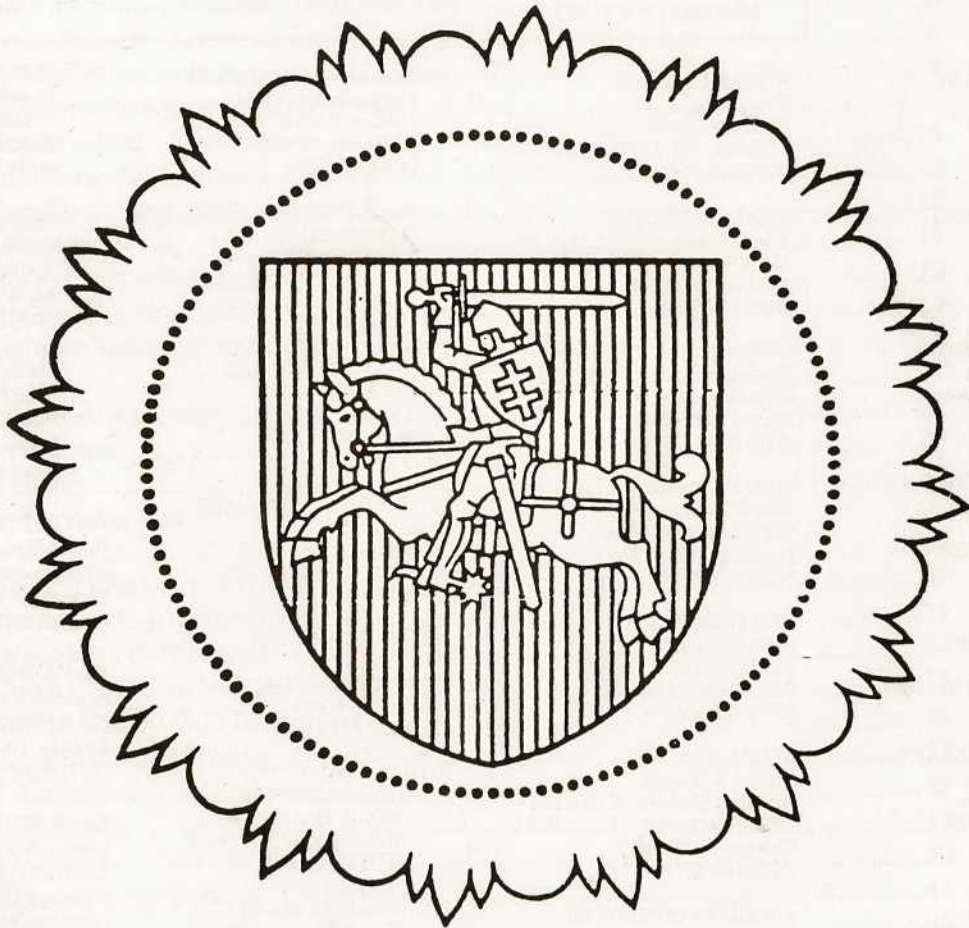


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Su Diev — Farewell

REGRETFULLY, this will be the final issue of VYTIS from the present Staff. VYTIS Editor-in-Chief, HM Mary R. Kober, Council News Editor, Thomas Tarmey and Food Editor, Stella Matulonis, submit their resignation with the completion of September/October, 1993 (Convention) issue.

We gratefully extend our appreciation to the members, councils, districts and our many friends throughout the country who assisted us with their encouragement, ideas, constructive criticisms and monetary contributions during the past five years. Širdingai Ačiū to the many feature article writers and council news correspondents for their input. All of these contributions created a caliber of excellence in the magazine that our readers enjoyed and of which the Knights of Lithuania organization should be proud. We shall always remember those whom we worked with. It has been an experience that we shall always treasure. Su Diev.

Keep Your Chin Up

When the road gets mighty rough
 Keep your chin up.
 Even though the going's tough
 Keep your chin up.
 If you see you cannot make it
 Show the world that you can take it,
 Though they take your heart and break it
 Keep your chin up.
 If the sunshine stays away
 Keep your chin up.
 It will have to shine some day
 Keep your chin up.
 Though you feel no joy within
 Greet each new day with a grin
 In the end you're bound to win
 Keep your chin up.

Dixie Earl Bryant

Enjoy Life

Enjoy life, and don't complain
 because God sends a little rain.
 The rain will pass and you will see
 rainbows where clouds used to be.
 Enjoy life; there is so much to do,
 for every day brings something new.
 The grass is always sweet and green
 when you rise above the dull routine.
 Enjoy life each day that you live,
 for blessings come to those who give.
 Share the joy that's in your soul
 with those who have no worthy goal.
 Enjoy life both night and day,
 and watch your sorrows fade away.
 If you would be a happy man...
 you'll succeed when you think you can!

Clay Harrison



80th NATIONAL CONVENTION Marriott Hotel - Worcester, M August 12 - 15, 1993

The motto of the 80th National Convention was "Land of our fathers, Lithuania, always in our hearts - Tėvų žemė, Lietuva, mūs širdyse visada".

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR - Wednesday

By Elinor Sluzas

We spent the day touring two areas important in Lithuanian-American history. We arrived at Marianapolis and were greeted by Fr. Bill Hayward. He told us some of the history of the Marian Fathers and of the original magnificent mansion which was destroyed by fire in 1946. Marianapolis is located on 300 wooded acres in the heart of historic Thompson. We walked the beautiful grounds and followed the path of the outdoor Way of the Cross.

We were impressed by the Marianapolis Preparatory School complex and the high standards they maintain in their curriculum. Founded in 1926 as a boys preparatory school until 1974 when girls were admitted. The average class size is 15 and the overall student-to-teacher ratio is 7:1. The faculty consists of 25 full and part-time members. All of the 1992 graduates were accepted by colleges.

In the Blessed George Chapel, we were thrilled to see one of the large oil paintings which hung at the Vatican on the occasion of the Beatification of Blessed George Matulaitis. After a few minutes of meditation, we left the chapel.

In the Dining Hall, we feasted on a meal especially prepared for us ... it was delicious. (Compliments to the Chef).

After lunch we boarded the buses and continued on to visit with the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Putnam, CT. Upon our arrival, we were told that the Sisters were on retreat so we would have to be very quiet and could not speak with the nuns. We visited their museum which was filled with Lithuanian art and memorabilia. The K of L Archives room was open for our inspection.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was founded in 1918 in Lithuania by Archbishop George Matulaitis. In closing, I share this quote from "Spiritual Diary" of Archbishop George

Matulaitis: "As a child sleeps peacefully in its mother's arms, so let us undertake each task with even greater peace, knowing that we are always in the arms of God."

PRE-CONVENTION MARCH TO CITY HALL

By Frances Petkus

With Mother Nature giving us an overcast morning, members and guests gathered together in front of the hotel at 10:45 a.m. Leading the march were four Lithuanian War Veterans as honor guard. They were followed by members carrying the Supreme Council and District flags. The closer the marchers got to City Hall, strains of marching music could be heard. As we awaited the Worcester's Mayor's arrival, marching and patriotic music continued to add to the mood of the occasion.

Eduardas Meilus, Jr. introduced Ruth Sarafinas, the national convention chair, who in turn introduced Mayor Levy. After the Mayor's kind words of greetings, Mayor Levy read the City of Worcester's proclamation designating the weekend of August 12 - 15, 1993 to the Knights of Lithuania. The ceremonies continued with the raising of the Lithuanian flag. All joined in the singing of the American and Lithuanian anthems.

From City Hall we walked to the Cathedral of St. Paul for the opening Mass. The Mass was celebrated by His Excellency Timothy J. Harrington, Bishop of Worcester. Assisting were Msgr. James Mongelluzzo, Revs. Joseph Anderlonis, John Petrauskas, Albert Contons, Albin Yankauskas and HM Albin Janiunas. Following Mass, buses drove the group back to the hotel.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION - Thursday:

By Anna Klizas Wargo.

Supreme Council officers processed into the meeting room preceded by the flags. National Anthem and Vyčių Hymnas were sung. Pres. Frances Petkus declared the 80th National Convention opened. National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, opened the convention with prayer. Roll Call was made by 1st Vice Pres. Evelyn Ozelis. Rita Pinkus, president of host council welcomed delegates and guests and introduced Convention chair Ruth Sarafinas. Ruth gave a warm welcome and introduced Mayor Jordan Levy of Worcester. He stated his

grandparents came from Lithuania and felt he had close ties to the Lithuanian community. Ruth then thanked the Mayor and presented him with a copy of the Convention Logo.

Elsie Kosmisky, Amber District Pres. presented the nominees for the presidium: Chairs: Evelyn Ozelis, John Mickunas & Loretta Stukas; Secretaries: Mirga Bablin and Maryte Abbott; Parliamentarian: Peter Zansitis. Pres. Petkus gave a complete and concise State of the Organization Report.

Greetings were given by Rev. Albert Contons representing the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests League; Sister Eugenia Glinickas from the Sisters of Jesus Crucified of the Sorrowful Mother; Sister Lawrence of the Sisters of St. Casimir; Theresa Meilus, Bendruomene; Peter Molis of Lithuanian Scouts. Evelyn Ozelis read greetings from Bishop Baltakis, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation, Algis Taskunas from Tasmania, Australia and Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities and Lithuanian Relief Fund.

Edward Baranauskas of C-100 Amsterdam gave a very interesting and informative talk on the 60th anniversary of the flight of Darius & Girenas.

Mandate Committee reported 230 attending with 210 voting at first session. Meeting was closed with prayer led by Fr. Anderlonis.

GET TOGETHER DINNER AT MAIRONIS PARK - Thursday Evening:

By *Genevieve Gobis*

Delegates and guests were transported by bus to Maironis Park. Three hundred and forty-eight were in attendance - a full house.

Steve Walinsky was MC. A brief history of the building was told. Some years ago a fire destroyed part of the site. However, it was quickly rebuilt and modernized. Rev. John Petrauskas gave the invocation. A delicious buffet dinner was served. Everyone had an enormous appetite, clean plates proved it. Music was provided by Stan Koziol and his cordovox accordion. Many enjoyed dancing the polkas, chicken dance,

etc. A special attraction - Al Brazil sang with Faustas Strolia doing the directing. Table hopping was continuous. Old acquaintances were renewed. All too soon, the evening was drawing to a close. Buses started making return trips to the hotel.

The evening was a tremendous success. Convention committee did an excellent job. An enjoyable evening was had by all. Širdingai ačiū visiems!

SECOND PLENARY SESSION - Friday:

By *Anna Klizas Wargo*.

