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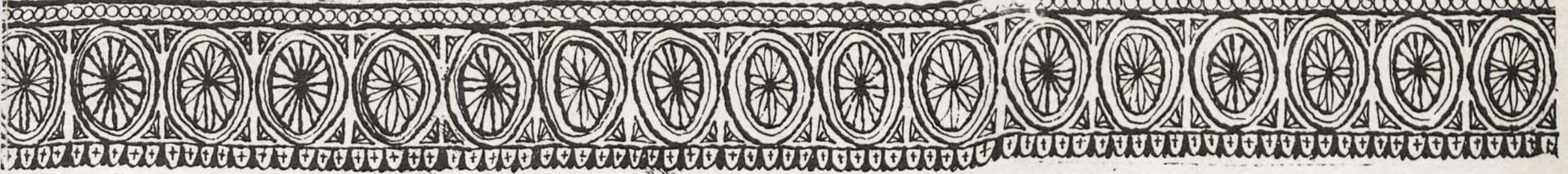
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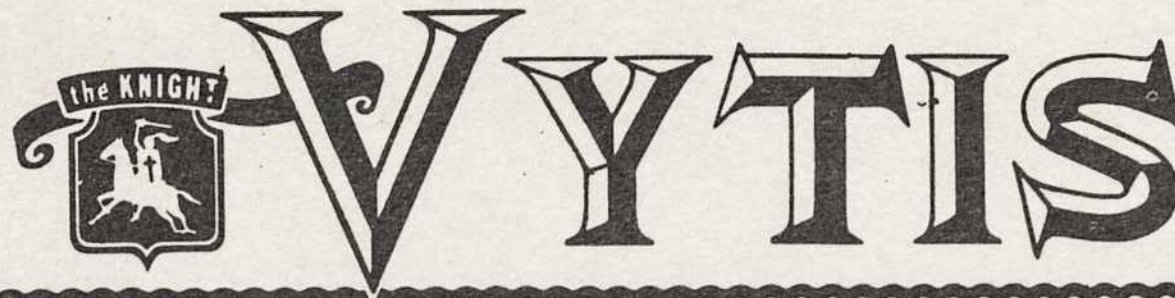
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Knights of Lithuania 69th National Convention State Of The Organization Report

**As presented by Loretta I. Stukas,
National President, August 5, 1982**

In accordance with Article XI, Section 2 of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, I hereby submit to the delegates of the 69th National Convention the Supreme Council's Annual Report, wherein I have combined all reports submitted to me before the Convention. It is important to note that this is but a summary of the work done by your Supreme Council, to give you a sense of what we have achieved this past year and where and how our organization stands today. The officers have provided fuller reports of their activities in writing, and we urge you to take home a set of these reports, read them carefully, and share the contents with your council members.

Spiritual Adviser

The Knights of Lithuania is grateful to Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, OP, for his spiritual guidance and moral support provided the Knights during the past year. Father serves as K of L representative to the "Year of the Lithuanian Parish" Committee. He has written inspiring articles in VYTIS on that subject, as well as on other topics, religious and organizational in nature. Father arranged for the use of the correct Liturgy during the Convention masses, and heads up the Convention Panel on the Year of the Parish. Attending two of the Supreme Council meetings, he has offered excellent advice and counsel in all our undertakings.

President

President Loretta Stukas organized and presided at three meetings of the Supreme Council, and invited C-25 to host the 69th Convention when no bid was made during the 68th Convention. She represented the K of L at numerous events, including the Signing of the Captive Nations Declaration at the White House, was guest speaker in Athol and Dayton, and paid courtesy visits to several councils and districts. She was actively involved in the organization of the East St. Louis and Kansas City councils. She appointed John Narusis as Legal Adviser, and appointed Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, Dr. Leonard Simutis, and Ann Marie Kassel to serve as K of L representatives to ALTAS. By mail or in person, she handled organization of numerous Supreme Council projects, e.g. History, archives, special PR releases, that will be discussed later in this report.

First Vice President

Juniors Vice-President Susan Bumilla attended all Supreme Council meetings and made several recommendations to improve K of L Junior Activity. She has prepared a Juniors' Manual for use by Junior Counselors. The Manual includes the Juniors By-Laws and material for Junior activity and programs. We currently have 10 Junior Councils. I'd like to note that THREE of these junior councils are from ONE regular council, the Anthracite C-144 of PA. I congratulate C-144 for their concern with youth, and urge other councils to get some advice from C-144, so that more councils can soon boast of AT LEAST ONE Junior council.

Second Vice-President

Membership Vice-President Elsie Kosmisky attended two Supreme Council meetings, announced and conducted the Membership Drive, and will present awards

to the winners later during this Convention. Elsie reports a "Banner Year" for membership this year. Six new councils were organized or reorganized this past year, C-38 Kenosha WI; C-40, East St. Louis; C-150, Kansas City; C-63, Lehigh Valley, PA; C-118, Hazelton, PA and C-117, Darien, IL. Of special significance are the East St. Louis and Kansas City councils, because they represent a move westward, lessening the gap between Los Angeles and Chicago! The other councils are also significant, because they were started by K of L-ers who saw the need to fill in gaps in their states, to make the K of L more accessible geographically to more members. Through a vast amount of correspondence to prospective members and council organizers, Elsie has "planted seeds" for several other councils, and we sincerely hope her efforts will pay off with more blossoming councils next year.

I would especially like to congratulate one member, John Paukstis of C-36, Chicago, who this year (until June) singlehandedly signed up 144 new or rejoining members!

Third Vice-President

Seniors Vice-President Frank Petrauskas attended all meetings of the Supreme Council and offered considerable help and advice in the Council deliberations. Frank has arranged for the first Seniors Meeting at the National Convention, and hopes to make this an annual affair. He has restarted the Seniors' Column in VYTIS, and hopes that this column will stir more communication between Seniors and Senior Councils. There currently exist 5 Senior Councils. However, C-17 Seniors have decided to merge with C-17 Regulars, after getting overwhelming approval for the move from members of both councils. The merger will take place in the Fall, at the end of the official K of L year.

Recording Secretary

National Recording Secretary Nancy Pawlauskas Miro attended all meetings, diligently kept minutes of these meetings and sent minutes to all officers and Honorary Members. She notified members of pending meetings, and compiled and distributed lists of national, district and council officers and committee chairmen. Nancy also handled miscellaneous correspondence required by the S.C., and issued Convention invitations to other national organizations and dignitaries.

Financial Secretary

Ann Marie Kassel, Financial Secretary, attended all Supreme Council meetings, prepared and distributed monthly membership reports, had printed all forms needed for membership and convention delegate recording, and, most important, kept accurate and up-to-date records of dues payment of all members. Ann Marie also participated in the organization of the Darien and East St. Louis Councils.

She reports that as of June 30, we have 3519 members, 55 councils and 10 Junior Councils. This

represents an increase of 424 members since the last convention, or an increase of 258 members since Jan. 1. It also represents an increase of 6 councils since last August's Convention.

Council Financial Secretaries are to be complimented for their efforts in keeping the membership current, because their efforts resulted not only in a large increase in members, but also in keeping our treasury healthy. And a very special ACIU to Ann Marie Kassel, for her service to the organization in handling this ever growing job of maintaining our membership records so smoothly and handling dues so efficiently.

To lighten the load of future Financial Secretaries, we will, on a trial basis, remove from the Financial Secretary's job the responsibility for maintenance of the VYTIS mailing list (the "zip code file"). Beginning in October, Miss Gerry Mack, C-112, Chicago, will assume maintenance of the VYTIS mailing list as the principal contact with the VYTIS mailing company. She will record and report to the mailing company all address changes received from the National Financial Secretary, individual members, or from the Post Office returned VYTIS copies. Her address will become the official VYTIS mailing address for address changes and returns. We urge all our more mobile members to report expected addresses changes to Miss Mack early, so that we can avoid the expense of returned VYTIS issues and you can avoid missing copies of VYTIS.

Treasurer

Treasurer Alphonse Trainis attended all Supreme Council meetings and handled K of L monies efficiently and wisely. He will give a full oral report on our financial standing later in the Convention. But we should note happily that we stayed safely within our budget this year, and in fact, were about \$1000 below the expected, net outlay budgeted for. Increased income from membership dues, donations to the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, and wise use of funds by officers and committees probably account for the year's good record.

While this is not necessarily cause for wild and increased spending, it does say that we can forego asking for a dues increase this year. But please, don't forget to support your pet K of L project when asked. Your support of VYTIS at Christmas and of other special projects as they arise will help keep dues stable in the future also.

Trustees

Trustees John Adomenas and Paul Binkis attended all Supreme Council meetings. They also investigated possible sites for the next National Convention. Paul Binkis audited the books of the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary. He also was part of the team that visited East St. Louis and helped reorganize C-40 there. The Trustees will give an oral report later during the Convention.

Legal Adviser

John Narusis of C-112, Chicago, was appointed National Legal Adviser in October, after the resignation of H.M. Anthony Young. Mr. Narusis prepared the initial contract between the K of L and Rev. W. Wolkovich who is researching and writing the K of L History, and approved the changes made in the contract by Rev. Wolkovich's attorney. He also filed the necessary annual K of L tax forms and is working on several other projects recommended by the Supreme Council.

Vytis Editor

Editor Aldona Ryan, who assumed editorship last August, has done a fine job in keeping VYTIS alive, well, and interesting. Ten issues were published since the last convention, providing a proportionate coverage of religious political and cultural articles, Lithuanian lessons, news of members and other Lithuanians. Aldona's staff includes Helen Chesko, Council News Editor, Ruth Kazlauskas, Lithuanians in the News Editor, and Vida Gecas, Layout Editor. The 1982 theme was "The Year of the Lithuanian Parish".

Aldona reports a good response to the Christmas Greeting Campaign and is pleased with the contribution of articles. She has answered a great deal of correspondence and is also involved in many other Lithuanian cultural activities.

Illinois-Indiana District

Vincent Samaska, President, reports expansion of that district by the addition of Kenosha, WI, East St. Louis, IL, Kansas City, KS and Darien, IL. To include these new councils in the district name, the district voted in June to change its name to the "Mid-America District" or "MAMD". The district had 4 business meetings, a Mass for Deceased Members, a "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet at which the "Margutis" Radio Hour of Chicago was honored, a St. Casimir Day Celebration, and its traditional July 4 picnic. They hosted the Midwest Bowling Tournament attended by IID and MCD, and their members participated actively in the ALTAS-sponsored June Deportation Commemoration and the Captive Nations Week March. The district has also been very active in a variety of other Lithuanian Affairs activities. The district has an active K of L Choir directed by Faustas Strolia and a K of L Dance Group, directed by Frank Zapolis. They also own and maintain a beautiful K of L Hall and Garden, which also houses some of the K of L archives.

Mid-Atlantic District

Larry Janonis, MAD President, attended all Supreme Council meetings and reports that MAD has 21 councils, with an increase of two this year. The District sponsored three meetings, in Maspeth, NY (in conjunction with the blessing of the C-110 Wayside Shrine at Transfiguration Church), in Frackville, PA (which included the District St. Casimir Day celebration), and in

Newark, NJ. MAD also sponsored its annual Lithuanian Festival and a Leadership Workshop. Both events were successful, and the Leadership Workshop will also become an annual event in the District. Under MAD's leadership, 53 parishes in Lithuania have been spiritually adopted by K of L councils. C-144 will again sponsor a massive Lithuanian Day at Barnesville, PA August 15.

Larry reports plans to revitalize older, dying councils in the district who pay dues but have waning activity.

Mid-Central District

President Tom Bruzga attended two Supreme Council meetings. He reports that MCD held a Pilgrimage and Convention in September in Cleveland, and a special Convention at the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Chicago. The district councils sponsored a variety of activities including a 50th Anniversary of C-96, Dayton and a 20th Anniversary of C-139, Detroit. C-25, Cleveland has been busy preparing to host the 69th National Convention. The MCD Fall Convention and Pilgrimage is planned for Oct. 2-3, 1982, in Dayton.

New England District

President Peter Bizankauskas reports that the district had two conventions this year. Its member councils have been involved in a variety of activities and have formed a membership committee to seek out locations for new councils.

Lithuanian Affairs Committee

Chairman Dr. Jack Stukas attended two Supreme Council meetings. He reports an active Lithuanian Affairs year. A monthly Lithuanian Affairs bulletin, edited by Miss Bernice Aviza, under Dr. Stukas' direction, is sent to members and friend of K of L who have expressed a desire to receive it. A number of donations to offset the cost of mailing have been received, thus allowing the committee to extend into new areas while still staying within their budget. The bulletin provides action items and instructions on how and when to respond to press, etc., information about Lithuanian causes.

The "Friend of Lithuania" Award will not be given this year because the proposed recipients were not able to participate at the Banquet and the award must, by tradition, be presented in person.

District representatives Bernice Aviza, Ruth Kazlauskas and Stefania Rastikis report much activity (letter writing, petition signing in the thousands), in the campaign for a commemorative Darius-Girenas Stamp, the campaign for the release from the Soviet Union of Viktoras Skuodis and the wife and daughter of Aloyzas Jurgutis, Baltic Freedom Day, and numerous other Lithuanian causes. Many letters to the editor from K of L-ers were printed in the American press. In Chicago especially, we should note that K of L-ers took their Lithuanian Affairs activity beyond the K of L, especially in the case of the Darius Girenas stamp. Through the efforts of Stephanie Ugincius, C-14, Cicero, hundreds

of letters were written by employees and patients of Holy Cross Hospital, the Sister of St. Casimir, and students of Maria High School. John Paukstis, C-36 President, forwarded 1000 signatures to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee through the Darius Girenas American Legion Post. Numerous other members have been very active in this committee's work and are mentioned in Dr. Stukas' report.

Dr. Stukas himself, besides directing National activity, also broadcast Lithuanian Affairs news on his two Lithuanian radio shows in New York and New Jersey, was principal speaker at the Feb. 16 Commemoration in Baltimore, and represented the K of L at the 60th Anniversary of the "de-jure" recognition of the Baltic States, in the Reayburn Congressional Office Building in Washington, sponsored by the Joint Baltic-American Committee and several Congressmen. He also arranged for the Lithuanian Affairs Panel for this convention. He has maintained relations with the major Lithuanian organizations.

Dr. Stukas recommends that more members pay attention and respond to news items about Lithuania, and also send clippings promptly to the Lithuanian Affairs Chairman for further action. He further recommends that councils and districts who co-sponsor Feb. 16 functions should include our K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee when allotting donations.

