

1989

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA JOURNAL



76th National Convention

AUGUST 3rd to 6th -1989

S. Kancowick

VYTIS

RUGSĖJIS / SPALIS - SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

1989

Vol. 75: No. 8

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICERS 1989-1990

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR Rev. Joseph Anderlonis St. George's Rectory 3580 Salmon St. Philadelphia, PA 19134 (215) 739-3102

PRESIDENT Anne (Klizas) Wargo 125 So. Morris St. St. Clair, PA 17970 (717) 429-0132

1st VICE PRESIDENT Frances R. Petkus 800 Haldeman Ave. Dayton, OH 45404 (513) 236-0395

2nd VICE PRESIDENT Mary Kincius 2461 West 45th Place Chicago, IL 60632 ((312) 927-4990

3rd VICE PRESIDENT Sabina Henson 45 Windsor Drive Oak Brook, IL 60521 (312) 573-0066

RECORDING SECRETARY Mary Juzenas 4613 West 102nd St. Oak Lawn, IL 60453 (312) 425-6014

TREASURER
Frank Peterson
256 Sea Hill Rd.
North Branford, CT 06471
(203) 481-0776

FINANCIAL SECRETARY Anne Cheplick 28 Delwood Drive Oakville, CT 06779 (203) 274-6487

TRUSTEES
Edward A. Barkowski
1226 Palma Ave.
Schenectady, NY 12306
(518) 355-7483

Albert Zakarka 6958 So. Rockwell St. Chicago, IL 60629 (312) 434-7785 VYTIS (663680) published monthly October thru June, bi-monthly July-August and September-October by the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, a Not-For-Profit organization. Subscription \$10.00 per year. Second class postage paid at Chicago, IL. POSTMASTER

ONLY: Send address changes to: VYTIS, 5112 Mayfield Ave., Chicage, IL 60638.

VYTIS STAFF:

Mary (Rusas) Kober, Editor-in-Chief Two Bayview Avenue Port Washington, NY 11050 (516) 767-1517

Dalia Bulvicius Feature Writer 30 Montrose Ave. - #9-P Brooklyn, NY 11206 Helen Chesko Council News Editor 1000 E. Pine Street Mahanoy City, PA 17948

AMBER DISTRICT PRESIDENT Joseph E. Simmons 1645 Hillside Drive Quakertown, PA 18951 (215) 536-6320

MAMD PRESIDENT Algerd Brazis 8022 W. 85th Place Justice, IL 60458 (312) 598-6193

MAD PRESIDENT Jonas Adomenas 69 Irving Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11237 (718) 497-5212

MCD PRESIDENT John P. Baltrus 5325 Orchard Hill Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15236 (412) 881-1716

NED PRESIDENT Alex Akule 20 Summer Drive Saugus, MA 01906 (617) 233-3734

LEGAL ADVISOR Saulius V. Kuprys Henehan, Donovan & Isaacson 135 So. LaSalle St., Room 3905 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 346-5275

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE Longinas Svelnis 43 Gage Street Needham, MA 02192 (617) 444-7499

CULTURAL COMMITTEE Regina Kot RD #5, Mannys Corner Rd. Amsterdam, NY 12010 ((518) 843-0366 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP Stanley Vaitkus, Chairman 518 Hialeah Court Vandalia, OH 45377 (513) 898-3030

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS Michael Yuknis 1882 Monroe St. NW Washington, DC 20010 (202) 232-6799

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE Apolonija Ziausys 4 Bartlett St. Amsterdam, NY 12010 (518) 842-7208

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Dalia Bulvicius
30 Montrose Ave. - Apt. 9-P
Brooklyn, NY 11206
(718) 782-1541

RITUAL COMMITTEE Sophia Zukas, Chairlady 5112 So. Mayfield Ave. Chicago, IL 60638 (312) 582-3820

> Rita Pinkus 76 Providence St. Worcester, MA 01604 (508) 757-1439

Nellie B. Romanas 160 Seneca St. Pittston, PA 18640 (717) 654-0870

LITH. CATHOLIC FUND Florence Zaleskas 264 Bowen St. So. Boston, MA 02127 (617) 269-1873 ST. CASIMIR'S COLLEGE
—ROME
Robert Boris
4970 Brookdale Drive
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013
(313) 642-4970

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE Wm. J. Piacentini, Jr., Chrm. 362 Webster Ave. Cranston, RI 02920 (401) 943-3495

Clemencine Miller Secretary & Treasurer 80 Cottage St. Trumbull, CT 06611 (203) 268-2350

Paul Binkis, Jr. 7126 S. Fairfield Ave. Chicago, IL 60629 (312) 471-4804

Rita Shevokas 87 Water St. New Philadelphia, PA 17959 (717) 277-6913

John Contons 25 Sherwood Forest Drive Gilford, NH 03246 (603) 528-2272

John P. Baltrus 5325 Orchard Hill Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15236 (412) 881-1716

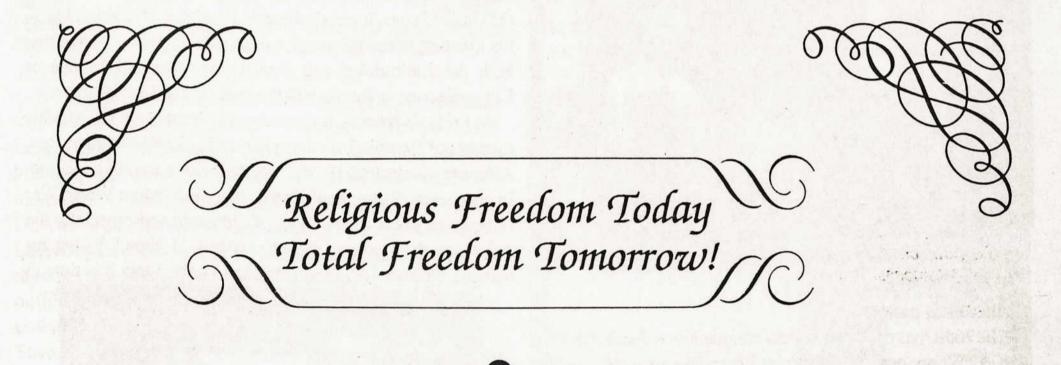
Nancy Kober 433 West 34th St. - 14-J New York, NY 10001 (212) 736-6245

K OF L FOUNDATION Loretta Stukas 234 Sunlit Drive Watchung, NJ 07060 (201) 753-5636

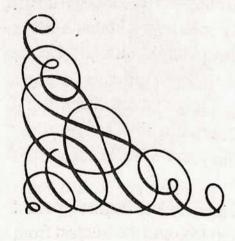
EDITORIAL

Delegates and guests have returned from the 76th National Convention held in Chicago and are now making plans to invigorate their own councils with the knowledge and information disseminated from the very interesting sessions. If you did not attend, you missed a lot. Council 112 and their chairpersons and entire committee should be highly commended on the arrangement of all social activities. We also say "sirdingai ačiu" to Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rudis inviting some 300 K of L members to their "farm" in Monee, for a spectacular "vakaruškos" and especially for the delicious corn just picked from their fields. A good time was had by all.

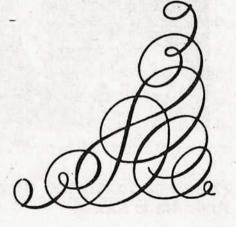
Since no one has yet presented a bid for the 77th National Convention to be held in 1990, we now anxiously await an invitation from a council or district to welcome this huge undertaking. Details will be published in future issues of Vytis.



Religinė Laisvė Šiandien, Visuotina Laisvė Rytoj!



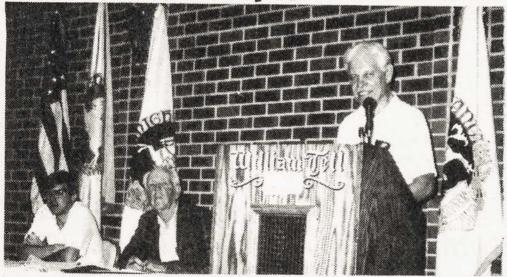
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HOSTS: CHICAGO C-112 AUGUST 3 - 6, 1989



THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE BELIEVERS ATEITIS PRIKLAUSO TIKINTIESIEM

Dalia Bulvičius

The 76th Knights of Lithuania convention took place August 3-6, 1989 at the Holiday Inn, LaGrange, Countryside, IL. The motto of the convention was "Religious Freedom Today - Total Freedom Tomorrow." The convention was hosted by the Knights of Lithuania C-112 whose home base is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Marquette Park with Rev. John



Presidium chairmen: John Baltrus, Al Wesey and Jonas Adomenas.

Kuzinskas as pastor.

The 76th Convention presidium members were Jonas Adomenas, Al Wesey and John Baltrus. Recording secretaries were Elsie Kosmisky and Anne Marie Kassel. Greeting Committee members were Evelyn Ozelis and Mary Kinčius and the Resolutions Committee were Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, Bernice Aviza, Michael Yuknis and Loretta Stukas. The Sergeants at Arms were Michael Zukas, Mat Vilutis, Andy Rogzer and Anthony Kober. A special thanks is extended to all the above named members and many other hard working K of L members who volunteered both their time and energy to make this convention a most successful one.

The opening session took place on Thursday at Nativity of



Presidium Secretaries: Elsie Kosmisky and Anne Marie Kassel.

BVM parish hall.
Greetings
were extended by
Algerd
Brazis,
president of
the host
council
who
wished us

God's choicest blessings and a fruitful convention. President Anne Klizas Wargo gave her "State of Organization Report" in which she related the many activities of the organization and the national executive board. She stated that, at present, our organization is composed of 61 councils, 5 districts and 4,746 members. All our officers and members can be proud of this achievement! Among the many greetings received by the convention was a written one from George Bush, the President of the United States. Juozas Polikaitis, President of Ateitininkai, in his greeting to the convention delegates in person, stated that both the Ateitininkai and Vyčiai were founded outside of Lithuania, one in Russia and the latter in the United States.

At Friday's session, it was indeed a pleasure for the Knights to meet an "alumnus" of many years in Soviet labor camps, Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas. He was greeted with a standing ovation. In his speech, Father reminded us that even before World War II, he knew about the Knights of Lithuania and especially the assistance they gave to their homeland. "I hope," Father remarked, "history will repeat itself and once again it is time to



Greetings Committee: Evelyn Ozelis and Mary Kincius.

come to Lithuania's aid." He further remarked there are too many timid sparrows and pigeons in Lithuania, who can't accomplish much. Lithuania needs those "extremists" who influence the timid population. He concluded his remarks by saying, "I am now rehabilitated. Perhaps this tells me that all my efforts were in vain. I will shortly return to Lithuania like a miško paukštis į miška žiūri! Apkasų kvapas vilioja!" On the contrary! Father, your deeds will never be forgotten in the pages of independent Lithuania's history. Father gave a lengthy and interesting speech; one could not hear a pin drop in the hall. It is heartening to note that after all the years of suffering, he did not lose his sense of humor.

Loretta Stukas, President of the K of L Foundation reported that the Foundation has exceeded \$50,000 and the interest from



Mandate Committee: Seated: Alma Torre and Anne Cheplick. Standing: Ruth Tyson, Olga Gray, Georgianne Macke.

the Fund sponsors various K of L activities.

A symposium entitled "New Winds Blowing in Lithuania" was moderated by our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, who is pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Church in Philadelphia. Participating were Vytautas Skuodis, a dissident imprisoned 7 years for his beliefs, Vladas Adamkus, Regional Director of the Environmental Protection Agency in Illinois and Linas Kojelis of the State Department. Mr. Skuodis spoke about the rapid changes in Lithuania; Mr Adamkus shared his thoughts on his recent visit to Lithuania stating he was aghast at the polluted beaches in Lithuania. Had these beaches been in the States, they would have been closed immediately. Mr. Kojelis talked about the changing status of Lithuania in our nation's capitol wherein for many years Congress paid only lip service to our situation. Politicians spoke up only during election time and the phrase "non recognition" was often repeated in a parrotlike manner. But new winds are blowing. It is the same wind that

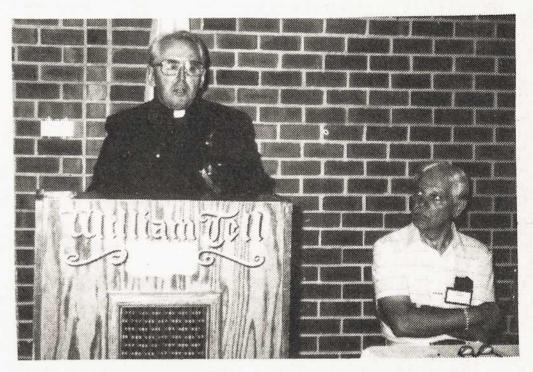


Algerd Brazis, President of C-112 greeting the delegates at the opening session.

guided the Lithuanian sailors to our friendly shores. Congress is taking another look at our situation. He further remarked that news from Lithuania must be submitted to Washington at lightning-like speed and he suggested that our organization open an office in Washington to disseminate information to the elected politicians.

Our very generous K of L organization made many donations to various Lithuanian causes. Under the guidance of Msgr. Prunskis, an essay contest was sponsored with the theme: How Should the New National Awakening in Lithuania affect our K of L Lithuanian Affairs activities. Monetary prizes were given to winning entrants.

It is the consensus of opinion that this convention will be remembered for its "Lithuanianism". We have never heard so much Lithuanian spoken at any of the past conventions as we did at the 76th convention in Chicago, especially with its wonderful speakers. Among them, we would be remiss not to mention our spiritual advisor. A fourth generation Lithuanian, Father Anderlonis offered his Masses in Lithuanian



Rev. Alphonsas Svarinskas greeting the delegates with Jonas Adomenas looking on.

and presented his fiery sermons in English. He reminded us a bit of the late Rev. John Jutt and Msgr. John Balkunas whose sermons put our brains into high gear. In fact, it was mentioned that Father Anderlonis should have been a politician in Washington. Especially noted was his "žemaitiško" accent!!

More than 300 delegates and guests attended the various business activities. It was gratifying to see so many Juniors participate, since they are the future of our organization. They had their own sessions and activities; they presented a song and dance program for the Seniors and enjoyed pool parties with the indispensable pizza.

