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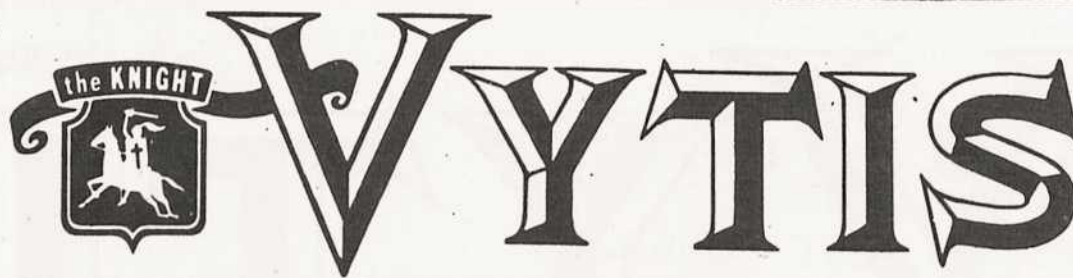
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STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

(This report, summarizing the work of the various committees and officers, was presented by Anthony Miner, outgoing National President, during the first session of the National Convention).

I am very happy to report that our organization is very active, is growing, has tremendous potential, and has at the present time reached a total membership of 2674 members. This is the highest membership we have had in many years.

Certain areas are not covered in this report simply because some of the Supreme Council members and chairmen did not submit their reports in time. Knowing their dedication and sincerity, I am certain that the members involved had valid reasons for their delay.

The new constitutions have been printed and are now available for distribution.

**SPIRITUAL ADVISER,
REV. ANTHONY JURGELAITIS**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, ANTHONY MINER

(Inasmuch as the reports of the President and the Spiritual Adviser are, by tradition, included in their entirety elsewhere in this issue, they have been omitted. However, recommendations for the future, made by Mr. Miner, are presented here. Ed.).

Having carefully observed the operation of the organization and its condition during my three years as President, I present the following recommendations:

1. This past year's experiment to economize by limiting the number of Supreme Council meetings to three was successful. The three meetings per year policy should be continued.



Chairman Petrauskas and Nat'l. President Miner.



Delegates in session.

2. The K of L archives in the K of L Building in Chicago are in dire need of attention. The material must be properly sorted, catalogued and stored. It is physically impossible for the chairman of the Archives Committee, who lives a thousand miles away, to do the job. I suggest the formation of a new committee be formed, which would include knowledgeable local members and an expert in this line of work. Funding should be provided by the Supreme Council.
3. DRAUGAS provides us with space for K of L news, but we must send in the News. DRAUGAS cannot print K of L news if we don't provide it. Councils and districts, as well as the Supreme Council, should take advantage of this opportunity.
4. Out-going Supreme Council officers and chairmen should meet with the new officers and chairmen to be briefed on procedures, duties, and on-going projects.
5. In the selection of candidates for office, the individual's capability, interest, knowledge of the organization, experience, and willingness to serve and attend to all of the required duties should be considered. A person should not be pushed into an office simply because of friendship or because he or she comes from the same council or district.

**FIRST-VICE PRESIDENT,
ANN MARIE KASSEL (JUNIORS)**

1. There are two new Junior Councils (both in C-144), bringing the total to twelve.
2. She attended all the Supreme Council meetings.
3. Contributed articles to VYTIS on a regular basis.
4. Maintained close contact with Districts and councils, even in the selection of Junior Conventionship Award winners. The first Vice-President recom-



mends that greater efforts be expended to form new Junior councils and to revive the ones that are now defunct.

**SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT,
PHILIP SKABEIKIS (MEMBERSHIP)**

1. Attended all Supreme Council meetings.
2. Contributed articles to the VYTIS.
3. Conducted a Membership Drive.
4. Reports the revival of C-61, Paterson, and the formation of three new councils — C-146, C-147 and C-145.
5. Provided assistance to new councils.
6. Spent much time and energy in attempts to form new councils and to revive inactive ones.

**THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT,
JOSEPH WHITE (SENIORS)**

1. Attended two Supreme Council meetings.
2. Corresponded with Senior Council Presidents and solved several of their problems.
3. Reports that the increase in Senior membership has not kept pace with the increase in total membership.
4. Recommends the establishment of Senior Vice-President positions in those districts which do not have them.

RECORDING SECRETARY, ANN BENDER

1. Attended all Supreme Council meetings.
2. Sent out all notices and minutes of S.C. meetings as well as preparing them.
3. Compiled lists of S.C. officers' addresses.
4. Compiled lists of council officers.
5. Performed all the tasks required of her.
6. Recommends that the President and Recording Secretary be elected from the same area to facilitate the necessary frequent consultations and communications.

**TRUSTEES, CHARLES MACHUTAS and
DANIEL AVERKA**

1. Completed the inventory of K of L property
2. Report that the 1979 Convention will be in Chicago and a 1980 site is being sought.
3. The books will be audited during this convention.
4. Recommend that both trustees be elected from the same area.
5. Recommend that all property be recorded with the Trustees at the time of purchase.

**LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,
REV. CASIMIR PUGEVIČIUS, Chairman**

1. Selected the "Friend of Lithuania Award" recipient.
2. Arranged the Convention Human Rights panel with Kęstutis Jakubynas as the featured speaker.
3. Reports that 10 issues of the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin were published and mailed.
4. Conducted Human Rights Vigils in Maspeth, Paterson, Newark and Washington.
5. Attended a State Dept. briefing.
6. Attended a meeting with Vice-President Mondale.



St. Stephen's Church, after the Opening Mass.



Pittsburgh Delegation.

**CULTURAL COMMITTEE,
ALDONA RYAN, Chairman**

1. Maintained a council Cultural Chairman file.
2. Contributed articles and short stories to VYTIS.
3. Wrote and mailed out 12 issues of the Amber Web.
4. Served as guest speaker at C-134 Founders' Day Program.
5. Provided cultural material at MCD Conference.
6. Chaired Cultural Panel at 64th National Convention.

Many other activities, too numerous to list, were reported by the Cultural Chairman.

**RITUAL COMMITTEE,
FRANCES PETKUS, Chairman**

1. Attended three Supreme Council meetings and sent articles to VYTIS.
2. Instituted the use of a Treasurer's book by the Ritual Committee.
3. Reports that this year the total number of degrees



Cleveland Delegation.

awarded is the highest in five years.

4. Reports that the Ritual Committee prepared a new set of Ritual Rules and a new Point System which will be presented to the Convention for approval.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE,
WALTER SVEKLA, Chairman**

1. Letters were sent to councils reminding them of scholarships and requesting donations.
2. All donations were acknowledged.
3. Copies of completed applications were sent to committee members for their evaluation.

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE,
ANTHONY MAZEIKA, Chairman**

1. Recipients of Honorary Membership were notified.
2. Rev. A. Contons will be present, but Consul General Daužvardis cannot be present to receive her Medal due to the pressure of her Consulate duties.



Dayton Delegation.



Washington Delegation.

**ARCHIVES AND MICROFILMING COMMITTEE,
LONGINAS SVELNIS, Chairman**

1. Presently sorting out water-damaged material presented by Anthony Young.
2. Plans to write VYTIS article about the history of the Ritual Committee.
3. Reports that he is limited in collecting material until a secure storage area is established.
4. Recommends that a steel cage and steel storage cabinets be installed and that a portion of the low-interest loan to the IID be used to cover the cost.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

1. Reports 11 councils.
2. Had two annual meetings and visitations of members between councils.
3. Annual Pilgrimage was held in October.
4. Participated in the Midwest Bowling Tournament.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

1. Reports 7 councils.
2. Quarterly business meetings are held.
3. Repaid \$1400.00 of the loan from the S.C., the balance will be paid on or before June, 1979.

4. Membership Drive in progress, contacts in Cicero and Kenosha - Racine areas have been made.
5. Much activity by the Juniors, Seniors, the Dance Group and the K of L Choir is reported.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

1. Two meetings held.
2. Held Annual Television Mass.
3. Conducted Annual Retreat.
4. Cultural Festival and a Family outing were held.

From this report, it is very apparent that our organization is in excellent condition. It is highly respected and is capable of continuing its reputation of great achievement. Our members have contributed an astounding amount of time and effort. To fully appreciate what the Supreme Council, the Districts and the members have done, you must read the individual reports, as this is but a brief summary.

However, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. We cannot be complacent. We must work even harder to achieve even more "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY".

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony M. Miner, President



"Anthracite" Council Delegation.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

ACTIVITIES 1977 — 1978

Submission of articles to VYTIS

Thanksgiving Day — the Liturgical Way

The Many Mysteries of Christmas

The Risen Christ, Conqueror of Doubt

So you're getting married...

Participation

New England District Conventions

St. Casimir's Day, Brockton, Mass.

St. Casimir's Day, Providence, R.I.

—Lithuanian Month, Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, Conn.

—Day of Prayer, Council 103, Providence, R.I.

—FACE THE NEWS, WPRI, Channel 12, Providence, R.I.

—LIBERTY BELL LITHUANIAN/ENGLISH Radio Hour, Brockton, Mass.

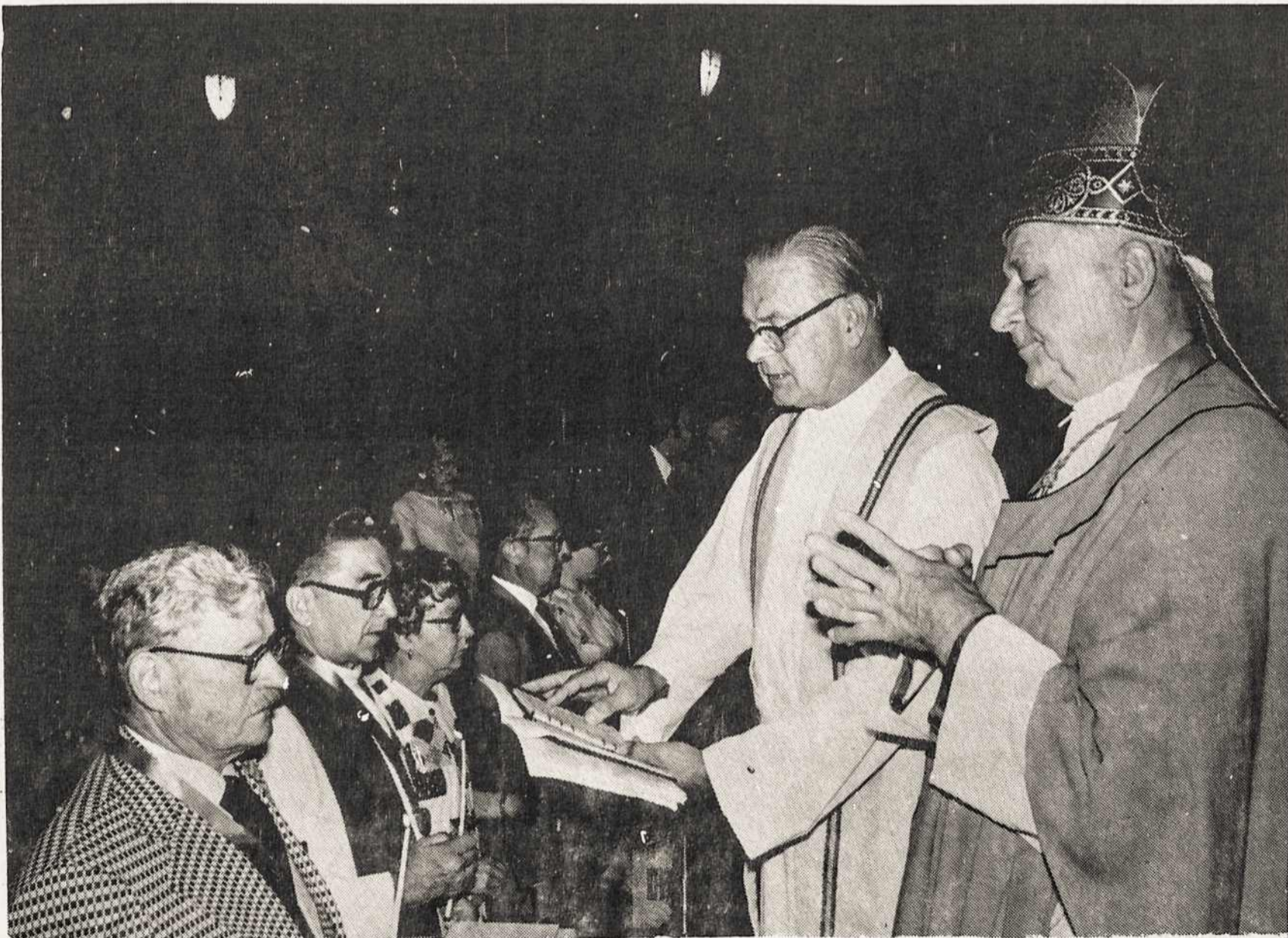
Masses said for deceased members: John Adamaitis, Grace Vaitkunas, Joseph Strines, Isabel Latos, Rev. Canon Paul Juknevičius, Alexander Kardokas, Mary M. Panavas, Albert Janonis, Barbara Sackle

Both the revised Constitution and the K of L Wake Ritual have been submitted to the printer.

Time did not permit the preparation of a Religion Program for the Councils. This will have top priority on the agenda for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.



Rev. A. Jurgelaitis and Bishop V. Brizgys administer 4th Degree to Knights during Closing Mass.

PRESENTATION OF THE FATHER JUTT "FRIEND OF LITHUANIA" AWARD

TO SAMUEL S. STRATTON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Honorable Samuel S. Stratton, Congressman from New York's 28th District, received the "Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Award" from the Knights of Lithuania at the National Convention. The Rev. John C. Jutt Award is presented annually to a non-Lithuanian who has been most active in working on behalf of Lithuanian interests.

Congressman Stratton has distinguished himself on a number of cases vitally important to Lithuanian-Americans. He was a sponsor of two bills submitted to Congress in support of the Lithuanian seaman Simas Kudirka. Mr. Stratton supported an effort to have the U.S. Government issue a postage stamp honoring Lithuania. His unequivocal stand on the right to self-determination of the Baltic States is evidenced by the nume-

rous resolutions he has backed in the House of Representatives on that subject over the twenty years he has served on Capitol Hill. For instance, Congressman Stratton sponsored legislation stating the sense of the Congress that the signing of the Helsinki Final Act by the U.S. did not change the status of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Mr. Stratton is a native of Yonkers, New York. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Rochester and holds M.A. degrees from Haverford and Harvard. He is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and chairs its Investigations Subcommittee. Along with his wife and five children, Congressman Stratton lives in Amsterdam, New York.

The "Rev. John C. Jutt Gold

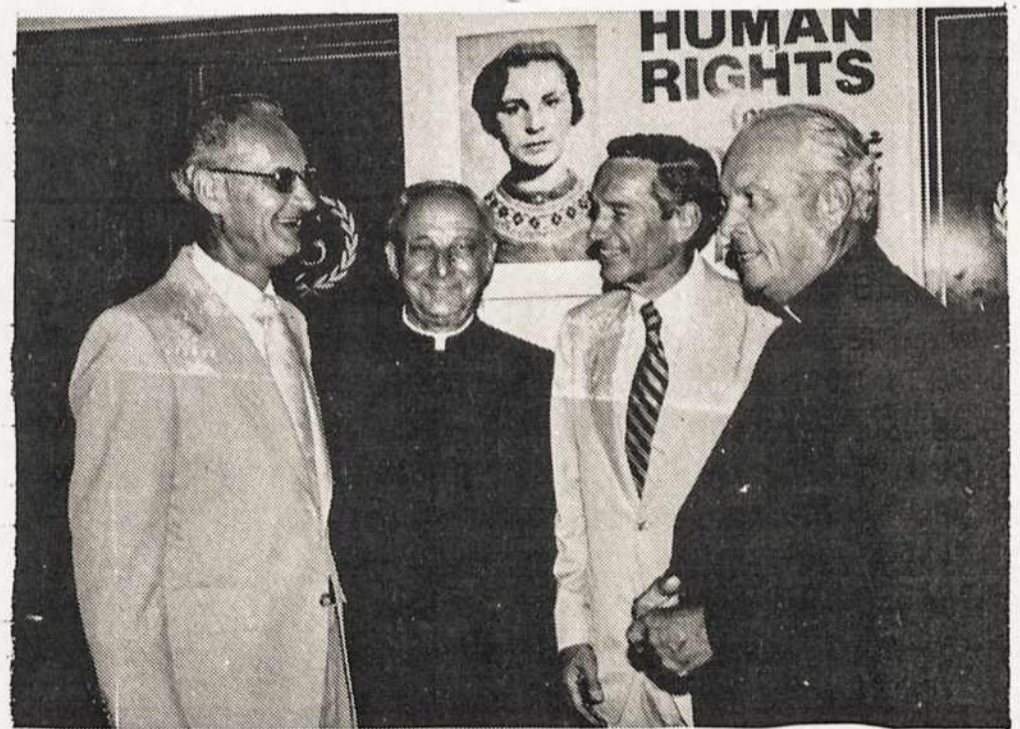
Medal Friend of Lithuania Award" is named after Rev. John C. Jutt, organizer of the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee and its chairman for 25 years, and initiator of the Award itself. The Award received Father Jutt's name in 1971, the year of his death, as a tribute to the man and the outstanding work he and his committee did for the Lithuanian cause throughout the committee's life.

The present National Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, presented Mr. Stratton with this year's award during the Convention Banquet, August 19, 1978, at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y.

We congratulate Mr. Stratton and welcome him to the ranks of outstanding public servants who received this award in the past.



Hon. Samuel S. Stratton, receiving award from Rev. Casimir Pugevicius.



Frank Petrauskas, Bishop Brizgys, H.M. of Chicago, Samuel Stratton and Bishop F. Harrison of Syracuse.

(Photo W. Sidtis)

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES

1977 — 1978

In the fulfillment of the President's duties during the past year, I engaged in the following activities:

A. Chaired the three Supreme Council meetings and arranged the agendas for them

B. Presented the K of L gift and resolution on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to Bishop Brizgys in Providence, R.I.

C. Presented to Fr. Martinkus, the K of L resolution expressing gratitude for his hospitality

D. Appointed Ann Marie Kassel, Irene Sankus, and Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas representatives to ALTAS

E. Visited the Illinois - Indiana District on the occasion of the IID Memorial Mass, met many of the members, held informal discussions with them, visited Bishop Brizgys, visited DRAUGAS and Fr. Cinikas, visited the K of L Building to check on the status of the Archives, and attended a meeting in Cicero as an initial attempt to reactivate the council.

F. Represented the K of L at Honorary Member Archbishop Charles Salatka's installation in Oklahoma City, and presented him with a gift from the K of L.

