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Juozas Kajeckas, Lithuanian Legation, Washington, D.C.

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Honorary Member Frank Vaskas, C-29, Newark, N.J.	5.00



Old friends meet.



Rev. Pugevicius registers.



H. Kulber (right) and B. Hoff.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Helen Kulber, Committee Chairman, reported on her many activities in advertising Lithuania, her culture, and her political and religious suppression, and advertising the activities of the Knights of Lithuania. Mrs. Kulber's major project this year was the coordinating of the Lithuanian Christmas Display at the Hallmark Gallery. She also arranged for an outstanding Lithuanian exhibit and program at a New York Public Library in the name of the K of L. Helen uses all opportunities of meeting with celebrities, clergy, public officials, to advertise the Knights of Lithuania and to speak of Lithuania's plight.

Mary York, MA.D. PR Representative, Juozas Sadauskas, MC.D. District PR Representative, Vincent Samaska IID PR Representative, and Peter Bizinkauskas, Jr., NED PR Representative also worked diligently in keeping the Lithuanian and American press informed of K of L activity.

Birute and Vytautas Radzivanas, editors of the new "Lietuvos Vyčių Dienos ir Darbai" column in the DARBININKAS newspaper, reported that two issues of the column have appeared to date. This full page column is scheduled to appear monthly at the end of each month and will resume in the fall. Information, in Lithuanian or English should be sent to the editors, Vytautas and Birute Radzivanas, 84-16 110th St., Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418.

BRAZILIAN TFP FUND

Because the Knights of Lithuania did not collect the required \$5000.00 for the Brazilian TFP project to collect 1,000,000 signatures on behalf of persecuted Lithuanian Catholics, the project was not undertaken. Of a total of \$1200 collected, \$600.00 had been sent to TFP in Brazil and the balance was to be sent when the project was completed. Dr. Jack Stukas, K of L Coordinator of the Fund Drive, announced that since the TFP cancelled plans for the project, they would be asked to return the \$600.00 sent them, and this money and the remaining money would be given to the Lithuanian Affairs Committee Fund.



V. Yucius and family.

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Vyto Yucius, Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Coordinator, announced the following contributions made during the past year to the LCRA, by Knights of Lithuania.

K of L Mid-Central District	\$25.00
K of L Dayton C-96	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Petkus, C-96	10.00
"Echoes of Lithuania" Radio Program, Pittsburgh, Pa.	15.00
TOTAL	\$60.00

In addition to the above, all the profits from the Lithuanian Boutique, conducted by Anthony Miner during the 60th National Convention, netted \$150.00, and were sent to the LCRA.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr. Jack Stukas met with committee members Gerald Zager, Paul Kuzmickas, Irene Adomaitis and Rev. A. Valancius to select the recipients of the 1973 awards. The winners are introduced elsewhere in this issue.



J. Stukas chats with S. Boroskas over champagne.



Brangūs Vyčiai, atėjo laikas man duoti atskaitą savo veikimo kaip pirmininkė Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos.

My term in office was a fulfilling one, yet I know I was not able to carry through many ideas and plans because of my unexpected illness.

Because of the hours of free time, I was able to correspond with so many of you. Many problems, criticisms, and questions were answered, discussed, and the air was cleared in many instances. I stated previously that any differences or disagreements we have should be settled within our own Organization and not aired to others. I kept in touch with various committees elected at the 1972 Convention.

My enforced vacation also gave me the time to read and study about our Organization and the Lithuanian language.

This year, the Darbininkas consented to give us a monthly column for Knights of Lithuania matters. Vytautas and Birute Radzivanas of New York consented to edit the column.

I conducted three meetings but was unable to be present at two others. I did prepare the agendas for all five meetings.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The very many invitations extended to me as President of the K. of L. were acknowledged with a greeting if I was unable to be present.

I do hope that by the next Convention we can announce definitely that Scranton, Pa. has joined our organization. I have been corresponding with a Miss Eve Karbus of Scranton, who has started organizing a Council.

At the 60th National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, I was told the most important part of my job was to plan the 60th National Jubilee Convention. This I have done with Sylvia Shukis, Council I President. We have tried to make this truly an outstanding National Convention and involve members from all Districts in every phase of this Convention.

The Juniors are so important to us! I felt that it was time to stop talking and start some positive action - which we did - with a Junior mini-convention and a full program of activities.

I would like to thank the complete Supreme Council Board for their help and cooperation. I have tried to do my job to the best of my ability and for any omissions, atsiprašau! Ačiū visiems!

To the incoming President, may I wish you well and leave you these words said to Mykolas Norkiunas by Kun. Kuopa at the National Convention in Brockton: "Atsimink mano žodžius, darbas sunkus, reikalauja didelės kantrybės. Apisinkluok ir imk pavyzdį iš mažo vandens lašelio. Nekreipk dėmesio į kritikų užsipuolimus bei persekiojimus, bet siek apsibrėžtojo tikslo. Mes visada būsim su jumis".

Susan Boroskas



COMMENTS ABOUT... HON. JOHN W. MC CORMACK, "FRIEND OF LITHUANIA"



SPEAKER JOHN W MC-CORMACK, Recipient of the Rev. John C. Jutt "FRIEND OF LITHUANIA" Award for 1973 presented by Anthony Miner, Immediate Past National Chairman, Lithuanian Affairs Committee...

We are honored to have with us today a truly dedicated public servant who has given unselfishly of himself, working for what is our motto, "For God and Country".

In the long and fruitful career of Speaker John W. McCormack we have come to recognize the most sterling of his qualities, his great personal integrity.

As a young man, John W. McCormack chose to study law and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1913. Shortly thereafter, he became a member of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention and then, in 1920, a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Three years later, he was called to serve in the Massachusetts State Senate where his obvious ability immediately marked him as Leader of the Party in that assembly.

In the year 1927, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives, and re-elected at every subsequent election until he retired in 1970. He was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of

Representatives in 1962 and served for the longest continuous period in history as Speaker of the House.

Throughout his long political career, Speaker John W. McCormack was and is a staunch friend of the people of Lithuania and of the Knights of Lithuania. Our advancement was one of his objectives which commanded his unswerving loyalty. On many occasions he proved to be helpful and an influential contact for people seeking to forward the interests of Lithuania.



Mr. McCormack has been a constant force in Congress, speaking out against the evils of Communism, and urging his countrymen to take steps to obtain peace by strength, not apathy. As the chief engineer of the "Captive Nations Bill", John McCormack made a major contribution toward the fight for freedom of Lithuania and all other nations suffering under Communist oppression. Because of this bill, which represents the basis of our national foreign policy, the United States has stood firm in not recognizing the illegal occupation by Russia of the Baltic States and other Captive Nations. Also because of the Captive Nations Bill, the President of the USA and many Governors and Mayors annually proclaim and

designate one week in July as "Captive Nations Week", encouraging US citizens to speak out in body against the suppression of human rights and freedoms in Communist dominated countries.

John W. McCormack has very deservedly been honored by many fraternal associations in our country and abroad, and were I to list them all, I would exceed my allotted time.

Today, in honoring ability of the highest order and devoted service, over nearly half a century, the Knights of Lithuania can be seen to stand in good company.

In offering a public token of gratitude for a constructive interest in Lithuanian Affairs, we are reflecting the wishes of our people.

As immediate past National Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, I am pleased and proud in behalf of the Knights of Lithuania to present this award, the Rev. John C. Jutt "Friend of Lithuania" Gold Medal Award to former Speaker of the House, the Honorable JOHN W. MC CORMACK.



JUNIOR CORNER

REPORT ON THE JUNIOR "MINI - CONVENTION"

"Are we glad to be Lithuanian?" "Why are we glad to be Lithuanian?" "Do we need a Knights of Lithuania organization?" These and many other questions were raised and discussed on Aug. 16, 1973, when the Juniors attending the 60th National Convention held their own session, or "mini-convention". The meeting was very informal and was more of a "rap" session than a formal meeting. 14 Juniors, representing 5 councils joined Sue Boroskas, National K of L President, and Roberta Dillis, Convention Junior Activities Chairman in the discussions.

The Juniors were very enthusiastic and had much to contribute. They talked about identity problems they have encountered with non-Lithuanian friends who mistake them for "Lutherans", not Lithuanians. They pointed out how

they have witnessed, to some extent, loss of interest among members of their councils with regard to their Lithuanian heritage. The Juniors pointed to diminishing numbers in dance groups to illustrate this. When it was asked if Lithuanian was spoken in their homes, they all replied that their parents speak Lithuanian when they do not want the children to know what they are saying. At this point, we took time to learn a few Lithuanian words.

One of the highlights of this discussion was a question raised by one junior... "What's the use of being a Lithuanian if you do not know what a Lithuanian is?" Here the Juniors expressed a great desire to learn about their Lithuanian heritage. They even offered a few suggestions. They would like to speak Lithuanian at their dinner

tables. Also, following the council meetings, 10 or 15 minutes should be dedicated to increasing the knowledge of the Lithuanian language or of Lithuania's history. This would include, for example, a film strip or the teaching of a few new Lithuanian words.

In closing, I found the Juniors extremely enthusiastic, but they are looking to the adults and parents for their help and encouragement. The 60th National Convention motto is "Renewal of the Founders' Spirit". The ideal way for the renewal of the spirit is through the junior members. They are the future of the K of L. Please extend to the Juniors your help in any way possible. They are ready, very willing, and most able to see the wonderful heritage they have be carried out in the Knights of Lithuania.

Roberta Dillis



JUNIOR IMPRESSIONS OF THE 60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION



For some, the dance was just too much!

Three Juniors from the Mid-Atlantic District, all from Council 110 Juniors, Maspeth, attended their first National Convention this year. They have asked that they might share their impressions with their fellow Knights.

I thought the convention was good. The meals tasted very well, and the activities were well planned. I liked the room we slept in. The Mini-Convention was nice. We talked about what it meant to be Lithuanian and how important it was to know what a Lithuanian was. We discussed about trying to open up schools to teach kids Lithuanian. We also talked about opening up new councils.

Leon Stungarys

I thought that they should have planned something for Wednesday afternoon for the people who came early. At the Mini-Convention they had some interesting questions. They were teaching us about Lithuania and they were teaching us Lithuanian. At the large Convention some parts were interesting and some parts were boring but otherwise I liked the Convention and I hope I can go to other conventions.

Arunas Stungarys

The Juniors program was planned very well except for a couple of misfortunes like the cancellation of swimming and the bar-b-que. The sessions were interesting and well planned and helped make newcomers aware of the organization and organizational needs. The Mini-Convention was interesting, especially some of the questions asked. The Juniors Mini-Convention should have been a bit more formal and plans for the Juniors nationally should have been discussed.

William Sidtis



Some Juniors - in their best finery for the Dance.



Some Juniors who made good - 4 of the 5 1973 Scholarship winners.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This year, the generosity of K of L members and friends will aid 5 more young members of the K of L in obtaining college educations, with the receipt of Scholarship Awards.

During the 60th National Convention's Closing Banquet, Aug. 19, 1973, at Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass., Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee

member Paul Kuzmickas, in the name of Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman, presented scholarships totaling \$1500.00, to 5 worthy K of L-ers, thus helping them to further their studies. Following is the text of the Scholarship presentation.

The Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania, consisting of Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman, Gerald Zager, Treasurer, and

Rev. Anastasius Valancius, Irene Adomaitis and Paul Kuzmickas, have unanimously agreed on the winners of the 1973 Knights of Lithuania Jubilee Year Scholarships. Winners were chosen on the basis of academic excellence, financial need, and service to our organization. Our heartiest congratulations to the winners, namely:



1. JOAN ANN ADAMAITIS, of C-116, Worcester, Mass. Joan has been very active in the Junior K of L where she has served as President and as Secretary/Treasurer, and has been active in other activities. She has also worked at numerous District Cultural events. A few years ago, Joan won the K of L Essay contest, on "What Lithuania Means to Me". She plans to major in Foreign Languages at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass.



2. PETER MARK BIZINKAUSKAS, of C-1, Brockton, Mass. Peter has also been very active in the K of L on both the Council and District levels. He is currently NE District Public Relations Representative. Peter was elected "Teenager of the Year for 1972" by the National Elks organization, and plans to start the pre-medical course at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst this September. His entire family is K of L oriented and an example to all.



3. MARGARET JOANN BUNIKIS, of C-102, Detroit, Mich. Margaret has been active in K of L activities on all levels. She serves as Secretary of C-102, has attended several National Conventions, and assisted with planning several District Conventions and other local K of L activities. Margie plans to study biology at Michigan State University.





4. CHARLOTTE LORRAINE DILLIS, of C-1, Brockton, Mass. Charlotte will study Biology and Pre-Med at Holy Cross College in Boston. She has been active in all levels of K of L and also in parish affairs. Recently, Charlotte was one of three seniors chosen to represent her high school on the TV quiz show "It's Academic", for high schools.



The five winners just named will receive stipends of \$300 each, payable in two installments. Those applicants who have not received stipends this year are urged to re-apply next year.

As only \$500 was allotted to the Canon Kemesis K of L Scholarship Fund winner last year, this Jubilee Year's awards total \$1500. We strongly recommend that all K of L-ers donate at least \$1.00 to our Scholarship Fund, and also urge Councils and Districts to increase their contributions to this most worthy cause next year.



5. ANN MARIE FRANCES MARKUNS, of C-17, So. Boston, Mass. Ann Marie is presently recording secretary of her council and was formerly active in the C-17 Junior Council. She is pursuing a career in nursing, at Boston College, and eventually plans to become an administrator. Her family has also been very active in K of L and parish affairs.

HERE AND THERE

Enroute to the convention, Helen Kulber and Beatrice Hoff stopped in at the First County National Bank in Brockton, leaving a message with the receptionist to thank the President and all concerned for displaying the Knights of Lithuania Chapel in bank's window on Main Street... The beautiful altar cloth on the chapel and band with "Lietuva Brangi - Mano Tevyne" woven in it, is part of the many materials purchased by Helen Kulber from Anthony Miner "Lithuanian Boutique"... The saga of Helen and Bea's 11-hour journey, beginning at 4:30 AM in Brooklyn, to the convention is as interesting as the long trek of the chapel from Annunciation Church, Brooklyn, where Rev. Francis Ruggles has been taking care of it... Helen and Michael Raulinaitis of Arlington, Mass. who were vacationing at the Franciscan Monastery in Kenne-

bunkport and attended some of the 1971 convention events then, have since joined the K of L and attended the 1973 convention... Sue and Anthony Mazeika were told not to worry about any pussy-footing in Helen Matthew's room above theirs. Helen's beautiful Siamese cat "Antigone" drew much admiration when walked on the end of a long leash. On one Ohio license plate in the parking lot... "LIVE FREE OR DIE"... Also in the parking lot, Tony and Mary Kober were shocked to find right front window of their car shattered like tiny veins, probably due to cold air conditioning inside vs. extreme heat outside... Among the guests at various events of the Convention were Sister Imelda; two sisters of Attorney Anthony J. Young - Sister Amella of Loretto Hospital and Sister Viatora of Maria High School, both Sisters of St. Casimir Chicago; the sister of

Veronica Bizinkauskas - Sister Helen of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Brockton; the sister of Theresa Mazeika - Sister Annunciata of Philadelphia... Stella Grupko made the beautiful illuminated manuscript presented to Dr. Jack Stukas during the Cultural Evening at the Fuller Arts Museum.

Two board members of United Baltic Appeal - BATUN met unexpectedly at Breakfast Saturday - Helen Kulber and Paulius Landsbergis. Paulius, a New York University student, was at Stonehill College for a symposium of the League for Industrial Democracy as a student of the Labor Institute. His father, Algirdas Landsbergis, - among many other accomplishments - authored (wrote) the drama "Five Posts In The Market Place" in which our H.M. Joseph Boley had a leading part in the New York production.