Lithuanian Cultural Committee

Chairman Anna Klizas Wargo attended all Supreme Council meetings and maintained contact with Council and district cultural committee chairmen with reports and recommendations. Four reports were sent out and provided instructions on making straw ornaments and margučiai, ideas for commemorating Feb. 16 and for Lithuanian-style celebrations of Christmas and Easter. She also provided lists of Lithuanian Song and Dance groups, Lithuanian publications, and books, and wrote several cultural articles for VYTIS. Anna also participated in organization of the Lehigh Valley council.

Through Anna's efforts, a K of L-er, Annie Morgalis, C-144, was appointed to the State of Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Committee as a Lithuanian representative.

Ritual Committee

Rita Pinkus, Chairman, and committee Helen Chesko and Magdalena Smailis, report the awarding this past year of a total of 185 First Degrees, 147 Second and 56 Third Degrees. 114th Degrees will be given at this convention.

All bills are paid and an ample supply of 3rd and 4th degree medals are on hand. The committee is looking into normalizing the ritual ceremonies to make them alike in all Districts, and is reviewing the degree requirements.

Public Relations Committee

Chairman Irene Sankus attended all Supreme Council meetings. She sent several releases to the Lithuanian Press covering the meetings, activities of the President and Convention information. Irene participated in organization of the Darien and East St. Louis councils.

The K of L and its National President were featured in wide coverage in the May and June, 1982, issues of the Lithuanian Days Magazine, and considerable coverage was given the K of L in DRAUGAS, DARBININKAS, BRIDGES and DIRVA, thanks to the efforts of Emilija Pakalniskis, DRAUGAS "Vyciu Veikla" Editor, Dale Bulvicius of the DARBININKAS and BRIDGES staffs, and Emilia Cekas of the DIRVA staff. Considerable coverage was also received in the American press in the New York area through the efforts of Helen Kulber, C-41 President.

Scholarship Committee

Chairman William Piacentini reports that last year's candidates have all received their Scholarship allotments, and a set of new applications for this year's awards will be reviewed during this Convention. He sent information on the applicants to Committee members for consideration. Letters requesting candidates and donations were sent to all councils in the Spring. A full financial report on the Scholarship Fund will be given later in the Convention.

Honorary Membership Committee

The Honorary Membership Committee is prepared to bestow Honorary Membership on two new members this year, Kazimiera Petrulis, C-36, and Mary Kober, C-109. The Committee, under the chairmanship of Anthony Mazeika, will meet during the Convention to evaluate other candidates for Honorary Membership.

Archives Committee

Chairman Larry Svelnis attended one Supreme Council meeting. Thanks to his diligence and the generosity of Archives Mečenatas Jonas Valauskas, the K of L Archives Room at ALKA in Putnam, CT is a reality. The room, 8' x 14', has been painted and carpeted and is being reequipped to receive K of L records and archival materials. A formal dedication is planned for Oct. 16, at which time Mr. Valauskas will be honored as the sponsor of this room.

Lithuanian Language Propagation

Coordinator Algirdas Budreckis did his part to spread the Lithuanian Language, by his "Lithuanian Lore," a monthly section in VYTIS in which he provided Lithuanian language lessons and information on where to get Lithuanian/English dictionaries and textbooks. He also translated Convention resolutions and a variety of other K of L-related articles, letters, etc.

Mr. Budreckis recommends the continuation of the "Language Lore" section in VYTIS. He also suggests that a section of the K of L Leadership Manual be

devoted to a basic English-Lithuanian vocabulary and general phrases and expressions.

Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid

Chairman Frances Petkus attended one Supreme Council meeting. At the March meeting, the Supreme Council voted to begin a K of L drive to sponsor one issue of the Chronicles. Mrs. Petkus has notified all councils of this decision, asking their help. All K of L donations to LCRA, unless otherwise specified, will be used for publication of an issue of the CHRONICLES. Up to July 15, \$1103 has been collected toward that goal. We hope that the generosity of K of L-ers will bring this sum up to \$2500 and the goal can be met very soon.

K of L History

Helen Shields, History Fund Chairman, reports that the K of L History, as outlined by resolution at the last convention, is in preparation. Rev. William Wolkovich of Hudson, MA has been commissioned to do the research and writing, and has already begun his research. The K of L was also fortunate to receive a pledge from Mr. Jonas Valauskas, C-147, St. Petersburg, to cover the cost of the printing. The rest of our over 3500 members need only to raise the other half of the cost, the cost of the research and writing, estimated to amount to about \$15,000. We currently have about \$1400 in donations toward the goal. The official fund drive will begin at this Convention.

Those districts, councils or individuals who will contribute at least \$75.00 will be acknowledged in the publication and will receive a complimentary copy. Contributions can be spread over a period of 5 years.

The History will be published in both languages, with English as the primary one and a summary in Lithuanian. We urge you to turn in your contribution or pledge to Helen Shields at this Convention. Any amount will be most welcome.

National Conventions

In our continuing attempt to streamline conventions, we have initiated a few more changes this year, and hope that the trend can continue at future conventions. Some of the changes you will notice this year are as follows:

1. Written greetings will at best be excerpted or only verbally acknowledged from the podium, but will be posted outside the meeting room so that all delegates can read the greeting at their leisure. Some beautiful greetings have been received and we recommend your reading all of them.

2. No panels are planned for Saturday, so that the day can be devoted to resolutions, elections and other business. Resolutions must be presented in writing and signed by the proposer. The Resolutions Committee reserves the right NOT to accept any resolutions after Friday afternoon. This will provide time to review them

properly and present them for consideration by Saturday morning.

3. Awards for Membership, Juniors, etc., will be given during a session on Saturday, and Fourth Degree certificates will be presented at the ceremony in Church. No awards will be given at the Sunday Brunch, to allow delegates and guests to make timely departures and to make the presentations more impressive.

4. A questionnaire has been prepared to give the Supreme Council some statistics on who attends conventions, what they would like to see at future conventions, and what they think about our national level activity. Please cooperate by getting a questionnaire from the Mandate Desk, completing it and turning it in before Saturday noon.

5. We should aim in the future to streamline our activity even more, by selecting candidates for office in advance and providing their qualifications in VYTIS, preparing and preprinting resolutions before the start of the convention, etc., so that delegates would be given more time to consider what they will vote on and who they will elect to important offices.

Summary

It is safe to say "we had a good year!," thanks to a most cooperative board. You should have noticed that most of the Supreme Council members and chairmen attended all or most of the meetings. They were also faithful in corresponding between meetings. Thus we were able, together, to isolate problem areas and weak spots and together find ways to address the problems. Our growth in membership came also from cooperation, not only of the Board members, but all the membership.

But we can't rest on our laurels. Much must be done to keep the K of L vibrant and effective. A few projects planned or thought about for the future:

1. As we attract new members and add on new councils, we need to provide direction for these councils. New and old councils need more guidance from the National Committees in specifics for running interesting meetings and activities. We hope that the "What More/What Better" panel will provide a better insight into exact needs and desires of councils for just such a purpose.

2. Unless we attract more youth and keep them involved, our future is dim. We need to strengthen and expand our Juniors movement AND seek out youth - under 30 - to become members and to assume positions of responsibility. This cannot be done unless each council takes PAINSTAKING EFFORTS to make their meetings and activities attractive to the youth, and unless we ELECT youth to office.

3. Youth AND older members need leadership training if we are to assume or continue leadership in the Lithuanian Catholic community. I congratulate the MAD for their initiative in sponsoring a Leadership Workshop last spring and urge other districts to follow their example. MAD officers will provide information

about the workshop to anyone who asks. They might even volunteer speakers where needed.

4. As we again select leaders at this convention, and later at our districts and councils, remember to select them on the basis of their abilities, not popularity. Select people who want to work and will DO the job. And those of you who assume a job, carry it out. Let us resolve once and for all to purge one phrase from our vocabulary - "NO REPORT!" If you take on a job, do it, or get help, but don't cop out with NO REPORT.

5. Rising costs and a desire to keep dues low creates a "Catch 22" situation. We must look to new sources of income if we are to keep our dues accessible to all members, especially families, and still engage in significant work. One such possibility is establishment of a K of L Endowment Fund, wherein donations from more affluent members of those remembering the K of L in their wills would be deposited in a fund whose capital is "untouchable," but whose interest would be made available for special projects. Our Legal Adviser is already looking into establishment of just such a fund, and VYTIS will soon carry instructions on how to "remember the K of L in your wills"

6. We are approaching the official end of the "Year of the Lithuanian Parish". But for K of L-ers, there can be no end to that project. We must make every year our Year of the Lithuanian Parish, and as much as possible, work to keep our parishes alive and thriving. Ask yourself - where would you or your council be without a Lithuanian Parish? When did you last hear Mass at a Lithuanian Parish or offer help at a parish activity? Every K of L council associated with a Lithuanian parish should be the backbone of the parish. It is up to you.

7. Finally, we need to increase and improve our Public Relations work. The job of PR must extend BEYOND the National PR leader. Each of you is a potential PR agent. Let no activity go unnoted or accomplishment unrecognized by the press, American as well as Lithuanian. We must bring and KEEP K of L in the public eye. Only then will we gain the prestige we have earned, only then will the K of L be accepted as a viable force in the Lithuanian American Catholic community, and only then will major avenues be opened to us, by which we can effectively help in the cause of Lithuania's freedom, and promote our Lithuanian heritage and Catholic faith.

In closing, on behalf of the Supreme Council, thank you for your attention today, and your cooperation and interest all year. May our patron, St. Casimir continue to watch over us and guide us in our efforts "Dievui ir Tėvynei".

Dievas telaimina musu pastangas, pasiryžimus ir nutarimus darbuoti Dievo ir Tėvynės labui. Lai Gyvuoją Lietuvos Vyčiai.



Report Of The National President

To the 69th National Convention
Cleveland, Ohio — August 5-8, 1982

Following is a summary of my activities in fulfillment of the duties of National President during the past year:

1. Scheduled and chaired three Supreme Council meetings, in Newark, NJ, Cleveland, OH, and Watchung, NJ, and hosted the Watchung meeting.

2. Was guest speaker at C-10 sponsored Feb. 16 commemoration in Athol, MA and at the 50th Anniversary Dinner of C-96, Dayton, OH. Participated as panelist in the MAD Leadership Workshop.

3. Represented the K of L at the Signing of the Captive Nations Proclamation by President Reagan in the White House Rose Garden.

4. Represented the K of L and extended greetings at the ALTAS meeting in Chicago, at the Feb. 16 Commemoration Dinner in Baltimore, MD. and at the Sisters of St. Casimir Jubilee Mass in Chicago.

5. Paid courtesy visits to and greeted MAD Conventions in Maspeth, N.Y. Frackville, PA and Newark, NJ and meetings of C-147, St. Petersburg, FL and C-36, Chicago, IL.

6. Greeted all Districts in writing at their conventions, and responded, with written greetings, to invitations to conventions of VLIKAS, Ateitininkai, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation, Lithuanian Federation of Women, and others.

7. Because no bid for the 69th National Convention was made at the Convention in Scranton, I arranged for C-25, Cleveland to host the 69th Convention this year, and worked with the hosts in planning the convention.

8. Appointed John Narusis, C-112, Chicago as Legal Adviser.

9. Appointed Dr. Leonas Kriaceliunas, Leonard Simutis, Jr., and Ann Marie Kassel as K of L representatives to ALTAS.

10. Responded with recommendations to the "Year of the Lithuanian Parish" Committee and appointed Rev. A. J. Jurgelaitis, OP as K of L representative to that committee. Appointed P. Skabeikis as K of L representative to the "St. Casimir Jubilee" Committee.

11. Headed a K of L team visiting Immaculate Conception parish in East St. Louis, IL and succeeded in reorganizing C-40 there. Kept in contact with Kansas City Lithuanians and succeeded in organizing a new council, C-150, there.

12. Formalized the preparations for the researching, writing and publication of the K of L History in anticipation of the K of L 75th Anniversary in 1988. Contracted with Rev. William Wolkovich to do the research and writing. Also received pledge from C-147 member Jones Valauskas to sponsor printing and publication of the final manuscript.

13. Made initial arrangements with Archives committee for Dedication of K of L Archives Room at ALKA, and to appropriately honor Archives Room Sponsor J. Valauskas at that time.

14. Sent telegrams to President Reagan and Secretary Haig asking their help in freeing Marija Jurgutis, wife of dissident A. Jurgutis. Wrote President Reagan to thank him for his inspiring words at the ceremony of signing the Captive Nations Week Declaration.

15. Prepared material about the K of L for "Lithuanian Days" magazine. Said material, plus an interview with me, appeared in the May and June issues of the publication.

16. Prepared excerpts of my Dayton talk for publication in DIRVA, at the request of Mrs. Emilija Cekas of the DIRVA staff. Item also appeared in DRAUGUS. Sent numerous articles and news items to DRAUGUS, DARBININKAS, DIRVA and GARSAS.



17. Assisted new VYTIS Editor A. Ryan with her first few issues of VYTIS, and contributed several articles to VYTIS, relating to K of L activity and preparation for the Convention.

18. Kept in touch with S.C. members and leaders of various districts and councils to help and advise where needed and to solve problems as they occurred. Responded to a variety of correspondence received from K of L-ers, interested Lithuanians and other Lithuanian organizations.

I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the Supreme Council and the National Committee heads for their outstanding cooperation this past year. The help and support of this year's Board, who were so diligent, imaginative and cooperative in carrying out their duties was gratifying and made my job truly enjoyable and rewarding. Aciu sirdingai.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta I. Stukas
National President



“BE INTENT ON THINGS ABOVE”

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



Priests at altar - Opening Mass

“Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth,” was a bit of advice Saint Paul wrote to the Colossians. (Col.3,2) As we review the various activities of the 69th Convention held in Cleveland this year, it seems that the Knights of Lithuania took these words to heart and mind. This Convention sparkled with concern for and dedication to “things above” as is focused in our organization slogan: FOR GOD AND COUNTRY — Dievui ir Tėvynei.

The Convention began with a solemn celebration of the Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit, a perfect prayer for Divine guidance and wisdom. Chief concelebrant was the Ordinary of the Cleveland diocese,

Bishop Anthony Pilla. Concelebrants at the altar were Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Father Albert Contons, president of the American Lithuanian Priests' League and Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P., Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor. Twenty priest-delegates to the national Convention of the Priests League also concelebrated. The beautiful Lithuanian traditional hymns were sung by the entire congregation, delegates, alternates and guests led by the organist of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, the Convention host parish.

