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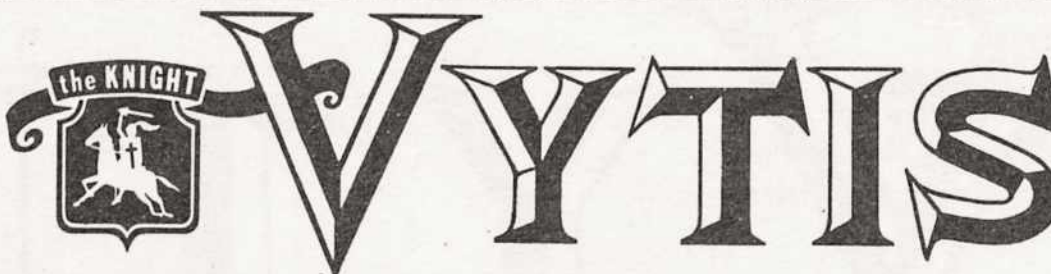
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**STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION
 REPORT**

This Knights of Lithuania State of the Organization report of the 61st National Convention was compiled from the annual reports of the Supreme Council officers and Committee chairmen.

SPIRITUAL ADVISER

The Knights of Lithuania is most grateful to its Spiritual Adviser Rev. Albert J. Contons for his continued counsel and wise guidance throughout the year. Father provided spiritual guidance wherever possible in person or in writing. He submitted a Christmas message to the VYTIS and participated in several spiritual activities of the New England District. His new responsibilities as pastor prevented his attending Supreme Council meetings and have made it impossible for Father to continue as National Spiritual Adviser. Father Contons' full report appears elsewhere in this issue. We thank Father for his work in the past, and wish him well in his new and challenging endeavors.

PRESIDENT

Susan Boroskas reported that, in addition to planning and conducting meetings of the Supreme Council, she handled a large volume of correspondence with officers and members dealt with organizational problems as they arose, and maintained relations with various other Lithuanian organizations. Her full report appears elsewhere in this issue.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Marian Skabeikis reported that there are five Junior councils - C-1 Brockton Jrs.; C-17 Jrs., So. Boston; C-90 Jrs., Kearny; C-110 Jrs., Maspeth; C-96 Jrs. Dayton; Chicago Jrs., Chicago.

In response to the mandate of the last Convention, Mrs. Skabeikis designed and coordinated the

National Conventionship Program for Juniors. 1974 winners were: NED, Ann Marie and John Statkus (C-1), MAD, William Sidtis, Marija and Leon Stungurys, and Frank Vasalka (C-110), MCD, Linda and Tom Petkus (C-96). Four awards of \$50.00 each were made available to each District, but only those winners present at the Convention received awards.

Marian prepared several articles for VYTIS and edited the Junior News. She also prepared the proposed Junior Constitution and Ritual, which was passed at the Convention. Marian assisted the Junior councils of her District with various projects.

As First Vice-President, she attended 5 of the 6 meetings of the Supreme Council and chaired one in the absence of the President.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Albert Ozalis reported a net increase of 115 members over the past year. Membership prizes to councils and individuals were presented during the Convention Awards Luncheon, and are announced elsewhere in this issue.

Reorganizational packets have been compiled and have been mailed to various individuals interested in organizing or reorganizing councils. Two councils (C-74, Scranton and C-103, Providence) were reorganized and one (C-140, Syracuse) was organized during the past year. Several other councils are hopeful of reorganization.

A new Membership Brochure was prepared and published. Copies were distributed during the National Convention, and are available from the newly-elected Second Vice-President.

As Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to research reorganization of K of L activity in up-state Pennsylvania, Al assisted in the reorganization of C-74, Scranton, and made some inroads into reorganization of other councils in the area.

Mr. Ozalis attended all but one of the Supreme Council Meetings, and submitted a membership article to VYTIS each month.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Longinas Svelnis reported that he attended three Supreme Council meetings, and publicized the New England District Convention hosted by C-17 Seniors. He also publicized the Ecumenical Memorial Service for Lithuanian Freedom Fighters at the Cathedral of the Pines, sponsored by the New England District. Mr. Svelnis also assisted with plans for organizing the K of L Archives via Micro-filming, etc.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Irene Adomaitis attended and took minutes at all Supreme Council meetings of the past year. She

compiled and distributed the minutes and handled mailing of meeting notices and other correspondence as directed by the President. She also compiled a list of council presidents and secretaries as well as the official list of National officers and committee heads.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Irene Ozalis reported that she handled all receipts of dues and VYTIS subscriptions and turned over all the funds promptly to the Treasurer. 440 delinquent notices were sent, and all but 60 delinquent members responded by paying their dues. 28 members were lost through death.

As of August, 1974, the K of L has 5 districts: New England, 608 members; Mid-Central, 531 members; Mid-Atlantic, 500 members; Ill.-Ind., 253 members, California, 50 members. There are 33 regular councils, two inactive councils (C-113 and C-133), and five Senior councils.

Mrs. Ozalis attended all but one of the Supreme Council meetings held, and performed whatever other duties were required of her.

TREASURER

Irene K. Sankus attended four Supreme Council meetings and handled her duties with efficiency. The records were properly maintained, bills were paid, and funds wisely invested. Her records were audited by Anthony Radzevich and were made available to all interested delegates at the Convention.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Mary Kober attended four Supreme Council meetings and assumed the responsibility of coordinating the republication of the K of L manual. This work is still progressing. Mrs. Kober was unable to attend the National Convention and thus did not audit the Treasurer's books.

Trustee Anthony Radzevich attended five Supreme Council meetings, and edited the National Treasurer's books during the National Convention, finding them in order.

LEGAL ADVISER

Legal Adviser Anthony Young attended one Supreme Council meeting and performed all legal duties he was called upon to do.

VYTIS

Editor, Loretta Stukas and her staff of Anthony Yuknis, Rita Ochs, Josephine Zukas, Mary Kober, Marilyn Kareiva and Irene Sankus published 10 issues since the last Convention. Printing and mailing is done by Vi Vi Press in Chicago. \$700.00 was realized from the VYTIS Christmas Greetings and

two donations, totalling \$300.00 were received during the year.

A limit of two type-written pages (or the equivalent) was set for council news, to provide equal space for all councils. The deadline for news has been moved up a month, to circumvent the slow mails and delays and to assure arrival of each issue early in the month.

Layout Editor Rita Ochs and Mailing Aide Marilyn Kareiva have resigned, due to other personal commitments. Regina Malakas of C-29 will replace Mrs. Ochs. A replacement for Miss Kareiva is still being sought. The VYTIS Staff also mourn the loss of regular VYTIS contributor Povilas Dirkis who died this summer.

Mrs. Stukas attended four Supreme Council Meetings, assisted with the publication of the Membership Brochure and served as part of the Ad Hoc Committee to reorganize K of L activity in up-state Pennsylvania.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jack J. Stukas reported that he prepared and sent out one extensive bulletin with news and information on Lithuania and Lithuanian affairs, prepared from material sent him by a very small group of K of L-ers. His very crowded personal work schedule prevented his sending out more bulletins. In response to a question of whether they wished to remain on the mailing list, only 20 of 150 members responded favorably.

Mr. Stukas received and acted upon numerous press releases from the Lithuanian American Council of Chicago, The Elta Information Service, Baltic Appeal to the UN, and Amnesty, Intl. Many items and articles concerning Lithuania were aired on his regular radio broadcasts, with credits given to the K of L.



...and others relaxed at a Luncheon.



Some delegates at attention.

All the funds donated by the K of L to the Brazilian TFP Lithuanian project which did not materialize were returned to the Knights of Lithuania, and have been turned over to the Treasurer as an addition to the Lithuanian Affairs Fund.

While numerous members forwarded articles, news items and copies of correspondence to Mr. Stukas, only two reported on the number of letters, etc. written. Rev. Albin Janiunas sent 111 letters to Senators and Congressmen and submitted 16 clippings to the Chairman. Mr. Albert Zakarka reported in behalf of C-112 that 375 letters were written by council members and 123 replies were received.

Because of the unusual amount of work involved in this committee's work and the need for fast action on many of the items, Dr. Stukas recommended that a heavier burden of the work be passed on to local District Lithuanian Affairs chairmen, with the National Chairman coordinating the overall project and reporting on items of national interest.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Philip Skabeikis reported that he has had some success in the attempt to reestablish communication between councils, districts and the National Chairman, regards Cultural activities. However, it is essential that all Councils be urged to elect Cultural chairmen and plan organized cultural programs.

Mr. Skabeikis submitted several articles for publication in VYTIS and issued two Cultural Bulletins. He continued the sale of the book, DAY OF SHAME and the K of L Choir Record VAI LEKITE DAINOS. He proposed the allocation of \$100 per District for

the purpose of purchasing books and records for donation to public libraries, designation to be administered by the local District Chairman through the National Chairman. He received one request as of 8/5/74.

Mr. Skabeikis attended all but one of the Supreme Council meetings held during the past year.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Membership was approved for Mr. Alexander Wesley of C-109, Great Neck, N.Y. in 1973, to be presented at this Convention. However, since Mr. Wesley was unable to attend the Convention, the presentation will be made at the 1975 Convention. During this Convention, approval was obtained to present Honorary Membership to Joseph Yanulaitis of C-3, Philadelphia, Pa., also during the 1975 National Convention.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Anthony Miner, Chairman reported that the greatest problem faced by the Committee is fund-raising. However, he received gratifying results from letters sent to councils and a follow-up VYTIS article about the Scholarship Program. All donations are promptly acknowledged by the Committee Treasurer, Mr. Anthony Mazeika and a donors' list is published regularly in VYTIS.

The five 1973 Scholarship winners received their awards in two equal installments. 1974 winners were selected and announced during the 1974 Convention and are reported elsewhere in this issue. Donations received since the report published in the June-July issue are listed below. Those received during the Convention are listed elsewhere in this issue.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS, SINCE JUNE, 1974

C-111 Seniors, Youngstown, Ohio	\$10.00
C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y.	25.00
C-139, Detroit, Mich.	25.00
C-96, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa.	30.00
C-29, Newark, N.J.	50.00
Helen Radicsh, C-29, Newark, N.J.	30.00
Ill.-Ind. District	100.00
K of L Supreme Council	50.00
Annie Mitchell-Matulevich, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.	10.00
Irene K. Sankus, C-112, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Irene M. Adomaitis, C-116, Worcester, Mass.	5.00

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Rita Pinkus, Ritual Committee Secretary, in the name of the committee - Frank Zager, Rita Pinkus, Lillian Sasnauskas - reported that 14 councils presented 184 degrees during the past year. In all, 94 First Degrees, 38 Second Degrees, 35 Third Degrees and 17 Fourth Degrees were given. Twelve Fourth Degrees were presented during the National Convention during the Sunday Mass.



K of L Pilgrimage Members, Cruising the Rhine in Germany's famed vine region.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA PILGRIMAGE

Dr. Jack Stukas reported in writing on the K of L pilgrimage and tour to 5 European countries, which took place June 27 to July 12, 1974. Dr. Stukas led the group of 38 members and guests. The tour included the shrines of Our Lady of Lourdes and Fatima. A special program was presented for the Feb. 16 Lithuanian High School in Huttenfeld, Germany and K of L-ers and other guests in attendance donated over \$1000 toward the support of the school.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Helen Kulber, Committee Chairman, was not present at the Convention. However, she and her committee continue to promote many activities in advertising Lithuania, her culture and her political and religious suppression, and advertising the activities of the Knights of Lithuania. Helen also arranged for Lithuanian participation in the Hallmark Gallery's Easter Egg Presentation in New York.

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

John Stoskus, Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Coordinator, reported a very successful year. He attended numerous functions as LCRA Coordinator and paid several courtesy calls to clergy on behalf of the LCRA. He wrote articles in VYTIS and wrote personal letters to prominent K of L-ers, soliciting donations. A total of \$545.50 was received in donations and transferred to the LCRA, via Rev. Raila. Two donations not mentioned in VYTIS (because they were received after the VYTIS deadline for August-Sept.) are the following:

C-29, Newark, N.J.	\$25.00
C-112, Chicago, Ill.	10.00

Many councils were very cooperative in offering Masses and prayers for the Suffering Church in Lithuania, on the dates assigned them by the "Maldos Kalendorius", published by LCRA

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

President Leon Pauksta reported that the annual "Memories of Lithuania" banquet was held Feb. 10, and the award to a prominent Lithuanian went to Mary Rudis, BALF President. Proceeds went to the K of L Building. The Senior Council hosted the St. Casimir's Day celebration. First and Second Degrees were awarded in a joint presentation by C-36 and C-112. The District also sponsored a July 4th picnic and participated in the Captive Nations Day Parade in Chicago. Four quarterly business meetings were held in December, March and June.

