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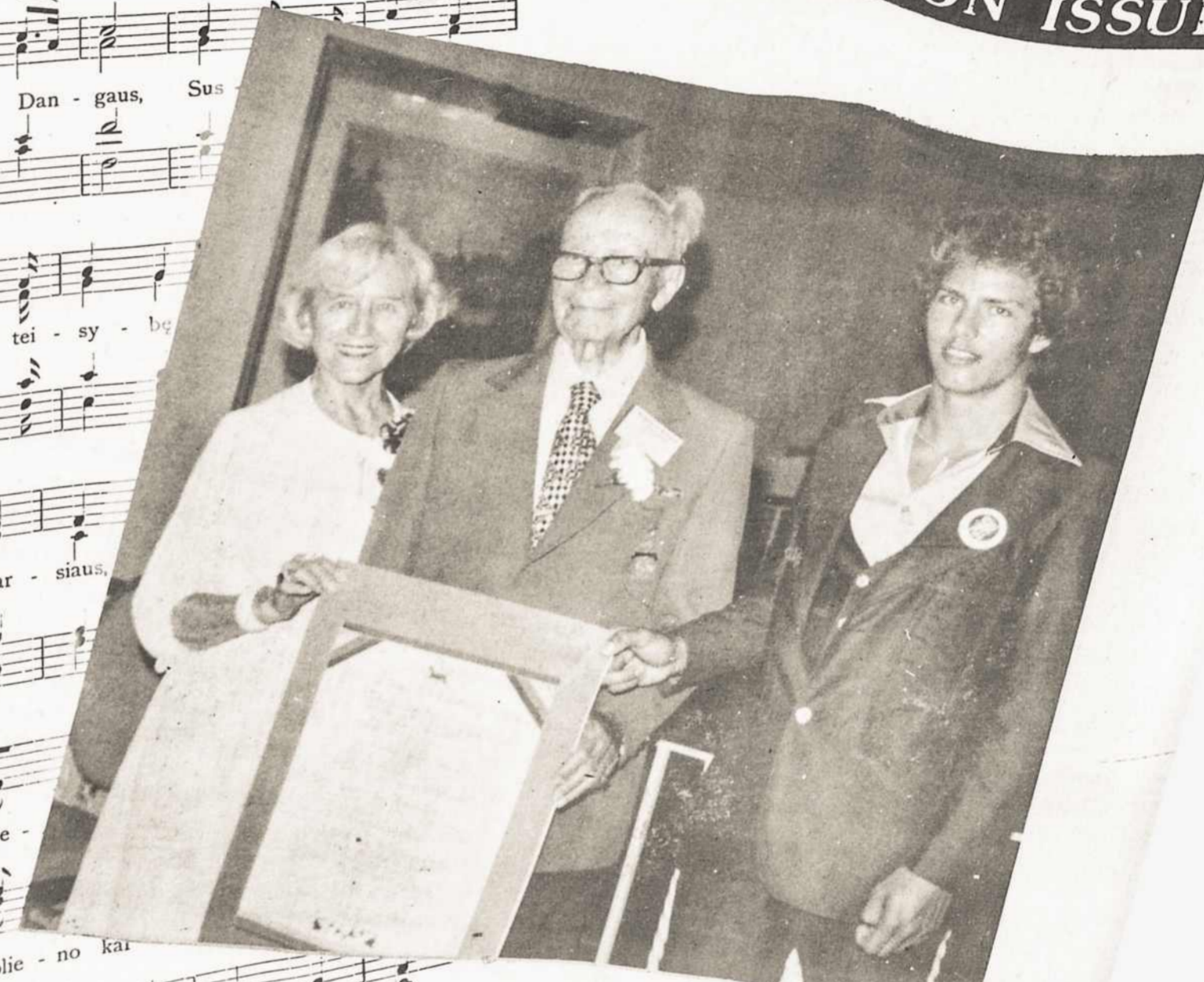
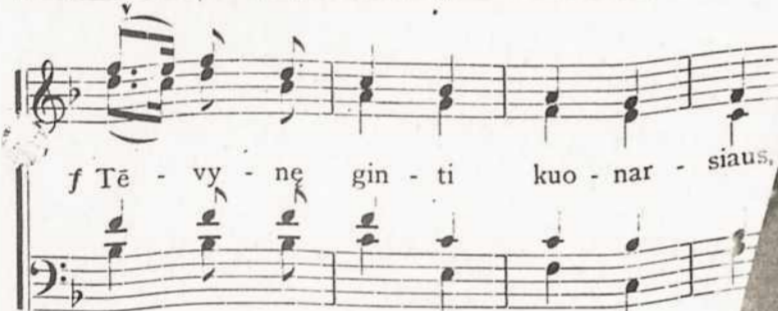
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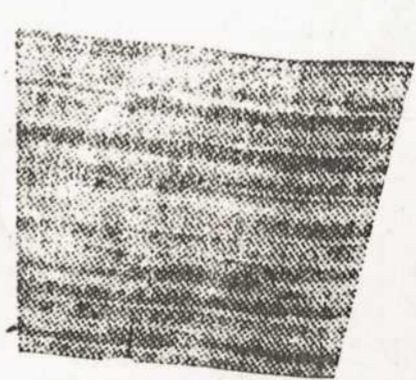
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Prof. Aleksis (center), honored on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of his composition, "Vyčių himnas", with his wife, Marcella and junior Paul Strolia who made the presentation



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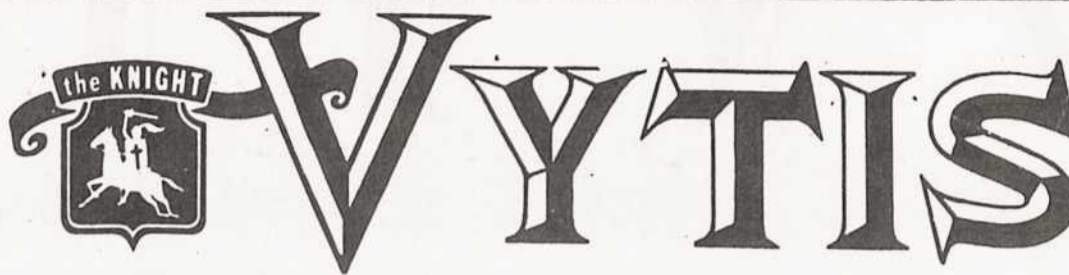
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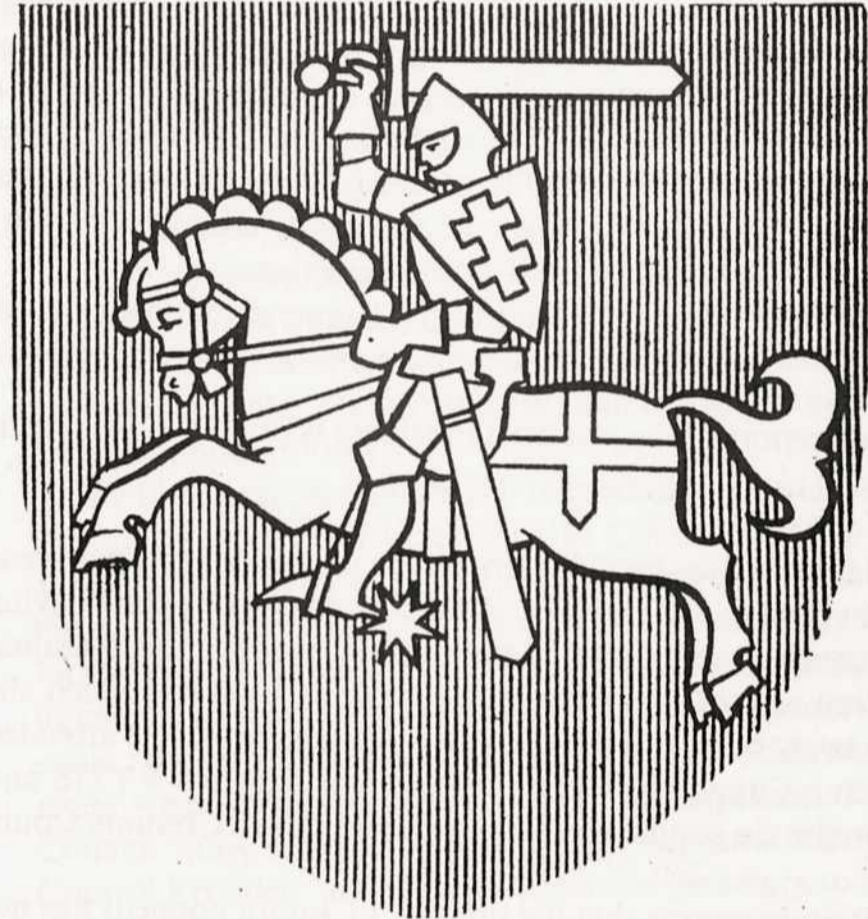
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- Pope John Paul II



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STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

TO THE 67th NATIONAL CONVENTION (As presented at the Opening Session)

The State of the Organization report includes, as per the Constitution, a summary of the reports of all Supreme Council Officers and Committee Chairman except those of the Spiritual Advisor, Treasurer and the two Trustees. Where an officer failed to submit a report in advance of the Convention, I've summarized their reports as submitted during the year for scheduled Supreme Council meetings.

I urge all delegates to take the time to read and digest all the reports you have received in your delegate packets.

(The full report of the National President is printed elsewhere in this issue.)

The National Vice President in charge of Juniors this past year was Susan Bumila of Council 1, Brockton, Ma. She reports having devoted much time to coordinating Jr. activity for this National Convention as well as updating the Junior's By-laws, which she hopes to bring before this Convention for approval. She attended all Supreme Council meetings, prepared articles for VYTIS and tried to maintain contact with Council and District Juniors Counselors.

Miss Bumila reports that the number of Junior councils has not changed since last year. There are eleven Junior Councils of record: Brockton, South Boston, Newark, Westfield, Chicago, Dayton, Amsterdam, Maspeth, Washington D.C., Anthracite area and Harrisburg. Not all of these councils have paid the nominal annual dues.

Where there are Junior councils, the program of activities has been varied and of a consistently high quality, due to the sacrifice and commitment of the counselors. Reported activities include, sporting and cultural activities, dance and song groups, language classes, and Lithuanian Affairs work.

For only about one-fifth of K of L councils to be sponsoring a Junior group, does not speak well for an organization whose Constitution states, "a council considers its greatest obligation to be organization of a Junior council".

There is little or no evidence of recent attempts by Districts or Councils to support a renewed effort toward establishing Junior Councils. The NED did address the problem of attracting younger people by sponsoring events at which they could gather under K of L auspices.

There is no area of organizational activity that receives as much lip service as Juniors. It remains questionable what impetus the Supreme Council can provide without grass roots commitment, but it may be time for a more aggressive approach and a harder look at each city and town's particular potentials.

Our interest in insuring a K of L tomorrow for our children and grandchildren, must be manifested by a renewed commitment to the Junior program today.

Second Vice president for membership was Jonas Adomenas of C-110 Maspeth, NY. He attended all Supreme Council meetings and reports a slowing in the organization's growth rate during the past year, with no new or reactivated councils added to the rolls and as of the June SC meeting, a net decrease in total membership. Because of late submission of dues, a final tally is somewhat more encouraging and shows that for the first time in many years, there is a total membership of nearly 3000.

In a more sobering vein, Mr. Adomenas reports the loss of our Cincinnati Council and the failure of the Districts and Councils to support the College recruitment resolution passed at last year's Convention.

He recommends extensive use of mailing lists in an attempt to recruit new members. He reminds the membership that the college recruitment resolution was given an 18 month implementation period. He also suggests institution of a "cash incentive recruitment campaign" to increase membership.



I continue to believe in a kind of "manifest destiny" for the K of L, by which we aggressively pursue potential areas for K of L growth in not only the industrial urban and suburban centers of the northeast and midwest, but also in the south and west.

There continues to emerge throughout the US, small numbers of persons developing ethnic consciousness and seeking an organizational context in which to work. We are in competition with other organizations to attract these people and to insure that our Councils' activities provide the challenges needed to keep them.

As Mr. Adomenas aptly puts it in his report, "only by a concerted effort of every Knights of Lithuania member . . . can we gain strength as an organization."

Third Vice president for Seniors this past year was Stanley Vaitkus of C-96 Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Vaitkus attended two Supreme Council meetings. What we have needed and not managed to produce for years, is a definition of our "seniors movement". As our Juniors, do our Seniors have particular needs that should be addressed? As our Constitution still offers a choice to those members over 30 to elect Senior status, the most frequently asked question becomes, "why switch?"

Where a Regular and Senior Council were formed within the same area, it usually appears to have worked to the detriment of one or the other with few exceptions. When Mr. Vaitkus approached a number of larger councils with a membership over 30 about forming Senior groups, they would hear nothing of it.

Mr. Vaitkus took an important first step in tackling the needs questions by mailing out a questionnaire to Senior councils asking what types of activities they would like to see. The results showed a desire for a Seniors Panel at a National Convention, a Seniors column in VYTIS, exchange programs with other Senior groups, pilgrimages and vacation trips. Future Supreme Councils would do well to take these responses under consideration.

There are currently five Senior councils: Chicago Seniors, Cleveland Srs., South Boston Srs., Los Angeles and Providence Srs.



Honorary members A. Dainius and S. Vaitkus

Recording Secretary this past year was Anne K. Wargo of Council 144, Anthracite, Pa. She attended all Supreme Council meetings notifying all officers, committee chairmen and honorary members of each. She recorded the minutes for each meeting and later reproduced and mailed copies to all involved parties. Any correspondence requested by the National President including letters of invitation to the National Convention were given prompt attention. Notices with Officer Rostors were forwarded to all councils, with a second and third request mailed when needed. Completed lists were then forwarded to officers and chairmen. She thanks all who were helpful and supportive to her.

Financial Secretary Ann Marie Kassel of C-36 Chicago, maintained skillfully, the enormous amount of required paperwork regarding payment of dues and forwarded all monies to the treasurer. In addition, she supplied helpful interim progress reports during the year, regarding dues payments and new member enrollment. Finally, in preparation for the National Convention, she mailed Official Convention Mandates to all Councils informing them of their allotted number of delegates based on paid-up membership data. Mrs. Kassel also had two mailings of Dues Payment reminder notices.

The Financial Secretary's job is continually made more difficult by failure to submit dues by the Constitutionally established January 1st, and by council Financial Secretarys who collect dues but do not send them in immediately. Dues are due by this January 1st for 1981. This past year, there was still a disappointing number of councils who met this obligation. Without its main source of income, the organization is placed under an additional financial stress when trying to meet its operating expenses. The Supreme Council must depend upon the vigilance and efficiency of the Council President and Council Financial Secretary to improve this situation.

