuri mūsų laikuose gali atsispirti prieš komunizmą yra krikščionių tikėjimas. Todėl komunistai jaučia reikalinga izoliuoti žmones nuo kunigo, kunigus nuo vyskupo, vyskopus nuo popiežiaus. Petras, Popiežius, yra Bažnyčios uola, o Bažnyčia yra Kristus mumyse.

Lietuva yra kankinių kraštas. Kiek yra vyskupų, kunigų, tikinčiųjų, kurie paguldė gyvybę už tikėjimą, už ištikimybę Bažnyčiai, Šventam Tėvui. Juos pagerbti Romoje yra Lietuvių Kankinių Koplyčia.

Nuo Antrojo Pasaulinio Karo Lietuvoje buvo išventinti 440 kunigų. Iš jų tik 17 yra metę kuni-

gystę. O 170 yra mirę kankiniais už tikėjimą Sovietų kalėjimuose ir Sibiro vergų stovyklose.

Prieš Velykas 17,000 lietuvių pasirašė peticiją už tikėjimo laisvę. Kiekvienas jų žinojo, kad jis stato gyvybę pavojun, kad turi būti pasiruošęs mirti kankinio mirtimi, kadangi jis pripažįsta, "Tu esi Kristus, gyvojo Dievo Sūnus".

Kristus pasakė apie Bažnyčią: "Pragaro vartai jos nenugalės"; reiškia, "Mirties galybė jos nenugalės".

Simas Kudirka savo teisme primindamas šimtus tūkstančių Lietuvos kankinių pabrėžė, "Narsiausi Lietuvos patriotai buvo fiziniai sunaikinti. Tačiau nauja, jauna karta yra užaugusi, kuri žada eiti savo tėvų keliu". Štai Romas Kalanta, kiti, susidegino protestui už religinę ir politinę laisvę; tūkstančiai jaunuolių Kauno gatvėse reikalauja nepriklausomybės Lietuvai; Vilniuje studentai žiūrėdami krepšinio rungtynes nušvilpia

sovietų žaidėjus ir atsisako stoti sovietų himno metu. Amerikoje lietuviškas jaunimas organizuoja ir skaitlingai dalyvauja demonstracijose už Kudirką ir Lietuvos laisvę. Tikrai, "mirties galybė nenugalės Kristaus Bažnyčios".

Mieli Vyčiai, lietuviai, esame pergyvenę tamsią naktį. Vyčių veikla buvo tylą, visuomenės beveik nepastebėta. Kas tikėtų, kad per 25 metus Vyčiai yra parašę pusę milijono laiškų Lietuvos išlaisvinimo reikalui? Kiek buvo paruoštų Vyčiuose vadų? Kiek stipendijų padovanotų? Kiek buvo paruošta kultūrinių, religinių programų?

Rusijos žymusis rašytojas, Aleksandras Solženitsynas, Nobelio premijos priėmimui paruoštoje kalboje apgailestavo, kad Rusijos garbingi poetai ir rašytojai yra pasmerkti kurti tyloje iki mirčiai, niekad neišgirdami aidą jų rašyto žodžio. Panašiai yra su Vyčiais ir kitais lietuviais veikėjais, kurių



Delegates enter St. George Church for Closing Mass.



Kun. Kontautas Kultūros Darže.

paskirtis yra kurti ir veikti tyloje iki mirčiai, niekad neišgirsdami savo žodžio ir veiklos aidą laisvoje Lietuvoje.

Tačiau po mažu jau matome naujos aušros pirmus spindulėlius horizonte. Pavyzdžiui, Velykų rytą Šv. Tėvas, turėdamas Lietuvos tikinčiuosius mintyje, sveikino Tylos Bažnyčią. Amerikos vyskupų konferencijoje vyskupas Dougherty pabrėžia religijos persekiojimą Lietuvoje tarp penkių svarbiausių rūpesčių tarptautinėje srityje. Kard. Krol paskiria birželio 18 dieną visai Amerikai kaip Maldos Dieną už Lietuvos Kenčiančią Bažnyčią.

Mieli Vyčiai, lietuviai, kiekvienas stovime gyvenimo kryžkelėje, jaučiame pagundą išsirinkti lengvesnį kelią. Eikime su Kristumi, pripažinkime su Petru, "Tu esi Kristus, gyvojo Dievo Sūnus". Lietuva yra kankinių tauta. Nors mūsų tikėjimas, mūsų veikla reikalauja daug pasišventimo, būkime ištikimi Bažnyčiai, kuri yra Kristus mūsų tarpe, ir Šv. Tėvui, kuris yra Petras, Bažnyčios uola. Gyvenkime viltyje, kad nauja aušra prasideda, kad laisvė prašvinta, kad "Mirties galybė nenugalės Kristaus Bažnyčios", nenugalės mūsų ir mūsų brolių Lietuvoje.

DIEVUI IR TĖVYNEI

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ CENTRO VALDYBOS PRANEŠIMAS

BRAZILIJOS KATALIKŲ JAUNIMO SĄJUNGA (TFP) - ginti šeimai, tradicijoms ir nuosavybei, su neseniai besilankančiais Lietuvos Vyčiais Brazilijoje susitarė, kad brazilų jaunimas panaudos savo organizacines jėgas Lietuvos bylai išskelti. Su Vyčiais nustatytame projekte numatyta paskelbti manifestą Jungtinėms Tautoms ir viso pasaulio vyriausybėms bei Popiežiui. Brazilų jaunimas po šiuo manifestu tikisi surinkti IKI MILIJONO PARAŠŲ!

Didžiausia akcija numatyta Sao Paulo mieste, kur planuojamas paradas. Parašų rinkimo kampanija tęsis apie 15 dienų. Parašus rinks 400 jaunų savanorių, dirbdami po 8 valandas per dieną. Didelė akcija bus vedama ir Rio de Janeiro mieste. Per tą dviejų savaitių laikotarpį, TFP Sąjunga siųs specialius pranešimus į spaudą. Sąjunga turi spaudos agentūras 45-kiuose Brazilijos miestuose. Sąjungos vadas, prof. Plinio Correa de Olivera yra žurnalistas, kurio straipsnius spausdina įtakingieji Brazilų laikraščiai. Per tas dvi savaites ji skirs straipsnius Lietuvai. Bažnyčiose ir universitetuose bus dalinami lapeliai apie Lietuvą. Tą visą kampaniją minės 85 Brazilijos stotys. Planuojama didelė demonstracija prie sovietų ambasados Rio de Janeiro mieste. Specialūs biuletiniai bus siuntinėjami anglų, prancūzų, ispanų ir portugalų kalbomis. Medžiagos šiems biuletiniams, straipsniams ir radijo pranešimams TFP Sąjungai taip pat pristačiusi Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacija. Vyčių ir TFP Sąjungos susitarimu, ši visa kampanija kainuos \$6,500. Brazilai pažadėjo surinkti - \$1500. Kitus \$5000. padės surinkti Lietuvos Vyčiai. Vyčiai ekskursantai Brazilijoje padarė pradžią, sudėdami \$150.

Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacija laukia visų lietuvių skubios talkos, kad per š.m. RUGSĖJO mėnesį būtų surinkta reikalinga suma šiam istoriniam brazilų žygiui. Visų aukotojų pavardės bus paskelbtos žurnale "Vytis". Aukos neatidėliojant siunčiamos sudarytos komisijos pirmininkui, Prof. dr. Jokubui Stukui, šiuo adresu: 1467 Force Drive, Mountain-side, New Jersey 07092. Už Jūsų paramą ir dėmesį Vyčiai iš anksto dėkoja!

LIETUVOS TIKINTIEJI ŠAUKIASI PAGALBOS

Lietuvoje persekiojamas tikėjimas. Tikintieji už bažnyčias privalo mokėti labai didelius mokesčius. Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės Šalpos rėmėjai pagelbsti bažnyčiom Lietuvoje.

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THOUGHTS EXPRESSED... DURING CONVENTION PLENARY SESSIONS

... ON JUNIORS

"Togetherness" and "Lithuanian Unity" were the overriding themes of the JUNIORS PANEL, as speakers Egle Giedraityte and Rymantas Aukstoriū, coordinator Sue Boroskas, guest Stasys Barzdukas of Bendruomene, and convention delegates discussed the question of how to encourage greater youth participation in the K of L.

It was suggested that the K of L join forces, at least occasionally, with other youth groups, in organizing Lithuanian classes, giving dances, planning socials, etc. Participating in other groups' activities can provide variety, new contacts and ideas, and will show our youngsters that Lithuanianism can be an "in-thing".

Above all, adult leadership is essential to all youth cultural activity, and special pains should be taken to train Junior counselors.