The Mass was said in Lithuanian but the homily was preached in English by Bishop Pilla. He extended warm greetings to the Conven-

tion, he read a telegram from His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, blessing the work of the Convention and all members of the organization. His Excellency spoke with understanding, encouraging the Knights of Lithuania to share the sufferings of the Lithuanian people with all the world and to pass on that precious Lithuanian heritage to their children. Bishop Brizgys extended his greetings and best wishes for a fruitful Convention before the Blessing of the Mass. As Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania he urged a greater zeal in striving to implement the ideals for which the organization was founded sixty nine years ago.

During the first session of the



Congregation at Opening Mass

Convention, after the formalities of electing the Presidium, hearing the Report on the State of the Organization by Loretta Stukas, President, there was a pause in the proceedings to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Lithuania's foremost poet — Monsignor Jonas Maciulis — MAIRONIS. Knights of Lithuania joined Catholics in Lithuania in honoring this famous Seminary professor, later Rector, poet and pioneer in awakening the Lithuanian national spirit of independence during the waning years of czarist rule. It is noteworthy that several of his poems were set to music and are sung as hymns even today, for example "Marija, Marija" and the last stanza of "Kur bega Sesupe".

Intent on things above were the Convention delegates when the first Symposium was announced: **The Year of the Lithuanian Parish and the K of L.** During the 68th Convention a Resolution was passed supporting the aims of the proposed Year of the Lithuanian Parish. This year the Convention was to study and adopt specific ways in which local councils could participate in this necessary task.

The panel consisted of Mr. Romas Bublys, Chairmen of the Central Committee of the Year of the Lithuanian Parish based in Cleveland and Father Joseph Bacevice, Administrator of St. George Lithuanian parish in Cleveland and a member of the twelve member Committee. Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. was the Panel Moderator.

Mr. Bublys pointed out that from the very beginning of Lithuanian immigration to the United States the focal point of all activity, religious and cultural, was the Lithuanian parish. A short time ago, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops recognized the importance of cultural pluralism in American parish life. Ethnic diversity enriches the culture of the United States. In recent decades ethnic parishes have been losing members, becoming weaker in cultural activities and, in



Romas Bublys, Father Joseph Bacevice, Father Anthony Jurgelaitis

a growing number of cases, even being closed down.

The Central Committee has been studying the situation and searching for remedies. Information packets have been prepared and distributed widely, urging discussion and dialogue, suggesting activities to revitalize Lithuanian parish life. A living parish is the responsibility of every parish member. The parish is not the pastor's parish, but the parish of pastor and people. The K of L, with its long tradition of closeness and generous cooperation with pastors and parish priests in their local councils, are well prepared for leadership in this endeavor by offering their services to the parish as local needs require. "We must not mark time, but march forward," said Mr. Bublys.

The second panelist, Father Joseph Bacevice, spoke about his efforts and approach to parish revitalization. The problem was to gain a clearer understanding of the situation. To do this a series of questionnaires was distributed to the parishioners. By answering questions the parishioners obtained a clearer understanding of what a living parish ought to be. By analyzing the results of the questionnaire the pastor was able to determine the real needs of his people and then together with them proceed to fulfill them as pastor and people of God.

The questionnaire revealed that many parishioners felt the need for a fuller discussion of doctrine, the teaching of the Church. They felt that they needed more than the Sunday homily. This led to the formation of a religion discussion group.

One of the benefits of a questionnaire is that it plants the seeds of responsibility among the parishioners themselves. If they voiced opinions as to what or how something is to be done, they will be more apt to lend a hand to accomplish what they see as a real need.

The third panelist was not on the platform, but on the Convention floor: the delegates and alternates.

Comments and suggestions from the floor took up the major portion of the Panel. It was suggested that maintaining the Lithuanian language is a necessity, if we wish to preserve our Lithuanian parishes. Another delegate suggested that one Sunday each month be designated as K of L Sunday on which members would come to the Lithuanian Mass, thereby strengthening their fluency in Lithuanian.

Several members reported that they do not have Lithuanian priests in their areas, asking what could be done. In reply, the delegate from Washington, D.C. explained how they were instrumental in establishing a Lithuanian Mission in



Delegates

the Capital, that is, making arrangements with a local pastor for a Mass once a month during which Lithuanians could sing Lithuanian hymns, could have the readings in Lithuanian and from time to time invite a Lithuanian priest to visit them. This system has been going on for the past several months, due to the prolonged illness of the Council's Spiritual Advisor, Father Thomas Ziuraitis, O.P.

Another idea that could be used by the K of L councils to attract parishioners who live at great distances from the parish church is to form telephone teams to inform these people of special events. One K of L would have the responsibility of calling and inviting five parishioners. Thus, for example, twenty members could contact one hundred parishioners.

In Frackville, Pa. the K of L Council has been sponsoring a Lithuanian Mass on Sundays which is broadcast on radio for the benefit of a wide area and many listeners.

Father Gediminas Kijauskas, S.J., Spiritual Advisor of the Host Council and Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, described the Catholic and Lithuanian cultural activities in his parish. For every significant Lithuanian holiday and holy day special liturgical and religious/cultural programs are prepared and printed. These leaflets with hymns and readings and

prayers are used by the congregation on Christmas, Easter, Lithuanian Independence Day, the "terrible days of June" and so on. Very generously Father Kijauskas offered to share these programs with all K of L Councils.

The Panel Moderator brought this interesting discussion to a close, explaining that the results of the Panel would be incorporated into a Resolution which would be proposed for action by the Convention.

On Friday, which was the Solemnity of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, Holy Mass was celebrated for the intentions of "persecuted peoples", especially Lithuanians. Chief concelebrant was Father Casimir Pugevicius, who also



Friday Mass

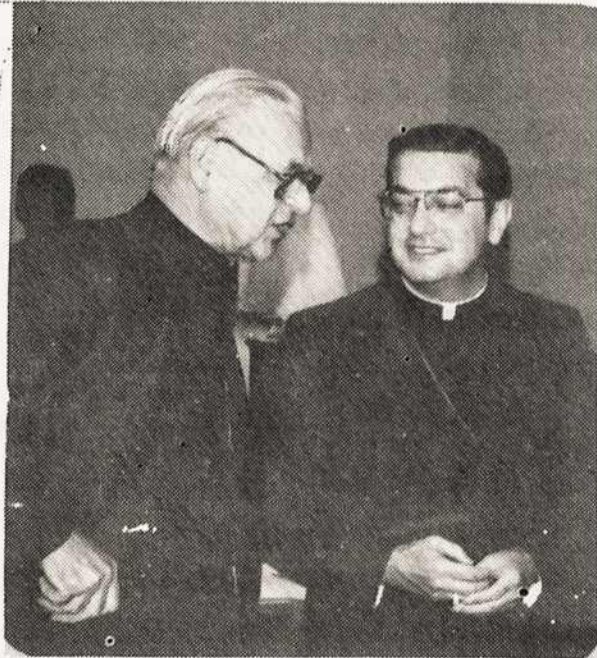
preached the homily. He stated that the religious situation in Lithuania during the past year or two has been getting worse: priests are being physically attacked and even murdered. The atheist government is beginning to use more drastic methods in their war against God. In spite of this, the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LITHUANIA continues its heroic mission of documenting religious oppression and discrimination. Lithuanian Catholics are making enormous sacrifices to keep up their faith and loyalty in Christ and the Church. K of Lers should not hesitate of fear to make sacrifices of time and effort and even money to support their brothers and sisters in the Faith in occupied Lithuania. They must be constantly at work to let these injustices be known to others who are less fortunate than we are in getting the facts and information. Father Pugevicius offered to provide printed materials for the councils to spread in their own areas.

Saturday's Mass was offered for our organization's deceased members. Chief concelebrant was Father Jurgelaitis, National Spiritual Advisor. In the homily he pointed out that this annual Mass for all our deceased members is an affirmation of our firm belief in the Communion of Saints, a doctrine which emphasizes the truth that death does not end life, but gives it a new beginning. Referring to the second part of the K of L slogan: FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, he brought out an interesting point. Normally we think of country — Teyvne as having a double meaning: first, the land of our birth and second, the land of our heritage. However, there is a third meaning. If Fatherland is the place where our Father lives, and God is our Father, then our eternal Fatherland has to be Heaven, and for us it becomes easy to be close to those whom God has called to themselves.

At one of the sessions Father Joseph Dambrauskas, MIC addressed the delegates to provide the latest

information on the Beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis in which the Knights of Lithuania have zealously participated over the past few years. The work is not over yet. Thus, K of Lers were urged to continue their prayers and their efforts to keep the cause of Archbishop George alive in the local councils.

His Excellency, Bishop Anthony Pilla, made a second visit to the Convention as Guest of Honor and Principal Speaker at the Banquet on Saturday evening. His remarks showed a deep and compassionate understanding of the plight of our people in Lithuania, a genuine concern. For this the Knights of Lithuania and all Lithuanians can be profoundly grateful.



Fr. A. Jurgelaitis and Bishop—
Anthony Pilla

At one point in his talk Bishop Pilla proposed a most important guideline for K of L activities: "Words, words, words...are meaningless and fruitless, unless we are prepared to live by them and die for them." Catholics in Lithuania are living and dying for the Words of Truth. This is the example that should inspire K of L activities, too.

The closing Mass of the Convention was celebrated in the Host Council Parish — Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. The Pastor, Father G. Kijauskas, S.J., was chief concelebrant; other concelebrants were Father Jurgelaitis, O.P., Father J. Dambraskas, MIC and



Sunday Church Processional

Father Savukynas, MIC. Just before the Mass the National Spiritual Advisor presided over the Ritual of Conferral of the Fourth Degree. About twenty worthy Knights were presented with the medal of the Order of Saint Casimir in recognition of their service "For God and Country" over many years.

Father Kijauskas' homily was a thoughtful resume of the significance of K of L ideals. The K of L should be ever alert to present day opportunities and challenges, they should be bold and courageous in facing them with innovative ideas and methods.

The solemnity of the Mass was enhanced by the fact that K of L delegates and local parishioners sang the hymns. A colorful Offertory procession brought up the gifts for the Sacrifice and symbolic offerings, as well, one of which was a decorative wooden box, containing earth from Lithuania, to signify our closeness in Faith and culture with the land of our parents and grandparents.

With the swearing in of the newly elected officers the 69th Convention came to an official close.

We can be happy and proud that this Convention showed genuine K of L concern "for things above".



Giftbearers



Rita Pinkus, National Ritual Chairman, leading Fourth Degree Candidates: Rose Zukauskas, Margaret Brazaitis, Sabina Klatt, Sofia Zukas, Jeanne Yakstys,

Joseph Yakstys, Viola Panaviene, Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas and Rev. John Savukynas



Supreme Council Officers installed at Closing Mass



Msgr. J. Balkunas and Bishop V. Brizgys



**Br. George, Andy Sharnus, C-25,
Fr. A. Jurgelaitis and
Fr. J. Savukynas**



**Loretta Stukas, Natl. President and
Stella Sankal, Cleveland Srs.**

CONVENTION PLENARY SESSIONS

"What More - What Better" Panel

Friday afternoon's panel, entitled "What More - What Better" was moderated by Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. with Paul E. Binkis, Jr. of C-12 Chicago and Nancy Pawasauskas Miro of C-141 Bridgeport presenting the panel. Fr. Jurgelaitis graciously filled in for Thomas Bruzga, who because of the death of his sister, could not be present.

The purpose of this panel was to point out weaknesses in our Councils, and to suggest remedies for these weaknesses. The panel coordinators sent out a questionnaire to all Council presidents, asking them for their ideas and suggestions for improvement. The questionnaire results were eye-opening to say the least.

Declining attendance at meetings and the absence of young adults in the councils were the two most frequent complaints of the councils who responded. Paul and Nancy focused their presentation on these problem areas. How to make the regular meeting of councils more interesting and how to attract youth to the organization were discussed in detail. At the request of the panel coordinators, suggestions from the floor of the convention were welcomed. Both the suggestions received from the council presidents in their questionnaire responses as well as the suggestion of the conventioners in attendance seemed to place emphasis on the culture and traditions of our Lithuanian heritage.

As for welcoming youth into the councils, planning events and activities of interest to young adults should be considered. Providing child care services during meetings would allow young families the opportunity to participate more actively.



Paul Binkis, Nancy Miro and Father Anthony Jurgelaitis

Since all the councils who responded to the questionnaire seemed to be receptive to suggestions, it was decided to put together several special packages each year for use by the councils. Working in conjunction with Fr. Jurgelaitis and Cultural Chairman Anna Klizas Wargo, the panel coordinators are putting together the first package of materials to be distributed to all District and Council presidents. This first package will be mailed out in January, in time for implementation for either February 16th, Lithuanian Independence Day or St. Casimir's Day observances. The package will contain suggestions for observances and special programs for each occasion.

Hopefully the response to the first mailing will be positive, and will encourage future mailings for either special occasions or workshops.

Lithuanian Affairs Committee

— Bernice Aviza

As part of the second plenary session held Friday morning a panel discussion took place entitled OUR PARTICIPATION IN LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS. It was moderated by President Loretta Stukas in the

absence of Prof. Jack Stukas, National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman. Panelists included Bernice Aviza, Editor of the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin and Ausra Zerr, Vice-President of the Lithuanian-American Community for Lithuanian Affairs from Philadelphia, PA.

President Loretta explained the importance of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee work in the K of L. She noted that it has functioned since 1946 and its work has been influential in promoting legislation and other governmental action favorable to the Lithuanian cause.

Bernice Aviza began her presentation by restating the purpose of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and the means outlined by the K of L to achieve that purpose. Her work as editor of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee makes her the recipient of many newspaper and magazine articles relating to Lithuania. She stressed the importance of responding to the editors of these newspapers and magazines in the form of commendation, correction, or to supply additional needed information. In editing the Bulletin, she has tried to explain exactly when and how this should be done.

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee Bulletin is to be used as a tool for your council's Lithuanian Affairs Committee. She has tried to include coverage of news items along with reference material to enable presentation of a particular Bulletin topic to be presented at council meetings. It is hoped that in this manner more members will be encouraged to participate in Lithuanian Affairs work.

Bernice brought messages from the Baltic Desk of the U.S. Department of State. Mildred Patterson advised K of L members to continue writing to Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin individually for Skuodis' release and also to stir added Congressional action by requesting your Congressmen to write to Dobrynin personally for Skuodis' release.

