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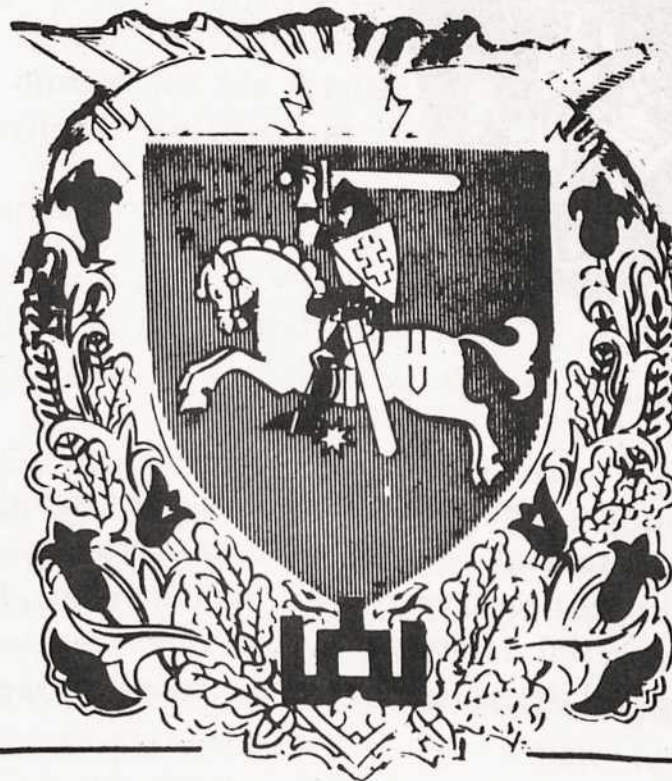
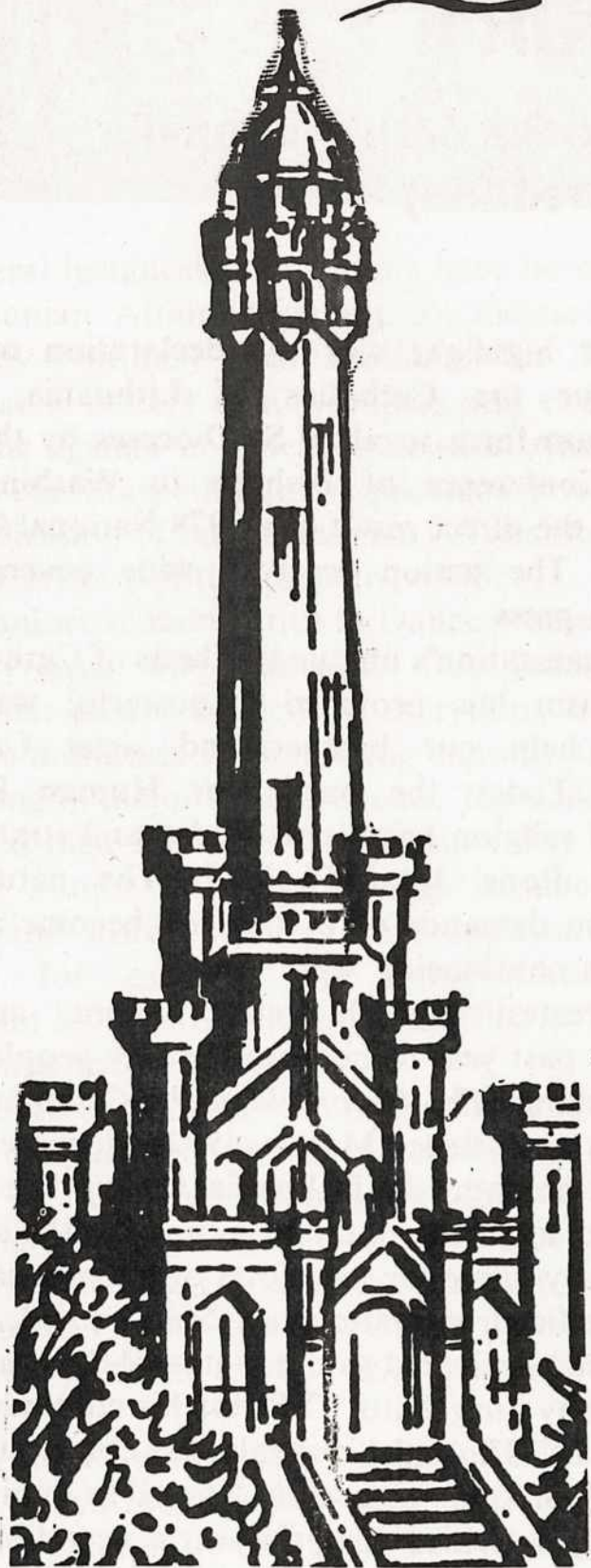
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*"May Lithuania flourish again!"*

*"MES NEVIENI!  
... SU MUMIS LIETUVOS VYČIAI."*  
*"We are not alone!  
... with us are the Knights of Lithuania."*  
(From the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church  
of Lithuania" No. 37)



# STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

(as presented at the 66th National  
Convention)

In presenting a report on the state of our Organization, I will highlight several broad and several specific areas of K of L activity this past year. I will include some, but not all of the material included in the individual officers' reports. I urge all delegates to read the complete reports in detail.

## OUR ROLE AS A CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION

Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacija yra Katalikiška organizacija.

As an organization adhering to Catholic philosophy and precepts and whose councils in part revolve and evolve around a local Lithuanian parish, K of Lers have continued to provide moral and financial support for their Lithuanian parishes throughout the country. In many instances, where the K of L is the only or strongest local organization, it has helped maintain the very ethnic character of the parish. Where there is no local Lithuanian parish as in Syracuse, Washington and Harrisburg, K of L leaders set a high priority in finding a Spiritual Advisor and establishing Lithuanian services in a local church. K of L members continue to be found on parish councils and as contributing parishioners.

There is hardly a K of L weekend or meeting that does not include a religious observance.

This past year, we pursued a specifically Catholic Action project, the gathering of signatures to petition the Holy Father to support and expedite the cause for beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis (Jurgis Matulevičius). We were fortunate to have Mr. Anthony Miner as National Coordinator as well as the guiding spirit of Marian Fathers' Provincial Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas, who travelled to many K of L cities to champion this effort. The K of L remains the only National Lithuanian organization to make this commitment. We will present Fr. Dambrauskas with the first fruits of this effort during the Convention.

This past year saw a continued increase in the number of councils that solemnly commemorated the Feast of our Patron, St. Casimir, at Mass, Breakfasts and Programs.

Another highlight was the declaration of a prayer Petition for the Catholics of Lithuania, issued in memorandum form to all U.S. Dioceses by the National Catholic Conference of Bishops in Washington. This action was the direct result of a 1978 National Convention resolution. The action received wide coverage in the Lithuanian press.

Our organization's unique synthesis of Catholicism and Lithuanianism has provided a powerful weapon with which to help our brother and sister Catholics in Lithuania. Today the battle for Human Rights and freedom of religion has a new leader and strategist in the person of Pope John Paul II. The nature of our organization demands of us that we become a front-line unit in this continuing war.

The greatest possible reinforcement, ammunition, reward this past year came from the very people for whom we are working. *The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania* has, since March 1972, documented the struggle of believers in Lithuania today. The 37th issue that arrived in this country just two months ago, thanks the K of L by name for its efforts on their behalf, the first time a specific organization has been named.

We remain indebted to our National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. for his continued spiritual articles in VYTIS, and his invaluable contributions to all phases of K of L life nationally, as well as in his own area. To his many activities this past year a new dimension was added, that of radio personality, on Voice of America and in Brockton, Mass. He also completed working on the 2nd Edition of the K of L published booklet on Our Lady of Siluva, soon to be released, and financed by Legal Advisor Anthony Young.

## Juniors

Kiekviena kuopa laiko savo svarbiausia pareiga steigti jaunesniųjų Vyčių kuopas. Tai nėra lengva!

The total number of Junior councils has fluctuated little for the past five years. There are 10 Junior Councils today. The quality of the Juniors' program however, has continued to improve.



In several instances, our Juniors have become active in our Lithuanian Affairs program, an increased emphasis fostered by National Vice President for Juniors Ann Marie Kassel. Letters to newspapers and elected officials were on the agenda in Chicago, Newark, Amsterdam and Maspeth. The Maspeth Juniors provided a valuable assist in the publication of the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin before it went to offset printing in Nov. 1978.

Our Juniors remain active in Dance groups and Choirs in Pennsylvania and Chicago. Our Junior Councils support their parent councils in everything from working on social committees to presenting cultural programs and participating in major council events. The Chicago Juniors even hosted their District's St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast. Junior Council meetings include Lithuanian language and history lessons, and appearances of local craftsmen for exhibits and demonstrations. Junior councils can be found represented at District Conventions and continue to earn degrees.

The continued success of our Junior program where it exists, is due, in part to the dedication, enthusiasm and creativity of the Juniors themselves, but in even greater part to the dedicated and self-sacrificing counsellors who keep the councils going and the support of the parent council members who drive the Juniors to meetings, open their homes to them for activities and help with Junior programs.

Do not let me paint too bright a picture, however. Our National Constitution states that a K of L Council considers its greatest obligation to be the establishment of a junior council. Our organizations return on the Junior program is directly proportionate to our investment in it.

Out of some 53 councils, one-fifth have a junior group. There are large metropolitan areas with no Junior group, even where there is great potential for one. There are smaller cities with upwards of 100 Juniors.

In still other instances, although few, juniors do not exist because of a council leadership's refusal to consider the possibility. This is a problem of attitude not easily addressed by a National Juniors Vice President. Commitment to and belief in the value of a Juniors program in your community must be forthcoming from the council members themselves.

The K of L program and ideals are distinct from what a Saturday school can provide. For the young person, 3rd, 4th or 5th generation removed from his heritage, the K of L may be the only relevant organizational context in which he can develop his ethnic consciousness. This is a heavy burden for the regular membership to bear, but a responsibility we dare not shirk.

### Membership

Any membership work should be predicated on the belief that the ideals and goals of the K of L are worthy of dissemination. In a real sense, we are disciples trying to attract converts. I have always believed in a kind of "Manifest Destiny" for the K of L, that it is our role to seek out and reach the ethnically detached American of Lithuanian descent, the person for whom our unique organizational context can be an enriching and evolving experience.

The continued success of our membership drives is one of the simple parameters by which to judge our organization's vitality. The K of L banner continues to draw new members and is a brazen contradiction to those who predict decline in organizational life. It is obvious that the K of L is fulfilling some vital need that is rising to the consciousness of American-Lithuanians across the country.

Vice President John Adomėnas reports that the 1978-79 year saw the appearance of one new council, C-148 of Jackson, MI, and three reactivated councils: C-13, Cicero, IL, C-50, New Haven, and C-103 regulars, Providence. It is encouraging to note too, that the new councils of the past few years have continued to grow in numbers. With some exceptions, the majority of our older councils show steady growth or maintenance of previous years' membership totals.

The greatest increases have been seen in Philadelphia, Paterson, Maspeth, Washington, Anthracite, and St. Petersburg.



Some 300 new members have enrolled, putting our total membership at 2830, in 53 councils in 4 Districts.

Our membership role cannot end with signing up the new member and collecting dues. We must provide our new members with sufficient orientation in working within our sometimes imposing structure. This is a responsibility shared by councils and districts.

### Seniors

Now concluding his fourth term as Seniors Vice President is Joseph White of South Boston Council, C-17S. Mr. White states in his report that the main problem is a lack of growth. While total K of L membership has increased some 35% during the last five years, the percentage identified as Seniors has been steadily decreasing.

We must define more clearly the identity and role of the senior membership category.

Mr. White has continued to stress, use of a Seniors column in VYTIS, establishment of District Vice Presidents for Seniors and the advisory role Senior councils can play in aiding Junior councils.

**National Recording Secretary** this past year was Eve Kazokas of Scranton, PA who efficiently handled the enormous paper work of recording minutes, issuing meeting notices and maintaining and duplicating the council officers' rosters.

### Finances

Finances have been very much of concern since the 1977 National Convention when the Treasurer's Report showed a net decrease in our total assets. Our financial health or stability determines, in large part, the scope of our national programs and the degree to which we extend our support to extra-organizational projects.

Our two major expenses have been the VYTIS, our main artery of communications, and officers' expenses, including travel. These two items claim nearly 80% of our annual budget. While we can practice as much frugality where possible, we cannot, I feel, cut back on programs.



Continual expansion and improvement of the VYTIS magazine will no doubt also require increasing expenditure.

We must continue to watch our flow of income vs. expense, spend wisely, and seek new sources of income.

During the past year, the Treasurer and Trustees have examined our cash flow and compiled a most informative annual report.

Via the Presidential Newsletter, I have urged that individual members, councils and districts relieve the continued financial burden by contributing to our various organizational funds, thereby offsetting expenses. I am happy to report that this succeeded to some degree, most notably in the record-breaking response to the VYTIS Christmas ad campaign and the increased donations toward our Lithuanian Affairs work. C-103S of Providence, with its coverage of the printing costs for the National Constitution has exemplified Article XIV of our Constitution which states, "through their activities and by their support, local councils assist the Supreme Council financially in executing the programs of the organization."

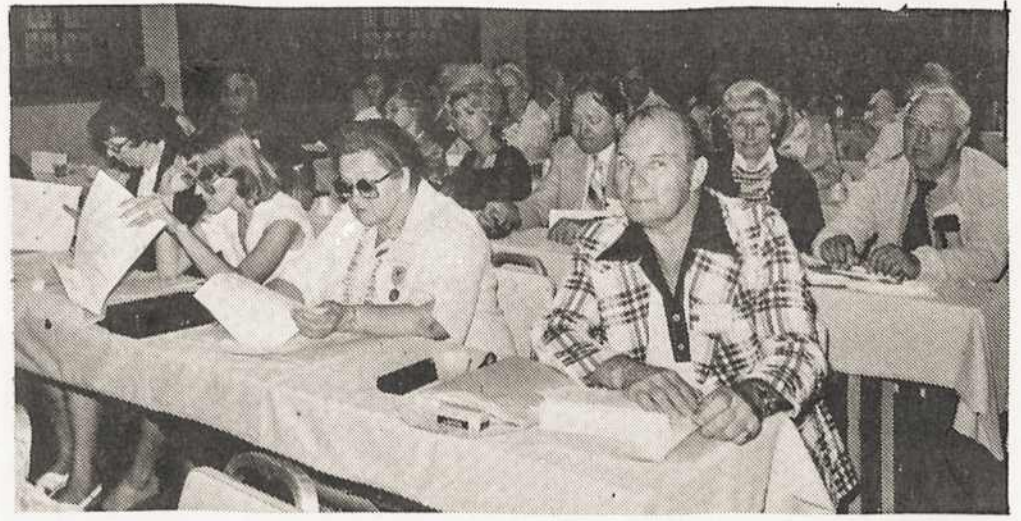
The K of L can continue to expand its programs and meet the accompanying financial demands while remaining solvent only when we all realize that there is a financial responsibility shared beyond the nominal dues payment.

### Districts

Our four functioning Districts: New England District, Mid Atlantic District, Mid Central District and Illinois-Indiana District have continued to hold District Conventions, Festivals and Bowling Tournaments as a means to initiate and coordinate activities within their area and to bring member councils together in cooperative efforts. As our organization expands geographically, the distances between councils bring new difficulties, but our Districts have faced the situation admirably.

Our Districts are vital to the efficiency of the entire organization. District Boards must never become Councils unto themselves. They are in a real sense a service organization, a liaison between the Supreme Council and the local council. District Boards must continue to place





emphasis on strengthening national efforts in their own areas. District Boards have Chairmen who in fact represent their District on the National Committee.

District Boards must continue to minister to ailing councils within District boundaries. Whether the problem is a loss of membership, failure to implement complete K of L programs, whatever, the District Boards should first examine, analyze and hopefully provide some solution.

Whenever Districts can tackle and solve these problems, the job of the Supreme Council becomes that much easier.

The structure for effective communication exists. All we have to do is use it.

Our District Presidents this past year were Algerd Brazis, IID; Aldona Ryan, MCD; Albert Jaritis, NED, and Larry Janonis, MAD.

The organization has again had the honor of the services of Honorary Member Anthony Young as **Legal Advisor**. In addition to filing our annual IRS returns, Mr. Young tackled some technical problems which consumed a great deal of time, for which we thank him.

### Cultural

Article II, No. 3 of our Constitution states, "The Knights of Lithuania endeavors to instill in its members an attachment to Lithuania, the land of their ancestors and a knowledge, appreciation and love of the Lithuanian language, customs and culture."

On the National level, Stanley Vaicitis, C-144, this past year's Cultural Chairman continued to provide Lithuanian cultural Information sheets for use at Council meetings, as well as Lithuanian language articles to VYTIS. Although National coordination of a cultural program has proven exceedingly difficult, the K of L has on its council and district levels maintained outstanding cultural programs.

There are Dance Groups and choirs in Chicago and Pennsylvania.

Annual Cultural festivals in Syracuse, Chicago, Dayton, Philadelphia, Worcester, Harrisburg, the Anthracite area of PA, Holyoke and Brockton.

There were K of L sponsored Lithuanian language classes in PA, Washington, CT, MA and Detroit.

The K of L has now maintained a 65 year tradition by sponsoring the Annual Lithuanian Day in Barnesville, PA which attracts thousands.

The K of L has sponsored traditional Kūčios Lithuanian Christmas Celebrations in New York, Chicago, Dayton, Maspeth, Syracuse, the Anthracite area and Harrisburg.

Councils sponsored craft workshops, art exhibits, lectures and concerts.

This year again, \$100 went to each District to place books and records on Lithuania in public and university libraries.

For the praiseworthy specifics, do read Mr. Vaicitis' comprehensive report. Finally, Mr. Vaicitis has compiled a list of Lithuanian arts and crafts instructors who are available for teaching and demonstration. This listing appears as an addendum to his report.

The K of L cultural program is designed not only to gain knowledge and appreciation of our rich Lithuanian Culture for its own members, but to teach the rest of the American public of the treasures and traditions we hold so dear.