The work of the Lithuanian Student Association of North America was also described, and Knights of Lithuania were invited to participate in its conferences.

Another important suggestion was that special efforts be made to reach and attract that element of Lithuanian youth not currently associated with any Lithuanian activity. This can only be done by personal contact or by constantly seeking publicity for K of L projects in the American Press.

For those councils who do not... and cannot... have Junior councils, for problems in travel, etc., it was suggested that the regular council plan several activities during the year that would encourage young people to attend, and thus become exposed to the K of L and its activity.

... KULTŪRINIAMS REIKALAMS

Akt. Vitalis Žukauskas padarė platesnį pranešimą tema: "Kaip Lietuvos Vyčiai gali praplėsti savo darbą ir veiklą kultūrinėje srityje?"

Prelegentas atkreipė dėmesį į tai, kad L. Vyčiai daugiau reiškiasi politinėje srityje, o nuošaliai palieka kultūrinę. Veikla, prelegento nuomone, kultūrinėje plotmėje yra taip pat reikšminga ir daug galima Lietuvos reikalui pagelbėti.

Pripažinta buvo Lietuvos Vyčių veikla didesnėse kolonijose, kur veikia chorai ar tautinių šokių grupės. Pastebėta ir Juozo Boley organizuoti dramos vaidinimai Brooklyne. Bet didesnio vyčių judėjimo kultūros srityse neužtinkama, bent spaudoje apie

tai nebuvo rašyta.

Buvo pasiūlyta seimo dalyviams atkreipti dėmesį į kelias kultūrinės veiklos sritis.

Atskiros vyčių kuopos savo veiklai pagyvinti gali ruošti literatūros vakarus, pasikviesti žinomesnius rašytojus, kad paskaitytų savo naujausios kūrybos ar papasakotų apie lietuvių didžiuosius rašytojus, poetus. Galima surengti net ištisą vakarą apie lietuvių kūrėjus vietos visuomenei anglų kalba. Yra Maryland leidyklos išleistų knygų, kurios gali pagelbėti tokį vakarą organizuojant.

Surengti dailės parodų. Tai gali apsimokėti ir finansiniai papildant kuopos kasą - gaunant nuošimtį nuo parduto paveikslo. Nemažai yra dailininkų kurie gali reprezentuoti lietuvių vardą svetimtaučių tarpe.

Pasikviesti kalbėtojų, kurie yra atskirų sričių specialistai ir taip praturtinti savo žinias ar net surengti diskusijas kultūriniais klausimais.

Suruošti solisto ar instrumentalisto koncertą, ne tik kokios nors šventės proga, bet grynai pabendravimo ir veiklos pagyvinimo tikslais.

Dramos ratelių organizavimas ir vaidinimai, ar tai vienveiksmiai ar ištisi, duotų daug naudos ne tik vyčių kuopoms, bet ir vietos visuomenei. Tai atgavintų kolonijų ir pačių kuopų apsnūdimą ir kuopa turėtų progos nuvykti pas kitas kuopas ir parodyti savo meninius sugebėjimus.

Svetimtaučiams parengti folkloro parodas 16 vasario ar kokiom kitom progom. Galima parodyti gintaro išdirbinius, tautinius audinius, juostas, medžio drožinius, etc.

Distriktų konvencijų metu padaryti didesnę parengimą, kad ir visuomenė galėtų atvykti.

Ateiti talkon Balzeko muziejui, muzikologijos ir pasaulio lietuvių archyvams, o ypač dabar leidžiami Encyclopedia Lituanica. Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos būtinai turėtų užsiprenumeruoti ir padovanoti vietos bibliotekai ar net kokiam įtakingam asmeniui įteikti. Encyklopedija reikalinga vyčių talkos.

Ekskursijos yra irgi viena tų kultūrinių sričių, kurios turi būti ir ateityje skatinamos ir vykdomos plačiu mastu.

Atkreiptinas dėmesys į Lietuvos Vyčių organizuotą ir įvykdytą ekskursiją Pietų Amerikon. Tai didelis nuopelnas prof. dr. Jokūbo J. Stuko, žinomo kultūros srities darbuotojo ne žodžiais, o darbais. Toji ekskursija ne tik Lietuvos Vyčių vardą pagarsino P. Amerikoj, bet suteikė ir kultūrinio bendravimo prasmę tarp išsiblaškiusių lietuvių po platų pasaulį.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

ELECTIONS

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 all the officers to National Recording Secretary,

MISS IRENE ADOMAITIS
4 Whitney St.
Worcester, Mass. 01607

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 Irene.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The National Financial Secretary, Irene Ozalis, reminds us the membership dues are \$5.00 per year and will be due on or before Jan. 1, 1973. 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
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DEADLINE - November 17, 1972

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Although I had firmly stated in my Convention Report that I could and would no longer serve as Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, I finally agreed to do so, after a reorganization of the Committee, and the pressure exerted upon me. This year, I will be assisted by two co-chairmen... Dottie Sinkavitch, C-116, Worcester and Ann Bender, C-26, Worcester. Once again, I ask all K of L members to please send clippings pertaining to Lithuanian Affairs and to also send me the correct names, addresses and dates of the newspapers in which the articles appeared, so that an address list can be built up.

If you are still writing for Lithuanian Affairs, please send me a report for 1971-72 if you have not already done so. If you wish to either add your name to our mailing list, or to have it removed for lack of interest, please inform me as soon as possible. It is only with the whole-hearted support of the K of L that the Lithuanian Affairs Committee can continue to carry on its great and valuable work, begun and directed by its founder the late Father John Jutt.

Do not fold your hands and quit now that Father John is no longer with us. Instead, work even harder to exhibit your love of Lithuania, doing everything possible on her behalf. Live up to our motto, "For God and Country". Make the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee a living memorial to Father John, who exerted so much energy to make it successful.

Anthony M. Miner,
National Chairman, Lithuanian Affairs

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

A very important meeting of the Supreme Council is scheduled for SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 1972, at 7:00 P.M., at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Adams St. and New York Ave., Newark, N.J. All Supreme Council Members, National Committee Chairmen, and Honorary Members are urged to attend and help the new K of L year get off to a good start.

VYČIAI KALĖDOS NETOLII!

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



KNYGHTS OF LITHUANIA

59th National Convention
 Cleveland, Ohio - Aug. 23-27, 1972

Mr. Joseph Grazulis
 32510 Shoreham Drive
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Please send me a copy of the 59th National Convention Photograph. I am enclosing \$1.25 to cover costs.

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REZOLIUCIJOS

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were all approved by the delegates to the 59th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, convening in Cleveland, Ohio August 24-27, 1972.

RESOLVED, that this Convention urge councils and members to extend support for the American Lithuanian Community (Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenė) for its numerous activities, as song and dance festivals, Youth Congresses, etc., and request all councils to actively support and participate in the work of this organization on both the national and local levels.

RESOLVED also, that the Convention similarly urge councils and members to continue to extend support for the American Lithuanian Council (ALTAS) and other organizations working for Lithuanian freedom. A sum of \$200.00, allotted to each, the American Lithuanian Community and the American Lithuanian Council, is approved as a token of our support for their efforts on behalf of Lithuanian culture and freedom, without the intention of obligating individual councils in any way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above resolution be published in the Lithuanian press which had carried previous news items on this subject.

WHEREAS the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation is the national federation of all Lithuanian Catholic lay organizations, Lithuanian parishes and Lithuanian religious orders, and

WHEREAS there is a need for district units of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation to coordinate the mutual interests of the Lithuanian catholic organizations within these smaller geographical areas as well as to provide more effective liason between these local organizations and the national federation,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania through their local councils and/or district organizations take the initiative to organize district units of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation in those areas of this country where such units do not presently exist.

RESOLVED, that all councils be strongly urged to make contributions and collect donations to support the "Family, Tradition and Property" Organization (A Catholic Youth Organization) of Sao Paulo, Brazil, in their drive for one million signatures in behalf of persecuted Lithuanian Catholics. The signatures will be presented to the United Nations with copies sent to Western Governments and the Holy See, asking that action be taken on the 17,000 religiously oppressed Lithuanians' petition to the U.N.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a committee be formed to coordinate this drive for immediate action.

RESOLVED, that a letter of thanks be sent to President Nixon, for his kind greetings to the 59th National Convention, and also to thank the U.S. Government, through him, for continuing the Voice of America broadcasts to Lithuania for the past 21 years and urge him not to allow them to cease.

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania 59th National Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 24-27, 1972, express their concern and encouragement to the Brazinskas's who successfully escaped the Communist regime in Eastern Europe, and who are currently on trial in Turkey.

