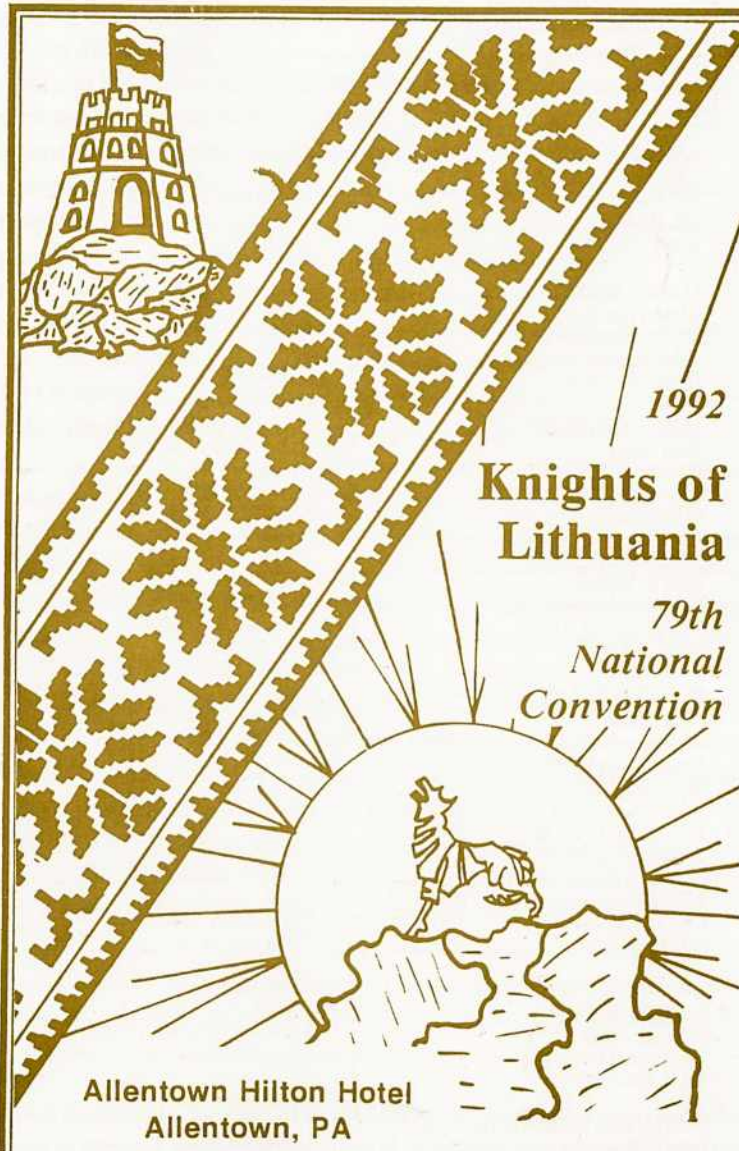


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## PRE-CONVENTION TOUR TO COAL MINES

*Elinor Sluzas, C-96 Dayton, OH*

Wednesday, July 15 was a balmy morning in Allentown, PA. Outside of the Allentown Hilton, the "early arrivers" for the Knights of Lithuania convention were boarding the buses which would take us into the beautiful Anthracite Coal Region. Chatting with one another and renewing old friendships made the time spent on the bus pass quickly.

When we arrived at the mine, we had to wait a few minutes before we could board the open mine cars that would take us 1,800' into the bowels of the Mahanoy Mountain. While waiting, my thoughts took me back to the turn of the century. I could see the men and boys, our fathers and grandfathers, trudging up the hill at the first blink of dawn, to work in the coal mines. A shrill whistle brought me back to the present and we all clambered onto the rail cars which took us into the Anthracite mine. Bare light bulbs cast eery shadows on the wet-dripping walls of coal. (Could this be the sweat of our fore-fathers still lingering as reminders of their sacrifices for us?) Our young guide explained how the coal mines were operated and the back-breaking hazards that were a part of every day life in the mines. At one point we all got off of the train and followed him down dark tunnels, sloshing through the cold and damp, which chilled us to the bone. To me, this coal mine which is no longer a working mine, stands as a silent tribute, a monument to our immigrant parents and grandparents. Under the most adverse conditions, they were steadfast in their faith in God, love of family and proud of their Lithuanian heritage. As the mine cars rolled out into the sunlight, I closed my eyes and whispered a prayer for our early pioneers.

We boarded our buses and after a short jaunt, we stopped at Our Lady of Siluva Church in Maizeville, PA. At this lovely church, we were made to feel very welcome and refreshments were served in the undercroft.

Next, we headed into Mahanoy City where we visited St. Joseph Church and their small chapel which has perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We walked down the street to the catering hall where we indulged ourselves with a sumptuous meal .... after a hard day in the "coal mine", it really "hit the spot".

On our way back to our hotel, we made one more stop. As we entered the nave of St. George Church in Shenandoah, our eyes were drawn to the words "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" located above the sanctuary and below the large oil

painting of the Crucified Messiah. The 24" high letters of these words, describe the ultimate purpose for this magnificent edifice, built by the hands of Lithuanian immigrants, in order to proclaim "Glory to God in the Highest." St. George Church is the home of the oldest Lithuanian parish in the United States, whose roots go back to 1872. In order to make you aware of this Lithuanian treasure, I will share with you some highlights.

The height of the nave from floor to top of the arch is 55' and the church's interior length is 100'. The outside dimensions measure 65' x 120', with the tower well over 100' high. There are 38 magnificent statues in the church. The murals along the main arch are 12' x 18' in size and depict the Mysteries of the Rosary. The main altar is 9' x 40". The carving of the Last Supper on its front was carved in Northern Italy. The Stations of the Cross were made in Munich, Germany around 1920. The pipe organ contains almost 2,000 pipes, the longest being 20' installed in 1907. The colorful stained glass windows are breathtaking. While most are no longer in use, the steeples hold ten bells, weighing an astounding six tons. The largest bell was blessed "St. Peter and Adam" and weights 3,100 lbs. The bells are made of copper and alloyed with the finest East India tin. The recent remodeling of the church interior transformed the church into a gold and white beacon, drawing those who enter to pray and praise the true "Light of the World" Jesus Christ.

When we were all comfortably settled on the buses, the heavy rains came. That was fine! We relaxed and became lost in our own thoughts of what we had seen today. I felt very proud.



*Ann Wargo sending off the Pre-Convention Tour with Chairlady Helen Chesko, and Elinor Sluzas, Eloise Berczelly of Dayton, OH.*

## Pre-Convention March to City Hall, Allentown

*Frances Petkus, President*

With Chairlady, Anna Helen McDonald, leading the procession of delegates and guests to Allentown's City Hall prior to the National Convention opening Mass, we were blessed with good weather and a fine contingent of people. We were warmly greeted by the Mayor of Allentown, Joseph S. Daddona. After the Mayor proclaimed July 16-19, 1992 as the Knights of Lithuania Weekend in Allentown, the Lithuanian flag was raised with the singing of "Lietuvos Himnas". Mayor Daddona shared with us the fact that he had been in Lithuania and three months after his return, Lithuania became free. With a twinkle in his eyes as he shared this news, one felt the Mayor had a part in Lithuania's freedom. He expressed his joy and concern for Lithuania in her struggle to become the nation she once was.

The Mayor introduced us to Rimantas Sankauskas, a fireman chief from Panevežys who is presently a guest of the city of Allentown, learning fire fighting techniques. Mr. Sankauskas presented to the National K of L president, Fran Petkus, a medal in the shape of the map of Lithuania. He also presented Anne Wargo, chairlady of the convention with a medal depicting the blood shed on that terrible day of January 13. After hearing words from other dignitaries, members were being interviewed by newspaper and television media. We then proceeded to the opening Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Cathedral.

Delegates and guests marched into church in procession formation. With Bishop Paul Baltakis, celebrant, the 79th National Convention began with the opening Mass. Concelebrants were Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Joseph Anderlonis from Philadelphia; Rev. Ronald Jankaitis, St. Clair; Rev. Gerald Gobitas, Frackville; Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, Maizeville; Rev. Daniel Yenushosky, Minersville; Rev. John Savukynas, Chicago. Our Lady of Siluva Choir sang during the Mass. In his homily, Bishop Baltakis thanked the Knights for all the work they are doing in helping Lithuania in her fight for independence and in her struggle for humanitarian and economic growth. Allentown's Bishop Thomas Walsh presided and also welcomed the Knights to his diocese. At the conclu-

sion of the Mass, Convention chairlady Anne Wargo presented Bishop Walsh with a hand carved statue of the Pensive Christ, "Rupintojėlis" brought from Lithuania. In receiving the gift, Bishop Walsh commented that if there were more organizations like the Knights of Lithuania, Christ would have less to be "pensive" about.



*Fire chief Rimantas Sankauskas from Lithuania presenting medals to Fran Petkus, President at City Hall.*



*Flag raising ceremonies at City Hall*

## 79th NATIONAL CONVENTION Allentown Hilton Hotel - July 16 - 19, 1992

The motto of the 79th National Convention was "Lithuania Forever - Lietuva Per Amžius".

The convention opened with a procession to City Hall and a flag raising ceremony by the Mayor of Allentown, Joseph S. Daddona on Thursday morning, July 16. This was followed by Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena.

### FIRST PLENARY SESSION -

*By Lillian Greymas, C-3 Philadelphia.*

The first session opened on Thursday, July 16 at 3:05 p.m. The invocation was conducted by Rev. J. Anderlonis, spiritual advisor. Fran Petkus, president, welcomed the Mayor of Allentown, Joseph S. Daddona. He welcomed the delegates and guests to the City of Allentown. He then presented Anna Helen McDonald of C-144 with a proclamation and to Fran Petkus a key to the City, opening the entire City of Allentown to all Lithuanians for the entire weekend. He also presented T-Shirts to Fran Petkus and Anna Helen McDonald.

Roll call of the Supreme Council officers was then conducted. Fr. Anderlonis offered a prayer for Frank Peterson who was being operated on at the moment. Anna Helen McDonald read greetings from Gov. Casey. Olympia Zelinski, president of host C-144 greeted the delegates and guests. Sister Regina read greetings from the Sisters of St. Casimir. Greetings received were not read at length. Only the greeters' names were announced. Evelyn Ozelis read greetings from Pres. Bush and Ambassador Lozoraitis.



*Presidium Co-Chairs John Mickunas, Evelyn Ozelis and  
Frank Petrauskas*

The election of the presidium took place chaired by John Mickunas, Amber District President, consisting of the following: Chairpersons: Frank Petrauskas, Evelyn Ozelis, John Mickunas; Secretaries: Bernice Aviza, Rita Pinkus; Sgts. at Arms: Joseph Stelmokas, MAD, Andy Rozger, MCD, Steve Soha, Amber, Mat Vilutis, MAMD, Benedict Coach, NED; Resolutions: Vincent Boris, Terry Strolia, Sr. Helen Ivanauskas, Eleanor Sluzas, Loretta Stukas; Greetings: Robert Martin, Toni Sakal, Anna Helen McDonald, Irene Senken; 78th convention Minutes Review Committee: Helen Chesko, Rita Sussko; Parliamentary Procedure: Peter Zansitis; Mandate: Mary Beth Slakis, Irene Svekla, Agnes Mickunas, Marytė Sepikas, Ann Cheplick, Anna Marie Kassel. Following elections, the State of the Organization report was given by Pres. Fran Petkus.

Mandate Committee reported the following at the first session: Clergy, 3; Supreme Council Officers, 6; Honorary Members, 6; Delegates, 198; guests, 18; Alternates, 1; Total 232. There were four Districts represented with a total of 43 councils.

The first session was closed with prayer led by Sr. Helen Ivanauskas at 4:55 p.m.

### SECOND PLENARY SESSION -

*By Irene Ozalis, C-3 Philadelphia*

The second session opened by Chairlady Evelyn Ozelis on Friday, July 17 at 9:45 a.m. and invocation given by spiritual advisor Rev. J. Anderlonis. Treasurers' and Trustees' reports were not given at this time due to the death of Treasurer, Frank Peterson. Robert Martin, Greetings Committee, read a list of donations received.

A panel discussion was held, "What can we Do to Help the People of Lithuania overcome Fifty Years of Communism". Moderator was Rev. J. Anderlonis with panelists Anne Wargo, Dr. Romaldas Maciulaitis from Lithuania, Sr. Helen Ivanauskas SJC, Loretta Stukas, and Robert Boris.

Ann Wargo, representing St. Casimir's Guild read greetings from Msgr. Bartkus of the Lithuanian College in Rome. She stressed the fact that the seminarians are most important to the church in Lithuania and need our help desperately. By donating to the St. Casimir Guild, one is helping the church in Lithuania. Dr. R. Maciulaitis from Caritas in Lithuania is in the U.S. on a three month program spon-



*Presidium Secretaries: Bernice Aviza and Rita Pinkus*

sored by the Institute of Medicine in Boston. He spoke on his work in Lithuania and thanked the Knights of Lithuania for all their help, as they have been the source of most medicine and medical supplies in Lithuania. Medicine is important but most important is the changing the character of the people. Lithuania may be more here in the U.S. than back there because it is still not a full Lithuania. It is a tremendous task of getting rid of the Soviet Union because it was like an octopus that grabbed everything. Healing the wounds of fifty years is a big task but it is most urgent to normalize life in Lithuania. Caritas is concerned about breaking up rumors to discredit the church and Caritas. Dr. Maciulaitis is pleased to be in America. He is like a human trash can; taking everything in to bring back to Lithuania.

Sister Helen Ivanauskas, SJC representing the Lithuania's Children's Relief informed that as of Jan. 30, 1992, SOS Vaikai was officially changed to Lithuanian Children's Relief. She gave a most enlightened slide presentation of the work being done and the children being helped. The first shipment of clothing consisted of 265 boxes (12,450 lbs.) of clothing, toys and new shoes. They are now concentrating on a food program. The biggest project was a shipment of Gerber Baby Food to Lithuania worth \$40,392.48 and shipped by Hapag & Lloyd on March 20, 1992. Distribution was monitored to be sure the children were getting it. Total cost of sending representation to oversee the shipment was \$7,521.00. Through the efforts of Ann Stankus of So. Boston and the School for the Deaf, 21 hearing aids as well as machinery to test the children's hearing were sent to Lithuania. Dr. Martin Dunn,

Director of Hearing & Speech Center in Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI will travel to Lithuania and set up a clinic to help children like Ausra Stropute (the 12-year old who was born without an ear). Also in the works is a program to sponsor a child. For \$10.00 to \$20.00 a month, one can sponsor a Lithuanian child whose picture you will receive as well as letters from the child, keeping one posted on his/her progress. On Sept. 30 the LCRA and the Lithuanian Ambassador will endorse an adoption program. They will not be an adoption agency but rather will provide information on how to adopt a Lithuanian child.

Loretta Stukas spoke about Deborah Hospital reporting that the advanced medical teams' trip to Vilnius found excellent medical people who were very organized and very clean but two years behind concluding that Vilnius University Hospital given up to date equipment and staff in two years would become the cardiac center of Europe, helping children with lung and cardiac problems. Dr. Vytautas Sirvydas, chief Cardiac Surgeon at Vilnius University Hospital, spent three months at Deborah observing surgeries. In Sept., Deborah is sending 46 medical people to Vilnius to equip an operating room completely and conduct a symposium for Lithuanian physicians. Lithuania is providing room and board and Deborah is paying for salaries and equipment; however, they need \$50,000 to pay



*Resolutions Committee: Evelyn Sluzas, Loretta Stukas, Theresa Strolia, Vincent Boris, Sr. Helen Ivanauskas.*



*Greetings Committee: Toni Sakal, Irene Senken, Robert Martin, Anna Helen McDonald.*

for transportation as their charter does not cover money for transportation. To date they have collected \$35,000 and still need \$15,000.

Robert Boris thanked everyone for their support to the Aid to Lithuania project. He pointed out that although all the groups discussed are worthwhile, there are only two K of L projects, St. Casimir's Guild and Aid to Lithuania that merits K of L support. Since donations have been greatly reduced, anyone donating \$100 or more will receive a picture of the Lithuanian Statue of Liberty. Bob also reported that Mercy International is conducting a preliminary investigation into establishing an American type Catholic hospital in Lithuania. Funding from the hospital would come from foundations since the cost would be \$22 million. It is anticipated that in three to five years the hospital would operate on its own, not controlled by the government but an American type private teaching hospital. The National Executive Board has decided to incorporate the Aid to Lithuania as a subsidiary, giving it a tax free status. Bob presented Pres. Fran Petkus with a huge wayside cross brought back from Lithuania as a token of appreciation to be displayed at all future conventions. Al Brazis, Pres. of MAM District, presented Bob with a

check in amount of \$1,640. in support of the Aid to Lithuania container fund.