Ausra Zerr described to us some aspects of the Lithuanian American Community's work relating to the use of maps not designating the Baltic States, the plight of prisoners of conscience, and their work for the designation of Baltic Freedom Day in Congress. However, she expanded on one topic—The U.S. Justice Department's investigation of alleged WWII war criminals. Because Lithuanians are accused—we are involved; however, she stressed the need for a careful well-informed



Ausra Zerr, Loretta Stukas, Bernice Aviza, Rita Pinkus and Anne Bender.

approach. Emphasizing that we are not here to pass judgment as to who is guilty or not guilty, but to advise our government of the dangers of tarnishing our court system by using Soviet agents to gather witnesses and documents to be used as evidence.

Because deportation and denaturalization falls in the realm of civil law, accused are not granted free counsel. These individuals are facing extreme financial burdens in seeking necessary counsel to advise them during these lengthy deliberations.

This practice, in addition, violates the U.S. position of de jure recognition of the Baltic States as independent nations. Soviet motives for cooperation in these investigations

must be questioned before using their documents and testimonies in court.

Mrs. Zerr advised us to contact our Congressmen and Senators urging them to investigate procedures being used by the Office of Special Investigations and to seek more scrupulous methods of verifying the authenticity of documents.

Following the presentation put forth by the panelists, a discussion period took place. Members questioned the panelists in greater detail of the matters discussed. The struggle for the issuance of a Darius and Girenas Commemorative Stamp was discussed. It is on the agenda of the October meeting of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Board.

Also brought up for discussion was the matter of returned letters from prisoners of conscience. Proper postal procedures are not always being followed by the Soviet Union. It was advised that members should contact the U.S. Postal Service with the returned receipt and other documents. Fr. Casimir Pugevicius, Director of Lithuanian Information Center, also requested that K of L members send to him all information pertaining to the return of these letters. His address is 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207. His office will conduct full investigation of this matter in connection with our Postal Service and also the International Postal Service centered in Geneva.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Scholarship Program for the Knights of Lithuania has a proud tradition of support for the education of its youth. Through annual awards made at National Conventions, "tens" of young K. of L.'ers have been assisted in their college educations.

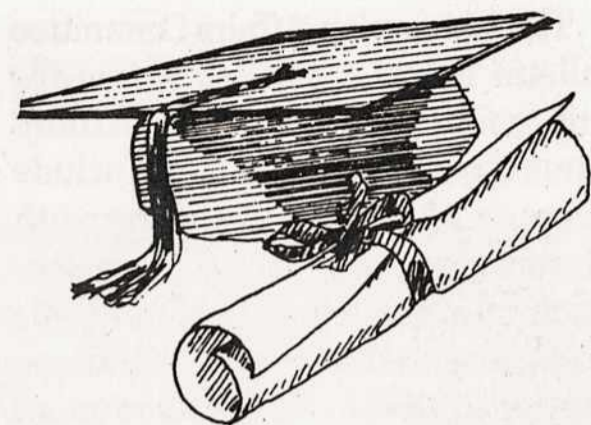
This year, the 25th Annual Scholarship Awards were presented at the 69th National Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio. The committee was pleased to recognize the achievements of three members who embarked on their college education this year. The recipients were Georgianna Kassel, Junior Council #36, Paul Strolia, Junior Council #36, and Joan Jasewicz, Junior Council #100.

Miss Kassel and Mr. Strolia were awarded \$1000 each and Miss Jasewicz was awarded \$500. Miss Kassel will attend Lewis University to pursue a degree in mathematics. Mr. Strolia will also attend Lewis University but will pursue a degree in psychology. Miss Jasewicz will attend the Albany College of Pharmacy and pursue a degree in pharmacy.

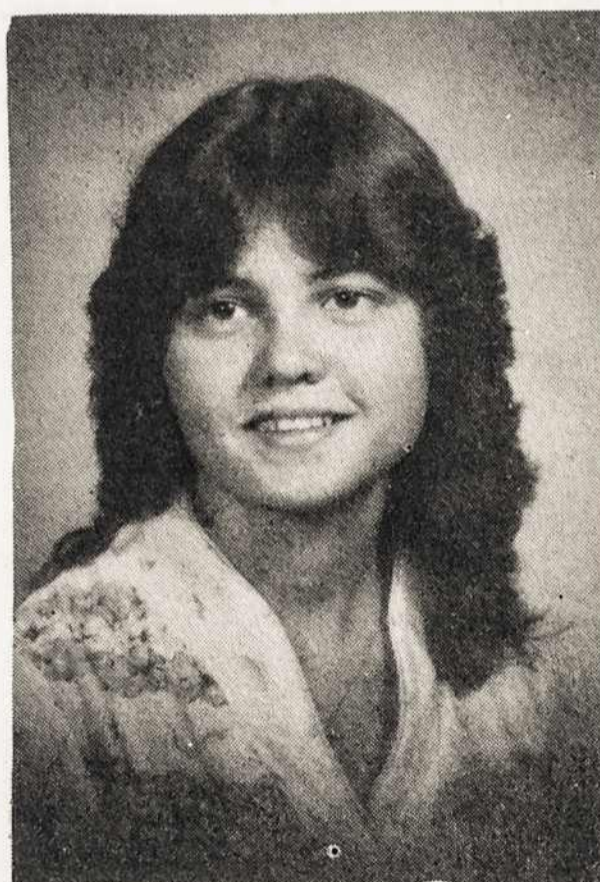
The Scholarship Committee made the awards after a review of each applicant's K. of L. activity, school grades, references, financial need and potential contribution to the community. The committee was struck by the quality of the applicants. It was a most difficult choice to make. However, the committee believes that the award recipients were truly outstanding people and worthy of this Knights of Lithuania honor. The Scholarship Committee believes that these three individuals will continue their activities in the Knights of Lithuania and will live up to our

motto. Congratulations and best wishes for future success to the 1982 award recipients.

— William Piacentini, Chairman



Georgianna Cassel and Paul Strolia



Joan Jasewicz

NEW BOOK ABOUT THE LITHUANIAN PLIGHT

A new book, "Lithuania Under Soviet Occupation. Eyewitness Accounts of Atrocities", by Juozas Prunskis, was published at the end of June in Chicago. This is a translation, made by N. Grazuliene, of the Lithuanian book "Bolševiku okupacija Lietuvoje". Numerous witnesses describe cruel oppression in Lithuania, occupied by the Bolsheviks. The book also gives the names of almost two thousand Lithuanians killed by the communists in Lithuania. The book was published by the Lithuanian National Guard in Exile, Naval Division, Klaipeda Company.

REPORT ON THE JUNIOR "MINI - CONVENTION"

The Juniors' Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio was quite a success! We would like to thank Council 25 for their wonderful Juniors' Program they prepared. Also thanks to all the Junior Coordinators: Nelda Machutas, Ruth Guzauskas, Joanna Shigo and especially Laura Machutas for spending so much time with us. Some of the Juniors met at the "Early Bird Party" on Wednesday evening. On Thursday, we attended the opening mass and buffet. That evening we swam at the "Splash Party" held at the Motel's pool and later on played cards, listened to music, and ate pizza where we got better acquainted. On Friday we had a wonderful time at Sea World. No one wanted to leave. That evening some of the Juniors went to the Lithuanian Men's Octet Concert and later on we danced. On Saturday morning, the Juniors' Convention session was held. Susan Bumilla, 1st V.P., talked to us about the By-Laws of the Junior Knights of Lithuania. Loretta Stukas, President of the K of L, spoke to us about our Junior Councils and how to improve our meetings and how to get more kids involved in the K of L. On Saturday afternoon, we went to the regular session where Juniors Chip Newberry C-79, Vytas, Birute, Aldona Balcunas C-38, Barbara Mickunas C-3, and Joseph Kots C-100, received commendations from Susan Bumilla, our 1st Vice President. Tom and John Strolia of C-36, received conventionships. That evening we went to the closing banquet. On Sunday we attended mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and the Farewell Luncheon at the Lithuanian Club. Then we said goodbye until next year's convention in Philadelphia.

John Strolia,
Junior President
Council 36 Juniors, Chicago

Dear Mrs. Stukas,

We would like to thank you and the members of the Knights of Lithuania for the Conventionship Awards we received in Cleveland. We appreciate it and hope to continue participating in future conventions.

Vytiskai,
Tom, John Strolia
Council 36 Juniors, Chicago



Chip Newberry



Susan Bumilla presents Conventionship to Tom Strolia



John Strolia is awarded a Conventionship by Susan Bumilla



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August 3, 1982

I take great pleasure in extending my warm greeting to all those gathered for the 69th National Convention of The Knights of Lithuania.

This occasion presents me with a special opportunity to express my high regard for your organization's dedicated promotion of religious values and spiritual vitality. The Knights of Lithuania play an instrumental role in fostering the rich heritage of your homeland among Americans of Lithuanian descent. You contribute to the great diversity of American life that is such an essential part of our nation's strength and progress.

I commend your concern about the future of the Lithuanian people and your efforts to make this a better world for all.

May this convention be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for each of you.

Ronald Reagan

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MCD President, Tom Bruzga with his wife, Jeanne, and MCD Spiritual Advisor, Father Gediminas Kijauskas



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Šių metų seimas buvo sklandus, turiningas, veiklus ir vaisingas. Smulkmeniška seimo eiga ir atsiekti rezultatai aprašomi kituose puslapiuose. Čia norima trumpai pasidalinti viena kita akimirka padariusia nepaprastą ar gilų įspūdį.

Pirmas jausmingas momentas įvyko kai garbusis mūsų Vytis, Juozas Boley-Bulevičius, gražiai parinktais žodžiais ir švelniu balsu perdavė seimo dalyviams prakilnaus garbes nario Aleksandro Aleksio nuoširdžius sveikinimus, linkint sėkmės ir našaus darbo. Rodos čia nieko tokio iki prisimename, kad šis įžymus garbės Vytis neša jau dešimtąjį gyvenimo kryželį. Dabar sunkiai negalaudamas, jis apgailestauja negalįs dalyvauti Vyčių suvažiavime, bet nepamiršta draugų seime ir prisideda prie jų darbų siūsdamas gausių aukų. Koks gražus pavyzdys mums daug jaunesniems. Salės sienos skambajo plojimais.

Seimas čia pat vienbalsiai nutarė parašyti brangiam garbės nariui A. Aleksiui gilią padėkos laišką kurį visi delegatai it svečiai pasirašė.

Antra maloni staigmena buvo patiekta "Budėk" ansamblio, jauniausio Cleveland'o dainų vieneto. Septynių skautų darnūs balsai, skaidri nuotaika, linksmi šypsniiai lūpose ir švari lietuviška kalba greitai pavergė klausytojų širdis. Sudainuotos dainos bankieto metu iššaukė gausius dėkingumo ir biso vertus plojimus. Šiais laikais kai daug jaunimo sunkiai, o gal ir visai jau nepajėgia ištarti lietuvišką žodį šių jaunų vyrų lietuviškos dainos duoda vilties tikėti, jog ne viskas galutinai žuvę.

Nemažiau atmintina įspūdį padarė seimo užbaigtuvių Mišios. Šeimininkams sukalbant ypač "Garbė Dievui Augštybėse" ir "Tikiu į vieną Dievą", lietuviški Vyčių žodžiai skambėjo aiškiai, garsiai ir tvirtai, nuaidėdami augštai Švč. Panelės Neperstojančios

Pagalbos šventovės skliautais. Taip gražiai ir sutartinai sukalbėtos maldos žada gražios sėkmės lietuvių parapijų metams. Vyčiuose lietuvių kalbos žarijos nėra užgesusios. Geros valios, tvirto ryžto ir šiltos meilės dumplės lengvai pajėgtų jas greitai įkaitinti į žėrinčią liepsną.

Gal - visų jautriausias pergyvenimas buvo patirtas po Mišių Komunijos, kai Vyčių pirmininkė Loreta perskaitė savo vyro, garbės Vyčio, prof. Jack Stuko, "credo". Šiuos žodžius vertėtų perskaityti bent sykį metuose kuopų susirinkimuose ir vyčių metiniuose seimuose. Kiek tame kūrinėje sutelkta tyro įkvėpimo, kiek karštos meilės Lietuvai ir jos žmonėms, kiek nuoširdaus dėkingumo Dievui būti gimusiam lietuviu, kiek pasigėrėjimo ir džiaugsmo lietuviškuoju paveldėjimu, kiek pasididžiavimo Lietuvos garbinga istorija ir, pagaliau, kiek gilių užuojautos lietuvių tautos kančioms, Nevienam suvirpėjo širdyje rašytojui pritarianti styga, lūpos tyliai tarė "Amen" ir akys sudrėko šiltom ašarom.

Stasys P. Vaičaitis, kp. 144.

LIETUVIŠKASIS CREDO

Dėkoju Tau, Viešpatie, kad leidai man gimti Lietuviu . . . Nors ir išvydau pasaulį šioje Atlanto pusėje, bet pamilau Lietuvą nuo vaikystės dienų. Dėkoju už tą didį paveldėjimą: už brangiuosius tėvelius, brolius, lietuvių parapiją, bičiulių daugybę ir už Lietuvos V yčiuose surastą taurią ir mylimą žmoną, kuri nė kiek nemažiau sielojasi tėvų kraštu.

Išgirdęs minint Lietuvos vardą ar jį perskaitęs spaudoje, susižavėdavau sielos gelmėse dar vaikas būdamas. O gerasis Dieve, kaip galiu Tau atsidėkoti už tai, kad turiu garbę vadintis lietuviu?

Raskite bent vieną kitą tokį kraštą, kuris taip garbingai ir humaniškai šaunių kunigaikščių vadovaujamas valdė didžiausius Europos plotus! Raskite kitą gražesnę, garbingesnę ir senesnę kalbą už mūsų! Suraskite ištvermingesnę šalį, tiek daug iškentėjusią ir dar tebekenčiančią dėl savo egzistencijos! Nerasite kitos šalies darbštesnės už mūsų. Tik per trumpą nepriklausomybės laiką ji parodė pasauliui kiek daug laisvėje padarė pažangos mokslo, meno, kultūros ir ekonominės gerovės srityse. Nerasite nė kitos tokios gražios šalies laukais, kalneliais, ežerais ir miškais. Kiek ten daug gražių merguželių kaip lelijelių, ir vyrų, kaip ąžuolų? Nėra pasaulyje kitos tokios tautos, kuri galėtų didžiuotis samanotose bakūžėse ir širdyse sukurtų gražiausių dainų gausybę.

Ir šiandieną pasaulio spauda nuolat mini lietuvių laimėjimus sporto, meno, mokslo srityse ir mūsų pastangas tėvų žemei išlaisvinti.