RESOLVED, that in response to request for donations, the Supreme Council be allowed to make donations up to \$50.00 in keeping with the general policy of the Knights of Lithuania organization.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that corporate identity is of utmost importance in the communications media, it is SUGGESTED that only the standard "Vytis" Coat of Arms and/or a reproduction of the entire old coin on which the stylized Vytis appears be used by the Knights of Lithuania on all printed matter and in all publications. It is further recommended that we actively campaign to have individuals and other organizations do likewise.

BE IT RESOLVED that a revolving fund of \$1000 be established for use in the development of youth activities under the direction of the National First Vice President, with specific expenditures subject to approval by the Supreme Council.

RESOLVED, that in the event of a death of a council member, news of the death be sent to all K of L Council and District Presidents and to the editor of VYTIS, the exact procedure to be worked out by the Supreme Council.

RESOLVED, That up to \$1000.00 be established as an expense account for the use of the Supreme Council President annually, to enable him or her to fulfill the required duties of that office, as the need arises.

RESOLVED, that the Lithuanian Affairs Committee be empowered to draw up to \$1000.00 annually for necessary expenses, using the \$1000 donation received in the name of Father John Jutt to start a revolving fund for this purpose. The fund is to be called the Rev. John C. Jutt Lithuanian Affairs Fund.

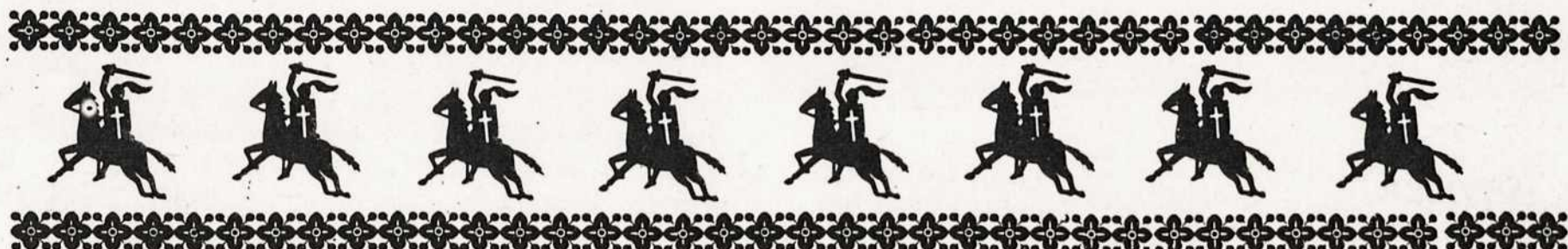
RESOLVED, that a letter be sent to the Reverends Julius and Anthony Jutt thanking them for the generous donation of \$1000.00 from the estate of Rev. John C. Jutt, to the Knights of Lithuania, and informing them of the initiation of the Rev. John C. Jutt Lithuanian Affairs Fund with this donation.

RESOLVED, that the National Lithuanian Affairs Committee be headed by a National Chairman and two Co-Chairmen from the same area, to make the committee more effective and to simplify its chairman's load.

RESOLVED, that the members of the 59th National Convention extend heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Council 25 of Cleveland, Ohio for their outstanding preparations for the Convention.

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 59th National Convention, convening in Cleveland, Ohio August 24-27, 1972, extend their appreciation for the untiring efforts of the Presidium members, and members of the Convention committees.

RESOLVED, that the delegates attending the 59th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, extend heartfelt appreciation to the outgoing officers of the Supreme Council for their untiring efforts in performing their duties during the past year.



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1971 - 1972**



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Peter Bizankauskas, Jr. (NED), C-1, Brockton
Mary York (NY-NJD), C-112, New York
Antanas Skirius (Cal.), L.A. Seniors

VYTIS

Loretta I. Stukas, Editor, C-29, Newark
 Anthony Yuknis, C-112, Chicago
 Rita Ochs, C-67, Bayonne
 Josephine Zukas, C-109, Great Neck
 Mary Kober, C-109, Great Neck

LITH. RELIGIOUS AID COORDINATOR
 Vito Yucius, C-19, Pittsburgh

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE
 Joseph Boley, Chairman, N.Y. Seniors

CONVENTION PRESIDUM



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Joseph Boley, NY Srs.
 Anthony Miner, C-116
 Mildred Chinik, C-19
 Irene Adomaitis, C-116
 Marcella Andrikis, C-7
 Gerald Zager, C-79
 Albert Ozalis, C-3



GREETINGS COMMITTEE

Stella Sankal, Cleveland Srs.; Mary Stonis, C-29;
 Mary Trainy, C-25.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. W. Karaveckas, C-17; Anthony J. Mazeika, NY Srs.; Ann Bender, C-26; Adele Gabalas, Chgo. Srs.; Juozas Sadauskas, Cleveland Srs.

(Note. Rev. Albert Contons also assisted the Resolution Committee as an unofficial member).



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Frank Gudelis (MCD), Longinas Svelnis (NED), Loretta Stukas (NY-NJD), Irene Sankus (IID).



MANDATE COMMITTEE

Peter Luiza, C-25; Longinas Svelnis, C-17 Srs.; Julie Aleshunas, C-19.

MANDATE REPORT

SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev. Albert J. Contons, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Albert Ozalis, Longinas Svelnis, Susan Boroskas, Irene Ozalis, Stelle Sankal, John Alanskas.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Marcella Andrikis (Waterbury), Ann Bender (Worcester), Joseph Boley (New York), Robert Boris (Detroit), Adele Gabalis (Chicago), Mary Lucas (Dayton), Anthony Mazeika (New York), Anne Mitchell (Elizabeth), Juozas Sadauskas (Cleveland), Dr. Jack J. Stukas (Newark), Longinas Svelnis (So. Boston), Stanley Vaitkus (Dayton), Frank Vaskas (Newark).

CLERGY

Rev. Albert Contons, Rev. Walter Karaveckas, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis.

DISTRICTS REPRESENTED - 4

Illinois-Indiana - Irene K. Sankus, Leon Pauksta
Mid-Central - Frank Gudelis, Stella Pavis
New England - Irene Adomaitis, Peter Bizankauskas, Jr.
New York-New Jersey - Joseph Boley, Frank Vaskas

COUNCILS REPRESENTED - 24 (19 Regular, 4 Senior, 1 Junior)

- C-1 Brockton - Susan Boroskas, Andrew Bizankauskas
- C-3 Philadelphia - Lillian Sasnauskas
- C-7 Waterbury - Marcella Andrikis, John Alanskas
- C-10 Athol-Gardner - Margaret Serek
- C-12 New York - Mary York
- C-17 So. Boston - Albert Jaritis, Frank Yonika
- C-19 Pittsburgh - Mildred Chinik, Vito Yucius, Andy Rozger, Julia Aleshunas, Antoinette Naujalis, Eleanor Aleliunas, Alice Pitts, Joanne Fetter
- C-25 Cleveland - Peter Luiza, Nellie Arunski, Alice Karklius, Ben Karklius
- C-26 Worcester - Rita Pinkus, Ann Bender, Helen Gillis, Ann Bucinskas, Rose Chestnut, Paul Kuzmickas
- C-29 Newark - Mary Stonis, Loretta Stukas, Albin Janks
- C-36 Chicago - Helen Skudra
- C-41 Brooklyn - Philip Skabeikis, Marion Sidtis
- C-52 Elizabeth - Annie Mitchell
- C-79 Detroit - Gerald Zager, Ruth Grasha, Magdalena Smailis, Frank Zager, Sophie Zager
- C-96 Dayton - Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, Sally Miller, Anna Del Miller, Mary Lucas
- C-102 Detroit - Ann Uznis, Grace Vaskelis, Robert Boris

- C-111 Youngstown - Alice Strenis, JoAnne Strenis
- C-112 Chicago - Ed Krivickas, Dr. Joseph Jerome, Algis Skudra, Peter Gagle, Gediminas Janula, Anthony Yuknis
- C-116 So. Worcester - Anthony Miner, Stanely Griegas, Mrs. Irene Adomaitis
- C-116 Jrs. - So. Worcester - Joan Adamaitis
- Cleveland Seniors - Mary Trainy, Rose Sankalas, Jule Salasavičienė, Kazimiera Petkunas
- Chicago Seniors - Adele Gabalas
- C-17 Seniors - Longinas Svelnis
- New York Seniors - Anthony Mazeika, Susan Mazeika

GUESTS

OHIO - Stasys Barzdukas, Egle Giedraityte, Rymantas Aukstorius, Tina Slabokiene, Mrs. K. Titas, Denis Mazeika, MD, Elizabeth August, Joseph August, Victor August, Amelia August, Pat Zelinskas, Eloise Berczelly, Bernadette Noreikas, K. R. Pautenis, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Petkus, M. Yesmantas, Josephine Zarelba, Anthony Buknis, Alvina Luiza, Vytautas Puskorius, Victoria Rutkauskas, Ingrida Dubelis, Steponas Bucmys, Andy Palzes, Frances Mikalauskas, George Mikalauskas

MICHIGAN - Joseph Kurpowic, Catherine Kurpowic, Annette Byrne

PENNSYLVANIA - William Kolicius, Diane Kolicius

ILLINOIS - Barbara Jerome, William Jerome, Dr. K. Bobelis, Vladas Simaitis, T. Blinstrubas

MASSACHUSETTS - De Kuzmickas

CALIFORNIA - Leonard Valiukas



Convention Registration Desk: l - r. Adele Svet, Ruth Guzauskas, Nancy Reedick, Nellie Samas, Alice Karklius and Nelda Machutas.