### Lithuanian Affairs Committee

Our Constitution states, in Article XII, No. 4, "Lietuvių reikalų komisija gina Lietuvos ir lietuvių tautos teises kitataučių visuomenėje bei valdžios sferose." The "Lithuanian Affairs Committee defends the rights of Lithuania and Lithuanian people in non-Lithuanian communities and government circles."

Throughout the history of the Committee, its bulwark has been the letter-writing campaigns to elected officials and the media. This past year under the Chairmanship of Fr. Casimir Pugevičius, the Committee has continued to emphasize the traditional approach with suggestions for specific targets, and informational projects via its bulletin.

Ten issues of the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin were again released, with Marian Skabeikis as Editor. In November, the Bulletin went to photo-offset, and baptised itself "Lithuanian Lifeline." The Bulletin has a circulation of about 300 including members, all major Lithuanian organizations, Lithuanian press in the U.S. and abroad,



**Congressman Derwinski and friends**

clergy and the Lithuanian Bishops. The Bulletin is above all, a work sheet, designed to be used and followed up on by the local council. Its summary of newspaper articles is made possible only by the watchful eyes of Lithuanian Affairs workers in the field who watch the paper, magazines and radio/TV for items about Lithuania or Lithuanians. This information is supplemented through regular information exchange with other organizations. We remain, however, the only organization with a service of this kind.

Fr. Pugevičius reports that K of L Councils and Districts are taking a leadership role in their communities in planning and participating in public activities which bring the cause of her people into the minds of the general public. K of L members have been a major influence in local observances of Lithuanian Independence Day, Human Rights programs, commemorations of June Mass Deportations, Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church in Lithuania and Lithuanian Affairs Workshops. To strengthen these activities, the Chairman recommends that all Councils and Districts elect a Lithuanian Affairs Chairman as outlined in the Constitution. These officers form the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. This will provide a strong network for action in the coming year. Secondly, all councils and districts should report their activities regularly to the National Chairman, the VYTIS, the Lithuanian press and local news media. One of the strengths of our program is the attention it commands in the community.

This year's "Fr. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Award" will be presented to the Hon. Edward Derwinski, member of the House of Representatives from Chicago. The Friend of Lithuania nominee was chosen from nominations sent by councils to the National Chairman, and selected by the Supreme Council. In the second year of the procedure, there were six nominations, which points



to an increased awareness on the part of the membership in the area of Lithuanian Affairs work.

Two members will receive the 100 Letter Award on Sunday, for their outstanding contribution to the work of the Committee on behalf of Lithuania and her people.

### **Communication**

The establishment of effective communication within the K of L has continued to be a prime objective of your Supreme Council. It is important to realize that the Supreme Council must not operate in a vacuum. It must be guided in part by feedback or input from every council and the rank and file member. Poor communications becomes a liability. Poor communications leads to confusion and eventually to a breakdown in function. Our goals are too important to allow this to happen on every level or in any of our programs.

This year I instituted a "Presidential Newsletter" which was sent to the Council Presidents, highlighting a particular organization goal or project. Every council president was requested to read these Newsletters in their entirety during the next council meeting. It was an attempt for me to maintain some regular communication with council presidents and the K of Lers who regularly attend meetings. I hope that during the Convention council presidents let me know whether they found the Newsletters at all helpful.

Our main artery of communication, our official magazine VYTIS appeared again in 10 issues, marking its most successful Christmas Ad campaign to date, and a further expansion of accepting paid advertisements to offset costs. 2400 copies of each issue are currently printed and the magazine continues to approach its potential, as the single most innovative publication of its kind.



Entering her 10th year as VYTIS editor, Honorary Member Loretta Stukas has announced her desire to leave the post in mid-1980. The Supreme Council has established a committee to seek a successor and to coordinate a smooth and gradual transition of editorial responsibility.

Our **Public Relations** program should ideally have a three point approach: member to member; K of L to the American press, and K of L to the Lithuanian press.

In recent years an efficient National Public Relations program has unfortunately proven to be an elusive commodity.

Many councils have established an enviable rapport with their local press which provides regular space for news of council meetings and events. I've seen this through many of the clippings that come through the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and "Lithuanians in the News." This type of K of L "window on the world" is more open now than ever before and we must continue to establish rapport with the local American press and radio to open it further. Naturally the smaller communities have an edge over the larger urban centers, but we must seek out the right approach and utilize it.

Where we have not made as much progress and where our "image" is just as important, I feel, is in the Lithuanian press.

**FACT:** News of K of L activities appear occasionally in the Lithuanian press other than in our K of L columns, but it is rarely, if ever, written by a K of L correspondent. The result is usually a sadly truncated report or even an inaccurate account.

**FACT:** Part of the problem is that we do not have many willing correspondents to prepare news copy in Lithuanian and that there are fewer Lithuanian editors who have the time to translate English copy.

With these facts in mind, we must ask whether we think they pose a problem for us. I think they do.

The two leading Lithuanian-Catholic newspapers,

*Draugas* and *Darbininkas* have and continue to provide regular monthly space in their pages for K of L news.

We are fortunate enough to have editors for each column that will translate English copy so that the language barrier can be surmounted in part.

In Chicago's *Draugas*, "Vyčių Veikla" is edited by Mrs. Emilija Pakalniškis, C-112.

In Brooklyn's *Darbininkas*, "Darbai ir Dienos" is edited by Ms. Dalė Bulvicius, C-12 and Brother George Petcavage, C-110.

We can open the window to the rest of the Lithuanian community by making full use of this space. All council and District correspondents should mail news of their activities to these K of L editors.

A good PR network would make all of our programs more successful.

### Ritual

The Ritual Committee under the Chairmanship of Kunigunda Coach and Committee members Sophie Zager and Frances Petkus have completed the first year after the Ritual was updated at the Syracuse Convention. Mrs. Coach reports that there has been considerable improvement in the quality of degree applications, as well as gratifying cooperation from her council and district counterparts.

The Committee reports that the 1978-79 year saw the following number of degrees administered: 124 First degrees, 81 Second Degrees, 24 Third degrees, and at this convention, 14 Fourth Degrees.

The Ritual Committee will have two procedural resolutions to place before this convention.

### Scholarship

Under the Chairmanship of Walter Svekla of C-3 Philadelphia, our National Scholarship Committee again solicited and evaluated applications for the K of L



scholarship, as well as administering, in two installments, scholarships to last year's winners.

Added impetus to fund raising was provided by the donation of a beautiful hand-crafted Wayside Shrine by George Mikalauskas of C-96, Dayton which will be won by a lucky contributor to the Scholarship fund in a drawing to be held on Sunday.

This year's scholarship winner or winners will be announced at the Banquet on Saturday.

### Archives

Our Archives Committee has continued to tackle the problem of storage and preservation of our organization's archives on two fronts. Chairman Longinas Švelnis has most recently looked into the newly expanded facilities at the ALKA museum in Connecticut. We also have a sub-committee that has looked at the Chicago K of L archives specifically.

### Relations with Other Organizations

As a leading Lithuanian organization in the U.S., we have both a responsibility and a special, even selfish, if you will, interest, in maintaining regular communication with organizations, Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian, involved in similar activities and goals. Our officers have the additional responsibility of being aware of Lithuanian-American activities outside the immediate K of L sphere and the potential effect on our organization. We can learn by both the successes and failures of other organizations. The K of L has reached a point in its evolution where it must never be a figurehead constituent or a silent partner. The complicated matrix of Lithuanian organizational life in this country calls for a more definitive approach. The K of L holds an important position in this matrix, being highly respected for its past achievements and current programs. Its advice is sought on some local levels and ever more frequently on National levels.

In an ethnic community the size of ours, the smallest division weakens the total effort. In our continued struggle to raise the consciousness of the media about Lithuania or



preserve a cultural heritage in which to raise our children, any energy directed against parallel organizations is forfeit.

Our Constitution exhorts us to "maintain relations with," "palaikyti ryšius", with other Lithuanian organizations that do not oppose those of the Knights.

The K of L is a constituent organization of the Lithuanian-American Roman Catholic Federation and the Lithuanian American Council. This past year, the K of L maintained regular communication and information exchange with these two organizations. K of L members now serve on the National Board of the Federation. We again enjoyed the services of Irene Sankus, Ann Marie Kassel and Dr. Leonas Kraučeliūnas as our representatives to the American Lithuanian Council, ALTA.

Official greetings on behalf of the Supreme Council were forwarded to BALFas Lithuanian American Relief Fund and VLIKas, the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania.

K of Lers serve in Executive positions for both of these organizations.

For the past two years, the K of L through its Lithuanian Affairs Committee has worked on behalf of two imprisoned Lithuanian Catholic dissidents, Viktoras Petkus and Balys Gajauskas. This past Spring at the initiative of the Lithuanian American Community, Inc., Bendruomene, a Coalition to help synchronize efforts on behalf of these two men was formed and your President accepted the invitation to represent the K of L in the Coalition. Many Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian Church leaders, professionals, politicians and entertainers have since lent their names in support of the Coalition's efforts.

This past year, we maintained the position of a K of L coordinator for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc. through whom K of Lers were urged to contribute to the work of this organization. Over \$600 can be accounted for through K of L donations. Many more members contributed directly, or through their parish appeals. Our thanks to Mrs. Bertha Stoskus, C-103, for her efforts.

Our Ad hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, under the Chairmanship of Joseph Simanis of C-142, worked diligently to

present suggestions and viable courses of action to Charge d'affaires Dr. Bačkis, who must make the final decision.

Cooperation between all Lithuanian organizations is in everyone's interest, but cooperation is always a "two-way Street." True cooperative effort is based on mutual respect for the differences between people as well as a commonality of purpose. The K of L has always been, is today, and will continue to be, the organization of the future; the organization within which future generations of Catholic Americans of Lithuanian descent can meet their heritage and evolve as Catholics, as Americans, and as Lithuanians.

We must remain secure in our identity. We are the only organization with a place for the detached 3, 4 or 5th generation American Lithuanians, many of whom cannot speak Lithuanian but remain desirous of reaching their roots.

**Conclusion**

Ladies and gentlemen, as you can see, our organization's health is good, its posture improving and its potential for achievement growing by leaps and bounds.

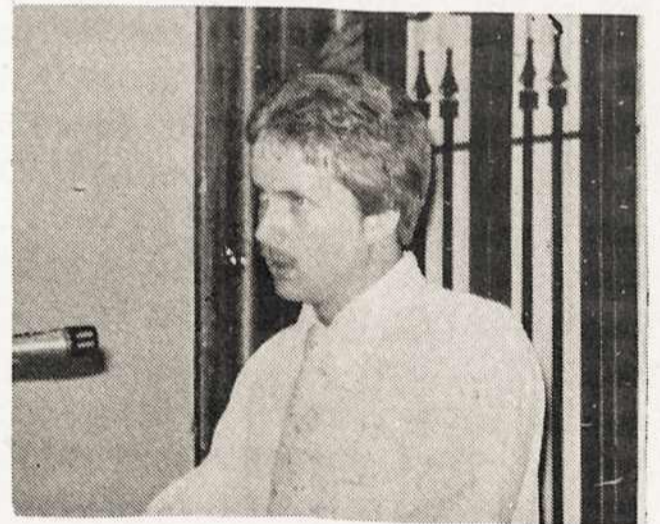
I would like to thank all of my colleagues on the Supreme Council who through their self-sacrifice and hard work made this a most productive year.

The K of L is meeting the new decade of the 1980's as probably the most vibrant organization of its kind. To be a member is a privilege, to serve as an officer, an honor for which I thank you all.

Ačiū labai!  
Philip A. Skabeikis



**AMONG THE  
HONORED  
GUESTS  
GREETING THE  
CONVENTION**



## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

1. Called three Supreme Council meetings, October (New York), March (Chicago) and June (Newark), preparing agendas for and presiding at each.
2. Issued Presidential Newsletters to Council Presidents for months of September, October, November, December, February, May and June.
3. Appointed two new editors to the K of L page "Darbai ir Dienos" in *Darbininkas*, Dalė Bulvičius, C-12, and Brother George Petcavage OFM, C-110, and submitted copy to all editions.
4. Re-appointed Ann Marie Kassel, Irene Sankus and Dr. Leonas Kriaučeliūnas as Knights of Lithuania representatives to ALTA the Lithuanian American Council.
5. Represented the K of L on the Executive Committee of the "Coalition to Free Petkus and Gajauskas" formed in May, 1979.
6. Appointed Joseph Simanis Chairman of the *Ad hoc* Committee for the Lithuanian Legation formed at Syracuse in 1978, and maintained contact throughout the year.
7. Represented the K of L at a White House briefing on SALT II, meeting also with White House Staff member on Ethnic Affairs.
8. Personally delivered thanks to the National Catholic Conference in Washington D.C. for the Prayer Petition for Lithuanian Catholics issued in December, 1978 to all dioceses for February 12, 1979.
9. Attended and spoke at the Fall Mid Central District Convention, the Spring New England District Convention, and the Mid Atlantic District Conventions of September, March and June.
10. Was guest speaker at C-3 Philadelphia St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast, speaking on the Knights of Lithuania today.
11. Called special meeting of the National Trustees in October, 1978 to discuss priorities for the year.
12. Served on Honorary Committee for the IV World Lithuanian Youth Congress.
13. Sent a special letter to 12 Midwestern Lithuanian Parishes regarding formation of Lithuanian Councils.
14. Responded to articles or editorials in the Lithuanian Press if they concerned K of L activity in any way.
15. Wrote to the White House and State Department regarding Lithuanian Catholic dissidents Petkus and Gajauskas.
16. Represented the Supreme Council at the August 12 Lithuanian Day in Pennsylvania.
17. Sent Supreme Council greetings to annual meetings of ALTA, BALFas, Kunigų Vienybė and VLIKas.
18. Proposed creation of a Cultural Award modelled after the Friend of Lithuania Award to be presented in Resolution during this Convention.
19. Discussed numerous organizational matters via letter or phone with Supreme Council officers throughout the year, and served as *ex officio* member of all standing Committees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Skabeikis  
National President





## TEŽYDI VĒLIAI LIETUVA

Lietuvos Vyčių dvasios vadovo A. Jurgelaičio, O. P. pasikalbėjimas 66-tojo Seimo proga per „Lietuvos Aidus“ - Chicagoje, kurį pravedė Balys Brazdžionis 1979-tųjų metų rugpiūčio mėnesio 16-tą dieną.

**B.B.:** Mieli klausytojai, šiandien turime brangų svečią, Lietuvos Vyčių dvasios vadą prof. kun. Antaną Jurgelaitį, atvykusį iš Providence Universiteto. Mielas vadove, kaip dažnai vyksta Vyčių seimai?

**A.J.:** Jie vyksta kas metai, bet Chicagoje kas devynis metus. Seimai mat rengiami didesnėse kolonijose.

**B.B.:** Kiek atstovų yra suvažiuavę į šį 66-tąjį seimą?

**A.J.:** Šiame seime dalyvaus apie 300 delegatų. Jau šiandien, seimo atidaryme, dalyvavo virš 100.

**B.B.:** Koks svarbiausias šio seimo tikslas?

**A.J.:** Kaip ir visuomet, peržiūrėti kas nuveikta, kas turi būti padaryta ateityje, ir sustiprinti lietuvišką-katalikišką ryšį dirbti Lietuvos labui.

**B.B.:** Šiandien įvyko atidarymas. Kokie Tamstos įspūdžiai?

**A.J.:** Labai didelį įspūdį padarė Vyčių pirm. p. Skabeikis, kai pradėjo Seimą abiem kalbom —

lietuviškai ir angliškai. Taigi, visas seimas vyko dviem kalbom. Ir organizacijų — Balfo, Vliko, LB-ės, ir kt. — atstovai, ir net delegatai taip kalbėjo. Man labai buvo linksma, kad vyčiai kalba abiem kalbom.

**B.B.:** Kokias pareigas atliekate šiame seime?

**A.J.:** Esu ne tik dvasios vadas, bet taip pat paskirtas dirbti rezoliucijų komitete. Be to, dirbsiu revizijos komitete.

**B.B.:** Koks bus šiame seime svarbiausias įvykis?

**A.J.:** Svarbiausia tai, kad šeštadienio vakare, per iškilmingą banketą, bus pagerbtas Lietuvos draugas, kongresmanas Edvardas Derwinski, kuris yra labai daug pasidarbavęs laisvės reikaluose Lietuvos atžvilgiu. Taip pat miela buvo patirti, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai įteikė kun. Dambrauskui virš 3,000 parašų vysk. Matulaičio beatifikacijos reikalu,

prašant, kad Popiežius Paulius Jonas II pagreitintų bylą.

**B.B.:** Tai nemažai dirbama Vyčių tarpe!

**A.J.:** Žinoma, ir tai labai džiuginantis reiškinys. Be to, antrojo lietuvių šventojo pripažinimas būtų labai teigiamas reiškinys šiuo laiku, nežiūrint kad jau turime vieną šventąjį — šv. Kazimierą.

**B.B.:** Gerb. profesoriau, gal Tamsta galite pasakyti, ar tikrai Popiežius Paulius Jonas II yra paskyręs vysk. Steponavičių kardinolų?

**A.J.:** Niekas dar nežino, nes viskas paslapyje. Turbūt dabar yra rimtos priežastys, kodėl Popiežius neskelbia detalių šiuo reikalu. Aišku tik, jog kardinolo kepuraitė jau pasiusta Lietuvon.

**B.B.:** Tai mes turime būti labai dėkingi Popiežiui Pauliui Jonui II suteikiant tokią didelę garbę Lietuvai, kuri dabar kenčia okupanto prispaudą...



*Rev. Jurgelaitis*

**A.J.:** Mes vyčiai irgi bandome tą padėką Popiežiui išreikšti. Mes turime dėl to būti ištikimi Šv. Tėvui, kadangi jis Lietuvos ir lietuvių atžvilgiu labai palankus. Kuris kitas popiežius sveikino lietuvius lietuviškai?!

**B.B.:** Kiek Lietuvos Vyčių dalyvauja veikloje ir kiek yra jos narių?

**A.J.:** Mūsų narių sąrašuose yra beveik trys tūkstančiai, kurie veikia 50 kuopose. Ne visi vyčiai yra veiklūs, nors galima teigti, jog bent pusė Vyčių savose kuopose atlieka daug darbų.