The session opened at 9 a.m. with prayer led by Fr. Joseph Anderlonis. Father then quoted Lenin, "Knowledge is Power". To Control the Mind is a Power Base. With this, he introduced Laura Maciuka of APPLE (American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education.) Laura is an educator and psychologist. In 1990 the grip on education from Moscow was loosened in Lithuania. The Ministry of Education and Culture did not know how to reform the system, how to bring psychology or counseling into schools. Vaiva Vebra & Jurate Krokys founded APPLE for this purpose in 1991 and invited 30 teachers and psychologists to teach the educators in Lithuania that summer. They conducted a two-week seminar and 500 to 600 teachers participated. APPLE asked for aid this past summer to help Lithuanian teachers attend the sessions as they could not afford the transportation to Vilnius, due to their very low income. Because of aid received, 800 were able to attend during the summer of 1992. Her excellent deliverance of the APPLE Project was received well by all in attendance



Presidium Co-Chairs: Loretta Stukas, John Mickunas & Evelyn Ozelis

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Resolution Committee: Vincent Boris, Theresa Strolia, Dorothy Banos, Sr. Helen Ivanauska Photo: E. Baranauskas

limited to 1-1/2 hours. Evelyn began the discussion by explaining the process the committee used to secure suggestions during the last two years. Many changes were cosmetic while others moved items from the constitution to the K of L Manual. Questions were solicited on each article. Loretta Stukas & Peter Zansitis continued the procedure article by article. At the end of the allocated time, discussion had not been completed on all articles. The convention then decided to continue this at a future session.

Elsie Kosmisky, president of Amber District presented the nominating committee list of proposed candidates for the Supreme Council for 1993-1994. The Resolutions and Greetings Committees then gave brief reports followed by the mandate committee. Rev. Anderlonis concluded the meeting with prayer.

and a question and answer period followed.

Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, Rector of Lithuanian Pontifical College in Rome gave an update on the college. He thanked all members who have supported the St. Casimir Guild and spoke of the importance of the college to the church in Lithuania. He also spoke of the importance of continuing support to the college by requesting Masses for the deceased which are held by all priests of the college, both retirees and students. He stated their vestments are very old and shabby and are in dire need of new ones. Anyone wishing to donate a vestment may do so through St. Casimir's Guild.

Greetings were again read and meeting adjourned with prayer led by Fr. Anderlonis.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION - Friday

By Peter Zansitis

Rev. J. Anderlonis, spiritual adviser opened the session with prayer. HM Robert Boris, Pres. of Aid to Lithuania, Inc., presented a comprehensive report on the condition of the Fund. He discussed the K of L Pilgrimage to Lithuania in over 50 years. He displayed a special Lithuanian sash (jousta) that was being prepared for each pilgrim. Anyone at the convention who contributed \$100 to Aid to Lithuania was eligible to receive a sash.

A panel discussion ensued by Evelyn Ozelis, Loretta Stukas & Peter Zansitis on the proposed modifications to the K of L Constitution. Before discussion started, it was moved, seconded and approved that the discussion be

CULTURAL EVENING - Friday Night:

By Ed Meilus

After an intensive day of sessions, convention goers had the opportunity to travel, if only for a short while in their minds' eye, to Lithuania during Cultural Night. The evening included both audience participation and the chance to experience a montage of Lithuanian song and dance. Each seat had a sing-along sheet placed on it which included words to nine Lithuanian songs. MC Ed Meilus, Jr. welcomed everyone and donning his accordion invited all to sing in Lithuanian, Vilniaus Kalneliai, Ar Aš Tau Sesė Nesakiau and Kas Subatos Vakareli. The Convention choir was in great voice, numbering about 400.

The second segment of the evening included the Lithuanian Folk Dance ensemble, Birželis, of Hartford, CT under the direction of Dalia Dzikas. The Echoes of Berželis (male dancers) under the direction of Jurgis Petkaitis ably sang several Lithuanian composers' works.

More audience participation followed. This time the sing-along featured, Buvo Gera Gaspadinė, Augo Kieme Klevelis, Plaukia Nemunėlis and Daug, Daug Dainėliq. The audience also had the opportunity to learn a contemporary Lithuanian song, Mažam Kamarėli with the accordion accompaniment. The closing ceremony of cultural night embodied the warmth and camaraderie among K of L's. All stood up and cross-linked hands while singing, Lietuva Brangi. It was truly a memorable night.

FOURTH AND FIFTH PLENARY SESSIONS - Saturday:

By Dalia Bulvicius

With most of us conventioners, I am sure, the last two sessions of the convention are the most popular. They condense all of the accomplishments of the year in a few hours.

Loretta Stukas, president of the K of L Foundation, Inc. reported that funds are growing but much more is needed. She stated the total has surpassed \$60,000. She also announced the 1993 Essay contest winners: First place award of \$300 went to Thomas Bruzga, C-86 DuBois, PA.; \$200 to Peter Jokubka of Chicago Srs.; \$100 to Mary Abbott of C-110 Maspeth, NY. Honorable mention went to Maryte Bizinkauskas of C-1 Brockton, MA and Joseph Kohanski, C-63 Lehigh Valley, PA.

Resolutions were submitted to send a donation to the recent flood victims, send a greeting to the Lithuanian government and give a second donation to Draugas, the Lithuanian press. These resolutions were defeated. Another resolution awarded \$1,000 to Lithuanian Childrens Relief, Inc. and \$500 to APPLE. Need for a larger archives room at Putnam, CT was discussed. It was suggested that money could be used from the Aleksis Estate and the room named "Marcella & Alexander Aleksis Memorial Room" Bob Boris spoke about the upcoming K of L Pilgrimage to Lithuania during the Pope's visit. A 10' cross will be erected on the Hill of Crosses.

After a lengthy discussion, a revised K of L Constitution was adopted by the membership Third Vice Pres. Rita Zakarka ushered in the Juniors. She explained what they were doing during the convention, especially preparing a humorous skit at the session which was enjoyed by all. Each Junior received a \$25 conventionship.

Second Vice Pres. Anne Cheplick announced the following results of the membership drive held from January 1 to June 30, 1993 in different categories: Brockton C-1 - 5 new members; Los Angeles C-133 - 87 new members; C-17 So. Boston - 15 new members; C-112 Chicago, IL - 19 new members. Individual awards went to Maryte Shalins, C-41

- 2 new members; Dorothy Banos, C-143 - 2 new members; Maryte Sepikas, C-133 - 84 new members; Al Akule, C-17 - 5 new members; Eleanor Kasputis, C-112 - 5 new members.

Nellie Romanas, ritual chair, announced that thirty recipients will receive their Fourth degrees on Sunday morning at Mass Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid was sent a donation of \$1,000.

During the final session, a film maker from Lithuania, Aloyzas Buklys, filmed part of the session and the Supreme Council meeting. The film will be shown on Lithuanian TV - a first for the K of L A new Executive Board was elected which are listed on the front inside cover of VYTIS.

Peter Zansitis, Trustee, invited everyone to the 81st National Convention to be hosted by C-16 in Chicago the first week in August, 1994. Fr. Anderlonis closed the session with prayer and the participants all sang the three Anthems.

CONVENTION BANQUET - Saturday Evening: By Loretta Stukas

With the business of the 80th National Convention over, delegates and guests enjoyed pre-convention cocktails in the foyer of the ballroom or relaxed with friends in private area parties. The newly elected officers and committee chairs, plus honored head table guests and their spouses were feted by the Host Committee in preparation for the banquet.



Mandate Committee: Agnes Mickunas, Ann O'Neill, Maryte Sepikas, Irene Svekla, Rita Sussko, Anne Marie Kassel. Photo: E. Baranauskas

An overflow crowd in the banquet hall warmly greeted the head table dignitaries as they entered the room. C-26 member Stephen Walinsky, Jr. adeptly handled the business of the evening, moving the introductions and program along quickly and efficiently. National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Joseph Anderlonis opened the banquet with a prayer. MC Walinsky introduced the guests at the head table and all enjoyed the delicious dinner.

The formal program was begun with warm words of greeting on behalf of President of Host C-26 by HM Rita Pinkus. Newly elected Fran Petkus expressed her

gratitude for the faith placed in her and asked for cooperation from all members during the coming year. On behalf of Scholarship Committee and its chair William Picentini, who could not be present, the Committee's Secretary-Treasurer Clemencine Miller presented the 1993 scholarship awards. Maria Tovares-Ashmanskas was the recipient of the 1993 "Friend of Lithuania Award". The award, presented by Lithuanian Affairs Chair Vincent Boris was given to Mrs. Ashmanskas for her work with the Lithuanian Childrens' Relief organization helping Lithuania and her children providing legal and medical aid. She touched the audience with her story of how she became interested in Lithuania's children and her



Greetings Committee: Irene Senken, Mary Kincius, Antoinette Sakal, Anna Helen McDonald, Mary Stelmokas.

Photo: E. Baranuskas

promise that she will work providing them aid and love.

Honorary Membership Chair HM Loretta Stukas presented Honorary Membership to two outstanding persons - Mid-America District President Algerd Brazis and Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to the United States Stasys Lozoraitis, Jr. Before the presentations, Loretta Stukas remembered the late Eleanor Laurin, previously Honorary Membership Chair who died in late July. Appropriately, Algerd Brazis again used his vocal talents in accepting the award. Accompanied at the piano by Faustas Strolia, he SANG his gratitude and his respect for the organization to the delight of the audience. Mr. Lozoraitis, in receiving his Honorary Membership Medal, expressed his thanks to the Knights for their untiring efforts on behalf of Lithuania, stating that without their efforts, the US may have ceased their policy of non-recognition of Soviet occupation of Lithuania and US government officials may not have been informed as to Lithuania's plight. The most moving part of his address came when he ceremoniously removed his convention badge with identified him as a "guest", stating proudly that he was no longer a guest but a full member! Sadly, he also used the occasion to bid farewell, as he expects to be replaced as Ambassador in the Fall. Although his future assignment is not clear, he assured the membership that he would continue to be proud of his Knights membership and work toward keeping the name of the Knights in the public eye.

"Say it with flowers" added a nice finishing touch to



Presidium Secretaries: Maryte Abbott & Mirga Bablin

Photo: E. Baranuskas

the banquet, when flowers were presented by Stephen Walinsky on behalf of C-26 to Council President Rita Pinkus and to Convention Chair Ruth Sarafinas, as a tribute to the many hours they spent planning and directing the work of the convention. Also, members of the Lithuanian Children's Relief organization presented a bouquet to their star member, Maria Tovares-Ashman-skas.