G. Devised a plan with Fr. Joseph Dambrauskas, the Provincial of the Marian Fathers, for K of L participation in the Beatification Cause of Archbishop George Matulaitis

H. Attended the Ordination Mass of Fr. John Prusaitis in Brockton, and presented him with a gift from the K of L

I. Participated in the Lithuanian Independence Day, and the St. Casimir's Day observances in Worcester

Fund Drive and served as Scholar-

ship Committee Chairman

K. Attended a special meeting in Brockton in response to a request from the new officers for help and information

L. Visited the Mid-Central District during its Spring Conference, met many members and discussed various matters with them

M. Sent greetings and a gift to Fr. Pugevicius on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary of Ordination

N. Sent greetings to Monsignor Scharnus on the occasion of his 40th Anniversary of Ordination

O. Maintained good and close relations with other Lithuanian organizations

P. Served as the Coordinator for the Lithuanian Night, and presented a lecture on Lithuanian History for the Worcester School Department Staff Development Program

Q. Consulted with various Su-

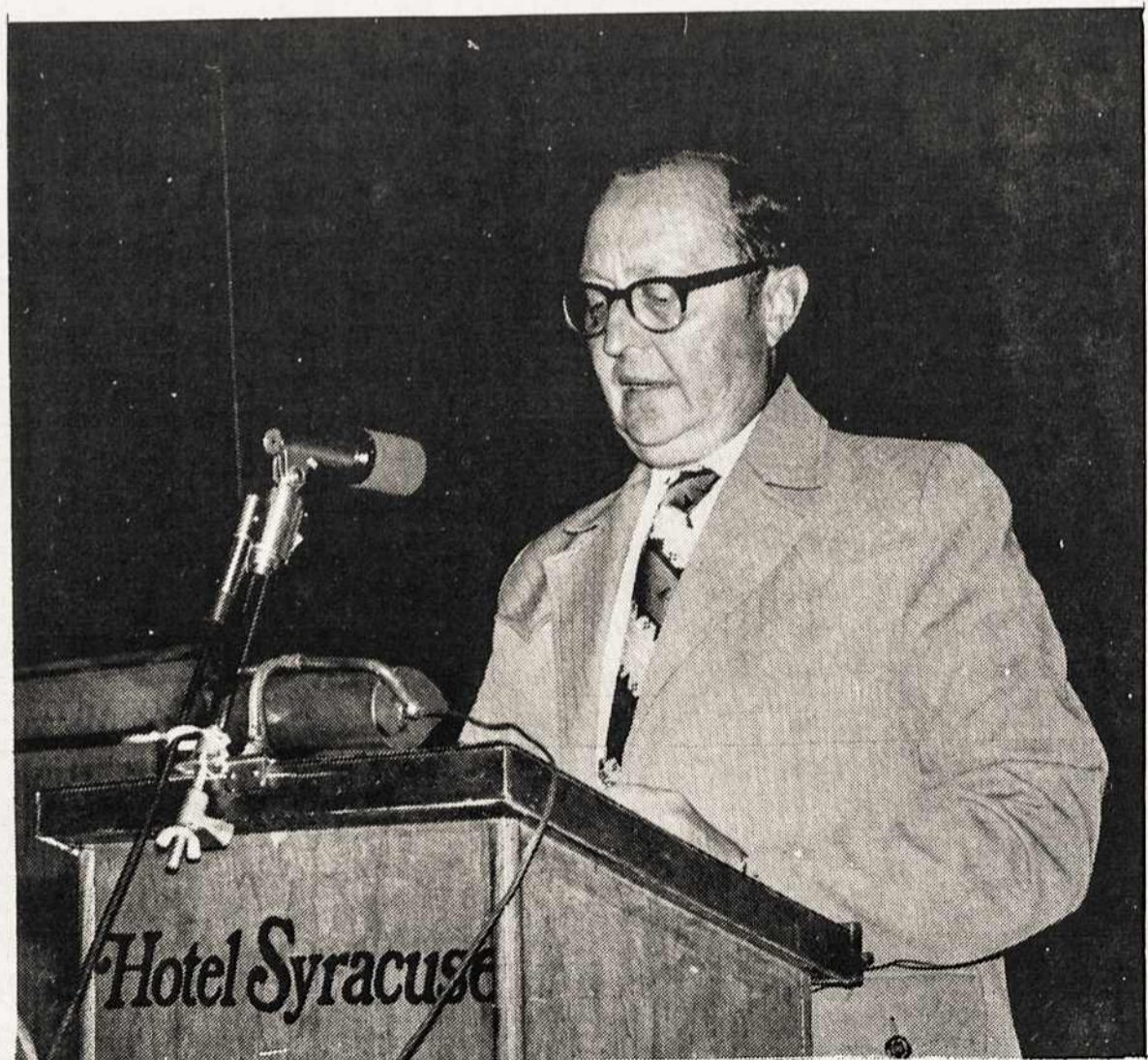
preme Council members.

It has been a genuine pleasure to serve as your President for the last three years. I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of the Supreme Council members who were so faithful, diligent, and self-sacrificing in the performance of their duties. It certainly has been a most enjoyable and rewarding experience to work with such wonderful people. I also sincerely appreciate the confidence and constant support of the entire membership.

And to the MCD go my heartfelt thanks for the beautiful Our Lady of Vilnius wall shrine which was presented to me at the Spring Conference in Detroit.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony M. Miner, President



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Following are the remarks made by Walter Svekla, National Scholarship Chairman, in presenting the 1978 CANON KEMEZIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.

Your Excellencies — Bishop Harrison and Bishop Brizgys, Reverend Clergy and Sisters, Distinguished Guests, Honored Knights and Friends:

1978 marks the twentieth anniversary of the first presentation of the Canon Fabijonas Kemezis Scholarship Award. This award was the brainchild of Professor Jack Stukas who organized the K of L Scholarship program after the 1957 convention. Jack recognized the need for financial assistance for deserving K of L members and the first scholarship award was made in Philadelphia, my home council, in 1958.

Over the last twenty years, the scholarship award has been presented annually in the hope that the recipients would continue to work actively in the K of L and thus, this program, would be a

means of providing future leadership in the K of L. In the past, some of the recipients had taken their award and subsequently dropped out of our organization. Hopefully, this year's recipients will continue their K of L activities and be the Supreme Council officers of the future.

Enough of the past, let us turn to the present. The National Scholarship Committee is composed of the following members: Myself, as Chairman, Anthony Mazeika, Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius (representing Mid-Central District), Theresa Strolia (Illinois-Indiana District), Philip Skabeikis (Mid-Atlantic District) and Dr. Algirdas Budreckis (New England District).

My task at the present time is both a happy and a difficult one. Happy in that in a moment, I will name the scholarship recipients for

this year. Difficult, in that to make this selection, choices had to be made among the best crop of scholarship applicants in a long time. I do feel like Bert Parks at the Miss America Pageant. With all those beautiful girls, he has to announce the winner and many people will comment "How could she win! The other one has all the looks and talent!" I'm sure the same will apply to the scholarship applicants. Let's take a look at their credentials. All of this year's applicants, except one, were either President or Vice-President of their respective Junior Council, I repeat, either President or Vice-President. All have been active in their parish and community and have been involved in local Lithuanian endeavors. Many of the applicants have also been involved with Lithuanian folk dancing for several years.



After a careful and thorough review of all the applications, the Scholarship Committee completed the awesome task of selecting those applicants with that "little extra something" that places them above the others.

For 1978, the Committee has selected four scholarship winners who will be awarded a sum of \$500 each in two installments of \$250. If I may, I would like to ask Anthony Mazeika, our Secretary-Treasurer, to join me on the podium and present the winners with their checks.

Our first award goes to WILLIAM ALEXANDER SIDTIS.



Our first recipient might be rightfully called "Mr. Junior K of L" except that at the tender age of 17, he has attained the rare distinction of being the Mid-Atlantic District's youngest Vice-President. He had been President of his Junior Council for several years and now he is a member of the Council 110 Maspeth regulars and counselor for the 110 Juniors. He has won Junior Conventionships for his Junior K of L activity every year from 1973 to 1977. He has been extremely active with other K of L activities involving the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin, the

Vytis file, and District and Council St. Casimir Day Commemorations. His list of K of L activities goes on and on and he still has found time to be active in his parish and the community.

He is planning to major in sociology at St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, NY. About the K of L, he writes:

"The Knights of Lithuania has been an essential part of my life. My roots began as a Junior over five years ago. I hope to promote and support Junior Councils as they are an integral part of our organization as well as being our future.

It is my hope that by staying active with the Juniors, many of them will have the same good experiences that I have had in the past and am still having today. I hope to continue my K of L career for many years to come and contribute whatever I possibly can".

Our second recipient is ANN MARIE STATKUS.



Our second recipient had been the Vice-President of the Brockton Juniors for three years and is presently Financial Secretary of the regular Council 1. She graduated 8th in her high school class of 525. She was a drum majorette in the school band, a member of the

girl's track team, and is a volunteer for the Boston School for the Deaf and a Counselor for the YMCA summer camp. She has been involved with a Lithuanian Folk Dance group for seven years. She also has found time to be extremely active in her community. She has been accepted at Providence College where Father Jurgelaitis can keep his eye on her. Her goal is to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. About her future, she writes:

"Always interested and intrigued by animals, I want to study biology and animal sciences to eventually become a veterinarian. I want to help bring comfort and warmth to animals who give so much to people and ask for so little in return. I have set my sights high, but I know with my ambition, along with hard work, I will achieve my goal".

Our third recipient is MARY AGNES MIKALASKAS.

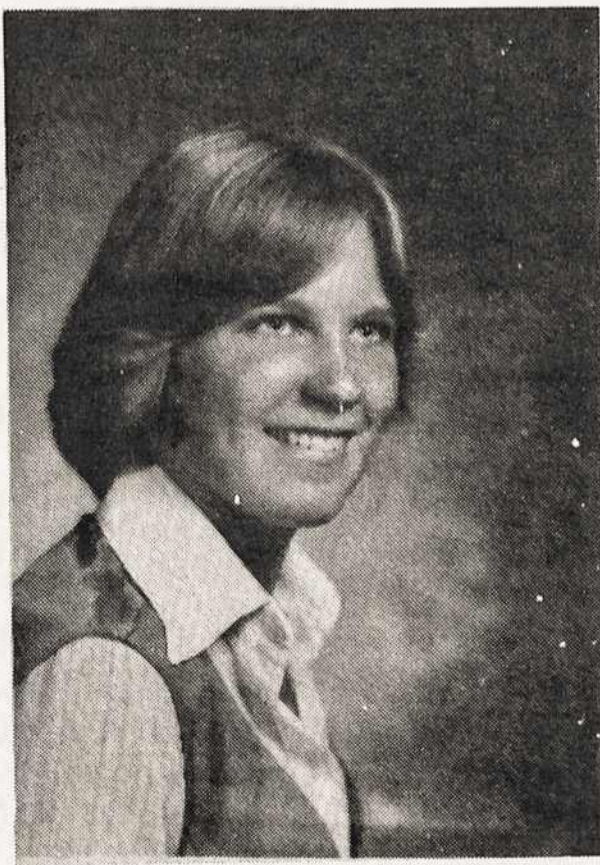


Our third recipient had been the President of the Dayton Juniors for two years and is now a member of Council 96. She had also been her council's Vytis correspondent and Sergeant-at-Arms and participated in high school varsity volleyball, basketball and softball. She has been involved with the

Dayton Lithuanian Dance group since 1973. She wants to major in Chemistry and about her future she writes:

"High school graduation has opened the door for me, and I am beginning to venture into the future with definite goals in mind. The field of science is the area I wish to study. Any product we use was once just a brief thought in someone's mind. The task of putting different substances together is chemistry, a realm of science that allows one to discover why matter is a particular way. Forward is the only way to go — climbing that ladder is what I plan to do".

Our last recipient is MARCILLA (MARCY) J. KRECIOCH.



Our last, but in no way least, recipient had been instrumental in organizing the Providence Juniors, held the office of Junior Vice-President, and for the past two years has been President of the Providence Juniors. She has found time to be active in the parish and has been a girl scout for 10 years. She has participated in many parish functions and sings with the church choir. During last year's K of L National Convention, she helped welcome all visiting Juniors and presided over the Junior Con-

vention held Saturday morning. About her future, she writes:

"I have been accepted at the University of Rhode Island for the fall of 1978 and hope to continue my education there for the next four years. I am going to be studying for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University's College of Nursing".

Last year, at the Providence Banquet, I made a plea for more generous donations to the Scholarship Fund. I am extremely happy to report that all of you — the Districts, the Councils, and especially you as individuals — responded with more generous donations so much so that we can again offer \$2000 to these winners.

By way of comparison, in 1975 before the Convention, we had \$1010 in the fund and had to limit the award that year to even less than \$1000. Before our Convention this year, we had about \$2700 and as Tony (Mazeika) mentioned this afternoon, we have collected close to \$500 during the Convention. This is absolutely fantastic and the Committee appreciates your efforts. However, the \$500 per recipient is mighty small when stacked against tuition costs of \$3000 to \$5000 per year. So again, I'm urging your continuation of your very generous donations so that we can continue our work, and with your help in the future we may be able to offer all winners a total of \$1000 each. Thank you and God bless you!

K OF L SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tony Miner is the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Scholarship Committee, replacing Anthony Mazeika who will be doing more travelling now that he has retired. All outstanding scholarship donations that have been allocated for 1978 should be forwarded to:

MR. ANTHONY M. MINER
33 BRUCE ST.
GRAFTON, MA 01519

2. The Scholarship Chairman, Walter Svekla, would like to thank Tony Mazeika for his untiring efforts the last several years as Scholarship Secretary-Treasurer acknowledging, recording, and publishing all donations to the Scholarship Fund. Tony will continue as a member of this Committee and assist in the selection of future scholarship award winners.

3. Two new members were added to the present Scholarship Committee during the Convention. They are Sister Francesca of the Order of St. Francis and Mildred K. Chinik. Both are members of Council 19 Pittsburgh.

4. The Scholarship Committee is formulating plans and a special surprise for all K of L Districts, Councils, and individual members who contribute to the Scholarship Fund between January 1, 1979, and the Convention Banquet in Chicago next August. Watch for further details in the Vytis!



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OFFICIAL NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

ELECTIONS

District and Council officer elections **MUST** take place either in September or October, as per the Constitution.

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

MISS EVA KAZOKAS
2237 BROWN AVE.
SCRANTON, PA. 18509

ATTENTION, ALL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Dues for all members are due on or before Jan. 1, 1979. Newly elected Council Financial Secretaries should begin collecting dues immediately. Dues should be collected for all-year.

To insure your members receiving their VYTIS promptly, please include members' addresses with their dues. **ALL** dues **AND** address changes should go to the new Financial Secretary, namely:

MRS. TERESA STROLIA
15325 SEQUOIA
OAK FOREST, IL 60452

VYTIS CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

LAST CHANCE — to wish your K of L friends a Merry Christmas. Yes indeed, the deadline is **OCT. 22, 1978.**

Mail your copy and check **TODAY** to:

MRS. LORETTA STUKAS
1467 FORCE DR.
MOUNTAINSIDE, N.J. 07092

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| Patrons | — 10.00 or 5.00 |
| Well-Wishers | — 3.00 |

The following donations were received in 1978 prior to 65th Convention:

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| Council 103, Providence, R.I..... | \$100.00 |
| Illinois-Indiana District..... | 100.00 |
| Mid-Atlantic District..... | 50.00 |
| Council 29, Newark, N.J..... | 50.00 |
| K of L Council 17 and Council 17 Seniors, So. Boston, Mass..... | 50.00 |
| Council 112, Chicago, Illinois..... | 50.00 |
| Dr. & Mrs. Jack J. Stukas, Hon. Mbrs., C-29, Newark, N.J..... | 25.00 |
| Council 25, Cleveland Seniors..... | 25.00 |
| Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y..... | 40.00 |
| Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa..... | 25.00 |
| Council 141, Bridgeport, Conn..... | 25.00 |
| Mary Trainy, C-25, Cleveland Seniors, Ohio..... | 25.00 |
| Council 74, Scranton, Pa..... | 25.00 |
| Council 3 (In Memory of Msgr. Ignatius Valančiūnas), Philadelphia, Pa..... | 25.00 |
| Council 86, Du Bois, Pa..... | 25.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y..... | 15.00 |
| Joseph J. & Josephine Žukas, C-109, Great Neck, N.Y..... | 15.00 |
| Joseph J. White, C-17 Seniors, So. Boston, Mass..... | 10.00 |
| Peter Kasilionis, C-52, Clark, N.J..... | 5.00 |
| Helen V. Kulber, C-41, Brooklyn, N.Y. (In Memory of Vytautas Aviža)..... | 10.00 |
| Helen V. Kulber, C-41 (In Memory of Stella Garbanuskas, Brookly, N.Y.)..... | 10.00 |
| Helen V. Kulber, C-41 (In Memory of Albert Janonis, brother of L. Janonis)..... | 10.00 |
| Anthony J. & Sue Mažeika, C-147, St. Petersburg, Fla. (In Memory of Albert Janonis)..... | 10.00 |
| Council 26, Worcester, Mass..... | 25.00 |
| Anna Mitchell - Matulevich, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J..... | 10.00 |
| Maria Jesmantas, C-25 Seniors, Cleveland, Ohio..... | 10.00 |
| Josephine Zoruba, C-25, Seniors, Cleveland, Ohio..... | 10.00 |
| Council 52, Elizabeth, N.J..... | 10.00 |
| Irene K. Sankus, C-112, Chicago, Ill..... | 10.00 |

Respectfully submitted

Anthony J. Mažeika

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and the four District Presidents

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Chairman - Larry Janonis, C-12
 Co-Chairman - Anthony Miner, C-116
 Co-Chairman - Aldona Ryan, C-96
 Secretary - Eve Kazokas, C-74
 Secretary - Anna Klizas Wargo, C-144
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Bro. George Petcavage C-110
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(All delegates except where specified as guests)

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C-12, NEW YORK, NY

Millie Pietz
Guest - Eugenia Janonis

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Frank Yonika, Albert Jaritis

C-17 SRS., SOUTH BOSTON, MA

Daniel Averka, Philip Carter, Phyllis Grendal, HM,
Bertha Seymour, Larry Svelnis, HM, Anne Voveris,
Joseph White

Guests - Rev. Albert J. Contons, Regina Alexander,
Ann White, Anthony Young, HM.

C-19, PITTSBURGH, PA

Sr. M. Alverna, Sr. M. Francesca, Mildred Chinik,
Margaret Papeaka, Mary Vaglia

Guests - Albina Ewalt, Mary Dimarco, William
Kolicus, Antoinette Naujelis, Andrew Rozgar, Mary
Tamy

C-25, CLEVELAND, OH

Victor August, Elizabeth August, John Andrulis,
Evelyn Andrulis

Guest - Nelda Machutas

C-26, WORCESTER, MA

Ann Bender, HM, Anne Bucinskas, Francis Degutis,
Adele Degutis, Helen Gillus, Wanda Lescord

C-29, NEWARK, NJ

John Bagdonavicius, Mary Stonis, Dr. Jack Stukas,
HM, Frank Vaskas, HM

C-30, WESTFIELD, MA

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Strolia, Theresa Strolia

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C-46, FOREST CITY, PA

Isabel DeWitt

C-52, ELIZABETH, NJ

Annie Mitchell Matalavich, HM

C-67, BAYONNE, NJ

Ellen Grigaliunas, Martin Rusgi

Guest - Michael Grigalunas

C-74, SCRANTON, PA

Elizabeth Hanas, Frank Hanas, Eve Kazokas, Jean
Kveragas, Gertrude Romeika

C-79, DETROIT-SOUTHFIELD, MI

Victoria Chepelonis, Bertha Janus, Magdalena
Smailis, Sophie Zager

C-86, DU BOIS, PA

Leona Moore

Guest - Paul Moore

C-96, DAYTON, OH

Eloise A. Berczelly, George Mikalauskas, Frances
Mikalauskas, Eleanor Mantz, Bernadette Noreikas,
Frances Petkus, Stanley Vaitkus, HM

Guests - Patricia Alexander, Joseph Ryan



*Marge Migonis, C-140, signs in with Mandate
Comm. (l. to r.) Rita Pinkus, John Adoménas, Teresa
and Alphonse Trainis.*

C-100, AMSTERDAM, NY

Genevieve Gobis, Helen Hugo, Sadie Karbus, Regina Kot, Elizabeth Kuzmich, Sophie Olbie, Josephine Redding, Mary Stanionis, Ann Radzevich, Anthony Radzevich

Guests - Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Helen Augun, Frances DiBart, Annecietta Guzieliek, Charles Karbus, Isabelle McKinley, Mildred Whelly, Polly Ziausys

C-102, DETROIT, MI

Mary Ann Guerriero, Grazina M. Vaskelis

C-103 SRS., PROVIDENCE, RI

Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, Bertha R. Stoskus, John A. Stoskus

C-110, MASPETH, NY

Jonas Adomenas, Antonine Adomenas, Patricia Danowski, Mary Kulis, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Marian Skabeikis, Nellie Skabeikis, William Sidtis, Helen Yocis, Violet Zvirblis

Guests - Rev. Jonas Pakalniskis, Philip Skabeikis

C-112, CHICAGO, IL

Edward Krivickas

C-116, WORCESTER, MA

Anthony Miner, Stanley Grigas

C-140, SYRACUSE, NY

Frank Peterson, Frank Petrauskas, Thomas Sadauskas, George Vaikness, John Sutkus

Guests - Anne Guentert, John Johnson, Victor Johnson, Margaret Migonis, John Stanley, Mildred Vaikness, Mary Zutant



Irene Petrauskas, C-140, helps J. Stoskus, C-103, with registration.