**B.B.:** Lietuvos Vyčiai turi žurnalą VYTIS. Ar Tamsta prisidedate prie jo redagavimo?

**A.J.:** Žinoma, nes Lietuvos Vyčių konstitucija tai reikalauja: dvasios vadovas kas mėnesį turi parašyti aktualiais dvasiniais reikalais vedamuosius.

**B.B.:** Girdėjom, kad dabartinė redaktorė L. Stukienė atistatydina iš šių pareigų. Ar jau yra kas parinktas jos vieton?

**A.J.:** Yra numatyti trys žmonės, bet ieškome dar ir kitų kandidatų. Loreta Stukienė 10 metų VYTĮ redagavo, daug dirbo, išstobulino žurnalą, padarė jį patrauklų — tačiau jau ir pavargo.

**B.B.:** Tamsta berods dalyvaujate ir radijo programoje?

**A.J.:** Taip, dirbu Brocktono „Laisvės Varpe“, kurią veda p. Viščinis. Brocktone jau 15 mėnesių programos vedamos dviem kalbom. Per tas valandėles skaitau religinio pobūdžio paskaitas. Be to, renku žinias, kurios garsina Lietuvos vardą ir kančias. Žodžiu, tai kas sukelia klausytojų dėmesį.

**B.B.:** Tamsta esate labai veiklus Vyčiuose, radijo programoje. Ar kur dar daugiau dirbate?

**A.J.:** Taip. Dėstau Providence Kolegijoje ispanų literatūrą. Darbų daug. Man tai patinka — tenka vis krutėti.

**B.B.:** Grįškim vėl prie Vyčių veiklos. Kokie svarbiausi planai ir darbai Vyčių veikloje?

**A.J.:** Labai norėčiau, kad šiame



Pres. P. Skabeikis and  
Presid. Chairm. L. Janonis

seime, ir po jo, dar daugiau sklistų Vyčiuose veiklos dvasia — ypač laišku rašymo akcija svarbiais atvejais ir straipsnių skelbimas plačiajai Amerikos visuomenei. O svarbiausias visų uždavinys — padėti Lietuvos Katalikams, kurie kenčia kalėjimuose ir Sibiro taigose, nepalūždami kovoje už Dievo žodį, už Lietuvos ateitį. L.K.B. Kronika savo puslapiuose šiltai atsiliepė apie Lietuvos Vyčius, pareikšdama gilią padėką už Vyčių teikiamą paramą. Todėl visų mūsų pareiga tą Kroniką



A greeting by K. Šidlauskas  
ALTAS Pres.

skleisti laisvame pasaulyje. Ji kalba ne tik į mūsų širdis, bet duoda suprasti kitataučiams, kokie baisūs yra ateistų komunistų veiksmai prieš Bažnyčią ir tikėjimą!

**B.B.:** Atleiskite, mielas profesoriau, kad ištraukiau iš gražaus pobūvio. Atėjote į mūsų studiją pasidalinti mintimis su tūkstančiais „Lietuvos Aidų“ radijo programos klausytojais — už tai didelis Jums ačiū.

**A.J.:** Tai mano pareiga. Būtina veikti visais būdais. Ačiū už paaugotą radijo laiką!



Luncheon Guests

## PRESENTATION OF THE FATHER JUTT "FRIEND OF LITHUANIA" AWARD TO THE HON. EDWARD DERWINSKI

Since 1955, the Knights of Lithuania has, during its National Convention, honored twenty-one prominent non-Lithuanians who have distinguished themselves with their work on behalf of Lithuania and her people. This year, the recipient of the "Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania" Award was the HON. EDWARD DERWINSKI, member of the House of Representatives from Chicago. Mr. Derwinski was presented the Gold Medal Award by National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Rev. Casimir Pugevičius. Following are the remarks of Rev. Pugevičius in presenting the medal, during the Convention banquet.

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One of the greatest strides forward, in regard to bringing the name of Lithuania to the attention of the United Nations was made during the 26th session of the General Assembly in 1971. For two days, a heated debate transpired between the United States delegate, the Hon. Edward J. Derwinski and Mr. V. M. Zenkyavichus, the so-called Deputy Foreign Minister of Lithuania, over the right of self-determination of the Baltic States. Congressman Derwinski initiated this subject and the "right to reply" as it is called, was often requested by both parties. Among other succinct things, he said — "The Soviets have a way of rewriting history to suit themselves." This volatile verbal exchange would have made headlines had not the People's Republic of China Delegates been seated for the first time in that period. Other United Nations Dele-

gates caught on to this manner of angering the Soviet representative by mentioning Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and did just that frequently during subsequent meetings the 22nd to 25th of November. Another speech by Congressman Derwinski, December 9, on the Baltic States issue caused another flurry.

A televised Security Council confrontation December 6 between Ambassador Jamil M. Baroody (Saudi Arabia) versus Jacov A. Malik (USSR) with Mr. Zenkyavichus now referred to as the "Deputy Foreign Minister of Latvia," reached myriads of people. "Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Baltic States" were mentioned more than 50 times during that particular General Assembly.

Kai okupantai savo priespaudoje taip labai mūsų tautą skriaudžia kultūriškai, ekonomiškai ir politiškai, visose mūsų laisvinimo

pastangose labai svarbu rasti daugiau talkininkų ir draugų, ypač galingosios demokratinės Amerikos sostinėje.

Vienu iš tokių lietuviams labai nuoširdžiai kovoje dėl laisvės padešančių yra kongresmanas Edward Derwinski. Atstovaudamas Illinois valstijai, kur yra didžiausias lietuvių centras — Chicago, kongr. Derwinski yra stipriai suartėjęs su lietuviams, labai prieinamas bet kokiais reikalais, lankantis pas jį Chicagoje ar Washingtono ir panaudoja progas kelti Lietuvos reikalus Washingtono ir tarptautinėse institucijose.

Kai jis buvo narys JAV delegacijos prie Jungtinių Tautų, nepabijojo ten iškelti Lietuvos skriaudas Sovietų priespaudoje. Įvairiais Lietuvos ir lietuvių reikalais į jį daug kartų yra kreipęsi lietuviams ir susiradę išklausi- mo ir supratimo.

D-ras L. Kriaučeliūnas, būdamas Amerikos Liet. Tarybos pirmininku,



o taip pat vadovaudamas Lietuvių Bendruomenės ruošiamai tautinių šokių šventei, prašė ir Kongr. Derwinskio kiek tik galėjo padėję, pvz. prisidėjo, kad prez. Nixono žmona buvo atvykusi į tą didįjį lietuvių rengimą Chicagoje 1972 m.

Congressman Derwinski does not hesitate by his letters to the Soviet Embassy in Washington to take the part in the case of little Lithuania. He has played an important role in the case of Simas Kudirka in gaining freedom and the arrival of Simas Kudirka to this country.

Kongr. Derwinskis padėjo išrūpinti lietuvių delegacijai gauti audienciją pas tada Valstybės sekretorių dr. H. Kissingerį.

Kongr. Derwinskis, jei tik laikas leidžia mielai sutinka kalbėti lietuvių rengimuose. Net ir privačiuose lietuvių pobūviuose retkarčiais dalyvauja.

Kongr. Derwinskis uoliai panaudoja įvairias progas iškelti pavergtos Lietuvos laisvės reikalus, nepraleidamas progos prabilti Pavergtų Tautų savaitėje, Vasario 16 ar Baisių birželio trėmimų dienomis birželio viduryje.

Congressman Derwinski is frequently seen in the midst of Lithua-

nians on occasions like February 16 and Commemoration of Mass Deportations of Lithuanians in June. Many of his statements have been included in the Congressional Record and have brought our case before the public eye.

Edward Derwinski was born in 1926. He is a graduate of Loyola University in Chicago. His wife is Patricia Van Der Giessen and they have two children, Maureen Sue, 16, and Michael, who is 10.

He was originally elected to Congress in 1958. Since 1963 he has been serving in the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House. In this capacity he is constantly aware and whenever he can, raises our interests where necessary.

Kongr. Derwinskis yra JAV Kongreso atstovas Tarpparlamentarinės sąjungos taryboje, kuri apima įstatymų leidėjus 75-kių kraštų, turinčių parlamentus panašius į Amerikos. JAV kongreso delegacijos nariu toje sąjungoje yra nuo 1959 metų, o pirmininku buvo 1971-mais metais.

How do you describe a friend adequately? How do you do justice in telling what a friend means, especially when you're the "little guy on the block" and you need all the friends you can get?

We're very proud and very happy on this occasion to present to Congressman Edward Derwinski the 1979 Fr. Jutt "Friend of Lithuania" Award.



### IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...



**DOROTHY KAPISKAS**  
Member, C-103  
Providence, R.I.  
wife of member Vito Kapiskas  
mother of member Francis Kapiskas  
died Aug. 1, 1979

**JOHN BELICKAS**  
Charter Member, C-79  
Southfield, Mich.  
died April 25, 1979

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**MARIE BOJABAD**  
Member, C-86  
Du Bois, Pa.  
died Sept. 1979

**WILLIAM KEREISIS**  
Lifetime Member, C-26  
Worcester, Mass.  
died August, 1979

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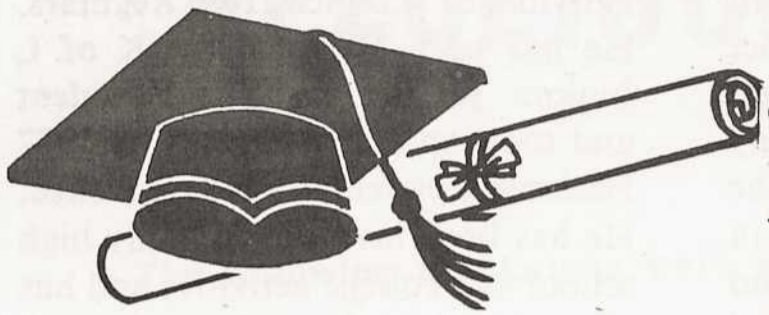
Rev. **VALENTINE ATKOCIUS, MIC.**  
St. Casimir's Province  
died July 3, 1979

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**JOSEPH MICKEY**  
Member, C-79  
Southfield, Mich.  
died Summer, 1979



# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Following are the remarks made by Walter Svekla, National Scholarship Committee Chairman, in presenting the "1979 KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CANON FABI-JONAS KEMESIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD", during the Convention Banquet, Aug. 18, 1979, in the Grand Ballroom of the Radisson - Chicago Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Excellency Bishop Brizgys, Reverend Clergy and Sisters, Distinguished Guests, Honored Knights and Friends:

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Program is in the midst of its most successful year in its 21 year history. I say successful because we are now getting annually many scholarship applicants and most, if not all, are highly qualified and deserve in their own right, part of the award. This year is no different. In fact we have had a banner year for applicants who are highly qualified. Because success and finances are inter-related, this year has been ultra-successful relative to scholarship donations. I came here to have a good time which I am, but I didn't really feel that I and the Scholarship Committee would be as busy as we have been collecting and listing scholarship donations. In fact we have collected over \$1000 here at the Convention.

But to single out the one element that led to the scholarship program's over-whelming success is the donation by George Mikalauskas of Council 96, Dayton, Ohio, of his beautiful Chapel Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother. Not only

did he donate the shrine itself, but also, more importantly, his time and labor and his personal commitment to the K of L Scholarship Program and the goals that it achieves.

A year ago I met George for the first time and although this is the second time I have seen him, I feel I know him quite well. Through many telephone conversations I have learned that he is a good husband and family man, a dedicated 4th Degree K of L member, a talented craftsman, and to me, a true and generous friend. I would like to ask George to rise and could we all give him a round of applause as a special thank-you for all his efforts this past year on behalf of the Scholarship Program. George's Shrine will be awarded during the Sunday Convention Brunch.

The Scholarship Committee has determined that the 1979 K of L Scholarship Award will be divided among a first place, second place, and third place winners. But to complicate matters and keep you guessing, there is a two-way tie for second place. The first place winner will be awarded \$750, second place \$500, and third place \$350. So for 1979, as in 1977 and 1978, we will be able to offer financial assistance to four deserving K of L members again and award a total of \$2100.

Our first place winner is a member of Council 1, Brockton, Massachusetts. She has been the New England District Lithuanian Affairs Chairman for two years, Council Vice President 1½ years, and acting President 6 months. She has been an elected delegate to many national and district conventions. She has been involved with school, church, community, political, and singing groups and has been presented many academic and com-

munity awards. She has attended Camp Neringa for six years and was a member of the Brockton area Lithuanian Dance Ensemble and is currently a member of the Brockton Lithuanian School. Her immediate plans for the future include entering Suffolk University to study government/prelaw.

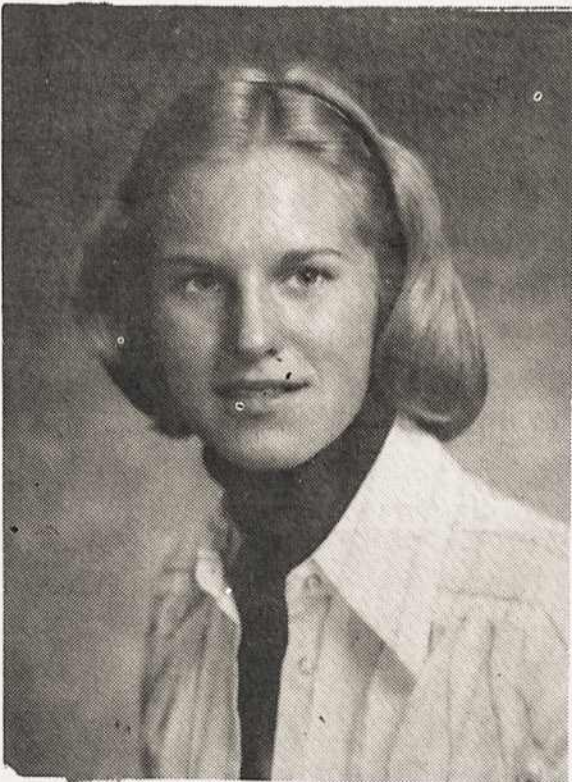
On her application she stated: "Being a K of L'er is being and Lithuanian is what I was born. It's the Lithuanian blood in me that is seeking greater achievements, one of which is to study law. Being a K of L'er has helped me to meet many interesting people, and thereby learn more about the Lithuania which I hope to visit some day. As the K of L motto states 'For God and Country', and being a true K of L'er, I would like to say 'Aciu Dieve uz Viska' - thank God for everything." Without further ado our first place winner is:

Miss Susan Frances Bumila  
Susan will be awarded \$750 in two installments of \$375.



Our second place winners are not slouches relative to K of L activity or academic and community awards.

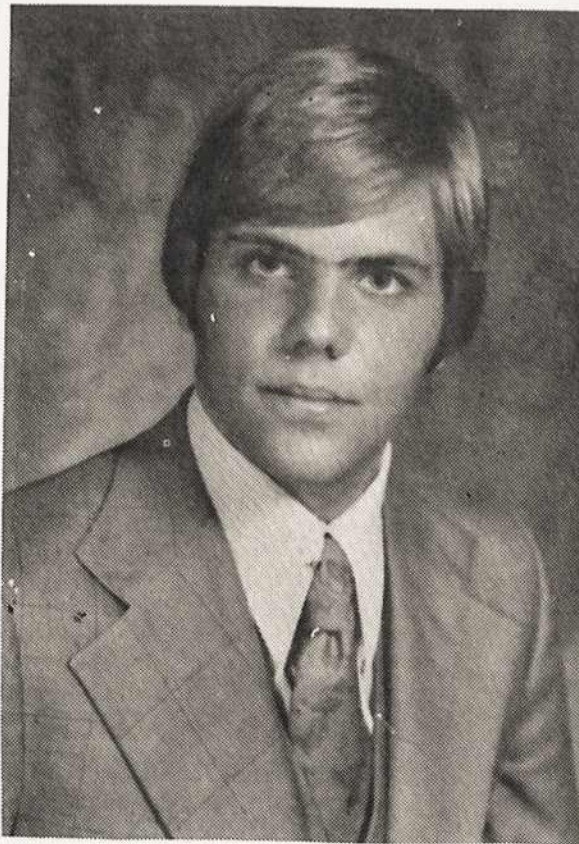
Our first second place recipient is a member of Council 103 Regulars, Providence. She has been a member of the K of L for the past four years, the first three as a junior. She held the office of Secretary for one year in the Juniors and continues to hold this office as a regular member. She attended Camp Neringa for seven years. Outside of the K of L and school, she has been active in volunteer work for many charities and worthy organizations. She is presently enrolled at the University of Rhode Island studying electrical engineering. One of our second place winners is:



**Miss Katherine Eve Krecioch**  
Kathy will receive \$500 in two installments of \$250.

Our other second place winner is a member of Council 67, Bayonne. His K of L activities were limited because there is no junior council in Bayonne. However the committee was impressed with his application and his references and their personal knowledge of him. He writes: "Although there is no Junior Coun-

cil in Bayonne, I have always tried to help my council as best as possible. Whether it was by helping with any of the K of L picnics or district conventions, attending National Conventions, or just helping my parish I have always tried to do the best I could." He has been active in his local parish, high school, and college. He has won several prestigious awards. He plans to transfer from Farliegh Dickinson to Kent State University and take advantage of the telecommunications program there and the Lithuanian Heritage courses to further his understanding of the Lithuanian language and the heritage of his ancestors. Our other second place winner is:



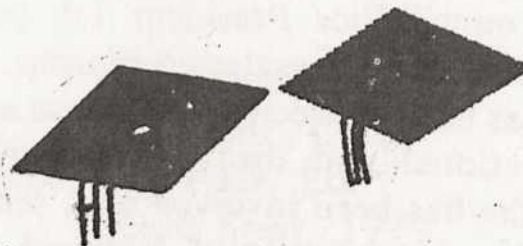
**Michael Grigaliunas**  
Michael will receive \$500 in two installments of \$250.