The Mandate Committee reported the following at the second session: Clergy, 2; Supreme Council officers, 12; Honorary Members, 10; delegates, 203; alternates, 4; guests, 22. There were five Districts represented with 42 councils.

Fr. Anderlonis announced that since the session was running late, mass would start at 12:20 p.m. with luncheon immediately following at the hotel. Ann Wargo urged everyone to drop their names in the Petition Basket, say three Hail Marys to remove Russian troops from Lithuania. This Petition Basket is to be placed on the altar at Sunday's Mass.

The second session closed at 12:10 p.m. with a prayer led by Sr. Helen Ivanauskas.

### THIRD PLENARY SESSION -

*By Victor Stepalovitch, C-3 Philadelphia*

The session was chaired by John Mickunas. Time was allotted for a brief question and answer period directed to members of the morning's panel. Removal of Soviet troops from Lithuania and the role of the Peace Corps being sent to Lithuania were discussed.

The subject of this afternoon's panel was "Political Action: A Knights of Lithuania Approach". Moderator was Vincent Boris with panelists Jack Stukas and Elinor Sluzas. Vince opened the discussion by outlining the concepts of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee as introduced in 1946 by Fr. Jutt. The main objective of this committee was to keep Lithuania's name alive and in the forefront of the minds of



*Sgts-at-Arms: Benedict Coach, Steve Soha, Matt Vilutis, Andy Rozger, Joseph Stelmokas.*



the general public. Since Lithuania has become newly independent, he spoke of the need to write now to our friends and relatives in Lithuania and offer them encouragement. He spoke of the aid and encouragement received from the U.S. Senators and Congressmen in nurturing Lithuania's cause.

Jack Stukas gave a narrative of his three week trip to Lithuania. He spoke about the beauty of Lithuania's countryside and said that even though Lithuania is independent, she still is not free. Soviet troops are still there. He stated the church must be revived in Lithuania and he encouraged the delegates to seriously consider having a National Convention in Lithuania so that the people there can really get to know the Knights of Lithuania.

Elinor Sluzas spoke about the needs of Lithuania and what we, as Americans, can do for Lithuania today. She urged that, if members make contributions to the United Way, they can designate Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid to receive such contribution. Large companies can be approached and requested to donate their surplus stock to Lithuania. Church vestments are a special need of the clergy in Lithuania.

Several resolutions were submitted and approved by the delegates.

#### FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

*By Dalia Bulvicius, C-12 New York*

For the many years that I have been attending the Knights of Lithuania conventions, the Saturday sessions



*Mandate Committee: Ann Cheplick, Mary Beth Slakis, Anna Marie Kassel, Agnes Mickunas, Irene Svekla, Mary Sepikas.*

were my favorite and the sessions at the 79th convention in Allentown, PA were no exception. Frank Petrauskas and John Mickunas presided.

Nellie Bayoras Romanas, National Ritual Chairlady, announced there would be 35 Fourth degree recipients from 18 councils. She thanked all council Ritual chairpeople who worked with her so professionally .... Due to the untimely death of our Treasurer, Frank Peterson, our President, Fran Petkus, was empowered to sign all checks. The annual K of L budget was discussed and approved by the delegates .... Frank Petrauskas again encouraged everyone to purchase a copy of the K of L History book .... Loretta Stukas, president of the K of L Foundation, Inc. gave an annual financial report stating that the capital sum amounts

to nearly \$60,000. The interest derived from it is distributed widely, ranging from washers and dryers for sisters traveling to Lithuania, and to Aid to Lithuania project. This year's annual essay contest awarded approximately \$600 to essay winners. First place award went to Anna Helen McDonald of C-144 Anthracite, second place to Edward Meilus, Jr. of C-26 Worcester and third place to Laima Baltrenas of C-133 Los Angeles.

Dr. Romaldas Mačiulaitis from Lithuania who is on a fact-finding mission in the U.S. and who played such a wonderful part in our convention was presented with an honorarium for his personal use .... All delegates and guests were encouraged to write to the Post Office in support of the Darius Girenas postage stamp .... Our K of L history book author, Rev. V. Wolkowich discussed



*1992-93 National Board: Front Row: Rita Sussko, Evelyn Ozelis, Fran Petkus, Ann Cheplick. Back Row: William Kolicius, Rita Zakarka, Peter Zansitis, Ed Barkowski, Robert Martin.*

his new project on the history of Lithuanian churches in the U.S. He is deep into the research on these parishes and has produced a gold mine of information. In his research, he discovered that in the days of the Lithuanian parishes, the most respected members were not the pastors, but the sisters who worked with the children.

Minutes of 78th convention in Florida were approved by Helen Chesko and Rita Sussko. 2nd Vice Pres. Anne Cheplick announced the membership awards, which are listed on another page in VYTIS. She also presented the charter to newly organized C-155 in Burlington, NC.

### FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

*By Dalia Bulvicius, C-12 New York*

After the opening prayer by Rev. Anderlonis, 1st Vice Pres. Evelyn Ozalis spoke about the golden sword which the K of L presented to Gen. Sylvester Žukauskas in 1927 during Pavasarininkų Congress. When the Soviets occupied Lithuania in 1940, the sword was hidden. At present, it is at the Karo Muziejus - the Museum of War, in Kaunas.

The highlight of the convention was the presentation of our Juniors. Each Junior gave a report on how they enjoyed the convention. They all received their convention-ship for \$25.00.

As usual, the elections were lively. Ed Barkowski was elected Treasurer and Peter Zansitis became Trustee. The job of public relations went to Bernice Aviza. All other Executive Board members are listed on the front page inside cover of VYTIS. With no further business to be discussed, the formal part of the Knights of Lithuania convention was over. We left the hall with these words ringing in our ears: Mums viska davė Lietuva!

### THURSDAY EVENING VAKARUŠKOS

*John Mickunas, C-3 Philadelphia*

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., seven buses started leaving from the hotel for the Northampton Community Center and an old fashion Lithuanian Vakaruškos night. Upon arrival, guests entered a well lighted and spacious hall. They were treated to an open bar and a fountain pouring "fuzzy navels". Everyone was able to quench their thirst with their favorite refreshment for the start of a long and enjoyable evening.

Instead of the usual long tables placed end to end and crowded, round tables with comfortable seating were scattered throughout the hall. This enabled everyone to roam through the hall and meet and speak with people whom they

might not have seen since the Convention last year. People were still wandering around from table to table when dinner was served.

Dinner was served family style. For the benefit of those who could not decide what the meat course was, informed sources stated, "It was not all turkey". The light meat was turkey and the dark meat was fresh ham. This was served along with stuffing, salad and vegetables; with ice cream for dessert. If the stomach ate what the eyes saw, everyone gained weight that evening. Diets were forgiven for the rest of the convention.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Joe Thomas from New York. Joe played old favorites and had everybody join in on an old fashion Lithuanian sing-a-long. Many old familiar good voices could be heard throughout the hall. Joe also paid tribute to all married K of L couples in attendance including those whose wedding he played at. He called up those who were married for fifty years or more, down to those who were just recently married.

The evening's festivities did not end at the hall. On the way back to the hotel, buses were filled with people still singing and having fun. Upon arrival, back at the hotel, some still continued in their own rooms and suites.

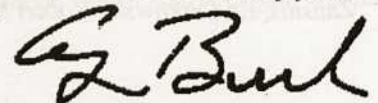
## The White House Washington

July 2, 1992

I am delighted to extend greetings to all those who are gathered in Allentown for the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

On this occasion, all Americans join you in celebrating the restored independence of Lithuania. United by their love of freedom, the countless men and women from your ancestral homeland who risked their lives to overcome Soviet occupation and communist rule have seen their dream, and yours, fulfilled. I share your hopes for a smooth and peaceful transition to democracy in Lithuania and reaffirm the United States commitment to supporting democratic reform and the establishment of market-oriented economies in each of the Baltic States. It is wonderful to know that the Knights of Lithuania are already at work to promote the same ends. As Americans, we share the commitment to liberty and justice demonstrated by your brave friends and relatives in Lithuania. That commitment must forever challenge and inspire us - to provide examples of tolerance and fairness, to work for a greater understanding among people, and to teach our children to take pride in their roots while also appreciating the value and ideals on which the United States was founded. I am sure that, as you reflect on all that your Lithuanian heritage means to you, you will be mindful of all that it has contributed to the American Dream - and of all that we must do, together, to keep that dream alive for the generations to come.

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





*Marching to City Hall with banner held by Elsie Kosmisky reading:  
RUSSIAN ARMY LEAVE LITHUANIA NOW!*



*Fran Petkus displaying Wayside Shrine brought from Lithuania and donated to the Board by Robert Boris.*



*Bishop Paul Baltakis at Opening Mass with Helen Chesko and Anna Helen McDonald.*



*Rev. Ronald Jankaitis, MC at Banquet and Rev. J. Anderlonis, National Spiritual Advisor.*

## A NIGHT OF POETRY, SONG AND FOLK LORE

The 79th National Convention Cultural Night

*HM Loretta Stukas, C-29 Newark*

In one evening we returned to the Lithuania of the turn of the century through the Lithuanian poetry of that era, recalled Lithuanian music of yesterday and today through her beautiful songs, and walked in the forests of ancient Lithuania through a re-enactment of one of her famous folk tales. All this was provided by the host Council during the national convention's Cultural Night on Friday evening. Former National Vice President Elsie Kosmisky served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening.

National Cultural Chairman John R. Mankus, of Binghamton, NY breathed life into the works of several Lithuanian poets of Lithuania's National Reawakening period of the late 19th and early 20th century. He discussed the meaning of poetry of Kristijonas Donelaitis, Simanas Daukantas, Vincas Kudirka, Pranas Vaicaitis, Dr. Jonas Basanavicius, Antanas Baranuskas, Silvestras Gimzauskas and Jonas Maciulis Maironis - then recited samples of their poetry. For those in the audience who had studied these poets, this was a wonderful refresher - those to whom the poetry was new received an insight into the thoughts and national yearnings of Lithuania's poetic minds at a time when Lithuania was searching for its national identity.

The segue from the spoken word to that set to music was made very smoothly by the solos of local tenor Ben Apanavicius, who left the audience enthralled by the velvety sound of his voice and his beautiful interpretation of old and new Lithuanian songs and hymns. From the ever popular "Kur Bakuzė Samanuota" to the reverent "Lietuva

Brangi" to favorite folk songs and translated American numbers, Mr. Apanavicius and his accompanist Faustas Strolia filled the room with the sounds of Lithuanian music and filled our hearts with a renewed love of the culture of our beloved Lithuania.

The true highlight of the evening was, however, the performance of the "Players of Camp Ausra". The children and teens presented a delightful, English version of the popular Lithuanian folk tale "Eglė, Žalčių Karalienė" (Eglė, Queen of the Serpents). The performance included an "avant-garde" enactment of the story, as well as Lithuanian folk songs and dances. The children were well prepared for the program by Sr. M. Angela of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and camp counselors who also wrote this delightful version of the tale during their week stay at Camp Ausra in Pennsylvania. 1991 K of L Scholarship recipient Janet Domalakes announced the program. When the record player "stuttered" in providing music for folk dance performance, versatile K of L musician Faustas Strolia came to the rescue at the piano, and the children did not even skip a beat, thanks to their new accompanist! The performance brought laughter, tears and enthusiastic applause, as well as a new appreciation of Lithuania's folklore.

The National Convention Cultural Night was indeed a celebration of Lithuania's culture in its many forms, and was enjoyed by all who attended. Our congratulations to C-144 and the convention committee for their foresight and efforts in preparing this program.



*Cultural Evening performers from Camp Ausra in the play "Eglė, Queen of the Serpents". Convention Motto displayed "Lithuania Forever - Lietuva Per Amžius".*

## CLOSING BANQUET

*John Mickunas, C-3 Philadelphia, PA*

The closing banquet was held on Saturday night in the main ballroom of the Allentown Hilton Hotel. The banquet began at 8:00 p.m. with a cocktail hour in the lobby commencing at 7:00 p.m. Although cocktails were available in the lobby, many councils and groups preferred to have little social gatherings in their own rooms and suites. The convention committee assembled the newly elected National Executive Board and other dignitaries, to be seated at the main table in the host council's suite for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails prior to the banquet. Although time was limited, the guests had an opportunity to meet one another and exchange pleasantries before dinner.

With a full hall in attendance, the banquet opened with a prayer by our National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, who in turn introduced the MC for the evening, Rev. Ronald Jankaitis, pastor of St. Casimir's Church in St. Clair, PA. Father's lighthearted and refreshing personality was well appreciated by the delegates and guests in attendance. His exceptional wit was not to be outdone for the entire evening. Fr. Anderlonis, who was referred to by Fr. Jankaitis, is still trying to convince people that he did not sell bibles during his studies at the seminary as was alluded to by Fr. Jankaitis.

Father next introduced U.S. Congressman Don Ritter, who represents the Allentown area. Cong.. Ritter is a

former "Friend of Lithuania" recipient and has always worked hard for the cause of Lithuania. Lithuanians in the area are very proud to have Mr. Ritter as their representative in Congress. Mr. Ritter presented the National President, Fran Petkus, with a proclamation of welcome to the Allentown area. Due to prior commitments, Cong. Ritter had to depart the banquet after presenting the proclamation. At this time our Pres., Fran Petkus, gave her greetings to those assembled for the closing banquet.

The 1992 "Friend of Lithuania" award was presented to George Ward, a man well deserving of honor for his dedication to Lithuania and her cause. Mr. Ward, although not of Lithuanian descent, was married to a Lithuanian woman from whom he learned of the history and culture of Lithuania. A very successful businessman and entrepreneur, he is also active in politics and involved in several philanthropic endeavors. Recently, he is the one person responsible for the acquisition of several dialysis machines being used at several clinics throughout Lithuania. Mr. Ward, a resident of Towson, MD was one of the founders of the Free Lithuania Committee in Baltimore, MD. It was a pleasure and a privilege to honor this man at the 79th National Convention.

One Honorary Membership was awarded this year and it was given to Aldona Ryan of C-96 Dayton. Aldona has been an active member of the K of L for over 40 years. She is most well known for her work as Vytis Editor from 1981 to 1985 when ill health forced her to give up the position. Aldona chaired the National Cultural Committee and also served at the National Conventions as Presidium co-chairman and as a member of various convention committees.

In the absence of Bill Piacentini, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Clemencine Miller, the Sec.-Treas., presented ten scholarship awards to well deserving young candidates. Unfortunately, the only candidate present to accept the award was



*New England District members and friends at closing banquet.*

Christine Cius of Chicago.

At the conclusion of the banquet, music was provided for dancing and entertainment by Joe Thomas Orchestra. Joe is a long time K of L member. He is always at his best when playing for his fellow Knights. And this Saturday night was no exception. Playing polkas, line dances and old convention favorites, Joe kept the crowd entertained and hopping until the late night hours. It was heart warming to see our young members participating and enjoying themselves as much as the older members. Joe's rendition of "I don't want to go home" and "E-I-E-I-E-I-O" had long lines of dancers weaving through the hall twirling handkerchiefs and napkins above their heads. Those who were not dancing, sat, took pictures and enjoyed watching everyone there.



*Eleanore Laurin bestowing Honorary Membership Degree on Aldona Ryan*

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## OUR YOUTH, THE JUNIORS, AT THE CONVENTION

*By Andrew Svekla, C-3 Philadelphia*

The convention in Allentown was a very successful and productive one for the Junior Knights in attendance. The following Juniors attended: Alan, Christine, Mary & Anna Cius from Chicago, Sarah Miller from Connecticut, Walter & Andrew Svekla from Philadelphia, Mary Beth Yanek from DuBois. Rita Zakarka presided over the Juniors. At registration, each Junior was given a K of L canvas bag containing various Pennsylvania historical booklets, a piece of coal and a Lithuanian T-shirt.

On Thursday morning we participated in the parade and flag raising ceremony with the Mayor of Allentown. Later in the afternoon, after attending the opening Mass, the juniors regrouped and took advantage of the hotel's facilities with a pool and pizza party from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday evening, we attended the Vakaruškos at the Northampton Community Center and enjoyed the food as well as the music of Joe Thomas.

