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Editorial

Now that we have all returned home from the 75th Diamond Anniversary Convention in Washington, it has been like getting a shot in the arm for more generated activity with our local councils. When the honorary medal was bestowed on Konstant J. Savickus, he mentioned that if each and everyone of us signed up just one member by paying his membership dues as a birthday, graduation or Christmas gift, we would have a 100% increase in membership. We do hope all of you will follow Konnie's suggestion and make this dream a reality at the 76th Annual Convention in Chicago, IL.

Vytis staff again publicly thank Konnie Savickus for the generous donation made to Vytis Editor, Mary Kober, as Trustee of this Fund. The principal amount is to remain as capital but only the interest to be used for a better Vytis publication. All members of the Knights of Lithuania extend Konnie a sirdinga aciū for his invaluable interest in keeping the Vytis one of the best Lithuanian-American publications in the U.S.

We call your attention to the minor changes made on the Vytis staff. With these changes, we will strive to make Vytis a magazine that you will all enjoy reading, particularly, one that will be printed and sent to your mail box on time.

Deimantai yra amžini —

DALIA BULVIČIUS

"It takes millions of years, many violent storms and pressures upon the surface and deep within the earth's crust to turn a soft piece of coal into a diamond". Thus spoke Scholarship Chairman William Piacentini before awarding the junior scholarships. And indeed, in 75 years of joys and sorrows we have truly become a diamond of an organization.

The 75th National jubilee convention of the Knights of Lithuania took place July 28 - 31, at the Washington Sheraton hotel in Washington, D.C.

The convention arranged by the Supreme Council and chaired by honorary members Helen Shields and Loretta Stukas. More than 350 delegates and guests attended. Some of the events even drew a bit over 500. The motto of the convention was: for God and country, past, present and future.

The July 28th opening Mass was offered at the nearby St. Thomas the Apostle Church. That same Mass was the closing Mass for the Lithuanian Priests' League convention.

The afternoon session was the official opening of the convention. Greetings by various organizations and guests followed. We were greeted in per-

Diamonds Are Forever

son by Bishop Paulius Baltakis, OFM, who asked us to try to rejuvenate K. of L councils in South America. Among the other speakers were various representatives of Lithuanian organizations, among them: Algimantas Gečys, Margareta Samatienė, Father Placidus Barius, OFM, and Stasys Lozoraitis. President Ronald Reagan and Vice president George Bush also send their greetings.

Our historian, Rev., Vincentas Valkavičius gave us a report on our recently published history: "Lithuanian Fraternalism — a History of the Knights of Lithuania". It is a beautiful book — both in soft and hard covers. Every K. of L'er should own a copy. . It is in English with a summary in Lithuanian written by dr. Algirdas Budreckis. Father Valkavičius spoke briefly about the idea of publishing a history of the Lithuanian churches in the United States. It seems, he said a trifle sadly that some people have the notion that everything happened with the newly arrived Lithuanians after World War II. We must show them that much was accomplished before that time and a book on Lithuanian churches would be perfect to rest our case.

Many bought the history book at the convention and also Father's autograph. Yours truly played a minor part in the publication of the history. It was indeed a pleasure to work with Father Vincent. Not many organizations can boast of such a history book.

In the evening of our first day we had a get acquainted evening at the Ukrainian mission church hall. Here, our sergeant at arms Anthony Kober had his work cut out for him: it seems everyone wanted to get first to the buffet table and were a bit impatient. Tony almost lost his temper: What do you want folks, he shouted into the mike, — even my wife's table has not been called yet.

Here our historian Father Vincent assumed a different role. Grabbing his violin, he joined Joe Thomas and others in entertaining us. Really, he is truly a jack of all trades. I hear that he sings too!

Friday morning during the first session Jack and Loretta Stukas shared with us their beautiful experiences from the elevation to cardinal of His Eminence Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevičius in Rome. The Cardinal — small in stature reminded the Stukas of Mother Theresa of Calcutta. His Eminence was a trifle worried that all the ceremonial garb was too big for him. "Don't worry your Eminence" a voice was heard in the crowd. "Eat a lot of macaroni and soon the vestments will fit perfectly".

The rector of the Lithuanian college in Rome Msn Alгимantas Bartkus greeted us with: "Bon-journo Krikšto Tėvai". During the convention a resolution was passed to form a committee on the Supreme Council in liaison with our adopted college in order to aid it more efficiently. Dr. Jack Stukas was elected Chairman of this position.

The representatives of the Lithuanian Youth Congress in Australia gave us a most interesting report, complete with slides. Rita Zakarka of Chicago and Rima Hartvigs of Amsterdam started with the congress and ended with kangaroos and the marvelous Sydney opera house. The delegates were so impressed that they passed a resolution to send delegates to a future youth congress. The next one will be in South America.

During the afternoon session a tribute was paid to four historic figures of our organization: Mykolas Norkūnas, Leonardas Šimutis, Aleksandras Aleksis and Rev. Jonas Jutkevisius, Highlights of their lives were discussed and their impact on the organization. A quote summarizing Father Jutts life could very well apply to all of them: "There was a man whose



Opening Mass at St. Thomas Apostle Church

heart was good he walked with men and understood." Large portraits of all of them flanked the podium throughout the convention.

During the afternoon of that day, a delegation made up of representatives from various districts under the leadership of dr. Jack Stukas visited the Lithuanian legation. the Charge d affaires Stasys Lozoraitis greeted them warmly and champagne toasts were drunk. Here, the favorite Frenchman of our organization Victor Matheau was able to converse in French with Mr. Lozoraitis. This is my revenge, laughed Victor. Many a time I stood around listening to Lithuanians speaking and could not understand. Now it is your turn to find out how that feels.

As the sun was setting music filled the night air. For our cultural event we had a concert by K. of L. members: soloist Marytė Bizinkauskaitė-Bilda, pianist Janet Pettit and the Lithuanian folk dance group Juosta under the direction of Rūta Virkutė. Marytė sang many Lithuanian songs and few arias. This writer was most impressed with Rusalkas aria from the opera Rusalka by A. Dvorak. It was with this aria that Marytė became a finalist of the Metropolitan Opera National auditions. There was a pleasant surprise during the evening. Marytė introduced her sister Veronica, also a singer. They sang a duet. Before singing the aria Vilija from Franz Lehar's operetta The Marry Widow, Maryte explained that she is dedicating it to her daughter Vilija, who on that day became 6 months old.

The most interesting sessions and the most important are on Saturdays, therefore they draw the largest crowd. Saturday is resolution and election day. Among the resolutions which were passed

were: petition the Soviet government to reinstate Bishop Julijonas Steponavičius in Vilnius, establish a foundation to provide for the care and renovation of the Our Lady of Šiluva chapel at the Immaculate Conception Shrine. (The foundation was begun with a \$1000.00 donation), \$500.00 was awarded towards the publication of a book on the Lithuanian parishes in the United States. There were also various donations to Lithuanian organizations and publications. The delegates decided to follow Bishop Baltakis suggestion and try to rejuvenate councils in South America.

After the resolutions, we were shown a videotape presentation of the now famous July 9th demonstrations in Lithuania. It was a pleasure to see the whole auditorium rise and sing the Lithuanian national anthem together with their brothers and sisters in Lithuania with a forest of Lithuanian "trispalvės" waving back and forth on the screen. Some were so impressed after the showing that a delegation was formed to visit the Russian embassy. Among the "instigator" were Andrew Akstinas, Mykolas Yuknys and Robert Boris. A group of approximately 70 strolled around the embassy praying the rosary and singing "Marija, Marija". Shouts of "da, da Lietuva, niet niet Soviet" reverberated. Faces were seen at the windows gazing down at the demonstrators. A Soviet representative took our message, promising to give it to the ambassador. Our enthusiastic youth left a sticker with the messages "Russia get out of Lithuania" and a rosary on the Soviet grounds.



Maryte & Veronica Bizinkauskaites entertaining at Cultural Evening.



Anne Cheplick, C-7 Waterbury giving a panel discussion on Alexander Alexis.

Each year, Msgn Juozas Prunskis awards \$600.00 dollars to the K. of L. Foundation to be awarded to the best essays written about the K. of L. events. This year, Foundation chairman Loretta Stukas awarded 3 prizes.

During the afternoon session Marytė Lepera, vice president in charge of juniors, presented her "children". Throughout the convention they had their own sessions and excursions. Here they presented us with a program of song and poetry in Lithuanian. We were so impressed that immediately a few hundred dollars was donated towards the endeavors of our talented juniors. Their parents and grandparents were given a standing ovation.

The elections were interesting. Many offices had a couple of candidates so it was really suspenseful. Well, our next president is the ever popular and hard working Anne Klizyte Wargo of Pennsylvania. After the joys of hailing a new chief things became a bit sadder. Our beloved long time Supreme Council spiritual advisor Father Antanas Jurgelaitis, has decided to retire from the post. All of us gave him a standing ovation and a loud and lusty rendition of *Ilgiausių metų*. Upon confirmation by the Lithuanian Priests' League our new spiritual advisor will be Rev. Juozas Andrulonis.

Next year's candidates for Honorary degree are: Frances Petkus and Juozapas Laučka. The convention will take place in August at Chicago. Hosts — C-112.



HM Stanley Vaitkus of C-96 Dayton, OH conferring Honorary Membership upon Konstant J. Savickus, C-5 Chicago, IL.

More than 500 were in attendance at the closing banquet. Richard W. Carlson, director of Voice of America was presented with the Friend of Lithuania Award. Attorney Konstant J. Savickus received the long overdue honorary membership. His accomplishments are too numerous to mention. What stands out is his great love for the Vytis magazine, countless times he came to its aid when the going was rough. In 1937 while visiting Lithuania he decided to extend his visit and prepare the Lithuanian basketball team to win the championship. It did! For that and many other things we honor Konnie today. In his acceptance speech, he revealed a great surprise — toward the betterment of his beloved Vytis magazine he presented its editor Mary Kober with a check for \$11,999.33. Why this amount you might ask! Well, according to the donor, that's all that he could save in one shoe.

Willian Piacentini awarded 3 scholarships to deserving youngsters: Janet Pettit, Barbara Yavorsky and Richard Jesewicz.

The banquet lasted long into the night dancing to the strains of K. of L's favorite musician Joe Thomas and his orchestra.

Sunday after breakfast all roads led to the Immaculate Conception Shrine where a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Bishop Baltakis and other priests. The homilist was Msgn. Audrys Bačkis

(at present elevated to an archbishop). About twenty 4th degrees were awarded. A non Lithuanian choir sang a most beautiful mass — in Lithuanian. It was the most talented John the Baptist choir from Silver Springs Maryland under the direction of Webster Alexander Rogers, Jr. The able organist was Susan De Camp. After Mass there was a procession to the Šiluva shrine where bishop Baltakis rededicated the organization to Our Lady's protection and we all prayed for our deceased fellow knights. Since there were many other visitors present at the shrine, Bishop Baltakis, during Mass, briefly explained the symbolism of these ceremonies.