But man does not live by spiritual food only! How about the body? On Thursday evening our hosts Anthony and Mary Rudis invited the conferees to a true Lithuanian "vakaruškos" which was held at their farm. The guests arrived at the farm after a bus ride through the countryside, where they were greeted by the sight of a large Lithuanian flag with the three colors shining in



Resolutions Committee: Michael Yuknis, Bernice Aviza, Rev. A. Jurgelaitis and Loretta Stukas.

the sun and by a group of four extremely friendly canines who showed us the way to the "sodyba". The guests, who numbered more than 300 and their "suvalkeičai" bus drivers, spent a thoroughly delightful evening eating and making merry. All diets went out of the window. The Juniors had their own "swimming pool" where they had a good time being dunked. A special thank you is extended to our gracious hosts, Anthony & Mary Rudis, for their hospitality in making this evening a very special convention memory.

On Friday night, golden-voiced Mary Juzenas and Algerd Brazis presented us with a group of songs and arias at the Cultural evening program. The K of L Choir and the Juniors Dance Group jointly performed a typical Lithuanian wedding. Maestro Faustas Strolia was in charge of the program.

The session held on Saturday morning was, as always, the most popular. All the swimmers, sauna bathers and Lithuanian restaurant attendees as well as the faithful delegates were

present. Why? Everybody likes elections! The results of the 1989-90 elections are found on the inside front cover of this issue of VYTIS. Theresa and Alphonse Trainis, the outgoing Treasurers, were thanked by a resolution for their fourteen years of faithful service to the organization.

On Saturday evening, almost 600 delegates and guests, all dressed in their best finery, attended the banquet which was held at the Martinique Ballroom. The banquet, at which Mary Rudis presided as mistress of ceremonies, began with the entrance of newly elected officers. It is always a moving experience to see the newly elected officers march into the banquet hall. The Friend of Lithuania Award was bestowed on Illinois Congressman Martin Russo by Rita Zakarka. The Honorary memberships were conferred on Fran Petkus and Joseph Laučka by Eleanore Laurin and

Stan Vaitkus, respectively. Scholarships were awarded by Clemencine Miller to Margaret Cyzeski C-46, Susan Binkins C-112, Eric Geiger C-96, Joseph Balchunas C-153, Barbara Petrauskas C-40 and Michelle Pointis C-110.

On Sunday morning we gathered early at the Nativity of BVM Church for Mass. News traveled fast that a Lithuanian store was nearby where we could buy Lithuanian goodies to take back home. As a result, many of us attended the closing Mass with bags filled with bacon buns and cheese only hoping they would not spoil all the way home! The Mass was awe inspiring with heavenly singing led by Faustas Strolia. The newly elected national elected board was sworn in and the following re-

cipients received the fourth degree: Gus Baibak, C-102, Edward Baranauskas, C-100, Barbara Kartanowich, C-12, Anne Meskins, C-50, Annemarie Sewatsky, C-143, Dr. Leonard Simutis, C-112 and Mary Vaglia, C-19. The group picture session followed Mass at which time the 4-minute mile was once again broken by many ladies trying to save their hairdo's from the fast approaching rain.

We had a pleasant surprise at our farewell luncheon at the hotel. Senator Paul Simon, a Democrat from Illinois paid us a visit. In his brief talk, punctuated with a lot of humor, the Senator who is an influential member of the Congressional Foreign Relations Committee, explained his "way of the cross" problems trying to visit Lithuania but never making it. "I sure admire the Lithuanians," the Senator remarked, "I wish I could belong to your organization!"

A most sincere thank you is extended to C-112 for a job well done. We know what a monumental undertaking it was. Litere



Sergeants at Arms: Anthony Kober, Andy Rozger, Michael Zukas and Matt Vilutis.





Mass held at Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Church with Rev. Anderlonis as celebrant. Photo Dolores Wainauskas

was time for tears and a time of laughter especially when the old flag was mistakenly presented as the new Supreme Council flag. HM Joseph Boley must have died a thousand deaths! But all's well that ends well, as they say in show business.

Numerous parties and gatherings at the hotel and in private homes kept most delegates partying 'til the wee hours of the morning. The hospitality room was open every evening for some more comraderie. Overall, it was an excellent convention and one that will be remembered with fond memories and thoughts by all who attended.

The time to depart came all too soon. We wanted to "linger awhile" as in Goethe's Faust. The spirit of re-awakening Lithuania lingered with us throughout the convention and will remain with us forever. We were continually reminded of freedom; observing William Tell's pierced apple on the hotel rugs; and of listening to Beethoven's

Majestic Eroica Symphony (#3 E Flat Major) on the hotel's intercom during brief moments of solitude.

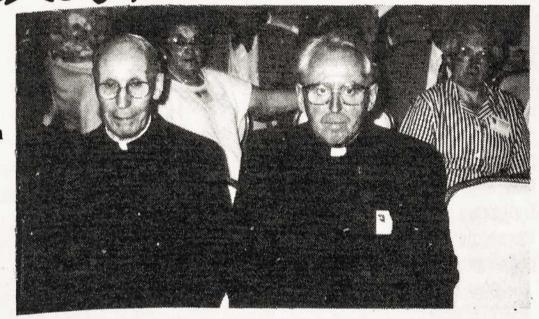
Thanks Chicago C-112 from all of us! This Convention was a fitting tribute to our struggling native land! In closing, we would like to end with the motto of Bavaria's 1250th anniversary of Christianity Jubilee: "Die Zukunft gehort den Glaubenden" - The Future Belongs to the Believer!

CHICAGO TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1. How did Chicago get its name?
- 2. Who erected the first permanent house in Chicago?
- 3. Name the famous amusement ride that made its debut in Chicago.
- 4. What famous novelist was born in Oak Park?
- 5. Which sport originated in Chicago?
- 6. Who was the first mayor of Chicago?
- 7. What well known river flows backwards?
- 8. How did downtown Chicago get the name "Loop"?
- 9. What is Chicago's longest street?
- 10. What caused the Chicago fire of 1871?

ANSWERS:

- 1. From the Indian word "Checagou" meaning wild onion.
- 2. Jean du Sable, a black man who built his cabin at the site where the Tribune Tower now stands.
- 3. The Ferris Wheel.
- 4. Ernest Hemingway.
- 5. Softball.
- 6. William B. Ogden.
- 7. The Chicago River.
- 8. Because of the elevated tracks that encircle the downtown area.
- 9. Western Avenue.
- 10. Allegedly, Patrick and Catherine O'Leary's cow kicked over a kerosene lantern and started the barn on fire.



Msrg. J. Prunskis and Rev. A. Svarinskas.



Emblem of the new Supreme Council flag.

FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD

Presented to

MARTIN A. RUSSO Congressman - Illinois

by Rita Zakarka Lithuanian Affairs Committee - C-112

The Friend of Lithuania Award is one of the highest honors awarded by the Knights of Lithuania organization and was initiated by Father John Jutt many years ago. The purpose of this Award is to give recognition to a non-Lithuanian person who has distinguished himself by working for Lithuania. This year's recipient is Congressman Marty Russo of Illinois. He has been Congressman in the 3rd District for seven terms. He has also received the Baltic Freedom Award from the Joint Baltic American Committee in June 1988 for his work in support of independence for the Baltic States.

Marty Russo has consistently supported United States refusal to recognize the Soviet Union's sovereignty over the Baltic States consisting of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. He has supported the United States recognition of the governments in exile and is sponsor of annual Lithuanian Independence Day legislation in the House. He has co-sponsored Baltic Freedom Day legislation and is a member of the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Liberty Group. He has also worked with the State Department in trying to improve the environmental standards, political and religious freedom for the people of Lithuania..

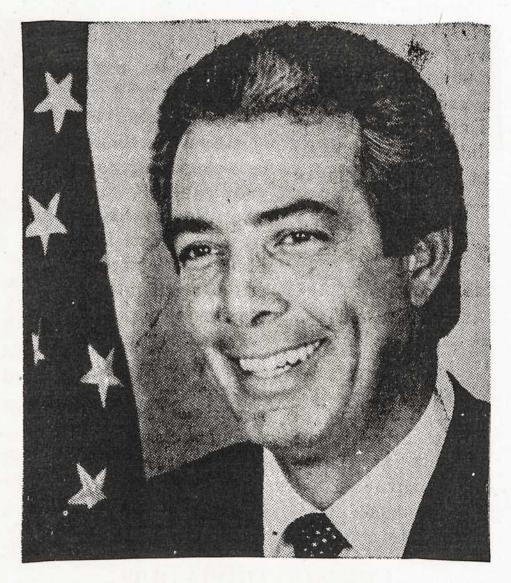
We, the Knights of Lithuania, hope that Congressman



Rita Zakarka presenting Friend of Lithuania Award to Martin A. Russo

Russo will continue to give public and moral support wherever possible until Lithuania is free once again. We also hope he will politically support Baltic endeavors towards economic autonomy.

The Knights of Lithuania members are proud to give this Award to Congressman Russo. Please accept this Lithuanian Wayside Cross as a token of our appreciation. It is a symbol of our country's ancient folk culture, its present religious dedication and



all its future hopes.

MARTIN RUSSO'S RECORD ON LITHUANIA

Prior to President Reagan's trip to Moscow for his summit meeting with Secretary Gorbachev, Russo signed a letter to the President urging him to meet with Lithuanian religious and human rights activists while in Moscow.

He signed a letter to the Soviet government in June 1987 urging it to end the internal exile of Lithuanian Catholic Bishop Steponavicius.

He signed a letter to President Reagan on April 27, 1988 urging him to meet with Lithuanian dissidents during the May 29-June 2 Moscow Summit.

Martin Russo signed a July 29, 1988 letter to Secretary Gorbachev condemning the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, and urging the Soviet Union to renounce it and allow the Baltic States the right of self-determination.

Russo signed a letter to the State Department in September 1988 urging it to support international efforts to appoint a commission of experts to investigate the recent fires at the Ignalina nuclear power plant in Lithuania.

Martin Russo signed a letter to the State Department on October 4, 1988 urging the Administration to protest the brutal Soviet suppression of a peaceful rally in Vilnius, Lithuania on September 28, 1988. (Continue next page)

He signed letters to President Reagan and President-elect Bush on December 2, 1988 urging them to raise the issue of the Baltic states with Gorbachev during his visit to New York.

- * Sponsored H.J. Res 60 (1/6/83) Designated February 16, 1983 as "Lithuanian Independence Day".
- * Sponsored H.J. Res 409 (10/3/85) Designated February 16, 1986 as "Lithuanian Independence Day".
- * Sponsored H.J. Res 129 (2/3/87) Designated February 16, 1987 as "Lithuanian Independence Day".
- * Sponsored H.J. Res 448 (2/3/88) Designated February 16, 1989 as "Lithuanian Independence Day".
- * Sponsored H.J. Res 149 (2/22/89) Designated February 16, 1990 as "Lithuanian Independence Day".

PRECONVENTION LITHUANIAN TOUR

Susan Binkins

One of the greatest joys is being able to share with friends the sights and sounds of your own community. That was one of the reasons I was very happy to take on the task of organizing the Lithuanian preconvention sightseeing tour. Being able to introduce or reacquaint my fellow members in the Knights of Lithuania with Marquette Park and its surrounding Lithuanian institutions was truly a pleasure.

After a rather rocky beginning and a rather late start, which all participants took in very good humor, we began our tour at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. Stanley Balzekas was on hand to welcome us to the museum over bacon buns and coffee. The displays of Lithuanian stamps, coins, costumes and amber were perused, while others shopped in the gift shop, or had some fun in the "hands-on" children's museum. Various members also made valuable contacts for further research on

their family genealogies.

From the Balzekas Museum our caravan of three buses headed toward Marquette Park, past the park itself, the monument to Darius and Girenas, Maria High School and Nativity BVM Parish. The main highlight of the tour was the Sisters of St. Casimir Motherhouse. Many of the sisters were on hand under the guidance of Sister Perpetua, to lead small groups through the newly renovated convent. A Lithuanian Museum and a museum dedicated to the history of the order were only two of the beautiful sights to see there. Particularly inspiring were the visits to the convent chapel and to the restored room of the order's foundress, Mother Maria Kaupas. We were all pleased to see how much the tour meant to Jewel Uška, whose mother and Mother Maria were first cousins.

A warm welcome was extended by our local vendors, particularly Mr. & Mrs. Šliutas, who surprised us with cold champagne and soda, Mr. & Mrs. Jonas Vaznelis, who are long-time K of L supporters, and Mr. Stanley Yurkus, a long-standing member of C-112. Our sincere thanks to all for their

assistance and graciousness.

A Lithuanian luncheon at Seklyčia Restaurant was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks to Danguolė Valentinaitė, her staff and cooks who capably handled our quite large group. It was a pleasure to see Gaile Butts, one of our junior members, helping to wait on tables. Seklyčia Restaurant is run in association with the Lithuanian Human Services Council of America, an organization dedicated to serving the local needs of Lithuanian senior citizens. We were proud to be able to introduce this organization to our friends and fellow members.

Finally, boarding the buses for the last time, we headed for the Lithuanian Youth Center, also known as the Jesuit Center. Both titles are inadequate to describe the many organizations which either have their headquarters at or center their activities around this facility.

(Continue next page)



Host council Hospitality Committee: Aldona & Al Brazis, Al Dagis, Diane Alexander and Julie Zakarka Photo Al Zakarka

Our host for the tour was the Lithuanian Research Institute, and our guides were students at the Lithuanian Pedagogical Institute. Under the direction of Dr. Jonas Račkauskas and Nijolė Mackevičienė, our tour leaders opened up a new world of activities and services to which our members might, in future, contribute or from which they may be able to benefit.

Incorporated in 1982, the purpose of the Research Institute is to promote, organize and sponsor research on Lithuania and

its people, and to collect, archive and publish materials on its language, history and culture. By means of individual memberships and organizational affiliations, the research institute hopes to rationalize the collection of Lituanica which is in danger of extinction. They wish to create a research center equal in prestige and legitimacy to other established research centers.

Our members were able to hear about the Lithuanian World Archives which contains over 40,000 volumes and 1,300 titles. Also included in the facility are the Lithuanian Musicology Archives with the largest collection of related materials outside of Lithuania, the Lithuanian Museum of Medicine, the Cartography Division, the Museum, the Photo archive, the Institute of Education, the Institute of Fine Arts, the

Historical Society and the LRSC Press which has published over ten books and studies dealing with Lithuanian culture, history and literature.

Our tour of the Research Institute ended with a delightful gathering in the Kavinė (coffee house) where wine, beer, soda and Lithuanian appetizers rounded out the day. Our special thanks to the many people who helped organize this tour and small reception. It was an unforgettable end to an unforgettable day.