Dorney Park was our destination on Friday morning. Rita and the Juniors joined by Barbara Mickunas, Donna Juraitis and Robert Martin, with the aide of the hotel shuttle, left for the park around 10 a.m. We bought combination passes which permitted us to visit both the water park and the amusement park. We were fortunate because the overcast skies kept the crowds away so the lines were never too long. We returned from the park around 4:30 p.m.

exhausted. Friday evening we were entertained by the various participants at the Cultural Night including John Mankus' discussion of poetry, the songs of Ben Apanavičius and a short play, "Queen of the Serpents", acted out by youths attending Camp Ausra.

On Saturday morning, we gathered together for our business session. We viewed slides of Rita Zakarka's recent trip to Lithuania and then discussed our concerns and views about the Knights of Lithuania and its future. In the afternoon, the Juniors attended the Fourth Plenary session where we addressed the convention about our Junior activities. At that time we all received a conventionship. The Juniors had a great time at the closing banquet.

On Sunday the Juniors regretted having to leave. It was a memorable convention that has left us with a desire to learn more about Lithuania and remain active in the K of L. We are all looking forward to the 80th National Convention in Worcester, MA.



## FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD George Ward

*Vincent Boris, Lithuanian Affairs Chair*



*Friend of Lithuania Award presented by Vincent Boris to George Ward at Banquet.*

George Ward who is well known within the Baltimore-Washington Lithuanian community, was honored by the Knights of Lithuania for his generous and unstinting support of Lithuanian causes. Ward was named the 1992 "Friend of Lithuania" and presented with an inscribed trophy by Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Vincent Boris, at the closing banquet of our 79th annual national convention.

We have presented the Fr. John Jutt Memorial "Friend of Lithuania" award annually, with a few exceptions, since 1955 to a non-Lithuanian who distinguished him/herself by word or deed in support of Lithuania or her people. This year, the award recognized George Ward's continuing contribution of time, talent and treasure to various causes and needs.

Of prime significance was his joint sponsorship with the K of L and Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid (LCRA) of the shipment of the first six hemodialysis equipment to Lithuania in late 1991. He subsequently and single-handedly acquired sixteen more dialysis machines which were shipped by LCRA in February of 1992. His ultimate goal which was developed in coordination with Dr. Balys Dainys, the Chief Nephrologist of Lithuania, is to obtain a full complement of fifty machines to meet Lithuania's minimal requirement. Lithuanian lives have already been saved by making this dialysis therapy more widely available. There is a plaque

on the wall of the Nephrology clinic of the University of Vilnius hospital which acknowledges their debt to "U.S. citizen and Baltimore resident George Ward."

Baltimore area Lithuanians are well aware of George Ward's work within their community. His artful execution of gold-embossed depictions of the Lithuanian Statue of Liberty were used by the Free Lithuania Committee to acknowledge support for the Committee's goals. Similarly, George used his artistic talent in the production of embossed Vytis greeting cards and stationery to help raise funds for the Lithuanian Language and Culture Club. His time and political insights guided the establishment, political focus and direction of the Free Lithuania Committee, which uniquely provided Congressional lobbying and other political actions in the critical 1989-1991 period.

Less well known is his support to the Lithuanian Legation/Embassy in Washington and to officials of the Lithuanian government, itself, for which he has received personal note of thanks from President Landsbergis.

Another of George Ward's innovative actions currently underway is the formation of an American branch of the Lithuanian Kidney Foundation, currently headed by Dr. Dainys, to parallel the functions and goals of the American Kidney Foundation, of which George is a very active member.

In Lithuania, he has been called "mecenates" [patron]. We rightfully name him - "FRIEND."



*Al Brazis entertaining banquet guests with Joe Thomas, accompanist.*

## Canon Fabijonas Kemežis Scholarship Awards

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

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

It is with great pleasure to fill the Scholarship Chairman's shoes again. He is on an educational work shop.

This is the 34th year of this program. We have ten recipients, which may be a sign of our economic times. However, it may mean our youth are beginning to grow up. Many of the candidates have been with the Juniors six, eight or ten years.

The first award is the "Irene K. Sankus Memorial". This \$500 award is given to a seminarian studying at the Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome. We have not received his name yet.

Next, we have the Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship. This award is given to Aaron Geiger, C-96 Dayton, OH, through the K of L Foundation. This recipient has been an honor student, held all offices in the Junior council, is a Lithuanian Folk Dancer in the Vejelis Group, an Eagle Scout and a church organist. He was voted "Most spirited in his class". Aaron has been accepted into Wright University to study bio-medical engineering. He will receive the award of \$2,000.

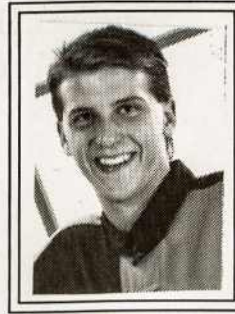
Dana Butts, C-24 Chicago, will receive \$1,000. She is a member of National Honor Society, officer in the Juniors council, dances with the Knights of Lithuania Folk Dance Group and tutors students in the Lithuanian language. She states, "I want to keep involved with Vyčius. I am hoping that some day I will be able to give back the knowledge and good times I have experienced with the K of L." Dana has been accepted in the School of Nursing, University of Illinois.

The next four awards are for \$750 each.

Timothy Pacovsky, C-96 Dayton, OH has been a member of the Juniors for ten years and is their current president. Tim has been a diligent worker for the senior council as well as the Juniors. He still acts as an altar boy. He will be studying engineering at Ohio State University.

Carol Ann Drumstas, C-3 Philadelphia, PA has been involved in demonstrating Lithuanian Folk Art and working on cultural displays. She will be attending St. Joseph's University majoring in business marketing.

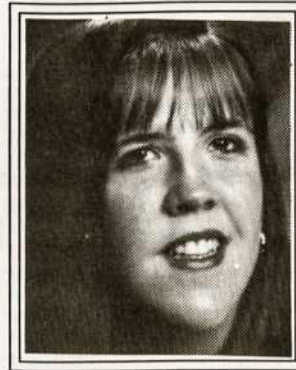
Christine Marie Cius, C-36, Chicago has been president



*Aaron Geiger*



*Daina Kapochus*



*Dana Butts*



*Nicole Nedinsky*



*Susan Rutledge*

*Christine Cius* →



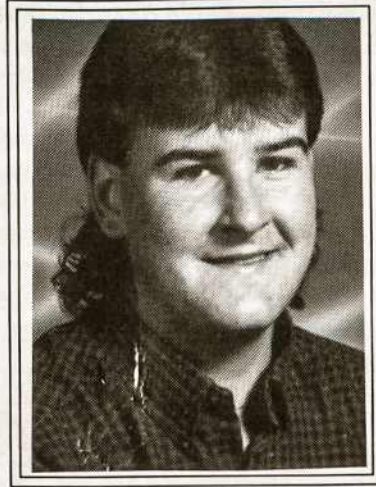
of the Juniors and attended many conventions. She is a member of both the Mid-America District and K of L Junior Dancers. She states, "I want to keep alive my Lithuanian heritage and teach the youth customs of our culture." Christine will be entering the University of Illinois.

Barbara Lastoskie, C-96 Dayton, OH is a member of





*Barbara Lastoskie*



*Timothy Pacovsky*



*Carolann Drumstas*

the National Honors Society. She has held many offices with the Juniors and has had articles published in VYTIS. She has been dancing with the Vejelis Dance Group since she was four years old. She will attend Tulane University in Florida.

The next three awards are for \$500. each.

Daniel Jasewicz, C-100 Amsterdam, NY has been actively involved with the Juniors for the past eight years, is current president of Juniors and has worked diligently writing letters and demonstrating for Lithuania's independence. He will be attending Fulton Montgomery Community College.

Nicole Nedinsky, C-144, Anthracite, PA is a member of the Junior council. She entered Indiana University this June to pursue a career in nursing.

Daina Marie Kopochus, C-3 Philadelphia, PA is a National Honor's student. She has been active in writing letters and demonstrating for Lithuania. She has also been a counselor at Camp Ausra. She is presently attending the school of pharmacy at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Susan Rutledge, C-141, Bridgeport, CT will receive an award of \$300. She has done a lot of volunteer community work and is preparing for a religious life. She is attending Holy Apostles College in Connecticut.

In conclusion, the Scholarship Committee thanks all Districts, Councils, members and friends who have contributed to this worth cause. Please continue to support this project.



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## Greetings received at the Convention

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C-133 Los Angeles, CA .....	100.00
C-118 W. Hazleton, PA .....	100.00
Aldona & Frank Bunikis, Royal Oak, MI .....	50.00
C-3 Philadelphia, PA - IMO Francis J. Downey .....	50.00
Robert Martin, Jr., Chicago, IL	
IMO Frank Peterson .....	30.00

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.**

Joseph & Aldona Ryan, Centerville, OH .....	\$100.00
Genevieve Gobis, Amsterdam, NY .....	100.00
Rita Karrytais, Worcester, MA .....	100.00
Rev. Anthony Baltrusunas, Boston, MA .....	100.00
Juozas B. Laucka, Bethesda, MD	
IMO Joseph Boley .....	100.00
Elsie Kosmisky, Frackville, PA .....	100.00
John Antanavicius, Brooklyn, NY .....	100.00
Dorothy A. Banos, Pittston, PA .....	50.00
Bernice Aviza, Albany, NY .....	50.00
Evelyn Ozelis, Chicago, IL .....	50.00
Anonymous .....	30.00
Anonymous .....	25.00
Frances Petkus, Dayton, OH .....	25.00
Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Palos Heights, IL .....	25.00
Mary Juzenas, Oak Lawn, IL .....	25.00
Helen Medley, No. Haven, CT .....	25.00
Kazys Sipaila, Hillside, NJ .....	20.00
Edward & Apolonija Ziausys, Amsterdam, NY .....	20.00
Elizabeth Kuzmich, Scotia, NY .....	20.00
Loretta & Jack Stukas, Watchung, NJ	
IMO Frank Peterson .....	20.00
Loretta & Jack Stukas, Watchung, NJ	
IMO Joseph Boley .....	20.00
Olga Gray, Ansonia, CT .....	10.00
Regina Kot, Amsterdam, NY .....	10.00
PLEDGES:	
C-3 Philadelphia, PA - IMO Francis Downey .....	25.00
Robert Martin, Jr., Chicago, IL -	
IMO Frank Peterson .....	20.00

**GENERAL FUND:**

Jean & Bruno Rutkunas, Bayville, NY .....	\$25.00
Kazys Sipaila, Hillside, NJ .....	20.00
Elizabeth Kuzmich, Scotia, NY .....	20.00
Gene Gobis, Amsterdam, NY .....	15.00

**LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Frances Petkus, Dayton, OH .....	\$25.00
Bernice Aviza, Albany, NY .....	25.00
John & Lee Marcinka, Monroe, CT .....	25.00
Genevieve Gobis, Amsterdam, NY .....	25.00
Anonymous .....	25.00
Bernice Mikatavage, Minersville, PA .....	5.00

**PLEDGES:**

Robert Martin, Jr., Chicago, IL .....	10.00
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**ST. CASIMIR'S GUILD:**

Sabina Henson, Oak Brook, IL .....	\$500.00
C-152 Eastern Long Island, NY .....	250.00
C-3 Philadelphia, PA .....	200.00
Agnes Waitonis, Providence, RI	
IMO Joseph Waitonis .....	150.00
C-12 New York, NY	
IMO Deceased C-12 members .....	100.00
AnnaMarie Sewatsky, Pittston, PA	
IMO Leo Butsdavage .....	100.00
George & Frances Bumila, Raynham, MA .....	100.00
Bernice Aviza, Albany, NY .....	100.00
Florence Zaleskas, Boston, MA .....	100.00
C-102 Detroit, MI .....	50.00
Pat & Anthony Alexander, Torrington, CT .....	50.00
Mary Juzenas, Oak Lawn, IL .....	50.00
C-1 Brockton, MA .....	50.00
Elsie Kosmisky, Frackville, PA .....	50.00
Helen Chesko, Mahanoy City, PA .....	50.00
Anonymous .....	50.00
Rita Karrytais, Worcester, MA .....	50.00
Anonymous .....	25.00
John & Lee Marcinka, Monroe, CT .....	25.00
Anthony & Dolly Oberaitis, Cleveland, OH .....	25.00
Frances Petkus, Dayton, OH	
IMO Frank Peterson .....	25.00
Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Palos Heights, IL .....	25.00
Steve & Helen Contons, Laconia, NH .....	25.00
Genevieve Gobis, Amsterdam, NY .....	25.00
Anne Wargo, St. Clair, PA - IMO Frank Peterson .....	20.00
Kazys Sipaila, Hillside, NJ .....	20.00
Philomena & Matt Vilutis, Frankfort, IL .....	20.00
Elizabeth Kuzmich, Scotia, NY .....	20.00
Anna Wargo, St. Clair, PA - IMOS Anna Yurickonas .....	10.00
Aldona Keaney, No. Quincy, MA .....	10.00
Albert Shurkis, Naugatuck, CT .....	5.00

**PLEDGES:**

C-3, Philadelphia, PA .....	\$25.00
Robert Martin, Jr., Chicago, IL .....	20.00

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND:**

William Labadis, Gilberton, PA .....	\$100.00
Mary Juzenas, Oak Lawn, IL .....	\$50.00
Frances & Edward Jakatt, Elmont, NY .....	50.00
C-1, Brockton, MA .....	50.00
Elsie Kosmisky, Frackville, PA .....	50.00
Anonymous .....	50.00
Anonymous .....	50.00
C-153 Treasure Coast, FL .....	50.00
Ann Radzevich, Amsterdam, NY	
IMO Anthony J. Radzevich .....	25.00
Anonymous .....	25.00
Genevieve Gobis, Amsterdam, NY	
IMO Joseph Boley .....	25.00
Sabina Henson, Oak Brook, IL .....	25.00
John & Lee Marcinka, Monroe, CT .....	25.00
Rita Pinkus, Worcester, MA	
IMO Theodore Pinkus .....	25.00
C-146 Harrisburg, PA .....	25.00
Bernice Aviza, Albany, NY .....	25.00
Aldona Keaney, No. Quincy, MA .....	25.00
Jewel Ushka, Narberth, PA .....	25.00
Helen Chesko, Mahanoy City, PA .....	25.00
Steve & Helen Contons, Laconia, NH .....	25.00
Helen Venis, Woodhaven, NY .....	25.00
Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Palos Heights, IL .....	25.00
Vincent & Marion Gray, So. Euclid, OH .....	20.00
C-144 Anthracite, PA .....	20.00
Kazys Sipaila, Hillside, NJ .....	20.00
Ruth Tyson, Ansonia, CT - IMO Frank Peterson .....	15.00
Olga Gray, Ansonia, CT .....	10.00
Eleanor Vaicaitis, Frackville, PA .....	10.00
Elizabeth Kuzmick, Scotia, NY .....	10.00
Bernice Mikatavage, Minersville, PA .....	10.00
Regina Kot, Amsterdam, NY .....	5.00

**PLEDGES:**

C-3, Philadelphia, PA .....	25.00
Robert Martin, Jr., Chicago, IL .....	10.00

**VYTIS FUND (Donations received prior to Convention)**

Lithuanian Foundation, Inc., Chicago, IL .....	\$500.00
HM Anna Mitchel Matalavich, Elizabeth, NJ	
IMO HM Rev. Joseph Simonaitis .....	25.00
Rev. Paul Gillis, Ocean Springs, MS .....	20.00
Edward & Genovaite Baranauskas, Schenectady, NY .....	10.00
Friends of C-100, Amsterdam, NY .....	5.00
(Donations received at Convention)	
Anthony & Dolly Oberaitis, Cleveland, OH .....	25.00

Helen Venis, Woodhaven, NY .....	25.00
Genevieve Gobis, Amsterdam, NY .....	25.00
Regina Kot, Amsterdam, NY .....	10.00
Olga Gray, Ansonia, CT .....	10.00
Bernice Mikatavage, Minersville, PA .....	5.00

Mary Juzenas, Oak Lawn, IL .....	25.00
John & Dolores Jonaitis, Gulfport, FL .....	20.00
Kazys Sipaila, Hillside, NJ .....	20.00
Aldona Staniurch, Redford, MI .....	20.00

PLEDGES:

Robert Martin, Jr., Chicago, IL .....	10.00
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LITHUANIAN CHILDREN'S RELIEF (SOS Vaikai)

Phyllis Barkus, Virginia Beach, VA .....	\$100.00
Longinas Svelnis, Needham, MA .....	50.00
William & Margaret Dapkus, Farmington Hills, MI .....	50.00
Steve & Helen Contons, Laconia, NH .....	25.00

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William Labadis, Gilberton, PA .....	\$100.00
Olga Gray, Ansonia, CT .....	10.00
Ruth Tyson, Ansonia, CT .....	10.00
Lillian Chaplick, Ansonia, CT .....	5.00

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## RESOLUTIONS - NUTARIMAI

WHEREAS this past year, the Knights of Lithuania lost four of its highly respected and beloved Honorary Members, namely His Excellency Bishop Vincas Brizgys, Konstant Savickus, Joseph Boley and Anthony Dainius, and

WHEREAS during this 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, National Treasurer and Fourth Degree Knight Frank Peterson passed away,

BE IT RESOLVED that in grateful appreciation and recognition of their work, the delegates to the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, pay tribute to these outstanding Knights with a moment of silence.