VYSK. VINCEN TO BRIZGIO ŽODŽIAI L.V. SEIMUI

Malonu būti su jumis ir asmeniai jus pasveikinti dalyvaujant 60-me L.V. seime. Sąlygose ir laikuose, kuriuose L.V. tenka iki šiol veikti, tiek metų darbuotis, yra gerai išlaikytas egzaminas.

Likti ištikimu net pagrindiniams žmogaus gyvenimo principams reikalauja ištvermės. Ištvermė reikalauja pasiaukojimo, kuris ne visada yra lengvas ir malonus. O gi laisvai prisiimti obalsiai, išpareigojimai to pasiaukojimo ir ištvermės reikalauja dar daugiau. L.V. uždaviniai, siekimai, obalsis, nors ir turi ryšio su mūsų prigimta (tautybe), kilme, yra jūsų prisiimti laisvai. Jiems ištikimybė ir gerais ir blogais, net ir beviltiškais laikais yra tikrai gražių ir ištikimų asmenybių puiki atestacija.

Viskam ištikimybė, ištvermė, pasiaukojimas reikalauja paramos, pagalbos. Tik žmogišku ištikimumu, sentimentų čia nepakanka. Be aukštesnio pagrindo labai lengva susvyruoti, ypatingai laisvai prisiimtuose išpareigojimuose, užsiimimuose.

Ką žmogus daro Dievo vardu, ar Jo vardu išpareigoja, tai padeda žmogui nugalėti net patį save ir likti ištikimu pažadams, išpareigojimams. Ir jūs L.V. savo ištikimybę savo kilmės tautai, jos kraštui; ištikimybė pačiam Dievui;

ką pažadate Dievo vardu, tai darote rimtai, sąmoningai. Visokiose aplinkybėse liekate ištikimi tam obalsiui, už ką ir nėra gražesnio: Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Nekartosiu, kaip dabar gyvena lietuviai Lietuvoje ir kitur okupanto vergijoje. Jo ištikimybė Dievui ir Tėvynei dažnai pareikalauja net vergijos ir net gyvybės aukos. Jūsų veiklos gandas juos pasiekia, pasieks ir šio jūsų seimo gandas. Galite suprasti kiek paguodos tai atneš visai pavergtai tautai, kiek paskatinimo tam jaunimui būti ištikimais Dievui, savo tautai, tėvynei.

Savo seimą sujungėte šioje bažnyčioje su malda į Šv. Mariją už Lietuvą. Pasidalinkime keliomis mintimis ir apie tai. Paskutiniu laiku buvo galima išgirsti nepalankių išsitarimų Šv. Marijos garbinimui ir mūsų pamaldumui į Mariją. Kaip prieš du mėnesius viena vieša iškilminga proga pareiškė Popiežius Paulius VI: atsirado asmenų, kurie dažnai apeliuodavo į Vatikano II susirinkimo nutarimus, skelbdami tokias mintis, kurios buvo visai priešingos tiems nutarimams. Viskas, kas buvo kieno pasakyta ar parašyta prieš Šv. Mariją ir Jos kultą, neturėjo ir neturi jokio pagrindo Vatikano II susirinkimo nutarimuose.



Vysk. Brizgys su Vysk. Maguire ir Kun. Šakeliu, po sekmadienio mišių.

Pamaldumas į Šv. Mariją, jos asmens mąstymas ir siekimas turi mūsų protu ir žodžiu neišreiškiamos vertės ar reikšmės: mūsų visai asmenybei, kasdieniniam gyvenimui, šeimai, tautai, visai žmonijai, o ypatingai jaunimui jų asmenybių, jų charakterių, dorybių formavimui. Žinome ir praeities, kokios reikšmės turėjo mūsų tautai jos pamaldumas į Šv. Mariją. Tauta meldžiasi į Mariją ir dabar, savo nelaimėje. Nors už tai daugelis jų nukenčia, bet tai teikia visai tautai vilties, ištikimybės, ištvermės.

Šių minčių šviesoje, Vyčiai, linkiu jums ir toliau uoliai verbuoti paskui save lietuviškos kilmės jaunimą į garbingą L.V. organizaciją, kad paskui Jus jie tęstų toliau ligšiolinę Jūsų veiklą, kuri tiek daug davė ir Jūsų pačių sąmoningumui, lietuviškos tapatybės, lietuviškos kultūros - visos pilnos tautybės išlaikymui; veikla, kuri suteikė daug džiaugsmo, padrąsinimo ir vilčių tautai jos nelaimės laikuose.

Duok Dieve, kad Jūsų vadus ir Jus visus ištikimus L.V. obalsiui, pagerbtų visa mūsų tauta laisvoje Lietuvoje.



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C-139 - Detroit - Theresa Waitkunas.

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Rhode Island - John Stoskus, Victor Mathieu, Edmond Ganlet.

GREETINGS

Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, Archbishop of Boston, Mass.

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Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, Bishop of Lithuania in exile, Chicago, Ill.

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Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts.

Senator Edward M. Brooke, Massachusetts.

Representative James A. Burke, Massachusetts.

Francis W. Sargent, Governor State of Massachusetts.

Juozas Kajeckas, Lithuanian Legation, Washington, D.C.

Julius J. Bielskis, Consul General of Lithuania, Los Angeles, Calif.

Thaddeus Buczko, Massachusetts State Auditor.
Richard L. Wainwright, Mayor City of Brockton, Mass.

Sister M. Margaret, Superior, Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Rev. Peter A. Shakalis, Pastor of St. Casimir Lithuanian Church, Brockton, Mass.

Leonard Simutis, Sr., Liet. R.C. Alliance of America, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Kazys Bobelis, President, Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos, Chicago, Ill.

BATUN - United Baltic Appeal, Baltic Appeal to the United Nations, New York City.

Miss Dovile Eivaite, Liet. Bendruomene, Brockton, Mass.

Antanas Skudzinskas, Dorchester, Mass.

Antonia M. Wackell, LACC Womens Alliance, Worcester, Mass.

GREETINGS WITH DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Alexander Wesey, C-109 Great Neck, N.Y.	\$100.00
Honorary Member Helen Shields, C-3 Philadelphia, Pa.	60.00
Honorary Member & Mrs. Antanas Mazeika, C-41 New York, N.Y.	10.00
Honorary Member Longinas Svelnis, C-17 Seniors, Boston, Mass.	10.00
Ann Baronas, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.	10.00
Honorary Member John Sprainaitis	10.00
Honorary Member Adele Gabalas, Chicago Seniors	10.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Howard Beaudette - Gardner, Mass.	10
Frank Vaskas - C-29, Newark	5
Stanley Vaitkus - C-96, Dayton C-17S, Boston	10
C-17, Boston	50
Antanas Buknis, Cleveland	50
Longinas Svelnis, C-17S, Boston	125
Ann Mae Uznis, C-102, Detroit	10
	10

"VYTIS" FUND

Honorary Member Prof. Alexander Aleksis, C-7, Waterbury, Conn.	\$30.00
Honorary Member Matas Zujus, GARSAS Editor, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	25.00
Honorary Member Frank Vaskas, C-29, Newark, N.J.	5.00



Old friends meet.



Rev. Pugevicius registers.

OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP COUNT, AS OF
AUGUST 1, 1973

COUNCIL	8-72	8-73	GAIN	LOSS
1	35	36	1	-
3	31	32	1	-
5	11	7	-	4
7	116	118	2	-
10	22	28	6	-
12	43	55	12	-
13	2	0	-	2
14	1	0	-	1
17	40	40	-	-
17S	52	62	10	-
18	6	5	-	1
19	36	36	-	-
25	27	32	5	-
25S	42	43	1	-
26	140	133	-	7
29	112	120	8	-
30	24	26	2	-
36	60	61	1	-
Chgo. Sr.	33	30	-	3
41	28	31	3	-
52	23	26	3	-
61	7	10	3	-
67	7	7	-	-
78	13	15	2	-
79	157	161	4	-
90	35	38	3	-
96	124	134	10	-
100	57	66	9	-
102	40	41	1	-
103	2	11	9	-
109	26	35	9	-
110	16	11	-	5
111S	13	16	3	-
112	144	154	10	-
113	2	2	-	-
116	42	41	-	1
133	6	7	1	-
133S	37	52	15	-
134	12	21	9	-
135	58	57	-	1
139	30	27	-	3
TOTALS	1712	1827	143	28

ANOTHER LIFETIME MEMBER

The "magic number" (of Lifetime Members in the K of L) has risen to 7, as of the 60th National Convention. TOM UNITAS of C-17, Pittsburgh, became a Lifetime Member of the Knights of Lithuania by paying the required \$100.00. Tom is a long-time active member of C-19 and a regular attendee at the

National Conventions. He served as Sgt-at-Arms during this 60th National Convention. The Supreme Council and the other Life-time members express sincere congratulations to Tom... and his financial secretary says "Thanks"... she'll no longer have to collect his dues.

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 - 1 to 49 members

Second - 50 to 99 members

Third - 100 or more

100% PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP:

1st category (1 - 49 members) - C-10 Athol, Mass.

2nd category (50 - 99 members) - C-100

Amsterdam, N.Y.

3rd category (100 or more) - C-29 Newark, N.J.

NEW MEMBER AWARDS - COUNCIL LEVEL

1st category - C-133 Srs. Los Angeles with 125 pts.

2nd category - C-100 Amsterdam with 90 pts.

3rd category - C-96 Dayton with 125 pts.

NOTE: In order for a Council to be in the running for the New Members Drive, they first had to be 100% paid up and Membership Application Cards had to be completed for each new member enrolled.

NEW MEMBER AWARDS - INDIVIDUALS

1st place - Anthony Skirius C-133 Srs. with 125 pts.

2nd place - Mary Kober C-109 with 75 pts.

3rd place - Ann Yorkus C-12 with 50 pts.

Individual awards this year consisted of beautiful Lithuanian work of art... a nice incentive for recruiting in the future.

1973 NATIONAL CONVENTION

With the absence of a formal bid for the 61st National Convention, the Supreme Council was again given the task of selecting a site and announcing it as soon as possible. Several councils of the Midwest States have already been approached and are considering extending invitations to their cities for the Convention.



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

On Sunday, August 19, 1973, the Honorary Membership conferred upon Ann Mae Uznis, Council 102, Detroit. Her candidacy was sponsored by the Mid Central District in 1964 and the 1972 National Convention Delegation approved the Honorary Membership's Resolution to confer this honor upon Ann for her 39 years of devoted activities with and for the Knights of Lithuania at all levels.

The 60th National Convention Delegation approved the Committee's Resolution to confer the Honorary Membership upon Alexander Wesey, whose candidacy was sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic District. The ceremony will take place at the 1974 Convention.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Three panel discussions were held during plenary sessions, to discuss problems of the Knights of Lithuania and gather ideas for its future. The sessions are discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this issue. The panels and their leaders were as follows:

1. JUNIOR ACTIVITY AND FUTURE PLANS FOR JUNIOR ACTIVITY - Peter Bizinkauskas, Juniors National V.P., coordinator, Marian Skabeikis, Speaker.

2. COMMUNICATIONS - Among Ourselves and With Others, Leon Pauksta, Coordinator.

3. 60TH ANNIVERSARY REVIEW AND PREVIEW - Featuring comments from past presidents regarding K of L achievements during their terms of office. Helen Shields, Coordinator, Alexander Aleksis, Joseph Boley, Robert Boris, Alexander Wesey, speakers.



DEGREES CONFERRED

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

SYLVIA SHUKIS - C-1, Brockton
ALBERT OZALIS - C-3, Philadelphia
LILLIAN CHAPLIK, C-135, Ansonia
EDWARD KRIVICKAS - C-112, Chicago

PROF. JUOZAS OLSAUSKAS MEMORIAL

PROFESSOR JUOZAS OLSAUSKAS, member, C-100, Amsterdam and a pioneer in propagation of Lithuanian music in the United States, who died Aug. 12, 1973 and was buried in Amsterdam just before the opening of the Convention, was eulogized during the Convention's second session. Dr. Jack Stukas called to mind the many outstanding works of Mr. Olsauskas in the sphere of Lithuanian culture, and reminded delegates of the deceased's personal warmth and congeniality. After a moment of silence, the assembly offered a prayer for the repose of the soul of Mr. Olsauskas.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS

Two official meetings were held during the Convention. Outgoing Supreme Council Officers and Committee Chairmen held their last meeting on Thursday morning, prior to the Convention's official opening. Reports were made and final Convention session arrangements were set up. The new board met before dispersing for home, to set up tentative dates for the next two meetings, and outline plans for the coming year.



Some of the Contest Winners...

JUNIOR ESSAY CONTEST

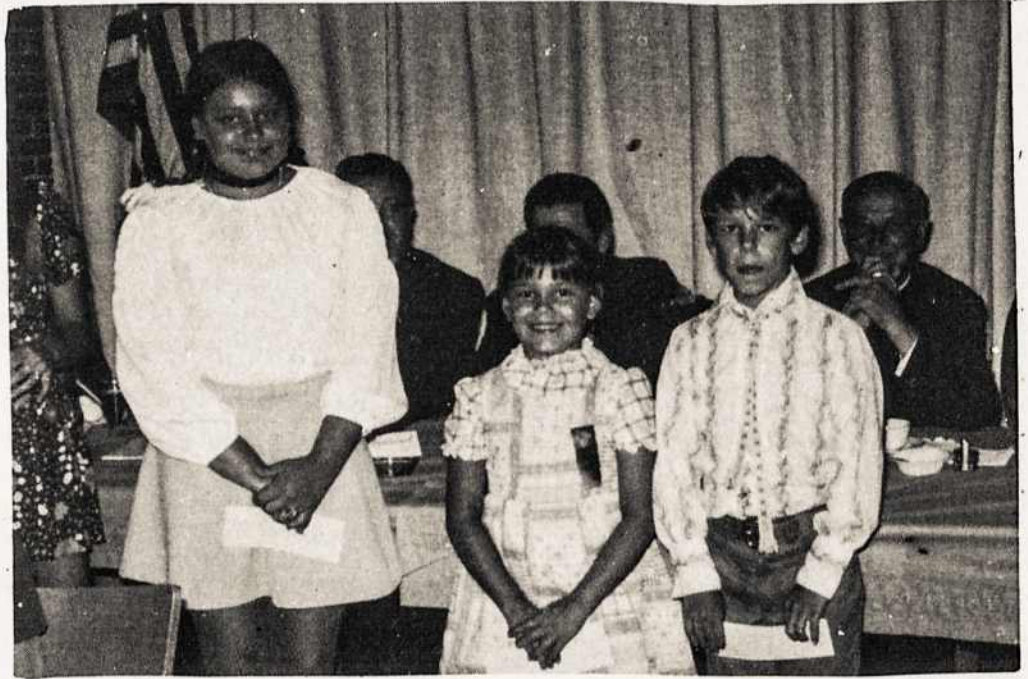
The 1973 Junior Essay Contest, open to Juniors of all Districts, had entrants only from the New England District. The anonymous essays were judged by a committee of members from all districts, with the following results, which were announced and presented during the Convention Banquet, by National Treasurer Irene K. Sankus.