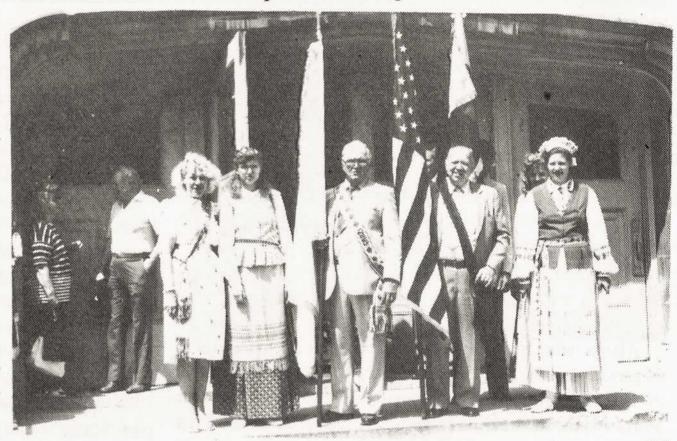
Many members asked me after the tour about information on each of the major institutions we visited. There was interest in bringing the information back to their home councils. In the fall, I will pepare a small packet which I will mail to each of the districts or councils for distribution among our members. We hope all our members will be able to share in our experience in this way. Again, my thanks to all tour hosts and to the tour participants. When you discover your old world with a friend, you truly do discover a new world.

8

CHICAGO REVISITED

Alexander J. Mockus

Forty eager conventioneers boarded the bus on Wednesday, August 3, 1989 at the Holiday Inn with a destination of Downtown (The Loop) Chicago. Forty pairs of eagle eyes gazed at the industrial operations and huge churches and old brick 2-3 flats



Flag bearers outside Nativity of BVM Church.

as we sped down I-55 in a northeasterly direction. As we turned on Lake Shore Drive, we saw a huge convention center called McCormick Place. Immediately beyond that, we saw Soldiers Field (where the Chicago Bears play football). I watched the faces of the conventioneers as they observed the blue Lake Michigan, with its many pleasure crafts, people walking and jogging. Many conventioneers for the first time realized how truly beautiful Chicago's lake-front is. Speeding on, we saw the Adler Planitarium, Shedd Aquarium, the Field Museum of Natural History. We continued north on Lake Shore Drive to Fullerton Ave. where we observed the high rent district of apartments and condos. Back on Michigan Ave. we viewed the Chicago Water Tower (the only remaining building from the well known Chicago fire in 1871). In this same area we saw the Water Tower Place, which is an eight story indoor mall housing I. Magnim, Marshall Field, Bloomingdales, Saks and many more big ticket stores. We saw the Chicago River (the only river in the world that flows upwards and backwards), the Merchandise Mart and many new high-rise office buildings.

Our walking tour began at the State of Illinois Building, an office building with a \$250,000,000.00 price tag and which evokes a strong love or hate response from each observer. City

Hall, County Bldg., State St., Chicago theater, Michigan Ave., the Art Institute were pointed out.

We stopped in Grant Park at the Petrillo Band Shell for a quick rest, and heard a few bars of beautiful music from the Chicago Park District orchestra. Some loved the music and the beautiful surroundings, they elected to remain there to give their aching feet a rest.

Continuing on, we saw the Buckingham Fountain, a majestic light splendor, unequaled anywhere in the world. Our tour continued to the architectural splendor of the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel and Tower, and finally to the Sears Tower where we observed from atop one of the largest buildings overseeing the entire city.

While we saw buildings, scenery and settings, we also

found the philosophy behind Chicago's beauty and success. In the early 1800's, Daniel Burnham had the vision of Chicago's explosive beauty and he legally maneuvered the land around the lake front to the Chicago Park District so that it would be free of industry, commercialism or any other eyesore. More recently, young people getting out of colleges and universities have preferred to make their residences near the area and in the Loop. Buildings like Dearborn Park, Presidential Towers, Printers Row, etc. have made the Loop area a very popular place. St. Patrick's Catholic Church, one of 4 Catholic Churches located in the Loop, are planning to build a school which is unheard of these days, but that's Chicago.

The tour participants mentioned they found the tour to be very interesting and educational.

JUNIOR CONVENTION

Third Vice President, Sabina Henson

On Thursday morning, our Juniors dressed in their Lithuanian costumes attended the opening Mass at Nativity of BVM Church. Several of them acted as honor guards and others proudly participated by carrying their council banners.

After lunch in the church hall, we went to Balzekas Museum where we were accepted so graciously. We toured the first floor admiring the many exhibits. Upon invitation from Rev. Peter Cibulskis, we visited the Draugas establishment. We were shown how the Lithuanian newspaper, Draugas, greeting cards, tickets and magazines are printed.

The vakaruškos by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rudis was a real treat for all the Juniors. Besides being dunked in the pool, they practiced Lithuanian dancing on the hill but managed, however, to all stay together and not wander off.

At our first session on Friday, meeting opened with prayers in Lithuanian and English. Chairlady was Gina Scheiber and secretary was Gaile Butts. Our meeting was very short since the Juniors were very enthusiastic and wanted to practice their dancing and singing for the performance at lunchtime in the hotel.

Lunch at the hotel was enjoyed by all and the performance was outstanding. At the recommendation of Frank Zapolis, Dana Slavinskas was the dance instructor for Councils 24, 36 and 112. She did an excellent job and the Juniors loved to work

with her.

Later that day, four cars took us to the Polo Game. Due to the inclement rainy weather the night before, the polo game was called off since part of the field was still waterlogged and they did not wish to risk injury to the prize horses running. However, we were invited to the horses' stables. The groomers told us many interesting things on how the horses are groomed and the special care given to them. We then drove back to the Hotel's swimming pool and enjoyed the ever popular pizza.

The Juniors found the Cultural Evening very interesting. While they did not participate in the program, they sat on the floor watching very attentively.



K of L Juniors with their banners.

At the second session on Saturday, Rev. Markus of C-112 spoke on Lithuania and showed some interesting pictures. We felt we were actually visiting Lithuania when Susan Binkis, Mid-America Third Vice President, showed us slides. It surely kept our interest during the entire session.

We want to thank the following individuals who donated to our Special Juniors Project Fund:

William Labadis, C-144 \$50.00

Frances Rauba, C-144
John & Sabina Henson, C-36

Our thanks also go out to those who assisted with the Juniors, especially Susan Binkins, Aušra Padalino and Maria Deksnys.

The following Juniors were registered:

Council 3 - Amber Keenan

Council 24 - Sarah, David, & Andrew Nebereiza, Nina, Natalija & Ronald Padalino, Gaile & Dana Butts, and Gabeje Amstrauskas.



Juniors at the Banquet.

Council 36 - Andruis & Lisa Boese, William Dixon, Allen, Mary & Christine Cuis, Ron, Josephine & Audrey Nowak, Gina & Donna Scheiber

C-112 - Andrea Deksnys, Ausra Pumpyte, Arunas & Ramintas Bilius and Janet Rogers.

Each junior member received a certificate attesting to the fact they attended the 76th National Convention. Theresa Balchunas of Kenosha Council presented the Juniors with a big surprise!

WITH A SONG IN MY HEART! Su Daina Širdyje

Dalia Bulvičius

20.00

200.00

We must admit that at every convention attended, our favorite event was Cultural Night. Why?, you might ask. The music! Our ears are still reverberating with Maryte's Bizinkauskaite's golden voice in Washington and those of many before her.

Friday night's concert was a special treat for Yours Truly. Although we have heard Mary Juzenas' beautiful voice many times, this was only the second time we had the pleasure of hearing Algerd Brazis "live". We enjoyed him the first time in Kansas City.

The program selections were varied and not just the "ever popular" run of the mill. There were solos and duets. Among the more heart rendering were "Palikta Šalis (Leonard Šimutis) beautifully executed by Algerd Brazis and Ramunė (Salomeja Cerienė) movingly sung by Mary Juzenas, both accompanied by Robert Mockus.

For one who has a madness for the Opera, my favorite selection was W. A. Mozart's "La Ci Darem La Mano" from Don Giovanni. Opera, to me, is like any great book you read. Everytime you hear it, you learn something new. Algerd and Mary did a terrific job. One can tell they have a musical bond



Soloists Al Brazis and Mary Juzenas.

between them which they perfected during their long association. The selections were reminiscent of the duet by Marilyn Horne and Joan Sutherland in the duet from Bellini's Norma.

The acoustics at the ballroom were unkind to the performers.

At times it seemed as if the sound was coming from a closet.

And why the microphones? We were amazed how well pre
(Continue next page)



Robert Mockus, accompanist, at Cultural Evening.

served Algerd's voice remained, especially on the pianissimos, his modulations could be envied by some young singers.

The Knights of Lithuania choir did a terrific job with the Lithuanian

wedding. We fell in love with the matchmaker, John Strolia. The dancing, acting and singing were fit for the Broadway stage. Once again, Bravo Mary Juzenas, Algerd Brazis and Faustas Strolia.



Frank Zapolis introducing the dance group.

IN MEMORIAM Albert Jaritis † July 7, 1989

Some will remember Al Jaritis as a dear brother, uncle, relative or friend. Others will remember him as a soldier, U.S. Army veteran, member of the Stephen Darius Post of the American Legion. Still others will remember him as a graduate of St. Anselm College, a school teacher, a construction supervisor and inspector, a life member of So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens' Association, a loyal parishioner of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, longtime usher, perennial volunteer wherever help was needed.

But most of all, we remember Al Jaritis as Mr. K of L, Mr. Knights of Lithuania! Al was a member of the Knights for some 35 years; active on countless committees, organizer of many socials, religious activities; diligent worker for Lithuanian Affairs; many times council president, New England District president, and frequent member of the Supreme Council.

Typical of his busy K of L schedule were his activities of this past year. In December he was a prominent participant in the traditional Christmas Eve celebration of "Kučios" at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Brockton. In April he encouraged the annual New England District Holy Hour at Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam, CT. In June, his determined leadership brought the District K of L to the weekend retreat at Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME. In years past, he sponsored the District Mass at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH.

The Knights of Lithuania have a beautiful ideal, "For God and Country", an ideal which for many remains an abstraction difficult in realization. But Al Jaritis was especially gifted to know how to live this ideal in his every day life, to bring this ideal to fulfillment in concrete reality.

For Al Jaritis, leadership was not a question of gaining honor and recognition from others, but of being of service to others. Ever before his eyes was the ideal of Jesus as the servant of God who came not to be served but to serve others. Like his divine Master, Al lived to be of service, to be a "man for others."

We pray that Al Jaritis is united in eternal joy and peace with his loving Master whom he served so well on his earthy pilgrimage.

Eulogy at the Funeral Mass by Rev. Albert Contons



Al Zakarka, Senator Paul Simon, Mary Juzenas & Algerd Brazis.



Anthony & Mary Rudis, Hosts at the Thursday night "Vakaruškos".



Lithuanian Wedding demonstrators.



Honorary Members gathered at the banquet.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

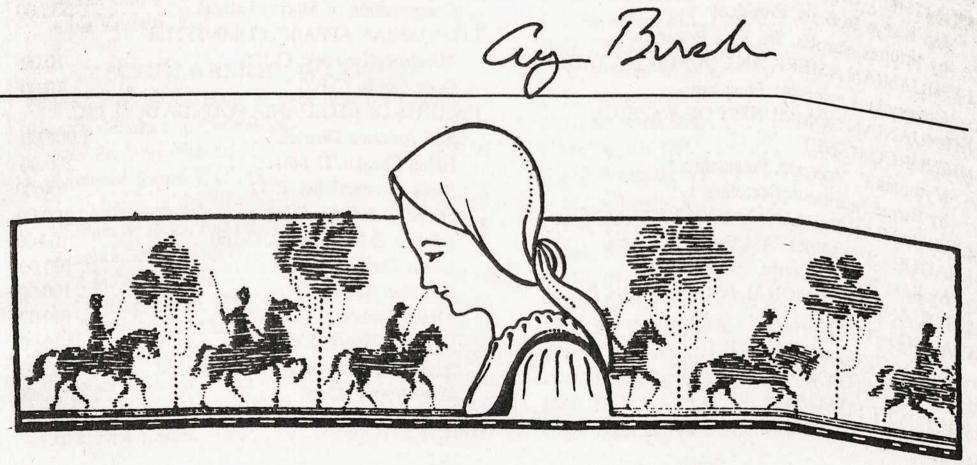
July 7, 1989

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to the Knights of Lithuania as you assemble in Chicago for your 76th National Convention.

Americans have always combined a strong spirit of patriotism with a desire to preserve our cultural diversity. Since 1913, your organization has worked effectively not only to strengthen the fraternal bonds of your members but also to find ways in which to benefit the communities in which you live. You have enhanced the lives of your fellow citizens through your many programs that share Lithuania's proud heritage and add so much to the richness of this "land of nations."

I commend you on your accomplishments and also for your unfailing devotion to liberty and justice -- ideals so dear to the heart of every American and to the people of your ancestral homeland.

Barbara joins me in wishing you a productive, enjoyable meeting and continued success in the future. God bless you.