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WHEREAS the leadership of the Republic of Lithuania and its people have stated that the continued presence of former Soviet military forces presents the most critical problem facing the new state; and

WHEREAS it has been widely reported that Russian President Boris Yeltsin in two recent international meetings has stated his intention to begin withdrawal this year and complete it by mid-1993,

BE IT RESOLVED that we Americans of Lithuanian descent having met in the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express our appreciation to President Yeltsin for his personal commitment to that most desirable objective and sincerely wish him Godspeed and success in carrying out his plan. We also express our respect and admiration of his personal courage in being the first of the Russian leadership to publicly acknowledge the Baltic Peoples' rights to self-determination and to officially extend formal diplomatic recognition.

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WHEREAS the people of Lithuania, by an overwhelming majority of 98% have voted to effect the removal of ex-Soviet forces from their territory; and

WHEREAS prohibition against the involuntary domiciling military forces within our midst is one of our most cherished American rights which we equate to basic inalienable human rights,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, Americans of Lithuanian descent, express appreciation to President Bush for his support of the issue of the withdrawal of ex-Soviet troops from the Baltic nations. We are especially grateful that he raised the issue as a high priority problem during his recent "summit meetings" with President Yeltsin. We urge President Bush to continue and increase high attention to this problem until the Russian troop withdrawal is completely effected.

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WHEREAS, Carolyn George of World Medical Relief, Stanley Fryczynski of the Deborah Foundation, Glen Hayden of Mercy International and Dr. William Waring, III of the University of Michigan Hospital, have contributed to the aid of Lithuania through the various programs for medical aid of their respective organizations; and

WHEREAS a limited number of gold-embossed depictions of the Lithuanian Statue of Liberty have been made available to the Knights of Lithuania by our designated 1992 "Friend of Lithuania" George Ward,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, express sincerest thanks to the aforementioned for their generous help to Lithuania, and, as a token of appreciation,

present each of them with a framed copy of the gold-embossed depictions of the Lithuanian Statue of Liberty.

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WHEREAS the National Officers and Committee heads of the Knights of Lithuania are reimbursed for travel to Supreme Council meetings; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc., the St. Casimir Guild, Inc., and the Aid to Lithuania Committee, Inc. are not National Committees but corporations under the auspices and direction of the Knights of Lithuania; and

WHEREAS the head of each corporation attends the Supreme Council meetings for the express purpose of helping the Knights through his/her respective organization,

BE IT RESOLVED that the chairs of the Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc., the St. Casimir Guild, Inc., and the Aid to Lithuania Committee, Inc. be reimbursed for their travel to Supreme Council meetings.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its sincerest gratitude to Draugas and its staff for their generosity and cooperation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a \$200.00 donation be sent with this expression of gratitude.

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WHEREAS the weekly "Vyčių Veikla" column in the Lithuanian Catholic Daily "Draugas" has been faithfully edited by Mr. Alexander Pakalniskis, Jr.,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA July 16-19, 1992, express heartfelt gratitude to Alexander Pakalniskis, Jr. for his talent and dedication in this service to the Knights of Lithuania.

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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 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its appreciation to "Darbininkas" and its staff for their cooperation and generosity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a donation of \$200.00 be sent to Darbininkas with the expression of

gratitude.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania is a Roman Catholic organization pledged to work for "God and Country"; and

WHEREAS the Holy Father is the head of the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS the Holy Father has recently undergone serious surgery and is in need of prayers,

BE IT RESOLVED that delegates to the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA July 16-19, 1992, representing over 5,000 members, send prayers and extend best wishes to the Holy Father for his speedy and complete recovery.

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WHEREAS, Rev. Stasys Raila, retired assistant of Transfiguration Lithuanian R.C. Church in Maspeth, NY has been a devoted and active member of the Knights of Lithuania for 50 years; and

WHEREAS Rev. Raila will celebrate sixty (60) years of Priesthood and his 85th birthday in September 1992,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates and guests to the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, extend sincere greetings and congratulations to Rev. Stasys Raila on this auspicious occasion.

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WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania, to develop their Aid to Lithuania program, need to transfer its operation from a "committee" to that of a free-standing, tax-deductible corporation; and

WHEREAS only through a free-standing organization can the Knights of Lithuania obtain non-profit and tax-deductible status so that members can take advantage of this status,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania establish a stand-alone organization "Aid to Lithuania, Inc." as a humanitarian aid organization working under the auspices of and in close association with the Knights of Lithuania.

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WHEREAS two members of the Lithuanian Sisters of St. Francis, Sister Michele and Sister Dolorata, have volunteered three years of service to the people of Lithuania to develop a core program for the elderly and a catechistical program for children, and to reestablish the Franciscan Sisters in Lithuania, and

WHEREAS these two Sisters need funds for transportation to Lithuania and for other special needs to physically support their mission,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 75th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, donate \$2,000 to these wonderful sisters to cover the cost of their travel and other needs, and wish them God's speed in their work for Lithuania.

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BE IT RESOLVED that at the request of the Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee, the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, approve Honorary Member Juozas B. Laucka, representing the Amber District, as an addition to the Honorary Membership Committee, thereby fulfilling the requirement of seven (7) members on the Honorary membership Committee.

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NUTARTA kad 79tas Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas pakeltų į Garbės Narius, sia 78to Seimo užgirta kandidate Aldona Latovaite Ryan.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, elevate to Honorary Membership Aldona Latovaite Ryan, member of the Knights of Lithuania C-96, Mid-Central District, whose candidacy was approved by the 78th National Convention in St. Petersburg, FL.

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Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo, kad 79-tas seimas užgirtų Algirda Brazio kandidatura į Garbės Narius. Per jo 51 metų narystę Vyčiose jis uoliai ir garbingai pasidarbavo Lietuvos Vyčiams. Jo darbai ir nuopelnai bus atspausdinti Vyties žurnalė.

BE IT RESOLVED that at the request of the Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee, the 79th National Convention approve as a candidate for Honorary membership Algerd Brazis, member of C-112, Chicago and the Mid-America District. His history, outlining his services as a worthy and dedicated Knight will be published in VYTIS.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania constitution states that "Honorary Members may also be outstanding Catholic Lithuanians, whose achievements for God and Country have been preeminently outstanding and exemplary of the ideals of the organization," and

WHEREAS HONORABLE STASYS LOZORAITIS,

JR., Lithuanian Ambassador to the United States, is indeed an outstanding Catholic Lithuanian who has generously served the Church and his Lithuanian nation in the Diplomatic Service in the Vatican and the United States and in the Lithuanian resistance movement, and has been a life-long friend of the Knights of Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that, at the recommendation of the Honorary Membership Committee and the Supreme Council, the 79th National Convention approve Hon. Stasys Lozoraitis, Jr. as a candidate for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania, to be conferred at the 80th National Convention. His history of achievements will be published in VYTIS.

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WHEREAS Holy Cross Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church and the Mount Carmel School in Mt. Carmel, PA is celebrating its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS Mt. Carmel School, staffed by the Sisters of St. Casimir, is the first Lithuanian Catholic School in the United States,

WHEREAS the Mt. Carmel School has been dedicated to uphold Catholic, Christian and Lithuanian ideals,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA July 16-19, 1992, send greetings and congratulations on this wonderful occasion.

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WHEREAS the continuing chaotic conditions in Lithuania are sapping the enthusiasm of its people for the democratic reforms that are slowly being introduced; and

WHEREAS the election of new legislators scheduled for October provides the best opportunity for installing a truly democratic-minded government.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania undertake a letter writing campaign directed to friends and family in Lithuania. The letter writing should stress our empathy and solidarity with them. The letters should be encouraging and upbeat. They should stress the importance of voting and defeating the "closet Communists" still in the government.

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WHEREAS the 60th anniversary of the trans-Atlantic flight of Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas will take place on July 15, 1993; and

WHEREAS the issuance of a commemorative US postage stamp in honor of Darius and Girenas would be fitting tribute to their historic mission,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania,

a national organization of Americans of Lithuanian descent, respectfully request that the Postmaster General and the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee issue a commemorative stamp in 1993, marking the 60th Anniversary of Darius' and Girenas' historic flight.

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WHEREAS the Independence of Lithuania is close to the hearts of all the Knights of Lithuania, as evidenced by the 79th National Convention motto, "Lietuva Per Amžius - Lithuanian Forever",

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, representing 5,000 Americans of Lithuanian descent, meeting at their 79th National Convention in the city of Allentown, PA, July 16-19, reaffirm our solidarity and express our encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Lithuania as they struggle to reconstruct their nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National President of the Knights of Lithuania send a letter extending our congratulations and support to Vytautas Landsbergis, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania, and that the greeting be accompanied by a Knights of Lithuania history book.

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WHEREAS Dr. Romaldas Maciulaitis of Lithuania took time from his busy schedule to attend and participate in a panel of the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, providing essential information about the medical and other needs of Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that an honorarium be presented to Dr. Maciulaitis, to be used for his personal expenses.

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WHEREAS the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania was a most successful, enjoyable and fruitful one, through the hard work of the Presidium and its Committees; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Council Secretary took great pains in assembling packets of Supreme Council, Committee and Council reports,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates and guests to the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, extend its warmest congratulations and thanks to the Presidium, its Committees, and the Supreme Council secretary for their hard work, diligence, and diplomatic approach in often difficult situations.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th National Convention

of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, express its sincere gratitude and congratulations to Anna Klizas Wargo and host Council 144 for a successful and enjoyable event.

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WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania are requesting from the US Postmaster General the issuance of a commemorative Darius and Girenas postage stamp in 1993,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Council strongly urge the membership to bombard with letters the Postmaster General Marvin J. Runyon and Jack Rosenthal, Chairman of the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, asking that they issue a commemorative stamp honoring Darius and Girenas.

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WHEREAS His Excellency Thomas J. Welsh of the Allentown Diocese graciously received the Knights of Lithuania at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Sienna and extended warm greetings during the opening mass of their 79th National Convention,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel, Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, express its gratitude to Bishop Welsh for his gracious hospitality.

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WHEREAS the closing Mass of the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania on July 19, 1992 was celebrated at the beautiful Parker Memorial Chapel at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA,

BE IT RESOLVED that a letter of gratitude be sent to Lehigh University to express the Knights of Lithuania's heartfelt thanks for the use of this facility.

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WHEREAS Mayor Joseph Dadonna of Allentown graciously invited the delegates and guests of the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania to participate in a Lithuanian flag-raising ceremony at Allentown's City Hall Square, and warmly welcomed the delegates at the ceremony and the convention's opening session; and

WHEREAS Mayor Dadonna generously presented a key to his city to our National President, opening his city to all delegates and guests,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates and guests to the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, extend sincerest thanks to Mayor Joseph Dadonna for his warmth, generosity, humor and good will.

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WHEREAS Sister Angela of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified has been a devoted Knights of Lithuania member for many years and is now directing Camp Ausra, whose philosophy is to instruct and nurture our young children in Catholic and Lithuanian ideals; and

WHEREAS the participants in this year's camp provided the National Convention delegates and guests an excellent cultural program, and are being compensated for their expenses "plus" by the convention committee,

BE IT RESOLVED that we express our sincere appre-

ciation to Sister Angela and the program participants, and recommend that all Knights of Lithuania members, especially those in the Pennsylvania area, support Camp Ausra in its needs.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, PA, July 16-19, 1992, express their gratitude to the Supreme Council for its dedicated service to the organization and to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

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## KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 79th NATIONAL CONVENTION STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

Presented by Frances R. Petkus, National President - July 16, 1992

In accordance with Article XI, Section 2 of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, I hereby submit to the delegates of the 79th National Convention the National Executive Board's annual report, wherein I have combined all reports submitted to me before the convention. It is important to note that this is but a summary of the work done by your Executive Board, to give you an idea of what we have achieved this past year and where and how our organization stands today. The officers have provided fuller reports of their activities in writing, and we urge you to take home a set of these reports, read them carefully, and share the contents with your council members.

### SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

The Knights of Lithuania is most grateful to Rev. Joseph J. Anderlonis for his spiritual guidance and moral support throughout the year. Father, along with C-3 Philadelphia, hosted two National Executive Board meetings this year, which we appreciated. Father continues to set aside a monthly mass for the deceased members of the Knights. The entire organization is remembered in the mass as well. In October 1991, Father attended and celebrated the 25th anniversary mass of the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva at the National Shrine in Washington, DC.

### PRESIDENT

Frances Petkus organized and presided at three Executive Board meetings. Two meetings were held in Philadelphia, PA and the third was held in Waterbury, CT. When

Lithuania was going through those terrible days and things looked bleak in regaining its independence, a registered letter was sent to Pres. Landsbergis reiterating our support to help Lithuania reach its goal. When freedom became a reality, a letter of congratulations was faxed via the Lithuanian Embassy to Pres. Landsbergis. Many members were interviewed by radio, TV and newspapers. I had the honor of being on a committee that held a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Cross Church in Dayton, OH.

The district presidents and I were invited to a reception at the Lithuanian Embassy held for the Prime Minister of Lithuania, Gediminas Vagnorius and Ceslovas Stankevicius, Vice President of Lithuania's Supreme Council plus other dignitaries. At this time the Knights of Lithuania presented to the Lithuanian Ambassador, Stasys Lozoraitis, a special gift as the beginning of the financial drive for the refurbishing of the Embassy. The K of L also endorsed, at no cost to the organization or the Embassy, an ad placed in Draugas supporting the financial drive. Results from the ad proved to be most gratifying. The president of the Knights has been invited to White House briefing. Due to other commitments, the Knights were represented by Robert Boris, Vincent Boris and Loretta Stukas instead. At the 75th anniversary celebration of C-78 Lawrence, MA, NED President Al Akule represented the Supreme Council. Members of the Board represented the Knights at VLIKAS conference in Chicago; at ALTAS meetings; at presentation of Poverello Medal Award to Sr. Nijole Sadunaite in Steubenville, OH; at Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America; at procession for the mass dedicated to the

25th anniversary of Our Lady of Siluva Shrine in Washington, DC.

The president is working out the details with our legal advisor in upgrading the tax status of the Knights of Lithuania; letter of congratulations sent to Rev. Algirdas Olsauskas upon his elevation to Monsignor; letter of welcoming sent to our newest council #155 in Burlington, NC; still trying to locate Mr. Sergei Kovalev, 1976 Friend of Lithuania recipient in absentia. The president has participated in her council activities and local parish functions. She has been in contact with the National Executive Board members.

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Evelyn Ozelis has appointed a committee of district presidents and several other members in upgrading the Knights of Lithuania constitution. Her goal is to have the constitution ready for presentation to the membership in time for next year's convention. Evelyn has attended all three Supreme Council meetings. She has been most helpful by her patience and willingness to represent the Knights whenever called to do so. She represented the Knights at the services for HM Bishop Vincas Brizgys. The Special Projects position is also assigned the First Vice President.

#### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Anne Cheplick has participated in all Executive Board meetings. She has been handling membership requests when they have been received. Anne announced a new council #155 Burlington, NC was organized through the efforts of Mary Kober, Vytis Editor. She has informed us there is a new Junior council #7 formed in Waterbury, CT. Anne and members of C-7 Waterbury, CT hosted their first Supreme Council meeting in March. We thank C-7 members for a job well done.

#### THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Due to taking a trip to Lithuania, Rita Zakarka was only able to attend two meetings. She has been sending informative packets to the Junior councils and encouraging the Juniors to become pen pals with Lithuanian youth close to their age. Rita has been working at establishing the possibility of Junior Knights spending time at camp in Lithuania. She informs that we have a total of 10 Junior councils. Those Juniors attending the convention were introduced to the convention delegates at a business session. Rita has been actively concerned with medical needs of Lithuania. A nurse by profession, Rita visited Lithuania

several times and shared her ideas during Aid to Lithuania panel.