The District's major project this year was a K of L Building Fund drive, to help finance operations and improvements to the existing building. A cocktail reception opened the drive and contributions and pledges are being sought. A summage sale to benefit the building was also held.

The District has two active regular councils, plus one active Senior council and one active Junior council. The Junior council boasts of a popular Lithuanian folk dance group, directed by Frank Zapolis. A District K of L Choir, directed by Faustas Strolia has also been very active in spreading Lithuanianism in the Chicago community.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

President Elinor Sluzas reported that new officers were elected May 19, 1974. Council dues to the District were raised from \$10 to \$15 per year. The Cleveland Knights will sponsor a Pilgrimage for the District in the Fall. The Spring Convention was hosted by Dayton C-96.



Two Presidents - Leon Pauksta, Incoming, and Sue Boroshas, Outgoing.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

President Albert Jaritis was unable to attend the Convention due to illness. However, the District has been very active. A Fall Convention was hosted by the newly-reorganized C-103, Providence, and the Spring Convention was hosted by So. Boston C-17 Seniors. Professor Yuri Glasov, a famous emigre and critic of the Soviet regime who lived in Lithuania for 7 years was guest speaker at the Spring NED Convention. The District also sponsored an Ecumenical Memorial Service in memory of Lithuanian Freedom Fighters at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N.H.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Larry Janonis, President, reported that 4 District Conventions were held - Sept., C-52 Elizabeth, hosts; Jan., C-90, Kearny, hosts; Mar. (St. Casimir Mass & Breakfast, followed by Convention), New York - MAD, hosts; June, C-109 Great Neck, hosts. The District is proud to have added two councils to its roster this year... C-74, Scranton, Pa. and C-140, Syracuse, N.Y. This brings the total number of councils in the District to 14, two of which are currently inactive. There are 2 Junior councils, in Kearny, N.J. and Maspeth, N.Y.

Eight new Third Degree members were installed at the Communion Breakfast, as well several First Degrees. The District sponsored Lithuanian Egg entries in the Hallmark Easter Egg Display in New York. A regular bulletin is published. The District remains active in cultural Lithuanian Affairs and Public Relations work.

CALIFORNIA

No report was received from the California councils.

"KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA DAYS"

61st National Convention

August 7 - 11, 1974

WHEREAS, the State of Lithuania was created about 1236 A.D., when separate principalities were united by powerful Grand Duke (later King) Mindaugas and for 200 years, it was one of the major European powers; today, it has a population of some four million people, is bordered by Latvia, Russia, Poland, and Germany, with heavily wooded land, rolling hills, fertile fields, rivers and deep, clear lakes; and

WHEREAS, Vilnius, Lithuania's capital, is an ancient city founded in the 13th century and is well known for contrasting architecture, Eastern and Western Arts and international look; though subjugated for 100 years by the Russian Empire, its people have never ceased to resist attempts to destroy the language, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, Lithuania regained independence in 1918, it was lost again in 1940 when Russia forcibly incorporated the state into the Soviet Union; Hitler seized it in 1941; Russia reoccupied once more in 1944, dropping an 'Iron Curtain' over the country, which situation still exists today; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania is an organization which for over 60 years, has had as its goal after organizing April 27, 1913 in Lawrence, Massachusetts, to return independence to Lithuania and other Communist-enslaved Nations and keep alive in its members, an appreciation of its language, customs and culture; and

WHEREAS, Council 79 of the Knights of Lithuania will host the National Convention in Southfield, from August 7th through August 11th;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Donald F. Fracassi, Mayor of the City of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim *AUGUST 7th through AUGUST 11th* as "*KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA DAYS*" in Southfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Knights of Lithuania be congratulated for their dedication and achievements and wished good luck in the fight for the freedom of not only their State but other enslaved nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original copy of this Proclamation be presented to the President of Council 79 and Anthony Dainus, Director of Public Relations, as a tribute and a memento of this important occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Southfield to be affixed hereto, on this 25th day of July, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-four.



Donald F. Fracassi, Mayor
City of Southfield

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT 1973 - 1974

Dear Convention Delegates
and Friends:

Regretfully I am unable to be with you in person to extend greetings and to make my report as Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor.

During the past year my duties as newly appointed pastor of a parish in process or reorganization have left me very little free time. The busy weekend schedule did not allow me to get away to attend any of the Supreme Council meetings.

I attended the New England District Fall Convention in Providence and its Spring Convention in South Boston. During May I participated in the Council 17 Scholarship Dinner-Dance and spoke at the K of L sponsored Ecumenical Service for the Baltic States at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N.H. At the invitation of the New England District I was celebrant and homilist at the televised Channel 7 Sunday Mass in November. For the December issue of Vytis I prepared a Christmas message.

For several months I have felt delinquent in carrying out my duties as Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor because of the limitations of my pastoral schedule at present, and for some time to come. Much as I would like to be of continued service to the Knights of Lithuania, I feel that it would be unfair to the K of L for me to continue as Spiritual Advisor when it is so difficult to attend Supreme Council meetings and other functions. I must reluctantly decline reappointment to this office.

It has always been a source of pleasure to be associated with the Knights of Lithuania and the Supreme Council. I look forward to meeting with you again at future meetings and being of service in whatever ways circumstances may permit.

May the Convention be a success in every way and may God bestow abundant grace and blessings upon you and your loved ones.

Vytiškai,

Rev. Albert J. Contons
Spiritual Advisor



Top: Rev. Contons at an earlier Convention.

Right: Sunday's Convention Mass, Divine Providence Church, Southfield, Mich.



REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The individual reports of the Supreme Council Officers and Committee Chairmen will be presented by them.

Since the 60th National Convention:

I called six meetings.

Arranged the agenda for all six.

Presided at five of the meetings.

Due to a relapse of an illness during the end of October, I had to limit my activities, but did fulfill my obligations to the best of my abilities.

I handled a large volume of K of L correspondence with officers and members.

Letters and telegrams were sent to various Senators and Congressmen on behalf of oppressed Lithuania.

This past year an unusual amount of mail was received concerning our organizational problems in committees, councils and districts. It is very evident that it was of great benefit to have had the time this past year to concentrate on these problems and to be able to come up with workable solutions. Execution of the resolutions of the past convention was the goal.

After this convention our Juniors will hopefully have a set of by-laws and credit points through the efforts of First Vice-President Marion Skabeikis and Past President Helen Shields. There does not seem to be any easy solution to our Juniors' problem without your personal involvement. The time for lip service is over.

The Supreme Council has been seriously making efforts to microfilm the material in the archives. Longinas Svelnis, Third Vice-President, has submitted a pro-

posed plan for catalogueing and getting the project started.

Trustee Mary Kober is progressing with her work on up-dating the K of L manual. Results will be forthcoming shortly.

A new K of L brochure has been prepared by the committee chaired by Albert Ozalis, Second Vice-President.

Council 74 of Scranton Pennsylvania has been reorganized, and is active and growing. organizational packets have also been sent to Frank Petrauskas of Syracuse New York, and to Mrs. A. Trainis of Fairfield, Connecticut. Baltimore Maryland has also been approached and may have good potential.

This past year I have been personally involved in the Lithuanian organizations in my own community. This has aided me in keeping communications open with them, plus maintaining a good relationship.

Last August I attended the Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenės Convention in Washington D.C. Both publicly and privately I spoke

to the members and expressed a hope that we would all work together to promote our cultures and our common cause, FREEDOM OF ENSLAVED LITHUANIA.

I sent greetings on the occasion of the Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba convention and also communicated with Juozas Laucka, President of the Ateitininkų Sendraugių Sąjunga.

To answer the mandate of the members, this 61st National Convention will devote two full sessions on leadership and organizational problems. The Supreme Council is confident that all the delegates will benefit from these panels.

A very sincere THANK YOU to the entire Supreme Council Officers and Committee Chairmen for their many acts of kindness and cooperation this past K of L year.

To the incoming President, visogero and a prayerful wish for health, patience and above all VYTIŠKOS DVASIOS.

Susan K. Boroskas
National President



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LITHUANIAN RELIGIOUS AID COORDINATOR

Susan Boroskas, C-1, Brockton

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE PROPAGATION

Joseph Boley, Chrmn., C-41, Brooklyn-Queens

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 Anthony Miner, C-116

SECRETARY Rita Pinkus, C-26

SGTS-AT-ARMS Andy Rozger, C-19
 Frank Yonika, C-17

MANDATE COMMITTEE
Irene Ozalis, C-3; Sylvia Shukas, C-1; Helen Gillus,
C-26; Mary Lucas, C-96



GREETINGS COMMITTEE
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Klevinsky, C-112

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Rita Pinkus, C-26; Susan Mazeika, C-41

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Lawrence Janonis (MAD), Leon Pauksta (IID),
Sylvia Shukis (NED), Ruth Grasha (MCD).



RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Walter Karaveckas, C-19; Anthony Mazeika,
C-41; Loretta Stukas, C-29; Sally Miller, C-96; Marian
Skabeikis, C-110

*(Apologies - the rest of the Presidium Pictures were
not available do to "technical difficulties".)*



*Steve Hurite, Council President City of Southfield
speaking at Banquet & Dance, also greeted delegates
at opening session.*

GREETINGS

His Eminence John Cardinal Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit, Mich.

Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania in Exile, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, Ill.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ladas Tulaba, P.A., St. Casimir College, Rome, Italy.

Rev. Michael J. Kundrat, former Pastor, Divine Providence Church, Detroit, Mich.

Kun. Alfonsas Babonas, L.V. 79-tos kuopos Dvasios Vadas, Detroit, Mich.

Senator Robert P. Griffin, Michigan.

William G. Milliken, Governor of Michigan.

Donald F. Fracassi, Mayor of Southfield.

Hon. Juozas Kajeckas, Charge d'affaires Lithuanian Legation, Washington, D.C.

Lietuvių Bendruomenės Krašto Valdyba, Juozas Gaila, Pirm., Cherry Hill, N.J.

Lithuanian American Community of the United States, Inc., Jonas Urbonas, Clawson, Michigan.

Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Federacija, Dr. Juozas Jerome, Chicago, Ill.

LSST Centro Valdyba, A. Sukys, Allen Park, Michigan.

Ateitininkų Federacijos Valdyba, V. C. Kleiza, Oak Lawn, Ill.

Ateitininkų Sendraugių Sąjunga, Juozas Laucka, Bethesda, Md.

Detroit Lithuanian Organizations Center, Pranas Polteraitis.

Leonardas Simutis, Sr., Honorary Member, Chicago, Ill.

Danutė Jankienė, Farmington, Michigan.

GREETINGS WITH DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND:

Chicago Seniors	\$20.00
Rev. V. Karalevicius, Jersey City, N.J.	10.00
Rev. Katarskis, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
John Sprainaitis, Hon. Member, Paterson, N.J.	10.00
Rev. Albin, F. Janiunas, So. Boston, Mass.	5.00
Eleanore H. Laurin, Hon. Member, Chicago, Ill.	5.00

VYTIS FUND

Matas Zujus, Hon. Member, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	\$30.00
Prof. Alexander Aleksis, Hon. Member, Waterbury, Conn.	20.00
Longinas Svelnis, Hon. Member, So. Boston, Mass.	10.00

PRELATO KRUPAVIČIAUS PAMINKLUI statyti Lietuvos Vyčių seimo proga prisidėjo sekantieji:

\$20 - Juozas Bulevičius (41 kp.)
\$10 - Joseph Kurpovic (139 kp.)
\$6 - Pittsburgh'o 19-ta kuopa
\$5 - Mary York (12 kp.), Jonas ir Aldona Stanevičius (102), Benediktas ir Alice Karklius (25), John ir Evelyn Andrulis (25), Nellie Arunsky (25), Alvina ir Peter Luiza (25), Victor J. August (25), Antanas Buknis (Cleveland Srs.)
\$2 - Petronelė Medonis (79)
\$1 - John ir Julia Belickas (79), E. ir A. Salas (79), L. Salas (79).