C-141, BRIDGEPORT, CT

Alphonse Trainis, Teresa Trainis

C-142, WASHINGTON, DC

Ladislaus Esunas, Eva Migonis, Mary Semel, Bertha Stann, Francis Stann

Guests - Eleanor Depenbrock, Joseph Simanis

C-143, PITTSTON, PA

Rev. Peter Alisauskas, Dorothy Banos, Nellie Bayoras, Leo Butsavage, Helen Butsavage, Julie Farrel, Mildred Walsh

Guests - Anne Challan, Rosalie Kizis, Paul Patrick, Sophie Patrick

C-144, ST. CLAIR, PA (ANTHRACITE)

Esther Bartashus, Helen Chesko, Clement Kosmisky, Alma Linder, Ann Marie Lithkousky, Annie Margalis, Bernice Mikatavage, Rev. Joseph Neverauskas, Victor Prep, Helen Smulkstis, Eleanor Vaicaitis, Anna Klizas Wargo

Guests - Anna N. Butts, Elsie Kosmisky, Evelyn Prep, Alphonse Mikatavage, Margaret Zelonis

C-147, ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Antanas J. Mazeika, Susana Mazeika

OTHER GUESTS

Bertha Kuzma, Anna Magdick, Alice Petkus, Cas Normand, Kazimer Rozger, Margaret Rozger, Ignas Walles, Evelyn Walles.



H.M.'s S. Vaitkus and Bishop V. Brizgys meet to chat.

(Photo W. Sidtis)

GREETINGS

Most Rev. Frank J. Harrison, Bishop of Syracuse
 Jimmy Carter, President of the United States
 Lee Alexander, Mayor of Syracuse
 John H. Mulroy, County Executive, Onondaga
 County, New York
 Jacob K. Javits, U.S. Senator from New York
 Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania,
 Dr. J. K. Valiūnas, Pres.
 Pasaulio Lietuvių Katalikų Organizacijų Sąjunga,
 Dr. Aldona Slepetyte-Janaciene, Pres.
 Most Rev. Charles A. Salatka, Archbishop of
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and
 Rev. J. Schiff, Secretary, Pastoral Office
 Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba, Dr. K. Bobelis, Pres. ir
 Kun. Adolfas Stašys

Dr. L. Kriaučeliūnas, Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos
 O.L.T. Ryšių Komisijos Pirm.
 A.L.R.C. Women's Alliance, Mrs. Julia Mack, Pres.
 Sisters of St. Casimir, Sr. M. Lorenza, Superior
 General, Chicago, Ill.
 Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliary, Sr. Catherine Marie,
 Holland, Pa.
 T. Jurgis Gailiūsis, OFM, Lietuvių Pranciškonų
 Provinciolas
 Ateitininkų Sendraugių Sąjunga, Mildā Tamulio-
 nienė, Secr.
 Vytautas P. Dargis, M.D., President, Chicago Re-
 organized Bendruomenė
 Matas Zujus, "Garso" Redaktorius
 Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Aleksis

GREETINGS WITH DONATIONS

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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|---|----------|
| Antanas A. Buknis, C-25, Cleveland, O. Seniors..... | \$150.00 |
| John Butkus, C-141, Bridgeport, Conn..... | 50.00 |
| Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio..... | 50.00 |
| Council 144, Anthracite Council, Pa..... | 50.00 |
| Longinas Švelnis, C-17, Seniors, So. Boston, Mass..... | 41.50 |
| Prof. Jack J. & Loretta I. Stukas, C-29, Newark, N.J..... | 25.00 |
| Frank Vaškas, Hon. Mbr., C-29, Newark, N.J..... | 25.00 |
| Jonas Adomėnas, C-110, Maspeth, N.Y..... | 10.00 |
| Veronika Količius, C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa..... | 10.00 |
| Antoinette Naujelis, C-19, Pittsburgh, Pa..... | 10.00 |
| Prof. Aleksandras J. Aleksis, Hon. Mbr., Waterbury, Conn..... | 10.00 |
| Stanley Vaitkus, Hon. Mbr., C-96, Dayton, Ohio..... | 10.00 |
| Stasys & Elena Vaičaitis, C-143, St. Clair, Pa..... | 10.00 |
| Council 102, Detroit, Mich..... | 10.00 |
| Mary G. Martus, C-17, So. Boston, Mass..... | 10.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Victor August, C-25, Cleveland, Ohio..... | 10.00 |
| Helen V. Kulber, C-41 (In Memory of Rev. Francis Rauglas - Ruggles)..... | 10.00 |
| Helen V. Kulber, C-41 (In Memory of Juozas & Ona Kajeckas)..... | 10.00 |
| Genevieve Gobis, C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y..... | 5.00 |
| Veronica Chapalonis, C-79, Detroit - Southfield, Mich..... | 5.00 |
| George & Francis Mikalauskas, C-96, Dayton, Ohio..... | 5.00 |
| Magdalena Smailis, C-79, Detroit - Southfield, Mich..... | 5.00 |

"VYTIS" FUND

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Mr. & Mrs. A. Aleksis..... | \$10.00 |
| Frank Vaskas..... | 25.00 |
| Matas Zujus, Honorary Member..... | 40.00 |
| Phyllis Grendal, Honorary Member..... | 20.00 |

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID FUND

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Mr. & Mrs. A. Aleksis..... | \$10.00 |
| Millie J. Pietz, C-12..... | 10.00 |

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Mr. & Mrs. A. Aleksis..... | \$10.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. John Stoskus..... | 25.00 |
| Antoinette Naujelis..... | 5.00 |
| Bertha Janus, C-79..... | 5.00 |
| Gene Gobis..... | 5.00 |

CONVENTION FUND

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|--|--------|
| Eugenija Karpus..... | \$5.00 |
| Antanas Tamulionis, Cleveland Seniors..... | 5.00 |



HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

Two names were proposed and unanimously approved for Honorary Membership during the 64th National Convention in 1977 in Providence, R.I. During the 65th National Convention, the Honorary Memberships came to fruition for REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS, past National Spiritual Adviser and a member of C-17 Seniors, So. Boston, MA, and JOSEPHINE DAUZVARDIS, Lithuanian Consul General at Chicago and a member of Chicago's C-112, for their outstanding contributions to the Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian cause in general. Anthony J. Mazeika, Chairman of the Honorary Membership Committee, officially presented the Honorary Membership Medal to Rev. Contons during the Convention Banquet on Saturday, Aug. 19, 1978. Mrs. Dauzvardis was unable to attend the Convention because of a family emergency. She was awarded the honor in absentia, and will be presented with the Medal at an appropriate event in the near future.



A. Mazeika presents Rev. Contons with Honorary Membership Medal as F. Petrauskas looks on.



New England delegation gather to honor Father Contons.



J. Dauzvardis, who received Honorary Membership "in absentia".

66TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 66th National Convention site, tentatively selected in 1977 — and confirmed during this Convention, is CHICAGO, ILL. The Radisson - Chicago Hotel, formerly the Sheraton Chicago, will be headquarters, and the Illinois - Indiana District will serve as hosts.

Mark these dates — Aug. 16 through 19, 1979 — on your calendar, and start now to prepare for an outstanding convention and a fun vacation surrounding it.

The 67th Convention in 1980 is tentatively scheduled to take place in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., under the care of C-142, Washington, D.C.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
AS OF JULY 31, 1978

| Council number and location | Dec. 1977 | July 31, 1978 | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----|
| C-1 | *Brockton, MA | 36 | 30 |
| C-3 | Philadelphia, PA | 33 | 34 |
| C-5 | Chicago, IL | 5 | 5 |
| C-7 | Waterbury, CT | 121 | 112 |
| C-10 | Athol - Gardner, MA | 26 | 28 |
| C-12 | New York, NY | 66 | 69 |
| C-17 | *South Boston, MA | 47 | 50 |
| C-17 Srs. | South Boston, MA | 79 | 89 |
| C-18 | Cambridge, MA | 3 | 3 |
| C-19 | Pittsburgh, PA | 48 | 48 |
| C-25 | Cleveland, OH | 42 | 42 |
| Cleve. Srs. | Cleveland, OH | 36 | 33 |
| C-26 | Worcester, MA | 132 | 137 |
| C-29 | *Newark, NJ | 109 | 118 |
| C-30 | *Westfield, MA | 38 | 32 |
| C-36 | *Chicago, IL | 91 | 87 |
| Chi. Srs. | Chicago, IL | 35 | 41 |
| C-41 | Brooklyn, NY | 41 | 31 |
| C-46 | Forest City, PA | 20 | 26 |
| C-52 | Elizabeth, NJ | 23 | 21 |
| C-61 | Patterson, NJ | 2 | 8 |
| C-67 | Bayonne, NJ | 19 | 19 |
| C-74 | Scranton, PA | 42 | 58 |
| C-78 | Lawrence, MA | 11 | 12 |
| C-79 | Southfield, MI | 176 | 165 |
| C-82 | Gary, IN | 27 | 31 |
| C-86 | DuBois, PA | 36 | 39 |
| C-90 | Kearny, NJ | 50 | 39 |
| C-96 | *Dayton, OH | 136 | 130 |
| C-100 | *Amsterdam, NY | 97 | 104 |
| C-102 | Detroit, MI | 33 | 40 |
| C-103 Srs. | *Providence, RI | 27 | 30 |
| C-109 | Great Neck, NY | 13 | 13 |
| C-110 | *Maspeth, NY | 51 | 107 |
| C-111 Srs. | Youngstown, OH | 10 | 5 |
| C-112 | *Chicago, IL | 185 | 192 |
| C-116 | Worcester, MA | 43 | 58 |
| C-133 | Los Angeles, CA | 1 | 1 |
| C-133 Srs. | Los Angeles, CA | 47 | 41 |
| C-134 | Cincinnati, OH | 15 | 17 |
| C-135 | Ansonia, CT | 70 | 67 |
| C-139 | Detroit, MI | 19 | 19 |
| C-140 | Syracuse, NY | 43 | 51 |
| C-141 | Bridgeport, CT | 61 | 55 |
| C-142 | *Washington, DC | 46 | 48 |
| C-143 | Pittston, PA | 64 | 69 |
| C-144 | *St. Clair, PA (Anthracite) | 96 | 113 |
| C-145 | Holyoke, MA | 11 | 21 |
| C-146 | Harrisburg, PA | - | 63 |
| C-147 | St. Petersburg, FL | - | 19 |
| No Council | -- | - | 2 |
| TOTALS | 2,462 | 2,672 | |

1978 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AWARD
WINNERS

100% PAID UP DUES

1st Category - C-25, Cleveland, OH
2nd Category - C-100, Amsterdam, NY
3rd Category - C-96, Dayton, OH

GREATEST % INCREASE AFTER
100% PAID UP

1st Category - C-74, Scranton, PA.
2nd Category - C-144, Anthracite, PA
3rd Category - C-none

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR ENROLLING
NEW MEMBERS

1st Place - John Adomenas, C-110, Maspeth, N.Y.
2nd Place - Estelle Rogers, C-112, Chicago, IL.
3rd Place - Helen Ambrose, C-144 Anthracite, PA

CONVENTION PUBLICITY

The National Convention Committee was assisted in publicizing the Convention by National Public Relations Chairman, Eva Migonis. Between them, extensive coverage of the event was obtained, with news stories as well as radio and TV interviews relating the many outstanding events planned and telling about the people participating. Releases on the Convention in general as well as specifics on the "Friend of Lithuania" Award, the Human Rights Panel, the cultural program, and other aspects of the convention appeared in DRAUGAS, DARBININKAS, SYRACUSE HERALD-JOURNAL and the QUEENS LONG ISLAND LEDGER. Numerous Lithuanian language Radio Hours also carried the stories. Rev. Pugevicius and Kestutis Jokubynas of the Human Rights Panel were interviewed on Syracuse Channel 9 WIXT-TV and on WHEN Radio of Syracuse. Rev. Dambrauskas of the Religious Panel was also interviewed on Channel 9 WIXT-TV News. In addition to the interviews, news items about the convention were also broadcast hourly on WHEN on Saturday of the Convention. The Public Relations Chairman and her committee are to be congratulated for a truly outstanding job.

*Junior Councils:

C-36 & C-112 = 1 Jr. Council)
C-144 has 2 Junior Councils)

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MANY THANKS TO A GREAT COMMITTEE

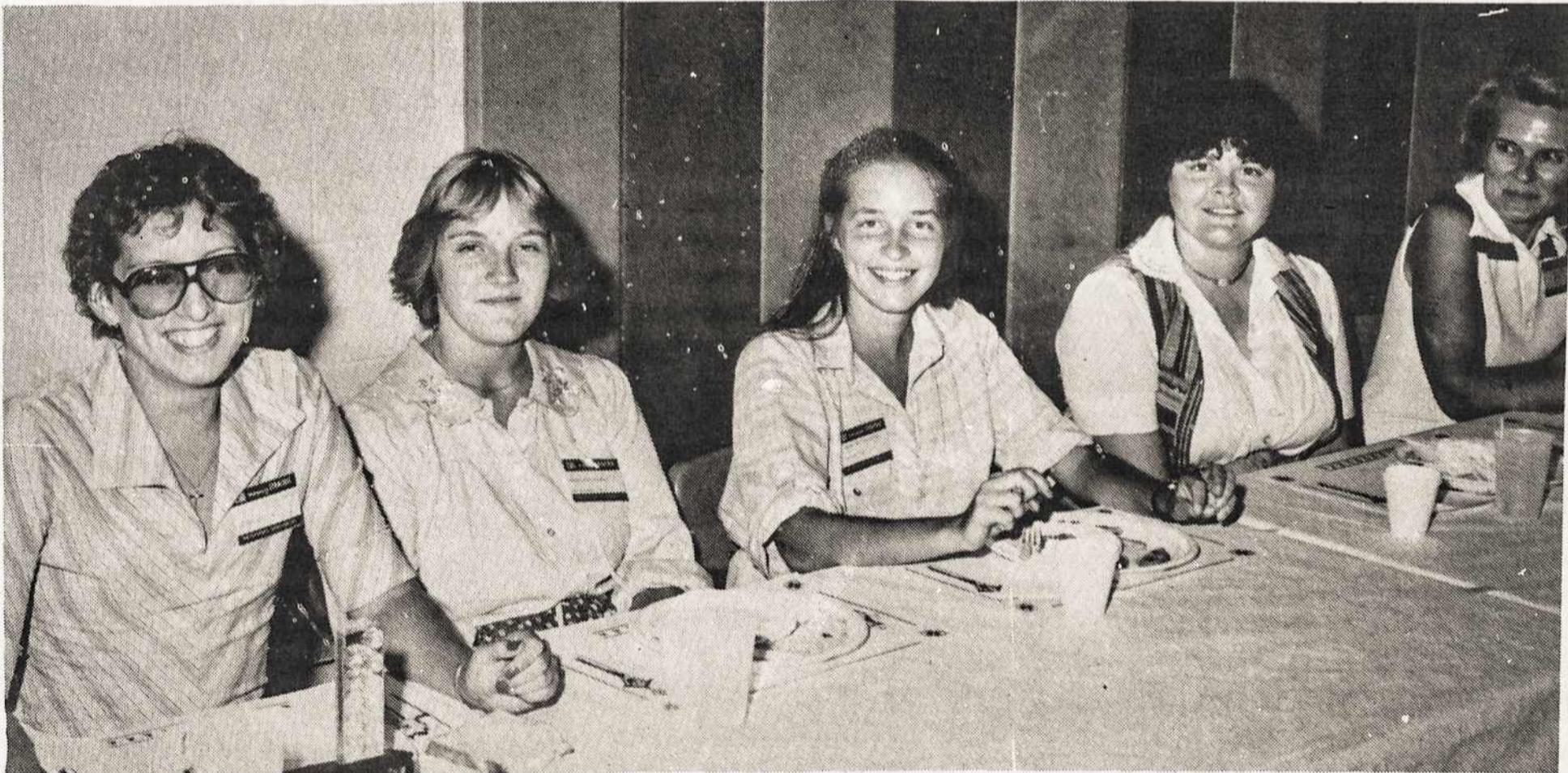
"Upstate in '78" turned out to be all that was promised and more. Thanks for the hospitality, ingenuity, hard-work, and outstanding activities planned for those attending the 65th Convention go to all of Syracuse Council 140, but especially to the:



Chairman F. Petrauskas greets delegates.

65TH NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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| Honorary Chairman..... | Father Bernard Garstka |
| Chairman..... | Frank Petrauskas |
| Co-Chairman..... | John Johnson |
| Treasurer..... | Victor Johnson |
| Secretary..... | Irene Petrauskas |
| Liaison..... | Dave Peterson Jack Brandt |
| Food..... | Katherine Cravetts Catherine Brandt |
| Program Book..... | Veronica Sutkus |
| Wednesday Golf Tournament..... | Tom Sadauskas |
| Wednesday Bus Tour..... | Joan & Cecilia Petrauskas |
| Wednesday Awards Banquet..... | Barbara Sutkus |
| Thursday Lunch..... | Katherine Cravetts Catherine Brandt |
| Thursday Fun Night..... | George & Millie Vaikness |
| Friday Cultural..... | John & Veronica Sutkus |
| Saturday Banquet and Dance..... | Frank & Isabel Peterson |
| Sunday Brunch..... | Joe & Della Marcaitis |
| Masses..... | Victor Johnson |
| Registration..... | Holly Peterson Marge Migonis |
| Reservations..... | June Johnson |
| Juniors..... | Theresa Petrauskas |
| Decorations..... | Cecilia Petrauskas |
| Transportation..... | John Johnson |
| Picture..... | Joan Petrauskas |
| Sing Along..... | Mary & Jack Zutant |



C-140 "BEAUTIES" - l. to r. Ceelia Petrauskas, Mary Kay Brandt, Joan Petrauskas, Ann Marie Brandt, Marge Migonis.

A WARM VYTIS AČIŪ...

When my father's sudden illness prevented my attendance at the 65th National Convention, my staff and other members were quick to the rescue... and very beautifully covered the Convention Events. My sincerest thanks to all who in any way aided in compiling and writing the items, features and news that make up this Convention issue. Very special thanks go to Marian Skabeikis who not only wrote many of the reports but also assigned the rest of the items. A big "ačiū" also to the rest of my helpers, namely: Jack Stukas, Ann Marie Kassel, Tony Miner, Walter Svekla, Eva Migonis, Aldona Ryan, Bertha Janus, Fran Petkus, Sophie Zager, Faustas Strolia, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, Stasys Vaičaitis, Irene Sankus, Bill Sidtis, Tony Ambrosini, Mildred Chinik, Frank Petrauskas, Tony Mazeika. If anyone was missed, my apologies, and thank you too!

On a personal note, our family's sincerest thanks go out to all K of L-ers who prayed, expressed concern, and in general were interested in our dear "Pop's" health. At this writing, I am happy to report that he has recovered from the surgery and its complications and is home and on the mend, thanks to the many prayers said in his behalf, and to his strong, Lithuanian "constitution".

L. I. Stukas

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS...

The VYTIS Staff and the Knights of Lithuania organization express sincerest thanks to the LITHUANIAN FOUNDATION, Inc. who, in keeping with their goal of supporting Lithuanian radio and press, have donated the sum of \$75.00 to the VYTIS Fund.

Thanks also to REV. ALBIN YANKAUSKAS, of Massachusetts, for his generous donation of \$25.00 to the VYTIS.

AND THANKS FOR THE OUTSTANDING PHOTOGRAPHY

It is rare indeed to receive a batch of photos from the National Convention and to find them ALL outstanding and suitable for printing... the only limiting factor being space. For this, we express sincere thanks to the official Convention photographer, MR. TIBOR HELCZ, of Syracuse, N.Y. Unless otherwise noted, the photos you see in this issue are those of Mr. Helcz.

Thanks too to Bill Sidtis, our budding VYTIS photographer, who managed to capture scenes of interest when Mr. Helcz could not be present. Bill's photos are credited where used.



