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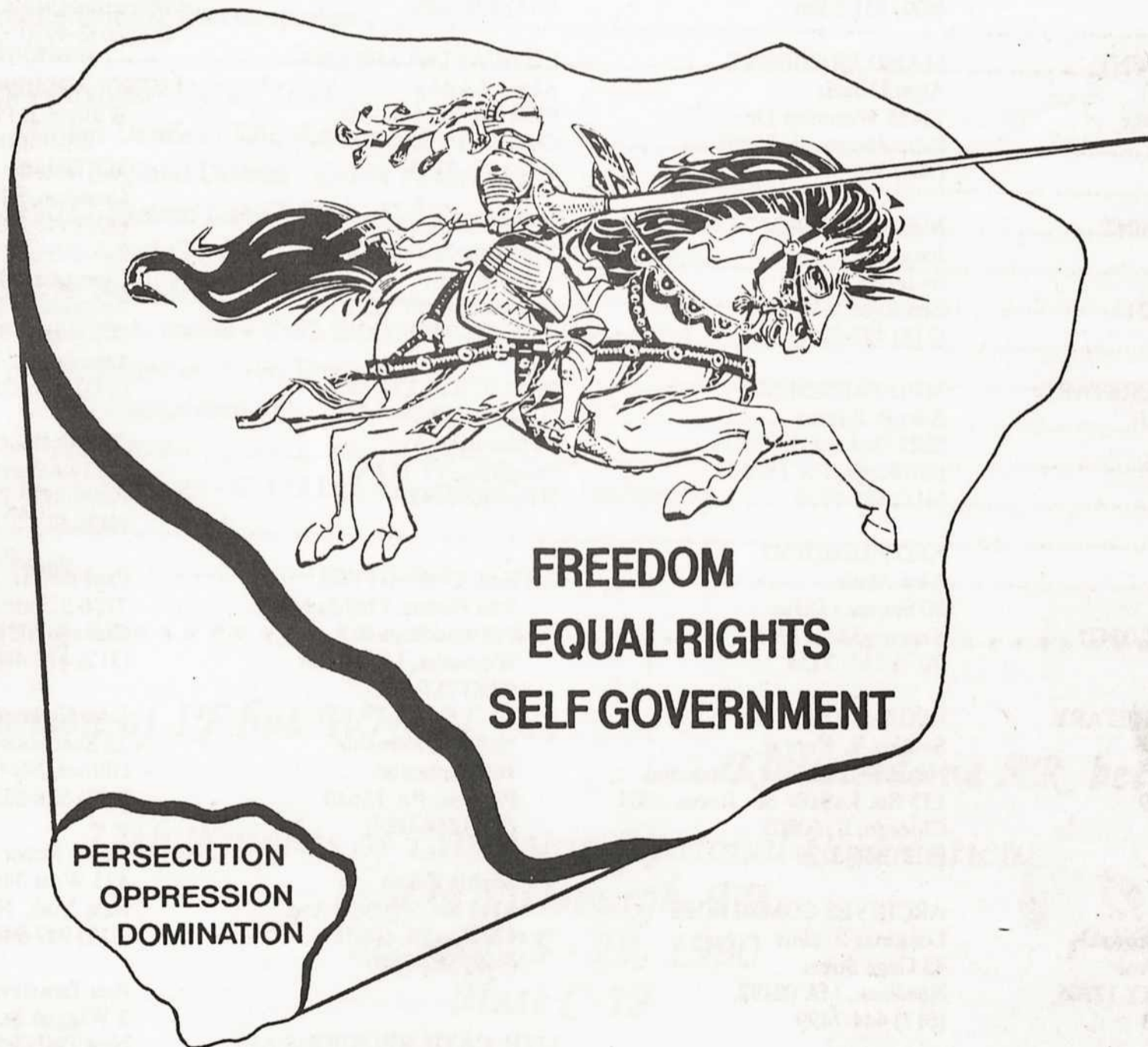
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*77th Knights of Lithuania National Convention
held in Pittsburgh, PA
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NOT A QUESTION OF *IF* BUT *WHEN*.....

.....**KLAUSIMAS NE AR BET KADA**

By Dalia Bulvicius

The late pianist, Artur Rubinstein, was once asked whether he is the greatest pianist in the world. He replied: "No. In this world of ours, no one is the greatest — only different!" We agree with Rubinstein. Our 77th National Convention which took place July 25 - 29, 1990 in Pittsburgh, PA was *indeed* different. It was hosted by C-19, chaired by John Baltrus and co-chaired by David Wenslovas, with the theme "Not a Question of *IF* but *WHEN*".

Approximately 350 Knights, relatives and friends from five districts flocked to the impressive Sheraton Hotel at Station Square - Pittsburgh's only riverfront hotel.

On Wednesday before the official opening of the convention, some early birds tried their prowess at golf or toured the city of Pittsburgh. Our Juniors under the guidance of 3rd Vice Pres., Sabina Henson, conducted their own convention program. Wednesday evening, we had a get together in the Caboose Room. (It is interesting that all hotel meeting rooms had railroad connected names, i.e., Topeka, Atchison, Santa Fe). All of our sessions, cultural evening and Sunday's brunch took place in the B & O Room (Baltimore & Ohio).

On Thursday morning, the opening Mass was offered at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church. Concelebrants were National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Joseph Anderlonis from Philadelphia and Rev. Peter Cibulskis, the administrator of the Lithuanian daily "Draugas" and spiritual advisor of C-24 Chicago. A moment of prayer was offered for the recently deceased



Presidium Secretaries Mary Juzenas and Robert Martin.



Presidium Chairlady Frances Petkus, Co-Chairmen William Kolicius and Evelyn Ozelis.

pastor of St. Casimir's, Rev. Walter Karaveckas. As always, Fr. Anderlonis' sermon left us with a thought for the day. It was noted that most of his sermons dealt with growth - "We are not given a completed universe or ordained for all time. There is a constant outgoing process of creation of which all of us are an integral part." Maestro at the organ was Glen Perutis of C-16 Chicago and Sister Francesca Walls leading the congregation with Lithuanian hymns in the front row pew facing the congregation with her excellent voice - Watch out Leonard Bernstein! On Friday and Saturday, Masses were held at noon in the hotel concelebrated by Revs. Anderlonis, Cibulskis and Contons of So. Boston, MA and with Faustas Strolia of C-36 Chicago accompanying the music for the attendees with Lithuanian hymns.

At the opening business session, President Anne Klizas Wargo gave the "State of the Organization Report" stating that at present there is a total of 4,740 members from 5 districts. She wished all a fruitful convention with the hope that, in the very near future, we will be able to hold a convention in free Lithuania.

The presidium was elected as follows: Frances Petkus, C-96 Dayton, OH, chairlady with co-chairpersons Evelyn Ozelis of C-36 Chicago and William Kolicius of C-19 Pittsburgh. Parliamentarian was Dr. Peter Zansitis. Mary Juzenas and Robbie Martin, both of Chicago, were secretaries. Greetings committee: Regina Karmuza, C-50 New Haven, Christine Beneckis, and Janine Perutis, C-16 Chicago; Resolutions committee: Bernice Aviza, C-136 Hudson-Mohawk, Glen



Resolutions Committee: Glen Perutis, Anne Marie Kassel, Bernice Aviza, Rev. Peter Cibulskis and Frank Petrauskas.

Perutis, C-16 Chicago, Anne Marie Kassel, C-36 Chicago, Rev. Peter Cibulskis, C-24 Chicago and Frank Petrauskas, C-140 Syracuse; Mandate committee: Olga Gray and Ruth Tyson, C-135 Ansonia, Sophia Zukas, C-36 Chicago, Anne Cheplick and Alma Torre, C-7 Waterbury; Sgts. at Arms: Andrew Rozger, C-19 Pittsburgh, Matt Vilutis, C-112 Chicago, Anthony Kober, C-109 Great Neck, Charles Dajnowski, C-143 Pittston and Stephen Wilchinskas, C-141 Bridgeport.

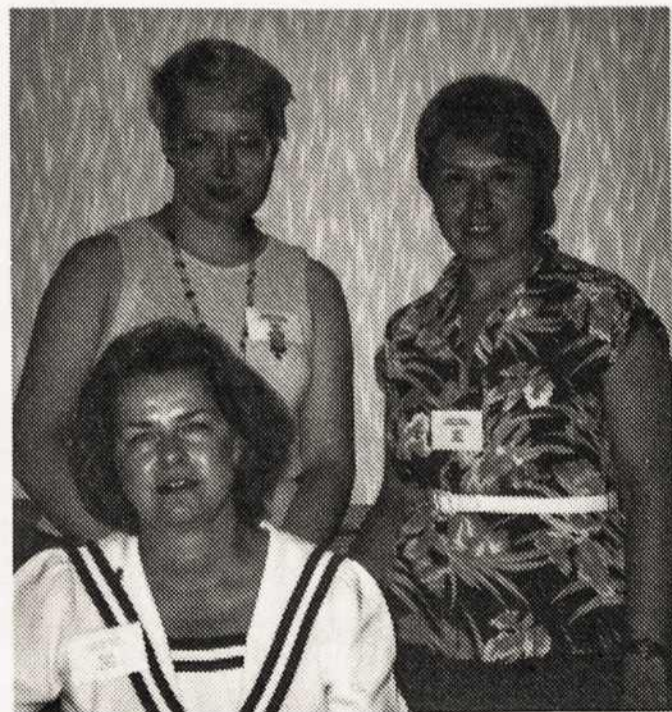
A number of greetings, both in person and in writing, from newspapers, various organizations, clergy, etc. were given. Greetings from the Lithuanian World Community (Bendroumenė) seemed appropriate: "The history of the Knights should serve as an example for other Lithuanian organizations. You not only display Vytis on your flags but also in your hearts." It was noted that during the convention, no greeting was received from Pres. Bush. We wonder whether our letters, telegrams and phone calls to Washington prevented him from sending this greeting to us!

Thursday evening, we all relaxed on the Three Rivers Cruise on the Gateway Party Liner which cruised the three rivers - Ohio, Allegheny and Monongahela, with the Lithuanian flag waving at the mast in the cool breeze. For three hours, we sang, danced, took photos of the beautiful scenery and mingled with all Lithuanians on board - over 400 of us.

Friday morning session started with a visit with Nijolė Sadunaitė. She was welcomed with an enthusiastic standing ovation. While Nijolė spoke in Lithuanian, moderator Fr. Anderlonis translated her speech in English. We share with you a few of her thoughts: "It is through suffering that she heard Christ's voice. Our sacrifices are the salt which preserved Lithuania for fifty years. Love and mercy must go hand in hand with understanding. Do not believe anything you hear - Gorbachev has iron teeth and his party card is soaked with 50 years of innocent blood. The Communists will

borrow a rope from the capitalists with which he will hang the free world." Rev. Anderlonis ended the panel saying: "Nijolė, too, has iron teeth for her search of truth. Like St. Francis, she gave up much but gained more." Let's all remember the words of Rev. Petras Raugas whom Nijolė nursed after his return from prison: "Oh, how I long for that spirituality felt in my prison cell." Nijolė, too, mentioned that her happiest years were the six spent in prison which she would not trade for 600 years of sane living. A question and answer period followed. Nijolė was asked what she planned to do when she returns to Lithuania. Her reply was: "It is God's will."

Friday afternoon's session was also thought provoking which was named: "What Can We Do for Lithuania Now and in the Future". Moderator was Robert Boris, C-102 Detroit and chairman of St. Casimir's Guild. The panel was made up of three parts: Political by Loretta Stukas, C-29 Newark, Humanitarian by Rita Zakarka, C-112 Chicago and Spiritual by Nijolė Sadunaitė. The panel distributed a packet of information on how to approach our politicians and publicize our quest. Rita Zakarka, a registered nurse, recently toured Lithuania and told of the deplorable conditions in the hospitals. What Moscow has failed to do with bullets, they are now doing with non-treatment of infections. The panel created such enthusiasm that during the duration of the convention, some \$11,000 was collected. It will be used to ship a 40' container filled with half a million dollars worth of medical supplies to Lithuania which is the K of L's Christmas gift to



Greetings Committee: Standing: Janina Perutis, Christina Beneckis, Seated: Regina Karmuza.



Mandate Committee: Standing: Sophia Zukas, Olga Gray, Seated: Alma Torre, Ruth Tyson and Ann Cheplick.

Lithuania. It is rumored that the K of L is on its way to donate another container as an Easter gift! The spiritual aspect of this panel was also not forgotten. A rosary crusade of 96 parts was begun. During each 24 hours, every 15 minutes, someone will be reciting the rosary for Lithuania.

K of L Foundation Pres. Stukas announced that the total amount in the Foundation is over \$50,000. The \$7,000 interest will be used for various activities. She also announced the winners of Msgr. Joseph Prunskis sponsored essay contest: Bronius Krokys, and Walter Svekla, C-3 Philadelphia and Emilia Sadonis, C-29 Newark.

Representing the Honorary Membership Committee, Helen Shields, C-3 Philadelphia, announced that due to ill health, Msgr. Joseph Prunskis was unable to attend the convention and, as a result, will not receive this Award. However, it will



Sgts. at Arms: Andrew Rozger, Charles Dajnowski, Matt Vilutis and Anthony Kober.

be presented to him in Chicago at some future date. Helen also informed that at present, there is a total of 36 living honorary members.

2nd Vice President Mary Kincius announced the membership awards held from January 1 to June 30, 1990. Individuals receiving the first place award were a tie between Helen Mayer, C-154 and Alex Gedrim, C-50. Councils receiving awards were: 1st place tie: C-50 New Haven, CT and C-154 Spring Hill, FL; 2nd place: C-16 Chicago, IL; 3rd place: C-136 Hudson Mohawk, NY. Present total membership in the organization is 4,741.

Friday evening, the Cultural night, a treat, was in store for all of us. A quartet from Philadelphia entertained the audience. Performers were: Rasa & Bronius Krokys and Joseph & Bridget Kazinskas. Their rendition of the many songs held everyone's interest attentively. The final part of the program was especially enjoyed when the audience participated in the many old time Lithuanian sing along songs. After the concert, host of Pittsburgh's radio program, Echoes of Lithuania, Vito Yucius, paid honor to C-19 member, Albinas Onaitis. He joined the Knights in 1921 at the age of 16. It is impossible to relate all his accomplishments during his 70 years in the organization. However, it was noted he was chairman of the Pittsburgh convention in 1954. Vito related that "it has taken the rest of us 36 years to fill the shoes of Al Onaitis by summoning all of you back to our once smoky city of Pittsburgh. Though the steel mills are now cold, love for the Knights of Lithuania and for our mother country Lithuania still burns on as it ever did in the heart of Albinas Onaitis."

Saturday was a very busy day. After morning Mass, a breakfast was hosted by Jewel Ushka, C-3 Philadelphia in memory of her cousin, Rev. Walter Karaveckas, pastor of St. Casimir who recently passed away. It was certainly a nice gesture on her part to remember him in this small way.

The morning business session filled the air with important resolutions and with election fever. The Nominating Committee, John Mickunas of Amber District, presented its slate of candidates for the National Executive Board. All incumbents remained, with the exception of Secretary, Robert Martin of C-16 Chicago; Trustees William Kolicius of C-19 Pittsburgh with Ed Barkowski, C-136 Hudson-Mohawk, and Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Albert Zakarka of C-116 Chicago. We congratulate the 1990-91 executive board. As you all know, Robert Martin is the young man who fought so strenuously to keep his home Lithuanian parish, St. George, from closing but with no avail.



Present 1990-1991 National Executive Board members.

Since there were no councils interested in bidding for the 1991 convention, the National Executive Board decided to host the 1991 convention in St. Petersburg Beach, FL. This news was greeted with approving shouts with a few optimistic remarks that perhaps it won't be as warm as it was in Kansas City in 1987. The last session was closed with singing of the Vyčiq hymnas.

Delegates, friends and guests traveled to the convention by airline, train, bus and private cars from distant parts of the United States. However, Anthracite C-144 did one better by chartering their own bus which enabled them to beckon Jerry, the driver, to take them wherever they wished. After Friday afternoon's session, C-144 had their driver take them for dinner at Trambolino's for an excellent meal, arriving back in time for the evening concert. The bus was also at their disposal for transportation to and from Holy Mass at the Lithuanian Church. Bravo C-144!

The banquet was held Saturday evening at the spacious and beautiful Pittsburgh Athletic Association, near the University of Pittsburgh, home of the Lithuanian room. The hall was filled to capacity and master of ceremonies David Wenslovas, kept us smiling with his keen sense of humor. The "Friend of Lithuania" Award was presented by Pres. Anne Klizas Wargo to non-Lithuanian William R. Schmalstieg who thanked us in his beautiful fluent Lithuanian. Professor spoke of his co-authored book, "Introduction to Modern Lithuanian" which is in its third printing and of his many activities with the Lithuanians in the United States and also in Lithuania. Like all teachers, he showed us the similarity of the Lithuanian language with the oldest language Sanskrit. Everyone found the similarity very interesting.

Scholarships were presented by Sec.-Treas. Clemencine Miller in the total amount of \$2,000 to deserving members

who are all involved in various Lithuanian activities. After the scholarships were presented, through the courtesy of Srs. Francesca and Alverna, prizes were given wherein they donated the beautiful centerpieces and hand made dolls to the lucky recipients. These two Sisters are certainly talented in more ways than one and C-19 is very lucky to have them as members of their council. After the banquet program was over, we feasted on a sumptuous meal and

danced late into the night to the strains of a marvelous orchestra who knew all our favorite Lithuanian tunes - especially the chicken dance which brought a crowd to the floor. Shuttle bus service began at 9:00 p.m.

Notwithstanding Saturday evening's camaraderie and feasting, everyone was on time for Sunday Mass at St. Casimir concelebrated by Revs. Joseph Anderlonis, Peter Cibulskis and Albert Contons. Before Mass, some 25 Fourth Degree recipients received their medals and the new National Executive Board was administered its oath. Sunday's homily by Rev. Anderlonis dealt with gifts. With every gift, whether family or friends, there is a responsibility. These gifts help us to grow as individuals. After Mass, the usual convention photo was taken at the Melody Tent near the Sheraton Hotel. Closing luncheon immediately followed in the hotel.

Needless to say, parties were being held each evening until late hours in various rooms. This is where we got to know



John Baltrus, Chairman of C-19 Convention Committee bidding farewell to delegates at final luncheon in hotel.

each other a little better viewing our opinions over a glass of pop.

It was very sad leaving the hospitable and friendly City of Pittsburgh and its K of L C-19. As we left the final business session, the millions of moving crystals on the chandeliers, touched by the air conditioner's breeze, twinkled a beautiful farewell to all of us. The moving crystals were especially noted during Holy Mass when many heads turned up to hear this celestial symphony.

Artur Rubinstein said there is no such thing as "the greatest". But with us, C-19 you are definitely A-OK. Bravo! Do not wait another 36 years.



Julia Kowrak, Philadelphia, David Wenslovas, Pres. of C-19 Pittsburgh, Rev. Anderlonis, Philadelphia, Mary Kober, Great Neck and Victor Stepolavich, Philadelphia.