FIRST PLACE WINNER - \$50.00

Janice Tumonis, C-1, Brockton Jr., Age 13

HONORABLE MENTION - \$25.00 each

Joan Ronuraitus, C-17, So. Boston, Jr., Age 14
 Kathryn Norinkavich, C-17, So. Boston, Jr., Age 13
 Nancy Flynn, C-17, So. Boston, Jr., Age 14
 Veronica Bizinkauskas, C-1, Brockton Jr., Age 8
 Maryte Bizinkauskas, C-1, Brockton, Jr., Age 12
 Paul Bizinkauskas, C-1, Brockton, Jr., Age 10



MANY THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

The task of producing an enjoyable and fruitful National Convention is not a simple one, but one which involves many weeks of planning, many late hours of working out details, and many sleepless nights of worry... It also takes a team of workers who can work together efficiently. Council 1 can boast of many such members... and their presence on the Convention Committee helped produce a well-run and enjoyable Convention for all delegates, alternatives and guests. Congratulations to the committee, namely:

Honorary Chairman - Rev. Peter Shakelis.
 Spiritual Adviser - Rev. Joseph Naudziunas.
 Co-Chairmen - Susan K. Boroskas, Sylvia Shukis.
 Adviser - Joseph Boley.
 Secretary - Roberta Dillis.
 Lithuanian Secretary - John Statkus.
 Treasurer - Joyce Piscitelli.
 Program Book - Robert Dillis, Chrmn., Sylvia Shukis, Dillis Family.



Some committee members from the Dillis Family...



and some guests.

Art Work - John Tamoshunas.
 Registration - Mrs. Ann Statkus, Mrs. Eleanora Mikalonis, Charlotte Dillis, Roberta Dillis.
 Reservations - Susan Boroskas.
 Hospitality - Norman Achorn, Joseph Piscitelli, Herbert Fralick, Michael Boroskas.
 Convention Floor - John Tamoshunas.
 Spiritual - Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, Susan Boroskas
 Youth Activities - Roberta Dillis, Chairman; Peter Bizinkauskas, Ann Tumonis, Marion Dillis, Marjorie Dillis, Charlotte Dillis, Paula Tamoshunas, Patricia Tamoshunas, Cheryl Hamm.
 Gay Nineties Nite - Eleanora Mikalonis, Michael Boroskas, Sharon Boroskas, Donald Prusaitis.
 Lobster Bake - Roberta Dillis, Charlotte Dillis, Andrew Bizinkauskas.
 Friday Birthday Luncheon - Mr. & Mrs. John Yuskaitis, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Charleton.
 Cultural Evening - Veronica Bizinkauskas, Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas - Co-Chairmen; Francis Bukunt, Dalia Bielkevicius, Florence Tumonis.
 Saturday Awards Luncheon - Patricia Achorn, Sylvia Shukis.

Jubilee Ball - Doris Fralick, Joyce Piscitelli - Co-Chairmen; Anthony Skirius, Mary Charleton, Sharon Boroskas, Amy Yarmalavich.

Lithuanian Boutique - Anthony Miner, Francis Bukunt, Anna Surovic.

Publicity - Patricia Achorn, Susan Boroskas, Albert Jaritis.

Pictorial History - Irene Sankus, Albert Skirius, Dorothy Skirius.

Banquet - John Tamoshunas, Florence Tamoshunas - Co-Chairmen; Paula Tamoshunas, Patricia Tamoshunas, Robert Dillis - MC.

VYTIS THANK YOU

Editor Loretta I. Stukas extends her heartfelt appreciation to the members who so graciously supplied articles, information and photos of the Convention, assisting the success of this issue... namely. Susan Boroskas, Irene Sankus, Helen Kulber, Albert Jaritis, Marian and Phil Skabeikis, Mary Kober, Anne Bucinskas, Grazina Vaskelis, and others. A genuine "AČIŪ" to you all.



Some members of the "Over 50 years" Club - those honored for their more than 50 years in the organization - pose with members of the Luncheon Committee.

THOUGHTS EXPRESSED... DURING CONVENTION PLENARY SESSIONS

COMMUNICATIONS...

"Communication Among Ourselves and With Others - How to get a Response from Members and Affiliation with other Lithuanian Groups", was presented by Leon Pauksta.

He approached the topic with the viewpoint that good communication requires good salesmanship, and we are all salesmen for the Knights of Lithuania - but, the question is whether or not we are good salesmen.

Attempting to shore up the unrelenting spirit of K of L salesman must have, part of a tape recorded series on the "Dynamics of Personal Motivation", was presented. The series itself was originated by the Success Motivation Institute of Waco, Texas, considered a leading authority on personal motivation and motivation in business management. Questions and discussion followed.

JUNIORS... A GUIDELINE FOR MOTIVATION

Any National organization must make provisions for the motivation of its youngest members, so that leadership and interested membership may be maintained in the future. Individual councils provide for the needs and interests of their own members, but there must be some stimulus which will encourage our active youngsters to look beyond the scope of the council, and into the area of District and National participation.

To this end, I have proposed a resolution which would, I believe, act as a necessary incentive to bring our young people into the national scene. This resolution, relating to Junior "Conventionships", is found under "Resolutions", elsewhere in this issue. This plan would encourage wider participation on the part of Junior membership, but we must continue in our efforts to involve ALL of our young people.

Some projects on the District level could include local area K of L day camps. The thrust of the District fund-raising for a year could be directed toward the rental of a school bus for a week. Adult volunteers willing to donate time to teach dancing,



M. Skabeikis and R. Dillis during Junior Panel.

crafts and other activities could be recruited to give at least one day to share their skills. Private homes, public parks, local shops and other locations would be appropriate.

Local inter-council activity could lead to more Junior participation on the District level. In this way, by encouraging our young people to develop their own potential, we are insuring our future as an organization.

Marian C. Skabeikis



60TH ANNIVERSARY REVIEW AND PREVIEW

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the time allotted for the special Anniversary Panels was greatly shortened. Because of this, it was only possible to present the "Review" part of the program, with just a very brief glimpse at the "Preview".

Short reviews of the past were given by former Presidents, the first of which was Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis who served as Supreme Council President 1918-1919 and 1923-1924. He is also the composer of the K of L hymn which has been sung by K of L's since 1916. Prof. Aleksis gave a synopsis of some of the accomplishments and problems of the K of L members in the very early years of the organization. One of the highlights mentioned was the 10th National Convention which was held in the State Capitol of Springfield, Ill. Limosines were provided for transportation, meals and accommodations were provided without charge, for the delegates and guests who attended. Prof. Aleksis related that the K of L hymn was his first composition and because of it, he went on to compose numerous other compositions. He related how the 2nd National Convention held in Brockton, Mass. was the one that served the foundation of the organization - that the delegates left that convention inspired and dedicated to promote the Knights of Lithuania organization. Between the 2nd and 3rd Convention, councils sprung up like mushrooms in various Lithuanian communities and the Knights of Lithuania were on their way. In his closing remarks, he expressed the hope that the delegates of this 60th Convention would also return to their councils full of inspiration and desire to make the Knights of Lithuania a stronger, bigger and better organization.

Illness prevented the participation of Mr. Anthony Mazeika at this session, as he was under doctor's care and had to leave Saturday immediately after the Luncheon. However, the moderator briefly reviewed some of the highlights of Mr. Mazeika's tenure as President of the Knights of Lithuania during the years of 1934-1938 and 1940-1941. One of the highlights was the offer of Dr. Leimonas, the President of the Pavasarininkai and Mr. Joseph Laucka to come to the U.S. and tour the Lithuanian colonies with an exhibit of Lithuanian arts, crafts, weavings and movies. The purpose of this tour was solely to promote the Knights of Lithuania organization. A total of 52 Lithuanian communities were visited during a period of almost 6 months. Upon completion of the tour, they attended the 1936 National Convention, presented a report, turned over a balance of some \$300.00 from the tour (which was conducted

without any cost to the organization) and finally donated to the Knights of Lithuania all the exhibit material that they had brought from Lithuania. Due to lack of storage facilities to keep these treasures, the Knights of Lithuania divided them in thirds and donated them to the Marian Fathers in Marianapolis, Conn., the Sisters of St. Casimir in Chicago, Ill. and the Sisters of St. Francis in Pittsburgh, Penna.

The second highlight was in 1938, when 50 K of L's participated in an excursion to Lithuania for a period of 2 months. They were warmly (to say the least) received by the people of Lithuania from the moment the train reached Lithuania's border and throughout the entire trip, which took them to every town and village of Lithuania.



Helen Shields, "Review, Preview" Coordinator.

Mr. Joseph Boley who was President of the Knights of Lithuania from 1946 to 1949 was presented. During his administration, the K of L flag was "born" and christened and numerous constitutional and ritual streamlinings effected. Mr. Boley stressed the importance of Supreme Council Officers executing their duties and striving to promote activity on District and Council level.

The next person introduced was Mr. Alexander Wesey, who has served three separate terms as President for a total of 8 years. Of the 26 persons who have held the office of President during the 60 years

of Knights of Lithuania Organization's existence, Mr. Wesey, whose terms of office were 1949-1952, 1954-1956 and 1965-1968, has the distinction of having served the longest time in the office of President. Mr. Wesey, in the interest of conserving time, did not bring out any of the highlights during the times that he served as President, but only expressed the pleasure and privilege at being able to serve the organization and donated \$100.00 to the Supreme Council.

The person who was at the helm of the Knights of Lithuania organization from 1960-1963, Mr. Robert Boris was presented to the delegates. It was during his term of office that, due to the depleting condition of the K of L finances, the move was made to change the Vytis from the letterpress to the offset format, thereby not only stopping the depletion of K of L funds, but enabling them to grow modestly. As a result, today, enabling funds - modest as they are - are available for other most important K of L projects. Mr. Boris, in the few minutes he had to speak, chose not to speak of the past, but rather of the present and the future, expressing the desire that the K of L's would not be content to rejoice in the accomplishments of the past, but would concern themselves with the problems that face us today and will become greater as we go on into the future, unless we make the effort now to draw in younger people into the organization.

Since the President of the Knights of Lithuania from 1968-1972, Dr. Jack Stukas had to return to New York for his weekly Lithuanian Radio Program, the moderator briefly mentioned two of the highlights of his tenure. They were the K of L trips to Europe and South America. During the trip to Europe, K of L's participated in the blessing of the chapel at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome that was dedicated to the Lithuanian Martyrs. In South America, K of L's met with the local Lithuanians of five countries and presented concerts in 5 South American countries.

In closing, the moderator, Helen Shields, who served as President from 1963-65, expressed the hope that those present would re-dedicate themselves to work for God and Country by "Renewing the Founders' Spirit" and go forth from the Conven-



Prof. Aleksis recalls his years in the K of L.

tion seeking to fill our ranks with young Catholic American Lithuanians who will ensure the future of the Knights of Lithuania organization.

Numerous regrets were expressed that the time did not permit this part of the program to continue in order to expand on some of the thoughts and ideas presented ever so briefly in regard to our "future". Perhaps thought should be given to presenting "The Preview" part more in detail at our 61st National Convention.

Thoughts expressed by "Friend of Lithuania" John W. McCormack during the 60th National Knights of Lithuania Convention Banquet.

..."There is a great similarity between the histories of Ireland and of Lithuania... Love of the lands of our forebears holds us together, and the love of God sustains us"...

"We must contribute our opinions to national leaders, rather than hide under a cloud of apathy toward Communism".

"Weak leadership in England helped Hitler capture Europe... America must remain strong in its defenses".

"Communism has not changed in intent, only in tactics. We must negotiate with firmness".

"Appeasement is not healthy for the USA or Lithuania".

REZOLIUCIJOS

WHEREAS, the United States, by its participation in the European Security and Cooperation Conference in Helsinki is attempting to help resolve the problems of Eastern Europe, and

WHEREAS, the military occupation and annexation by the Soviet Union of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia has never been recognized by the United States, and

WHEREAS, the basic human rights of these peoples continue to be violated,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania, convening for its 60th National Convention at Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass., August 16-19, 1973, strongly protest this betrayal of human freedoms by the Soviet Union, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania urge President Nixon and members of the Senate and House of Representatives to insist that any European Security agreement recognize the right of self-determination of the peoples of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, and their right to freedom of worship, press and speech. These basic human freedoms must not be sacrificed for the sake of trade agreements.

WHEREAS, nine representatives of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian organizations in the Free World went to Helsinki to inform delegates to the European Security and Cooperation Conference (July 3-7, 1973) and members of the news media covering the conference about the violation of basic human rights in the Soviet-occupied Baltic States, and

WHEREAS, these same delegates were arrested, under pressure from the Soviet delegation, because of the exercise of their right of freedom of speech,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania, meeting for their 60th National Convention August 16-19, 1973, at Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass., unanimously voice their protest to the Finnish Consulate in Washington, D.C., against this infringe-

RESOLUTIONS

ment of the right of freedom of expression of the Baltic representatives, several of whom are American citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania express their thanks to Secretary of State William Rogers, for his prompt intervention on behalf of those arrested.

WHEREAS, the Hallmark "Map of the World", published in 1973, does not indicate the borders, cities, rivers, or even the outline of the three Baltic Nations - Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 60th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, meeting August 16-19, 1973 at Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass., voice an unanimous protest to the Hallmark Company for this omission, and urge the Hallmark map-makers to correct and reissue the map.

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania, meeting August 16-19, 1973 at Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass., for its 60th National Convention, does endorse the aims and work of CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, and particularly the observance of GOD DAY at St. John's University, New York, N.Y., on September 15, 1973.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania commend DRAUGAS on the article "Lietuvon Vyčiu Veiklai", appearing in the August 4, 1973 issue of DRAUGAS, dealing with the history of the K of L, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission be secured from DRAUGAS to reprint this article in VYTIS as soon as possible after permission is secured.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania sponsored and raised funds for the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine at the New York World's Fair 1964-65, BE IT RESOLVED, that the name of the Knights of Lithuania be included on the official stationery of the Lithuanian-American Wayside Shrine Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania make a monetary donation of \$100.00 to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago, and so become a Lifetime Member of the Museum.

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Honorary Membership Committee, Alexander (Vasiliauskas) Wesey, of C-109 Great Neck, L.I., N.Y., be conferred Honorary Membership of the Knights of Lithuania at the 61st National Convention in 1974.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Conventionship Fund be established to assist Junior members of the Knight of Lithuania in attending National Conventions. This fund would consist of a \$200.00 per district allocation to be distributed as four \$50.00 stipends within a district.

Application would be made by individual Juniors, based on their activity during the K of L year. Recommendations accompanying these applications should come from the Junior Counselor, parent, Regular Counselor, and the Spiritual Adviser. Applications would be distributed by, and reviewed by the District 1st Vice-Presidents. All final decisions are reportable to the National 1st Vice President in charge of Juniors.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a study committee be set up to study the advisability of a Junior institution together with its own ritual and its own national officers who would function under the direction and guidance of the Supreme Council First-President. This study committee would consist of past Supreme Council First Vice-Presidents and others interested in serving on this committee. The Supreme Council would select this committee at its first meeting.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that, in order to carry out this task, the sum of no more than \$500 be appropriated to the committee so that it may define and carry out its task in developing a plan for Junior development that will be completed by May 1, 1974, be published in the June 1974 VYTIS, and be ready for follow-up action by the delegates to the 61st National Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED, that all Past Presidents be appointed an advisory board to the Supreme Council and be invited to all Supreme Council meetings.

WHEREAS the Northeastern region of the State of Pennsylvania is historically the "cradle of Lithuanian-Americanism" and still remains heavily populated with Lithuanians,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to research and subsequently report on the possibilities of organizing the area for the Knights of Lithuania.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organization funds be made available to the committee to finance repeated trips to this area for collection of such research data, and that the National Membership Vice-President be appointed chairman of this Ad Hoc Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Supreme Council Recording Secretary submit the Supreme Council Meeting minutes for publication in VYTIS in time for the nearest VYTIS deadline after the meeting.