GREETINGS

Hon. Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States of America
 Hon. John J. Gilligan, Governor of Ohio
 Hon. Ralph J. Perk, Mayor of Cleveland
 Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, Bishop of Lithuania in Exile, Chicago, Ill.
 Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Sister M. Margaret, Superior, Putnam, Conn.
 Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania, Dr. J. K. Valiunas, President, New York, N.Y.
 Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., Rev. S. Raila, New York, N.Y.
 JAV ir Kanados Lietuvių Fronto Bičiulių Centro Valdyba, Juozas Mikonis, Pirm., Cleveland, Ohio.

Lithuanian R.C. Alliance of America (ALRKS), Leonardas Simutis.
 Lithuanian American Community of the USA (Bendruomene), Vytautas Volertas, President, Delran, N.J.
 Lithuanian Encyclopedia Press, Inc., J. Kapocius, Editor
 Jaunimo Žygis už Tikėjimo Laisvę, Romualdas Bublys, Pirm.
 American Lithuanian R.C. Women's Alliance, Antonia Wackell, Pres.
 Ateitininkų Sendraugių Draugija, Cleveland, Ohio
 Loretta Macekonis, C-5, Chicago.

GREETINGS WITH DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Larry and Jean Janonis, NY-NJ District President	\$ 20.00
Algirdas Kačanauskas, Brooklyn, N.Y.	10.00
Marie Yesmantas, Cleveland Srs.	10.00

REV. JOHN JUTT LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS FUND

Estate of Rev. John Jutt	1000.00
Annie Mitchell	5.00

VYTIS FUND

Prof. Alexander Aleksis, Honorary Member, Waterbury, Conn.	25.00
Matas Zujus, Honorary Member and GARSAS Editor, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	20.00
Mary York, C-12, New York, N.Y.	20.00
Member of C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass.	10.00
Gene Gobis, C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y.	5.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Anthony Buknis, Cleveland Seniors	120.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kurpowic, C-139, Detroit, Mich.	25.00
Felicija Grendal, Honorary Member, So. Boston, Mass.	20.00
Mary Stonis, C-29, Newark, N.J.	20.00
Anne Mitchell, Honorary Member, Elizabeth, N.J.	10.00
Stanley Vaitkus, Honorary Member, Vandalia, Ohio	10.00
Antoinette Naujalis, C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5.00
C-17, So. Boston, Mass.	50.00
C-17, Seniors, So. Boston, Mass.	50.00
C-25, Cleveland, Ohio	50.00
Gene Gobis, C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y.	5.00

59th National Convention Delegates/Guests:

The Convention Committee and all the members of Council-25 would like to thank you for coming to Cleveland and making our Convention a success. If we failed you in any way, please forgive us - if we pleased you we are overjoyed. We were delighted with your enthusiasm and K of L spirit and will long remember your visit.

Vytiškai,

COUNCIL-25

THANK YOU!

Late Convention Boosters

Genevieve Gobis - C-100 - Amsterdam
 Al and Eleanor Bendokas - Cleveland
 Mary Skuns - Cleveland - Council 25

OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP COUNT, as of
August 1, 1972

Council	As of 8/71	As of 8/72	Gain	Loss
1	26	35	9	-
3	30	31	1	-
5	9	11	2	-
7	120	116	-	4
10	21	22	1	-
12	35	43	8	-
13	2	2	-	-
14	2	1	-	1
17	33	40	7	-
17 Sr.	42	52	10	-
18	0	6	6	-
19	34	36	2	-
25	27	27	-	-
25 Sr.	39	42	3	-
26	122	140	18	-
29	106	112	6	-
30	26	24	-	2
36	49	60	11	-
Chgo. Sr.	35	33	-	2
41	2	16	14	-
41 Sr.	22	28	6	-
52	23	23	-	-
61	7	7	-	-
67	3	7	4	-
78	1	13	12	-
79	194	157	-	37
90	35	35	-	-
96	108	124	16	-
100	58	57	-	1
102	43	40	-	3
103	0	2	2	-
109	26	26	-	-
111 Sr.	18	13	-	5
112	158	144	-	14
113	2	2	-	-
116	40	42	2	-
133	2	6	4	-
133 Sr.	29	37	8	-
134	14	12	-	2
135	48	58	10	-
139	27	30	3	-
TOTALS	1618	1712	165	71

ANOTHER LIFETIME MEMBER

During the National Convention, the "exclusive" club of Knights of Lithuania Lifetime Members gained another member... bringing the membership up to 4! EDWARD KRIVICKAS, long-time, active member of Council 112, Chicago, Illinois, became a life-time member by paying the required \$100.00. A heartfelt thanks is extended to Mr. Krivickas by the Supreme Council... and also by his financial secretary, who no longer needs to collect annual dues from him.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AWARDS

Membership awards were presented to councils and individuals during the Saturday Luncheon, by National Membership Chairman, Albert Ozalis. Awards were given in categories, according to the council size. The categories were as follows:

- First - 10 members or less
- Second - 11 to 29 members
- Third - 30 to 59 members
- Fourth - 100 or more members

(No councils exist in the 60 to 99 bracket).

100% PAID UP MEMBERSHIP AWARDS
(to First Council to be paid up)

Category Council

- 1 C-61, Paterson, N.J. & C-67, Bayonne, N.J., TIE
- 2 C-10, Athol, Mass.
- 3 C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y.
- 4 None

NEW MEMBER AWARDS

Category	Council	Member Increase
1	C-78, Lawrence, Mass.	12
2	C-1, Brockton, Mass.	9
3	C-12, New York, N.Y.	8
4	C-96, Dayton, Ohio	16

Individual Awards were also presented to Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, C-1, Longinas Svelnis, C-17 Seniors, Elenore Sluzas, C-96 and Alice Petkus, C-96.

DONATIONS TO THE KNIGHTS OF
LITHUANIA

During the past few months, the Knights of Lithuania was remembered very generously in the bequests of several deceased members. During the National Convention, a sum of \$1000.00 was presented to the Knights by the brothers of the late Rev. John C. Jutt, from his estate. This sum will be used specifically to further the work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, which Father John founded and served as its chairman for 25 years.

From the estate of the late JOHN RAZAUSKAS, member of C-96, Dayton, Ohio, came a donation of \$500.00, to be used to further various projects of the Knights of Lithuania.

The Supreme Council most gratefully acknowledges these donations, and sincerely hopes that others will follow this example by remembering the Knights of Lithuania in their wills.



Recipients of Fourth Degree: L.-R. Gene Kunsitis - C-25-Cleveland; Frances Mikalauskas - C-96-Dayton; Sally Miller - C-96-Dayton; Irene Ozalis - C-3-Philadelphia.

DEGREES CONFERRED

During the Closing Mass of the Convention, on August 27, 1972, four members were awarded the Fourth Degree, Order of St. Casimir, by Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Adviser. The recipients were:

SALLY MILLER - C-96, Dayton, Ohio
FRANCES MIKALAUSKAS - C-96, Dayton, Ohio
IRENE OZALIS - C-3, Philadelphia, Pa.
EUGENE KUNSITIS - C-25, Cleveland, Ohio

Earlier, during the Saturday Luncheon, the Third Degree, Order of Vytautas, was conferred by Ritual Chairman Rita Pinkus, on the following members:

ADELE SVETT - C-25, Cleveland, Ohio
SUSAN BOROSKAS - C-1, Brockton, Mass.
GEDIMINAS JANULA - C-112, Chicago, Ill.
PETER LUIZA - C-25, Cleveland, Ohio
ANN ALELIUNAS - C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa.

