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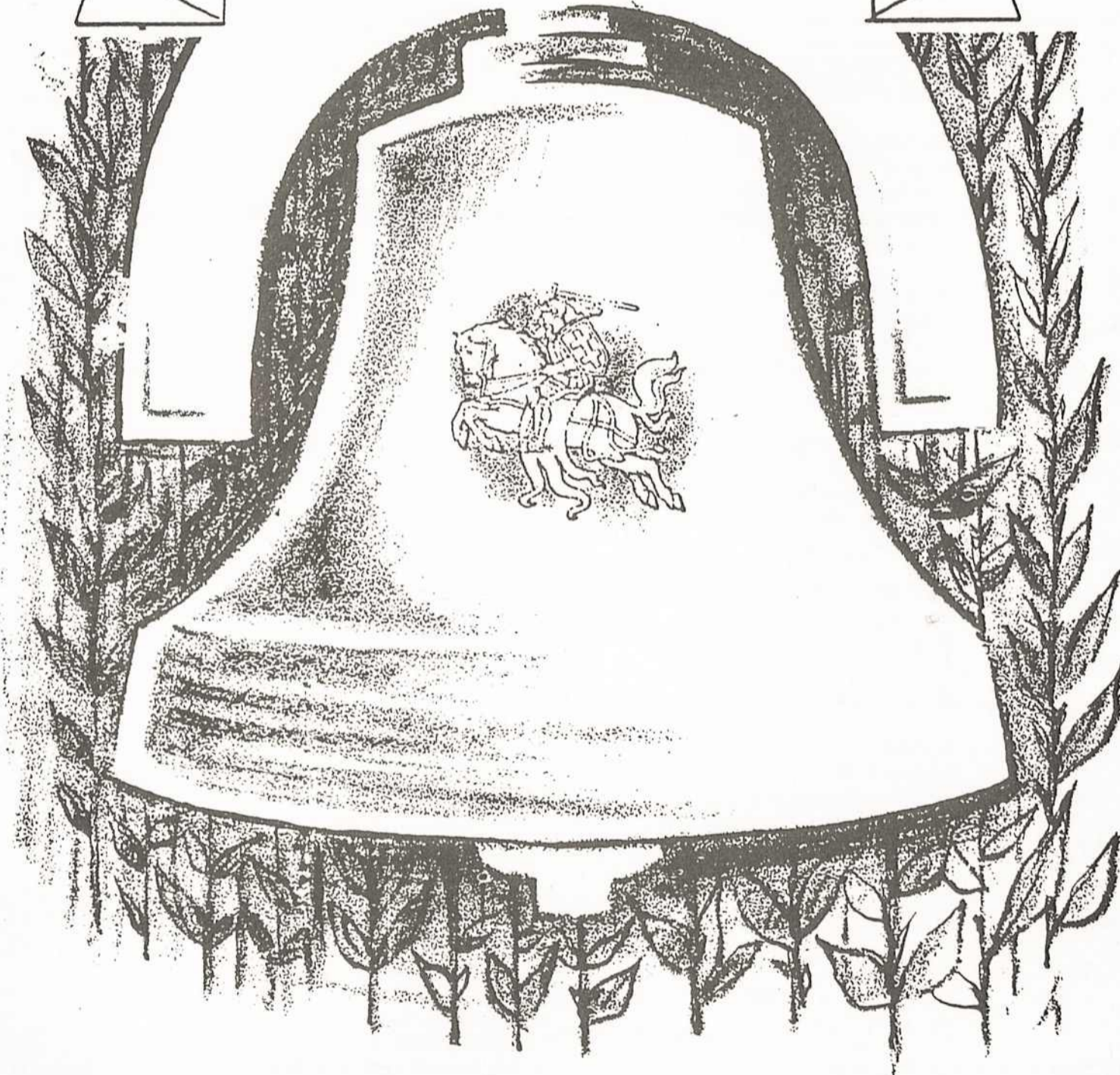
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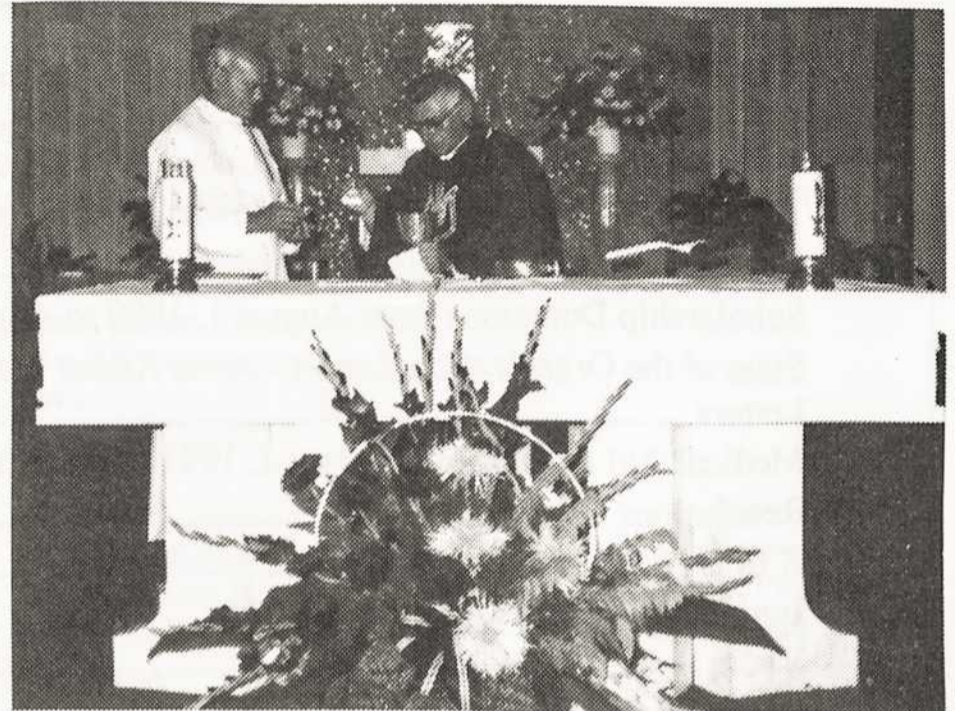
## Are you a Sailboat, a Dolphin or a Sandpiper? Reflections on the 78th Knights of Lithuania National Convention

One of the greatest scientists was asked if he were the world's greatest. He replied, "No, I am only different!" The same could be said about our Knights of Lithuania conventions, each is different and unique in itself. This time, from the hustle and bustle of large cities, we chose the tranquil beauty of St. Petersburg Beach, Florida at the huge TradeWinds Hotel with its labyrinths of corridors and rooms named "Floridian" things or animals. Hence, a popular question was asked when inquiring about one's room - "Are you a dolphin, penguin or a sailboat"? This was our site August 1-4, 1991 with an attendance of approximately 300 members and guests. Each day, our registration girls, Ann Marie Kassel, Terry Strolia and Marytė Sepikas greeted all delegates giving them a beautiful tote bag inscribed with Knights of Lithuania and its emblem which was included in the registration packet.

As Msgr. Bartkus so aptly put it: "A convention is a check up time for an organization". It is a time to reflect what we have done in the past and to reflect on our future goals. Somehow this was a bitter sweet time. Al Zakarka, convention chairman, chose this lovely site and then his Maker called him. As we gather for this convention, we know Al is watching over our accomplishments.

As is custom, a short National Executive Board meeting preceded the convention. We all felt a trifle bit sad that our president Anne Wargo stepped down. After reading her State of the Organization Report at the first plenary session, a bouquet of flowers was presented to her for her accomplishments.

Opening Mass was at the nearby St. John's Church. Transportation Committee consisting of Anthony Kober and John Mickunas recruited everyone to the buses going and



Mass held at St. John's Church with concelebrants Msgr. Bartkus from Rome and & Rev. Contons from So. Boston.

returning from church. Mass was concelebrated by Msgr. Bartkus from Rome and Rev. John Contons from So. Boston, MA. The readings were done by Robert Boris in English and Apolonija Ziausys in Lithuanian. In his homily, Msgr. Bartkus thanked us for our support of the Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome. Next year 20 seminarians are expected from Lithuania and our help is needed more than ever before.

The first plenary session started in the afternoon with the roll call of officers and the State of the Organization Report read by outgoing Pres. Wargo. The following presidium was approved: CHAIRMAN: Fran Petkus; CO-CHAIRMEN: Evelyn Ozelis and Frank Petrauskas; PARLIAMENTARIAN: Peter Paul Zansitis; SECRETARIES: Mary Kincius and Helen Meizis. GREETINGS COMMITTEE: Marytė Sepikas, Irene Senken, Mary Shalins, Debbie Martin and Kenneth Rudmin. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Vin-



Delegates in attendance at one of the sessions.



cent Boris, Terry Strolia, Glen Perutis, Mary Juzenas, Fr. Contons. **MANDATE COMMITTEE:** Alma Torre, Dolores Jonaitis, Sophia Zukas, Eleanor Arnauskas and Anne Cheplick. Anthony Gudonis, president of local council 147 welcomed and wished us a fruitful convention.

On Thursday evening, we traveled again by buses to the Lithuanian Club where a pleasant surprise awaited us. A young talented singer from Lithuania, Emira Dervinytė entertained us very briefly. Emira is currently studying at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome. Her able accompanist was Faustas Strolia. No K of L convention would be complete without Joe Thomas from New York especially his "Joe, Joe Don't Get Married". We were also entertained by a few K of L's, i.e., Ed Antanaitis, Iggy Walles and Anthony Kober. Dancing continued until the buses decided to return to the hotel.

It was truly a miracle that most of us managed to attend the 8:30 Mass the next morning in the hotel. Friday was perhaps the busiest day of the convention. The morning session had an excellent youth panel entitled, "Knights of Lithuania looking to the Future". Moderator was John Baltrus and his panel consisted of all females: Donna Juraitis, Barbara Mickunas, Marytė Sepikas, Irene Gecas and Elena Mikalauskas. In the audience there were three and four generation Lithuanians who shared with us their opinions and ideas. When the panel came to an end, we were reminded that "If you Win over a Junior, you will have a Knight".

Our K of L Honorary Member Robert Boris shared with us his ideas and accomplishments regarding Aid to Lithuania. We were shown a video tape of the Detroit K of L council loading a container of World Medical Relief supplies for shipment to Lithuania. (The particular container shown



*Greetings Committee: Ann Marie Kassel, Terry Strolia and Marytė Sepikas.*

arrived in Lithuania two days prior Bloody Sunday in January). What a sharp contrast between the loading in Detroit and unloading in Lithuania. In the U.S., most modern hydraulic lifts are used whereas in Lithuania, muscles and perspiration were the unloading components. At the end of the tape, Sister Albina Pajauskaitė, head of Caritas and a group of doctors in Lithuania, resounded with a hearty "Ačiū labai mielieji Vyčiai!" Since the 1990 convention in Pittsburgh, the K of L have sent over a million dollars worth of medical supplies to Lithuania.

The afternoon session was also devoted to the youth of Lithuania. Moderator was Jack Stukas. Sister Helen Ivanauskas and William Hough acted as panelists. Sister Helen spoke about a new organization, S.O.S. Vaikai whose purpose is to help the orphans in Lithuania. When Sister was in Lithuania, she was only shown "the better ones". They were stark, dehumanizing, medieval death camps. Sister showed us a tape of the torture chambers for its innocent victims. Babies were shown in straight jackets, plaster falling, broken rest room facilities, etc., etc. To watch this film brought tears in many of our eyes. William Hough spoke about his visit to Lithuania. He first heard of our plight by reading A. Kučas book, "Lithuanians in America". He stated that we Lithuanians are not doing enough to regain independence for Lithuania. Many nations are on our side and do not recognize Lithuania's illegal annexation to the Soviet Union. France and Switzerland did not return to the Soviets the money which was deposited by independent Lithuania in their banks. We must buttonhole our congressmen. Many of them do not know what bills other



*Resolutions Committee: Vince Boris, Terry Strolia, Glen Perutis, Mary Juzenas and Rev. Contons.*





*Mandate Committee: Seated: Alma Torre, Ann Cheplick, Sophia Zukas. Standing: Elinor Arnauskas, Dolores Jonaitis.*

congressmen are working on. It seems our government wants to put Lithuania in a closet, like one would do with a cat and mouse and then let them work it out themselves. At the end of the panel, Jack Stukas remarked, "Let's find a nice Lithuanian girl for Bill and make him an associate member".

Friday evening again there was a treat in store for us. "Audra", a dance group consisting of 20 adults all over age fifty performed. Algerd Brazis of Metropolitan Opera fame and his 87 appearances with the Lithuanian Opera of Chicago impressed us with his beautiful baritone voice. Al dedicated the song "Kur bakūže samanota" to Dalia Bulvičius, much to her surprise. Last but not least, there was Ona Jamaikiene of Palm Beach Opera fame. Her solos and duets with Al were received with thunderous ovations. The able accompanists were Al's wife Aldona Brazis from C-112 Chicago and Louis Stukas from C-153 Treasure Coast. After the concert, the festivities did not end. Many were invited to C-3 Philadelphia's "The Liberty Bell Beach Club", to C-112 Chicago's Hospitality Suite and also to Anne Wargo's Presidential Suite. Needless to say, there were many other parties going on in the various hotel rooms. In particular, Wednesday evening, July 31, a big birthday party held in the Presidential Suite was celebrated for Anthony Kober of Great Neck, Robbie Martin and Edward Deksnis of Chicago. We are told that Frances Jakatt of Maspeth also celebrated her birthday on that same day. Happy Birthday to all!

Saturday's Mass was held for the deceased members of the organization. Here we especially remembered Al Zakarka,

Helen Shields and the Lithuanians who a few days ago were murdered at the border crossing in Lithuania. A minute of silence was observed for all. A busy day followed. Second Vice President Sabina Henson showed off her Juniors. They had a separate program visiting exhibits, museums and having a sand building contest on the beach. Aušros Vartai and Trakai were among the winners.

Nominations and elections followed. Unchallenged Frances Petkus of C-98 Dayton, Ohio became our President. The list of officers elected are listed on the Front Inside Cover of Vytis. Stanley Vaitkus, Honorary Membership Chairman presented Aldona Ryan's name from C-96 Dayton, OH for next year's consideration to the Honorary Membership. There were two bids for the 1992 convention site. Marytė Sepikas invited all to come out to C-133 of Los Angeles, CA and Anne Wargo invited all to Allentown, PA wherein C-144 Anthracite will act as hosts. A vote was taken and Allentown will be our next convention site. We do hope that C-133 Los Angeles will invite us again in 1993.

On Saturday evening, the banquet was held in the large banquet room at the hotel. Newly elected National Executive Board marched in and took their seats at the dais. Master of Ceremonies was Walter Svekla of C-3 Philadelphia who punctured his eloquent style remarks with humor. A good MC must be sincere, be honest and be seated which all applied to Walter!

Various scholarships numbering in the thousands of dollars were presented to our deserving youth by Clemencine Miller, Scholarship Secretary & Treasurer of C-141 Bridgeport. Their names are listed under an article entitled Canon Fabijonas Kemežis Scholarship Awards in this issue.

The Friend of Lithuanian Award was presented by Rita



*Greetings Committee: Marytė Sepikas, Irene Senken, Marytė Shalins, Kenneth Rudmin, Deborah Martin.*



Zakarka of C-112 Chicago to lawyer William Hough, III an expert in international law. In his speech, he mentioned that his ancestors came to Pennsylvania in 1693 from the Rhineland in Germany on the good ship "Welcome". They were converted to Quakerism by William Penn. He ended his acceptance speech saying that Lithuania should not be afraid to act, even though it is not a large country. Tiny Mexico did not fear when she refused to recognize the annexation of Austria. Presently in a square in Vienna there is an obelisk reading, "Thank you to the people of Mexico".

For her three years of excellent service as president, a large wooden plaque was presented to Anne Wargo by Helen Chesko reading "Lietuvos Vyčių Pirmininkė Anna Wargo - 1988 - 1990".

Sunday's closing Mass was impressive. The pastor of St. John's Church, Rev. John Murphy welcomed the Knights of Lithuania and explained the purpose of our organization to the congregation. It was a touching scene with our newly elected National Executive Board together with the fourteen Fourth Degree recipients march down the aisle with lighted candles. What a beautiful ending to a "different" convention.

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, we must ponder over the fruits of this convention. This year, our organization outdid itself with its generosity. A TV-like telethon developed as the Greetings Committee made announcements of rising total donations for various worthwhile causes. Members were again very magnanimous and especially generous was Marytė Shalins of C-41 Brooklyn who donated \$5,000 to the St. Casimir Guild. A big Ačiū goes to her from all of us.