In closing, one must not forget what a gigantic task it was to organize this convention. Our sincere thanks to the Supreme Council and the chairladies Helen Shields and Loretta Stukas. Granted, the hotel was huge. You could have included a compass in our souvenir bags, girls. But what huge mirrors and diamond chandeliers. Very appropriate for this event! And believe or not we had no keys to our hotel rooms — just pieces of silvery cardboard. This is what you call class!

During the closing Mass, this writer's eyes happened to fall on a short phrase in the Mass program book: "Except as noted, the entire Liturgy will be said or sung in Lithuanian. And it was! There were translations in English in the program book. Bravo girls!

Our jubilee convention is now history. As I



Banquet Dais: Outgoing Spiritual Advisor Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, HM Konnie Savickus and 75th Anniversary Chairlady Loretta Stukas.

gathered up my flock of fellow travelers and headed for the airport my glance rested on my dear friend, the 83 year old Onutė Lukosevičienė. This convention was special for her. She finally received her 4th degree after being a faithful member of C-12 for many years. During the convention, in 100 degree weather, she did not miss her cool, did not miss one Mass, saw many tourist attractions in Washington, attended all the sessions and did what was expected from a good delegate. At nights, she

was seen with other C-12 members enjoying visits with fellow council member Stella Marscinauskis and husband Mitch, who drew crowds to their room with delicious pickles and cheese with honey.

Flying home, Onutė awoke me from a sweet slumber: "Kur mes važiuosim kitais metais Dalia? Then and there I made up my mind. She and many others like her is the foundation of our 75 year old organization. So I say together with James Bond that Diamonds are Forever!



During a session, tributes were made to four historic figures of the K of L. Upper photo: Rev. John Jutt, Leonard Simutis, Sr. with Lenny Simutis, Jr. Lower photo: Alex Alexis and Mykolas Norkunas.



A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

EARLY BIRD TOUR - Washington, DC

Flags at half-mast - why? No one knew the reason but soon on the steps of the Capitol, I learned it was the "35th Anniversary of the Korean War."

Our noon day trip began with an articulate bus driver named Tim. Many questions were forthcoming from our riders. Did you know that the Capitol State employs 350,000 Civil Service and 200,000 Military employees in the habitat of 2.8 million residents?

The tour highlighted such buildings as the White House, J.F.K. Memorial Center for Performing Arts, Treasury Dept., FBI, Dept. of Justice, National Art Gallery, Dept. of Labor, and the future Canadian Embassy.

A short visit was made to the Capitol. As Sr. Citizens, we were permitted to enter a side door and thus avoid the huge walk up the steps. Security, as expected, was exercised. I personally did not latch on to a guided tour as the crowd was horrendous and the spoken word was barely heard. However, the magnificent structure housing the legislative branch of our government enlightens all. The Rotunda and the original Supreme Court Chamber were visited while the Statuary Hall, House of Representatives and the Senate were not.

Smithsonian Institute was our next stop to the Nat'l Museum of American History. A one-half hour visit is only a fragment of the time which this world's largest museum complex, with some 134 million objects spread throughout 13 different museums and galleries, could actually be viewed.

The Washington Monument was only seen from the bus. This is the highest masonry structure in the world and a free elevator ride of 555 ft. takes one to the top for a breathtaking view. Our next stop was the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Nearing the black granite, I suddenly became aware of walking on sacred ground - a cemetery with only an inscription of 58,000 names of brave souls who died or remain missing in the Vietnam war. With the aid of a directory, I located the name of a relative, I could not restrain myself when tears began to wet my cheeks. Yes, this like so many other memorials, is a sacred ground and we, as living human beings, should pause and thank God that freedom does ring in our midst.

Helen Matulonis, C-110, Maspeth, NY

GET TOGETHER NIGHT

Most of the delegates having arrived on Thursday, they were all bussed to the Ukrainian National Hall in Washington in the evening. After everyone was seated, our so-called Master of Ceremonies, Anthony Kober of C-109, Great Neck, NY proceeded to use the lottery system to call out the table numbers for everyone to partake of a delicious buffet dinner.

Our talented virtuoso, Rev. William Wolovich, in his comfortable, every day garb and his violin entertained everyone by singing and playing Lithuanian melodies. Joining him were two members with their violins from C-102, Detroit, MI, Joseph Aukstakalnis and John Stanievich, all being accompanied by Joseph Thomas and his accordian.

After the entertaining was over, at this point everyone seemed to be tired and weary and finally bussed back to the hotel.



Joseph Aukstakalnis, Joe Stanievich, Rev. Wolkavich with their violins and Joe Thomas with his accordian serenading the audience.

CULTURAL EVENING

With an audience of approximately 300 delegates and guests were entertained at the hotel by Soprano Maryte Bizinkauskas Bilda who sang several Lithuanian and Operatic melodies accompanied by Janet Pettit and Gillian Cookson. Maryte is presently a member of the Toronto Opera group and also a member of C-1, Brockton, MA.

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

Janet Pettit, a classical pianist rendered several operatic selections. Janet was this year's recipient of a Scholarship Award and is planning to study music at Immaculata College. She is also a member of C-63, Lehigh Valley, PA.

The audience was also delighted with the performance of a Lithuanian dance group "Juosta" from Washington, DC in their national costumes; directed by Ruta Virkute. Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was none other than Regina Kot of C-100, Amsterdam, NY.

We thank all the wonderful performers who added their portion of Lithuanian culture to the 75th National Convention.



"Juosta" Dance Group from Washington, DC at Cultural Evening.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

A National Convention banquet is traditionally a cause for celebration. While it is a time to pause after a job well done, it is also a time when the Knights of Lithuania confers its highest awards.

Featured at the Banquet were the recipients of the 1988 Scholarship Awards, the conferring of Honorary Membership and the presentation of the Father John C. Jutt "Friend of Lithuanian Award".

At the beginning of the program, Honorary Member Helen Shields, for the first time, presented Victor Mathieu of C-103, Providence, RI the "Distinguished Member Award" for serving as an inspiration and special friend of the Knights of Lithuania organization. Bill Piacentini, Jr., chairman of Scholarship Committee presented scholarships to the three recipients for 1988: Janet Pettit, Barbara

Yavorsky and Richard Jasewicz.

Honorary membership, the highest form of recognition given by the Knights of Lithuania to one of its members after 60 years of longtime extraordinary service was conferred to Konstant J. Savickus of C-5, Chicago, IL. Spokesman for the Honorary Committee, Stan Vaitkus, cited Konnie's record of long and distinguished service. In our estimation, Konnie stole the show when he received this award. Some of our 3rd and 4th Degree members are clamoring for their medals but here was a man who did not push his qualifications having served for many years. In Konnie's thank you's to the membership, he surprised everyone by presenting a check to Mary Kober, Vytis Editor, in amount of \$11,999.33. We sincerely do hope additional donations to this Fund will be forthcoming.

The Father John C. Jutt "Friend of Lithuania" Award is presented to a non-Lithuanian for outstanding service to the cause of Lithuanians and Lithuania. This year's recipient was Richard W. Carlson, Director of Voice of America. (Text of remarks by Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman Jack Stukas and Mr. Carlson's address are included in this issue).

Other guests at the dias were Past President Frank Petrauskas, newly elected President Anne Wargo, Charge D'Affaires Stasys Lozoraitis, Convention Chairlady Helen Shields, 75th Anniversary Chairlady Loretta Stukas, Rt. Rev. A. Barkus, Rt. Rev. A. Backis, Bishop Baltakis and Jack Stukas. Special thanks go to Daiva Miller of C-142 Washington, DC, Mistress of Ceremonies who conducted the program with special flair and talent.

The entertainment highlight was the dancing to the music of Joe Thomas and his Band from C-12, New York, especially when the dancing ladies wore fluorescent bands in their hair - a beautiful spectacular. We danced until too tired to polka anymore - but definitely not too tired to join in the after-hour festivities.

Al Wesey, C-109, Great Neck, NY



At Saturday Night's Banquet: Rt. Rev. A. Bartkus, Newly elected President Anne Wargo, C-144, Anthracite, PA and HM Stanley Vaitkus, C-96 Dayton, OH

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

SUNDAY BRUNCH AND MASS

After the festivities of the past four days had diminished, the final solemn celebration was Sunday brunch at the hotel. The main speaker was newly nominated Spritual Advisor, Rev. Joseph Anderlonis of St. George's Church in Philadelphia, PA. His short talk was dynamic and we do hope to see and hear more from Father. After the brunch, a most impressive closing Mass at Immaculate Conception Shrine and also at Our Lady of Siluva Chapel was held. Bishop Baltakis was the chief celebrant. The Cathedral echoed with prayers of the Mass and the responses of the congregation as well as with the Lithuanian hymns led by a non-Lithuanian choir and directed by Vincent Boris of C-102. After Mass, a group picture was taken and delegates were then bussed to the hotel to say their good-byes to their friends after a tiring but exciting and enjoyable few days until we all meet in Chicago in '89.



Rt. Rev. Algimantas Bartkus from Rome, Newly Appointed Spritual Advisor Rev. Joseph Anderlonis of Philadelphia, PA and Rev. Wm. Wolkavich, Author of K of L History Book at Sunday's Brunch.



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KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA DIAMOND JUBILEE CONVENTION
Sheraton-Washington - July 28-31, 1988 - Washington, D.C.
July 28th talk of Rev. William Wolkovich



Rev. William Wolkovich

As we rejoice in this diamond jubilee, no doubt the future of the Knights of Lithuania is on the minds of many. So I shall tie in its future to my assigned topic, i.e., the "Past" of our association. Let me begin by posing the question: "What can we learn from the past?" In answer, let's focus on two points: (1) the circumstances that gave rise to the K of L, and (2) the issue of balance between religion and ethnicity.

Recall the late date of the Knights' origin - 1913. I say "late" because Lithuanians had already been streaming into the United States for over 40 years. By 1913, socialists and freethinkers had made considerable inroads into the Lithuanian community. A large minority of non-churchgoers was well knit in a national network of socialists' chapters; and there were even clusters or organized freethinkers and anarchists. Probably as many as 25 percent of the Lithuanians had abandoned their faith. There was only one Catholic nationwide society - the Catholic Alliance. But in 1913 it was licking its wounds after the breakup of 1901, struggling to regain membership, after the majority had become the National Alliance. In 1913 there was at least a partial vacuum of Catholic leadership. Thus it was in the face of Catholic losses that Mykolas Norkunas launched the Knights in *defense* of the faith, as well as a vehicle to preserve Lithuanianism.