It is with the profoundest regret that we must note that since our last issue of VYTIS, we have suffered the loss of not one, but two Pontiffs of the Roman Catholic Church. While we grieve their deaths, we thank God for the privilege of their leadership for the span of time allotted by God, and pray that their successor be granted health, stamina and wisdom to continue their work. Let us ever remember in our prayers

His Holiness, POPE PAUL VI, and
His Holiness, POPE JOHN PAUL I

Please also remember in your prayers,

ONA KAJECKAS, wife of the late Juozas Kajekas, Lithuanian Charge d'affaires, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Kajeckas died last August, shortly after suffering the loss of her husband.

And remember our newly deceased members:

GEORGE JONIKAS
Member, C-112
Chicago, Ill.
died August, 1978

JOHN C. YONKUS
Member, C-79
Detroit, Mich.
died Sept. 7, 1978

ANNA SMETANA
Member, C-144
New Philadelphia, Pa.
died Aug. 28, 1978

BOLIS WALLS
Member, C-79
Detroit, Mich.
died Sept. 13, 1978

MARY OWENS
Member, C-96
Dayton, Ohio
died Aug. 1978

KELETAS ISPŪDŽIŲ IŠ 1978 M. SEIMO

Lietuvos Vyčių seimas, įvykęs rugpiūčio 16-20 dienomis praėjo išpūdingai. Negalima atsidžiaugti Syracuse, N.Y., lietuvių tautišku sąmoningumu ir veržlumu. Juk jų yra tik saujelė, o pajėgė surengti seimą, kuris pasižymėjo netik nuoširdumu, bet ir iškilmingumu.

Tenka paminėti kultūrinį vakarą, suruoštą didžiuliuose Civic Center rūmuose. Moderni salė ir scena, Steinway pianinas, puiki akustika ir tinkamas apšvietimas sudarė malonumą ir programos pildytojams ir klausytojams. Pirmoj daly pasirodė visi Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos nariai: solistė Vita Valiukonytė-Talandienė, priklausanti "šeimininkų" 140-ai kuopai, turinti akademišką muzikinį pasiruošimą, savo patraukliu kolratūriniu sopranu padainavo V. Kuprevičiaus, St. Šimkaus, A. Vanagaičio ir G. Gudauskienės kūrinus, prieš tai pristatydama dainų turinį anglų kalboje. Pianinu palydėjo šių eilučių autorius iš 36-os kuopos, Chicago. Antruoju solistu buvo kun. Robertas Baltch, 100-osios kuopos dvasios vadas, Amsterdam, N.Y. Jis padainavo St. Šimkaus, A. Raudonikio, L. Stuko ir V. Klovos kūrinus. Savo sodriu bass-baritonu ir nuosaikia vaidyba jis išildė publikos jausmus, bisui padainuodamas lietuviškai Figaro ariją iš Mozarto "Figaro vestuvių". Jam akompanavo mūsų naujai išrinktasis Centro Valdybos pirmininkas Philip Skabeikis iš Maspeth, N.Y., 110-osios kuopos. Antroj daly nuotaikingai pasirodė ponios Jadvygos Reginienės vadovaujama tautinių šokių grupė "Lazdynas" iš Rochesterio, N.Y. Jie labai darniai sušoko 11 šokių ir buvo publikos labai šiltai sutikti. Programą pravedė John Johnson iš Syracuse, N.Y., 140-osios kuopos.

Šeštadienio posėdžiai buvo filmuojami TV reporterių. Buvo



"Lazdynas" šokėjai su vadove Jadvyga Regina.



Gintaro paroda — Polly Žiausienė ir Regina Kot.



Kultūrinių dalykų pardavimas — W. ir A. Guentert, G. Vaškelytė ir J. Janonienė.



padaryti pasikalbėjimai su kun. K. Pūgevičium ir Kęstučiu Jokubynu apie žmogaus teisių pažeidimus okupuotoj Lietuvoj ir tą patį vakarą parodyti per televiziją ir transliuoti per radijo stotis net kelis kartus. Syracuse laikraščiuose ir televizijoje buvo iš arti matomi Nijolės Sadūnaitės atvaizdai su šūkais už žmogaus teises.

Lietuvos Vyčiams buvo ypatinga dovana turėti savo kalbėtojų tarpe Kęstutį Jokubyną, virš tuzino metų kalėjusį sovietų koncentracijos stovyklose. Jo gyvas žodis apie mūsų pavergtus brolius davė mums daugiau išvalgumo. Anglų kalbą vartojo labai sklandžiai, panaudodamas daugybę "išprususių" žodžių. Kalbėjo labai ramiai ir mintis dėstė nuosekliai, nevardamas jokio skripto. Negalima buvo to nepastebėti, ir tai sudarė tikrą malonumą klausytis, juo

labiau, kad pati tema buvo taip patraukli.

Prie įėjimo į posėdžių salę buvo surengtos Polly Žiausienės gintaro išdirbinių ir seselės M. Francescos margučių parodos. Ten pat galima buvo išgyti lituanistiniais klausimais literatūros, plokštelių ir ypatingai daug Lietuvos Reikalų komisijos pirm. kun. K. Pūgevičiaus ir jojo veiklių bendradarbių paruoštos medžiagos kovoje už žmogaus teises, kurią seimo delegatai turėjo progos paimti ir paskleisti savo kuopose ir apylinkėse.

Tenka apgailėti, kad per naujos Centro Valdybos rinkiminę kampaniją buvo išsprūdę keli neapgalvoti sakiniai, nori nuteikti, kad mes negalime pasirodyti tik kaip pensininkų (senior citizens) organizacija. Toks išsireiškimas yra bereikalingas, nes jis įskaudina ilgamečius narius, pasišventėlius organi-

zacijos šulus. Tai savyje yra sveikamintis, tik, panaudojus kiek daugiau diplomatijos, ji galėjo susilaukti iš vyresniųjų širdingo pritarimo, jų neįskaudinant. Kad ateityje seimai atrodytų jaunesni, gal reiktų pasirūpinti mažamečių globojimu (baby-sitting service), nes daugelis aktyvių jaunesnės kartos vyčių seimuose dėlto negali dalyvauti. Jaunimo savo eilėse nori ir kitos lietuvių organizacijos, netik Lietuvos Vyčiai, nes tai garantuoja jų tęstinumą. Bet ką mes darytume be savo vyresniųjų vyčių brolių ir sesių? Lietuviai ir pagonys būdami gerbė savo amžiumi vyresniuosius. Vyresnieji Vyčiai, nereikia Jums dabar pakelti rankos ar atsistojimu išsuduoti savo amžiaus: žinokite, mes jus gerbiame, mylime ir Jumis didžiuojamės, ir jūs visi esate mums reikalingi!



Trys pirmininkai – F. Petrauskas, L. Janonis, P. Skabeikis.



Centro Valdybos Nariai poilsio metu.



L.V. Centro Valdyba

Labai džiugu, kad jau kelinti metai iš eilės beveik visi seimo nariai kasdien dalyvavo šv. Mišiose, kur per pamokslą galėdavo daugiau išgyventi ryšį su savo persekiojamais dėl tikėjimo broliais ir sesėmis pavergtoj Lietuvoj. Priežastis turbūt yra ta, kad šv. Mišios vyksta vidudienį, o ne 7 val. iš ryto, kaip būdavo anksčiau.

Seimo šeimininkai atspausdino

dainorėlius su lietuviškom giesmėm ir apie 40 lietuviškų dainų. Kiek gaila, kad mažai kas atsinešdavom dainorėlius į savo socialinius subuvimus, o turėjom ir akordeoną, ir puikius dainorėlius ir norinčių dainuoti, bet padėties pakankamai neišnaudojome.

Šeštadienio banketas įvyko jaukioj Grand Ballroom salėje, kurioje nelietuvių kilmės garbės svečiai vysk. Fr. J. Harrison ir šiais me-

tais apdovanotasis "Lietuvos draugo" atžymėjimu kongresmanas S. Stratton savo kalbose įterpė lietuviškų žodžių. Keli ilgamečiai vyčiai nusiskundė, kad patys vyčiai per banketą neištare nė vieno lietuviško žodžio.

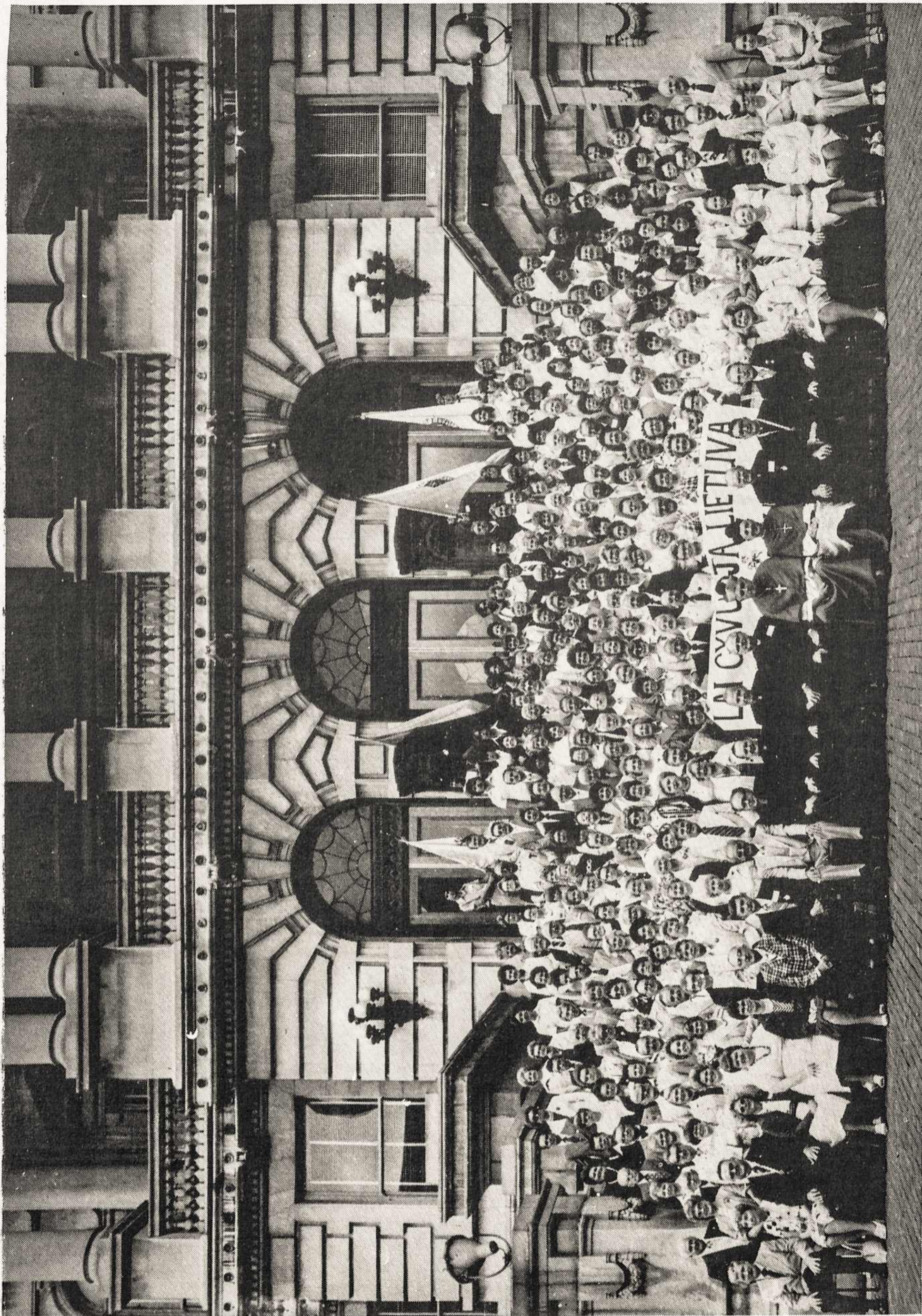
Sekmadienį vyčiai eisena nužgiavo į Nekalto Prasadėjimo katedrą, kurioje 9 val. šv. Mišių metu jau skambėjo lietuviškas žodis ir lietuviška giesmė. Į seimo dalyvius kalbėjo vysk. V. Brizgys ir vietos vyskupas Fr. J. Harrison. Iškilmingai buvo prisaikdinti nauji Centro Valdybos nariai ir užsitarė vyčiai pakelti į IV-ąją laipsnį. Mišių metu išpūdingai giedojo solistė Vita Talandienė. Po pamaldų visi Seimo dalyviai su garbingaisiais svečiais nusifotografavo prie teismo rūmų.

Pagarba 140-os kuopos pirminkui Frank Petrauskui ir jo darbščiam komitetui už gerai atliktą darbą. Ačiū jiems už jų vaišingumą!

Faustas Strolia



Seimo Mišios Katedroje.



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SYRACUSE, N.Y.
AUGUST 16 - 20, 1978

REZOLIUCIJOS

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were all approved by the convention delegates.

KADANGI paskutiniuolu laiku pašaukimų skaičius i kunigus ir vienuolius-es tarpe lietuvių Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse yra sumažėjęs, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai susirūpintų su šia lietuvių religinių pašaukimų krize, melstūsi šia intencija, skatintų mūsų jaunimą ir patartų jam ir kitokiais būdais palengvintų šio klausimo išrišimą.

KADANGI Kazys Šipaila savo 60-to gimtadienio proga padengė viso 1978 m. kovo mėn. "Vyčio" numerio išlaidas, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai padėkotų duosniajam aukotojui ir palinkėtų jam ilgiausių metų.

NUTARTA, Kad Lietuvos Vyčiai padėkotų Anthony Young, teisinių reikalų patarėjui, už padengimą išlaidų, perspausdinant brošiūrą apie Šiluvos Mariją (Our Lady of Šiluva).

KADANGI yra svarbū 65-tojo Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo delegatams būti gerai painformuotiems apie rinkimų kandidatus i skirtingas pozicijas, NUTARTA, kad kandidatų sąrašas i Centro Valdybą būtų paskelbtas nevēliau kaip per priešpaskutinį seimo susirinkimą.

Dėl Lietuvos Pasiuntinybės pastato Washington, D.C., blogėjančio stovio ir dėl pavojaus, kad Lietuvos Pasiuntinybė gali būti uždaryta, jei lėšų ir paramos nebus parūpinta, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai sudarytų komitetą, kuris ištirtų galimybes, kaip gėriausia galima būtų padėti apsaugoti ir atremontuoti Lietuvos Pasiuntinybę Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS the number of priestly and religious vocations among Lithuanians in the United States has been diminishing in recent years,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania concern themselves with this Lithuanian Vocation crisis and through prayer, counseling and other activities help to alleviate this problem.

WHEREAS Kazys Sipaila on the occasion of his 60th birthday generously sponsored the entire cost of the March, 1978 issued of VYTIS,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania express thanks to Kazys and wish him many happy returns.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania express its thanks to Anthony Young, Legal Advisor, who sponsored the re-publication of the OUR LADY OF SILUVA booklet.

WHEREAS it is important for delegates at the 65th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania to make an informed choice regarding candidates for office,

BE IT RESOLVED that the slate of candidates for National office be announced at the latest, during the session prior to the final convention meeting.

Because of the deteriorating conditions of the Lithuanian Legation Building in Washington, D.C. and Because the Lithuanian Legation will be closed if funds and support are not procured,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania form a committee to investigate the possibilities of aiding in the preservation and restoration of the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, D.C.

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai išreikštų nuoširdžią padėką 103-ajai senjorų kuopai, Providence, R.I., už \$500.00 auką mūsų naujosios konstitucijos spausdinimo išlaidoms.

KADANGI Jonas Spranaitis, garbės narys iš 61-os kuopos, Paterson, N.J., šiais metais rugpiūčio mėn. šventė 85-ąjį gimtadienį ir 65-ąsias metines nuo atvykimo į J.A.V.-bes, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai jam pasiųstų pasveikinimą.

Norint plačiau pagarsinti pavergtos Lietuvos bylą, NUTARTA, kad mes kreiptumėmės į Amerikos vyskupus per jų tarybą, prašydami paskirti specialų sekmadienį, artimiausią Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Šventės minėjimo, kurio metu Amerikos katalikai visose J.A.V.-bėse melstųsi už jų kenčiančius brolius katalikus Lietuvoje.

Šis mostas pagrindinai būtų dvasinis, simbolizuojantis viso pasaulio katalikų tarpusavio ryšį, išreiškiantis meilę ir solidarumą pavergtiems katalikams vienoj pasaulio daly nuo jų brolių laisvajame pasaulyje. Tikėtų kad ir tokia malda: "Lai Dievas laimina ir siunčia Šventosios Dvasios dovanas kenčiantiems Lietuvos katalikams ir visiems kitiems pasaulyje, kurių žmogaus pagrindinės teisės ir religinė laisvė yra paneigtos". Tai praplėstų maldos akiratį, nes įjungtų ir nelietuvius ir labiau derintųsi su mūsų rūpesčiu dėl žmogaus teisių. Turėtų būti pabrėžta, kad ši malda nėra politinė, kad išvengus vyskupų santūrumo ir nenoro įsivelti į politinius reikalus.

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvių Kultūros komisija paskirstytų po \$100.- kiekvienai apskričiai su vieninteliu tikslu aprūpinti viešąsias ir universitetines bibliotekas knygomis ir plokštelėmis, ir kad prašymai tokių lėšų būtų įteikti Lietuvių Kultūros komisijos pirmininkui per vietinius Apskričių kultūrinių reikalų pirmininkus.

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių Kultūros Fondui, įsteigtam pagal 60-ojo Vyčių Seimo nutarimą, būtų paskirta \$1000.- suma.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania express its deep appreciation to Council 103 Srs of Providence, R.I. for its donation of \$500.00 toward the printing costs of our new Constitution.

WHEREAS John Spranaitis, Honorary Member of Council 61, Paterson, N.J. this August celebrated his 85th birthday and the 65th anniversary of his arrival in the United States

BE IT RESOLVED the Knights of Lithuania send congratulations to John Spranaitis of Paterson, N.J.

To further publicize the cause of oppressed Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that we request that the American Bishops, through their national organization, set aside a specific Sunday closest to the commemoration of the Lithuanian Independence Day, on which American Catholics throughout the United States would pray for their suffering fellow Catholics in Lithuania.

A gesture would be, primarily, a spiritual one symbolizing the universal bond that exists among Catholics everywhere, an act of charity and solidarity for oppressed Catholics in one part of the world by their brothers in the Free World. Perhaps some simple prayer like "May God bless and send the graces of his Spirit to the suffering Catholics of Lithuania and to all throughout the world whose human and spiritual rights are violated". This would also broaden the prayer to include non-Lithuanians and would be in tune with our concern for human rights. It should be stressed that the prayer is non-political to obviate any reticence on the part of the Bishops to become involved in political matters.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Cultural Committee allocate \$100 per District for the express purpose of placing books and records in public or university libraries, and that requests for such funds be made to the Supreme Council Cultural Chairman through the local District Cultural Chairman.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania Cultural Fund, established by resolution of the 60th National Convention, be allocated the sum of \$1,000.

KADANGI prelatas Pranciškus Juras, Lietuvos Vyčių garbės narys, praleido visą savo gyvenimą rinkdamas lietuviškus meniškus rankdarbius, laikraščius, knygas, meno kūrinius ir panašią archyvinę medžiagą ir KADANGI ši auganti kolekcija patalpinta muziejuje, kuriam reikia daugiau erdvės; KADANGI šiuo metu yra statomas gan didelis priestatas, kuris įgalins atitinkamai šią medžiagą sutalpinti, sukataloguoti ir išdėstyti; KADANGI lietuvių visuomenė turi neįkainojamą ir nepakeičiamą kolekciją savo žinioje, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, viena didesniųjų lietuvių organizacijų, užgirtų prelatą Pranciškų Jurą ir Lietuvių Katalikų Mokslo Akademiją, kurios pirmininkas yra Dr. Alfonsas Stankaitis, už jų veiklumą ir pasižada paremti juos šiose labai vertingose pastangose.

KADANGI muziejus "Alka" saugo neįkainojamus rinkinius lietuviškų archyvinių, etnografinių ir meno eksponatų, KADANGI Alkos muziejus yra didinamas tam, kad galėtų tinkamai sutalpinti, sukataloguoti ir išdėstyti šią medžiagą, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, išreikšdami dėkingumą ir pritarimą, taptų rėmėjais, paskirdami \$100.- ir išreikšdami viltį, kad ir organizacijos pavieniai nariai prisidės prie šio plėtimo projekto.