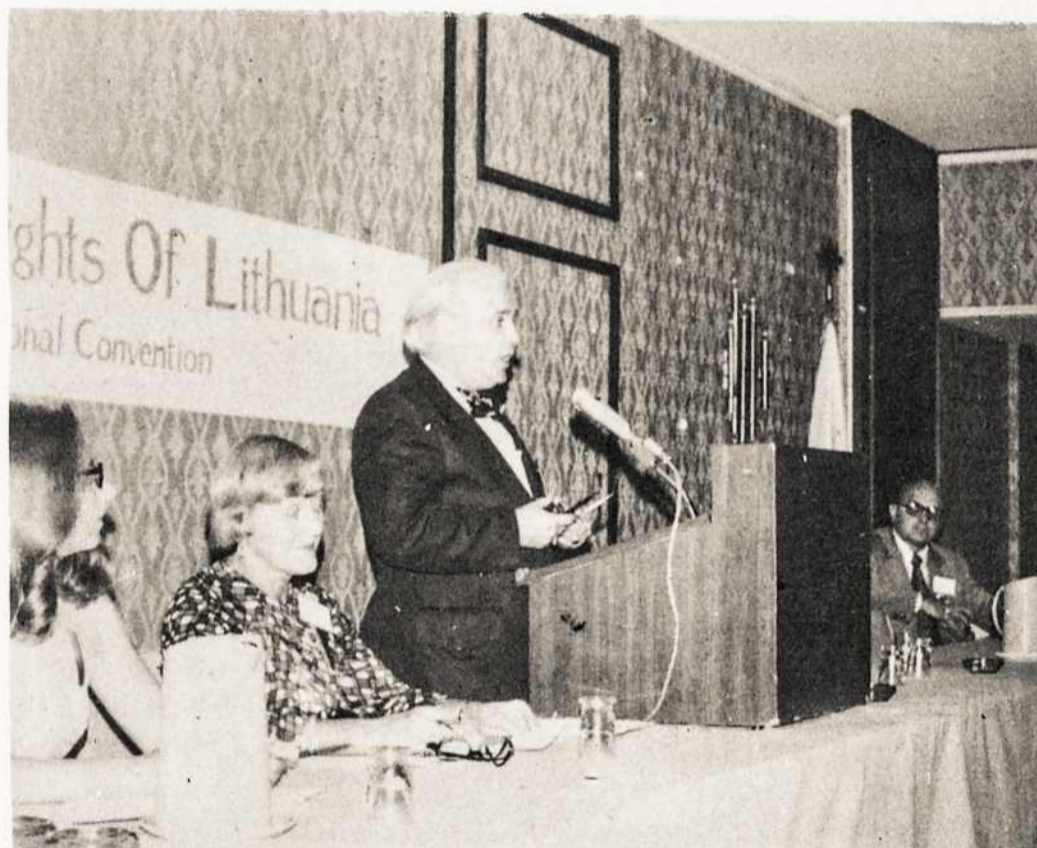


Third Degree Recipients: L.-R. Peter Luiza - C-25-Cleveland; Sue Boroskas - C-1-Brockton; Adele Svet - C-25-Cleveland; Rita Pinkus - Ritual Com. Chairman; Gediminas Janula - C-112-Chicago.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Three panel discussions were held during plenary sessions, to discuss problems confronting the K of L and to seek ways of improving the organization and our relations with other groups. Thoughts collected during those panels appear elsewhere in this issue. The panels and their participants were as follows:

1. JUNIOR ACTIVITY - K of L and Elsewhere
Susan Boroskas, Coordinator, Egle Giedraityte of Lithuanian Scouts of Cleveland and Rymantas Aukstorius of the Lithuanian Students Association of North America, Speakers
2. LET'S ENHANCE OUR CULTURAL ACTIVITY
Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Coordinator and Vitalis Zukauskas, Speaker
3. THE K OF L IN THE LITHUANIAN POLITICAL ARENA
Anthony M. Miner, Coordinator, K. Bobelis, T. Blinstrubas, V. Simaitis of ALTAS, Speakers



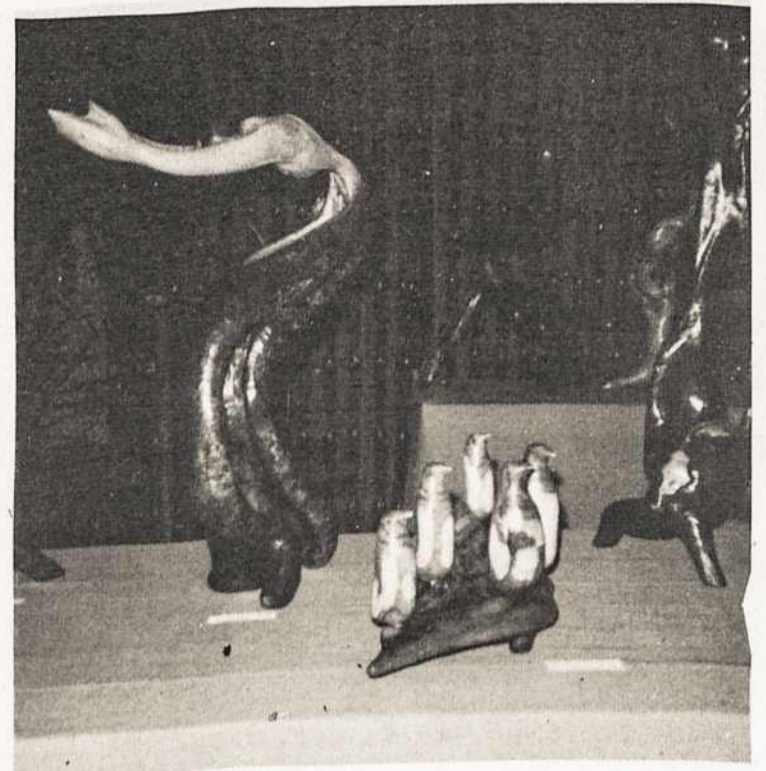
Cultural Panelist Vitalis Zukauskas (C-29, Newark).

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Members of the "Associate Membership Committee", appointed last year to look into the subject of merit awards for Associate Members, presented a detailed report, in which they recommended that at this time, regular degrees not be given to Associate Members, as they would not be meaningful to non-Lithuanians. Rather, it was recommended that each council initiate special awards each year to its associate members who have worked hard in the organization, and present these awards at a special council occasion... a meeting, Communion Breakfast, etc. The Convention approved this report. The full report will be published in a later issue.



Pranas Baltuonis Tree Root Sculpture Exhibition. L.R. Alice Karklius, Ursula Kunsitis, Gene Kunsitis, Jadvyga and Pranas Baltuonis.



"Swallows", and a "Dancer" at the Tree Root Exhibit.

CULTURAL EXHIBIT

This year's Cultural Exhibit featured the very artistic and imaginative work of one man - Pranas Baltuonis, who brought a special display of his "Tree-Root Sculptures". The roots of a tree may be even more beautiful than the tree itself, but it takes patience and artistic imagination to capture this beauty!

Most of Mr. Baltuonis' sculptures are carved from one piece of wood and the flow of line and color are outstandingly beautiful. K of L-ers were enthralled... and many were found purchasing sculptures, to enhance their own homes. The exhibit proved most popular even to non-K of L-ers visiting the hotel!

Pranas Baltuonis, a Canadian of Lithuanian origin, first displayed his sculpture at Canada's EXPO '67. Since then, he has had 37 exhibitions in cities of the USA and Canada.

Also included in the exhibition room was a collection of traditional Lithuanian folk art... costumes, weavings, carvings, and a lovely collection of amber... all prepared by members of the local committee.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS

Two official meetings were held during the Convention. Outgoing Supreme Council officers and committee chairmen held their last meeting prior to the convention's official opening. Reports were presented and final convention arrangements were made. The newly elected board and chairmen met before the closing banquet to discuss plans for the coming year, the site and details for the 60th National Convention. Details will be presented in later issues.



Lithuanian Exhibit - Through the Courtesy of Giedre Kijauskas and Roma Tatatronas of the Zidinietes.

1973 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Again, no formal bid was received for hosting the 60th National Convention in 1973. The Convention officially authorized the Supreme Council to select the Convention sites for 1973 and 1974. Since the 1973 Convention will be a special anniversary convention, rumor has it that it will be in the vicinity of the Knights of Lithuania's "Birthplace"!



The Younger Set at the Convention: L.-R. Peter Bizankauskas (Brockton), Barbara Jakubs (Cleveland), Andy Bizankauskas, Miss Kolicius (Pittsburgh), Irene Adomaitis (Worcester).

VYTIS THANK YOU

Editor Loretta I. Stukas extends her appreciation to the members who so graciously supplied articles, information and photos of the Convention, assisting the success of this issue... namely, Rev. Contons, Ursula Yankauskas, Irene Sankus, Helen Kulber, Mary York, Gediminas Janula, Ben Karklius, Anthony Miner, Jack Stukas, and others. A genuine Lithuanian "AČIU" to you all.