Our third place winner, but by no means last, is another member of Providence Council 103 Regulars. He has been active in the K of L juniors serving as Vice-President and took an active role at the 1977 National Convention in Providence. He has been involved in many high school and college activities and has given his time for volunteer work and fund raisings. He currently is attending Bryant College and majoring in marketing management. Our third place winner is:



**Rimas Victor Saulenas**  
Rimas will receive \$350 in two installments of \$175.

The Committee extends deepest appreciation to George Mikalauskas for his generous involvement in this year's scholarship program. Likewise special thanks are extended to Elinor Sluzas, also of Council 96, Dayton, who donated over 300 advertising flyers for the shrine used in this year's promotion. In conclusion, the Committee sincerely thanks all Districts, Councils, Parishes and individuals who have supported the scholarship fund in the past and the present and we urge you to continue your support in the future.



# REZOLIUCIJOS

The following resolutions were all approved by the convention delegates.

WHEREAS, our Holy Father Pope John Paul II has shown his paternal care and personal concern for the persecuted Catholics of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II has stated: "Half of my heart is in Lithuania," and

WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II has on other occasions shown his concern for the fate of Lithuania's believers,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania 66th National Convention send sincere filial greetings to our Holy Father and express again fidelity to Christ, His Church, and His Vicar Pope John Paul II, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our activities and sacrifices for the Suffering Church in Lithuania and other communist oppressed countries be continued with renewed vigor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 66th National Convention request with due humility the Blessing of Our Holy Father upon the activities and projects of our organization, which is devoted to God and country.

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WHEREAS, the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Vilnius University by the Jesuit order is a special event in the intellectual, cultural, and spiritual life of Lithuanians throughout the world,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania 66th National Convention pray and hope that the University of Vilnius become once again a force for truth, goodness, and enlightenment of a free Lithuanian nation.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania Anthem — VYČIŲ HIMNAS — is correctly printed in the Knights of Lithuania Constitution and incorrectly printed on the membership card,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania Membership Cards be corrected.

# RESOLUTIONS

KADANGI Šventasis Tėvas Popiežius Jonas Paulius II yra parodęs savo tėvišką bei asmenišką susirūpinimą persekiojamiems katalikams Lietuvoje, ir

KADANGI Popiežius Jonas Paulius II yra pareiškęs: „Pusė mano širdies yra Lietuvoje“, ir

KADANGI Popiežius Jonas Paulius II yra kitais atvejais išreiškęs savo susirūpinimą Lietuvos tikinčiųjų likimu, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas pasiūnia nuoširdžius broliškus linkėjimus mūsų Šventajam Tėvui ir pareiškia ištikimybę Kristui, Jų Bažnyčiai, ir Jo Vikarui Popiežiui Jonui Pauliui II, ir

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog mūsų veikla ir pasiaukojimai Kenčiančiai Bažnyčiai Lietuvoje bei kituose komunistų okupuotose kraštuose būtų tęsiami atnaujintu pasišventimu, ir

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas nuolankiai prašo Šventojo Tėvo palaiminti mūsų organizacijos veiklą bei projektus, kurie yra skiriami Dievui ir Tėvynei.

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KADANGI Jėzuitų ordino Vilniaus universiteto įsteigimo 400-tai metų sukaktis yra ypatingas įvykis pasaulyje esančiųjų lietuvių intelektualiniame, kultūriniame bei dvasiniame gyvenime, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas meldžiasi bei viliasi jog Vilniaus universitetas vėl taptų jėga tiesai, geriui bei apšvietai laisvoje Lietuvos tautoje.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių Himnas yra teisingai atspausdintas Lietuvos Vyčių Statute, o klaidingai išspausdintas narių kortelėse, todėl

NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčių narių kortelėse būtų atitaisyta klaida.

WHEREAS advertising and promotion by the Knights of Lithuania of tours to Lithuania may be construed as indicating official sanction of such trips, and

WHEREAS such sanction is inconsistent with the purposes and ideals of our organization, especially our fight for Lithuanian freedom and independence,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania and its organ VYTIS cease to advertise tours and trips to Soviet-occupied Lithuania. However, such trips by individual members may be made.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania is a member of the American Lithuanian Council, which is sponsoring the 5th American Lithuanian Congress to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 14-15, 1979,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council designate two official delegates to this important Convocation, as assist in covering their travel expenses, up to \$100.00 each.

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WHEREAS, the Lithuanian Museum ALKA has been established to archive materials concerning Lithuanian-American artifacts for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania already has material stored at the ALKA Museum, and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania has been invited by Msgr. Juras to participate in the directoriate of this museum,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 66th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania appoint a K of L Member to the governing body of ALKA.

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WHEREAS, the 66th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania appreciates the noble work of the Society for the Publication of the Chronicles of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, which is publishing in book form the Chronicles of the Catholic Church in Lithuania in four languages and distributing them in the free world,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Convention urges the councils and all members to give moral and financial support to the publication and distribution of the Chronicles in book form for the welfare of the persecuted Church and the enslaved Lithuanian nation which is struggling for freedom and independence.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių prisidėjimas prie kelionių į Lietuvą reklamavimas gali būti klaidingai suprastas kaip oficialus tokių kelionių aprobavimas, ir

KADANGI toks aprobavimas nesiderina su mūsų organizacijos tikslais bei idealais, ypač su mūsų kova Lietuvos laisvei ir nepriklausomybei, todėl

NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčiai ir jų organas Vytis nustotų reklamuoti keliones į Sovietų okupuotą Lietuvą. Žinoma, pavieniai nariai į minėtas keliones gali vykti.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai priklauso Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybai, kuri organizuoja Penktąjį Amerikos Lietuvių Kongresą Clevelande, Ohio 1979-tųjų metų spalio mėnesio 14-ta — 15-ta dienomis, todėl

NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba paskiria du delegatus į šį svarbų kongresą, ir paskiria po šimtą dolerių padengti kelionių išlaidom.

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KADANGI lietuvių muziejus ALKA buvo įsteigtas kaip archyvas Amerikos lietuvių kultūriniam lobynui išlaikyti ateinančioms generacijoms, ir

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai šiame muziejuje laiko kai kurią savo organizacijos medžiagą, ir

KADANGI Monsinjoras Juras yra pakvietęs Lietuvos Vyčius dalyvauti šio muziejaus direktoriате, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas paskiria Lietuvos Vyčių narį atstovauti mūsų organizaciją šiame direktoriате.

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NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčių 66-tasis Seimas, įvertindamas LKB Kronikoms Leisti Sąjungos kilnų darbą, leidžiant LKB Kronikos knygas net keturiomis kalbomis ir jas skleidžiant laisvajame pasaulyje, ragina kuopas ir visus narius visais galimais būdais moraliai ir materialiai prisidėti prie Kronikos knygų išleidimo ir plataus paskleidimo, persekiojamos Bažnyčios ir pavergtos lietuvių tautos garbei bei gerovei jos kovoje už laisvę ir nepriklausomybę.

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WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania actively supported the Darius and Girėnas transatlantic flight in 1933, and WHEREAS their valiant efforts will remain an important fact in Lithuanian history, and

WHEREAS Darius and Girėnas commemorations are held regularly in major American Lithuanian communities,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania councils actively participate in these commemorations.

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WHEREAS, Lithuanian Catholics in Soviet oppressed Lithuania have expressed thanks to the Knights of Lithuania for efforts in publicizing the fate of expression of religious beliefs in Lithuania at the National Catholic Bishop's Conference (The Chronicle of the Lithuanian Catholic Church, No. 37: editorial "Mes nesame vieni"), and

WHEREAS, this affirmative action by the Knights of Lithuania on behalf of our beleaguered Lithuanian Catholic brothers and sisters has sparked their efforts to continue with renewed vigor to profess their faith in occupied Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania 66th National Convention consider the comments concerning Bishop Kelly's 1978 Resolution at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the 37th No. of "The Chronicle of the Lithuanian Catholic Church," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania 66th National Convention express to Bishop Kelly the profound thanks of our organization with the hope that his magnanimous and compassionate action become a dominant theme in all such conferences, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the front page of the 37th No. of "The Chronicle of the Lithuanian Catholic Church" be photographed and enlarged and presented to Bishop Kelly as a small token of the Knights of Lithuania appreciation and esteem for his actions.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania extend their thanks to the President of the United States for his continuing help and support of the Voice of America in its efforts to carry hope to so many millions of people in the world and to the Lithuanian people behind the Iron Curtain. The Voice of America is today's Liberty Bell on a global basis, truly. Let freedom ring, not just through our land but throughout the world.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai daug prisidėjo prie mūsų transatlantinių lakūnų — Dariaus ir Girėno — didingo žygio 1933-čiais metais, ir

KADANGI jų žygis buvo ir bus Lietuvos istorijoje garbingas įvykis, ir

KADANGI Amerikos lietuvių kolonijose kiekvienais metais yra ruošiami Dariaus-Girėno minėjimai,

NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos stengiasi aktyviai įsijungti į šiuos minėjimus.

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KADANGI katalikai Sovietų okupuotoje Lietuvoje yra išreiškę padėką Lietuvos Vyčiams už pastangas išreklamuoti Lietuvos religinių įsitikinimų išreiškimo likimą Amerikos Tautinėje Katalikų Vyskupų Konferencijoje (LKB 37-tos Kronikos vedamasis „Mes nesame vieni“), ir

KADANGI tokia Lietuvos Vyčių veikla prispaustų brolių ir seserų Lietuvoje naudai yra sutvirtinusi jų pastangas tęsti atnaujinta jėga tikėjimo išpažinimą okupuotoje Lietuvoje, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas atkreiptų dėmesį į Vyskupo Kelly 1978-tųjų metų rezoliucijos iškelimą 37-toje LKB Kronikoje, ir

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas išreikštų Vyskupui Kelly giliausią padėką mūsų organizacijos vardu, su įsitikinimu jog šitoks jo užjaučiantis ir nuoširdus veiksmas bus ir kitose konferencijose dominuojanti tema, ir

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog LKB 37-tos Kronikos pirmasis puslapis būtų padidintas ir įteiktas vyskupui Kelly kaipo Lietuvos Vyčių padėkos ir pagarbos išreiškimas jo veiksmams.

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NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba padėkotų Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių prezidentui už jo nuolatinę pagalbą bei paramą Amerikos Balsui, kuris bando suteikti viltį daugeliui milijonų žmonių pasaulyje ir lietuviams už Geležinės Uždangos. Iš tikrųjų Amerikos Balsas yra šiandienos Laisvės Varpas pasauliniame maste. Lai laisvė skamba ne tik mūsų tėvynėje bet ir visame pasaulyje.

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**WHEREAS** The Honorable Edward J. Derwinski, Member of Congress, recipient of the coveted 1979 "Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Award", was instrumental in presenting to the 96th Congress of the United States House Concurrent Resolution 147, which expresses the sense of the Congress with respect to the Baltic States and with respect to Soviet claims of citizenship over certain USA citizens, and asks for the inclusion of the Baltic question at the forthcoming International Conference on compliance with the Helsinki agreements by the signatory powers in Madrid, Spain in Spring, 1980, and

**WHEREAS** the concepts embodied in this resolution have been continually fostered by the Knights of Lithuania,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Chicago for their 66th National Convention August 16-19, 1979, express its heartfelt thanks to the Honorable Congressman Edward J. Derwinski for his leadership in the cause of freedom for the Baltic States, as evidenced by his introduction of HCR 147,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that every individual member of the Knights of Lithuania, every council and district, and the Supreme Council be urged without delay to write, or wire their congressmen to support or co-sponsor the above-named resolution.

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**WHEREAS** the people of Lithuania are becoming involved in a movement known as "Friends of the Eucharist", which encourages its supporters to attend Mass and Communion, make visits to the Blessed Sacrament and develop a life of prayer, and

**WHEREAS** the "Friends of the Eucharist" have asked for moral support from Lithuanians in the Free World,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Knights of Lithuania encourage each of its member councils to receive communion in a body on the first Sunday of October, 1979, in union with our brothers and sisters in Lithuania, and continue to do so frequently.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each council be encouraged to publicize this event in the media to focus the attention of the general public on the plight of the church in Lithuania, and then send a message to the people of Lithuania that their American brothers and sisters are joining them in this practice.

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knights of Lithuania make greater efforts toward strengthening its identity in the Lithuanian Press and Radio through its local, district, and national Public Relations people.

**KADANGI** didžiai gerbiamas kongreso narys Edward J. Derwinski, 1979-tais metais „Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania“ žymens apdovanotas, buvo pagrindinis 96-tojo Jungtinės Amerikos Valstybių Kongreso Atstovų Rūmų 147-tos Rezoliucijos įnešėjas, kuri išreiškia Kongreso nusistatymą Pabaltijos valstybių klausimu ir Sovietų Sąjungos pilietybės pretenzijų į kai kuriuos JAV piliečius atžvilgiu, ir kuri reikalauja įtraukti Pabaltijos valstybių klausimą įvykstančiame Helsinkio Susitarimų Vykdomo Tarptautiniame Pasitarime Madride, Ispanijoje 1980-tųjų metų pavasarį, ir

**KADANGI** rezoliucijoje įkūnytą sąvoką buvo Lietuvos Vyčių nuolat plėtojamą, todėl

**NUTARTA**, jog Lietuvos Vyčiai, susirinkę Chicagoje 1979-tųjų metų rugpiūčio mėnesio 16-ta — 19-ta dienomis 66-tajame Lietuvos Vyčių Seime išreiškia širdingą padėką didžiai gerbiamam kongreso nariui Edward J. Derwinski už jo vadovavimą laisvės siekime Pabaltijos valstybėm, kaip matoma šios 147-tos Rezoliucijos įnešimu.

**TAIP PAT NUTARTA**, jog Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos visi nariai, visos kuopos ir apygardos, ir Centro Valdyba būtų raginami nedelsiant rašyti ar siūsti telegramas savo kongreso nariams kad šie remtų minėtą rezoliuciją.

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**KADANGI** Lietuvos gyventojai jungiasi į Eucharistijos Draugiją, kuri skatina narius dalyvauti Šv. mišiose, priimti Šv. komuniją, ir išvystyti pamaldumą, ir

**KADANGI** Eucharistijos Draugija yra prašiusi išsivijos lietuvių dvasinės paramos, todėl

**NUTARTA**, jog Lietuvos Vyčiai ragina kiekvieną kuopą bendrai priimti komuniją 1979-tųjų metų pirmąjį spalio mėnesio skemadienį kartu su broliais ir seserimis Lietuvoje ir taip pat ragina tai daryti ir kitomis progomis.

**TAIP PAT NUTARTA**, jog kiekviena Lietuvos Vyčių kuopa šį įvykį garsintų plačioje visuomenėje idant atkreiptų dėmesį į Lietuvos katalikų bažnyčios sunkumus ir praneštų Lietuvos gyventojams jog jų broliai ir seserys Amerikoje vykdo šį užmojų.

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**NUTARTA**, jog Lietuvos Vyčiai dėtų didesnes pastangas per kuopų, apygardų ir centro valdybos spaudos asmenys, idant sutvirtintų savo išvaizdą lietuvių spaudoje bei radijuje.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania was originally founded to cultivate the ideals of the Catholic faith and the culture of Lithuania in youth, and

WHEREAS the future of our organization depends upon attracting young adults as members,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council and the District and Council Presidents be directed to recruit young adult members in target college and university communities of the United States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these target communities include the greater Boston, Bloomington, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York and Washington, D.C. areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supreme Council allocate substantial funds and staffing sufficient to accomplish the recruitment of 500 young adult members during the next eighteen months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supreme Council treat the recruitment of young adult members as the highest organizational priority of the Knights of Lithuania, and encourage such efforts for the recruitment of young adults in all parts of the United States in addition to these target areas.

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WHEREAS CONSTANTINE R. JURGĖLA was President of the New York-New Jersey District (now Mid-Atlantic District) of the Knights of Lithuania from 1925 to 1929, and was chief of the Lithuanian Service Voice of America from 1951 to 1974, is the author of "Lithuania — the Outpost of Freedom," and is a noted historian,

BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Jurgėla, at the time of his 75th Birthday, be given recognition for more than 50 consecutive years of service to the cause of Lithuania and Lithuanians.

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WHEREAS Rev. Vincent Puidokas, a long time friend and benefactor of the Knights of Lithuania, Spiritual Advisor of Council 30, Westfield, Mass. for about 40 years, and now a resident of the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Conn., is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood this year,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 66th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania send Rev. Puidokas a congratulatory greeting on this event.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija buvo įsteigta ugdyti katalikų tikybos idealus ir lietuvišką kultūrą jaunime, ir kadangi mūsų organizacijos ateitis priklauso nuo jaunų narių pritraukimo, todėl

NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba bei apygARDŲ PIRMININKAI būtų įpareigoti verbuoti jaunus žmones nariais universitetinėse bendruomenėse Amerikoje, ir taip pat nutarta, jog šių universitetinių bendruomenių tarpe būtų įskaitomi Bostono, Bloomingtono, Chicagos, Pittsburgho, New Yorko bei Washingtono, D.C. rajonai

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog šių universitetinių bendruomenių tarpe būtų įskaitomi Bostono, Bloomingtono, Chicagos, Pittsburgho, New Yorko bei Washingtono, D.C. rajonai.

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog Centro Valdyba paskirtų reikalingas lėšas bei personalą sekančių pusantro metų bėgyje užverbuoti 500 naujų jaunų narių.

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog Centro Valdyba šių jaunų narių verbavimo užduočiai skirtų pirmenybę Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos reikaluose ir skatintų jaunų narių verbavimą visose Amerikos lietuvių kolonijose.

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KADANGI Konstantinas R. Jurgėla buvo Lietuvos Vyčių New York-New Jersey apygardos (dabar Vidurio Atlanto apygardos) pirmininku 1925-tais — 1929-tais metais, Lithuanian Service Voice of America vedėju 1951-mais — 1974-tais metais, yra knygos „Lithuania — The Outpost of Freedom“ autorius, ir yra žinomas istorikas, todėl

NUTARTA, jog dr. Jurgėlos virš 50-ties metų pasitarnavimas Lietuvai ir lietuvybei būtų tinkamai įvertinamas jo 75-tųjų metų amžiaus proga.