At the farewell breakfast on Sunday morning prior to Mass, Joe Thomas again entertained us with the ever popular polka, "I Don't Want to Go Home". He also played Memories from the play "Cats". And what memories we had - enough to last us until Allentown, PA in 1992.



*Sgts. at Arms: Andy Rozger, Iggy Walles, Edward Senken, Al Mockus, Anthony Kober.*



*Joe Thomas serenading the group on Thursday evening at the Lithuanian Club.*



*Lectors at Mass: Apolonija Ziausys and Robert Boris.*





## Let's Achieve through Implementation

So, the St. Petersburg Beach Convention is over and the reports of our activities for the year 1990-91 are history. We now move into the year 1991-92 with renewed energy, determination and enthusiasm to continue the objectives to greater heights of the Knights of Lithuania.

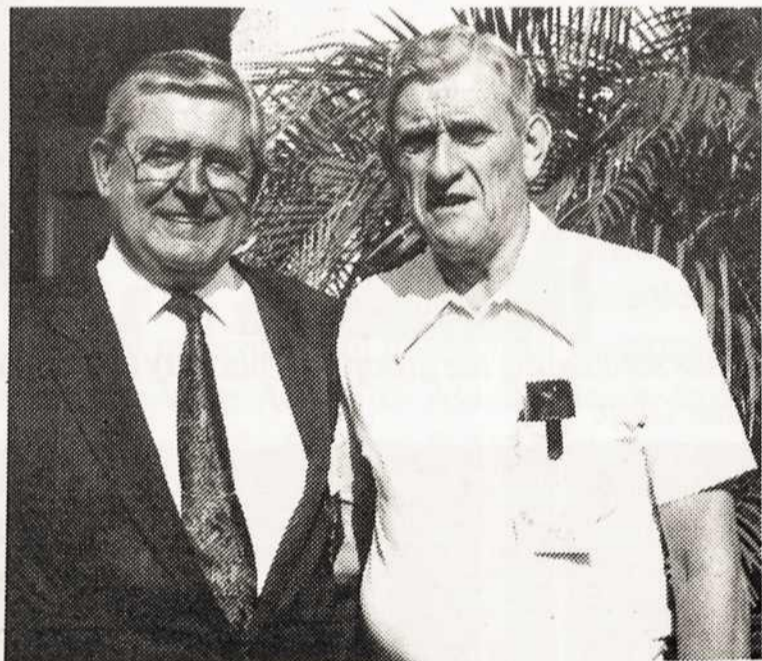
There was so much interest and so much thought given to what lies ahead at this convention. The Knights of Lithuania organization has worked for 78 years to unite American Lithuanians into a strong organized force, to inspire loyalty to the fatherland-Lithuania, and a love for the Lithuanian language, traditions and customs. Many conventions ago, K of L provided programs for individual self-improvement, to train for leadership and to promote the interest of Lithuanian Affairs Committee, especially in today's history. Perhaps these leadership courses should again be resumed to give our leaders a broader perspective on the meaning of "For God and Country". The Lithuanian Affairs Committee plays a major role today in our organization. Very little could be done today to regain independence for Lithuania without this committee's function. Recent events in the USSR demand that we unite our forces behind the effort to secure Lithu-

ania's independence. So let's all achieve through action.

As we face the new year, councils and districts should carefully and objectively review its membership status and take all steps to "Care and Share" our Knights of Lithuania organization. We cannot hold members without a program that will preserve and implement our objectives. We also have a purpose to meet - "Let's Get One New Member in 1992." If each member strived to get at least one member, instead of having a total membership of 4,800, we could have 10,000 new K of L members. This can be done and is a possibility if each one of us cared. Numbers do count in all achievements; however, it must be implemented.

In all of our planning, let's keep before us our purposes and the objectives for which we are organized. There must be a purpose in our approach if we are to achieve our goals. Remember, it is the program which attracts and holds the members together. Always aim for member participation. We cannot train for local, district or national leadership if we do not participate in our program.

Let's achieve by everyone's participation in local councils and as district and national K of L'ers. This is OUR moment in history.



*Transportation Committee: John Mickunas, Anthony Kober.*



*Soloist from Lithuania Emira Dervinytė with outgoing Pres. Ann Wargo and accompanist Faustas Strolia.*



*1990-1991 Outgoing Officers.*





## FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD

Presented to  
**WILLIAM HOUGH, III**

*By Rita Zakarka*

The FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD is one of the highest honors awarded by the Knights of Lithuania organization and was initiated by Rev. John Jutt many years ago. The purpose of this award is to give recognition to a non-Lithuanian person who has distinguished himself by working for Lithuania. This year's recipient is WILLIAM HOUGH, III, a 1985 cum laude graduate of New York Law School. He has authored the "Annexation of the Baltic States and its effect on the Development of Law Prohibiting Forcible Seizure of Territory" for publication. Mr. Hough has been active in Baltic affairs in his capacity as advisor and consultant to the Baltic Federation of Canada, the Lithuanian-American community, the American Latvian Association, the Estonian American National Council and the Joint Baltic American Committee. Mr. Hough was requested by Pres. Landsbergis to advise the Lithuanian government with respect to various legal matters. He has drafted various memoranda and has given testimony before the Congressional Helsinki Commission on the Baltic Crisis and testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee regarding Soviet Disunion. He organized New York visits of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian government officials in July of 1990. Mr. Hough has also assisted Ms. Jeri Laber of Helsinki



Watch to establish contacts in the Baltic States in Jan. of 1991 and assisted Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid in establishing a training program for Lithuanian ophthalmologist at New York Eye & Ear Hospital. He is currently acting as legal advisor to the Popular Fronts and Independence Movements in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

We, the Knights of Lithuania, hope that Mr. Hough will continue to help Lithuania in her path to democracy and freedom and give public and moral support whenever possible. The Knights of Lithuania members are very proud to present this Award to Mr. William Hough, an outstanding individual! Our heartfelt thanks goes out to him for all his untiring efforts on behalf of Lithuania.



*Honorary members attending the convention.*



## THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

by John P. Baltrus

Friday morning's panel at the 78th National Convention was a candid exchange of ideas between the panel's members about what they believe the K of L has to do to attract new members in the coming years. The panel was comprised of Marytė Sepikas (Los Angeles), Donna Juraitis (Chicago), Barbara Mickunas (Philadelphia), Elena Mikalauskas (Dayton), Irene Gecas (Dayton) and the moderator was John Baltrus (Pittsburgh). The average age of the panelists was approximately 30 years old, but combined, they had almost 75 years of experience in the K of L.

The panel concentrated its discussion on three areas of importance: how to attract new members, how to keep the members who join, and how to integrate the junior members into the regular councils once they become older.

The first topic of how to attract new members was discussed by Marytė Sepikas and John Baltrus. Marytė joined the Los Angeles council a few years ago and since that time has been instrumental in increasing the size of her council from eight to approximately 80 members. Marytė did this by placing one line advertisements in local church bulletins and newspapers saying, "If you are Lithuanian, please call Marytė" and then listing her phone number. She has also promoted the K of L by using Vytis. She constantly carries a copy with her and shows it to prospective members. She encourages people to initially subscribe without having to immediately join the council.

John Baltrus agreed that publicity is the key to recruiting new members. Many of our councils are located in large cities where there is a constant influx of potentially new

members. However, we rarely go outside our tight Lithuanian communities to publicize our organizations. He gave the example of several inquiries he received about the K of L from simply having a letter to the editor published in the local newspaper.

Finally, Marytė stressed the informality of meetings that attracts members to her council and makes them want to meet often. Most of their meetings are held in members' homes where social functions are highlighted in addition to regular K of L business. She feels that members want to interact on a personal level and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of home meetings and social gatherings.

Donna Juraitis and Barbara Mickunas discussed ways for keeping younger members interested in the K of L. They offered constructive criticism to improve council meetings and keep members coming back. They stressed that council meetings should be a place for all members to interact on an equal basis. Members who have been very active in the K of L should not use the meetings to boast about their accomplishments at the expense of other members who may not have as much time to dedicate to K of L causes.

Next, they tackled the topic of boring and unproductive meetings. They believe that one of the main obstacles to more productive and quicker council meetings is that members simply do not know the rules of the organization or the council president is lax in enforcing them. Since each council was issued a new copy of the K of L manual at this year's convention, they suggested that sections of the manual be published in the VYTIS so that all members, especially new



*Youth Panel: Irena Gecas, Elena Mikalauskas, Barbara Mickunas, Donna Juraitis -- Marytė Sepikas at the podium with John Baltrus, moderator.*



ones, might become more familiar with the K of L structure and rules. They also suggested that if your council president is not familiar with the rules and makes no effort to enforce them, it may be time for a change in leadership.

Donna and Barbara emphasized that change and new blood is important to keeping any organization alive. We have several councils who have not had a change in leadership for quite some time and their meetings have become dull rather than crisp and fresh with new ideas. It was pointed out that sometimes it is difficult to recruit new officers. However, it was theorized that this may be because no one wants to enter a new job cold. It was suggested that current officers involve newer members of their councils to assist them in their duties. That way these people will be more willing to accept a new position once present officers decide to step down.

Finally, Barbara and Donna emphasized that we should not be afraid of change. We should make an effort to include new activities in which younger people will want to participate and to include new ideas in traditional activities. Just because something has been done the same way for many years doesn't mean it can not work even better with a few changes. You should find that the younger members are willing to compromise and still accept several of the old traditions, but the older members should think of how much they would feel welcome if they were trying to join a group whose activities were only geared to younger members.

A look at the K of L from the perspective of junior members was given by Elena Mikalauskas and Irene Gecas, junior advisors for both Dayton council and Mid-Central District. Many of their opinions were gathered directly from their junior members. They pointed out that it is important for youth to participate in activities which they find to be fun. Many of these are not traditional council activities on the senior level, but daily activities popular with the youth and in which a K of L atmosphere can be created.

Elena and Irena stated that the youth would like to be represented by the older members and have input into decisions affecting them. The younger members will be expected to make mistakes, but they can share in the knowledge and wisdom of older members if it is kindly offered. The youth, of course, would also be expected to show respect to older members as well. Again they emphasize that they like informal meetings and ones in which an activity is planned. They would like to have control over some finances if they assisted in raising funds.

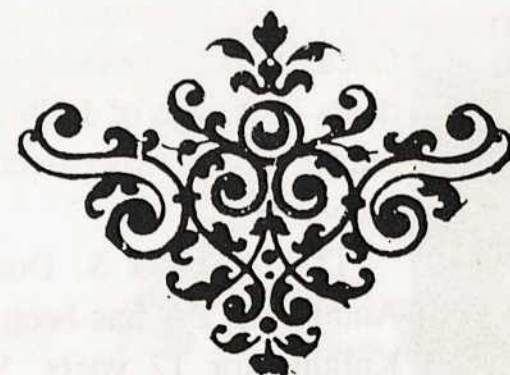
Next, they discussed to what extent juniors can find time to participate in K of L activities. The youth should be encouraged to make time to participate and their parents

should encourage them to do so as well. This will be easier if they see their activities in the K of L as fun. Some parents of ethnically-mixed marriages, which are becoming the norm these days, may be hesitant to have them participate in only Lithuanian activities. Perhaps a day should be set aside periodically so that the youth may discuss the importance of other heritages to which they belong.

It was felt that the K of L Scholarship Fund is an important program for our organization. This is where some of our future leaders will come from. It should be supported by all councils whether they have eligible candidates or not. The recipients of scholarships in return should be required to show some commitment to the K of L in the future. This should be stated explicitly on the application although it is realized that there is no way to force participation. Recipients might also be asked to report on their college activities and progress to their degree. We should realize that the participation of collegiate members may decrease considerably due to their studies, but we should encourage them to become active again once they have graduated.

It is important for the Lithuanian youth to build friendships. It is the junior advisor's duty to involve them in activities through which they can build friendships. The advisors should keep parents informed of youth activities and ask them for support. They should encourage the Lithuanian heritage among the youth and the Catholic faith as well. Advisors should not be afraid to set down the rules. They should be persistent in recruiting new members and encourage current youth to aid in recruiting members. Remember that if you win over a Junior, you will have a Knight!

There were many other ideas regarding the K of L that were expressed during this panel. It is hoped that the summary above will enlighten current members as to what they should do to start recruiting and retaining younger members. In brief, we should publicize, harmonize and rejuvenize. Of course, we will have those who will say that it can not be done, especially this way. These are the people that are suffocating our organization. It is the duty of every member to follow these suggestions so that we insure the future of the K of L. The members of the panel offer unmistakable proof that these tactics do work.





# Canon Fabijonas Kemežis Scholarship Awards

*Presented by Scholarship Committee, Secretary & Treasurer Clem Miller*

Rev. Clergy, Sisters, Distinguished Guests and Fellow Knights:

It is my extreme pleasure to present the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Awards for 1991. This program is in its 33rd year. This year we have five deserving individuals receiving awards.

The first Award is the Irene Sankus Memorial Award. This is given to a seminarian studying at the Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome. Robert Rekus will receive \$500 for the third year.

The next three recipients will be awarded \$850 each. They represent over 22 years of activities with the Knights of Lithuania, have served their communities well and are excellent students.

First - Frank J. Cyzeski, C-46 Forest City, PA. He is presently the council's recording secretary, has held many offices and has been active raising money for many events. He has worked in a pharmacy for the past year. He plans to attend the University of Scranton to pursue a pharmaceutical career. Frank states he has been nurtured in Lithuanian tradition, value of hard work, sense of responsibility and by example has learned loyalty.

Second - Julia A. Goecke, C-96 Dayton, OH has held many positions and is currently secretary & treasurer of the Junior Council. She is said to possess great pride in her Lithuanian heritage. The family names of Petkus/Mantz/Goecke have long been recognized in Julia as true "darbininkai". She has lived up to the reputation that precedes her family name. She has been carefully nurtured by two former scholarship recipients in her council, Irene Gecas and Elena Mikalauskas, Vice Presidents in charge of Juniors. Julia plans to pursue a Fine Arts career at Wright State University.



*Julia Goecke*

Third - Janet S. Domalakes, C-144 Anthracite, PA has been active with the Knights for 12 years. She began as a member of the dance group, became a

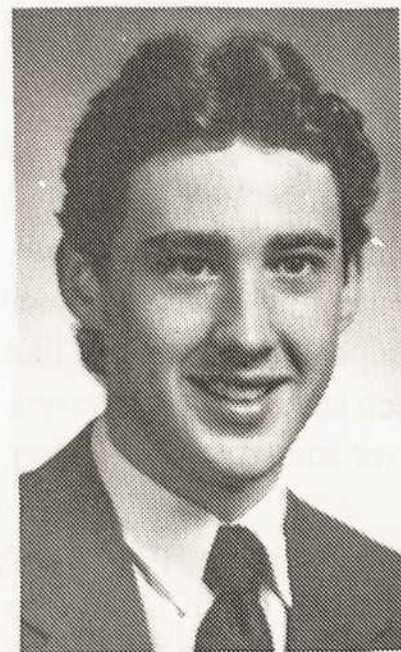


*Janet Domalakes*

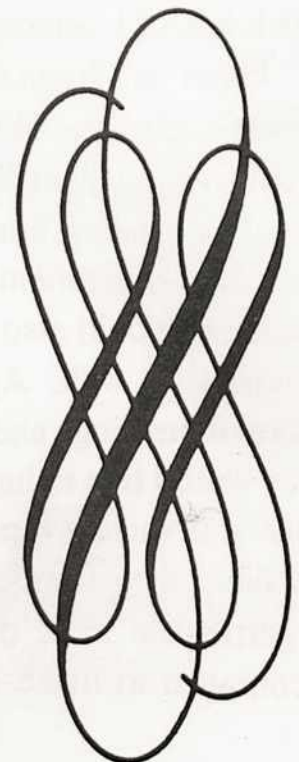
leader in the Juniors and finally a Junior Counselor at Camp Aušra. The senior Knights state they depended upon Janet and will surely miss her when she leaves for college. Janet will be attending Elmira College, Elmira, NY pursuing a BS in chemistry.

Next is the Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship. This award is given to an outstanding individual through the Knights of Lithuania Foundation. The recipient of this Award for 1991 is Walter D. Svekla, Jr. who will receive \$2,500. He has been attending the Knights of Lithuania conventions for several years. He also has participated in C-3, Philadelphia, PA activities. He was the top 1% in his class and graduated Summa Cum Laude. One of his teachers states he has been teaching for 34 years and found Walter to be one of his outstanding students in his class. Walter will attend Lafayette College in Easton, PA and pursue his career in engineering.

Again, on behalf of the Scholarship Committee, I want to thank the two members leaving the committee - John Contons and Rita Shevokas Tamalavage for their diligent work on this committee. I also wish to thank all of the districts, councils, members and friends who have contributed to this worthy fund. Lastly, it was heart warming to hear the young people's panel and see all of the former scholarship recipients present at the convention.