GREETINGS

GEORGE BUSH	LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
President of the United States	ATEITIS, INC.
MOST REV. CHARLES SALATKA	Juozas Polikaitis, President
Archbishop of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
MOST REV. VINCENTAS BRIZGYS	OF AMERICA
Bishop in Exile of Kaunas, Lithuania and	Saulius Kuprys, President
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, Illinois	LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.
MOST REV. PAULIUS BALTAKIS, OFM	Dr. Linas Sidrys, President
Titular Bishop of Egara for Lithuanian Catholics	LITHUANIAN FRANCISCAN VICARATE OF
throughout the Free World	ST. CASIMIR
MSGR. ALGIMANTAS BARTKUS	Rev. Placidus Barius, OFM, Provincial
Rector, Pontifical Lithuanian College of	CONGREGATION OF MARIAN FATHERS, Chicago
St. Casimir, Rome, Italy	Rev. Victor Rimselis, MIC, Provincial
STASYS LOZORAITIS, JR.	SISTERS OF ST. CASIMIR
Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania,	Sr. Marilyn Kuzmickas, SSC, General Superior
Washington, DC	by Sister Angela, SSC
DR. STASYS BAČKIS	POOR SISTERS OF JESUS CRUCIFIED
Charge d'Affaires, Emeritus, of Lithuania,	Sr. Mary Ruth, General Superior
Washington, DC	SISTERS OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM
HON. ANICETAS SIMUTIS	Sr. Bernadette, Provincial
Consulate General of Lithuania, New York, NY	SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
HON. VACLOVAS KLEIZA,	Sr. Margaret Carneym, SF, General Superior
Consulate General of Lithuania, Chicago, IL	DRAUGAS
HON. VYTAUTAS ČEKANAUSKAS	Rev. Pranas Garšva, MIC, Editor
Consulate General of Lithuania, Los Angeles, CA	LITHUANIAN WORLD CENTER, Lemont, IL
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS	by Frances Domanskis
Office of the General Secretary,	
Rev. Robert N. Lynch	GREETINGS WITH DONATIONS
SUPREME COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBERATION	
OF LITHUANIA (VLIKAS)	GENERAL FUND
Dr. Kažys Bobelis, President	Congregation of Marian Fathers
by Pilypas Narutis, Sr., Vice-President	LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL (ALTAS)	Elizabeth Kuzmick, C-100 10.00
Grozvydas Lazauskas, President	Gene Gobis, C-100
LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY OF AMERICA	KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.
(BENDRUOMENE)	Mid-America District 1,000.00
Vytautas F. Volertas, President	Helen Chesko, C-144
by Birutė Jasaitienė, Secretary	Jonas Antanovicius, C-12 100.00
LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS'	Marcella Aleksis, C-7
LEAGUE OF AMERICA, Chicago Province,	Adeline & Steve Raila, C-100 100.00
by Rev. Ignas Urbonas	Janina Casey, C-29
LITHUANIAN NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.	Rita Karrytas, C-26
(TAUTOS FUNDAS)	Albert Zakarka, C-112
Juožas Giedraitis, President	Florence Zaleskas, C-7
LITHUANIAN FOUNDATION, INC.	Edward & Apolonija Žiausys, C-100 20.00
(LIETUVIŲ FONDAS)	Mary Vaglia, C-19
by Marija Remienė, Board Chairman	Agatha Bender, C-19
oj marja Komiono, Doma Chammar	

	E-1 6 I D-1-1- C 140 20 00
JUNIORS FUND	Frank & Irene Petrauskas, C-140
John Henson, C-36	Helen Shields, C-3
William J. Labadis, C-144 50.00	Anna Supernavage, C-144
Frances Rauba, C-144	Jewel Ushka, C-3
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	Stella McLeod, C-149
Council 36, Chicago, IL	C-146, Harrisburg, PA
Gene Gobis, C-100	Aldona & Paula Keaney, C-17
Elizabeth Kuzmick, C-100 10.00	Stanley & Helen Vaitkus, C-96 10.00
Millie Pietz, C-12	Elinor Sluzas, C-96
VYTIS FUND	Alphonse & Theresa Trainis, C-141 10.00
Elizabeth Kuzmick, C-100 10.00	Lee Marcinka, C-141
Gene Gobis, C-100	Elsie Kosmisky, C-144 10.00
LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC FUND (Formerly LCRA)	Rita Pinkus, C-26
Frances Bumila, C-1 500.00	Frances Rauba, C-144 10.00
Council 112, Chicago, IL	Anonymous - I.M.O. Al Jaritis 10.00
Council 36, Chicago, IL	Phyllis Gendreau, C-17
Gene Gobis, C-100	I.M.O. Al Jaritis
Elizabeth Kuzmick, C-100 10.00	Anne & Anthony Radzevich, C-100
PONTIFICAL COLLEGE OF ST. CASIMIR	I.M.O. Al Jaritis
Frances Bumila, C-1 500.00	Mary Kelly, C-79 7.00
Jack & Loretta Stukas, HM, C-29	
Janina Casey, C-29	Scholarship Donations made from October 2, 1988 to
Evelyn Ozelis, C-36	July 30, 1989:
Mary Kincius, C-36	DISTRICTS
Florence Zaleskas , C-17 50.00	Mid-America
Council 36, Chicago, IL	Amber
Anna Klizas Wargo, C-144 20.00	Mid-Central
Frances Rauba, C-144	Mid-Atlantic
Julia Gomes, C-12	COUNCILS
Ruth Tyson, C-135	C-29, Newark, NJ
Olga Gray, C-135	C-100, Amsterdam, NY 100.00
Sophia Zukas, C-36	C-144, Anthracite, PA 100.00
Alına Korengo, C-12	C-1, Brockton, MA
	C-24, Chicago, IL
SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT	C-26, Worcester, MA
Following donations made at 76th National Convention	C-27, Norwood, MA
direct to Scholarship Committee:	C-74, Scranton, PA
New England District	C-96, Dayton, OH
Annmarie Swatsky, C-143	C-110, Maspeth, NY
In honor of her 4th Degree 50.00	C-112, Chicago, IL
William & Helen Labadis, C-144 50.00	C-140, Syracuse, NY
Florence Zaleskas, C-17	C-141, Bridgeport, CT
I.M.O. Al Jaritis	C-152, Riverhead, NY
C-72, Binghamton, NY	C-153, Jupiter, FL
Helen Chesko, C-144	C-17, So. Boston, MA
Jack & Loretta Stukas, C-29	C-25, Cleveland, OH
Stephen & Helen Contons, C-17 25.00	C-46, Forest City, PA 50.00
John & Sabina Henson, C-36	C-79, Southfield, MI
Mrs. Paul Kassel	C-86, DuBois, PA
	15

C-103, Providence, RI 50.00	Council 36
C-118, Hazleton, PA	Bernice Aviza, C-136
C-143, Pittston, PA	Helen Chesko, C-144
C-12, New York, NY	Loretta & Joseph Simon, C-24 25.00
C-16, Chicago, IL	Theresa Mehringer, C-50
C-30, Westfield, MA	Clemencine Miller, C-141
C-36, Chicago, IL	Irene & Frank Petrauskas, C-140 20.00
C-52, Elizabeth, NJ	Dorothy DeGennaro, C-141
C-102, Detroit, MI	Andrew Rozger, C-19
C-109, Great Neck, NY	Victor & Beatrice Mathieu, C-103 20.00
C-142, Washington, DC	Agatha Tiskus, C-40
Special Donation in honor of Knights 75th	Anne Wargo, C-144
Anniversary earned by women of C-30,	Longinas Svelnis
Westfield, MA - I.M.O. Helen Suzor 10.00	Elinor Sluzas, C-96
JUNIORS	Anne Supernavage, C-144
C-13, Chicago, IL	Jewel Ushka, C-3
C-100, Amsterdam Juniors, NY	Frances Rauba, C-144
INDIVIDUALS	Phyllis Gendreau, C-17
Cynthia Devine, C-79	Marion & Ignas Hobitz, C-78 10.00
Anna & Anthony Radzevich, C-100 50.00	Alice Opanasets, C-17 5.00
Ann Skurdenis, C-29	Marion Matachinskas, C-17 5.00
I.M.O. husband Julius Skurdenis 50.00	Elsie Kosmisky, C-144
Charles & Frances Kulakusky, C-26 39.00	Sylvester & Aldona Marcavage, C-1415.00
Julia T. Burlin, C-142	Sylvia Shukis, C-1
HM Anna Matalavich, C-52	Michael Yuknis, C-1125.00
I.M.O. John Matalavich - father 25.00	Agnes & John Mickunas, C-3 5.00
Eugenia Janonis, C-12	Helen Cuperwich, C-125.00
I.M.O. husband Larry Janonis	Charles & Julijona Krusa, C-38 2.00
Larry Svelnis	C-144 Donated directly to LCRA 500.00
Mass. Turnpike Bond Foundation interest20.75	
Thomas A. Strolia - C-13	VYTIS ACCOUNT
Peter J. Kasilionis	(Donations received by Vytis Editor from August 1, 1988
I.M.O. Ann & Joseph Kasilionis 20.00	thru July 31, 1989)
Thomas A. Strolia, C-13	Konstant J. Savickus, Esq. (VYTIS FUND)
HM Helen Shields, C-3 10.00	Principal Amount in C.D. Ctf 11,999.33
Magdalena Smailis, C-79 10.00	(Interest only can be used)
Daniel Degutis, C-52	Interest from K. J. Savickus donation 532.02
Mary & Vincent Mackelis, C-52 10.00	Lithuanian Foundation, Inc500.00
Eleanor Vaicaitis, C-144	Leonard J. Šimutis
Sylvester & Aldona Marcavage, C-1415.00	Anna Matalavich,C-52
bytrosor & ridona marcavago, & 141	I.M.O. Rev. Joseph Simonaitis 25.00
LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS	Edward & Genovaitė Baranauskas, C-100 19.00
AID	Lawrence C. Kobrovsky, Esq
Janina Casey, C-29	Bronius & Josephine Krokys, C-3 10.00
Council 112	
Council 112	











A Successful Completion to the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION 1989 ESSAY CONTEST

Loretta I. Stukas



During the 1988 National Jubilee Convention, delegates were in awe as they watched a video tape of the Freedom rally in Vilnius and listened to the shouts of "LIETUVA, LIETUVA". Not a dry eye could be found as the delegates stood spontaneously to join those at the rally in the singing of the long-forbidden "Lietuva, Tevynė Musų".

Clearly miracles were happening in Lithuania. The ensuing year brought even more miracles, as our beloved Lithuania began experiencing a true national awakening. With these remarkable events in Lithuania, perhaps a new direction is needed in the Knights. Perhaps new activities are warranted, to provide help to Lithuania in achieving that which was assumed almost impossible until this year.

With this in mind, the directors of the Foundation decided to encourage members to think about new directions, especially for the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, and to put those ideas into writing by entering the annual Knights of Lithuania Foundation Essay Contest.

Essay writers were to respond to the topic "How Should the New National Awakening in Lithuania affect our K of L Lithuanian Affairs Activities?", in 450 to 500 words. The contest was open to all regular and associate members in good standing, and also to Junior members. Algirdas Budrečkis, Aldona Ryan and Loretta Stukas, plus last year's winner, Sabina Henson, were designated judges.

The Contest was indeed a success, as entries were received from regular and associate members, as well as Juniors, in English and Lithuanian. All 5 Districts were represented, as were 9 regular councils and 1 junior council. Judging was difficult, because so many excellent ideas were presented. For that reason, extra prizes were added.

Essays were judged on the basis of content, style, grammar and adherence to the stated topic. Some essays strayed a bit from the designated topic, but presented good suggestions nonetheless. Winners were announced during the 76th National Convention and the winning entries will be published in this and subsequent issues of VYTIS. It is our pleasure to congratulate the winners as follows:

1st Prize (\$300.00)

Stephen V. Walinsky, Sr. C-26 Worcester, MA

2nd Prize (\$200.00)

Bronius V. Krokys

C-3 Philadelphia, PA

3rd Prize (\$100.00) - tie

Gene Gobis

C-100 Amsterdam, NY

Donna Ashley

C-150 Kansas City, KS

Honorable Mention (\$25.00)

Laima Baltrenas

C-133 Los Angeles, CA

Gail & Dana Butts

C-24 Chicago Juniors, IL

Drūtai laikyk tvirtai stovėk drasiai lietuviškai kalbėk tegul supyksta kas nežino lietuviškoji giminė lietuvininkų vaisinga žemė tik vis gimdys Lietuvininkus sauerveinas. An Essay Contest sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc. is an annual event. The prize will be approximately the same each year, only the topic will change. The 1990 Contest will be announced shortly.

The Knights of Lithuania is most grateful to Rev. Msgr. Juozas Prunskis for his generosity in donating a special grant to the Foundation, with the specification that the interest from the grant be used for an Essay Contest, encouraging members to think about and write about the betterment of the Knights of Lithuania.

We urge all members to give serious thought to the next Contest's topic, to express those thoughts in writing and enter the Contest.

How Should the New National Awakening in Lithuania affect our K of L Lithuanian Affairs Activities?

First Prize - Stephen V. Walinsky, Sr. C-26 Worcester, MA

Thank God that our prayers have been answered in part. Has He sent to us and Lithuania a modern Moses? The recent changes and alleviations of the rules in the Baltic countries would indicate that Mr. Gorbachev has influenced the Russian Bureaucracy to reduce bounds. Though conditions appear more permissive, we should not take it for granted that this is a definite movement towards complete independence for our fatherland.

Our job is not done. We of the free world must not relax our efforts. There still remains the shortages of important necessities that we could provide, which would benefit those confined within the borders of suppressed Lithuania. We of the world of plenty can supply many of these instruments and commodities to preserve the language, the culture and the religious beliefs of the nation.

In a recent article written by Bishop Baltakis, he mentioned the great need for religious and other reading matter. Also there is a shortage of paper and modern typesetting machinery. The Knights of Lithuania could be instrumental in organizing some means to procure the equipment that is lacking, so as to enable the printing industry to furnish such materials.

Not so long ago, as an example, we Americans joined together to provide monies to effect the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. The response was overwhelming. Organizational and individual participation gave what it took to complete the task.

The organization of the Knights of Lithuania, being one of, if not the largest Lithuanian groups of the world, could establish guides in the promotion of fund drives to accumulate the finances to provide the wants of those concerned public spirited.

groups. The American Lithuanians have money with which the peoples, especially the youth of Lithuania would be given the support and encouragement to keep faith, that they may one day be freed to move about at will, to be allowed to live a liberated life without fear of incarceration.

The most direct contact with the population of Lithuania would be through the religious, using them to distribute the provisions and to publicize our involvement.

The Knights could set up a pen pal communication movement, assist in searching out long lost relatives of American born, for them to begin a letter exchange. If no relatives, with the help of the clergy in Lithuania, the names and addresses of some lonely individuals or youths without known relatives, could be provided for those who wish to correspond with someone, anyone in America. Of course these letters must be written in the Lithuanian language, giving us the opportunity to put to use the vocabulary and phrases that had appeared in the past issue of the Vytis. A great feeling of satisfaction can be had by just giving another person a few moments of pleasure.

Summing it all up, whatever we, the Knights of Lithuania can establish as methods to serve the cause, might by our example, influence other organizations to follow, and by that, all of the American Lithuanian populace may become interested and involved as contributing benefactors.