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KADANGI ilgametis Lietuvos Vyčių draugas ir geradaris kun. Vincentas Puidokas, Westfield, Mass. 30-tos kuopos dvasios vadas veik 40 metų, dabar gyvenęs Putnam, Conn. Matulaičio senelių prieglaudoje, šiais metais švenčia 50 metų kunigystės jubiliejų, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas šia proga sveikina kun. Puidoką.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives do each day begin the day's activities by asking God's blessing on their efforts, the Supreme Court has effectively denied this same right and privilege to millions of school children across this country by restrictive measures not in keeping with the true spirit and meaning for the words of the first amendment or for the principle or history behind them, and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 1789, the first Congress passed a resolution requesting that the President "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a constitution of government for their safety and happiness." Congress passed this resolution calling for a national day of prayer on the same day on which it adopted the first amendment of the Constitution. Nine days later President Washington issued the Thanksgiving Proclamation. This action most clearly indicated the intent of the authors of the first Amendment regarding the establishment clause and Government encouraged public prayer, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S438 introduced by Senator Jesse Helms has a limited and specific objective to restore to the American people the fundamental right of voluntary prayer in the public schools and seeks at the same time to promote the free exercise thereof by allowing those who wish to recite prayers — to do so with or without the blessings of the Federal Government — nor does it in effect give preference to the dissenters and at the same time violate the establishment clause of the first amendment by establishing a religion — the religion of secularism, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania of the U.S.A. in convention assembled in Chicago, Illinois, August 15-19, 1979 do go on record that Senator Helms Resolution S438 & S450 on Voluntary Prayer in public schools as passed by the U.S. Senate on April 5 and 9 be implemented and carried out. A companion House Bill is now in the House Judiciary Committee awaiting action by that Committee,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Democratic and Republican leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives and the House Judiciary Committee requesting that the Committee favorably report this bill to the House.

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KADANGI Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių Senatas ir Atstovų Rūmai pradeda kiekvienos dienos darbą paprašydami Dievo palaimos jų pastangose, o Aukščiausiasis Teismas yra uždraudęs šią teisę ir privilegiją milijonam vaikų šiame krašte, vartojant priemones nesuderinamas su Amerikos Konstitucijos Pirmojo Prierišo tikrąja dvasia ir prasme ar net su principais bei istorija surištais su šiuo prierišu, ir

KADANGI 1789-tųjų metų rugsėjo mėnesio 24-tą dieną Pirmasis Kongresas patvirtino rezoliuciją prašančią prezidento rekomenduoti JAV-ių žmonėms padėkos bei maldos dieną, kurią atšvęsti reiktų dėkinga širdim Visagaliui Dievui už visas Jo suteiktas gėrybes, ypatingai už tai, kad Jis suteikė progą įgyvendinti krašto valdymo konstituciją jų gerovei ir laimei. Kongresas patvirtino šią rezoliuciją reikalaujančią tautinę maldos dieną tą pačią dieną kai ji patvirtino Konstitucijos Pirmąjį Prierišą. Po devynių dienų, prezidentas Washingtonas paskelbė Padėkos Proklamaciją. Šis veiksmas aiškiai parodo Pirmojo Prierišo autorių intencijas sąryšyje su valdžios viešos maldos rėmimą, ir

KADANGI Senato S438 rezoliucija, kurią įnešė senatorius Jesse Helms, turi aiškų ir apribojantį tikslą atstatyti Amerikos žmonėms pagrindinę teisę savanoriškai maldai viešose mokyklose ir siekia tuo pačiu skatinti tokią maldą, su ar be federalinės valdžios palaima, ir neduoda pirmenybę nesutinkančiais su maldos kalbėjimu, ir tuo pačiu nepažeidžia Pirmojo Prierišo straipsnį, kuris neduoda teisę įsteigti valdišką tikybą, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas remia senatoriaus Helms rezoliuciją S438 ir S450, kuri liečia savanorišką maldą valdiškose mokyklose, ir kuri balandžio 5-ta ir 9-ta dienomis buvo Senate patvirtinta. Panaši rezoliucija dabar yra Atstovų Rūmų Teisiniame Komiteje ir laukia patvirtinimo.

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog S438 rezoliucija būtų pasiūsta demokratų ir respublikonų vadovams Atstovų Rūmuose ir Atstovų Rūmų Teisiam Komiteiui, prašant komitetą palankiai pristatyti ją Atstovų Rūmams.

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WHEREAS now is the time to record an important aspect of our organizational history before it gets lost in vague memories,

BE IT RESOLVED that a volume containing a complete biography of our founder, MYKOLAS NORKUNAS and other K of L leaders be written by a competent individual.

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WHEREAS, according to the Knights of Lithuania constitution, ritual points are granted to Juniors, and

WHEREAS some councils are not observing these requirements,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Council urge all councils to adhere more faithfully to the ritual requirements as approved by previous conventions.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the credit points earned by the Chairman of the Ritual Committee on the Supreme, District and Council levels be increased to 6 points, thus bringing this committee in line with the Religion, Lithuanian Affairs and Cultural Committee Chairmen.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the 66th National Convention elevate to Honorary Membership KAZYS SIPAILA, whose candidacy to this honor was approved by the 65th National Convention.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the 66th National Convention posthumously elevate to Honorary Membership MICHAEL P. PETKUS, deceased, whose candidacy to this honor was approved by the 65th National Convention.

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WHEREAS George Mikalauskas of Council 96, Dayton, has so generously used his God-given talents in creating an artistic Lithuanian Wayside Shrine and

WHEREAS he has made a donation of this beautiful work to the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee in order to provide funds to carry on the Scholarship work,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 66th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its deep gratitude to GEORGE MIKALAUSKAS.

KADANGI dabar yra pats laikas surašyti svarbų mūsų organizacijos istorijoje momentą idant jis nedingtu užuomarštyje, todėl

NUTARTA, jog kompetetingas asmuo parašytų mūsų organizacijos steigėjo Mykolo Norkūno bei kitų iškilų Lietuvos Vyčių vadovų biografijas.

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KADANGI pagal Lietuvos Vyčių konstituciją ritualų taškai suteikiami jaunesniesiems Vyčiams, ir

KADANGI kaikurios kuopos nesilaiko šių nuostatų, todėl

NUTARTA, jog Centro Valdyba ragina visas kuopas prisilaikyti ankstesnių seimų patvirtintiems ritualų reikalavimams.

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NUTARTA, jog Centro valdybos, apygardų bei kuopų ritualų komitetų pirmininkų uždirbami taškai būtų šeši, tuomi sulygindami šio komiteto uždirbamų taškų skaičių su tikybos, lietuviškų reikalų, bei kultūros komitetų.

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NUTARTA, kad 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas pakeltų į Garbės Narius 65-tojo Seimo užgirtą kandidatą, KAZYS ŠIPAILA, narį 29-tos kuopos, Newark, N.J.

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NUTARTA, kad 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas pakeltų į Garbės Narius 65-tojo Seimo užgirtą kandidatą MICHAEL P. PETKUS, mirusį 96-tos kuopos narį Dayton, Ohio, Mid-Central apskrities.

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KADANGI Daytono 96-tos kuopos narys Jurgis Mikalauskas dosniai panaudojo Dievo duotus gabumus sukuriant menišką lietuvišką koplyčią, ir

KADANGI jis padovanojo šį gražų kūrinį Lietuvos Vyčių Stipendijų komitetui idant sutelkus lėšų tęsti Stipendijų komiteto darbą, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas išreiškia gilią padėką Jurgiui Mikalauskui.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania is a Catholic organization and has maintained its fidelity to the Church and its Bishops and pastors during the 66 years of its existence, and

WHEREAS the 66th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania was held in the Diocese of Chicago,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 66th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled in Chicago August 16-19, 1979, express its respect, esteem and obedience to His Eminence Cardinal John Cody, Ordinary of the Chicago Diocese, and to thank him for his support of the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania express their heartfelt gratitude to the Lithuanian Catholic Newspapers DRAUGAS and DARBININKAS, for their support of the Knights of Lithuania by providing space for regular Knights of Lithuania columns.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania 66th National Convention express its sincerest thanks to the outgoing Supreme Council for its untiring efforts during the past year to keep the organization an active and vital force in the Lithuanian-American community.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 66th National Convention sincerely thank the Convention Presidium and Committees for their outstanding work in conducting the business of the Convention.

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WHEREAS the Illinois-Indiana District of the Knights of Lithuania, under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, the leadership of Algerd Brazis and co-chairmanship of Irene Sankus and Anthony J. Rudis, Jr., and with the whole-hearted support of the entire Executive Committee and all members of the District, have maintained a tradition of hosting outstanding National Conventions, and in some areas surpassed previous conventions,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 66th National Convention held in Chicago August 16-19, express its profound gratitude and unforgettable pleasure to the host District by a standing ovation of thankfulness.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai yra katalikiška organizacija ir yra pasilikusi ištikima Bažnyčiai ir Jos dvasiškijai ištisus 66-erius savo gyvavimo metus, ir

KADANGI 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių seimas vyko Chicagos diecezijoje, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas, sušauktas Chicagoje 1979-tųjų metų rugpiūčio 16-ta — 19-ta dienomis, išreiškia pagarbą ir paklusnumą Jo Ekselencijai kardinolui John Cody, Chicagos diecezijos ordinarui, ir dėkoja jam už Lietuvos Vyčių idealų rėmimą.

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NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčiai išreiškia širdingą padėką lietuvių katalikų laikraščiams Draugui ir Darbininkui už jų paramą Lietuvos Vyčiam suteikiant vietos nuolatiniam Lietuvos Vyčių skyriui.

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NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas išreiškia nuoširdžiausią padėką užbaigiančiai savo kadenciją Centro Valdybai už jos nenuilstamas pastangas praeitais metais išlaikant organizaciją aktyvia bei gyva jėga Amerikos lietuvių visuomenėje.

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NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas nuoširdžiai dėkoja Seimo prezidiumui bei komitetams už jų išskirtiną darbą tvarkant su Seimu surištus reikalus.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių Illinois-Indiana Apygarda, kun. Antanui Zakarauskui patariant dvasiniuose reikaluose, Algirdui Braziui vadovaujant, Irenai Sankutei ir Antanui J. Rudžiui bendrai pirmininkaujant, ir visai valdybai bei apygardos nariams visapusiškai pritariant, yra išlaikiusi pasigėrėtiną Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo rengimo paprotį ir kaikuriose srityse prašokusi buvusių seimus, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 66-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas, įvykęs rugpiūčio mėnesio 16-ta — 19-ta dienomis Čikagoje, išreiškia didžią pagarbą, neužmirštiną pasitenkinimą, ir padėką Illinois-Indiana apygardai audringu plojimu.

*A resolution relating to the Lithuanian Legation, passed during the Convention, was omitted from this list after information obtained after the Convention showed the main premise on which the resolution was based to be false, thus making the resolution invalid. The decision to delete the resolution was made upon the recommendation of the Lithuanian Legation, with concurrence by the Supreme Council President and the Resolutions Committee Chairman.*

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### VYTIS STAFF CHANGES

Because of their many other commitments, Phil and Marian Skabeikis have stepped down as "Lithuanians in the News" editors. They will be replaced by Ruth Kazlauskas, C-36, Chicago.

Also, Alex Pakalniskis, Jr., C-112, Chicago, will assume the post of Lithuanian Editor, replacing Balys Vyliaudas. Our sincerest thanks go to Phil and Marian, and also to Mr. Vyliaudas for their outstanding help in the past. More on the new staff members will appear in a future issue. However, effective immediately, please send all "Lithuanians in the News" material directly to:

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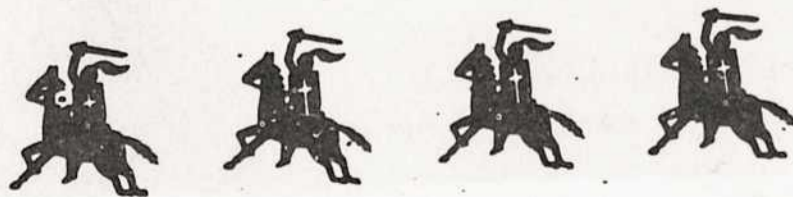
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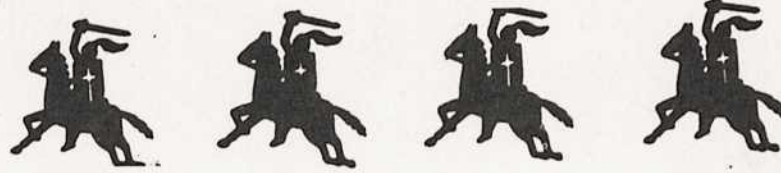
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10	Athol-Gardner	28	33
17	So. Boston	50	53
17S	So. Boston Srs.	89	89
18	Cambridge	3	3
26	Worcester	137	122
30.	Westfield	32	28
50.	New Haven, Ct.	....	30
78..	Lawrence	12	11
103R	Providence	....	9
103S	Providence Srs.	30	34
116	Worcester	58	58
135	Ansonia	67	61
141	Bridgeport	55	49
145	Holyoke	25	28

### MID-ATLANTIC

3..	Philadelphia	34	62
12.	New York	69	73
29..	Newark	118	130
41.	Brooklyn	31	28
46.	Forest City	26	29
61.	Patterson	8	14
52.	Elizabeth	21	22
67.	Bayonne	19	20
74.	Scranton	58	72
90.	Kearney	39	43
143	Pittston	69	65
100	Amsterdam	104	108
109	Great Neck	13	13
110	Maspeth	107	140
140	Shracuse	51	39
142	Washington	48	49
144	St. Clair	113	140
146	Harrisburg	63	84
147	St. Petersburg	19	41

### ILL-IND.

5...	Chicago	5	5
36..	Chicago	87	84
Srs	Chicago	41	33
82.	Gary	31	30
112	Chicago	192	182

Council		Total 1978	Total 1979
<b>MID-CENTRAL</b>			
19...	Pittsburgh	48	49
25...	Cleveland	42	44
Srs..	Cleveland	33	26
79...	Detroit	165	147
86...	DuBois	39	40
96...	Dayton	130	117
102..	Detroit	40	45
134..	Cincinnati	17	13
139..	Detroit	19	18
148..	Jackson, Mi.	.....	12

### OTHER

133.	Los Angeles	2	1
133S	Los Angeles	38	41

### TOTALS

New England.....	728 ..	753
Mid-Atlantic .....	1010 ..	1172
Mid-Central.....	533 ..	511
Ill.-Ind. ....	356 ..	334
Other.....	42 ..	40
Grand Total .....	2669 ..	2810

### MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Those Councils most active in promoting new membership were rewarded with special certificates, during the closing Brunch of the Convention, by National Membership Vice-President, Jonas Adomenas. Awards went to the following councils, for the greatest increases in membership during the past year.

C-3, Philadelphia	18 New Members
C-61, Paterson	6 New Members
C-110, Maspeth	27 New Members
C-142, Washington	8 New Members
C-144, St. Clair	27 New Members
C-147, St. Petersburg	24 New Members

Note: Membership awards were made on the basis of highest percentage of new members.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

The 66th National Convention honored two outstanding members and one deceased member in a special way, by raising them to the highest honor the organization can pay a member . . . Honorary Membership. During the Convention Banquet, the Honorary Membership Committee presented the long-overdue honor to JOSEPHINE DAUŽVARDIS, Lithuanian Consul General at Chicago and a member of C-112, Chicago, for her outstanding contributions to the Knights and to the cause of Lithuania, especially in the cultural sphere. Her Honorary Membership was actually presented in absentia during the 65th National Convention in Syracuse in 1978, but the medal was officially presented during this convention. Long-time President of C-29, Newark and all-around leader and worker in numerous local, district and national Lithuanian activities, KAZYS SIPAILA, was awarded the medal to signify his Honorary Membership also during this banquet. For his many activities on behalf of C-96, Dayton, his parish and the Mid-Central District, MICHAEL PETKUS was awarded Honorary Membership posthumously. Mike's widow, Frances Petkus, accepted the medal in memory of her deceased husband.

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During the 65th National Convention in 1978 in Syracuse, N.Y., a resolution was presented and passed, approving the candidacy of ANTHONY DAINIUS, C-79, Southfield, Mich. for Honorary Membership. Due to an oversight on the part of the Honorary Membership Committee and the 1978 Resolutions Committee, Mr. Dainius' elevation to Honorary Membership was postponed and will be made during the 67th National Convention.



*Honorary Members gathered at National Convention. Seated, l. to r. Helen Shields, Phyllis Grendal, Josephine Dauzvardis, Bishop Vincas Brizgys, Kazys Sipaila, Eleonore Laurin, Anthony Mazeika, Stanley Vaitkus, Longinas Svelnis. Standing; l. to r. Rev. A. Valancius, Dr. Jack Stukas, Joseph Boley, Larry Janonis, Ann Bender, Ann Mitchell, Adele Gabalas, Rita Pinkus, Loretta Stukas.*

## 100-A-YEAR AWARDS

One of the most important aspects of the Lithuanian Affairs work is the writing of letters to newspapers, congressmen, senators and other people of influence, defending Lithuania's name, promoting her cause for freedom, etc. This year, two members who did outstanding work in this regard were presented awards during the Convention.

At the National Convention's closing Brunch, Rev. C. Pugevicius, National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, presented Certificate to BERNICE MIKATAVAGE and ELSIE KOSMISKI, both of C-144, Schuykill County, for writing over 100 letters for Lithuania's cause during the past year.

## VYTIS ACIU

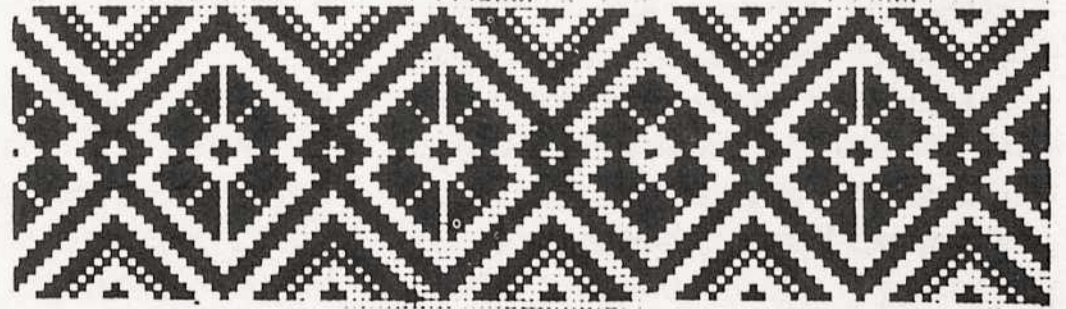
The VYTIS Staff extends sincerest thanks to all who helped make this convention issue a success, by writing, taking photos, or otherwise providing needed information. Special thanks go to: Phil and Marian Skabeikis, Rev. Jurgelaitis, Anne Marie Kassel, Faustas & Terry Strolia, Ann Wargo, Irene Sankus, Walter Svekla, Jean Janula, and Alex Pakalniskis, Jr.