*Frank Cyzeski*





## Scholarship Donations from August 1, 1990 to August 1, 1991

### COUNCIL

1	Brockton, MA	\$75.00
3	Philadelphia, PA	100.00
12	New York, NY	25.00
16	Chicago, IL	25.00
17	So. Boston, MA	50.00
19	Pittsburgh	300.00
24	Chicago	100.00
25	Cleveland, OH	100.00
26	Worcester, MA	100.00
29	Newark, NJ	125.00
36	Chicago, IL	25.00
41	Brooklyn, NY	25.00
46	Forest City, PA	50.00
50	New Haven, CT	100.00
52	Elizabeth, NJ	25.00
63	Lehigh Valley	100.00
67	Bayonne, NJ	50.00
74	Scranton, PA	50.00
79	Southfield, MI	50.00
86	DuBois	50.00
96	Dayton, OH	100.00
100	Amsterdam, NY	100.00
103	Providence, RI	75.00
109	Great Neck, NY	25.00
110	Maspeth, NY	100.00
112	Chicago, IL	100.00
136	Hudson-Mohawk, NY	50.00
140	Syracuse, NY	50.00
141	Bridgeport, CT	100.00
142	Washington, DC	25.00
143	Pittston, PA	50.00
144	Anthracite, PA	100.00
153	Treasure Coast	50.00

### DISTRICTS:

Amber	\$100.00
Mid-Atlantic	50.00
Mid-Central	100.00

### INDIVIDUALS:

IMO Helen V. Kulber, C-41 Brooklyn, NY	
Mary Dushynck, a friend	25.00
Albert & Josephine Balukas	25.00
Henry & Irene Kolge	100.00

### IMO Helen V. Kulber, C-41 Brooklyn, NY (Cont'd)

David & Grace DiNapoli	\$25.00
David Dee	50.00
Thomas Carrol, Saudi Arabia	50.00
Social Work Staff, Brooklyn VA Medical Center	50.00

### INDIVIDUALS:

Anne M. Matalavich, Elizabeth, NJ	
IMO her father John Matalavich	25.00
Irene Tamulevich, Worcester, MA	
IMO Ann Yurkinas	25.00
Anthony & Anne Radzevich, Amsterdam, NY	
IMO Albert Zakarka	10.00
Gene Gobis, Amsterdam, NY	
IMO Albert Zakarka	10.00
Frank & Irene Petrauskas, Syracuse, NY	50.00
Aldona Marcavage, Bridgeport, CT	36.00
Sr. Alverna Walls, Pittsburgh, PA	
Sale of Earrings	28.00
Sr. Alverna Walls, Pittsburgh, PA	30.00
Julia Trocki Burlen, Washington, DC	25.00
Evelyn Ozelis, Chicago	25.00
Ann & Anthony Radzevich, Amsterdam, NY	25.00
Magdalena Smailis, Southfield, MI	25.00
Massachusetts Turnpike Interest	20.75
Ann & Anthony Baronas, Elizabeth, NJ	20.00
Daniel Degulis, Elizabeth, NJ	20.00
Elizabeth Chache, Bridgeport, CT	10.00
Mary & Vincent Mackelis	10.00
Stella Marcinauskas, Bridgeport, CT	10.00
Alice Wilcinskis, Bridgeport, CT	10.00
Jean & John Ridgley, Bridgeport, CT	5.00



Dolores Wainauskas and Adella Zunas of Chicago



# KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 78th NATIONAL CONVENTION STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

Presented by Anne Klizas Wargo, National President - August 1, 1991

In accordance with Article XI, Section 2 of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, I submit to the delegates of the 78th annual convention, the National Executive Board's Annual Report. I have condensed all reports submitted to me before the convention. Fuller reports have been provided by all officers. I urge you to take a set home and share the contents with your council.

## SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

The Knights of Lithuania organization is most grateful to its Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Joseph Anderlonis for his counsel and guidance this past year. He continues to offer a monthly Mass for all the deceased Knights of Lithuania members. He remembers all names submitted to him in his prayers each month. He hosted the National Executive Board meeting in Philadelphia in October and attended the March meeting in New Haven, CT. Parish duties, as well as his participation in a Special Day of Prayer at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA for Lithuanians prevented him from attending the June meeting in Detroit. He has been active in a number of efforts on behalf of Lithuania's drive for independence. He was pleased to have arranged a discussion meeting with the late Senator John Heinz (R-PA) and a group of leaders of the Lithuanian Community on Feb. 4, 1991. He has supported numerous letter-writing campaigns to officials in Washington. Father Anderlonis has encouraged participation in various religious and cultural activities which demonstrates support for Lithuania.

## PRESIDENT

Anna Klizas Wargo organized and presided at three meetings of the National Executive Board in Philadelphia, New Haven and Detroit. She continued her letter-writing to Congress and to Pres. Bush. She attended two hearings of the Helsinki Commission in Washington, DC, one in January where the Vice President of Lithuania, Bronius Kuzmickas and Vice Presidents of Latvia and Estonia and Attorney William Hough testified. In May, she attended the hearing when Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis and Prime Ministers of Latvia and Estonia testified. She represented the Knights of Lithuania at a reception for President Landsbergis and presented him with a copy of the K of L History book. She sent a telegram to Archbishop Marcinkus wishing him well on his retirement and thanking him for all he did for the

Knights of Lithuania, especially during the celebrations in Rome on St. Casimir's 500th anniversary and the Christianization Jubilee of 600 years of Lithuanian Christianity. Congratulations with a \$50.00 gift were sent to Bishop Deksnys on his Golden Jubilee. She attended C-36's Chicago and C-29's Newark 75th Jubilees. She answered all correspondence and forwarded requests to the proper officers.

## FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Frances Petkus attended all three National Executive Board meetings. Frances worked hard on completing the Knights of Lithuania Manual and this will be completed and distributed to National officers and council presidents at the convention. She also has continued her letter-writing campaign. Frances is also her council's president and is active on the district level.

## SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Mary Kincius attended all National Executive Board meetings. She cooperated with the First Vice President in updating the Manual. She wrote an article for VYTIS to stimulate more interest in the Knights of Lithuania and spearheaded a membership campaign. She sent Membership dues schedules to all Presidents. She sent packets to all leads given to her for new councils. She wrote letters and phoned councils who were thinking of disbanding. Mary also has been active in her local council.

## THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Sabina Henson attended meetings in Philadelphia and Detroit. She was unable to attend the March meeting due to the death of her mother. She wrote articles for VYTIS and DRAUGAS. Sabina sold Vytis T Shirts for the Juniors Special Fund. She sent out the "Junior Jewels" newsletter each month to junior councils. Sabina has done an excellent job on this newsletter and is to be commended for this. Two new junior councils were formed in 1991 - Bridgeport, CT C-141 and Hudson-Mohawk C-136. She contacted Vytautas Kamentas about the Youth Congress to be held in South America on Dec. 18, 1991 to Jan. 8, 1992. An essay "What Activities in the Knights of Lithuania have he/she been Involved" was used to select a candidate. She represented the Knights of Lithuania when President and Mrs. Landsbergis were in Chicago. She has encouraged all councils to form a junior council.



### RECORDING SECRETARY

Robert A. Martin, Jr. attended all National Executive Board meetings. Minutes were recorded efficiently and sent to all Supreme Council and Honorary members. He handled all requests given to him by the President in a timely manner. He updated all officer's lists and forwarded to National Executive Board members.

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Ann Cheplick attended two meetings. She reported a total membership of 4,662. Delinquent notices were sent to councils whose members did not pay dues.

### TREASURER

Frank Peterson attended all National Executive Board meetings and handled his duties efficiently and responsibly. His complete report will be presented at this convention.

### TRUSTEES

Edward Barkowski and William Kolicius attended all Supreme Council meetings. They have audited the Treasurer's report and found it in order. Before the closing of this convention, they will audit all Knights of Lithuania Funds - K of L Foundation, St. Casimir Guild, Medical Aid Fund, Scholarship Fund, the Vytis interest held by Vytis Editor from certificates donated by K. Savickus, and the Financial Secretary's records. They audited the Archives Room in Putnam, CT. They have sent letters to Councils to host the 1992 convention. Ed Barkowski assisted the First Vice President in the editing of the K of L Manual. Bill Kolicius represented the Knights of Lithuania at the Vlikas Convention in Cleveland. Both trustees were dedicated to the tasks their office required.

### LEGAL ADVISOR

Saulius Kuprys prepared an information report to the Internal Revenue Service in Philadelphia as required by law. The return was completed in consultation with Treasurer Frank Peterson. He has maintained contact with the attorney representing the co-executor of the estate of Helen Shields. At the request of Vytis Editor, he provided the Lithuanian Foundation with the K of L Federal ID number, since the Vytis magazine received a \$500.00 grant from the Foundation and the Foundation was requesting ID numbers from all recipients to comply with IRS requirements. He prepared a summary as to the Corporate Structure of the K of L Foundation for the Manual.

### VYTIS EDITOR

Mary Kober attended all National Executive Board meetings. She reported the Christmas Ad Campaign did not do as well as Christmas of 1989 and requested the members give more Well-Wishers ads at \$10.00. Mary appreciates the good work done by council news editor, Helen Chesko, Food Editor Stella Matulonis and Dalia Bulvicius. She maintains a computer list of all members and takes care of all changes of address, death notices and new members. Ten issues are published yearly and she asks for comments, good or bad, from readers.

### ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Longinas Svelnis made three trips to Putnam, CT. He attended ALKA board meeting and two New England District meetings. The Archives Committee reviewed the scrap

book of Honorary Member Alexander Aleksis and recommends to retain it as is. They also reviewed material from Honorary Member Antanas Mazeika and found typed material from our Founder Honorary Member Mykolas Norkunas which was sent to Honorary Member Ignas Sakalas dated April 1950 giving details of the founding of the Knights of Lithuania.

### CULTURAL COMMITTEE

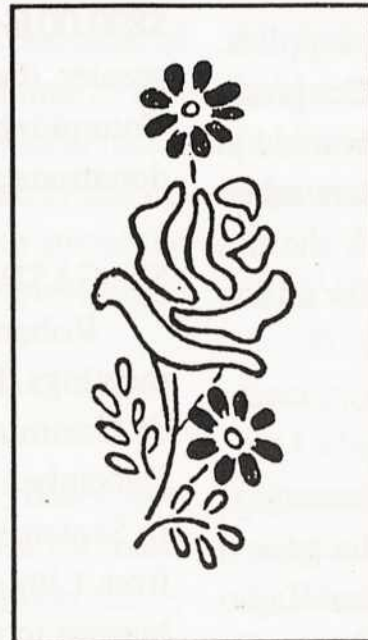
Regina Kot attended one National Executive Board meeting. She replied to all requests and mailed out six cultural readings to District chairpersons to be sent to councils in their districts. She wrote one article for Vytis. She hosted a Lithuanian Christmas Program on Radio Station WCSS.

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Stanley Vaitkus reported Honorary Membership Eleanore Laurin presented Msgr. Jouzas Prunskis the Honorary medal at the "Memories of Lithuania" banquet in Chicago Feb. 2, 1991. Two outstanding members, Helen Shields and Marcella Alexis, died during this year. The committee have voted and will submit two names from the Honorary Membership as replacements for the Amber and Mid Atlantic Districts. Letters were sent out by Secretary Phyllis Grendal to update proposed members for Honorary Membership. Honorary membership consists of 34 living members, 3 Bishops, 5 Priests, 16 men and 10 ladies.

### LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Due to the untimely death of Chairman Albert Zakarka, his daughter Rita completed her father's term of office. Rita





has written letters, attended a seminar in Washington on Lithuanian Affairs and has filled the office diligently and faithfully.

#### LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE

Apolonija Ziausys attended all Executive Board meetings. She assisted at the annual pilgrimage for the suffering Church in Lithuania. She hosted a young Lithuanian doctor from Vilnius. Polly and her husband, Ed, have obtained donations of medical equipment from Amsterdam Memorial Hospital and either delivered the equipment themselves or arranged for shipment to LCRA in Brooklyn. In January she hosted another doctor from Kaunas, Dr. Sigitas Dumčius. He was sent to the U.S. by Caritas to learn how hospitals in the U.S. are operated. She and her husband made the necessary arrangements for him to be received at Amsterdam Memorial Hospital. The hospital again donated additional supplies. She has continued letter writing to Pres. Bush and Congress. She obtained Lithuanian cassettes for people who wanted to learn the language. She translated and wrote letters when requested. Polly is to be commended for the work she has done to obtain medical supplies for Lithuania and for all she has done for the Lithuanian cause.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dalia Bulvicius attended all Supreme Council meetings and reported these for Lithuanian publications. She gave a report of the Pittsburgh Convention on the Lithuanian Radio Program and wrote the convention news with photos for Lithuanian publications and Vytis. She edited and translated items sent to her for Darbininkas. She wrote articles for the Knights of Lithuania "Aid to Lithuania" campaign and wrote letters to the Editor of the New York Times and the National Geographic.

#### RITUAL COMMITTEE

Rita Pinkus reported that in 1991, 20 councils gave 40 First Degrees, 34 Second Degrees, 81 Third Degrees. Sixteen Fourth Degrees are to be given at this convention.

#### LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Florence Zaleskas reported that she did not have a special fund campaign due to the inception of the Medical Relief Fund for Lithuania chaired by Robert Boris.

#### AID TO LITHUANIA COMMITTEE

Robert Boris reported 429 donations were received as of June 30 totalling \$43,309.00. Two containers and an emergency air shipment after "Bloody Sunday" were shipped at a

cost of \$24,169.59. Total weight shipped was 34,269 lbs. with an assessed value of \$1,005,341.00. Thanks to Sister Alverna, OSF, Pittsburgh, the Rosary Crusade is a great success. The Rosary is recited for Lithuania every 15 minutes by 387 people. Robert Boris notes that of almost 5,000 members, only 393 donations have been received and many of those were not from individuals. He asks all members to contribute even a small donation. We must continue this project. Robert is to be commended for all he has done for this very worthy cause.

#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

William Piacentini reported approximately 50 requests were received this year and all were answered. The annual fund-raising appeal was down from last year. Less than half the councils responded and the amount of \$2,375.00 is \$800.00 less than last year. The need for financial support is greater than ever due to the rising cost of college. The Committee considers each candidate carefully to insure that donations are properly expended.

#### ST. CASIMIR'S COLLEGE - ROME

Robert Boris attended three National Executive Board meetings. He represented both the Knights of Lithuania and St. Casimir's Guild at a meeting called by Bishop Baltakis in December. The balance in the Guild presently is \$12,527.13. In September, twenty seminarians will be sent to the college from Lithuania. It is important that we continue our contributions to the Guild.

#### KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.

Pres. Loretta Stukas reports the Foundation currently has over \$56,000. in capital. About \$7,000. will be available in interest this year for use in Knights of Lithuania and other Lithuanian causes. Donation of a note came from the estates of the late Helen Shields and Peter Kasilonis and from C-40 East St. Louis which disbanded but donated their treasury to the Foundation. Considerable donations were also made to the Foundation in memory of Helen Shields. Donations are needed from councils and individuals on a regular basis to guarantee tax exempt status of the Foundation. Only the accrued interest is used for various cultural and religious projects of the Knights. Disbursements will go this year to the presentation of the Alice Karklius Scholarship, funded by a \$25,000. donation from Ben Karklius in memory of his late wife, essay contest winners funded by a \$10,000 donation by Msgr. Juozas Prunskis and any other Lithuanian causes to be selected during the Foundations annual meeting Aug. 2. Last year the Foundation donated \$2,000 to the Container Fund.



The Foundation mourns the deaths of Directors Helen Shields and Albert Zakarka and regrets the resignation of Director Nancy Miro Mourkakos. Temporary replacements were appointed to continue the work of the Secretary and Treasurer, and permanent directors will be appointed at the annual meeting after approval by the National Executive Board.

#### AMBER DISTRICT

Pres. John Mickunas attended all meetings. Three District meetings were held. The District has remained stable with eleven councils and a slight increase in membership. The yearly raffle was successful. The Amber District regrets the loss of Helen Shields. Her leadership and vast knowledge of the Knights of Lithuania will be sorely missed. The new District flag was blessed in church during the St. Casimir Day celebration by Spiritual Advisor Rev. Matthew Jarasunas at Our Lady of Siluva Church in Maizeville, PA. A donation of \$500. will again be given to the Medical Aid Fund at this convention. The Amber District has been involved in many Lithuanian cultural projects and Lithuanian Affairs Projects this past year. The District is currently planning to attend the 25th Anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in Washington, DC on Oct. 13.