The banquet was closed solemnly with a prayer by C-26 Spiritual Advisor, Rev. John Petrauskas, who recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest. After the formalities, members and guests enjoyed listening and dancing to the strains of a good polka orchestra and meeting and feting the honored guests personally with champagne or warm hand shakes.

CLOSING MASS - Sunday:

By Frances Petkus

The closing Mass was held at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church, C-26's home parish. After the congregation was settled in church, the Fourth Degree recipients received their medals. The newly Supreme Council officers then took their oath with lighted candles and then the Vyčiq Hymnas was vibrantly sung.

The celebrant for the Mass was National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Joseph Anderlonis assisted by Revs. John Petrauskas, Vincent Parulis, Albin Yankauskas and Msgr. A. Bartkus from the Lithuanian College in Rome. As usual, Fr. Anderlonis' homily was very inspiring. Immediately following Mass, guests and delegates assembled on the steps in front of the church for their annual National Convention photo.

JUNIORS CONVENTION REPORT

By Andrew Svekla

While the 80th Nation Convention was a very successful one for all who attended, it was an especially memorable convention for the Juniors. Those participating were: Christine Cuis and her guest, Anita Nayack from Chicago, Chrissy Peterson from Syracuse, Andrew Svekla from Phila. & Sarah Miller, Bonnie Gulas & Inga Talabaite all from Connecticut. Once again the Juniors had the pleasure of being presided over by Rita Zakarka with additional guidance given by Barbara Mickunas & Donna Juraitis.

Thursday was a fun-filled day. The an-

nual pool party was an extravaganza held at Steve & Ellie Walinsky's home. We took advantage of the beautiful day by relaxing in the pool, eating pizza, playing volleyball and enjoying a challenging game of croquet. Each of us would like to extend a Sirdingu Ačiū to the Walinsky's for their hospitality.

Friday morning we spent the day at Whalom Park. This park is divided into two parts - the amusement park and the water park consisting of a water slide and lake. Whalom Park was especially nice because it offered the best of both worlds and had something for everyone. It was also a learning experience. Inga & Bonnie learned never to ride the Octopus again and we learned that Christine & Anita don't like to get wet.

Saturday began bright and early for us with the 9 a.m. Junior Session. At this meeting, topics were discussed such as what it means to be Lithuanian as well as the Juniors' role in the Knights of Lithuania. We spent the rest of the meeting planning the Junior presentation. We performed our musical tribute to the delegates by singing our personal lyrics to the tunes of such hits as "My Girl" and "Duke of Earl". Later in the meeting, each Junior received a \$25 conventionship. A successful convention was then capped off with a banquet consisting of good food and lots of fun. We had our own table as we did at all the convention socials but we spent most of the time on the dance floor.

Sunday was time to say goodbye. Addresses were exchanged and plans were made for the future. The Juniors would like to thank C-26 and everyone who helped us along the way. We would also like to especially



Juniors at Banquet: 1st row: Bonnie Gulas, Sarah Miller, Inga Tababas, Anita Nayack. 2nd row: Barbara Mickunas, Andrew Svekla, Christine Cuis, Chrissy Peterson, Donna Juraitis & Rita Zakarka.

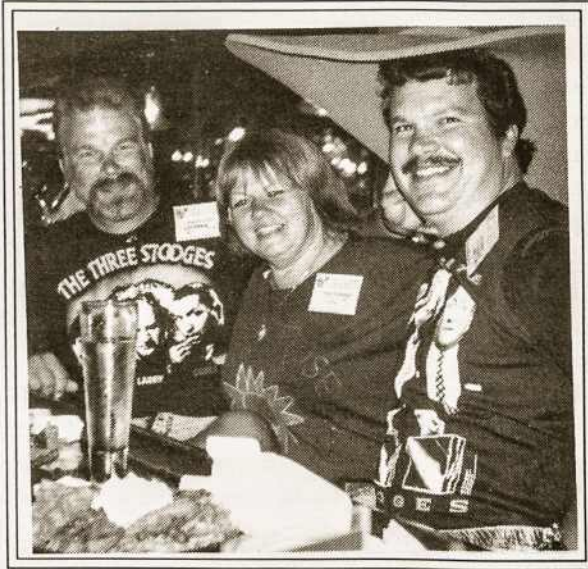
thank Rita Zakarka for her support and dedication these past two years and we look forward to working with Robert Martin. I would like to appeal to any Lithuanian youth to make every effort to attend the next convention. See you in Chicago!



John Mankus, Cultural Chair, Vincent Boris, Lithuanian Affairs Committee & Mary Kober, VYTIS Editor
Photo: Ed Baranauskas



Fourth Degree Recipient Victor Mathieu of C-103 Providence.
Photo: J. Zukas



Convention first-timers: Ken Tolstyga & Jim Roberts of C-38 Kenosha, WI with popular Maryte Sepikas, C-133 Los Angeles.



FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD

Maria Tovares-Ashmanskas

Vincent Boris, Lithuanian Affairs Chair

There is an innocence in children that intensifies the drama of a tragedy: there is a vulnerability in children that deepens the trauma of an injury; and, there is a defenselessness that demands protection from those able to provide it. It would seem almost a universal imperative to give nurturing care to the young. I say almost universal because it has become abundantly clear that there are exceptions. There have been, and perhaps still are, societies where this human imperative is not operative. In those societies founded on the principles of socialized materialism and atheistic denials of the value of each human soul, we find a terrible aberration where the value of an individual is based on his or her productivity or potential for productivity. Their guiding principle was that old catch phrase - To each according to his contribution! In these societies, the orphan, who lacked a family to provide nurture through the developmental years, had to depend on the intentional disinterest of the state. Those unfortunates, with or without parents, that suffered physical or mental developmental impairments were in even a greater hazard.

Where there was minimal potential for a productive life, the society offered but minimal subsistence. The unfortunates were warehoused; put away out of sight and out of mind. Perhaps, it was undoubtedly hoped, they would die young and relieve society of further burdens.

Where you might ask could a society be so calloused, so uncaring, so inhumane. Sad to say, it was the society that covered much of the territory of the world and a majority of its population for over seven decades. It was called the Evil Empire; but little did anyone realize how evil it really was! And, unbelievably, it included the society of our beloved Tevynė during that terrible period when it was called the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic.

The Evil Empire is dead, but the legacy remains. It is into this situation and this milieu, that our honoree as Friend of Lithuania, Maria Tovares-Ashmanskas came. She is married to a Lithuanian, thus the Lithuanian sounding surname. She was born of Latino-American heritage in San Antonio, Texas. Maria was raised in a west side barrio and knows from personal experience the



*Vincent Boris, Lithuanian Affairs Chair & Recipient
Maria Tovares-Ashmanskas.*

inner feelings of the disadvantaged. She knows of the trauma induced by being relegated to a sub-class of society because of factors well-beyond her control. She knows of the frustration of being denigrated for no other reason than cultural heritage. But she had the guts and the grit to bring herself out of these conditions and achieve a high level of success as linguist, translator and later lawyer.

A few years ago, many of us at a K of L National Convention saw a video tape that had been brought out of Lithuania about the orphanage at Akmene. We were shocked, sickened, even outraged by what had been documented on that tape. Most of us wrote our checks to SOS Vaikai and then returned to our normal affairs. Many did much more. They collected clothes and toys and durable goods that were later shipped to the orphanages. Note that I used the plural: they discovered that Akmene was not alone; there were other similar situations in Lithuania.

When Maria became aware of the plight of these disadvantaged Lithuanian children, she, too, was motivated to action but far above and beyond that taken by most, even the most dedicated, Lithuanian-Americans. This activity has led to her present position as the Vice-president and Director of Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc. This organization evolved from SOS Vaikai. She undertook and succeeded in registering and attaining tax-exempt status for the organization. She is considered to

be a co-founder and driving force behind this group.

Traveling to Lithuania, she hand-delivered donated pediatric hearing aids and dental fillings for institutionalized children. She even hired a Lithuanian dentist to perform required dental work. She spent additional time in Lithuania assessing the additional specific needs of institutionalized children.

Perhaps the most dramatic of her accomplishments was arranging for corrective facial surgery for a young girl that she had met during the trip to Lithuania. The girl was brought to the U.S. for a series of operations that changed an ugly malformed visage into the appearance of a normal beautiful young woman. She inspired and motivated the American doctors that had been involved

in this surgery to organize a truly significant follow-up. A volunteer 18-member team of American medical professionals traveled to Lithuania and performed corrective facial surgery on 30 youngsters in January 1993. Maria assisted this further effort by assuming the logistical and administrative detail by arranging for transportation, lodging, visas and other clearances, etc. Without her efforts, the project might never have come about.

Additionally, she has assisted in making arrangements for shipping medicines, pediatric medical equipment and baby foods to Lithuania. Her efforts continue.

Thus it is with deep gratitude and admiration that we honor Maria Tovaresh-Ashmanskas as our Friend of Lithuania in this year of 1993.

Honorary Degree Recipients Algerd Brazis and Hon. Stasys Lozoraitis.

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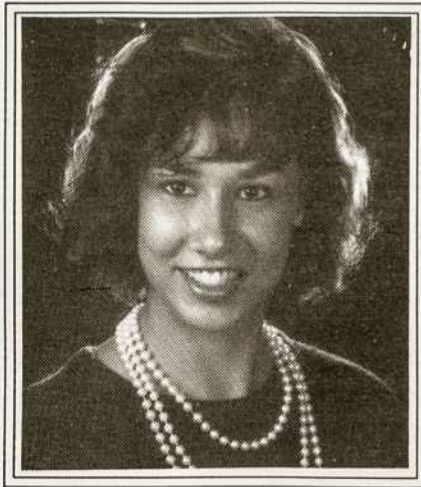
Eva Ball, Pat Akule & Alex Akule of C-17 So. Boston.

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Canon Fabijonas Kemežis Scholarship Awards

Worcester, MA was the setting for the 35th Annual Scholarship Awards presented at the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania. The awards were presented by Clemencine Miller, Sec./Treas. of the Scholarship Committee. Mrs. Miller presented the awards representing William Piacentini, Scholarship Committee Chair, who was returning from Russia where he was a member of the American delegation in a teacher exchange program with Moscow State University. For this year, the Scholarship Committee selected "goals" as a theme and asked recipients to keep the following quote in mind: "No one can predict to what heights you can soar. Even you will not know until you spread your wings."