WHEREAS, due to the increasing number of various Ad Hoc committees that are formed at the National Convention to carry out specific tasks, and

WHEREAS neither the constitution nor the by-laws specify Supreme Council responsibility to follow up these Ad Hoc committees, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Council trustees be given the task to follow up and report at each Supreme Council meeting on the progress of all Ad Hoc committees' assigned tasks at the National Convention of the year in which the Trustees are elected.

WHEREAS, Associate Members contribute their time and interest to the Knights of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS members in this category are restricted from holding higher offices with accompanying higher point value for Degrees,

BE IT RESOLVED that Associate Members be allowed to participate fully in the Ritual, following the same point system and receiving the same degrees as regular members when eligible.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this convention assign to the Lithuanian Language Propagation Committee, as the committee's major responsibility, the task of preparing a series of Lithuanian language lessons, in English, for the VYTIS for the coming year.

WHEREAS the importance of establishing a drawing fund for the work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and the Juniors Program has been recognized,

BE IT RESOLVED that \$1000 be allotted to create a similar fund for the Knights of Lithuania Cultural Program. This fund would lend assistance to councils and districts in undertaking cultural projects as well as enabling the Supreme Council to encourage, sponsor or assist in the publication of books and records, or commissioning of musical or graphic works of art.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that disbursement of such funds be subject to the scrutiny of the Supreme Council and the National Cultural Chairman.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania formally express their appreciation to Mrs. Emilija Pakalniskis and to Mr. Vytautas and Mrs. Biture Radzivanas for their fine editorship of the "Vyčių Veikla" columns in DRAUGAS and DARBININKAS, respectively. It is hoped that they will continue in their endeavors to keep the Knights of Lithuania in the forefront of the Lithuanian press.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates and guests to the 60th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Council 1, Brockton, Mass., hosts, for their outstanding preparations for the Jubilee Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 60th 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.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 60th National Convention extend their appreciation for the untiring efforts of the Presidium Members and Members of the Convention Committees.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members and guests of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass., for their 60th National Jubilee Convention August 16-19, 1973, hereby express their sincerest thanks and deep appreciation to the Holy Cross Fathers for their gracious courtesy and complete cooperation in making available the beautiful facilities of the college to the delegates and guests.



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, Archbishop of Boston in his letter to Our Supreme Council President dated May 15, 1973 stated: "Through this letter, I want to congratulate you and the membership of the Knights of Lithuania, for your loyalty to God and Country, and for the reverence you have shown and continue to show to your ancestry". Yes, we have shown our loyalty to God and Country time and time again over the past 60 years, and hopefully will continue to do so in the future years.

The persecuted Church in Lithuania pleads for our continued spiritual and material assistance; not just for to-day, but until the day She is free from religious oppression. There are many avenues opened for us K of L's to demonstrate our help for the persecuted Church in Lithuania. However, the best is our fervent prayers to God and His Blessed Mother Mary. Greeting Our Lady of Siluva and pleading with Her

to intercede for Suffering Lithuania at the throne of God, is a good way to start our 61st year.

In the month of October, during your monthly meeting, or in the privacy of your home recite a "Sveika Marija" už mūsų kenčiančius brolius ir seseris Lietuvoj. Light a votive candle to Mary in your parish church; or in the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva at Mary's Shrine in Washington, D.C. After all - we K of L's contributed towards the erection of the Our Lady of Siluva chapel, and it should be a fitting place to petition Our Blessed Mother.

Those wishing to have a votive light lit in the Chapel of: Our Lady of Siluva in Washington, D.C., may do so by sending their petition, and a one dollar donation to: Msgr. John J. Murphy, Director; Michigan Ave. and 4th St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017.

John A. Stoskus, K of L Chairman
Lithuanian-Catholic Religious Aid



Official Photo - 60th National Knights of Lithuania Convention, August 1973.

Social Sidelights

With the wooded areas - the ponds - the long, scenic walks between events, and the New England hospitality, our 60th Convention was a pleasant and most unusual type of event. The business sessions were made more pleasant by the capable convention committees, headed by Al Wesey as chairman and Tony Miner and Leon Pauksta as co-chairmen.

The early arrivals had the opportunity to view all of the townhouses and to set up their mode of action - some groups were wise enough to start an "occupied" sign system which saved their voices. Stonehill College welcomed our regular party-givers, the Elizabeth boys, the Worcester groups, Joe Sable (with a special evening with Omar), the Newark ladies with special host Kazys Sipaila, the intimate pre-dance cocktail hour of the Ozalis', and the constant comings-and-goings in the "Essex" House, home of delegates from Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Phillie. With all those connecting doors between townhouses, it seemed that someone was forever starting out in one house and ending up in another.

"GET ACQUAINTED" SOCIALS

Tucked away in a basement corner of the O'Hare Building was Brother Mike's Bar. It was a delightful place and the setting for the convention's first official activity - the Gay 90's Nite. From the free lunch to the nickel beer to the pleasant dance music and the singing of our lady entertainer, we enjoyed it all. The Barbershop Quartet was most entertaining and brought back many memories. One of the highlights of the evening was the Moustache Contest. Another New England victory as "Buzzy" of Worcester C-26 emerged as the winner.

The Thursday evening Lobster Bake was another surprise - not only did we receive whole lobster but clams, thuringers, corn and all the fixings. The watermelon dessert was a favorite, especially of Fathers Valancius and Miciunas. It was dinner by starlight only, so everyone watched their step and enjoyed meeting their friends "in the dark".



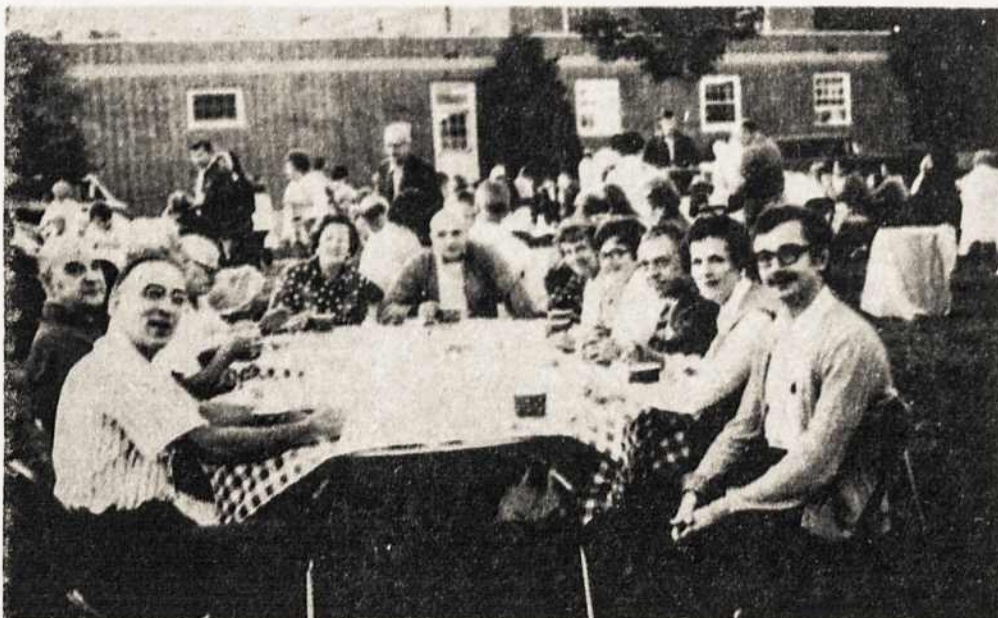
Ah, fresh air!



A "Sparkling" time at Brother Mike's Bar.



Who has the best moustache?



Soup's on - at the Lobster Bake.



CONVENTION MASSES

To complete the official Convention Opening, business and social sessions were interrupted Thursday afternoon for the Convention Opening Mass. A short busride from the college brought delegates and guests to the beautiful convent and grounds of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified. In the Convent Chapel, Rev. William Wolkavich celebrated the Mass, Rev. Albert Contons delivered the homily, and all gathered participated in the singing of Lithuanian hymns. The many sisters also attending the Mass were overjoyed at hearing the Lithuanian hymns - and at seeing so many K of L-ers gathered for the Mass.

After Mass, the Sisters greeted the delegates over punch and cookies and provided tours of the grounds and facilities to those interested. Those attending went away truly refreshed and most impressed by the warm hospitality of the Sister hostesses and the beauty of the convent surroundings.

On Friday and Saturday, Mass was held "on campus" in the college chapel, immediately after the morning business session. Celebrant of Friday's Lithuanian Mass was Rev. Peter Sakelis. On Saturday, Rev. Anastasius Valancius and Rev. J. Walter Stanievich celebrated the Mass in English, for the benefit of those who did not understand Lithuanian. On both days, singing of Lithuanian hymns was led by guest Rev. Casimir Pugevicius of Baltimore.



LUNCHEONS

Friday's Birthday luncheon had us all searching for our particular birth month tables. The 50-year members of our organization were honored at this luncheon. Seniors Veep Larry Svelnis announced the names as submitted by their councils and those in attendance were honored as head table guests. Those not in attendance, will receive their citations at a local council activity.

At the Saturday luncheon, the Membership Drive awards were

presented to the respective councils and individual winners (see Official Highlights) with the three individuals receiving a Lithuanian Wayside Cross and amber jewelry for their efforts. Honorary Member Juozas Boley presented framed photos of our founder, Mykolas Norkunas, to several members: Albert and Irene Ozalis, Marian Skabeikis, Irene Sankus, Peter Bizinkauskas, and Sue Boroskas.

The talked-about Massachusetts Lottery tickets were drawn - but there were no immediate winners.



What, no winners?



East meets West...

60TH CONVENTION CULTURAL NIGHT

The folk songs and the folk dances were missing, but somehow the absence of this usual convention fare was not noticed. In fact, the Friday evening Cultural Program was noted for its refreshing variety. It had several things going for it - an esthetically pleasing location, and its committee people Dr. Peter and Veronica Bizinkauskas, Dalia Bielkevicius, Florence Tumonis and Francis Bukunt.

Delegates were transported by bus from Stonehill College to the Brockton Arts Center - Fuller Memorial. The center itself is a multi-levelled modern structure situated on the edge of a placid lake surrounded on all sides by several acres of lush New England foliage and winding paths.

Delegates were greeted by girls in Lithuanian costumes who presented everyone with a sprig of ruta, and were then led past reflecting pools with pyramidal floating sculptures and through an exhibit of neon-light sculptures to the Lithuanian Exhibit area.

The well chosen representative Lithuanian art was attractively displayed. The exhibit featured paintings and sculpture by the



following: S. Cirpus, I. K. Grieze, Vytautas Jonynas, Charles Kazium, Ignas Koncius, M. Kulpavicius, L. Matulevicius, Ina Nonortas, Dalia Ramanauskas, Elzbieta Ribokiene, Vaclovas Senuta, Anastasia Tamosaitis, Antanas Tamosaitis, Adomas Varnas, V. Vasalka, Viktoras Vizgirda and Romas Viesulas.

Lithuanian Folk Art was represented by collections of Amber, weavings, and Lithuanian Crosses.

Before, during and after viewing the exhibits, delegates were treated to a Champagne and hot hors d'oeuvres reception.

The featured presentations were the staged portions of the program. The Lithuanian Multi-Media Collectors, a group of young men and women from Boston presented a Panoramic View of Lithuania's history from its obscure beginnings to the Declaration of Independence. Four slide projectors flashed still photos of Lithuania's great leaders and scenes of her most peaceful and turbulent moments of history. The narration was in Lithuanian with a soundtrack utilizing music of Richard Strauss to Stravinsky to folk song. One would like to see an English version for showing to American audience. Though some may have technical reservations about the presentation, its uniqueness for most delegates provided the impact.

The program continued with a two-act play "Vargšas Tadas", the Mid-Atlantic District's "dovanėlė" to the Convention. Directed by Joe Boley, the comic morality play concerned a distraught wife's attempt to reform her drunkard husband with the aid of a meddling doctor. Much of the language was older than what one might use today, but a brief glossary of words in the program cleared up





any questions. The actors were all from the MAD; Rimas Vebeliunas (C-110), Birute and Vytas Radzivas (C-41) and Helen Matthews (C-12).

This reappearance of Lithuanian drama on the national level is both overdue and most welcome. Hopefully it will be nurtured and permitted to grow on all levels.

The entire evening was dedicated to Dr. Jack J. Stukas who spearheaded the formation of the K of L Cultural Committee in 1955. Dr. Stukas was presented with an attractive plaque in appreciation of his tireless efforts past and present on behalf of Lithuanian Culture. -

Throughout the evening delegates were able to rub elbows with

many of the artists. Special guests at the event were Brockton Mayor Richard L. Wainwright and his wife.

This cultural evening remains one of the highlights of the 60th Jubilee Convention and set standards that K of L-ers should be proud and eager to maintain at future conventions.

P. Skabeikis





PARTY TIME...

A book of verse
Underneath the bough
A jug of wine, a loaf of
Bread and thou beside me
Singing in the wilderness
Oh, Wilderness were
Paradise enou!

Omar Khayyam

A jug of wine,
A loaf of bread
Are awaiting "thou"
Here in the Stonehill
Wilderness
At a K of L Bough

Joe Sable

With such an invitation, who could resist joining champion K of L Party-giver Joe Sable for refreshments and entertainment ala "Omar"! Each busload of delegates returning from the lovely cultural evening virtually "emptied" into Joe's parlor, where all were greeted by a modern-day "Omar" in full costume, treated to Khyayam poetry (orally by host Joe and in writing on all the walls) and feted with the promised wine, bread and some extras of other refreshments and cold cuts. Thus fortified, party-goers scattered to other quarters for singing and talking... or back to their own townhouses for a few hours of rest before Saturday's daytime business of elections, resolutions, discussions, and more evening socializing.

JUBILEE BALL

You could tell that Council 1 was well-versed in hosting spectacular balls as Stonehill's Student Union Hall was transfixed into a wonderful Jubilee Ball scene - wouldn't recognize it as the place where we had breakfast-lunch-and-dinner. The polka dance was great as

evidenced by the jammed dance floor and as usual the novelty and folk dances were the most popular. The ladies were all beautiful and the men, super-elegant. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the newly elected officers and committee heads. All of the officers were most pleased with their charming Council 1 escorts.





A VISIT FROM THE "PILGRIM VIRGIN"

Truly one of the outstanding highlights of the 60th National Convention was the special "visitor" at the Convention's Closing Mass. - The famous "Pilgrim Virgin" was brought to St. Casimir's of Brockton that Sunday, and was carried to the Church during the Knights of Lithuania procession Mass. The following explanation, by St. Casimir's pastor, Rev. Peter Shakelis, appeared in that day's Parish Bulletin, and is repeated here, in hopes of providing a better understanding of the visit, and thus increasing our devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

On the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima, Portugal, May 13, 1967, Pope Paul VI, personally blessed a Pilgrim Virgin Statue for the United States. It was his desire that this statue be kept in the U.S. and move about in pilgrimage from diocese to diocese.

The visit of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is an indication that Mary wants us to pray for the conversion of Russia and freedom for Lithuania.

Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal, May 13, 1917. She asked them to return for several months to that spot on the 13th of each month. She announced to Lucia, who asked her who she was, that she was the mother of God and that



she would return on October 13. She asked them to return with others to witness a miracle. At that time she caused the sun to whirl, a great wonder which nearly 100,000 people witnessed. And she asked for certain promises relative to peace and the corrections of sins:

1. Pray the Rosary daily; 2. Wear the Brown Scapular; 3. Correct your way of life; 4. If requests are heard, Russia will be converted and there will be peace!!

Many people would like but are unable to make the pilgrimage to Our Lady at Her Shrine at Fatima. Since 1917, people of every nation and every walk of life have gone to Fatima to honor Mary, the Mother of God, to thank Her for graces received and to pray for favors of body and soul. Thus the idea unfolded "to bring Fatima to the people".