The second point I bring to your attention is the issue of religion and ethnicity, i.e., being Catholic and having Lithuanian roots, as expressed in the slogan: "For God and Country." That means, of course, *faith* first, and ethnicity - second. Yet throughout its history, the K of L has, from time to time, shown an imbalance of this correct order. I mean that our association has sometimes emphasized being *Lithuanian* more than being *Catholic*, through its resources, programs, and activities. This imbalance showed up in the very first issue of *Vytis* in October, 1915. The opening editorial spoke of training warriors for "Vytautas and Christ." Yet this inverted sequence went unchallenged in that heyday of intense ethnic spirit.

These then are the two points from the Knights' past that I bring to your attention: the K of L was born as a *defensive measure* for the faith; and the K of L has at times

suffered an imbalance between faith and ethnicity. Now I repeat my original question: what lessons can we learn from the past?

Our era is not like that of Norkunas. Unlike Norkunas in 1913, we are not challenged to defend our faith today in the Lithuanian community. The adversaries of old are disappearing. For instance, the socialist newspaper, *Keleivis*, ceased publication in May of 1979. This past year, the communist *Laisve* closed its doors. So we need a fresh base on which to build a new K of L. As to the problem of imbalance between faith and ethnicity, that danger *always* calls for vigilance. Here then is a double lesson that the history of the K of L teaches us. To sustain this association, we must find a motive in our faith, *other* than the original defense motive; and we must be ever on guard to keep Christ *first*, and then Vytautas who stands for Lithuanian roots.

How shall we respond to this two-fold challenge? Let me draw on my own experience, my own journey to appreciating my Lithuanian heritage. Unlike most of you, I did not grow up in a Lithuanian parish. In my hometown of Hudson, MA, there was just one Catholic church, where people of various ethnic backgrounds worshipped. Only as an adult did I arrive at a clear and (I hope) mature respect for my Lithuanian lineage. The route that led me there is one that I propose for the continuation of the K of L of tomorrow.

The novel direction I propose is found in the Fourth Commandment that bids us to honor our father and mother; and in a serious attachment to history. What about the Fourth Commandment? All the catechisms and books of moral instruction that I have ever read stressed obedience and kindness as the duties of children toward parents. Never yet have I found an author or commentator who applied the Fourth Commandment to the duty of taking some sort of interest in one's roots, as an expression of reverence for parents. I have a classmate whose father came from Ireland. I was deeply saddened one day to hear this priest boast he had no interest whatsoever in visiting Ireland or in knowing about his father's origin. Yet how can one truly honor one's forebears without indulging in some minimal curiosity about their homeland, culture and history?

To support my contention, let me cite the philosopher, Michael Novak. He once wrote a provocative piece for the Catholic press, entitled: "The Theology of Ethnicity". Therein Novak points to Jesus as the supreme model of ethnicity. Let me explain. Becoming one of us in human nature, Jesus necessarily had to become a member of a *particular* ethnic group. Indeed the Gospels tell us that our Lord was *proud* of His Jewishness. Everyone of us is marked

with a similar *particularity*. Each of us is from Lithuanian lineage, or perhaps Polish, French-Canadian, or a mixture of several ethnic strains. It was my personal reflections on the Fourth Commandment that prompted me to delve into my Lithuanian heritage, my particularity. For you and for potential K of L members I highly recommend such spiritual considerations as the fresh base on which to build the Knights' future. The second aspect of my ethnic appreciation flows from the moral duty that I perceive with God's 4th Commandment. One cannot love what one does not know - goes the adage of the philosophers. So I began reading what little I could find. These efforts helped me gain perspective on Lithuanians as a people and their place in history.

Yet here we face a major hurdle for the Knights' future: widespread apathy all around us concerning history. My historian colleagues in colleges and universities commonly lament their difficulty in generating enthusiasm among their students for history. Few Catholic institutions offer courses in U.S. Catholic Church history. On their part, Lithuanians have produced no extensive literature in English about Lithuania or Lithuanians in this country.

What do we have? There are the histories of Lithuania by Thomas Chase *THE STORY OF LITHUANIA*, (New York, 1946) and Constantine Jurgela *HISTORY OF THE LITHUANIAN NATION*, (New York, 1948). We also have Jack Stukas, *AWAKENING LITHUANIA* (Madison, NJ, 1966), Joseph Koncius *HISTORY OF LITHUANIA* (Chicago, 1971) and Algirdas Budreckis *THE LITHUANIANS IN AMERICA 1651-1975* (Dobbs Ferry, NY, 1976) and *AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF LITHUANIA* (Boston, 1984). If you are willing to take time, you can skip around in the entries of the *ENCYCLOPEDIA LITUANICA* (6 vols. in English), searching for historical entries. Antanas Kucas, *LITHUANIANS IN AMERICA* (Boston, 1975), though an abridged version of his longer Lithuanian text, is an invaluable source. For an overview, one must consult Arunas Alisauskas' superb article on Lithuanians in the *HARVARD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN ETHNIC GROUPS*. But there is so little beyond these titles.

And what about fiction? We do have *THE JUNGLE* by the socialist Upton Sinclair, who depicts Lithuanian life in the Chicago stockyards; and there is an obscure anti-Catholic novel about Lithuanian coalminers in Pennsylvania by Margaret Seebach - *THAT MAN DONALEITIS* (sic), (Philadelphia, 1918). Bet neither novelist is Lithuanian. Meanwhile, is there a Lithuanian-American novelist anywhere in sight, capable of celebrating the Lithuanian experience? The obvious lesson from all this is that you should read what little there is at present, and financially back efforts to produce more of such badly-needed literature in English.

There are thousands of third and fourth generation people, at least partly of Lithuanian stock, who must be given a chance to discover something of value in their Lithuanian lineage. There are the people whose curiosity is being piqued

by our English language publications: *THE OBSERVER* and *BRIDGES*. Our own *VYTIS* must be in the forefront of such efforts. It will take more than polkas and kilbasa to preserve the K of L. We need people who (for example) will savor the famous Lithuanian poet, Donalaitis, and take time to read a translation of his classic poem, "The Seasons". We need people who will learn about the musician-painter Mikalojus Ciurlonis, and will want to listen to his beautiful romantic music, and view his exquisite paintings. We need people who will relish reading about the exploits of the revolutionary hero, Fr. Antanas Mackevicius, riding horseback in his cassock during an uprising, and executed on the gallows in 1863 by tsarist officials; the brave lay people who defended their parish church at Kraziai, wielding farm implements against the cossacks; the dynamic Fr. Juozas Zebris, New England apostle of parishes, founder of the cooperative movement among Lithuanians, entrepreneur of his own newspaper, farm, bakery and tragically murdered in 1915 at New Britain, CT. (His biography is available from this writer).

I could go on with examples. The point is that we need new members who will glance at these heroes (and Heroines) of Lithuanian vintage, and want to say proudly: "My grandmother came from Lithuania!" "My great grandfather was Lithuanian". That's the sort of person who will join the Knights, and someday chair the centennial convention in the year 2013! But if you yourselves are not thoroughly at home with the glories of the past in your heritage, how can you expect to excite others to probe their roots?

But it can happen. Let me cite one example. The Daughters of the American Revolution were founded in 1890. Today they have 210,000 members - descendants of Revolutionary War patriots. How proud the DAR is about its heritage. The basis for their association is a war that took place over 200 years ago. We have a far superior bond, revealed to us nearly 2,000 years ago - our oneness in Jesus Christ.

It is here we have a typical gospel paradox. St. Paul tells us that there is neither Jew nor Greek, but we are all one in Christ. Put differently, the Apostle to the Gentiles invites us, commands us to act as if there were no Lithuanians or Poles, or anybody else. Give supremacy to the Lord and to our unity in Him. Once we strive earnestly to do so, then we can sit back, and in a relaxed manner enjoy our heritage as a gift from God. Christ first and always - and then Vytautas.

In closing I restrict myself to just one specific recommendation. In my view, the most important single step the K of L can take is to make our house journal, *VYTIS*, our most powerful instrument. Remember, it is in competition with hundreds of slick magazines. Give the *VYTIS* staff (and your new Editor) the fullest moral and financial support. Help them achieve the highest standards of excellence in proof-reading, layout, and prompt delivery. When you are proud of your journal, you read it cover to cover, and pass it on enthusiastically to prospective members. In the most professional-looking publication possible, get your message out

to the highways and byways.

We have a fair share of treasures in the storehouse of Lithuanian heritage. Don't keep it under the proverbial bushel basket. First immerse yourselves in that heritage as fully as possible. Then you will be compellingly persuasive in your efforts to draw others into the ranks. Full speed ahead!



CONVENTION DELEGATES PICKET THE SOVIET EMBASSY

Acting upon a resolution by Andrew Akstin, C-116 Worcester, MA and assisted by Michael Yuknis, C-112, Chicago, IL (formerly with the Peace Corps in Samalia for six years) and Past President Robert Boris, C-102, Detroit, MI, a group of nearly 100 delegates participated in a demonstration in front of the Soviet Embassy.

Andrew Akstin, not only prepared banners, but chartered a bus at his own expense, which was jammed to capacity for the five mile ride to within a few blocks of the Embassy. A police escort lead the procession to the embassy carrying the National Flags, banners, placards, bumper stickers and dozens of small Lithuanian and American flags. Sister Angela, CJC, lead everyone in the recitation of the Rosary for Russia's conversion and Lithuania's freedom.

During the demonstration, an official of the Embassy appeared at the front gate, inquiring as to the purpose of our

demonstration. Jack Stukas presented him with the resolution passed at the convention only a few hours earlier. (See official Resolution appearing in this Issue). The Russian official politely accepted the resolution and promised to present it to the Soviet Ambassador.

The demonstrators were young and older members alike including Past President Frank Petrauskas, Dr. Leonard Simutis, Jr., of C-112 Chicago, IL, Saulius Kuprys, our legal advisor from Chicago and others.

One placard written in Russian demanded the repeal of the Hitler-Stalin treaty which ceded Lithuania to the Soviets. Another demanded the release of Archbishop Steponavicius from house arrest and the return of the Cathedral of Vilnius and the Church of St. Casimir to the Catholics.

Having accomplished the main purpose of the demonstration, everyone moved to the other side of the street - the shady side - since the sizzling heat could have brought problems for older delegates. While awaiting the return of our bus, the National Anthems, Marija, Marija were sung. Intertwined with the singing, the group took up the chant: "Da da Lietuva, nyet nyet Soviet".

To many delegates this was a highlight of the convention. One elderly delegate remarked that she could hardly wait to get back home so she could tell her grandchildren that "Grandma was a protester and marched in a picket line".

Robert Boris, C-102 Detroit, MI



Convention delegates demonstrating by the Soviet Embassy on July 30, 1988. The demonstration took about two hours wherein a resolution was submitted to the Embassy. Protest arranged by Andrew Akstin, C-116 Worcester, MA, Michael Yuknis, C-112, Chicago, IL and Robert Boris, C-102, Detroit, MI.