## National Convention

Inasmuch as no council or district was prepared to present a bid to host the 67th National Convention in 1980, the decision as to the site of the next convention was tabled, and left to the Supreme Council.

Fortunately, during the first Supreme Council meeting, held in Maspeth, N.Y. on Sept. 29, 1979, a bid was made, and warmly and unannouncedly accepted. The next convention will be held in the great city of BOSTON, Mass., during the celebration of that city's 300th Anniversary.

Hosts will be C-17 and C-17 Seniors, both of South Boston. We thank the Bostonians for their invitation, and look forward to another wonderful convention under their care and planning.



*Recently arrived from Lithuania dissidents Romas and Lidija Giedra with dr. Jack Stukas of C-29, Newark*



*Part of the Juodvalkis family (seated) who arrived from Lithuania last winter after 30 years attempt to leave. With them are Viola and Bernard Skritata and Helen Radisch all of C-29, Newark*

# THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

MANY THANKS FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB, BY AN OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE. More than a year's worth of plans, discussions, arrangements, correspondence . . . and worries came to their culmination with the arrival of guests and delegates . . . and the successful and very enjoyable operation of both business and social sessions of the 66th National Convention. That activities ran smoothly, that sell-out crowds of K of Lers were treated with hospitality, respect and good cheer, and that the "66th" was one of the most successful conventions — spiritually, culturally, and business-wise — was no accident! All this came about through the untiring efforts of the Convention Committee. Heartfelt thanks to out to them all . . . from all of us. Special thanks go to the



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## AMONG THE GOLDEN THREADS - A DIAMOND

This title does sound a bit poetic. Last year the resume of the religious activities of the Syracuse Convention was entitled "Golden Threads". This year the golden threads were highlighted by a precious diamond. Read on. You will discover what is meant by the "diamond" among the golden threads.

The opening of the 66th National Convention took place in the King Arthur Room, a lofty, beautiful hall with paneled walls and stained glass windows, heraldic emblems and ornate fixtures. It was a room in which Vytautas the Great or Saint Casimir might have felt at home. In reality, as we were informed later, this room was the great Hall of the Chicago Masonic Temple. The hotel purchased the Masonic Building and combined it with its other facilities.

In such stately surroundings the Sacred Liturgy of the Mass was celebrated. About 300 delegates, alternates and guests participated.

And I mean "participated", because Faustas Strolia, our enthusiastic convention music director, rehearsed the various hymns before the Mass began. During the Mass the King Arthur Room resounded with traditional Lithuanian hymns. Everyone present had a copy of the newly revised Convention Missalette and could sing with confidence.

At the altar Fathers Anthony Zakarauskas, Casimir Pugevicius, Ignas Urbonas and John Savukynas concelebrated with Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor, Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, who was also the homilist.

In his homily Father Jurgelaitis recalled the mandate of Vatican Council II to religious orders and communities: "Look back to the ideals of your saintly founders and apply them to the world of today." That wise advice could be followed by the Knights of Lithuania, too.

The ideals set up by the founder

of the Knights of Lithuania, Mykolas Norkunas, "Dievui ir Tėvynei!" established a priority of goals which is as valid today, as it was in 1913. Before World War I, it became rather popular and fashionable for certain Lithuanian Catholics to drift away from their faith and to become freethinkers, and even atheists. The Knights of Lithuania was organized to prevent this.

For Mykolas Norkunas the only way to preserve the Lithuanian heritage was to keep it Catholic.

In Lithuania today it is not the freethinkers and atheists who are doing most to preserve the traditions and culture. It is the Catholics.

To carry out the ideals of our founder, we must keep our priorities right: **God first, then country** — both the land of our birth and that of our ancestors.

Let's not be afraid to suffer a bit, as we strive to help those who are suffering a lot.



Opening Mass



Sister Joanela greets delegates

Isn't that what Jesus Christ taught us?

Among the American Lithuanian leaders who greeted the convention at the first session was Sister Joanela, Superior General of the Sisters of Saint Casimir. She recalled an interesting historical note. Father Kaupas, the founder of the Sisters of Saint Casimir, was the person responsible for the present name of our organization. Originally, our organization was to be called "Sakalai" - "Falcons". It was Father Kaupas who proposed "Lietuvos Vyciai" - "Knights of Lithuania"

Sister Marilyn, who was celebrating her Silver Jubilee as a Sister of Saint Casimir accompanied Sister Joanela.

Other religious Sisters who attended the sessions were Sister Eugenia, of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and Sisters Alverna and Francesca of the Order of Saint Francis. There were two religious Brothers present: Brolis Margis, of the Marian Fathers Community and Franciscan Brother George Petkevicius, who also assisted at the altar each day during the Concelebrated Mass.

Several priests from the Chicago area attended sessions of the Convention: Father A. Valancius, the Rev. Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas, Father Casimir Kuzminskas, who was invited to describe his work of translating and printing in volume form the separate issues of the *Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania*. "Draugas", the Lithuanian Catholic daily published in Chicago was represented by Father P. P. Cinikas, MIC and Father V. Rimselis, MIC. Also, Father George Wallace, S.M., who has recently returned from a trip to Lithuania and is a new K of L member.

There was a proud and touching moment during one of the sessions, when the Presidium chairman invited the National Spiritual Advisor

to the lecturn on which were placed two bound volumes, containing signatures collected by the Knights of Lithuania requesting the Beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis. Father Jurgelaitis requested the Very Reverend Joseph Dambrauskas, Provincial of the Marian Fathers, to come to the platform and receive the signatures collected since the last convention. Father Dambrauskas thanked the Knights for their efforts, and urged them not only to continue their efforts, but also, to pray for a miracle: a first class miracle is needed to continue with the proceedings in Rome as divine proof of the saintly life of the Servant of God

The Society of Jesus was represented at the 66th Convention by Father Antanas Saulaitis, S. J. He was guest lecturer on a panel to discuss means of arousing and maintaining interest among K of L members.

Basing his conclusions on the experiences he had while working among the Lithuanians in Brazil, Father Saulaitis suggested: making more contacts with our Lithuanian neighbors and friends in the interest of the K of L; using our friendships



Rev. Saulaitis during Youth Panel

as a path to attract and keep new members; taking advantage of the family circle to introduce some K of L activities; decorating the home with K of L symbols and Lithuanian art objects.

Father Saulaitis pointed out that our Lithuanian organizations should always look outward, not be self-centered and satisfied with what they are at the moment. Very important is constantly checking to see if former members could not be persuaded to rejoin the organization. He stated that arranging a "Big Event" from time to time is an excellent way to attract less interested people, who sometimes become very





interested overnight. Father Saulaitis is convinced that even among American Lithuanian organizations some knowledge of the Lithuanian language is a "must". He discovered that after about 96 hours of Lithuanian language instruction, American Lithuanians could learn enough to read the local news items in the Lithuanian daily paper in Chicago.

From the wealth of his many experiences Father Saulaitis provided the Knights of Lithuania with many sound and practical ideas.

As is customary, the noon day Mass of the second day of the Convention is offered for the persecuted Church in Lithuania. Father Anthony Zakarauskas, Illinois - Indiana District Spiritual Advisor, was chief concelebrant and homilist at this Mass. He pointed out that

and sisters in the Faith of Jesus Christ.

The Saturday Mass was offered for the deceased members of the Knights of Lithuania. Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, O. P. was preacher.

"It is good to pray for the dead," he began. We remember the good they have done as K of L members; we appreciate the difficulties they had to surmount in doing that good and that prompts us to be more zealous in working for those same ideals. Prayer for our deceased members is putting into practise the teaching of the Church concerning the Communion of Saints. To pray for those whom God has called from this earth is to stand beside them as they have just about reached their goal of goals: unending happiness with God.

Illinois-Indiana District Spiritual Advisor, Father Anthony Zakarauska fulfilled his task as Master of Ceremonies with levity, brevity and wit. Father Casimir Pugevicius, Lithuanian Affairs Committee chairman, presented the Rev. John C. Jutt "Friend of Lithuania" Award to the Honorable Congressman Edward J. Derwinski of the Illinois Fourth Congressional District. Father Pugevicius' preliminary remarks and Congressman Derwinski's acceptance speech convinced everyone that Lithuania and Lithuanians have a faithful and zealous friend in Congressman Derwinski.

Father A. Jurgelaitis, O.P. gave the Benediction.

The Convention closing Mass was celebrated on Sunday at the Lithuanian Church of the Nativity of the



A daily Convention Mass



Honor Guard at closing Mass

throughout history people have had to suffer for the Faith: in Jewish times, in early Christian times and in subsequent centuries, also. It seems that in modern times religious persecution is more widespread. He urged that Knights of Lithuania give all possible, prayerful and moral support to our brothers and sisters suffering for their loyalty to Christ in Lithuania. If our motto "For God and country" means anything to us Knights of Lithuania, it should lead us to make greater sacrifices on behalf of our Lithuanian brothers

Continuing a precedent started during a previous convention, during the Prayer of the Faithful at the proper invocation delegates from the various councils pronounced aloud the names of the deceased members of their councils and all joined in prayer for them and for all those Knights of Lithuania whom God has called to Himself.

The social high-light of the Convention was the Banquet-Ball on Saturday evening. It was the best attended event of the week. Bishop Vincent Brizgys said the invocation.

Blessed Virgin Mary in Marquette Park - "Little Lithuania." Presiding was Bishop Nevin Hayes, representing His Eminence John Cardinal Cody, Ordinary of the Chicago Archdiocese. Bishop Vincent Brizgys was Chief Concelebrant. Other celebrants were: Fathers A. Zakarauskas, A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., Canon Zakarauskas, C. Pugevicius, Z. Gelazius, J. Juozevicius and F. Kelpsas.

Father Anthony Jurgelaitis was homilist.



Rev. Zakarauskas, Bishop Hayes  
Rev. Jurgelaitis, Rev. Dambrauskas,  
Bishop Brizgys, Canon Zakarauskas



Legionnaires lead procession to Sunday Mass

"After the Convention, what next?" might be a good title for his homily.

We cannot, we must not let down our hands. Our convention Resolution, pledging Our Holy Father renewed and redoubled efforts "For God and Country" is binding upon all members. Our battles will not be fought with swords of steel — as we sing in our K of L hymn — but with the sword of the spirit and of truth.

We are *American* Lithuanian Catholics, who are doing our share, and perhaps more than our share in support of a people - our people - who are heroically struggling to be Lithuanian and Catholic Lithuanian. To wield the sword of the spirit and of truth we must be prepared to make sacrifices, sacrifices of self, above all, but not excluding time, money and zeal.

Jesus Christ - God, deemed it

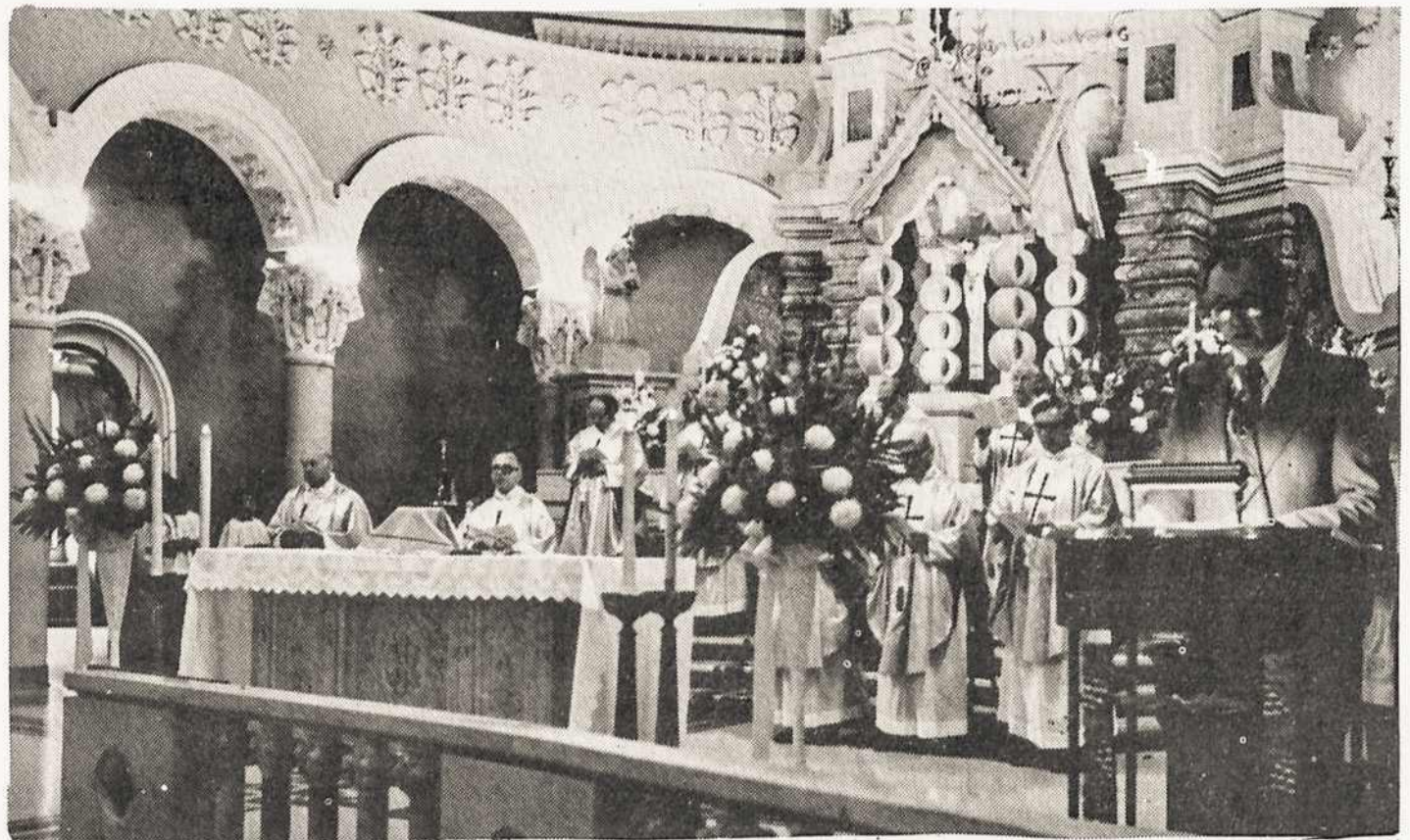
highly worthwhile to sacrifice himself for insignificant man, enslaved by sin. The Knights of Lithuania consider it truly worthwhile to sacrifice themselves for a nation which is suffering daily for its loyalty to Christ.

We, Knights of Lithuania, must not be afraid to suffer a bit in striving to assist those who are suffering a lot.

At the close of the Mass, Bishop



Bishop Hayes gives sermon



Sunday Mass celebration and lector J. Vaznelis

Nevin Hayes extended Cardinal Cody's greetings and pastoral encouragement to the Knights of Lithuania in their work in Chicago and across the country.

And finally, took place what I choose to call the presentation of a precious jewel, a *diamond*, to set among the golden threads of the tapestry of the works and accomplishments of the 66th Convention: a telegram from the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, urging the

Knights of Lithuania to be faithful to the Church and their lofty ideals and granting them the Papal Blessing. Bishop V. Brizgys imparted the Pope's Blessing upon all members of the Knights of Lithuania.

The Sacred Liturgy of the Mass was magnificently enhanced by the singing of the Parish Choir under the direction of Antanas Linas. Organists were Casimir Skaisgirys and Arunas Kaminskas. This choir to which many of the members of

the Chicago Lithuanian Opera Chorus belong presented a truly memorable program of sacred music and hymns.

And thus, the weaving of the tapestry of the religious activities of the 66th National Convention ... golden threads, diamond and all ... came to an end.

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JOHN CARDINAL CODY

# JUNIORS CORNER

## JUNIOR CONVENTIONSHIPS

Each year, Junior members become more prominent at the Conventions, not only because of their growing number in attendance, but also because of their increased interest in the work and activities of the organization. One of the major forms of encouragement for their attendance is the "Conventionship", a nominal monetary award, of \$25.00, presented each year to up to two members from each Junior council who attend the convention and its activities. This year, Conventionships were awarded during the Sunday Brunch by outgoing 1st Vice President Ann Marie Kassel, to the following Junior Members:

Paula Keaney and Adele Martus, C-17, So. Boston  
 Edward Skripata, C-29, Newark  
 Laima Vadeisa and Thomas Strolia, C-36/112, Chicago  
 John Newberry, C-79, Southfield  
 Elena Mikalauskas and Thomas Petkus, C-96, Dayton  
 Mark Adomaitis and Anthony Ambrosini, C-110, Maspeth  
 Lorraine Grabauskas, C-146, Harrisburg



Host Juniors preparing for procession



Juniors at the Balzekas Museum

## JUNIOR CONVENTION

The Juniors Convention was opened by Donna Juraitis, president of Council 36/112. She welcomed the Juniors to Chicago. Opening prayer was led by Fr. Tom Kasputis, Spiritual Advisor of C-36/112 Juniors. Chip Newberry of C-79, was elected Chairman of the Convention and Laima Vadeisa, C-36/112, was elected secretary. Phil Skabeikis, National President, greeted the Convention and asked us to let him and the Supreme Council know what they could do for the Juniors. Fr. Pugevičius, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, spoke to us about the broken cross and the Chronicles. He explained how hard it is to live as a Catholic in Lithuania. Helen Kulber spoke to us about the "Year of the Child" and also showed posters and pamphlets. Bill Sidtis, former Junior, discussed Friday's panel "How to Keep Young Adults Interested in the Knights of Lithuania." He explained to the regular Convention that Junior Councils always have trouble getting moderators or Counsellors. It seems that the regulars are not interested in us. It was also discussed that some Councils are not giving Ritual Degrees to Juniors. It was unanimously voted to present a resolution to the National Convention "requesting that the Supreme Council urge all Councils to adhere more faithfully to the ritual requirements as stated in the Constitution." After this we took a short recess so that we could go to the National Convention and hear the dissidents speak.