To the councils who have cooperated, congratulations. To those that have not, let's try harder next time.

Mrs. Kassel's report shows 24 councils as 100% paid up and a total new member enrollment of 125. We have 53 Councils in 4 Districts.



Ann Marie Kassel and Phil Skabeikis

This past year we again enjoyed the professional services of HM Anthony J. Young as Supreme Council Legal Advisor. Mr. Young attended two Supreme Council meetings, served on our Ad Hoc Committee regarding our Archives, prepared US Form 990 Annual Report of Exempt Organizations and submitted copies of same to the President and Trustees. He made recommendations regarding reporting methods of expense and income for our various committees and researched the legal ramifications of other proposed projects. The organization thanks Mr. Young yet again for his grant to republish the K of L booklet on Our Lady of Siluva, which was released in June and is available at this Convention.

VYTIS Editor HM Loretta Stukas of C-29 Newark, NJ reports another 10 issues of our Official publication appeared this past year. As VYTIS magazine publication costs represent our single largest organizational expense, another Christmas Ad campaign was conducted. With an eye to insuring efficiency, Mrs. Stukas researched and found that the rates for services provided by VIVI Printing Co. of Chicago are still the most reasonable around. She cites as a highlight among VYTIS features this past year, coverage of Pope John Paul II's U.S. visit as reported through K of L eyes.

Her chief concern during the year was a search for a candidate for the job of Editor in Chief. In her report, she describes her timetable for training a potential successor and reiterates her willingness to stay on, if reappointed, until a new appointment is made by the Supreme Council.

Mrs. Stukas attended all Supreme Council meetings as well as serving on the Budget Committee.

VYTIS has a tremendous potential to become the leading publication for Lithuanian Americans through expanded coverage and distribution, dynamic design and visionary leadership. The Supreme Council will continue to consider the maintenance of a quality publication a top priority.



Loretta Stukas, Irene Sankus, John Olevitz



Rev. Pugevicius presents award to Rev. Bourdeaux

The LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE was again chaired by Fr. Casimir Pugevicius, C-110, Maspeth, NY, assisted by co-chairmen appointed at the September Supreme Council meeting: Joseph Simanis, Washington D.C. liaison, and Marian Skabeikis, editor of the Committee bulletin, *Lithuanian Lifeline*.

Nine issues of *Lifeline* were released this year with a circulation per issue of over 300, including K of L members, all major Lithuanian organizations, the Lithuanian press in the U.S. and abroad, clergy and Lithuanian bishops.

Instant Action, an expedited telephone network of K of L Lithuanian Affairs workers throughout the country, functioned with great success in two instances, supporting Rev. George Sarauskas as a Public Member of the U.S. Delegation to the Madrid Conference to review compliance with the Helsinki Accords, November 11, 1980, and to New York area readership of the *New York Times*, regarding the exclusion of a Lithuanian, Antanas Terleckas, from a report of dissident arrests.

The Committee proposed the name of the Rev. Michael Bourdeaux as the recipient of the 1980 "Fr. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Award." The Rev. Bourdeaux is the author of the recently published book, *Land of Crosses*, a history of the state of the Catholic Church in Lithuania from 1938 to 1978.

Fr. Pugevicius promoted the work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee through workshops or talks in Cleveland, Maspeth and Amsterdam.

The National Chairman, in addition to regular Committee correspondence, answered letters requesting information about the Knights of Lithuania, and referred those interested to the appropriate National, Council and District officers.

The National Committee supported HCR 200, dealing with the upcoming Madrid Conference, writing Congressmen and Senators regarding this resolution.

IRENE SANKUS of C-112, Chicago, served as NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN this past year. She states that the goals of the Public Relations Committee at the beginning of the K of L year were to establish an open-line of communications between the Supreme Council Board and the Districts/Councils, in order to establish a more efficient public relations program and to promote the Knights of Lithuania through the publicizing of the Supreme Council activities.

Letters were sent to the various Public Relations Chairmen (or in the councils that did not designate a chairman, the letters were sent to the President). The responding chairmen reported on their activities and in several cases offered suggestions.

Press releases covering Supreme Council meetings, our National President's activities, national convention, etc., were issued and appeared in *Draugas*, *Dirva*, *Darbininkas*, *Sandara*, *Teviske Ziburiai*, *Laisvoji Lietuva* and *Naujienos*.

Miss Sankus hopes that this program will continue and be further expanded so that the Knights of Lithuania organization can profit from its public image.

The K of L continued to receive coverage in its regular columns, "Vyciu Viekla" in *Draugas* and "Darbai ir Dienos" in *Darbininkas*. The editors of these columns, Emilija Pakalniskiene and Dale Bulvicius, respectively, are always in need of newsworthy items.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE. At the close of last year's Convention, the position of chairman for this important committee had not been filled. At the September SC meeting, Teresa Strolia of Council 36, Chicago was appointed to this post. She attended two Supreme Council meetings. Although she did not submit a report, she suggested earlier this year that the K of L sponsor an English language camp at Dainava in Michigan and expressed willingness to help coordinate the project. She continued collating a bibliography of K of L specialists and artisans. She also suggested reissuance of the Lithuanian language primer record, *Playway to Lithuanian*, now out of print. She also submitted an article to *VYTIS*.

On Council and District levels, we continue to see varied cultural activities. The Chicago K of L Choir and Folk Dancers carried the organization's name into the recent International Folk Dance Festival, the Sokių Svente. The Anthracite Jrs. continue their children's choir and folk dance group. The K of L is again sponsoring Lithuanian Day in Pennsylvania later this month and working toward the establishment of a permanent Lithuanian Museum in their area. K of L councils continue to be part of community folk fairs and exhibits. Lithuanian language classes have continued in several areas and would in others but for shortages of qualified and available teachers. One council even offered a lecture series as part of its regular meeting agenda featuring a history of Lithuanian Theater to a scientific look at amber. Kucios celebrations under K of L auspices has brought a Lithuanian family spirit back to many parishes. Arts and crafts classes are abundant.

The K of L responsibility is two-fold, i.e., developing a knowledge and appreciation of the Lithuanian culture for ourselves and our children, and disseminating this to the rest of the community. We have been meeting both with considerable success.

I am especially gratified that we were able to express our gratitude during the opening luncheon to Juozas Kapocius and heartily recommend that the K of L continue to recognize achievements in the Lithuanian Cultural sphere having special significance to our membership.

Ritual Chairman Sophie M. Zager of C-79, Detroit, and Co-Chairmen Frances Petkus and Rita Pinkus report their most significant accomplishment to be, "an increased awareness of the

Ritual point system and procurement of more points by various councils."

The Committee handled much correspondence for new and old councils on proper ritual procedures. They requested an increase in the cost per medal. This was subsequently approved by the Supreme Council.

The Committee reports the following numbers of degrees conferred during the past K of L year:

189	First Degrees
104	Second Degrees
41	Third Degrees
18	Fourth Degrees

for a total of 352 degrees.

ARCHIVES

Archives Chairman Longinas Svelnis did not submit a report, but along with several other Supreme Council members, actively pursued the possibility of establishing a K of L Archives at the ALRC Museum (ALKA) in Putnam CT. After some promising negotiations in the fall, the ALKA directorship reversed its position, making the proposal fiscally impossible. Throughout subsequent deliberations, the Supreme Council was unable to secure specifics from the ALKA board, frustrating further progress. No additional progress is reported on the Chicago Archives. Your new Supreme Council must continue to give the Archives problem some priority.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Chairman Walter Svekla, C-3, reported that all awarded monies to last year's winners were paid in two installments.

Sec-Treasurer Anthony Miner acknowledged all donations and a list of contributors appeared in *VYTIS*. He reports one of the largest balances in many years.

Mr. Svekla and the Committee were again fortunate to have donations of hand metal-crafted prizes donated by Phil Carter and a Lithuanian doll from Sr. Francesca of Pittsburgh, with which to solicit contributions to the Scholarship fund.

Through word of mouth, *VYTIS* articles, mailings to every council, and contact with all of this year's six applicants, Mr. Svekla has rallied support for the K of L scholarship program.



W. Svekla makes 1980 Scholarship Award



2nd V.P. J. Adomenas, Treas. T. Trainis,
1st V.P. S. Bumila

DISTRICTS

Only the Mid Central District and the New England District submitted formal reports for inclusion in the State of the Organization report. In looking over the reports to the Supreme Council through the year, one sees continued efforts at bringing member councils together for business at District Conventions and for other activities such as Folk Festivals, Lithuanian Days, Bowling Tournaments and Pilgrimages.

I continue to see the District and the Executive Boards as a vital link between the National Board and the local council.

District Conventions general resolutions which help initiate programs on all levels.

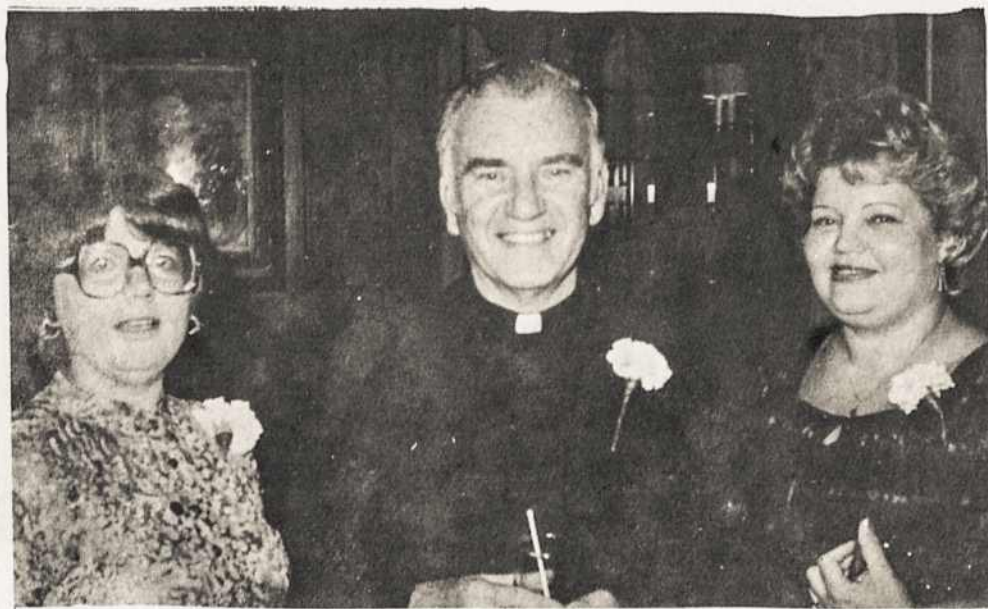
Their role in fostering all National programs within their areas cannot be overemphasized. District Presidents are important members of the Supreme Council.

District leaders must be the first to see that their member councils adhere to the Constitution and fully support K of L programs.

It should be only after this fails and there is careful consultation with the District President that the Supreme Council should step in and pick up the slack.

Our District Presidents this year were:

- Algerd Brazis—Illinois-Indiana District
- Larry Janonis—Mid Atlantic District
- Aldona Ryan—Mid Central District
- Bertha Stoskus—New England District



Marion Skabeikis, Rev. A. Janiunas, Anna Marie Kassel



Past President A. Miner, 1971 "Friends of Lithuania",
Roberts Brieze, Scholarship Fund Benefactor Phil
Carter

As you can see, formidable problems were tackled and there is considerable work ahead. To the members of the Supreme Council who fulfilled the duties of their office with dedication, integrity and personal sacrifice, I extend my personal thanks.

I have found the office of president to be a most rewarding experience. It has allowed me to see with some candor both the enormous strengths and potentials of our organization, as well as its weaknesses.

We must continue to appreciate the responsibility we have toward each other. Leaders must be responsive to the needs of the membership. The membership must in turn support their leaders.

You, the delegates to this Boston National Convention, must evaluate the success and failures of our programs and the performance of your officers. As the "highest tribunal" of the Knights of Lithuania, the actions you take at this Convention must prepare us for the coming year.

I thank you for the honor of serving as your President this past year and pledge my future efforts for the advancement of the Knights of Lithuania.

Philip Skabeikis



Guests at the Convention Banquet

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES

1. I called four Supreme Council meetings this past year, presiding at and preparing agendas for all. In the interest of limiting travelling expenses, three were held in the New York area and one in Boston. To keep the membership informed of Supreme Council activities, I summarized the Minutes of this year's first three meetings for publication in VYTIS.
2. I processed over 150 pieces of correspondence on organizational matters and tried to maintain contact with SC officers and chairmen via telephone or letter between SC meetings. I served as EX OFFICIO member of all standing and AD HOC committees.
3. In recent years, the Knights of Lithuania has evolved a national profile as a Catholic and ethnic organization, and as one that is concerned about US foreign policy towards the Soviet Union and its effect upon Lithuania. Its opinions are sought at the highest Government levels.

As National President, I represented the Knights of Lithuania at the White House on three occasions this past year:

October 6, 1979 at President Carter's reception for Pope John Paul II

April 11, 1980 at a Conference for Leaders of Ethnic Fraternal Organizations sponsored by the White House Office of Ethnic Affairs during which I had the opportunity to meet the President and present him with a VYTIS pin.

July 29, 1980 for a meeting with Secretary of State Muskie and President Carter regarding US preparations for the upcoming Madrid Conference to examine compliance with the Helsinki Accords.

4. On October 13, 1979 I attended the Ninth Lithuanian American Congress held in Cleveland with a substantial K of L delegation and greeted the convocation in our organization's name, pledging support and calling for unity among conflicting groups.
5. In the Spring, I attended a Seminar on the Madrid Conference at New York City's Hunter College sponsored by the State Department and Commission for Security and Cooperation in Europe.
6. I also represented the organization at New York's 9th Congressional District's first Foreign Policy Forum arranged by Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro as well as at the VLIKAS, Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania, conference in New York on June 21, 1980.
7. I reported on many of these activities for VYTIS and prepared several Press Releases for dissemination by our National Public Relations Chairman. Also in the area of PR, I was

delighted to cooperate with *Lithuanian Days* Magazine editor Antanas Skirius in preparing material for its April issue which featured the Knights of Lithuania.