In her remarks, Mrs. Miller thanked the Districts, Councils and individual members of the Knights of Lithuania who so generously supported the Scholarship Fund during the annual fund drive and at the convention. She commented that the success of the Scholarship Fund during the twelve years that she and Piacentini were of-



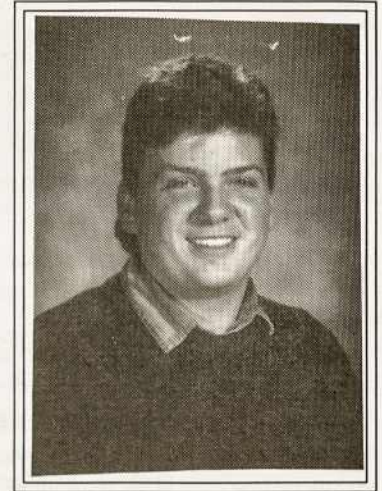
Denise Zakarka

memorial scholarship funds were established - the Alice Karklius Memorial and the Irene Sankus Memorial. Also, the scholarship fund became international with the support of a seminarian studying at St. Casimir Pontifical Lithuanian College in Rome, Italy.

For 1993, the Irene Sankus Memorial Scholarship awarded \$750 to Vldas Gedgauskas, the seminarian studying at St. Casimir College. He is the dean of students at the college and will be ordained to the priesthood in two years. He is a native of Lithuania and is highly regarded by the faculty and students at the college.

The prestigious Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Denise Zakarka of C-112 Chicago. Her award was in the amount of \$2,000. Although coming from a family with long and strong Knights of Lithuanian connections, Denise's award was based on her academic merit and contribution to the organization for so many of her young years. The Knights of Lithuania organization was

described as "uppermost in importance in her life" by Denise. She was characterized in her recommendations as responsible, creative, a ready volunteer, and an organizer. Her intelligence and sound judgment will be important to the future of the Knights of Lithuania. The organization looks forward to her involvement and leadership.



Scott Kelly

Scott Kelley, of C-1 Brockton, received a \$750 scholarship award. He was described as an asset to his Knights of Lithuania council and the community. Furthermore, his recommendations described him as serious, competent, conscientious and concerned about others. Scott is a young man who wishes to pursue studies in Criminal Justice at the college level. His involvement and leadership will contribute to the future of the organization.

In concluding remarks, Mrs. Miller congratulated Dorothy Banos, the new Chair, and Florence Zaleskas, the new Sec./Treas. of the Scholarship Committee. Their acceptance of the two officer positions will insure the continued success of the scholarship program. They knew that attitude is "a little thing that makes a big difference" and have the attitude to accomplish more on behalf of the youth of the Knights of Lithuania who deserve to be recognized for their involvement in the organization. Finally, she noted that it was significant that the Master of Ceremonies for the National Conven-

tion closing banquet was Steve Walinsky. He was a recipient of the K of L scholarship in 1984. Congratulations again to Steve and thank you for your continuing involvement in the Knights of Lithuania.

Scholarship Donations from August 2, 1992 to August 1, 1993

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Submitted by Rita Sussko, National Financial Secretary

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MID-AMERICA DISTRICT: Algerd Brazis, Evelyn Ozelis.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT: Edward Baranauskas, Helen Matulonis.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT: Ignatius Hobitz, Aldona Marcavage.

C-1 Brockton: Frances Bumila, Veronica Bizinkauskas, Sr. Helen Ivanauskas, Sylvia Shukis.

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C-50 New Haven: Isabel Peterson.

C-63 Lehigh Valley: Walter Balchunas, Jane Lutick, Nell Shirock.

C-72 Binghamton: Casey Grikenis, Irene Grikenis, John R. Mankus, Barbara Miller.

C-78 Lawrence: Anna Axtin, Marion Hobitz, Barbara Tomkinson.

C-86 DuBois: Lee Moore.

C-96 Dayton: Eugenija Gelas, Joseph Gelas, Elinor Sluzas.

C-100 Amsterdam: Mirga Bablin, Gene Gobis, Elizabeth Kuzmick, Irene Tice, Apolonija Ziausys.

C-102 Detroit: Aldona Bunikas, Aldona Stanievich, John Stanievich, Eve Stark, Joe Stark.

C-103 Providence: Anthony Gudeczauskas, Helen Gudeczauskas, Ann LaButti, Victor Mathieu, Sophie Sakalys.

C-109 Great Neck: Anthony Kober, Josephine Zukas, Joseph Zukas.

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Rutkunas, Jean Rutkunas, Joseph Stelmokas, Mary Stelmokas, Stella Stripeikis, Vincent Stripeikis, Evelyn Walles, Iggy Walles.

C-112 Chicago: Aldona Brazis, Peter Jasaitis, Ellie Kasputis, Anele Pocius, Edward Pocius, Adella Zunas.

C-116 Worcester: Anthony Miner, Peter Molis, Irene Tamulevich.

C-133 Los Angeles: Edward Antanaitis, Maryte Sepikas.

C-140 Syracuse: Frank Petrauskas, Irene Petrauskas.

C-141 Bridgeport: Sylvester Marcavage, Clemencine Miller, Ann Petrus, Barbara Schmidt, Alice Wilcinskas, Stephen Wilcinskas.

C-142 Washington: Julia Burlen.

C-143 Pittston: Jean Mihalick, Nellie B. Romanas, Annamarie Sewatsky, Ann Soha.

C-144 Anthracite: Sr. Angela, Susan Banditelli, Helen Chesko, Anna Helen McDonald, Thomas McDonald, Anna Supernavage, Sr. Thereselle, Anna Klizas Wargo.

C-146 Harrisburg: Joanna Gilbert.

C-147 St. Petersburg: Dolores Jonaitis, John Jonaitis, Aldona Kirstukas, Bertha Stann, Francis Stann.

C-152 Eastern Long Island: Agnes Dunn, Camelia Dykowitz, Peter Dykowitz, Muriel Lekstutis, Mary Malinauskas, Antoinette Sakal, John Sakal.

C-153 Treasure Coast: Frances Daniels, Florence Miskinis.

Frank Bunikis, Detroit; Maryte Sepikas, Los Angeles William Kumeta, Brooklyn; Donna Bunikas, Detroit; Jean & Richard Marks, Dolly & Tony Oberaitis, Cleveland.

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C-100 Amsterdam: Irene Tice, Mirga Bablin, Ed Baranauskas, Genevieve Gobis.

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KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 80th NATIONAL CONVENTION STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT

Presented by Frances R. Petkus, National President - August 12, 1993

In accordance with Article XI, Sec. 2 of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, I hereby submit to the delegates of the 80th 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

Rev. Joseph J. Anderlonis continues to be available for us when we need to turn to him for spiritual and moral guidance. Due to parish commitments, Father was only able to attend two of the Executive Board meetings this term. He continues to hold monthly Masses for the deceased members of the Knights of Lithuania. Father will be our spiritual leader when we embark on our pilgrimage to Lithuania in September.

PRESIDENT

The President organized and presided over four meetings of the Executive Board. The meetings were in Allentown, PA, Dayton, OH, Chicago, IL, Worcester, MA. Councils in each city made the Board feel welcomed and very much at home. Mail this year has been extremely heavy. Letters came from various cities in Lithuania, Australia, Liberia and all four corners of the U.S. The president has tried to stay on top of all requests regarding donations, information and general mail from the membership. The president, having received response from 80% of the councils regarding the Tax ID Information, has turned the material over to our legal advisor for final analysis. The survey requesting councils to review a copy of their council's VYTIS mailing list has been completed. Once again,

there was a response from 80% of the councils. We shall go back to the old system of having one person in charge of mailing. The councils must be thanked for their cooperation in helping to complete these projects.

We are still trying to locate Mr. Sergei Kovalev, recipient of the Fr. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Award. This award was presented to Mr. Kovalev, in absentia, at the 63rd National Convention in Dayton, OH in 1976. We do know he is alive from recent reports in the Lithuanian newspapers. According to a resolution approved at the 78th National Convention, permission was given one candidate to receive their Fourth Degree at a special Mass sponsored by their council. The president has been helping with the Knights of Lithuania's Pilgrimage to Lithuania in September. The President had the pleasure of attending Mass and a luncheon in Detroit, MI in honor of Srs. Michele and Dolorita as they prepared to depart for Utena, Lithuania. At this time, the Sisters were presented with the gift of \$2,000 from the Knights of Lithuania. Sent 50th Anniversary greetings to Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas. He helped establish C-143 Pittston and is now spiritual advisor for the Amber District. The president has also been active with her own C-96 Dayton, and



Edward Antanaitis, Los Angeles, Victor Stepalovitch, Philadelphia, Maryte Shalins, Brooklyn & Julie Kowrak, Philadelphia

active in MC District. She has stayed in touch with members of the Executive Board.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Evelyn Ozelis and her committee have completed their work on the upgrading/modification of the K of L's constitution. This was presented to the delegates during the course of the Convention. Evelyn has attended all of the Executive Board meetings and has sat in for the president when called upon. She was on the committee formed to check into the availability to obtain a larger room at Putnam, CT for the Archives. When asked to represent the Knights of Lithuania at various functions, Evelyn was most willing to do so. She represented the Executive Board at the services for HMEleanor Laurin. Evelyn did fill the request in locating the K of L History Books in the Mid-America District. She has been most active in her council and district along with the many Lithuanian activities in the Chicago area.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Ann Cheplick has participated in two Executive Board meetings. Ann has handled any requests for membership as received and has worked with the VYTIS Editor in publishing the annual membership drive requirements. Ann will be announcing the winners of these various drives during the Convention.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Rita Zakarka attended three meetings of the Executive Board. Rita has been busy getting information to the Junior councils, sharing ideas and encouraging the Juniors to have Lithuanian pen-pals. Rita, along with the National Convention Committee, will be hosting the Junior K of L's in attendance. Although Rita has stated this is her last year as Third Vice President, she has volunteered to work with the next Third Vice President regarding the World Youth Congress in Lithuania next year. More on this as the information becomes available. Rita's patience as she goes about in getting things done and with the input as part of a younger Board member shows leadership.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Robert Martin has attended all Executive Board meetings. He, very willingly assembled the Board member's reports for each

meeting and also for the convention. Robert has sent out the minutes of each meeting to the Board members and Honorary members along with information of upcoming meetings. The Secretary did send letters to the various organizations informing them of the national convention. Robert was part of the Wish List Committee formed to see what each office would need to modernize the Knights of Lithuania in upgrading the production of each office. He was part of the committee hosting the Supreme Council when we were in Chicago. He personally hosted the board members who came in on Friday night. He was also part of the VYTIS mailing list committee.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Rita Sussko attended all executive board meetings. Rita's first term as National Financial Secretary was a challenge. She came in full of enthusiasm and met the challenges head on. Rita has proven very capable for the job. She has been patient and has handled matters in a professional manner and has stayed on top of situations. Rita has put in a great deal of time as she, too, was on the Vytis mailing list committee. Rita runs a very efficient office.