KADANGI Jaunučių skaičius smarkiai padidėjo Vidurio Atlanto Apskrityje ir KADANGI tik 4 piniginės premijos yra duodamos kiekvienai apskričiai, NUTARTA, kad 2 premijos po \$25.- kiekvieną kart būtų įteikiamos kiekvienai Jaunučių kuopai.

KADANGI lietuvių kilmės ir kitoki amerikiečiai yra sukrėsti ir pasipiktinę Sovietų valdžia, įkalinusia Balį Gajauską ir Viktorą Petkų už pasišventimą dėl žmogaus teisių Sovietų okupuotoj Lietuvoj, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, Amerikos piliečių broliška organizacija, paragintų J.A.V.-bių prezidentą panaudoti savo įtakingą poziciją atgauti laisvę Baliui Gajauskui ir Viktorui Petkui, jei galima, pasikeičiant kaliniais tarpe J.A.V.-bių ir Sovietų Sąjungos.

WHEREAS Monsignor Francis Juras, Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania has spent a life time collecting Lithuanian artifacts, newspapers, books, art and related archival material

WHEREAS this growing collection has been stored in a museum which has need for additional space

WHEREAS at this time a sizable addition is being built to adequately store, catalogue and display this material

WHEREAS the Lithuanian community has a priceless and irreplaceable collection at their disposal

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, a major Lithuanian society, commend Monsignor Francis Juras and the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science, Dr. Alfonsas Stankaitis, President, for their activities and pledge assistance in this most worthy endeavor.

WHEREAS the Alka Museum is a repository for a priceless collection of Lithuanian archival, ethnographic and art objects

WHEREAS the Alka Museum is in the process of expansion to adequately store, catalogue and display this material

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania as an expression of gratitude and encouragement be a booster (Remejai) for the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) and hope that its members will participate in addition.

WHEREAS the numbers of Juniors has increased considerably in the Mid-Atlantic District and

WHEREAS there are only 4 conventionships given per District

BE IT RESOLVED that 2 conventionships of \$25.00 each be awarded to each Junior Council.

WHEREAS Americans of Lithuanian descent and others are shocked and dismayed by the imprisonment by the Soviet government of Balys Gajauskas and Viktoras Petkus for efforts in behalf of human rights in Soviet-occupied Lithuania

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, a fraternal organization of American citizens, urge the President of the United States to use his good offices and obtain the freedom of Balys Gajauskas and Viktoras Petkus, possibly in an exchange of prisoners between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

WHEREAS the schools of Lithuanian parishes have, like all parochial schools, contributed greatly to the welfare of the American nation and continue in addition to contribute to the preservation of Lithuanian culture,

BE IT RESOLVED that we urge Congress and the President to consider favorably proposals for the tuition tax credit as a means that serves to help Lithuanian American parents to send their children to such schools and thus contribute to the preservation of their culture.

WHEREAS Congress has in the past duly recognized the significance of the ethnic element in the United States by appropriating funds for ethnic students and activities,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania express its appreciation for this action and urge renewal of this program with increased funds.

WHEREAS it is important for nations, as well as for individuals, to be cognizant of their roots,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania urge the Bureau of Census to revise its plans for the coming census of the United States to assure that there is an accurate accounting of the ethnic heritage of the American population which would show how many of our people are descendents from Lithuanian ancestors.

WHEREAS it has been documented that psychiatric methods are abused by the Soviet authorities to restrict human rights,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania commend the World Psychiatric Association for their condemnation in Honolulu in August, 1977 of the Soviet practice of committing political dissidents to mental institutions.

The Knights of Lithuania further urge the American Psychiatric Association to use its good offices with the World Psychiatric Association to expedite further implementation of the aforesaid resolution.

KADANGI lietuviškų parapijų mokyklos, kaip ir visos parapinės mokyklos, daug prisidėjo prie Amerikos žmonių gerbūvio ir toliau nenustoja rūpintis lietuviškos kultūros išlaikymu, NUTARTA kreiptis į Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių Kongresą ir Prezidentą, kad jie palankiai priimtų projektą, liečiantį mokslapinių mokesčio sugražinimą, kuris palengvintų lietuvių kilmės amerikiečiams leisti savo vaikus į šias mokyklas ir tokiu būdu prisidėtų prie jų išlaikymo.

KADANGI Kongresas praeityje tinkamai įvertino etninio elemento svarbumą Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse, paskirdamas lėšų etniniams studentams ir jų veiklai, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai išreikštų padėką už šį veiksma ir ragintų atnaujinti tokią programą, paskiriant jai daugiau lėšų.

KADANGI yra svarbu tautoms, kaip ir individams, pažinti savo kilmę, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai paragintų gyventojų surašymo biurą peržiūrėti savo planus, ruošiant būsimą Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių gyventojų surašymą, kad užtikrinus tikslus davinius Amerikos gyventojų etninio palikimo, kuris parodytų kiek yra lietuvių kilmės gyventojų.

KADANGI yra uždokumentuota, kad Sovietų valdžia piktnaudžiauja psichiatriniais gydymo metodais, idant galėtų apriboti žmogaus teises, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai užgirtų Pasaulio Psichiatrų Sąjungą, kuri 1977 m. rugpiūčio mėnesį Honolulu mieste paskerkė Sovietų įprotį siųsti politinius disidentus į bepročių ligonines. Toliau Lietuvos Vyčiai RAGINA, kad Amerikos Psichiatrų Sąjunga pavartotų savo įtaką į Pasaulio Psichiatrų Sąjungą, kad pagreitintų įgyvendinimą aukščiau minėtos rezoliucijos.

In order to protest the sentence given on July 12, 1978 to VIKTORAS PETKUS,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania plan a press conference at Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill, to present the case of Viktoras Petkus and protest against the sentencing of a Lithuanian, which is against the Human Rights Accord; that the press conference be held at the earliest convenience and all press representatives, journalists and correspondents be invited.

WHEREAS in occupied Lithuania historical facts are distorted and falsified and oppressed Lithuanians do not have the right to protest against this,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we Knights of Lithuania living in Freedom especially decry the fact that the Lithuanian Library Press in Chicago in its recently published book by D. Fainhauz: "Lithuanians in Multi-Ethnic Chicago" completely eliminated LEONARD SIMUTIS, who not only was one of the organizers of and great contributors to the Knights of Lithuania, but also one of the most outstanding of community activists in Chicago who diffused and supported Lithuanianism for over a half century.

WHEREAS the 64th National Convention passed a resolution stating that the K of L is to support and promote the Archbishop George Matulaitis' Beatification process,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the K of L Coordinator of this project be reimbursed up to a sum of \$250.00.

RESOLVED: that the Knights of Lithuania donate \$100 to the Marion Fathers to help defray the expenses incurred in furthering the Beatification cause of Archbishop George Matulaitis.

RESOLVED: that a special committee be established for the express purpose of placing the K of L Archives in the K of L Building in Chicago in order. Committee to include some expert in such activity and one or more K of L members who know the organization well. Financing to be provided for the person or persons involved.

Protestuojant prieš 1978 m. liepos 12 d. Viktoro Petkaus nuteisimą, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai suruoštų Capitol Hill Washingtone, D.C. spaudos konferenciją, kurioje pristatytų Viktoro Petkaus bylą ir pareikštų protestą prieš nuteisimą lietuvio, kas nesiderina su Žmogaus Teisių Deklaracija; kad spaudos konferencija būtų surengta pačiu artimiausiu laiku, kurion būtų pakviesti visi spaudos darbuotojai, žurnalistai ir korespondentai.

Kai okupuotoj Lietuvoj istoriniai įvykiai yra iškreipiami ir klastojami ir pavergti lietuviai neturi teisės prieš tai protestuoti, mes, laisvėje gyveną Lietuvos Vyčiai išreiškiame ypatingą nepasitenkinimą, kad Lietuvių Bibliografinė Leidykla Čikagoje neseniai išleisto D. Fainhauzo knygoj "Lithuanians in Multi-Ethnic Chicago" visiškai nepaminėjo Leonardo Šimučio, kuris buvo netik vienas iš Lietuvos Vyčių pradininkų ir šulų, bet ir vienas iš svarbiausiųjų visuomenės veikėjų Čikagoje, kuris skleidė ir palaikė lietuvių per daugiau kaip pusę šimtmečio.

KADANGI 64-asis Seimas pravedė nutarimą, nuskandantį, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai turi palaikyti ir paremti arkivyskupo Jurgio Matulaičio beatifikacijos bylą, NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių koordinatorius šitame reikale būtų atlygintas, neviršijant \$250.00 sumos.

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai paaukotų \$100.00 Tėvams Marijonams, kad prisidėjus prie išlaidų, susidariusių besirūpinant arkivyskupo Jurgio Matulaičio beatifikacijos eiga.

NUTARTA, kad būtų įsteigtas specialus komitetas, kuris rūpintųsi Lietuvos Vyčių archyvo, besirandančio Lietuvos Vyčių salėje, Čikagoje, sutvarkymu. Komitetas turėtų įtraukti šios srities žinova ir vieną ar kelis Lietuvos Vyčių narius, pažįstančius gerai šią organizaciją. Šio darbo vykdytojas ar keli tokie asmenys turi būti atlyginti.

WHEREAS Joseph White, National Third Vice President for Seniors is actively involved in a program to promote the growth of Senior councils

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Convention suspend the Constitution and permit him to run for a fourth term of office.

WHEREAS the postage for the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin has tripled since the amount of \$1000 annually was established to fund the work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee,

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual funding be raised to \$2000.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 65th National Convention elevate to Honorary Membership REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS, whose candidacy to this honor was approved by the 64th National Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 65th National Convention elevate to Honorary Membership JOSEPHINE DAUZVARDIS, Lithuanian Consul at Chicago, whose candidacy to this honor was approved by the 64th National Convention.

At the recommendation of the Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 65th National Convention approve the elevation to HONORARY MEMBERSHIP, during the 66th National Convention in 1979, of candidate KAZYS SIPAILA of Council 29, Newark, for his long, untiring and outstanding work on behalf of the organization.

The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee submits the name of MICHAEL P. PETKUS, deceased, of Council 96, Dayton, Ohio, Mid-Central District to be considered for approval by this Convention for POSTHUMOUS ELEVATION TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA ORGANIZATION at the 1979 National Knights of Lithuania convention. The resolution submitting his name for the consideration to the Honorary Membership Committee was received PRIOR to his demise. Therefore, this enabled the Honorary Membership Committee to consider his qualifications for Honorary Membership.

KADANGI Joseph White, trečiasis Centro Valdybos vice-pirmininkas senjorų reikalams, yra aktyviai įsijungęs į programą, kuri siekia pakelti senjorų kuopų augimą, NUTARTA, kad Seimas, aplenkdamas konstituciją, leistų jam kandidatuoti į tą pačią poziciją ketvirtam terminui.

KADANGI nuo to laiko, kai Lietuvos Reikalų komiteto operacijoms buvo paskirta \$1000.00, pašto išlaidos už Lietuvos Reikalų biuletinį patrigubėjo, NUTARTA, kad metinė suma būtų pakelta ligi \$2000.00.

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo, kad 65-tas Seimas pakeltų į Garbės Narius šį 64-to Seimo užgirtą kandidatą... KUNIGĄ ALBERTĄ J. CONTONS-KONTAUTĄ.

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo, kad 65-tas Seimas pakeltų į Garbės Narius šią 64-to Seimo užgirtą kandidatę... JUZĘ DAUŽVARDIENĘ, Lietuvos Konsulę, Chicagoje.

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės narių komisija prašo, kad 65-tas seimas užgirtų Kazio Šipailos iš 29-tos kuopos, Newark, N.J., Mid-Atlantic apskrities, kandidatūrą į Garbės narius už jo nepailstamumą, ilgus metus daug ir garbingai besidarbuojant Lietuvos Vyčiams.

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės narių komisija pateikia šiam Seimui svarstyti Michael P. Petkaus, mirusio 96-tos kuopos nario, Dayton, Ohio, Mid-Central apskrities, kandidatūrą pomirtiniam pakėlimui į Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos Garbės narius per 1979 m. Lietuvos Vyčių Seimą. Rezoliucija, siūlanti jo pavardę į Garbės narių eiles, buvo gauta prieš jo mirtį. Tokiu būdu tai įgalino Garbės narių komisiją svarstyti jo tinkamumą į Garbės narius.

WHEREAS Knights of Lithuania C-140 under the energetic leadership of President Frank Petrauskas, has labored so diligently with great imagination and heartfelt hospitality in preparing and successfully bringing to a happy conclusion the 65th Annual Convention

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates, alternates and guests who participated in this memorable convention, express their profound pleasure and gratitude for their hospitality by a standing ovation of thankfulness.

WHEREAS the Rev. Bernard Gartska, Pastor of St. Stephen's Parish, Syracuse, N.Y. and Acting Spiritual Advisor of host Council 140 has shown such fatherly concern and has provided wise and prudent guidance to the Syracuse Knights of Lithuania

BE IT RESOLVED that the 65th Annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express to him their high esteem, deep appreciation and most cordial thanks.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania was founded as a Catholic organization and has maintained a constant tradition of fidelity to the Church, its Bishops and Pastors for 65 years and

WHEREAS the 65th Annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania was held in Syracuse, N.Y.

BE IT RESOLVED that this convention express its respect, esteem and obedience to the Most Rev. Bishop Frank J. Harrison, Ordinary of the Diocese of Syracuse, and in addition to thank him for his pastoral care, and support of the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Revised Edition of the Ritual Rules and Point System as outlined in the Supreme Council Ritual Committee's Report (given to all Delegates) be accepted and go into effect as of the 65th National Convention August 1978 with changes made by the Delegates incorporated.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių 140-ta kuopa, energingai vadovaujama pirmininko Frank Petrausko, taip pasišventusiai dirbo, vartodami daug sumanumo ir rodydami širdingą vaišingumą, beruošiant ir pravedant iki sėkmingos pabaigos 65-tąjį Seimą, NUTARTA, kad delegatai, jų pavaduotojai ir svečiai, kurie dalyvavo šiame neužmirštamame seime, išreikštų savo gilų pasitenkinimą ir dėkingumą už jų vaišingumą, atsistodami ir sukeldami atsidėkojimo ovacijas.

KADANGI kun. Bernard Gartska, šv. Stepono parapijos klebonas, Syracuse, N.Y., ir einas dvasios vado pareigas Seimo šeiminkų 140-toje kuopoje, parodė tokį tėvišką rūpinimąsi ir sumaniai ir išmintingai vadovavo Syracuse Lietuvos Vyčiams, NUTARTA, kad 65-tas Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas išreikštų jam savo gilią pagarbą ir įvertinimą ir kuo nuoširdžiausią padėką.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai buvo įsteigti kaip katalikiška organizacija ir nuolatos laikosi tradicijos, rodant ištikimybę Bažnyčiai, jos vyskupams ir kunigams per 65 metus ir KADANGI 65-asis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas buvo laikomas Syracuse mieste, N.Y., NUTARTA, kad šis seimas išreikštų savo pagarbą, įvertinimą ir nuolankumą Jo Ekscelencijai Vyskupui Frank J. Harrison, Syracuse diecezijos ordinarui, ir prie to dar jam padėkotų už jo ganytojišką globą ir palaikymą Lietuvos Vyčių idealų.

(Our sincerest thanks go to FAUSTAŠ STROLIA, Lithuanian Language Propagation Committee Chairman, for his outstanding work in translating the foregoing resolutions to Lithuanian, so that we might present a bi-lingual report of the most important part of the Convention Proceedings. Space limitations do not allow that the following resolutions and its associated Rules and Point System for Rituals be presented bi-lingually. Ed.).

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES

FIRST DEGREE

1. A member may be enrolled in the First Degree upon his initiation into the organization.
2. Each candidate must fulfill certain duties as per ceremonial.
3. Each candidate's application must be submitted in **TRIPLICATE** to the Supreme Ritual Committee for approval.
4. Supreme Ritual Committee will then forward one copy to the District Ritual Chairman and one copy to the Council Ritual Chairman.

SECOND DEGREE

1. One-year membership in the First Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least **THREE** points as per outlined in the Point System.
3. Each candidate must answer five out of ten questions in Lithuanian or English as per ceremonial.
4. Each candidate's application must be submitted to the Supreme Ritual Committee for approval in **TRIPLICATE**.
5. Supreme Ritual Committee will then forward one copy to the District Ritual Chairman and one copy to the Council Ritual Chairman.

THIRD DEGREE

1. Two-year membership in the Second Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least **THIRTY** points as per outlined in the Point System.
3. Each applicant must be able to answer ten out of twenty questions in Lithuanian or English as per ceremonial.
4. A fee of \$3.00 must accompany each application for which a medal and certificate is issued to suc-

cessful candidates; fee is returned to unsuccessful candidates.

5. The District Ritual Committee must review the qualifications of all Third Degree Candidates. (In the event that a council is located in a locality where a District Ritual Committee is not organized, the Supreme Ritual Committee should be contacted).
6. All District Ritual Chairmen are required to submit the original copy/copies of all Third Degree applications to the Supreme Ritual Committee **IMMEDIATELY** following presentation of the Third Degree Award.

FOURTH DEGREE

1. Three-year membership in the Third Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least **NINETY** points as per outlined in the Point System.
3. A fee of \$5.00 must accompany each application for which a medal and certificate is issued to successful candidates.
4. The Supreme Ritual Committee must review the qualifications of all Fourth Degree candidates, who must set down in detail the conditions under which he or she qualifies for the Fourth Degree.
5. Upon approval by the Supreme Ritual Committee all Council Ritual Chairpersons will be notified of their candidate's acceptance for the Fourth Degree Award.

All Ritual Chairpersons in submitting forms for a Degree for a candidate must:

1. List all activities.
2. List dates of activities.
3. List the category activity comes under (alphabetically listed in the Point System).

ACTIVITIES AND CREDIT POINTS FOR K. OF L. DEGREES

Mere election to an office or committee does not automatically entitle one to Degree credits. Proof of satisfactory fulfillment of duties and proof of other activity listed in the application must be available.

a. COUNCIL OFFICER:

| | |
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| President, per year | 5 points |
| 1st Vice-President, in charge of Juniors | 4 points |
| 2nd Vice-President, in charge of obtaining new members | 3 points |

3rd Vice-President, in charge of

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| Seniors | 3 points |
| Treasurer | 4 points |
| Recording Secretary | 5 points |
| Financial Secretary | 3 points |
| Trustees and others | 2 points |

b. DISTRICT OFFICER:

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| President, per year | 5 points |
| Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer | 3 points |
| Trustees, others | 2 points |

c. SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICER:

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| President, one year | 10 | points |
| Vice-Presidents, Recording and Financial Secretaries | 7 | points |
| Treasurer, Trustee, others | 5 | points |

d. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS —
Supreme, District, Council

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Religion, Lithuanian Affairs, Cultural Ritual | 6 | points |
| Public Relations, with PUBLICATION DATES AND SCOPE of material listed | 4 | points |
| | 1 to 4 | points |

e. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Sports (if clearly designated as a
K. of L. activity)

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| (1) - Eg., bowling or golf league - council | 1 | point |
| (2) - Eg., bowling or golf tournament - Supreme or District | 1/2 | point |
| (3) Secretary of any league, under K. of L. name (This applies only where league Secretary is NOT paid) | 4 | points |
| (4) Any assistants, depending on scope of duties (This applies only where one is NOT paid) | 2 | points |
| (5) Chairman of District tournament | 3 | points |

f. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

Eg., Dance, Breakfast, Dinner, Picnic,
Raffle, Christmas Party, Social Outings
or similar affairs, that are temporary
major activity or limited to council
membership

2 points

(If co-chaired, split points)

g. ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER:

| | | |
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| (Not Chairperson) Council, District | 1 | point |
| Supreme Council | 3 | points |
| Inactive committee member — one who participates only at the function | 1/2 | point |

h. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

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| On yearly basis, Council level (Social, Condolence, photographer, historian, etc.) | 2 | points |
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i. DIRECTOR of K. of L. Choir or
Conductor of regularly scheduled
classes in Lithuanian languages,
history or literature — per year

4 points

(For shorter periods of time, 1 to 4
points awarded at discretion of Council
Ritual Committee)

Excluding salaried persons

j. MEMBER of K. of L. Choir — per year

2 points

Member of Lithuanian parish choir or
other Lithuanian chorus or drama
group — per year

1 point

Excluding salaried persons

k. DIRECTOR of a theatrical
presentation

2 points

(if play is in Lithuanian, add one
more point)

Excluding salaried persons

l. GENERAL CHAIRPERSON:

Host Council's Convention Committee
for National Convention — per
convention

4 points

(if co-chaired, each receives 2 points)

m. Member Host Council's Convention
Committee for National Convention,
per convention, or suitable points for
work performed

1 point

n. NATIONAL CONVENTION OFFICER:

Chairman, vice-chairman, secretary

2 points

o. MEMBER OF COMMITTEE:

Resolutions, Mandate, Greetings, etc.,
(Serving during a National
Convention)

1 point

p. DELEGATE TO NATIONAL
CONVENTION:

If record of attendance is satisfactory
as per Mandate Committee's records.
(TO RECEIVE CREDIT A
DELEGATE MUST ATTEND AT
LEAST 4 SESSIONS)

1 point

q. DELEGATE TO DISTRICT
CONVENTION:

1/2 point

(Maximum credit — 1 point per year)

r. ORGANIZING A K. OF L. COUNCIL

5 points

(Regular, Senior or Junior)

- s. ~~ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS~~ into K. of L. ~~per member~~ $\frac{1}{2}$ point
for re-enrolling an ~~ex-member~~ — per member $\frac{1}{2}$ point
- t. FOR EACH PUBLISHED NEWS ITEM IN THE "VYTIS" $\frac{1}{2}$ point
Dates of council news publications must be listed
- u. FOR EACH ARTICLE OR EDITORIAL PUBLISHED IN THE "VYTIS" 2 points
Dates must be submitted

- v. YEARLY MEMBERSHIP — per year $\frac{1}{4}$ points
- w. ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS — per meeting $\frac{1}{4}$ point
Dates are to be listed.