Rev. Anderlonis with Jewel Ushka, Philadelphia, hostess of Saturday morning's brunch in remembrance of Rev. W. Karaveckas.



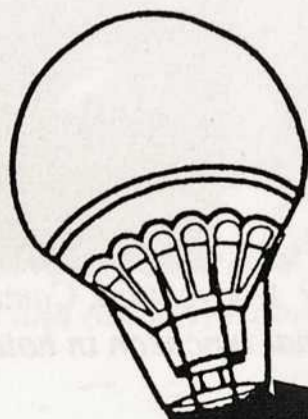
At Saturday morning's brunch from C-3 Philadelphia: Joseph & Diane Drumstas and Walter & Irene Svekla.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

*We will be going to St. Petersburg Beach, Florida
for our 78th National Convention*

August 1 - 4, 1991

Further details in future issues of VYTIS



PRECONVENTION TOUR OF PITTSBURGH, PA

By Mary H. Tamy

Sometimes sightseeing tours are cut and dry and, at times, a little tiresome. However, we found that the tour of Pittsburgh was a pleasant surprise.

On Wednesday, July 25, a warm, sunny day, three comfortable Grey Line buses lined up at the Sheraton's entrance. Each bus was filled to capacity with K of L members from Florida, California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, etc. We headed out to the Oakland area which is Pittsburgh's center for famous medical facilities and universities. The bus rolled by the highway driving next to the Monongahela River. Our tour guide pointed out the sites of former steel mills which will now be the future location of high-tech industry. We saw the one and only Catholic University located in the heart of Pittsburgh...Duquesne University. We continued to the center of Oakland, location of major hospitals: Magee (maternity), Montefiore, Presbyterian (famous for transplant operations), and Childrens Hospital. Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) was also located in this area. Our next destination was the University of Pittsburgh where the Lithuanian Room is situated. We were met by a student guide who narrated descriptions of the newly opened Ukrainian Room, Greek, Romanian, Chinese and most interesting to us, the Lithuanian Room. All rooms were actual replicas of each country's cultural history and architecture. The Lithuanian Room was not as opulent or elaborate in comparison with others; however, it typified the spartan life of the Lithuanian people. This Room was one of the original Nationality Rooms dedicated in 1938 and, naturally, loved by all Lithuanians near and far. All 24 Nationality Rooms are utilized daily as classrooms by University of Pittsburgh

students.

We then headed to downtown Pittsburgh. Enroute our guide pointed out a few large hospitals: St. Francis, West Penn, Shadyside, St. Margarets and Allegheny General. We did not linger in downtown Pittsburgh but saw more impressive buildings such as the 47 story U.S. Steel Bldg., the new Fifth Ave. place, Consolidated Natural Gas (CNG), the three skyscrapers in the Gateway Complex and also the Three Rivers Stadium, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers.

Time was getting short and we were close to the evening traffic rush hour. Our final stop was at the Pittsburgh Plate Glass (PPG) complex and a show place called the Winter Garden. This was an impressive site of six buildings built mostly of special glass and steel. When lit up each night, it is an especially spectacular sight. We left town over the enormously busy Ft. Pitt bridge, spanning the three rivers - Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio. Our attention was called to a small structure at this juncture called the Block House, which was the birthplace of the City of Pittsburgh.

On the final leg of our trip, the bus climbed steep hillside roads to reach an area called the West End Overlook. The view of the city was breathtaking! Our tour guide entertained us with a most interesting story of Pittsburgh's early history starting with the days of George Washington and the French and Indian War.

We finally left for our convention headquarters with a renewed appreciation of the many favorable attributes of the City of Pittsburgh. A sightseeing tour such as this was, no doubt, especially informative to help alleviate previous misconceptions held by many regarding the really interesting and fascinating beauty of the City of Pittsburgh.



Sister M. Francesca Walls leading congregation with hymns in Church.



Fritz & David Wenslovas with Sr. Francesca in church.

FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD

Presented to

DR. WILLIAM RIEGEL SCHMALSTIEG

By Anne Klizas Wargo
National K of L President

The Friend of Lithuania Award is one of the highest honors awarded by the Knights of Lithuania organization. This was instituted by Rev. John Jutt many years ago and is given to recognize a non-Lithuanian who has distinguished himself by working for Lithuania.

This year's recipient is Prof. Dr. William R. Schmalstieg, Professor of Slavic Languages at Pennsylvania State University. Prof. Schmalstieg received his PhD in Baltic and Slavic Languages from the University of Pennsylvania in 1956. He has taught Lithuanian, Russian, Historical Languages, Sanskrit, Old Church Slavic and Linguistics becoming a Professor in 1967. From 1968 to the present date, Prof. Schmalstieg has done much to further the Lithuanian language.

In April 1968, he was the Director of the U.S. Conference of Baltic Linguistics at Penn. State University. In June 1970 he was invited to Vilnius to address in Lithuania "The Development of the Common Baltic Vocalic System". In May 1971 he wrote a paper "Jonas Kazlauskas Contribution to the Lithuanian Language" which was presented at the Biennial Meeting, Institution of Lithuanian Studies in Chicago. In May 1972 he presented a paper "The Lithuanian Nominative Plurals" to the Biennial meeting, Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies in Toronto, Canada. From October 1983 to June 1988, he presented papers throughout the United States, Vilnius, Kiev and Canada.

Dr. Schmalstieg is a member of the Linguistic Society of New York, Phi Beta Kappa of University of Minnesota, Linguistic Society of America, Societas Linguisticae Europea, American Association of Teachers of Slavic and Eastern European Languages, Association for the Advance-



Anne Klizas Wargo presenting Friend of Lithuania Award to Dr. William Riegel Schmalstieg.

ment of Baltic Studies. He has been Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Association for Advancement of Baltic Studies.

Dr. Schmalstieg has given lectures at the University of Vilnius, Lithuanian Pedagogical Institute in Akron, OH, Lithuanian Academy of Science, Lithuanian Youth Group Summer Camp, Huntsville, Ontario, Canada. In 1986 he received a Fullbright Hayes Training Grant Program Scholarship for research at the Institute of Lithuanian Language and Literature in Vilnius.

Together with L. Dambriunas and A. Klimas, Dr. Schmalstieg wrote the book "Introduction to Modern Lithuanian" in 1966 with a second edition in 1972 and third edition in 1980. He has written several other books, "Lithuanian Reader for Self-Instruction", "Lithuanian-English Glossary of Linguistic Terminology", "Noted Scholars of the Lithuanian Language" and translated biographical sketches written by A. Sabalauskas.

His contributions to Lithuanian books and periodicals have been many, too numerous to mention.

For his contribution to the Lithuanian language, it is my honor to present this year's "Friend of Lithuania Award" to Professor Dr. William Riegel Schmalstieg. 🍏

Prelato Krupavičiaus sveikinime Lietuvos Vyčių seimių 1949 metais:

"Te padeda jums Dievas atlikti didelį uždavinį - apsaugot Amerikoje lietuviškumą. Te padeda jums Dievas gražinti lietuvių kalbą į lietuviškas šeimas. Ta atlike, jus atliksit didi

uždavinį kuris stovi dabar prieš jūsų akis. Aš didžiuojuosi kad Lietuva turi tokius sūnų ir dukterų kurie sunkiausiose, nepatogiausiose salygoje išlaikė savo vardą."



JUNIOR CONVENTION

Third Vice President, Sabina Henson

Since we've been at the convention, it's been - meet you at B & O, Topeka, Wichita, Pullman, Caboose rooms. Remember - Santa Fe all the way. Engine #9 running down Pittsburgh Square Station line, from far and near we all came on time - by plane, bus, car and train to meet for our 77th convention meeting friends and forgetting tensions.

On Thursday morning, the shuttle bus brought us to St. Casimir Church from the hotel. A few of the Juniors walked into church together and prayed for the success of the convention.

At 1:00 p.m., all 11 Juniors plus myself formed the 12 apostles and we left with John Baltrus and our chaperones for the Carnegie Museum. The excitement was great. We enjoyed the guided tour, hearing about the dinosaurs, viewing the Egyptian mummies, viewing the animals, etc. We then proceeded to the University of Pittsburgh. It seemed as though a magnet was pulling us strongly into one room — yes, the Lithuanian Nationality classroom in the Cathedral of Learning. We walked in as college students, sitting on the beautiful wooden carved chair desks which had designs found on household utensils. We attentively listened to John Baltrus as he read the plaque telling all about the room. I noted the walls were hand woven linen with the design "The Path of the Birds". They were covered with plastic to protect the linen. As we were so interested to hear all, we were overwhelmed with strong feelings and thoughts of Lithuania's troubles of today. We said a few prayers for Lithuania's regain of independence. Antanas Gudaitis was the architect of the Lithuanian room which was dedicated on Oct. 4, 1940.

In the evening, we all made the cruise, naming the boat Love Boat. We examined all corners of the boat. We then presented our show. We danced Kalvelis which we were practicing for such a long time. Many people loved our production and wanted to see more. Many lovely memories remained with us.

On Friday, our session started with prayer. We listened to Sister Nijole Sadunaitė speak at the regular session. We then went back to another room to see slides of Lithuania shown by John Baltrus. Helen Kulber also related to us a few interesting facts about Lithuania. We then left for

the haunted house, the whip and other attractions. I was kept busy seeing that all was going well with the youth. Time to leave came fast and we were on our way to the hotel. Cultural evening was delightful. Many of our Juniors enjoyed the melody of the old time songs.

On Saturday, our pool party was great. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun.

I love my duties as 3rd Vice Pres. for the second year. I have done all that I could do. Thanks to John Baltrus and his committee for permitting me to assist with plans for the Juniors.

I wish to mention that I made a mistake in my written report. Alex Gedrim is from C-50 New Haven, CT and not from Bridgeport, as mentioned. It was through his kindness, work and love that he formed the Junior council. Mary Giepel of that council is working with the Juniors. Happiness is finding out that a new Junior council has been formed. Was also informed that C-136 Hudson-Mohawk, NY through efforts of Bernice Aviza have a new Junior council that officially started in September. Also Clemencine Miller of C-141 Bridgeport, CT has a group that will be formed very soon. I wish to thank all Council Third Vice Presidents who work with the youth. Also thanks to my chaperones who helped at the convention.

Special thanks to the following who donated to the Special Juniors Project Fund:



Juniors receiving Ctf. Awards: Christine, Mary, Allen, Anne Marie Cius, Kennywood Park. Up the roller coaster, down, in Amber Keenan, Christina Peterson, Kristine Strazdis, Walter, Jr. & Andrew Svekla, Matt & Nick Zager.

Junior Convention (Cont'd)

Julia Burlen, C-142 Washington, DC	\$100.00
William Labadis, C-144 Anthracite, PA	50.00
Frances Rauba, C-144 Anthracite, PA	10.00
John & Sabina Henson, C-36 Chicago, IL	200.00

Also thanks to Helen Medley, C-50 New Haven, CT for the beautiful hand made straw crosses which we sold for the Juniors project.

The following Juniors were awarded awards for attending the 1990 National Convention:

Christine, Allen, Mary, Anne Marie Cius, C-36
 Amber Keenan, C-12
 Christina Peterson, C-50
 Kristine Strazdis, C-41
 Walter & Andrew Svekla, C-3
 Matt & Nick Zager, C-79.

Receiving conventionships for the outstanding work they have done in their council were:

Christine Cius, C-36
 Allen Cius, C-36
 Christina Peterson, C-50

One must be from a paid Junior council and an active member to receive this award.

Also thanks to all who bought T-shirts, crosses, "Junior Jewels" magazines and raffles. This is a big step for the future of our Juniors. Ačiū labai.



MEDICAL SITUATION IN LITHUANIA

My experiences during my visit to Lithuania were shocking and overwhelming. I spent two months visiting the oncology centers in Vilnius and Kaunas and the sanatoriums in Druskininkai. I brought over some medication and instruments.

The most serious problem is shortage of medication and instruments. I was able to attend a medical exhibition of supplies that are in demand, i.e., crutches, disposable gloves, disposable face masks, bed pans, stethoscopes, sutures, surgical scissors, disposable needles, orthopedic instruments and the list goes on. I noted many disposable needles being reused. Technically, I would say they are 30 - 50 years behind the United States. No new developments of test taking have been made.

How do the hospitals look? The hallways are dark and gloomy. There are 6 to 10 patients per room (the room size being as big as a standard room in the U.S.). There are 2 bathrooms on the floor; one for men and the other for women for a total of 40 - 100 patients. There is one dining room per floor where patients go to get their food. If a patient is too sick to get up, it is hoped they have good relatives who will bring food from home. The medications come from Moscow. However, at most of the hospitals I visited, all chemotherapy drugs came from relatives living in the U.S.

When one becomes ill, one sees a doctor assigned to your area. Only the doctor can refer you to another doctor or hospital. My friend had small bumps on his hands, his skin was losing color and his hair was falling out. The doctor took no tests, gave him a prescription. However, they don't expect

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Rita Zakarka, C-112
 to get this medication for months. You are now stuck. You can't go to another doctor and you can't get medications, so why go to the doctor in the first place. That's the reason why 75% - 80% of patients die at home.

There is a high incidence of lung, breast cancer and especially leukemia with children. There are 600 documented cases this year possibly due to Chernobyl. The cure rate for leukemia is about 10%; most die from pneumonia because there are no medications to fight infection. Also, there is no Tylenol or aspirin. One tablet of Bayer aspirin on the black market sells for one ruble. A bottle of 300 could get as much as 300 rubles which is approximately 3 months wage salary.

Nurses go to school for two years, pass out medications, dish out food, and attend to 20 to 40 patients. They do not keep charts, question doctors and hardly interact with the patients. A patient offered me 10 rubles for spending 15 minutes talking with her. Doctors go to school for 7 years and do no residency or internship. Their exams consist of 4 questions and I have been told that if you pay someone in advance, you will know what questions will be asked of you. However, it is difficult to become a doctor. There is no such thing as overtime pay for extended hours worked.

When a patient is sick with cancer, only relatives are told of the ailment and the relatives determine the course of treatment. If the patient has questions regarding his terminal illness, the doctor must lie and say everything will be alright. The doctors agree that it is difficult to give hope to a patient when there is nothing much that can be done to save the patient without medicine and supplies.



OPERATION: K of L MEDICAL RELIEF FOR LITHUANIA

Robert S. Boris

During the 77th National Convention in Pittsburgh, a major portion of our Friday afternoon session was spent considerably on what we Lithuanian-Americans need to do - help our brothers and sisters in Lithuania. Many excellent ideas were expressed.

A moving presentation was made by Rita Zakarka, a member and nurse from Chicago, who recently spent two months in Lithuania. She vividly described the horrible conditions that exist in hospitals, where medical practice is 40-50 years behind the Western world and shortages of the most basic necessities is a way of life. (See her presentation on Page 10).

The need for HUMANITARIAN AID became obvious and a great challenge to the K of L, as we heard about the work of the World Medical Relief organization in Detroit. For forty years this philanthropic organization has been shipping 40' containers of donated medical supplies and equipment to missions and to indigent nations all over the world. However, a sponsor is needed to underwrite the transportation and handling fees. This cost is estimated at \$10,000 per container. The recipient country or mission can specify which supplies are needed. In the case of Lithuania, there is a critical shortage of every item available from World Medical Relief. Normally, the value of one container load of supplies is around \$500,000.

The convention unanimously passed a resolution to underwrite this project. By Saturday afternoon \$11,300.00

had been collected or pledged by individuals and councils. As of August 15, 1990 we have collected an amount of \$13,005. Realizing the importance of this project, it was suggested that the drive continue and that we sponsor a second or third container if sufficient funds materialized. The Catholic women's organization *CARITAS*, which is organized at every parish in Lithuania, will supervise the distribution of all the supplies.

Therefore, we appeal to every council and every member of the organization to make an immediate donation. If you are unable to donate now, a pledge for a future donation will be appreciated. Make checks payable to: LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID and mail to: Robert S. Boris, 4970 Brookdale Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013. Telephone (313) 642-4970.

The following have made pledges or donations as of August 15, 1990:

PLEDGES;

C-110 Maspeth, NY.....	\$1,000.00
Mid-America District.....	1,000.00
Amber District.....	.500.00
C-63, Jane Lutwick.....	100.00
Bernice Aviza, C-136.....	100.00
Olga Gray, C-135 Ansonia.....	.75.00
Mary Sepikas, C-133 Los Angeles.....	.50.00
C-25 Dolly Oberaitis.....	.50.00

DONATIONS:

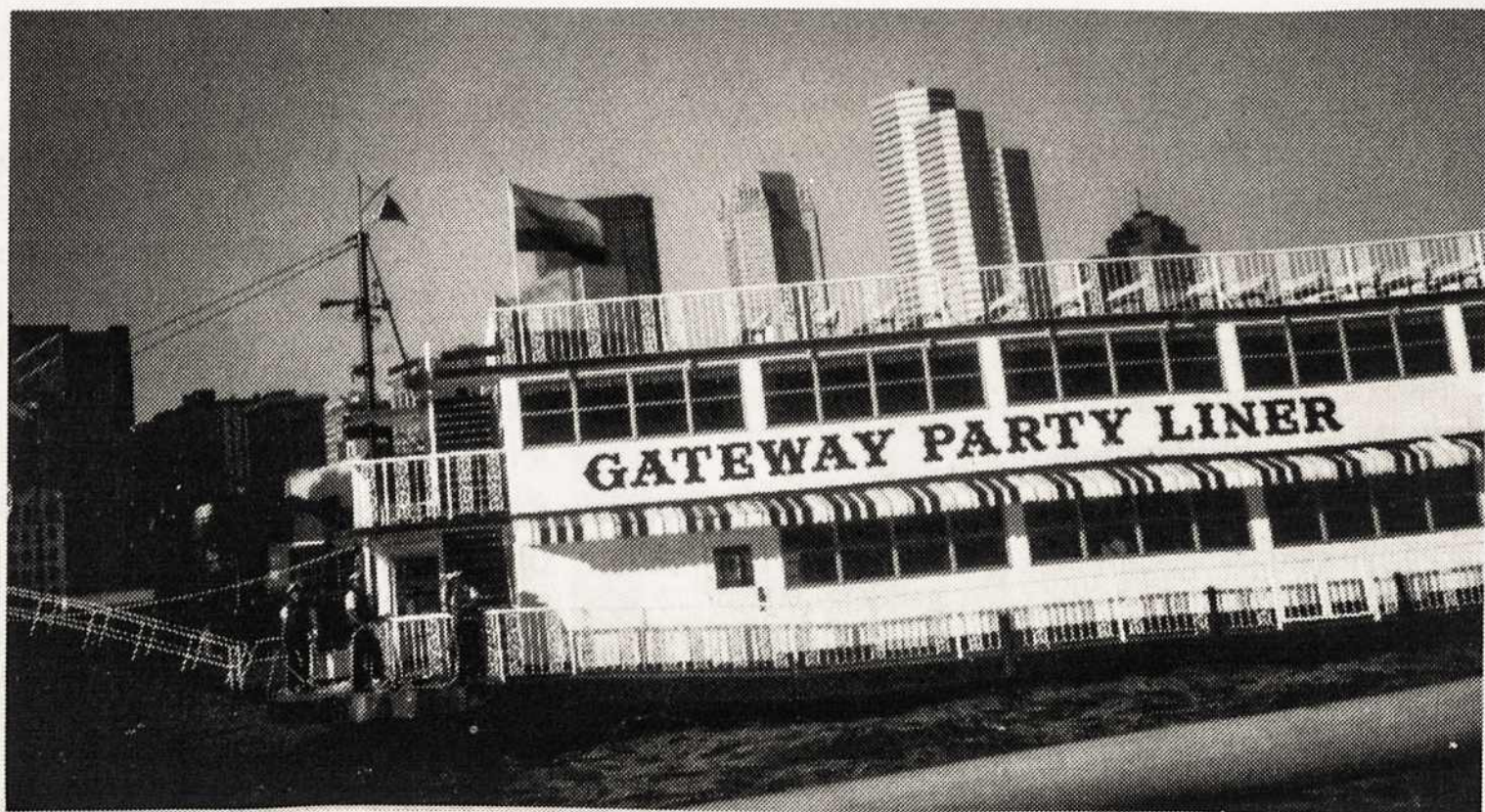
K of L Foundation, Chicago, IL.....	\$2,000.00
K of L National Executive Board.....	1,000.00
Mary Oberfield, Los Angeles, CA.....	1,000.00
Julie Antanaitis Kowrak, Philaa, PA....	1,000.00
Vincent B. Boris, Columbia, MD.....	500.00
Anonymous.....	500.00
Jack & Loretta Stukas, Watchung, NJ....	200.00
Helen Chesko, Mahanoy City, PA.....	125.00
K of L Council 12, New York, NY.....	100.00
K of L Council 143, Pittston, PA.....	100.00
K of L Council 72, Binghamton, NY....	100.00
Gus Baiback, Livonia, MI.....	100.00
Biruta T. Balukonis, Dorchester, MA....	100.00
Phyllis Barkus, Virginia Beach, VA....	100.00
Rev. Albert Contons, So. Boston, MA...	100.00
William & Margaret Dapkus, Farmington, MI.....	100.00



"What Can We Do for Lithuania Now and in the Future" panel participants: Rita Zakarka, Loretta Stukas, Sr. Nijole, Rev. Anderlonis and Robert Boris.