8. Where personal representation was not possible appropriate greetings were sent, such as
 - to the Illinois-Indiana District Memories of Lithuania Banquet
 - Lithuanian Scouts Convention in Chicago
 - K of L Dancers and Choir of Chicago on the occasion of their participation in the Soku Svente
 - to Pope John Paul II in reaction to his speech at the United Nations
 - to Honorary Member Rev. Anastasius Valancius on the occasion of his Jubilee
 - to the Soku Svente and agreed to serve on its Honorary Committee.
9. As per a 1979 National Convention Resolution, I presented to Bishop Thomas Kelly OP, General Secretary of the United States Catholic Conference, a framed copy of portions of the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania #37 in the original Lithuanian and English translation, in which both he and the Knights of Lithuania are thanked by the Catholics of Lithuania for the February 1979 Day of Prayer.
10. Concerned over the business aspects of our National Conventions, I submitted an article on Convention Resolutions procedures for VYTIS and in conjunction with the Supreme Council encouraged maximum advance work on all Resolutions.



- 11. Was guest speaker at Council 143's St. Casimir Communion Breakfast in Pittston, PA.
- 12. Adhering to the belief that the Knights of Lithuania must remain a vocal and knowledgeable part of the broader spectrum of Lithuanian-American life in the United States, I have continued to explore avenues of cooperative effort and mutual concern with leaders of other Lithuanian organizations having similar goals, such as:

After some correspondence with Mrs. Julia Mack, president of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Association, that organization has decided to join forces with the Knights of Lithuania in furthering the cause for the beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis, specifically through prayer and the collection of petition signatures.

I exchanged correspondence with Mr. Juozas Laucka, President of the Ateitis Federation, Ateitininkai, regarding cooperative efforts nationally and locally on Lithuanian Catholic action projects.

Explored with the American Lithuanian Council, ALTAS, through our K of L representative, how the K of

L can play a greater role in the work of that organization of which we are a constituent member.

Similar exchanges of information as to our organization priorities and areas of over-lapping activities have been maintained with the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance, the Lithuanian American RC Federation, and the Lithuanian American Community Inc.

- 13. I prepared several formal recommendations on behalf of the Shenandoah Valley PA. School District's planned Ethnic Heritage Program and forwarded them to the Federal Program Coordinator and White House Office of Ethnic Affairs.
- 14. Finally, as per established procedure, I sent Supreme Council condolences to families of deceased members, when the information was forwarded to me.

It was a great honor and pleasure to serve as National President of the Knights of Lithuania this past year. I extend my deepest appreciation to the members on all levels who have lent their talents, cooperation and support toward realizing the K of L's greatest potentials.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip A. Skabeikis

President's Message

Naujai isrinktosius Centro Valdybos vardu nuosirdziai dekoju uz mums pareiksta pasitikejima, pavedant vadovauti Lietuvos Vyciu organizacijai Amerikoje. Kartu mes prasome, kad visi Vyciai uoliai dirbtu savo idealu gyvendiminmui, darniai tarpusaves bendraudami. Tegul graziai pavykusio Vyciu Seimo dvasia sustiprina visa Vyciu organizacija ir paskatina ja dar i didesnius darbus.

I want to take this opportunity at this the start of a new K of L year, to express my thanks to the delegates of the 67th National Convention for re-electing me to the National Presidency.

At this point in our organizational year, National Presidents have reminded members in one way or another, of the same thing, that is the responsibility we all share. In reiterating this message and at the same time paying tribute to the host Convention City, I want to quote a South Boston Council member elected to the Presidency at the 1953, 40th Anniversary Convention in Boston,

"...the Supreme Council officers are helpless without the untiring efforts of the districts, councils and individual members. We can propose, urge, but it takes you to make pro-

gress. My plea to you is that each member realize that he is a vital cog in the machinery of the K of L and that he carry his just load of the work. The Supreme Council will do its level best to make this a banner year, and we are certain each and everyone of you will, too. I am optimistic..."

the words of Joseph Lola
I subscribe to those thoughts and ask that all members bear them in mind as we plan the work for the 1980-81 K of L season.

Philip A. Skabeikis
National President

REV. JOHN C. JUTT "FRIEND OF LITHUANIA" AWARD RECIPIENT... Rev. Michael Bourdeaux

Since 1955, the Knights of Lithuania has, during its National Convention, honored twenty-two 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 REVEREND MICHAEL BOURDEAUX, Anglican Priest of Keston College, Kent, England. Rev. Bourdeaux was presented the Award, which this year was an amber and metal Lithuanian cross, by National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, during the National Convention Banquet, Saturday evening, August 9th, 1980.

Reverend Michael Bourdeaux was born in 1934 and brought up in Cornwall, England. After attending St. Edmund Hall, Oxford (AB, MA), he was selected by the British Council in 1959 as an ex-



change student to Moscow State University. At the end of 1960 he returned to England and was ordained into the Anglican Church. He combined his work in his parish in London with writing *Opium of the People*, in which he

recounted his experiences in Russia. He describes religious life in Russia as he saw it — an introduction for non-specialists.

From 1965 to 1968 he received a grant for his work from the Centre de Recherches, Geneva. During this time, he produced two books.....*Religious Ferment in Russia*, and *Patriarch and Prophets*. In these, he established a new methodology for study of religion in the USSR.

In 1968-69 at the invitation of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Rev. Bourdeaux taught courses at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N.Y., on Eastern Europe, entitled "Religion in the Soviet Empire" and "Communism and Religion" covering all major denominations.

In 1970, Rev. Bourdeaux founded and became director of the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism. The Centre is now located at Keston College, Kent.



With his vast knowledge of and experience with the Soviet Union, Rev. Bourdeaux adopted the cause of Lithuanian religious freedom (or lack thereof) as a cause very close to his heart. He wrote and published, in October, 1979, the book, *Land of Crosses, the Struggle for Religious Freedom in Lithuania, 1939-78*. *Land of Crosses* is a 339-page history which draws heavily on the *Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania*, official documents, Lithuanian historians and eye-witness accounts.

Rev. Bourdeaux's work has been motivated by deep love and concern for the Catholics of Lithuania, to whom he is not related by Church or ethnic bonds. His deep love for the persecuted in the land of our forefathers and his firm conviction that this cause is worth so much of his time and energy endeared him to each and every member and guest who met or heard him.

In his response to the Award, Rev. Bourdeaux reminded all to be firm in their commitment to bring religious freedom back to Lithuania. He stated that he is convinced that Lithuania is God's "Chosen Land" of today. He



Hon. Members Helen Shields, Rev. A. Contons and Kazys Sipaila with Rev. Bourdeaux

felt that God is allowing Lithuania's religious persecution so that she may become an instrument in His plan to bring the world back to God.

Besides being present at the Convention Banquet, Rev. Bourdeaux also participated in the Lithuanian Affairs Panel earlier that day, during which he also inspired delegates with his great love for the Lithuanian faithful and his knowledge of the situation in present day Lithuania.

Rev. Bourdeaux and the lovely Mrs. Bourdeaux were also participants in the closing Mass on Sunday.

Throughout his visit, all present were genuinely inspired, awed and gratified at Rev. Bourdeaux's deep religiosity and undying devotion to the cause of Lithuania. And he carries that devotion to a world-wide audience in his day-to-day work. We thank him most sincerely for his promise to never abandon his fight for Lithuania's important cause of freedom of religion.

It was indeed an honor for the Knights of Lithuania to bestow this high recognition for work on behalf of Lithuania to the REV. MICHAEL BOURDEAUX.



An enjoyable moment, Marcella Aleksis, Rev. Bourdeaux, Prof. A. Aleksis, Mrs. Bourdeaux



The Bourdeaux is with 1971 "Friends of Lithuania", Roberts Brieze and Mrs. Brieze, and Rev. Pugevičius

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Following are the remarks made by Walter Svekla, National Scholarship Chairman, in presenting the 1980 CANON KEMEZIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.

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 22 year history. We have collected over \$1700 during the Convention, and our scholarship fund balance is now over \$5000.

Last year our success was due to George Mikalauskas and his Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother. This year we owe our success to Phil Carter who donated his beautiful Vytis bookends and plaques and to Sister Francesca for her lovely dolls. To both Phil and Sister Francesca, the Scholarship Committee extends a very sincere aciu.

Relative to our scholarship awards, the Committee has reached a decision that we feel is fair and equitable to the many qualified applicants but we know that some will be disappointed at not being chosen. I strongly urge all applicants not selected this year to reapply for next year's scholarship award.

This year's crop of applicants was one of the most talented we've ever had and selecting the winners was no easy task. The 1980 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 three-way tie for first place and a

two-way tie for third. Each of the first place winners will receive \$700, second place - \$500, and third place - \$400. Our 1980 awards will thus add up to \$3400. This is the first time in history that our award has exceeded \$3000. It is only through your continued generosity that we have been able to do it.

For the first place winners, I will list them alphabetically.

Our first first-place winner has been a member of the K of L for seven years and has been President of the South Boston Juniors for four years. She has attended four national conventions as a delegate and has been awarded four conventionships. She has been extremely active in junior and regular council affairs as well as church activities and still has found time to do community volunteer work. She plans to attend Northeastern University and study computer science engineering. On her application she wrote: "The concept of finding ways of making computers perform tasks useful for humans and for the benefit of humanity is exciting to me. The next four years of my life will be very challenging and meaningful. I know that I have set a hard task for myself, but with hard work and support from my family and friends, I shall achieve my goal."

Our first co-winner is ADELE NANCY MARTUS who will receive \$700.



Adele Nancy Martus

Our second co-winner has been a member of the Amsterdam Juniors for four years. She has held the office of President for two years, Vice-President one year, and is now the Secretary. She too has been extremely active in junior and regular projects, St. Casimir's parish, and her community. She plans to attend Niagra University to study pre-med. On her resume she wrote: "What more joy could I find in life than aiding those in need of physical and spiritual cures. My general love for mankind,

particularly for those with whom I share a common heritage, and my Christian values drive me on toward that which I strive for. With your help, my endurance, and the kindness of God, I hope to spread love and joy among others, and at the same time, develop to the fullest of my Christian potential."

Our second co-winner is LISA ANN SAIKAL who will receive \$700.



Lisa Ann Saikal

Our last first place co-winner has been a member of the Maspeth Juniors for seven years and has received his 3rd degree. He held the office of Junior President for two years, Secretary one year, and numerous chairman or co-chairman positions. He has attended several K of L Conventions and was awarded three Conventionships. Likewise he too has been active in church and community projects and did volunteer work for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aide. He plans to study metallurgy at the Polytechnic Institute of New York. On his resume he wrote: "I will continue to be an active member of the Knights of Lithuania, which has been an important part of my life. It has

taught me about my Lithuanian culture and heritage. I hope the Knights of Lithuania will help me to expand my horizons as I continue to mature." Our other first place co-winner is LEON K. STUNGURYS who will receive \$700.



Leon K. Stungurys

Our second place winner has been a member of the Brockton Juniors for five years and has attained her second degree. She was her Council's Vytis correspondent for two years and is now on the Council Cultural Committee. She has been extremely active in her local Lithuanian language school both as a participant and a teacher. She spent 12 years with the Boston Dance Group—4 years as assistant teacher. She has given extensive concerts for the Lithuanian Community during the past three years. She is currently attending the Boston Conservatory of Music for voice. On her resume she wrote: "I will give to the world my love for the Lithuanian heritage I so proudly wear. My name shall always remain Maryte Bizankauskas regardless of any future arrangements. This is because it is the Lithuanians who gave me my first push, and it's to them I

turn to give thanks and to seek future support." Our second place winner is MARYTE BIZANKAUSKAS who will receive \$500.



Maryte Bizankauskas

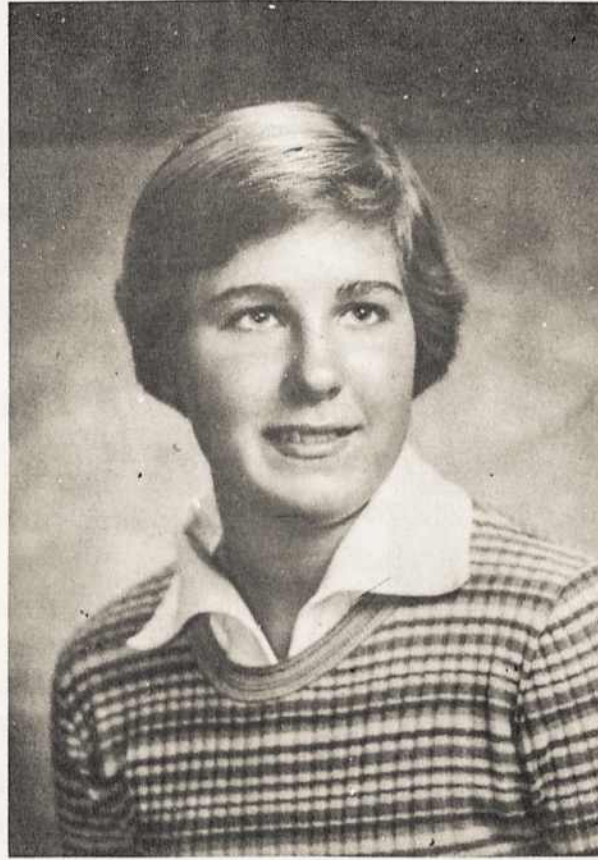
Our first third place winner is another member of South Boston Juniors. She has held various offices including Council Secretary and served on many committees, and has been



Paula Marie Keany

active in her church and community. She is active in all sports especially soccer. She captained her high school soccer team and plans to attend Bunker Hill Community College for criminal justice. On her resume she wrote: "While attending college I plan to study law enforcement. After finishing my four years of studies I hope to be accepted to the Boston Police Academy." Our first third place winner is PAULA MARIE KEANY who will receive \$400.

Our other third place winner is a member of Providence 103 Regulars and has held the offices of Council Secretary for one year and Treasurer for two years. Like all the other award winners she has been active in regular and senior K of L activities as well as church and community affairs. She has completed Rhode



Ann Karol Krecioch

Island Junior College with a major in biology and plans to attend Texas A & M University to study marine biology. On her resume she wrote: "Now that I have completed my first two years of college, I plan to continue my education and acquire my bachelor of science degree with my major being marine biology. After I acquire my degree, I hope to continue my studies toward becoming a medical illustrator." Our last, but not least, award winner is ANN KAROL KRECIOCH who will receive \$400.

In conclusion, the Scholarship 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.

Many thanks...

A WARM VYTIS AČIU

...to all K of L-ers who again came to my aid with the awesome task of preparing the October VYTIS. A raft of technical difficulties and communications failures delayed the issue considerably, and for this we all apologize. The staff opted to delay, rather than omit necessary data, so that the October issue would be again a "keepsake" of the National Convention, for your files and reminiscences.