For other activities — as approved by the Supreme Ritual Committee. Under the designation of Committee are included all activity units: Boards, Circle, Groups, Clubs, etc.

RULINGS FOR SUBMITTING PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS FOR DEGREE

- A. Spiritual Advisors who have been members for twelve months qualify for reception of the Second Degree.
- B. Spiritual Advisors who have been Second Degree members for three years qualify for the reception of the Third Degree.
- C. Spiritual Advisors who have been Third Degree members for four years qualify for the reception of the Fourth Degree.

- B. Third Degree to be granted after four years as Second Degree member.
- C. Fourth Degree to be granted after six years as Third Degree member. Since our organization has been remiss in conferring of degrees, it is further submitted that the Supreme Council allow the conferral of the highest degree merited, skipping over the intermediate degrees, where this procedure is warranted.

Priest members and Religious who are not Spiritual Advisors qualify for the Higher Degrees as follows:

This means, for instance, that a Spiritual Advisor who has been serving for eight would be granted the Fourth Degree immediately. Any priest or religious member who has been in good standing for eleven years would immediately be granted the Fourth Degree.

- A. Second Degree to be granted after twelve months as member.

ACTIVITIES AND CREDIT POINTS TO BE GIVEN TO JUNIOR MEMBERS FOR K. OF L. DEGREES.

a. COUNCIL OFFICER:

- President, Secretary — per year $2\frac{1}{2}$ points
Vice-President, Treasurer — per year $1\frac{1}{2}$ points
Trustees, others 1 point

b. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

- Lithuanian Affairs, Cultural, Ritual, Public Relations 2 points

c. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

- Temporary Affairs appropriate to Juniors, such as Raffle, Cake Sales, Rummage Sales, Fund Raisers, Rallies $1\frac{1}{2}$ points

d. ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER: 1 point

- e. Member of K. of L. choir, chorus, dance group, drama group or other Lithuanian performing groups 1 point

All Junior Knight applications are to be submitted to the Supreme Ritual Committee.



APPLYING FOR DEGREES FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

All applications for Associate Members are to be marked as are applications for Senior and Junior Members.

All Associate Members receive membership credit as of 1970 when Associate Members became a permanent part of the Knights of Lithuania.

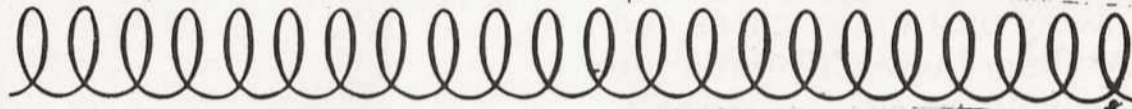
All Associate Members will be processed in the same manner as a Regular, Senior and Junior Knight.

Points are to be credited to Associate Members as of 1970.

The following change will be entered onto all Degree Application Forms to be filed with the District and Supreme Ritual Committees:

IMPORTANT — CHECK ONE

- Regular — Senior — Junior
— Associate Member



FOURTH DEGREES CONFERRED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, SYRACUSE

Prior to the Sunday Mass a most impressive ceremony began with Rev. A. Jurgelaitis leading the seven Knights in prayer who were then presented with their Fourth Degree Award by Bishop Vincetas Brizgys who was assisted by Rev. A. Contons and Ritual Committee Members Frances Petkus and Sophie Zager. Entered into the Order of St. Casimir were:

Anne Bucinskas, C-26, Worcester
Francis Degutis, C-26, Worcester
Kunigunda A. Coach, C-30, Westfield
George Mikalauskas, C-96, Dayton
Rev. Jonas Pakalniskis, C-110, Maspeth
Marian Skabeikis, C-110, Maspeth
Anthony A. Miner, C-116, Worcester

The Fourth Degree has also been approved for the following, who were unable to attend the National Convention, but who will receive their medals during appropriate ceremonies in their home councils:

Marion Racicot, C-26, Worcester
Helen M. Alexik, C-30, Westfield
Rev. Michael J. Kundrat, C-79, Southfield
Irene Landanski, C-103, Providence
John Walaska, C-103, Providence
Algird Brazis, C-112, Chicago
Irene Adamaitis, C-116, Worcester
Anthony C. Jonutis, Chicago Seniors

OF SPEAKERS AND PANELS

Opening Day of the National K of L Convention in Syracuse, N.Y., found delegates, guests and friends gathered for the first session on Thursday afternoon. All were greeted in his usual charming and open manner by chairman, Frank Petrauskas. Featured were speakers — County Executive, John Mulroy; and Joseph Nickiletti who subbed for Mayor Lee Alexander.

In his president's report, Anthony Miner expressed warm sentiments and noted that "new officers should get together with their outgoing peers". He advised "don't throw away past experiences and ideas into a pond, but give them (new officers) a life preserver — something to hold on to".

Sister Margarita of Immaculate Conception Sisters, of Putnam, Conn., gave a summary on the "beginnings" of their order and the dedicated efforts of Archbishop George Matulaitis to organize the I.C. Sisters. She expressed gratitude for the great assistance from the Knights of Lithuania as one of the contributing organizations that help maintain the nursing home in Putnam as well as two homes in Canada.

Those who come to appreciate nostalgia enjoyed hearing Algimantas Gečys, past National President of Bendruomene, tell of his "encounter with Cupid", playing a prominent role in his life at the Philadelphia K of L convention where he met a pretty, blond girl... married her... and 20 years later she still is "beautiful and blond as ever". On a serious note Mr. Gečys summarized the purpose of Bendruomene. Based on his past experiences he expressed dismay that there is still an "air of distrust" toward the organization (Bendruomene). "We do not want to swallow or absorb other clubs". He invited members to come, to see, to help together.

Very interesting and nostalgic also were the comments by Mrs. Mary Rudis of Chicago, who is the National President of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund (BALF). She spoke of "memories" of the Knights when it was founded in 1913, and considered



Mary Rudis

most "unusual" due to its ancient literary language that traces back possibly to 5,000 B.C. She encouraged members to remain steadfast to their culture and ancestral heritage. Mrs. Rudis is the sister of the late Jack Jatis who was the president of K of L in 1949.

John Stoskus of Providence, R.I., enthusiastically presented a generous contribution of \$500.00 in behalf of his council, 103, for the printing of the new constitution of the K of L. The donation was gratefully accepted.

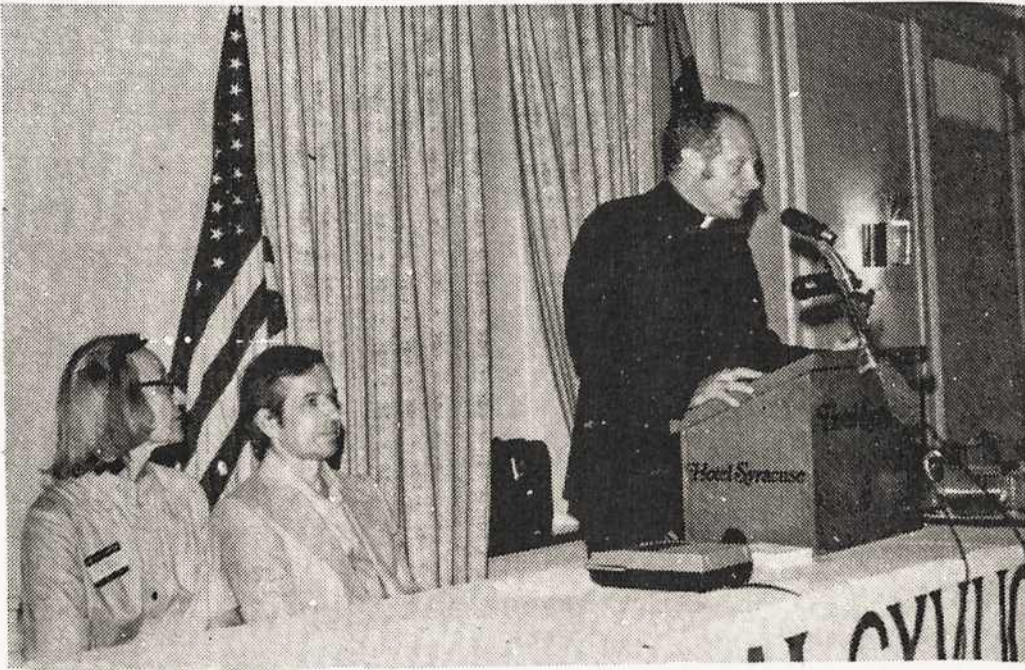
Armed with Press Kits and other basics the Nat'l Public Relations Chairperson, Eva M. Migonis chaired a superb discussion of Public Events, and presented five interesting panel speakers as follows: Bernard Aiello — Manager of Operations WIXT (Channel 9); Joan Salesman — Public Affairs Producer/Director WCNY-TV & FM; Carol Jeschke — Acting Executive Director & Cultural Resources Council Civic Center; Joanne Dennis — Lifestyle Editor of Syracuse Herald-Journal and Herald-American, and Robert Carolin — General Manager of WHEN-AM. This Friday P.M. session was one of the most interesting and knowledgeable events of the convention.



J. Stoskus and L. Janonis



Press Panel



Human Rights Panel.

Lithuanian Dissident Kestutis Jokubynas was one of the outstanding featured speakers at the Saturday A.M. HUMAN RIGHTS Panel. He made us aware of our responsibility to work toward the freedom of Lithuania more than we have in the past.

Mr. Jokubynas spent approximately 9 years in Soviet labor camps and is one who is fully aware of Human Rights. He enlightened the assemblage of the history of Lithuania, the sacrifices made by its people, the mass terror and mass deportations. He also spoke of how Lithuanians in the Soviet Union still manage to keep their identity by underground publications, petitions and other self expressions. He urged people "who enjoy freedom" to help their less fortunate brothers "regain their freedom" by writing letters to leaders of government and contributing to other publications. He praised the K of L highly for working for the Lithuanian cause. Further, Mr. Jokubynas encouraged for the establishment of a Prisoner's Program whereby a full list of imprisoned names can be obtained to tell the plight of these Lithuanians to all leaders.

Rev. Casimir Pugevičius generated "steam" on the subject — Lack of Human Rights in Lithuania. He encouraged members to become active in Lithuanian Affairs and to write letters to various leaders on the plight of Lithuania. He used an example: "if we were in a prison or confined in a mental institution and no one would come to visit or cared to help regain our freedom — this would not be a likeable situation". Father noted that people in Lithuania desire books and literature. He urged members to help their less fortunate Lithuanian people. And keep writing those letters!

The annual membership report showed the good news, that over one thousand new members in the K of L. And Jonas Adomenas, newly-elected Membership V.P. beamed when newly-elected Pres. Phil Skabeikis presented Jonas with an award during Sunday Brunch for an outstanding job of enlisting 70



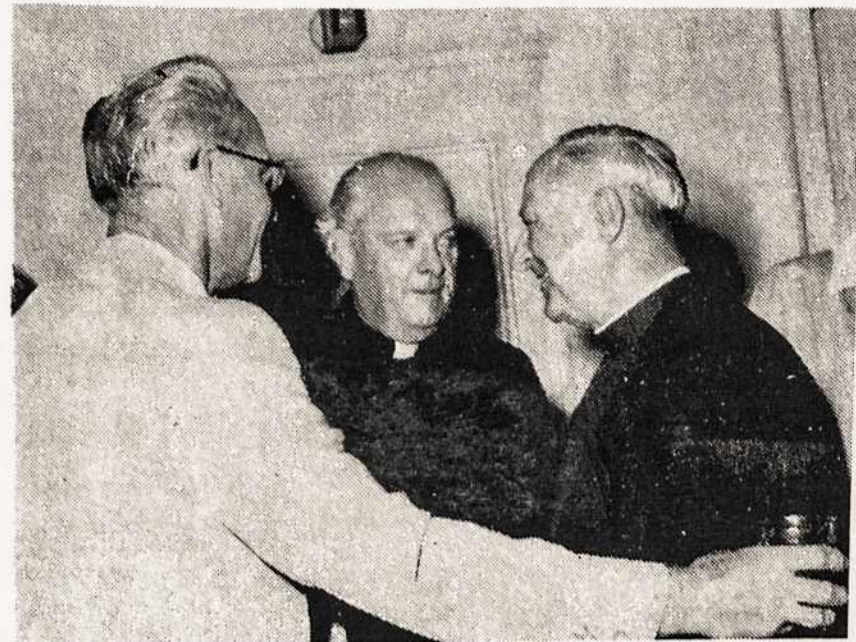
J. Adomenas, A. Miner, Rev. Dambrauskas, A. Wargo.

members into the K of L. Mr. Adomenas urged each member upon returning home to make every effort to enlist at least one new member.

As was noted there were lots of new faces during the convention — and lots of sparked enthusiasm. Among one of the lively councils is the Anthracite Council 144. As a result of a successful Lithuanian Day in Harrisburg, Pa., another new council 146 was formed.

One of the highlights of the convention was an inspiring address by The Most Rev. Frank J. Harrison following the Banquet on Sat. Eve, and during his homily at Sunday Mass when he made it known that many other nationalities, including his people of Irish ancestry, were not aware of the existence of Lithuania. To sum it all up — the K of L convention brought Lithuanianism to Syracuse!

Sophie M. Zager



F. Petrauskas, Bishops Harrison and Brizgys.

THREADS OF GOLD

In the brilliant, many colored tapestry depicting the 65th National Convention there were many strands of gold, golden threads, representing the religious activities of this gathering of the Knights of Lithuania.

The official opening of the Convention on Thursday was Holy Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit at St. Stephen's Church, which is the parish center for C-140 activities. Father Bernard Garstka is pastor and Spiritual Advisor of the K of L in Syracuse.

Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor, Father Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., concelebrated the Holy Sacrifice with Monsignor Joseph Neverauskas, Father Casimir Pugevicius and Father Bernard Garstka. Brother George, OFM, assisted at the celebration. Supreme Council President Anthony Miner served as lector.

In the Convention "keynote" homily Fr. Jurgelaitis gave a very brief resume of the nine conferences preached by our late Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, dealing with certain basic temptations which trouble and disturb Catholics of today, such as, thinking that, maybe, there is no God, or that we can never really know God, or that God is somehow useless in ordinary, daily life, or that we must find a new modern God for our times, or that we must find a substitute for the old God who would be somehow closer to us.

The Holy Father pointed out that the one way to resist and overcome these temptations was to SEARCH for God personally and deliberately. When man searches for God person to Person, he does experience God's Existence, he gains new insights about Him, finds that God is most useful and that there is no substitute for God.

Father Jurgelaitis added a "P.S.", a postscript, to the Holy Father's remarks. He listed a parallel series of temptations which today's Knights of Lithuania

sometimes face: that the Spirit of Lithuania is dying, or is dead, that the struggle for Lithuanian Human Rights and freedom is a lost cause, that the socialistic revolution in Lithuania is irreversible. The Knights of Lithuania reject these temptations: the CHRONICLES in every issue show us a Lithuanian Spirit which is deeper and stronger than it ever was; the fight for human dignity and the rights of conscience is not hopeless or useless... it serves to make us more heroic and supports the determination of Catholics in Lithuania to persevere in their Faith, in spite of persecutions, jails and exile. True Knights of Lithuania will not falter even when fiercely attacked by temptations against their religion and their country.

During the opening session of the Convention the delegates were greeted by the Very Reverend Joseph Dambrauskas, M.I.C., Pro-

vincial of the Marian Fathers, Sister Margarita, Superior of the Poor Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, and Sisters Francesca and Alverna of the Franciscan Sisters in Pittsburgh.

The Mass on Friday at the hotel was offered for persecuted Christians. Concelebrating with Father Casimir Pugevicius were Father Kestutis Baltch, Spiritual Advisor of C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y. and Father Jurgelaitis. The first reading of the Mass was taken from the CHRONICLES and read by Eva Kazokas, C-74, Scranton, Pa.

A most touching symbol of persecuted Christians in Lithuania was revealed, when Father Pugevicius, homilist of the Mass, raised up a broken crucifix, which was smuggled out of Lithuania. There was no cross, the heavy cast iron body of the crucified Christ was fastened to a square board, one arm and both legs had been broken



Thursday Mass at St. Stephen's Church, concelebrated by Father Pugevicius, Father Jurgelaitis, Msgr. Neverauskas and Father Garstka.

off — the work of some Lithuanian atheist vandals. Father Pugevicius also showed and read from a "Message from the Church of the Catacombs in Lithuania". This was an urgent request for religious literature. People in Lithuania are happy to receive material gifts from their relatives in the United States, but they are yearning and thirsting for religious material: the Bible, prayer books, books on Catholic Doctrine and religious themes.

The Convention Religion theme this year was not a panel, but a conference accompanied by a showing of slides delivered by the Very Reverend Joseph Dambrauskas, M.I.C., Provincial of the Marian Fathers and Postulator of the Beatification Cause of Archbishop George Matulaitis, M.I.C. In this conference which was truly inspiring, Father Dambrauskas informed the Knights of Lithuania that all preparatory documents have been submitted to the Holy See. The need of the present is prayer and the collection of signatures by Catholics from all over the world requesting the elevation of Archbishop Matulaitis to the rank of Blessed. Since the Knights of Lithuania by resolution of the 65th National Convention pledged themselves to assist and participate in this worthy project, special signature sheets were distributed to all present, thus this religion project was officially begun by the K of L. Anthony Miner, outgoing K of L National President, volunteered to co-ordinate this signature collection phase of the process with Father Dambrauskas.



Religious Panel. Ann Wargo, Larry Janonis, Father Dambrauskas and Anthony Miner.

In the colored slide presentation pictures of many personal articles belonging to the Archbishop, such as his pectoral cross, vestments and others were shown and commented upon. With deep reverence the speaker showed the red skullcap belonging to Archbishop George, given to Father Dambrauskas after the body of the archbishop was exhumed and transferred to another casket.

Holy Mass on Saturday morning was offered for the deceased members of the Knights of Lithuania. Concelebrating with the Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor, Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, were Fathers Albert Contons, who received Honorary Membership at the Convention, Casimir Pugevicius, Kestutis Baltch, John Pakalniskis. Lectors were Brother George, OFM and Sister Alverna of the Franciscan Sisters.