#### RECORDING SECRETARY

Robert Martin has attended all three meetings. He has written minutes of all meetings and notified Executive Board members of meetings along with information pertaining to hotel and travel information. He has sent copies of Minutes to all officers and honorary members. He worked very diligently in compiling and distributing lists of national, district and council officers and committee chairpersons, handling all miscellaneous correspondence required by the executive board. Rob handled the special mailing for the national convention required by the Supreme Council. He also volunteered to copy the Supreme Council's officers' reports and package same for convention delegates. This was to insure that all delegates received a complete set of reports. He has done an excellent job in all that was required of him and all that he volunteered for. As one of our younger members on the Supreme Council, Rob has been full of ideas and energy.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Mary Beth Slakis has attended all three meetings. She expressed appreciation to members being patient with her during the time she was recovering from hand surgery. Mary Beth kept records updated and in good order in spite of her set back. She has submitted a complete report for the delegates. Mary Beth is a very willing young member who is willing to assist in any situation presented.

#### TREASURER

Frank Peterson has attended all three meetings. He has faithfully handled all duties of the position and met all financial requirements as funds permitted. The Treasurer's report was given the delegates at a business session. Frank has compiled a budget study to be presented for passage by the delegates for use during 1992-93.

#### TRUSTEES

Edward A. Barkowski and William Kolicus have attended all three meetings. At each meeting, financial reports were checked and approved. Ed has been working on updating material for the Knights of Lithuania Manual. Bill has sent letters to all members of the Board requesting updating of Knights of Lithuania property in their possession.

## LEGAL ADVISOR

Saulius Kuprys did not attend any meetings but his reports were submitted. He has been taking care of tax material that has been coming in from IRS. Once tax information is received from districts and councils, Saulius will file with IRS the K of L's tax status. Because of our political activities at this time, we are not a tax deductible organization wherein members can claim donations on their annual income tax reports. At this time the K of L Foundation, Inc. and St. Casimir's Guild have the tax deductible status. Saulius has answered all inquiries that have come to his attention regarding taxes, estate planning, etc.

## VYTIS EDITOR

Mary Kober attended all three meetings of the Board. The VYTIS staff consists of Dalia Bulvicius, Stella Matulonis, Food Editor and Helen Chesko, Council News Editor. Mary handles the editing, layout and typesetting of the magazine. She must be thanked for being consistent in having VYTIS published and mailed on a timely basis.

## AMBER DISTRICT

President John Mickunas has reported that the Amber District has held three meetings with several officer's meetings in between regular District meetings. The councils in the District are meeting their K of L obligations and participating in Lithuanian activities. John attended two meetings. He represented his District at the reception for Lithuania's Prime Minister and Vice President of Lithuania's Supreme Council at the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington. The Amber District will be following the National Board's policy as stated in the Knights of Lithuania constitution with respect to election of officers. Many degrees of various levels have been awarded to members in the District. On Oct. 13, 1991, five buses consisting of members and guests traveled to Washington to attend Mass and ceremonies at the National Shrine commemorating the 25th anniversary of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel.

## MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

Pres. Algerd Brazis did attend the May meeting in Philadelphia while submitting reports to the Supreme Council. The District held four meetings with officers' meetings held periodically. The councils in the District have been active meeting obligations to the K of L in various areas. The 32nd "Memories of Lithuania" banquet was held in celebration of Lithuania's return to independ-

ence. Many members of the district have made trips to Lithuania since it regained its freedom. The K of L Choir held its annual dinner/dance and will perform at Dainiu Šventė in Lithuania in 1994. The K of L Dance Group of Chicago, members of C-150 Kansas City performing with Aidas, and members of C-133 Los Angeles performing with Spindulys were at the recent Šokių Šventė in Chicago.

## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

John Sakal, president, reported that this District has sixteen councils and two Junior councils. The District had four meetings and a Board meeting. The District and councils have continued to support the many needs of our Lithuanian people and honored requests made from several groups needing financial help.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pres. John Baltrus, reported that the District had two very successful meetings. The Fall Convention/Pilgrimage was hosted by C-19 Pittsburgh, while C-86 DuBois hosted the Spring Convention/Bowling Tournament. The councils, of which there are eight and one Junior council, have been meeting any request they have been asked to donate or participate in. John represented the District at the reception for Lithuania's Prime Minister and Vice-President of Lithuania's Supreme Council at the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington. He also submitted articles to the VYTIS summarizing the survey results of the national convention in St. Petersburg Beach, FL in 1991. John and other members of his council participated in the Šokių Šventė in Chicago with NERIS. The District is also pleased to note that Aldona Ryan, C-96 Dayton, OH was presented with the Honorary Membership Award at this national convention.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The District met on their regular set schedule. The members in the District met all obligations and donated to various requests they had received. District board meetings were also held on a regular basis. The annual Cultural Festival was held to raise funds for the District's Scholarship Awards. The Bowling Tournament proved very successful. The annual retreat at Kennebunkport was held June 19-21, 1992. Members in their area participated in the Šokių Šventė in Chicago. Al Akule represented the Supreme Council at the 75th Diamond Jubilee celebration held by C-78 Lawrence, MA.

### CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Chairman John Mankus attended all three meetings and submitted written reports. He has sent articles covering Lithuanian sculpture, painting, engraving, history and other information to District chairs who, in turn, sent the articles to councils in their district. John has encouraged use of the Lithuanian language in his material. Articles have been published in VYTIS.

### RITUAL COMMITTEE

Chairlady Nellie Bayoras-Romanas, along with her committee, Sophia Zukas and Helen Chesko, have had a busy term. A record number of members received their Fourth Degree at this convention. Those eligible were announced at Saturday's session.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Peter Paul Zansitis attended all three meetings. Peter has sent material to Draugas, Darbininkas, Dirvas and Sandaras. At the suggestion of Supreme Council members, Peter approached various groups with the possibility of selling the K of L history books on consignment. This suggestion proved fruitless. Peter has put together a manual, "Some Suggestions for the Public Relations Chair". A copy was sent to all councils and districts. Peter will have coverage on the 79th National Convention.

### LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Where does one begin with all the work Chairman Vincent Boris has put into this very special project. If you are not on the mailing list to receive his bulletin, I urge you to do so. Because of the expense in putting this information together and the mailing cost, a donation will be most appreciated. Those of you now on the mailing list know what I mean. Vincent, being in the Washington, DC area, has been a plus for the Knights. He knew where to go for information and whom to ask. He has, on a monthly basis, been mailing updated material on all Lithuanian activities. William Hough suggested that Vincent be a part of JBANC (Joint Baltic American National Committee). This has opened doors for volume of information being shared with the Knights. Be informed - read the Lithuanian Affairs bulletin.

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman William Piacentini reports all payments have been made to last year's recipients. One recipient had to drop from the program. There are ten (10) applications

for this year's awards. There are three openings on the Scholarship Committee this year. To apply, one must be a college graduate. After the election of the three new members, the committee will vote on their chairperson, etc.

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairlady Eleanore H. Laurin advises that upon the approval of delegates at the 78th national convention in Florida, Aldona Ryan will be presented with the Honorary membership this year. Eleanore has noted that the committee has sent all applications in their files to the candidate's council for updated information and review. For delegates use, she has submitted information/requirements outlining eligibility for this special award. We have lost four Honorary Members this past year - His Excellency Bishop Vincent Brizgys, Konstant J. Savickus, Joseph Boley and Anthony Dainius. Please remember them in your prayers.

### ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Chairman Longinas Svelnis attended two meetings this term. He has submitted articles to VYTIS. He continues to ask members to sort material for the archives in chronological and numerical order. Material for the archives should be mailed to: Knights of Lithuania Archives, P.O. Box 608, Putnam, CT 06260. Each District has a representative on this committee.

### LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

Dalia Bulvicius has attended all three meetings. She has written material for VYTIS and Darbininkas. Dalia has done translations for the National Convention Chairlady Anna Klizas Wargo for news releases in Darbininkas. She has also done work for VYTIS as a member of the staff. She represented the Supreme Council at services for HM Joseph Boley.

### AID TO LITHUANIA COMMITTEE

Chairman Robert Boris and his committee, working diligently for this special project, can't be thanked enough for all the time and effort they have put into making available medical supplies to Lithuania the great success it is. He has announced the seventh shipment has been sent out. Support from members and others outside of the Knights of Lithuania can be proud of the contributions they have made. But the work doesn't stop. We must continue to raise funds. The medical needs of the Lithuanian people at this point in time is endless. He will go in depth with this project on the panel Friday. Bob went to Lithuania with

Carolyn George who is in charge of operations at the World Medical Relief, Inc., Detroit, MI. Bob was her interpreter and guide throughout the trip. Bob had the opportunity to check into other medical needs and this will be shared on the panel. Members throughout the organization have also found areas in the medical field they have been contributing to, via work and otherwise. Bob has also sat in on White House briefing, especially those pertaining to medical aid to the Baltics. He represented the Supreme Council at the 25th anniversary of Our Lady of Siluva at the National Shrine in Washington and has attended all supreme council meetings.

#### KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.

Pres. Loretta Stukas gave a financial report on this project during the convention. Title for this year's essay contest was "What Impact did Lithuania's regained Independence have on me and my Awareness of my Lithuanian Heritage?" Winners were announced during the convention on Friday. Loretta, along with her husband, Jack, have been deeply involved in a medical project - Deborah Hospital. She and Jack have been invited to the White House briefing at various times because of their political involvement in Baltic activities. She has written articles for VYTIS and has participated in many other projects for the benefit of Lithuania.

#### ST. CASIMIR'S GUILD

Chairlady Anne K. Wargo has reported that all seminarians at the college in Rome have now been "adopted". All donations received by this committee will be listed in VYTIS. This committee, like the K of L Foundation, is a tax exempt project. With the needs of the College in Rome being constant, members are encouraged to continue to send donations. This is another area we can help Lithuania as Knights.

#### KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HISTORY BOOK

Frank Petrauskas of C-140 Syracuse is continuing as chairman of this project. Send an update count of K of L books in your district to Frank. This book is on sale at this year's national convention.

#### SUMMARY

What an exciting time to be a member of this great organization, the Knights of Lithuania! Question was posed, "What will happen to the Knights of Lithuania now that Lithuania is free?" Our projects have increased because Lithuania needs our help now more than ever. Her needs are many and in all areas one can imagine - education, medical,

political, religious, etc. I hope by the time you leave this convention, you will see the work we have ahead of us in helping Lithuania and her people. This gives the Knights a tremendous opportunity to encourage young people to join. Young people like to have 'causes' to motivate them. Lithuania has a variety of needs. Ask your younger members to help in financial drives that would keep the flow of medical supplies on going into Lithuania. Ask the young people to package books that are so badly needed. Ask the younger people to help in gathering clothes for the children of Lithuania. When you have the younger people involved, you can gain members and assure the future of the Knights of Lithuania. Encourage the Juniors to be a pen pal to a Lithuanian youth. If you don't have a Junior council, now is the time to begin. If you missed the 'boat' with your own children, remember, you can begin with your grandchildren. Just start! Remember the most important factor is to continue praying. We, as Catholics, know the power of prayer.

Being President this past year has been exciting, challenging and rewarding. To know you can do something in spite of a handicap can make one feel good. You have blessed me with a great Board when you voted the staff in. When I had to turn to the Board members to represent the Knights of Lithuania, there was no hesitation ... Just the question, "What do you need me to do?" Our meetings have gone well because we all worked together. It is a wonderful feeling to know we could agree to disagree and still remain friends. The Knights have been blessed with members, who in their passing on to life everlasting, as God has promised, have blessed us by their gifts.

I must take this time to thank the members of C-96 Dayton, OH. They have been very supportive in many ways during this year. In closing, I encourage all of you to take an active part in this convention. Take home the ideas that will help your members to fully understand what we have ahead of us in helping Lithuania in her adjustment to a free and independent country. This will not happen over night. After 50+ years of "slavery" the task ahead will be challenging but so rewarding as we see the fruits of our efforts blossom and grow! Love - Work - Believe and it will all come together. Labai ačiū!



## FRANK PETERSON R.I.P.

The untimely death of our National Treasurer on Thursday, July 16 came as a shock to the entire K of L community. Frank was born in Detroit, MI on February 27, 1923. He had been a member of the Knights of Lithuania organization since 1940 when he joined C-102 at St. Anthony's Church in Detroit, MI. He became President of the council and while an active member, met and married his wife, Isabel, also a staunch K of L member. He was instrumental in reorganizing C-79 in Southfield, MI with other K of L members, He also helped to reorganize C-149 in Saginaw, MI. He worked for Con Rail. When his job moved him from Detroit to Syracuse, NY, he and Isabel started C-140. Again, he was transferred to New Haven, CT wherein he organized C-50. He held the position of President in all three councils, being present president of C-50. On the National level he held the office of Vice President for three years and at his death, he served his third term as National Treasurer.



It is fitting that the Good Lord took Frank while attending the 1992 National Convention. This was one week of the year that Frank looked forward to attending. He died doing what he loved to do.

Funeral Mass was held at St. Casimir's in New Haven with co-celebrants Rev. Karvalis of Waterbury and Rev. Karalius, pastor. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery in New Haven. Frank is survived by his wife Isabel, three sons, one daughter, two granddaughters and four sisters.

The following poem was written by a C-50 member, Helen Klimaszewski, in loving memory of Frank:

### *A SAD GOODBYE*

The world is full of leaders,  
Each with their own plan  
Some seek wealth or power  
Others work for the good of man  
There may be those whose leadership  
Will bring them world-wide fame  
And then there will be others  
And you'll never hear their names  
The man I write about today  
Some of you knew real well  
He was the President of our group  
The New Haven K of L  
He will not be forgotten

Frank Peterson was his name  
His love for God and Country  
For the K of L his aim  
It was with shock and sadness  
That we bid our friend "good bye"  
And though each of us  
In our silent prayers  
Can't help but wonder - "Why?"  
To Isabel - her family  
To their friends and all the rest  
May God embrace you  
Within the arms of Love  
As Frank is laid to rest.

## DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 79th NATIONAL CONVENTION

Allentown, PA - July 16 - 19, 1992

*Submitted by Mary Beth Slakis, National Financial Secretary*

- HONORARY MEMBERS: Robert Boris, Eleanore Laurin, Frances Petkus, Rita Pinkus, Estelle Rogers, Kazys Sipaila, Longinas Svelnis, Jack Stukas, Loretta Stukas.
- NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD: Alex Akule, Edward Barkowski, Algerd Brazis, Anne Cheplick, William Kolicius, Robert Martin, Jr., John Mickunas, Evelyn Ozelis, John Sakal, Mary Beth Slakis, Rita Zakarka.
- CLERGY: Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, Rev. Alisauskas, Rev. J. Savykunas.
- AMBER DISTRICT: Agnes Mickunas, Eleanor Vaicaitis.
- MID-AMERICA DISTRICT: Eleanor Kasputis.
- MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT: Bruno Rutkunas, Josephine Zukas.
- MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT: Vincent Gray, Dolly Oberaitis.
- NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT: Helen Gudeczauskas, Lee Marcinka
- C-1 Brockton: Frances Bumila, George Bumila, Sr. Helen Ivanauskas.
- C-3 Philadelphia: Lillian Greymas, Leonard Kapochus, Julie Kowrak, Irene Ozalis, Victor Stepalovitch, Irene Svekla, Walter Svekla.
- C-5 Chicago: Loretta Grigaliunas.
- C-7 Waterbury: Anthony Alexander, Petronele Alexander, Frances Balchunas, Ed Karvelis, Ann Kundrotas, Arlene Stiklus, Joseph Stiklus, Alma Torre.
- C-10 Athol-Gardner: Margaret Senk.
- C-12 New York: John Antanavicius, Ed Cook, Vincent Cuperwich, Constance Nehwadowich, Ed Senken, Irene Senken, Betty Waskiewicz, Alma Korengo.
- C-17 So. Boston: Helen Contons, Stephen Contons, Mary Ann Doherty, Aldona Keaney, Marion Matachinskas, Alice Opanasets, Ann Voveris, Florence Zaleskas.
- C-19 Pittsburgh: Andrew Rozger, Zeno Yokshas.
- C-25 Cleveland: Marion Gray, Tony Oberaitis, Al Wallis, Albina Wallis.
- C-26 Worcester: Rita Karrytais, Barbara Pantos.
- C-27 Norwood: Betty Skricki, John Skricki.
- C-29 Newark: Margie Brazaitis, Walter Brazaitis, Marie Guoba, Harold Kaminskas, Virginia Kaminskas, Ann O'Neill, Helen Radicsh, Joseph Russell, Lillian Russell, Emilia Sadonis, Adele Satkus, Antanina Skroudys, Rita Sussko, Joan Yankauskas.
- C-30 Westfield: Benedict Coach, Kunigunda Coach.
- C-36 Chicago: Joan Cius, Sabina Henson, Ann Marie Kassel, Terry Strolia, Faustas Strolia.
- C-41 Brooklyn: William Kumeta.
- C-46 Forest City: Anthony Yavorosky.
- C-50 New Haven: Magdalen Cronin, Nellie Erickson, Mary Gelpel, Helen Medley.
- C-52 Elizabeth: HM Anna Mitchel-Matalavich.
- C-63 Lehigh Valley: Walter Balchunas, Mildred Deriscavage, Jane Lutick, Nellie Shirock.
- C-67 Bayonne: Martin Rusgi.
- C-72 Binghamton: Irene Grikenis, Casey Grikenis.
- C-74 Scranton: Ann Dudwicz, Margaret Romanauskas, Ed Romanauskas.
- C-79 Southfield: Margaret Dapkus, William Dapkus.
- C-86 DuBois: John Amilkavich, Ben Bruzga, Tom Bruzga, Lee Moore, Benedict Radzavich, Irene Yanek.
- C-96 Dayton: William Anthony, Petrona Anthony, Eloise Berczelly, George Mikalauskas, Frances Mikalauskas, Aldona Ryan, Joe Ryan, Elinor Sluzas.
- C-100 Amsterdam: Gene Gobis, Regina Kot, Elizabeth Kuzmich, Apolonija Ziausys.
- C-102 Detroit: Joe Stark Aukstakalnis, Aldona Bunikis, Frank Bunikis, John Stanievich.
- C-103 Providence: Anthony Gudeczauskas, Beatrice Mathieu, Victor Mathieu.
- C-109 Great Neck: Anthony Kober, HM Mary Kober, Joseph Zukas.
- C-110 Maspeth: Ann Ackalitis, Phyllis Barkus, Helen Cummins, John Cummins, Ed Jakatt, Frances Jakatt, Helen Matulonis, Ann Morrissey, Brian Rutkunas, Jean Rutkunas, Dorothy Sakal, Helen Venis, Helen Yakaitis, Anthony Yakaitis, Joe Stelmokas, Mary Stelmokas, Stella Stripeikis, Vincent Stripeikis.
- C-112 Chicago: Aldona Brazis, Donna Juraitis, Josephine Juzenas, Peter Juzenas, Mary Juzenas, Emily Petraitis, Harry Petraitis, Ed Pocius, Anele Pocius, Matt Vilutis, Philomena Vilutis, Dolores Wainauskas, Elizabeth Zibas, Adella Zunas.
- C-118 Hazleton: Valerie Dancho, Joseph Dancho, Charles Yuscavage, Dolores Yuscavage.
- C-133 Los Angeles: Martha Antanaitis, Ed Antanaitis, Josephine Barzda, Marytė Sepikas.
- C-136 Hudson-Mohawk: Bernice Aviza.





## VYTIS STAFF CHANGES

At the request of Council News Editor, Helen Chesko, we regretfully accept her resignation effective immediately. Helen has been Council News Editor for the past eleven years (1981-1992). She was very loyal in her position and Council correspondents and VYTIS Staff will sorely miss her. We extend to Helen a fond farewell and say Ačiū Labai for her past performance.

We also accept resignation of Dalia Bulvicius on the VYTIS staff. We thank her for her past performance which she exhibited in a very professional manner. However, Dalia still remains the Lithuanian Language Coordinator and we will still be hearing from her.

Our Food Editor, Stella Matulonis, still remains on the

staff. She is anxiously awaiting to receive your mother's Lithuanian recipes (or perhaps your own!). Her address is on the inside front cover. Please contact her.

We have, however, added someone new to the VYTIS Staff. Thomas Tarmey of C-152 Eastern Long Island has accepted the position of Council News Editor. We extend to Tom a most hearty welcome and a most sincere Ačiū hoping he will succeed in ... and enjoy ... his new work. Effective immediately, Council News Correspondents should send their material to: Thomas Tarmey, P.O. Box 1463, Mattituck, NY 11952.

During the summer months, only two issues of VYTIS are published - July/August and September/October. The next deadline is October 1 for publication in the November 1992 issue.

## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Council members in Mid-Atlantic District gathered on June 14 in Kearny, NJ for their Spring meeting, which was hosted by C-90 members under the enthusiastic, energetic direction of Pres. Theresa Bilaitis. The morning began with a concelebrated 10 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church with celebrant Rev. Chas. Kern, assisted by Rev. Stasys Raila and Pastor Rev. Msgr. Dominick Pocus, who welcomed the Knights and delivered the homily. The hymns led by the beautiful voice of soloist and organist Genevieve Mazur enriched

the spirit of the Mass. After Mass, all assembled at the Shrine of the Wayside Cross where Fr. Raila remembered, in prayer, those who perished during the tragic days of June 1941 when the Soviet persecution of our Lithuanian people took place. We then walked to the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, a few blocks away, for lunch. Everyone helped themselves to a variety of foods, served with helping hands of C-90 members.

District Pres. John Sakal opened the meeting with 102 in attendance, 8 councils represented. Among subjects discussed was the necessity of revis-

ing the District Bylaws which have not been updated since 1973. Those on the committee are Mary Kober, Mirga Bablin & Edward Barkowski. Letters were mailed to each council regarding revision of the National Constitution, and members are requested to suggest changes where they think it necessary, for clarity, and for the betterment of the organization. What a great opportunity to make your thoughts known. All suggestions should be mailed to 1st V.P. Evelyn Ozelis in Chicago, IL.

A resolution was passed to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Darius-Girenas flight of July 15, 1933 to Lithuania from Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn. Bernice Aviza will be the chairlady of this event, assisted by Connie Nehadowich and Evelyn Walles. Members were also asked to write to the new Postmaster General requesting that a stamp be issued on the occasion of this commemoration.

Mary Kober, in charge of the Atlantic City, NJ bus ride for the benefit of the District, gave her report, proving it to be a worthwhile venture. In addition, raffle books were issued/mailed to all councils, hoping for a favorable response. Winners will be selected at the September meeting.

The Nominating Committee of Rita Sussko, Bruno Rutkunas and Al Marcel presented a slate of officers willing to serve on the District's Executive Board for election in September. As always, others can be nominated from the floor, on that day .... District delegates to the Allentown National Convention were Josephine Zukas and Bruno Rutkunas. Alternates were Vincent Gedvillas and Connie Nehadowich. Since VYTIS would be published before our next District meeting with all pertinent convention information, the delegates were not asked to present a report .... Loretta

Stukas spoke about the Deborah Hospital surgical team and their voluntary aid to 25-30 children in Lithuania. The District was able to donate \$100. The Medical Aid to Lithuania project, chaired by Bob Boris, also received \$100.

All councils represented reported on their activities, with very favorable results. Polly & Edward Ziausys of Amsterdam C-100 were given a standing ovation for the hospital equipment and supplies they were able to obtain for Lithuania, with delivery to the LCRA in Brooklyn for shipment.

We were pleased to learn of the formation of a new K of L Council #155, Burlington, NC, with John K. Gozjack as President. A congratulatory letter was mailed to this council, welcoming their members to our District.

Our next District meeting will be hosted by Maspeth C-110 on Sept. 27 at Transfiguration Church Hall, preceded by Mass and a luncheon. At that time, we will be celebrating Rev. Stasys Raila's 85th birthday and the 60th Anniversary of his ordination. Ad

Multos Annos! Let's all be there!

It is with a heavy heart that the Mid-Atlantic District membership offer sincere condolences to the family of our National K of L Treasurer, Frank Peterson, who came to the National Convention, but was taken away from us very suddenly. We were saddened by the passing of this fine gentleman, a quiet conscientious man who loved our organization, as witnessed by his service at every level .... On June 24 we also lost Honorary Member Joseph Boley-Bulevičius, who, with others, was the nucleus of our organization. Always the actor, he will be remembered by his Lithuanian readings, his poems, and the joy in his heart as he encouraged us all to keep the Lithuanian language alive. May the Lord bless these two Vyčiai; we, and our K of L organization, will miss them.

*Josephine Zukas*

#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

As we passed through the stone wall gate, we entered the peaceful world of the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME. The serene

beauty of the expansive grounds greeted us. We could see earlier arrivals scattered about in small groups laughing, talking, enjoying their reunion with Knights from various New England cities. We soon joined these groups of friends.

This was the beginning of a fulfilling weekend - June 19-21, 1992. We were nourished spiritually with a great retreat master, Fr. Jurgelaitis, and physically by superb chef Aldona Baniunas and her conscientious staff imported from Lithuania.

Nearly one hundred Knights from ten of our fourteen councils were represented. Our conferences were held mid-morning and again in the evening, leaving ample time for sight-seeing, shopping, lobster-feasting or just a quiet time.

Sunday noon was really special - a -Father's Day surprise. After dinner, a beautiful "sakotis" (tree cake) was brought out and shared with all. It had been hand-carried from Lithuania. Another treat for our enjoyment was a brief program of song led by Fr. Bernardin's niece from Lithuania. To show his appreciation, Fr. Jurgelaitis sang his own composition "Ačiū, Ačiū, Ačiū". We had hidden talent all around us!

Pres. Al Akule expressed our thanks to Fr. Jurgelaitis as retreat master. He also thanked Helen Dallalis for her fine organizational work who immediately started accepting reservations for 1993. Don't delay. Let Helen know if you would like to participate next year since space at the Guest House is limited.

Let's all meet again in Norwood Sept. 20 at the fall District meeting.

*Aldona Marcavage*



*MAD Executive Board: V.P. -Membership Josephine Zukas, Sec. Jeannie Janonis, Treas. Mirga Bablin, Pres. John Sakal, V.P. Juniors Ed Senken, Rev. S. Raila, Rev. D. Pocus.*





*Chairlady Helen Dallalis and husband Stan at the NED Retreat in Kennebunkport, ME.*

#### **C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA**

Our council sponsored a bus to the 45th Anniversary of the Lithuanian Franciscans in Kennebunkport on July 12. The excellent weather drew approximately 2,000 people. Bill Wisniauskas, Nellie Milaitis and Marge Senk were in charge and all must agree, it was a great day spent ... Six of our members attended the NED 3-day retreat at the Monastery in June.

Lillian Genaitis Erickson, a new member of C-10, was elected a delegate to the National Convention in Houston for the Conservative Republican Party on Aug. 16-20.

The Genaitis family donate an annual scholarship to a senior entering the field of education in Gardner. It is given in memory of our beloved Charles Genaitis, educator in the Gardner school system for many years. This year's \$500 recipient was Erica Savaria.

Margaret Senk was our delegate to the National Convention held in Allentown, PA .... Members David Lukas, Howie Beaudette, Walter Mikas, Bill Wisniauskas, James Eacmen and Gloria O'Malley are officers

of the Lithuanian Outing Club in Gardner .... Many members attended the annual picnic held by the Sisters in Putnam on July 26. Old acquaintances were found and enjoyed .... Member Walter Mikas' niece, Jeanette Petkus, was recently featured in the Worcester Telegram as she was among 40 educators who joined APPLE in a 5

week course in Lithuania to assist teachers in reforming their educational system. Jeanette is a former professor of music at Anne Maria College and the University of Connecticut. She presently is a free-lance researcher, musician, artist and writer .... Dr. Henry Gailiunas entertained relatives from Lithuania this summer .... Former chaplain Rev. Justin Steponaitis now residing at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam honored us with his presence at our June meeting held at the Lithuanian Club in Gardner. It was great to have him as he is truly missed by us all. In July he spent three weeks in Lithuania with the Lithuanian Priests League .... Joanne Chastney's flower garden in Athol is really something to see. Her flowers decorate the altars at St. Francis Church.

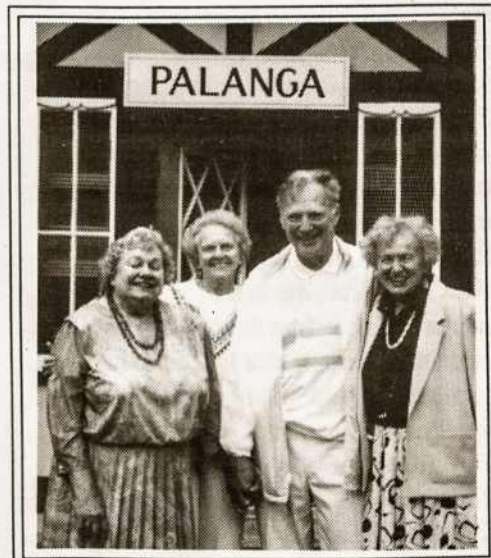
Our condolences are extended to Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis, our spiritual advisor, on the death of his father, Joseph Jurgelonis and the untimely death of cousin Mr. Cummings of East Brookfield. Vincukas

#### **C-12 NEW YORK, NY**

The summer months are quiet for the most part but for some of our members it has been go, go, go. Of course, the activity was the Allentown convention. C-12 is proud of the fact that over twenty members attended this wonderful affair in spite of our small membership .... We are proud of our three members who were recipients of the fourth degree - Alma Korengo, Betty Waskiewicz, Ed Senken. Congratulations .... Ed Senken was appointed to the National Scholarship Committee as a representative of the MAD. Good luck ... Ed Cook marched down City Hall in Allentown and had the honor of raising the flag.

It is gratifying to see Connie Siat-sis who has been ill for so long getting back on her feet. Connie attended the District meeting in Kearny, went to the national convention and did some dancing.

After the national convention, Evelyn & John Bell visited Ed & Irene Senken on Shelter Island. This was a pleasant surprise and a very enjoyable day .... Congratulations are in order for



*NED at Kennebunkport, ME - Aldona Marcavage, Lenora Jarvis, Sylvester Marcavage & Regina Alexander.*



*C-12 Fourth Degree recipients at convention: Alma Korengo, Ed Senken, Betty Waskiewicz*

Vida Kristolaitis & Vincent Gendvilas. Speculation is that they exchanged marital vows and are currently doing a lot of traveling .... Accolades and praise are in order for Aldona Zaunius who took care of an elderly relative. Good work, Aldona. *Irene*

#### **C-17 SO. BOSTON, MA**

As the seasons and years pass, certain traditions have been incorporated into the council calendar. On such tradition is our annual visit to the State House and City Hall to commemorate the Feb. 16 Independence of Lithuania. The ceremonies carry a much greater significance now since Lithuania is free. We thank member Alex Chaplick who has been instrumental in organizing these events. He rekindled the hope that laid dormant.

Dr. Edward Bubnys was guest speaker at our annual St. Casimir's Day Breakfast held in March at the church hall. He received a Fullbright Grant for the academic year 1990-91, spending that time in Lithuania helping with his expertise in finance. He is

a parishioner of St. Peter's Church and a professor of finance at Suffolk University in Boston.

Twelve delegates attended the NED meeting in New Haven, CT on April 26 hosted by C-50 .... The annual church reunion was held at Lombardo's on May 17. Over 325 people attended. Members Aldona Kropas, Mary Mickevich and Ann Norinkavich served on the committee .... NED Holy

Hour was again held on May 31 at the lovely Our Lady of Vilnius Church in Worcester. A large contingent of C-17 members attended. After services, all proceeded to Maironis Park for socializing and a buffet meal. We thank Rev. Alphonse Volungis, pastor, and council president Irene Tamulevich for their wonderful hospitality .... Many members attended the NED Retreat held at Franciscan Monastery in Maine on June 21-23.

Our parish is entering its final phase of consolidating into one compound at the main church. For 45 years the council held their meeting at St. Joseph Chapel. Our June meeting was the last in this building. The building has been sold and was closed in mid-June. Our new location for council meetings beginning in September (second Wednesday of the month) will be in the newly renovated church hall. We leave St. Joseph's Chapel with sadness knowing it is necessary for the well-being of the parish. Our parish began in this building in 1896. Truly, the end of an era.