Medical Relief (Cont'd)

Eleanor Depenbrock, Washington, DC.....	100.00	Frances Rauba, Shenandoah, PA.....	50.00
Agnes Lukash Gockenbach, Emmaus, PA		Anastasia Stanley, W. Pittston, PA.....	50.00
In behalf of Dr. William Schmalstieg.....	100.00	Jewel Ushka, Narberth, PA.....	50.00
Irene & Casey Grikenis, Endwell, NY.....	100.00	Dolores Wainauskas, Oak Lawn, IL.....	50.00
Juozas Laucka, Bethesda, MD.....	100.00	Helen V. Kulber, Brooklyn, NY.....	40.00
Mary & Anthony Kober, Port Washington, NY....	100.00	Anna Supernavage, Minersville, PA.....	35.00
Frank & Irene Petrauskas, Syracuse, NY.....	100.00	Edward & Genutė Baranauskas, Schenectady, NY..	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Prusinskas, San Diego, CA....	100.00	Apolonija Ziausys, Amsterdam, NY.....	30.00
Estelle Rogers, Chicago, IL.....	100.00	Edward Barkowski, Schenectady, NY.....	25.00
Brian Rutkunas, Bayville, NY.....	100.00	Joseph & Ann Chapulis, Bricktown, NJ.....	25.00
Mary A. Semel, Washington, DC.....	100.00	Sabina & John Henson, Oak Brook, IL.....	25.00
Annamarie Sewatsky, Pittston, PA.....	100.00	Mary Juzenas, Oak Lawn, IL.....	25.00
Irene Tamulevich, Paxton, MA		Helen Matulonis, Maspeth, NY.....	25.00
IMO Edward Tamulevich.....	100.00	Walter & Irene Svekla, Cherry Hill, NJ.....	25.00
Anna Uzdavinis, Canton, MI.....	100.00	Ruth Tyson, Ansonia, CT.....	25.00
Matt & Philomena Vilutis, Frankfort, IL.....	100.00	K of L Council 1, Brockton, MA.....	20.00
Anna Klizas Wargo, St. Clair, PA 17970.....	100.00	Laima Baltrenas, Glendale, CA.....	20.00
Rita Zakarka, Chicago, IL.....	100.00	Aldona Keaney, Quincy, MA.....	20.00
Al & Julie Zakarka, Chicago, IL.....	100.00	Clemencine Miller, Trumbull, CT.....	20.00
Olympia Zelinski, Mt. Carmel, PA.....	100.00	Andrew Rozger, Pittsburgh, PA.....	20.00
Alice Zupko, No. Ft. Meyers, FL.....	100.00	Marion & Ignatius Hobitz, Methuen, MA.....	10.00
Regina & John Kot, Amsterdam, NY.....	60.00	Elsie Kosmisky, Frackville, PA.....	10.00
Elizabeth Kuzmick, Scotia, NY.....	60.00	Joseph Kuizin, Chicago, IL.....	10.00
Mary Ann Cipola, W. Pittston, PA.....	50.00	Marian Matachinskas, Houston, TX.....	10.00
Lillian M. Greymas, Philadelphia, PA.....	50.00	Alice Opanesets, Dorchester, MA.....	10.00
Loretta Grigaliunas, Forest Park, IL.....	50.00	Frances Petkus, Dayton, OH.....	10.00
Eleanor C. Kasputis, Chicago, IL.....	50.00	Helen & Steve Contons, Laconia, NH.....	5.00
Irene Ozalis, Philadelphia, PA.....	50.00	Gene Gobis, Amsterdam, NY.....	5.00
Mary Prusinskas, Del Mar, CA.....	50.00	Larry Svelnis, Needham, MA.....	5.00



Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Awards

Presented by Clemencine Miller, National Scholarship Committee

Reverend Clergy, Sisters, distinguished guests and fellow Knights:

It is my extreme pleasure to present the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Awards for 1990. This program is in its 32nd year.

This year's applicants represent youth who have put in many years of activity in the Knights of Lithuania organization and who have given many hours of community service, also being excellent students.

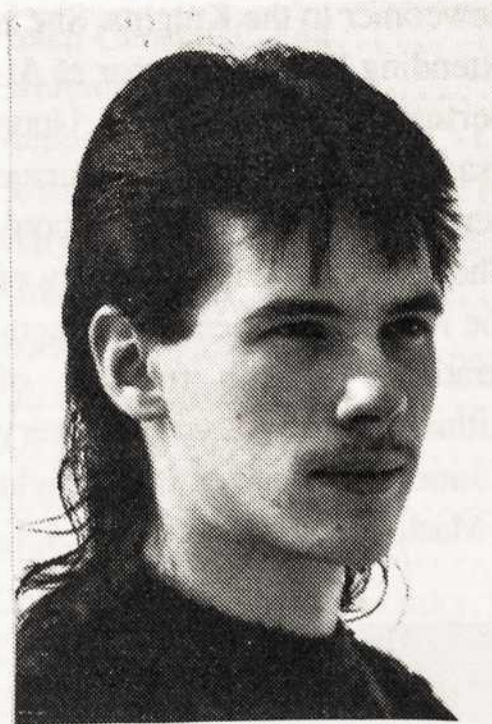
The first Scholarship Award is the "Irene K. Sankus Memorial Award". This award is given to a seminarian studying at the Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome. The recipient is Robertas Rekus who will receive \$500 for the second year.



Gail Laverne Butts

Next, we have the "Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship". This award is given to an outstanding individual through the Knights of Lithuania Foundation. The recipient has been in the Junior Knights for six years. She received the Lithuanian Journalism Award and speaks Lithuanian fluently. She belongs to the Ruta Club at Maria High School; is a Lithuanian scout leader and dances with the K of L dance group. Her teachers state she has all the qualities to make an excellent nurse. Gail LaVerne Butts of C-24, Chicago, will receive the \$2,500 Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship Award.

Our next winner has been in the K of L organization since 1986. His activities have included chairperson, fund raiser and recording secretary. In school activities he participated in the gifted program, was editor of the school newspaper, belonged to the National Honor Society, was editor of a yearbook and also class Salutatorian. He graduated with a 98+ average and had been accepted into Swarthmore College. His nick name is "Knight" and in sports he is known as the "Lithuanian Lightning". Bart Mykolas Yavorosky of C-46 Forest City, PA will receive a scholarship in amount of \$1,000.



Bart Mykolas Yavorosky

The next recipient has been called "Miss Lithuania". This person has had many outstanding achievement and character awards. She was the outstanding senior student graduating top ten in her class. She will be attending Allentown College and upon graduation on to law school. She has been involved with the Knights since 1982. She attended Camp Aušra and Camp Neringa. She later volunteered at Camp Aušra as a counselor. She performed with the Junior Knights dance group at many functions, holding office with the Juniors being president in 1986-87. She had the special leadership ability for organizing work groups and is known for her demonstrations in Lithuanian Egg decorating. Karen Domalakes of C-144 Frackville will receive \$1,000 scholarship.

The next award is special in several ways. It is a special one time award given by the New England District in memory of Albert Jaritis. Al was president of the New England District and also a member of our Scholarship Committee. It was felt that this next recipient merits the award. He has also been a member of the Scholarship Committee for many years. He became a member of the Knights in 1977 and has held most of the positions in his council. It has been said "he has served his council and district very well". He will be temporarily leaving his place of employment to serve an internship for nine months in the school system. Paul Binkis of C-112 Chicago will be given the \$500 Albert Jaritis Memorial Scholarship and an addi-



Karen Domalakes

Scholarship Presentations (Cont'd)



Paul Binkis, Jr.

interesting article in VYTIS, June 1990 issue entitled "Fight for Freedom". She is Victoria Masto of C-50 New Haven, CT. The award is \$300.

In closing, the Scholarship Committee sincerely thanks all districts, councils and individuals for supporting this worthwhile fund. We urge you to continue this support in the future.

Karen Domalakes stated in her application, "I know I will continue interest in my Lithuanian heritage". It pleases our present Scholarship Committee



Victoria Masto

to have a former recipient, Nancy Kober, on the committee who "also continues her interest in her Lithuanian heritage". It is noted that many former scholarship recipients are attending this convention, i.e., Paul Strolia, Rita Zakarka, and Barbara Mickunas. It is hoped that the future will bring more recipients at the helm. Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS from August 1, 1989 to August 1, 1990

COUNCILS

1	Brockton, MA.....	\$95.00
3	Philadelphia, PA.....	200.00
12	New York, NY.....	25.00
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17	So. Boston, MA.....	50.00
19	Pittsburgh, PA.....	200.00
24	Chicago, IL.....	100.00
25	Cleveland, OH.....	100.00
26	Worcester, MA.....	100.00
29	Newark, NJ.....	150.00
30	Westfield, MA.....	25.00
41	Brooklyn, NY.....	25.00
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52	Elizabeth, NJ.....	25.00
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109	Great Neck, NY.....	25.00
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112	Chicago, IL.....	700.00
118	Hazleton, PA.....	50.00
135	Ansonia, CT	
	IMO Joseph Chernauskas.....	25.00
136	Hudson-Mohawk, NY.....	25.00
139	Detroit, MI.....	20.00
140	Syracuse, NY.....	50.00
141	Bridgeport, CT.....	75.00
142	Washington, DC.....	25.00
143	Pittston, PA.....	50.00
144	Anthracite, PA.....	100.00
146	Harrisburg, PA.....	50.00
153	Treasure Coast, FL.....	50.00

DISTRICTS:

Amber.....	50.00
Mid-America.....	500.00
Mid-Atlantic.....	25.00
Mid-Central.....	100.00
New England.....	50.00

New England District -

IMO Albert Jaritis.....	500.00
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COMMITTEES

Scholarship - IMO Albert Jaritis.....	150.00
William Piacentini	
Sisters Alverna & Francesca Walls (Cont'd)	

John P. Contons
 Gloria Dauchess
 Rita Shevokas
 Paul Binkis, Jr.
 Clemencine Miller

INDIVIDUALS:

IMO JUDGE JOSEPH CHERNAUSKAS:

Jack & Ruth Tyson, C-135. 20.00
 Olga Gray, C-135. 15.00

IMO JOHN ORAN EICHLER

Hazel Lewis Lamb. 50.00
 Elena Page, C-41. 25.00
 Beatrice Hoff, C-41. 10.00
 Helen V. Kulber, C-41. 10.00

Diane Drumstas

IMO Joseph Yanulaitis. 5.00
 IMO Edward Daniels. 5.00

Gloria Fleck, C-100

IMO Dr. Adam Kinder. 100.00

Eugenia Janonis, C-12

IMO Larry Janonis. 25.00

Aldona Keaney, C-17

IMO Al Jaritis. 20.00

Helen V. Kulber, C-41

IMO Veronica Aviza. 10.00
 IMO Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas. 10.00
 IMO Rev. Anthony Rackauskas. 10.00
 IMO Luidas Grinius, Vice President,
 Supreme Committee for Liberation
 of Lithuania. 10.00
 IMO HM Josephine Dauzvardis. 10.00
 IMO HM Anthony Mazeika. 10.00
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 IMO Anna Matuzas. 10.00

Anna Mitchel Matalavich, C-52

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Frances Petkus

IMO Anthony J. Mazeika. 10.00
 IMO Alvina Luiza. 10.00

Barbara Plikaitis

IMO Adele Burke, C-29. 25.00

Jack & Loretta Stukas, C-29

IMO Al Jaritis. 25.00

Irene Tamulevich, C-116

IMO Yurkenas. 10.00

Florence Zaleskis, C-17

IMO Al Jaritis. 30.00

Edward & Genutė Baranauskas, C-100. 5.00
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 Evelyn Christian, C-141. 5.00
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 Regina Kot, C-100. 10.00
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 Catherine Kurpowic, C-139. 45.00
 Betty Kuzmick, C-100. 10.00
 Jack & Dora Lushis, C-63. 10.00
 Vincent & Mary Mackelis, C-52. 10.00
 Constance Mulligan, C-63. 10.00
 Frank & Irene Petrauskas, C-140. 70.00
 Ann Petrus, C-141. 5.00
 Ann Pettit, C-63. 5.00
 Ann & Anthony Radzevich, C-100. 50.00
 Jean Rutkunas, C-110. 25.00
 Bertha Simmons, C-63. 20.00
 Magdalena Smailis, C-79. 10.00
 Faustas & Theresa Strolia. 25.00
 Thomas Strolia, C-13. 10.00
 Loretta Stukas. 25.00
 Ann Supernavage, C-144. 10.00
 John & Rita Tamalavage, C-144. 25.00
 Irene Tamulevich, C-116. 10.00
 Emily Tihansky, C-63. 20.00
 Margaret Turner, C-63. 25.00
 Jewel Ushka, C-3. 20.00
 Eleanor Vaicaitis, C-144. 20.00
 Anne Klizas Wargo, C-144. 10.00
 Steve & Alice Wilcinskas, C-141. 5.00
 George & Anne Wonsock, C-63. 5.00
 Albert & Julia Zakarka, C-112. 25.00
 Rita Zakarka, C-112. 5.00
 Florence Zaleskas, C-17. 50.00

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 77th NATIONAL CONVENTION

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

Presented by Anne Klizas Wargo, National President - July 25, 1990

In accordance with Article XI, Section 2 of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, I submit to the delegates of the 77th National Convention, the National Executive Board'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 National Executive Board meetings and reports. Fuller reports have been provided by Officers and I 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 has continued the monthly policy of offering a Mass for all deceased members, in particular, those names submitted by the various councils. He has been involved in numerous letter writing campaigns to the President and U.S. Congress. He has encouraged his parishioners to contact Washington about the Lithuanian crisis. Rev. Anderlonis is a member of the Finance Committee for the Lithuanian American Communications Center in Philadelphia; the committee's purpose is to provide information and encouragement regarding the process of independence for the Republic of Lithuania. His letters to the editor have been published in various newspapers. Father attended two Supreme Council meetings.

PRESIDENT

Anna Klizas Wargo organized and presided at three meetings of the National Executive Board in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago. She sent various letters, telegrams and telephone calls to Pres. Bush, U.S. Congress, Secretary of State James Baker regarding Lithuania. She attended two demonstrations in Washington, DC and coordinated days of prayer for Lithuania. Upon request of the Council for Inter-American Security in Washington, DC to sponsor a 30-second commercial during the time of Gorbachev-Bush Summit, whose production was paid for by ALTA and the Latvian Community, she contacted all officers who agreed this was a worthy cause at that time. The cost of \$800. was charged to the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. It was a commercial asking Pres. Bush to recognize Lithuanian Freedom. A congratulations and best wishes were sent to Bishop Brizgys

on his Golden Jubilee. A certified letter was sent to Cardinal Bernardyn of Chicago asking him to keep open St. George's Church, the oldest Lithuanian church in the Chicago area. She answered all correspondence and kept in contact with members of the National Executive Committee.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Frances Petkus attended all three National Executive Board meetings. At the October meeting she presented "Duties of the Nominating Committee for the Knights of Lithuania National Convention". This was approved by the Board. She chaired a special committee, along with the Trustees, to review and update the K of L manual. She, too, wrote letters, etc. in regard to Lithuania's independence.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Mary Kincius attended three meetings. She sent an article to VYTIS regarding membership drive. She had the brochure "Join the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA" reprinted. Due to an accident at Pittsburgh, she had to slow down a little in letter writing. Through the efforts of VYTIS editor, Mary Kober, a new council was formed in Spring Hill, FL - C-154.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Sabina Henson attended all Supreme Council meetings. She has been a dedicated worker in trying to form new Junior councils. A new Junior Council was formed in Bridgeport, CT in January. She has been editing "Junior Jewels" which is sent to each Junior council monthly. This is an excellent publication and is a great help to all Juniors. She represented the Supreme Council at the funeral of Hon. Member Josephine Dauzvardis and also at a special meeting at Lemont Lithuanian Mission Center. She has also been busy writing letters and obtaining petitions for the Freedom of Lithuania.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mary Juzenas attended all Supreme Council meetings, transcribed minutes from each meeting and distributed them to Supreme Council members and Honorary Members. She requested updated officer's rosters and compiled officer's list from them.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Ann Cheplick attended two meetings. She reported a total

membership of 4,741. In 1989-90, 269 members have been dropped. There were 184 new members and 26 rejoined. 25 deaths were reported. Membership dues that are not paid by June 30 are suspended. One council dropped 68 members. The President of this council was notified for further action.

TREASURER

Frank Peterson attended all three meetings and handled his duties efficiently and responsibly. His complete report was presented at the convention.

TRUSTEES

Al Zakarka and Edward Barkowski attended all supreme council meetings. They have audited the Treasurer's report and have found it in order. They audited the VYTIS FUND and expenditures and found they were properly disbursed. Both have worked to find a suitable site for the 1991 convention.



LEGAL ADVISOR

Saulius Kuprys filed the necessary K of L tax forms and performed whatever duties were asked of him by the National Executive Board. He obtained a tax exemption for the St. Casimir Guild.