TREASURER

With the very untimely death of former Treasurer, Frank Peterson, Edward Barkowski had many challenges in the transfers of the monies from Frank's account to his. Edward handled everything in a very efficient and professional manner. Edward's reports have been thorough. Ed was able to attend three Executive Board meetings. The meeting he missed, the Treasury Books were brought



Rev. Vincent Parulis, Worcester & Larry Svelnis, So. Boston.

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to the meeting, thanks to Bernice Aviza. Ed will be presenting a budget for 1993-94 term during the convention. Ed must be thanked for the fine work he is doing and the enormous patience he has. We must, also, thank Isabel Peterson for her help during the time of the Treasury transfer.

TRUSTEES

Peter Zansitis has attended all Executive Board meetings. Due to a health situation, William Kolicius missed one meeting. Both Trustees have fulfilled their duties by reviewing the financial books of the various committees. Peter was part of the committee investigating larger facilities to store the K of L Archives materials. Peter has been working in updating the K of L Manual. Bill is working at updating the inventory that is the possession of board officers. They have both been very diligent in their duties.

LEGAL ADVISOR

Saulius Kuprys attended the Executive Board meeting in Chicago. With all available Tax ID's turned over, Saulius is reviewing the information and will inform us in what way our status with the IRS can be adjusted. It was also discussed that the Treasurer can use the K of L Supreme Council ID Number. All monies of the Supreme Council will flow through the Supreme Council treasury from now on. This means the Scholarship Fund, although they will maintain their own books in order to know what is available for presentation at the Convention, will go into the Supreme Council Treasury. This will be handled in the same manner for the Supreme Council Ritual Committee. These are the only two committees that had been listing separate monies not in the general funding. Saulius Kuprys has made himself available when called upon for information regarding legal questions for the Knights of Lithuania.

VYTIS EDITOR

Mary Kober continues to see that the VYTIS comes out in a very timely fashion and must be commended for that. The VYTIS Staff, also, consists of Thomas Tarmey, Council News Editor and Stella Matulonis, Food Editor. The Editor and Staff must be thanked for their dedication to their commitment.

AMBER DISTRICT

President Elsie Kosmisky has joined the Board for

the first time as a president. Elsie has had experience on the Board in other capacities. Elsie has attended two meetings since joining the Board. From the reports, the Amber District is growing and very active in all the programs the K of L encourages. Their district has held regular meetings and had a very successful raffle. The monies from the raffle enabled the district to participate in financial requests. Along with helping the National Aid to Lithuania, Inc., the Amber District has many members sending medical supplies to Lithuania on their own.

MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

President Alger Brazis attended one meeting. The District continues to hold officers and regular district meetings. The District held their 33rd "Memories of Lithuania" banquet in February. This year the annual Award of Distinction was presented to HM Robert Boris of Detroit, MI for his work on the Aid to Lithuania, Inc. Committee. The District, along with the councils in the district, continue to hold their annual St. Casimir's Day celebration, Mass for the deceased members, participation in the celebration of Lithuania's Independence Day, etc. The District continues to be a very active district with many participating in the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Darius/Girenas Flight. During this convention the Honorary Membership will be awarded to Alger Brazis.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Bernice Aviza attended two meetings as newly elected President. This District, also, participated in the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Darius/Girenas Flight in the New York area. C-152 Eastern Long Island held a pilgrimage in Eastport, NY celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Knights of Lithuania. Members in the District continue to help by sending medical supplies to Lithuania along with helping the Aid to Lithuania, Inc. The District continues to hold regular meetings and participate in all activities the K of L recommends. Bernice does not let the weather hold her back from any important function being held. She is, also, willing to bring the Junior Knights with her, showing leadership in the participation of K of L activities.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

President John Baltrus attended three meetings. John reports the MCD continues to hold two major

functions each year, their Spring Convention/Bowling Tournament and the Fall Convention/Pilgrimage. The MCD annual raffle proceeds enable the District to meet the financial requests received. John was part of the Supreme Council Wish List Committee. When called upon, John stepped in as a substitute Trustee when William Kolicius was recovering from surgery. John is also president of C-19 Pittsburgh, a member of a local Lithuanian Dance Group.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Bertha Stoskus, newly elected President, attended two meetings of the Executive Board. The District continues to meet and hold activities at least four times a year. This includes their annual retreat to Kennebunkport, ME. Many of the councils have been very active with the Lithuanian Children's Relief Drive. The District has an upcoming raffle to help defray some of the needs of this project. The NED has been active in other areas of medical aid to Lithuania, along with the National Aid to Lithuania, Inc. The Annual District's Cultural Festival has been held with proceeds going to the NED's Scholarship Awards Program. The NED continues to be busy in the recommended K of L activities.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Longinas Svelnis attended two Executive Board meetings. He continues to serve faithfully on this special committee. Longinas, with his committee comprised of a representative from each District, continues to supervise material coming in. He continues to ask members to sort and mark materials to be stored. With a committee, Longinas, is investigating the possibility of getting a larger storage room. Archives should be mailed to: Knights of Lithuania Archives, P.O. Box 608, Putnam, CT 06260.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

John Mankus has attended all meetings. John continues to send cultural material to the District Cultural Chairs who in turn send the information to councils in their District. John showed his talent in the recitation of poetry and without script, at the 79th National Convention in Allentown. John has submitted articles to VYTIS, also.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Due to the untimely death of Chair Eleanore Laurin and the Honorary Chair Stanley Vaitkus, recovering

from medical problems, Loretta Stukas will be representing the committee at the National Convention this year. We were saddened by Eleanore's death. She vowed she would fight the cancer that invaded her. But, the Good Lord had other plans. We pray she is enjoying happy eternity. The Committee will be presenting the name of Algerd Brazis of Palos Heights, IL who is currently the President of Mid-America District and a member of C-112 Chicago. The committee will also be presenting the Hon. Stasys Lozoraitis, Jr., residing in Washington, DC, who is the Ambassador to the United States and the Holy See for Lithuania. Your approval of their elevation to Honorary Membership will be asked at this National Convention.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Vincent Boris has attended all meetings. As I wrote last year, where does one begin to expand on the talents of this member. If you are not on his mailing list, you may be missing out on some very special information. Vincent won't ask for donations but with the expense of mailing and printing the monthly Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin, a donation would be most welcomed and appreciated. Vincent has been great at gathering material and information whenever we need it that comes out of Lithuania and the DC areas. Vincent has put together a very special booklet for those going on the K of L Pilgrimage to Lithuania. He has, also, participated with the committee reviewing the possibility of a larger Archive Room at Putnam, CT. Vincent wrote a very interesting letter to Pres. Brazauskas regarding the handling of Amb. Lozoraitis' position. A response was received and most welcomed. Vincent addressed those attending the February celebration of Lithuania's Independence in the DC area this year. His reading has been entered into the Congressional Records. Be informed - Read the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE

Dalia Bulvicius attended all meetings. Dalia has submitted material to VYTIS for publication. She is busy putting together a very special tribute to deceased HM Joseph Boley. Dalia has translated into Lithuanian the Supreme Council letters that were sent to various Lithuanian organizations and dignitaries. Dalia represented the Supreme Council at the New York area celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Darius/Girenas Flight.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Bernice Aviza attended two meetings. Bernice volunteered to chair a special project, "Adopt a Religious Community of Nuns in Lithuania." She has submitted press releases to the Lithuanian press. Bernice did send in an article to VYTIS covering the March Supreme Council meeting. Bernice has put together a pamphlet with pertinent facts about Lithuania. When this is completed, it will be shared with the membership.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Chair Nellie B. Romanas has attended all meetings. She and her committee have been busy reviewing the fourth degree applications. The committee reports there will be 30 members eligible to receive the fourth degree at the convention. The committee has, also, been reviewing the ritual rules and point system. The committee maintains correspondence with the membership.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair William Piacentini, Jr. attended three meetings. The committee has fulfilled duties assigned to them. There was a serious drop in donations this year but the committee is looking forward to an increase next year. The Revised Constitution will reflect a change in the Scholarship election process. This should help to avoid any confusion at the time of the election. William Piacentini and Clemencine Miller will be retiring as officers of this committee. They have both put ten years of love and dedication to the committee and must be commended for this.

AID TO LITHUANIA, INC.

Chair Robert Boris has enclosed in your packet a very detailed report of all that has taken place since the last convention. Bob has attended all meetings. We can be very proud of the efforts committed to a point that 11 containers of medical supplies have been shipped to Lithuania. We must continue to support this humanitarian program. So much more is needed. It is a duty as Christians that we do whatever it takes to continue to support this very special project. Bob has taken on the project of the Knights of Lithuania's first trip to Lithuania since WWII. There are 114 Knights participating in the pilgrimage from Sept. 2 - 17, 1993.

ST. CASIMIR'S GUILD

Chair Anne K. Wargo attended three meetings this

term. She has been very dedicated as caretaker of the St. Casimir's Guild project. Staying in touch with Msgr. Al Bartkus, director of the Lithuanian College in Rome, keeps the Guild current as to the needs of the college. Members are encouraged to make donations to the college thru St. Casimir's Guild and to use the mass cards whenever possible. These can be ordered from Anne.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC.

Chair Loretta Stukas has attended three meetings. Loretta will bring the delegates and members up to date as to the financial status of the Foundation during the convention. Using the interest, the Foundation continues to support special needs as they arise. The Annual Essay contest has been held and the winners will be announced during the convention. The Foundation gives the Knights of Lithuania an added security needed for an organization this size. Contributions should continue as they will firm our security and interest from the interest funds that can continue to be used in special projects.

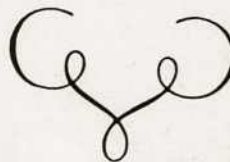
TO SUMMARIZE

We have accomplished much this year but there is always room to do more. Aid to Lithuania, Inc. has grown and developed in ways we did not envision at the start. The goal is to continue to expand in order to go into other areas of Aid to Lithuania and her people. Medical aid should be the beginning of our commitment. St. Casimir's Guild continues to grow, also. The Lithuanian College in Rome will always need our help. This is a very important project we support. Keep in mind to use the St. Casimir Guild special mass cards. The K of L Foundation grows and presents new topics each year for members' participation. Remember, the Fund gives the K of L a sense of security. We need to work at encouraging new members to assure the continuation of the Knights of Lithuania. One way is by example in your love and participation of all the activities available with new ideas coming forth. We must continue to encourage councils to adopt an "Order of Nuns in Lithuania." Their needs for miscellaneous items would be most appreciated. A list of suggested items needed have been mailed to your council presidents. We need to do what we can to have two members represent the K of L at the Lithuanian World Youth Congress being held in Lithuania in 1994. Bonding our young adults with Lithuanian youths from across the seas can add strength and unity. An exciting event will be taking place from Sept. 2 - 17, 1993. With 114

members and guests participating in this memorable pilgrimage, can you imagine the wonderful experiences that will be shared. We will participate in the mass at the Hill of Crosses with Pope John Paul II. Fr. Joseph Anderlonis will be our spiritual leader at the various shrines we visit and masses we hold. Vincent Boris put together a wonderful booklet with the histories of the various cities we shall be visiting. This will give many of us the opportunity to see how things really are in Lithuania and visit with family members living in Lithuania.