PRESS COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

C-25's Press Committee was busy before, during, and after the Convention, telling the world - and especially Cleveland - about the 59th National Convention... and its hard work did not go unrewarded!

Long before the first delegates arrived, the Lithuanian Press - DARBININKAS, DRAUGAS, DIRVA, told of the Convention's coming events, and as the Convention dates drew near, Cleveland's CATHOLIC UNIVERSE BULLETIN, the CLEVELAND PRESS, and the EUCLID NEWS JOURNAL carried lengthy items telling Cleveland's non-Lithuanians about Lithuania, the Knights of Lithuania, and the coming convention. During and after, the CLEVELAND PRESS and the CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER reported on the resolutions passed, discussions held, prominent visitors attending, and commented on the art exhibit, the concert, wreath-laying, and other activities.

A note of thanks is certainly in order to all who publicized the Convention.

MANY THANKS FOR A JOB TRULY WELL DONE

Cooperation... togetherness... quiet efficiency... good leadership... just plain HARD WORK... All these and more went into producing a most enjoyable and fruitful 59th National Convention. The Committee, namely ALL of Cleveland's Council 25... deserve many bouquets for their untiring efforts in keeping all delegates, alternates and guests happy. Orchids, indeed, to the committee, namely:

Honorary Chairmen	Rev. Balys Ivanauskas Rev. Joseph Angelaitis Joseph Sadauskas
General Chairman	Charles Machutas
Co-Chairmen	Peter Luiza Ursula Kunsitis
Secretary	Alice Karklius
Treasurer	Benedict Karklius
Advertising & Publicity	Eugene & Ursula Kunsitis
Registration	Ruth Guzauskas Nelda Machutas Nellie Samas Adele Svet
Early Bird Poolside Party	Helen & William Jakubs
Mystery Night	Al & Joanna Shigo Gilbert & Nancy Richmond
Friday Breakfast	Ursula Kunsitis Al Shigo
Friday Luncheon	Nellie Arunski Nellie Samas
Concert	Agnes & Bruno Bartkus Alice & Benedict Karklius Isabel & Joseph Reedick
Saturday Luncheon	Nellie Arunski Joanna Shigo
Dance	Evelyn & John Andrulis Ruth Guzauskas
Banquet	Peter Luiza Andrew Palzes
Program Book	Alice & Benedict Karklius Eugene & Ursula Kunsitis

Social Sidelights

After many exhausting weeks of planning, working, writing, etc., the Convention Committee had every right to be exhausted... but perhaps the Cleveland air has a special rejuvenating quality! The first delegates arriving Wednesday, namely Phil Skabeikis and Marian Sidtis of C-41, New York, found happy faces attached to energetic "bodies" greeting them... and the last delegates to leave on Monday saw the same cheerful smiles (with perhaps a bit of relief added) bidding them fond farewells! Orchids to Chairman Charlie Machutas, Ursula Kunsitis, Nelda Machutas, Alice Karklius, and all the others on the official registration committee, for setting the Convention mood... "No one is tired... there's plenty of time for everything..."

WEDNESDAY POOLSIDE PARTY

It was hard to believe the evening could be so perfect after a day of threatening weather. Host and Hostess, Bill and Helen Jakubs were on pins and needles all day and practically in a state of panic by early evening. But, it was a beautiful, tropical evening. The Hawaiian band played softly, guests and delegates were dressed beautifully in their colorful outfits, the food was great, refreshments - delightful and swimming perfect for those who swam voluntarily and for those who were gently persuaded to test the pool!!

The lucky winners of the beautiful Amber Jewelry donated by Al Samas, C-25's Lithuanian Jeweler, were Mr. Joseph Stempuzis - Cleveland, Director of the Lithuanian Melodies Radio Program, Alice Strines - Youngstown Seniors and Agnes Bartkus of Cleveland.



Thursday River Cruise: Marian Sidtis and Philip Skabeikis - C-41 Brooklyn, Alice Karklius, Helen Jakubs and Ursula Kunsitis C-25, Cleveland.



Wm. & Helen Jakubs - Hosts - Poolside Party and Hawaiian Band.



Worcester - Chicago - Cleveland and Pittsburgh - Poolside Party.

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Jakubs for your generosity and hospitality. This evening will be long remembered.

CUYAHOGA RIVER CRUISE

Marian Sidtis and Phil Skabeikis, C-41, Brooklyn and Clevelanders, Helen Jakubs, Alice Karklius, and Ursula Kunsitis, took advantage of Thursday's free morning hours and took the interesting trip along the Cuyahoga River. A bird's-eye view of the shipping and petroleum industries, as well as the numerous bridges and night clubs down in the Flats made this an entertaining and educational cruise. Even though we had to turn back before our tour was completed (due to an oil slick on the river) this turned out to our advantage, as it was a beautiful day, and we were given an "extra" cruise on Lake Erie and got to see more of Cleveland's beautiful shoreline.

MYSTERY NIGHT

More than one "mystery" was involved in Thursday nights "Mystery Night", though not all were planned. The first was "Is the Bus Driver lost?", as the bus bearing delegates and guests traveled... and traveled... and traveled... and FINALLY arrived at the quaint, out of the way restaurant, where a delicious buffet, welcome refreshments, and the music of a talented one-man band awaited the hungry K of L-ers.

Back at the hotel, Charlie Machutas and Jack Stukas pondered their own mystery... "what happened the "mystery" entertainer and Loretta Stukas, several hours late in arriving from the airport, and at the airport, entertainer Vitalis Zukauskas and Loretta tried to solve the mystery of what happened to Loretta's luggage!

Eventually, all mysteries (except the luggage, which arrived Friday, by way of Flint, Mich.), were solved... Charlie Machutas, Vitalis Zukauskas, and the Stukas' arrived on the scene, and Vitalis entertained royally, with his comedy skits. Everyone present laughed to the point of tears, but for some "mysterious" reason, Vitalis' skit "Po Valandos" seemed to hit closest to home.

CONVENTION OPENING MASS

The Convention Opening Mass was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Lithuanian Church officiated by Fr. Walter C. Karavekas - C-19 - Pittsburgh - assisted by Fr. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Adviser. The Homily was delivered by F. Karavekas. Mr. Steponas Bucmys C-96 was the soloist. Dayton is very fortunate to have such a fine singer in their midsts. After the Mass, Conventioneers (approximately 70) boarded the bus and headed up Chardon Hill for a brief visit to the Shrine and Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes where Fr. Karavekas led the delegates in prayers for the success of the Convention and for the liberation of Lithuania. A bouquet was placed at the Grotto by Mrs. Joanna Shigo - C-25, Cleveland. After the brief service a hearty breakfast was served in St. Ann's Tea Room by the Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity.



Saturday Memorial Mass, St. John's Cathedral.



Mystery Night Guests William Jacobs, Sue Boroskas, Gene Kunisitis and Chairman Al Shigo.

SATURDAY MEMORIAL MASS

The Convention Mass on Saturday, at St. John's Cathedral, just down the block from the Hotel, was a special Memorial Mass, offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased K of L members, with special prayers for those who died during the past year. Rev. Albert Contons and Rev. V. Katariskis were con-celebrants of the Mass, Rev. Katariskis delivered the sermon, and Rev. Contons led the delegates in the special memorial prayers.

A CANDIDATE IN OUR MIDST

Democratic Vice-Presidential Candidate R. Sargent Shriver and his staff also made the Hollenden House their headquarters, overlapping the K of L Convention for a few days, and providing delegates an opportunity to "autograph hunt", as his suite was next to C-25's Hospitality Suite. Naturally, Public Relations-minded Sue Boroskas, Alice Karklius and Helen Kulber took full advantage of the occasion... and were late for the Saturday Memorial Mass because of Mr. Shriver's departure at the same time as Mass began. But alas, their photo, with Helen presenting a Lithuanian flag postcard to Mr. Shriver outside the hotel, did not make the papers. His son, Robert, said he had seen and admired the beautiful Ciurlionis Ensemble girls in lovely Lithuanian costumes in the hotel lobby Friday evening.



Friday A.M. Visit to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.



59th National Convention BOOSTER DRAWING - Chairman - Gene Kunsitis assisted by Alice Karklius. WINNER - Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mrozinski Worcester, Massachusetts - Council 116.

LUNCHEONS

Friday's Luncheon featured a very special treat... a guest speaker with a Lithuanian-American-Japanese background! The speaker, Rev. William Mitchell, SSCC, born and raised in a Lithuanian family in Cleveland and ordained in 1950, has been served the Church in Japan since 1951, as a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart's Assumption of the BVM Mission, Simodate, Ibaraki, Japan.