VYTIS EDITOR

Mary Kober attended two Supreme Council meetings. VYTIS issues were timely. She reported the Christmas Greeting campaign was again successful.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Regina Kot attended two Supreme Council meetings. She replied to all mail and sent out cultural readings to District Presidents or their Cultural Chairpersons. She prepared one article published in VYTIS. She attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and wrote letters to the President and Congressmen.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Stanley Vaitkus reported the Honorary Membership will be conferred on Msgr. Dr. Joseph Prunskis. This past year, two outstanding members passed away, the Honorable Josephine Dauzvardis and Anthony J. Mazeika. A final review has been made and evaluated for proposed members and will be presented at the 77th Annual Convention. To date there are a total of 90 members; 34 living and 56 deceased. This includes 3 Bishops, 4 priests, 15 men and 12 ladies.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Michael Yuknis could not complete his duties since he is

working with the Catholic Relief Services in South Africa. Albert Klizas was appointed as temporary editor of the Lithuanian Affairs bulletin.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

Apolonija Ziausys attended all Supreme Council meetings. She has submitted articles to VYTIS. She was able to assist a Secretary of Sajudis when visiting the U.S, making arrangements for his visit, housing, medical and financial assistance. He was able to provide much information about the current situation in Lithuania. She assisted NY State Assemblyman Paul Tonko in composing a letter in Lithuanian sent to Pres. Landsbergis with the resolution passed by the NY Assembly supporting Lithuanian independence. She attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and has sent letters and telegrams. She called TV Station C-Span and CNN. Polly states it is important to use the Lithuanian language more frequently.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dalia Bulvicius reported she attended three meetings. She wrote various news items for Darbininkas, Vytis and other publications. She put a pen pal address in Vytis from younger readers in Lithuania. She gave a report on Laisves Žiburys, a NY Radio program, on the 76th convention in Chicago. She represented the Supreme Council at C-41's 75th Anniversary. She wrote letters to the President, Congressmen, NY Times and Wall Street Journal.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Chairlady Sophia Zukas attended three meetings. The committee approved 66 members and 2 Juniors for the 1st Degree, 11 members for the 2nd Degree, 54 members for the 3rd Degree and 25 members for the 4th Degree.

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC FUND

Florence Zaleskas reported she had been ill and was unable to do anything. Some councils sent their contributions directly to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid for the medical emergency fund. Total contributions in 1989-90 were \$2,022.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman William Piacentini attended all meetings. He reports that all 1989 scholarship payments have been made. The appeal to all councils for this year has fallen short of other years. He states that the need for all councils to contribute to the Scholarship Fund is important if scholarships are to be continued.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Chairman Longinas Svelnis made two trips to Putnam, CT, delivered and picked up material. The committee recommended to sell the replaced flag to a district lacking a flag. He attended three Supreme Council meetings, a Symposium at the University of Rhode Island. He also sent letters to Washington. The committee has completed sorting, listing and recording all materials received. The committee recommends a donation of \$200. to the "Fund for Maintenance of ALKA, Inc."

AMBER DISTRICT

Pres. John Mickunas reported meetings were held in Hazleton, Philadelphia, PA and Binghamton, NY. Over the Christmas holidays, councils were active in sponsoring cultural displays and Kučios celebrations. K of L members were a major force in getting the State Legislature to pass House Bill 571 which established a permanent Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration on Feb. 15 in Pennsylvania. 13 members were invited to meet Gov. Casey in Harrisburg for the ceremonial signing of a proclamation. Flag raising ceremonies were held on Feb. 16 in many communities of the District. Individual councils held their St. Casimir Day celebration on March 4. The March 11 meeting was joyful due to Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. Copies of a letter were distributed and urged by Rev. Anderlonis that members sign and mail it to the President. Members of the district were active in writing letters and signing petitions. Two councils, Scranton and Washington, joined the district. The District is vibrant and growing and is doing its part to foster and maintain the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

MID AMERICA DISTRICT

Pres. Algerd Brazis attended one Supreme Council meeting. The District held 4 meetings. Memories of Lithuania Banquet was again successful. The \$3,000 profit, to which another \$2,000 was added, making a total of \$5,000 will be used to purchase environmental equipment for Lithuania. Another \$3,000 is being set aside to purchase a computer for Kaunas University, when feasible. The District was busy with letter writing and demonstrations for Lithuania. The district plans to commemorate the 55th anniversary of Felix Waitkus flight in 1935 to Kaunas. He failed to reach Kaunas, landing in Ireland. The commemoration will take place in Kenosha, WI.

MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Pres. John Adomenas attended three Supreme Council meetings. He reports the district had two successful meetings

in Elizabeth and Newark, NJ. On April 22 they protested at the Soviet Consulate in NY and attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He spoke at the St. Casimir luncheon in Elizabeth, NJ. Letters, telegrams, petitions and telephone calls were also forwarded by the members to Pres. Bush and members of Congress.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pres. John Baltrus attended all three meetings. He is chairman of the 77th National Convention. The District held two meetings. They have been active in letter writing campaigns, implemented ways of promoting the Lithuanian heritage and customs, signed petitions and discussed ways of lobbying for support of Lithuanian independence. They remembered all deceased members at a candlelight ceremony. They also participated in quarterly communions, Kučios, St. Casimir's Day Services and Lithuanian Independence Day. They have participated in demonstrations in Washington, DC. They have had a successful year in raising funds and donating to K of L and Lithuanian causes.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Pres. Al Akule attended one Supreme Council meeting. The District held two successful meetings. In April they had a Holy Hour for Lithuania held in Brockton, MA and held a demonstration at Pres. Bush's summer home in Kennebunkport, ME. Members also attended the demonstration and Mass in New York in June. The annual Retreat was held at Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME. One member, Andy Akstin, was actively busy in Washington during this time.

ST. CASIMIR'S COLLEGE - ROME

Chairman Robert Boris attended three meetings of the Supreme Council. He reported a bank account has been established at Chemical Bank of New York where the college has an established account. Guild membership has been established at \$25.00 per year. Please check his report for other categories. A newsletter will be published bi-annually to inform members of activities at St. Casimir's College. An Alumni Association will be established. An attractive professional brochure is being prepared. To date, in 1989-90, an amount of \$3,572.00 has been received. Tax exempt status has been established for this fund.



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION

Chairlady Loretta Stukas reports the Essay Contest, funded by interest from \$10,000 donation by Msgr. Juozas Prunskis, will distribute prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100. This year's topic is "How Should the Knights of Lithuania Prepare its Members to Help an Independent Lithuania?" Winners were announced during the convention. Karklius Scholarship, funded by \$25,000 donation of Ben Karklius in memory of his wife, Alice. \$2,000 is available for this year's scholarship. Information is being gathered for a Cultural "Where-to" Handbook about where to get various Lithuanian artifacts, books, records, etc. The Foundation has been approached to sponsor the restoration and reproduction of video tapes of the 1939 World's Fair. This matter will be brought up at the Foundation meeting during the convention. Foundation laws are currently being updated and will be available to all members during the coming year. Donations are needed, on a regular basis, to guarantee the tax exempt status of the Foundation. Donations are not spent but only the accrued interest is used for various cultural and religious projects of the Knights.

SUMMARY

My thanks to all the members, councils and districts who worked so hard this past year for the Lithuanian Freedom cause. From reports I have received, most of our members

have barraged Washington with letters, telegrams and telephone calls. Thousands have signed petitions. Many attended the demonstrations. Many Masses and devotions were held for Lithuania. We cannot let up now. We must continue to keep Washington and the news media aware of Lithuania and her God-given right of freedom.

As a Lithuanian Catholic organization, it is our duty to continue praying for Lithuania. We must continue to support the Lithuanian College in Rome. By doing this, we also assist the church in Lithuania.

Let us forget past differences and work together for the Lithuanian cause. In this year of Lithuania's fight for freedom, let us, at this convention, see what we can do to help Lithuania.

My thanks to the 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 #154 in Spring Hill, FL. Let us strive to obtain new members and to return those who have fallen by the wayside. Thanks to all members who have lived up to our motto "Devui ir Tevynė". May God bless you all and may our Patron St. Casimir guide us in our future endeavors.

Tegul Dievas palaimina mūsų darba "Devui ir Tevynė" Prašom Devui had mūsų broliai ir seseris Lietuvoje tikrai pažins pilna laisvė ir nepriklausomybė. Lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai.

TO ALL COUNCILS FROM NATIONAL SECRETARY

With elections upon us, we ask that Council and District Presidents send in your officers' roster as soon after your elections as is possible. Rosters should be sent to National Recording Secretary, Robert Martin, 929 West 34th St., Chicago, IL 60608.

The National Executive Board will meet on Saturday, October 20, 1990 at 12:00 Noon at St. George Parish, 3580 Salmon St., Philadelphia, PA. All are invited to attend but only Supreme Council and Honorary Members may participate in voting.



Behind the Refreshment Bar: Alice Lewellen, Bea Kuzma and Linas Balsys, hosts of C-19 Pittsburgh.

 LETTERS

PRAYER CRUSADE FOR LITHUANIA

Dear Knights and Friends:

"If God is with us, who can be against us" is a cry that rang down through the ages as Lithuanians faced insurmountable difficulties. God was with us in the past, He will not fail to hear our prayers now and in the future. As we witness the futility of placing too much trust and hope in politicians, God and the Blessed Mother remain our only dependable source of help.

During our 77th National Convention in Pittsburgh, a resolution was passed urging that a PRAYER CRUSADE FOR LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE be organized. You are cordially invited to support the people of Lithuania, by participating in this world-wide ROSARY CRUSADE OF PRAYER, which will continue until the Russian army and the last Russian tank leaves Lithuanian soil.

Please choose a 15-minute segment of the day or night and recite the Rosary every day at that time, either alone or with others. By doing this, someone will be praying continuously, around the clock, for Mary's intercession for Lithuania.

While only 96 people are needed to fill each 15-minute segment of one 24-hour period, we are confident that there will be 960 or 9,600 people pledged to daily recitation of the Rosary.

Please select a 15-minute segment you prefer. If possible, urge your family, friends and associates to do the same. Please inform the Sisters of St. Francis, in Pittsburgh at the address shown in the next column of your selection and they will coordinate and schedule all participants to assure that there are no gaps.

Prayer Crusade for Lithuanian
Independence

c/o Sister M. Alverna Walls, OSF
Grove & McRobert Sts.
Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

Yours in prayer for an independent
Lithuania.

*Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, National
Spiritual Advisor*

SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOUS:

Dear fellow Knights of Lithuania:

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the members of the Knights of Lithuania and particularly the members of the scholarship committee for the generous award of \$1,000 which I received in order to pursue my Masters Degree in Social Work.

I have been a member of the Knights for over 13 years, an officer on the local, district and national levels, and a participant in numerous activities. During that time, I made many friends in the organization. Two of the people who were kindest to me were Irene Sankus of my own council 112 and Al Jaritis of C-17 So. Boston. It was, therefore, a great pleasure to receive as part of my award the \$500.00 scholarship made in Al's name. I feel honored to have known and worked with Al and our mutual friend Irene, and I will put the scholarship funds to good use.

I am sure that I will be seeing many of you in the future, at conventions and at various functions across the country. But for now I would merely like to say "Ačiu Širdingai" and that I will work hard to make you proud of my efforts.

Paul E. Binkis, Jr.

Dear Fellow Knights of Lithuania:

I am very grateful for your generosity in awarding me the Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship. With your help,

I will be attending St. Xavier College in the fall as a nursing major. I have always been proud to be a Knight and this award has made me even prouder to be part of an organization that understands the need of its members. I hope you continue with the scholarship program so that other active Knights might be able to benefit from it. A special thank-you to the Scholarship Committee. Nuoširdus Ačiū.

*Vytiškai,
Gaile Butts*

Dear Scholarship Committee:

I would like to take this time to thank you for the generosity you have shown me in your scholarship decision. With the cost of college tuition skyrocketing and fewer federal funds being granted, many students are finding it harder and harder to get the education that is needed to be competitive in this day and age.

The opportunity to attend a school of higher education is a privilege that our society sometimes overlooks. And now, once again, this privilege seems to be reverting to one held exclusively for the upper-middle and upper class. While many colleges and universities are richly endowed, the qualifications for grants and long-term, low interest loans remains very stringent. This has placed many students in the precarious position of trying to balance a job along with their school work and activities.

That is why organizations such as the Knights of Lithuania are becoming the linch pin of higher education. Without the help that they provide, many students, including myself, would find the next four years of their lives an uphill, and sometimes, losing battle.

*Sincerely,
Bart M. Yavorosky*

Letters (Cont'd)

Dear Knights of Lithuania:

Thank you for selecting me to be a recipient of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship. I intend to fulfill the standards required of the Supreme Council's

award to the best of my abilities. I will continue to maintain good academic standing, as well as serving my community with respects to my heritage. Ačiu už viską.

Victoria Kronkaitis Masto

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The following letter was received several days after the Convention date:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 24, 1990

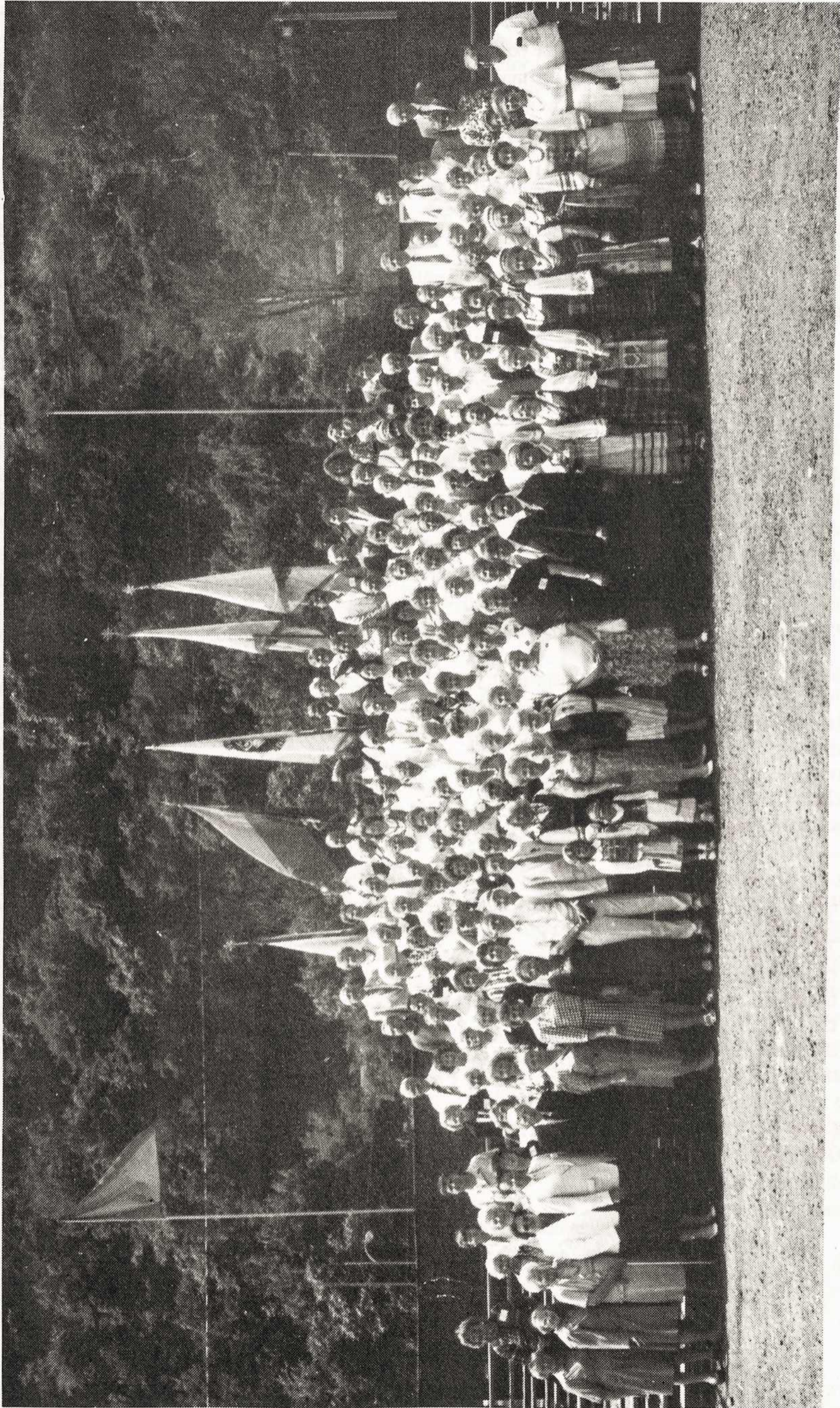
It is a great pleasure to extend greetings to all those gathered for the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

One of America's great strengths is its cultural diversity. Our society truly has been enriched by the unique cultures that Lithuanian and other immigrants have brought to these shores. For over three-quarters of a century, your organization has helped Americans of Lithuanian descent preserve the proud legacy that you share.

In addition, your generosity and devotion to civic responsibility have benefitted our great Nation, and your faith and vigilance have served your fellowman. During this convention, as you note with pride the rich contributions of so many Lithuanian Americans, your fellow citizens join with you in affirming our common devotion to liberty and our support for the right of the brave men and women of Lithuania to self-determination.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a most enjoyable convention. God bless you.

Cy Burt



77th NATIONAL CONVENTION

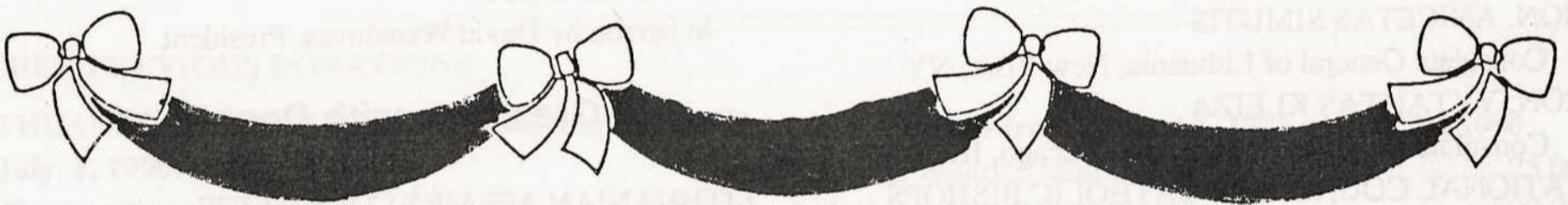
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Opening Prayer at 1st Session led by Rev. J. Anderlonis and officers Mary Kincius, Frances Petkus, Anne Wargo and Mary Juzenas



Chicago delegates: Seated: Rev. P. Cibulskis, Joseph Kiuzin, Irene Rakaitis; Standing: Dolores Wainauskas, Estelle Rogers, Ellie Kasputis.



Pittsburgh Lithuanian Radio program director, Vito Jucius, presenting award to Albinas Onaitis, a Knight for 70 years and chairman of 1954 convention in Pittsburgh.