Special thanks go to Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, Irene Sankus, Ann Marie Kassel, Mary Stonis, Walter Svekla, and Georgi Kassel for providing written material, to Alex Pakalniškis, Jr. for his translation of the Resolutions to Lithuanian, to Gene Gobis, Jean Litwin, A. Kraujalis, Dianne Drumstas, Bernice Aviza, Ann Marie Kassel and Larry Svelnis for their photographs, and to anyone else who helped in any way.

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THANKS FROM SOME NEWCOMERS...

The following note was received from Mrs. Stella McLeod of Saginaw, Michigan, who attended the convention with her daughter as guests, for the first time, and then went on shortly after returning home to form a new K of L Council in Saginaw.

Stella writes "I would like to thank everyone at the Convention who was so nice and helpful to us. My daughter and I were complete strangers to everyone, but were treated like long lost cousins!"

"I would like to especially thank Rev. Robert Wolongevicz and Sister Eugenia who went out of their way to help us."

The Knights of Lithuania should, in turn, be very grateful to Mrs. McLeod as well, for she surely added a ray of "sunshine" to the convention, and has left an excellent example of her love of "God and Country". We congratulate Stella and her new council, and wish them all well. We expect to be hearing much from them in the near future.

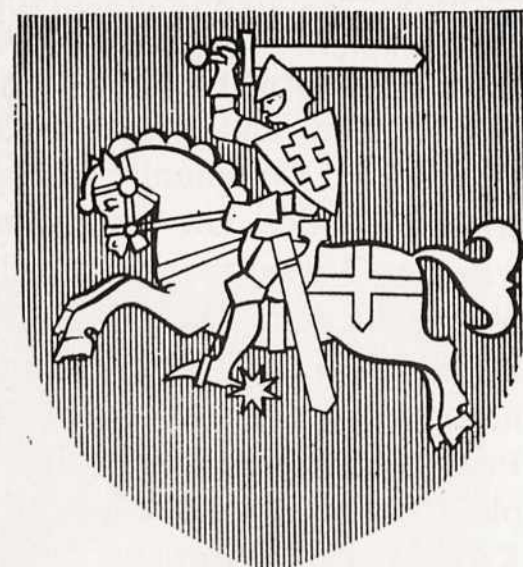
THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION!...

The VYTIS Staff and the Knights of Lithuania organization express sincerest thanks to the LITHUANIAN FOUNDATION, Inc. who, in keeping with their goal of supporting Lithuanian radio and press, have donated the sum of \$100. to the VYTIS Fund.



ATEITININKAI IR VYČIAI

Ateitininkų Federacijos vado Juozo B. Laučkos žodis pasakytas Lietuvos Vyčių 67-tame seime, Bostone, 1980 m. rugpiūčio 9 d.



Sveikinu Jus Ateitininkų Federacijos vardu. Perduodu nuoširdžiausius sveikinimus organizacijos, labai artimos Lietuvos Vyčiams daugeliu atžvilgių. Net ir mūsų amžius beveik vienodas - Lietuvos Vyčiai gimė 1213 metais, o Ateitininkai - 1910 metais. Ir tikslai labai panašūs - abiejų organizacijų nariams Katalikybė ir Lietuvybė yra brangiausios vertybės.

Nors Ateitininkijos pirmieji organizuoti branduoliai susidarė užsienyje, Belgijoje ir Rusijoje, pati organizacija nemėgino plėsti savo tiesioginės veiklos toli už Lietuvos ribų nepriklausomybės metais. Jos veikla ribojosi pačioje Lietuvoje, telkiant vidurinių mokyklų moksleivius, universiteto studentus ir jau baigusius aukštuosius mokslus lietuvius. Iš ateitininkų gretų išėjo daug įžymių dvasininkų - kunigų ir vyskupų, žinomų mokslininkų, rašytojų, valstybininkų, pedagogų ir visuomenės veikėjų. Tačiau ateitininkai siekė glaudžių ryšių ir su užsienio lietuvių organizacijomis - ir tiesiogiai, ir netiesiogiai.

Iš tikrųjų, ateitininkai palaikė labai gerus santykius su Lietuvos Vyčiais per daugelį metų per kitą Lietuvos katalikų jaunimo organizaciją - Pavasarininkus. Priminsiu, kad pavasarininkų vadai buvo ateitininkai - arkivyskupas Mečislovas Reinys, kanau-ninkas Paulius Dogelis, profesorius Juozas Eretas, Dr. Juozas Leimonas, Ona Labanauskaitė, Kazys Balkūnas, Elena Balčiūnaitė-Masaitienė ir kiti.

Priminsiu, kad patys pirmieji aktyvieji Lietuvos Vyčių organizatoriai ir vadovai, prieš atvykdami į Ameriką, priklausė ateitininkams. Štai keletas vardų: Leonardas Šimutis, Matas Zujus, Kazys Pakštas, prelatas Pranas Juras, kun. Jonas Navickas... Lietuvos Vyčių himno žodžių autorius kun. Motiejus Gustaitis - ateitininkas. Ateitininkas ir himno kompozitorius Aleksandras Aleksis, kurį visi labai gerbiame ir vertiname ir kurį Jūs šiame seime taip reikšmingai pagerbėte, taip pat ateitininkas. Iš jaunesnės kartos

norėčiau priminti prelatą Joną Balkūną ir inžinierių Antaną Mažeiką, garbės nari, buvusį Centro pirmininką, kurie dalyvavo ateitininkų sąjūdyje Lietuvoje prieš grįždami į savo gimtąją Ameriką.

Bet visa tai - praeitis. Esu įsitikinęs, kad mūsų abiejų organizacijų bendradarbiavimas turėtų būti glaudesnis ir stipresnis. Lietuvos laisvės byla šaukiasi didesnės suglaudintos paramos. Lietuviškai veiklai Amerikoje reikia daugiau planingų pastangų. Siūlau glaudesnius ryšius gal ir vadovaudamasis jausmais, nes ir aš esu Lietuvos vytis. Šiame seime, išskyrus Aleksandrą Aleksį ir kelis kitus, gal tik Juozas Bolely Antanas Mažeika ir Danielius Averka, gali teigti, kad jie priklauso Lietuvos Vyčiams ilgiau negu aš. Už kelių mėnesių sueis jau 50 metų, kai esu Lietuvos vyčiu. Galiu Jums dar pastebėti, kad labai ryškiai atsimenu 20-tąjį L. Vyčių seimą, įvykusį Bostone 1932 metais, kurio ruošime teko ir man prisidėti. Tada mūsų garbės svečias buvo kongresmanas John McCormack, vėliau tapęs Atstovų Rūmų pirmininku. Šis nuoširdus lietuvių tautos bičiulis kaip žinote, 1973 metais buvo L. Vyčių apdovanotas Lietuvos draugo žymeniu.

1932 metais L. Vyčių seimo posėdžiai vyko daugiausia šv. Petro lietuvių parapijos bažnytinėje salėje. Seimo atstovai buvo apnakvydinti kuopos narių šeimose. Tada L. Vyčių dvasia buvo tokia pat gyvastinga ir kūrybinga, kaip ir šiandien. Tada mūsų gretose irgi buvo ir jaunesnio ir vyresnio amžiaus narių - visi dirbo išvien.

Sveikindamas Jus Ateitininkų vardu, bet kalbėdamas kaip L. Vytis ir ateitininkas, kviečiu ir prašau Jus visus ugdyti artimesnį bendradarbiavimą tarp mūsų organizacijų. Dievui padedant, visi junkime ir skirkime savo pastangas tvirtai Amerikai, tvirtai Katalaikų Bažnyčiai, tvirtai Lietuvybei ir greitesniam laisvos ir nepriklausomos Lietuvos atkūrimui

THE HIGHEST PRIORITY...

We Knights of Lithuania have been fortunate from the very beginnings of our organization in having clear and worthwhile objectives to guide our activities and growth.

For 67 years we have consistently pursued them in an orderly way, always giving top priority to our Catholic Faith and the service of God.

Our motto, "Dievui ir Tėvynei,"—"For God and Country," has led us on our way from 1913 to 1980, steadfastly and surely.

Notice the priority: "For God" first and then for country and countrymen, those of the land of our birth, those of the land of our ancestors—Lithuania.

Our activities on the Local, District and Supreme levels, as well as our Conventions have tried faithfully to preserve this priority.

The 1980 National Convention motto: "Remain faithful to the Church of Christ. Treasure your noble national traditions," (words of our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, during his visit to Chicago) is so thoroughly in keeping with our K of L spirit, that we could immediately and unanimously acclaim His Holiness both "Friend of Lithuania" and Honorary Member!

The 1980 Boston Convention opened with a Concelebrated Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit at noon on Thursday, August 7th. Chief Concelebrant was Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P., Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor. Other concelebrants were: Fathers S. Saulenas, Cambridge, Mass., who was Lector; John Pakalniskis, Brooklyn, N.Y., who read the Prayers of the Faithful; A. Contons, So. Boston, Mass.; R. Wolongevicz, So. Boston, Mass.; A. Janiunas, Lawrence, Mass., NED Spiritual Advisor; Monsignor F. Juras, Honorary Member, Putnam, Conn.; J. Kuzminskas, Chicago, Ill.; C. Pugevicius, National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Brooklyn, N.Y. and R. Krasauskas, Putnam, Conn.

In the Convention opening homily Father Jurgelaitis drew a parallel between the Body of Christ, the Church and the body of members that form the Knights of Lithuania.

In the Body of Christ there are many members with different gifts and different ministries, but one Spirit, one Lord. In the K of



L there are many members with different gifts engaged in varied activities - but one spirit (with a small "s"). But because we are a Catholic organization, members of the Body of Christ, we Knights of Lithuania serve the one Lord and God and share in the one Spirit (with a capital "S").

Recognition of the role of the Holy Spirit in our organization gives us a vertical dimension, a Godward thrust, that provides us with our highest priority in our thoughts and actions. The horizontal sweep of our K of L activities, the things we do for our country and countrymen and women (American and Lithuanian) gets its fullest meaning from the vertical dimension.

"This Holy Mass, invoking the Holy Spirit, is not merely a prayer for a successful convention," the Spiritual Advisor said, "it is a solemn moment of rededication of ourselves, our organization and of all our members to 'God and Country'!"

The homily concluded with a bit of practical advice: "Every time we hear or see the words 'K of L spirit' (with a small 's'), think of Spirit (with a capital 'S')—the Holy Spirit of God."

Though the homily was in English, the Knights prayed and sang in Lithuanian. Honorary Member Rita Pinkus led the Convention community in the singing of Lithuanian traditional hymns. Chief Sacristan for the Convention Liturgy was Father Robert Wolongevicz, assistant pastor of Saint Peter's Church, the Host parish. He was assisted by Joseph White of the Convention Committee and John Stoskus of Providence, R.I.

At the opening session later, among those who greeted the Convention were Father P. Baltakis, Provincial of the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers, Sister M. Annunciata, Superior General of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and Sister Margarita of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Putnam, Conn.

On the second day of the Convention Holy Mass was concelebrated again at noon, in between the sessions of the Convention. Father Casimir Pugevicius was Chief Concelebrant and Homilist. Concelebrants were: Fathers Robert Wolongevicz,

Albin Janiunas, John Kuzminskas, Joseph Dambrauskas, Provincial of the Marian Fathers, Chicago, Ill. and Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P.

In his homily of the Mass "for persecuted peoples" Father Pugevicius described the difficulties Catholics and other believers in Lithuania suffer in the ordinary practice of the Faith: having their children baptized in far away villages, solemnizing their marriages secretly, always being spied upon and harrassed, children being terrorized for singing in the choir or serving at Mass.

At the high point of his sermon the homilist unveiled a mutilated, cast-iron crucifix - the body of Christ, without arms, without legs, which was smuggled out of Lithuania, an example of senseless atheistic barbarity. Merely holding aloft the mangled crucifix brought home the point which Father Pugevicius was emphasizing: "See, Christ has no arms, no legs. You Knights of Lithuania must become the hands and feet of Christ. . . to do His work in helping the persecuted Catholics of Lithuania in every way you can."

Attending the afternoon session were: Father Walter Jaskiewicz, S.J. of Fordham University, New York and Sisters Eugenia and Christine of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified.

On Saturday the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for the deceased members of the Knights of Lithuania. Concelebrating with Father Albert Contons, Honorary Member and former Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor for many years, were Fathers R. Wolongevich, Al Janiunas, J. Kuzminskas, A. Jurgelaitis, J. Dambrauskas and D. Valenti, who earlier in the Convention had read the letter of greeting from Bishop Anthony Deksnyis of Germany.



Father Michael Bourdeaux, an Anglican priest, Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism, author of the book *Land of Crosses* and 1980 "Friend of Lithuania" joined in the worship.

Father Contons homily was retrospective meditation, a remembrance of the achievements and example of the Knights and Ladies of our organization, whom God has called to himself. Their works were many and varied, but they were kept together by lofty and noble ideals. They may not have been notable by worldly standards, but their dedication and self sacrifice for "God and Country" remains and will always remain an inspiration for us who are engaged in implementing those very same ideals of the K of L, decade after decade.



The Convention Closing Mass was held on Sunday at the Host Council parish church, Saint Peter's, South Boston.

The Convention Committee expended every effort to make this a solemn celebration. They invited the widely acclaimed Saint Casimir Parish Choir under the direction of composer Julius Gaidelis to come up from Brockton, Mass. (the home of Council 1) to sing for the Concelebrated Mass.

Flagbearers, carrying American, Lithuanian and organization flags, led the procession. Preceded by clergy, Bishop John Mulcahy of Boston, accompanied as Deacons of Honor by Fathers A. Baltrashunas and M. Bourdeaux, brought up the rear.

Chief Concelebrant was the Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor, Fr. A. Jurgelaitis. Concelebrating were Fathers A. Baltrashunas, C. Pugevicius, A. Contons, J. Kuzminskas, R. Wolongevich.

Bishop Mulcahy presided over the solemn Mass.

Since the Convention Closing Mass, traditionally, is the occasion for the conferral of the Fourth Degree, this Ritual was performed by the National Spiritual Advisor. His Excellency, Bishop Mulcahy imposed the medals and blessed the new Fourth Degree Knights.

Next, the newly elected officers for the term 1980-1981 were sworn in by the local pastor and Spiritual Advisor, Father A. Contons.



Father Jurgelaitis' sermon began with a consideration of the unity of the Church and the unity of the Knights of Lithuania. The Catholic Faith is the mighty bond of Christians; strong convictions about the value of our ideals is the bond of the Knights of Lithuania. Baptism gave a new direction to our lives; our oath of membership in the Knights of Lithuania opened up new opportunities to serve God and our countrymen—Americans and Lithuanians. Just as "good works" are necessary as proof of Faith, so too, are K of L "activities" essential to prove our K of L convictions. Specifically, these "activities" include serving, helping God's suffering people in Lithuania, morally, materially and spiritually.