#### MID AMERICA DISTRICT

Pres. Algerd Brazis reported the District held four meetings. The District was represented at C-36's 75th Anniversary in Chicago. It was also represented at the Draugas yearly banquet, Dirva banquet, Pres. Landsbergis luncheon at the Balzekas Museum and the Marian High School rally for Pres. Landsbergis. They met him at the airport and had a representative at the private luncheon and private conference. They were represented at the Song Festival and Lithuanian Opera and also at the closing Mass with Cardinal Bernadyn in



*Helen Chesko presents plaque to Anne Wargo in appreciation of her term as President.*

Immaculate Conception Church. The Fourth of July picnic had a good representation from all councils. The profit from the Memories of Lithuania amounting to \$2,000 was presented to Charge d'Affaires Stanley Lozoraitis for the Lithuanian Legation. Donations were made to the Lithuanian College and the Medical Aid Fund.

#### MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Pres. John Baltrus attended all Supreme Council meetings. There are 8 regular and one junior council in the District. Two meetings are held yearly. Donations were given to the VYTIS Christmas Ad campaign, Medical Aid to Lithuania, Scholarship Fund and St. Casimir's Guild. The District is creating an award for members who have given outstanding service to the K of L. They have discussed various means for individual members to lobby for support for Lithuanian independence. A candlelighting service is held each year for deceased members. John has had letters published in the local and Diocesan newspapers. He has also organized a panel for the convention.

#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Pres. Alex Akule attended two National Executive Board meetings. His District is busy with letter-writing and support for Lithuanian independence. They have two yearly meetings and four Executive Board meetings. A successful District Kučios was held in Brockton, a Holy Hour at Our Lady of Vilna Church in Worcester and a successful retreat in Kennebunkport, ME in June. They have also supported all Lithuanian causes.

#### SUMMARY

My sincere thanks to all members, councils and districts who have continued to work for the cause of Lithuanian independence and aiding our Lithuanian brothers and sisters. A special thanks to all who have contributed to the Medical Aid Fund, St. Casimir's Guild, Scholarship Fund and all other K of L projects.

We must continue to support these undertakings. It is important that we do all within our power to aid the Lithuanian cause. Some of you have worked very hard on Lithuanian Affairs and kept other members informed on what is happening in Washington and what we can do to help the situation in Lithuania. Let us all work together for this cause. The time is now, not tomorrow or next week. When we are notified that some legislation is to be introduced to help Lithuania, let us notify our Congressmen that we want their support.

We are a Lithuanian Catholic organization. As such, we



must follow the precepts of the church. If you have not joined the Rosary Crusade, do so now. Continue praying for Lithuanian independence.

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. My special thanks to Robert Martin, Jr. who upon the death of Convention chairman, Al Zakarka, took over the chairmanship and did an excellent job. He is a good example of what our younger

members can do. Let us make room for our younger members and encourage more of our youth to join.

I have been deeply honored to have served as your President these past three years and I thank each and every member who made these three happy years. May God bless you all and may our Patron Saint Casimir always guide us.

Tegul Dievas palaimina mūsų darbą "Dievui ir Tėvynei". Prašom Devui kad Lietuva tojos pažins pilna laisvė ir nepriklausomybė. Lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai.

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## LETTERS

### SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

Dear Fellow Knights of Lithuania:

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for the scholarship awarded me at the 1990 Pittsburgh convention. That scholarship allowed me to complete a year-long internship in the field of Social Work. In June of 1991 I received my Master's Degree in School Social Work. I feel that both these achievements are a direct result of your support and generosity.

I regret I was unable to attend this year's convention. Funds are still quite short due to recently paid university fees. Yet, I wished to thank you and to encourage all our

members to continue supporting this worthwhile cause. You cannot know how important your dollars are.

In the next few years, scholarship and loan monies for students in higher education will become much less available due to financial cut-backs in the federal government. Now, more than ever we need to support the endeavors of our own Lithuanian youth. Education is their and our passport to the future.

Again, my thanks, and hoping to see you at future conventions, I am,

Yours very truly,  
Paul E. Binkis, Jr.



*Our beautiful K of L ladies after the concert.*



*A rendez-vous after Sunday's Mass.*



## Medical Aid Donations made from January 1, 1991 to August 1, 1991

Mr. & Mrs. V. Leparskas, E. Lake, OH .....	\$3,000.00	Rev. Alfonsas Babonas, Detroit, MI .....	50.00
C-144 Anthracite, PA .....	1,095.00	Eloise Berczelly, Dayton, OH .....	50.00
Archdiocese of Detroit .....	1,000.00	Joseph Briedis, W. Bloomfield, MI .....	50.00
C-63 LeHigh Valley, PA .....	500.00	Leon & Maria Brinew, Lebanon, NJ .....	50.00
Mid-America District IMO Albert Zakarka .....	500.00	Daughter of Isabella	
Rev. J. Anderlonis, St. George Church, Phila, PA .....	275.00	c/o Helen Budnick, Sterling Heights, MI .....	50.00
Robert Boris, Detroit, MI .....	250.00	Leota Donaldson, Columbia, MD .....	50.00
Detroito Lietuvių Kultūros Klubas .....	250.00	Mary Duggan, Worcester, MA .....	50.00
Church of St. Barnabas, East Detroit, MI .....	220.00	Irene Gecas, Dayton, OH .....	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Al Mikutis, Philadelphia, PA .....	210.00	Ludvikas Grunovas, Detroit, MI .....	50.00
Eleanor J. Aleliunas, Pittsburgh, PA .....	200.00	Mr. & Mrs. T. Guest, Dayton, OH .....	50.00
Rita O'Shea .....	200.00	Rev. Vaclovas Katariskis, Dayton, OH .....	50.00
Dr. Aldona Skripkus, Kearny, NJ .....	200.00	Mr. & Mrs. Ignas Kaunelis, Westland, MI .....	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Svera, Bloomfield Hills, MI .....	200.00	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Keraga, Bath, PA .....	50.00
Rev. J. Anderlonis, St. George Church, Phila., PA .....	275.00	Lithuanian Anglers Club, Xenia, OH .....	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Danco, No. Brunswick, NJ .....	150.00	Lithuanian Social Club, Dayton, OH .....	50.00
C-140 Syracuse, NY .....	160.00	Vincent & Mary Mackelis, Linden, NJ .....	50.00
C-100 Amsterdam, NY .....	118.00	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marro, Springfield, PA .....	50.00
Mid-Atlantic District .....	100.00	Ronnie Minauskas, Kearny, NJ .....	50.00
C-16 Chicago, IL .....	100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Naujokas, Arlington Heights, IL .....	50.00
C-17 So. Boston, MA .....	100.00	Gerald L. M. Parks, W. Bloomfield, NJ .....	50.00
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**TO ALL COUNCILS**

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

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**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD NOTICE**

The National Executive Board will meet on Saturday, October 26, 1991 at 12:00 Noon at St. George's Parish, 3580 Salmon St., Philadelphia, PA. All are invited to attend but only Supreme Council and Honorary members may participate in voting.



# 78th National Convention Memories



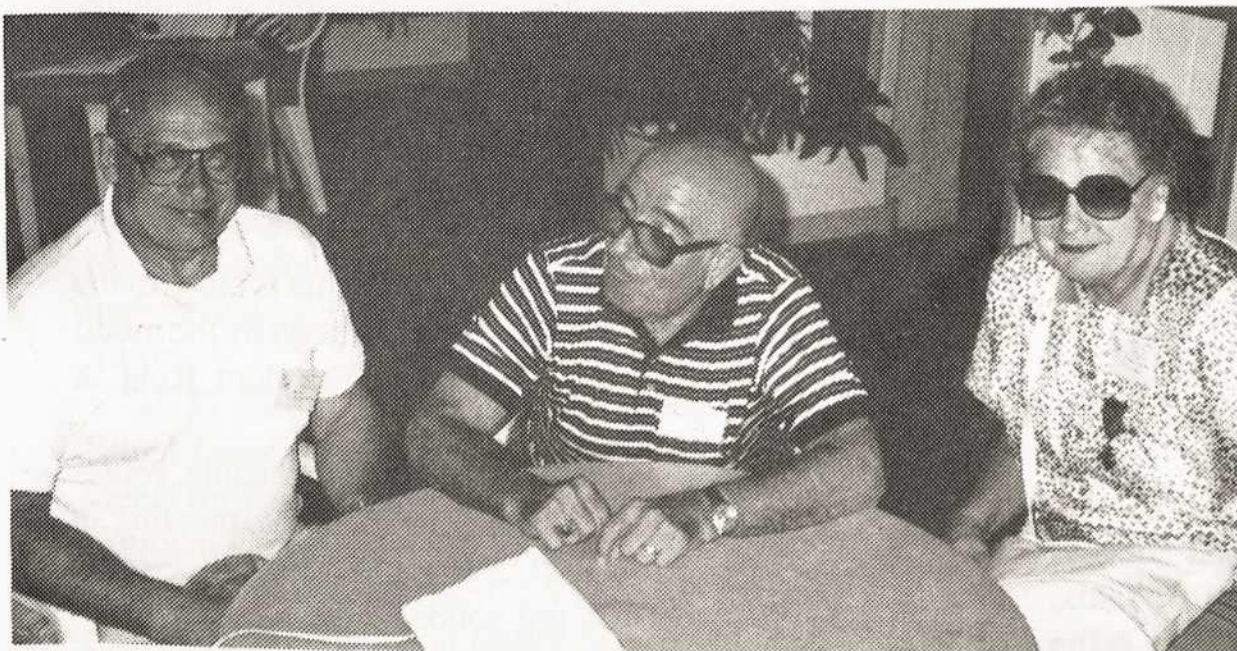
Newly elected executive board: William Kolicius, Evelyn Ozelis, Ed Barkowski, Robert Martin, Fran Petkus, Frank Peterson, Ann Cheplick, Rita Zakarka, Mary Beth Slakis



HM Stan Vaitkus with Alice Zupko of Florida at one of the pleasant get togethers.



Jean & Richard Marks with Dolly and Anthony Oberaitis from Cleveland.



John Sakal of C-152 Eastern Long Island discussing world problems with C-103 Providence Victor Mathieu and wife Bertha looking on.



Ona Jameikienė and Algerd Brazis entertaining at Friday night's concert.



# RESOLUTIONS - NUTARIMAI

BE IT RESOLVED that the 78th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend hearty congratulations and all God's blessings to Sr. M. Francesca Walls, an active and dedicated member of C-19 Pittsburgh, PA on the occasion of her diamond anniversary (65 years) of service to the community of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 78th 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.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 78th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its sincerest appreciation to DARBININKAS and its staff for their cooperation and generosity,

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

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WHEREAS the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America this year is celebrating its 85th anniversary as an umbrella organization uniting American Lithuanian organizations, and

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania have always participated and supported the concept of the united Lithuanian Catholic community in the United States under the auspices of the Federation,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania extend its greetings to the Federation and will continue to participate in its cooperative ventures for God and country.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania National Convention rejoices in the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Sunday, October 13, 1991,

WHEREAS Cardinal Sladkevičius, Bishop Mikalevičius and Monsignor Svarinskas of Lithuania, Cardinal Hickey, Archbishops Salatka, Bulaitis, Backis, Bishops Baltakis, Brizgys and Deksnys are expected at the Solemn Mass in the Basilica at 2:00 p.m. and in the re-dedication of Lithuanians

throughout the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 78th National Convention urges Knights of Lithuania Districts and Councils, as well as individual members, to organize groups and encourage participation in this celebration as a day of solidarity and prayerful support for the aspirations of the people of Lithuania.

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WHEREAS the Aid to Lithuania Committee has been officially established to fund the Medical Relief Container project established last year and they have found it most efficacious to coordinate their efforts through the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid (LCRA) activity in Brooklyn, NY,

BE IT RESOLVED that the position of LCRA Representative, which was an ad-hoc position established several years ago, be abolished and replaced by the Aid to Lithuania Committee.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania Districts, Councils and individual members have received invaluable assistance in their Lithuanian Affairs work via bulletins, FAX messages, lobbying instruction, etc. from various ad-hoc Lithuanian action organizations, especially:

The Lithuanian Communications Center, Philadelphia, The Americans for an Independent Lithuania, New Jersey and Free Lithuanian Committee, Baltimore, and

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania, devoted to the cause of helping Lithuania achieve complete independence, appreciates and recognizes the importance and impact of these committees in uniting local Lithuanians in the fight for Lithuania's independence,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, gathered for its 78th National Convention in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida August 1-4, 1991, donate a sum of \$100.00 each to the aforementioned committees, to help offset the postage and other incidental expenses incurred in publicizing the plight of Lithuania.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania express deepest regard and gratitude to the Committees for their outstanding work on behalf of Lithuania.

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WHEREAS the independence of Lithuania is close to the hearts of the Knights of Lithuania, as evidenced by the motto of the 78th National Convention "Let Freedom Ring in Lithuania",

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, representing 5000 Americans of Lithuanian descent, meeting in convention in the city of St. Petersburg Beach, Florida August 1-4, 1991, reaffirm our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Lithuania in their struggle for true independence,



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we send a letter reflecting our solidarity to Vytautas Landsbergis, president of Lithuania.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania has made donations to the Sisters of St. Casimir, Chicago, IL, the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Brockton, MA, Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Putnam, CT and the Sisters of St. Francis, Pittsburgh, PA, and

WHEREAS these religious orders have made valuable contributions to our Lithuanian parishes,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania recognize their service by establishing an annual donation of \$150.00 per religious order.

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WHEREAS William J.H. Hough, III was asked to establish a pro-bono legal assistance project for the Baltic Republics by President Landsbergis of Lithuania and representatives of Latvia and Estonia, and

WHEREAS having established this project through his firm Walter, Conston, Alexander & Green, PC, Mr. Hough has provided some \$100,000 worth of complimentary legal services for Lithuania at the cost only of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the firm for this cause, and

WHEREAS the said out-of-pocket expenses have been only partially covered by Lithuanian organizations, leaving Mr. Hough to cover the balance out of his personal funds, and

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania, devoted to the cause of helping Lithuania achieve complete independence, appreciates and recognizes the importance of this project and the need for its continuance,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, gathered for its 78th National Convention in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida August 1-4, 1991, donate a sum of \$1,000.00 to the Republic of Lithuania Fund of Walter, Conston, Alexander & Green, to help offset the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Mr. Hough in his work on behalf of Lithuania.

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WHEREAS the fourth degree is the highest degree given to a Knights of Lithuania member and is normally awarded by the National Ritual Committee at a National Convention Mass, in order to maintain the dignity and prestige of this highest degree awarded by the Knights of Lithuania organization,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon approval by the National Ritual Committee of a candidate's fulfillment of requirements for fourth degree, this fourth degree be awarded at a National Convention Mass,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the decision of the National Ritual Committee of a candidate's inability to attend a National Convention for just reasons, the National

Ritual Committee may permit the fourth degree to be awarded by the District Ritual Committee at a District Mass, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under severe circumstances the fourth degree may be awarded to a candidate other than at a National Convention or District Mass only with the expressed permission of the National Supreme Council President who will determine if these circumstances are justified.

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WHEREAS two very respected and beloved members of the Knights of Lithuania passed away, namely Honorary Member Helen Shields in 1990 and National Officer and 4th Degree Knight Albert Zakarka in 1991,

BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition and appreciation of their dedicated work for our organization we now observe a moment of silence.

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WHEREAS the children of Lithuania, especially those in institutions, are in need of every kind of humanitarian, physical and material aid, and

WHEREAS these children represent the future of Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, met in convention in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida August 1-4, 1991, urge and direct each Knights of Lithuania council to prepare packages of aid for these children annually at Christmas. These packages should consist of clothing, toys, vitamins and other appropriate items,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the gift collection and sending be coordinated by the Aid for Lithuania Committee in time for distribution at Christmas.

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WHEREAS the Soviet Union continues its unjust military aggression through Bloody Sunday in January 1991 and more recent atrocities, particularly the evident execution of Lithuanian border custom guards,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, with sixty councils throughout the United States, meeting for its 78th National Convention in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida August 1-4, 1991, call upon President Bush and the Congress of the United States to:

1. Affirm its recognition of Lithuania as an independent and sovereign state,
2. Support the right to self-determination by Lithuania and the Baltic States not only with words but also with concrete actions,
3. Refuse to grant the Soviet Union credits guaranteed by the American taxpayer, and "most favored nation" trade concessions as long as the Soviet Union continues its unjust military occupation and its brutal aggression,
4. Refuse the Soviet Union any other benefits that can be interpreted as approval by the United States gov-



ernment of the unjust military occupation of the Baltic States.

August 2, 1991

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear President Bush:

We, the Knights of Lithuania, being met at our 78th National Convention in the city of St. Petersburg Beach, Florida on August 2, 1991, wish to express our consensus extreme displeasure with your recent action in offering Most Favored Nation trade status to the Soviet Union. That this action was announced on the very date that the Soviet Moscow-controlled elite troops furthered their program of violent intimidation and provocation with the apparent execution of six Lithuanian customs guards.