Greetings received at the Convention

GEORGE BUSH

President of the United States

MOST REV. CHARLES SALATKA

Archbishop of Oklahoma City, OK

MOST REV. VINCENTAS BRIZGYS

Bishop in Exile of Kaunas, Lithuania and
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, IL

MOST REV. PAULIUS BALTAKIS, OFM

Titular Bishop of Egara for Lithuanian Catholics
throughout the Free World

MSGR. ALGIMANTAS BARTKUS

Rector, Pontifical Lithuanian College of
St. Casimir, Rome, Italy

STASYS LOZORAITIS, JR.

Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania, Washington, DC
in person by Julia Burlen

HON. ANICETAS SIMUTIS

Consulate General of Lithuania, New York, NY

HON. VYTAUTAS KLEIZA

Consulate General of Lithuania, Chicago, IL

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LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY OF AMERICA

(LIETUVIŲ BENDRUOMENĖ)

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LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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in person by Sr. Valeria, SF

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in person by Vytautas Yucius

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Aldona Noakas Pintsch, President

K of L COUNCIL 19

in person by David Wenslovas, President

Greetings with Donations

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Gene Gobis, C-100.....\$5.00

VYTIS FUND

Gene Gobis, C-100..... 5.00

JUNIORS FUND

Sabina & John Henson, C-36.....200.00

Julia Burlin, C-141..... 100.00

William J. Labadis, C-144..... 50.00

Frances Rauba, C-144..... 10.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND *

William J. Labadis, C-144.....100.00

Council 36, Chicago, IL.....25.00

Gene Gobis, C-100..... 10.00

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC FUND *

Council 36, Chicago, IL..... 25.00

Gene Gobis, C-100..... 5.00

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.

Mid-America District

IMO Irene K. Sankus, C-112.....1,000.00

Suzanna Mazeika, C-147,

IMO H.M. Anthony Mazeika, Sr..... 500.00

Jonas Antanovich, C-12.....100.00

H.M. Robert S. Boris, C-103.....100.00

Walter & Irene Svekla, C-3..... 100.00

Rita Karrytais, C-26.....100.00

Bernice Aviza, C-136	
IMO Rev. Alphonse Petraitis and Rev. Antanas Grigaitis.....	50.00
Florence Zaleskas, C-17.....	25.00
Council 36, Chicago, IL.....	25.00
Apolonija & Edward Ziausys, C-100.....	20.00

* NOTE: Donations made directly to the Scholarship Committee or Lithuanian Catholic Aid rather than through the Greetings Committee are listed elsewhere in this issue.

ST. CASIMIR GUILD

H.M. Juozas B. Laucka, C-141.....	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vince Prusinskas, C-103.....	100.00
Julia Burlin, C-141.....	250.00
Council 133, Los Angeles, CA.....	182.00
Rita Karrytais, C-26.....	50.00
Helen V. Kulber, C-41.....	50.00

Mary Prusinskas, C-103.....	50.00
Albert & Julia Zakarka, C-112.....	50.00
Anna Klizas Wargo, C-144.....	30.00
Council 36, Chicago.....	25.00
Edward & Virginia Barkowski, C-136.....	25.00
Helen Chesko, C-144.....	25.00
Mary Juzenas, C-112.....	25.00
Clemencine Miller, C-142.....	25.00
Mary Semel, C-141.....	25.00
Ruth Tyson, C-135.....	25.00
Florence Zaleskas, C-17.....	25.00
Council 1, Brockton, MA.....	20.00
Aldona Keaney, C-17.....	20.00
Suzanna Mazeika, C-147.....	20.00
Ann Challan, C-143.....	10.00
Rita Zakarka, C-112.....	5.00
Edward & Genute Baranauskas, C-100.....	5.00

OTHER PREVIOUS DONATIONS:

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC FUND from August 1, 1989 to July 1, 1990:

1989 convention collection.....	\$467.00
LCRA Gifts through greetings.....	595.00
IMO Marcella Savickis, mother of Beatrice Mathieu, Bertha Stoskus, E. Ruth Krecioch.....	605.00
C-118, Hazleton, PA.....	100.00
C-17, So. Boston, MA (Sent directly to LCRA).....	50.00
Jean Masulis, Downey, CA.....	50.00
C-30, Westfield, MA.....	30.00
Aldona Keaney, C-17.....	10.00
Helen Bumstead, C-17 (friend).....	10.00
Ann Gorski, C-17.....	5.00
Florence Zaleskas, C-17 (Sent directly to LCRA).....	100.00



Rev. Anderlonis and David Wenslovas at farewell luncheon.

VYTIS FUND from August 1, 1989 to July 31, 1990

Victor & Beatrice Mathieu.....	25.00
Lithuanian Foundation, Inc.....	500.00
Alfonsas & Terese Zebertavicius, Fargo Motel, Treasure Island, FL.....	10.00
Annie Mitchel-Matalavich, C-52 IMO HM Rev. Joseph Simonaitis.....	25.00
Edward & Genovaite Baranauskas, C-100.....	8.00
C-52 Elizabeth, NJ.....	25.00
Simon Butan, C-152.....	10.00
Rev. Msgr. Simon Morkunas.....	10.00



Fourth degree recipients with chairlady Rita Pinkus.

RESOLUTIONS - NUTARIMAI

WHEREAS it has been only in the recent past that the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Committee was changed to the Lithuanian Catholic Fund, and

WHEREAS this has resulted in a problem regarding tax deductions,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lithuanian Catholic Fund be changed back to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Committee.

KADANGI nesenai Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės šalpos komiteto vardas buvo pakeistas į Lietuvių Katalikų Fondą, ir

KADANGI tai sukėlė sunkumų pajamų mokesčių išpildymo reikaluose.

NUSPREŠTA to komiteto vardą atkeisti iš Lietuvių Katalikų Fondo į Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės Komitetą.

WHEREAS the current Knights of Lithuania Constitution states that the Spiritual Advisor is the parish pastor or his appointed assistant, and

WHEREAS certain councils of the Knights of Lithuania are not associated with a specific parish and have no Spiritual Advisor, and

WHEREAS such Councils have had to designate a priest from a neighboring community as Spiritual Advisor;

BE IT RESOLVED that the signature of the Spiritual Advisor be optional rather than required and Section 7 of Article IX be amended to read:

“Council and District delegates must present to the convention a formal mandate with signatures of their president, secretary, and spiritual advisor and a seal. Signature of a spiritual advisor is optional”.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių statutas nurodo jog dvasios vadu turi būti parapijos klebonas arba jo paskirtas asistentas, ir

KADANGI kaikurios Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos neveikia išskirtinai vienos parapijos ribose ir dėl to neturi dvasios vado, ir

KADANGI tokiu atveju kuopos pasirenka dvasios vado pareigom kunigą iš kaimyninės parapijos,

NUSPREŠTA kad dvasios vado parašas nebūtinas statuto IX-tos dalies 7-to skyriuje nurodytame atvejuje ir kas tas statulo skyrius būtų patikslintas sekančiai:

“Kuopų bei apygardų delegatai privalo pristatyti Visuotinam Seimui formalų mandatą, paliūdytą pirmininko, sekretoriaus bei dvasios vado, kartu su antspaudu. Dvasios vado parašas nėra būtinas.”

WHEREAS the current K of L constitution requires that when an Associate Member becomes a Fourth Degree Knight, he/she may at that time become a delegate or alternate to a District or National Convention,

BE IT RESOLVED that the requirements of an Associate Member to be a delegate or alternate to a National Convention, Section 3-e-2 or Article V, be amended to read:

“When an associate member becomes a Second Degree Knight, he/she may be a delegate or alternate to a District or National Convention. He/she may not hold any office or be part of a Committee on the National level.”

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių status nurodo jog narys bendradarbis, įsigyjęs Ketvirtąjį Lietuvos Vyčių laipsnį, gali tapti delegatu arba pavaduotoju apygardos ar Visuotiname seime.

NUSPREŠTA jog reikalavimai nariui bendradarbiui tapti delegatu arba pavaduotoju Visuotiname seime, nurodyti statuto V-tos dalies 3-e-2 skyriuje, būtų pakeisti sekančiai:

“Kai narys bendradarbis isigyja antrąjį Lietuvos Vyčių laipsnį, jis/ji gali tapti delegatu arba pavaduotoju apygardos Visuotiname seime. Jis/ji negali eiti Centro valdybos arba jos paskirtų komitetų valdybų pareigų.

WHEREAS the current K of L constitution requires that when an Associate Member becomes a Third Degree Knight, he/she may become a delegate or alternate to a District Convention, and

WHEREAS the current K of L Constitution stipulates that an Associate Member cannot hold an office on the District level,

BE IT RESOLVED that the requirement of an Associate Member to be a delegate or alternate to a District Convention, Section 3-e-1 of Article V, be amended to read:

“When an Associate Member becomes a Second Degree Knight, he/she may become a delegate or alternate to a District Convention. He/she may hold any office or be part of a Committee on the District level.”

KADANGI dabartinis Lietuvos Vyčių statutas nurodo jog narys bendradarbis, įsigyjęs Trečiąjį Lietuvos Vyčių laipsnį, gali tapti delegatu arba pavaduotoju apygardos seime, ir

KADANGI statutas nurodo jog narys bendradarbis negali eiti apygardos valdyboje pareigų,

NUSPREŠTA jog reikalavimai nariui bendradarbiui tapti delegatu arba pavaduotoju apygardos seime, nurodyti statuto V-tos dalies 3-e-1 skyriuje, būtų pakeisti sekančiai:

“Kai narys bendradarbis įsigyja Antrąjį Lietuvos Vyčių laipsnį,

jis/ji gali tapti delegatu arba pavaduotoju apygardos seime. Jis/ji gali eiti bet kurias pareigas apygardos valdyboje arba valdybos paskirtų komitetų valdybose.”

BE IT RESOLVED that we, Knights of Lithuania, representing thousands of second and third generation Americans of Lithuanian descent, meeting in convention in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on this 27th day of July in the year of our Lord 1990, affirm our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Lithuania as they strive toward real and legal freedom and independence.

NUSPĖSTA jog mes, Lietuvos Vyčiai, atstovaudami tūkstantiems antros ir trečios generacijos lietuvių kilmės amerikiečiam, suvažiavė Visuotinam Seiman Pittsburgh, PA šią 1990-tųjų metų liepos mėnesio 27-tą dieną, išreiškiame solidarumą broliam ir sesėm Lietuvoje jų siekime atstatyti realią ir teisėtą laisvę bei nepriklausomybę.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania 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 Amerikos lietuvių katalikų dienraštis DRAUGAS taip dosniai kas savaitę spausdina Lietuvos Vyčių organizacines žinias Vyčių Veiklos skiltyje ir kitose to dienraščio dalyse,

NUSPĖSTA kad 77-tasis Visuotinas Lietuvos Vyčių seimas išreiškia nuoširdžiausią padėką DRAUGO administracijai už tą dosnumą bei bendradarbiavimą,

TAIP PAT NUSPĖSTA DRAUGO dienraščiui paskirti 50 dolerių auką kaip tos padėkos išraiška.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its sincerest appreciation to DARBINKAS and its staff for their cooperation and generosity,

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

KADANGI Amerikos lietuvių katalikų savaitraštis DARBIN-

INKAS taip dosniai skelbia Lietuvos Vyčių veiklos žinias,

NUSPĖSTA kad 77-tasis Visuotinas Lietuvos Vyčių seimas išreiškia nuoširdžiausią padėką DARBINKO administracijai už bendradarbiavimą ir dosnumą.

TAIP PAT NUSPĖSTA ta padėką išreikšti 50-toes dolerių auka DARBINKO savaitraščiui.

WHEREAS immediately preceding the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, Rev. Walter Karaveckas, the Spiritual Advisor of the Host Council 19 and Pastor of St. Casimir Church in Pittsburgh, died,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, remember this dedicated priest and Knight in a moment of prayer.

KADANGI Pittsburgh, PA 19-tos Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos dvasios vadas ir Šv. Kazimiero parapijos klebonas kun. Vladas Karaveckas prieš pat 77-tąjį Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotiną seimą pasimirė,

NUSPĖSTA kad 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotinas seimas, sušauktas Pittsburgh, PA miesto Sheraton viešbutyje, pagerbtų šį pasišventusį kunigą ir Vytų maldos momentu.

WHEREAS a monthly Mass is offered for all deceased members of the Knights of Lithuania and no stipend is offered for these Masses,

BE IT RESOLVED that \$120.00 be allotted the National Spiritual Advisor annually as a stipend for these Masses.

KADANGI kiekvieną mėnesį mirusių Lietuvos Vyčių intencija yra atnašaujamos Šv. Mišios ir už jų atnašavimą nėra suteikiama jokia stipendija,

NUSPĖSTA kad Centro valdybos dvasios vadui būtų paskirta metinė 120 dolerių stipendija šiomis Mišiomis atnašauti.

WHEREAS the National Spiritual Advisor and other Supreme Council officers and committees are allowed travel expenses when attending Supreme Council meetings.

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Spiritual Advisor be reimbursed also for his traveling expenses when attending the National Convention as well.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių Centro valdybos dvasios vado bei kitų Centro ir Centro komitetų valdybų narių kelionių išlaidos yra padengtos jiems dalyvaujant Centro valdybos posėdžiuose,

NUSPĖSTA kad Centro valdybos dvasios vado kelionių išlaidos taip pat būtų padengtos vykstant į Visuotiną Lietuvos Vyčių seimą.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania organize a "Prayer Crusade for Lithuanian Independence." The cru-

sade will consist of at least 96 people who will each pray the Rosary for Lithuania during one of 96 fifteen minute slots around the clock, so that every 15 minutes of the day and night, someone will be praying the rosary for Lithuania.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania seek the participation of other organizations and individuals throughout the world, and that these plans be presented to Cardinal Sladkevičius for promotion in Lithuania.

NUSPŘESTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai organizuoja "Maldos Sąjūdį už Lietuvos Nepriklausomybę". Sąjūdį sudarys bent 96 asmenys, kurie atliks Rožinio maldos grandinės dalį 15-tos minučių tarpais, diena ir nakti. Tuo būdu kas nors kiekvienu momentu melsis už Lietuvą.

TAIP PAT NUSPŘESTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai bandys visame pasaulyje rasti kitų organizacijų bei individų pritarimą šiam sąjūdžiui, ir kad šie planai būtų pristatyti kardinolui Sladkevičiui idant jie būtų paskleisti po Lietuvą.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania undertake the raising of \$10,000 to ship at least one forty foot container of medical equipment provided by World Medical Relief in Detroit, through offices of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid in Brooklyn, for distribution by CARITAS in Lithuania.

NUSPŘESTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai apsiimsukelti 10,000 dolerių nusiųsti viena 40-ties pėdų medicininių reikmenų sunkvežimio krovinį į Lietuvą. Šios reikmenis suteiks Detroite veikianti Pasaulio Medicininė pagalba (World Medical Relief) tarpininkaujant Brooklyne veikiančiai Lietuvių Katalikų Religinei Šalpai, o Lietuvoje paskirstys CARITAS organizacija.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania Choir of the Mid-America District was established in 1915 by Honorary Member a.a. Leonard Šimutis, Sr., and

WHEREAS the choir upheld the Lithuanian Song (Lietuviška Daina) throughout its existence, and

WHEREAS the choir has represented the Knights of Lithuania and our Lithuanian cultural heritage throughout the United States at numerous civic, religious and ethnic events, and

WHEREAS 1990 commemorates the 75th anniversary of the choir's existence,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA July 26-29, 1990, extend its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the future to the Knights of Lithuania Choir.

KADANGI Vidurio Amerikos apygardoje veikia Lietuvos Vyčių choras 1915-tasis metais buvo įsteigtas Garbės Nario a.a. Leonardo Šimučio, Sr., ir

KADANGI choras nuolat puoselėjo lietuvišką dainą, ir

KADANGI choras atstovavo Lietuvos Vyčiam bei išklė lietuvių kultūrą visoje Amerikoje įvairiuose visuomeniškuose, religiniuose, bei tautiniuose pasirodymuose, ir

KADANGI 1990-tieji metai yra choro veiklos 75-ųjų metų veiklos jubiliejaus metai,

NUSPŘESTA kad 77-tasis Visuotinas Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas, sušauktas Pittsburgh, PA miesto Sheraton viešbutyje 1990-tųjų metų liepos 26-29-ta dienomis, išreiškia nuoširdų sveikinimą ir geriausius linkėjimus ateičiai Lietuvos Vyčių chorui.

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania, as a Lithuanian American Catholic organization that supports the Catholic Church in all of her teachings, and

WHEREAS the Catholic Church teaches the respect for all life,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, July 26-29, 1990 also support the respect for all life and strongly urges all members and councils to actively support by prayer, words and deeds, the right to life of unborn infants.

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija yra Amerikos lietuvių katalikų organizacija ir palaiko Romos katalikų bažnyčią visuose Jos mokymuose, ir

KADANGI Romos katalikų bažnyčia mokina gerbti visų gyvybę,

NUSPŘESTA kad 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotinas seimas, susirinkęs Pittsburgh, PA miesto Sheraton viešbutyje 1990-tųjų metų liepos 26-29-ta dienomis, taip pat palaiko visų gyvybės gerbimą ir ragina visus narius bei kuopas aktyviai remti negimusių kūdikių teisę gyventi malda, žodžiais, bei veikla.

BE IT RESOLVED that due to the great patriotic effort extended by Andrew Akstin during the time of the Lithuanian blockade, the Knights of Lithuania recognize his great contribution and offer their collective appreciation and thanks.

NUSPŘESTA atsižvelgiant į Andrius Akstin didžiai patriotines pastangas Lietuvos blokados metu, jog Lietuvos Vyčiai pripažįsta jo auką ir išreiškia jam kolektyvinę padėką bei pasigėrėjimą jo darbu.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend hearty congratulations to Council 29, Newark, NJ on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

NUSPREŠTA jog 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotinas seimas širdingai sveikina Newark, NJ miesto 29-ta kuopą 75-ių veiklos metų jubiliejaus proga.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend hearty congratulations to C-36, Brighton Park, Chicago, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

Nusprešta kad Lietuvos Vyčiai 77-tasis visuotinas seimas išreiškia nuoširdų sveikinimą Chicagos Brighton Parke veikiančiai 36-tai kuopai jos 75-ių metų veiklos jubiliejaus proga.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend hearty congratulations to Council 41, Brooklyn, NY on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

NUSPREŠTA jog 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotinas seimas išreiškia širdingai sveikina Brooklyn, NY miesto 41-ta kuopą 75-ių veiklos metų jubiliejaus proga.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend hearty congratulations and all God's Blessings to Rev. Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, Honorary Member and Rector of the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome, Italy, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary.

NUSPREŠTAS jog 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotinas seimas išreiškia širdingą sveikinimą ir linki Dievo palaimą Garbės Nariu bei Romoje, Italijoje veikiančios Lietuvių pontifikalinės Šv. Kazimiero kolegijos rektoriui monsinjoriui Algimantui Bartkui, jo kunigystės 25-ių metų jubiliejaus proga.

WHEREAS the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, July 26-29, 1990, established "Operation K of L Medical Relief for Lithuania", collecting money to cover the cost of packaging and shipping a container of medical supplies to Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania donate \$1,000 from the national K of L Treasury towards this cause.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds collected through the Lithuanian Catholic Aid Committee be also donated to this cause this year.