The months of May and June were



*C-17 Kitchen Crew at Seniors Party: Pauline Teleikas, Frances Savicke, Al Akule, Ona Merkiene, Virginia & Frank Markuns, An n Jocas.*

busy wedding anniversary celebrations - John & Ann Norinkavich, 45th; Jack & Mildred Daniels, 45th; Joseph & Ann White, 35th; Walter & Alice Opanesets, 51st; Roland & Ann Bishop, 51st. Best wishes to all .... Stanley Griganavicius passed a milestone on June 10 by celebrating his 90 birthday. He is the council's oldest active member holding the Fourth Degree. He was a church usher, director of the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club and active in Lithuanian affairs in the community. Ilgiausiu Metu! .... Roy Balaconis, son of Joseph & Betty Balaconis and a graduate of Annapolis, became a Commander in the US Navy. He is stationed in Washington, DC and attached to the Office of Secretary of Defense. He travels extensively giving lectures abroad and in the U.S .... Rev. Albert Contons, pastor of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church and council spiritual advisor spent several weeks in Lithuania attending the Lithuanian Priest League convention.

We extend condolences to family of council member Vytautas Jurgela, who passed away on March 8. He was a long time Lithuanian activist whose interest ranged from being a Boy Scout Master for Lithuanian troops to a director of Taupa Lithuanian Credit Union. A K of L Wake Service was held at Casper Funeral Home in So. Boston .... Agnes Matulis, mother of member Ann Evans, died in Feb. in her 98 year. May their souls rest in peace.

*Joseph White*

#### C-24 CHICAGO, IL

Our council held their annual fund raiser "night at the Races" at Sportsman Park in Chicago. A wonderful time was had by all, with a nice profit .... Our past president, Bruce Nebereiza, is happily back at work



*Harry & Emily Petraitis of Chicago and Florida celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a gala event in Chicago.*

after being on the sick list .... Our council is especially proud of our Junior member, Dana Butts, who was awarded a Scholarship at the National Convention in Allentown. Congratulations .... Many of our members were in attendance at the Dance Festival in July where the Lithuanian Dance Group performed at Rosemont .... You can still show your Lithuanian pride by purchasing a Lithuanian Windsock. Contact Frank Jurgaitis at 5553 So. Moody, Chicago, IL 60638 or phone (312) 767-8952. The price is \$10.00 each. In large quantity, the price is lower.

Our spiritual advisor, Rev. P. Cibulskis, states that donations are always welcome for the soup kitchen which helps feed many poor Lithuanian families in Rosario, Argentina. Rev. Anthony Svedas of the Marian Fathers is in charge and if you can help, donations will be gratefully accepted by sending them to Rev. Peter Cibulskis, Draugas, 4545 West 63rd St., Chicago, IL 60629. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

*Lilite*

#### C-25 CLEVELAND, OH

Participating in the MCD meeting and Bowling Tournament in DuBois, PA May 15-16, it was a satisfying, happy and profitable event. Twenty-four members attended. Two of the three teams representing Cleveland finished in the top three. Joanna Shigo led her team on to first place. Those helping her to "champs" status were Joe Ivoska, Bruno Bartkus, Ursula Kunsitis & "de boy", Tom Bruzga of DuBois. In third place, Dick Marks, captained his team. Defending champs Chuck Machutas & Company, took M-M-M place. Chuck & Dolly-O gained another trophy also. The good Lord willing, we expect to see all of you again in Detroit next year.

A few members helped clean up the Lithuanian Cultural Gardens on June 4 & 11. Every little bit helps - how about you? Contact our prez, Dick .... Our monthly meetings held on second Friday of each month have had good attendance. Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 11.

On Sunday, June 14, C-25 sponsored the coffee hour at Our Lady of

Perpetual Help after the 10 a.m. mass. Chairman of the event was Tony Oberaitis. Again, thank you for the donations, baked goods, assistance and cooperation in helping out .... Very systematically organized by Dick Marks and his wife Jean, 19 members went to the Jackpot Junction Casino on June 17-19 in Morton, MN. Designed as a social event for the summer, it was a "first" for a few of the members. Similar amounts were deposited in the collection plate in church as was donated to the Casino. Certainly next year, let's head to Kennebunkport, ME .... Get well wishes extended to Marian Gray and Ignas Visockas.

We hope everyone had a safe and sane summer.  
*Dolly-O*

#### C-26 WORCESTER, MA

Our annual K of L picnic was held in June at Marionis Park. We enjoyed Rita Pinkus' famous kugelis. A large doll made by Judy Maleckas was raffled. We thank all committees for their help and members for their donations.

Continued prayers for Joe Ivaska's health. Condolences to Aldona Waska, Virginia & Dwight Cummings, Bill Buckley, Mary March, Vera Scarbeau and Lillian Kondrotas on the loss of their family members.

C-26 was well represented at the NED Retreat held in June at the Franciscan Monastery in Maine. The corridors were adorned with many paintings and knitted and crocheted art, the good food was plentiful, the landscape was serene and the quiet atmosphere refreshed one's soul.

"You have a friend in Pennsylvania" - thank you Pennsylvania for an enjoyable convention. Highlights of my first convention were the spirit-filled music at the noon masses, nice

meals, comedy by the Mayor of Allentown, Lietuva poetry and music, dessert at Hess Dept. Store, Fr. Anderlonis doing the Chicken Dance, women in their national costumes, lovely amber and crocheted dresses at the banquet, Sabina still dancing "E-I-E-I-O" at breakfast, and most of all, laurels to the convention committee and especially the dedicated workers of our National Board. As the convention motto stated, "Lithuania Forever".

Congratulations to Edward Meilus, Jr., a winner of the K of L Foundation essay contest .... Labas to our new friends. We invite everyone to Worcester, MA for the 80th Annual Convention next year.

*Anne L. & Barb P.*

#### C-29 NEWARK, NJ

Our last meeting before summer break was very successful with a large attendance and everyone in a joyous mood. Our own Fr. Peter Stravinskas celebrated his 15th anniversary of priesthood on Sunday, June 7. Congratulations from all of us .... Our members Margie & Walter Brazaitis and Lillian & Joseph Russell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Enjoy many more years .... A group of our delegates attended the Mid-Atlantic District meeting in Kearny, NJ .... Val & Mary Tumelis of Linden visited Lithuania. We hope they have some interesting stories to relate .... Under the supervision of Marie Guoba, our annual dinner & dance will be held Oct. 10 .... A bus ride was held to the Immaculate Conception Convent picnic in Putnam, CT .... Our members, Lillian & Joseph Russell are a very active pair in Lumberville, PA and are participating in the Senior Olympics. Lillian has four first medals for this year and Joseph holds the title in Bocci and Badminton. Lillian has a total of eleven med-

als in swimming. Both are eligible to enter the State Competition. Good luck .... Our Chinese auction will be held Nov. 15. Please save the date .... Enjoy the summer!  
*Mary Cullen*

#### C-30 WESTFIELD, MA

Our council was well represented with nine members present at the NED Spring meeting hosted by C-50 in New Haven, CT. C-50 members were gracious hosts and the beautiful trees all in bloom in the park across the street from the church were very conducive to the meeting. Typically K of L, the meeting was spirited and productive. On a sad note, we received the news of the death of Bishop Vincent Brizgys who was a close friend of our late pastor, Rev. Vincent Puidokas. Many special events at St. Casimir's in Westfield were blessed by the Bishop's presence.

Lou Buckities who has been ailing with a back problem for many months improved to the point that she was able to attend the NED meeting and also her son Joey's graduation from Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC .... On May 31, Helen Alexik, Eugenia Duda and Benny & Cooky Coach attended the NED Holy Hour and the crowning of the Blessed Mother statue at Our Lady of Vilna Church in Worcester, followed by a sumptuous collation at Maironis Park. Irene Tamulevich of C-116 is truly a gracious hostess and capable arranger .... On the weekend of June 19-21, Helen, Jeanie, Benny & Cooky headed north to the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport for the NED Retreat. Fr. Jurgelaitis, past SC Spiritual Advisor, was the retreat master. We enjoyed the spiritual lift we all received, renewed and made new friendships, the super guest house and the dining room staffed by many recent Lithuanian arrivals. At the closing luncheon, the young people

serenaded the retreatants with Lithuanian songs so beautifully that although smiles were on our faces, tears were flowing freely. We thank these beautiful young Lithuanians very much.

*Cooky*

#### C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

We have lost a good friend, one who truly lived our Knights of Lithuania motto "For God and Country". Our president, Frank Peterson, passed to his eternal rest on July 16 in Allentown, soon after he arrived at the national convention. Frank worked tirelessly and gave his best for C-50. We will miss him. We extend our sympathy, love and prayers to Isabel, their daughter Patricia and sons David, Frank, Jr. and Robert.

Congratulations to Anthony & Anna Kordorsky who received their Fourth degrees at the national convention - and to Albert Gutauskas who is also eligible and will receive his at a later date. Other members who attended the convention were Helen Case, Agnes Chestnut, Marge Cronin, Nellie Erickson, Mary Geipel, Antoinette Lennig, Evelyn Lepensky, Helen Medley & guest Ann Yoga.

Congratulation also to our talented member Valorie Abate on winning the Miss Connecticut title. Her parents and grandparents Viola & Al Plant, are extremely proud .... The Lithuanian Festival for St. Casimir's Church included good food, the Vetra dancers, children's activities, dancing and entertainment. Many thanks to Marion Meshako and her hard working committee of K of L members.

*Audrey Toole*

#### C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

We were saddened to learn of Bishop Brizgys passing on April 23. The Bishop attended ceremonies in

Elizabeth when a special street was named after our pastor, Rev. Michael Kemezis, in 1969 .... We were also saddened when Rev. Joseph Pragulbickas died June 14, 1992. Fr. Joe came to Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Elizabeth as an assistant and served there for 19 years. May they rest in peace.

The four crew members of the Lithuanian sailing vessels, Lietuva and Laisve, were the honored guests of Dolores Danielson & husband Martin at a home cooked dinner in their home in Linden. Gediminas Pilaitis, a journalist and crew cook, anticipates writing a book about their voyage around the world, hopefully mentioning their visit in Linden, NJ. The two vessels participated in the regatta celebrating the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' trip to America.

*William Senkus*

#### C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Council voted to donate \$100 to the Deborah Hospital as a contribution toward travel expenses of a staff of doctors going to Lithuania for the multiple purposes of performing heart surgery on Lithuanian children and to conduct a symposium to teach the latest American surgical and post-operative techniques. Without doubt, this is a most worthy cause!

Pres. Robert Klova solicited and received two boxes of colored pencils and crayons from Binney & Smith of Easton, PA, manufacturers of these products. These were shipped by Fin. Sec. Jane Lutick to her school teacher friend, Regina Valyte, in Lithuania at council's expense. It was reported that there were many smiling little faces in that school.

Committee Co-Chairs Valerie Smickle & Dora Lushis informed council that the March flea market sale

was a resounding success. Another sale is planned for October in St. Michael's Church Hall in Easton. We thank them and all their dedicated co-workers for their efforts.

In 1990, V.P. Joseph Simmons and wife, Trudi, hosted a young Lithuanian, Arvydas Gimbutis, in their home. Arvydas was a member of Ateitis, a young adult group. After Arvydas return to Lithuania, he married and now is the father of a child and also somewhat of a "big brother" to an abandoned Lithuanian orphan. A flow of correspondence began and soon Joe & Trudi and other members began sending some baby items to the couple. Excerpts of Arvydas' letters were read at each council meeting. His letters gave us a personal and very realistic perspective of life in present day Lithuania.

C-63 proudly announces the addition of our newest member, Olga Manazer who hails from Easton, PA. Welcome to the Knights of Lithuania, Olga, and to the "only Lithuanian voice in the Lehigh Valley."

Our long awaited Lithuanian fireman arrived in Phila. a Swissair flight on July 12. He was just in time to participate in the Lithuanian flag raising ceremonies by the National Convention delegates at City Hall Plaza in Allentown. He is 40-year old Rimantas Sankauskas, the Fire Chief of Panevezys, Lithuania (a city of over 114,000 people) and four of its adjoining districts. He was greeted by hosts Joseph & Trudi Simmons and a small delegation of Lithuanian well-wishers from Philadelphia, whose support and kind gesture C-63 appreciates. Rimantas was brought to the mayor's office in City Hall and introduced to Allentown Mayor Joseph S. Daddona, Fire Chief David Novosat, Ass't Chief Kenneth Dottery, Council Pres. Robert

Klova and Joseph Ogint. After official and personal gifts were exchanged, Rimantas was promptly nicknamed "Ray" by his Yankee civic hosts. An eight week firefighting course was outlined for him. After some interaction at the convention, Rimantas visited our now-famous potato pancake stand at Bethlehem's Christmas City Fair. He was fascinated by the operation and the crowds of customers which he had never seen back home in Lithuania. It was explained to him that the stand was totally manned by volunteers and that the proceeds were donated to Lithuanian charitable causes. Rimantas wanted to help by volunteering to fry blynus over the hot grills the entire day.

Council welcomed back Adele Keraga at their June meeting. Adele had undergone quadruple bypass heart surgery and credits her husband, Andy, for her rapid recovery .... Also, Patricia Zilius who has been hospitalized is now home and recuperating .... Louise Stefan still remains on the ailing list. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Joyous news is sometimes tempered by somber news. We were saddened by the death of Jennie Freeman on July 12. Jennie was a long-time member with many friends. We pray for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace. *Joseph F. Ogint*

#### C-74 SCRANTON, PA

Congratulations to Jean Kavelinas' granddaughter Barbara who won a special trophy at the North Scranton Fishing Derby .... We are happy to see Mary & Jerry Costello and Helen Troupe, back after being on the sick list .... Helen Lestis is in the Wyoming Valley Nursing Home, Wilkes Barre. Our prayers and best wishes go out to her. Richard Laske & Pres. John

Ramoska brought her a fruit basket which she enjoyed ... Many of our Knights supported St. Joseph's annual quilt raffle. Glad to see Betty Tamosaitis & Della Zvirblis as winners .... John Ramoska is back serving as our president after his recent surgery.

Our council participated in the Ethnic Festival at Anthracite Museum wherein we supplied Lithuanian food. The museum had scenes from the daily life of our ancestors, displaying tools used by our grandparents, a recreated street scene of the turn-of-the-century town, among other fascinating items.

Together with C-143, Pittston, we attended the memorial mass and rosary held at St. Peter's Cathedral commemorating the life of Rev. Patrick Peyton, a crusader for prayer and the family rosary. The Most Rev. James Timlin, bishop of Scranton, was celebrant. This Mass was televised .... A Lithuanian Mass was held at St. Ann's Monastery. Rev. Clement Kasinskas was celebrant. Msgr. Peter Madus, Msgr. Michael Ozales, Revs. Peter Alisaukas and John Savukynas were concelebrants. It was wonderful to see five Lithuanian priests serving Mass together. We had a wonderful attendance.

Sister Virginia Vytell is on the sick list at Brockton, MA. Please drop her a card. *M.L.*

#### C-79 SOUTHFIELD, MI

The five following members were in a group of thirty-three who toured Lithuania for twelve days in June: Sylvia Jarosz, Mary Keller, Maggie Smailis, Ann Uzdavinis & Bertha Janus. It was the most informative, educational and many times a sad trip for us. We heard how old the country was, how our forefathers (and mothers) lived at the turn of the century

during a visit to a reconstructed typical village. We saw evidence of the Communist occupation - graves of brave Lithuanians who tried to halt the advance of Russian tanks and others massacred at the only TV tower in the country. It was disheartening to see the conditions of churches and public buildings and theft of centuries-old artifacts. We learned from our relatives of the conditions they lived under during those 50 years.

We were privileged to have a side trip arranged by Bob Boris in Kaunas to tour the clinic and pharmacy where our World Medical Relief products are sent through Caritas. We saw where the medications were dispensed - with wall-to-wall people waiting for them. We saw so much more, there isn't room here to tell it all. They were the most productive twelve days we ever spent - we all agreed.

Back to our shores. It was decided at our July meeting to donate a portion of the profit of our annual luncheon and card party, Sept. 16, to Caritas .... Our annual Fall Festival is fast approaching. Members, please don't say "no" when asked to help. Everyone's attendance is a "Must" .... In other news, Helen Santorum's husband Ed underwent quadruple heart surgery July 29. We all wish him a speedy recovery .... At our annual Family Day picnic, Aug. 1, we were pleasantly surprised to see long-time member Helen Patocki. She is wheelchair-bound and we appreciated hubby Clem bringing her. We remember their work on many, many committees in year's past .... With vacation-time over and done with, may we dare expect a larger number of meeting attendees?