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

July 30, 1988

**WILLIAM J. PIACENTINI,
Scholarship Committee Chairman**

Amid the majesty of our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., and the festivities of the occasion, our Diamond Anniversary, the Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania made by Wm. Piacentini, Scholarship Chairman, at the closing banquet of the Seventy-Fifth National Convention. Mr. Piacentini commented that the scholarship program has been a part of the history of the Knights of Lithuania for the past thirty years. During these thirty years, ninety-three youths have received approximately \$35,000 in scholarship aid for their college education.

Prior to the actual awarding of the scholarships, Mr. Piacentini made a special plea to the membership. He said: "Remember, however, that there is more than just money to a scholarship program. There must be worthy candidates to receive the monies collected. Please get your children and grandchildren involved in the Knights of Lithuania today so that they will be able to present themselves as worthy candidates in the next years heading toward our 100th anniversary. The scholarship committee will work to raise the money; you work to raise the candidates. Our future as an organization depends upon it."

The Scholarship Committee evaluates each candidate for a scholarship in the areas of academic ability, community service, financial need, character and, most importantly, involvement in the Knights of Lithuania. It was stressed by the chairman that the committee believes that a history of active participation by a candidate is crucial to the receiving of a scholarship award. The committee is not awarding a scholarship to a candidate whose parents or grandparents are active K of L'ers according to Mr. Piacentini. The Scholarship Committee will only award a scholarship to a youth who demonstrates the qualities embodied by a true, active Vyciai.

Mr. Piacentini then presented three scholarship awards giving a brief biographical background on each winner. The winner of a \$600.00 scholarship award was Janet Pettit of C-63, Lehigh Valley, PA. The chairman said: "The first award is presented to a young lady described as a 'refreshingly positive and successful student'. She is the organist at her church, a talented musician, and a student who shares her Lithuanian heritage with her classmates. Her fellow members of C-63 regard her as their own 'Miss Lithuania'. She will attend Immaculata College to study music education."

The winner of a \$800.00 scholarship award was Barbara Yavorsky of C-46 Forest City, PA. The chairman said:

"The next recipient is the valedictorian of her graduating class and respected by her elders and peers for her qualities of consideration, respectfulness and diligence. She has been a Daughters of the American Revolution citizenship award winner and is listed in this year's edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She is proud of her Lithuanian heritage and always wears a Lithuanian flag on her jacket. She will attend Pennsylvania State University to study world literature."

The winner of a \$1,000.00 scholarship award was Richard Jasewicz of C-100 Amsterdam, NY. The chairman said: "The final recipient is a member of a family with strong K of L roots. He is described as a trustworthy, reliable young man of strong faith. He serves as an acolyte and lector in his parish. He has been a member of the Knights of Lithuania for 7 years, serving in various offices of his junior council. He is interested in sports and works parttime in a hospital. He will attend Fulton Montgomery Community College to study criminal justice. He is a member of the noted scholarship recipient producing C-100."

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Piacentini made a special announcement. He stated that Irene K. Sankus, whose untimely death saddened all members of the Knights of Lithuania, made a generous \$5,000.00 bequest to the scholarship fund in her estate. To fittingly acknowledge her memory and generosity, the Scholarship Committee established a memorial scholarship in her name. The committee wished the memorial scholarship to be special so it decided to apply the award each year to the support of a seminarian studying at the Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome. The Scholarship Committee will work with Msgr. Barkus, rector of the college, to develop specific criteria for the award and make the first presentation at next year's convention in Chicago. Mr. Piacentini said, "We hope that this special award designation will be a contributing factor to the internationalization of the Knights of Lithuania in service "For God and Country".

On behalf of the members of the Scholarship Committee the Chairman thanked the Vyciai for their loyal and generous support of the scholarship program throughout the year.



DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD
 presented by Helen Shields to
VICTOR G. MATHIEU

(Victor G. Mathieu, of French roots, has been a faithful Knight of Lithuania for many years. This year the organization decided to honor him in a special manner by awarding him a token of appreciation for his great devotion to the Knights. At the closing banquet Honorary Member Helen Shields draped a Lithuanian juosta over Victor's shoulders as we all sang "Ilgiausių Metų!". His acceptance speech was especially memorable and inspiring, so we would like to share it with you. We leave it as is without editing, note the interesting version of the Lithuanian words. Bravo Victor an A for your effort!—Editors)



VICTOR G. MATHIEU

Garbė Jezui Kristui,

For one who has always something to say, who cannot shut up, I find myself at a loss for words to express to you my feelings at this moment listening to all of you honoring me with "Il galsu metu, il galsu."

If you honor me, you then also honor my wife, for she is the lady who has to put up with me every day. Tonight my wish would be that my brother-in-law, the late John Stokus, could share this moment. His wife Bertha is here along with their son Paul, who is our Godchild.

Thoughts came to me this morning of my friend the late Father Jutkevičius. How we had opposing views at the now famous 1953 Boston convention and how we became personal friends despite our bitter differences. When Jack Stukas tabled the Ecological Resolution thereby prohibiting me from speaking on the issue, I stormed back to my seat muttering "Times have not changed, just like in Boston 1953".

I was thrilled, Friday afternoon, in that I was asked to represent the New England District in meeting with the

Charge d'Affaires Stasys Lozoraitis at the Lithuanian legation. There were 14 in the K. of L. delegation. We were individually greeted by Mr. Lozoraitis. I stayed to the rear, the last in line. Since everyone was speaking to him in Lithuanian, I said to him "As ne Lietuvis — As Prancuzu. Mano zmonu Lietuve". I then proceeded to converse with him in French, with everyone listening to the conversation that they did not understand. In French I said to Mr. Lozoraitis: "Please continue to speak French with me. For over 40 years I have stood by and listened to Lithuanians speak in Lithuanian not knowing what they were saying. This is my opportunity to retaliate."

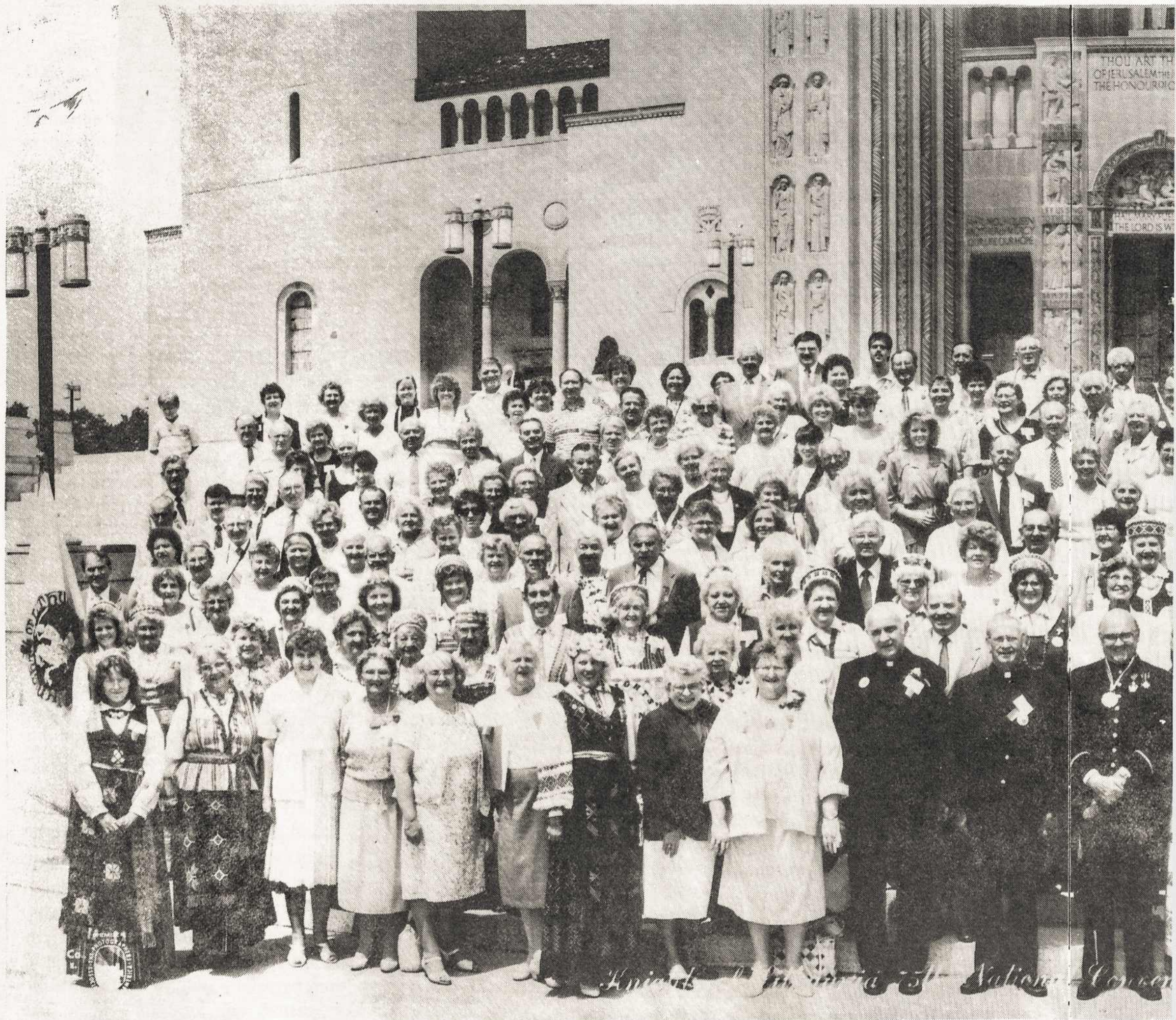
One last story. When in Vienna at the march for Human Rights in the Baltic States, Jack Stukas introduced me to the Lithuanian priest who has been in charge of the Ecumenical Service, held at the conclusion of the demonstration, in the famous St. Stephen's Cathedral. During our conversation in French, he said to

me "Do you know that we, Lithuanians speak the **oldest** spoken language in Europe today? I replied "Taip". Then I said "Father, do you know the language that we are now speaking is the most **beautiful** in the world? He then replied "Taip".

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(Victor finished his speech by thanking all who made the award possible — Ačiū labai, iki pasimatymo. As Joe Thomas' band played *La Marseillaise* (The French national anthem) Victor stood proudly at the lectern with his right hand over his heart as all of us gave him a standing ovation. — Editors)





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FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD

Presented to

Richard W. Carlson Voice of America

by Dr. Jack J. Stukas
National Chairman
Lithuanian Affairs Committee



It is with great pride and honor that we have with us today Richard W. Carlson, Director of Voice of America, to receive Father Jutt "Friend of Lithuania" Award. Richard W. Carlson was sworn in as Director of the Voice of America on September 22, 1986, after nomination to the post by President Reagan, on July 17, 1986, and confirmation by the Senate.

Prior to his appointment to head the Voice of America, Carlson served as head of the Director Office of Public Liaison of the U.S. Information Agency.