I must thank you, the delegates, as once again you

voted in a very active Board for 1993-94 term. The board has shared many ideas and have worked well together. Any differences that arose never affected our friendship. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and work with and for all of you. Thank you very much.



In Memoriam

PETER KUPREVICH
C-103 Providence, RI
† May 6, 1993

LEONARD DAVIDONIS
C-10 Athol-Gardner, MA
† June 28, 1993

HM ELEANORE H. LAURIN
C-112 Chicago, IL
† July 22, 1993

FRANK KRASAUSKAS
C-36 Chicago, IL
† June 17, 1993

MICHAEL MICKA
C-36 Chicago, IL
† July 3, 1993

CHARLES KALOUSKAS
C-109 Great Neck, NY
† July 26, 1993

ADELE LINARTAS
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† June 22, 1993

JOHN ROKIT
C-100 Amsterdam, NY
† July 3, 1993

JULIA SACAUSKAS
C-112 Chicago, IL
† August 9, 1993

MARGARET NAKROSIS
C-90 Kearny, NJ
† June 25, 1993

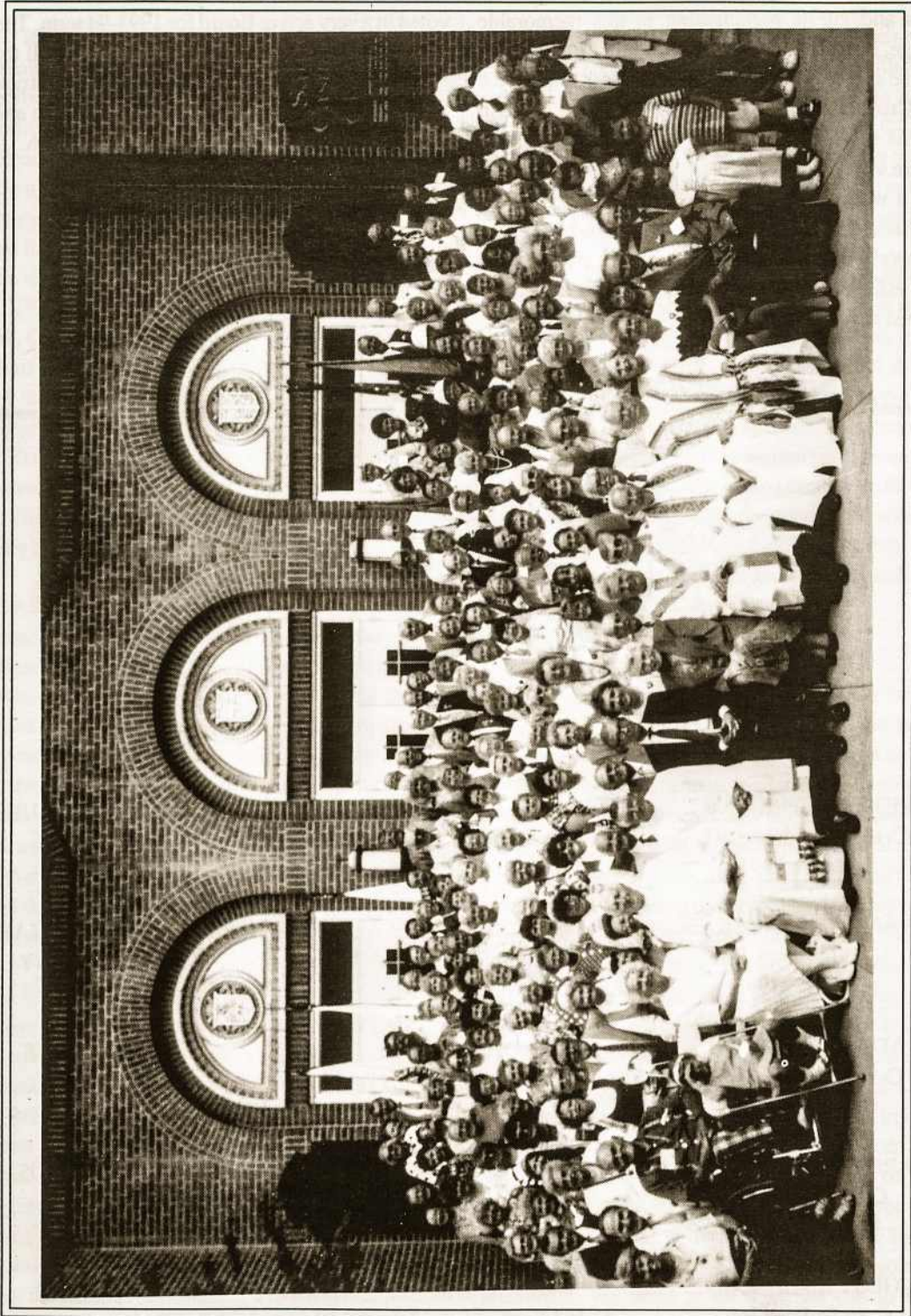
ALBERT ONAITIS
C-19 Pittsburgh, PA
† July 13, 1993

PRUDENCIJA BICKUS -
JOKUBAUSKAS
C-112 Chicago, IL
† August 28, 1993

AUGUST ANDERLONIS
C-86 DuBois, PA
† June 26, 1993

ANNE TARMEY
C-152 Eastern Long Island, NY
† July 17, 1993

HM JUOZAS B. LAUCKA
C-142 Washington, DC
† September 9, 1993



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RESOLUTIONS - NUTARIMAI

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF LITHUANIA

WHEREAS in the year 1993, the Lithuanian people celebrate the 740th anniversary of the Crowning of Mindaugas as King of Lithuania, an event which marked the emergence of the people as a political entity, a state recognized by Western Christendom; and,

WHEREAS in the year 1993, the Lithuanian people celebrate the 75th anniversary of the re-emergence of a free Lithuanian state in the birth of the Republic of Lithuania; and,

WHEREAS in the year 1993, the people of Lithuania have experienced their first full election cycle since the restoration of independence in 1990 and have effected a change of power without strife or bloodshed, thus demonstrating both an understanding and acceptance of the democratic process,

BE IT RESOLVED that we Americans of Lithuanian descent having met in the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania take note of these auspicious events in the history of the land of our Forefathers and express our congratulations to the people of Lithuania on their successful passing of the first major test of true democracy in their restored Republic.

Lai gyvuoja per amžius laisva Lietuva!



APPRECIATION OF DRAUGAS

WHEREAS 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 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its sincerest gratitude to the "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.



APPRECIATION OF A. PAKALNIŠKIS

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 80th National Conven-

tion of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, MA, August 12-15, 1993, express heartfelt gratitude to **Alexander Pakalniškis, Jr.** for his talent and dedication to the Knights of Lithuania.



APPRECIATION OF DARBININKAS

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania express its appreciation to the DARBININKAS and its staff for their cooperation and generosity.

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



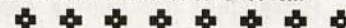
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR AMB. STASYS LOZORAITIS

WHEREAS the 79th Annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania gathered at Allentown, PA, on July 18, 1982, approved the candidacy of **His Excellency Stasys Lozoraitis, Jr.** for award of an Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania; and,

WHEREAS all constitutional requirements and considerations have been met for this candidate,

BE IT RESOLVED that Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania be conferred upon **His Excellency Stasys Lozoraitis, Jr.**, Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania, at this 80th National Convention.

NUTARTA, kad 80-tas Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas pakelti į Garbės Narius, šį 79-to Seimo Užgirtis Kandidatą, *Ekscelenciją Stasį Lozoraitį*, Lietuvos Respublikos Ambasadorius JAV-ai.



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR ALGERD BRAZIS

WHEREAS the 79th Annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania gathered at Allentown, PA, on July 18, 1982, approved the candidacy of **Algerd Brazis** for award of an Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania; and,

WHEREAS all constitutional requirements and considerations have been met for this candidate,

BE IT RESOLVED that Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania be conferred upon **Algird Brazis**, member of Council 112 and President of the Mid-America District, at this 80th National Convention.

NUTARTA, kad 80-tas Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas pakelti į Garbės Narius, šį 79-to Seimo Užgirtis Kandidatą, **Algirdą Brazį**, Lietuvos Vyčių 112-tos Kuopos narys.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. ALIŠAUSKAS

WHEREAS Father Peter J. Ališauskas, celebrated his Golden Jubilee, 50-th anniversary of ordination on June 5, 1993; and,

WHEREAS Fr. Ališauskas has faithfully served the parishioners of St. Casimir's Church in Pittston, PA, for over 25 years before retiring in July of 1991; and,

WHEREAS Fr. Ališauskas has been a long-time member of the Knights of Lithuania and was among the founders of Knights of Lithuania Council 143 and is currently the Spiritual Director of the Amber District,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates at the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, here assembled on this 14th day of August 1993, extend our warmest greeting, sincere felicitations and heartfelt congratulations to Father Peter J. Ališauskas on this auspicious occasion.

**ILGIAUSIŲ METŲ; LAIMINGŲ METŲ;
SVEIKIAUSIŲ METŲ**



CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. PETRAUSKAS

WHEREAS Father John Petrauskas, MIC, will celebrate his Golden Jubilee, 50th anniversary, of his ordination to the priesthood on August 22 of this year; and,

WHEREAS Fr. Petrauskas has faithfully served the parishioners of St. Casimir's Church, here in Worcester, MA, and has been a strong supporter of the Knights of Lithuania as well as the local Council 26,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates at the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, here assembled on this 13th day of August 1993, extend our warmest greetings, sincere felicitations, and heartiest congratulations to Father John

Petrauskas.

**ILGIAUSIŲ METŲ; LAIMINGŲ METŲ;
SVEIKIAUSIŲ METŲ!**



IN MEMORIAM: ELINOR LAURIN

WHEREAS this past year, the Knights of Lithuania lost one of its long-time and most active members, the highly respected and beloved Honorary Member Elinor Laurin

BE IT RESOLVED that in grateful appreciation and recognition of her work, we, Delegates to the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered here at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Mass., on this 14th day of August, 1993, pay tribute to this outstanding Knight with a moment of silence.