KADANGI 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotinas seimas, sušauktas Pittsburgh, PA miesto Sheraton viešbutyje 1990-tųjų metų liepos mėnesio 26-29-ta dienomis įsteigė "Lietuvos Vyčių vaju telkti

medicininę pagalbą Lietuvai" idant surinkus lėšų padengti pakavimo bei Lietuvom siuntimo išlaidom medicinėm reikmenim,

NUSPREŠTA kad Lietuvos Vyčiai iš Centro valdybos išdo paskiria 1,000 dolerių šiam tikslui,

BE TO NUSPREŠTA kad lėšos, surinktos šiais metais per Lietuvių katalikų šalpos komitetą taip pat būtų paskirtos šiam tikslui.

BE IT RESOLVED that Article X, Paragraph 5, limiting the term of office of the First Vice-President to three years be temporarily suspended to allow Frances Petkus to serve one additional year.

NUSPREŠTA kad Lietuvos Vyčių statuto X-tos dalies 5-tas skyrius, apribojans Centro valdybos pirmojo vicepirmininko kadenciją trim metam būtų laikinai pakeistas, idant Pranė Petkus galėtų tas pareigas eiti dar vienerius metus.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, July 26-29, 1990, elevate to Honorary Membership Rev. Msgr. Juozas Prunskis, member of the Knights of Lithuania, Council 5, Chicago, IL, whose candidacy was approved by the 76th National Convention in Chicago, IL.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval is given to present the Honorary Membership medal to Rev. Msgr. Juozas Prunskis at the Mid-America Annual "Memories of Lithuania" banquet in February, 1991.

NUSPREŠTA kad 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių seimas, susirinkęs Pittsburgh, PA miesto Sheraton viešbutyje 1990-tųjų metų liepos mėnesio 26-29-ta dienomis į Garbės Narius pakelia monsinjorą Juozą Prunski, Chicago, IL miesto 5-tos kuopos nari, kurio kandidatūra buvo patvirtinta Chicagoje ivykusio 76-tojo Visuotino seimo metų,

BE TO NUSPREŠTA kad monsinjora Juoziu Prunskiui būtų iteiktas Garbės Nario medalis 1991-tųjų metų vasario mėnesi įvyksiančiame Vidurio Amerikos apygardos rengiamame metiniame "Lietuvos Prisiminimų" banketė.

WHEREAS the 77th National Convention was a most successful, enjoyable and fruitful one,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates and guests to the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, July 26-29, 1990, extend its warmest congratulations and thanks to the Presidium and its Committee who demonstrated great aptitude and flexibility in conducting this Convention, thus helping make it a fruitful one, and to Council 19, its Executive

Board, and the Convention Committee who planned the socials and prepared a hospitable environment.

KADANGI 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių visuotinas seimas sėkmingai bei darbingai praėjo,

NUSPREŠTA kad 77-tojo Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotino seimo, įvykusio Pittsburgh, PA miesto Sheraton viešbutyje 1990-tųjų metų liepos 26-29-ta dienomis, delegatai ir svečiai išreiškia šilčiausius sveikinimus bei padėka prezidiumui bei darbo komitetam už parodytą žvalumą bei lankstumą pravedant seimo darbus, tuo būdą ji padarant vaisingą, ir 19-tai kuopai, jos valdybai, ir seimo rengimo komitetui, kuris suorganizavo pramogas bei sudarė nuolankią aplinką.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, July 26-29, 1990 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.

NUSPREŠTA kad 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotinas seimas, susirinkęs Pittsburgh, PA miesto Sheraton viešbutyje 1990-tųjų metų liepos mėnesio 26-29-ta dienomis, išreiškia padėka kadencija užbaigiantiem Centro valdybos nariam už gerbtina, pasiaukojančia veikla organizacijai ir Lietuvos Vyčių idealų puoselėjime.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 77th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, July 26-29, 1990, express its gratitude to the host Council 19, Pittsburgh, PA, for a successful and enjoyable convention.

NUSPREŠTA kad 77-tasis Lietuvos Vyčių Visuotinas seimas, susirinkęs Pittsburgh, PA miesto Sheraton viešbutyje 1990-tųjų metų liepos mėnesio 26-29-ta dienomis, išreiškia padėka šeiminingai Pittsburgho miesto 19-tai kuopai už pasisėkusi bei smagų seimą.

Vertė Aleksandras Pakalniškis, Jr.

I THANK YOU

By Maryte Sepikas, Los Angeles

For all the beautiful, smiling Lithuanian faces
From Pittsburgh near and far away places.

For Father Joe's guidance and prayers,
For Anne Wargo's leadership - she truly cares!

For Nijole Sadunaite's radiance and faith,
For Loretta Stukas' and Bob Boris' encouragement,
they were great.

For Pittsburgh council's hard work and dedication,
It was a success, my deepest appreciation.

For spectacular city sites,
River cruises and fun-filled nights.

For Peter Paul and Glenn, oh their Chicago wit and sense
of humor,
I heard they like wild women - or is that just a rumor?

For Bill Kumeta who made us all smile,
With his charm and very own positive style.

For Lee and Paul, Irene and Frank and Walt & Irene,
Your marital happiness is brightly seen.

For Laima Baltrenas and Mary Oberfield who spread
California sunshine,
How lucky I am, they are friends of mine.

For life long memories, too many to mention,
I had a wonderful time at my very first convention!

To everyone who attended the convention, I wish you....
the warmth of friendship,
the music of laughter,
and the joy of being Lithuanian always.

From the bottom of my heart - with love.....
..... I thank you!

OUR APOLOGIES:

The poem entitled SPRING appearing on Page 23 of the May issue of VYTIS inadvertently omitted the author's name. It was written by Albert Cizauskas from C-142 Washington, DC. For this we are sorry!

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 77th National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA July 26 - 29, 1990

- CLERGY: Revs. Joseph Anderlonis, Peter Ciulskis, Albert Contons
- HONORARY MEMBERS: Helen Shields, Annie Matalavich, Loretta Stukas, Mary Kober, Robert Boris, Ann Bender, Frances Petkus, Estelle Rogers, Longinas Svenis, Rita Pinkus
- NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD: Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, Anne (Klizas) Wargo, Frances Petkus, Mary Kincius, Sabina Hensen, Mary Juzenas, Frank Peterson, Anne Cheplick, Edward Barkowski, Albert Zakarka
- AMBER DISTRICT: Elsie Kosmisky, John Mankus.
- MID-AMERICA DISTRICT: Robert Martin, Jr.
- MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT: Helen Matulonis, Aldona Zaunius
- MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT: Frank Bunikas, Vincent Gray.
- NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT: Ann Bender, Regina Karmuza
- C-1 Brockton: Sr. Helen Ivanauskas, Sr. Verna Cikavage.
- C-3 Philadelphia: Diane Drumstas, Lillian Greymas, Julie Kowrak, Ausra Macknys, Irene Ozalis, Victor Stepalovitch, Irene Svekla, Jewel Ushka
- C-5 Chicago: Loretta Grigaliunas
- C-7 Waterbury: Agnes Baltrush, George Baltrush, Ann Cheplick, Alma Torre, Antoinette White, Edmund White.
- C-12 New York: John Antanavicius, Dalia Bulvicius, Helen Cuprewich, Betty Janonis, Millie Pietz, Jovita Sleder, Helen Yurkus
- C-13 Chicago: Tom Strolia
- C-16 Chicago: Christine Beneckis, Glen Perutis, Janeen Perutis, Peter Zansitis
- C-17 So. Boston: Birute Balukonis, Helen Contons, Steve Contons, Aldona Keaney, Marion Matachinskas, Alice Opanasets, Larry Svelnis, Florence Zaleskas
- C-19 Pittsburgh: Sr. M. Francesca, Agatha Bender, Al Stanton, Mary Tamy, Margaret Turner, Fritz Wenslovas
- C-24 Chicago: Rev. Peter Cibulskis
- C-25 Cleveland: Marian Gray, Richard Marks, Anthony Oberaitis, Helen Oberaitis.
- C-26 Worcester: Victoria Augustine, Anna Bucinskas, Rita Karrytais, Lillian Kondratas, Rita Pinkus, Aldona Waska
- C-29 Newark: Margaret Brazaitis, Rita Sussko
- C-36 Chicago: Alan Cius, Joan Cius, Sabina Henson, Anne Marie Kassel, Mark Kincius, Mary Kincius, Evelyn Ozelis, Faustas Strolia, Theresa Strolia, Sophia Zukas.
- C-41 Brooklyn: Beatrice Hoff, Helen Kulber, William Kumeta, Maria Strazdis, Aldona Zaunis
- C-50 New Haven: Magdalen Cronin, Alex Gedrim, Ann Gedrim, Mary Geipel, Regina Karmuza, Helen Medley, Frank Peterson.
- C-52 Elizabeth: Anna Matalavich
- C-63 Lehigh Valley: Walter Balchunas, Nora Barcousky. Adolph Klova, Robert Klova, Jane Lutick, Nell Shirock.
- C-72 Binghamton: Casey Grikenis, Irene Grikenis, Barbara Miller, Pamela Rich.
- C-74 Scranton: Ann Dudewicz, Casimer Yanish, Ruth Yanish.
- C-78 Lawrence: Ignatius Hobitz, Marion Hobitz.
- C-79 Southfield: Margaret Dapkus, William Dapkus, Margaret Ann Nashlon, Marianne Newberry, Magdalena Smailis, Gerald Zager.
- C-86 DuBois: John Amilkavich, Ben Bruzga, Fran Bruzga, Tom Bruzga, Lee Moore, Benedict Radzavich.
- C-96 Dayton: Irene Gecas, Elena Mikalauskas, Frances Petkus.
- C-100 Amsterdam: Edward Baranauskas, Gene Gobis, Helen Kiuber, Regina Kot, Elizabeth Kuzmick, Apolonija Ziausys.
- C-102 Detroit: Eve Aukstakalnis, Joseph Aukstakalnis, Gus Baibak, Donna Bunikas.
- C-103 Providence: Anthony Gudeczauskas, Helen Gudeczauskas, Beatrice Mathieu, Bertha Stoskus.
- C-109 Great Neck: Anthony Kober, Mary Kober.
- C-110 Maspeth: Mary Baltrus, Phyllis Bartkus, Edward Jackatt, Frances Jackatt, Helen Jambor, Julia Matulewicz, Brian Rutkunas, Bruno Rutkunas, Jean Rutkunas, Dorothy Sakal, Joseph Stelmokas, Mary Stelmokas, Helen Venis, Evelyn Walles, Iggie Walles, Nellie Yuskevica, Peter Yuskevica.
- C-112 Chicago: Paul Binkis, Mary Juzenas, Ellie Kasputis, Joseph Kiuzin, Anele Pocius, Ed Pocius, Irene Rakaitis, Estelle Rogers, Matt Vilutis, Philomena Vilutis, Dolores Wainauskas, Al Zakarka, Julie Zakarka, Betty Zibas.
- C-116 Worcester: Irene Tamulevich.
- C-133 Los Angeles: Laima Baltrenas, Mary Oberfield, Marytė Sepikaitė.
- C-135 Ansonia: Olga Gray, Ruth Tyson.
- C-136 Hudson-Mohawk: Bernice Aviza, Edward Barkowski.
- C-140 Syracuse: Frank Petrauskas, Irene Petrauskas.

DELEGATES (Cont'd)

C-141 Bridgeport: Dorothy DeGennaro, Lee Marcinka, Clemencine Miller, Ann Petrus, Alice Wilcenskas, Stephen Wilcenskas.

C-142 Washington: Julia Burlen, Eleanor Depenbrock, Mary Semel, Albert Paukstitus, Emily Paukstitus.

C-143 Pittston: Dorothy Banos, Charles Dajnowski, Nellie B. Romanas, Anna Walatkas, John Wisnosky.

C-144 Anthracite: Sister Angela, Sister Theresa, Esther Bartashus, Mary Brennan, Ann Carlitus, Edward Carlitus, Helen Chesko, Florence Kobluskie, Alma Linder,

Anna Radzavage, Helen Matunis, Mary Pieri, Frances Rauba, Barbara Silkunas, Stanley Silkunas, Ann Supernavage, Eleanor Vaicaitis, Eleanor Yancofski, Olympia Zelinsky.

C-146 Harrisburg: Helen Grabauskas, Vitty Grabauskas, Clara Gudolonis, Joseph Gudolonis.

C-147 St. Petersburg: Aldona Kirstuk.

C-150 Kansas City: Eugene Ashley, Donna Ashley.

C-152 Eastern Long Island: John Sakal, Anne Tarmey, Michael Zukas.

C-153 Treasure Coast: Florence Morris, Constance Scheibelhut.

IN MEMORIAM

ADELE BURKE
C-29 Newark, NJ
† February 4, 1990

VINCENT WITKUS
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† June 28, 1990

JOHN L. PAUKSTIS
C-24 Chicago, IL
† July 24, 1990

TILLIE PRZYBYLSKI
C-149 Saginaw, MI
† May 26, 1990

MARY KROKOSKY
C-12 New York, NY
† July 4, 1990

CHRISTINA YAKOVONIS
C-29 Newark, NJ
† July 26, 1990

DEACON JOHN C. GURSKY
C-135 Ansonia, CT
† June 15, 1990

JOSEPH AUGUST
C-96 Dayton, OH
† July 7, 1990

JOHN KUCHINSKAS
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† August 4, 1990

VALERIE DRAGUNAT
C-109 Great Neck, NY
† June 24, 1990

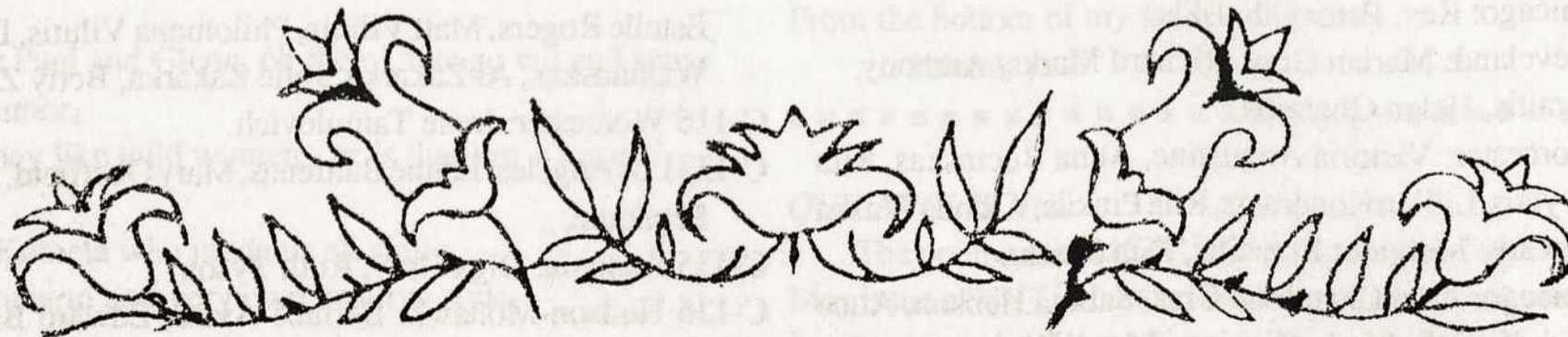
REV. WALTER KARAVECKAS
C-19 Pittsburgh, PA
† July 19, 1990

STANLEY STASIUNAS
C-112 Chicago, IL
† August 12, 1990

MARY BARRETT
C-29 Newark, NJ
† June 26, 1990

WALTER KALICK
C-7 Waterbury, CT
† July 20, 1990

ANASTASIA JUSKEVICIUS
C-29 Newark, NJ
† August 13, 1990



Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia

AMBER DISTRICT

June meeting of Amber District was hosted by C-72, Binghamton, NY at St. Joseph's Religious Education & Cultural Center. Delegates and guests arriving early were greeted by host members and welcomed to the coffee hour with many delicious goodies.

Mass was celebrated by Rev. Mikalajunas in St. Joseph's Church which definitely reflected our Lithuanian heritage in a modern setting. The choir sang the Lithuanian hymns with an added performance on the kankles. Offertory gifts were presented by Pres. Anne Wargo, past National Pres. Frank Petrauskas and Amber District Pres. John Mickunas and Barbara Miller of C-72.

An appetizing dinner was served to 82 delegates and guests in the Cultural Center. Pres. Mankus welcomed those assembled. Pres. John Mickunas presided at the business meeting. Secretary Agnes Mickunas read the minutes of the March meeting and Treas. Edmund Carlitus read the Treasurer's report. Officers and chairmen gave their reports. AD Cultural Chairman Mankus, at the request of the assembly, read *Senovės Daina* by Maironis in his inimitable Lithuanian.

Beatrice Stanis & Michael Yavorsky of C-46 were installed in the Third Degree by ritual chairlady Helen Chesko assisted by Anne Challan. Applications of Mary & Jerome Costello, candidates for the Third Degree from C-84 were accepted for installation in October.

AD Vice Pres. Elsie Kosmisky and AD Cultural Chairman John Mankus were elected delegates to the National Convention in Pittsburgh. The annual raffle, the only fund-raiser for the

District, will be chaired by Leo Butsavage & Anne Challan of C-143. Rep. Tonko of New York and Rep. Lucyk of Pennsylvania were commended for their promotion of Lithuanianism in their respective state legislatures.

In the future, council reports will be given at June meetings only with a limit of three minutes. The district was authorized to contact the National Executive Board for the purchase of the rejected banner to be altered to Amber District.

Following adjournment a cold buffet was served. Delegates and guests departed for their respective destinations with great praise of the generous hospitality of C-72 and a big "thank you". Please invite us to come again, we enjoyed your hospitality.

The October meeting will be hosted by Lehigh Valley C-63.

MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

This was the year for the golden celebrations. MAMD president, Algerd & Aldona Brazis celebrated their 50-year Golden Wedding Anniversary with festivities at the Palos Country Club. Fr. John Kuzinskas performed the renewal of marriage vows at the banquet.

A few weeks later, many MAMD members attended Mass and banquet at Immaculate Conception Church to celebrate with Fr. Anthony Miciunas, his 50 years in the priesthood, former spiritual director of MAMD. He is presently spiritual director of C-38, Kenosha, WI. At the banquet, Fr. Anthony Zakarauskas did a great job as Master of Ceremonies. He, too, announced that he will soon be celebrating his 50 years in the priesthood on May 19, 1991. Our honorary member,

Vincentas Brizgys celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on his 50th year as bishop. Only one other bishop reached this milestone in the North America Continent. This special Mass was held at Nativity BVM Church with 13 bishops and 43 priests presiding. After Mass, a special tribute and reception was held at Maria High School with a musical program performed by the K of L choir under the direction of Faustas Strolia and soloist, Algerd Brazis. Many K of L members served on this committee to make it a successful event.

During this past August, Mary & Anthony Rudis celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass at the Rudis farm. The Knights of Lithuania choir participated by singing at the Mass.