Representatives of the four districts were privileged to carry the Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin into church during the procession before the official Convention Mass

at St. Casimir's, Tiny Carolyn Adamaitis proudly carried the banner of the Blue Army of Our Lady, while the equally proud Junior flower bearers were Michael Coach and Eleanor Grasha, and the Bizinkauskas youngsters, Veronica, Maryte and Paul.

Before Mass, a representative of the Blue Army explained the promises of Our Lady of Fatima and urged greater devotion to her. The Fourth Degree, Order of St. Casimir, was conferred on four members by Rev. Contons. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Brizgys, Rev. Contons and Rev. Shakelis, while the two Bishops "shared" the homily... Bishop Brizgys speaking in Lithuanian and Bishop Maguire in English.

After Mass and a quick "coffee and...", compliments of Father Shakelis, the official Convention Photo was snapped, and everyone hurried back to the college... to pack, complete bits of unfinished business, and go on to the Closing Banquet.



CLOSING BANQUET

Once again, delegates and guests gathered in the familiar but again transformed Student Union Hall... this time for the Convention Closing Banquet. After Father Conton's Blessing, M.C. Robert Dillis began the program by introducing the Headtable guests, who, incidently, were escorted to their places by the charming twins, Patricia and Paula Tamoshunas. Honored guests included Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Bishop In Exile of Vilnius; Most Rev. Joseph Maguire, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston; Hon. John McCormack, former Speaker of the House of Representatives; Hon. Richard L. Wainwright, Mayor of Brockton; Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Adviser; Rev. Peter Shakelis, St. Casimir Parish Pastor; Prof. Alexander Aleksis, Honorary Membership Committee; Mrs. Susan Boroskas, National President and Convention Chairman; Alexander Wesey, Presidium Chairman; Anthony Miner, outgoing Lithuanian Affairs Chairman; Peter Bizinkauskas, outgoing National 1st Vice-President, Ann Mae Uznis, newest Honorary Member; Vitalis Zukauskas, Entertainer; Paul Kuzmickas, Scholarship Committee; Robert Dillis, Master of Ceremonies, Mr. and Mrs. John Tamoshunas, Banquet Co-chairmen, and Sylvia Shukis, Convention Co-chairman.

Highlight of the Banquet was the presentation of the "Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania" Award to former Speaker of the House the Honorable John M McCormack, by outgoing National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Anthony Miner. Mr. McCormack, in accepting the Gold Medal Award, left no doubt in anyone's mind that his role as Speaker of the House was truly a dynamic one, and one which contributed much to keeping the USA a strong world power. His comments were awe-inspiring and showed him to be a sincere and active force in the fight against Communism, and a real "Friend of Lithuania".

Later in the program, Anna Mae



Speaker McCormack with Sue Boroskas and V. Žukauskas.



Welcome words from Bishop Maguire.



A. M. Uznis, P. Kuzmickas, Prof. A. Aleksis.



On Oath of Office for the new Board.

Uznis of C-102, Detroit, was awarded Honorary Membership by Prof. A. Aleksis in the name of the Honorary Membership Committee. Paul Kuzmickas of the Scholarship Committee announced the Scholarship Award winners and Irene Sankus presented the Junior Essay Contest winners.

A rare honor for the K of L was the presence of two bishops - not only at Sunday's Mass but also at the Banquet. Bishop Brizgys, our own Honorary Member, reiterated his greetings to delegates and guests and urged them to continue their work to aid oppressed Lithuania. Bishop Maguire congratulated the K of L on their love of God and their devotion to their heritage and to the land of the forebears. Mayor Wainwright, in his remarks, commented that "America should be likened to a casserole, but not a melting pot. Each nationality contributes some distinct asset to the whole of American culture and life".

For diversion, Vitalis Zukauskas, alias the "Lithuanian Bob Hope" provided a lighter note and some laughs with his program of Lithuanian humor. After the Oath of Office was administered to the newly-elected officers by Reverends Shakelis and Contons, Susan Boroskas closed the Banquet by introducing her committee and wishing God's speed to all travelers. A closing prayer... and the convention was officially ended.

After the majority of the delegates left Stonehill, leftovers Grazina Vaskelis, Joe Petkunas from Phillie, Vince Boris, Susan Boroskas, "Rudy" Rudis, Sylvia Shukis and newly-elevated Honorary Member Ann Mae Uznis enjoyed dinner and conversation at a restaurant in No. Easton, while Mary and Tony Kober, Irene Sankus, Leon Pauksta and Ed Krivickas met Larry Svelnis and Al Jaritis at Anthony's Pier 4 in Boston for a convention-ending dinner. Monday morning, the final leftovers departed and the convention committee was finally able to relax and return to their homes for a well-deserved rest.

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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, 1974. 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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SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

A very important meeting of the Supreme Council is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 1973, in Chicago, Ill., at the Knights of Lithuania Building, West 47th St. at So. Campbell Ave. All Supreme Council Members, National Committee Chairmen, and Honorary members are urged to attend.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, newly-elected Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, urges all members to take part in the important work of this committee. Clippings of newspaper items dealing with Lithuania, with correct names, addresses and dates of the Newspapers in which the articles appeared should be sent regularly to the address given below. Also, please notify Dr. Stukas if you wish to either add your name to the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin mailing list... or wish to have it removed.

Remember, the Lithuanian Affairs Committee is the K of L window to the world. The rest of the Lithuanian world has traditionally looked to the K of L for leadership in this phase of work. Let's not let them down. All Lithuanian Affairs correspondence should go to:

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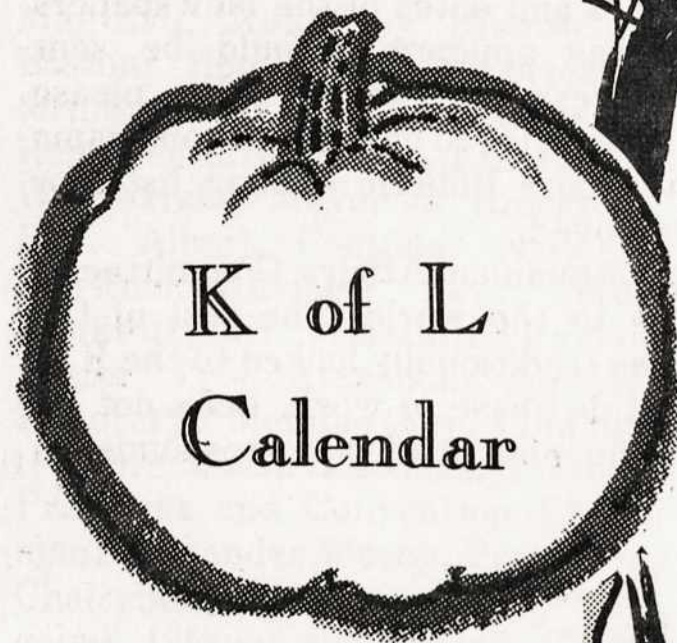
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OCTOBER

- 7 - C-90, Kearny, N.J. - AMBER BALL, Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, Kearny, N.J.
- 7 - NED FALL CONVENTION, St. Casimir's Church, Smith St., Providence, R.I. - Hosts C-103 Srs. - 10:30 a.m. - Mass; 1:30 p.m. - Business Sessions (Election of Officers)
- 13 - C-29, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 14 - NED TESTIMONIAL DINNER, honoring Rev. Albert Contons and Rev. Albinas Janiunas, Marionis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. - 4:00 p.m. - Cocktail Hour; 5:00 p.m. - Dinner
- 13-14 - MCD ANNUAL CONVENTION, Lincoln Park, Detroit, Michigan - Hosts C-139

NOVEMBER

- 10 - C-109, Great Neck, N.Y. - ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE, Jericho Manor, 235 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, N.Y. - Tickets \$13.50 per person - Dinner: 8:00 p.m.
- 11 - TELEVISION MASS, Channel 7-WNAC, Government Center, Boston, Mass. Sponsored by New England District
- 17 - C-17 and 17 Srs. - NOVEMBER FEST - So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.
- 17-18 - AMERICAN LITHUANIAN COUNCIL (ALTAS) Annual Convention, Sheraton-Midway Motor Inn, Chicago, Illinois

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C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Vincukas

On May 12 our council sponsored a spring dance which was held in the Lithuanian Hall in Athol. The band was excellent and was enjoyed by all. The crowd was small; about 50 persons attended from Boston, Worcester, Brockton, and our local group, and everyone had a real grand time. The beautiful centerpiece was made by Mrs. Beaudette. The co-chairmen were Howie Beaudette and Paul Kuzmeskus. Debbie Kuzmeskus was in charge of decorations; Al Grigonis, in charge of the bar; Blanche Genaitis, raffle chairman; and Nell Melaika, in charge of tickets.

On May 20 the N.E. Dist. sponsored the dedication of "An Amber Stone" at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N.H. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and it rained throughout the day. The services had to be held in the small chapel which could accommodate only 100 persons. Hundreds had to remain in their cars and buses. The Mass was concelebrated. Tony Miner was reader, and Father Al Janiunas gave the homily. The St. Andrew's Church Choir of New Britain sang the Mass. Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, Sr., made the dedication of the "Amber".



C-17 - In the Goal - John Casimir Olevitz

C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

Strollin' Along the Strandway

Let us offer Father Albert Contons, National Spiritual Advisor, congratulations upon his appointment as parish priest of St. Margaret's, Beverly Farms, Mass. This is Father Al's first assignment as Pastor, and we wish him the best of luck.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Felix Zaleskas on his 80th. May there be many more to come.

So, Boston C-17 was the host for the N.E. Dist. Spring Convention. During the Convention Meeting, we overheard the dieters talking in the kitchen about the weight they had lost, and then there were others who were planning to go on a diet. With all that delicious food, and those scrumptious goodies, we wonder if there wasn't a wee bit of cheating going on among the girls and boys. All in all, our kitchen help prepared a substantial meal and sent everyone home happy.

In one of our earlier Vytis articles, we neglected to mention that one of our guests at the St. Casimir's Day Communion Supper was Mary Neveresky, Pres. of C-78, Lawrence, Mass. Sorry about that, Mary; we enjoyed having you!

We're really getting into trouble! One of those thin-skinned Lithuanians grabbed this correspondent and complained that a name was misspelled in one of our news columns. We were told that the name was Noh-Noe instead of Noe-Noe. I should be forgiven for that, because I don't spell Indian names very well. Who ever heard of a Lithuanian horse with an Indian name, anyway?

Cheer leaders for the P. J. Gavin Jr. High School are Patti Mitchell, Pres. of C-17 Jrs., and Judy Ruseckas, who is also on the Honor Roll. Kathy Norinkavich was one of the contestants in a state-wide

accordionist contest at Chicopee, Mass. We're rooting for you, Kathy. Hope you did well.

Members of C-17 and 17 Srs. pitched in and helped with Father Albin Janiunas' 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood reception in the church hall. It was an overflowing crowd at the reception, where everyone was fed and had happy thoughts after greeting Father Albin.

Megan Balaconis is on the Dean's List at Boston State College. Brother Joe is on the Honor Roll at Sto. Boston High School, and brother Roy has made the varsity sailing team at the Naval Academy, yet only a freshman. Sister Doris was the recipient of the Scholarship Award of the combined councils of 17 and 17 Srs. This Balaconis family is quite a family!

Ruthy Stankevicius was one of the chaperones with a group of students on a holiday trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. Ruth said the trip was well worth the effort spent chaperoning.

Ann Marie Markuns, our council's corresponding secretary, was elected as one of the N.E. Dist.'s paid delegates to the Nat'l. Conv. This will be her first Convention,



At Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me. - Rev. John Dyburys, O.F.M. and Alexander Akule, Retreat Chairman

but we're certain it won't be her last. A great deal of credit goes to Joseph White of C-17 Srs., who stepped down in favor of the younger delegate, and remained as an alternate.

Remember in your prayers Jonas Uselis, father of Zygmuntas "Gus" Uselis and Adam Pavidis. Though not a K of L'er, he supported us in many of our functions.

Rumblings have been heard in the wind about how some of our council events have been operated. Along the Strandway mentor suggests that if improvements are wanted, come to the meetings to express your opinions. Get on the committees and work, - or just suffer in silence. The committees work for the best interest of the councils, and it's not easy having the same people work all the time, while others only enjoy the fruits of the harvest. We know everyone is busy, but some rearrange their schedules to help with council activities. Let's have a change of heart and volunteer.

Attendance drawing winner for the month of April was Tony Shalna, and for the merry month of May, the lucky one was Madeline "Maddie" Venis. You can be a winner, too, by attending a meeting and having your name drawn. It's as easy as that.

John Casimir Olevitz was selected as one of the All-Star goalies for the So. Boston Mighty-Mites. Johnny O. wants to be a center next season. He is very

busy playing baseball during the summer months.

The first two Scholarship Awards from C-17 and 17 Srs. were announced and awarded to two graduates of St. Peter's Parochial School: Doris Balaconis and Charles R. Yuskowski. Joseph White, Scholarship Chairman, presented the awards at graduation time.

With all of the activities that occurred during the month of May, we were very lucky to get the nice crowd at our annual Scholarship Dinner-Dance. We had a few K of L celebrities present: Our National President, Mrs. Susan Boroskas; Frank Vaskas, C-29 Newark, N.J.; Marcella Andrikis, C-7 Waterbury, Conn. (not Watergate); and Sylvia Shukis, C-1 Brockton, Mass. Thanks for coming! As usual, about the same committee worked: John Olevitz, Larry Svelnis, Al and Pat Akule, Frank and Virginia Markuns, Adele Martus, Mary Martus, Al Kiburis, Al Kropas, Charlie and Lou Mikalonis, Ann Petchell, Ann Carroll, Phyllis Gendreau, Ann Marie Markuns, Joanne Markuns, Al Jaritis, Mary Mickevich, Joe and Ann White. The next project for both councils is the Sept. 29 Dance, and we hope that there will be a lot of new faces on the committee.

Belated but welcome news, Stanley Griganavicius was elected to the Board of Trustees of the So. Boston Lithuanian Club. Valio!