Kantrusis Visagalis Dieve, šiuo paprastu rašinėliu noriu viešai išreikšti savo meilę brangiai Lietuvai, nes jaučiu, kad ji yra manyje taip, kaip Tavo Sūnus dangiškoje duonoje, nors esu tik smėlio dalelė, vėjo atpūsta į šią svetingą žemę. Taip norėčiau ją vėl pamatyti ir priglausti nors saujelę jos žemės prie savo krūtinės, kaip relikviją. Juk ji palaiminta praeities didvyrių, laisvės kovotojų krauju. Lietuva man viską davė, kaip giedama Vyčių Himne, todėl aš visą gyvenimą jai skiriu.

Visagalis Dieve, po vargingų Kryžiaus Kelių, kuriuos ėjo ir eina mano tauta, leiski jai vėl prisikelti, nes ji tikrai to verta. Leiski gerajai Motinai, kuri globoja mūsų Lietuvą, užtarti Danguje. Leiski Lietuvai vėl džiaugtis laisve ir laisvai garbinti Tave. Leiski jai iš naujo keltis ir vėl reikštis kūrybine galia. Atleiski, Viešpatie, už drąsą kreiptis į Tave, nes mano meilė tėvų žemei įpareigoja mane.

O Tu, brangioji Lietuva, esi Mindaugo Karalija, garsiųjų kunigaikščių Kęstučio ir Vytauto didžioji žemė . . . ! Tu esi Donelaitis, Baranauskas, Valančius, Basanavičius, Vydūnas, Kudirka, Maironis, Čiurlionis . . . Tu knygnešių, savanorių kūrėjų švyturys. Tu Vasario 16-toji su Smetona, Grinium, Stulginskiu. Tu partizanų viltis, tremtinių paguoda. Tu naujo laisvės ryto aušra.

O man, Lietuva, tu esi saulelė motinė. Nuo pat jaunystės tu esi mano laimės spindulys. Tu visų mano darbų tikslas. Tu . . . tu . . . esi man viskas!

JOKŪBAS J. STUKAS

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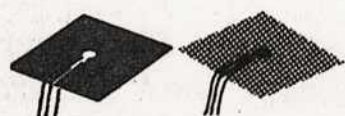
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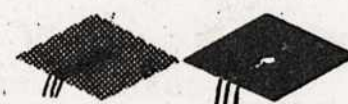
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From V.G.

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Respectfully submitted, Ann Marie Kassel, C-36

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 Council 112 - Estelle Rogers, Ellie Kasputis, Paul E. Binkis Jr., Mary Juzenas
 Council 117 - Rev. John Savukynas MIC
 Council 140 - Catherine Brandt, Katherine Cravetts, Anne Guentert, Veronica Sutkus, John Sutkus
 Council 141 - Clemencine Miller, Teresa Trainis
 Council 142 - Bertha Stann, Frank Stann, Emily Paukstis, Al Paukstis
 Council 143 - Anne Challan, Ann Marie Sewatsky, Helen Butsavage, Leo Butsavage, Alice Puscavage, John Puscavage
 Council 144 - Helen Ambrose, Susan Banditelli, Stanley Burkevage, Stanley Vaicaitis, Edmund Carlitus, William Cebulskie, Helen Chesko, Anastasia Gibas, Mary Gustus, Helen Kratulis, Ann Marie Lithkowsky, Helen Matunis, Julia Norcross, Joseph Petrosky, Mary Pieri, Anna Radzavage, Frances Stefanek, Anna Supernavage, Anna Wargo, Beatrice Wasley, Anna Zaldaris, Olympia Zelinski
 Council 147 - Antanas J. Mazeika, Victor August, Elizabeth August, Grazina Jasinskieve, Dr. Denis G. Mazeika, Audrone Mazeika
 Council 149 - Eleanor Novak, Della Telmos

Chicago Seniors - Clemente Vidzius, Kazimiera Petruliene, Adele Gabalis, Jeronimas Jankus

ALTERNATES AND GUESTS

Council 1 - Susan F. Bumila
 Council 12 - Vincent Cuprewich, Jeanne Janonis
 Council 19 - Tom Unites, Julia Aleshunas, Zeno Yokshas, Albina Ewalt, Andrew Rozger, Margaret Papeaka, Alice Lewellyn, Mary Di Marco, Betha Kuzma, Kazimer Rozger, Margaret Rozger
 Council 25 - Peter Luiza, A. Wallis, Ray Vanagas, Charles Machutas, Nelda Machutas, Marion Gray, Lucija Montville-Tabbert, Ursula Kunsitis
 Council 29 - John Luciw
 Council 38 - Frances Patrick, Pat Nevards, Grace Johnson
 Council 41 - Izabel Lauckiene, Joseph Shoveliski, Sophia Shoveiski
 Council 50 - Evely Lepensky
 Council 79 - Joseph Panavas, Violet Panavas, Rita Bagdon, John Newberry
 Council 96 - Joseph Ryan, Joe Mantz
 Council 102 - Mark Thompson
 Council 103S - Mr. & Mrs. William Piacentini, Sr., John Walaska, Theresa Jacknevich, Anna Hudson, Ruta Krecioch
 Council 110 - Theresa Daxis
 Council 140 - John Brandt, Irene Petrauskas, Norman Klimas
 Council 144 - Mary Narcavage, Lucky Zelonis, Beatrice Wasley, Julia Goulden, Anna Nardini, Ann Carlitus
 Council 149 - Stella McLeod, Della Novak



Opening Mass

Membership Awards

by Elsie Kosmisky, 2nd Vice-President

Councils paid up by March 31, 1982

There were four councils paid up by March 31, 1982 and all were in the 1st category of 1 to 49 members. They were:

Council #10 Athol-Gardner, Mass.

New England District

Council #30 Westfield, Mass.

New England District

Council #50 New Haven, Conn.

New England District

Council #52 Elizabeth, N.J.

Mid-Atlantic District

The award was granted to Council #50 New Haven, because they also had the largest increase in membership, 49 to 72.

No other councils in the other categories were paid up 100% by March, 31.

New Member Awards

Council #36 Chicago, had the greatest increase in membership by March 31, 1982. Their membership increased by 110 members. To date, they have increased from 92 to 315 members.

Anthracite Council #144 has increased from 187 to 218 members, an increase of 37 members.

Other councils have signed up many members but their paid up membership at the end of the year did not increase accordingly.

Individual Awards

This Award is granted to the member signing up the most members in their category by March 31, 1982. Awards were granted to: Alex Gedrim Council #50 New Haven Conn., New England District; Helen Venis Council #110 Maspeth, N.Y., Mid-Atlantic District; Helen Ambrose Council #144 Anthracite, Mid-Atlantic District.

I extend a heartiest welcome to the six new councils that have joined the K of L this past year. They are:

Council #38 Kenosha, Wis.

Council #40 East St. Louis, IL

Council #63 Lehigh Valley, Allentown, PA

Council #117 Darian, IL

Council #118 Hazelton, PA

Council #150 Kansas City, Kansas

Kenosha is to be congratulated. They have 15 members, 8 of whom are attending this convention as 1 delegate and 7 guests. A very good start for a new council.



Special Awards

John Paukstis, Pres. of C-36 Chicago, signed up 78 members by March 31, 1982 and 151 members for the entire year. He was deserving of this special award for his outstanding record.

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Sockol also deserved a special award. They were former members of C-144, but it was too far to attend many meetings so they decided to do something about it. They placed articles in the local newspapers, hired meeting halls at their expense and made their phone number available for anyone interested in becoming Knights. As a result of their efforts, they had 57 responses. As a result of this Lehigh Valley Council #63 was formed with 37 signed up members when they organized.



John Paukstis



DARBININKAS

MIRĖ BR. JURGIS PETKEVIČIUS, OFM

Brolis Jurgis Petkevičius, OFM, paskutiniu laiku gyvenęs Brooklyno lietuvių pranciškonų vienuolyne ir dirbęs Darbininko administracijoje, nuo širdies smūgio rugsėjo 14 rytą mirė Brooklyno ligoninėje.

Br. Jurgis buvo gimęs 1927 rugpjūčio 28 Scranton, Pa. Ten lankė mokyklą. Lietuviam pranciškonam kuriantis Amerikoje, jis buvo vienas iš pirmųjų brolių, įstojusiu iš gimusių Amerikoje. Vienuolinius įžadus padarė 1951 vasario 4. Vienuolyne ėjo įvairias pareigas, bet ilgiausiai dirbo kaip linotipininkas pranciškonų spaustuveje.



IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your
prayers...



K of L Calendar

OCTOBER

2 & 3 MCD CONVENTION and PILGRIMAGE -
Hosts C-96, Dayton, Ohio

9th 67th ANNUAL DINNER and DANCE - C-29
Newark, N.J. at Holy Trinity Hall

24th NED "CULTURAL FESTIVAL" at
Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.

Brother GEORGE PETKEVIČIUS, OFM

Member C-74
Scranton, PA
Died September 14, 1982

DAUMANTAS CIBAS

Member C-133
Los Angeles, CA
Died June 15, 1982

LT. HEIDI M. KNIUPIS, U.S.A.F.

Member C-17
Boston, MA
Died August 7, 1982

KATHERINE MARCOTTE

Member C-12
New York City
Died July 25, 1982

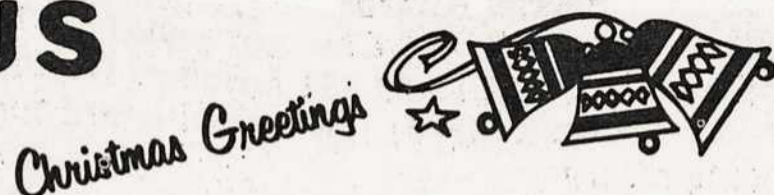
STELLA ZOOG

Member C-19
Pittsburgh, PA
Died August 22, 1982

ANTOINETTE NAUJELIS

Member C-1
Pittsburgh, PA
Died September 23, 1982

OFFICIALUS SKYRIUS OFFICIAL NEWS



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Beginning with this issue of VYTIS, a new subscription-circulation manager has been added to the staff.

Gerry Mack, a member of C-112, Chicago, will handle all new subscriptions and changes of address.

She will work closely with our National Financial Secretary, Ann Marie Kassel, and our printer to facilitate mailing of VYTIS. All questions regarding incorrect address, failure to receive VYTIS, or problems with the postal service should be referred directly to:

G.A. MACK
2461 W. 45th St.
Chicago, IL 60632

Gerry has been active with C-112 for more than 20 years. She is noted for her diligent work on numerous committees and activities for IID now known as MAMD. Previously, she had worked on VYTIS as paste-up and layout assistant to Irene Sankus when she was editor.

We welcome this dedicated worker to our staff.

IID IS NOW MAMD

With new councils from states other than Illinois and Indiana — the Illinois-Indiana District (IID) has decided to call themselves the MID AMERICAN DISTRICT (MAMD). Look no more for IID — It is now history.

FOR YOUR 1982 OFFICIAL 69th NATIONAL CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPH, PLEASE SEND CHECK FOR \$5.00 made payable to Council 25 — Knights of Lithuania, c/o Eugene Kunsitis, 23750 Greenwood Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44117:

Please send Convention Photograph to:

(Name)

(Address)

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(State)

(Zip)

VYTIS CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Wish all of your K of L friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the December issue of VYTIS. Mail your greetings or donation to:

Aldona Ryan, Editor
6591 McEwen Road
Centerville, Ohio 45459

Donations:	Full page	\$100
	1/2 page	50
	1/4 page	35
	1/8 page	25
	Patron	10
	Well-wisher	2

Lucille Kilkus—Labai Ačiu

For many years, the return address on the last page of VYTIS was that of Lucille Kilkus. Her devotion to the Knights of Lithuania in handling returned copies has been unpublicized but known to many of us,

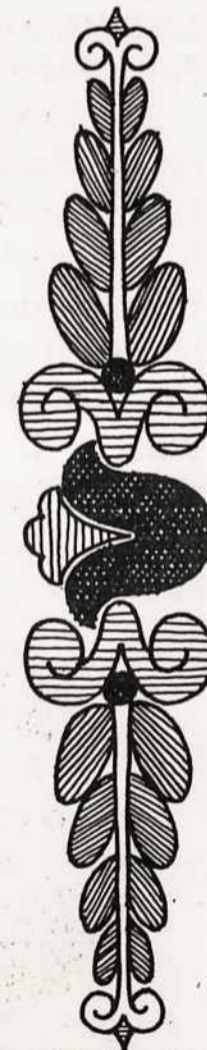
With this issue, Gerry Mack will take over this function. To Lucille, we all say "LABAI AČIU" for her long hours of diligent work. We wish you well. We know you will be active in other fields of K of L endeavors.

Election of Officers for 1982 - 1983

District and Council elections MUST take place during the months of September or October, as per the Constitution.

National Recording Secretary, Nancy Pawasauskas Miro, has mailed roster forms to all District and Council Presidents, for their convenience in reporting election results. She asks that IMMEDIATELY after election of officers that the rosters be completed and forwarded to her at the following address: Nancy Pawasauskas Miro, 914 Lindley Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606

The Supreme Council and National Committee Chairmen depend on these rosters and cannot operate efficiently without their prompt receipt. Your cooperation in returning the rosters as soon as possible is appreciated.



REZOLIUCIJOS

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were all approved by the convention delegates.

1. Rezoliucija

KADANGI Jo Šventenybė, popiežius Jonas Paulius II maloniai teikėsi atsiųsti savo sveikinimus, maldas ir palaiminimą Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tam Visuotiniam Seimui Clevelande, Ohio,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai atnaujins savo dažnai pareikštą paklusnumo ir ištikimybės pažadą Kristaus Vietininkui ir toliau prisimins Jo intencijas kasdieniuose poteriuose.

2. Rezoliucija

KADANGI Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių Kongresas jungtine rezoliucija paskelbė Pabaltijo Laisvės Dieną birželio 14, pareikšdamas Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių paramą laisvės ir nepriklausomybės siekimams Lietuvoje, Latvijoje ir Estijoje,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tas Visuotinis Seimas prašys Nacionalinę Katalikų Vyskupų Konferenciją paskelbti Maldos Dieną, kurios intencija būtų žmogaus ir tikybos teisių grąžinimas Lietuvos, Latvijos ir Estijos gyventojams.

TEBŪNIE TAIPOGI NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tas Visuotinis Seimas prašys, kad ši Maldos Diena būtų švenčiama kasmet tą sekmadienį, kuris išpuola arčiausiai prie Pabaltijo Laisvės Dienos, birželio 14 d.