May the soul of our sister, Elinor, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



APPRECIATION OF BISHOP HARRINGTON

WHEREAS His Excellency Bishop Timothy J. Harrington of the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts, did graciously receive the Knights of Lithuania, delegates to this 80th National Convention, members and guests, and extend his warm welcome at the Opening Liturgy of this convention, which was celebrated at his Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered here at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, MA, on this 14th day of August 1993 express its gratitude to Bishop Harrington for his gracious hospitality.



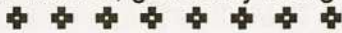
APPRECIATION OF MAYOR LEVY

WHEREAS Mayor Jordon Levy of Worcester graciously invited the delegates and guests of the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania to participate in a Lithuanian flag-raising ceremony at the City Hall of Worcester, Massachusetts, and warmly welcomed them to the city; and,

WHEREAS Mayor Levy participated in the opening session of our convention and presented a "key to the city" to our **National President Frances Petkus** as a sign of his welcome to all delegates and guests,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates and guests at

the 80th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, MA, during the period August 12 - 15, 1993, extend their sincere thanks to **Mayor Jordon Levy** for his warmth, generosity and good will.



THANKS TO OUTGOING SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICERS

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 80th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered here at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester Massachusetts express on behalf of themselves and the general membership, that they represent, their deepest gratitude to the Supreme Council for its dedicated service to the organization and support of the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.



THANKS TO PRESIDUM

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to the 80th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Massachusetts, extend its warmest appreciation and gratitude to the Presidium and its committees for their hard work, diligence and professionalism in the conduct of the business of this convention.



GREETINGS TO HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II

WHEREAS we, Knights of Lithuania, both cherish and take great pride in our dual heritage both in the Roman Catholic Church and in our Lithuanian descent; and,

WHEREAS there will occur a significant milestone in both these lines with the unprecedented visit of the Holy Father to Lithuania scheduled for September,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, delegates to the 80th Annual National Convention assembled in Worcester Massachusetts between 12 and 15 August 1993, convey to His Holiness John Paul II our filial love and unwavering loyalty on behalf of our entire membership and wish him a safe journey and successful pastoral mission. May his visit truly revitalize the church and embolden the faithful of Lithuania in the open practice of their faith after 50 years of brutal suppression.



LAIMINGOS KELIONĖS

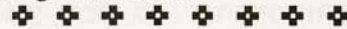
WHEREAS over 100 Knights of Lithuania will

embark on a "Heritage Tour" and Pilgrimage to Lithuania on September 2, 1993, under the sponsorship of the Supreme Council and led by our National Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Joseph Anderlonis; our National President, Fran Petkus; and Honorary Member Bob Boris; and,

WHEREAS this will be the first such official contingent of the Knights of Lithuania to make such a journey in over 50 years; and,

WHEREAS a 10-foot hand-hewn cross will be erected on Kryžių Kalnas (the Hill of Crosses) and dedicated to the Knights of Lithuania during this pilgrimage,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, delegates to the 80th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania assembled in Worcester, MA, offer our best wishes for a Laimingos Kelionės / Bon Voyage. May they have a safe and happy journey. Our prayers go with them.



TIME LIMIT ON DISCUSSION

WHEREAS the full text of the revised and updated Constitution of the Knights of Lithuania has been duly published in the Vytis for detailed examination of all concerned; and,

WHEREAS there is a need to consider all matters expeditiously in order each question before this convention can be adequately processed,

BE IT RESOLVED that the time allotted for discussion of the updated Constitution be limited to no more than one and one half hours.



REVISED CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS a Committee on Constitutional Revision was charged by the Supreme Council with examination of the currently published Constitution of the Knights of Lithuania in order to incorporate all changes and amendments which have been duly made since the last publication and to correct any noted inadvertent omissions or errors; and,

WHEREAS this committee has diligently completed their task and has twice submitted their draft constitution for review and comment by the Supreme Council, who has found it to be proper and acceptable; and,

WHEREAS this revised version has been duly published verbatim in the Vytis, prior to this convention for general membership review and evaluation,

BE IT RESOLVED that this convention accept this revised constitution with the proposed changes and modifications as discussed and with final editorial review by the Supreme Council in October; and, direct that after final review and translation, it be published in sufficient numbers to be distributed to each member with additional stock for future use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appreciation be expressed to the members of the ad hoc committee on constitutional revision for all their hard and detailed work with recognition that they have produced a superior product. The members of this committee were: Peter Paul Zansitis, Supreme Council Trustee; Evelyn Ozelis, 1st Vice President, Supreme Council; and Hon. Mem. Loretta Stukas, Chairperson, K of L Foundation.



VIDEO TRIBUTE TO H.M. JOS. BOLEY

WHEREAS Gerimantas Penikas, at his own initiative, is in the process of developing a retrospective of the career of the late Joseph Boley both in the Knights of Lithuania and in the world of entertainment, theater and television; and,

WHEREAS Joseph Boley had a long and uniquely distinguished career in the Knights of Lithuania. His achievements are beyond a full accounting but included being a long term National President of the K of L, one of the chief designers of the current K of L flag, an Honorary Member; and,

WHEREAS a video tape professionally produced and edited would have intrinsic archival value as well as offering convenient informational, motivational viewing by individual councils,

BE IT RESOLVED the delegates at this 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania assembled in Worcester, Massachusetts, authorize the Supreme Council to at least partially underwrite the costs of producing this video tribute to a most distinguished member. The sum is not to exceed \$500.



ST. CASIMIR'S GUILD

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to this 80th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, here assembled in Worcester Massachusetts, continue to show our support to the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome, Italy, with a donation of \$1,000 (One Thousand dollars) through the St. Casimir's Guild.

GREETINGS TO THE SCOUTS

WHEREAS the Lithuanian Scouting effort is celebrating their Diamond Jubilee, the 75th anniversary of their foundation in the then newly declared Republic of Lithuania; and,

WHEREAS the tradition of Scouting for Lithuanian youth was kept alive in America during the long decades of Soviet occupation; and,

WHEREAS the Scouts have just completed their Jubilee encampment at Camp Custer, Michigan,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, delegates to the 80th Annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania assembled in Worcester, Massachusetts, on this 12th day of August convey our fraternal greetings to the Lithuanian Scouts and wish them many additional years of success in imbuing Lithuanian American youth with scouting ideals: "For God, Country and Service to the Community."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage and support the re-establishment of the Scouting movement in the restored Republic of Lithuania.



APPRECIATION OF DEBORAH FOUNDATION

WHEREAS the Deborah Foundation, Lithuania Project reached a milestone this past year with the sending of a complete surgical team with over \$2M worth of equipment, including a complement of equipment for two operating rooms plus other equipment, supplies and medications to Lithuania where pediatric cardiac surgery was then performed on 19 children at the University of Vilnius hospital; and

WHEREAS the Deborah Foundation is continuing to significantly benefit Lithuanian health care by bringing teams of Lithuanian doctors to the United States to observe and learn updated surgical techniques as well as continuing to send medications and equipment upgrades to Lithuania; and,

WHEREAS the Deborah Heart and Lung Clinic continues to bring a succession of patients to the US for surgery and care that is beyond the capability in Lithuania; and,

WHEREAS the Deborah Foundation requested financial support only to cover the transportation of the medical team to Lithuania and has supplied all other services and equipments at no cost to Lithuania through the largesse of its benefactors.

BE IT RESOLVED that we, Knights of Lithuania, assembled here at our 80th Annual National Convention in Worcester, Massachusetts, convey our most heartfelt appreciation to the Deborah Foundation

and, in particular, to its Director, Stanley Fryszynski. We also extend our thanks to our own Honorary Members, Jack and Loretta Stukas who expended so much effort to raise the funds to cover transportation costs. Without them, this effort would not have been realized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a donation of \$1,000 be made to the Deborah Foundation's Children of the World Program in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of Lithuanian children.



BUDGET ACCEPTANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget for 1993-1994 be accepted as submitted by the Supreme Council Treasurer.



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS the recent death of Honorary Member Eleanor Laurin, MAMD, created a vacancy on the Honorary Membership Committee,

BE IT RESOLVED that Estelle Rogers, H.M. of Council 112 be appointed to the Honorary Membership Committee, to represent the Mid-America District.



THANKS TO CATHOLIC MEDICAL MISSION

WHEREAS Catholic Medical Mission Board has been generous in supplying much needed medicines to send to Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 80th National Convention send a thank you to them for their continuing support.



APPRECIATION OF A.P.P.L.E.

WHEREAS the American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (A.P.P.L.E.) has for three years done a truly outstanding job of upgrading education in Lithuania; and,

WHEREAS their funding comes almost exclusively from private donations,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Knights of Lithuania assembled in our 80th National convention, donate the sum of \$500 to A.P.P.L.E. along with an expression of our sincerest gratitude for all their efforts.

LITHUANIAN CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

WHEREAS Lithuanian Children's Relief Inc. reached a milestone this year by sponsoring a medical team consisting of surgeons, anesthesiologists, and nurses to teach medical procedures to their Lithuanian colleagues, and to perform surgery on 28 facially deformed children; and,

WHEREAS Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc. continues to send food, vitamins, vaccinations, and clothes to the orphaned children of Lithuania; and, **WHEREAS** Lithuanian Children's Relief is providing wheelchairs, hearing aids, dental needs and other needs to the children; and,

WHEREAS Lithuanian Children's Relief sends a representative to insure the safe distribution of all items to the intended destination,

BE IT RESOLVED we, the Knights of Lithuania, assembled here at our 80th Annual National Convention in Worcester, MA, convey our heartfelt appreciation to Lithuanian Children's Relief and in particular to Daiva Veitas Neidhardt, President for their superb efforts for the children in Lithuania especially the institutionalized orphans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a donation of \$1,000 be sent to Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc. on behalf of their heroic efforts for the orphaned children.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MSGR. FRANK BULOVAS

WHEREAS Msgr. Frank Bulovas, Spiritual Advisor of the Mid- Atlantic District is celebrating 50 years of priesthood,

BE IT RESOLVED that congratulations be sent to him on this happy occasion.



THANKS TO MAP

WHEREAS Medical Assistance Project (MAP) has been so generous in supplying much-needed medicines for trans-shipment to Lithuania by the Knights of Lithuanian sponsored Aid to Lithuania, Inc.,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania 80th Convention send a thank you to them for their Christian solicitude and fraternal cooperation,

THANKS TO LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

WHEREAS Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid has been so generous with their assistance this past year,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania, met at their 80th Convention, send a thank you to them for their cooperative effort.