Richard Carlson of La Jolla, CA is a winner of three Emmy Awards and six Associated Press Awards for radio and television reporting. Mr. Carlson is also the recipient of the coveted George Foster Peabody Broadcasting Award (1976 - for KABC-TV, Los Angeles) for investigative reporting. He spent 14 years as a journalist. He was a staff writer for United Press International and stringer for *Time* magazine. His by-line has appeared in the *Sacramento Bee*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Boston Globe*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The American Spectator*, *Policy Review*, *Look Magazine*, *San Diego Magazine* and *San Francisco Magazine*. In addition to his journalistic experience, Mr. Carlson has been a senior manager in the financial community. From 1977-1984 he was senior Vice President of

the California-based Great American First Bank, one of the nation's largest lending institutions, with more than 240 branches in California, Arizona, Colorado, and Washington and over \$14 billion in assets.

Mr. Carlson has been a director of numerous professional and civic organizations including the President's Council on the Peace Corps, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Scripps Memorial Hospital and the Rosalind Russell Arthritis Foundation. He has also been a commissioner of the San Diego Crime Commission.

Since 1977, he has spoken on issues of concern to the journalistic profession. He has lectured at numerous universities, including the University of California and Stanford, and has been a frequent panelist in forums on the media. In 1979, he was host of the Mandeville Lectur Series at the University of California, San Diego. His topics have included "Organized Crime and Civic Corruption", a subject in which he specialized as an investigative reporter, "The Art of Interrogation" and "Crisis and the Media".

Carlson, 45, is a native of Boston, MA. He is married and the parent of two sons and a daughter and resides in Washington, DC and La Jolla, CA.

SPEECH GIVEN BY RICHARD W. CARLSON

"Labas Vakaras ponius and ponai. Your Excellency, Madam President and Knights of Lithuania. I am humbled and honored to receive this year's "Friend of Lithuania" award — and so pleased to have an opportunity to talk with you and be a part of this celebration. And thank you so much, Jack Stukas, for the very flattering introduction.

The task of free world broadcasting, Ladies and Gentlemen, is to demonstrate to those who may not share or understand democratic principles that the right of people to express themselves without fear of reprisal is KEY to a stable world.

Despite vast increases in science and technology these

past few decades, radio still remains the world's major mass communication medium — for some two-thirds of the world, in fact. It is too much to expect that people living in closed societies will relate automatically to democratic attitudes about liberty and free press and conscience if they do not even have access to accurate information about events inside their own countries — much less about events in the outside world. Disparities of perception loom large enough without whole sectors of humanity being denied the right to know what is happening around them.

International broadcasting, in general, and the Voice of America in particular, I'm proud to say, is a literal life-

line to millions of people who listen under varying degrees of psychological and physical duress. International broadcasting not only helps the people who *receive* the broadcasts, however. It helps the senders too. We at VOA discover from listeners' letters all sorts of insights about the thinking processes and perceptions inside other nations: things that cannot be obtained from a poll.

All people have a natural curiosity about what goes on in other countries — what their leaders' policies are, and how the citizens in those countries think. This is very healthy. But in totalitarian nations, citizens are under no illusions; they know they are going to gain little insight from their own media.

It is unfortunate that the Soviet Union — and its client regimes — have a historic fear of free information flow. But Communist leaders are not the only rulers who believe that to maintain order inside their countries and to protect their own power, they must erect barriers against information and ideas that are contrary to the official line. We see the same attitude here and there in the Third World. The results of this, I'm sure, are familiar to many of you: high-tech microphones in telephones, handwriting samples from citizens, registration of typewriters, mail monitored, hotels bugged. These kinds of efforts are based on perceptions about the character and purpose of life. They are considered by the perpetrators as necessary to maintain order — at least their concept of order.

One of the tasks of free nations is to make concepts like "the free flow of information" and "participatory government" less intimidating. Free nations can promote — by simply telling the truth — the idea that when people hear and read what they want, discuss it freely, and make up their own minds, it can strengthen and enrich a society.

You see, it isn't just average citizens who listen to free-world broadcasts. The leaders listen, too. So while we are helping to inform individuals in closed societies about events inside and outside their borders, we are also providing a lesson in democracy — without delivering a sermon.

The Lithuanian Service at VOA has performed a vital function in this regard, particularly crucial now, in light of nationalistic uprisings and talk of perestroyka. The Service has traditionally reported, for example, on the Lithuanian community OUTSIDE of Lithuania. Surveys indicate that the main reason listeners tune in to VOA/Lithuanian is to find out about the life of their countrymen in the West. Most of the important Lithuanian events are reflected in VOA/Lithuanian programming. For example, VOA arranged for a special broadcast of the Papal Mass commemorating the 600th Anniversary of Christianity in Lithuania. VOA/Lithuanian led the international broadcasting community in reporting this first-time-ever event: a Lithuanian bishop named to the College of Cardinals. The Lithuanian Service recently sent a reporter to Australia to report on the 6th Lithuanian World Youth Congress. And the Congress of

the World Lithuanian Community, which just ended in Toronto, was covered, as is this Congress of the Knights of Lithuania.

The Lithuanian Service is doing its best to fill in some of the "blank pages" of Lithuanian history. Recently, the Service produced a multi-segment series on the demographic impact of World War II and the post-war era on the Lithuanian population. Under discussion were such "taboo" topics as:

- mass deportations and executions during the first Soviet occupation;
- the Holocaust during the Nazi occupation;
- casualties of the anti-Soviet partisan war which raged into the early 50's; and
- mass deportations during the post-war period of Sovietization and collectivization.

A four-way round table discussion evaluating the results of the Party Conference in Moscow — with two recent Lithuanian emigres and members of the Lithuanian Helsinki Group — drew a lot of interest from listeners.

The Lithuanian Service has reported on various unofficial and semi-official demonstrations in the Lithuanian capital Vilnius and other cities. Direct contacts were made with Lithuanian dissidents and members of the semi-official Lithuanian Movement for the Support of Restructuring. In reporting on unofficial meetings VOA/Lithuanian was at times not only the first, but the only, source for news.

Both VOA's Lithuanian Service and the Central News Room have an excellent working relationship with the Lithuanian Information Center (LIC) in Brooklyn, NY. The LIC for a long time has been virtually the only reliable source about events inside Lithuania. One reason is that the LIC has been receiving the underground publication, "The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania" since 1972. Thanks to LIC, VOA/Lithuanian has aired reports on the contents of the publication since that time.

To give you an idea how much practical good something like this does, consider the recent case of 29-yr.-old Petras Grazulis who received a ten-month hard labor sentence for refusing military training. With the LIC providing the fine details on Grazulis' trial, much more than UPI, AP, and Reuters provided, Lithuanian listeners were told of Grazulis' attempt to speak on his own behalf and that he was beaten in the courtroom. The case of Petras Grazulis has since been taken up by Amnesty International, Helsinki Watch, and by members of the U.S. Congress. Just last week 34 members of the Senate wrote a letter to the Soviet Union demanding the release of Petras Grazulis.

On the cultural side, many VOA/Lithuanian programs have a direct tie with the target area. The Vilnius Youth Theatre, for example, participated in the International Theatre Festival in Chicago and gave a series of performances at the Alley Theatre in Houston, TX. This was an unprecedented cultural event for the Lithuanian theatre.

Today, Moscow is preoccupied with the situation it created years ago in attempting to produce, through a policy known as "national delimitation", a homogenized "Soviet man". Their idea was to eliminate old national loyalties and cultural differences among the conquered people. We know now that these efforts backfired and accentuated, rather than eliminated, nationalistic sentiment. Demonstrators today inside Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Armenia and many other Baltic/East European countries, are demanding the national self-determination originally promised by Lenin. And Mr. Gorbachev's policies of glasnot and perstroyka are fanning the flames of discontent. Ironically, it is America, not the Soviet Union, which managed to create national unity out of cultural diversity. Although in 1789, the differences that separated North Carolinians from Connecticut Yankees probably seemed greater than the bonds that united them, the American experiment succeeded in creating nationalism out of particularism. It happened largely because novelists like Cooper and Hawthorne, poets like Bryant and Longfellow, painters like Stuart and Peale and educators like Webster and McGuffey were free to create the common store of images and values that gave Americans a common language with which to voice a common heritage. Communist systems everywhere face the classic dilemma of totalitarian regimes. But allowing more freedom threatens the power structure of the regime.

As VOA approaches its half-century mark of service, we recognize that the world is very different from the one to which we first broadcast news about World War II — when we first pledged to listeners to "bring people the truth, whether good or bad." But we still operate — and will continue to operate — on the assumption that *understanding* is the key to better world relations. We will continue to advance the cause of freer movement between peoples, and of ideas and information. Thinking that is attuned to democratic principles permits concessions to individuality. Once a nation's leaders commit to the idea that individual goals and desires are important, their society can begin to open up and adapt constructively to a complex, post-industrial age. Thus, the importance of telling the truth is really nothing less than the goal of promoting world stability. To that end, we look forward the day when ALL the world leaders, including the Soviet Union's, will seek to make their first and highest principle the unembellished world leaders, including the Soviet Union's, will seek to make their first and highest principle the unembellished truth.

I am honored to have received this Award. Honored to play a part in this evening — and I salute your efforts and your organization on this its 75th Anniversary. Many thanks.



GREETINGS COMMITTEE: Regina Kot, C-100 Amsterdam, NY, Frances Bumila, C-1 Brockton, MA and Evelyn Ozelis, C-36 Chicago, IL

GREETINGS

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RONALD REAGAN
 President of the United States
- GEORGE BUSH**
 Vice-President of the United States
- MOST REV. CHARLES SALATKA**
 Archbishop of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- MOST REV. PAULIUS BALTAKIS, OFM**
 Titular Bishop of Egara for Lithuanian Catholics throughout the Free World
- MSGR. ALGIMANTAS BARTKUS**
 Rector, Pontifical Lithuanian College of St. Casimir, Rome, Italy
- STASYS LOZORAITIS, JR.**
 Charge D'Affaires of Lithuania, Washington, DC
- DR. STASYS BACKIS**
 Charge D'Affaires, Emeritus, of Lithuania, Washington, DC
- HON. ANICETAS SIMUTIS**
 Consulate General of Lithuania, New York, NY
- HON. JOSEPHINE DAUZVARDIS, HM**
 Lithuanian Consul Emeritus, Chicago, IL
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Total Received	\$425.00

RESOLUTIONS

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WHEREAS Article 49 of the USSR Constitution states: "Every citizen of the USSR has the right to submit proposals to state bodies and public organizations for improving their activity, and to criticize shortcomings in their work..... persecution is prohibited; and

WHEREAS Soviet media is now constantly telling the citizens of the USSR that Stalin organized and was personally in charge of tyrannical acts of oppression, illegality and inhumanity; and

WHEREAS their remains in Soviet prison today, citizens of Lithuania who are imprisoned because of their desire to take advantage of their right to free expression of opinion, such as Rev. Sigitas Tamkevicius, Viktoras Petkus, Balys Gajauskas, Gintautas Iesmantas, and Petras Grazulis; and

WHEREAS their imprisonment has followed the Stalin years and illustrate that post-Stalin Soviet leadership is not free of actions similar to the Stalinist era;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania, 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, DC, urge Mikail Gorbachev to release all Lithuanians currently in prison or internal or external exile for their religious and/or political beliefs.