CULTURAL FUND

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Skabeikis, C-110, Maspeth, N.Y.	\$10.00
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LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS FUND

Annie Mitchell Matalavich, Hon. Member, Elizabeth, N.J.	\$20.00
Mrs. Mike Petkus, C-96, Dayton, Ohio	5.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Anthony A. Buknis, Cleveland Seniors C-17 and C-17 Srs., So. Boston, Mass.	\$150.00
C-79, Detroit, Mich.	100.00
C-1, Brockton, Mass.	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kurpovic, C-139, Detroit	20.00
Prof. Alexander Aleksis, Hon. Member, Waterbury, Conn.	10.00
Anthony Miner, C-116, So. Worcester, Mass.	10.00
Raymond & Virginia Kentra, C-36, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Anna Mae Uznis, C-102, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
Longinas L. Sveinis, Hon. Member, So. Boston, Mass.	10.00
Ada Sinkwitz, C-96, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Stanley Vaitkus, C-96, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Mary Lucas, Hon. Member, Dayton, Ohio	10.00
Anthony Radzevich, C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y.	10.00
Lauren Kentra, C-36, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Gene Gobis, C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y.	5.00

MANDATE REPORT

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Susan Boroskas, Albert Ozalis, Marion Skabeikis, Longinas Svelnis, Irene Ozalis, Irene Sankus, Anthony Radzevich, Anthony Young, Larry Janonis.

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Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, Rev. C. Pugevicius, Rev. J. Walter Stanevich, Rev. W. Karaveckas, Rev. S. Raila, Rev. A. Babonas, Rev. M. Kundrat.

DISTRICTS - 4

Illinois-Indiana - Leon Pauksta, Irene Sankus
Mid Atlantic - Philip Skabeikis, Joseph Boley
Mid Central - Sally Miller, Mary Petkus
New England - Rita Pinkus, Anthony Miner

COUNCILS

C-1 - Brockton - Sylvia Sukis.
C-3 - Philadelphia - Lillian Sasnauskas, Irene Svekla, Walter Svekla.
C-7 - Waterbury - Anthony Alexander, John Alanskas.
C-10 - Athol - Charles Genaitis, Blanche Genaitis.
C-17S - Boston - Longinas Svelnis, Anthony Young, Frank Yonika.
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C-26 - Worcester - Helen Gillus.
C-29 - Newark - Loretta Stukas.
C-36 - Chicago - Richard Shlaustas, Jerome Jankus.
C-41 - Brooklyn-Queens - Antanas Mazeika, Zuzana Mazeika, Rev. S. Raila.
C-52 - Elizabeth - Annie Mitchell.
C-79 - Detroit - Victoria Chepelonis, Anthony Dainius, Cynthia DeVine, Stella Hotra, Bertha Janus, Julia Medinis, Amelia Kulikauskas, Eleanor Mickey, Elizabeth Paurazas, Helen Tucker, Sophie Zager, Frank Zager, Marie Kase, Violet Panavas, Helen Patocki, Frank Petroski, Ona Walls, Bill Walls.
C-96 - Dayton - Alex Grusha, Mary Lucas, Annadel Miller, Alice Petkus, Michael Petkus, Aldona Ryan, Joseph Ryan, Ada Sinkwitz, Albert Wallace Albina Wallace, Margie Grushas.
C-100 - Amsterdam - Edward Baranauskas, Genevieve Gobis, Anthony Radzevich.

C-102 - Detroit - Robert Boris, Ann Uznis, Grazina Vaskelis, Mary Ann Guerriero, Frank Bunikis, Aldona Bunikis.

C-111 - Youngstown - Alice Strines, JoAnn Strines.

C-112 - Chicago - Edward Krivickas, Estelle Rogers, Algerd Brazis, Barbara Klevinsky, Anthony Yuknis, Eleanore Laurin, Albert Raubiskis, Aldona Gylys, John Narusis.

C-116 - Worcester - Stanley Grigas

C-139 - Detroit - Albina Kurpowic, Catherine Kurpowic.

Cleveland Seniors - Stella Sankal, Juozas Sadauskas, Jule Salasavichiene, Dennis Mazeika, M.D.

Chicago Seniors - Adele Gabalis, Gediminas Janula, Peggy Zakaras.

GUESTS

Pennsylvania - Dr. John Cadzow, Joanne Fetter.

Michigan - Anita Byrne, Magdalena Smailis, Ruth Grasha, Joseph Panavas.

Ohio - Ben Karklius, Alice Karklius, Alvina Luiza, Al Shigo, Joanne Shigo, Antanas Buknis, Frank Petrauskas, Pat Zelinskas, Frank Asibie, Walter Lastauskas, Eleanor Mantz, Eloise A. Berczelly, Ed Sluzas, Mike Petkus, Frances Petkus, Mike T. Petkus (Pres. Jr. C-96), Charles Machutas, Nelda Machutas, John Andrulis, Ruth Guzauskas, Nellie Arunski.



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can bring new life and hope and courage into the hearts of the weary, the overburdened, the discouraged, the tempted, the despairing.

YOUR SMILE

can help to develop vocations, if you are a Priest, a Brother, or a Sister.

YOUR SMILE

can be the beginning of conversions to the Faith.

OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP COUNT
AUGUST 1973 - AUGUST 1974

Council	8-73	8-74	Gain	Loss
1	36	34	-	2
3	32	33	1	-
5	7	5	-	2
7	118	120	2	-
10	28	27	-	1
12	55	52	-	3
17	40	42	2	-
17 Srs.	62	79	17	-
18	5	5	-	-
19	36	40	4	-
25	32	35	3	-
Cleve. Sr.	43	37	-	6
26	133	125	-	8
29	120	114	-	6
30	26	36	10	-
36	61	63	2	-
Chgo. Srs.	30	30	-	-
41	31	36	5	-
52	26	26	-	-
61	10	9	-	1
67	7	7	-	-
74	0	39	39	-
78	15	14	-	1
79	161	184	23	-
90	38	46	8	-
96	134	128	-	6
100	66	74	8	-
102	41	48	7	-
103	11	21	10	-
109	35	32	-	3
110	11	29	18	-
111 Srs.	16	15	-	1
112	154	155	1	-
113	2	2	-	-
116	41	45	4	-
133	7	2	-	5
133 Srs.	52	48	-	4
134	21	20	-	1
135	57	60	3	-
139	27	24	-	3
Members at large	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	1827	1942	168	53

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can prepare the way for a sinner's
return to God.

YOUR SMILE

can win for you a host of devoted
friends.

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

"GET INVOLVED... JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA". With these words, the new MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE reaches out to Lithuanians not yet "involved" and urges them to join in the K of L action. The inside of the brochure tells some bits of Lithuanian history, an outline of the K of L and its operations, and some words about the importance of knowing one's ethnic heritage. The only thing still needed to make the brochure useful is your help in getting it into the hands of non-members. Membership Vice-President has an ample supply of these brochures, and they are yours for the asking. Write Tony today for your supply, and start working on the next membership drive now. Tony Miner's address is given on the inside cover of VYTIS.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AWARDS

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

- First - 1 - 49 members
- Second - 50 to 99 members
- Third - 100 or more

100% PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP

- 1st Category - C-30, Westfield, Mass.
- 2nd Category - C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y.
- 3rd Category - No winner

NEW MEMBER AWARDS - COUNCIL LEVEL

- 1st Category - C-110 Maspeth, with 160 points
- 2nd Category - C-17 Srs., So. Boston, with 120 points
- 3rd Category - C-79, Detroit, with 185 points

NEW MEMBER AWARDS - INDIVIDUALS

- 1st Place - Eva Kazokas (reorganizing C-74, Scranton) with 390 Points
- 2nd Place - Philip Skabeikis, C-110, Maspeth, with 140 points
- 3rd Place - Bertha Stoskus, C-103, Providence, with 75 points

Again, individual awards this year consisted of beautiful works of Lithuanian folk art... Beautiful rewards for beautiful work!



M.A.D. President Larry Janonis welcomes new C-140, Syracuse, representatives Frank and Irene Petrauskas

A NEW COUNCIL

To the delight of the entire body of Convention delegates, but especially to those of the Mid-Atlantic District and their president Larry Janonis, the establishment of a brand-new council was formally announced during the convention sessions. The council, given the new number 140, is in Syracuse, New York, in the Mid-Atlantic District.

The announcement was made by the organizer, Frank Petrauskas, who turned over to the National Financial Secretary application cards and dues for 25 new members. Frank and his wife Irene have been "outpost" members of C-96, Dayton for many years. With their transfer to C-140, the council can now boast of 27 charter members. A charter will be formally presented to the council at a council activity in the near future.

On behalf of the entire organization, we extend a most heartfelt welcome to members of C-140, and wish them success in their work "Dievui ir Tėvynei".

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS

Two official meetings of the Supreme Council were held during the Convention. Outgoing president Susan Boroskas and her board members held their last meeting on Thursday morning to discuss final plans for the Convention schedule and receive last minute reports. The new board, chaired by new president Leon Pauksta met Sunday, after the luncheon to select tentative dates and sites for future meetings, outline plans for the coming year, and make needed appointments, assignments, etc.

FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD

The Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Award, normally presented to some non-Lithuanian for his or her outstanding service to the Lithuanian cause, had to be postponed to a later date this year, due to national events that took place during the Convention. The Supreme Council had chosen to present the Medal to HON. MARTHA W. GRIFFITHS, Congresswoman from Michigan, for her outstanding work on behalf of Lithuania and the Captive Nations. However, Mrs. Griffiths was unable to leave Washington, D.C., due to the resignation of President Nixon and the inauguration of President Ford, taking place that same weekend.

A special delegation, comprising members of the Supreme Council, and Honorary Members from Detroit, as well as representatives of the Host Council 79, will visit Mrs. Griffiths at her convenience to present the Medal officially. More on Mrs. Griffiths will appear in a later issue, after the presentation is made.

DEGREES CONFERRED

During the Closing Mass of the Convention, 12 deserving members from various councils were awarded the Fourth Degree, Order of St. Casimir, by Rev. Karaveckas and Rev. J. W. Stanievich. The recipients were:

Stella Sankal, Cleveland Seniors
Ruth Grasha, C-79 Detroit
Anthony Dainius, C-79 Detroit
John Kolinski, C-79 Detroit
Peter Luiza, C-25 Cleveland
Helen Smolik, C-102 Detroit
Magdalena Smailis, C-79 Detroit
Frank Petroski, C-79 Detroit
Ruth Guzauskas, C-25 Cleveland
Charles Machutas, C-25 Cleveland
Anthony Smolik, C-102 Detroit
Leon Pauksta, C-112 Chicago



Fourth Degree Recipients



Closing Mass, Divine Providence Church.

CONVENTION MASSES

The K of L is known not only for its enthusiasm for work and play, but also for prayer. This convention was no exception. Special Masses were held each day of the Convention. The Opening Mass, held Thursday morning at Divine Providence Church, was offered by Rev. Alfonsas Babonas, C-79 Spiritual Adviser. Friday's Mass, at the Ramada Inn, was offered by Rev. Kriščiunevičius, Spiritual Adviser of C-139, Detroit. Saturday's Mass, also at the Ramada Inn, was offered for deceased members, by Rev. J. Walter Stanevich, C-102, Detroit, Spiritual Adviser. On Sunday, the Closing Mass was again held at Divine Providence, and was con-celebrated by Rev. Stasys Raila, New York, Rev. Walter Karalevich, Pittsburgh, and Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Detroit. Rev. Stasys Raila gave a stirring homily, urging K of L-ers to return home determined to be true to all the decisions and promises made during the convention. He praised K of L-ers for their zeal and hard work. Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, was a special guest at the Sunday Mass, and addressed the Knights, thanking them for their work in behalf of the persecuted church, and wishing them well in all their undertakings. Before Mass, Fourth Degrees were presented to deserving members, and new Supreme Council Officers were installed.

1975 NATIONAL CONVENTION

"Come alive in '75... New York wants to be your host"... With a "singing commercial" and the backing of an enthusiastic delegation, Philip Skabeikis presented a bid from the Mid Atlantic District to host the 1975 Convention. The bid was enthusiastically accepted. The Convention will be held in New York, the specific site and dates to be announced later.



Denis Mazeika, Presidium Co-Chairman and Panel Participant

PLENARY SESSIONS

Problems of the Knights of Lithuania and the communities in which they live were discussed during three panel discussions held during the convention. The sessions are discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this issue. The panels and their participants were as follows:

1. K OF L ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS: Irene Sankus, Moderator
 - a. Archives: What to do with them... Longinas Svelnis
 - b. Juniors: How do they fit into the K of L... Marian Skabeikis
 - c. Resolutions: What happens to them... Loretta Stukas
2. The Problems of Lithuanian Parishes and the K of L responsibilities therein... Rev. Casimir Pugevicius

Archives Organization at Kent State University...
Dr. John Cadzow
3. Officers, Committees and their Duties... Stanley Vaitkus

In addition to the scheduled panels, discussions were held on numerous other topics, as use of the Lithuanian language, the VYTIS, Lithuanian activities in non-K of L cities, (e.g. Buffalo, N.Y. - Denis Mazeika).