3. Rezoliucija

KADANGI šiais metais Šv. Kazimiero Seselės džiaugsmingai švenčia 75 metų sukaktį nuo kongregacijos steigimo, ir

KADANGI Kazimierietės palietė daugelį Lietuvos Vyčių gyvenimų per savo mokyklas, dėstydamos meilę Dievui ir tėvynei, ir

KADANGI Kazimierietės guodė ligonis ir senelius savo ligoninėse ir senių prieglaudose,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, suvažiuavę į savo 69-tą Visuotinį Seimą Clevelande, Ohio, nuoširdžiai sveikina Kazimierietes šios linksmos sukakties proga ir jungiasi į maldą, kad Viešpats ir toliau laimintų jų darbą.

TEBŪNIE TAIPOGI NUTARTA, kad \$75- auka būtų įteikta Švento Kazimiero Seselėms, kaip simbolinė auka už jų darbus švietimo ir sveikatos priežiūros apostolatuose

1. Resolution

WHEREAS His Holiness, Pope John Paul II has graciously sent greetings, prayers, and his blessing upon the 69th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held in Cleveland; Ohio,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania renew their often expressed pledge of obedience and fidelity to the Vicar of Christ and continue to remember his intentions in daily prayer.

2. Resolution

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States of America through a Joint Resolution proclaimed Baltic Freedom Day on June 14th, expressing support of the United States of America for the aspirations of freedom and independence in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 69th National Convention requests that the National Conference of Catholic Bishops proclaim a Day of Prayer for the re-establishment of human and religious rights for the people of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 69th National Convention requests that this Day of Prayer be celebrated annually on the Sunday most proximate to the anniversary of Baltic Freedom Day, June 14th.

3. Resolution

WHEREAS the Sisters of St. Casimir are this year joyfully celebrating the 75th Anniversary of their founding as a Congregation, and

WHEREAS the lives of many Knights of Lithuania have been touched by the Sisters in their schools through their teaching the love of God and Country, and

WHEREAS the Sisters ministered to the sick and elderly in their hospitals and homes for the aged,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Cleveland, Ohio for their 69th National Convention, extend sincerest greetings to the Sisters on this very happy occasion, and join in prayers for the continued blessing of the Lord upon their work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a \$75.00 donation be made to the Sisters of St. Casimir, as a token donation for their many works in the apostolates of education and health care.

4. Rezoliucija

KADANGI 1982 m. sukanka 800 metų sukaktis nuo Šv. Pranciškaus Asyziečio gimimo, ir

KADANGI Šv. Pranciškaus sūnūs ir dukterys per amžius yra padarę didelį įnešimą į katalikų gyvenimą Lietuvoje ir Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse,

KADANGI Šv. Pranciškaus seselės Pitsburge, Pensilvanijoje, švenčia savo 60 metų sukaktį,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad šia linksmą progą Lietuvos Vyčiai sveikina Šv. Pranciškaus Ordiną (minoriečius), įskaitant ir kunigus ir brolius bei seseles,

TEBŪNIE TAIPGI NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tas Visuotinis Seimas paaukvoja \$75 sumą Šv. Pranciškaus Seselėms, kaip mūsų simbolinę dėkingumo išraišką už įkvėpimą ir paskatinimą, kuriuos jos suteikė Lietuvos vyčiams per daugel metų.

5. Rezoliucija

KADANGI JAV Prezidentas yra pareiškęs, jog „Liūdnas faktas yra, kad Amerikos Balsas, Laisvosios Europos Radijas ir Radio Liberty buvo apleisti daug metų. Jų įrengimai yra pasenę ir sulūžę, jų programų resursai pertempti...“ ir

KADANGI šios radijo stotys yra labai svarbios priemonės išlaikyti Pavergtų Rytų Europos Tautų gyventojų laisvės siekimą,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad kiekvienas Lietuvos Vyčių skyrius paragins savo atstovus JAV Kongrese įvesti įstatymų projektus, kurių tikslas būtų sumoderninti įrengimus ir aptarnavimą taip, kaip Prezidentas pasiūlė, būtent: „Šis sumoderninimo planas už palyginant kuklias išlaidas per eilę metų padės milijonams žmonių, kurie gyvena po komunistų valdžia, užgirsti tiesą apie dabartinę kovą dėl pasaulio tarp totalitarizmo ir laisvės jėgų.“

6. Rezoliucija

KADANGI JAV Teisingumo Departamento Ypatingų Investigacijų Įstaiga pradėjo tyrinėti tariamus „karo nusikaltėlius“, kurių tarpe yra keli lietuviai, JAV natūralizuoti piliečiai, ir

KADANGI ši įstaiga naudoja kaikurias procedūras, kurios prieštarauja Amerikos teisės pagrindiniams principams ir atima nuo Amerikos piliečių teisiško bešališkumo apsaugą,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių Lietuvos Reikalų Komisija išsamiai iširtų reikalą ir paruoštų Lietuvos vyčiams ypatingą veikimo planą.

4. Resolution

WHEREAS 1982 marks the 800th Anniversary of the birth of St. Francis of Assisi, and

WHEREAS the Sons and Daughters of St. Francis have made innumerable contributions to Catholic life in Lithuania and the United States throughout the centuries, and

WHEREAS the Sisters of St. Francis in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania are celebrating their 60th Anniversary,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania congratulate the Order of St. Francis (Friars Minor) including the Fathers, Brothers and Sisters on this happy occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 69th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania contribute a sum of \$75.00 to the Sisters of St. Francis as a loving token of our deep appreciation for the inspiration and encouragement they have given the Knights of Lithuania over the years.

5. Resolution

WHEREAS the President of the United States has stated "The sad fact is that the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, and Radio Liberty have been neglected for many years. Their equipment is old and deteriorating, their programming resources strained . . ." and

WHEREAS these radio stations are of immense importance in sustaining the aspirations for freedom of the peoples of the Captive Nations of Eastern Europe,

BE IT RESOLVED that each Knights of Lithuania Council urge its Congressional representatives to initiate legislation to upgrade the equipment and services as proposed by the President: "This plan of modernization for a relatively modest expenditure over a number of years will make it easier for millions of people living under Communist rule to hear the truth about the struggle for the world going on today between the forces of totalitarianism and freedom."

6. Resolution

WHEREAS the Office of Special Investigations of the Department of Justice of the United States has begun a series of investigations of alleged "war criminals" among whom are several Lithuanians, naturalized citizens of the United States, and

WHEREAS certain procedures are being employed which contradict basic principles of American law and deprive American citizens of fairness under the law,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of the Knights of Lithuania make a thorough investigation of this matter and prepare a specific plan of action to be undertaken by the Knights of Lithuania.

TEBŪNIE TAIPGI NUTARTA, kad tiksli informacija būtų paskelbta Lietuvos Reikalų Biuletenyje ir VYTYJE, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai galėtų pradėti stipresnį veikimą paremti tuos, kurie buvo neteisingai apkaltinti.

7. Rezoliucija

KADANGI uždarant Lietuvos Vyčių 68-tą Visuotinį Seimą virš 15.000 parašų buvo surinkta, prašant Arkivyskupo Jurgio Matulaičio beatifikaciją, ir įteikta popiežiui Jonui Pauliui II, ir

KADANGI praėtų metų bėgyje Šventasis Tėvas paskelbė dekretą, pareiškiantį, jog arkivyskupas Jurgis buvo didvyriškos dorybės vykdytojo pavyzdys ir kad jam suteikiamas „pagarbaus Dievo tarno“ titulas, ir

KADANGI beliko tik vienas etapas nuo formalaus ir rimto beatifikavimo,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai sustiprintų savo pastangas, kad arkivyskupas Matulaitis taptų beatifikuotas ir kad kiekvienas skyrius, bendradarbiaudamas su dvasios vadu, suruoštų parapijos ribose „Arkivyskupo Matulaičio Sekmadienį“, kaip maldos dieną ir kaip priemonę išplėsti susidomėjimą jo beatifikacija.

TEBŪNIE TAIPGI NUTARTA, kad Centro Valdybos Dvasios Vadas paruoštų atatinamą medžiagą šios dienos iškilmėms.

8. Rezoliucija

KADANGI 1933 m. liepos 13 d., auštant, mažutis vienmotoris lėktuvas, pavadintas „Lituanica“ išskrido iš Niujorko Floyd Bennett aerodromo su dviem Amerikos lietuviais prie kontrolių, ir

KADANGI jų skridimas be sustojimo buvo iki tol ilgiausias skrydis Amerikos aviacijos istorijoje, ir

KADANGI skridimas tragiškai baigėsi su dviejų drąsių lakūnų mirtimis, vos 400 mylių nuo skridimo tikslo, būtent mėginimo užmegzti draugiškus santykius tarp Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių ir lakūnų tėvynės, Lietuvos ir

KADANGI jų nelaimingas skridimas „uždegė“ visų Lietuvos gyventojų vaizduotę, ir kapitonas Darius bei leitenantas Girėnas tapo, tautos didvyriais Lietuvoje ir laimėjo visų amerikiečių simpatijas, ir

KADANGI kapitonas Steponas Darius ir leitenantas Stasys Girėnas abu buvo kilnūs amerikiečiai ir garbingai tarnavo JAV kariuomenėje Pirmojo Pasaulinio Karo metu,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tas Visuotinis Seimas paprašytų JAV vyriausiąjį paštininką ir sukaktuvinių ženklų komisija išleisti 1983 m. sukaktuvinį pašto ženklą pagerbti kapt. Darių ir leit. Girėną jų didvyriško skridimo 50 metų sukakties proga.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that accurate information be published in both "Lithuanian affairs Bulletin" and in the VYTIS so that the Knights of Lithuania can initiate stronger action in support of those unjustly accused.

7. Resolution

WHEREAS at the close of the 68th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania over 15,000 signatures had been collected requesting the Beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis, which were presented to Pope John Paul II, and

WHEREAS during the course of the past year the Holy Father issued a decree declaring that Archbishop George exemplified the practice of virtue in an heroic degree and bestowed upon him the title of "Venerable Servant of God," and

WHEREAS formal and solemn Beatification is only one step away,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania increase its efforts on behalf of Archbishop Matulaitis' Beatification and that each council in cooperation with its Spiritual Advisor make arrangements to have a parish-wide "Archbishop Matulaitis Sunday" as a day of prayer and as a means of stimulating wider interest in his Beatification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor prepare appropriate materials for the observance of this day.

8. Resolution

WHEREAS on July 13, 1933 a tiny single-engine plane called "Lituanica" took off at dawn from Floyd Bennett Airfield in New York with two Lithuanian-Americans at the controls, and

WHEREAS at this point this was to be the longest non-stop flight in American aviation history, and

WHEREAS the flight ended in tragedy and death for the two brave flyers, just 400 miles short of their goal, whose aim was to cement friendly relations between the United States and the land of their fathers, Lithuania, and

WHEREAS their ill-fated flight "fired" the imagination of the entire population of Lithuania, and Capt. Darius and Lt. Girenas became national heroes in Lithuania and captured the hearts of all Americans, and

WHEREAS both Cpt. Stephen Darius and Lt. Stanley Girenas were proud Americans and served honorably in the United States Armed Forces during World War I,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 69th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania request the United States Postmaster General and the members of the Commemorative Stamp Committee to issue a Commemorative Stamp in 1983 in honor of Capt. Darius and Lt. Girenas on the 50th Anniversary of their heroic achievement.

9. Rezoliucija

KADANGI Pavergtų Tautų Savaitės minėjimas yra efektingas būdas parodyti moralinę paramą visoms pavergtomis tautoms, įskaitant sovietų okupuotą Lietuvą, ir

KADANGI jungtinės pastangos susilaukia didesnį pasisekimą,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių skyriai aktingai dalyvautų Pavergtų Tautų Savaitės bendruose komitetuose ir vietos Pavergtų Tautų Savaitės veikloje.

10. Rezoliucija

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių 68-tas Visuotinis Seimas priėmė rezoliuciją paremti visokeriopai Lietuviškos Parapijos Metų siekimus ir

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tas Visuotinis Seimas išstudijavo praktiškas plano įgyvendinimo priemones, tad

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad kiekvienas skyrius paskirtų vieną susirinkimą dialogu su dvasios vadau ar klebonu, surasti specifines idėjas, kaip įgyvendinti Lietuviškos Parapijos Metus;

TEBŪNIE TAIPGI NUTARTA, kad kiekvienas skyrius kontaktuotų kun. Gediminą Kijauską, SJ, Clevelande, Ohio tikslu įgyti pamaldų programas specifinėms lietuvių šventėms ir atlaidams.

TEBŪNIE TAIPGI NUTARTA, kad kiekvienas skyrius paskirtų kas mėnesį vieną sekmadienį, kada visi nariai pasistengs kartu dalyvauti pamaldose išlaikyti ir sustiprinti mūsų religines ir kultūrinės tradicijas.

11. Rezoliucija

KADANGI žurnalas „Lietuvių Dienos“ paskyrė daug vietos savo 1982 m. gegužės ir birželio mėn. numeriuose Lietuvos vyčiams ir jų centro valdybos pirmininkei Loretai Stukienei, ir

KADANGI šis žurnalas daug išgarsino Lietuvos Vyčius praeityje,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, suvažiuavę į savo 69-tą Visuotinį Seimą, Clevelande, Ohio, išreiškia savo nuoširdžiausią padėką „Lietuvių Dienų“ leidėjui Antanui Skiriui ir žurnalo redakcijai už puikų aprašymą.

TEBŪNIE TAIPGI NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos nariai būtų paraginti prenumeruoti „Lietuvių Dienas“.

12. Rezoliucija

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, susirinkę į 69-tą Visuotinį Seimą, Clevelande, Ohio, pareiškia savo nuoširdžiausią padėką dviem Amerikos lietuvių

9. Resolution

WHEREAS the commemoration of Captive Nations Week is an effective way to show moral support for all enslaved nations, including Soviet-occupied Lithuania, and

WHEREAS united efforts are more productive in achieving goals,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania Councils participate more actively in Captive Nations general committees and in the various activities of Captive Nations Week in their localities.

10. Resolution

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania 68th National Convention has passed a resolution in “support” of the aims of the Year of the Lithuanian Parish at every level, and

WHEREAS after greater study of practical means if implementation at the Knights of Lithuania 69th National Convention, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that each Council designate one meeting for dialogue with the Spiritual Advisor or Pastor to search out specific ideas to implement the aims of the Year of the Lithuanian Parish;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each council contact Rev. Gediminas Kijauskas of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Cleveland, Ohio, to obtain prayer service programs for specific Lithuanian feasts and holidays;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each council designate one Sunday per month to which all members would make an effort to attend in order to maintain and strengthen our religious and cultural heritage.