Father Mitchell spoke of his work in Japan, and commented that living in Japan made him appreciate the USA and his Lithuanian heritage more. He found that there is no need to change people... "we need only emphasize what is good in everyone. Cultures must be shared, and Christianity is the ultimate unifying force".



Two of the younger "Ciurlionis" members.



Friday Luncheon: Rev. Albert Contons - National Spir. Adv.; National Convention Chairman - Chas. Machutas - C-25; Guest Speaker, Fr. Bill Mitchell, S.S.C.C. - Ibaraki, Japan; Fr. Matthias Yamane from Japan; R. Aukstuolis - Cleveland.

Photos - B. Karklius

Saturday's Luncheon was an Awards Luncheon. National Second Vice-President Albert Ozalis presented the 1972 Membership Awards, and Rita Pinkus, Ritual Chairman, conferred the Third Degree on 5 deserving members present. On behalf of the Convention Committee, Gene Kunsitis assisted by Alice Karklius, drew the lucky "Dual Booster" ticket of Mr. & Mrs. Victor Mrozinski of C-116, Worcester, entitling them to a \$50.00 award... and further presented \$50 also to the National Scholarship Fund.

CULTURAL EVENING

Lithuanian culture - PAR EXCELLANCE - can only partially describe the exciting performance of the Ciurlionis Ensemble of Cleveland, during the Convention's Friday Night Cultural Evening. As culturally rich an evening as this has not been had at a National Convention for many years.

The entire ensemble - singers, folk dancers, Kankles orchestra, and soloist, Irena Grigaliunaite, under the able direction of Alfonas Mikulskis, presented a most professional and moving performance of Lithuanian folk songs and dances... and responded generously to the audience's warm applause with several encores. All in attendance surely went away with a song on their lips and a glow in their hearts.

"WE COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT" - CONVENTION BALL

The Convention Ball held in the East Ballroom of the Hollenden House was a glittering sight with all the lovely gowns and frills. Everyone enjoyed the melodic and varied arrangements of Eddie Platt and his orchestra and best of all the socializing with old and new friends. Rita Pinkus took over as temporary M-C to introduce the new Supreme Council officers and committee chairmen to all assembled.

PARTY TIME

The planned activities kept the delegates and guests so busy that there was not too much time for the extra-curricular socials. But



Cleveland Senior Delegates, at the concert.

some of the usual party givers managed to arrange a few socials. As usual, C-12's "Liberty Lady" Mary York did her bit to keep guests refreshed in her suite, between sessions, and provided her own "cultural exhibit" as well, while several visiting dignitaries from ALTAS, Bendruomene, and several Lithuanian Student organizations found their way to the Stukas' room for brief respites.

Following the Friday night concert, the members of the Ciurlionis Ensemble and delegates were entertained by their Cleveland hosts in the hospitality suite. Not to be out done, the Brockton boys (celebrating their first convention), aided by C-1 prexy Susy Boroskas also held an open house party in their rooms. One of the evening highlights was the debut of a new entertainment team - Zukauskas and Boroskas. Late Chicago arrivals, Don and Ed Krivickas did the late-late hosting. Following the Saturday ball, a swinging party really swung in the Dayton rooms. The ladies from Dayton really are terrific hostesses.

CONVENTION CLOSING

The Convention business of resolutions, elections and heated discussions behind them, unity again prevailed as all gathered at the St. George Church for the Official Convention Mass. The Ciurlionis Ensemble, still in excellent voice, set the mood with their beautiful singing, and Rev. Albert Contons' sermon reiterated beautifully what we are



Enroute to a post-concert party.

and what we stand for. The Mass was concelebrated by Rev. Contons and the Reverends Zemeikis of Cleveland, Katarskis of Dayton and Stanievich of Detroit.

After Mass, Chairman Charles Machutas' quiet and cheerful efficiency was again evident, as he quickly "moved" the delegation to Cleveland's Cultural Gardens, the Lithuanian section, for the Convention picture, a wreath-laying ceremony and a few brief comments by out-going and in-coming presidents Jack Stukas and Sue Boroskas, resp., ALTAS President Dr. Kazys Bobelis and representatives of the local Lithuanian community. Rev. Contons led the closing prayer and Marcella Andrikis let the singing of the K of L Anthem.

After pausing briefly at the busts of Vincas Kudirka, Jonas Basanavicius and Maironis, to recall Lithuania's rich history, delegates were hurried back to the hotel - to pack, check out, com-

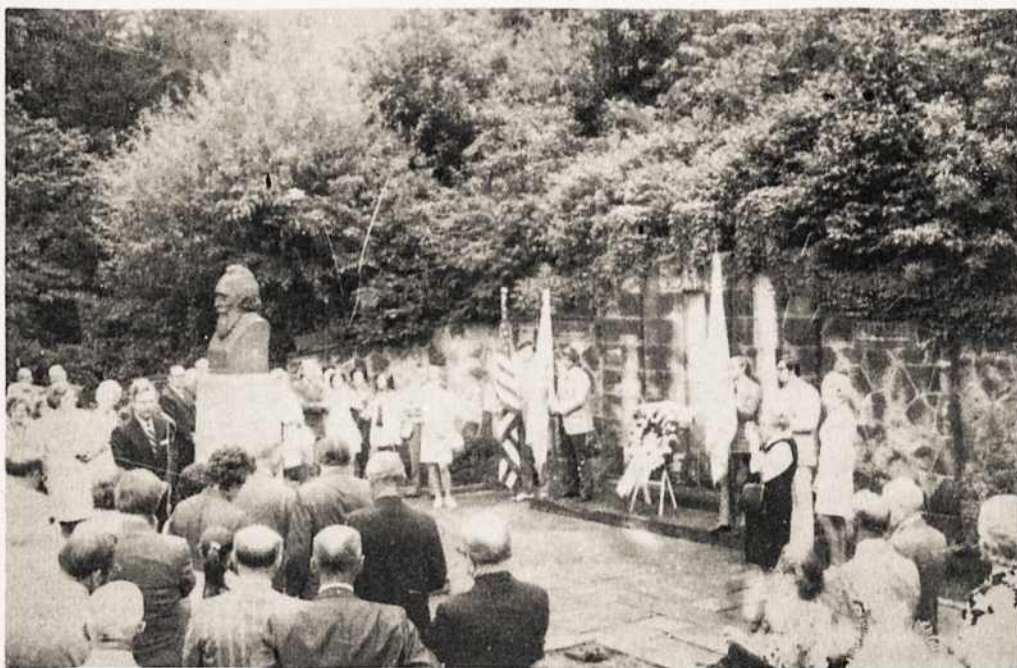


Photographer Ben Karklius and his wife Alice take a coffee break at Mary York's.

plete bits of unfinished business - and then attend the Closing Banquet.

Rev. Contons opened the Banquet with a Blessing, and Banquet Chairman Peter Luiza extended the greetings of the committee, and turned the day's program over to Master of Ceremonies Paul Chalka.

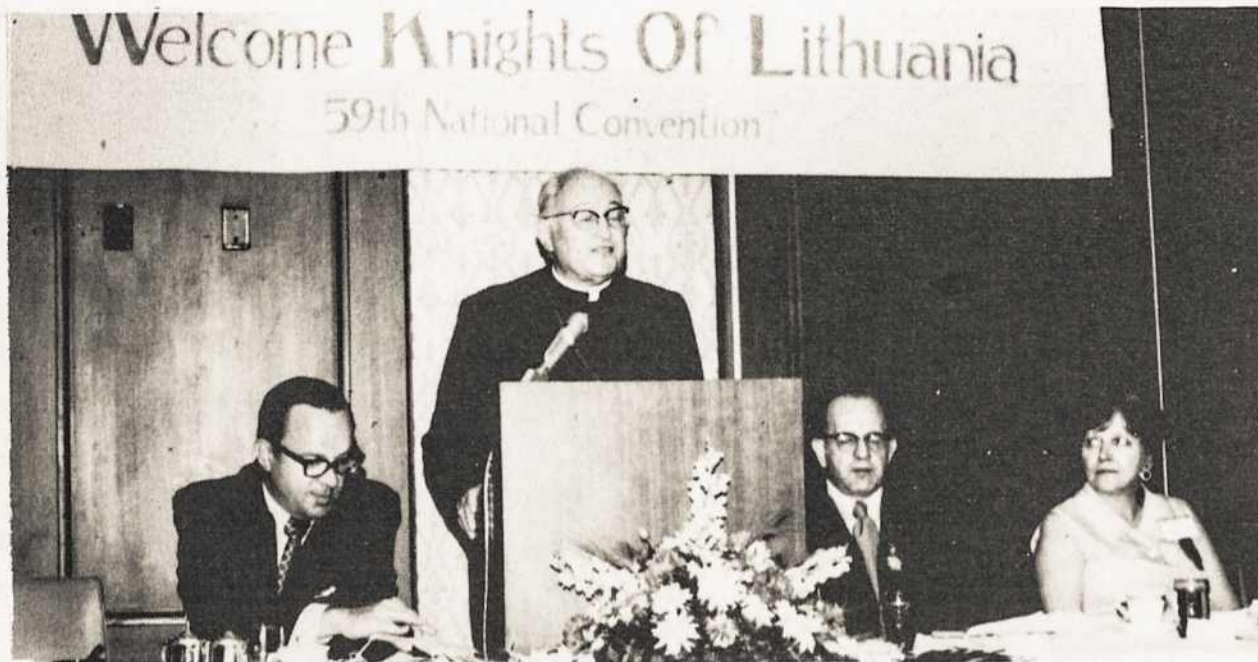
Honored Head Table guests included Stasys Barzdukas, President of the World Lithuanian Community (Pasaulio Bendruomene), Dr. Kazys Bobelis, President of the Lithuanian American Council (ALTAS), His Excellency Most Reverend Clarence G. Isseemann, Bishop of Cleveland, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kudukis, Public Utilities Director for Cleveland, Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Adviser and President of the Lithuanian Priests' League, Susan Boroskas, newly-elected Supreme Council President, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Scholarship Committee