REZOLIUCIJOS

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania is a national organization which has continually promoted the ideals and practice of good American citizenship, and

WHEREAS the members of the Knights of Lithuania have consistently demonstrated pride in their American heritage and its democratic process,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at their 61st National Convention, August 7-11, 1974, in Detroit, Michigan, affirm their support of the constitutional process in the accession of Gerald R. Ford to the Presidency of the United States.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania pledge their support of the President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, and express their faith in him as the duly constituted head of our government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania continue in their support of the principle of sound government as exemplified by the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS Lithuanian seaman Simas Kudirka, having made an unsuccessful bid for asylum in the United States in November, 1970, was subsequently returned to the Soviet Union, convicted of treason, and imprisoned, and

WHEREAS it was recently established by the United States State Department that Simas Kudirka is legally an American citizen, and

WHEREAS Simas Kudirka is now the only known American citizen in a Soviet prison and the only known person to have been convicted of treason for attempting to reach the United States,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, convening at their 61st National Convention in Detroit, Michigan, August 8-11, 1974, urgently request that President Gerald R. Ford and the U.S. State Department intensify their efforts to secure Simas Kudirka's release from prison and obtain permission for him to come to the United States with his family, including his mother, to enjoy the benefits of democracy, which are his birthright.

WHEREAS it has been officially determined that SIMAS KUDIRKA, the Lithuanian seaman who made an unsuccessful bid for asylum in November, 1970, by jumping from a Soviet fishing vessel onto the United States Coast Guard cutter, the USS Vigilant, is legally an American citizen, and

WHEREAS Mr. Kudirka's legal claim to American citizenship was established largely through the initiative of the Honorable Robert Hanrahan, U.S. Representative and the Honorable Henry Jackson, U.S. Senator,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at its 61st National Convention at Detroit, Michigan, August 8-11, 1974, extend their sincerest gratitude to Honorable Robert Hanrahan and Honorable Henry Jackson for their diligent efforts in establishing the fact of Simas Kudirka's citizenship.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania and Lithuanians in general have always been gratefully aware of the financial aid given by the Catholic Bishop's Overseas Aid Fund, through the agency of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., to the faithful in Lithuania, under religious persecution since 1940 by the Soviet Communist aggressor,

WHEREAS said aid has been terminated, and

WHEREAS latest authentic information indicates that the persecution of Catholics and their resistance to such persecution continue unabated in Lithuania, which is the only predominantly Roman Catholic country under Soviet occupation, and

WHEREAS the need continues, to provide worship aids, clothing and food for priests, religious, and others who have personally suffered Communist imprisonment for their tenacious loyalty to the Catholic Faith, and

WHEREAS we are aware of budgetary difficulties of church agencies at every level, and

WHEREAS Roman Catholics of Lithuanian descent in the United States have, both through their national parishes and through other channels, always given generously to the Catholic Bishops' Overseas Aid Fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania, assembled in National Convention at Southfield, Mich., August 8-11, 1974, communicate to the Most Reverend National Director of the Catholic Bishops' Overseas Aid Fund their dismay over the termination of the above-mentioned assistance to the persecuted Church in Lithuania, and respectfully request that a token sum of at least Five Thousand Dollars be designated for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Inc. in future budgets of the Bishops' Overseas Aid Fund.

WHEREAS the Australian government has recently officially recognized the sovereignty of the Soviet Union in the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and

WHEREAS this decision which can only be described as the sanctioning of wholesale genocide and outright violation of human rights, will ultimately damage efforts to restore independence to the Baltic States forcibly annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania, convening for its 61st National Convention at Detroit, Michigan, August 8-11, 1974, unanimously condemn this action.

WHEREAS all the Knights of Lithuania archives are in need of being saved from any sort of loss, and

WHEREAS, these archives are in need of being catalogued and indexed, and

WHEREAS there is a need of professional handling of this work,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Council be given the authority to visit Kent State University, and with the assistance of Dr. John Cadzow, make a study of how the Lithuanian material gathered there is being catalogued and learn what Kent State University would do for the Knights of Lithuania archives. If there are expenses involved with the cataloging of the archives,

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Supreme Council be authorized to spend the funds needed, not to exceed \$1000.

NUTARTA, and Lietuvos Vyčių 61-tas Seimas patvirtina ALEXANDRO VASILIAUSKO (WESEY) pakėlimą į Garbės Narius.

WHEREAS the Honorary Membership Committee has reviewed the untiring activities and accomplishments of Joseph Yanulaitis for the Knights of Lithuania in Council 3, Philadelphia, in the Mid-Atlantic District and in the Supreme Council from 1947 through 1974 and,

WHEREAS the Committee having determined and confirmed that his dedicated services for the Knights of Lithuania and the various Lithuanian causes have been most outstanding and merit this distinctive honor,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in accordance with the resolution submitted by Council 3 in 1970, Mr. Joseph Yanulaitis be elevated to Honorary Membership at the 62nd National Convention in 1975.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council or District accepting the responsibility of planning for a National Convention be required to provide a special program for Juniors, as well as a group or committee to carry out this program.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the program be available for publication along with plans for the regular convention program.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that appropriate chaperons be designated by the hosts of the convention in the event that Juniors attend the convention without their parents.

WHEREAS our National Constitution recognizes the Junior category of membership as actual membership in the Knights of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS by virtue of this membership, these Juniors should have a status in accord with their age and ability,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Point System for Juniors as it appeared in the June-July, 1974 issue of VYTIS be accepted by this convention.

WHEREAS it is important to have guidelines for the maintenance of good Junior Knights of Lithuania program,

BE IT RESOLVED that the By-Laws of the Junior Knights of Lithuania be adapted as they appeared in the June-July, 1974 issue of VYTIS with the following deletions:

Article V - Dues

1. Each member pays an initiation fee of .25.
2. Regular dues are .10 a month.
4. A Junior transfer does not pay the initiation fee.
5. A member who has not paid his dues for three months is considered a member not in good standing and loses his right to vote and other council privileges.

Article VII - Meetings

3. Payment of dues

BE IT RESOLVED that the Junior conventionship program be continued as an annual commitment to our youth, to be administered by each District under the guidance of the National First Vice-President. Awards remain at four per District, each award to be valued at \$50.00.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lithuanian Cultural Fund, established by resolution of the 60th National Convention be allocated the annual sum of \$1000 and that individual members, councils and districts be encouraged to make contributions to this fund in addition to the amount allocated by the Supreme Council.

WHEREAS there exists a need for a Lithuanian Cultural Handbook in English, outlining basic facts regarding our Lithuanian Cultural Heritage, for example, History, Religion, Music, Language, Literature, Art, Folklore, Costumes, Theater, Geography, Foods, and providing a bibliography for more extensive information on these subjects, and

WHEREAS material on such a project, has already been collected by Rev. Stasys Raila and has been partially edited by Loretta Stukas,

BE IT RESOLVED that an editorial staff be established under the auspices of the Lithuanian Cultural Committee to complete work in preparing this handbook for publication and that a sum of \$1000 be made available for publication expenses.

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Knights of Lithuania that Supreme Council officers and National Committee Chairmen be present at all official meetings of the Supreme Council, and

WHEREAS attendance at all Supreme Council meetings may impose financial hardship due to the limited stipend available,

BE IT RESOLVED that Supreme Council officers, the VYTIS Editor, the Legal Adviser, and the National Committee Chairmen be reimbursed for all transportation expenses incurred for a maximum of four Supreme Council meetings. This resolution is to be in effect on an experimental basis for a one year period.

WHEREAS the power and effectiveness of the Knights of Lithuania can only be sustained if it is in a firmer financial position to continue the many committees and activities to which it has been committed for the Lithuanian cause for 61 years, and

WHEREAS the K of L can grow instead of decline only if it has more funds available to present a strong, effective and progressive organization to prospective members,

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual individual membership dues be increased to \$7.00 per year, with \$3.50 for each additional member of the same household, who would not receive the VYTIS. A husband and wife would pay \$10.50 the first year, then \$7.00 each year hence. Lifetime Membership shall remain \$100.00.

BE IT RESOLVED that the constitutional requirement limiting Supreme Council officers to three consecutive terms be waived in the case of Longinas Svelnis, to permit him to serve for a fourth term as 3rd Vice President.

SUGGESTION:

Notwithstanding the selection of the Resolutions Committee at the Knights of Lithuania National Conventions to handle incoming resolutions from Council delegates, it appears that more efficient and better-composed resolutions would result if more thought and study were applied. Also, less time would be consumed by avoiding convention debates over one word of phrase in a resolution.

Therefore, IT IS SUGGESTED that the Supreme Council appoint a suitable resolutions committee at least 3 months before the National Convention, that the committee members' names and addresses be published in VYTIS, and members, councils and districts submit resolutions to these members in advance.

SUGGESTION:

WHEREAS the transfer of gifts and donations of deceased persons are controlled by probate or surrogate courts of the counties where the persons die, and

WHEREAS it is desirable to inform Lithuanians in the USA that they have a right to dispose of their property by will in the manner they wish,

WHEREAS it is desirable to eliminate possible diminution of gifts made by unnecessary legal and consular fees,

BE IT STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that the K of L make every effort to inform Lithuanians to make wills.

BE IT FURTHER RECOMMENDED that if property is to be left to friends or relatives in Lithuania, that Lithuanians be urged to establish a trust and name a Trustee in America to control distribution of the Trust, according to the wishes expressed, and thus avoid Interstate Laws.

SUGGESTION:

IT IS SUGGESTED that the Annual National Convention be held the same weekend every year, so that many people who must select their vacation dates early in the year may plan to attend the convention if they so desire.

PAGEIDAVIMAS

Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas, prisimindamas a.a. prel. Mykolo Krupavičiaus Vyčiams parodytą draugiškumą ir gerbiamo prelado kilnią lietuvišką asmenybę, ragina visus prisidėti savo asmenine auka prie Prel. Krupavičiaus paminklo pastatymo, per Amerikoje viekiantį centrinį komitetą.

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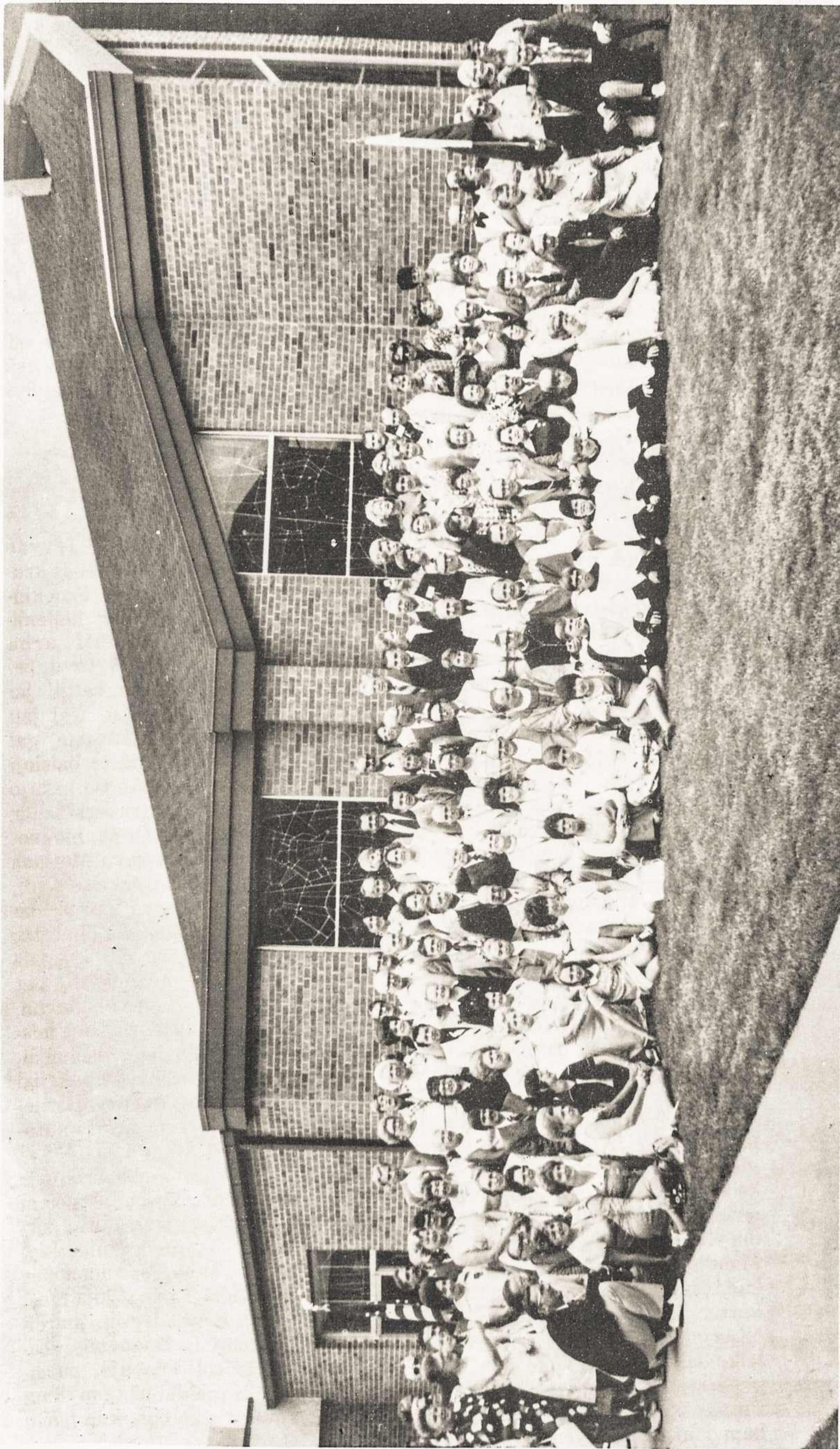
L.V. 61-asis Seimas reiškia nuoširdžią padėką Lietuvos Vyčių skyriaus redaktorei Emilijai Pakalniškienei, dienraštyje "Drauge", ir L.V. skyriaus redaktoriams "Darbininke", Vytautui ir Birutei Radzivanams.