Father Contons preached the homily drawing a parallel between the "witness" of Catholics in Lithuania and the Knights of Lithuania. The noble ideals of God and country inspire both Lithuanians and American Lithuanians. Witness to God and country calls for fidelity and sacrifice. The sacrifice of Lithuanians is heroic, ours must imitate theirs. The deceased members of the Knights of Lithuania who were commemorated in the Mass, also, gave witness to the Faith and to patriotism, a sacrifice for which they will not lose their heavenly reward.

An interesting moment occurred during the Prayer of the Faithful when Father Jurgelaitis requested

that a delegate from each council recall aloud the name or names of the members of the council who died during the past year.

The Convention closing Mass was celebrated at the Cathedra Sunday morning at 9 o'clock Bishop Vincent Brizgys was chief concelebrant, the local Ordinary Bishop Frank Harrison, presided. The other concelebrants were Fathers Contons, Pugevicius, Garstka, Pakalniskis and Alisauskas, Spiritual Advisor of C-143, Pittston, Pa.

Bishop Brizgys preached the homily and at the close of the Mass Bishop Harrison spoke to the Knights and gave his blessing.

The Cathedral echoed with the prayers of the Mass in Lithuanian and the responses of the congregation as well as with the Lithuanian hymns played by Faustas Strolia at the organ and sung by the Knights of Lithuania. Soloist at the Mass was Mrs. Vita Talandis, who had performed at the Cultural Evening on Friday.

At the Convention sessions several resolutions were adopted bearing upon the religious activities of the organization. These will be found on another page of this VYTIS.

From this brief report it is clear that the Knights of Lithuania are maintaining their traditional fidelity to God and to their Catholic Faith in both word and deed.

Fr. A.A.J., O.P.



Installation of Officers

Photo - W. Sidtis

"EARLY BIRD" SESSIONS

A recent innovation at conventions was the "Early Bird" working session, where volunteers met before opening sessions, to discuss various phases of the organization and its betterment. The following are reports of some of the sessions.

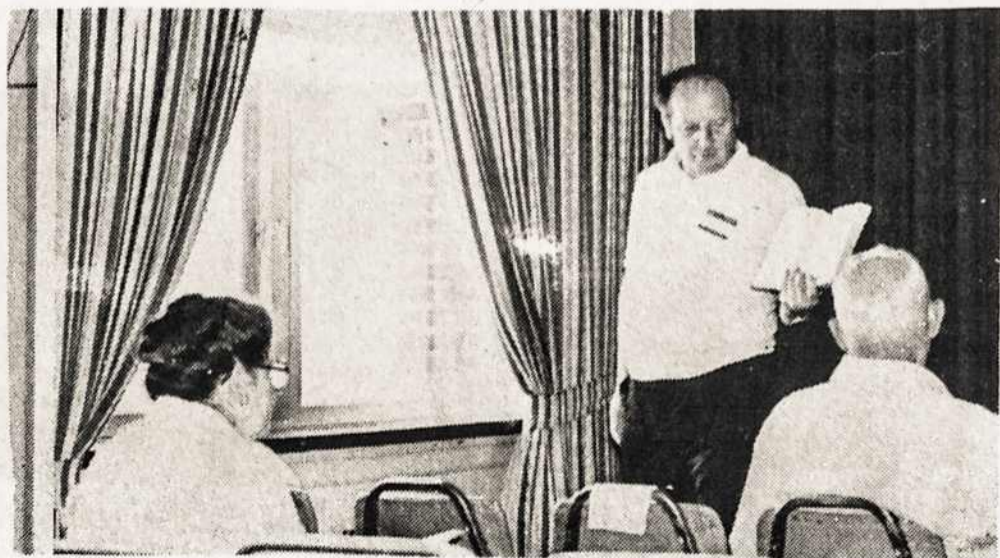
"EARLY BIRD" MEETING FOR RITUAL CHAIRMEN

An "early bird" meeting for Ritual Chairmen was conducted on August 18, 1978 by Frances Petkus, the Supreme Council Ritual Chairman. Fran briefly brought to our attention the requirements for First, Second, Third and Fourth Degrees discussed on her 1977-78 Ritual Report. Each member present had a copy of this report to follow. When Fran opened this informed meeting to questions, it became a most animated one, discussing degree requirements, points necessary for these requirements, etc. No sooner was one question answered than another hand went up. It was obvious the short hour was not going to be long enough for all questions. It was decided nearer the end of the hour that Fran Petkus would bring up at the next open session some of the suggestions for changes and additions. These official changes as approved at the session will appear in the Vytis. Fran also suggested that when Council Ritual Chairmen cannot find an exact heading concerning a candidate's qualified points it should be noted on the back of the application under the heading of SPECIAL. The Supreme Council Ritual Committee will make the final decision as to number of points, if any, for that activity.

Mildred Chinik

EARLY BIRD SESSION "EFFECTIVE COUNCIL PROGRAMMING"

This session, conducted by Marian Skabeikis, President of Council 110, Maspeth, dealt with some of the ways in which members can become more involved in the actual workings of their council. Taking as a goal the involvement of each member at what-



ever level they were able to participate, several techniques were discussed. The major emphasis was placed on arriving at a consensus of the members as to what their own reasons were for membership in the organization, as well as their particular hopes and talents. Committee chairmen were urged to recruit active members for all council committees to avoid the problems caused by overburdening one small group of members. Other suggestions included the formation of interest groups for such programs as language study, dramatics, craft skills, printing a newsletter, and other goals.

Those participating in the panel stressed the need for effective communication at the Council level, and a greater awareness of National programs on the part of each member, especially as these programs are outlined in VYTIS.

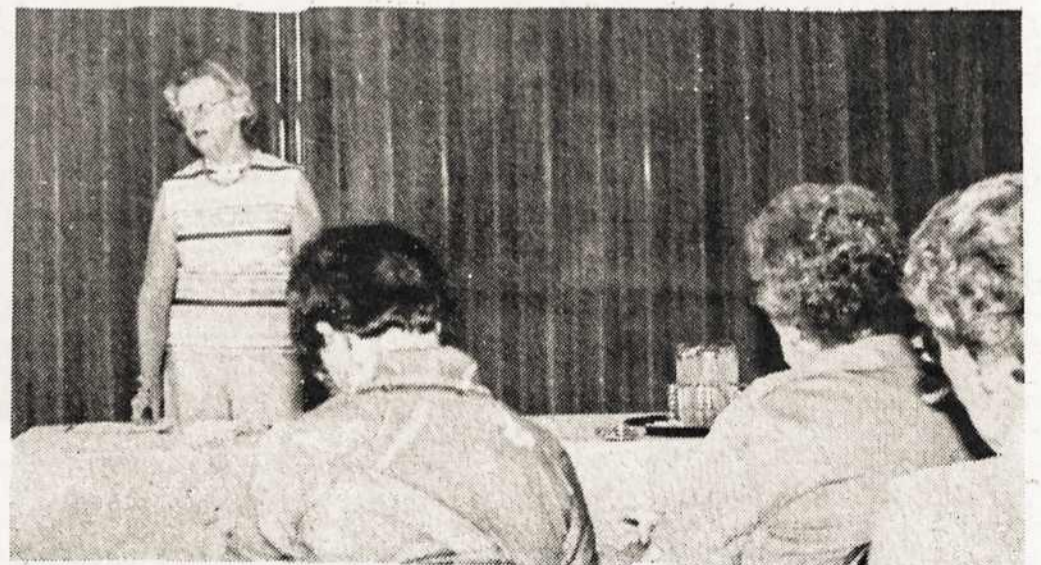
All those who participated, including the moderator came away with some suggestions which will hopefully add vigor to council programs in the coming year.

EARLY BIRD SESSION LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

Conducted by National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Fr. Casimir Pugevičius, this two day session featured a tape of eyewitness accounts of the trial and sentencing of Viktoras Petkus. A second tape, by Antanas Masionis, reviewed teachers' manuals from Lithuania in regard to combatting "religious feeling of children in schools".

Also available to the participants were an exhibit of, and readings from Lithuanian SAMIZDAT publications recently received in the West. Those present were also able to see a letter in Nijole Sadunaite's own hand regarding her present condition in Siberian exile, and showing her courage and unflinching spirit.

Suggestions for practical ways in which to help the situation in Lithuania today, included encouraging non-Lithuanians to write letters to Lithuanian teachers regarding their treatment of children, and to work unceasingly in writing, speaking and promoting the cause of those in Lithuania today.



(Photo W. Sidtis)

JUNIORS AT THE CONVENTION

The Knights of Lithuania Convention held in Syracuse, New York, August 16 to 20th was a tremendous success.

The Juniors were very well represented. Ann Marie Kassel should be congratulated for a job well done. A guided tour was planned to Fort Ontario and was followed by swimming at Lake Ontario. The Juniors attended Mass at St. Stephen's Church. There was a hospitality session planned for the Juniors to get better acquainted. Later some of the Juniors went to the Syracuse Mall and others to the museum. We later attended Fun Night where entertainment included a clown and a magician along with good music and dancing.

On Saturday morning at the Junior's Session, Father Jurgelaitis and Father Dambrauskas spoke to us. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Fr. Dambrauskas. Georgiann Kassel of C-36-112 was elected Chairman and Tony Ambrosini, C-110, Secretary. Fr. Jurgelaitis, Spiritual Advisor of the Supreme Council gave us a talk on religion as it pertains to us as individuals. His powerful speech centered upon the Holy Trinity. He urged us to continue our active work as Juniors in the Knights of Lithuania. Fr. Dambrauskas gave an inspiring talk on the life and death of Archbishop George Matulaitis. Mrs. Ann Marie Kassel spoke to us about our Junior councils and how to improve our meetings. Over twenty juniors attended this meeting. All Juniors are urged to send more articles and pictures to the Vytis. Ritual and the point system for all Juniors were discussed. In the future two conventions will be awarded per council. They will consist of \$25.00 each whereas now there are four conventions of \$50.00 per District.

On Sunday the Juniors attended Mass at the Cathedral of the

Immaculate Conception. Among the processioners were three Juniors who carried flags, Antanas Ambrosini C-110, John Newberry C-79, Alan Drenzek C-100, and Lithuanian folk dancer Larry Wiseman of Rochester. After the Mass the official convention photograph was taken. Brunch followed at the Knights of Columbus hall where awards were distributed. Junior conventionships were given to Leon and Marija Stungurys

C-110, Georgiann Kassel C-36-112, Annamarie Sluzas C-96, and Elena Mikalauskas C-96, Adele Martin C-17, Debbie Bumila C-1, Michael Mikolaitis C-100, Lisa Saikal C-100, and Paula Keeney C-17.

The Juniors also attended many of the regular activities. Hope to see everyone at next year's convention in Chicago!

Antanas Ambrosini
C-110, Maspeth



(Photo W. Sidtis)



LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS

This month, in keeping with the reporting of the 65th National Convention, LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS is featuring those of our members who received special awards at the Convention. All of us should take special pride in recognizing the achievements of those of our members who have worked especially hard during the past year to further the goals of the Knights of Lithuania.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

A special category in the Membership Drive has been the Individual Awards for enrolling new members to the organization. This is a special commitment which should be made by all members, recognizing that our strength and continued vitality go hand in hand with our growth as an organization.

First place in this category was awarded to JONAS ADOMENAS, C-110, Maspeth, NY, who enrolled 70 new members in the past year. Jonas joined the K of L in December of 1976, and has shown his interest in the organization by serving on the Mid-Atlantic District Executive Board, and as Vice President of C-110. He is the newly elected National Membership Vice President, as well as the new President of C-110.

Second place in this drive was awarded to ESTELLE ROGERS of C-112, Chicago. Estelle enrolled 7 new members this year, and has been a winner of this award at past Conventions for her sustained interest in membership work. She is President of the Knights of Lithuania Choir in Chicago, and has been active in her Council and in the Illinois-Indiana District.

The third place winner was HELEN AMBROSE of C-144, the Anthracite Council. Helen, who signed up 6 members, is a charter member of C-144, and has been active on the Lithuanian Day Committee at the Annual Lithuanian Day held in Barnesville, PA.

100 LETTER AWARD

A traditional part of the work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee in past years under the direction of Fr. Jutt was the 100 Letter Award, given to those members who sent out 100 or more letters in line with their work as part of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. This past year, the Award was revived in an attempt to reaffirm the importance of spreading information about the situation in Lithuania today. A profile of the winners follows.

ALEX KARDOKAS, a member of C-26, Worcester, received the award posthumously. Until the time of his death earlier this year, Alex was devoted to the work of Lithuanian Affairs, and sent numerous letters to the media, legislators and others. The award was accepted on behalf of his family by C-26 President Rita Pinkus.

President of C-144, BERNICE MIKATAVAGE, has been responsible for coordinating her council's letters to Prisoners of Conscience program. After insuring that each prisoner on the list had been contacted, she followed up on the problem of unreceipted mail with Postal officials. Letters have also been sent to numerous elected officials and to the media, and has promoted the Lithuanian cause with other ethnic groups.

As Lithuanian Affairs Chairman of C-144, JOSEPH MARTUNAS has written letters to all elected officials, local papers and others who would provide a forum for the Lithuanian cause. A particular project has been the sending of mailgrams to President Carter, concentrating on any issue in which the Lithuanian nation is involved.

ANNA KLIZAS WARGO, Secretary of C-144, has been involved in public relations work for the council and has lost no opportunity to promote the Lithuanian cause. Her letter-writing credits include mailings to President Carter, Federal and State officials and numerous newspapers, radio and television stations. Anna has also made a specific effort to involve the clergy in the problem of religious freedom in Lithuania.

ŽIUPSNIS SEIMO ĮSPŪDŽIU



Metinis Vyčių seimas atėjo ir praėjo. Per keletą dienų telkėmės maldoje, dirbome, svarstėme mums opius klausimus ir, išrinkę vadus ateinantiems metams, išskirstėme į savo namus. Kiti teaprašo seimo eigą, tegvildena ir vertina jo darbus ir smulkmeniškai teperduoda jo veiklos vaisius. Čia norima trumpai pasidalinti pašaliniais įspūdžiais, kol jie dar ryškiai stovi atmintyje.

Maloniausios valandėlės ir atsiminimai yra tie nuoširdūs ir draugiški pasikalbėjimai su mūsų kilniaisiais ir garbingaisiais seniūnais Vyčiais. Mano akimis jie tikrai yra didvyriai. Savo gyvenime jie yra pavyzdinčiai išpildę priimtą vytišką priesaiką ir užsitarnavę mūsų didžiausios pagarbos. Šie milžinai, kad ir gyvenimo saulėlydyje, visgi įstengia atvykti į metinius seimus, atidžiai seka seimo eigą, jame dalyvauja ir domisi mūsų darbais. Jų mintys ir žodžiai liepsnoja skaidria Vyčių meile. Mes prieš juos stovime paaugliai - naujokai, ieškodami paramos, patarimo ir įkvėpimo; stovime pasiryžę dirbti Dievui ir Tautai ir prašome mūsų siekimams teisingos krypties ir

vadovaujančios šviesos. Pasidalinimas mintimis ir susipažinimas su jų sėkmingai nuveiktais darbais padeda išvengti klaidų ir nepapulti į painias pinkles.

Nedaug šių garbingų vadų jau likę mūsų tarpe ir kiekviename seime aiškiai matosi vis retėjančios jų gretos. Juo daugiau, tad, vertintina visokia proga pasiklausti jų žodžių ir pasinaudoti jų gyvenimo patirtimi. O kaip šiltai, mielai ir įkvepiančiai jie kalba prisimindami mūsų Vyčių tėvą, Mykolą Norkūną, jo vytišką širdį, jo nepalaužiamą dvasią ir nenuilstamą ištvėrmę. Jie yra užsidegę tais pačiais troškimais, tikslais, ugnimi ir ryžtu. Pasididžiuodami jie skaitosi laimingi turėję progos jį pažinti ir su juomi pabendradarbiauti. Patraukli šiluma veržiasi iš jų žodžių. Širdis neatlaiko neužsidegus tvirtu ryžtu pasekti jų pramintais takais ir būti vertais jų įpėdiniais. Jie sudaro gyvą tiltą tarp mūsų ir mūsų pradininko. Stovint jų šešėlyje, būtina pajuntama dr. V. Kudirkos Lietuvos himno žodžių gili prasmė: "Iš praeities tavo sūnūs te stiprybę semia".

Gal pats skausmingiausias šiems

garbingiems Vyčiams sielvartas yra lietuvių kalbos tolydinis mardėjimas, ypač Vyčių tarpe. Skausmą didina ir nesulaikomą ašarą išspaudžia regimas mūsųose pastangų trūkumas, net nenoras, bent bandyti kalbėti lietuviškai, kad ir šlubuojant, kad ir nevisai taisyklingai. Jie trokšte trokšta išgirst savo įpėdinių lietuviškai tartą žodį. Jie supranta kintančios gyvenimo aplinkos ir laikų raidos naikinančią įtaką, tačiau nenori tikėti, kad galas čia pat. Jie nori viltis, kad atsiras pakankamai kilnių, stiprių Vyčių, kurie užsigrūdinę pajėgs atsispirti siaučiančioms ir grasiinančioms pražūtimi bangoms, kurie ištvėringai tęs darbą išlaikyti mūsų tautos kalbą, dainas ir kultūrą.

Neišdildomą įspūdį kaip tik paliko vienas šių garbingųjų Vyčių. Lai visad lieka prisimintini jo atsiveikinimo žodžiai! Tvirtai paspausdamas ranką ir viltingai žūrėdamas tiesiai į akis, jis tarė: "Dirbkime lietuvybei!"

Stasys P. Vaičaitis
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Social

Sidelights

WEDNESDAY EVENTS

The Golf Tournament started at noon with a nice turn out. The Callaway System of scoring was used and the winner was Ed Krivickas of Chicago, Council 112.

On the Bus Tour there were 52 people and they had a very enjoyable time. Hostesses were the two daughters of Chairman Frank Petrauskas, Joan and Cecilia.

The Awards Banquet saw 92 people in attendance. The evening was filled with much good eating, drinking, sing-along, and of course — just plain visiting.

All in all a very good day and a very good preparation for the Convention opening!