11. Resolution

WHEREAS the publication “Lithuanian Days” (“Lietuvių Dienos”) devoted such a large portion of its May and June, 1982 editions to coverage of the Knights of Lithuania and its National President Loretta Stukas, and

WHEREAS the publication has carried much publicity about the Knights of Lithuania in the past, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Cleveland, Ohio for their 69th National Convention, extend its sincerest gratitude to “Lithuanian Days” publisher, Antanas Skirius, and to its editors and staff members for this fine coverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Knights of Lithuania be encouraged to subscribe to “Lithuanian Days.”

12. Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Cleveland, Ohio for its 69th National Convention, expresses its sincerest thanks to the two

katalikiškiems laikraščiams, DRAUGUI ir DARBININKUI už jų nuolatinę talką išpopuliarinti Lietuvos Vyčių veiklą, ir kad Lietuvos Vyčiai parodo savo dėkingumą, paaudodami kiekvienam laikraščiui po \$50:

13. Rezolucija

KADANGI Lietuvos Pasiuntinybės Vašingtone pastato būklės pablogėjimas reikalauja, kad įvyktų lėšų vėjus lietuvių tarpe sutelkti lėšas greitai, kad Pasiuntinybės pastatas būtų pataisytas ir atremontuotas,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, susirinkę į 69-tą Visuotinį Seimą Clevelande, Ohio, pasiūlytų savo pagalbą išlaikyti ir restauruoti Pasiuntinybę, ragindami narius asmeniškai aukoti pinigų.

TEBŪNIE TAIPGI NUTARTA, kad \$500 suma būtų paaudota iš Lietuvos Vyčių izdo šiam kilniam reikalui.

14. Rezolucija

KADANGI JAV Valstybės Departamentas nuolatos pasisako už laisvos emigracijos iš Sovietų Sąjungos teisę, kaip laiduoja Helsinkio susitarimai, ir

KADANGI JAV Valstybės Departamentas vis stengiasi sujungti išskirtas šeimas Sovietų Sąjungoje, kaip liudija Jurgučio byla,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, susirinkę 69-tame Visuotiniame Seime, pareiškia savo širdingą dėkingumą JAV Valstybės Departamentui.

TEBŪNIE TOLIAU NUTARTA, jog Lietuvos Vyčiai tęs toliau savo pastangas suvesti kartu visus Jurgučio šeimos narius.

15. Rezolucija

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos finansų sekretoriaus pareigos, pagal Nuostatus, negali būti užimama to paties asmens ilgiau kaip tris metus iš eilės, ir

KADANGI nominacijų komisijai nepavyko surasti kitą kandidatą tai vietai, išskyrus dabartinę finansų sekretorę,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad priderami nuostatų paragrafai būtų sustabdyti, o dabartinės finansų sekretorės kadencija būtų pratęsta vieneriems metams, atseit nuo 1982 m. rugpjūčio mėn. iki 1983 m. liepos mėn. imtinai.

16. Rezolucija

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai įsteigė oficialius archyvus organizacijos istoriniams dokumentams bei eksponatams išsaugoti,

Lithuanian American Catholic newspapers, "Draugas" and "Darbininkas" for their continuing assistance in supporting and publicizing the work of the Knights of Lithuania, and that the Knights of Lithuania show its appreciation by sending donations of \$50.00 to each of the publications.

13. Resolution

WHEREAS the deteriorating condition of the Lithuanian Legation Building in Washington, D.C. has mandated a fund drive among Lithuanians to raise funds quickly for the repair and renovation of the Legation,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Cleveland, Ohio for their 69th National Convention, offer their aid for the preservation and restoration of the Legation by urging members to donate to the Legation on an individual basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$500.00 be donated from the treasury of the Knights of Lithuania for this worthy cause.

14. Resolution

WHEREAS the United States Department of State continues to take a strong stand in favor of the right of free emigration from the Soviet Union as guaranteed by the Helsinki Accord, and

WHEREAS the United States Department of State continues in its attempts to re-unify divided families within the Soviet Union as evidenced by its efforts in the Jurgutis case,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania gathered at their 69th National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio express their heartfelt gratitude to the United States Department of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania continue to pursue the re-unification of the Jurgutis family to its successful conclusion.

15. Resolution

WHEREAS the office of Financial Secretary of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania, according to By-Laws, may be held for no more than three consecutive one-year terms by an individual, and

WHEREAS the Nominating Committee is unable to find any candidate for the position other than the incumbent,

BE IT RESOLVED that the By-Laws be suspended and that the term of the present Financial Secretary be extended for a period of one year, from August 1982 through July, 1983.

16. Resolution

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania has established an official Archives for the safe-keeping of historical records and artifacts,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai įkurs komisiją nustatyti kur randasi pirmąsias Lietuvos Vyčių vėliavą, ir, radus ją, bus perduota archyvams.

17. Rezoliucija

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, susirinkę į 69-tą Visuotinį Seimą, Clevelande, Ohio, pareiškia gilią padėką Emilijai Pakalniškienei, DRAUGO „Vyčių Veiklos“ skilties redaktorei ir Dalei Bulvičiūtei, DARBININKO ir BRIDGES redakcijų narei, už jų nuolatinę paramą Lietuvos Vyčiams, išgarsindamos mūsų organizaciją ir jos veiklą savo laikraščiuose.

18. Rezoliucija

Nutarta, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai, susirinkę Cleveland, Ohio, 69-tame Metiniame Seime, pareiškia nuoširdžią padėką Lietuviško laikraščio „Dirvos“ redaktoriams ir bendradarbei Emilijai Čekienei už puikų paremimą spaudoje Vyčiams šiais praėjusiais metais.

19. Rezoliucija

Kadangi Lietuvos Vyčiai nuolat palaiko artimus ryšius su Katalikų Bažnyčios dvasios vadais, ir kadangi Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tasis Seimas įvyko Clevelando vyskupijoje,

Nutarta, kad šis Seimas išreiškia pagarbą ir klusnumą Jo Ekscelencijai Antanui Pillai, Clevelando diocезijos Ordinariui ir gilų dėkingumą už turiningą pamokslą ir užuojautą Lietuvos Bažnyčiai, kurie pasiliks kaip įkvėpimas ateities Vyčių darbams.

20. Rezoliucija

KADANGI Clevelando 25-tas skyrius globojo Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tą Visuotinį Seimą 1982 m. rugpiūčio 5-8 d.d., ir

KADANGI 25-to skyriaus pastangų dėka 69-tas Visuotinis Seimas džiaugėsi bičiuliška dvasia pagal geriausias visuotinių seimų tradicijas,

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tas Visuotinis Seimas pareiškė savo gilią padėką ir nuoširdžius linkėjimus kun. Gediminui Kijauskui ir šeiminkams 25-tam skyriui už jų paslaugumą.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 69th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania establish a Committee to determine the location of the original Knights of Lithuania banner and, when located, to place it in the Archives.

17. Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Cleveland, Ohio for their 69th National Convention, express their deepest appreciation to Emilija Pakalniškie, editor of the *Vyčių Veikla* column in "Draugas", and to Dale Bulvičiute, staff member of "Darbininkas" and "Bridges", for their constant support of the Knights of Lithuania by publicizing our organization and its activities in their respective publications.

18. Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Cleveland, Ohio for their 69th National Convention, express its sincerest thanks to the editors of the Lithuanian publication DIRVA, and to their staff member Emilia Čekiene, for the excellent publicity given the Knights of Lithuania, and its activities during the past year.

19. Resolution

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania has traditionally maintained its Catholic identity and close contact with its spiritual leaders, and

WHEREAS the 69th National Convention was held in the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 69th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its respect, esteem, and obedience to his Excellency Bishop Anthony Pilla, Ordinary of the Diocese of Cleveland, and gratefully acknowledge his outstanding and inspiring homily. His words and presence, which demonstrated his deep concern for the suffering Lithuanian Church and people, were a source of motivation for those attending the Convention.

20. Resolution

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania 69th National Convention, held in Cleveland, Ohio from August 5-8, 1982, was hosted by Council 25, Cleveland, and

WHEREAS the 69th National Convention enjoyed a great measure of hospitality and shared in good fellowship in the best tradition of outstanding national conventions due to the efforts of Council 25,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 69th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its profound gratitude and sincere commendations to Father Gediminas Kijauskas and the host council for their efforts.

21. Rezoliucija

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tas Visuotinis Seimas palinkėtų nuoširdžią padėką seimo prezidiumui ir komisijoms už jų nenuilstomą darbą vykdant seimo darbotvarkę.

22. Rezoliucija

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių 69-tas Visuotinis Seimas išreikštų savo nuoširdžiausius linkėjimus buvusiai centro valdybai, už jos nenuilstamas pastangas per pastaruosius metus išlaikyti organizaciją, kaip reikšmingą veiksnį Amerikos lietuvių visuomenėje.

23. Rezoliucija

Pasiremiant Lietuvos Vyčių Konstitucijos V skyriaus paragrafu 3(d) kad „Garbės nariais gali būti pakeliami įžymus lietuviai katalikai kurių pasidarbavimas Dievui ir tėvynei yra neabejotinai prakilnus ir pavyzdingai išreiškias organizacijos idealus”,

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo kad 69-tas Seimas atsižvelgtų į ypatingą atsidavimą ir nuoširdų dosnumą suteikti priemones Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai įsigyti seniai reikalingą ir pastovų organizacijos archyvą Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Archyve Putnam, Conn., taipogi atspausdinti Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos 75 metų Jubiliejinę Istoriją anglų ir Lietuvių kalbose, todėl Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo 69-tą Seimą įvertinant viršminėtą parodytą nuoširdumą Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai užgirti Jono Valausko iš 147-tos kuopos, St. Petersburg, Fl. kandidatūrą į Garbės narius ir ateinančių metų seime pakelti Joną Valauską į Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos garbės narystę.

24. Rezoliucija

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo, kad 69-tas Seimas pakeltų į Garbės Narystę šią 68-to seimo užgirtą kandidatę Mariją Rusas Kober, 109-tos Great Neck, NY kuopos narę.

25. Rezoliucija

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo, kad 69-tas seimas pakeltų į Garbės Narystę šią 68-to seimo užgirtą kandidatę, Kazimierą Petrulienę, Chicagos Senjorų kuopos narę.

21. Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 69th National Convention extend sincere thanks to the Convention Presidium and Committees for their untiring work in the conduct of the business of the Convention.

22. Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 69th 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 vital force in the Lithuanian-American community.

23. Resolution

With the support of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, Article V, Section 3)d, paragraph 2 which states “Honorary Members may also, be outstanding Catholic Lithuanians whose achievements for God and Country have been preeminently outstanding and exemplary of the ideals of the organization,”

The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee asks that, the 69th National Convention consider the special dedication and sincere generosity shown in making possible the necessary permanent organizational archives room in the American Lithuanian Catholic Archives in Putnam, CT, and in the promise of covering the expenses of publication, in English and Lithuanian, of the Knights of Lithuania History, and pay due respect to his above-mentioned signs of generosity by accepting JONAS VALAUSKAS, member of Council 147, St. Petersburg, who made the above generous donations, as a candidate for Honorary Membership, and to elevate him to Honorary Membership during the 70th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

24. Resolution

The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee asks that the 69th National Convention elevate to Honorary Membership MARY RUSAS KOBER, Member of Council 109, Great Neck, who was accepted as a candidate during the 68th National Convention.

25. Resolution

The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee asks that the 69th National Convention elevate to Honorary Membership KAZIMIERA PETRULIS, Chccago Seniors Member, who was accepted as a candidate during the 68th National Convention.

26. Rezoliucija

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai tęsia savo vaju išleisti paskirą Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronikos numerį, TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad aukos būtų siunčiamos tiesiogiai Lietuvos Vyčių Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės Šalpos Koordinatoriui.

TEBŪNIE TAIPGI NUTARTA, kad visos aukos būtų pažymimos, kad skiriamos ar Lietuvių Katalikų Religinei Šalpai ar Kronikų Fondui.

27. Rezoliucija

NUTARTA, kad Lietuvos Vyčių Konstitucijos V Skyriaus paragrafas 3.e papildomas šėkančiu sakiniu: „Mirus draugijos nario vyrui ar žmonai, draugijos narys turi savo narystės statutą tol kol jis/ ji laikosi kitais Konstitucijos reikalavimais.”

28. Rezoliucija

KADANGI daug Lietuvos Vyčių narių ištikimai dirbo mūsų organizacijos labui, jau yra įgiję ketvirtą laipsnį ir tęsia savo veiklą vyčiuose,

TEBŪNIE NUTARTA, kad naujoji centro valdyba paskirtų ad hoc komisiją ištirti ir parekomenduoti, kaip galima išplėsti mūsų Ritualų laipsnių programą.

29. Rezoliucija

NUTARTA, kad pateiktas biudžetas, 1982 m. liepos 1 d. ligi 1983 m. birželio 30 d. fiskaliniams metams, yra priimtas.

26. Resolution

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania continues its drive to sponsor an issue of the Chronicles of the Catholic Church in Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that donations be mailed directly to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Coordinator of the Knights of Lithuania.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all donations be specified either for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid or the Chronicles Fund.

27. Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuanian Constitution, Article V. Section 3.e) be modified by adding the following sentence:

“Upon the death of the spouse of an Associate Member, the Associate Member retains his/her membership status as long as other requirements of the Constitution are upheld.”

28. Resolution

WHEREAS many members of the Knights of Lithuania have faithfully served our organization, have already received their fourth degree and are continuing to work for the Knights of Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that the new Supreme Council appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to research and recommend the expansion of our Ritual Degree Program.

29. Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget be adopted for the fiscal year July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983.

By tradition, specific financial information is not provided in print. Therefore, the budget figures are not printed here.)



Fourth Degree Recipients

Cultural Evening

Anna K. Wargo

Friday evening's "Cultural Night" was truly one of the highlights of the Convention. From the moment the Cleveland Octet appeared on stage in their formal attire, they captivated the audience.

From the first selection "Mes Žengiam" to the final selection in the first portion "Žemaičių Daina", they sang with perfect harmony and much gusto. Soloists, M. Moteijunas and V. Ziedonis added to the perfection of the Octet.

Two selections were rendered by the beautiful and talented Irena Grigaliunaite. Her lovely voice and appearance added to the beauty of the evening.