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the 61st National Convention extend heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Council 79 of Detroit, Michigan, for their hard work in preparation for the Convention and for the hospitality extended.

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 61st National Convention, convening in Southfield, Michigan, August 7-11, 1974, extend their appreciation for the untiring efforts of the Presidium members and members of the Convention committees.

RESOLVED, that the delegates attending the 61st National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, extend heartfelt appreciation to the outgoing officers of the Supreme Council for their untiring efforts in performing their duties during the past year.





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 61st National Convention
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DIDVYRIS, VYTI, ESI!

Kun. V. Kriščiunevičius

Jūs tikrai būsite visi skaite Edmundo d'Amici dienoraštį, kurio lietuviškas vertimas "Širdimi" pavadintas. Iš visų gražių pasakojimų, daugeliui labiausiai patikdavo pasakojimas apie mažąjį berniuką, kuris kareivių orkestre buvo būbnininku. Atsimenate, kai sykį reikėjo išžvalgyti apylinkę. Kareiviai susirūpino, kas galėtų įlipti į aukštą palmės medį ir apsidairyti ar arti nėra priešų kariuomenės. Pasiūlė mažasis būbnininkas. Įsliuogęs didžiojo medžio viršūnėn, jis ėmė pasakoti, kur ir ką mato: toluoje jojo kareivių dalinys, dar toliau kilo didžiulis dulkių debesys, kitoj pusėj ilsėjosi priešai... Staiga pro berniuko galvą ėmė lėkti kulkos. Priešas pastebėjo. Seržantas liepia lipti žemyn, bet



Kun. Kriščiunevičius

mažajam berniukui kulkos nebaisios: jis pasakoja ką mato kairėje. "Ten, kairėje matau"... berniukas nutilo, paleido medžio liemenį ir, stvėrėsi už krūtinės... atsilošė ir... ėmė žemyn galva kristi. Apačioje stovėję kareiviai pagavo krintantį ir paguldė ant žemės. Iš krūtinės tekėjo tamsus, raudonas kraujas... Kulka pataikė į širdį... Kariai pridengė jo kūnelį tautine vėliava, seržantas pabučiavo į kaktą ir ištarė: "Didvyris, vaikel, esi!"

Brangios sesės ir broliai Vyčiai! Skaitydami ar girdėdami šį atpasakojimą, pagalvojame: "Tikrai, laiminga šalis, kurios jau vaikai pasižymi tokia drąsa ir didvyriškumu. Prisiminę savo šūkį: "Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam tautai ir Bažnyčiai", manau, kad ne vienas nori būti tokiu ar panašiu didvyriu.

Visi esame katalikai, esame lietuviai. Karo viesulas dar ne visai nutolo nuo žmonijos. Jis grąso nauja, siaubingai baisia audra. Mūsų Motina Bažnyčia dar daug kur, o ypač mūsų pavergtoje tėvų žemėje, sukaustyta, visame pasaulyje laikoma lyg beverte ar bent mažai reikšminga; žmonijos santykiai su religija labai abejingi, nes visko netekę žmonės ėmė ieškoti ko nors apčiuopiamesnio, "naudingesnio", ką pasisavinę galėtų sudaryti pradžia naujam turtui. Šiandien dažniau ir garsiau, negu kada nors kitados, žmogus ima kartoti šiurpu nukrečiantį šūkį: "Kas man iš to naudos". Ir ta nauda laiko tik maistą, rūbus, pinigus, pastogę... Jis ieško tos naudos ir Bažnyčioje, o jei joje neranda - tai kam jam ta Bažnyčia!



Antroji mūsų motina - Tėvynė irgi ne mažesniame skurde. Ji kruvina, pavergta, beteisė, išniekinta... Jos vaikai, lyg dar neįleidę šaknų medeliai, išrauti arba paskubomis raunami iš tėvų žemės, kurioje sodinami nauji, jai visai svetimi gyventojai. Gal jau mes su visu tuo apsipratome, gal visi tie Tėvynės vargai, ta baisioji jos ir jos vaikų Golgota, tie kraujo upeliai, anos ašarų marios gal jau ir nebejaudina mūsų... Oi ne, niekuomet! Tegū pamiršta savo Motinas tie, kuriems pinigine pakeitė širdį, kuriems baltos duonos kšnis liko visu rūpesčiu ir siekimu, bet tu, sese ir broli Vyti, tu dar idealais tebegyveni, tave ne auksas, bet didi darbai žavi, tave ne duona, nors ji būtų ir balčiausia, bet laisvė, tėviškės kloniai, miškėliai, upeliai bei tėvų kūdikystės takeliai šaukia, tave moja Tėvynės pakeitėse parimęs Dieviškasis Rūpintojėlis.

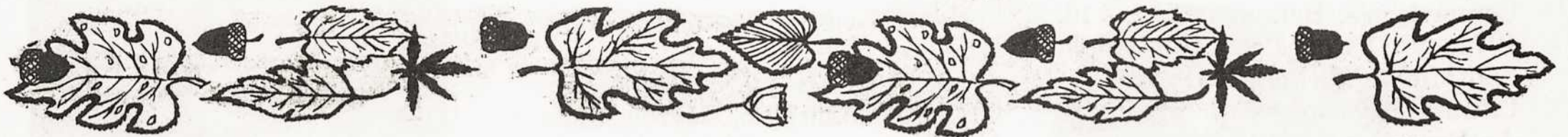
Girdim aimanas mūsų brolių ir sesių iš įvairių kraštų. Jaučiam krintančias ašaras ant mūsų širdžių iš mūsų ir iš mūsų motulės Lietuvos išverktų akių. Tos aimanos ir tos ašaros žadina ir įpareigoja mus. Žadina keltis iš nuodėmių, įpareigoja tapti naujais žmonėmis. Žadina vilties ieškoti Dievuje, įpareigoja kančiai ir maldai už tą mylimą šalį, kur mūsų sodybos, kur bočių kapai.

Bažnyčia ir Tėvynė šiandien tave kviečia, lyg aną mažą berniuką. Kviečia mesti į šalį tas dalkinas kurpes, kuriomis mindai šią kruviną žemę, kviečia pasidėti apsiaustą, dengiantį tave nuo piktųjų pasaulio vėjų ir, apsikabinus didįjį Dievo Įsakymų medį, skubiai sliuogti juo aukštyn. Aukštyn nuo šios žemės, artyn Amžinosios Saulės, nes tik tada galėsi pamatyti kiek daug ir kur yra tie, kurie niekina visa kas šventa, kas brangu, kurie kankina Bažnyčią ir Tėvynę. Tu galėsi tada kviesti visus, kurie dar ant žemės pasiliko, bet jų žvilgsniai jau kyla aukštyn, seka

tave ir laukia, ką tu pasakysi, kur nurodysi jiems eiti, kur pasakysi pavojų esant. "Sursum corda" - kasdien daugiau kaip pusė milijono kunigų Bažnyčios lūpomis šaukia. "Sursum corda", sese, broli Vyti, aukštyn širdis! Tiesa, kai tu pakilsi aukščiau, pamatys tave kurmiai ir šiukšlių rinkėjai ir atkreips prieš tave savo protus ir pačius moderniausius ginklus. Gal tu krisi nuo jų, lyg anas berniukas ir savo širdies krauju suvilginsi jau ir taip kraujais pasrūvusią žemę, bet prieštave tada nusilenks Bažnyčia, suklups Tėvynė ir pabučiuos tave meilės pabučiavimu, o Viešpats

paims tavo šventąją sielą ir apvainikuos nemariuoju šventumo vainiku. "Didvyris, Vyti, esi", tars tau ne eilinis seržantas, bet pats Kristus ir per amžius tu liksi Didvyriu, visų mylimu, neužmirštam! Kas kovojo ir gyveno ne dėl aukso veršio, kruvino pinigų, o dėl kilnaus idealo, tam tada, kai nusvyra pavargusi galva, "danguj angelai vainiką iš deimantų pina". Taigi, Vyčiai, neužmirškim: gyvenkim Tautai ir Bažnyčiai!

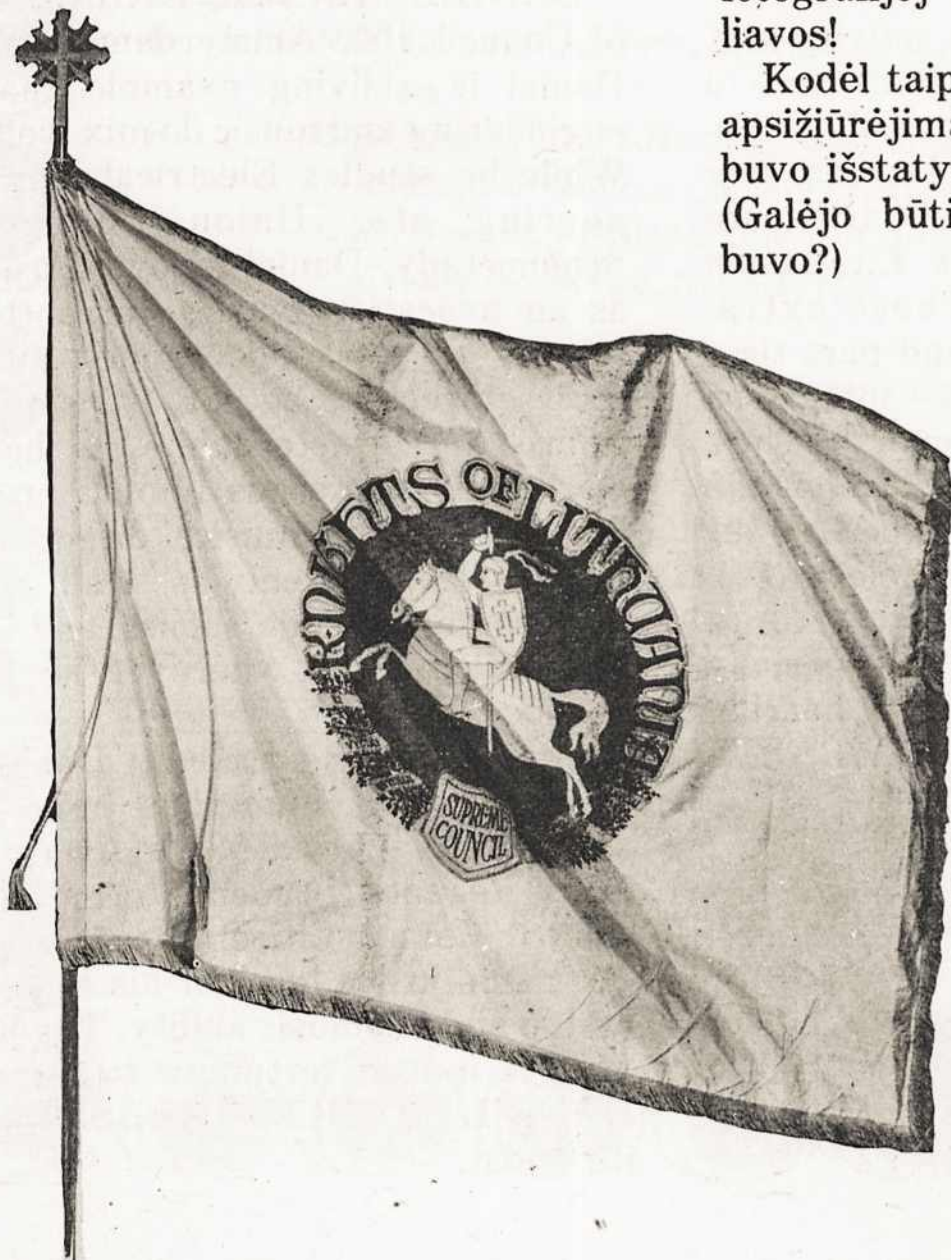
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KUR BUVO VYČIŲ VĒLIAVA?