The homilist concluded: "When you return to your districts and councils you represented here at this 67th Convention, do not tell them 'what happened' here. Rather, tell them 'what must be done', and urge them to do so generously and with courage: the prayers, the letters, the strengthening of our heritage, the Phase Two of the Archbishop Matulaitis Project."

As our K of L Founder, Tevas Mykolas Norkunas, used to say: "Less talk and more action."

Before the Blessing of the Mass, Bishop Mulcahy ascended the pulpit. He conveyed the blessing and good wishes of His Eminence Cardinal Humberto Medeiros, Archbishop of Boston, to the Convention. His Excellency strongly urged the Knights of Lithuania to be steadfast and tireless in their assistance and support of their brothers and sisters in the persecuted Church of Lithuania.

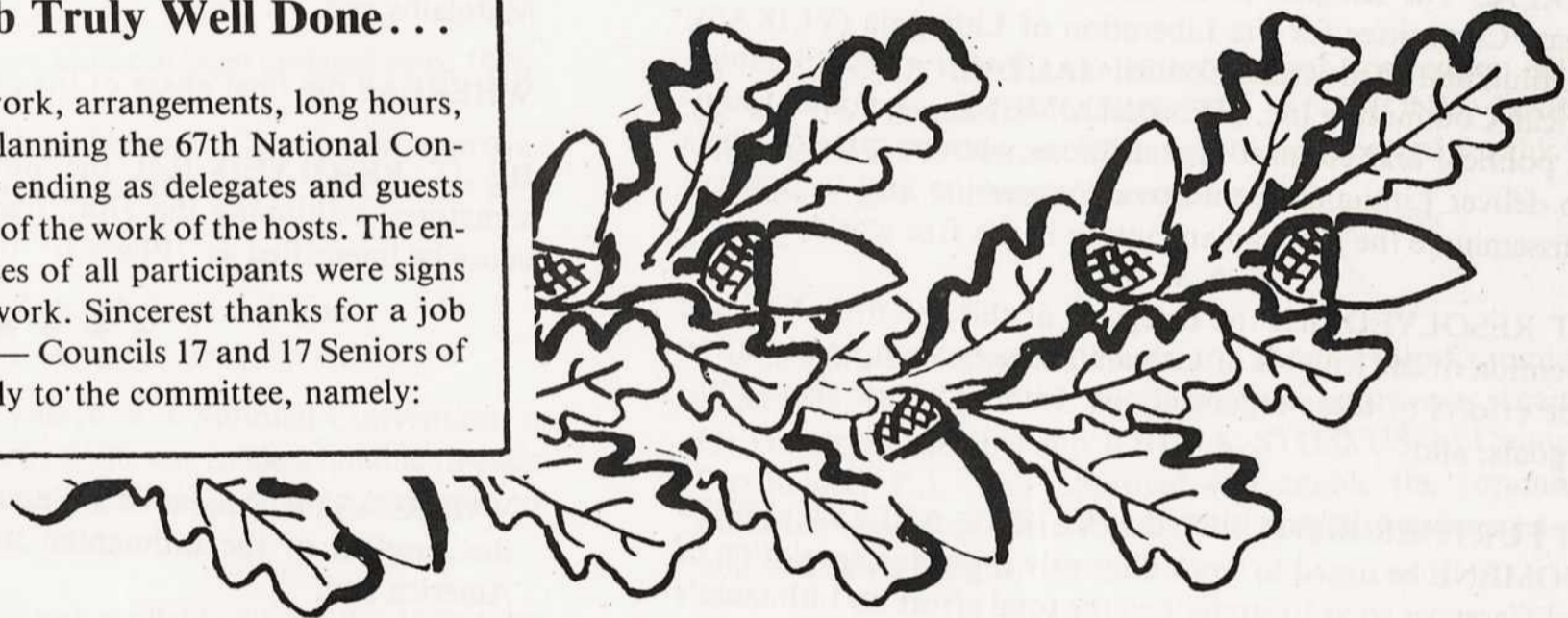
The Bishops of the United States are fully aware of the plight of the Church in Lithuania. "This is due, mainly, to the efforts of Father Pugevicius, one of your members and his work on the 'Chronicles of the Catholic Church of Lithuania'."

Bishop Mulcahy imparted the Final Blessing on the Convention and upon all the people of God present, thus concluding an outstanding Convention in which the right priorities were carefully observed.

—AJ

Thanks For A Job Truly Well Done . . .

All the preparations, work, arrangements, long hours, worries, that went into planning the 67th National Convention came to a happy ending as delegates and guests began arriving to partake of the work of the hosts. The enthusiasm and smiling faces of all participants were signs of success of the year's work. Sincerest thanks for a job well done go to the hosts — Councils 17 and 17 Seniors of So. Boston, and especially to the committee, namely:



HONORARY CHAIRMAN — Rev. Albert Contons
Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas

CHAIRMAN — Albert Jaritis

CO-CHAIRMAN — Joseph White

SECRETARY — Adele Martus

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Alice Olevitz, Felicija Grendal,
Vytautas Jurgela

PUBLICITY — Longinas Svelnis, Povilas Zickus,
Daniel Averka, Regina Alexander,
Phil Carter, William Gorski,
Adele Martus, Mary Martus,
John Norinkavich, Helen Suprin

PRE-CONVENTION — Eleanora Mikalonis, Betty Balaconis,
Alice Opaneset, Eleanor Wassell

MOSAIC — Elenor Wassell, Patricia Akule,

Eleanora Mikalonis, Josephine Satkevich

TRANSPORTATION — Frank Markuns, Phyliss Gendreau

LUNCHEON — Eleanora Mikalonis, Ann Norinkavich,
Mildred Daniels, Veronica Ivanauskas,
Adele Martus, Mary Martus

CULTURAL EVENING — Eva Ball, Daniel Averka,
Vytautas Jurgela, Aldona Kropas,
Mary Mickevich, Alexandra Moriarty,
Ann White

GRAND BALL — Alexander Akule, Frank Markuns,
Patricia Akule, Joseph Balaconis,
Phylis Gendreau, Virginia Markuns,
John Olevitz, Betty Skricki,
John Skricki

BANQUET — Virginia Markuns, Elaine O'Mara,
Alexander Akule, Patricia Akule,
Aldonna Keaney, Adele Martus,
Mary Martus, Frank Markuns,
Eleanor Wassell

SUNDAY BRUNCH — Ann Voveris, Veronica Aluza,
Ann Narkevich, Monica Plevock,
Veronica Ivanauskas

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were all approved by the convention delegates.

WHEREAS, 1980 marks the 65th Anniversary of the public debut of the VYCIU HIMNAS, and

WHEREAS its composer, Honorary Member, Prof. Alexander Aleksis also has an outstanding history of activity and contributions to the Knights of Lithuania from the very beginning of the organization

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania gathered in Boston, Massachusetts for its 67th National Convention, August 6-10, 1980, most cordially congratulate Prof. Alexander Aleksis on this anniversary and thank him for his continuing inspiration to all Knights of Lithuania.

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WHEREAS The Knights of Lithuania has cooperated with the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania (VLIKAS), the Lithuanian American Council (ALTAS), the Lithuanian American Community Inc. (BENDRUOMENE), and other Lithuanian political and cultural organizations whose expressed goals are to deliver Lithuania from Soviet oppression and to preserve and disseminate the Lithuanian culture in the free world,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates at this the 67th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express their appreciation for the efforts of these organizations, with which we share common goals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that VLIKAS, ALTAS and BENDRUOMENE be urged to work diligently towards a resolution of their differences so as to strengthen the total effort on Lithuania's behalf.

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WHEREAS the Olympic boycott by the United States and other nations represented a courageous protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania congratulate the American Olympic Athletes through the United States Olympic Committee for their sacrifice and example of moral courage.

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

WHEREAS latest information indicates that the persecution of Catholics and their resistance to this persecution continue unabated and,

WHEREAS the need continues to provide worship aids, clothing and food for priests, religious and others who have suffered for their tenacious loyalty to their faith,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania assembled in National Convention in Boston, Ma August 6-10th, 1980, communicate to the Most Reverend National Director of the Catholic Overseas Aid Fund, their dismay at the exclusion of the above mentioned assistance to the persecuted church in Lithuania and respectfully request that the Bishops' Overseas Aid Fund restore financial assistance to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuanian have been engaged in assisting in the process of the beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis and,

WHEREAS the final phase of the process is fast approaching,

BE IT RESOLVED that the important work of obtaining signatures petitioning the Holy Father to act favorably in this cause be intensified as "Phase II" of this project.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania was founded in 1913 under the auspices of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America and,

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania continue to maintain affiliation with the Federation as per our Constitution,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Supreme Council strive for maximum representation at the Federation's 45th Congress to be held October 17, 18, and 19, 1980 in Southfield, MI and that up to three delegates be assisted in covering their travel expenses up to the sum of \$100 each.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to the 67th National Knights of Lithuania Convention, convening in Boston, Mass. August 6-10, 1980, express their sincere appreciation to Rev. Pranas Garsva, MIC, and the staff of Lithuanian Catholic Daily *DRAUGAS* for their excellent editorial, appearing August 2, 1980, in which the work of the Knights of Lithuania and especially the *VYTIS* was reviewed and very favorably evaluated.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates at the 67th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania August 6-10, 1980 in Boston, MA express their warm appreciation to *LITHUANIAN DAYS* magazine and its Editor Antanas Skirius for the excellent feature on the Knights of Lithuania published in its April 1980 issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Knights of Lithuania members be urged to subscribe to this publication.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates at the 67th Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express their appreciation to the editors of *DARBININKAS* and *DRAUGAS* for the continuance of the K of L columns Darbai ir Dienos and Vyciu Veikla.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the delegates also express their appreciation to the K of L members that edit these columns, Dale Bulvicius and Emilja Pakalniskis.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania Juniors are a viable and important part of our organization and,

WHEREAS the Junior By-Laws have not been updated since 1976

BE IT RESOLVED that the 67th National Convention approve the updated and more detailed copy of the Junior By-Laws as per attached copy.

Note: New By-Laws published elsewhere in this issue.)

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WHEREAS by a resolution passed at a National Convention, a program was instituted whereby \$100 was made available to each District for the purpose of donating books, maps, records, etc. to local libraries, universities, etc, and

WHEREAS this program was not available during the 1979-1980 year

BE IT RESOLVED that \$100 be made available to each District for the purpose of donating books, maps, records, and other cultural literary material to libraries, universities, et cetera each year until further action is taken by a National Convention.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania National Constitution, Article V section e/, be changed to read as follows:

An Associate Member may be a non-Lithuanian Catholic married to a Knights of Lithuania member in good standing.

1-When an Associate member becomes a Third Degree Knight, he/she may at that time become a delegate or alternate to a District Convention. He/she may not hold any office on the District level but may be a part of a District Committee.

2-When an Associate Member becomes a Fourth Degree Knight, he/she may be a delegate or alternate to a District or National Convention. He/she may not hold any office or be part of a Committee on the National level.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, Article VI, Section 8, be changed to read: "A member may be known as a Lifetime Member upon dues payment of \$150.00. A special certificate shall be presented to recognize this distinction."

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BE IT RESOLVED that Article IX, Section 11 of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution be changed to read:

"11. The fiscal year of the Supreme Council ends on June 30."

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BE IT RESOLVED that the 67th National Convention accept the Supreme Council Budget for the period August 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981, as proposed by the Budget Committee and approved by the Supreme Council.

(Actual figures of the Budget are withheld from publication by tradition.)

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BE IT RESOLVED that the 67th National Convention officially elevate to Honorary Membership ANTHONY DAINIUS, Member of C-79, Detroit, Mich., who was accepted for this honor during the 65th National Convention.

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The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee requests that the 67th National Convention approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership JOHN A. STOSKUS, of Council 103, Providence, R.I. This approval will enable the committee to publish a history of Mr. Stoskus, outlining his service as a worthy and dedicated Knight.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania is a Catholic organization and has maintained its fidelity to the Church and its Bishops and pastors during the 67 years of its existence, and

WHEREAS the 67th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania was held in the Archdiocese of Boston

BE IT RESOLVED that the 67th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania assembled in Boston August 6-10, 1980, express its respect, esteem and obedience to His Eminence Cardinal Humberto Medieros, Archbishop of the Boston Archdiocese 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 67th 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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WHEREAS Phil Carter of Council 17 Seniors Boston has so generously used his God given talents in molding a set of Vytis Bookends and two beautiful Vytis Plaques, and Sisters Francesca and Alverna both of Council 19 Pittsburgh have donated two lovely Lithuanian Dolls and,

WHEREAS they have made a donation of these beautiful Lithuanian artifacts to the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee in order to provide funds to carry on the Scholarship work,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 67th National Convention of Knights of Lithuania express its deep gratitude to Phil Carter and Sisters Francesca and Alverna.

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BY-LAWS OF THE JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

As approved at the 67th National Convention

Article I Name, Patron, Motto, Insignia

1. The name of the organization is the Knights of Lithuania Juniors.
2. The patron of the Knights of Lithuania Juniors is St. Casimir.
3. The motto of the Knights of Lithuania Jr's is "For God and Country."
4. The Knights of Lithuania Juniors have as their emblem the Lithuanian Knight on a white horse with a cross on a shield.

Article II Purpose of the Organization

1. The Knights of Lithuania Juniors strive to unite American youth of Lithuanian descent and to develop in them qualities of leadership and prepare them for regular membership in the Knights of Lithuania.
2. The Knights of Lithuania Juniors adheres to the Catholic philosophy and precepts, furthering among its members a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic faith, and by appropriate safeguard their moral conduct.
3. The Knights of Lithuania Juniors educate their members to become good American citizens.
4. The Knights of Lithuania Juniors encourage among its members an attachment for the land of their forefathers and an affection and respect for the Lithuanian language and customs.
5. The Knights of Lithuania Juniors promotes educational and cultural advancement among its members.
6. The Knights of Lithuania Juniors strive to establish wholesome sports activities for the benefit of its members.

Article III Membership

1. Membership is open to all Catholic youth of Lithuanian descent.
2. Anyone belonging to a group whose purposes conflict with the Catholic religion or which is subversive to the American Government or which encourages disrespect for Lithuanian traditions may not become or remain a member of the Knights of Lithuania Juniors.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 67th 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 Council 17 and Council 17 Seniors, under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Albert Contons and its Convention Committee Chairman Albert G. Jaritis, have maintained the tradition of hosting an outstanding National Convention,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 67th National Convention held in Boston August 6-10, 1980 express its profound gratitude and unforgettable pleasure to the host Council by a standing ovation of thankfulness.