Our organization represents over five thousand second and third generation Americans of Lithuanian descent. We maintain a high regard for our heritage both as Americans and as ethnic Lithuanians. We know and appreciate current Lithuanian aspirations toward a freely elected fully independent government. We know also from personal contacts of the continued depredations and violence to the Lithuanian people by the present foreign occupying forces.

We have been heartened by your many words of support for the Lithuanian nation and the non-recognition of Soviet annexation of Lithuanian territory. We recognize that both you and your predecessors have been unstinting in their verbal support. Unfortunately, too often actions give lie to the words. We strongly urge your favorable consideration or various actions now being considered within the legislative branch. These range from de-facto recognition of Lithuania to the provision of substantive technical assistance to the Baltic Nations.

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WHEREAS the future of the Knights of Lithuania rests in the hands of our young people, and

WHEREAS junior Knights of Lithuania councils are not to be found in all geographic areas,

BE IT RESOLVED that Member-at-Large status be established for Juniors.

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WHEREAS the minutes of the National Convention are the official record of all convention business, and

WHEREAS several items of business are traditionally conducted after the official close of business at the Convention banquet, specifically presentation of the Friend of Lithuania Award, Honorary Membership and Scholarship Awards,

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Convention minutes be replaced by National Convention Proceedings, which

will be the formal documentation of business meeting minutes, and all awards and presentations.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the 78th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania extend our heartfelt thanks to the St. Petersburg Lithuanian Club for the hospitality shown to us during this convention.

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WHEREAS the local Lithuanian residents of St. Petersburg Beach, Florida have made a significant addition to the ambience of our 78th National Convention by displaying Lithuanian historical memorabilia and cultural artifacts,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania here assembled in National Convention express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for providing this most interesting exhibit.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the 78th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the TradeWinds Hotel in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida August 1-4, 1991, expresses 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.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the 78th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the TradeWinds Hotel in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida August 1-4, 1991, express its gratitude to the Supreme Council, hosts of this convention for a successful and enjoyable event.

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WHEREAS the 78th National Convention was a most successful, enjoyable and fruitful one,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates and guests of the 78th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the TradeWinds Hotel in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida August 1-4, 1991, extend its warmest congratulations and thanks to the Presidium and its Committees who demonstrated great aptitude and flexibility in conducting this convention, thus helping make it a fruitful one.

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WHEREAS the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Brooklyn, NY in cooperation with the Knights of Lithuania, has made it possible to coordinate \$1 million of medical aid to Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 78th National Convention, gathered August 1-4, 1991 in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, express their deepest gratitude to Rev. Casimir Pugevičius and Rasa Ražgaitis for the invaluable assistance provided in this project.







## Greetings received at the Convention

### GEORGE BUSH

President of the United States  
(Received after the Convention)

### M. RAPHAELA SINIONIS, OSB

Supervisor & Foundress of R.P.

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### DR. J. KRAUCIUNAS

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### LIETUVIŲ SKAUTŲ SAJUNGA

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Jack & Loretta Stukas, Watchung, NJ	
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Gene Gobis, Amsterdam, NY .....	20.00
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Apolonija Ziausys, Amsterdam, NY .....	20.00
Eleanore H. Laurin, Evergreen Park, IL .....	15.00
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Fran Petkus, Dayton, OH	
IMO Gus Baibak .....	10.00
Regina Kot, Amsterdam, NY .....	5.00

### CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Brian Rutkunas, Bayville, NY .....	\$25.00
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Brian Rutkunas, Bayville, NY .....	\$25.00
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 Regina Kot, Amsterdam, NY ..... 5.00

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Frances Bumila, Brockton, MA .....\$100.00  
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 C-29 Newark, NJ  
     IMO Helmut Schmidt ..... 50.00  
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 C-133 Los Angeles, CA ..... 50.00  
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     IMO Rev. Robert Baltch ..... 10.00  
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     IMO Rev. Robert Baltch ..... 10.00  
 Fran Petkus, Dayton, OH  
     IMO Marcella Savickis ..... 10.00  
 Anna & Steven Walinsky, Worcester, MA ..... 10.00  
 Rita Zakarka, Chicago, IL ..... 10.00  
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Sabina Henson, Oak Brook, IL .....\$200.00  
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 Ignatius & Marion Hobitz, Methuen, MA ..... 10.00

#### S.O.S. VAIKAI

Julia Antanaitis Kowrak, Philadelphia, PA .....\$1,000.00  
 Marytė Antanaitis Shalins, Woodhaven, NY ..... 1,000.00  
 Olympia Zelinski, Mt. Carmel, PA ..... 100.00  
 Julia Trocki Burlen, Bowie, MD ..... 100.00  
 C-1, Brockton, MA ..... 60.00  
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 Marytė Sepikas, Van Nuys, CA ..... 25.00  
 C-100 Amsterdam, NY ..... 10.00  
 Gene Gobis, Amsterdam, NY ..... 10.00  
 Anna Sliteris, Lemont, IL ..... 10.00





## JUNIORS CONVENTION

*Sabina Henson*

On Wednesday afternoon, July 31, when I was walking on the beach, I found shells that were so beautiful and all so different. As I was finding them, I felt I was all alone and in deep thought. These beautiful shells reminded me of our Juniors and all members of the K of L. There were eleven Juniors present at this convention.

On Thursday, questions were being asked among ourselves - Are you a Sandpiper, Dolphin, Sailboat, Sea Gull, etc. All Juniors attended Mass at St. John's Church. When we returned to the hotel, we all attended the First session. It was very important and exciting to sign in as Juniors from a council. We stayed until after the State of the Organization Report. We then all went to the beach and started looking for the different shells. That evening, we all went to the Lithuanian Club and had a great get together with everyone.

On Friday, we went to McDonalds for breakfast. After breakfast, we continued on to the "Hands on Museum". We found this to be a very exciting place. When we returned to the hotel, we all ventured back to the beach wherein a contest was held for the building of sand castles. In our midst, we had the Trakai Castle, a Lithuanian Library, Hotel Vilnius, Aušra Vartų church. Everyone turned out to be a winner with their accomplishments.

Saturday was again a fun-filling day. We had our own very informative session. We learned how to dance the "Norių Meiga" and other dances. We proceeded to the morning session. Each of the following Juniors was presented with a Certificate and a gift attesting to the fact that they attended the 78th national convention: C-3 Walter & Andrew Svekla; C-36 Christine, Allen, Mary, Anna Marie Cius; C-50 Christine Peterson; C-112 Andrea Deksnis; C-141 Sarah Miller. At that time it was announced that none of our youths would attend the 7th Annual Lithuanian Youth Congress in South America.

Special thanks go to all who donated to the Juniors Fund. Their names appear in the column Greetings with Donations. We also thank all who purchased raffle chances for the beautiful Lithuanian doll that was made by Sister Francesca from Pittsburgh.

Since this is the end of my three-year term as Third Vice President for Juniors, I leave hoping that God will strengthen our youth to become future Knights of Lithuania members. I loved working with the Juniors. Thanks to all who helped in any way. Conventionships will be sent to the Juniors who have attended this convention.



*Juniors receiving their Awards at the business session.*







# ROBERT MARTIN - THANK YOU

(Our Lithuanian Knight in Shining Armor)

With your radiant smile, Chicago style and endless class,  
You welcomed your fellow Knights as they arrived in Florida en masse.

For you no task was too difficult or too small,  
From hectic meetings to lavish banquets - you took care of it all.

You accepted the awesome responsibility of Convention Chairman at only 25,  
We are truly impressed with your sense of humor - how did you survive?

Thanks to you we wined and dined in Florida sunshine and splendor,  
Remember single girls - he's handsome, intelligent and oh so tender!

The perfect modern "Knight" in your white convertible car,  
My how great your smile and energy glowed from near and far.

Continue to spread your enthusiasm, talent and spirited wings,  
Much happiness to you, enjoy all that God's blessings bring.

So, if we did not thank you fully in Florida as we did part,  
Thanks a million from the bottom of our collective K of L hearts!

*Marytė Sepikas  
Los Angeles, California*



*Robert Martin, Jr. -  
Our Knight in Shining Armor!*



*And in his white Convertible!*



## DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 78th NATIONAL CONVENTION St. Petersburg Beach, FL - AUGUST 1 - 4, 1991

HONORARY MEMBERS: Rev. Albert Contons, Estelle Rogers, Jack Stukas, Loretta Stukas.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD: Anne Wargo, Robert Martin, Jr., William Kolicus,

AMBER DISTRICT: Elsie Kosmisky, Agnes Mickunas.

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT: Bernice Aviza, Apolonija Ziausys.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT: Jean Marks, Richard Marks.

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C-1 Brockton: Frances Bumila, Sr. Helen Ivanauskas.

C-3 Philadelphia: Lillian Greymar, Julie Kowrak, John Mickunas, Irene Ozalis, Victor Stepalovitch, Irene Svekla, Walter Svekla.

C-5 Chicago: Kathy Leppa.

C-7 Waterbury: Elinor Arnauskas, Ann Cheplick, Dolores Jonaitis, John Jonaitis, Alma Torre.

C-12 New York: Dalia Bulvicius, Helen Cuperwich, Vincent Cuperwich, Vincent Gendvilas, Brenda Keenan, Joseph Kscinaitis, Connie Nehwadowich, Ed Senken, Irene Senken, Alice Zupko.

C-16 Chicago: Deborah Martin, Glen Perutis, Kenneth Rudmin, Marybeth Slakis, Peter Paul Zansitis.

C-17 So. Boston: Alex Akule, Helen Contons, Steve Contons, Sr. Eugene Glineckis, Mary Matachinskis, HM Longinas Svelnis.

C-19 Pittsburgh: John Baltrus, Andrew Rozger.

C-24 Chicago: Sr. Regina.

C-25 Cleveland: Betty August, Dolly Oberaitis, Frank Oberaitis, Frank Rozgaitis, Stella Sankal, Mary Trainy.

C-26 Worcester: Rita Karrytais, Anne Walinsky, Stephen Walinsky.

C-29 Newark: Margaret Brazaitis, Walter Brazaitis, Chester Karchefsky, Consuella Karchefsky, Mike Sussko, Rita Sussko.

C-36 Chicago: Alan Cius, Joan Cius, Sabina Henson, Ann Marie Kassel, Mark Kincius, Mary Kincius, Helen Meizis, Faustas Strolia, Terry Strolia, Sophia Zukas.

C-38 Kenosha: Charles Krusa, Judy Krusa.

C-41 Brooklyn: Marytė Shalins.

C-50 New Haven: Frank Peterson, Irene Peterson.

C-52 Elizabeth: HM Anne Matalavich.

C-72 Binghamton: John Mankus, Barbara Miller.

C-74 Scranton: Edward Romanauskas, Margaret Romanauskas.

C-78 Lawrence: Marion Hobitz.

C-79 Southfield: Margaret Dapkus, William Dapkus, Margaret Nashon, Magdalena Smailis.

C-86 DuBois: Lee Moore.

C-96 Dayton: Eugenia Gecas, Irena Gecas, Joseph Gecas, Rita Gecas, Walter Loasoskie, Elena Mikalauskas, HM Frances Petkus, HM Stanley Vaitkus.

C-100 Amsterdam: Gene Gobis, Helen Kiuber, Regina Kot, Elizabeth Kuzmich.

C-102 Detroit: Robert Boris, Vince Boris.

C-103 Providence: Helen Gudeczaukas, Ruth Krecioch, Beatrice Mathieu.

C-109 Great Neck: Anthony Kober, HM Mary Kober, Anne Miklas, Kestutis Miklas.

C-110 Maspeth: Ann Ackalaitis, Edward Jakatt, Frances Jakatt, Brian Rutkunas, Bruno Rutkunas, Jean Rutkunas, Joseph Stelmokas, Mary Stelmokas. Evelyn Walles, Iggy Walles.

C-112 Chicago: Aldona Brazis, Maria Deksnis, Terry Gaitkus, Donna Juraitis, Josephine Juzenas, Mary Juzenas, Peter Juzenas, Ellie Kasputis, HM Eleanore Laurin, Al Mockus, Frances Shillis, Anne Sliteris, Helen Vilkelis, Dolores Wainauskas, Denise Zakarka, Julie Zakarka, Rita Zakarka, Betty Zibas, Adele Zunas.

C-133 Los Angeles: Edward Antanaitis, Martha Antanaitis, Laima Baltrenas, Juanita Emerick, Marytė Sepikas.

C-136 Hudson-Mohawk: Edward Barkowski.

C-140 Syracuse: Frank Petrauskas, Irene Petrauskas.

C-141 Bridgeport: Clemencine Miller.

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

C-143 Pittston: Dorothy Banos, Mary Chorba, Nellie B. Romanas, Annamarie Sewatsky.

C-144 Anthracite: Sister Angela, Helen Chesko, Anna Supernavage, Eleanor Vaicaitis, Eleanor Yancofski, Olympia Zelinski.

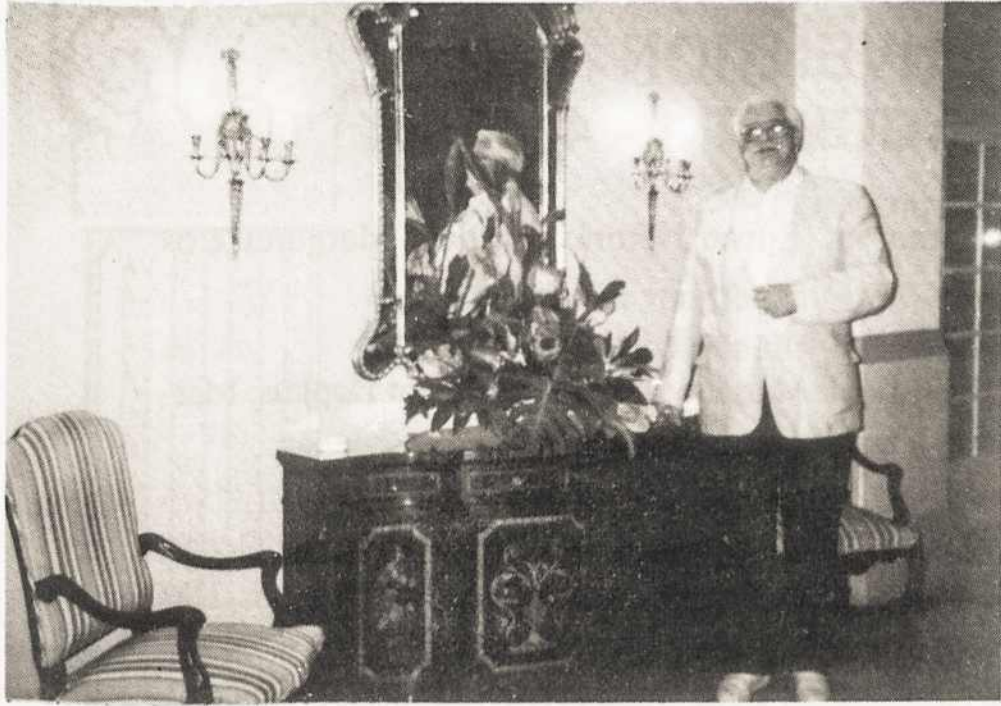
C-146 Harrisburg: Clara Gudolonis, Joseph Gudolonis.

C-147 St. Petersburg: Anthony Gudonis, Aldona Kirstuk, Viktoria Kleiva, Alfa Shukis.

C-152 Eastern Long Island: Genevieve Chrestian, Antoinette Sakal, John Sakal, Michael Zukas.

C-153 Treasure Coast: Eve Kaboskie, John Tomasauskas.





*A future Ambassador to Lithuania - Peter Paul Zansitis!*



*Peter Paul Zansitis Schwarzenegger and Marytė Sepikas Liz Taylor*



*Victor Stepolavitch - What! - You've never see California beauties Juanita Emerick and Marytė Sepikas before?*



*Los Angeles' Antanaitis meet Philly's Sveklas.*



*Floridians Kathy Leppa, Harry & Emily Petraitis*



*The Kobers get to meet Marytė Sepikas from California and Peter Paul Zansitis of Chicago.*



## Official News

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

- September 29, 1991 - MAD Meeting, Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville, NY - Hosts C-136 Hudson-Mohawk
- October 6, 1991 - Annual dinner-dance, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, NJ C-29 Newark Hosts
- October 12, 1991 - 75th Diamond Jubilee, C-26 Worcester, MA.
- October 19, 1991 - C-16 Chicago - Western Carribean Cruise.
- October 20, 1991 - NED Annual Cultural Festival, Marionis Park.
- October 20, 1991 - Octoberfest, Norwood C-27. Founders Hall, St. James Ave., So Norwood, MA.
- October, 1991 - MCD Fall Pilgrimage - Pittsburgh Host C-19.
- November 3, 1991 - C-79 Southfield, MI Fall Festival.