Bene pirmą kartą į 28 metus Lietuvos Vyčių seimo oficialioj fotografijoj nesimato Vyčių vėliavos!

Kodėl taip įvyko? Per keno neapsižiūrėjimą? Juk posėdžių salėj buvo išstatyta dvi Vyčių vėliavos. (Galėjo būti penkios. Kur kitos buvo?)



Seimas yra Vyčių metinė šventė, per kurią reikalinga pasireikšti kiek iškilmingiau, iškelti savo organizacijos simbolį - Jono Subačiaus meniškai sukurtą ženklą, kuriame tarpe rūtų yra įpintas iš Vyčių himno paimtas obalsis "Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai".

Kilnus tai šūkis, graži Vyčių vėliava, garbinga organizacijos 61 metų gyvavimo istorija. Giedame, "Štai plevēsuoja vėliava". Kodėl ta vėliava neplevėsavo per pamaldas? Ir po pamaldų? Kodėl nepriėmėme tos vėliavos į savo tarpą tą istorinį sekmadienio rytą, Southfield, Michigan?

Juozas Bulevičius

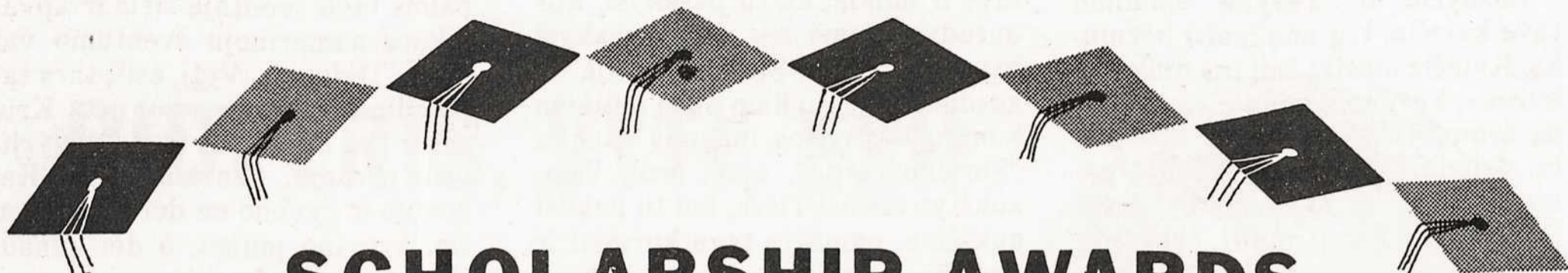
IN MEMORIAM

Remember in your prayers...

HELEN GUDAUSKAS

Member, C-5 and
K of L Choir
Chicago, Ill.

Died August 28, 1974



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This year, three more young Knights of Lithuania members were aided in their quest for higher education, thanks to the generosity of K of L members and friends. During the 61st National Convention's Banquet, Aug. 10, 1974, at Divine Providence Hall, Southfield, Michigan, Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Chairman Anthony Miner presented the 1974 Knights of Lithuania Canon Kemezis Scholarship Award, totalling \$900.00, in equal parts to three deserving Knights.

Final selections were made by Scholarship Committee members Anthony Miner, Chairman, and Anthony Mazeika, Secretary - Treasurer, plus Philip Skabeikis, member pro-tem. Winners were chosen on the basis of academic excellence, financial need, and service to our organization.



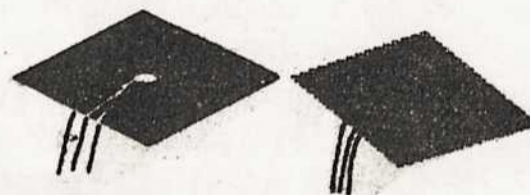
The three winners will receive stipends of \$300 each, payable in two installments. Those applicants who have not received stipends this year are urged to reapply next year.

Heartiest congratulations to the winners, namely:

LAIMA ANTOINETTE RASTIKIS of Council 96, Dayton, Ohio. Laima is preparing for a career in political correspondence by majoring in Political Science and Journalism at the University of Dayton. Already, she has applied her talents to aid Lithuania's cause by actively participating in the K of L Lithuanian affairs letter-writing campaign and by writing articles for VYTIS.

Besides her regular activity in K of L C-96, Laima also finds time to dance with the "Vėjeliai" Lithuanian Dance Group of Dayton, sing in her parish choir and participate actively in numerous Lithuanian commemorations. These extra-curricular activities and part time employment haven't interfered with her grades, however, as she's maintained a regular place on the Dean's List and is described by her teachers as the "complete student".

The K of L, and especially VYTIS, look forward to hearing much more from **LAIMA RASTIKIS** in the future.



DANIEL FRANCIS KABASIN, of Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y. Daniel is a living example that engineering and music do mix well. While he studies Electrical Engineering at Union College, Schenectady, Daniel enjoys music as an avocation and is currently serving as weekend organist and choir director at St. Casimir Church in Amsterdam. He has worked on numerous K of L programs, providing musical direction and accompaniment as well as performing as violin soloist, and is a willing worker wherever he is needed.

An outstanding student, Daniel is recipient of numerous honors and awards - Arian Music Award, NYS Regents Student Incentive Award, Celmer Citizenship Award - to name just a few, for his scholarship and his music ability. The K of L is indeed fortunate to have **DANIEL FRANCIS KABASIN** in its midst.

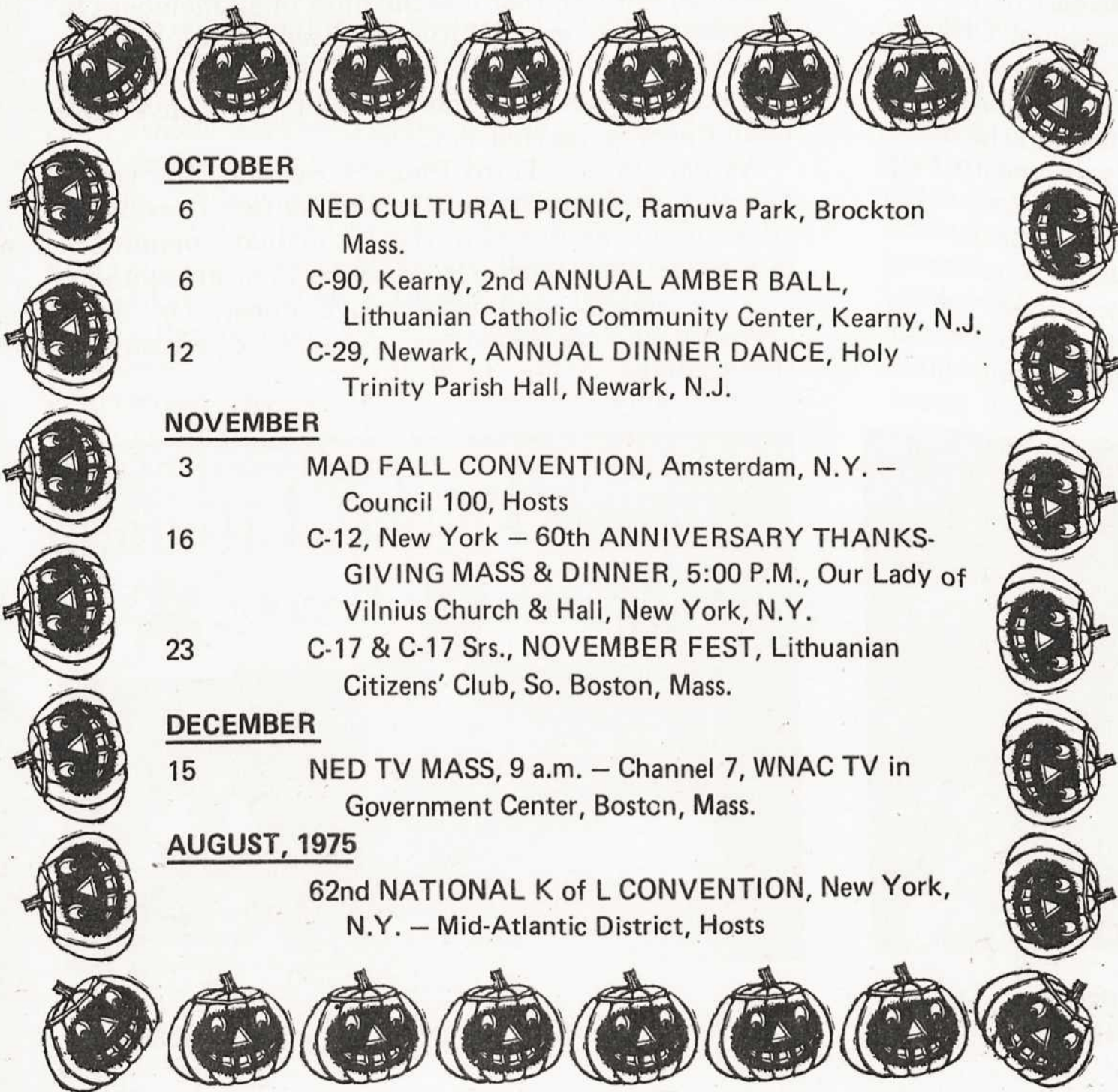
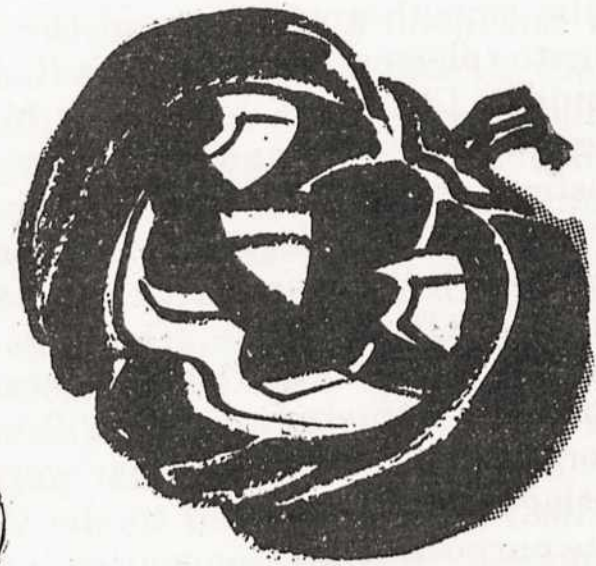
ALOYZAS KAZIMIERAS PAKALNISKIS of Council 112, Chicago, Ill. Aloyzas looks forward to becoming a Doctor of Medicine, and hopes to begin preparing for that field this fall, when he enters Northwestern University of Chicago. He plans to major in bio-engineering.

Aloyzas' love of Lithuanianism is demonstrated by his participation in many Lithuanian organizations and activities, not the least of which is the K of L. He and his entire family are active in C-112 and IID activities, and Aloyzas is a



long-time member of the Chicago K of L Lithuanian Folk Dance Group. Since his parents edit the Knights of Lithuania weekly column in "DRAUGAS", Aloyzas is also frequently called upon to report, translate, write for the column. He is also a VYTIS contributor. Described by a teacher as "superior in intellectual ability, industry, personality, and moral integrity", ALOYZAS PAKALNISKIS is indeed worthy of the assistance and honor provided by the K of L Scholarship.

K of L Calendar



OCTOBER

- 6 NED CULTURAL PICNIC, Ramuva Park, Brockton Mass.
- 6 C-90, Kearny, 2nd ANNUAL AMBER BALL, Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, Kearny, N.J.
- 12 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.

NOVEMBER

- 3 MAD FALL CONVENTION, Amsterdam, N.Y. — Council 100, Hosts
- 16 C-12, New York — 60th ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING MASS & DINNER, 5:00 P.M., Our Lady of Vilnius Church & Hall, New York, N.Y.
- 23 C-17 & C-17 Srs., NOVEMBER FEST, Lithuanian Citizens' Club, So. Boston, Mass.

DECEMBER

- 15 NED TV MASS, 9 a.m. — Channel 7, WNAC TV in Government Center, Boston, Mass.

AUGUST, 1975

- 62nd NATIONAL K of L CONVENTION, New York, N.Y. — Mid-Atlantic District, Hosts

THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION

PLENARY SESSIONS

One of the most dynamic features of any National Convention is the meeting of the organization in a formal body at a Plenary Session. Here, policy for the coming K of L year is determined and members from various Districts become acquainted with the feelings, ideals and goals of other members of the organization.