3. Those who have not reached the age of sixteen (16) are eligible to join a Knights of Lithuania Junior Council. Those who have reached sixteen (16) may chose to remain Juniors until the age of eighteen (18), or may become Regular Members.

Article IV Organization

1. A Knights of Lithuania Juniors Council may be formed with a minimum of five (5) members.
2. The establishment of a Junior Council must have the approval of a majority vote of the sponsoring adult council.
3. Each Knights of Lithuania Junior Council will be given the number of the sponsoring adult council.
4. The sponsoring adult council must appoint a counselor whose responsibility it will be to advise the Junior Council when necessary and to supervise the activities of the Junior Council in compliance with the Junior By-Laws. The counselor will maintain contact with the Junior Council and sponsoring council as well as with the District and Supreme Council officer in charge of Juniors.

Article V Dues

1. Each Knights of Lithuania Junior Council will pay the Supreme Council an annual fee of five dollars (\$5.00).
2. Each Knights of Lithuania Junior Council receives one (1) to five (5) copies of the "Vytis" depending upon the size of the Council.

Article VI Member's Rights

1. All Knights of Lithuania Junior members are privileged to wear organization emblems.
2. All Knights of Lithuania Juniors may use the organization clubrooms, libraries, and other facilities.
3. All Knights of Lithuania Junior members in good standing may participate in organization-sponsored functions, outings, and entertainment.
4. All Knights of Lithuania Juniors in good standing may have a vote in all matters pertaining to the organization.
5. All Knights of Lithuania Juniors, upon joining the organization, will receive, without charge a copy of the

Knights of Lithuania Junior By-Laws and membership card.

Article VII Member's Duties

1. Knights of Lithuania Junior members must acquaint themselves with, and follow the Knights of Lithuania Junior By-Laws.
2. Knights of Lithuania Juniors must strive to improve their knowledge of the Catholic faith and follow its precepts.
3. Knights of Lithuania Juniors must promote the Lithuanian Culture in all forms.
4. Knights of Lithuania Juniors should be concerned with the reputation of the organization and, therefore, should avoid circumstances which may bring about dishonor, and should strive to engage in activities that will bring it honor.
5. Every Knight of Lithuania Junior member should attend his council meetings and try to encourage new membership.
6. Any Knight of Lithuania Junior member breaking the organizations regulations or violating accepted norms of behavior are duly disciplined.
7. A member who has not paid their Council dues after a fair amount of time is considered a member not in good standing, and loses his right to vote and other council privileges. The Council has the right to decide if a member is in good standing with the consent of counselor from the sponsoring council.

Article VIII Officers

1. Officers for the Knights of Lithuania Juniors shall be:
 - A. President
 - B. Secretary
 - C. Treasurer
(In larger Councils additional officers may be:)
 - D. Vice-President
 - E. Corresponding Secretary
 - F. Recording Secretary
 - G. Financial Secretary
 - H. Sergeant-At-Arms
2. At least four (4) meetings must be held in one (1) year.
3. Election will be held annually in September or October.

Article IX Duties of the Officers

1. President
 - A. Calls meetings on the day designated by the Council.
 - B. Conducts the meeting in a proper and orderly manner.
 - C. Sets a good example to other members by conducting himself in a manner fitting a Catholic youth.
 - D. Appoints committees and chairment when necessary.
 - E. Acts as honorary chairman of all committees.
2. Vice-President
 - A. Is always ready to take over and conduct the meeting when the President is unable to attend.
 - B. Helps the President in any way possible.
 - C. Helps recruit new members.
3. Recording Secretary
 - A. Keeps an accurate record of the minutes of the past meetings.
 - B. Informs members of the dates of meetings and social events.
 - C. Reads all communications addressed to the Council.

4. Treasurer
 - A. Keeps an accurate account of all money received and paid out of the club.
 - B. Pays all bills promptly.
 - C. Sends council dues to the Supreme Council Treasurer on time.
5. Sergeant-At-Arms
 - A. Sees that order is maintained at the meeting.
 - B. Acts as usher in the Church by reserving pews for members on Knights of Lithuania Communion days.
6. "Vytis" Correspondent
 - A. Prepares articles of interest for the Junior page in the "Vytis".
 - B. Contacts members for ideas and suggestions.

Article X Meetings

1. The Junior Council must hold at least four (4) meetings per year.
2. Monthly meetings are preferred.
3. Special meetings may be called by the President when necessary.
4. Suggested order of business meeting:
 - A. Opening of Meeting
 - B. Opening Prayer
 - C. Roll Call
 - D. Secretary's Report
 - E. Treasurer's Report
 - F. Unfinished Business
 - G. Committee Reports
 - H. Reading of Communications
 - I. New Business
 - J. Announcements
 - K. Programs (if any)
 - L. Motion for adjournment
 - M. Closing Prayer

Article XI Degree Points

1. Council Officers:

President, Secretary-per year	2.5 points
Vice-President, Treasurer-per year	1.5 points
Trustee, others	1.0 points
2. Committee Chairman:

Lithuanian Affairs, Cultural, Ritual	
Public Relations	2.0 points
3. Committee Chairman:

Temporary affairs appropriate to Juniors such as Raffle, Cake Sales, Rummage Sales, Fund Raisers, Rallies	1.5 points
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4. Active Committee Member:

Council	1.0 points
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5. Member of K of L choir, chorus, dance group, drama group or other Lithuanian performing group

	1.0 points
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6. For enrolling new members

	0.5 point
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7. For each new item in Vytis

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8. For each article or editorial published in Vytis

	2.0 points
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9. Extra credit for K of L membership per year

	0.5 point
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REZOLIUCIJOS

KADANGI 1980 metais sueina 65 metai kaip Vyčių Himnas išėjo į viešumą, ir

KADANGI jos kūrėjas, Garbės Narys prof. Aleksandras Aleksis yra išskirtinai veikęs bei pasitarnavęs Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai nuo pat jos įsikūrimo, todėl

NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas nuoširdžiai pasveikina prof. Aleksandrą Aleksį šios sukakties proga ir padėkoja jam už jo nuolatinį įkvėpimą visiem Lietuvos Vyčiam.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai bendradarbiauja su Vyriausiu Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komitetu (VLIKu), Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba (ALTa), Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomene, ir kitomis lietuviškomis politinėmis bei kultūrinėmis organizacijomis kurių išreikšti tikslai yra Lietuvą išlaisvinti iš sovietų priespaudos ir išlaikyti bei plėtoti lietuvišką kultūrą laisvajame pasaulyje,

NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo delegatai išreiškia šiom organizacijom, su kuriom turime bendrus tikslus, jų pastangų vertinimą, ir

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog VLIKas, ALTa ir Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenė būtų paraginti uoliai dirbti idant pašalinus tarpusavią nesantaiką, tuo būdu sustiprinus bendras pastangas Lietuvos dėlei.

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KADANGI Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių bei kitų tautų olimpinių žaidynių Maskvoje boikotas buvo drąsus protestas sovietų invazijai Afganistane,

NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčiai, per Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių Olimpinių Komitetą, sveikina Amerikos olimpinius atletus už jų pasiaukojimą bei moralinę drąsą.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai visuomet praeityje yra buvę dėkingi Katalikų Vyskupų Užjūrių Pašalpos Fondui už suteikiamą paramą persekiojamiems tikintiesiems Lietuvoje per Lietuvių Katalikų Religinę Šalpa, Inc., ir

KADANGI paskutinioji informacija rodo, jog katalikų persekiojimas ir jų atsparumas šiam persekiojimui tęsiasi nenutrūkstamai, ir

KADANGI būtina toliau tiekti religinius reikmenis, apdarą bei maistą kunigams, tikintiesiems, bei kitiems, kurie yra nukentėję dėlei atkaklios ištikimybės tikėjimui,

NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas išreiškia Katalikų Vyskupų Užjūrių Pašalpos Fondo direktoriui liūdesį jog virš minėtoji pašalpa persekiojami bažnyčiai Lietuvoje nutraukta, ir pagarbiai prašo, jog ši organizacija atstatytų finansinę paramą Lietuvių Katalikų Religinei Šalpai, Inc.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai yra įsijungę į darbą, kuriuo bandoma Arkivyskupą Jurgį Matulaitį paskelbti šventuoju, ir

KADANGI paskutinioji šio proceso stadija greitai artėja,

NUTARTA, jog svarbus parašų gavimo darbas, prašančiųjų Šventąjį Tėvą šiuo reikalu palankiai veikti, būtų suintensyvinamas kaip šio projekto „Antroji Stadija”.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai buvo įkurti 1913 metais Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Federacijos globa, ir

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai, pagal savo konstituciją, ir toliau palaiko broliškus santykius su šia Federacija,

NUTARTA, jog Centro Valdyba rūpintusi atsiekti didžiausią atstovavimą Federacijos 45 Kongrese spalio 17, 18, ir 19, 1980 metais Southfield, MI ir kad trys delegatai būtų finansiniai paremti (iki \$100 kiekvienam) į šį suvažiavimą nuvykti.

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NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo delegatai išreiškia nuoširdžią padėką kun. Pranui Garšvai, MIC ir lietuvių katalikų dienraščio DRAUGO štabui už jų puikų vedamąjį, atspausdintą rugpjūčio 2, 1980, kuriame Lietuvos Vyčių darbai ir ypatingai VYTIS buvo palankiai aptarti.

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NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo delegatai išreiškia savo šiltą vertinimą LITHUANIAN DAYS žurnalui ir jos redaktoriui Antanui Skiriui už puikų straipsnį liečiantį Lietuvos Vyčius, kuris pasirodė balandžio 1980 leidinyje.

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, jog visi Lietuvos Vyčiai būtų paraginti šį leidinį užsiprenumeruoti.

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NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo delegatai išreiškia padėką DARBININKO ir DRAUGO redakcijom už Lietuvos Vyčių skyrius „Darbai ir Dienos“ ir „Vyčių Veikla“.

TAIP PAT NUTARTA, kad delegatai išreiškia savo padėką Lietuvos Vyčiams kurie šiuos skyrius redaguoja, t.y., Daliai Bulvičienei ir Emilijai Pakalniškienei.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių Junjorai yra svarbi ir reikšminga mūsų organizacijos dalis, ir

KADANGI Junjorų įstatai nuo 1976 metų nėra buvę patikslinti,

NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas pritaria patikslintai bei detalesniai Junjorų įstatų versijai. (Pastaba: ši įstatų versija atspausdinta šiame numeryje).

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KADANGI viename Lietuvos Vyčių Seime buvo priimta rezoliucija įsteigianti programą kuria kiekvienai apygardai buvo prieinama \$100 suma, idant vietos bibliotekos bei universitetai būtų aprūpinti lietuviška kultūrine medžiaga, ir

KADANGI ši programa 1979-1980 metais nebuvo vykdoma,

NUTARTA, jog ši programa vėl būtų vykdoma.

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NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčių Įstatų V skyriaus 3e skirsnelis būtų pakeistas sekančiai:

Narys bendradarbis gali tapti nelietuvis katalikas susituokęs su Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos nariu.

1. Kai narys/ė bendradarbis/ė tampa trečiojo laipsnio Lietuvos Vyčiu, jis/ji gali tuomet būti delegatu/e arba atsarginiu/e apygardos seime. Jis/ji neturi teisės būti renkamas/a į apygardos valdybą, tačiau gali būti paskiriamas/a į apygardos komitetą.

2. Kai narys/ė bendradarbis/ė tampa ketvirtojo laipsnio Lietuvos Vyčiu, jis/ji gali tapti delegatu/e arba atsarginiu/e apygardos arba metiniame seime. Jis/ji neturi teisės būti renkamas/a į Centro Valdybą nei į kurį nors Centro Valdybos komitetą.

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NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčių Įstatų VI skyriaus 8 skirsnelis būtų pakeistas sekančiai:

Narys, įmokėdamas pusantro šimto dolerių, tampa nariu visam gyvenimui. Ypatingas pažymėjimas jam įteikiamas šiam išskirtinui pasižymėjimui iškelti.

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NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčių Įstatų IX skyriaus 11 skirsnelis būtų pakeistas sekančiai:

Centro fiskaliniai metai baigiasi birželio 30 d.

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NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas priima Biudžeto komiteto pasiūlytą bei Centro Valdybos aprobuotą biudžetą Centro Valdybai rugpjūčio 1, 1980 — birželio 30, 1981 laikotarpiui. (Pastaba: biudžeto daviniai tradiciškai neskelbiami).

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NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas į Garbės Narius pakelia ANTANĄ DAINIŲ (C-79, Detroit, MI), kuris šiai garbei buvo pasiūlytas per 65 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimą.

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NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas patvirtina kaipo kandidatą į Garbės Narius Joną Stoskų (C-103, Providence, RI). Šis patvirtinimas įgalins Garbės Narių Komitetą atspausdinti p. Stoškaus biografiją, išryškina- nčią jo pasitarnavimus Lietuvos Vyčiams kaipo uolų bei tos garbės vertu narį.

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KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai yra katalikiška organizacija, ištikima Bažnyčiai, Jos vyskupams ir klebonams visą savo 67 metų gyvavimo laikotarpį, ir

KADANGI 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas vyko Bostono Arkidiecezijoje,

NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas išreiškia pagarbą bei paklusnumą Jo Ekscelencijai kardinolui Humberto Medieros, Bostono Arkidiecezijos arkivyskupui, ir taip pat padėkoja jam už jo paramą Lietuvos Vyčių puoselėjamiems idealams.

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KADANGI Pilypas Carter (C-17 Senjorai, Boston, MA) yra taip išradingai pavartojęs Dievo suteiktus talentus sukurdamas knygų atramėlių komplektą su Vyties motyvu, bei du gražius Vyties medžio drožinius, ir seselės Francesca ir Alverna (C-19, Pittsburgh, PA) yra aprenkusios dvi gražias lietuviškas lėles, ir

KADANGI jie yra padovanoję šiuos vertingus lietuviškus kūrinius Lietuvos Vyčių Stipendijų Fondo Komitetui idant padėjus sukelti lėšų tęsti komiteto darbą,

NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas išreiškia gilią padėką Pilypui Carter ir seselėms Francesca ir Alverna.

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NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas nuoširdžiai padėkoja Seimo prezidentui bei komitetams už jų ypatingai gerai atliktą darbą Seimo metu.