WHEREAS an ecological crisis has developed in Lithuania due to the failure of Soviet leadership to implement proper monitoring policies and controls to protect Lithuania's environment and natural resources; and

WHEREAS the Soviet leadership routinely follows a policy of silence and keeps the public in the dark about the ecological dangers that exist in Lithuania

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, DC direct supreme council to write to the United Nations, Mikhail Gorbachev and the State Dept. urging that:

1. Soviet leadership allow the formation of ecological monitoring units.
2. Soviet leadership exclude executives of the Agro-Industrial complex from serving as chairman of Raion Chapters of the Society for the protection of nature.
3. Soviet leadership insure that conclusions of these monitoring units be publicized in the press and TV and radio broadcasts.
4. Soviet leadership produce bulletins about the pollution of atmosphere and water.
5. Soviet leadership implement strict safety measures at existing, and future, atomic and nuclear energy plants.

WHEREAS a number of delegates to the Knights of Lithuania 75th National Convention participated in the demonstration held at the Soviet Embassy on July 30; and

WHEREAS this demonstration was organized by Andrew Akstin, C-116 Worcester, MA;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, D.C., thank Andrew Akstin and his assistants for organizing the demonstration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania congratulate Andrew Akstin and his assistants on the success of the demonstration.

WHEREAS a motion from the floor on Friday, July 29, 1988 regarding a protest demonstration at the Soviet Embassy caused a great deal of negative feelings to develop;

WHEREAS in order to insure full cooperation from all delegates and Knights of Lithuania members for any future plans to organize demonstrations at future conventions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT any plans to conduct demonstrations or rallies coinciding with the time and site of the Knights of Lithuania National Convention be arranged prior to the convention and submitted to the Supreme Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th National Convention void the vote cast on the motion to participate in the demonstration at the Soviet Embassy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania continue to send representatives of our organization to the Lithuanian World Youth Congress (Jaunime Congress).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a special projects fund be continued to raise funds for the above purpose and other Junior and youth projects under the administration of the 3rd Vice President in Charge of Juniors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a volunteer committee, comprised of members from the general National Convention floor in the year of the Youth Congress, select the Knights of Lithuania delegates to the Congress.

WHEREAS Bishop Paulius Baltakis, in his greetings to the Knights of Lithuania 75th Jubilee National Convention presented a "Plea" from the Lithuanians in Argentina to help them revitalize the Knights of Lithuania in South America;

WHEREAS Rev. Jonas Svagzys, in his time, had established Knights of Lithuania Councils in Buenos Aires and Berisse, but after his transfer the activities of the Knights of Lithuania died; and

WHEREAS Rev. Jonas Svagzys did however leave his mark in that 60 members formed Knights of Lithuania "families" and they have sought Bishop Baltakis aid in asking us for assistance to revitalize their Knights of Lithuania;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th

Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, D.C., direct the Supreme Council to appoint a committee to acquaint the Knights of Lithuania with the needs and situation of the Lithuanians in South America.

WHEREAS Bishop Baltakis has proposed the preparation of a historical summary of all 140 Lithuanian parishes in the United States;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, D.C., donate an amount of \$500.00 to Bishop Baltakis to start this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention direct the Supreme Council to outline a disburse schedule for the amount of the donation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor and President form a committee of sufficient numbers in order to plan the Knights of Lithuania participation in Bishop Baltakis' Pastoral Council activities.

WHEREAS Darbininkas has generously provided coverage of and news of Knights of Lithuania activities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, D.C., convey their thanks and appreciation to Darbininkas, and as an expression of our appreciation make a donation of \$50.00 to Darbininkas.

WHEREAS Draugas has kindly printed news of the Knights of Lithuania in the "Vyciu Veika" column and has generously provided other coverage for Knights of Lithuania activities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, D.C., convey its sincere appreciation to Draugas, and as an expression of our appreciation make donation of \$50.00 to Draugas.

WHEREAS the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome is a center for Lithuanians studying and visiting Rome and a place that serves as a headquarters for Lithuanian clergy from all over the world; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania has adopted the college, pledging to aid it financially and spiritually;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, D.C., establish a post within our organization of "Pontifical Lithuanian College Affairs Liaison". The person in this position would work with the officials

of the college to coordinate fund-raising efforts and publicity for the College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT each Council be periodically reminded and urged to make an annual donation to the college.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania were significantly involved in the establishment of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania has become aware that a fund needs to be established for the renovation, repair and refurbishing of the Chapel;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, D.C. initiate the establishment of an "Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Endowment Fund" to be administered by the National Shrine.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention passed unanimously the resolution to initiate the establishment of "Our Lady of Siluva Chapel Endowment Fund";

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, DC, make the initial contribution of \$1,000.00 to this Fund.

WHEREAS October 16, 1988 will mark the 10th Anniversary of the elevation of Pope John Paul II to the Papacy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, D.C., direct the Supreme Council to send appropriate greetings to the Holy Father on this joyous and blessed occasion, on behalf of the Knights of Lithuania organization.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spiritual Advisor of the 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania be delegated to send an expression of gratitude to His Holiness Pope John Paul II and include the following points:

1. Thanks for the Pope's blessing upon the Jubilee Convention.
2. Thanks for his constant demonstration of love for Lithuanians and its christian community.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, DC, write a letter of thanks to our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II expressing the unanimous feelings

of joy by the Knights of Lithuania at the elevation of Bishop Vincentas Sladkevicius to the College of Cardinals.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, DC, direct the Supreme Council to draft a letter to be sent to His Eminence Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevicius congratulating him on his elevation to the College of Cardinals and assuring him our prayers that God bless him abundantly in his new position in the service of the Church in Lithuania.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, DC, write to His Eminence Cardinal Hickey of the Diocese of Washington, DC to express our heartfelt thanksgiving for the hospitality extended to the Knights of Lithuania during their Diamond Jubilee Convention.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania 75th Jubilee Convention has been received by Rev. McMMain, pastor of St. Thomas Apostle Church, with unforgettable hospitality and warmth, permitting the convention to worship and offer Holy Mass at the church;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, DC communicate our sincere expression of thanks to Rev. McMMain for his generosity and assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 75th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, DC, elevate to Honorary Membership Konstant J. Savickus, member of Knights of Lithuania Council 5, Chicago, IL, Mid-America District, whose candidacy was approved by the 75th National Convention held in Kansas City, KS.

The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee requests the 75th National Convention to approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership Frances R. Petkus, Council 96, Dayton, OH. Your approval will enable the committee to publish a history of Mrs. Petkus outlining her services as a worthy and dedicated Knight.

The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee requests the 75th National Convention to approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership Joseph B. Laucka, Council 142, Washington, DC. Your approval will enable the committee to publish a history of Mr. Laucka outlining his

service as a worthy and dedicated Knight.

The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee requests the 75th National Convention to approve Honorary Member Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. of Council 103, Providence, RI, as an addition to the Honorary Membership Committee thereby fulfilling the requirements of seven (7) members on the Honorary Membership Committee. The present Honorary Membership Committee consists of Hon. Chairman Anthony J. Mazeika; Executive Chairman Stanley Vaitkus; Secretary Phyllis Grendal; Eleanore Laurin, Helen Shields and Rev. Albert J. Contons.

WHEREAS the 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania has enjoyed the participation of our newest District - the Amber District comprised of C-3 Philadelphia; C-46 Forest City; C-63 Lehigh Valley; C-143 Pittston; C-144 Anthracite; and C-146 Harrisburg. (C-118 Hazleton is expected to join shortly.) The Amber District's President is Joseph Simmons of C-63; Vice-President Leo Butsavage; Secretary Ann Pettit; Treasurer Ed Carlitus.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th National Convention give the Amber District a standing ovation of welcome as a new District in our great Knights of Lithuania family.

WHEREAS the American Lithuanian Catholic Priests League has guided the growth and progress of the Knights of Lithuania from the first moment of its existence to the present;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests League be informed by the Knights of Lithuania of the profound gratitude of the Knights of Lithuania for such assistance and of the determination of the Knights of Lithuania to continue their deep respect and cooperation in the years to come.

WHEREAS our National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, has chosen to "retire" from his position;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention, meeting July 28-31, 1988 in Washington, DC, extend to Rev. Jurgelaitis a standing ovation of heartfelt, sincere, unmeasurable appreciation for his many years of spiritual guidance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania wish him good health, long life and the grace of God to continue to work in the Lithuanian vineyard for many years.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention express the gratitude of its members to the outgoing Supreme Council for its praiseworthy service to the organization and to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

WHEREAS the Presidium and Committees of the 75th Diamond Convention express its gratitude and praise for their dedication and guidance in the conduct of all business.

WHEREAS the 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania was hosted by the Supreme Council and a duly-elected convention committee chaired by Helen Shields and co-chaired by Loretta Stukas; and

WHEREAS the 75th Diamond Jubilee National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania has been acclaimed very successful;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania 75th National Convention extend its warmest congratulations and thanks to the Supreme Council and convention committee and especially to Helen Shields and Loretta Stukas for their self-sacrificing dedication.



Juniors at the Zoo

JUNIOR CONVENTION

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman: Dana Butts

Co-Chairman: Gaile Butts

Our meeting began with the Juniors practicing to form the Junior K of L Wedding Kazoo Band. The wedding march was played from an early recording introduced by early Lithuanian immigrants.

Nina and Natalija Padalino recited a poem, sang a Lithuanian song, and were joined by their Mamyte Ausra, Gaile and Dana Butts. A prayer was recited by Gaile Butts and we officially began our meeting. The minutes of the last national convention were read and approved.

A discussion to write a Resolution insuring the continuation of the special projects fund, and representation at the next Lithuanian World Youth Congress. The resolution was written by Mrs. Ausra Padalino, Mrs. Julija Zakarka and Mrs. Frances Rauba.

NEW BUSINESS:

How can we expand our Junior K of L Councils?

Each council represented participated as follows:

C-36: Check your friends nationality - invite them to join.

C-24: Check Saturday Lithuanian Schools.

C-112: Older youths should lead younger youths.

C-12: Write letters to each other.

C-79: Attend Lithuanian Mass.

How can we make our Junior activity better at the National Convention? Everyone decided that we do less sight-seeing in hot weather, make sure we include a pool party, and pizza in the Hospitality Room.