*Bee Jay*







*C-110 Maspeth members participating in local Memorial Day parade with balloons, flags and banners.*

#### **C-110 MASPETH, NY**

We would like to wish all our council friends a very pleasant summer.

Our parish, Transfiguration Church, was honored to have Bishop John Daily celebrate Mass. He was pleased to see over 100 parishioners attend the weekday service .... On Memorial Day, about twenty members joined the United Societies of Maspeth wherein we marched over two miles carrying American & Lithuanian flags and remembering the thirteen Lithuanians massacred on Jan. 13, 1991.

Our council's Vytis correspondent, Pat Zenisek, was married in California. We wish her much happiness in her new venture .... Joseph Stelmokas will Chair our October dinner/dance. Frances Migliore & Anthony Yakaitis will Chair the Mid-Atlantic District meeting to be held

Sept. 27.

Our council received photographs from an orphanage in Panevežys, Lithuania, showing the distribution of clothes which our council sent a few months ago. We expect to send additional clothing this Fall.

Our June meeting was attended by over 100 members. The lucky winners of our fund raising raffle were: Sophie Wensek, \$200; Elizabeth Purus, \$150; John Swedish, \$100. Member Alex Poniatowski, former Chief of Police of Pearl Harbor visited us from Hawaii .... Amy Girdauskas, Ritual Chairlady, informed that Emily Greiner has earned her 2nd degree. Anthony Yakaitis received his Fourth Degree in Allentown .... Ed & Frances Jakatt and Bruno Rutkunas returned from a trip to Lithuania .... More than twenty members attended the National Convention in Allentown .... Our council donated \$1,000 to the Aid to

Lithuania Fund .... Surprisingly, our council received First place for increase of membership rolls.

Several of our members have been on the sick list. We wish complete recovery to Tony Slye, Mary Baltrus, Helen Virbooks, Iggy Walles and all those recovering from various illness. On a sad note, member Helen Robertson recently passed away.

*Bruno Rutkunas*

#### **C-141 BRIDGEPORT, CT**

Once again our annual council "Gegužinė" was held at Pres. Clem Miller's home on Aug. 15. We all enjoyed the excellent food and a fun time was had by all.

Milda Liaukus, RN, received a Distinguished Nursing Performance Award for her work at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport. Congratulations!

The following members enjoyed

## Franciscan GUEST HOUSE



*C-141 Bridgeport members Clem Miller and Bob Marcavage with Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, at NED retreat in Kennebunkport, ME*

the Retreat at Kennebunkport: Fran & Cap Marlin, Jean & John Rigeley, Dot & Jack DeGennero, Al & Pete Peters, Clem & Vic Miller, Donna & Bob Marcavage, Ann Petrus, Ev & Jean Christian. Dorothy & Jack DeGennero flew to Lithuania the day after the Retreat.

We hope all had a pleasant summer!  
*Aldona Marcavage*

### C-142 WASHINGTON, DC

No sooner had Julia Burlen, president of C-142, returned from Lithuania, she then hosted the council's annual picnic on Sunday June 7. The picnic has become a happy tradition for the Council's members in Julia's spacious home and grounds in Maryland. Among those present were John Waylonis, Beverly Meder, Helen Szpakowski, Claire Saponis, Kay Yankoski (council v.p. who handled

all arrangements), and Pat & Bob Carlton. Good weather, good company and good food made for a good time. The food included Lithuanian dešros, American hamburgers and mouth-watering desserts (chocolate mousse, poppyseed and pineapple cakes).

A unique contribution this year was beer brewed especially for the picnic, poured into bottles decorated with the Lithuanian colors and named "Smetonalus" because of its creamy texture and taste. Smetonalus, a creation of Tom Cizauskas, son of members Gene and Al, induced a mellow glow among the K of L picnic'ers, and was particularly appropriate in this first year of Lithuania's resumed independence.

The picnic gave the members an opportunity to get a personal report from Julia on conditions in Lithuania. Times are hard and costs of all goods have skyrocketed. Postal rates, for example, have shot up 500 percent. Goods are still hard to come by even with high prices, perhaps due to the reluctance of sellers to accept the nearly-worthless ruble. On the political scene, there seems to be disappointment with the slow pace of economic recovery. There was also widespread confusion about the recent referendum for establishing an office of president of the country. Many voters had thought they were voting for or against the current Sajudis head, Landsbergis. Julia finds her frequent trips to Lithuania stimulating, giving her an opportunity not only to visit relatives, but also to gauge at first hand the economic, social and political climate of the country as it rebuilds itself after fifty years of the communist nightmare.

Our council has been a major and regular contributor to BALFAS collections of clothing and other items

urgently needed in the restored but indigent economy of Lithuania, some of them earmarked for those who had been forcibly deported and/or imprisoned by the former Soviet regime. One of the members, John Waylonis, has been especially active in collecting and transporting these items from those members who were not able to do so personally, to the BALFAS collection center in Baltimore. Recently, Tom Cizauskas was successful in obtaining clothing in large quantities and in especially good condition from the staff and manager/owner of one of Capitol Hill's popular restaurants, "Two Quail" where he works.

*Al Cizauskas*

### C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Congratulations to our newest Fourth Degree members, Mary Koons, Joseph Martunas, Anna Radzavage and Beatrice Wasley. Nichole Nedinsky, formerly a member of Frackville Juniors, presently enrolled at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, was awarded a \$500 scholarship at the National Convention. Congratulations!

Our most sincere sympathy is extended to Natalie Yurickones on the death of her mother, Anna, second degree charter member. Fr. Jarasunas assisted by Pres. Zelinski conducted the Wake Service and members attended the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Casimir's Church, St. Clair .... Condolences are also extended to family of Frank Peterson who passed on to eternity unexpectedly at the national convention. May he rest in peace.

Joseph Martunas & Bernard Zilaitis co-chaired Lithuanian Days at the Schuylkill Mall on Aug. 15 & 16 .... Many thanks to Anne Wargo who chaired the 79th National Convention in Allentown, July 16-19. Anne also single-handedly prepared the attrac-

Beatrice Wasley, Anna Radzavage, Anne Carlitus, Helen & Mary Labadis, Sr. Teresell, Anna Supernavage, Mary Narcavage & Mary Sabol capably handled the registrations. Ed Carlitus & Andy Sabol expeditiously guided the delegates and guests to the buses. Banquet seating was in charge of Betty Tumas & Susan Banditelli who seated 378 people. Eleanor Vaicaitis, Elsie Kosmisky, Helen Chesko, Anna Supernavage & Anna Helen McDonald solicited the give-aways in the convention souvenir bag. Babs & Stanley Silkunas manned the St. Casimir table. Elsie Kosmisky & Eleanor Vaicaitis co-chaired the cultural program. We are grateful to Sr. Angela for bringing her Camp Ausra campers who delighted the audience with their performance. Anna Helen McDonald served on the Greeting Committee and also led the delegation to City Hall for the flag-raising ceremony. Thomas, her husband, was the official convention photographer and was available to assist in any way. Helen Chesko & Bernard Zilaitis hosted the pre-convention trip. Many thanks to Fr. Jarasunas for his hospitality at Our Lady of Siluva. Visits to St. George in Shenandoah and St. Joseph in Mahanoy City were included. In addition, Helen served on the Minutes & Ritual Committees. Evelyn & Victor Prep did an excellent job of hosting the hospitality hours.

The opening Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Baltakis, Bishop Welch, clergy, pastors of Anthracite churches, and friends of Our Lady of Siluva Choir was an inspirational beginning for the four-day convention. The liturgy of the convention was enhanced further by the talents of Faustas Strolia & Algird Brazis who gave willingly of their talents. Vincent Boris prepared the Liturgical Handbook.



*C-144 members and friends with Lithuanian costumes at closing Mass at Lehigh University.*

Missing due to surgery was Al Klizas of C-63 Lehigh Valley who assisted in preliminary preparation for the convention. Bob Klova of C-63 arranged transportation. Brother Ed provided Hess souvenirs for the ladies. Millie & George Deriscavage, also of C-63, helped in many ways.

C-144 Convention Committee was happy to host the 79th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania and extends a warm word of thanks to delegates and guests who attended.

*Elena*

#### **C-146 HARRISBURG, PA**

Our June 28 meeting was a pool & picnic party held at the Grabauskas' home. Members watched a video tape that Edward Zemitas took on his trip to Lithuania in May. He was able to film great scenes in Vilnius, Kaunas and the Hill of Crosses. The remainder of the day was spent outdoors with the younger ones having a great time in the pool. It was a beautiful day with good food and drinks. Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. John Smith, drove from Columbia, PA to join in the fun.

Our sincere thanks to Anthracite C-144 for hosting a very successful convention. It was a pleasure meeting

and talking to Dr. Romaldas Maciulaitis, a Lithuanian doctor, and learning how much the medical aid is appreciated. Although each day of the convention was memorable, the highlight was on Sunday when five of our members received their fourth degree. Congratulations to Nell Berulis, Frances Boyle, Joanna Gilbert, Vitty & Helen Grabauskas. We now look forward to the 80th National Convention in Worcester, MA in August of 1993.

*Helen Grabauskas*

#### **C-150 KANSAS CITY, MO**

Several Knights were among the Kansas City group visiting Lithuania in May. They were: Anita & Bill Strumillo and daughter Carolyn; Charlotte & Dick Horvatic and daughter and son-in-law Nancy & Joe Stegeman; Frances & Charles Purduski; Dolores Purduski and daughter Jeanne; Sr. Mary Carol Zubrickas and Lou Ann Rayn. One of the highlights of the trip was a meeting with Mr. Bogusas, vice president of the Vilnius City Council, who explained the purpose of the May 23 Referendum. He said the referendum was to establish a presidential form of government. They are going step-by-step in formulating the new

step-by-step in formulating the new constitution. He further explained the Vilnius City Council has 88 deputies, divided into about three factions, and people are united by professions, not political parties. City Hall owns no property, but works with the State. We were delighted to learn something of the country's systems as well as view the beautiful churches, historic museums and castles in the enchanting land of our ancestors. Our group, mainly composed of Aidas Dance troop members, held a party with the Krivule Folk group in Vilnius and the Volunge group in Kaunas. We also visited the Hill of Crosses at Šiaulai and some members were fortunate to enjoy family reunions. *Lou Ann Rayn*

#### C-153 TREASURE COAST, FI

C-153 had its final meeting for the summer on June 7th with a complete report of our activities for the busy winter season. We welcomed two new members, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hamill.

On March 1 we celebrated our annual St. Casimir's Day banquet chaired by Pres. Frances Daniels and co-chair Florence Miskinis. It was preceded with a Mass at St. Paul of the Cross Church with Rev. Venezia, pastor, and Rev. Pikturna co-celebrants. Soloist was Ona Jameikis of the Palm Beach Opera Co. with Louis Stukas accompanying. Director of the choir was Irena Mamomaitis. Banquet was held at Holiday Inn immediately following Mass. Pres. Daniels was mistress of ceremonies. Favors at each place setting were miniature Lithuanian flags and maps of past and present new borders of Lithuania made by Florence Miskinis and Frances Daniels. Aldona Biliunas gave a brief biography of St. Casimir. Aldona, who is a very talented artist, donated a beautiful Lithuanian scene as a grand



C-153 Treasure Coast Fl. Rev. V. Pikturna, spiritual advisor with Aldona Biliunas, artist with her painting on display.

prize drawing. The painting was won by our own member, Eva Kaboskie. Banquet room was filled to capacity. Ona Jameikis again honored us by singing Lithuanian songs and then led us in a "sing-along". It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended and helped make our banquet such a success.

On April 5, after Mass, we held a reception for Bishop Paul Baltakis at the St. Paul of the Cross Kafenhau. Refreshments were provided by K of L members.

On May 3 we had a short meeting due to a concert sponsored by Louis Stukas, with organist virtuoso, Gediminas Kviklys from Vilnius. Proceeds were for SOS Lithuanian orphans.

Plans are being made for a busy season beginning in September. *Florencija V.M.*

#### C-154 SPRING HILL, FL

Our membership takes to the roads and air ways during the summer months which makes it virtually impossible to assemble a quorum for a meeting. However, we do keep abreast of the activities of all of our Knights.

In June we enjoyed a dinner and a night club show at Arnie's Supper

Club in Hudson, FL. A real exciting night out, for all of us.

We are so lucky to have Virginia & Ray Kentra as our program chairpersons. They just returned from a three week trip to Lithuania. Virginia's polished ability as a raconteur provided us with endless hours of stories that kept us wide-eyed and spell bound. This proved to be an opportunity for us to experience the feeling that we were there, living the sights, sounds and knowledge of the Lithuania as she really exists. Virginia & Ray were interviewed by the editor of "Mūsų Kraštas". Their observations were different from reports that appeared in the newspapers in America. They said there was no evidence of poverty, homeless people, lack of food, lack of durable goods (although prices in Lithuanian money were high). The people young and old alike display a very profound effort to make moves to achieve all that can be accomplished under new circumstances involving new found freedom. Our prayers are certainly with them. Our financial help is appreciated. Its influence is beginning to show as it helps the aging and the young. Of all the places Virginia &

impression burned into their memory bank. They said that the Hill of Crosses leaves you awe-struck and the place where Our Lady of Siluva appeared leaves you feeling like you have a spiritual experience as you touch the spot where Mary appeared.

We were happy to see the Lithuanian flag bearer at close range at the opening ceremony of the Summer

Olympics in Barcelona.

Ed Laconis found himself on his 82nd birthday, undergoing a triple bypass operation in Michigan. His wife Tillie reports that he is recuperating at a monumental rate. We look forward to his return to Florida as soon as his doctor allows .... Bridget & Alex Walluk were in Chenango Falls, NY visiting with family .... Annette & Bill

Gnezevich are on the road again. They attended a wedding on Long Island, then on to Chatham, NY to visit relatives and on to Cape Cod to see old friends.

Let's all join in prayers for peace and above all: Peace of Mind.

*Sadye G. Petraitis*

FRANK PETERSON  
C-50 New Haven, CT  
† July 16, 1992



JOSEPH BACYS  
C-26 Worcester, MA  
† January 25, 1992

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C-63 Lehigh Valley, PA  
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C-17 So. Boston, MA  
† July 22, 1992

WILLIAM BALIS  
C-36 Chicago, IL  
† May 19, 1992

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C-19 Pittsburgh, PA  
† July 18, 1992

ALFONS STASYS  
C-152 Eastern Long Island, NY  
† August 2, 1992

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C-29 Newark, NJ  
† June 6, 1992

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C-144 Anthracite, PA  
† July 19, 1992

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- September 20, 1992 - NED Meeting,  
Hosts: C-27 Norwood, MA.
- September 25-28, 1992 - C-136  
Hudson-Mohawk, Pilgrimage,  
Franciscan Monastery, Ken-  
nebunkport, ME
- September 27, 1992 - MAD Meeting.  
Hosts: C-110, Transfiguration  
Church, Maspeth, NY
- October 4, 1992 - C-90 Kearny, NJ,  
75th Anniversary, LCC Center,  
Kearny, NJ
- October 10, 1992 - C-29 Newark -  
Annual Dinner/Dance, Holy  
Trinity Hall, Newark, NJ
- October 18, 1992 - NED Annual Cul-  
tural Festival, Maironis Park. 12  
Noon.
- October 25, 1992 - C-110 Maspeth,  
NY - Dinner-Dance, Transfigu-  
ration Hall immediately follow-  
ing 11:15 a.m. Mass.

October 25, 1992 - "The Singing Priest", benefit  
Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc., Cardinal  
Spellman High School, Brockton, MA



## YOUR JOB

Whenever you're working in the office or shop  
However far you may be from the top,  
Though you may think you're just treading the mill,  
Don't ever belittle the job that you fill;  
For however little your job may appear,  
You're just as important as some little gear  
That meshes with others in some big machine  
And helps keep it going, though never is seen.  
They could do without you,  
You'll have to admit,  
For business keeps on when the big fellow quits!  
And always remember, my friend,

The job's more important - oh yes - than the man!  
So if it's your hope to stay off the shelf,  
Think more of your job than you do of yourself.  
Your job is important - don't think it is not -  
So try hard to give it the best that you've got.  
But don't ever think you're of little account -  
Remember, you're part of the total amount.  
If they didn't need you,  
You wouldn't be there;  
So always, my friend, keep your chin in the air.  
A digger of ditches, mechanic or clerk -  
Think well of your company, yourself, and your work.