Ceremony at the Lithuanian Cultural Gardens - Sunday - August 27th jointly with ALTA.



Dr. Kazys Bobelis addresses delegates at Cultural Gardens.



Sunday Banquet: L.-R. - Paul P. Chalko - Master of Ceremonies - Bishop Clarence Issenmann - Bishop of Cleveland; Longinas Svelnis - Honorary Member - Sue Boroskas - National President.

Chairman and outgoing S.C. President, Loretta Stukas, VYTIS Editor, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Machutas, General Chairman, Peter Luiza, Banquet Chairman and Paul Chalka, M:C.

Bishop Issenmann expressed warm wishes to all present, and urged all to "hold fast to the gift of faith". "Nationality and blood may be diluted", he said, "in this vast USA. But we must continue to hold onto our Catholic Faith".

Mr. Raymond Kudukis, representing Mayor Perk of Cleveland, extended cordial greetings on behalf of the Mayor, and congratulated the K of L for their many contributions to enhancing the "mosaic theory" of culture. By proving to be good Americans in the midst of their Lithuanian work, the Knights of Lithuania, Mr. Kudukis said, have truly "advanced the cause of all ethnic groups".

The rest of the program included awarding the Honorary Membership Medal to Longinas Svelnis by Anthony Mazeika of the Honorary Membership Committee, and the announcement of the winner of the Annual Scholarship Award, by Scholarship Committee Chairman Dr. Jack Stukas. Marjorie Dillis, C-1, Brockton, Mass., was the winner, and is written up elsewhere in this issue.

Peter Luiza closed the affair with a thank you to all the committee and a wish of God's speed to all the travelers. Rev. Stanievich said the closing prayer, and the convention was officially closed for another year.

FAREWELLS... AND...

With an early afternoon banquet, the delegates said their "Su Dievs" and most left for points north - south - east - and west, but somehow the traditional "left-over" party, normally held Monday AM started Sunday afternoon in Irene Sankus' room with wall to wall people and luggage amid the farewells. That late leisurely dinner planned by the remaining New Englanders (Al J., Frank Y., John A.) Chicagoans (Irene S., Helen and Algis S.), and Worcesterites (Paul Kuzmickas and wife), turned out to be an evening of cheeseburgers and leftovers and TV football games.

By Monday noon, the committee was ready for a well-deserved rest, and all but a handful of guests were home, or on their way, and the 59th National Convention was but a memory... but what of that memory?

Much transpired during these few days of the Convention. Many ideas for new and improved activities were tossed around - with some retained and a few discarded. New friendships were cemented, and old ones were renewed. Some discussions led to heated arguments and flaring tempers, but most ended with participants smiling, friendships unshaken, and K of L problems ironed out. ... Non-member guests witnessed our elections, and now realize how difficult it is to induce K of L members to run for national of-



fice. Hopefully, the word will be passed around that our organization is not controlled by a "clique".

For all the energies expended, we sincerely hope that delegates left a bit richer "K of L-wise and Lithuanian-wise", and intent more than ever on passing on to their constituents all the good that transpired... and vowing to continue to work "Dievui ir Tėvynei"...

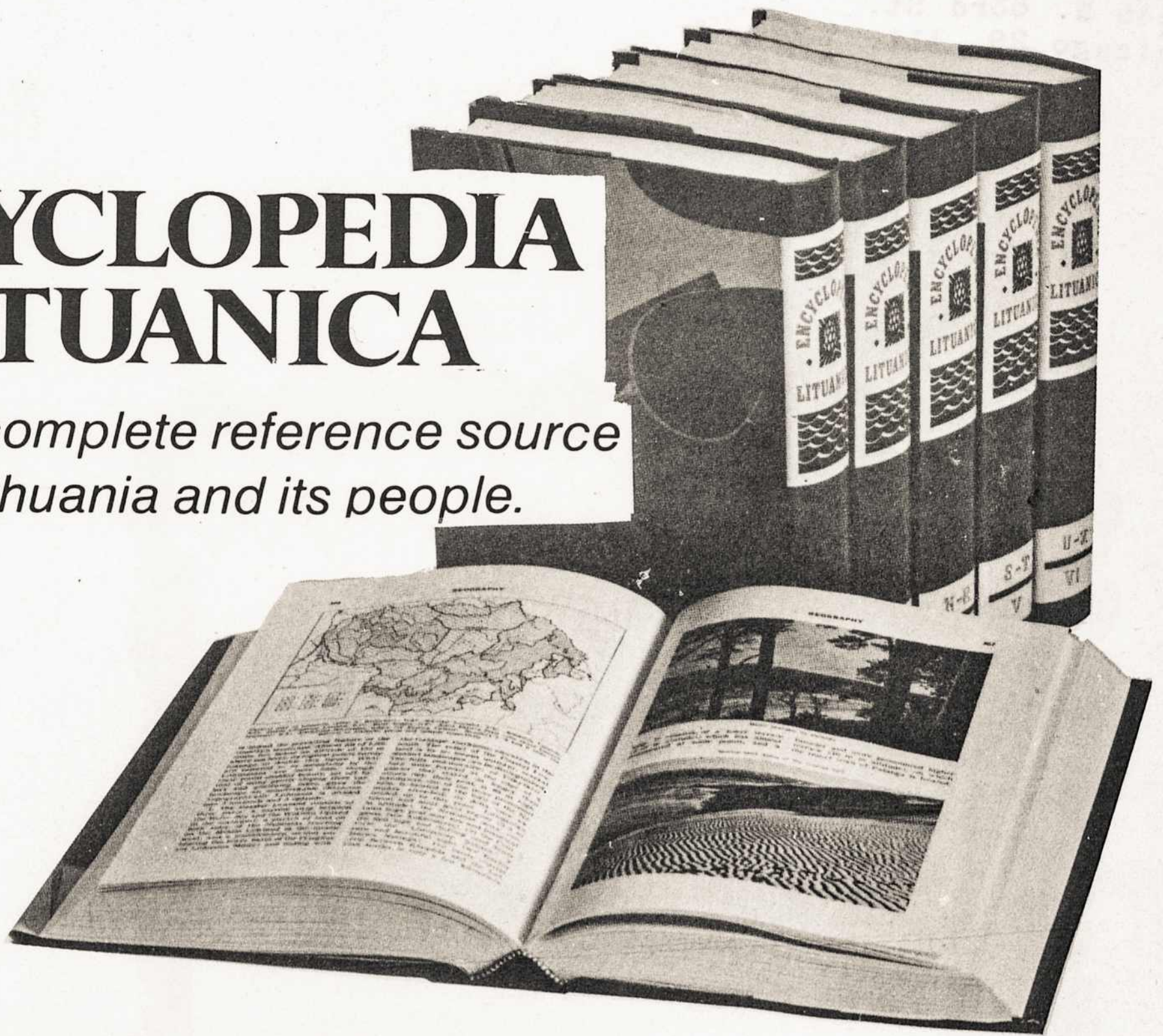


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- 17 Films of Blessing of Lithuanian Chapel in Rome, 1970, by Bishop V. Brizgys, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 20-21-22 MCD ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Pittsburgh, Pa., C-19 Hosts.

NOVEMBER

- 4 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P.M., Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Adams St. & New York Ave., Newark, N.J., C-29, Hosts.

DECEMBER

- 2 C-109, Great Neck, DINNER DANCE, Club Jericho, 237 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, L.I., N.Y.

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