Minutes of the meeting were recorded by Gaile Butts, co-chairman. Roll Call:

Mary Beth Yanek

Nicholas Zager

Natalija Padalino

Mathew Zager

Ronald Padalino

Walter Svekla

Amber Keenan

Andrew Svekla

Denise Zakarka

Steven Zupka

Jessica Bauza

Christine Cuis

Gaile Butts

Dana Butts

Conventionships will be sent to our attendees by our National Treasurer.

Labai Aciu to our good Friends, monies donated to our Special Juniors Project Fund:

Alice Zupka, C-12, New York, NY \$100.00

William Labadis, C-144, Anthracite, PA 50.00

Julia Burlen, C-142, Washington, DC 50.00

Clemencine Miller, C-141, Bridgeport, CT 20.00

C-144, Anthracite, PA 20.00



DELEGATES ATTENDING THE

75th National Convention. Washington, D.C.

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Clergy: Rev. Wm. Wolkovich, Rev. Stasys Raila.

Honorary Members: Most Rev. P. Baltakis, Rt. Rev. Algaminas Barkus, Ann Bender, Joseph Boley, Robert Boris, Phyllis Grendal, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, Mary Kober, Anne Mitchel, Rita Pinkus, Estelle Rogers, Jack J. Stukas, Loretta Stukas, Larry Svelnis, Stanley Vaitkus, Al Wesey.

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Mid America District: Mary Juzenas.

Mid Atlantic District: Helen Venis, Ed Cook.

Mid Central District: William Kolicius, Frances Petkus.

Amber District: Anne Challan.

C-1: Frances Bumila, George Bumila

C-3: Diane Drumstas, Margaret Petronis, Agnes Mickunas, Walter Svekla, Lillian Greymas, Irene Ozalis, Jewel Ushka.

C-5: Konstant J. Savickus, Loretta Grigaliunas, Catherine Leppa.

C-7: Ann Cheplick, Dolores Jonaitis, John Jonaitis, Alma Torre, Frances Januska, Pat Alexander, Anthony Alexander, Victoria Silliman, Frances Balciunas.

C-12: John Antanavicius, Alma Korengo, Helen Cuprewich, Julia Gomes, Anna Lukscha, Eugenia Janonis.

C-16: Glenn Perutis, Peter Zansitis.

C-17: Josephine Mason, Alice Opanasets, Ann Voveris, Ann Narkewich, Adele Martus, Eleanora Mikalonis, Aldonna Keaney, S. Jack Daniels, Mary Martus, Mary Matachinskas, Ann Evans, Eva Ball, Phyllis Gendreau, Florence Zaleskas, Frank Yonika, Mildred Daniels.

C-19: Sr. M. Alverna, Bertha Kuzma, Alice Lewellen, Helen Cleveland Srs: Stella Sankal, Mary Trainy.

C-24: Ausra Padalino, Frank Jurgaitis, Helen Jurgaitis, Loretta Simon, Joseph Simon, Olga Eastman, Irene Murdock.

C-26: Rita Pinkus, HM, Ann Bender, HM, Anne Bucinskas, Rita Karrytais, Aldona Waska, Lillian Kondrotas, Frances Kulakusky, Charles Kulakusky, Anne Walinsky.

C-27: Rev. Wm. Wolkovich.

C-29: Margaret Brazaitis, Walter Brazaitis, Eva Coll, Marie Guoba, Mary Honeyman, Elizabeth Luciw, Ann O'Neill, Helen Radicsh, Michael Sussko, Rita Sussko.

C-36: Evelyn Ozelis, Scottie Zukas, Mary Kincius, Justin Kincius, Helen Meizis, John Meizis, Sabina Henson.

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C-72: Irene Grikenis, Casey Grikenis, John Mankus.

C-74: Ann Dudewicz.

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C-116: Irene Tamulevich.

C-118: Doris Shanahan, Marcella Gelgot.

C-133: Robert Novak, Bernice Skirius, Mary Oberfield.

C-135: Olga Gray, Lillian Chaplick, Ruth Tyson.

C-136: Bernice Aviza, Edward Barkowski.

C-140: Catherine Brandt, Jack Brandt, Frank Petrauskas, Irene Petrauskas.

C-141: Teresa Trainis, Clemencine Miller, Ann Petrus, Lee Marcinka.

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DELEGATES

C-150: Dolores Purduski, Lou Ann Rayn, Paul Purduski.

C-152: Beatrice Lucka, Fred Lucka, Anne Tarmey, Thomas Tarmey, Emily Vigliarolo, Michael Zukas, Peter Dykowitz, John Sakal.

SUPREME COUNCIL RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Rita Pinkus, Chairperson

The Supreme Council Ritual Committee consisted of Rita Pinkus, Albert Zakarka and Scottie Zukas.

During the past year, the committee approved and conferred the following number of degrees:

First Degree - 118 members and 5 Juniors

Second Degree - 48 members.

Third Degree - 83 members.

Fourth Degree - 29 members.

Recipients of the Fourth Degree at the National Convention were:

C-3 Philadelphia, PA — Margaret Petronis

C-7 Waterbury, CT — Walter Blinstrubas, Antoinette White, Rev. Paul Sabulis, Edmund White

C-12 New York, NY — Mary York, Julia Gomes, Anna Luksha

C-19 Pittsburgh, PA — Sister M. Alvernia

C-27 Norwood, MA — Helen Dallalis, Stanley Dallalis

C-29 Newark, NJ — Mary Honeymar, Bernard Skripata, Rita Sussko, Elizabeth Luciw (1987)

C-46 Forest City, PA — Anthony Yavorosky

C-50 New Haven, CT — Alex Gedrim

C-74 Scranton, PA — Ann Lisowski, Casimir Yanish

C-79 Southfield, MI — Mary Keller, Marianne Newberry

C-100 Amsterdam, NY — Elizabeth Kuzmich

C-103 Providence, RI — Joseph Waitonis, Helen Gudczauskas

C-140 Syracuse, NY — John Brandt, Veronica Sutkus, Irene Petrauskas

C-141 Bridgeport, CT — Clemencine Miller, Nancy (Miro) Mourkakis

C-142 Washington, DC — Julia Burlen, Joseph Chaplick

C-143 Pittston, PA — Sister M. Alvernia

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues will be due before JANUARY 1, 1989. All newly elected Financial Secretaries should begin collecting dues IMMEDIATELY for all year (1989).

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ELECTIONS

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

Immediately after the election of new Officers, PLEASE send the name and address of ALL the officers and committee chairmen to the National Recording Secretary.

Mary Kincius
2461 W. 45th Street
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The Supreme Council and National Committee Chairmen cannot operate efficiently without your cooperation.

K of L Calendar

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| October 15, 1988 | - C-29 Newark, NJ - 73rd Annual Buffet Supper Dance - Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, NJ |
| Oct. 21-23, 1988 | - Mid-Central District Pilgrimage, Convention & K of L 75th Anniversary Celebration, Cleveland, OH - Hosts: C-25. |
| November 5, 1988 | - Annual Fall Dance - C-90, Kearny, NJ |
| November 6, 1988 | - Fall Festival - C-79, Southfield, MI |
| November 12, 1988 | - VETRA Lithuanian Folk Dancers Annual Vakaras, W. Haven, CT. Info: Barbara Schmidt - (203) 878-6144 |
| May 21, 1989 | - 75th Anniversary Annunciation Parish, Brooklyn, NY - C-41 |

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 75th NATIONAL CONVENTION STATE OF THE UNION REPORT

As presented by Frank Petrauskas, National President - July 28, 1988

I am submitting to the delegates of the 75th National Convention a condensed report of all Officers, District Presidents and Committee Chairmen for the 1987-88 term. The full officer reports are available for your taking.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. attended all Supreme Council meetings. He assisted with the planning of this convention. Fr. Anthony remembered all of our deceased members in his Masses.

PRESIDENT

President Frank Petrauskas scheduled and chaired four meetings of the Supreme Council. He attended and participated in Lithuanian Day at Moosic, PA and Auriesville Shrine in Amsterdam, NY. He attended and participated in the following 600th anniversary celebrations: St. Joseph's Church, Binghamton, NY, St. George's Church, Shenandoah, PA, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, PA, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, IL and Holy Cross Church, Dayton, OH. He participated in the closing of the 600th anniversary year Mass at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago celebrated by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin where he was honored to be the First Reader. While in Chicago, he attended and participated in 3 days of Lithuanian activity. He attended the sessions of the Lithuanian Federation and addressed the assembly on behalf of the Knights of Lithuania.

Frank attended and spoke at the following affairs: MAD Convention, Pittston, PA, C-100 Amsterdam Christmas Party, C-140 Syracuse Independence Celebration, MAD Convention, Scranton, PA and C-96 Dayton.

Frank sent letters of greetings and congratulations to the following organizations on their annual conventions: ALKA, VLIKAS, Bendruomenes and National Lithuanian Society. He asked Legal Advisor Saulius Kuprys to represent Knights of Lithuania at Bishop Baltakis' sessions in Toronto. He asked Jack and Loretta Stukas to represent Knights of Lithuania at the installation ceremonies in Rome of Vincentas Cardinal Sladkevicius, sent letters of congratulations to Archbishop Charles Salatka on his 25 years as a Bishop, Fr. Joseph Prunskis on his elevation to Monsignor, Fr. Albert Contons and Fr. Albin Janiunas on their 40th anniversary in the priesthood and composed a letter in both Lithuanian and English and sent them to all Lithuanian churches in the United States and Canada telling them about our National Convention and inviting them to participate with us.

Frank worked along with Rev. Wm. Wolkovich and the 4 District Presidents in the promotion and distribution of our Knights of Lithuania History Book.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

This won't be the last time you'll hear Fran Petkus' name in my report. She is a lady of many hats. She loves work and responsibility. As First Vice President she was very helpful to your President. Fran is a member of the Jubilee Committee and she kept me informed on all of their progress. She and 2nd Vice Pres. Frank Peterson are responsible for one of the panels at this Convention. Fran attended and participated in all 4 Supreme Council meetings. Fran's great love and devotion for the Knights of Lithuania goes back many years. With all of her boundless energy she is an inspiration to all of us. People like Fran Petkus is why the Knights of Lithuania is 75 years old and still growing.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Membership Vice President Frank Peterson reports a busy year. He sent out materials on the Knights of Lithuania to councils and individuals who requested it. He had much correspondence with many people. He had an article in Vytis on the annual Membership Drive and awards will be presented at this convention. Frank had surgery in early Spring but it would take more than that to keep a good man down.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Juniors Vice President Maryte Lepera had a busy year also. She handled her usual Junior duties but an accomplishment of great importance was her coming up with the funds to send two of our young people to the World Youth Congress in Australia last December. During this convention Maryte will chair a panel and both young ladies will participate and give their reports.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Secretary Mary Juzenas attended all Supreme Council meetings and she discharged her duties. She recorded the minutes and sent copies to all necessary people. She sent invitations to this convention to various dignitaries and organizations.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Financial Secretary Mary Kober reports a slight drop in membership this year over last year. Mary has done an efficient job with this office by modernizing the record keeping and by keeping all business up to date. Those who correspond with Mary are well aware of her efficiency.