Let's we, the Knights, continue to focus our endeavors on such goals as will help to bring about an independent Lithuania for its future generations, and hopefully forever.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

By Clemencine Miller, National Scholarship Committee

Madam Chairlady, Reverend Fathers, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Fellow Knights:

It is my extreme pleasure this evening to present the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Awards for 1989. This year's applicants presented excellent credentials in the areas of academic ability, community service and involvement in Knights of Lithuania activities. The Scholarship Committee hopes this is a harbinger of the longevity of the Knights of Lithuania, for certainly our organization's future rests with our youth. The committee urges you, the Knights of Lithuania members here at this convention and those who will read these remarks in the convention issue of VYTIS, to get your children and grandchildren involved in the Knights of Lithuania in their early, formative years so that our organization will one day celebrate its centennial.

We are fortunate this year to be celebrating our national convention in Chicago, the heartland of the Lithuanian community in America. As we walked the streets of Marquette Park these past few days, were we not touched by and infused with the spirit of all things Lithuanian? I, for one, was and will return to Connecticut prouder of my ethnic heritage and more determined to share my knowledge of it with my friends, neighbors and associates. Do you feel the same way? Do your children or grandchildren feel this way? If not, why not? Have you ever brought them to Marquette Park neighborhood to experience their "roots"? Have you purchased a copy of the Knights of Lithuania 75th Anniversary History Book, LITHU-ANIAN FRATERNALISM, to share with them? Have you read the book yourself?

What I am saying, Knights and Ladies, is that while we trust God to provide for the future of the Knights of Lithuania, we do the necessary groundwork to cooperate with this plan. People have expressed concern that the Marquette Park neighborhood is changing and is losing its "Lithuanian distinction". Maybe so, but the Lithuanian spirit is not confined to buildings and streets. It is people in which the spirit lives. Witness the tremendous events happening in Lithuania today. Is it not the spirit that lived in people for these past forty sad years of Soviet domination that has come forth? When the eventual return of independence comes to Lithuania, the Knights of Lithuania should still be alive to celebrate with our brothers and sisters in our ancestral homeland. Let us commit ourselves, our children and our grandchildren to that celebration.

This year's award recipients have the potential to be part of that welcomed celebration. The Scholarship Committee, in making these awards, wishes to commend the winners for their past involvement with the Knights of Lithuania and encourage them to keep the spirit of their Lithuanian heritage alive in their lives.

The first award is a special one because it marks the beginning of the Irene K. Sankus Memorial Scholarship. This award has been committed by the Committee to support a seminarian studying at the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome. The recipient is ROBERTAS REKUS who will receive \$500. He is from Seinai, Poland. He is Lithuanian and hopes to work in a Lithuanian mission in the world.

Next, I wish to announce the winners of the Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship. Because an award was not made last year, two awards will be made tonight.



Margaret Cyzeski

The first recipient was the valedictorian of her graduating class, a young lady who has gained the respect of her high school peers and faculty through her consistent academic performance and personal example, and has performed outstanding service to her Knights of Lithuania council. She is MARGARET CYZESKI of C-46, Forest City, PA. She will be awarded \$1,500.

The second recipient is the first winner of a schol-

arship for graduate studies. Even though not a Lithuanian by birth, her extraordinary knowledge and interest in Lithuanian affairs makes her a special individual with a deep sense of commitment and integrity. She is studying for a graduate degree to be a teacher and is minoring in Lithuanian Studies as part of her program. SUSAN BINKIS is a member of our host Council 112 and one who has proven time and time again that she follows our Knights of Lithuania motto, "For God and Country". She will be awarded \$1,500.

Now to our regular awards. The first winner has been a

member of the Junior Knights of Lithuania, was an honor student in high school and has been described as very capable of being successful as a college student. A musician, a member of the Jr. Knights of Lithuania Choir and a member of the



Susan Binkins



Eric Geiger

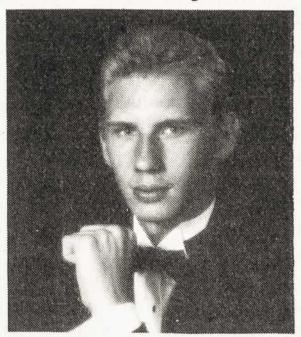
Vejiliai Dancers of Holy Cross Parish, ERIC GEIGER, of C-96 Dayton, OH will be awarded \$1,000. Eric was described as being an imaginative fund raiser concerning paper drives and designing a T-shirt to raise money for his junior council. He

would be an asset to our scholarship fund raising.

The next recipient has been described as a self-starter who is highly motivated, self disciplined and committed to becoming the best person he can be. His activities in school, community and church support this characterization. Coming from an es-

tablished Knights of Lithuania family, he has become active in the newly formed C-153 in Florida. He is JOSEPH BALCHUNAS and he will be awarded \$800.

Our next winner for this year also comes from a distinguished Knights of Lithuania family. An alumnae of Camp Neringa and involved in her first Na-



Joseph Balchunas

tional Convention at age 10, she has been described as an excellent student in her concentration area of Communications at Cornell University. She is BARBARA PETRAUSKAS of C-140, Syracuse, NY. She will be awarded \$500.

The final recipient of a scholarship for 1989 has been described as a sincere, enthusiastic young lady who comes from



Barbara Petrauskas \$400.

a family active in Knights of Lithuania affairs, and has participated in her council functions for several years. A student involved in many school activities, she continues to expand her interests in life while remembering her spiritual development. She is MICHELLE POINTIS of C-110, Maspeth, NY. She will be awarded

The Scholarship Committee has the honor of making these presentations because of the generosity of the individual members, councils and districts of our proud organization. To each, the Committee says Labai Ačių once again. On behalf of myself and Committee chairman, William J. Piacentini, a sincere thank you to the other Committee members: Paul

Binkis, Jr., Gloria Dauchess, Rita Shevokas, Sr. Alverna Walls and John Contons for their efforts on behalf of the scholarship program. A special recognition goes to Gloria Dauchess and Sr. Alverna Walls



Michelle Pointis

who will complete their term of office this year. Their dedicated service helped to make our scholarship program an example for other ethnic organizations.

Finally, a special note of recognition is extended to the family and friends of the late Albert Jaritis. In addition to serving as president of the New England District many years, Al was a member of the Scholarship Committee for six years. His dedication to the youth of the Knights of Lithuania was clearly evident in his work on the Committee. The members of the Committee honor his memory and pray that his reunion with his creator is already accomplished.

Thank you for your kind attention.



Clemencine Miller presenting Scholarship Award to Susan Binkins of C-112 Chicago, IL.

LETTERS

Dear Al Zakarka:

It was a real pleasure to join you briefly at the Knights of Lithuania luncheon.

Your people were marvelous hosts, and your daughter Rita made a great impression.

Anytime I can be of assistance to you or your organization in any way, please be sure to let me know.

I look forward to working with you.

Cordially,
Paul Simon
United States Senator

Dear Members of the Scholarship Committee:

I would like to sincerely express my gratitude to you for your scholarship offer in memory of Alice Karklius. The quest for higher education in our country today brings with it immense costs. As a young person working to reach my goals in life, I certainly do appreciate the opportunity you have given me, and I am grateful for your generosity.

Vytiškai, Margaret Ann Cyzeski

TO: The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee FROM: Susan R. Binkins

Dear Fellow Knights of Lithuania:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous support of my academic endeavors, through the awarding of the \$1,500.00 Karklius Scholarship Award.

About one year from now I will graduate with a Master's Degree in History and Teaching, and will begin a new career as a secondary school educator. Your generous award has allowed me to complete my studies on schedule and without further interruption. I cannot thank you enough for your assistance.

One of the pleasures I have been able to indulge in as a student is a further pursuit of Lithuanian history and language studies through the University of Illinois at Chicago. It has been a bit of an extra burden in terms of scheduling, but it has been an invaluable learning experience. I encourage other students to make time for the same opportunities. We are all busy and need to concentrate on our degree requirements but, if available to you, please make time for your Lithuanian studies. Get beyond the eth-"Nick-Nacks" and give yourself a gift you will keep with you all your lives.

The Knights of Lithuania have helped me pursue not only my career goals, but also some life goals. And for this, I am profoundly grateful. Thank you.

Dear Mr. Piacentini and members of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee:

Thank you for selecting me for the \$1,000.00 award. I was presented the check this morning after 8:30 Mass by Elinor Sluzas. I was almost as excited today as I was last Sunday when she called me long distance from Chicago to tell me that not only had I been selected, I was going to receive \$1,000.00. This is going to be a big help to me.

After finally finding out that I was ineligible for any grants or student loans, I started applying for various scholarships that the high school guidance office suggested and several others that I knew were available including the Knights of Lithuania.

Until last Sunday, the answer was always the same, I was always one of too many applicants, please try again next year. That is why this means so much to me.

I shall certainly try my best to live up to your expectations of me as I undertake my studies to become an architect. I am very proud of my Lithuanian heritage. I only wish that my Lithuanian grandmother, Anastasia Kavalauskas Geiger could have been here to share this moment. Had it not been for her influence, I'm sure I would have never been involved at Holy Cross Church.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Father Vaclovas Katarskas, Mrs. Fran Petkus H.M., Mr. Fisher, my architecture instructor and Mrs. Chris Fletcher for having enough faith in me to write letters of recommendation on my behalf.

With sincerest regards and deepest appreciation,

Eric Geiger

Dear Knights of Lithuania:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of a Knights of Lithuania scholarship.

With the increasing price of tuition, your scholarship will help take my mind off college fees and enable me to direct all of my attention to my studies.

I am proud of my Lithuanian heritage and plan to continue being involved in Knights of Lithuanian activities as much as possible. I also hope to continue being a credit to the K of L.

Again, thank you for your faith in my ability and for selecting me for the scholarship.

Sincerely, Joseph Balchunas, Jr.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 76th NATIONAL CONVENTION STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

As presented by Anne Klizas Wargo, National President - August 3, 1989

In accordance with Article XI, Section 2 of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, I hereby submit to the delegates of the 76th National Convention, the Supreme Council's Annual Report. I have condensed all reports submitted to me before the convention. For those reports which I have not received, I have tried to report their activities from past Supreme Council Meetings and reports. Fuller reports have been provided by the Officers and we urge you to take a set home and share the contents with your council.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

The Knights of Lithuania is most grateful to its Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, for his counsel and guidance throughout the year. He attended two Supreme Council meetings. He was unable to attend the third meeting as he was visiting in Lithuania at that time. He remembers all deceased members at a monthly Mass. When he receives addresses of the deceased families, he sends a personal note.

PRESIDENT

President Anna Klizas Wargo organized and presided at three meetings of the National Executive Board in Philadelphia, Chicago and New Haven. She attended the 75th Anniversary of the Mid-Central District and Fall Pilgrimage in Cleveland, the Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration in Amsterdam with C-100, the St. Casimir's Day Breakfast in Newark with C-29 and the Amber District meetings. She represented the Knights of Lithuania in Washington, DC when Vice Pres. Daniel Quayle presented Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas with the Puebla Institute's First Freedom Award. She appointed representatives to the ALTAS Convention, a committee and chairperson to look into the feasibility of establishing a separate Vytis Account. She appointed a Committee and Chairperson to oversee the fund set up at the 75th National Convention to refurbish Our Lady of Siluva Shrine at the National Cathedral in Washington, She appointed a representative to the Bishop's Advisory Committee. Congratulations were sent to Cardinal Sladkevičius and Archbishop Audrys Bačkis. A telegram was sent to Cardinal Edmund Szoka of Detroit asking for his assistance in keeping the Lithuanian parishes open in

Detroit. The President answered all mail received and kept in contact with members of the National Executive Board.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

First Vice President Frances Petkus attended all three Supreme Council meetings. Her main project was to investigate the possibilities of awards after the Fourth Degree. She mailed letters to all District and Council presidents for input into this project. Only 13 responses were received. Fran worked with the Ritual Chairman in regard to his article in Vytis on the same subject. She conducted a panel at the convention on this subject. Fran Petkus assisted the President in any way she could.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Membership Vice Pres. Frank Peterson attended all three National Executive Board meetings. He wrote an article for Vytis concerning annual membership drive. Through the efforts of Loretta & Jack Stukas, a new council was formed in Florida, known as Treasure Coast C-153. On request, Frank sent to councils the pamphlet, "Get Involved-Join the Knights of Lithuania". He was very active on council and district levels.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Juniors Vice Pres. Sabina Henson has worked very hard to encourage and promote Junior Councils this past year. She has edited an excellent Junior's magazine, "Junior Jewels". This is an informative and interesting booklet. She has tried to organize new Junior Councils and compiled "Guidelines for Organizing a Junior Council". She started a Junior Dance Group in C-36. Sabina attended all National Executive Board meetings.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mary Kincius attended all three Executive Board meetings. She notified all officers, committee chair people and Honorary Members of Supreme Council meetings. She kept a record and mailed minutes to officers and honorary members. She compiled and mailed official lists of officers and Committee chair persons; also handled miscellaneous correspondence and mailed convention invitations to other national organizations and dignitaries.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Anne Cheplick attended all three Executive Board meetings. She reported that as of June 30th, there are 61 councils, 3,989 regular members, 486 associate, 170 religious, 66 lifetime, 33 honorary members, with a total of 4,744 members.

TREASURER

Theresa Trainis attended all three Executive Board meetings and handled her duties with efficiency. Her complete report was presented to the Convention.

TRUSTEES

Gene Ashley and Mary Juzenas attended all three Executive Board meetings. They audited the Treasurer's records and found them to be in proper order.

LEGAL ADVISOR

Saulius Kuprys attended two meetings of the Executive Board. He filed the necessary annual K of L tax forms and performed whatever duties were asked of him by the Supreme Council. Mr. Kuprys is presently working on a tax exemption status for the Lithuanian College in Rome.

VYTIS EDITOR

Mary Kober attended three meetings. Issues were timely, providing readers with Lithuanian language, current affairs, good articles on Lithuania and the Lithuanians. Vytis staff consists of Helen Chesko, Council News Editor and Dalia Bulvicius, Feature Writer. There was an excellent response to the Christmas Greeting Campaign. Printing of Vytis has been transferred to Draugas. Mary is doing the typesetting for the magazine.

MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

President Algerd Brazis reports that his District held 4 meetings this year. They had a successful "Memories of Lithuania Banquet" in February. This year's Award of Distinction was presented to the Lithuanian Freedom League in recognition of their continuing efforts to make the memory of Lithuanian Independence a reality. In March, they had a St. Casimir's Day commemoration, and in November, a Mass of Hope for Lithuania and her Prisoners of Conscience. The District participated in a rally in Chicago during Captive Nations Week in July. Their membership drive concluded June 30. Three Junior Councils are active. The K of L Choir continues to flourish and the K of L Dancers are active at various civic and cultural events. They have an active and outstanding 26

Lithuanian Affairs Committee. The Public Relations and Cultural Committees work hand in hand to maintain a good public image for the K of L.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Pres. Jonas Adomenas reported 3 successful meetings during the year. At the 1988 convention, it became official that nine Pennsylvania and two Upstate New York councils left the Mid-Atlantic District to start their own district. He reports there are 16 councils with 1,500 members. The District went to the Capitol of New York State in Albany on Feb. 14 to thank Governor Mario Cuomo for signing into law a bill making Feb. 16 of each year Lithuanian Independence Day. The District attended the Lithuanian Day of Prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA in June. They also greeted the crews of the Lithuanian sailboats in New York Harbor arriving from Lithuania on that day.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pres. John Baltrus reported two meetings were held by the Mid-Central District, being the Fall meeting and Pilgrimage and the Spring meeting and Bowling Tournament. They celebrated their 75th anniversary in October. The District is active in all phases of K of L activity and generous to all K of L projects. They signed letters and petitions supporting Detroit council's efforts to keep the Lithuanian parishes alive. They remembered their deceased members at a candlelight ceremony and had a successful 50/50 raffle to support their financial donations.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The New England District, as well as all members of the K of L, are saddened at the sudden untimely death of Al Jaritis, Pres. of the District. Amžina Atilsi, Al. Since there was no report from the district, the following information was obtained from council reports from New England District councils. Conventions were held in September and April. In October, a Cultural Picnic was held, November, the New England District Bowling and in June the annual retreat in Kennebunkport, ME. The New England District councils are active culturally and in donations to K of L activities.

AMBER DISTRICT

Pres. Joseph Simmons reported the newly formed District has 9 councils with 646 members. The initial meeting was held at which time it was decided that due to

the distance in traveling to District affairs, they would leave the Mid-Atlantic District and form a new District. Three conventions have been held. A successful raffle was held to start financing the treasury and donations have been forwarded to different K of L activities. The first year has been successful. Pres. Joe Simmons and his family hosted the Touring Lithuanian Cycling Team from Klaipeda at a Lithuanian picnic. The District participated in the Lithuanian Day of Prayer at Doylestown, PA.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Chairlady Marytė Lepera did not attend any Supreme Council meetings and did not submit a report.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Al Zakarka attended 3 Supreme Council meetings. He wrote an article for Vytis on the possibilities of Awards after the Fourth Degree. Al and his committee have approved a number of candidates for the Fourth Degree which was presented at the convention.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Dalia Bulvičius attended one Supreme Council meeting. She reported the 75th convention on Laisves Žiburys, wrote articles for Darbininkas, Draugas, Teviškis Žiburai, Garsas, Lietuvių Dienos and Vytis. She translated articles sent to Darbininkas by K of L councils. As Feature Writer of Vytis, she supplied pictures, articles, jokes, puzzles, riddles and poems.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Bernice Aviza attended two meetings. Due to illness and personal problems, she was unable to edit the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin. Michael Yuknis of Washington, DC and member of C-112, was appointed to do the job. No report was received from Bernice on her other activities.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman William Piacentini reports that all payments have been made to the 1988 winners. The Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of Irene K. Sankus at the 75th National Convention. This award will be given to a student at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome. The appeal made for this year to all councils did not receive much response. He stated many councils have not donated to the Scholarship Fund in many years, among those councils who have had scholarships presented to someone in their council. He

states the need for financial support from all councils is imperative if the program is to continue to support as many students as it does.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman Vaitkus reports the honorary memberships will be awarded this year to Frances Petkus and Juozas B. Laučka. Candidates for 1990 have been discussed and were proposed at this convention. To date there are 89 members of which 54 are deceased and 35 living.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Longinas Svelnis reminds members that when they send material to the Archives Committee, it should be sorted chronologically and in numerical order. These should be forwarded to the K of L Archives, c/o ALKA, P.O. Box 608, Putnam, CT 06260.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE PROPOGATION

Chairlady Apolonija "Polly" Žiausys wrote articles for Vytis. She wrote about the use of correct and incorrect words in Lithuanian, wedding customs, trees, riddles and proverbs. We are grateful for her guidance in the Lithuanian language. Let us all listen to Polly - Kalbėkime Lietuviškai.

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Chairlady Florence Zaleskas did not submit a report.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIAN FOUNDATION, INC.

Chairlady Loretta Stukas reported excellent essays were received in the essay contest. A cultural "Where-to" handbook is being prepared consisting of a loose leaf handbook advising where to obtain cultural artifacts, records, addresses of Lithuanian clubs, etc. They have also approached HM Joseph Boley to professionally record some of his poetry readings, to preserve his talents for posterity. Mr. Boley is considering this project. A full financial report was given orally at the convention.

ST. CASIMIR'S COLLEGE - ROME

Chairman Dr. Jack Stukas reports Robert Boris and Victor Mathieu, members of the "task force", submitted numerous suggestions concerning the fund drives, etc. Many donations were sent to Rome; these are listed on his report. Not listed on the report is a donation of \$6,500. from Anthracite C-144 in 1988. This was sent directly to Rome and did not notify Dr. Stukas. Legal Advisor Saulius Kuprys is working on obtaining tax

exemption in order that contributions would be tax exempt. The initial Board of Directors would include the National President, Chairmen Robert Boris and Victor Mathieu. The official name of the fund will be St. Casimir College Fund. Dr. Stukas reminds us that St. Casimir's Pontifical College has become an important world-wide Lithuanian institution and deserves our fullest support.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HISTORY BOOK

Past President Frank Petrauskas undertook the task of keeping and distributing the History Books. He has on hand 160 soft cover and 80 hard cover books. He has not heard from District Presidents as to the amount sold. It is very disappointing that more of our members have not supported this project. It is an excellent history of the organization and should be in every K of L home. Our thanks to Jonas Valauskas for his contribution of \$11,000 for this history book.

OUR LADY OF SILUVA FUND - Washington, DC

Chairlady Julia Burlen received donations of \$225. and forwarded them to the Shrine. One council sent in a check made out to Our Lady of Siluva Fund which had to be returned. Checks should be made out to 'SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION" and in the corner of the check, "Our Lady of Siluva Shrine Fund".

SUMMARY

My thanks to the many councils who sent me a yearly report. It is evident that our councils are culturally active in Lithuanian Affairs, and in all aspects of Lithuanianism. It is the membership of an organization that makes it strong and your reports indicate that you uphold all the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

Let us encourage the younger people to take over more tasks and to bring their ideas into the organization. We must encourage our youth. This is 1989 and the world has changed much since the beginning of the K of L. The news from Lithuania is better than it has been since the beginning of World War II. Our young members are our future and in order to keep them active and to bring in new young members, we must let them speak and we must listen. I have been most heartened by the young people I have worked with this past year; they are bright, enthusiastic and willing. We must not discourage them. We cannot live on past glories or failures. We must look to the future and look with the eyes of the 80's and soon to be 90's.

The happenings in Lithuania today are very exciting. As a Lithuanian Catholic organization, it is our duty to help the Catholic Church in Lithuania in whatever way we can. We must work together to do what we can for our Lithuanian brethren. We must continue to support our adopted son, the Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome. Much help has already been given to the Church in Lithuania by the College.

We must also continue to support our Lithuanian parishes. Without the support by Lithuanians, these parishes cannot remain open. Let us pray for Lithuanian religious vocations so our churches can be staffed with Lithuanian sisters and priests.

My thanks to members of the National Executive Board who attended the meetings and were faithful to the duties of the offices they accepted. We welcome the new Council 153, Treasure Coast from Florida. Let us strive to obtain new councils, to get more members and especially the younger members involved. Thanks to all members who have been faithful all these years. May God be with us all and may our Patron St. Casimir guide us in our motto "Devui ir Tevynei".

Dievas palaimina musų darba del "Dievui ir Tevynei".

Prašom Dievui kad musų broliai ir seseris Lietuvoje tikrai pažins pilna laisvė ir nepriklausomybė.

Lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai.



At Banquet head table: Al Brazis, Stan Vaitkus, Joseph Laučka and Clemencine Miller.



RESOLUTIONS - NUTARIMAI

WHEREAS since its establishment, the Knights of Lithuania has maintained a tradition of filial esteem and loyal obedience to the Vicar of Christ,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention gathered in Chicago, IL August 3-6, 1989, send a cordial expression of the above sentiments to our Holy Father Pope John Paul II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania pledge special prayers for his intention and for continued strong health.

KADANGI nuo pat organizacijos įsteigimo Lietuvos Vyčiai yra išlaikę brolišką pagarba bei ištikimybę Kristaus vikarui,

NUTARTA kad 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažavimas suinčia Šventajam Tėvui p[opiežiui Jonui Pauliui II-jam tų sentimentų nuolanku pareiškimą,

TAIP PAT NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai isipareigoja ypatingom maldom popiežiaus intencija bei už jo stiprios sveikatosištesėjimą.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania at its 71st National Convention in 1984 adopted the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome and voted to offer financial and moral support for its apostolic activities,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania donate \$500.00 to the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir to assist it in its growing apostolic endeavors,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supreme Council urge all members, councils and districts to also support this institution.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai 1984-tais metais 71-name visuotiname suvažiavime isūnijo Sv. Kazimiero lietuvių pontifikaline kolgija Romoje ir nubalsavo finansiniai bei dvasiniai remti jos apaštališka veiklą.

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai paaukoja \$500.00 suma Šv. Kazimiero lietuvių pontifikalinės kolegijos vis gausėjantiem apaštalavimo užmojam vykdyti,

TAIP PAT NUTARTA kad Centro valdyba ragintų narius, kupoas bei apygardas šią instituciją remti.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 76th National Convention urge councils and districts to reaffirm the "Adopt a Parish in Lithuania" project begun 6 years ago, in which councils selected a parish in Lithuania to befriend and provide moral and financial support,

Councils that have already adopted a parish should intensify and increase their support, and others should select a parish,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that councils be asked to publicize their choices in VYTIS to avoid duplication.

NUTARTA kas Lietuvos Vyčiai 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažamas ragintų kuopas bei apygardas patvirtini "Isisūnykime parapija Lietuvoje" projekta, pradėtą prieš šešis metus. Šio projekto rėmuose kupa buva ipareigota pasirinkti parapią Lietuvoje, su ja susipažinti ir jai teikti moralinę bei finansinę oaramą,

Kuopos, kurios jau parapiją yra isisūnyjusios, turėtų sustiprinti ryšius bei padidinti parama, o likusios kuopos raginamos darban užsiangažuoti,

TAIP PAT NUTARTA kad kuopos skelbtų savo pasirinkima "Vytyje" idant darbas nesidublikuotų.

WHEREAS the needs of Lithuania and its Church are changing rapidly, and

WHEREAS the publication of the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania by the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid (LCRA) may be phasing out, and

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania remain committed to assisting the Church in Lithuania any way it can,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania expand the purpose of the funds being collected for LCRA to allow for other channels in aiding the Church in Lithuania, and that this expended fund be called Lithuanian Catholic Fund (LCF).

KADANGI Lietuvos bei jos bažnyčios reikalavimai greitu tempu keičiasi, ir

KADANGI Lietuvių katalikų religinė šalpa (Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid - LCRA) galimai Lietuvos Katalikų bažnyčios kronikų nebe spausdins, ir

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai lieka isipareigoję Lietuvos Bažnyčiai visokeriopai talkininkauti,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai praplatina LCRA renkamų aukų tikslą, idant būtų galima ivairiais būdais padėti bažnyčiai Lietuvoje, ir šį surinktų auku fondą pavadina Lietuvių katalikų fondas (Lithuanian Catholic Fund - LCF),

TAIP PAT NUTARTA kad Centro valdyba igaliojama skirstyti šio fondo turtą pagal esamus bažnyčios reikalavimus Lietuvoje.

* * * * * * * * *

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania recommend that each council of the Knights of Lithuania undertake the funding and sending of at least one "bag of books" (scientific,

philosophy, history, religion) in either the English or Lithuanian language to Lithuania, as a means of helping the people of Lithuania in their struggle for freedom and in one of their greatest needs at the moment.

Particulars of the project may be obtained from Rev. Casimir Pugevičius, Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207.

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažiavimas siūlo kiekvienai Lietuvos Vyčių kuopai apsiimti bent vieną "Maišą knygų" (Mokslo, filosofijos, istorijos, religijos temomis), rašytų arba anglų arba lietuvių kalba, sukaupti ir pasiūsti į Lietuva, tuo būdu padėdami lietuviams jų laisvės kovoje šiuo ypatingai sunkiu istorijoje momentu.

Šio projekto detales galima gauti pasiteiravus pas kun. Kazimiera Pugevičius (Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207).

WHEREAS the ecological crisis in Lithuania has reached critical proportions, and proper monitoring of policies and actions by the Soviet government to protect the Lithuanian environment has been unsatisfactory,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 76th National Convention direct the Supreme Council to submit a letter concerning their feelings on the environment to the U.N. Secretary General, the U.S. Representatives to the U.N. and the U.N. Agency dealing with environmental issues,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all councils be encouraged to write concerning the environmental issues on Lithuania.

KADANGI ekologinė krizė Lietuvoje yra pasiekusi kritines proporcijas ir Sovietų sajungos valdžia nęra patnkinamai dėmesio kreipusi Lietuvos gamtos apsaugojimo nuostatam bei veiklai igyvendinti,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažiavimas ipareigoja Centro valdybą iteiti Jungtinių tautų generaliniam sekretoriui, Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių ambasadoriui Jungtinėm tautom, bei Jungtinių tautų gamtos apsaugos komisijai laiška, išreiškiantį susirūpinimą Lietuvos gamta,

TAIP PAT NUTARTA kad visos Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos būtų raginamos rašyti Lietuvos gamtos apsaugos temomis.

* * * * * * * * * *

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Council President appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of how the Knights of Lithuania can work with offices and information centers in Washington, DC (e.g. Lithuanian Information Center, VLIKAS), to enhance its activity in Lithuanian affairs.

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių Centro valdyba pirminikas paskirtų komitetą ištirti galimybes Lietuvos Vyčiam glaudžiau dirbti su istaigom bei informacijų centrais Washingtone (pvz. Lietuvių informacijos centru, VLIKu), idant veiksmingiau dirbus Lietuvos reikalų sferoje.

BE IT RESOLVED that each Knights of Lithuania council, district and the supreme council make a special concentrated drive to enroll young people as members and enlist their energies and talents as officers as soon as possible, beginning with elections this Fall.