On June 30, many Knights attended the closing Mass at St. George's Lithuanian Church. Our condolences to C-16 members and to all parishioners of the parish. Our summer District meeting was held in St. George's Hall. We will surely miss the use of this fine hall for the many K of L events.

Congratulations to all MAMD members for writing 1200 plus letters for Lithuanian independence, under guidance of Rita Zakarka. Again this year on Memorial Day, the K of L choir sang at St. Casimir's Cemetery. Estelle Rogers is MAMD Pres. of the choir.

National Executive Board members were wined and dined by the District during their June meeting. Many thanks to C-36 Pres. Evelyn Ozalis and her officers for hosting this event. Congratulations to C-36 on their 75th Anniversary with the Knights of Lithuania. Many of our district members attended the banquet at the Martinique Garden Room to celebrate this joyous occasion.

"Night at the Races" sponsored by C-24 was truly a fun evening. A sumptuous buffet was served in the

Clubhouse and some even had a winner or two.

Al Zakarka

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Did you know that it, too, is a prayer when you bless yourself slowly with concentration? The same is true when you say the "Glory be." This is just a little something we learned from our Retreat Master, Fr. Anthony Jurgelaitis, on the weekend of June 22-24 in Kennebunkport, ME. More than 100 arrived Friday, a picture-perfect day and enjoyed meeting and greeting fellow New England K of L'ers. Even Saturday's rain and fog did not cloud our spirits.

Rev. Jurgelaitis conducted our conferences with serene dignity and an occasional bit of playfulness, making them interesting and informative. He urged us to read the bible, take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance and participate in the Holy Eucharist with mind and heart and, in general, to create a more meaningful relationship with God because "We are God's."

We were gathered at the right time, it seems, to celebrate three important Feast Days. Friday evening we began with a Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Holy Mass and Benediction. Saturday was the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sunday was St. John the Baptist. Our chef and kitchen crew baked a huge cake with "Congratulations, John" written with whipped cream. "Ilgiausiu Metų" was sung with loud enthusiasm to all those named John in our midst.

In memory of long-time NED President, Al Jaritis, who died last year in a tragic accident, a moment of silent prayer was observed during our first conference.

Our thanks to Pres. Al Akule and Helen Dallalis, coordinators, for the memorable weekend.

The next NED Meeting is scheduled for Brockton on Sept. 23.

Aldona Marcavage, Public Relations

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Our council traveled to Washington

for the demonstration during the summit meeting on June 2. There were 43 members and friends who joined other Knights and friends. We first went to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where a red, green and yellow design was laid. We then participated in the Mass at National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Shrine was filled to capacity. A young couple, Vytautas & Leonida Gipas of Vilnius were interviewed at the demonstration. They were very skeptical of a change in Lithuania.

C-144 attended the Amber District meeting in Binghamton on June 10. Rev. Mikalajunas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, celebrated the Mass. A delicious dinner was held in the church hall followed by the meeting. There were 9 councils present with a total of 82 members. The District purchased a flag from the National Office to be used at all gatherings. It was decided that council reports would only be given at the June meeting with each council allotting three minutes for their report. It was a very productive meeting and the same officers were nominated for another term with elections to be held in October. The next district meeting will be in October hosted



NED Retreatants: Helen Alexik, Eugenia Duda, Ben & Cooky Coach.



Aldona & Sylvester Marcavage in front of Palanga at Kennebunkport.

by C-63 Lehigh Valley.

C-144 held their regular meeting July 1 with a Lithuanian Mass by Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, pastor of Our Lady of Siluva Church. Mary Koons did the readings. The Friends of Siluva choir sang Lithuanian hymns. Meeting held in the church hall was opened by Pres. Eleanor Vaicaitis. Mary Koons, cultural chairlady, spoke on the Legend of Birutė. Alma Linder, cheer chairlady, reported Mary Gustus on the sick list. Joseph Martunas, Lithuanian Affairs chairman, summarized the situation in Lithuania.

Twenty-eight members attended the National Convention in Pittsburgh.

On August 12, a banquet was held honoring Msgr. Al Bartkus at Annunciation Church in Frackville. Mass was at 2 p.m. followed by dinner in the hall.

August 17, 18 and 19 were Lithuanian Days at Schuylkill Mall.

Bernice Mikatavage passed Spiritual Bouquet blanks for members to fill out to pray for Lithuania.

Olympia Zelinski

C-152 - EASTERN LONG ISLAND, NY

Early summer has been an interesting time for the members of C-152. Anne & Tom Tarmey visited Lithuania as part of a group attending the prestigious Music & Dance Festival held in Vilnius from July 5-8. Although bedeviled by rain, the outdoor Festival went on as scheduled, with its significance highlighted by the presence of Pres. Landsbergis and Prime Minister Prunskienė. Both political personages took the opportunity to greet their many foreign visitors with words of hope and anticipation that the next such festival would take place in a free Lithuania.

Closer to home, members of our council shared in the ceremonies celebrating the 350th anniversary of the

founding of Town of Southold. A gratifying number of our Knights marched behind our new banner (created by the joint artistry of Cam Dykovitz, Alice Kline and Angela Minsavitch) to dramatize the part played by early Lithuanian immigrants. A highlight of Lithuanian Day observance was the presentation to Southold Town's Historical Society of a scroll listing the names of 57 families of Lithuanian origin who settled in Southold and whose efforts have contributed substantially to the development and prosperity of the town. Under the energetic guidance of Chairlady Bea Lucka, our council honored "Lithuanian Day" with an outdoor presentation of Lithuanian music (supplied by Joe Thomas) and cultural artifacts.

The event most important in our council was our Fifth Annual Lithuanian Festival which was held in Greenport on Aug. 26. This affair which is our most ambitious annual activity, demands its success to the concerted efforts of all our members.

The continued prayers of all our fellow Knights are once again asked for the early return to good health of members Tony Zambuto and Bill Newalis.

Tom Tarmey

C-5 CHICAGO, IL

As "Father of Basketball" in Lithuania, an official invitation was extended to Konnie J. Savickas from Kaunas in Sept. 1989 to participate in the 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's winning its second "Basketball Championship of Europe". The fact that there were K of L members on those winning teams, it was often mentioned at various receptions and TV appearances. A gift of \$1,250 was also given for the Lithuanian welfare.

Recently, U.S. Congressman Richard J. Durban of Illinois, after visiting his

mother's birthplace in Jurbarkas, Lithuania and returning to the U.S. was induced to join C-5. Together with Linda Jenckes of C-5, a lobbyist, we have two direct contacts with Congress to continue our fight for Lithuania's freedom.

In addition, for 55 years we have been attempting to obtain a U.S. postage stamp to commemorate the tragic flight of Darius and Girenas across the Atlantic in 1933. Linda Jenckes and Richard Durbin have joined forces to obtain this stamp. We have great hopes.

Our Msgr. Joseph Prunskis continues to expose the oppressive actions of the Communists and repeatedly cautions the U.S. not to trust Gorbachev.

Otherwise, our Council is quiet.

Konnie

C-7 WATERBURY

Delegates from C-7 attended the NED meeting hosted by Bridgeport C-141 on April 29. Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Pranckus in St. George Church. After Mass, brunch was served. After the meeting, supper was served. C-7 delegates enjoyed the hospitality of C-141.

Diane & David Gay are the proud parents of a baby boy. Ann Kundrotas is also a proud grandmother. Congratulations!

Alma Torre sponsored a bus trip to Atlantic City. She had a full bus of wonderful people who made the trip. They played bingo and watched VCR tapes. Our best wishes to Alma who had knee surgery.

Alex & Virginia Kosa returned from a 10-day cruise to the Caribbean.

C-7 ended their bowling season with a bowling banquet at the Red Bull Inn. They will resume in September. We wish all a fun and safe summer.

Virginia



C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

Tina Andraliunas Shatos was the recipient of citations from Gov. Dukakis and the Mass. State Senate on the occasion of her 76 years as a member of the Knights of Lithuania. She is the only living charter member of C-10 and possibly the oldest member in terms of active and uninterrupted membership in the state. Mykolas Norkunas, founder of K of L, visited Athol in May 1914 at an organizational meeting at which time 98 young Lithuanians joined the K of L. Tina was 10 at the time and did not pay dues until the age of 16. Her father was one of the first Lithuanian immigrants in Athol in 1889 and her mother was also active in the Lithuanian community and the parish of St. Francis. At age 86, Tina is a spry woman of two daughters, Dr. Maryann, a scientist at University of Vermont and Margaret of Detroit. C-10 wishes Tina many more happy and healthy years.

Congratulations are extended to Beatrice Jodaitis Richard on the occasion of her 80 birthday. She was tendered a party by family and friends.

Two new members were accepted at the June meeting held at the Gardner

Lith. Club. Welcome Natalie Brigheti and Marie Colo.

The Gardner News carried an article on the Lithuanian flag that has flown with Old Glory for years off Rt. 2 at the home of Howie Beaudette. Minnie Hakkinen and family also share their colors from their home.

Condolences are extended to the Eacman family on the death of sister Monica Shields and also to the family of Valerie Smith on the death of brother Alphonse Brazinskas of Athol.

A farewell reception was recently tendered Rev. Jurgelonis who left St. Francis. Sorry to see you go, Father.

Vincukas

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

Within the last few months Our Lady of Vilnius parish, home base of our council, has been busily occupied. The K of C council also meets here daily to hold meetings, play cards, watch TV and assist our pastor Rev. Eugene Savickis whenever a repair-need arises. C-12 holds their meeting once a month on Sunday starting with 11 a.m. Mass, remaining til ? ? ? During weekday evenings, the lifestyle changes.

Rehearsals are held by a newly formed ethnography group. Other evenings the Art Club Theater or Branduolys hold various events. A few C-12 members also belong to the Lithuanian groups. Pastor Savickis also partakes in such activity as nurse, instructor, and chaplain of firemen.

After Holy Week Masses, all attenders went to the hall where a lesson on how to die Easter eggs was held. There were instructions with wax and onion skins. We also learned how to dye eggs with old socks and newspapers.

On Easter morning after the Prisikelimo Mass, we all met in the hall with an egg rolling contest. A contest was also held for the most beautiful Margutis. The judges, were all professional Lithuanian artists. First prize, a bottle of champagne, was won by a non-member of C-12.

Dalia Bulvicius

C-26 WORCESTER, MA

As K of L'ers, we had an incredibly excellent year. Our delegates returned from Pittsburgh boasting a wonderful national convention. Ann Bender served as NED delegate while our president, Rita Pinkus, officially represented C-26. Other delegates included Lillian Kondratas, Aldona Waska, Victoria Augustine, Anne Bucinskas and Rita Karrytais who was awarded the Fourth Degree. Steven Walinsky, Sr. was one of the judges for this year's K of L Foundation Annual Essay. You will recall, he was first prize winner last year.

Health problems of spiritual director Fr. John Petrauskas MIC, Frances Kulakusky, Angela Busky and Stephen Walinsky, Sr. seem to be nearly resolved; thank God. Each is up and around once again. This includes Anne Buchinskas who was ill earlier this summer.

As soon as Mildred Lapinskas heard



C-10 "Karčiama Gintaras" Lithuanian Bar designed by Gediminas Pennez of Gardner, MA.



Kazys Adomavicius C-26 holding poster with Vytautas Landsbergis, Jr., son of Lithuania's President, at June demonstration in Washington, DC.

that Ann Jillian would appear in Atlantic City in October, she arranged for a bus trip which was quickly filled.

Through the initiative of Maironis Park president Kazys Adomavicius, members of Maironis Park and C-26 gathered weekly to write letters, look up addresses, make telephone calls in preparation for the trip to Washington in June to display their support for Lithuania's freedom.

Sisters of Immaculate Conception held their annual picnic on July 29 in Putnam. Seen giving the sisters a hand included Rita Brazauskas, Bill & Ann Leseman and others. Seen enjoying the Lithuanian food were the Meilus family, Adele & Francis Degutis, Walter Grimala, Rita Sokol, Francis (Algis) Glodas and Theresa & Kazys Adomavicius.

Congratulations and best wishes for a bright future to Mark Walinsky who received his degree from Assumption College. Bill Grigas, Jr. is attending Worcester State College. All the best to Bill. Prayerful condolences to Ann Alsankas Morkunas and family on the death of Ann's mother in July. The

Alsankas family are Philadelphians and funeral services were held there.

Once again, gracious hospitality was offered by Stephen & Eleanor Walinsky and their children, Lynn & Mark, who hosted the July meeting at their West Millbury home. Don't know about the meeting but the social affair was great! Thank you very much Walinsky family. Committee members included their moms, Mary Anusauskas and Ann Walinsky.

A serious fire damaged the home of Helen Gillus, but that is now part of history. Helen is back in "Home, Sweet Home" once more. We are awaiting prospective memberships from three Maine residents which reminds us of how many out of state'rs we have on our roster: Nancy Gorden of Ft. Lee, NJ, Ann & Vincent Grazulis of Torrance, CA and Alena & Tony Burch of Philadelphia. Congratulations to Joseph Burch who graduated top in his high school class and received a four year full scholarship to the University of Penna. Joey is the grandson of Rita & Ted Pinkus. "OLGA"

C-29 NEWARK, NJ

Our last meeting for the summer was held on June 10. Rev. Peter Stravinskas opened the meeting with prayer. It was a very interesting meeting as many topics were discussed; namely, how to help our Lithuanian people in Europe. Our Lithuanian Affairs Chairlady Danguole Didzbalis spoke of the great need in Lithuania. Their main concern was badly needed medicine. C-29 presented a



C-29 Rita M. Grazulis, graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1986. In May 1990 graduated from University of Medicine and Dentistry.

check for \$1,100 to Rev. Pugevicius of Lithuanian Religious Aid. We were urged by Fr. Stravinskas to continue our letter writing to Pres. Bush and our legislators.

Member, Rita Grazulis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Grazulis of Clifton, received her degree in dentistry. Congratulations.

Degrees were installed on the following recipients: First: Ada & Domas Andruska and Mary Steinis. Second: Donna Rogers and George Tatoris. Congratulations.

We invite all to attend our 75th Anniversary Dinner Dance on Oct. 14. Preparations are well on the way under capable leadership of Mary Stonis and her committee.

Mary Cullen

C-36 CHICAGO, IL

How sweet the summer. It comes so soon and leaves so fast. There is hardly time to reflect all that has happened. The council meetings and all the flurry of activities concerning independence for Lithuania have wizzed by so swiftly. A lot of good work was done by a lot of people as demonstrators to represent



With Sr. Nijolė Sadunaitė are Sr. Joanela, SSC, Evelyn Ozelis Pres. C-36, Nijolė, Sr. Aurelia, SSC, Mary Kincius, 2nd V.P. Supreme Council, Sr. Salvatore and Vince Samaska.

how we feel and what we want to say. A St. Casimir's Day Mass was held at Immaculate Conception Church and was well participated by the members. The Juniors in Lithuanian costume under the able direction of Sabina Henson participated in the entrance procession.

On March 11, members attended a St. Casimir Day Mass and district meeting at Marian Fathers Facility. Installation of third degree members took place. We extend congratulations to Rev. F. Kireilis, spiritual moderator, Dave Gaidas, Helen Meizis and Val Vilunas. Keep up the good efforts now and reach the goal for your Fourth.

Ray Wertelka is doing a great job handling the wake call list. His chain call system with captains reaches a goodly number of the members to come out for the prayer service. Our condolences and sympathy to the family of Mary Baginski Strony, mother and mother-in-law of Frank & Lorraine Baginski and also to the family of Ann Zemgulis, mother-in-law of Bernice Zemgulis. Our prayers and "didelė užjauta".

Our Sunshine and Cheer lady, Irene Norushis, with her committee send our

cheery notes and sometimes have an opportunity to visit those stuck at home for a lengthy stay. Recently our ill members were John Henson, Josephine Kilkus, Albina Kodis, Jerry Daimid and Ann Valskis. We are advised that Mary Kincius broke her arm in two places while in Pittsburgh for the April National Executive Board meeting.

Church in Bridgeport closed. They would have celebrated their 100th anniversary in 1992. It makes one wonder what is in store for the remaining Lithuanian parishes in Chicago. Council members participated in the final Mass on June 30.

Mother's Day was more meaningful this year. Virgilius Noreika, a soloist



Joe Martikonis, Christine Cius, Josephine Nowak, Audrey Nowak, Ron Nowak, Sabina Henson and Allan Cius at prayer service in Immaculate Conception Church.

Congratulations to Sr. Annunciata Krauchunas, on her 60th anniversary with St. Joseph Order. Sister was involved in music and served as organist at Immaculate Conception Parish in Brighton Park, her home parish.

Many members and Juniors participated in the Freedom Rally at the Daley Center on March 31. The Juniors were looking for all kinds of ways and means to raise funds to pay for Lithuanian Summer Camp.

Sadly to note, St. George

from Lithuania and his opera company gave forth with his magnificent voice. The Mass was made more exceptional with Juniors and members in national costume, carrying banners and wearing juostas processed in magnificent manner.

In April, the marvelous lady Nijolė Sadunaitė came for a special prayer service and stayed for a reception with refreshments served and a question and answer period following. A bouquet of flowers and many monetary gifts were bestowed on her.

The biggest event was the 75th anniversary celebration of our council's existence. The council has never ceased to exist, never revived, or had to renew the council. Ray Wertelka and Sophia Zukas prepared a history of the council.

I'll close with a line from Ethel Barrymore: "That's all there is; there is no more!" *Balandėlis*

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

May 20 was a day to remember. It was Nellie Erickson's Card Party and Fashion Show. After many requests, year after year, were turned down, lo and behold the day had arrived when her mission was accomplished. With the help of Frances Prishwalko, Irene Meizies, Jerome Garret, Betty Gybowski, Joan Augustine, Helen Case, Ann Meskins, Al Gedrim and Mike Meizies, Nellie put on the best card party. The Fun Fashion Show was hilarious. The costumes were beautiful but the cast turned the show into a classic comedy. We ate cookies until they came out of our ears - delectable sandwiches, too. To top it all, there were more prizes than you could ever imagine. It was a wonderful card party.

June 3 marked 50 years of wedded bliss for Al & Eleanor Gutasukas. Fr. Karalis celebrated Mass in their honor. He renewed their marital commitments

to one another and blessed them for their deep devotion to one another. Reception was held at the I-95 House in Hamden. Many attended.

On June 2 at 2 a.m., Joe Karmuza with 5 bus loads of Connecticut Lithuanian activists for immediate action by the USSR to free Lithuania was on their way to Washington to join many other groups to stage the biggest demonstration. After leaving the Capitol, they stopped at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where an all night vigil was in progress at the Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva. They arrived home at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning. They were gratified to accomplish their mission in 24 hours.

The June 10 Mass celebrated by Fr. Faccioto and Deacon Adam Michaele and lector Merkevicus commemorating those terrible June days when so many were deported to Siberia in box cars. The choir presented a group of Lithuanian hymns. The two Mastro girls, Victoria and Paula, placed a basket of flowers at the Wayside Cross.

On June 29 to July 1, a bus load of members and friends enjoyed the retreat at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME. The spiritual aspects, the home-cooked meals, trolley rides in the downtown area helped to make this short vacation especially appealing to all who attended.