The sessions at the 61st National Convention were no exception to these hopes. Topics ranged from a consideration of our archives to the needs and problems of Lithuanian Parishes.

According to custom, the first order of business following the opening of the First Plenary Session of August 8, was the election of a Presidium responsible for the smooth governance of the Convention. The delegates elected Larry Janonis (C-12, New York) as Presidium Chairman, and Denis Mazeika (C-25 Seniors, Cleveland) and Anthony Miner (C-116, Wooster) as Co-Chairmen. The job of Presidium Secretary was delegated to Rita Pinkus (C-26, Worcester). Sargeants-at-arms and the Convention Committees for Mandate, Greetings and Resolutions were also selected at this first session.

Following the election of the Presidium, Officers' Reports for the past K of L year were presented, and greetings were presented to the Convention body.

The purpose of any Convention is to help the members deal with organizational problems and to help everyone in their understanding of activity on the National level. The Second Plenary Session on August 9 offered delegates and guests a series of panels, moderated by Irene Sankus, on the role of Juniors in the organization, the problem of our Archives, and the fate of Convention resolutions.

The panel on Juniors, presented by Marian Skabeikis, centered on the status of Juniors in the organization. The need for By-Laws was stressed, along with the need for a set of Ritual points for Juniors. The progress of the Conventionship was discussed, as well as the importance of adult cooperation with Junior Councils.

The panels continued with a presentation on the state of the National archives currently housed in the K of L Building in Chicago. Panel spokesman, Longinas Sveinis used examples from past issues of VYTIS to suggest ways in which the historical material in our archives could be organized for microfilming and future reference.

The panel concluded with a presentation by Loretta Stukas on the fate of resolutions passed at National Conventions. Stressed was the importance of drafting and accepting resolutions which are realistic in scope. It was also suggested that the trustees continue in their role of reviewing the work of ad Hoc committees. Most important, however, was the consideration that it is the duty of all members to be informed as to resolutions passed by referring to the Convention issue of the VYTIS, and exert their influence to see that the spirit of the Convention resolutions is carried out.

As part of the Third Plenary Session, Dr. Denis Mazeika, Co-Chairman of the Convention Presidium, spoke on his activities in the Lithuanian community in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Mazeika then presented a most important and informative guest, Dr. John Cadzow, who continued the morning's discussion on the archives.



Junior V.P. Marian Skabeikis presents Junior Conventionship Award to M. Petkus, Jr.



Mayor of Southfield greets opening session.



Panel Participants - left, Rev. C. Pugevicius, and right, Prof. John Cadzow.

Dr. Cadzow spoke on the value of preserving publications and all organizational records for the use and information of future generations. Such material would be invaluable for research. Dr. Cadzow, founder of the Lithuanian Collection at Kent State, also spoke on the archives committee at Kent State University in Ohio, which would be willing to undertake the preservation of the K of L material. The address was well received by delegates and guests.

Following this address, Reverend Casimir Pugevicius was presented to the Convention. Fr. Pugevicius, lately named the Director of Lithuanian American Catholic Services, spoke on the problems to be found in Lithuanian parishes today. Father pointed out that while a sense of ethnic consciousness is increasing, many parishes are feeling the effects of geographical makeup and population movements. In his address, Father stressed the importance of strong Parish Councils, especially in securing the services of the Lithuanian clergy. He also emphasized the importance of continuing ethnic teaching programs in parish schools, even in areas which are becoming ethnically mixed. This talk was most stimulating and presented practical considerations to a growing problem.

On Saturday, August 10, the Fourth and Fifth Plenary Sessions were held. The Fourth Plenary Session dealt with specific organizational problems, as well as the duties of officers. The discussion, led by Stanley Vaitkus, evoked a great deal of participation among the delegates on a variety of organizational problems on the local, District and National levels. This session also saw a number of resolutions presented to the delegates for their approval.

The Fifth and final session of the Convention was a most exhilarating and important session. The session, mainly devoted to the election of officers, evoked a great deal of excitement. Nominating speeches and a roll call ballot ended in the election of Leon Pauksta, C-112, Chicago, as National President. Following the elections, final resolutions were presented and debated. Prior to the adjournment, delegates from the Mid Atlantic District, and District Councils presented a musical bid for the 1975 National Convention to be held in New York. The bid being accepted, the 61st National Convention was adjourned.

Apostolate of Smiling

Just a little Smile on YOUR Lips

Cheers your heart
Keeps you in good humor
Preserves peace in your soul
Promotes your health
Beautifies your face
Induces kindly thoughts
Inspires kindly deeds.



SMILE TO YOURSELF

until you notice that your constant seriousness, or even severity, has vanished.

SMILE TO YOURSELF

until you have warmed your own heart with the sunshine of your cheery countenance. Then —

**Go Out — And Radiate
Your Smile**

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OFFICIAL NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

As chairman of the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee, let me point-out a few important reminders.

First, every member of the Vyčiai should be a member of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee - even if only locally in his own area. You needn't be an official member of any committee to write to your newspaper or Congressman. Just being of Lithuanian descent should be stimulus enough! If you see any newspaper or magazine article regarding Lithuania or Lithuanians, you should reply to it immediately yourself, since it is more significant and a lot quicker if local members respond to their own newspaper. Having done this, you should then forward a copy of the article and if possible, a copy of your reply, to the Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs. This way the Supreme Council can also act on it.

The Chairman's job should be the coordination of all of this material so that bulletins can be prepared for other members and letters sent in the Supreme Council's name. However, if the Chairman receives no information, how then can he perform his job?

This brings-up my second point. If you are interested in receiving these bulletins, please forward your names and addresses to the chairman.

Lastly, House Concurrent Resolution 420 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 66, dealing with the return of Simas Kudirka to the United States, has not yet been acted upon. Write to your Congressman and Senators expressing your concern over this issue, and inquire on their positions as to these resolutions. Please forward copies of their replies and your letters wherever possible.

If we all work on our local level, we can accomplish a great deal.

DENIS G. MAŽEIKA, M.D.
Chairman, Lithuanian Affairs
56 Lovering Ave.
Buffalo, N.Y. 14216

MEMBERSHIP DUES

By resolution at the 61st National Convention, the membership dues have been changed to \$7.00 per year, effective Jan. 1, 1975. Additional members of the same household, not receiving the VYTIS, pay \$3.50 per year. Married couples pay \$10.50 upon joining, and \$7.00 per year thereafter.

Please note that dues will be due on or before Jan. 1, 1975. Newly-elected Council Financial Secretaries begin collecting membership dues immediately. Dues should be collected for all year.

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

MRS. ADA SINKWITZ,
National Financial Secretary
224 Rita St.
Dayton, Ohio 45404

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 GRAZINA VASKELIS
6124 Cronin
Dearborn, Mich.

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 Grazina.

VYTIS CHRISTMAS GREETING CAMPAIGN

The VYTIS Christmas Greeting Campaign is early this year. Deadline is OCTOBER 20, 1974. This is your last chance to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, 1974, and a Happy, Prosperous New Year, 1975. Mail your greeting copy and donation to:

MRS. LORETTA STUKAS
1467 Force Drive
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

Suggested donations:

Full Page - \$50.00
1/2 Page - \$25.00
1/4 Page - \$13.00
1/8 Page - \$8.00

One Line Well-Wisher - \$2.00

Remember, the DEADLINE is OCTOBER 20, 1974

Social

Sidelights

Early Bird conventioners streaked to the lovely home of Chester and Margaret Nashlan for a "Sip N Dip" pool party. Their most inviting pool saw only a few streakers and dippers but the social hour with delicious refreshments was enjoyed by all. Hosts - members of C-79 - entertained one-and-all. Among the many hellos - Tony Miner was greeted with "did you bring your amber collection", but alas, no amber and no way for the ladies to spend their extra funds.

Thursday evening, the conventioners saw a different type of streaking - harness racing at the Wolverine Track. Cochairladies Bertha Janus and Eleanor Mickey arranged to have all enjoy a terrific dinner in the Club House and Charlie Step did his best to see that many of the guests emerged victorious.

FRIDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON

After a scurry over tickets for the Awards Luncheon, delegates discovered, to their delight, that enough places were available for all... and all enjoyed a pleasant repast, between sessions. The main awards presented were those for membership. Al Ozalis, outgoing 2nd Vice-President in charge of membership took some very well deserved bows for his hard work in bringing national K of L membership up to almost 2000 this year. He then presented awards to the councils and individuals who helped his "cause" by signing up new members and keeping old members in the fold. Winners are listed elsewhere in this issue. As a special reward to those individuals

who signed up the most members, beautiful gifts of Lithuanian Folk Art were presented as awards.

Another interesting part of the luncheon was an impromptu talk by Father Kundrot, former pastor of Divine Providence who told of the pleasures of living the "simple life", in his quiet country parish.



Al Ozalis presents Membership Awards.



Some guests at the Awards Luncheon.



Some signs of campaigning.

SONG AND DRAMA HIGHLIGHT CULTURAL EVENING

The Cultural program of the 61st National Convention was a curious potpourri of local Detroit talent.

Delegates were transported by bus or auto to the Divine Providence Cultural Center on Friday, August 9. The center itself, with auditorium, church and classrooms connected by a hall, proved architecturally interesting. The auditorium-gym had the awesome dimensions of an airline hanger. The stage was unusually wide and deep. Its exaggerated size merely dwarfed the performers and precluded the creation of any intimacy between audience and performers. This intimacy is of vital importance, especially in a program of solo vocal selections, piano solos, and drama, as C-79 presented.

Soprano Danute Petronis dressed in authentic Lithuanian folk garb sang "Na Tai Kas" and "Si, mi chiamano Mimi", a folk song and a Puccini aria. Her interpretations showed an affection for the score.

A one act Lithuanian play followed entitled "Bobute". It concerned an old Lithuanian woman feigning deafness while under interrogation by a Russian soldier seeking partisan insurgents. Actors were Karalis Balys and Rasa Zemaitis. This play was followed by the voices of Valencia and Edward Stammersky, singularly, and in duet. The numbers included a medley of Broadway hits and another Puccini aria.



*Valencia & Edward Stammersky,
Culture Evening soloists.*

The first half of the Cultural Evening or Variety Show as it was variously labeled concluded with young magician Ken Gerenrich.

The second half of the program opened with young pianist Ruta Zemaitis who diverted from the program unannounced and played the C minor Fantasia of Mozart. She concluded with the popular "Entertainers" by Scott Joplin from the movie, *The Sting*.

The evening's second play, a comedy by Vladas Kiertanis in English translation was presented by the Southfield Repertory Theater featuring Ralph Valatka Jr., Director, Mark Chormsky, designer, and actresses Theresa Kermig and Kit Chormsky. Two women discussing a variety of mundane topics in semiaudible tones over a cafeteria lunch failed to hold the audience's attention.

The finale, billed as a quintet of young accordianists leading a Community sing, was actually a solo accordian recital. Rimas Kasbutis' technique proved singularly noteworthy.

Credit for the evening goes to Chairman Helen Tucker, Elizabeth Paurazas, Helen Patocki and their assistants.

Delegates did go away with a number of questions. With our rich

Lithuanian cultural heritage, why did we hear the strains of only one daina? Where was some exhibit of our graphic and folk art heritage? With the innumerable preludes, fugues and other piano compositions left by Lithuanian composers, why did a non-Lithuanian musical masterwork receive a performance? When will K of L-ers recognize that a National Convention should showcase the very best of the Lithuanian culture whether vocal or graphic, and, by doing so, contribute to its preservation? This is not a choice we have, but an obligation.

Philip Skabeikis



*Tony Radzevich, Larry Svelnis,
Leon Pauksta, Grazina Vaskelis
celebrate their election.*



*President of Southfield's Com-
mon Council has a good time too.*



*Danute Petronis, Culture Eve-
ning Soloist.*

SATURDAY DANCE/BANQUET

This convention provided something different in scheduling. After the exhausting final session, with all its intrigues and campaigns, delegates quickly freshened up, got into their finery, and headed for the Divine Providence Hall for the Closing Banquet and Dance. An elegant Champagne Fountain provided the means to immediate relaxation after the tiring day, and a delicious meal complete with liquid refreshments, provided the much-earned nourishment. The Banquet program was short and interesting... Anthony Miner presented the Annual Scholarship Awards, the Newly-Elected National Officers were formally introduced, and several greetings from local dignitaries were read. After the formal banquet, delegates and guests had their chance to socialize with old and new friends and enjoy the music of the Starks Orchestra. Polkas were their specialty, but the other dances drew out a full dance floor as well. A good time was had by all.

There were just not enough nights for everyone to give a party, but there were plenty of those beautiful people who helped to make the party at the various rooms, such as Daytonians, Stan Vaitkus (Mr. Mid-Central K of L), the Petkus K of L dynastarians, and of course, Mary Lucas, the Strines from Youngstown, and those Clevelanders who not only know how to host a bowling social but also know how to enjoy a Convention.