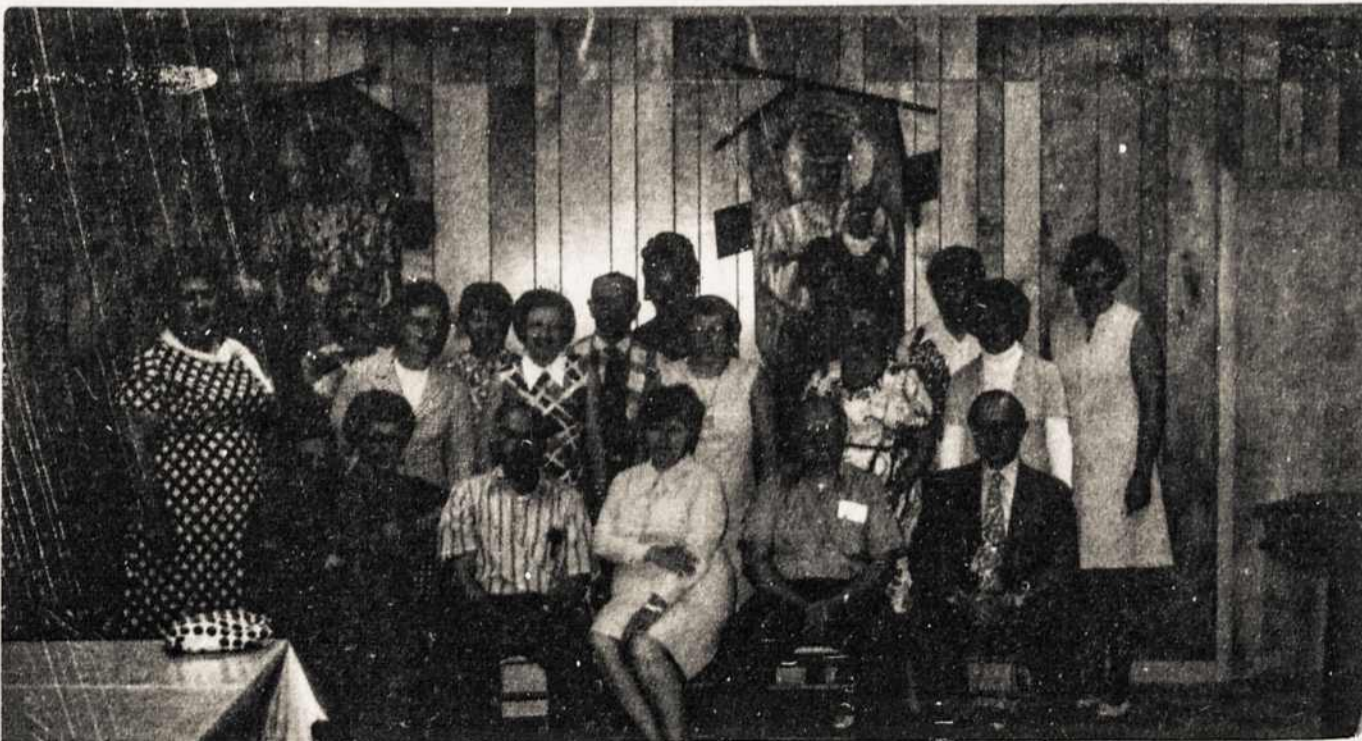
Bill Gorski has been busy with

trips to Washington, D.C., concerning a business convention in Louisville, Ky. That's the Blue Grass State, and maybe that's why the convention is being held in Kentucky. Bill is quite a horseman.

Jean Pasakarnis and Helen Suprin will be soon polishing their skis getting ready for the winter season. Like a couple of nomads, they keep looking for the snow.

Send a get-well card to Edward "Eddie" Puzin who is a patient at the Veteran's Hospital, Brockton, Mass. He would like to hear from his old friends, and, also, from some new ones.

A tip of the hat goes to Al Akule and Larry Svelnis for selling all of the tickets for the bus trip to the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N.H. to the "Amber Stone" Dedication and Blessing. It was just a cloudy day when the buses left the old Beantown for New Hampshire, but as the buses neared the borders of the Granite State, the clouds opened up and down came the rain. AND RAIN IT DID, and this is what the Dedication had to contend with. What was to be an outdoor service soon turned to indoors. The Hilltop House was used, which is a small building, and was unable to accommodate the large crowd. There were five buses - two from So. Boston, one from Brockton, one from Providence, R.I., and one from New Britain, Conn., which bus included the St. Andrew's Church Choir who were invited to sing at the ceremony. Many were in beautiful Lithuanian costumes. Many came in their own automobiles. There were about 500 to 600 people present. A celebrated Mass was offered in



N.E.D. Retreat Group at Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me.



C-17 Scholarship Dinner: Betty Grigalunas, Helen Bucelewitz, Joanna Grigas, Bill Bucelewitz and John Grigalunas

memory of the Lithuanian Freedom Fighters and Martyrs. The celebrants were Rev. Albin Janiunas of St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, N.E. Dist. Spiritual Advisor; Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Advisor; Rev. John Zurromskis, St. Joseph's Church, Lowell, Mass.; Rev. Joseph Bucevicius, St. Casimir's Church, Nashua, N.H.; Rev. Adolph Gradeck and Rev. John Rikteraitis of St. Andrew's Church, New Britain, Conn. An invitation had been sent to all Spiritual Advisors in the district asking for their participation in this Dedication; however, with conflicts in schedules, many were unable to attend who truly wanted to. To C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass. fell the chore of hosting the invited guests to a collation after the Dedication. After the dust had settled, the throng was fed. Many thanks to Sylvia Shukis of C-1, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gendreau and sons Michael, Paul (who made his First Holy Communion that day), Mark and Ed Rudis who pitched in and gave a needed hand.

On the sick list are the following: Mrs. Helen Zaremba, Valerie and John C. Olevitz, Jerry and Rita Venis, Pat Akule, Phyllis Grendal's mother, and Mary Mickevich's mother. We're hoping for healthy happy days ahead for all.

Among the missing... have you seen them? Tony and Joanne Shalna, Vytautas Bruzgys, Leo and Albina Rudzuinas, Elvira Averka, Dalja Karoblis, John and Anita Daniels, Stan Yelmokas, Wanda Aldonna Keaney, Bob and Donna Reina, Frank and Helen Sabiski, John and Betty Grigalunas. Let them know that we still love them and miss them and would love to see them once in a while!

After the Nat'l. Conv., we can sort of relax and look forward to some of the coming activities of our council and district. Just keep checking the K of L Calendar for events and dates. We look for everyone's participation.

There were many C-17 and Sr. 17 members among the group attending the N.E. Dist.'s Retreat at

the Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me. Leading the way was Chairman Alexander Akule and wife Patricia (or Petronnelle), and the following: John and Ann Norinkavich, Joe and Ann White, Larry Svelnis, Ann Chaplik, Adele Martus, Mary Martus, Helen Suprin, Al Jaritis, and two Jrs. - Kathy Norinkavich and Adele Nancy Martus. Also present were our Supreme Council Pres., Mrs. Susan Boroskas; Sylvia Shukis of C-1; Ann Miller (and her cane) and Tony Miner of C-116; Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus and Ann Bender of C-26; and Jean Malin of C-18 with her two friends, Wanda and Frances. It was an excellent religious weekend for the group; and perhaps because the weather was so foggy and not conducive for beach bathing, it made for even better contemplation. The hospitality of the Franciscan Fathers is real great. We even had two celebrations on St. John's Feast Day, one for Father John Dyburys and another for John Norinkavich. It was a shame there were not more members attending this retreat.

During the recreational time allotted to those on retreat, a basketball game took place between the males and females. Referee was Larry Svelnis. The team was made up of the following women: Kathy Norinkavich, Adele Nancy Martus, Pat Akule, Mary Martus, Helen Suprin and Adele Martus. Ann Norinkavich and Ann Chaplik were the designated foul shooters. The male chauvinistic team was made up of John Norinkavich, Al Akule, and Al Jaritis. The girls never heard of the Marquis of Queensbury rules, and we don't believe Larry Svelnis read the basketball rule books either. It was a bruising battle right down to the final gun, and those who were out of shape, had to quit the game early. We should have had movie cameras to record the game, showing the fouls committed (mostly by the women), and the grabbing and holding. The women libber's tried to snatch the victory for themselves, but the males prevailed in the end. Per-

haps sometime in the future, we could have a similar game for charity, for money-raising purposes. It could be great fun, but take it from an experienced player, remember to bring the liniment for the sore muscles and aching bones after the game!

Jean Pasakarnis paid a short visit to her alma mater, Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio. Jean is one of the elected trustees of the alumni. At a dinner the eve before graduation, she met Edwin Newman of the televised "Today" Show. They had quite a long chat about the problems of the world. This gal really gets around and meets some very interesting people. Jean was also on a medical seminar where she was one of the featured speakers. She also got tired of suburban living, driving to and from work, and has now moved into one of the hi-rise apartments near her employment. As she looks out her windows, she can now smile at all the traffic jams.

Adele Martus, Mary Martus, Nancy Parziale (Mary's sister), and Mary's daughter, Adele Nancy, took a two-week excursion to the West Coast. They saw everything that was worth seeing.

Helen Suprin and cousin, Mary Raskauskas, took a tour of Portugal and Spain. They had plenty of sangria, and were very tired from all the sight-seeing.

Bill Gorski was very busy with plans for the National Convention of Mental Health Public Relations Directors to be held in Louisville, Ky. Bill is the current President of the organization and is finding out how hard it is to get a Convention together and make it a success. Lil Gorski spent one of her week's vacation at Cape Cod. Al Chaplik is busy preparing the SLA Convention that will be held in Boston in 1974.

Patti Mitchell, President of C-17 Jrs., vacationed while working in Franklin, N.H. During the summer, Ann Markuns worked at a nursing home, for the experience, and is now attending Boston College School of Nursing. Joan Ronukaitis, our Jr.'s Vice-Pres.,

worked on a volunteer basis as a candy-striper at one of the local hospitals. Billy Zemaitis not only worked but attended school during the summer months. This lad didn't have much time for fun.

Frank Markuns spent a fortnight at the Cape at a Credit Union Officials' Convention. Frank and his wife Virginia are busy decorating their house and preparing for their son Jimmy's wedding in November.

Larry Svelnis traveled by bus to New York for the Supreme Council Meeting and returned by bus right after the meeting. The following day Larry went to Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. to attend a N.E. Dist. Executive Board Meeting. This is REAL dedication to the organization! In his spare time, Larry has been busy weeding his garden; he says he's growing the best weed in the Commonwealth.

John and Ann Norinkavich and daughter Kathy spent a couple of weeks in New Hampshire. Two couples away for the summer were Joe and Ann Petchell and Bill and Ann Carroll. Butch and Madeline Druzdis spent some of their summer vacation on Cape Cod along with Adam and Madeline Druzdis. Charlie and Lou Mikalonis vacationed at their cottage at Green Harbor, Mass., on the cool Atlantic Ocean. Lou and Lillian Bazzinotti toured Nova Scotia and when they returned, were too exhausted to make the family picnic. Joe and Millie Bernatonis enjoyed their summer place at Middleboro, Mass. John Valatka was busy touring the finer cafes and dining halls of New York and Boston. Seen at Benson Animal Farm were John and Alice Olevitz and their children Valerie, John Casimir and Billy. Florence Zaleskas spent her summer vacation day-tripping around the New England area and resting in preparation for the school year. Al and Pat Akule enjoyed their vacation day-hopping around the area.

Father Albin Janiunas also vacationed by taking day trips here and there and delivering winner's prizes to Felix Zaleskas. Felix had the winning ticket at the

Putnam Sisters' Picnic.

Al Neviera and his wife bought a house and moved out of So. Boston. They plan to share it with their daughter and son-in-law, Joe and Ruthann Nauyokas.

"A" for effort should go to Al Jaritis for taking his nephew John Casimir to the Boston Red Sox Double-header. They came early and saw the batting practice, the fielding practice, and then some six hours of baseball interrupted by rain. Al complained that his back (and other parts of his anatomy) was sore from sitting so long. There just wasn't enough action in the game to stand up and cheer for the old home team. They lost the first game but came back and won the second.

Jimmy Markuns, specialist 4th Class, did reserve time at Camp Drum. Freddie Hirst spent his summer at the Marine Platoon Leader's School, Quantico, Va.

Megan Balaconis spent her summer walking the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. Where that gal gets the energy to hike some 1,500 miles, we'll never know!

Congratulations to Geraldine Marcinowski who was appointed a Notary Public. Congrats, too, to the Edmund Gailius' on their 26th Wedding Anniversary. May you reach many, many more!

Michael Gendreau is quite a good pitcher in the Little League, and his No. #1 fans are dad Bob and Uncle Ed Rudis. After the Little League games were over, the Gendreaus vacationed in Vermont. Larry Venis is also a good player, but he and Michael are on different teams. His No. #1 fan is dad Jerry. These boys were also playing Saturday hockey.

Congratulations to Father Albert Contons upon his appointment as parish priest. His address: St. Margaret's Church, 672 Hale Street, Beverly Farms, Mass. 01915. Father had an appreciation dinner for the workers of his 25th Anniversary Testimonial, and also took them on a tour of his new parish.

Everyone appreciated his kind thoughts, the dinner and the tour.

Adele Martus has stepped down

from her job as prefix of the St. Peter's Ladies Sodality. While in office she did an excellent job. Stay active, Adele; don't go into hibernation.

Plans are under way for the Fall Dance and the Novemberfest which will be coming along shortly. We are looking for help, so why not volunteer, giving your name to Pres. John Olevitz. You'll be more than welcomed.

When C-17 and 17 Srs. travel, they sure go First Class. They hired a bus to take them to the N.E. Dist.'s Family Picnic at Father Puidokas' Camp at Congamond Lake, Southwick, Mass. Everyone seemed to have a good time; there was enough food and soft drinks for all. The shutter-bug at the picnic was Albert Kropas who, with his camera, shot everything that didn't move. Aldonna Kropas helped set up the picnic table, aided by Ann Norinkavich, Ann White and Ed Rudis who helped with the cooking. Everyone was asking for Ed's poodle "Rudy", the dog he brought back from Germany when he returned to the States. When the boat sank during the picnic, we dare to make the suggestion that perhaps the occupants should join Weight Watchers. No names shall be mentioned to avoid embarrassment.

The reason we don't see much of Johnny Daniels these days is that he is doing a lot of traveling for his company, and at the last report, had an assignment in Iran. Frank Suprin, also traveling for his company, has been in Germany since Easter.

Deborah Andrea Zaremba was christened and welcomed by all her relatives and friends at a party hosted by Bill and Linda Zaremba. Sveikiname!

For whom the bells toll: Mother of Aldonna (Jakabauskas) Keaney. Remember her in your prayers.

The Juniors took the summer off, awaiting the Fall season. They will then have election of officers, cake sales, and other socials. Counselor Al Jaritis welcomed the break in the meetings.

St. Peter's Lithuanian Church Parish Reunion was held Oct. 8 on

Columbus Day. Our members were there to help our parish.

Phyllis (Rudis) Gendreau has returned to the business world working as a secretary on a part-time basis. Frank Sabiski has changed jobs, from the outside to the inside, with the same company; thought it would be easier in his old age.

Stanley Yelmokas is in the finals of the horse-shoe contest of the Boston Park Departments. Hope you win!

Phyllis Grendal's mother is still in the hospital, and Phyllis continues her twice-a-day visits. We hope that she will be out of the hospital real soon. Sorry to hear that the Pres. of C-30, Mrs. Mary Minkus, was hospitalized. We wish her a speedy recovery. Al Knasas had a minor medical setback and we hope there's plenty of smooth sailing ahead.

With the summer season over, let's all get down to work to make the K of L a successful organization. Attend meetings, making payment of dues, and take part in the social activities, both in a working capacity as well as for pleasure. Remember, it's OUR organization dependent on YOUR help!

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

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Mrs. Mary Stefon, mother of Charles Stefon, died March 27. Mrs. Anna Winkis, mother of William Winkis, died May 15. Frank Brazitis, brother of Violet Brazitis, died May 20. Please remember them in your prayers.

Celebrating our council's 23rd anniversary, Ann and Al Barauskas, Ann Ramanauskas, Violet Brazitis, Lil and Stan Twerian, Sue and Al Jesulaitis, Ruth and Jack Tyson, Gloria and Floyd Trapkauskas, Rose Marie and Walter Tabaka, and Lillian Chaplik met at the church hall, then drove to Sullivan's Restaurant in Milford, where they enjoyed an evening of good food and dancing. When the food was served, the plates were loaded, except poor little Lil Chaplik's, who said she was starv-

ing. It looked as though her lobster lost weight under the broiler; everyone laughed except Lil. Everyone was still eating when Lil finished what was in her plate. She had a sad look on her face watching the others eating, feeling as though she hadn't been served. However, Lil Twerian saved the day; her steak was so large, she offered Lil half of hers, which was gladly accepted. Everyone was happy to see Chappy smiling once again. Here's hoping more of you will attend our 24th anniversary next year.

Ann and John Sabulis are happy and proud that their son John, a student at Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, has been named to appear in the 1973 edition of "Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges".