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KADANGI 17 kuopa bei Senjorų 17 kuopa, vadovaujami prel. Alberto Contons ir Seimo Rengimo Komiteto pirmininko Alberto G. Jaričio, yra taip gražiai išlaikę Seimo rengimo bei svečių priėmimo tradiciją,

NUTARTA, jog 67 Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas išreiškia gilią padėką bei neužmirštamą malonumą svetingai kuopai delegatų atsistojimu ir paplojimu.

DIDŽIAI GERBIAMAM PROF. ALEKSANDRUI ALEKSIUI



*Laikas taip bėga, kaip upėj vanduo,
Žaliuoja pavasaris, tuoj noksta ruduo,
Metai išsisklaido, kaip dūmas užburtas,
Kūryba palieka, brangesnė už turtą.*

*Štai, Himnas skamba Vyčių Lietuvos,
Jūsų kūryba iš širdies gilumos,
Ne vieni meteliai ir ne keli,
Bet jau praėjo šešiasdešimt penki.*

*Skambėjo mūs Himnas tada,
Giedam dabar, visur, ir giedam čia,
Nors ir šimtmečiai praeis,
Vyčiai Himną plačiai skleis.*

*Dėkojam Jums iš širdies gilumos,
Išdidžiai giedosim Ji, visados,
Ir Jus, vis mintyje turėsime,
Gerbsime, melsimės ir mylėsime.*

Polly Ziausys

*Lietuvos Vyčių 67-tas Seimas
Boston, Mass.*



CONVENTION PLENARY SESSIONS

Three special panels were conducted during the convention as is traditional. The panels were plenary sessions of about 1 hour in duration which dealt with various items of interest to the Knights of Lithuania.

This year's panels included:

A HISTORY OF LITHUANIAN IMMIGRATION TO THE USA. Led by Algirdas Budreckis, the panel expounded on the contributions Lithuanian immigrants made to the American "Melting Pot". Mr. Budreckis and his panelists made some interesting points on how the Polish and Russian occupations of Lithuania influenced the beginnings of Lithuanian life here, how Lithuanian parishes were formed, what problems our forefathers had in breaking through all sorts of barriers to make themselves a part of America without giving up their Lithuanian roots. This was most interesting and enlightening and led very nicely into the next panel, namely...

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HISTORY. This was led and primarily conducted by Loretta Stukas, who outlined high points of the Knights of Lithuania history, and showed its emergence as an important part of Lithuanian life.

As a climax to the panel, Loretta expounded on the many contributions of one specific member, **PROF. ALEXANDER ALEKSIS**, who at 93 is the oldest living member of the organization, and perhaps the one with the longest membership in the K of L. Mr. Aleksis was especially honored on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the first singing of the Knights of Lithuania Anthem, of which he is the composer. He was escorted with his wife to the dais by an Honor Guard of K of L'ers from various councils representing all districts, and was presented a special plaque and poem (by Polly Ziausys), by Junior member from Chicago, Paul Strolia, son of Faustas Strolia. The climax of the event was when Mr. Aleksis, after a most impressive speech telling of how he came to write the Anthem, directed the delegation in the singing of the Anthem.

The final panel dealt with **LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS** and was conducted by Rev. Casimir Pugevicius. The panel discussed various aspects of the fight for religious freedom in Lithuania. Besides Father Pugevicius, the panel included Rev. Bordeaux, Anglican priest who wrote *Land of Crosses* and who was scheduled to be honored as "Friend of Lithuania" by the K of L for his work for Lithuania. Father Bordeaux spoke at length about our responsibilities to help Lithuania with our prayers, and with our actions letting the world know about her plight.



Prof Aleksis conducts "Vyčių himnas"



Rev. Bordeaux and Rev. Pugevičius

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OFFICIAL NEWS



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA MEMBERSHIP AWARDS/1981 DRIVE ANNOUNCED

At this year's K of L National Convention Sunday Brunch, membership awards were presented to three individuals and five councils. The following members received citations for individual recruitment of new members: 1st Place to Terese Liutkiene, C-147; 2nd Place to Joseph J. Shupienis, C-86; and 3rd Place to Albert P. Macelis, C-3. The following councils received citations for having the greatest percentage increase in membership this year: 1st Place to C-61, Paterson, N.J.; 2nd Place to C-147, St. Petersburg, Fla.; 3rd Place to C-109, Great Neck, N.Y.; 4th Place to C-78, Lawrence, Ma.; and 5th Place to C-3, Philadelphia, Pa. These members and councils are congratulated for their efforts and accomplishments!

Stella McLeod of Saginaw, Michigan came to the convention and announced she had formed a council in Saginaw. We thank Sophie Zager for taking the new council under her wing. Incidentally, Stella is a nice lady who had to use an electric cart to get around, she attended every session and function of the convention. We applaud her for her interest and fortitude.

DUES—DUES—DUES

The National Financial Secretary, Ann Marie Kassel, reminds us that membership dues are \$8.00 per year and will be due on or before January 1, 1981. She requests that Council Financial Secretaries begin collecting membership dues immediately. Dues should be collected for the whole year.

Also, to insure that your members receive their VYTIS promptly, please include members addresses on the dues rosters. This way the National Financial Secretary can verify that her records and those of the mailing company are correct.

All dues, as well as address changes and corrections, should go to:

Mrs. Ann Marie Kassel
7336-2 Winthrop Way
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

Plans are underway for a membership contest for the year 1981. The drive will begin on January 1, 1981 and end March 31, 1981. Three prizes will be awarded to the members who recruit the greatest number of new members. Prizes will be awarded during the National Convention in Scranton next year. Members of K of L are asked to make a special effort to recruit new members and win a beautiful prize.

Jonas Adomenas
National Membership Chairman

ELECTIONS

District and Council officer elections MUST take place either in the months of September or October, as per the K of L Constitution.

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

Ms. Anna Klizas Wargo
125 S. Morris St.
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HELEN HALUSKA
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Antracite, PA
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Delegates: Frank Petrauskas, Frank Peterson, Isabel Peterson

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			Total 1979	Total 1980							
New England District					Illinois-Indiana District						
1)	1	Brockton	30	33	*	46)	5	Chicago	5	5	
2)	7	Waterbury	119	125		47)	14	Cicero		17	
3)	10	Athol-Gardner	33	33		48)	36	Chicago	96	90	
4)	17	South Boston	55	46	*	49)	Srs	Chicago	34	39	
5)	17S	South Boston Srs.	89	94		50)	82	Gary	31	31	
6)	18	Cambridge	3	3		51)	112	Chicago	189	180	
7)	26	Worcester	142	132		Other					
8)	30	Westfield	28	27		52)	133	Los Angeles	1		
9)	50	New Haven	30	30		53)	133S	Los Angeles	39	53	
10)	78	Lawrence	12	15		TOTALS					
11)	103R	Providence	9	9	*				New England	786	783
12)	103S	Providence Srs.	39	42					Mid-Atlantic	1215	1240
13)	116	Worcester	58	58					Mid-Central	541	492
14)	135	Ansonia	61	59					Illinois-Indiana	355	362
15)	141	Bridgeport	49	43					Other	41	53
16)	145	Holyoke	29	34					GRAND TOTALS	2938	2930
Mid-Atlantic District											
17)	3	Philadelphia	63	75							
18)	12	New York	77	77							
19)	29	Newark	133	121							
20)	41	Brooklyn	32	30							
21)	46	Forest City	29	29							
22)	52	Elizabeth	22	20							
23)	61	Patterson	16	27							
24)	67	Bayonne	20	20							
25)	74	Scranton	76	76							
26)	90	Kearney	43								
27)	100	Amsterdam	108	105	*						
28)	109	Great Neck	13	18							
29)	110	Maspeth	145	171							
30)	140	Syracuse	39	49							
31)	142	Washington	49	44	*						
32)	143	Pittston	65	57							
33)	144	St. Clair	158	187	**						
34)	146	Harrisburg	86	73							
35)	147	St. Petersburg	41	61							
Mid-Central District											
36)	19	Pittsburgh	49	46							
37)	25	Cleveland	44	43							
38)	Srs	Cleveland	33	28							
39)	79	Detroit	154	139							
40)	86	DuBois	40	50							
41)	96	Dayton	130	130	*						
42)	102	Detroit	34	40							
43)	134	Cincinnati	16								
44)	139	Detroit	15	16							
45)	148	Jackson	12								

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CONGRATULATIONS to the most recent Lifetime Members!
Certificates were presented at the National Convention to the following:

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A Special Award

A special feature of the Convention Opening Luncheon on Thursday was the award made to JUOZAS KAPOCIUS, for his many scholarly works, but especially for his work in compiling, editing, and producing the 36 volumes of the *Lietuviu Enciklopedija* and the 6 volumes of the English version *Encyclopedia Lituanica*.

Mr. Kapocius, now a resident of South Boston, was born in Uhnerge, Lithuania. After emigrating to the USA in 1949, he operated and managed several printing plants, including one operated by the Lithuanian Franciscans. Besides the encyclopedias, he produced numerous other books and literary works.

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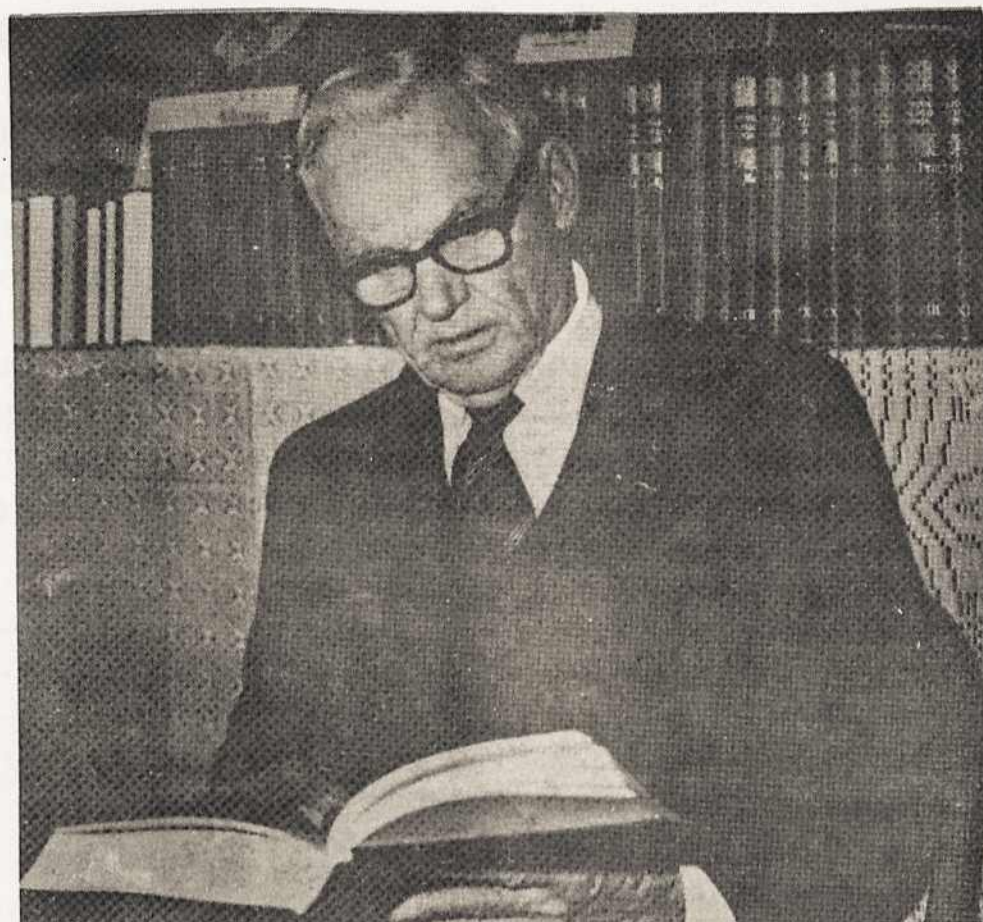
Honorary Memberships Awarded

The 67th National Convention honored another member in a special way by elevating him to Honorary Membership. During the Convention Banquet, the Honorary Membership Committee officially conferred the honor on ANTHONY DAINIUS of C-79 Southfield, Mich. for his many contributions to C-79, the Mid-Central District, and to the Lithuanian community of the Detroit area.

Especially moving was the presentation itself. It was made by the Committee's Honorary Chairman and perhaps oldest and longest-active K of L member, Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis who remembers Mr. Dainius as his student many years ago!

Mr. Dainius, moved by the event, responded with some reflections from his many years of K of L membership, and with sincere thanks to all K of L'ers for the honor.

Next year's Convention, as per a resolution accepted by this year's delegates, will elevate JOHN STOSKUS of C-103, Providence, R.I. to Honorary Membership.



Juozas Kapocius

SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee extends a very sincere and heart-felt thank-you to Vic and Beatrice Mathieu of Bristol, Rhode Island, for their extremely generous donation of \$500 to the 1980 Scholarship Fund. Both are members of Council 103 Providence, and it should be noted that while Beatrice has Lithuanian roots, Vic is a non-Lithuanian who does have a *Lithuanian* heart! Once again — sirdingai aciu.

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68th NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Knights of Lithuania voted unanimously to accept the invitation of Councils 74 (Scranton), 48 (Forest City) and (Pittston), to hold the 68th National Convention in SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

The three host councils were all recently reorganized, and are filled with enthusiasm and energy. Their excitement spread to this year's delegates who expect a most rewarding convention next year. The Convention will be held on the premises of the University of Scranton. More details will be forthcoming.

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FOURTH DEGREES AWARDED

As has been the tradition, the Convention's Sunday Mass was preceded by a most impressive ceremony, during which several outstanding members were recognized for their work in the Knights of Lithuania by being presented the Fourth Degree, Order of St. Casimir. The presentation was made by Spiritual Director Rev. A.J. Jurgelaitis, OP, assisted by Ritual Committee Members Sophie Zager, Fran Petkus and Rita Pinkus. The medals were blessed and presented by Bishop John Mulcahy, Aux. Bishop of Boston, who attended the Mass as a representative of Cardinal Medeiros.

Entered into the Fourth Degree were:

Alexander Akule, C-17, Boston
 Patricia Akule, C-17, Boston
 Frances Markuns, C-17, Boston
 Virginia Markuns, C-17, Boston
 Mary F. Mickevich, C-17, Boston
 Anne Norinkavich, C-17, Boston
 Marica Rogers, C-30, Westfield
 Millie Pietz, C-12, Manhattan
 Jovita Sleder, C-12, Manhattan
 Joseph White, C-17, Boston



JUNIOR CONVENTIONSHIP AWARDS

Juniors at a K of L Convention have become a regular and welcome sight... and many are eventually showing up as regular members, and continuing their contributions to the organization on a larger basis.