NUTARTA kad visos Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos, apygardos bei Centro valdyba ypatingai isipareigotų užverbuoti jaunuolius nariais ir jų energija bei talentus pažaboti, juos kuo greičiausia ijungus į organizacinį darba.

WHEREAS 75 years ago, Lithuanian American Catholics founded the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities, Inc. and

* * * * * * * * *

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania are perpetual members of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities, Inc. and

WHEREAS the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities founded Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago and Holy Family Villa in Lemont,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend its greetings to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary and donate \$75.00 to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities to assist them in their drive to raise funds to send medicine to Lithuania.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania extend its support to the expanding apostolate of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities and urges the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities to continue its service to the Lithuanian community and that it continue to foster the traditions and acquired rights it has developed of these past 75 years.

KADANGI prieš 75-kis metus J.A.V-bių lietuviai katalikai isteigė Lietuvių Romos kataliku šalpa ir

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai yra Lietuvių Romos katalikų šalpos amžini nariai, ir

KADANGI Lietuvių Romos katalikų šalpa isteigė Švento Kryžiaus ligonine Chicagoje bei Švenčiausios Šeimos prieglaudos namus Lemonte,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažiavimas pasveikina Lietuvių Romos katalikų šalpa šios organizacijos 75-ių metų veiklos jubiliejaus proga ir padovanoja

šios organizacijos vaistų siuntimo vajaus fondui Lietuvon \$75.00,

TAIP PAT NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai išreiškia parama Lietuvių Romos katalikų šalpai vis didėjančiam šios organizacijos apaštalavimo darbui ir ragina ją testi tarnybą lietuvių visuomenėje, ubdydama per praėjusius 75-kis metus puoselėtas tradicijas bei išvystyta darba.

WHEREAS there exists in Catholic parishes in Lithuania a grave need for basic religious goods as vestments, chalices, etc.,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 76th National Convention set aside \$1,000.00 for use by priests of Lithuania in purchasing goods for the day-to-day practice of the faith in Lithuania,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, Rector of the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome be asked to administer this sum, allowing priests from Lithuania visiting Rome to draw on it as needed.

KADANGI parapijose Lietuvoje labai reikalingos būtinos religiniam aptarnavimui prekės kaip antai bažnytiniai rūbai, vyno taurės, ir t.t.,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažiavimas paskiria \$1,000.00 Lietuvos kunigams parūpinti kasdieninius religinių apeigų reikmenys,

TAIP PAT NUTARTA kad Šv. Kazimierio lietuvių pontifikalinės kolegijos rektorius monsinjoras Algimantas Bartkus apsiimtų šiuos pinigus administruoti, Romoje apsilankančius iš Lietuvos kunigus aprūpindamas reikmenimis pagal reikalą.

* * * * * * * * * * * *

WHEREAS Felix Waitkus attempted in 1935 to fly solo non-stop from New York to Kaunas for the glory of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS his flight was dedicated to the fulfillment of the Flight Testament of Darius and Girenas, and

WHEREAS he crash-landed in Ireland and survived, and

WHEREAS even though he failed to reach his goal, he became the sixth aviator to successfully cross the Atlantic solo, and

WHEREAS he unexpectedly passed away in 1956 at the age of 49 while serving in the U.S. Air Force as a Lt. Colonel, and

WHEREAS plans will be made to commemorate in 1990 the 55th anniversary of his flight and in loving memory to honor him for his courage to fly non-stop to the land of his forefathers,

of population Dubble M. Jr.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania be a participant in these plans.

KADANGI 1935-tais metais didesnei Lietuvos garbei Feliksas Waitkus vienas bandė perskristi iš New Yorko į Kauna, ir

KADANGI jo skrydis buvo dedikuotas išpildyti Darius ir Girėno skrydžio testamenta, ir

KADANGI jo lėktuvas sudužo Airijoje nors jis ir liko gyvas, ir KADANGI nors ir nepasisekė jam atsiekti savo tikslo, jis tapo šeštasis lakūnas sėkmingai perskrides Atlanto vandenyna vienui vienads, ir

KADANGI 1956-tais metais sulaukes 49-ius amžiaus metus ir tarnaudamas J.A.V-bių aviacijoje leitenanto pulkininko range jis netikėtai mirė, ir

KADANGI 1990-tais metais, to skrydžio 55-ių metų jubiliejaus proga, bus prisiminta jo didelė drasa be perstojo nuskristi į protėvių žeme,

TODĖL NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vy√iai dalyvautų šio jubiliejaus minėjimo rengimo darbuose.

WHEREAS on August 23, 1989, fifty years have passed since the signing of the infamous Hitler-Stalin Pact, otherwise known as the "Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact" between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany, and

WHEREAS the Secret Protocols attached to this socalled Non-Aggression Treaty divided their spheres of influence in Finland, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and

WHEREAS in essence, the agreement allowed two dictatorial powers a free hand to deal as they wished with the smaller democratic nations situated between them, and

WHEREAS the free world renounced Hitler as a criminal many years ago, yet the Baltic States - Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia - remain enslaved and continued victims of Stalin's crimes,

WHEREAS the people of Soviet-occupied Lithuania have courageously united themselves demanding that their government correct the injustice inflicted upon them,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania join with the Lithuanian American Council (ALTAS) and the Supreme Committee to Liberate Lithuania (VLIKAS) to more effectively appeal to all government leaders to use their influence in restoring to Lithuania its rights to self-determination,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania write to the United Nations Secretary General, the United Nations Decolonization Committee and the United States Mission to the United Nations requesting that the question of the liquidation of the occupation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia be included on the agenda of the next General Assembly of the United Nations,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all individual councils and districts be urged to observe this anniversary, a Black Ribbon Day in Lithuanian history.

KADANGI 1989-tujų metų rugpjūčio men. 23-čia diena sueis 50 metų kaip buvo pasirašytas bjaurusis Hitlerio-Stalino paktas, šiaip žinomas kaip "Molotovo-Ribbentropo paktas", tarp Sovietų sajungos ir nacių Vokietijos, ir

KADANGI prie šios vadinamos agresijos sulaikymo sutarties prijungti slaptieji protokolai padalino Suomija, Lenkija, Lietuva, Latvija ir Estija tų dviejų pasirašusių kraštų itakai, ir

KADANGI šis susitarimas iš pagrindo suteikė viem diktatūrom laisvas rankas elgtis su mažesnėmis, geografiškai jų tarpe esančiomis, demokratinėmis tautomis, ir

KADANGI laisvasis pasaulis prieš eile metų Hitleri paskelbė kriminalu, tačiau Pabaltijo tautos - Lietuva, Latvija ir Estija - lieka pavergtos ir toliau kenčia Stalino nusikaltimų pasėkas, ir

KADANGI Sovietų okupuotos Lietuvos gyventojai drasiai jungiasi reikalavime kad valdžia atitaisytų jiems užkergta neteisybe,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai jungtusi į ALTos bei VLIKo veikla efektingiau informuoti valdžios pareigūnus, kad šie savo itaka atstatutų Lietuvos teise nuspresti savo likimą,

TAIP PAT NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai rašytų Jungtinių tautų generaliniam sekretoriui, Jungtinių tautų dekolonizavimo komitetui ir J.A.V-bių misijai Jungtinėms tautoms prašydami, kad Lietuvos, Latvijos bei Estijos okupacijos panaikinimo klausimas būtų itrauktas į sekančios Jungtinių tautų Generalinės asamblėjos sesija,

TAIP PAT NUTARTA kad visos kuopos bei apygardos būtų raginamos paminėti šios sutarties metines, Lietuvos istorijoje nelaiminga ivyki.

WHEREAS respect for life, from conception to death, has been the highest moral guideline of the Knights of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court in its recent decision in the Missouri case has declared the constitutionality of certain rights of unborn infants,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania strongly urge all members and councils to actively support by prayer, words and deeds such legislators and laws which will defend the right to life of unborn infants, abolishing the effect of the Roe vs. Wade decision, which has brought death to millions of infants in their mothers' wombs.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčiai yra laike pagarba gyvybei, nuo jos prasidėjimo iki mirties, kaipo aukščiausia moraline tiesa, ir

KADANGI J.A.V-bių Aukščiausiasis teismas nesenai Missouri byloje nusprendė kad negime kūdikiai turi tam tikras konstitucinesteises NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai 76-tasis Visuotinas seimas labai ragina narius bei kuopas aktyviai remti malda, žodžiais ir darbais tuos istatymus bei jų leidėjus, kurie gina negimusių kūdikių teise gyventi, panaikindami Roe vs. Wade bylos sprendima, kuris yra atnešes mirti milijonam kūdikių jų motinų isčiose.

WHEREAS just prior to the 76th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, it was learned that one of our valuable and dearest Knights, ALBERT JARITIS, of C-17 So. Boston, died,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention body remember this devoted Knight in a moment of prayer.

KADANGI prieš pat Lietuvos Vyčių 76-taji Visuotina suvažiavima netikėtai mirė brangus ir mielas Vytis, So. Boston 17-tos kuopos narys ALBERTAS JARITIS,

NUTARTA kad 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažiavimas prisimena ši pasišventusi Vyti maldos minute.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Holiday Inn/Countryside in LaGrange, IL, elevate to Honorary Membership JUOZAS BRONIUS LAUČKA, member of the Knights of Lithuania C-142, Washington, DC, whose candidacy was approved by the 75th National Convention in Washington, DC.

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvaziavimas pakelia i Garbės Narius JUOZĄ BRONIŲ LAUČKA, Washingtono, DC 142-tos kuopos nari, kurio kandidatūra buvo patvirtinta 75-tajame Visuotiname suvažiavime Washingtone, DC.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Holiday Inn/Countryside in LaGrange, IL, elevate to Honorary Membership FRANCIS R. PETKUS,member of the Knights of Lithuania C-96, Dayton, OH, whose candidacy was approved by the 75th National Convention in Washington, DC.

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvaziavimas pakelia i Garbės Narius PRANĖ PETKIENĘ DAYTON, OH 96-tos kuopos nari, kurio kandidatūra buvo patvirtinta 75-tajame Visuotiname suvažiavime Washingtone, DC.

The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee requests the 76th National Convention to

approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership MSGR. JUOŽAS PRUNSKIS, of C-5 Chicago, Mid-America District.

Your approval will enable the committee to publish a history of Msgr. Juožas Prunskis, outlining his service as a worthy and dedicated Knight.

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės narystės komitetas prašo 76-taji Visuotina suvažiavima patvirtinti šiai garbei Monsinjora Juoža Prunski, Chicagos 5-tos kuopos, Vidurio Amerikos apygardos nari.

Jusų pritarimas suteiks komitetui teise atspausdinti Mons. Juožo Prunskio gyvenimo santrauka, išryškinančia jo darbus kaipo vertinga bei pasišventusi Vyti.

WHEREAS the Lithuanian Catholic Daily DRAUGAS has generously printed news of the Knights of Lithuania weekly in the VyčiųVeikla column and in other parts of the publication,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 75th National Convention body express its sincerest appreciation to DRAUGAS and its staff for this act of cooperation and generosity,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a donation of \$50.00 be sent to DRAUGAS with this expression of thanks.

KADANGI Lietuvių katalikų dienraštis DRAUGAS nuoširdžiai suteikia Lietuvos Vyčiams savaitine skiltį "Vyčių Veikla" bei organizacijos veikla aptaria ir kitose vietose,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažavimas išreiškia DRAUGO administracijai padėka už bendradarbiavima bei dosnuma.

TAIP PAT NUTARTA Draugo leidimui paaukoti \$50.00 kaipo padėkos konkretu išreiškima.

* * * * * * * * *

WHEREAS the Lithuanian Catholic Weekly DARBININKAS has generously printed news of Knights of Lithuania activities,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention express its sincerest appreciation to DARBININKAS and its staff for their cooperation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a donation of \$50.00 be sent with this expression of gratitude.

KADANGI Lietuvių katalikų savaitraštis DARBININKAS dosniai suteikia Lietuvos Vyčiam vietos savo skiltyse aptarti organizacijos veikla,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažiavimas išreiškia nuoširdžia padėka DARBININKO administracijai bei redakcijai už bendradarbiavima.

TAIP PAT NUTARTA pasiusti DARBININKUI \$50.00 auką kaipo konkretų padėkos išreiškima.

* * * * * * * * *

WHEREAS the Vyčių Veikla column appears weekly in Draugas, and

WHEREAS ALEXANDER PAKALNIŠKIS, JR. has faithfully served as editor of this column for the Knights of Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania express its gratitude and appreciation to Alexander Pakalniškis, Jr. for fulfilling this service to the Knights of Lithuania.

KADANGI "VyčiųVeiklos" siltis pasirodo DRAUGO dienraštyje beveik kiekviena savaite ir

KADANGI Aleksandras Pakalniškis, Jr. uoliai redaguoja šia skiltį Lietuvos Vyčių ipareigojimu,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai išreiškia padėka A.lexandrių Pakalniškiui, Jr. už jo pasitarnavima organizacijai.

WHEREAS Teresa and Alphonse Trainis served the Knights of Lithuania as National Treasurer for 14 years, with integrity and much self-sacrifice,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 76th National Convention thank them for their service by extending a standing ovation for these two dedicated persons.

KADANGI Teresė ir Alfonsas Trainiai teisingai ir dideliu asmenišku pasišventimųdirbo kaipo Lietuvos Vyčių Centro valdybos iždininkai net 14-ka metų,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažiavimas išreiškia jiems padėka už tarnyba, pagerbiant juos suvažiavimo metų paplojimu.

WHEREAS ANTHONY & MARY RUDIS, members of C-112, hosted the National Convention "Lietuviškos Vakaruškos" at the Rudis' Ranch,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention extend a most cordial thanks for their generous "Lietuviška" hospitality.

KADANGI Antanas ir Marija Rudžiai, Lietuvos Vyčių 112-tos kuopos nariai šeimininkavo 76-tojo Visuotino suvažiavimo "Lietuviškai Vakaruškai" Rudžių rančoje,

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažiavimas išreiškia jiems nuoširdžia padėka už jų dosnia lietuvišką svetinguma.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 76th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its gratitude to the

members of the outgoing Supreme Council for its praiseworthy, dedicated service to the organization and to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

NUTARTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasids Visuotinas suvažiavimas išreiškia ką tik užbaigusiai savo kadencija Centro valdybai padėka už pasigėrėtina bei pasišventusia tarnyba organizacijai ir Lietuvos Vyčių idealų puoselėjime.