TREASURER

Treasurer Alphonse Trainis has just completed his first year on the job. He did an excellent job in handling our monies and paying the bills.

TRUSTEES

Mary Kincius and Gene Ashley have performed their duties to the best of their abilities. They will audit the financial records and report their findings to this convention.

LEGAL ADVISOR

Saulius Kuprys has done a good job with our legal problems. He has the good ship Vytis running on a straight and true course.

MID AMERICA DISTRICT

Pres. Algerd Brazis reports a lot of activity in his district. They held 4 District meetings along with their normal annual and social events. The K of L Choir and Dancers were active throughout the year. There has been an increase in membership in the District but 3 councils show no members for 1988. On the bright side, C-24 had a large increase with 70 new members. I would like to welcome C-16 into the fold and, believe it or not, they have a membership of 16.

MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Pres. John Adomenas reports much activity in his district. They held 3 District Conventions and a number of councils have had 75th anniversary Masses and celebrations while others will have theirs before the end of the year. There has been a slight decrease in membership in the District this year but there is no reason for concern because there was only a small fluctuation in various councils.

MID CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pres. Fran Petkus reports on activity in the District. The Fall Meeting and Pilgrimage were hosted by C-96 and held in Dayton. Special guest was Bishop Paul Baltakis.

The Spring Convention and Bowling Tournament was hosted by C-19 and held in Pittsburgh with a large turnout. Much business was accomplished and much fun was had in the tournament.

The District Jubilee Year celebration will be held in conjunction with the Fall Convention and Pilgrimage in Cleveland.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Pres. Albert Jaritis reports a nice membership increase in his district. All councils held their own with a few showing a slight increase led by C-50, New Haven. C-50 has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. Pres. Jaritis reports a lot of activity in his district along with the regular District conventions.

VYTIS EDITOR

Editor Dalia Bulvicius and her able assistants, Mary Kober and Helen Chesko, have done an excellent job with Vytis. Not only have they improved the quality of the magazine but they also have brought it back on schedule. It's nice to receive your copy on the issue month.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jack Stukas has tried something different this year. He made up the regular bulletin and sent it out to the members. Then he decided to cut costs by placing his news in Vytis. He will poll the members to see which mode they prefer.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Chairwoman Regina Kot reports she attended and participated in all 4 Supreme Council meetings. She contacted all council cultural chairpeople and mailed out cultural readings for their meetings. She prepared articles for the Vytis magazine. Regina is also very active with her local C-100 Amsterdam.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Chairwoman Rita Pinkus reports during the past year the following degrees were issued: 118 First, 48 Second, 83 Third and 30 Fourth. Ritual Committee also updated the rules and requirements for degrees which they will pass out at this convention.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairwoman Sabina Henson has taken to the public relations job very well. She reports having attended all Supreme Council meetings; has been in contact with the News Media sending out news releases on K of L happenings. She has been very busy publicizing our 75th National Convention and, I might add, doing a very good job.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman Wm. Piacentini reports that all payments have been made to the 1987 scholarship winners. He reports that due to generous support of the membership in this Diamond Jubilee year, the Fund will have more monies than last year. Also a new scholarship, known as the Irene K. Sankus Memorial Scholarship will be established this year. The Committee is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. They have made up a survey which will be sent to all past recipients of scholarships to see how successful the program has been.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman Stan Vaitkus reports this year's Honorary Membership recipient Dr. Konnie J. Savickus. He also reports his committee is processing future recipients.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Chairman Larry Svelnis reports he has been to the Archives Room five times and has worked with his committee in sorting, listing and filing away material received in the second shipment from Chicago. Extra material has been passed on the ALKA.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE PROPAGATION

Chairwoman Apolonija "Polly" Ziausys continued this

year where she left off last year on the use of the Lithuanian language. She has written many articles for Vytis and is always encouraging us to use more of our beautiful language. Labai aciu, Polly.

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Chairwoman Florence Zaleskas has been hard at work on her new job of Religious Aid. She hasn't quite reached her goal so she would be glad to accept your donations all through this convention.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HISTORY

All my three years in office have been an enjoyable experience. However, an experience that leaves a bad taste in my mouth is the acceptance by the membership of our Knights of Lithuania History Book. I have received reports there is some grumbling in some councils about the cost and those members are opposed to purchasing the book. My dear people, the history book is a Knights of Lithuania project. We authorized Rev. Valkavicius to collect the data and write the book. The man did an excellent job considering the amount of material he had from which to collect data. The book is full of facts and information and is very good reading. Again, I say that history book is a K of L project. If you and I don't support the project and purchase the book, who in the name of Heaven is going to purchase the book? Whom do you think you are hurting by refusing to purchase the book? What do you think you are accomplishing by being obstinate and ignorant? A few outsiders will purchase the book but a great amount must be taken by the membership if we are to be successful. The ones you are hurting the most by not purchasing the book is you, me and the K of L. The writing and printing was paid by our Treasury. If we don't sell the books then our Treasury will have to absorb a large deficit. We will then be required to raise dues to compensate for that deficit. On the other hand, if we sell all of the books, our Treasury will make a marginal profit and we won't have to raise the dues for a few more years. Let's be sensible and support this project and encourage your council members to support the project for the betterment of our fine organization.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.

Chairwoman Loretta Stukas would like to see more contributions to the Foundation from individuals and councils. This is a stipulation of the Internal Revenue Service. A contribution today will be an investment into our future.

CONCLUSION

Two items of business which I would like to see this

convention work on would be adding another degree or honor to our group of degrees and increase the amount of Honorary Degrees awarded to our members each year.

First, the extra degree or honor — it could be called the 5th degree to be given to members who after they received their 4th degree have continued to dedicate many years of distinguished efforts to the K of L and its Lithuanian causes. Many people after they receive their 4th degree tend to slow down in their K of L activity. This new degree would give them added incentive to continue to do good works for the K of L. I strongly feel there are more members who are deserving of that award than just one member per year. There are many dedicated hard working long time members who meet the requirements for this award. Give them this award while they are still alive and can enjoy it. Increasing the award by 1 or 2 or 3 people per year is not going to hurt our organization one iota. It will help the Knights of Lithuania because it will create more enthusiasm and love amongst the members. If you want people to stay with an organization and if you want people to work for that organization, then you must reward them for their efforts. Let's think first of our faithful, hard working members and reward them accordingly.

This 75th year was a busy year for the Supreme Council and your President. There has been much activity, much correspondence and much work. This is all necessary to run an organization of this size with all of our involvement.

Within the last two weeks I received word that a new district is being formed in Eastern Pennsylvania and it will be called The Amber District. We should hear more about this district at this convention.

For the last three years I enjoyed working with you as your president. They have been three pressure filled years because of all of our activity but it has been a good and rewarding experience for me. I traveled much and saw a lot of Lithuanian churches and people which I wouldn't normally see. I now have many fond memories, thanks to you.

I thank my Supreme Council people for all of their help and assistance and for their cooperation which permitted us to work together in good harmony. I also want to thank others whom I called upon from time to time for assistance. I want to thank my wife Irene who did a lot of typing and editing for me.

While I'm in the thanking mood, I want to thank Chairman Helen Shields and her convention committee for being our hosts and allowing us to come to Washington to enjoy this fine convention.

Sirdingai aciu.



There is nothing like sealing a letter to inspire
a fresh thought.

Nebraska Smoke-Eater

The United States is a land of free speech.

Winston Churchill

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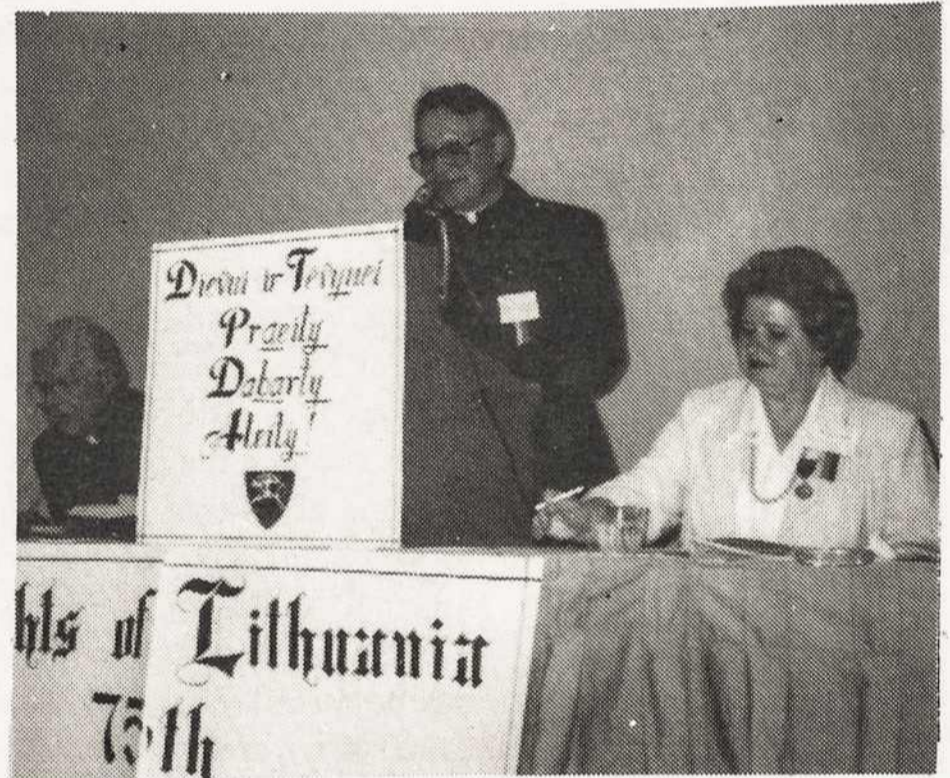
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Bishop Baltakis greets the convention delegates with Rev. Jurgelaitis, Spiritual Advisor and Mary Juzenas, Presidium Secretary.

In Memoriam

STANLEY BERULIS
 C-146 - Harrisburg, PA
 Died: June 1988

BARBARA DARLYS
 C-142 - Washington, DC
 Died: June 12, 1988

CHARLES SABLE
 C-110 - Maspeth, NY
 Died: June 16, 1988

RT. REV. JOHN SCHARNUS
 C-29 - Newark, NJ
 Died: June 18, 1988

KAZIMIERAS POVILAITIS
 C-112 - Chicago, IL
 Died: June 18, 1988

ANN FOLLMER
 C-152 - Riverhead, NY
 Died: June 21, 1988

MICHAEL GRIGALIUNAS
 C-67 - Bayonne, NJ
 Died: July 1988

ANNE DENAUSKI
 C-110 - Maspeth, NY
 Died: July 18, 1988

WALTER UMBRAZAS
 C-110 - Maspeth, NY
 Died: July 21, 1988