It was good to see some of our Seniors and "young" Seniors enjoying the parties, like Juozas Sadauskas and Stella Sankal, that debonair thespian Joe Boley, Tony and Sue Mazeika, and Antanas Buknis.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Convention's official "farewell" was in the form of a delightful Brunch, immediately after the Closing Mass and Official Photograph. The fare consisted of a sumptuous buffet, including everything from fresh fruit to delicious meat specialties to delightful Lithuanian desserts. Master-of-Ceremonies Charles Step introduced head table guests and Ruta Grasha thanked and introduced her hard-working committee. As a special feature, First Vice-President Marian Skabeikis presented the first "Conventionship" Award to Junior Mike Petkus, Jr. of Dayton. Of course, his parents glowed with well-deserved parental pride as Mike accepted a check for \$50.00 to help offset his convention expenses. Rita Pinkus presented the newly-installed Fourth Degree members with their certificates, giving delegates another chance to see these hard-working members.

As a finale, the delegates of the Mid-Atlantic District, hosts to the 1975 Convention, gave a repeat performance of their "singing commercial"... "Come alive in '75... Alleluia, ...New York wants to be your host, Alleluia..."



*Among the Honored Guests at Sunday's Brunch...
Top: M. Skabeikis, Rev. Babonas, S. Boroskas, C. Step, M. Smailis.
Bottom: Rev. Stanievich, L. Stukas, A. Sinkwitz, R. Grasha.*



M.A.D. Delegates present their "Singing Commercial".

The final streak was to the cars and planes, following the Sunday Brunch, to take the exhausted but happy conventioners back home to rest and rehash that wonderful K of L weekend. Some leftovers found refuge at such last stop landmarks as Grace Vaskelis' Inn, where the hostess and helpers, Donna and Frank Bunikas, entertained the Chicagoans and "Easterner" Loretta Stukas; and the others who were not ready to leave, spent the afternoon and

evening winding down at the home of those genial hosts, Betty and Frank Petroski.

Now we just can't wait to accept the invitation of the #1 hit song of the Convention: "Come alive in '75, Alleluia. New York wants to be your host, Alleluia. In New York, you get the most, Alleluia. New York wants to be your host, Alleluia... So get ready for New York, Alleluia. The Mid-Atlantic District will be your host, Alleluia".

AMID MUCH BUSINESS, A LITTLE PLEASURE...

The "Always Welcome" sign was hung on many a door at Convention headquarters - The Ramada Inn". Our past President Susan Boroskas and Sylvia Shukis provided a mid-way refreshment spot for the guys and gals doing their streaking and seeking to say hello to old acquaintances scattered between the 2nd and 9th floors.

Detroit's Council 79 Hospitality Suite, with hosts Ruth Grasha, Magdalena Smailis, Sophie and Frank Zager, Vicki Chepelonis, was the site for the Supreme Council meeting and it was a haven for the Convention Committee girls who literally would streak to it, type some Resolutions, Greeting Committee correspondence or organize Mandate reports and then streak back to the session for further business.

This famous Suite 210 was also the scene for the Friday night Cocktail Buffet Reception hosted by the Chicago delegates. Without a doubt, this was one of the best attended "Sessions". The party planners Rich Shlaustas and Al Brazis, the liquid refreshment dispensers Tony Yuknis and Al Raubiskis, the culinary artists and hostesses Irene Sankus, Estelle Rogers, Eleanore Laurin, Barbara Klevinsky and Aldona Gilys and the greeters Leon Pauksta, Ed Krivickas, Jerome Jankus and Gediminas Janula did their best to keep the stream of streakers well supplied with refreshments, relaxants and good ol' fashioned friendship.

Those Pittsburgh charmers Julie Aleshunas, Antoinette Naujelis, Joanne Fedder and Stella did a little visiting, but did most of their streaking around their own suite, where all were welcome at any time, and where just about everyone did enjoy their hospitality at one time or another. No convention is complete without a visit with these party pros and their T.D. & V.H. co-host Andy Rozger.



Sing-Along, with Al Brazis, Rich Shlaustas, Leon Pauksta.

Our contingent from the East could not be outdone and many delegates took that pause that refreshes with our friends Larry Svelnis and Frank Yonika from Boston, Rita Pinkus and Helen Gillus from Worcester or with John Alanskas and Tony Alexander from Waterbury. Gene Gobis and Tony Radzevich of Amsterdam and Larry Janonis, our superlative Presidium Chairman, also dispensed some of that hospitality with the New York touch. That twinkled-toed group from Philly, Walter & Irene Svekla, Helen Shields, Lil Sasnauskas, Al & Irene Ozalis forgot to lead the ballroom dancers in their famous "Golden Slippers" number.

There were quite a few "Leo" delegates who appreciated the big week-end Birthday party thrown for them. Estelle Rogers had a little cake and cocktail party for Eleanore Laurin (cake by Chef

John Narusis). Loretta Stukas of New Jersey, and Marian and Phil Skabeikis hosted a champagne party for Grace Vaskelis. And, the entire Saturday Dinner Dance audience toasted and wished "Ilgiausiu Metu" to these two lionesses and the two K of L lions - Larry Svelnis and Denis Mazeika.

Room 801 turned out to be the busiest minniest suite of them all. Want to find somebody? Call 801! Want to hide some body? Try 801! But, besides being a central clearing house, 801 was also the busiest lunchroom on Saturday. Any number of delegates partook of the Chicago 210 buffet leftover ham, salami, cheese, relishes, rye bread and rye on the rocks before that last all important session of the Convention. We hope hostesses, Irene Sankus, Grazina Vaskelis and Anette (Ace) Byrne, enjoyed that mid-day party as much as we did.



Banquet Bartenders - Mike Vale, Clem Patocki, Frank Petroski, Anthony Repshas.

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ON THE INSIDE...

LOOKING OUT...

THE COMMITTEE RECALLS -

Anthony Dainus, C-79

It was Sunday, just after the convention closing brunch at Divine Providence church hall; someone said "Thank God it's over", another added, "Amen". We, I mean the Convention Committee of C-79, after six or seven months of meetings, meetings and meetings, finally drew down the curtain. It was like a refreshing dip in The Nashlon pool on Wednesday or a nice cold beer on a hot day. Words just can't describe it.

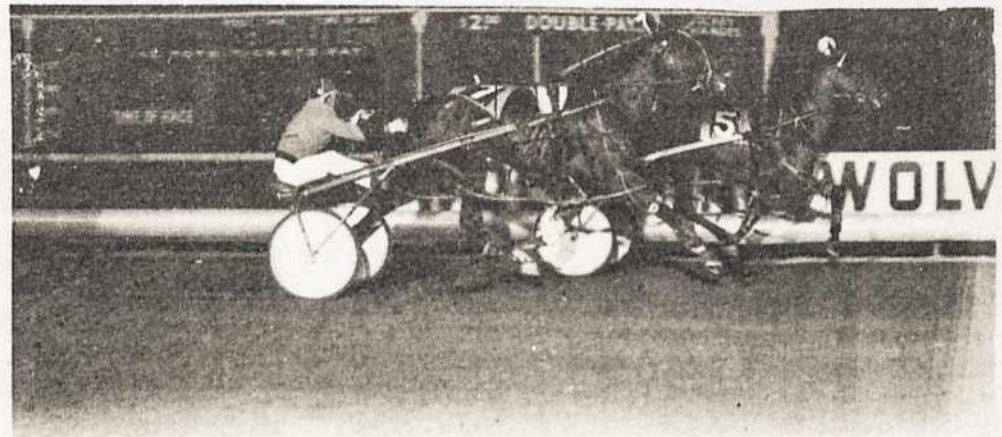
All that work, "For God and Country"; well if we have no material rewards, at least we can look forward to the other type at the Golden Gate... One may say that the odds were against us; the pastor had just taken another parish, the organist was in the hospital, the janitor or sacristan - was non-existent. It was no situation for the faint-hearted. So the committee, led by Ruth Grasha and Maggie Smailis, had to work twice as hard.

It was awe-inspiring to see and hear the clergy. God bless them. Waht with all of their parish burdens, they found time to help the least of their brethren. Father Pugevicius for instance, a philosopher, psychologist, moralist and a Lithuanian through and through, sees what is happening in Lithuanian parishes and pleaded with the K of L'ers to aid those pastors because the hand writing is on the wall. Father W. Karaveckas of

Pittsburgh is another young shepherd who sets a good example by finding time to travel with his flock. And energetic Father Raila was as enthusiastic at all social events as at the business sessions.

The Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Thomas J. Gumbleton, one of the busiest and most controversial clergymen in America, found time to be with the Knights and our Lithuanians because he was instrumental in over-riding the numerous road-blocks to the erection of our new church buildings. We are also proud of the candle-bearing Knights who received their Fourth Degree medals from the same bishop.

It was nice to meet our leaders - Susan Boroskas the outgoing president, Marian Skabeikis the Junior champion, (watch her in the future), Loretta Stukas the Editor, Rita Pinkus, Joseph Sadauskas, Leon Pauksta the new president, Larry Janonis and a dozen other bemedalled veterans of the Knights of Lithuania. We're proud of you.



SPECIAL GUESTS: KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
WOLVERINE RACEWAY AUGUST 8, 1974



The Committee enjoys "A Night at the Races."

Back home to Southfield, that splash party at the Nashlons was invigorating; sink of swim or better, drink or swim. The evening at the races had many experts. Jean Gobis of Amsterdam not only knew some of the riders, but knew how to pick the nags, with the exception of the third race, called Knights of Lithuania race. Can't win them all. Bertha Janus, Chairman, (alias Smiley), wanted to give the Knights something different, so it was harness racing.

Then comes the cultural night. Some changes took place there too. Man proposes and God disposes. Thanks heaps chair-lady Helen Tucker. That young fellow that played the accordion Rymas Kasputis had everyone doing Lithuanian folk dance very nicely in the cafeteria after the affair.

Marie Kase went to a lot of work planning that Saturday Banquet. That short delay was caused by our inability to open the cabinet with the microphone. We had something different here too, a

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champagne fountain. Man, how quickly everyone lined up for the second and third. We wonder why the Chicago gang was so lively at the "Noriu Miego" dance by Starks Orchestra. It was a beautiful crowd in that great big hall. Wasn't it big? Everybody was so friendly that night.

It finally dawned on us what the toast-master Charles Step, at the Sunday brunch meant when he said "When you leave Detroit, don't think about the bad things, but just remember the good ones". Remember that highschool Latin phrase, "De mortuis nil nisi bonum". Say nothing except that which is good about the dead. Why? Charles is a mortician.

We can't overlook that fine convention ad book with that beautiful Lithuanian emblem on the cover. The chair-lady was Vicki Chepelonis. Many thanks to all the councils, their clergy, the Knights and friends that made the book pos-

sible, because we have a great project to finance - a Lithuanian cross for the front of our new church. V. K. Jonynas is designing it and it will be "aere perennius", it will "survive time", because it will

be different, it will be made of metal, to withstand the elements. When completed we will be proud to share it with all of you in the Vytis magazine. In the council's name, thanks to all.



Algird Zaparackas, reading telegram from Gov. Milliken to National Convention Banquet.



Ruth Grasha, Ralph Valatka - Banquet MC, and Mrs. Valatka.

MANY THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Many weeks of planning, sleepless nights, long meetings, and detail-finishing came to a successful climax August 7, when the first guests arrived, but the committee continued on, working, planning, etc., even while guests and delegates were meeting, socializing. This devoted team of workers, who no doubt breathed a much-deserved sigh of relief on Sunday evening, surely deserve the congratulations and thanks of all who attended the Convention. Their presence on the Convention Committee helped produce an enjoyable Convention for all delegates, alternates and guests. Congratulations to the Committee, namely:

Honorary Chairman Rev. Alfonsas Babonas, General Chairman Ruth Grasha, Co-Chairman Magdalena Smailis, Secretary Violet Panavas, Treasurer Frank Zager, Publicity - Anthony Dainus, Registration - Lillian Stepan, Early Bird Poolside Party - Margaret and Chester Nashlon, Thursday Races - Bertha Janus and Eleanor Mickey, Friday

Luncheon - Sophie Zager, Cultural Night - Helen Tucker and Elizabeth Paurazas, Saturday Dance & Banquet - Marie Kase, Sunday Brunch - Betty and Frank Petroski, Cover Artist - Elaine Redmond, Ad Book Chairman - Victoria Chepelonis, Assistants - Violet Panavas and Elizabeth Paurazas, Liaison - Charles R. Step.

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