WHEREAS the 76th National Convention was a most successful, enjoyable and fruitful one,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates and guests to the 76th National Convention extend its warmest congratulations and thanks to the Presidium and its Committees who demonstrated great aptitude and flexibility in conducting this Convention, thus helping make it a fruitful one, and to C-112, its Executive Board and the Convention Committee who planned the socials and prepared a hospitable environment.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių 76-tasis Visuotinas suvažiavimas buvo sėkingas, idomus ir našus,

NUTARTA kad šio suvažiavimo delegatai bei svečiai sveikina šio Visuotino suvažiavimo prezidiumą ir komitetus, parodžiusiem dideli sugebėjima bei lankstuma pravedant darbo posėdžius ir 112-ta Lietuvos Vyčių kuopa ir jos valdyba bei Visuotino suvažiavimo rengimo komiteta, suplanavusiem bei ivykdžiusiem našia darbo nuotaika.





Bill Kolicius and Joseph Boley displaying the new Supreme Council flag.





Floridians Victoria Jacobsen and Emily Petraitis with Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas.



DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 76th National Convention, Chicago, IL August 3 - 6, 1989

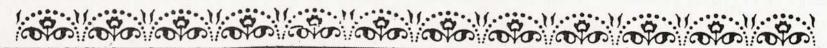
- CLERGY: Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, Rev. A. A. Jurgelaitis, Rev. Ignas Urbonas, Rev. Peter Cibulskis, Rev. Anthony Miciunas, Rev. John Savukynas, Rev. Kuzminskas, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Rev. Richard Puchino, Rev. Anthony Markus.
- HONORARY MEMBERS: Mary Kober, Al Wesey, Rita Pinkus, Annie Matalavich, Longinas Svelnis, Ann Bender, Estelle Rogers, Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, Loretta Stukas, Stanley Vaitkus, Eleanore Laurin, Helen Shields, Konstant J. Savickus, Robert Boris, Rev. Albert Contons, Joseph Boley.
- SUPREME COUNCIL; Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, Anne K. Wargo, Frances Petkus, Frank Peterson, Sabina Henson, Theresa Trainis, Ann Cheplick, Florence Zaleskas, Rita Pinkus, Albert Zakarka, John Adomenas, Mary Kincius, Mary Juzenas, Sophia Zukas, Polly Žiausys, Bernice Aviza. Clemencine Miller, Gloria Dauchess, Rita Shevokas, Dalia Bulvičius.
- AMBER DISTRICT: Helen Chesko, Nellie B. Romanas. NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT; Rita Pinkus, Marian Hobitz
- MID-AMERICA DISTRICT; Mary Juzenas, Algerd Brazis
- MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT; Fred Lucka, Michael Zukas.
- MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT: William Kolicius, John Baltrus.
- C-1 Brockton: Sylvia Shukis, Frances Bumila.
- C-3 Philadelphia: John Mickunas, Agnes Mickunas, Jewel Ushka, Victor Stepalovitch, Helen Shields.
- C-5 Chicago: Kathy Leppa, Konstant J. Savickus.
- C-7 Waterbury: Alma Torre, Diane Sojka, Ann Kundrotas, Ann Cheplick.
- C-12 New York: Ed Cook, Alma Korengo, Vincent Gedvilas, Helen Cuperwich, Julia Gomes, John Antanavicius, Dalia Bulvičius.
- C-13 Chicago: Georgianna Macke, Peter Macke.
- C-16 Chicago: Glenn Perutis, Peter Zansitis, Agnes Rainis, Christine Beneckis, Robert Martin.
- C-17 So. Boston: Aldona Keaney, Alice Opanasets, Phyllis Gendreau, Marian Matachinskas, Stephen Contons, Helen Contons, Longinas Svelnis, Sr. Eugenia Glineckis.

- C-19 Pittsburgh: Leonard Barcousky, Agatha Bender, Helen Bernardi, Bertha Kuzma, Eleanor Lewicki, Andrew Rozger.
- C-24 Chicago: Frank Jurgaitis, Rev. Peter Cibulskis, Joseph Simon, Loretta Simon, Aušra Padalino, Vincent Neberieza, Bernice Neberieza, Helen Jurgaitis, BruceNeberieza.
- C-26 Worcester: Anne Bender, Anne Buchinskas, Rita Karrytais, Frances Kulakusky, Charles Kulakusky, Irene Mamavitch.
- C-27 Norwood: Sonia Skricki, John Skricki.
- C-29 Newark: Janina Casey, Susan Covalesky, Loretta Stukas.
- C-30 Westfield: Kunigunda Coach, Benedict Coach.
- C-36 Chicago: Evelyn Ozelis, Mary Kincius, Joseph Martikonis, Sophia Zukas, Helen Meizis, Joan Cius, Johanna Johnston, Ann Marie Kassel, Sabina Henson, Terry Strolia, Josephine Nowak, Salome Daulys, Fran Grigaliunas, Faustas Strolia.
- C-38 Kenosha: Albert Blazavier, Lorraine Blazavier, Judy Krusas.
- C-40 E. St. Louis: Agota Tiskus.
- C-41 Brooklyn: William Kumeta, Aldona Zaunius.
- C-50 New Haven: Frank Peterson, Isabel Peterson, Mary Geipel, Magdalen Cronin, Helen Medley, Nellie Ericson, Anne Meskins, Theresa Mehringer.
- C-52 Elizabeth: Anne Matalavich.
- C-63 Lehigh Valley: Jane Lutick, Nora Barcousky, Nellie Shirock.
- C-72 Binghamton: John Mankus, Irene Grikenis, Casey Grikenis, Charles Almanas.
- C-74 Scranton: Ann Dudewicz.
- C-78 Lawrence: Anna Axtin, Ignatius Hobitz.
- C-79 Southfield: Margaret Dapkus, William Dapkus, Mary Keller, Magdalena Smailis.
- C-86 DuBois: Lee Moore, Paul Moore, Tom Bruzas, James Allen, Twila Allen.
- C-96 Dayton: Frances Petkus, Elena Mikalauskas, Michael Petkus, Irene Gecas, Eleanor Mantz.
- C-100 Amsterdam: Genevieve Gobis, Elizabeth Kuzmich, Polly Ziausys, Edward Baranauskas,
- C-102 Detroit: Donna Bunikas, John Stanevich, Joseph Stark, Gus Baibak, Robert Boris.
- C-103 Providence: Helen Gudeczauskas, Beatrice Mathieu, Anthony Gudeczauskas. (Continue next page)

DELEGATES (Cont'd):

- C-109 Great Neck: Anthony Kober, Mary Kober, Al Wesey, Nancy Kober.
- C-110 Maspeth: Jonas Adomenas, Joseph Stelmokas, Dorothy Sakal, Phyllis Barkus.
- C-112 Chicago: Frank Svelnis, Lorraine Svelnis, Vitas Daulys, Matt Vilutis, Philomena Vilutis, Estelle Rogers, Eleanore Laurin, Elizabeth Zibas, Dolores Yuknis, Adella Zunas, Peter Juzenas, Josephine Juzenas, Emily Petraitis, Donna Juraitis, Edward Pocius, Alexander Mockus, Rita Zakarka, Edward Deksnis, Maria Deksnis, Harry Petraitis, Eleanor Kasputis, Julie Zakarka, Denise Zakarka, Mary Ann Gercius, Aldona Brazis, Dolores Wainauskas, Grazvyda Giedraitis, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas.
- C-133 Los Angeles: Laima Baltrenas, Bronė Skirius, Mary Oberfield, Jack Bruzas.
- C-135 Ansonia: Olga Gray, Ruth Tyson.
- C-136 Albany: Bernice Aviza, Edward Barkowski, Dorothy Richmire.
- C-140 Syracuse: Frank Petrauskas, Irene Petrauskas.

- C-141 Bridgeport: Alphonse Trainis, Clemencine Miller, Barbara Schmidt, Alice Wilinskas, Steve Wilinskas, Lee Marcinka, Dorothy DeGennaro.
- C-142 Washington: Julia Burlen, Joseph Laučka, Mary Semel, Eleanor Depenbrock.
- C-143 Pittston: Nellie B. Romanas, Annamarie Sewatsky, Dorothy Banos, Mary Chorba, Leo Butsavage, Helen Butsavage.
- C-144 Anthracite: Eleanor Vaicaitis, Elsie Kosmisky, Olympia Zelinsky, Eleanor Yancofski, Helen Rugienas, Frances Rauba, Ann Supernavage, Rita Shevokas, Gloria Dauchess.
- C-147 St. Petersburg: Victoria Jacobsen, Aldona Kirstuk.
- C-149 Saginaw: Stella McLeod, Kate Kotulionis, Della Novak, Tillie Przybilski.
- C-150 Kansas City: Leo Srubas, Frances Srubas.
- C-152 Riverhead: Genevieve Chrestian, Beatrice Lucka, Angela Minsavitch, John Sakal, Anne Tarmey, Felix Zorskis, Michael Zukas.





Helen Chesko, Rev. J. Anderlonis and Msgr. A. Bartkus.



HM Joseph Laucka with the 4th Degree recipients.





IN MEMORIAM

JOHN MISCAVAGE C#144 Anthracite, PA † May 6, 1988

ANNA DENNING C#144 Anthracite, PA † April 16, 1989

> STEPHEN GAYDOS C#24 Chicago, IL † May 10, 1989

REV. STANLEY LAURINITIS
C#144 Anthracite, PA
† May 13, 1989

PETER KASILIONIS Life-time Member C#52 Elizabeth, NJ † May 28, 1989

ADELE ARMSTRONG C#46 Forest City, PA † May 29, 1989

WILLIAM BOYLE C#146 Harrisburg, PA † June 8, 1989 KURT FRANZENBURGER C#72 Binghamton, NY † June 15, 1989

JOHN LONERGAN C#144 Anthracite, PA † June 23, 1989

JULIUS BRIDGEVAITIS C#79 Southfield, MI † July 1, 1989

ALPHONSE KRAUJALIS C147 St.Petersburg,FL † July 4, 1989

SIEGFRIED BRUSACK C#110 Maspeth, NY † July 15, 1989

JOSEPH SAVICKY C#109 Great Neck, NY † July 30, 1989 JEAN ZAMBLAUSKAS C#7 Waterbury, CT † August 3, 1989

STEVE RAILA C#100 Amsterdam, NY † August 4, 1989

VYTAS BUTKUS C#112 Chicago, IL † August 5, 1989

HELEN ADAMS C#50 New Haven CT † August 7, 1989

PETER KLIMAS C#50 New Haven, CI † August 7, 1989

JOHN ADOMAYTIS C#36 Chicago, IL † August 8, 1989

ANNA E. ZALDARIS C#144 Anthracite, PA † August 15, 1989

MŪSŲ MĖGSTAMOS ŠVENTĖS Sujunk šventę su mėnesiu, kuriame ją švenčiam.

Nauji metai	SAUSIS
Padėkos diena	VASARIS
Motinos diena	KOVAS
Šiluvos Marijos šventė	BALANDIS
Kalėdos	GEGUŽĖ
Lietuvos nepriklausomybės šventė	BIRŽELIS
Sv. Kazimiero šventė	LIEPA
Tėvo diena	RUGPJŪTIS
Velykos	RUGSĖJIS
Žolinė-Marijos paėmimas į dangų	SPALIS
Onos (Jėzaus močiutės) šventė	LAPKRITIS
Raganų ir vaiduklių naktis	GRUODIS

AR PAŽĮSTI

Šiuos žymius lietuvius sujunk su žodžiu, kuris geriausiai tinka.

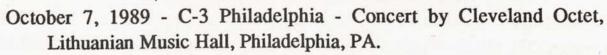
1. Mindaugas	a. prezidentas
2. Gediminas	b. didysis
3. Vytautas	c. laisve
4. Kudirka	d. pilis
5. Maironis	e. karalius
6. Smetona	f. Kronika
7. Valančius	g. dainius
8. čiurlionis	h. vyskupas
9. Kalanta	i. himnas
10. Sadūnaitė	j. dailininkas

Lithuanian Inf. Ctr, 5620 S. Claremont Chicago, IL 60636 * Second Class Postage Paid by VYTIS

5112 Mayfield Ave. Chicago, IL 60638 Address Correction Requested



K of L CALENDAR



October 8, 1989 - Mid-America K of L'Choir - Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago, IL 75th Anniversary

October 14, 1989 - 74th Annual Cocktail and Supper Dance, C# 29, Newark, NJ.

October 15, 1989 - New England District "Cultural Festival", Marionis Park, Shrewsbury, MA

October 21, 1989 - National Executive Board Meeting, St. George's Parish, Philadelphia, PA - Noon.

October 21, 1989 - St. George Church, Chicago, IL Masquerade & Dinner Dance - 6:30 pm. - Host: C-16

November 11, 1989 - VETRA Dancers Vakaras, W. Haven, CT. Further info call Barbara Schmidt, member C-141 - (203) 878-6144.

December 3 - 10, 1989 - C#110 Maspeth, NY - Caribbean Cruise.on FESTIVALE - (Carnival Cruise Lines).



LAUGHING MATTER BY FR. JOHN SAVUKYNAS:

A little old lady was telling her friend about the awful shock of finding two empty whiskey bottles in her garbage can. "You can imagine my embarrassment" she said. "I got them out fast because I didn't want the garbage men to think I drink".

"What did you do with them?" asked her friend.

She replied, "Well, the minister lives next door so I put them in his garbage can; everybody knows he doesn't drink."

Mrs. O'Brien has a hard time getting the catsup to flow from the bottle. While she pounded on the bottle, the door bell rang. She shouted to her son Jimmy, "See who is there." It was the pastor, Father O'Malley.

"Where's your mother?" he asked.

Jimmy replied, "She's in the kitchen, hitting the bottle."

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ DAINA

Skaisti Bažnyčios vėliava, Brangi Tėvynė Lietuva. Dėl jūs pašvesime gyvybę, Aukščiausi, duoki mums stiprybę!

Visi mūs priešai sudrebės. Tauta vergijoj nebkentės. Nes jau išėjom į vienybę, Mes Vyčiai ginsime Tėvynę!

Valio, darban, valio visi. Mūs laukia ateitis šviesi. Valio darban valio visi. Mūs laukia ateitis šviesi.

> LEONARDAS ŠIMUTIS (L. ŠILELIS)