Another set of proud parents are Lil and Don Poehailos. A new member, James, arrived May 4 to join their other two sons, Peter and Ronald. This addition makes a full house: Two Aces, and Three Jacks. Also proud are Anthony Poehailos, paternal grandfather, and Donna and Casey Svelnys, maternal grandparents. They smilingly refer to the three boys as the "Three Musketeers".



ILLINOIS-INDIANA
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CHICAGO, ILL. - C-112

Congratulations to the priests of Nativity B.V.M. Church who recently celebrated ordination anniversaries: IID Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony J. Zakarauskas, 32 yrs on May 3; Rev. John Kuzinskas, 21 yrs, May 1; Rev. Anthony Puchenski, 2 yrs, May 12; and Council Spiritual Advisor, the Very Rev. Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas, 42 yrs, May 29.

Our Council was ably represented at the Mid-West Bowling Tournament by Ed Krivickas, Irene Sankus, Gerry Mack, Al Raubiskis and Al Kachinskis.



Celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary are C-112 Chicago members - Albert and Ruth Dagus.

Their team won third place money in the jackpot bowling.

Belated congrats to Al and Ruth Dagus who recently celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary and to their nephew, Robert Mockus (son of Gerrie and Al Mockus) who won 2nd place with a piano solo in the Intermediate Division of the Illinois State Music Assn. contest held in McCormick Place.

Our best wishes for successful terms of office to Adam Anderson, Commander of the 4th District of the Illinois American Legion, and to prexy Stanley Molis, Commander of the A.L. Don Varnas Post.

Balys Brazdzionis and George Jonikas are still on the recovery list and we send them speedy recovery wishes. But Al Brazis,



I-ID Juniors (Dance Group) Leaders: Cecil Maturl, Co-ordinator and Frank Zapolis, I-ID 1st Vice President.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT'S ANNUAL K of L DAY PICNIC held on July 4th at K of L Bldg./Garden in Chicago. (Upper left) Kugelis Contestants with IID President Leon Pauksta, Helen Pauksta, Vince Samaska, announcer Adele Zunas, Helen Sirvinskis and John Auksciunas. (Upper right) Kugelis Contest Judges: seated: Prof. Balys Vitkus, John Evans, Sr., and Faustas Strolia. (Lower left) Leon Pauksta, Waltz Contest Winners Vladas and Elena Paliulionis and judges Frank and Eleanor Zapolis. (Lower right) Polka Contest winners: Rita Tomczak and Rich Janik. (Photos—Gerry Mack).

after minor foot surgery, is hale and hearty as witnessed at the recent K of L picnic.

Board meetings continue to be the place for meeting 112 officers and chairmen. Al and Julie Zakarkas hosted the June meeting and Estelle Rogers, the July meeting. A most delightful way in which the council's executive board plans the activities for the council.

The council's quarterly Communion Sunday was held at Nativity B.V.M. Church. Following the Mass, we all adjourned for a sumptuous brunch at a favorite place - the Diamond Head Restaurant. As our out-of-town friends have learned, Rich Shlaustas is a great host morning, noon and night.

Recent out-of-town visitors from Detroit were Grazina and

Vitalia (Sam) Vaskelis and Anette (Ace) Byrne who were most capably entertained by Ed Krivickas, Leon Pauksta, Al Raubiskis, John Chaplin, Irene Sankus and Rich Shlaustas.



At recent Japanese Dinner Party sponsored by C-112 Chicago at Diamondhead Restaurant were: (left) Al Dagis, Pete Gagle, Monica Kasper, Albina Gaides and standing: Frank Svelnis. (right) Vyto Butkus, Norm Burnstein, Joe Nausedas, Lorraine Svelnis, Leon Pauksta (Photos - Joe Kulys).

112 members were very prominent among the committee and workers for the recent IID annual K of L Picnic. Leon Pauksta was the general chairman of the event.

The K of L Building will be the site of our council's fall activity - a Dinner-Dance, on Sept. 22. Chairman Joe Kulys extends an invitation for all to attend and announces that the music will be provided by the Neo-Liths.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

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Our congratulations to Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, our District's Spiritual Advisor, on the occasion of his 32nd ordination anniversary.

The Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce annual Dinner-Dance, chaired by C-112 prexy Stan Molis, was again most successful with a capacity plus crowd.

District Sgts-at-Arms, Jerome Jankus and Napoleon Sapkus, represented the K of L with our colors at the recent Bendruomene organization Mass held at Nativity B.V.M. Church.

Our quarterly Business meeting was held on June 3 in the pleasant surroundings of the K of L Garden until the rains came. After adjourning to the bldg., several important decisions were made regarding the 60th convention. Our official IID delegates will be Leon Pauksta and Irene Sankus. It was also voted to donate \$100 to the National Scholarship Fund.

On June 9th at the National Lithuanian Hall, Honorary Member Leonard Simutis, Sr., was honored for his efforts for the Lithuanian cause. The occasion was his 80th birthday. Due to the efforts of our P.R. lady, Estelle Rogers, and former IID prexy John Evans, Sr., the K of L was well represented.

The K of L Choir recently recorded a Lithuanian Mass composed by director Faustas Strolia, with Vytautas Rusteikis as soloist. The tape was sent to the Vatican for broadcast to Lithuania. The choir is always interested and in need of persons with good singing voices. After a pleasant picnic at the Strolias, the choir has adjourned for the summer and will begin rehearsals for their Fall Concert on Sept. 6th.

Council 36 held a successful Reunion Party on June 24 at the K of L Bldg. and Garden. They reported a successful event as several people have rejoined the council. Congrats to Council prexy Scotty Zukas and cooks, Vince Samaska and Kazimera Petrulis.

The Chicago Seniors held their Annual Picnic, also at the K of L Garden on July 15. Free admission, Lithuanian cooking, a variety of games and raffle enticed many to attend.

The IID event of the season was our annual July 4th Picnic. The event was held on a beautiful warm and sunny day and the attendance was great. Our congrats to the general committee and hard-working members who participated. Chairman Leon Pauksta; Treasurer Irene Sankus; Prize Booth - Gerry Mack and Monica Kasper; Candy Game, Eleanore Laurin; Raffle - Estelle Rogers; Outdoor Bar/Grill - Al Brazis and Vince Samaska; Kitchen - Kazimera Petrulis and cashiers Sophie Nienimski and Stephanie Mlodzik; Bartenders - Ed Krivickas, Al Raubiskis, Albina Gaides, Al Zakarka, Frank Svelnis, Mike Lawrence, John Auksciunas, Al Matulis and Stan Molis; K of L Biblioteka, Adele Gabalas; Dance Contest judges, Frank and Eleanor Zapolis; and Kugelis

judges, John Evans, Sr., Faustas Strolia and Prof. B. Vitkus; and assts. Jerry Jankus and Napoleon Sapkus. Needless to say, the general committee - Leon, Al B., Irene S. and Vince S. were seen assisting at many spots. Our thanks to the prize donors - Diamond Head Restaurant, an unknown friend of the K of L, Joe Juska, Club Roma, Knights Inn, Jim & Lil's, Parama, Club Gintaras, Balys/Ona Muliolis, Ill. Congressman Frank Savickas, and committee donors, Leon P., Irene S., Al R., Gerry M., Eleanore L., Algerd B., Vince S., and Estelle R. The event's success is due to the efforts of the members who worked and to those members and friends who attended.



MID-CENTRAL
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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT PILGRIMAGE

Mildred Chinik

Those who have not been fortunate to attend spiritual services in Dayton for any K of L purpose have truly missed an inspirational event. This was especially true of the recent Pilgrimage and Memorial Service for our deceased members on June 10 at Holy Cross Church.

It started with a Lithuanian Mass at 10 A.M. in the beautifully decorated church with its truly Lithuanian designs at the altars. The Mass was held by Rev. Walter Katarskis from Dayton and assisted by Rev. Vincent Bartuska from New York.

Immediately after Mass a "Koffee Klatch" was held in the hall. Then all the members visited Calvary Cemetery, where at the Monument of the Scene of the Crucifixion a wreath was placed in loving memory of all our deceased members. Visits were also made at the graves of the members buried there.

A dinner at Neil's Heritage House followed these services, and then the members returned to Holy Cross Parish. At 3 P.M. there was a short memorial service on the grounds at the Shrine of the Three Crosses. Because of the intense outdoor heat that day, the candle-lighting ceremony was held in the church. This turned out to be most impressive, and you really had to be there to be moved by its spirituality. Our deceased members were individually remembered by having a member or friend of the deceased light a candle in his or her memory.

After this beautiful service, benediction services were held. Then all gathered in the hall downstairs for the farewell to the departing guests. You guessed it, - more food and drink, - and all so delicious!

For the non-spiritual program, the Dayton Council and their friends outdid themselves in hospitality, wining and dining the guests up until the very last minute of departure time.

It all started on Saturday evening with a lovely cocktail party at the home of Mary Lucas, hosted by her and her two daughters and grandsons! Needless to say, the spread was beautifully prepared and served, and there was no lack of delicious drinks and hors d'oeuvres. The festivities continued at the Holy Cross Church Hall which was delightfully cool, - blessings on that invention called Air-Conditioning. Later in the evening, after the showing of the "Remember When" films, another delicious buffet was set out. No-one went home to bed that night hungry.

There were so many people responsible for this well-planned and executed pilgrimage, - too many to mention. However, the Committee Heads were as follows:

Pilgrimage Chairman - Mary Lucas; Shrine Services - Stan Vaitkus; Fairwell Party - Kitty Prasmantas; President C-96 - Elinor Sluzas; Saturday Evening "Remember When" - Eloise Berczelly; Koffee Klatch - Mike Petkus; Dinner - Sally Miller;

Church Organist - Julius Rastikis;
Church Soloist - Steponas Bucmys.

There were quite a few attending from Pittsburgh, Detroit and Cleveland. Some of the familiar faces were Andy Rozger, Nellie Arunskis, Pete Luiza, Mildred Chinik, Julia Aleshunas, Mr. & Mrs. Shigo, Joanne Fetter, Antoinette Naujelis, Alice Potts, Stella Zoog, Betty Petrosky and her husband, Nell Machutis and her husband, and many, many others.

Everyone had a marvelous time and went home truly inspired! Thanks from all of us to the committee and all the members of the Dayton Council.

C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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The dedication of the Wayside Shrine at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church took place on May 13. This shrine was built to commemorate the Lithuanians of Cleveland 1st Centennial in this city and in dedication to the memory of those who fought and died for Lithuania's freedom. It was a beautiful and impressive ceremony. Bishop Wm. N. Cosgrove officiated at the Mass with Fr. Joseph Angelaitis (Pastor - OLPH), Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas (Chicago) and Fr. Kestutis Zemaitis (St. George) assisting. The entire ceremony was taped by Mr. Joseph Stempuzis of WXEN. Some touching highlights of the dedication ceremony were the raising of the American, Lithuanian and Church Flags during which time the Ciurlionis Ensemble sang the American and Lithuanian anthems. There weren't too many dry eyes in the crowd during the moments of the sprinkling of soil, brought to Cleveland from Lithuania, in the Shrine garden by Mrs. Ona Mikulskis, and the lighting of the perpetual flame. The inscription of the shrine reads: GIVE ME LIBERTY OF GIVE ME DEATH. The architect was E. Kersnauskas. This shrine was made possible only through the untiring efforts of our Senior and Honorary Member, Mr. Joseph Sadauskas. He not only

collected well over 3/4 of the total funds necessary to build this shrine, but worked hard at manual tasks in order to get it completed in time. Joe deserves a big hand. We are glad that his dream of this monument has finally been realized, and C-25 is very proud to be a part of it. Attending the dedication from our council were Nellie Arunski, Ben and Alice Karklius, Gene and Ursula Kunsitis, Peter and Alvina Luiza, and Joanna Shigo. (Peter had the privilege of raising the American Flag).

Our hearty congratulations to Vic and Betty August who celebrated their 37th Wedding Anniversary on May 27. We'll be writing about the 50th before you know it!

WELCOME BACK to former member Helen Vaska Kubelayic who has rejoined our Council with her husband Michael. Carol Rouleau, Helen's cousin, has joined along with them. It's a pleasure to welcome the three of you to C-25.

The turnout for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament the weekend of May 19 was great, - 20 teams participated. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Knights from Chicago (1 team); Dayton (5 teams); Detroit (9 teams); Pittsburgh (1 team); and bowlers from Wilkes Barre and Youngstown for making this a successful tournament. (Cleveland - 4 teams - almost forgot my own Council - SORRY).

I had the privilege of bowling against the winning team from Dayton, Ohio, C-96, captained by John Berczelly, and must say it was a thrill to see Karolyn Ambrose (mother-to-be) bowl an actual 217 game - much to her amazement and bewilderment her average being 115. Congratulations, Karolyn, and your great team. It was fun. Dayton also is hosting the 1974 MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT.

Congratulations to Ann Adele Miller - Dayton on winning the 50-50 Bowling Raffle (\$90). This must be Dayton's year. Dayton must have had strong vibes that they were going to win - Charlie Petkus was even "trucken them

in" to Cleveland - he brought approximately 12 Knights in his little truck-bus. Now, that's the way to travel.

Congratulations and Best Wishes for the future to our recent High School Graduates: Barbara Jakubs - Euclid High, and Kristy Samas - Regina High.



We are also especially proud of Charles R. Machutas who was honored May 20 at the Sports Award Night from St. Richards with the Knights of Columbus trophy for the Outstanding Student Athlete of 1972-73. The trophy is awarded on ability, effort, cooperation, character, grades and personality. Charles is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles P. Machutas of our council. He is an eighth grader in St. Richards School of North Olmsted, and played on the basketball and baseball teams. Congratulations, too, to Susan Machutas upon making her First Holy Communion on May 5. Susie is the youngest of the Machutas clan.

DAYTON, OHIO, JUNIORS - C-96

Kim Blosser

In May, Jane Petkus, our President, crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary Petkus, Jane's sister, carried the crown. Also, on Mother's Day, we had our mothers as our guests for breakfast in the church hall. Tina and her friend, Judy, cooked the breakfast. We enjoyed having our families with us on that day.

In June, Mr. & Mrs. Gecas took us on a picnic to Lake Cowan in



A VISIT FROM THE "PILGRIM VIRGIN"

Truly one of the outstanding highlights of the 60th National Convention was the special "visitor" at the Convention's Closing Mass. - The famous "Pilgrim Virgin" was brought to St. Casimir's of Brockton that Sunday, and was carried to the Church during the Knights of Lithuania procession Mass. The following explanation, by St. Casimir's pastor, Rev. Peter Shakelis, appeared in that day's Parish Bulletin, and is repeated here, in hopes of providing a better understanding of the visit, and thus increasing our devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

On the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima, Portugal, May 13, 1967, Pope Paul VI, personally blessed a Pilgrim Virgin Statue for the United States. It was his desire that this statue be kept in the U.S. and move about in pilgrimage from diocese to diocese.

The visit of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is an indication that Mary wants us to pray for the conversion of Russia and freedom for Lithuania.

Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal, May 13, 1917. She asked them to return for several months to that spot on the 13th of each month. She announced to Lucia, who asked her who she was, that she was the mother of God and that



she would return on October 13. She asked them to return with others to witness a miracle. At that time she caused the sun to whirl, a great wonder which nearly 100,000 people witnessed. And she asked for certain promises relative to peace and the corrections of sins:

1. Pray the Rosary daily;
2. Wear the Brown Scapular;
3. Correct your way of life;
4. If requests are heard, Russia will be converted and there will be peace!!