One major form of encouragement for Junior attendance has been the "Junior Conventionship", in which up to two members of each Junior Council can receive an award of \$25.00 for their participation. This year's awards went to:

Maria Stungarys, C-110, Maspeth
 Laura Ann Bader, C-103, Providence
 Mark Gendreau, C-17, Boston
 Joe Zaramba, C-17, Boston
 Georgianna Kassel, C-36, Chicago
 Paul Strolia, C-36, Chicago



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1980

I send warmest greetings to the delegates at the 67th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, and I welcome the opportunity to applaud the continuing good you do in communities across America.

Your efforts to preserve your wonderful ancestral legacy while instilling in your members the highest standards of responsible citizenship result in your positive influence on our way of life and on our nation's future progress and development.

I applaud such constructive civic leadership and wish you every future success.

Jimmy Carter



*Governor Edward J. King's signing of proclamation announcing Knights of Lithuania Week (Aug. 4-10)
Photo front row left to right: Patricia Akule, Anna Voveris, Falesia Grendal, Veronika Ivanauskas,*

Second row: Mary Martus, Daniel Averka, Adele Martus, Alexander Chaplik, Alexander Akule, Algirdas Budreikis, Longinas Svelnis, Joseph White

JUNIOR CONVENTION

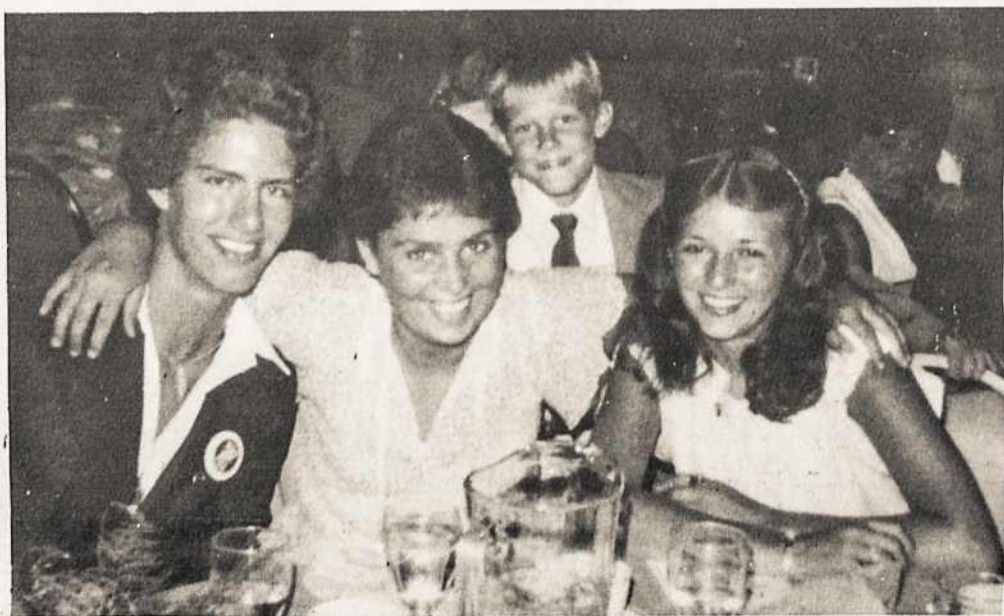
We had a very exciting time skating on Wednesday. There were 7 early bird Juniors.

Thursday, after the opening Mass and luncheon, we went on a walking tour of Boston. We went for a ride on a swan boat, we had a tour of the state capitol, and then we shopped at the famous Quincy Market.

Friday after seeing Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower II, we had a wonderful afternoon at the beach.

Saturday morning we had our own session. Adele Martus was elected chairperson and Joe Grigalunas was elected recording secretary. Phil Skabeikis came and greeted us in the name of the Supreme Council. Rev. Bordeaux, this year's "Friend of Lithuania" award recipient, spoke to us about his book *Land of Crosses*. Al Budreckis explained to us how to get Juniors interested by running various types of affairs. As the cultural part of our convention we were taught a Lithuanian folk dance called "Vederas."

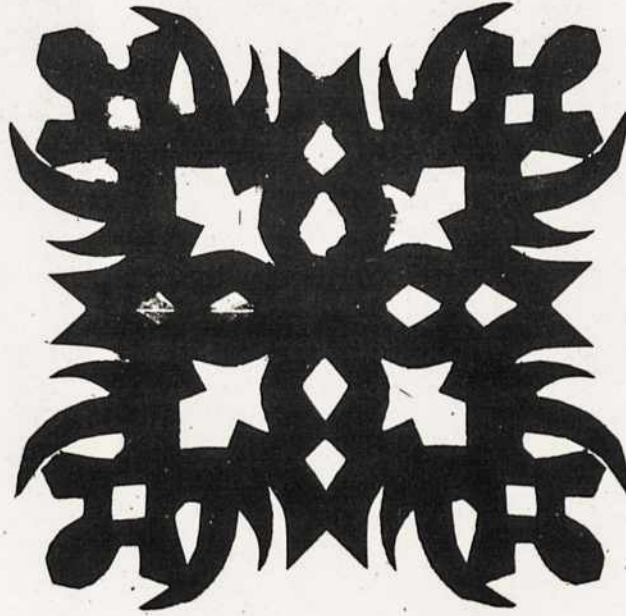
Saturday afternoon we attended the elections, a very interesting and important port of the convention.



We are proud of Paul Strolia, president of Junior Council 36-112, Chicago, who presented the award to Professor Aleksis on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the Vyčiu Himnas, on behalf of the entire organization.

We would like to thank Susan Bumila and Adele Martus for all the work they put into our program. We had a wonderful time.

Jurgina



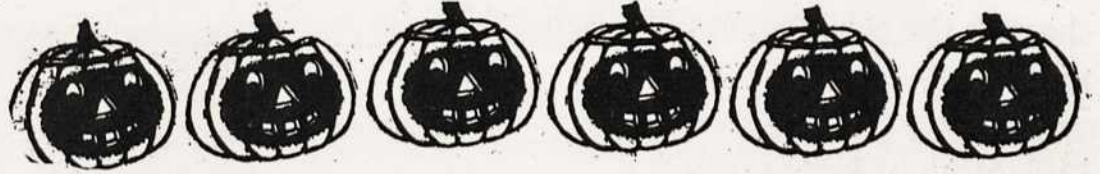
Dear Mr. Skabeikis,
(c/o Vytis)

I would like to express my thanks to you and to the members of the Knights of Lithuania for the Conventionship Award I received in Boston. I really appreciate it and hope to continue participating at Conventions in the future.

Vytiskai

Georgi Kassel
C-36-112 Jrs.

K OF L CALENDAR



OCTOBER

- 11 C-29 Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, HolyTrinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 18 C-3, Philadelphia KIELBASA - BEER - POLKA NIGHT, Lithuanian Music Hall, 2715 E. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, PA
- 26 N.E.D. SCHOLARSHIP FESTIVAL, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, MA

NOVEMBER

- 8 C-12, Manhattan, CRAZY HAT DANCE, Our Lady of Vilnius, Rev. George Gurinskas Hall. Music by Joe Thomas Orchestra
- 9 C-79, Southfield FALL FESTIVAL, Divine Providence Church Hall, Southfield, MI

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APRIL

- 26 N.E.D. SPRING CONVENTION, Westfield, MA, C-30 Hosts

MAY

- 16-17 "MEMORIES of LITHUANIA" Radio hour (Dr. J. Stukas Dir.) 40th Anniversary and 2000th Broadcast Celebration
Sat. - Concert - featuring "Vaiva" Ensemble of Chicago, Lithuanian Cultural Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Sun. - Mass and Banquet - Holy Trinity Parish, Newark, NJ

AUGUST

- 68th NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA



Social Sidelights

Delegates and guests began arriving in Boston for the 67th National Convention at various times during the week of Aug. 4, availing themselves of the many opportunities to see this beautiful and historic city and share in the celebration of its 350 Anniversary.

OPENING LUNCHEON

The Convention festivities formally began on Thursday, with an opening Mass, followed by a formal Opening Luncheon. A flurry of quick "hellos" preceded the luncheon, as members from all parts of the country renewed friendships and caught up on the past year's news.

Local celebrity Joe Casper served as emcee for the event, and amid anecdotes, introduced honored guests and local clergy members. Joe Casper is a funeral director by profession, but also dabbles in radio. Every Sunday, New Englanders can tune in to WRKO from 9-11 P.M. to Mr. Casper's radio talk show, "Three Cheers for Us Middle People." They can also call in, and express their opinions on the air, and exchange ideas with Joe. For all his work in P.R. for local Lithuanians, Joe Casper himself was presented an award by local Councils 17 and 17 Seniors.

Highlight of the event was the award presented by the Knights of Lithuanian to JUOZAS KAPOCIUS, for his monumental work of compiling, editing and publishing the Lithuanian Encyclopedia, both in Lithuanian and English.

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CULTURAL EVENING

Thursday evening, buses transported delegates to the South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club for a Cultural Evening of ancient Lithuanian ethnographic music.

The program was provided by the Boston Lithuanian Ethnographic Ensemble, which presented a most interesting set of scenes from early Lithuanian peasant life—love, marriage, motherhood, harvest, and day-to-day life, in song. The interesting part of the presentation was the music—ancient ethnographic sounds, sometimes plaintive, sometimes happy, often foreign to modern-day ears, but most interesting and novel, nonetheless.

To help the audience understand the program better, an emcee, dressed in the costume of the times depicted, (and strangely resembling our National Spiritual Adviser) described the depicted scenes in English.

After the program, the guests enjoyed a delicious buffet supper, some liquid refreshments, and some more socializing and renewing of friendships.

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FRIDAY GRAND BALL

To the strains of Al Stevens and his Orchestra, Convention delegates and guests, plus many local Bostonians spent a pleasant Friday evening waltzing, polka-ing and otherwise dancing away the tensions and fatigue of the busy and fruitful convention sessions. From the observed movement of guests, not only on the dance floor, but also between tables, it was obvious that the event also provided a wonderful opportunity for more renewal of friendships between "East and West."

As the orchestra played its "last chord" and packed up its instruments, guests moved on from the Grand Ballroom to smaller quarters - to continue socializing, singing, and even discussing Convention business in a variety of rooms. Most popular, as usual, was the Host's Hospitality Suite. There, G. Karosas and his accordion provided accompaniment for a long session of a Lithuanian Sing-Along.

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CONVENTION BANQUET

The Boston Park Plaza's Georgian Room with its multi-tiered crystal chandeliers was the site of the convention's most glamorous event—The Convention Banquet.

The elegantly-clad ladies and gentlemen began assembling in the Room's Foyer for pre-banquet cocktails while the newly-elected Supreme Council officers and special guests met in Parlor A to greet the Rev. Michael Bourdeaux and his charming wife.

The banquet officially began with

the singing of the Hymns and an invocation delivered by Rev. Albert Contons, pastor of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church and Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania. Greetings were extended by Convention Co-Chairman Joseph White and President of the C-17 Senior Council, Alexander Akule.



Following the excellent dinner, Master-of-Ceremonies Joseph Matachinskas introduced the dais guests and special guests seated in the audience. Among those, was the 1971 "Friend of Lithuania" award recipient, Roberts S. Brieze, the Latvian-American who was instrumental in freeing Simas Kudirka, and the lovely Mrs. Brieze.

Our "Grand" Knight, the 93-year young, Prof. Alexandras Aleksis of Waterbury and the Dean of our



Honorary Members presented the 1980 Honorary Membership Medal to Anthony Dainius of Detroit. The Prof. was assisted by H.M. Committee Secretary, Felica Grendal of So. Boston.

Walter Svekla, the capable National Scholarship Chairman, expressed his appreciation to everyone who so generously contributed to the Scholarship Fund. Six deserving members received Scholarship Awards: Adele Nancy Martus (C-17 Juniors); Lisa Ann Sakel (C-100); Leon K. Stungaris (C-110 Juniors); Maryte Bizinkauskas (C-1); Paula Marie Keeney (C-17 Juniors); and Carol Krecioch (C-103).

The climax of the banquet program was the presentation of the 1980 "Rev. John C. Jutt - Friend of Lithuania" Award to the Rev. Michael Bourdeaux of England. The award was presented by the Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius.

Other dais guests were: re-elected National President Philip Skabeikis and the newly-elected Supreme Council Officers; the banquet chairman and co-chairladies; President of So. Boston Council 17 John Olevitz; Associate Pastor of St. Peter's Church, the Rev. Robert Wolongevich; and the wives of the honored guests.

A delightful musical program was given by Maryte Bizinkauskas. She was accompanied by her father, Peter Bizinkauskas.

Convention Chairman Albert Jaritis expressed the host council's appreciation to everyone who attended the convention and the banquet, and asked for a round of applause for his hard-working convention committee.

Following the program, everyone enjoyed socializing and dancing to the music of the Al Stevens Orchestra.

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4545 W 63RD ST
CHICAGO, IL 60629**SUNDAY BRUNCH**

After a beautiful Mass and a flurry of picture taking, buses again transported all to the South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club for a sumptuous brunch, a short program, and farewells.

The Club was packed - and although the crowds made table hopping difficult, the sight of so many Lithuanians enjoying a repast together was heart-warming.

After the last table was called (via a lottery system) to partake of the many delicious foods offered, there was a program of awards, honors and prizes.

Junior Conventionships were awarded to Junior members from various councils, by National 1st V.P. Susan Bumilla.

John Adomenas, National 2nd V.P., awarded prizes to Councils who achieved 100% renewal of membership, and to individuals who signed up significantly many new or re-joined members.

Rev. Pugevicius presented plaques to members who wrote at least 100 letters for Lithuanian Affairs work during the year.

Highlight of the Brunch program was the drawing for the prizes donated to the Scholarship Fund by Phil Carter and Sister Francesca and anyone donating at least \$10 to the Scholarship Fund during the 1979-1980 K of L year was eligible to participate in the drawing.

The prize winners were:

- 1) Frances Bumilla - Book Ends
- 2) Joseph Matheau - Bronze Plaque

- 3) Council 1 Brockton - Alum. Plaque
- 4) Peter Yuskevich - Lithuanian Doll
- 5) Illinois-Indiana District - Lithuanian Doll

As the Brunch Program came to a close, it was "Thanks, Boston, for a superb time"...and "See you in Scranton!" And the 67th National Knights of Lithuania Convention became a happy memory!



"Grand Old Man" of So. Boston K of L-ers Felix Zaleckas, with P. Keany and his daughter Florence