As we go to press, the Convention Group photo was not available and, therefore, not printed in this issue.

### ALL MEMBERS, COUNCILS, DISTRICTS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

Each year the Christmas Ad Campaign is conducted for the benefit of the Vytis Fund. We urge everyone to help support this worthy cause. Publications costs are continuously rising, yet dues and subscription costs to the magazine remain the same. In order to keep the current rates at a low level, everyone's participation is urged. Suggested donations for Christmas greetings in the December issue of the VYTIS are as follows:

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### IN MEMORIAM

LILLIAN MICKEVICE  
C-112 Chicago, IL  
† April 16, 1991

ANTOINETTE BARON  
C-79 Southfield, MI  
† April 23, 1991

KAZYS KLEIVA  
C-147 St. Petersburg, FL  
† April 29, 1991

ROSEMARY BLAZIS  
C-144 Anthracite, PA  
† May 17, 1991

JUOZAS RAILA  
Chicago Seniors  
† May 28, 1991

JONAS JOKUBKA  
Chicago Seniors  
† June 3, 1991

ALBERT SLAKIS  
C-16 Chicago  
† June 9, 1991

ALBERT LASKY  
C-110 Maspeth, NY  
† June 12, 1991

PATSY SIMMS  
C-74 Scranton, PA  
† June 15, 1991

FRANK ALINSKY  
C-144 Anthracite, PA  
† July 12, 1991

WILLIAM GERVALIS  
C-144 Anthracite, PA  
† July 21, 1991

GUS BAIBAK  
C-102 Detroit, MI  
† July 23, 1991

REV. ROBERT BALTCH  
C-100 Amsterdam, NY  
† July 26, 1991

HM ANTHONY DAINUS  
C-79 Southfield, MI  
† August 15, 1991

VIOLA MANN  
C-112 Chicago, IL  
† August 28, 1991



# ....And the Festivities Continue....



*Amber and New England District friends.*



*Delegates from Great Neck C-109 Kestutis and Anne Miklas.*



*The good reliable Philly gang*



*Antanaitis family: Ona Bleming, Julia Kowrak from Philadelphia, Mary Shalins from Brooklyn and Martha & Ed Antanaitis from California.*



*Victoria Jacobsen and Aldona Kirstuk from St. Petersburg, FL.*



## Council News

## Vyčiai Veikia

### AMBER DISTRICT

Victor Stepalovitch, C-3 Phila. president, welcomed delegates and guests to the Amber District meeting in St. George Church, Phila., PA on June 9. Knights arriving early for the meeting joined parishioners of St. George to the newly renovated church for Mass celebrated by Rev. John Kelly. Rev. Jos. Anderlonis, pastor, welcomed the visiting Knights.

Msgr. Vito Martusevicius, pastor emeritus, gave the luncheon blessing. Members of C-3 prepared and served a delicious buffet of a variety of hot and cold foods.

In his remarks, Fr. Anderlonis, national spiritual advisor, stressed the need for persistence in letter-writing campaigns to legislators to help Lithuania in her struggle for freedom. He mentioned some of the church renovations, especially the statues of Our Lady of Siluva and St. Joseph. He noted the incorporation of "ruta" in Our Lady's robe.

Pres. Mickunas presided at the business meeting. Comprehensive minutes of St. Casimir's Day Meeting were

approved as read by Agnes Mickunas, secretary. Treasurer's report by Edmund Carlitus was filed for audit.

Vice Pres. Elsie Kosmisky announced the fall meeting will be held in Pittston in October. Eleanor Vaicaitis and Elsie Kosmisky of C-144 accepted the chairmanship of the 1992 raffle.

Mandate committee reported a total attendance of 53, with 40 national, district and council delegates and 5 councils.

Frank Petrauskas, project chairman, reported the availability of history books, hard-cover \$17.50 and soft-cover \$10.00.

Anna Helen McDonald, in her report, gave the following information regarding Medical Aid to Lithuania. To date, 34,269 lbs. of medical aid valued at \$1,543,100 were sent to Lithuania. As of May 1, 393 contributions were made totalling \$71,829. The largest contribution came from Anthracite C-144.

Vice Pres. Elsie Kosmisky and Sec. Agnes Mickunas were elected district delegates to the Nat'l Convention in Florida. Immediate past national president Anne Wargo traveled to Washing-

ton for a hearing of the Helsinki Commission with Pres. Landsbergis attending. She was an invited guest to the reception in the Rotunda of the Capitol.

A slate of officers was presented with elections to take place at next meeting in October.

The Knights journeyed to their homes with many thanks to C-3 and Rev. Anderlonis for the privilege of meeting in St. George's with plentiful good food and a most enjoyable meeting.

### MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

Having Pres. Landsbergis in Chicago was a great historical event. Thousands of people waited at Midway Airport in the very hot sun, many in Lithuanian costumes. On his arrival, they clapped and shouted "Lietuva, Lietuva!" It certainly showed others our spirit and goals for a free Lithuania. Many social events followed.

On Sunday, May 15, a Mass was celebrated at Nativity BVM Church of Marquette Park and the Lithuanian Music Festival was officially opened. Luncheon followed at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture with many K of L's attending. Many thanks to Frank Zapolis for donating the champagne. In the evening, a religious concert was held at Immaculate Conception Church of Brighton Park. A champagne reception for all in attendance followed.

Tues., May 16, an unusual reception and dinner was held at the Field Museum of Natural History. With skeletons of dinosaurs and mounted elephants intermingling, the guests enjoyed the surroundings.

On May 17, Ann Jillian presented a concert at Drury Lane in Oakbrook. About 60 K of L's attended. Thanks to Estelle Rogers for organizing the group and thanks also to Robert Martin for hosting the cocktail party after the theatre. Algerd Brazis, MAMD and C-112 president, presented Ann Jillian with flowers.

On May 19 and 24, a Lithuanian opera, "Lietuviai" was presented. Glen Perutis, P. Paulauskas and Evelyn Ozelis were in the chorus. They also partici-



Unveiling of Amber District flag: Elsie Kosmisky, Agnes & John Mickunas





*President Landsbergis acknowledging greetings at Midway Airport on arrival in Chicago.*

pated in the song festival in Chicago.

Maestro Faustas Strolia was invited to Lithuania in Sept. to present his and his father's music. Valio! The K of L Choir participated in the Lithuanian Song Festival at the Chicago Circle Pavilion on May 26.

Mid-America District meeting was held at Immaculate Conception Church Hall on June 1. Lunch and business meeting followed with Algerd Brazis presiding. Ellie Kasputis, membership chairlady, reminded members that the drive closed on June 30. Frank Svelnis and Al Mockus also gave their respective reports.

The following donations were approved: Lithuanian Legation, Washington, \$2,000; Lithuanian Medical Aid in memory of Albert Zakarka, \$500; Altas, Chicago area, \$100; Lithuanian Music Festival Ad, \$75.; Lithuanian Festival, \$100; Fr. Zakarauskas 50th Anniversary, \$200; Sisters of St. Francis Ad Book, \$30.

Congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, spiritual advisor MAMD on his 50th anniversary of his ordination. Many friends and relatives attended Mass and reception at the Mayfield Restaurant.

#### MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Our District holds three meetings each year. This year our annual Communion Breakfast was hosted by C-110 Maspeth. Eight applicants received their Third Degree and a successful raffle was held which benefited our shrinking treasury. C-110 members were great hosts and delegates and guests had an enjoyable day.

Our Spring meeting was held in Great Neck, NY on June 2. Hosts were C-109. In spite of the fact there is no Lithuanian parish in Great Neck, St. Aloysius parish gave the delegates and guests a warm Lithuanian welcome. Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Dunn, in his welcoming remarks during the sermon, noted that he was pleasantly sur-

prised with the Lithuanian attendance and wished us a fruitful meeting.

Luncheon was served in the parish hall which resembled a mini flower show. We were greeted by local Pres. Alexander Wesey. Our spiritual advisor, Msgr. Bulovas arrived after the luncheon was over but spoke to us about the Feast of Corpus Christi. The guests were decorated with tri-colored pins. The main speaker was economist Vytautas Vebeliunas, who had just returned from Lithuania. He remarked that it seemed like a holiday since he felt as if he still had one foot in Lithuania and the other in Great Neck. Vytas played a major role in the founding of the Lithuanian Credit Union KASA and LITAS. He urged us to remain flexible in our dealings with the Soviet Union. He noted that the ruble had shrunk - 35 rubles for \$1.00. When he went out for dinner and drinks with his friends, the total tab was \$7.00.

Delegates were selected to the 78th National Convention in St. Petersburg Beach, FL - Apolonija Ziausys and Bernice Aviza with alternates Ed & Irene Senken. Nominations for officers followed. Elections were held at meeting in Auriesville, NY hosted by Hudson-Mohawk C-136. Results will be listed in next issue of VYTIS.

A huge raffle took place with many lovely prizes conducted by Joseph Zukas and Anthony Kober. There were many lucky winners.



*Evelyn Ozelis, Robert Martin, Algerd & Aldona Brazis and Ellie Kasputis at Balzekas Museum luncheon honoring President Landsbergis.*





*Great Neckers at MAD meeting: Petras & Anele Povilaitis, Bill Statkevicius, Gladys Banks & Amelia Chapin.*

Joseph Stelmokas. During council reports, Ed Burba Cook of C-12 presented Al Wesey with the book entitled, "The Gift of Vilnius - A Terrible Beauty is Born". It is a chronicle of the Bloody Sunday, Jan. 13 in Lithuania.

We do hope Great Neck will host another District meeting in the not too long future. We all enjoyed the lovely day and thank the council for being the perfect hosts.

Since this is my last term on the Public Relations Committee, I want to thank everyone that I worked with and wish "gero vejo" to my successor. A special thank you to my neighbors, Annie & Joe Dugan who made my attendance at the meetings so much easier.

*Dalia Bulvicius*

#### C-7 WATERBURY, CT

C-7 recently honored Edward White, an active member of approximately 58 years of membership in C-7 and club houseman for 25 years. Since he was celebrating his birthday the following day, an early birthday cake was presented with many happy, healthy birthday wishes. Many thanks for your faithful service to our council. Doris Blinstrubas and Antoinette White co-chaired the event with the assistance of Anne Cheplick, Joan Shukaitis, Elinor Arnauskas, Edith Blinstrubas and Marga-

ret Philbren. Alma Torre was in charge of tickets, raffle and homemade desserts.

Alma Torre sponsored a bus to the casinos in Atlantic City. For entertainment on the trip, bingo, raffle and novelty tapes were enjoyed by the passengers. Snacks were served to everyone's delight. Having enjoyed the trip, members are look-

ing forward to future trips.

Anne Cheplick, Elinor Arnauskas, Alma Torre, Doris and John Jonaitis attended the New England District meeting. Elinor received her third degree. Congratulations!

Dinner honoring Vice President Quayle was attended by Anne Cheplick and Elinor Arnauskas. They were privileged to have their photo taken with the vice president.

#### C-12 NEW YORK, NY

The lazy days of summer are upon us and that's how Yours Truly feels.

Our scheduled meeting for June was preceded by a commemoration for the

50th Anniversary of the terrible days of June depicting the deportation of many Lithuanians to Siberia. The meeting was casual and routine due to a large number of members on the sick list. However, the membership was urged to keep up the letter-writing campaign for Lithuania's freedom. As the meeting progressed, we had a pleasant surprise visit by Rev. Daniel Staniskis, previously associated with Annunciation parish in Brooklyn. With a little urging, Fr. Daniel became a member of C-12. We welcome you.

On June 15 there occurred two events which took place on the same day - a recognition of the Baltic Nations Day on Ellis Island and also a day of prayer for Lithuania at Doylestown, PA. Millie Pietz and Jeanne Janonis went to Ellis Island. Much to their surprise, they encountered several K of L members from C-12 and C-141 Bridgeport, CT such as Stella & Mitch Marcinauskas whose children dance with the Bridgeport, CT group and Evelyn & John Bell. Also seen were Paul & Barbara Schmidt from Bridgeport. Paul danced with a German group while Barbara performed with the Lithuanian group. A well spent day was enjoyed by all.



*C-7 National 2nd Vice Pres. Ann Cheplick with Vice Pres. Dan Quayle and Eleanor Arnauskas.*





*Celebrating C-12's Ed Senken's & Joe Kscenaitis' birthdays. L to r: Ed Senken, Ed Burba Cook, Nancy Belskis, Joe Kscenaiotis.*

Many K of L'ers went to the Shrine in Doylestown, PA. Annunciation Choir of Brooklyn who have members from C-12 and C-41 sang at the shrine.

As custom, we wish those who are having a birthday either in July or August a very happy one, i.e., Joe Ksencaitis, Alice Zupko and Ed Senken. Congratulations go to Irene & Ed Senken on the birth of their first grandson, Daniel Peter.

Ten members from C-12 attended the convention in Florida.

C-12 wishes to extend its condolences to the Bell family on the death of Joseph Bell, brother of John and brother-in-law of Evelyn Bell. May God in his mercy enter him into the kingdom of Heaven. IDS

#### **C-17 SOUTH BOSTON, MA**

Our council had a busy and memorable activities calendar the first six months, ranging from flag-raising ceremonies on Feb. 15 at the State House and City Hall in Boston to a cathedral liturgy for Lithuania on June 16 at the Holy Cross Cathedral.

Due to a delay in completion of major renovations of St. Francis Church, we had to cancel our annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast. We had coffee and danish social after Mass on March 3 at St. Joseph's Chapel.

The grand ballroom at Sheraton Tara Hotel was the site of our annual parish

reunion. About 380 people, many K of L'ers, had a pleasurable evening dining, socializing and dancing to Joe Pasioka's Orchestra.

Sunday, April 24, was the grand opening of St. Peter's Church after a major renovation lasting six months. Despite a major cloud burst which flooded our new church hall and required emergency help, the opening proceeded with Bishop P. Baltakis officiating at Mass with Revs. Contons, pastor, Anthony Baltrasunas and Albert Abracinskas assisting. The 47-unit Berklee College of Music under the direction of Prof. Anne Pekham and the St. Peter Lithuanian Church Choir under the direction of Jeronimas Kacinskas provided a moving program of liturgical music. About 300 people attended the event in spite of the inclement weather. After Mass, refreshments were served hosted by St. Peter's Ladies Sodality and the Knights of Lithuania. The soggy opening day will be long remembered. The

council gave a sizeable donation to prepare the church for occupancy.

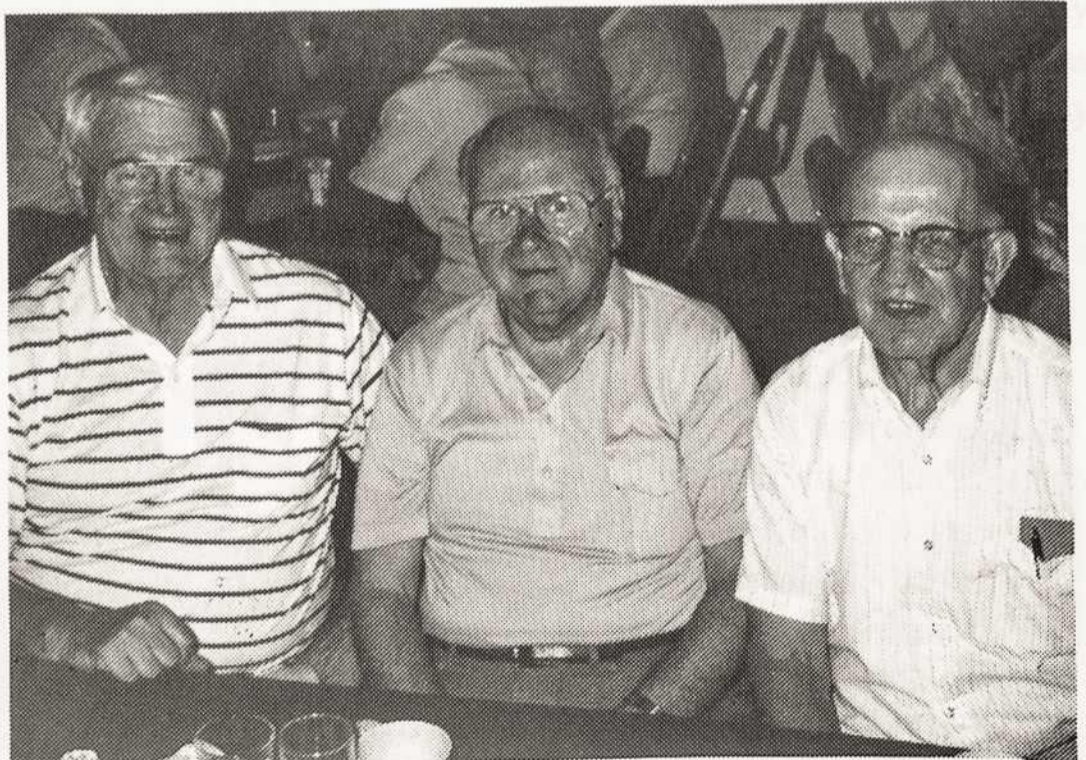
Our council and NED President, Al Akule, led a contingent of members

to the district convention in Springfield on April 28. We thank C-145 Holyoke and Pres. Nellie Ruggles for their hospitality.