Following a short intermission, the Octet reappeared in handsome blue tuxedos and ruffled shirts. They sang four more folk songs followed by Miss Grigaliunaite who received a standing ovation after her rendition of Sigmund Romberg's "One Alone", in Lithuanian, "Tik Jam Vienam".

The Octet then sang "Vieversys" (Yellow Bird) by N. Luboff, followed by a solo by V. Ziedonis. They then sang selections in Lithuanian, from "Paint Your Wagon" and "My Fair Lady". They ended the concert with the inspiring, "Ten už Žuksčiausiu kalnu".

The room was filled to capacity and everyone enjoyed the singing immensely. The lovely Lithuanian folk songs were both nostalgic and inspiring. The popular music translated into the Lithuanian language was entertaining. The Octet received a standing ovation at the concert's end. It was a most enjoyable evening.

After the concert, a dance was held and all those who stayed had a ball. Our hat's off to Council 25, Cleveland, for a beautiful and memorable "Cultural Evening".



Cleveland Men's Octet with Irena Grigaliunaite



Priest's table at Buffet Dinner



Lithuanian Display - Nellie Arunski and Vyto Balas - C-25

A Banquet of Memories

V. Grazulis, C-25

As the delegates and guests were taking their seats at 7:30 p.m. in the banquet hall at the Harley Hotel Ballroom in Cleveland on Saturday, August 7th, one could hear the ringing of many voices in song. The assembly with the accompaniment of Al Nauman and his accordion sang songs so dearly familiar to all of us: "Kai as Turejau Kaime Mergele", "Kur Nemunas ir Dauguva, ten musu brangi Lietuva", just to mention a few.

Once the mood was captured and spirits lifted, the Master of Ceremonies, Paul Chalko, introduced all who sat at the speakers table: Gene Kunsitis, C-25 president; Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, Spiritual Advisor; Loretta Stukas, National President; Bishop Anthony Pilla, Bishop of Cleveland; Rev. Ged. Kijauskas S.J., C-25 Spiritual Advisor; Vaclav Hryonar, Representative of George Voinovich, Mayor of Cleveland; Larry Janonis, Presidium Chairman; Eleanor Sluzas, 1st Vice President; Elsie Kosminsky, 2nd Vice President; Frank Petrauskas, 3rd Vice President; Nancy Miro, Secretary; Ann Marie Kassel, Financial Secretary; Alphonse Trainis, Treasurer; Anthony Mazeika, Honorary Mem. Chairman; Wm. Piacentini, Scholarship Chairman; and Kazimiera Petrulis, Honorary Member Candidate.

Rev. Jurgelaitis welcomed the assembly and gave the invocation before a delicious meal of many courses which went from fruit cup to chocolate éclair. Each table was adorned with a lovely centerpiece consisting of the Lithuanian flag and Rutas. A lucky person at each table got to take the centerpiece home. Thanks to Frances Pranskevich and Alvina Luiza for the centerpiece creations.



Ursula Kunsitis, Mayor's Representative Vaclav Hryonar, Charles Machutas and Nelda Machutas



"Budėk" Oktet with Director Algirdas Bielskus and Rita Kliorys, Accompanist and Narrator



Father G. Kijauskas, Bishop A. Pilla (holding shrine given to him as a gift), and Seminarian E. Putrimas

During the course of the meal the delegates and guests were entertained by the fine Cleveland "Budek" Octet. They sang a series of beautiful Lithuanian songs under the direction of Algis Bielskus. Their beautifully blended voices rang out harmoniously. Vilija Nasvytis narrated the story of each song in both English and Lithuanian.

Bishop Anthony Pilla, who honored the Knights with two visits to the K. of L. Convention, indicated in his greeting that he too came from immigrant parents. He is familiar with what our parents, relatives and friends are going through under the communist rule in Lithuania since he reads the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania" which were provided him by C-25 members. He said we must continue to pray and let our voices be heard.

Anthony Mazeika presented an Honorary Membership Award to Kazimiera Petrulis, who in her acceptance speech emphasized a phrase that her mother constantly used: "Ne Kalbek - Daryk!" - "Don't talk - Act!" M. Kober could not be present to receive her award because of illness.



Saturday night banquet - Head Table and guests



Scholarship Recipients
Paul Strolia and
Georgianna Kassel with
Bishop A. Pilla



Loretta Stukas, New Honorary
Member Kazimiera Petrulis,
Anthony Mazeika

The Scholarships were presented by William Piacintini to three young well deserving scholars.

Peter Luiza C-25, MCD Past President, presented His Excellency with a replica of a Lithuanian Wayside Shrine, a piece of Lithuanian fine art.

Rev. Jurgelaitis said a few more words to the assembly and led in a closing prayer to end a beautiful evening.

Social Sidelights

Aldona Ryan

Our stay at the Harley House of Cleveland East turned out to be very pleasant indeed! Only the busy schedule kept us from taking advantage of the swimming pools and recreation areas.

The early evening Thursday buffet was quite plentiful and prepared us for sitting through the first session very comfortably.

When the session broke up at around 10 o'clock, the gathering scattered into little groups throughout the two motels.

At the Harley House, Diane Dumstras of C-3 brought out song sheets containing parodies written by Helen Shields which promoted the convention to be held in Philadelphia the following year.

What started out to be a singing contest between MCD and MAMD against MAD and NED ended up in a full-fledged sing-a-long with about 75 revelers parading the halls gaily trilling "oi, oi, oi, oi, oi!"

This was helped greatly by the nimble fingers of Tom Stroila playing his accordian and keeping the throng in tune.



We were greeted daily by the smiling faces of Alice Karklius, Adele Svet, Albina Wallis and Nellie Samas at the Registration desk - very centrally located at the Harley House



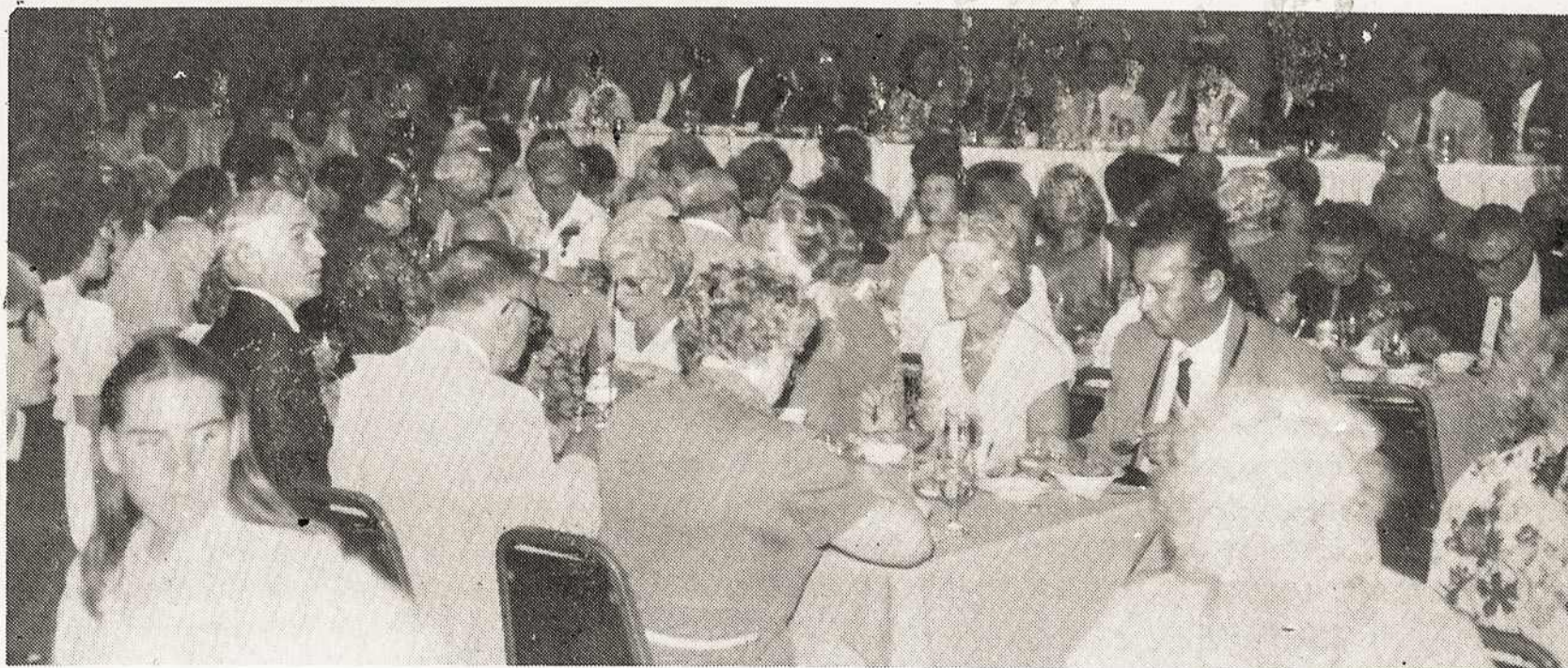
Poolside luncheons and informal meetings were refreshingly cool and inviting and effective



Back at the Quality Inn, the young people enjoyed an after midnight swim.

Having the dance on Friday night after the concert was a fresh idea! Many of the convention goers danced until the last notes of music were played by Ray Strimaitis and his orchestra.

Meanwhile, the strains of "oi, oi, oi, oi, oi" could be heard in the hallways again when members of the Cleveland Men's Octet decided to harmonize the zany tunes of C-3.



We ate and ate and ate

Many delegates found time to visit DAILES PARODA - a Lithuanian display of amber, weavings, woodcarvings, etc. that was presented by Giedre Kijauskas and Brone Paulionis. There were many items for sale made by the Lithuanian Scouts.



After the Saturday night banquet, great crowds visited in the rooms of MAMD who hosted a party honoring their new Honorary Member, Kazimiera Petruliene.



A birthday cake for Larry

A surprise birthday party for Larry Janonis in a room down the hall kept the merrymakers going back and forth from room to room.

On Saturday night at the Quality Inn, a group of delegates got together in the C-96 room where Lithuanian songs were sung cheerfully led by Alvina Luiza of C-25..

A surprise shower early Sunday morning loomed ominous for the day's activities but stopped just before everyone started to gather in front of the church for the Mass.



Daytonian Fran Petkus, Rita Ambrose and Elinor Sluzas



Happy birthday, dear Larry



Cleveland beauties Mariona Gray, Julia Steel, Alice Karklus, Ursula Kunsitis and Alvina Luiza

A scrumptious Sunday dinner was served at the Lithuanian Club - family style with plates of roast beef, fried chicken and Lithuanian sausages. This was accompanied by kugelis and assorted vegetables and pastries.

We all agreed it was a wonderful convention as we tearfully kissed our friends goodbye and started out for home.

SEE ALL OF YOU NEXT YEAR!





Supreme Council meeting held immediately after the last session on Saturday

First Prize Winner

While the 69th K. of L. Convention was taking place in Cleveland, the Old World Plaza Festival was also taking place on E. 185th Street. The K. of L. members and guests gathered after Mass on Sunday, August 8, 1982 for their Farewell Luncheon, of good old fashioned Lithuanian food, as the Festival Parade with its many floats and bands took place. Many of K. of L. members were able to see this colorful event. How proud they all were that the Lithuanian Float "The Lithuanian School" won first prize! What an apropos ending to the Knights of Lithuania Convention of 1982!

V. Grazulis C-25



Convention Finale - Parade on East 185th Street featuring the Lithuanian Village float which won First Prize



Cuyahoga River Boat Ride



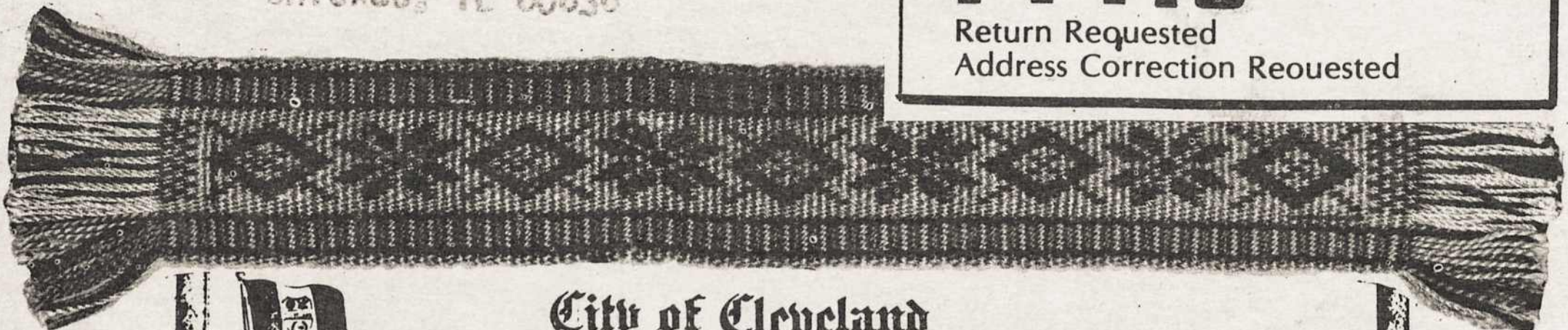
Delegates on front cover were actually watching Photographer John Vysnionis climb a 30 foot ladder

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PROCLAMATION

Designating August 5-8, 1982, as
"KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA DAYS"

The Knights of Lithuania will hold its 69th National Convention from August 5th to August 8th, 1982, at the Harley House Hotel.

The City of Cleveland proudly welcomes delegates and guests of this important convention. We hope that all of you will find Cleveland interesting, entertaining and especially hospitable.

The Lithuanians in the Greater Cleveland area, a highly respected and vital ethnic group, have contributed greatly to our City by sharing their rich cultural heritage and traditions with all our citizens.

The Knights of Lithuania, almost 70 years young, continues its commitment to the goals set down by their founders to keep "Lithuanism" alive and well in the U.S.A. and to bring freedom to their land on the shores of the Baltic Sea.

Besides the traditional religious, cultural and fraternal activities, the Knights have actively participated in the campaigns to free Simas Kudirka, to keep the Voice of America on the air, to prevent U.S.A. recognition of Soviet occupation of Lithuania and the Captive Nations Week commemoration. You could be rightly called "The Knights of Lithuanian Freedom."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George V. Voinovich, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby proclaim August 5-8, 1982, as "KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA DAYS" in Cleveland. We extend our cordial greetings and best wishes to the present and past officers as well as all delegates and members of the Knights on the occasion of their National Convention. May you continue to work in the spirit of your motto: DIEVUI IR TEVYNEI -- For God and Country.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 5th Day of August in the Year 1982.

George Voinovich
MAYOR