Laima



Host Juniors,  
Matthew Strolia and  
Denise Zakarka

## JUNIOR SOCIAL SIDELIGHTS

Wednesday Nite — There was an Early Bird Swim Party at the 16th floor Olympic Swimming Pool.

Thursday — The Juniors were taken by bus to the Museum of Science and Industry. Many of the Juniors were able to tour the Coal Mine and the new money display. Afterwards we toured the Balzekas Lithuanian Museum and the Sisters of St. Casimir Lithuanian Museum. We went to the Folk Fair where Lithuanian food was sold and we were entertained by the Chicago Dancers, and the C-36/112 Juniors and District Choir sang for us. We also saw movies of the I.I.D. Choir.

Friday — Friday was supposed to be a beach party, but due to bad weather, we went to the Lincoln Park Zoo and we were able to tour indoor buildings such as The Farm. Since we got back early, some of us went swimming and some of us went to tour the Chicago Tribune. On Friday night we went to the Lithuanian Luau at the K of L Bldg. and were entertained by "Vaiva" doing South Pacific in Lithuanian.

Saturday — On Saturday morning we held our Juniors Convention and attended part of the National Convention to hear the dissidents speak. Afterwards, we went to the best pizza in the World, Pizzeria Uno, where Pizza first began. Then we attended the National Convention to watch elections and then some of us had another Swim Party. On Saturday Nite we attended the Dinner Dance.

Sunday — We marched into church for the Closing Mass and then attended the Farewell Brunch where Juniors Conventionsips were awarded.

A good time was had by all!!!

Jurgina



# CONVENTION PLENARY SESSIONS

## YOUTH PANEL

The Knights of Lithuania has made great strides in the past few years. Our membership has shown a steady increase, but we have all been dissatisfied with our membership in the "under-30" age bracket. This group represents the lowest percentage of our membership. Because of our concern in this area, a special panel was conducted to attack the problems of attracting this age group. Anne Marie Kassel, outgoing National Juniors Vice-President, chaired the panel, and, after an introduction outlining our concern, introduced the speakers who discussed the problem from various angles.

The first speaker, Frank Zapolis, director of the Knights of Lithuania Dance Ensemble of Chicago, presented the views of the Knights of Lithuania. Frank has been a member since 1962, and all during his K of L career, has been working with youth in one way or another. He worked with C-36 Juniors in 1964, and has held numerous offices on a council, district and national level since then.

Frank Zapolis informed us that his family was active in the Knights. Someone with strong convictions sold him. 98% of Juniors are sold on the Knights of Lithuania because others sold them.

When dealing with young adults, be sure to remember not to treat them like children. If something unfortunate happens during one of your meetings, do not go back to the parents or discuss with others.

Discontinuing meetings during the summer has had a very bad effect. Usually the group gets out of the habit of meeting every Wednesday and it sometimes takes until October or November to get them back. Frank hasn't taken any Summer break for the past 10 years.

Usually you should stay with one activity. A person interested in a dance group will not want to participate in singing or crafts. You really don't have time at your meeting nights to get involved with many different activities.

Council programming is very important. No one wants to be bored to tears, no matter which age group they're in - young or old. Activities are needed in every age group.

Many people feel that dues are too high. Frank feels that they are much too low for our organization. What can you do with \$8? If we had a larger treasury we could sponsor sports programs and cultural programs.

**Recommendation - Support Juniors with Guidance**

**Support their programs**

**The future of the Knights of Lithuania depends on them!**

Other Lithuanian organizations are in a similar situation concerning membership of young adults. To discuss that phase of the problem, and how we can cope together with the case, the second speaker invited to speak was Rev. Antanas Saulaitis, S.J. A Lithuanian Jesuit Father and the present director of the Lithuanian Youth Center in Chicago, Father has spent the greater part of his life working with Lithuanian Scouts and preparing their leaders. He has worked with all the Lithuanian World Youth Congresses, and has worked with Lithuanians in Brazil, Germany, England, Australia, Uruguay and Argentina. He has also been involved to some degree with youth of the Knights of Lithuania in New England and Illinois.

Father Saulaitis stressed that we should give youth more contact with the organization. For example, if a girl is only in a dance group, try to get her involved in other activities.

The organization should be family oriented. Get away from child-centered activity.

Customs are a prime factor after 50 years and mixed marriage. Language should be maintained in every possible way. The home itself should be Lithuanian decorated. Even cooking helps.

As soon as your child is old enough, send him or her to a Lithuanian school - when he's tired of that, put him in a dance group. When he's tired of that, put him in a Latvian group. (That is, have him represent Lithuania to other groups.)

Very important - Keep a file on all Lithuanian families and use them as you see fit. Keep a personal contact, for the future. It is very important to visit them. If a father is a craftsman or a mother a musician, you may be able to get help from them in the future.

In the San Francisco phone book is listed: "For Lithuanian information call this number."

Help the youth to have pride in their heritage. Don't try for large groups, but effective groups.



**Fight to keep each person an individual, not as a means to our organizational end.**

Don't give them any guilt feelings when they don't participate, just welcome them back even if they haven't been around for several years.

Our main limitation is not with outside problems. There is a gap between different immigrations.

Keep big events in mind to get more people to participate in:

1983 Lithuanian World Days

1984 500 Year Death of St. Casimir

Many people are service-oriented and would like to participate in such events. Base participation on experience.

To hear the views of a former Junior, Bill Sidtis was also invited to speak. Bill is a good example of a Junior who zealously encourages others to live according to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania. When he joined his

regular C-110, Maspeth last year, he was also elected First Vice-President of the Mid-Atlantic District.

Bill Sidtis stated that there is nothing more discouraging or frustrating to the Juniors Program than to be enthusiastic with new ideas and to run up to a brick wall at the Juniors Convention. Such committees as rituals for Juniors are neglected at the regular Council and District levels. Getting moderators and holding meetings are not given priority by those involved with the Juniors programming. He stressed the importance of guidance and support that must be given to the Juniors. After all, they are not graced with years of experience as are Regulars and Seniors. The Lithuanian-American youth of today are an important resource of today. Let not these important people with important ideas and talents be put to waste.



### Improving Council Meetings

As the most immediate contact with the Knights of Lithuania for most of its members occurs at the monthly council meeting, officers and members alike have always been concerned with finding different ways to improve the quality and level of participation at the council meetings. The Convention panel dealt with some of the mechanics of improving meetings, and featured a poll of delegates and guests as to their expectations from the K of L.

Moderator Larry Janonis, Chairman of the Presidium, and President of the Mid Atlantic District stressed the role of the council leadership in the preparation of good meetings. Larry spoke from a strong base of experience, having chaired numerous District Conventions and Executive Board meetings. Preparation on the part of the officers prior to the meeting, with a strong follow-up to members following meetings and events was emphasized.

Mr. Janonis also prepared a packet of guidelines to be

used by councils as part of their general planning. These materials were distributed to representatives of council delegations.

The main body of the presentation was given by Marian Skabeikis, who has served as an officer on the Supreme Council and District levels and is past-President of C-110, Maspeth.

Opening with the question, "Would you join the Knights of Lithuania?" her talk centered on ways in which members and officers alike could become informed prior to meetings, by using such vital tools as the VYTIS, the Constitution, and publications and communications from National officers and Committee Chairmen.

In reviewing the results of the poll, it was seen that most of the members present had joined the Knights of Lithuania to become acquainted with, or retain elements of our National heritage, to have contact with other Lithuanians, and to become involved with Lithuanian Affairs work and religious activities. In general, members looked to their councils to provide an increase in these activities, as well as meetings which had more involvement on the part of the membership. Most encouraging was the information that the longer an individual had been a member of the organization, the more likely it was that the person was, or had served as a council officer. Of the more than 70 responses to the survey, approximately 40% of the responses showed that those answering had been members of the K of L for 5 years, or less.

Suggestions for planning meetings for the year included visualizing the entire year, and including regular council events, District and National programs, areas for learning, such as language, folk-art and music, and special major projects within the scope of the meeting.



Areas which caused meetings to be less effective were also explored, such as lack of information, failure to allow committees to function, allowing people to monopolize the meeting with their own special interests, lack of participation during the meeting, and poor planning when the

meeting is scheduled along with a social period.

Following the presentation, members shared some of their own council "success stories" and directed informational questions to the panelists.



## THE LITHUANIAN DISSIDENT MOVEMENT

ROMAS AND LYDIJA GIEDRA — The dissident movement in Soviet-occupied Lithuania made real

How often we have read in the *Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania* about individuals who have been deprived of working in their chosen field of endeavor after running afoul of the Soviets, or after serving a term in a labor camp for something done in their youth. Such is the case of Viktoras Petkus, the well known Lithuanian Prisoner of Conscience. So too, was the case for a young Lithuanian, who, at the age of 17, attempted to borrow a plane and escape from a life which had grown intolerable.

The stories we read of the people in Lithuania today tell of a kind of heroism almost unknown in our time. We are challenged by their very being, but so often, they seem so very far away. Thus, the Knights of Lithuania were indeed honored to have as their special guests at the 66th National Convention Romas and Lydia Giedra, the most recent dissidents to reach the United States from Lithuania.

Romas Giedra was the featured speaker at a Special Human Rights Panel conducted during the Fourth Plenary Session of the Convention. Moderator Loreta Stukas briefly sketched their poignant story. At the age of 17, Romas Giedra and three of his friends attempted to "borrow" a four-seater plane at the Klaipėda Airport to defect to Sweden. The attempt failed, and Romas was sentenced to ten years of labor camp for his efforts. Because he was a minor when sentenced, he served 5 years in the camp and one year of house arrest.

After his release, he determined to better his own situation and that of his people by becoming involved in a variety of underground dissident activities, and was again arrested several times. When he married his childhood sweetheart, Lydia, in Lithuania, he was denied a religious ceremony. Upon leaving the Soviet Union, Romas and Lydia were married in the Lithuanian Chapel in Rome.

Romas had been trained as an electrical specialist at the Polytechnic Institute at Klaipėda, but because of his prior record, was not permitted to work in the profession



for which he was trained. Romas and Lydia repeatedly applied to the government for permission to visit his father in the United States. Permission was finally granted, on the condition that they never return home.

As Romas Giedra began to speak in his native Lithuanian, one was immediately faced with one of the major differences which exist between those who live in Lithuania today, and those who live in the United States. His presentation was quiet but compelling . . . a simple statement of fact which left many of the more horrifying details to the imagination of the listeners. It is a characteristic of those who come from Lithuania that such things are not spoken of in large groups of people. This made what he had to say somehow more urgent and more important.

"*Mano kelias į Ameriką nebuvo lengvas.*" Such a simple statement encompassed all of the years of trial since 1962 and his attempted defection. In his own introductory remarks, he paid beautiful tribute to the American ideal when he said, "Čia važiavo tie, kurie sieidavo į konfliktus su caro valdžia, tie kurie bėgo nuo politinių, religinių, persekiojimų, nes Amerika niekada neatsisakė jų priimti."

After speaking on his personal history which ultimately brought him and his wife to the United States, Romas devoted some time to a consideration of the state of the Soviet Union today, particularly the trend which is trying to decrease the importance of ethnic and national identity.



He told the delegates and guests that, "Dabartinėje svoeity sąjungoje . . . tauta nustos egzistavusi kaip tauta, bet virs tik tuatine mažuma, kuri turėtų visiškai įsilieti į naują bendruomenę kurioje nebebus nei latvių, nei lietuvių, nei estų, nei armėnų, nei ukrainiečių ar kitų imperijos tautų, o liks tik sovietinis žmogus, kuris kalbės rusų kalbą."

To be a true Lithuanian, he reminded us, it is necessary to retain a Lithuanian consciousness . . . which extends beyond language or nationalism. For many people for whom Lithuanian is not a first language, this Lithuanian consciousness is a part of their very being. He went on to say, "Asimiliacijos procesas vis labiau ir labiau veiks iševijos masę, todėl jau dabar turi būti atkreiptas dėmesys į Lietuvos vyčių veiklos patirtį. Lietuvos Vyčiai išlaikė laiko egzaminą ir gali tuo didžiuotis."

In speaking of the type of help which we can best provide for the people of Lithuania, Romas stated, "Moralinė parama per spaudą, radiją pasiekia ir Lietuvos gyventojus, suteikdama naujų jėgų kovai už žmogaus, tautos ir bažnyčios teies. Dvasinė pagalba ateis per jūsų maldas ir krikščionišką gyvenimą."

Romas Giedra ended his presentation with a moving statement of personal belief, "Aš tikiu . . . kad kur mes bebūtume, niekada neužmiršime tų, kurie už tautą, Dievą ir Tėvynę duoda save prikalti prie kryžiaus."

Following his presentation, Mrs. Stukas conducted a bilingual question and answer period, during which many of the members availed themselves of the opportunity to explore some of these ideas further. Lydia Giedra also greeted the Convention, following the discussion.

It is not often that we are given the opportunity to meet with people who have so recently lived what we can only begin to know by reading. We can be sure that those



of us who had the opportunity to share, however briefly, in the lives of Romas and Lydia Giedra, will find ourselves living, ever more fully our motto, "Dievui ir Tėvynei."



Special Guests -  
 Dr. L. Kriauceliunas  
 Rev. A. Stasys,  
 Lydia and Romas Giedra,  
 Rev. J. Prunskis,  
 K. Sidlauskas



### Early Bird Session - Problems in Lithuanian Affairs

On Friday and Saturday mornings, two sessions dealing with the workings of the U.S. Department of State and related areas were conducted by Joseph Simanis of C-142 in Washington. The first session began with what amounted to a good short course in understanding the structure and function of the State Department, and ways in which members of the Knights of Lithuania can make contact with this department, to the benefit of our Lithuanian Affairs work.

The State Department operates with a series of divisions known as the "desk system." The Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are under the charge of a country desk officer, currently Thomas Longo, who is also responsible for situations dealing with the nation of Hungary. One of the major problems of this desk is that there is no communication with American diplomats stationed in the "home country," in this case, Lithuania, because the United States has not recognized the incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union, and there is no U.S. Embassy in Lithuania. Contact with Lithuania is maintained through the U.S. Embassy in Leningrad, whose people are knowledgeable about what is going on in Lithuania today.

While it is usually the case that the person in the State Department who serves as a country desk officer develops an advocacy for the country he works with, the situation with the Baltic Desk is somewhat different. This is considered a low-ranking job in the State Department, and the officer is usually promoted to a higher ranking position. It was suggested during the sessions that it might be helpful for us to ask the State Department that an officer assigned to the Leningrad Consulate be assigned specifically to be in charge of Lithuanian affairs.

Some specific areas of problems were noted:

1. Intelligence and Research Area. This section follows developments within other countries. There is no one assigned for Lithuania, nor does anyone speak the Lithuanian language.

2. Soviet regulations with regard to Lithuanian travel. No one really knows quite what these regulations are. American journalists, who have diplomatic status, are, in general limited to Vilnius. There seems to be a wide discrepancy with regard to travel regulations for governing diplomats, journalists and tourists. It was mentioned that by writing a letter of inquiry to the Department of State, it might force someone to take a closer look at these regulations in order to clarify them.

3. Human Rights Area. There is a special office, headed by Pat Derian. Most of the interest of this office is focused on the Third World, and there is no serious concern about violations of Human Rights in Eastern Europe.

During the second session, members were apprised of various sources of information, and the "most favored nation" status for tariffs was explained. The United States operates under a "two tariff" system, a lower tariff for most nations, and a higher rate for the Soviet Union and other Communist countries. As this question will be coming up for discussion in the Congress, members were urged to write to their representatives asking that this status not be accorded to the Soviet Union while there is still a restriction on the importation of medicine, restriction of tourism, and a high system of duties and taxes, all used by the Soviet government.

Participants were also asked to write to the Department of State requesting information as to whether our government sends official representatives to Lithuanian National Day receptions. It was emphasized that all letters be polite, and request information. In this way, we can increase the awareness of our own government with regard to the way in which matters dealing with Lithuania are handled.

During this session, recent *samizdat* material from Lithuania was shared with the participants.

The Early Bird sessions provided an opportunity for those who attended to learn more about the workings of our own government, as well as a forum to discuss possible future action.





# Social Sidelights



The socializing began with the arrival of a grp from Worcester on Monday of Convention Week. The group, including Honorary Members Rita Pinkus and Ann Bender, enjoyed the sites of Chicago and their private tours of Chicago's world-famous museums. On Tuesday, they were joined by AnnMarie Kassel and Irene Sankus of the convention committee along with other early arrivals from Pittsburgh and other points east. The Pennsylvania Tour group, with super director Elsie Kosmisky in charge, arrived late Tuesday evening, but not in time for the impromptu swim party in the hotel's swimming pool on the 16th floor.

On Wednesday, the official pre-convention activities began with groups touring the various museums, the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, and the new Lithuanian Museum established by the Sisters of St. Casimir along with shopping and lunching in Marquette's Lithuanian Plaza. The outdoor lovers enjoyed golfing with the members of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce at Palos Country Club. K of L winners were Chicagoans Estelle Rogers and Vyto Shukis. Chip Newberry of Southfield, Michigan was the lone out-of-town golfer and shot a creditable 100.

For the evening events, the groups again split with a large contingent attending the Drury Lane Water Tower Theater's production starring Lana Turner and another group attending the Golf Dinner at the country club. Anne White of So. Boston was one of the prize winners and as she didn't plan on returning to Chicago in the immediate future, she donated her prize of dinners at the "Diamondhead" restaurant to the convention committee.

# OPENING LUNCHEON - THURSDAY

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**M.C. Ann Marie Kassel addresses guests.**



**Registration prize winners: Gene Gobis, Ellen Grigaliunas, Antoinette Naujelis with Irene Sankus (far left) and Al Brazis (far right)**



**HONORED GUESTS - ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES**



## THURSDAY CULTURAL EVENING

The Thursday evening Cultural Night billed as a Lithuanian Folk Fair, proved to be a veritable banquet for the senses. Delegates found themselves immersed in a total Lithuanian Cultural experience, gastronomically, aurally and visually in Lithuanian food and song, art and dance. It was also the perfect opportunity for Chicago to display some of its natural resources that make it the center of Lithuanian life that it remains.