On a brilliant May 19, a large group of members attended the NED Holy Hour at Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Worcester. Pastor Alphonse Volungis and Rev. Peter Shakalis, NED Spiritual Director, officiated along with other Lithuanian clergy. A delicious buffet followed at Marionis Park. We thank Pres. Irene Tamulevich and Pastor Volungis for their hospitality.

On June 16 at Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston, there was a Mass in commemoration of fifty years since the tragic June days, the first deportation of Lithuanians to Siberia and Lithuania's struggle for freedom. The principal celebrant was Cardinal Bernard Law, Archbishop of Boston, and concelebrant was Bishop Joseph Zemaitis of Vilkaviškis, Lithuania. About 700 people attended, including many Knights from various councils throughout New England. Rev. Albert Contons, Alexander Akule, Sr. Eugenia Glineckis, CJC, and Joseph White served on the committee.

Many council members attended the popular NED Summer Retreat conducted by Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis at



*NED Pres. Al Akule & Larry Svelnis with Stanley Vaitkus at Lithuanian Club in St. Petersburg, FL.*





*Rev. Kijauskas, C-25 installed Elena Mikalauskas in Third Degree at MCD meeting with Ritual Chairlady Mary Vaglia joining in the presentation.*

the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME, June 22-25. They returned home spiritually and physically refreshed.

Wedding anniversaries were celebrated by Joseph & Betty Balciunas, their 40th in June and Joseph & Adele Januskevich, also their 40th in May. Rev. Joseph Svirskas celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood while Rev. John Zuromskis celebrated 50 years in the priesthood in May. Congratulations to all!

Due to an excellent article in VYTIS by Rev. William Volkovich, the council became aware of the urgent need for help for orphans and abandoned chil-

travel as a group.

According to our financial secretary, Eva Ball, current council roster is 190 members. Thanks Eva for your good report.

*Joseph White*

#### **C-25 CLEVELAND, OH**

William J. Ivoska, son of Joseph & Anna Ivoska of our council, completed his Doctor of Philosophy Degree at the June commencement at University of Toledo. His dissertation was titled, "The Impact of School Transition on Substance Use among High Risk Youth." His major field of study was Counseling Psychology with a minor in Research Methods. Bill received his BA

and MA degrees from Bowling Green State University, presently working as Director of Admissions at Owens Technical College in Toledo. He also works with Lucas County CARES which is a non-profit organi-

zation dedicated to the prevention of substance use among school-age youth.

John Andrulis is on our sick list and our prayers go out to him for a fast recovery.

Those who attended the National Convention in St. Petersburg were Dolly & Tony Oberaitis, Stella Sankal, Mary Trainy, Betty August and Frank Rozgaitis.

Our MCD bowling and meeting in Cleveland was a very successful event. The activities began at the motel with a social. Some 85 guests were present from DuBois, Dayton, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Southfield. Food and refreshments were in abundance. Friendships were renewed. Everyone had a good time visiting. Saturday was competitive among the bowling teams. Fourteen teams plus one junior team participated. It was good to see so many young people involved. The winning team was from Cleveland, Charles & Nelda Machutas, Jim & Laura Farrell and Gene Kunsitis. Congratulations! Bowling 3163 pins took the large trophy, Lithuanian, of course.

On Saturday, a hoe-down social was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church hall. A large turnout attended, danced to polkas, square dance sets and other dances.

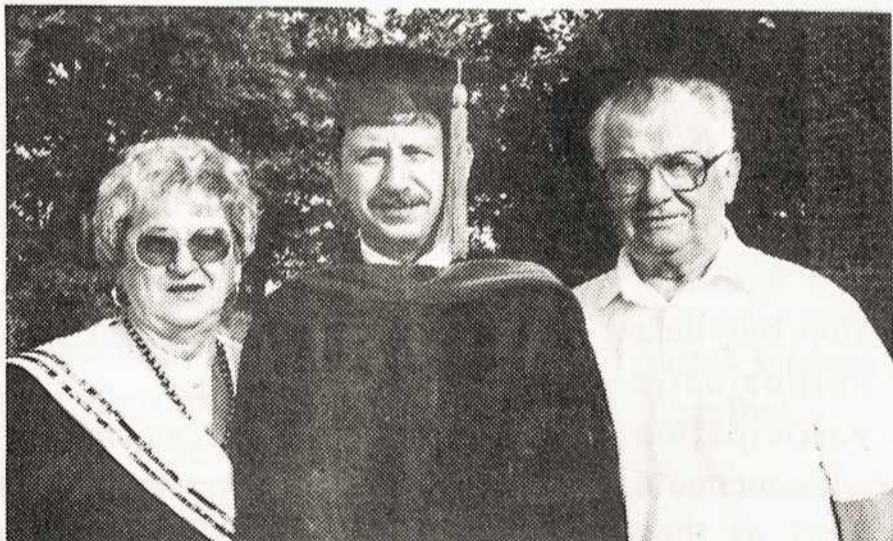
On Sunday, we all marched as a body into the Lithuanian Mass. Degrees were given to qualifying members. Fr. Kijauskas greeted all Knights during Mass. The big treat was having the famous Curlionis Choir sing for the Mass. Later, everyone gathered at the Lithuanian Club for dinner and the bowling awards and farewell until we meet at DuBois in 1992 for bowling.

Be proud American-Lithuanians and display your Lithuanian bumper stickers.

*Joe Ivoska*

#### **C-27 NORWOOD, MA**

A Mass was celebrated on June 15 at



*C-25 Cleveland Joseph & Anna Ivoska with son William who was awarded his PhD recently.*





*Bowling Awards Dinner at MCD meeting. L to r: Dick & Jean Marks, Fran Petkus, Dolly Oberaitis, Fr. Goldikovskis and John Baltrus.*



*Winning team MCD Bowling Tournament, Jim & Laura Farrell, Charles & Nelda Machutis and Gene Kunsitis.*



*Detroiters enjoying weekend in Cleveland: Top row: Don Wagster, Ed Salas, Joe Guerriero, Ruth Wagster. Bottom row: Tim Baibak, Marge Wagster, Helen Mykolaitis, Maryann Guerriero, Ann Salas.*

the Cathedral of Holy Cross in Boston. Many Lithuanian parishes in New England joined with the Boston community to pray for Lithuanian needs, concerns and martyrs. Music director was our pastor, Rev. Wm. Wolkovich of St. George.

A K of L Retreat was held at Franciscan Monastery in Maine on weekend of June 21 with more than 85 New England K of L'ers taking part. Spiritual program under direction of Rev. Jurgelaitis and the excellent food and accommodations added to the enjoyment of all the attendees. Stan & Helen Dallis did a great job planning this weekend. Hopefully their enthusiastic participation will continue in C-27 as they move from

Norwood to Cape Cod. Also, it was good to see John Skricki well again as he and Betty bicycled the beautiful Kennebunkport Beach roads.

Stan Wasil undertook the masterful planning of the Lithuanian contingent in the Norwood Fourth of July Parade. He enlisted the services of his wife Terri, Council Pres. George Barton, Betty Skricki, Lenore & Albie Jarvis and Fr. Bill. Many St. George parishioners as well as Lithuanians from Brockton and Dorchester joined in the parade. Five decorated mobile units carrying costumed participants, flags, posters as well as Fr. Bill's famed director's chair were part of the celebration. Great job, Stan! Your son, Paul, grand parade marshall, must have been proud of your efforts.

Attention ALL C-27 members, St. George parishioners, New England friends and fellow K of L'ers: Keep Sat., Oct. 12, 5 to 10 p.m. open to join us here in our OCTOBERFEST.

*Zaibas*

#### C-29 NEWARK, NJ

On June 2 our council held its last meeting before adjourning for the summer. Prayer services were held for Lithuania after the morning Mass at Holy Trinity Church by our own Fr. Stravinskas.

A bus was sponsored by our council to the Day of Prayer for Lithuania at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestachova in Doylestown.

C-29 awarded First Degrees to Marcie Stravinskas, Ann Miller and Frank Pokol; Second Degrees to Ann Galas and Helen Mugikevicius. We welcomed two new members into membership, Gary Rekus and Frank Kasper.

Please note an important change in the date of our Anniversary Dinner-Dance which was scheduled and advertised for Oct. 13 but changed to Oct. 6.



This change was necessitated because the 25th anniversary of the dedication of Our Lady of Siluva Shrine at the Immaculate Conception in Washington will be held on Oct. 13. The council will sponsor a bus to this celebration in Washington. Make plans to attend both affairs  
*Mary Cullen*



*Sister Eugenia Gleneckis and Sr. Helen Ivanauskas from Brockton with Steven Vanick family parading in their support of Lithuania's freedom.*

#### C-46 FOREST CITY, PA

It is hard to believe that 1991 is speeding by so fast. In Feb, our council commemorated Lithuanian Independence Day with Mass at St. Anthony's Church followed by the flag-raising ceremony on the church grounds.

On March 3 we celebrated St. Casimir's Day with Mass at St. Anthony's Church followed by breakfast at a local restaurant. During Mass, our member John Morris of Simpson received the Fourth Degree. John served 10 years as president of the reactivated C-46 in 1975. John and his wife Mary are faithful members of our group.

It was brought to my attention that our own Bea Stanis, vice-pres. of C-46 has a daughter Eileen West who is also vice pres. of Harrisburg C-146. Frank Cyzeski, Jr., C-46 secretary, and Theodore West, grandson of Bea Stanis, were both recipients of scholarships this year.

Our summer picnic was held Aug. 11 at Kennedy Park in Forest City. We dispensed with our July meeting to make way for a long holiday Fourth of July weekend.

On June 15 a group of our members led by our pres. Michael Yavorski, went to Marywood College in Scranton and participated in Baltic Solidarity Day. The program began with Mass in Regina Hall followed by a formal program on recent events in the Baltic States. Pres. Yavoroski reminded us to constantly write or call our leaders in Washington to come to the aid of the Baltics, especially our own Lithuania.

We continue to offer our prayers for our oppressed brothers and sisters in Lithuania.  
*Josephine O'Peka*

#### C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

Congratulations are extended to Rev. Jos. Pragulbickas who celebrated 60 years in the priesthood. He served as assistant pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Mass was celebrated on June 28 followed by dinner in the parish hall. He also celebrated his 88 birthday on April 8. Best wishes for more happy and healthy years.

Helen Karalis, member of our council, is the coordinator for bus trips to Atlantic City for three organizations of our Lithuanian church. Fr. Alfred Zemeikis traveled to Orlando, FL with 22 persons. An enjoyable time was had by all. Parishioners and K of L members attended Lithuanian Day at the Shrine in Doylestown, PA.

Ann Laurinaitis of the Los Angeles council visited her brother-in-law and sister, Edward & Helen Mackevich of Cranford.  
*William Senkus*



#### C-72 BINGHAMTON, NY

C-72 wishes to inform our fellow Knights that we have been very busy during this first half of the year. On Jan. 12 we held our parish Kučios celebration. This is held every year on the first Sat. after Epiphany, because our moderator, Fr. Mikalajunas wishes us to keep Kučios first at home on Dec. 24 with our families and then as a parish in Jan. we share the plotkeles with each other, sing Lithuanian and English carols and share a covered dish meatless Kučios supper. This year's event was a huge success coordinated by Delores Wasileski.

Independence Day for Lithuania was observed at City Hall on Feb. 15 with a Proclamation by Mayor Crabb, a prayer by Fr. Mikalajunas, a talk by Pres. John Mankus and 33 people present, many in Lithuanian costume and TV Channels 12 & 40 covering the event.

On March 3 we commemorated the Feast of St. Casimir at Mass with readings, poems and hymns in Lithuanian offered to God by Pres. Mankus, Fr. Mikalajunas and the senior choir. A brunch for about 25 followed at a local restaurant.





*John Mankus, Barbara Miller and friend from Binghamton enjoying banquet festivities at 78th National Convention.*

May 4 was the day of the Twin Rivers Ethnic Festival and it was C-72's sixth year of participation with a booth featuring Lithuanian potato pancakes and kugelis along with a cultural display. Several of our members were in costume. The next day, several members participated in our annual May Crowning Service in honor of the Mother of God.

June 23 was a great day for C-72 and the parish of St. Joseph. Eleven members of our parish were confirmed by Bishop Baltakis. Following Mass, the Bishop blessed the new stations of the cross by the parish center, and the old cross from the Church tower was placed within the stations. This lovely work of art was made possible by several young Lithuanians of our parish, namely, Joseph Yanoskas Hobart, Joey Buchinsky and Kurt Brevis Franzenburg. We made this a day of commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Soviet Deportation of Lithuanians by the Soviets into Siberia. We were very blessed to have Bishop Baltakis lead us in singing the Lithuanian National Anthem. He was flanked by Dolores Wasileski, Barbara Miller, Ann Marie Distin, Carla Wilson, all dressed in authentic Lithuanian costumes carrying red, yellow and green bouquets of flowers with ruta.

We hope this gives some of our

members the news that we are alive and busy. At our monthly meetings under the leadership of Pres. Mankus about 28 members join monthly for Lithuanian Language courses given at our monthly readings. We congratulate John Mankus upon being elected to the National Cultural Committee at the 78th National Convention in Florida. We know he will not disappoint anyone but do nothing less than a good job.

*Rev. John Mikalajunas*

#### C-74 SCRANTON, PA

Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Peter Madus on June 15 at Marywood College in commemoration of 50 years of the fall of Lithuania to the Soviet Communists. Pres. Helen Cravath was lector. A program followed. Speakers were Dr. Romas Dovydaitis and Prof. Randy Kritkauskas of Keystone College. Regina Petrauskas was the coordinator.

Members attended the Lithuanian Wake Service for our dear member Patsy Simms who died June 15. Amžina atilsi. Rest in peace.

Pres. Cravath conducted the K of L Wake services.

Congratulations to Sr. Virginia Vytelle and Edward Romanauskas, candidates for the Fourth Degree. They are deserving of the honor. Best of luck to Jerry Costello, Jr. who graduated from high school and will attend Scranton University. Congratulations also to Dick Laske who was installed president of the North Scranton Rotary Club.

We were happy to see Lee Bozenko and her family visiting from Texas.

Our council sold potato pancakes at Weston Park. Many thanks to all the loyal Knights who worked on the production line in the hot sun. We were the busiest stand; everyone enjoyed our "bleenies".

C-74 had a table at the Scranton Public Library benefit. "Books and Bubbles" was the theme. Different clubs served food at the elegant affair. Naturally, we served a Lithuanian menu. Those who served were Jean Kavelinas, chairlady, Ann Dudewicz, Mary Costello, Lee Bozenko, Ann Lisowski and Marie Laske.

A bus trip to the Lithuanian Festival in Baltimore was enjoyed by some C-74 members. We attended Mass at St. Alphonse Church which was built in 1851 by a German architect and was acquired by the Lithuanians in 1917. Rev. Antanas Dronginis, pastor, was celebrant at Mass assisted by Fr. Paul.



*Pres. Fran Petkus with Svajunas Nekrašius and Arturas Labaika from Lithuania at the National Executive Board meeting in Detroit.*



We then went to the Festival which had a wonderful program featuring many dancers. The food was plentiful. There was a good selection of amber and Lithuanian articles. *Marie Laske*

#### C-79 SOUTHFIELD, MI

Everybody was vacationing or suffering from the "bug" that hit Michigan in July. Our July meeting only drew seven members, the old stalwarts. A decision was made to cancel the planned family picnic due to no interest. Mary Keller presented her report on our participation at the MCD Bowling Tournament held in Cleveland May 17-19. Of the seven teams from Michigan, four represented our council. Mary's "Family Team" won third place. Congratulations to Beth, Carol, Mary, Richard and Theresa.

We lost two long-time members. Antoinette Baron passed away on April 23. This popular lady sadly left us very suddenly. She served on many committees. She will be missed at our annual Fall Festival in Nov. where she always was in charge of the "Book Sale" at the White Elephant table. Marie Kase passed away July 9. She was another member who, with husband George, joined when our council was reactivated in 1959. She held several council offices in early years, then had to curtail her activities when a serious illness handicapped her. We missed her exuberance the last months of her life when

she was confined in a nursing home.