Many people would like but are unable to make the pilgrimage to Our Lady at Her Shrine at Fatima. Since 1917, people of every nation and every walk of life have gone to Fatima to honor Mary, the Mother of God, to thank Her for graces received and to pray for favors of body and soul. Thus the idea unfolded "to bring Fatima to the people".

Representatives of the four districts were privileged to carry the Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin into church during the procession before the official Convention Mass

at St. Casimir's, Tiny Carolyn Adamaitis proudly carried the banner of the Blue Army of Our Lady, while the equally proud Junior flower bearers were Michael Coach and Eleanor Grasha, and the Bizinkauskas youngsters, Veronica, Maryte and Paul.

Before Mass, a representative of the Blue Army explained the promises of Our Lady of Fatima and urged greater devotion to her. The Fourth Degree, Order of St. Casimir, was conferred on four members by Rev. Contons. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Brizgys, Rev. Contons and Rev. Shakelis, while the two Bishops "shared" the homily... Bishop Brizgys speaking in Lithuanian and Bishop Maguire in English.

After Mass and a quick "coffee and...", compliments of Father Shakelis, the official Convention Photo was snapped, and everyone hurried back to the college... to pack, complete bits of unfinished business, and go on to the Closing Banquet.



CLOSING BANQUET

Once again, delegates and guests gathered in the familiar but again transformed Student Union Hall... this time for the Convention Closing Banquet. After Father Conton's Blessing, M.C. Robert Dillis began the program by introducing the Headtable guests, who, incidently, were escorted to their places by the charming twins, Patricia and Paula Tamoshunas. Honored guests included Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Bishop In Exile of Vilnius; Most Rev. Joseph Maguire, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston; Hon. John McCormack, former Speaker of the House of Representatives; Hon. Richard L. Wainwright, Mayor of Brockton; Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Adviser; Rev. Peter Shakelis, St. Casimir Parish Pastor; Prof. Alexander Aleksis, Honorary Membership Committee; Mrs. Susan Boroskas, National President and Convention Chairman; Alexander Wesey, Presidium Chairman; Anthony Miner, outgoing Lithuanian Affairs Chairman; Peter Bizinkauskas, outgoing National 1st Vice-President, Ann Mae Uznis, newest Honorary Member; Vitalis Zukauskas, Entertainer; Paul Kuzmickas, Scholarship Committee; Robert Dillis, Master of Ceremonies, Mr. and Mrs. John Tamoshunas, Banquet Co-chairmen, and Sylvia Shukis, Convention Co-chairman.

Highlight of the Banquet was the presentation of the "Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania" Award to former Speaker of the House the Honorable John M McCormack, by outgoing National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Anthony Miner. Mr. McCormack, in accepting the Gold Medal Award, left no doubt in anyone's mind that his role as Speaker of the House was truly a dynamic one, and one which contributed much to keeping the USA a strong world power. His comments were awe-inspiring and showed him to be a sincere and active force in the fight against Communism, and a real "Friend of Lithuania".

Later in the program, Anna Mae



Speaker McCormack with Sue Boroskas and V. Žukauskas.



Welcome words from Bishop Maguire.



A. M. Uznis, P. Kuzmickas, Prof. A. Aleksis.



On Oath of Office for the new Board.

Uznis of C-102, Detroit, was awarded Honorary Membership by Prof. A. Aleksis in the name of the Honorary Membership Committee. Paul Kuzmickas of the Scholarship Committee announced the Scholarship Award winners and Irene Sankus presented the Junior Essay Contest winners.

A rare honor for the K of L was the presence of two bishops - not only at Sunday's Mass but also at the Banquet. Bishop Brizgys, our own Honorary Member, reiterated his greetings to delegates and guests and urged them to continue their work to aid oppressed Lithuania. Bishop Maguire congratulated the K of L on their love of God and their devotion to their heritage and to the land of the forebears. Mayor Wainwright, in his remarks, commented that "America should be likened to a casserole, but not a melting pot. Each nationality contributes some distinct asset to the whole of American culture and life".

For diversion, Vitalis Zukauskas, alias the "Lithuanian Bob Hope" provided a lighter note and some laughs with his program of Lithuanian humor. After the Oath of Office was administered to the newly-elected officers by Reverends Shakelis and Contons, Susan Boroskas closed the Banquet by introducing her committee and wishing God's speed to all travelers. A closing prayer... and the convention was officially ended.

After the majority of the delegates left Stonehill, leftovers Grazina Vaskelis, Joe Petkunas from Phillie, Vince Boris, Susan Boroskas, "Rudy" Rudis, Sylvia Shukis and newly-elevated Honorary Member Ann Mae Uznis enjoyed dinner and conversation at a restaurant in No. Easton, while Mary and Tony Kober, Irene Sankus, Leon Pauksta and Ed Krivickas met Larry Svelnis and Al Jaritis at Anthony's Pier 4 in Boston for a convention-ending dinner. Monday morning, the final leftovers departed and the convention committee was finally able to relax and return to their homes for a well-deserved rest.

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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, 1974. 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

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

A very important meeting of the Supreme Council is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 1973, in Chicago, Ill., at the Knights of Lithuania Building, West 47th St. at So. Campbell Ave. All Supreme Council Members, National Committee Chairmen, and Honorary members are urged to attend.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, newly-elected Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, urges all members to take part in the important work of this committee. Clippings of newspaper items dealing with Lithuania, with correct names, addresses and dates of the Newspapers in which the articles appeared should be sent regularly to the address given below. Also, please notify Dr. Stukas if you wish to either add your name to the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin mailing list... or wish to have it removed.

Remember, the Lithuanian Affairs Committee is the K of L window to the world. The rest of the Lithuanian world has traditionally looked to the K of L for leadership in this phase of work. Let's not let them down. All Lithuanian Affairs correspondence should go to:

Dr. Jack J. Stukas
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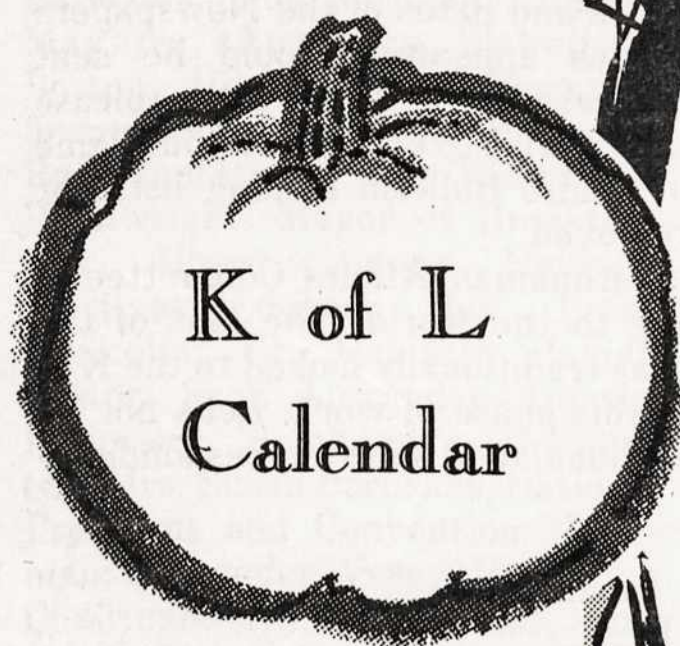
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DEADLINE - November 17, 1973



OCTOBER

- 7 - C-90, Kearny, N.J. - AMBER BALL, Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, Kearny, N.J.
- 7 - NED FALL CONVENTION, St. Casimir's Church, Smith St., Providence, R.I. - Hosts C-103 Srs. - 10:30 a.m. - Mass; 1:30 p.m. - Business Sessions (Election of Officers)
- 13 - C-29, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 14 - NED TESTIMONIAL DINNER, honoring Rev. Albert Contons and Rev. Albinas Janiunas, Marionis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. - 4:00 p.m. - Cocktail Hour; 5:00 p.m. - Dinner
- 13-14 - MCD ANNUAL CONVENTION, Lincoln Park, Detroit, Michigan - Hosts C-139

NOVEMBER

- 10 - C-109, Great Neck, N.Y. - ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE, Jericho Manor, 235 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, N.Y. - Tickets \$13.50 per person - Dinner: 8:00 p.m.
- 11 - TELEVISION MASS, Channel 7-WNAC, Government Center, Boston, Mass. Sponsored by New England District
- 17 - C-17 and 17 Srs. - NOVEMBER FEST - So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.
- 17-18 - AMERICAN LITHUANIAN COUNCIL (ALTAS) Annual Convention, Sheraton-Midway Motor Inn, Chicago, Illinois

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[more details next issue]

tended to the families of the late Jack Remeika of Newark, N.J., C-29, and of the late Joe Pupelis, formerly of New York C-12. Our sincere sympathy, too, to Rev. Albert Contons on the death of his beloved dad. Remember them in your prayers.

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

The Wanderer

C-29 membership looked forward to the National Convention held in Brockton with the hope that much would be accomplished for the good and welfare of our organization.

We doff our chapeaus and bow low in the direction of the following who have done excellent work at our council socials, and also taking part in the activities of our parish: Loretta Stukas, Mary Stonis, Kazys Sipaila, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Urban, the Abromaitis' (mother and daughter), Helen Kay, Helen Radisch, Regina Schmidt, Lucy Zamiris, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sharon Sr., and Mr. & Mrs. A. Zukauskas. Our apologies to any who might have been omitted.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Walter Sharon Jr., who became united in marriage on June 9 to Mary Smitrovich. The ceremony took place in Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Harrison, N.J., and the reception followed in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sharon Sr. are members of C-29.

Council member Regina Schmidt has returned from a recent trip to Lithuania and Germany.

Our last meeting was held June 19, and then recessed until the fall. Our next council meeting will be held Sept. 18.

Heartfelt condolences and sympathy are offered to Peter Podgalsky in the recent loss of his mother. May she rest in peace.

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Smile & Sparkle

On April 9, six members received their 1st degrees - Edmund, Bill and Betty Liberis, Peter Sargalis, Richard Alexander, and

Joseph Shatas.

Our council is really growing. Welcome to new members - Charles and Monique Rupsis of Schenectady, N.Y., Peter and Charlotte Sargalis, Vera Shatas (Joe's mother), and Regina Kot.

Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch was principal speaker at the Captive Nations Rally at Le Moyne College, Syracuse, N.Y. on May 6. Our council's President, Tony Radzevich, and his wife Ann accompanied Father Baltch to the rally. This year the chairman of the event was a K. of L'er (Dayton, Ohio Council) Frank Petrauskas. Frank has been in Amsterdam on numerous occasions. In fact, a few years ago, Frank and wife Irene participated at our Lithuanian Day doings. (Frank was the main speaker).

Belated Anniversary greetings to Stanley and Dolores Stankes (6/28) and Charles and Sadie Karbus (7/4).

June is usually considered the bridal month, but it was birthday month to a group of our members - ILGIAUSIU METU! to Gene Gobis (6/1), Matt Orante (6/4), Edna Stokna and Tony Radzevich (6/11), Regina Hartvigas (6/9), and Peter Hayes (6/29). One July 21, one of our newest members, Monique Rupsis, was a year older.

May 30 was a big day in the life of Father Anthony Grigaitis, - 42 years in the priesthood. We wish Father the very best - good health, happiness and our desire to celebrate his 50th Golden Jubilee with him.

Hosting our May session was Peter Hayes. Poor Pete, - he had to rush to get home before the members arrived. When he arrived at his place of business (the day of our meeting), the auditors appeared very unexpectedly and they kept Pete busy all day.

June 24 was chosen as the K. of L. outing day. Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar had once again permitted us to use their place on Lake Galway. Members were notified by our Secretary, Nellie Liberis. Tony Radzevich and Gene Gobis made the final arrangements. The outing began with a beautiful sunny day;

however, in the midst of our meal, an unexpected rain storm came pouring down. We were lucky that the house was large and was able to hold us all. Bill Liberis took a spill on the wet grass attempting to retrieve some of the food. Gene Gobis announced the 42nd anniversary of Father Grigonis in the priesthood (5/30) and our host, Dr. Kindar's 40th anniversary in the profession of medicine (6/20).

After the rains had subsided, Dennis Di Lorenzo got a group of the members interested in playing Bocci.

Peter Hayes was the official bartender. Billy Liberis, Joe Shatas and Dennis Di Lorenzo were in charge of the hot dogs.

Mary Ann Nikstenas, husband Don and children made the picnic. Mary Ann had been on the sick list and had been in two different hospitals. We are very happy to have you back with us.

Ann Sweet provided us with her delicious baked lasagna, her sister Helen with potato salad. Sophie Olbie had her famous baked beans and stuffed peppers. Polly Ziausys iškepė pyragą (babką) and brought a large farmers cheese. Goodies also came from Charlotte Sargalis, karveliai from Jean Maldutis and Edna Stokna, hot dogs - Don Holleran, Kopūstai from the Liberis family and Walter Rusilas. Sadie Karbus and Ginny Miciulis had special dishes, and Regina Kot - baked beans. Eleanor Olechowski, husband Lenny and daughter Kristin came with a huge casserole of macaroni, hamburger and mushrooms. What are hot dogs without rolls... Anna Yunker took care of this. And, a picnic is not complete without tossed salad... this, we can thank Don Nikstenas. We can't forget the large ham which was brought in by Tony and Ann Radzevich and Gene Gobis. The Shatas family showed up with a large bowl of tasty macaroni salad, ice for the refreshments. Joe Valikonis made certain that the ice and a keg of Lowenbrau was there to take away the thirst.

Father Baltch arrived after the storm, for he had to participate at

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the Bishop Scully High School graduation. We missed Father Gustas, the Beleckas' family, the Druziaks, the Abelings, etc.

Mary Stanionis and sister Betty Kuzmich spent that week-end in Long Island attending a relative's wedding.

Sadie and Charles Karbus went on a cruise, stopping over in Bermuda. Ginny and daughter, Linda Miciulis, and Joe Valikonis vacationed in Florida. Sophie Olbie is planning a trip to Las Vegas in November.

Quite a number of our members planned to attend the Convention in Brockton. The following hoped to be there: Anthony and Ann Radzevich, Sadie and Charles Karbus, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, Don Holleran, Bill Liberis, Joe Shatas, Mary Stanionis, and Betty Kuzmich.



Polly Ziausys, active member of C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y., is wearing the beautiful Lithuanian national dress of žemaitijos. This dress was made prior to World War II. Polly's relatives in Lithuania sent it to her as a Christmas

gift. When the council commemorated Lithuanian Independence Day at the Canterbury House on March 3, Polly wore this outstanding dress. Many members who attended the District Convention in Amsterdam two years ago will remember Polly and her husband Edward in regards to the exquisite Lithuanian cultural booth they had prepared. All the articles of amber, woodcraft and linens were the private collection of Polly and Ed Ziausys.



A close-up of part of a Lithuanian display in the Blossom Shop window which the owners Ben and Helen Schell permitted Amsterdam C-100 to have from February 16 through March 5. The center of the display consisted of the map of Lithuania by Jonas Hartvigas. A variety of dolls in native dress from various sections of Lithuania, The Vytis, amber, woodcraft, and hand-woven goods made up the window. The committee getting this project together consisted of Jonas Hartvigas, Regina Kot, Regina Hartvigas, and Gene Gobis.



IN MEMORIAM

Remember in your prayers...

ALEX BANIONIS

Member C-79

Detroit, Michigan

Died, May 25, 1973

FRANK JANUS

Member C-79

Died, June 22, 1973

JOHN "JACK" REMEIKA

Member C-29, Newark, N.J.

Died, September 7, 1973

EDMUND SHARKUS

Member C-52

Elizabeth, N.J.

Died, September 1973

WALTER STRUOGA

Member of

Chicago Seniors

Died, September 1973