Host for the evening was Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, the Convention Hosts' Spiritual Advisor who graciously opened the facilities of his Nativity B.V.M. Parish.

In the upper hall, delegates and friends could promenade about what was practically a Kaziuko Mugė and feast their eyes upon a myriad of Lithuanian books, records, paintings, weavings and linens, sculptures, dolls and straw ornaments, and a tremendous collection of amber jewelry. Most of the items were for sale while others were on display only.

The "hawkers" included representatives of some of the many Lithuanian specialty shops which Chicago boasts of as well as individual artisans and even the Sisters of St. Casimir.

In the lower hall, an entire wall was lined with a series of tables. Each was manned by the staff of one of Chicago's several fine Lithuanian restaurants. Delegates could eat to their taste buds content, some traditional and some not so traditional Lithuanian delicacies. This ongoing feast was complemented by a generous supply of liquid refreshment.

The formal part of the program started with a vocal performance by the K of L C-36/112 Jrs. under the direction of another of Chicago's great natural resources Faustas Strolia. Faustas has lately become quite a familiar face at K of L





Conventions. He and his accordion can be found rehearsing a hymn with the congregation before a Convention Mass or leading an

informal sing-a-long almost anywhere. On another occasion he might be found providing sonorous

support to a soloist from a piano keyboard. He has that rare gift, the ability to make people sing. He has easily earned himself the name of Ponas Dainos. It was a pleasure to see and hear the fruits of his efforts in the performances by these young K of Lers. Their renditions of several folksongs showed care and hard work.

The much lauded K of L Dancers of Chicago continued the program with several energetic Lithuanian Folk Dances, including the spirited Jonkelis and intricate Malūnas. They were introduced by their teacher director Frank Zapolis C-36. Speaking to Mr. Zapolis afterwards, I found him to be both a dedicated teacher and experienced dancer, with an intensity and urgency the audience could see successfully communicated to the performances themselves.

The K of L Choir has received extensive coverage in the Lithuanian press as well as in VYTIS over the past few years. They are perhaps known best to people outside of Chicago through their two long playing records. For most of the audience, this was a long overdue personal introduction.

We were first treated to a video tape made by the Choir for use on the Lithuanian TV program in Chicago. It showcased the Choir in naturalistic surroundings performing Dainos evoking idyllic settings. When they sang of the wind through the trees or a walk through a pasture, we saw these very images. The taped performance was followed by the real thing. Under the direction of the talented Faustas Strolia, we were again treated to performances with dynamic control, varied tonal colors and the essential ingredient to Lithuanian folk singing by a choral group, a sense of involvement and enjoyment.

Bravo to all participants!

Philip Skabeikis

## FRIDAY - "South Pacific Night"

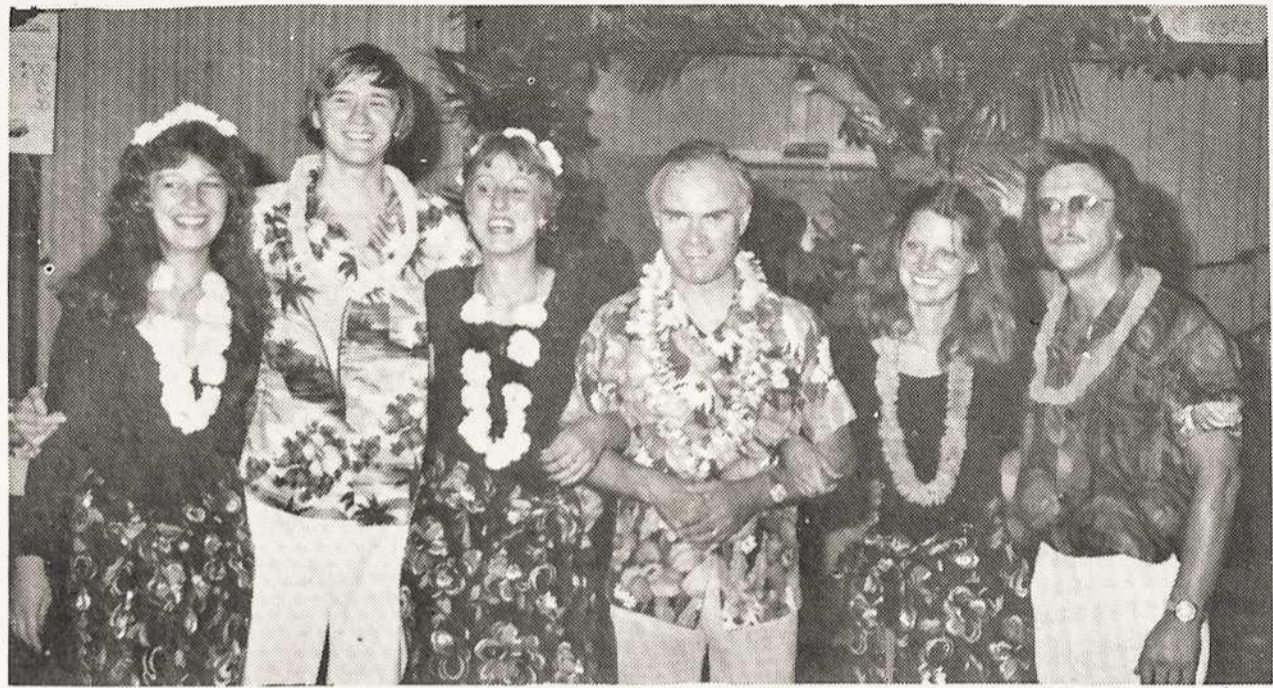
"Some Enchanted Evening" it was, as tired and harried delegates and guests gathered at the Knights of Lithuania Hall, dressed in colorful MuMus, Hawaiian Shirts and Leis, to unwind after a hard day of sessions, resolutions, decisions.

The hall was decked out in true South Pacific style. Indoors, the aroma of "Lithuanian-Luau" fare - sausage, kugelis, saurkraut, and the like - complemented the flow of "other" refreshments. Outside, under the soft patio lights, guests enjoyed the fresh air and echos of far-away thunder that threatened...but did not...interfere with the enjoyment of the evening.

The highlight of the evening was the most enjoyable performance (actually "performances") by the VAIVA Student Ensemble, who, again under the able direction of our "K of L Music Man" Faustas Strolia, performed excerpts of "South Pacific" in Lithuanian. I said "performances" - because, after the program indoors, the group appeared again in the garden, and repeated their delightful show, again, with Faustas literally "at the helm," singing, directing, and accompanying from the piano. This young student ensemble was indeed a pleasure to watch and hear, and a credit to Lithuanian Youth.

And the music went on...to the beat of C-36's Wally Tenclinger and his Orchestra. Did you ever dance a polka, or "Golden Slippers" to a disco beat?

At midnight, as the orchestra packed its belongings, our ever-energetic "Music Man" Faustas Strolia, as though thoroughly refreshed, picked up his accordion and AGAIN proceeded to entertain, this time with Lithuanian Community singing, trying to drown out the fierce rain storm that had by now developed. It was truly, an "Enchanted Evening..."



"Vaiva" and director Faustas Strolia





## SATURDAY BANQUET

Following the completion of the final session of the 66th National Convention and the election of officers for the 1979-1980 K of L year, the delegates and guests prepared for the traditional banquet and ball.

The event was held in the beautiful Grand Ballroom of the Radisson-Chicago Hotel. The distinguished guests of the dais, the newly-elected Supreme Council officers and other special guests met in the Lake Superior Room for a special reception hosted by Frank Zogas, Pres. of Midland Savings & Loan, and the Illinois-Indiana District. The other banquet guests met and socialized in the elegant Crystal Foyer.

The guests of honor were applauded as they were led down the center aisle of the ballroom in a Grand March escorted by the lovely ladies and handsome gentlemen of the IID to a two-tiered head table. The evening's program began with everyone singing the American and Lithuanian hymns followed by the Invocation by H.M. His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys.

After welcoming the guests, Banquet Chairman Vicent Samaska introduced the Master-of-Ceremonies Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas. Following the dinner, greetings were extended by the IID President Algerd Brazis, Lithuanian Consul Josephine Dauzvardis and National President Philip Skabeikis.

The 1979 National Scholarship Awards were announced by the Chairman Walter Svekla and were presented to: Susan Bumila, C-1, Brockton; Katherine - Krecioch, C-103, Providence; Michael Grigaliunas, C-67, Bayonne; Rimas Saulenas, C-103, Providence.

On behalf of the National Honorary Membership Committee, chairman Antanas Mazeika presented an Honorary Membership medal to Lithuanian Consul

Josephine Dauzvardis of C112 Chicago, who was awarded Honorary Membership at the 1978 convention. Helen Shields presented Kazys Sipaila of C29 Newark with his Honorary Membership, and Stanley Vaitkus presented a medal to Frances Petkus on behalf of her late husband, Michael Petkus, C96 Dayton.

Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs committee presented the Rev. John C. Jutt "Friend of Lithuania" Award to Edward J. Derwinski, Congressman from Illinois. In his acceptance remarks, Congressman Derwinski related many stories of his dealings in Congress and in the

United Nations.

Other dais' honored guests were: Illinois State Senator Frank Savickus, member of C112 Chicago; the newly-elected Supreme Council Officers, "Vytis" Editor Loretta Stukas and Mrs. Philip Skabeikis.

The closing remarks were given by convention chairlady Irene Sankus and the National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis concluded the evening's formal program with Benediction and a rousing "Amen" on the successful conclusion of another K of L Convention.

Delegates and guests remained to dance to the music of the famed "Neo-Lituanus" orchestra.



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In addition to the official social schedule planned by the Chicago convention committee many, many unscheduled parties were hosted by the delegates - the Amsterdam council, the Al Monk/John Antanavicius group, the Pittsburgh ladies, Estelle Rogers and friends, Eleanore Laurin and her nominating and honorary membership committee meetings, the Brockton girls, the Penna. group, and the special Lithuanian tasting party of John Adomenas.

It was great to see the Jersey boys back in action - Charlie, Frankie, Nick and Vinnie were welcomed guests everywhere. But of course, we all missed the famous - Chipo. It's been a few years since we heard Charlie Oskutis performing his singing routines and it was fun, fun, fun until the early morning hours.

The Chicago hospitality suite on the 37th floor was a mad scene of constant activity from morning to night. The Juniors began by collating the officers' reports there and then continued using the suites for resting and as a stopping-off spot. The official Chicago Party to welcome all of the delegates was held on Thursday evening following



the Folk Fair and all of the suites' rooms were wall-to-wall people. Handling the bartending chores were Al Brazis, AnnMarie Kassel, Algis Skudra, Gerry Mack, Lorraine Svelnis and many others. The suite was always (well - almost always) open to all and everyone enjoyed the singing and socializing every evening following the scheduled activities. One grand entrance was made by Eleanore Laurin, Marty Rusgi, Al Monk and Larry Janonis with a tape recording of "I Don't Wanna Go Home," but alas their entrance was greeted by darkness as the hostesses had retired. To the rescue came assistant hostess Grazina Vaskelis who enter-

tained in place of AnnMarie, Irene and Gerry.

The new Honorary Members were feted by their respective councils: Kazys Sipaila was toasted and roasted in the rooms of Viola and Bernie Skripata; and Lith. Consul Josephine Dauzvardis was surprised with a champagne toast in the Hospitality Suite by members of the IID and various other guests.

Following the Sunday Farewell luncheon, some of the committee members returned to the hotel for final farewells; to retrieve many lost or misplaced items; and to have final toast to the great 66th National convention!



## SUNDAY BRUNCH

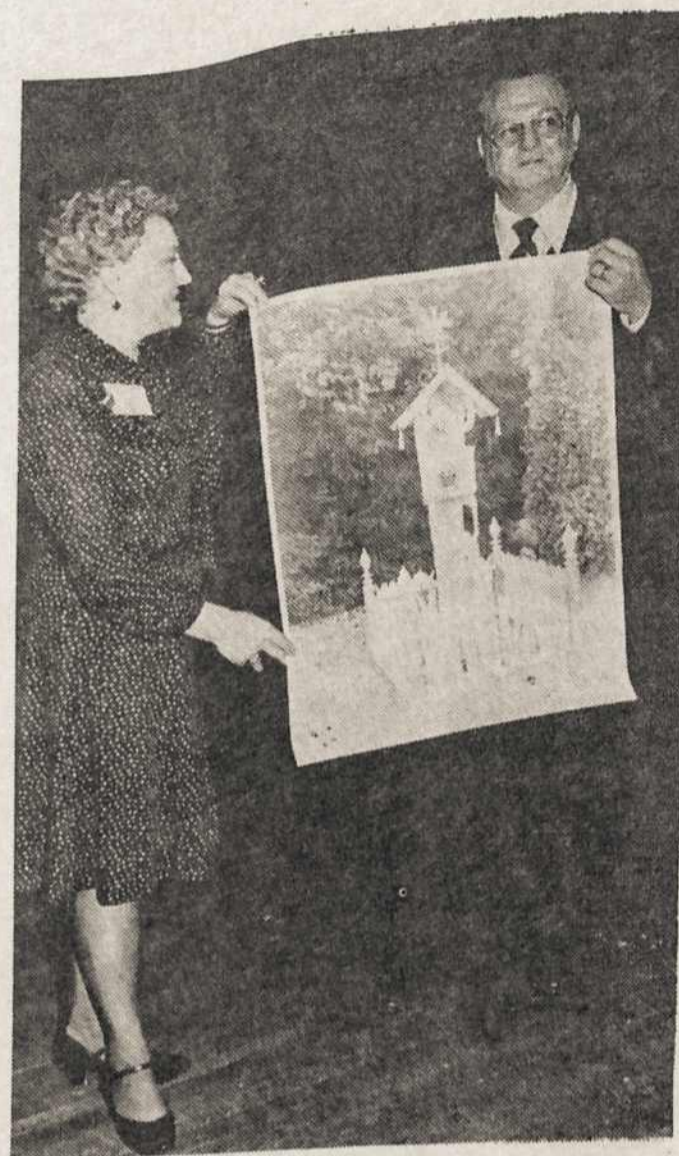
Chicago's August heat and humidity failed to dampen the spirits of the hundreds of delegates and guests, as they gathered for the final farewell of the week. Enjoying a daytime view of Chicago's "Lithuanian Plaza," they marched from the inspiring Mass at Nativity BVM Church to the steps of Maria High School, for the traditional Convention Photo, then on to a sumptuous brunch at Nativity BVM Parish Hall.

After all took part in the delicious "international" buffet, a host of awards were made to deserving members. John Adomenas, National Membership Vice-President presented Membership Award certificates to councils who had distinguished themselves with a large percentage increase in membership. Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman presented "100-a-Year" Awards to those who wrote at least 100 Lithuanian Affairs letters during the year. Fourth Degree recipients received their certificates from Kunegunda Coach, Ritual Chairman, and Ann Marie Kassel, outgoing National Juniors Vice President, presented

the attending Junior representatives with Conventionship Checks. The juniors were specially honored to receive their checks directly from Bishop N. Hayes, representative of Chicago's Cardinal Cody.

The highlight of the afternoon was the selection of the winner of the Wayside Shrine, donated by George Mikalauskas to the Scholarship Committee. A drawing was held in which eligible parties were those who had donated at least \$10.00 to the Scholarship Fund (individuals), or councils or districts who had donated at least \$25.00. The happy winner was Adele Dauzickas, C-110, Maspeth. A consolation prize of a Lithuanian Doll, donated by Sister Francesca, (C-19 member), was won by Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Wiegand, C-3, Philadelphia.

Another "aciu" from the Committee, by Irene Sankus, and the Convention was officially over. Delegates and guests lingered to say their individual farewells...and then scattered to turnpikes, airports, bus-stations...to resume their local K of L activities...and then meet again next year, if not sooner!



Wayside Shrine winner, Adele Davzickas with designer and donor George Mikalauskas



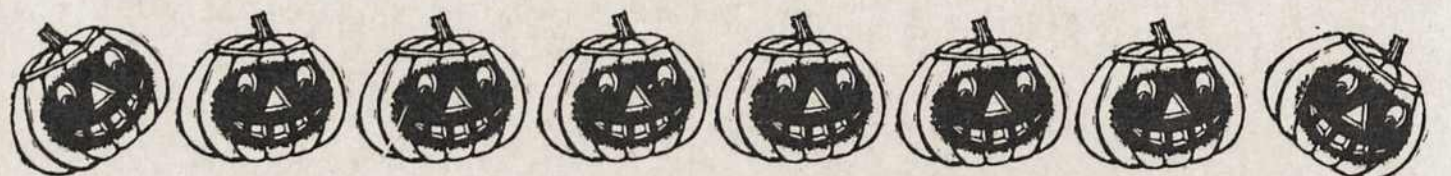
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# K OF L CALENDAR



## OCTOBER

- 13, C-29, Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 14 MAD Convention, Amsterdam, N.Y., C-100, Hosts
- 13-14 AMERICAN LITHUANIAN CONGRESS, Hollenden House, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 20-21 MCD ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE, DuBois, Pa., C-86, DuBois Hosts. Also featuring dedication of 1978 Wayside Shrine.
- 27 C-112, 'chicago OKTOBERFEST III, K of L Bldg., Chicago, IL.

## NOVEMBER

- 3-4 ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, Syracuse, N.Y. C-140 participating
- 3 C-12, New York 65th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE, Our Lady of Vilnius Rev. G. Gurinkas Parish Hall, New York, N.Y.
- 10 C-141, Bridgeport, AMBER BALL, Bridgeport, Conn.
- 17 C-17 and C-17SR. So. Boston, NOVEMBERFEST, So. Boston Lithaunian Citizen's Club., So Boston, Mass.
- 24 C-29, Southfield, 20th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE, Ray Dunham Hall, Southfield, Mich.

## DECEMBER

- 24 C-12 10th ANNUAL HOSPITALITY, after 8:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Rev. Gurinkas Hall, Broome St., New York City. K of L Visitors to New York welcome.

## AUGUST

- 6-10 67th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Boston Plaza Hotel, Park Square, Boston, Mass. C-17 and C-17SR., Hosts