Please do not forget that council meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month. *BEE JAY*

#### C-96 DAYTON, OH

A wonderful Founder's Day celebration was held prior to the May meeting. Special thanks go to Julie & Joe Mantz and his dedicated committee of Elinor Mantz, Jo & Chris Fletcher, and Barbara Goecke. There was more than enough to eat.

May 12 saw our Juniors paying honor to the Blessed Mother with the annual May crowning. With their advisors, Irene Gecas and Elena Mikalauskas, a delicious buffet followed Mass in the church hall. A delightful program was presented.

Two adult teams and one Junior team participated in the MCD annual bowling tournament. Congratulations to these individual winners: Fran Petkus, Irene Gecas, Aaron Geiger and Krista Zinkiewicz. The MCD meeting covered a lot of business. George Mikalauskas was nominated and accepted the chairmanship for the district's project of Special Awards for the district's hard-working members. He will be working with representatives from each council.

The annual World A'ffaire was held at the Dayton Convention Center in May. Lithuanians were one of 32 countries represented at this festive event. It was good to see Walter Lastoskie from

Florida.

Following the June meeting, Elena Mikalauskas received her

Third Degree. Congratulations are extended to high school graduates Robert Pant and Julie Goecke. Member Laima Rastikas-Vermillion was one of 19 people chosen throughout the country as part of a government teaching project to travel to Lithuania. Sponsored by the U.S. Baltic Foundation, the purpose of the trip was to teach democratic government in a free society.

Congratulations to the Sluzas family. Anthony & Debbie had their first child. Belated sympathies to Bill Gitzinger and Walter Lastoskie on the loss of their respective sisters. Get well wishes to Fr. Walter, Ida Kavy and Alice Petkus.

*Mary Agnes Mikalauskas*

#### C-102 DETROIT, MI

Council members enjoyed a fun-filled weekend at Mid-Central District meeting and bowling tournament hosted by Cleveland C-25. Maryanne Guerriero was our delegate at the meeting. C-102's bowling winners were: Sue & Dan Baibak and John Cramblet. A lot of square dancing was done at the Ho Down on Saturday night. Thank you Cleveland C-25 for the lovely weekend.

The Lithuanian-American Veterans honored their dead on Memorial Day with a Mass at Divine Providence. Chuck Mishakis, wearing his World War II uniform and medals read the names of the deceased veterans. After Mass, prayers and a wreath of flowers was placed at the Wayside Cross in front of the church. A lovely lunch was served afterwards.

C-102 hosted the National Executive Board officers meeting at St. Anthony's Church on June 16. It was a long day but enjoyable. Working on the committee were: HM Bob Boris, Edna Klucens, Donna Stanievich, Ruth Wagster, Frank & Donna Bunikas, Eve & Joe Aukstikalnis-Stark and Joe &



*Enjoying Saturday night festivities at the MCD Bowling Tournament in Cleveland in May.*



Maryanne Guerriero. The day started with lunch, meeting, coffee break, meeting. At 5 o'clock, Fr. Babonis said a special Mass for the officers and guests. After a gourmet dinner was served, the guests departed. Maryanne Guerriero had the opportunity to visit with her brother, Frank Peterson, National Treasurer. Meriuté had the opportunity to meet with Vytis Editor, Mary Kober and also Council News Editor, Helen Chesko.

An anniversary cake in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Frank & Aldona Bunikas added a festive note to the dinner. Many happy, healthy years of wedded bliss.

Now that the Snow Birds are back from Florida, our meetings have livened up once again. Congratulations to Ruth Wagster who became a great grandmother. Her granddaughter gave birth to a son in Hawaii.

Sorrow looms heavily over our Council at the passing of former President, Gus Baibak on July 23, 1991. He was our President for three years and resigned last October due to poor health. He was an excellent president being knowledgeable about K of L Constitution and Bylaws. He always attended National Conventions, the Mid Central District meetings and Bowling Tournaments. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his sons and daughter and their spouses.

At the request of HM Bob Boris, Frank & Donna Bunikas hosted Dr. Dumcius' wife Laima from Kaunas while she was in Michigan seeking help for a heart valve problem. Donna & Frank found her to be a delightful guest and an added bonus was an improvement in their Lithuanian speech. Between doctor appointments, they were able to go to Chicago for the Music and Song Festival. HM Boris accompanied them and was joined by his brother Vince from Maryland. They also had

traveling companions, cousin Arturo Leveika from Lithuania and Rev. Andruska from Florida. Our President, Joe Aukstikalnis-Stark and wife Eve, together with VP John Stanievich and wife Aldona, also traveled to the Windy City for the Opera. They all came back with great reviews.

Returning to Michigan, Bob Boris spent the next four days escorting Bishop Zemaitis from Lithuania on a fund raising tour of Detroit. They visited two seminaries, lunched at Providence Hospital, went to St. Hugo's elementary school in Bloomfield Hills and toured the facilities of World Medical Relief where a \$50,000 new blood machine was donated to Lithuania. Bishop Zemaitis concelebrated Masses at St. Anthony's Lithuanian Church and St. Mark's Church in Warren, MI.

Wedding bells rang for two of our former K of L Scholarship recipients. Richard Smolek took Michele for his bride and Ray Klucens married Maryellen. We wish them a long life of happiness. Also, Laura Hofner, daughter of Merrie & Lory Hofner became a Mrs.

Rev. Walter Stanievich (Fr. Stan) retired from the priesthood and was honored at a lovely retirement party hosted by his parish, St. Marks in Warren, MI. Get well wishes and prayers are extended to Fr. Simaitis, assistant at our St. Anthony's Church. *Meriuté*



*Donna & Frank Bunikas celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary.*

## C-110 MASPETH, NY

About 35 council members attended the MAD convention hosted by Great Neck C-109 on June 2. Our "demonstration" chairlady Ann Morrissey distributed pre-addressed and stamped postcards to all attendees, requesting their signatures and a few words of protest against the Russian violence in Lithuania. The cards were then mailed to our local congressmen. We also were able to obtain over 100 signatures during the meeting, requesting Pres. Bush to convince Gorbachev not to use force and violence when he met with him during the summit meeting.

In June, 47 members and guests left for Quebec, Canada on a pilgrimage tour to St. Anne de Beaupre. After visiting Quebec City and sight seeing at the Grand Canyon Falls, we attended Mass on Sunday at the Shrine. The local clergy remembered the 50th anniversary of Lithuania's enslavement by the Soviet Union. In all, it was a pleasant journey arriving home safely.

Ann Morrissey led another demonstration at the Russian Embassy in New York City protesting the massacre of the 15 Lithuanian citizens on Jan. 14 and also noting the 50th anniversary of the shipment of Lithuanians to Siberia.

We also had a trip in June to Doylestown, PA. Also, a number of members went to see Ann Jillian perform at the Westbury Music Fair. She was terrific and greatly impressed the audience with her performance.

Our final meeting and party on June 23 was well attended. We finalized plans for future events and authorized financial donations to several Lithuanian programs. Our recent raffle for Lithuanian Catholic Relief was successful. Winners were: 1st prize - Anthony Razickas; 2nd prize - Albina Niewierowski; 3rd prize - Rev. Stasys Raila. We thank all members who supported this rive.



We regret to inform that fellow member Albert Lasky recently passed away. Please pray for him. On the sick list are Sophia Aukstakalnis and Adele Aquilino. We wish them a speedy recovery.

*Bruno Rutkunas*

#### C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Our council was honored to have Bishop Joseph Zemaitis from Lithuania visit Our Lady of Siluva Church as the guest of Fr. Matthew Jarasunas. Accompanying the Bishop were Rev. Vytautas Gustaitis of Lithuania, Msgr. Vytautas Balciunas of Putnam, CT and Msgr. Anthony Norkunas, pastor of Holy Trinity of Wilkes Barre. At the Lithuanian Mass, Most Rev. Thomas Welch, Bishop of Allentown Diocese attended together with Revs. Gobitas, Wassel, Yenushosky, Jarasunas and Rev. Joseph Bowler of Holy Cross in Mt. Carmel. Friends of Siluva Choir sang at Mass. A champagne punch was served in the parish hall.

Pres. Olympia Zelinski served as mistress of ceremonies. Rev. Gobitas gave the invocation. Bishop Zemaitis address the assemblage in Lithuanian with Msgr. Norkunas acting as interpreter. Bishop Welch also spoke briefly on the situation in Lithuania. A gift of \$1,000 was presented from C-144 by Pres. Zelinski.

In June, Anne Wargo and Helen Chesko attended the National Executive Board meeting in Detroit. Anne Wargo was also privileged to witness the hearings of the Helsinki Commission in Washington with Pres. Vytautas Landsbergis in attendance. She also had the privilege of meeting him at the reception in the Rotunda of the Capitol.

Twenty members attended the Amber District meeting hosted by C-3 at the newly renovated St. George Church in Philadelphia. Buffet luncheon was served after Mass prepared by C-3 members prior to the business meeting.

Many thanks to C-3 and Fr. Anderlonis for their hospitality.

43 members signed up for the trip to Washington on Oct. 13 to attend the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A group of Knights and friends enjoyed "Uncle Vanya" presented by the State Theatre of Lithuania at the Annenberg Center in Philadelphia on July 11.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of William Gervalis and Frank Alinsky. May they rest in peace.

#### C-146 HARRISBURG, PA

Our April meeting was held in Strawberry Square in Harrisburg. Pres. Lorraine Grabauskas stressed the importance of writing to our legislators to keep them aware that they will not get our vote unless they help Lithuania get her independence.

We were happy to welcome two new members, Jean Mallam and Marion Bayalis. We recently had a picnic-pool party meeting at the home of Helen & Vito Grabauskas. Plenty of good food and fellowship was shared that day. Joe & Clara Gudolonis, former active members who moved to Florida recently, were visiting and joined us. They represented our council at the 78th

National Convention in Florida.

We extend our prayerful get-well wishes to Helen Wysocki and Romona Gross.

*Helen Grabauskas*

#### C-147 ST. PETERSBURG, FL

C-147 held their usual monthly meeting in June at the American-Lithuanian Club. After council business, Pres. Anthony Gudonis, moved on to discuss the National K of L Convention. He informed that the National Executive Board asked C-147 to host the Thursday evening get-together. It was unanimously agreed to host this get together. The menu and cooks were immediately selected. A committee was chosen to decorate the hall, set up tables, collect tickets, etc. Council members worked diligently to have everything in order to welcome the conventioners, their families and friends.

Before closing the meeting, we received a special treat. Two young ladies who just arrived from Lithuania were introduced. They were Dr. Virginia Dautarpiene, an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist and Prof. Grazina Petruolyte, a biophysicist. They were asked to speak about the present events that are taking place in Lithuania. A question and answer period followed. These two ladies are nieces of our member, Victoria Jacobson. They were her guests for



*C-146 members of Harrisburg enjoy a picnic at home of Helen & Vitty Grabauskas.*



several weeks.

Our meeting was closed with much membership excitement. *E. Petraitis*

### C-150 KANSAS CITY, KS

Members of C-150 as well as the Aidas Lithuanian Dancers are working in the concession stands of the Kansas City Royals baseball games and the Chiefs football games in Kansas City in an effort to earn money for a trip to Lithuania. Originally, the group hoped to visit in 1991 but have tentatively set their plans for 1992 due to costs and events. It takes 33 people to set up, cook, serve, sell and clean up for each game. Dick Horvatic, who made the video of the Kansas City convention, is

chairman-coordinator of the project.

Kansas City council is struggling to keep going and is very appreciative of the help we were given by the National Executive Board, our Mid America District and also Vytis Editor, Mary Kober.

*Lou Ann Rayn, Pres.*

### C-154 SPRING HILL, FL

Delegates to the Mid Atlantic District meeting on June 2 in Great Neck were John and Sadie Petraitis. The Mass at St. Aloysius Church started after an impressive procession of a large group of K of L'ers proudly displaying hand-made, miniature Lithuanian flags. Following Mass, a delicious luncheon was

served.

The principal speaker, Vytautas Vebeliunas, presented an overview of what is actually happening in Lithuania. However, we did disagree with his projection that five years would elapse before Lithuania would regain her independence. A careful study of all the progress that has been made relative to the Lithuanian people's fight for her rightful independence would make the time lapse a much, much shorter one, we concluded.

A second memorable event for the Petraitis was the opportunity to attend the New York International Festival of Arts presentation of two Lithuanian plays. "The Square" was written and directed by Eimuntas Nekrosius starring Kostas Smariginas and Dalia Overaitė with an all-purpose figure, Remigijus Vilkaitis. It is a love story altered by the mentality of the gulag - one leaves the theatre feeling he was there. The other play, "Uncle Vanya" was truly "once-in-a-lifetime" enthralling theatre experience. The presentations were in Lithuanian, although headsets were available.

Helen Konewitch underwent a serious operation at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. She is at home in Spring Hill making slow but steady recovery. Please add your prayers to ours as we look for her complete return to good health.

*S. G. Petraitis*

Kazys Kleiva mire 1991 metais balandzio 29 diena St. Petersburg ir buvo palaidotas Sv. Kazimiero kapinese, Chicagoje. Jis buvo aktyvus narys nuo pat isisteigimo Vyčių kuopai 1978 metais, būdamas visa laika Lietuvių reikalams pirmininku kuopos valdyboje.

Vesdamas "Lietuvos Aidu" St. Petersburg skyriaus valandėle, dažnai kalbėdamas apie 147-tos Vyčių kuopos darbus, parengimus, iškilas, prisimindavo ir visus Lietuvos Vyčių veikla Amerikoje ginant Lietuvos laisvinimo darbus.



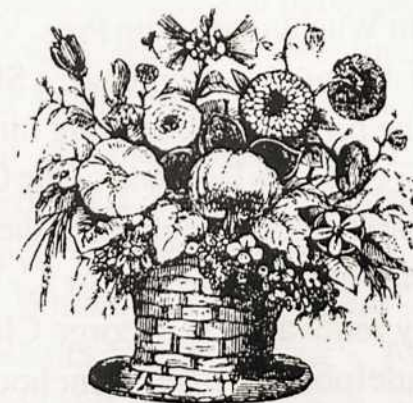
*A.A. Kazys Kleiva*

Vyčių kuopos susirinkimuose jo žodis buvo svarus. Savo darbštumu buvo užsitarnaves 4-to laipsno žymini. Visada jis siejoji Vyčių veikla ir jos augima.

Kazys Kleiva buvo netik Vytis, bet ir visuomeninkas, daug darbu nuveikes lietuvybės išlaikymiu. Jis atvažiaves i Amerika 1949 metais, L. Šimučio kviečiamas, dirbo A.L.R.K. Susivienijime, budamas ir jos direktoriumi keliata metų. Ameikoj dirbdamas A.L.R.K. Susivienijime rūpinosi jaunimu, kad jie būtų išsiėme. Suorganizavo, padedant B. Pakštui, jaunimo ansambli, dainos, šokių ir akordeonistu būrelius. Neužmiršo ir pačių mažuju, jis turėjo darželi Marquette Parke vadovaujant mok. Janinai Narūnai. Susitares su Chicagos parapijų, o ju buvo daug, vargononkais suruošė pirmaja dainų švente, kuria atidarė.a. Konsulas P. Daužvardis Willow Springs daržė.

Tiek gražiu prisiminimų apie A.A. Kazi Kleiva iš Chicagos ir St. Petersburg.

*Vytė*







*Bill Strumillo working the counter at Kansas City Chiefs football game to raise money for C-150 trip to Lithuania.*



*Apolonija Ziausys, C-100 Amsterdam, packing medical supplies to be delivered to New York for shipment to Lithuania.*



*C-154 Spring Hill, FL members at Convention. Helen & George Mayer and Mary & Adolph Sarko enjoying evening at Lithuanian Club.*



*C-79 Southfield, MI Mary Keller's "Family Team" came in third in the MCD Bowling Tournament at Cleveland in May.*



*Relaxing after breakfast: Al Akule, Marion Hobitz, Mary Matachinskas, Alice Opanasets, Aldona Keaney. Standing: Frank & Isabelle Peterson.*



*Pre-convention dinner at Brown Derby: Helen Chesko, Dolores Wainauskas, Adele Zunas, Mary Kober, Al & Aldona Brazis.*



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Lie-tu-va Tė - vy - ne mū - sų tu did - vy - rių že - mė, Iš pra - ei - ties

Ta - vo sū - nūs te stip - ry - bę se - mia. Te - gul Ta - vo vai - kai ei - na vien ta - kais do -

ry - bės te - gul dir - ba Ta - vo nau - dai ir žmo - nių gė - ry - bei.

*pp*  
1. Te - gul sau - lė Lie - tu - vos tam - su - mus pra - ša - li - na ir švie - sa  
2. Te - gul mei - lė Lie - tu - vos de - ga mu - sų šir - dy - se var - dan - tos

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