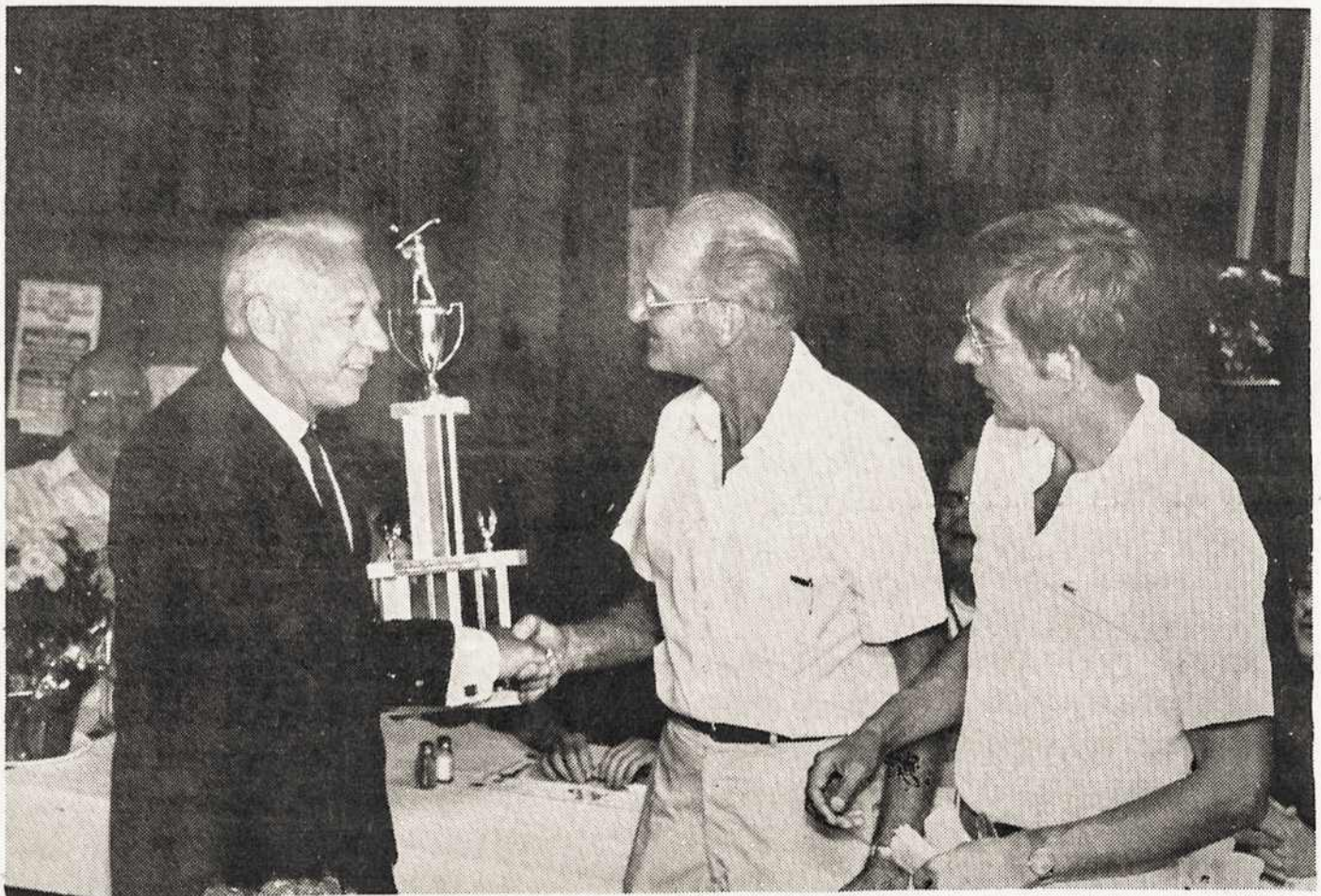
F. Petrauskas

OPENING LUNCHEON 65TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The air of excitement was tangible as delegates, guests and friends of the Knights of Lithuania gathered in the Persian Terrace of the Hotel Syracuse for the opening luncheon of the 65th National Convention. The assembly was greeted by host Council President Frank Petrauskas, and by a representative of Lee Alexander, Mayor of Syracuse, as well as by County Executive John Mulroy. It was a wonderful opportunity for all to remake old acquaintances, and rest a moment before the work of the opening session of the Convention.



Wed. Golf Banquet, l. to r. June Johnson, Rev. B. Garstka, Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, Bro. G. Petkavage.



Wed. Golf Banquet: l. to r., E. Krivickas, C-112, Golf Champ, F. Petrauskas and V. Vizgaitis presenting trophy.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S ACTIVITY

Thursday's 'Fun Night' on the agenda of activities for the convention proved to be just that! With the Knights being bused to the K of C Hall in time for the 'congeniality hour', the mood for the evening was set. The Knights took advantage of this time renewing friendships and making new ones.

A buffet dinner was served and was followed by the program for the evening. Mr. Gene Doan, a teacher by profession, entertained

us with his 'bag of tricks' proving his talent as a magician. Junior Knight, Tom Petkus, C-96, Dayton, along with guest Chip Newberry, C-79, Detroit, Barbara and Cecilia Petrauskas, C-140, Syracuse, got into the act. Frank Petrauskas, Convention Chairman, was delegated to be a part of the guillotine act and 'managed' to survive.

Music for the dancing that followed was supplied by the 'Variety Boys'. The energetic had the floor bouncing for the rest of the

evening.

Nelda Machutas, C-25, Cleveland, was surprised with a Birthday Cake. HM Phyllis Grendal made all the arrangements with formal presentation made by past National Trustee, Daniel Averka. Nelda's husband, Charles, didn't think there would be enough for everyone, but with expertise, Nelda saw that no one was slighted.

Fran Petkus



CULTURE AT THE 65TH

"I could hear echoes and I did not know whether I was singing too loud or whether I should project more", said beautiful Vita Talandis in a recent interview.

She was speaking about her concert in Syracuse on Cultural Night at the 65th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

The Convention seemed to be plagued with room changes and the concert had been shifted from the Recital Room to the massive auditorium called the "Crouse Hinds Theater" in the Civic Center.

The 200 plus Lithuanians who made up the audience were lost in the shadows of thousands of empty seats.

However, Mrs. Talandis certainly managed to judge her pianissimos and fortissimos properly for she sang superbly.

The bell-like tones of her soprano voice rang out clearly in "The Song of the Nightingale" written by Viktoras Kuprevičius. Mr. Kuprevičius is noted for the beauty of his light-mannered songs and military ballads.

This was followed by "Kur Bakužė Samanota" (Where is My Moss Covered Cottage) written by Stasys Šimkus (1887-1943). Mr. Šimkus was a composer, con-

ductor, choir director, choral leader and music teacher. "Kur Bakužė Samanota" was his first original song and it is well known throughout the world.

The lilting tones of "Dobilėlis" (The Clover) written by Antanas Vanagaitis was well received followed by "Ar Ateisi" (Will You Come) written by G. Gudauskas.

Her accompanist was Faustas Strolia of Chicago who constantly surprises us with his versatility and complete musicianship. His intonations and inflections at the grand piano formed a proper background for the lyric voice of Vita Talandis.

The following morning we were all inspired by their rendition of "Ave Maria" at the Cathedral during Mass. The resounding music of Faustas Strolia at the great organ and Vita Talandis' ringing notes of this famous plea were magnificent.

Mrs. Talandis studied voice at the Chicago Conservatory and the Ithaca College of Music. Formerly, she was with two radio programs, "Lithuanian Melodies" from Syracuse and "International Melodies" from Ithaca. She currently resides in Ithaca, New York.

Father Robert Baltch, Pastor of St. Casimir Church in Amsterdam, New York gave his concert imme-

diately afterward.

This tall, handsome priest with the big baritone voice reminded us of Arnold Voketaitis. His stage presence was excellent and we were enthralled by his music.

His rendition of the lively "Tamsiojoj Naktelėj" (In the Very Dark Night) written by Stasys Šimkus was most enjoyable. This was followed by a ballad written by A. Raudonikis called "Mano Pasaulis, Lietuva" (My World, Lithuania). New to some of us was a composition by Liudas Stukas called "Gyva Esi" (You Are Alive) in which Father Baltch had the opportunity to expose his range and versatility.

We then heard the very singable Udrys' Aria from the Lithuanian opera "Pilėnai" written by V. Klova. In this moving opera the Lithuanian soldiers decide it is better to be burnt alive than to become slaves of their enemies.

At this point in the evening's program, the audience would not allow Father Baltch to leave the stage without an encore and we were treated to the magnificent aria "You will fly no more" from "The Marriage of Figaro" written by Mozart and gloriously sung in Lithuanian.

Father Robert Baltch was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in Lithuania. He returned to the





United States as a pianist. He studied voice in New York City and has been soloist in such great works as Verdi's "Requiem" and Haydn's "Creation".

Philip Skabeikis accompanied Father Baltch very proficiently and the two gentlemen complimented each other in forming a musical team.

The second half of the program consisted of eleven dances performed by the "Lazdynas" Lithuanian dancers of Rochester, New York.

In an interview, their director, Mrs. Jadvyga Regina, disclosed that the group has been active for 25 years. They have toured many major cities including New York City, Chicago, Buffalo, Montreal, Toronto and Syracuse. They have been acclaimed Semi-professional in Rochester.

They were accompanied by the lovely Regina Urbon who played her accordion artfully.

The 40 dancers in authentic Lithuanian dress appeared to be well-rehearsed and certainly possessed of great lung and wind power in their ability to keep up with the strenuous program of lively dances.

These were the "Malūnas" (The Wind Mill), "Blezdingėlė" (The Swallow), "Landytinis" (Interchange), "Apgavikai" (The Cheaters), "Aštuonytis" (The Little Eight), "Abrūsėlis" (The Little Towel), "Ūsauninkas" (The Twister), "Aukštaičių Kadrilis" (Nobility Dance), "Oželis" (The Goat Dance), "Sadutė" (The Bridal Dance), and

"Subatėlė" (Saturday Eve Polka).

The Master of Ceremonies was jovial Jonas Jančauskas (John Johnson), Charter Member of Council 140, Syracuse.

Everyone had the opportunity to talk to the performers during the Champagne and Cheese Party that followed.

A highlight of the 65th Convention was the opportunity to meet Polly Žiausys of Council 100, Amsterdam, and to gaze at her extensive collection of amber in awe. Polly, who is also a Lithuanian poet, confided that she has been adding to her collection for many years. She proudly displayed the gleaming jewels.

Sister Francesca of Council 19, Pittsburgh, brought her own decorated Lithuanian Easter eggs for the second display of the sessions and we were impressed with the lovely colors and intricate patterns that indicated numerous hours of laborious work by artistic hands.

We thank all of the wonderful musicians, dancers, and artists who added their portion of Lithuanian culture to the 65th National Convention.

Aldona Ryan



SATURDAY BANQUET AND BALL

Upon completion of the final convention session and the election of officers for the coming K of L year, the delegates and guests dressed in their finery and prepared for the traditional dinner and ball.

The event was held in the beautiful and elegant Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Syracuse and began with the entrance of the distinguished guests of honor. Faustas Strolia of Chicago led the assembled in the singing of the American and Lithuanian anthems. Honorary Member Bishop Vincentas Brizgys gave the invocation.

The guests then enjoyed the delicious dinner and the music provided by accordionist Jonas Bagdanavicius of Newark.

Master-of-ceremonies was non-other than the illustrious convention chairman Frank Petrauskas who introduced the head table guests: the Most Rev. Frank J. Harrison, Bishop of Syracuse; the Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys of



Phil Skabeikis, newly elected National Pres.

Chicago; the Hon. Samuel S. Stratton; Mr. Tom Young; Rev. Albert Contons; Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis; Rev. Casimir Pugevicius; Dr. Joseph Golden; H.M. & Mrs. Antanas Mazeika; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Skabeikis; Presidium Chairman & Mrs. Larry Janonis; out-

going president Anthony Miner; Walter Svekla; Lisa Saikal, representing the Junior contingent; and Mrs. Frank Petrauskas.

Bishop Harrison extended warm and cordial greetings to all assembled and congratulated the Knights on the contributions to culture and urged the continuance of the high standards of our religious values and commended the organization for sharing the language, the customs and ethnic cultural ideas.

National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Rev. Pugevicius introduced this year's recipient of the Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania award — the Honorable Samuel S. Stratton, U.S. Representative from New York State's 28th Congressional District. In his introduction, Rev. Pugevicius mentioned that Rep. Stratton sponsored numerous resolutions on the right to self-determination of the Baltic States during his 30 years in Congress.





Rep. Stratton graciously accepted the Friend of Lithuania award and in his comments stated that his home district included the Amsterdam area and that he maintains close relations with the members of C-100.

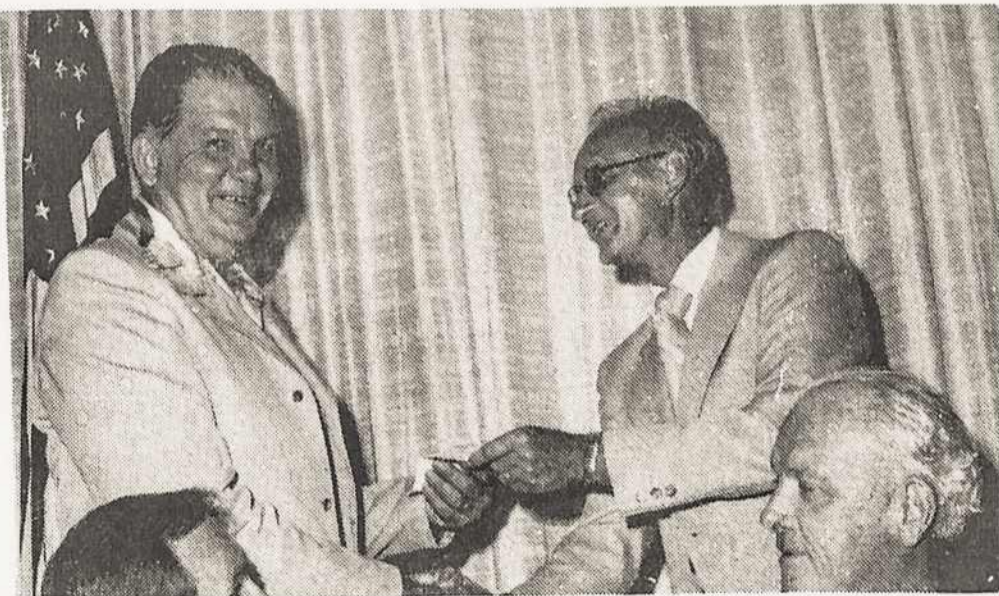
Honorary Membership Chairman Antanas Mazeika presented the Honorary Membership medal to former National Spiritual Ad-

visor, Rev. Albert Contons of Massachusetts.

In his remarks, Rev. Contons told of the enrichment of his personal life by belonging to the K of L, and the benefits of being a member of our organization. He further commented that the broadness of the K of L not only enables us to make strong friendships, but helps further our reli-

gious and ethnic identity. He sincerely thanked the membership for the great honor.

Walter Svekla, Scholarship Chairman, reminded everyone of the continued need for financial support and praised Dr. Jack Stukas, former National President and Scholarship Chairman, on conceiving the idea of national scholarships. The Canon Fabian



John Stanley receives award for most program book ads.



Guests at Saturday evening party.

Kemizis Scholarship recipients on this 20th anniversary of the program were: William Sidtis, C-110 Maspeth, NY; AnnMarie Statkus, C-1 Brockton, MA; MaryAnn Sakalauskas, C-96 Dayton, OH; and Marcella Krecioch, C-103 Providence, RI.

Representing the Hon. Hugh Carey, Governor of the State of New York, was Mr. Tom Young who extended a welcome and greeted the assembled on behalf of the State and the Governor.

Special guests attending the banquet were members of the Syracuse Ethnic Community representing Poland, Estonia, the Ukraine, Latvia and Hungary. Dr. Joseph Golden, Cultural Resources Chairman of Syracuse, spoke about the Festival of Nations project and complimented the Lithuanians for their very active participation in the event.

Newly-elected President Philip Skabeikis expressed his apprecia-



Bishop Frank Harrison of Syracuse Speaker.

tion for the confidence shown in him and asked the cooperation of all members for his term of office.

M-C Petrauskas introduced several special guests in the

audience — the National President of B.A.L.F. (United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America), Mrs. Mary Rudis of Chicago; and the Spiritual Advisor of C-140 Syracuse, Rev. Bernard Garstka.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to the following for extraordinary efforts on behalf of the convention committee: Rev. A. J. Jurgelaitis and John Stoskus of Providence; Fran Petkus of Dayton; Eva Migonis of Washington; Helen Shields of Philadelphia; Sisters M. Francesca and M. Alverna of Pittsburgh; Irene Petrauskas and John Johnson of Syracuse.

National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Jurgelaitis closed the formal portion of the evening with a prayer of thanks and the convention was officially closed for another year with the singing of the "Vyčiu Himnas".

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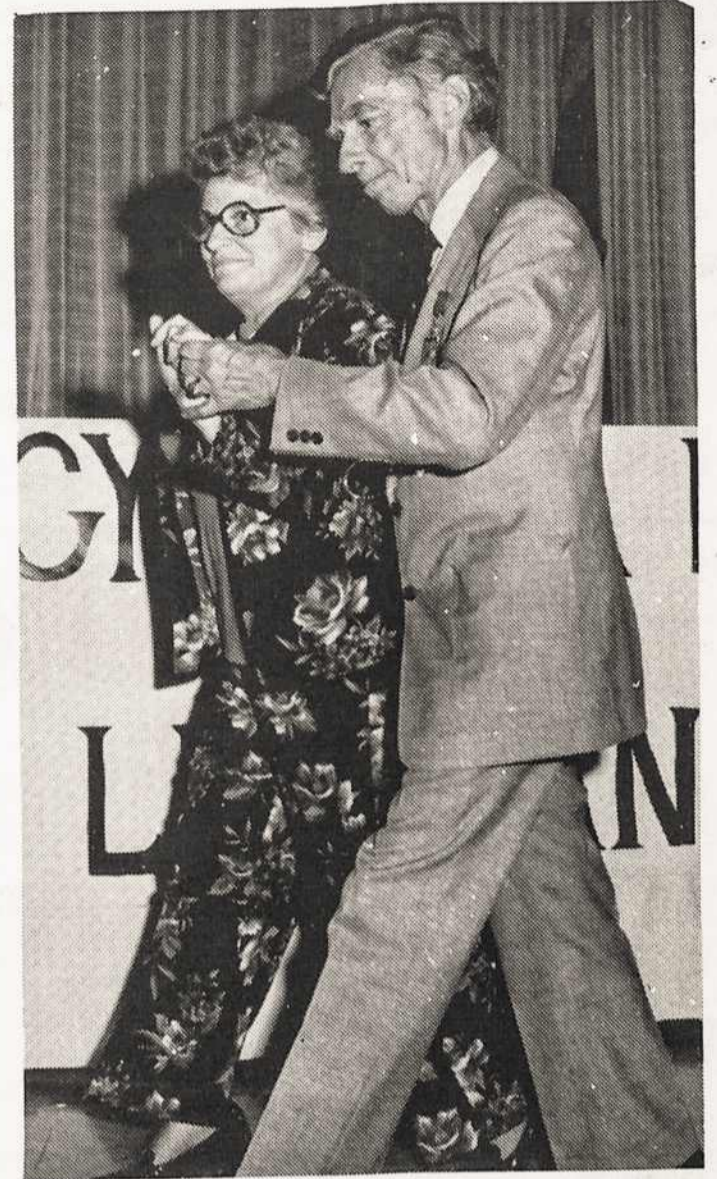
Frank Petrauskas presents gifts to those who helped him with convention.



Captive Nations Guests, l. to r. Hungary, Latvia, Ukraine, Estonia, Poland.



Hick Hubb and his International Orchestra provided music for dancing until all were too tired to polka anymore — but definitely not too tired to join in the special after-hour festivities.

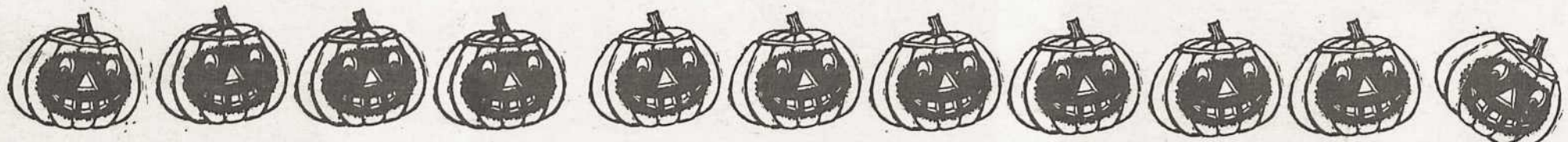


On Sunday, a concelebrated Lithuanian Mass was offered at the beautiful Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Brizgys was the celebrant assisted by all the clergy who attended the convention. It was inspiring to hear the congregation sing the Lithuanian hymns, accompanied by Faustus Strolia on the organ. Before the mass, 4th degrees were awarded to several members,



Following the mass, the convention picture was taken on the Court House steps and a farewell brunch was served in the Knights of Columbus Hall. The membership drive awards were distributed to the councils and members at the brunch and then all too soon, it was time to say our goodbyes and start our journeys home.

Next year the National Convention will be in Chicago, at the Radisson-Chicago Hotel, August 16-19, 1979. Theme: "Come Early and Stay Late".

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OCTOBER

- 14 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 14 C-74, Scranton ANNUAL FALL DANCE, St. Joseph Church Hall, Scranton, Pa.
- 22 NED SCHOLARSHIP FESTIVAL, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
- 15 MAD TESTIMONIAL DINNER for Anthony J. Mazeika, H.M., Annunciation Church Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 23 C-112, Chicago OKTOBERFEST II, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

NOVEMBER

- 4 C-116, Worcester, Second Annual Harvest Dinner Dance.
- 11 C-110, Maspeth ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE, Transfiguration Parish Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.

DECEMBER

- 24 C-12, Manhattan 9th ANNUAL HOSPITALITY, Coffee & Cake after 8:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Broome St., New York City. K of L visitors to N.Y. most welcome.

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