Our prayerful wishes for Fr. Karalis who was recently in the hospital.

H. Balchus

C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

Members are proud to have participated with other parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in various activities in the Lithuanian community of Elizabeth.

Rev. Joseph Pragulbickas, chairman of the local chapter of BALF fund raising, expresses his thanks for donation

of \$2,025 received during current drive. Rev. Zemeikis, pastor and spiritual advisor reminded parishioners that the church will celebrate its 100 Anniversary in four years.

Lithuanian Ann Jillian and her husband Andy Murcia visited Elizabeth on Aug. 5 and were guests of Mayor Thomas G. Dunn in the ballroom of the Vista International Hotel to benefit Ann's favorite charity, the American Cancer Fund. The following day, Jillian appeared on the Regis Philbin show in New York. We were delighted to hear her speak in Lithuanian.

St. Casimir's Feast commemoration sponsored by the council took place at morning Mass with dinner following in the parish hall. A Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration was held in February. Mass was followed by a program in the parish hall. The Family Palm Sunday Eve Supper was held following evening Mass. The guest speaker was Cong. Matthew Rinaldo and attendance was over 200. Letters were written to Senators, Congressmen and Pres. Bush requesting them to help the Lithuanians in their hour of need. Two buses left on April 22 from our parish for St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and on Memorial Day, two buses with Newark, Kearny and Elizabeth Knights traveled to Washington for Baltic Nations Day to demonstrate for Lithuania's independence.

C-52 mailed a donation to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid for their program of sending medication to Lithuania.

A bus trip to the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME was scheduled for September.

William Senkus

C-72 BINGHAMTON, NY

Dr. Gediminas Bartininkus, a



Pamela Joksas Rich of C-72 and Brigham Young University dancer compare their Lithuanian costumes at Two Rivers Ethnic Festival in May.

veterinary surgeon, visiting from Lithuania, was a welcome guest at our May meeting. His cousin, Edith Missavage, invited him and was responsible for his visit to the USA. He explained his impressions of the places he visited in the USA. Edith spoke about the procedures involved to arrange for his visit.

Pres. John Mankus gave a report on the success of the May 5 Two Rivers Ethnic Festival. This was our fund raiser and we thank our members for their generosity, interest and cooperation.

Two of our members graduated this year. Mary Ann Skiba earned an AAS Degree from Broome Community College. She returned to school after raising her family. Pamela Joksas Rich achieved a BA from Nazareth of Rochester. Congratulations to both of you.

Our council enjoyed hosting the

Amber District meeting on June 10. Co-chairladies of the event were Delores Wasileski and Barbara Miller. Council members donated homemade baked goods for the occasion. Early arrivals for the coffee hour were greeted at the door by Elizabeth Kunce and Barbara Meskunas. Fr. Mikalajunas was the celebrant of the Mass and prepared an attractive booklet of Lithuanian hymns and readings. John Mankus was lector and Robert Skiba was altar server. Irene Grikenis made arrangements for the musical program. Carla Wilson, daughter of Melane & Alphonse Marchuska, played the piano and organ. Elena Muliolytė Green performed on the kankles. Dinner reservations

were handled by Casey Grikenis. The beautiful flower arrangements were done by Mary Grokas. After the district



C-72 Barbara Miller in her lovely Lithuanian costume.

meeting, everyone enjoyed a buffet supper before heading for home. It was an honor for C-72 to host the Amber District Convention. *Barbara Miller*

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

C-74 was well represented at St. Joseph's Cemetery for the Memorial Day Services. Rev. Madus, our spiritual leader, conducted the services. We had the best turnout ever.

We enjoyed the Amber District meeting in Binghamton. Rev. John Mikalajunas was moderator and presented a very well spoken homily. We enjoyed the poetry of C-72 president John Mankus. The food was plentiful and delicious. We met many new people.

On June 30, Daniel J. Yenkevich was ordained a priest at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. He celebrated his first Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Scranton on July 1 with following Knights serving as honor guard for the newly ordained priest: Sister Angela CJC, Ann Lisowski, Rose Stanches, Patsy Simms, Evelyn & Leo Zewicki, Edward & Betty Tamasaitis, Martha Brack, Frank Shimkus, Edward & Peg Romanauskas, Julie Krutlies, John Ramaska, Della Zvirblis, Ann Huffstatler, Casimir & Ruth Yanish and Marie Laske. A buffet luncheon followed in the church hall. Good luck, Fr. Daniel and may God shower you with His greatest blessings.

Marie Laske

C-96 DAYTON, OH

Hello to all fellow Knights. We had an excellent time at the St. Casimir Day activities. Frances Mikalauskas arranged for us to feast at the Talbot Terrace in beautiful downtown Dayton. This all took place following the annual Mass.

Elinor Sluzas and her crew did an excellent job at the annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Thanks to all who donated

time, baked goods and items for the raffles. Special thanks to Mrs. Zubrick for the hand-made afghan for the bowling convention.

Get well wishes to Alice Petkus, Aldona Ryan, Ada Sinkwitz, John Berczelly and Karl Kievel.

April 1 was a special day for all Dayton area Lithuanians and those of Latvian and Estonian descent. Elinor Sluzas and Judy Petrokas organized a city-wide rally in support of Lithuania's freedom. Over 200 people were in attendance. Coverage was provided by the three area TV stations. Special thanks to Fr. Walter who assisted in the organization. Mass was celebrated in Lithuanian followed by an outdoor procession to the Shrine of Three Crosses and then a program. Refreshments were served in the church basement.

March raffle for the 50/50 was the ever lucky Judy Petrokas and April winner was the ever popular Eloise Berczelly.

Following the evening Mass on April 28 was the annual celebration of the Knights of Lithuania Founder's Day. Kitty Prasmantas prepared a delicious meal of lasagna, salad and garlic bread. Other members brought desserts to share. Plans for the evening included seeing a video of events taking place in Lithuania and historic films of C-90.

Congratulations to Charles & Frances Vanagas on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Good to see Bill Gitzinger doing well after his recent surgery. Please keep John Berczelly in your prayers.

Congratulations to members Bill Gitzinger who won first prize \$250. and Ray Stinebruner who picked up the second place \$100 at the Lithuanian Day Picnic hosted by Lithuanian Social Club. The event went extremely well. Council 50/50 winners were Eloise Berczelly in May and Joe Gecas in June.

Elena Mikalauskas is doing well after taking ill during the MCD convention.

MAM

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

Highlights of C-100 activities for April, May and June are as follows:

After Lithuania's declaration of independence on March 11, the local television stations interviewed Fr. Baltch at the rectory. Ed & Polly Ziausys and Adeline Raila were also present. Adeline Raila taped these occurrences which enabled us to see the TV segments.

Assemblyman Paul Tonko's letter to Lithuania's Pres. Landsbergis and Resolution 835 adopted by the State Assembly on April 5, 1990, were read. The legislative body joined with the people of the Republic of Lithuania in the proclamation of their independence. Thanks were extended to Adeline Raila, Polly Ziausys, Regina Kot, Betty Kuzmich, Irene Tice, Mirga Bablin, Bea Jasewicz, Ed Baranauskas and others who sent telegrams, wrote letters and helped arrange a bus to New York City for the rally and Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Sophie Olbie was recognized for turning over 150 articles from newspapers and magazines to the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

Our Juniors also made the news. At the home of Jean & Stanley Rimkunas, dressed in Lithuanian costumes, they were busy writing letters to Pres. Bush asking him to recognize Lithuania's independence.

Mayor Paul Parillo and the Amsterdam Common Council's June 5 proclamation was read regarding Lithuania's independence. Vice Pres. Gene Gobis announced that the original proclamation was sent to Pres. Landsbergis.

Rev. Baltch and C-100 members wished our guest from Lithuania, Audrius Bruzga, a safe trip back to

Lithuania. He spent a term at Union College as an exchange student majoring in English. He always attended the council's meetings. He said he will always cherish the fond memories and friendliness of the Amsterdamians and his many Schenectady friends. He sang a Lithuanian song to the members. Irene Tice chaired the farewell dinner for Audrius. Serving on the committee were Vincent Rossi, Harold Tice, Sadie LaTorre, Gerard Drenzek and Beatrice Jasewicz. Attending from the Hudson-Mohawk C-136 were Bernice Aviza, and Edward Barkowski.

The Mid-Atlantic District Fall meeting hosted by C-100 is scheduled on Sept. 30. Committee includes Regina Kot, Frances DiBart, Mildred Whelly, Ann Radzevich, Ann Czerw, Annacetta Guzielik, Helen Hugo and Helen Dylong.

Regina Kot, Polly Ziausys, Betty Kuzmich, Gene Gobis and Edmund Baranauskas represented our council at the National Convention in Pittsburgh.

Edward Bablin chaired the council's summer outing which was a boat ride and dinner at Poplar's Restaurant on Aug. 18. *Smile & Sparkle*

C-110 MASPETH, NY

On June 1 at 6 a.m., a full bus of our members, as well as a few from Great Neck, Riverhead and New York councils, joined four other buses from the New York Metropolitan area to attend the Freedom for Lithuania Rally in Washington. We were a part of a large group from all areas of the U.S. asking Pres. Bush and Gorbachev to grant independence to Lithuania. It was a peaceful, powerful and successful rally supported by Senator Alfonse D'Amato, Rep. Robert Dornan, labor leaders and other dignitaries. Jim Crockett, a relative of Davey Crockett, was on our bus supporting the Lithuanian cause.



C-110 Pensioner Rev. S. Raila with (front row) Helen Matulonis, Amy Girdauskas, Roman Wensek. (Back row) Wm. Budris, Peter Zuyus, Tony Yakaitis.

Many of our members enjoyed a bus trip on June 21 to Trump Plaza in Atlantic City. The bus was much lighter on the return trip.

On June 23, several members visited the Vebeliunas' estate in Lattington, Long Island, where a fund-raising outing was held for the Lithuanian Athletic Association. It was a most generous and thoughtful consideration by Vytautas & Vanda Vebeliunas and family.

On June 24, our last meeting until fall, was attended by over 100 members who enjoyed the brunch and open bar. Many plans were made for our future activities such as the MAD meeting in

Amsterdam, the October 21 dinner dance with Albina Sipplack as our chairlady and other events. Our moderator, Rev. Stasys Raila, who retired in July was overcome and in tears when we honored him with a huge cake and our good wishes. It was heartwarming for all.

Most all our members spent the summer with family and friends enjoying the outdoor activities. The following members and guests attended the 77th Convention in Pittsburgh: Ed & Frances Jackett, Bruno, Brian & Jean Rutkunas, Joe & Mary Stelmokas, Helen Matulonis, Helen Venis, Julia

Matulevich, Dorothy Sakal, Helen Jambor, Mary Baltrus, Phyllis Bartkus, Evelyn & Iggy Walles, Peter, Frank & Nellie Yuskevich. Everyone enjoyed the interesting sessions and the social activities. Reports on the conditions in Lithuania and how we can help were presented at the meetings. Very generous donations were made towards a shipment of medical supplies to Lithuania. The World Medical Relief of Detroit will donate various medical items, filling a 40' x 15' x 9' container requiring only \$10,000 to cover cost of guaranteed shipping and handling. C-110 members approved a \$1,000 pledge. Over \$10,000 was raised for the Christmas shipment. We all agreed to work hard for sending another container for Easter.

All social activities - Wednesday night's get together, Thursday's cruise, Friday's Concert, Saturday's banquet and Sunday's Mass and luncheon - were enjoyed by all. Fourth Degrees were bestowed on Helen Matulonis, Helen Venis, Helen Jambor and Mary Baltrus. Congratulations!

We all look forward to attending the 78th convention in Florida.

Bruno Rutkunas

C-102 DETROIT, MI

May was a very active month for our council. On May 27, His Eminence Cardinal Edmund Szoka honored St. Anthony's Parish by saying Mass before leaving for his new assignment in Rome with the Pope. Carrying the flags in the procession were Frank Bunikis, Ray Medonis and Joe Guerriero. The choir sang. After Mass, Cardinal Szoka received guests at the reception in the church hall. Bob Boris was one of the main hosts in this celebration. Dr. & Mrs. Bill Warring of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Ann Arbor, MI were guest speakers. While visiting in Europe, Dr. Warring befriended several



C-110 Third Degree recipients: Julia Matulevich, and Walter Klosis. Doing the honors: Jovita Sleder and Amy Girdauskas.

Lithuanian doctors and invited them to Ann Arbor to study our techniques of handicapped people. All were present at the dinner and gave short speeches regarding their specialties.

Helping with the dinner was member Jo Jonulate. Aside from our regular members, it was nice seeing Emil & Marie Podzius, Klucen boys who just returned from Europe, our new members Terrie & Mike Shay, Angela & Pete Buksnis and Irene & Casey Ambrose.

The next day the American Lithuanian Veterans honored their deceased members at Mass at Divine Providence Church. Concelebrating with Fr. Kriss was Fr. Stanievich. Lunch was served. It was nice meeting Helen Smolak.

Ruth Wagster received her Third Degree at the Mid-Central District Meeting and Bowling Tournament in Dayton. Congratulations! The Bunikis', Medonis' and Gus Baibak were our delegates to the meeting. Our council won second place in the bowling tournament with Rose Sawnick, Diane Shovely, George Kayganich, Nora Hein and Jim Shovely. Our new members Dan & Suzfan Baibak, were big money winners. All enjoyed the weekend very much, especially the food and Saturday night entertainment. Thanks for a great time!

Frank & Donna Bunikis along with Vince Boris, Grazina & Al Giroux and Vitalia & Angela Marshall joined the Protest March in Washington while Gorbachev was visiting. The said it was a successful march with a lot of media coverage. At the Baltic Freedom Day in Southfield, Sen. Don Riegle said that he would initiate a congressional letter to Pres. Bush to clarify and strengthen his position on Lithuania. *Meriutė*

C-112 CHICAGO, IL

Everyone gets a turn! Our 1st VP Joe

Brundza was delayed and quietly sat in the back while Ellie Kasputis, 2nd VP, presided over our last June meeting with Sue Binkis as acting Recording Secretary. Good meeting! Pres. Al Mockus and his son Robert were on a three week vacation visiting England, Scotland and France. Also missed at our June meeting was Donna Juraitis, recording secretary, who was vacationing in Mexico.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Cannon Zakarauskas, spoke of the terrible June days of 1941 when thousands of Lithuanians were uprooted and shipped to Siberia and other labor camps in box cars. Father said we must remember to commemorate this holocaust of the Lithuanian people and never allow the world to forget this tragic part of history. Many thousands of uprooted Lithuanians died in foreign lands and were buried in unmarked graves far from their homeland. On a brighter side, Father wished everyone a happy and safe vacation until we meet at the next September meeting.

All in the family! Congratulations to Great Grandmother Vera Paukstis, Grandparents Leo & AnnMarie Juraitis on the recent birth of Mark Alexander born to Rita & Saulius Plenys. Also congratulations to Aunties Donna & Irene Juraitis.

The big annual event for the year is the famous Champagne Brunch and Raffle held on Oct. 7. All proceeds go to a worthy cause, the Nativity BVM parish improvement fund. Coming up in November is our council's first venture on Bingo. Vera Paukstis and AnnMarie Juraitis, chairladies, assure us that we will have a fun time on Nov. 11.

Al Zakarka

C-133 LOS ANGELES, CA

The attending delegates from our council, Laima Baltrenas, Mary

Oberfield and Marytė Sepikas, wish to thank the Pittsburgh council for their dedication, hospitality, friendship and beautiful city. All who attended the convention had a wonderful time.

The convention sessions were most inspirational, encouraging and exciting. Our minds as well as our souls were nourished by charismatic speakers and delegate participation.

More than \$10,000 was raised to send medicine and supplies to Lithuania. A most generous \$1,000 was donated by our very own wonderful Mary Oberfield. Our hearts were moved by her thoughtful gift.

Old friendships were strengthened and many new friendships were made. Our joyous Lithuanian hearts sang, laughed and danced together on a daily basis. We returned home to our respective cities with renewed hope and dedication. Our hearts were filled with many memories of all the wonderful Knights (and nights) in Pittsburgh.

Marytė Sepikas, Pres.

C-141 BRIDGEPORT, CT

C-141 really put the motto "For God and Country" into action. Most of our members participated in the letter, telegram and telephone campaigns to help the Lithuanian cause. Many more were active in the rallies and demonstrations in New Haven at Yale University, New York City, and Washington. They traveled with flags, placards and costumes. The plight of the Lithuanians in Lithuania received a great deal of publicity. Though "Silent George" ignored the pleas for help, appeasing his "Imperial Red Guest", the world took notice. With God's help, Lithuania will get her freedom restored and, hopefully, with peace.

Our best wishes for good health to Edward Charles Yokstas who recently underwent major surgery. Our



C-141 Victor & Clem Miller at NED Retreat in Maine.

sympathies to Carol Barius on the loss of her father.

Rose & Walt Barius returned from an extended visit with their son Ed and his family in Japan. They also enjoyed a side trip to Hong Kong. Barbara & Paul Schmidt took two trips to Germany. Stefa & Vytautas Vaikutis visited with their daughter in California. Lee & John Marcinka were in Florida with son, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Aldona & Sylvester Marcavage went to Texas for a visit with their daughter and family. Travelers to the NED Retreat in Maine were Dorothy & Jack DeGennaro, Clem & Vic Miller and Bob & Donna Marcavage.

Every year Helen Janiunas and Agnes Lazdauskas go to Putnam for a few days early for the annual July picnic at the Immaculate Conception Convent to give the good sisters a helping hand in the kitchen. Their help in preparing the tons of food is truly appreciated.

On Aug. 11, Clem & Vic Miller again entertained C-141 members on their home grounds. Many thanks! It was a great picnic.

Aldona Marcavage



K of L CALENDAR

- October 5-7, 1990 - C-79 Southfield, MI - Hosting MCD Pilgrimage.
- October 7, 1990 - Champagne Brunch, C-112 Chicago, IL.
- October 14, 1990 - C-29 Newark, 75th Anniversary.
- October 14, 1990 - Day of Prayer for Lithuania, St. Joseph Cathedral, Hartford, CT. 3:00 p.m.- Sponsored by Lithuanian Priests League of Connecticut.
- October 21, 1990 - Annual Fall Dance - 1:00 pm - Transfiguration Church Hall - Hosts C-110 Maspeth, NY
- November 4, 1990 - 75th Anniversary, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, NJ - C-90.
- November 4, 1990 - C-79 Southfield, MI - Annual Fall Festival, Divine Providence Cultural Center.
- November 10, 1990 - Novemberfest at So. Boston Citizens Club - C-17
- January 12, 1991 - MAMD K of L Choir - Annual Dinner-Dance
- February 24, 1991 - MAD Communion Breakfast & Meeting - Host C-110 Maspeth, NY.
- May 1991 - MCD Spring Convention & Bowling Tournament, Host C-25 Cleveland, OH.



NED Pres. Al Akule with wife Pat at Retreat held at Franciscan Monastery in Maine.

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Mass at St. Casimir's Church with Revs. P. Cibulskis, Chicago; Rev. J. Anderlonis, Philadelphia; Rev. A. Contons, So. Boston.

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