DONATION TO LCRA

WHEREAS Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid (LCRA) was extremely supportive of the Knights of Lithuania in our "Aid to Lithuania" work; and,

WHEREAS Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid continues to provide spiritual and humanitarian assistance to Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania assembled at the 80th National convention send a \$100 donation to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid to support their ongoing work.



NOMINATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

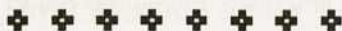
KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo kad 80-tos seimas užgirtų Kun. Stasj Railą, 110-tos kuopo, Mid-Atlantic Apskritis kandidaturą į garbės narius už jo nepailstomus ilgus metus garbingai besidarbuojant Lietuvos Vyčiams.

WHEREAS The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee requests the 80th National Convention to approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership the Rev. Stasys Raila, of Council 110, Mid-Atlantic District.

WHEREAS approval will enable the committee to publish in the Vytis a history of Fr. Raila outlining his service as a worthy and dedicated knight,

BE IT RESOLVED that this 80th Annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania approve the candidacy of Rev. Stasys Raila for Honorary Membership.

NUSPREŠTA kad šia 80-ta Lietuvos Vyčių seima patvirtinti Kun. Stasio Railos kandidaturą į Garbės Narius.



NOMINATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo kad 80-tas seimas užgirtų **Anna Klizas Wargo**, 144-os kuopo, Gintaros Apskritis, kandidaturą į garbės narius už jos nepailstomus ilgus metus garbingai besidarbuojant Lietuvos Vyčiams.

WHEREAS The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee requests the 80th National Convention to approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership **Anna Klizas Wargo**, of Council 144, Amber District; and,

WHEREAS approval will enable the committee to publish in the Vytis a history of **Anna Klizas Wargo** outlining her service as a worthy and dedicated knight,

BE IT RESOLVED that this 80th Annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania approve the candidacy of **Anna Klizas Wargo** for Honorary Membership.

NUSPREŠTA kad šia 80-ta Lietuvos Vyčių seima patvirtinti **Anna Klizas Wargo** kandidaturą į Garbės Narius.



NOMINATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

KADANGI Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narių Komisija prašo kad 80-tas seimas užgirtų **Elinor Sluzas**, 96-os kuopo, Mid Central Apskritis, kandidaturą į garbės narius už jos nepailstomus ilgus metus garbingai besidarbuojant Lietuvos Vyčiams.

WHEREAS The Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership Committee requests the 80th National Convention to approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership **Elinor Sluzas**, of Council 96, Mid Central District.

WHEREAS approval will enable the committee to publish in the Vytis a history of **Elinor Sluzas** outlining her service as a worthy and dedicated knight,

BE IT RESOLVED that this 80th Annual Convention of the Knights of Lithuania approve the candidacy of **Elinor Sluzas** for Honorary Membership.

NUSPREŠTA kad šia 80-ta Lietuvos Vyčių seima patvirtinti **Elinor Sluzas** kandidaturą į Garbės Narius.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. JARASUNAS

WHEREAS Father Matthew Jarasunas will celebrate his Silver Jubilee, the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on September 12 of this year, and

WHEREAS Father Jarasunas has faithfully served his parishioners of Our Lady of Siluva Church, Maizeville, Pa., and has been a strong supporter of the Knights of Lithuania as well as Anthracite

Council 144, and has served as the Council Spiritual Advisor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates at the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, here assembled on this 13th day of August 1993, extend our warmest greetings, sincere felicitations and heartiest congratulations to Father Matthew Jarasiunas.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. PAUL SABULIS

WHEREAS Father Paul Sabulis celebrated his Golden Jubilee, the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 13, 1993; and, **WHEREAS** Father Paul Sabulis faithfully serves his parishioners of St. Joseph's church, Waterbury, CT, and has been a strong supporter of the Knights of Lithuania, and serves as the Spiritual Advisor of Council 7,

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates at the 80th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled on the 14th day of August 1993, extend our warmest greetings and sincere prayers in gratitude to God in this year of Jubilee to Father Sabulis.



ARCHIVES

WHEREAS the existing space allotted to the K of L archives has become inadequate for the materials presently stored; and,

WHEREAS there is a possibility of obtaining a larger room previously used by the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania; but, to do so, would require a capital investment,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Council be empowered to apply a portion of recently acquired bequests from Jonas Valauskas as well as that from Alexander and Marcella Alexis to the acquisition and refurbishment of this larger area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this K of L space be named in honor of these benefactors: that is, the Valauskas and Alexis Memorial Room of the ALK archives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a yearly donation of \$200. be given to the ALK for general upkeep of the Archives building.

SUPPORT TO K OF L FOUNDATIONS

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania has officially established five charitable funds; and,

WHEREAS there is a continuing need to remind members of an implicit obligation to donate and support these activities,

BE IT RESOLVED that the organizational publication, Vytis, be used on a monthly basis to remind members of these activities and furnish them with the current address for contributions. These activities are:

The K of L Foundation; The K of L Scholarship Fund; Aid to Lithuania, Inc.; The St. Casimir Guild, and the Siluva Chapel Endowment Fund (National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception)



SOLICITATION FOR K OF L FUNDING

WHEREAS The K of L is increasingly being approached by various other organizations, Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian, for contributions,

BE IT RESOLVED that such requests be submitted to the Supreme Council for validation and review before acceptance and before publication in the Vytis.



AČIŪ, 26-TAI KUOPAI

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 80th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Mass, extend our sincerest congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Host Council 26 and the entire convention committee for having planned and provided excellent programs and facilities for this convention.

NUTARTA KAD 80-asis Lietuvos Vyčių seimas dėkoja vietinei Vusterio 26-tai kuopai už tėvišką šeimynišką ir labai nuoširdžią seimo globą.

Ačiū, Ačiū, Ačiū!



**Submitted by Vincent B. Boris, Chair
Resolutions Committee.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**CONGRATULATES
80th NATIONAL CONVENTION**

August 8, 1993

Frances R. Petkus, President
Knights of Lithuania
c/o Marriott Hotel
Worcester, MA 01604

Dear Madam President:

Greetings to you, all delegates and members attending the Knights of Lithuania National Convention in Worcester.

May this jubilee inspire you to continue the charitable work for Lithuania and its people according to the motto of the Constitution of the Knights of Lithuania: **FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!**

The medical supplies and equipment provided in the past by the Knights of Lithuania through World Medical Relief and other agencies to the needy and sick in Lithuania are not only a medical, but also a spiritual and moral support. We know how grateful these people are when reading their letters and "thank you" notes published almost exclusively in VYTIS.

This our magazine, appearing regularly on time like clock-work, excellently edited by an experienced Mary Kober, should be made obtainable in every University and public library wherever there is a Knights of Lithuania council.

It clearly reflects the aims and accomplishments in religious, cultural and national fields of the Knights of Lithuania established eighty years ago. Every monthly issue of VYTIS describes in print and picture the charitable and social work of our organization and shows what

we, Catholics and Lithuanian-Americans, stand for.

Furthermore, under the leadership of Mary Kober, VYTIS promotes the Lithuanian cause among local Americans better than anything else.

In view of the above mentioned facts, I suggest that this Seimas, when considering our outstanding persons that deserve appreciation for duties well done, would also remember the present and future Editor-in-Chief of VYTIS, MARY KOBER, and honor her accordingly. She certainly deserves it.

Sekmės, telaimina Jus Visagalis.

Vytiškai
Leo Venckus,
Fennville, MI

(Ed: VYTIS Staff has been informed that C-17 So. Boston presented a Resolution to the Resolutions Committee at the national convention supporting the fine editorship of the magazine. This was also not presented to the delegates. Consequently, VYTIS Staff now takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Leo Venckus of Fennville, MI for the above letter and C-17 for their thoughtfulness and support of VYTIS Staff. . Vytiškai Ačiū!!)

THANK YOU from Scholarship Recipient
Mieli Vyčiai:

It is a great honor to receive the Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship Award. I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to the Scholarship Committee, the family of Alice Karklius, and the Knights of Lithuania organization. This award will help pay for my last year at Governors State University where I am studying elementary education. I would also like to thank my family who have always encouraged and supported my involvement in the Knights of Lithuania. I will continue to be an active member of the K of L as I work towards my third degree.

Denise Zakarka
C-112 Chicago, IL



*At City Hall with Mayor
Jordan Levy at the po-
dium.*

Photo: E. Baranauskas

Council News

Vyčiai Veikia

AMBER DISTRICT

A testimonial banquet honoring Fr. Peter Alisauskas, District spiritual advisor, on the occasion of his 50th anniversary in the Holy Priesthood, took place on Sunday, June 6 in Pittston, PA. He was joined by many of his colleagues in celebrating this most auspicious occasion with Holy Mass at St. Casimir's Church in Pittston. Family and friends travelled to Pittston to join in the wonderful festivities of the day. All the Knights congratulate Fr. Pete on reaching this most significant milestone and we all wish him many more years of good health and a joyous fulfilled life.

Amber District gathered together on June 13 in Philadelphia for the district meeting. C-3 Phila. were the hosts and provided a delicious luncheon for all attendees.

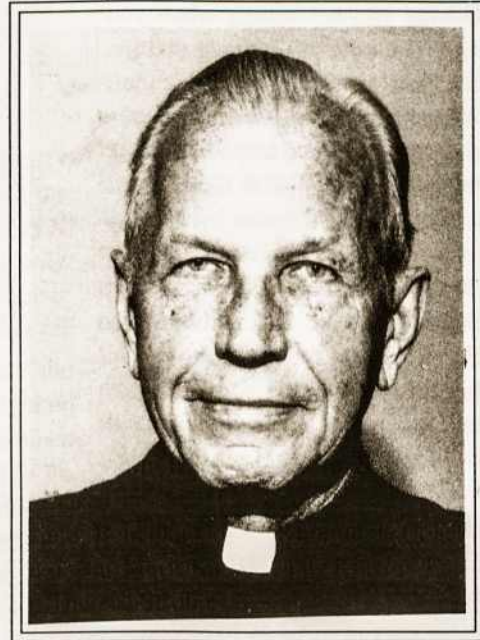
Officers and committee chairs gave their respective reports. We were indeed fortunate to have as our speaker Mrs. Jean Dorr, who works closely with Deborah Hospital in their Lithuanian Project. She told us of Deborah's efforts to save the lives of very ill Lithuanian children. She earnestly asked for prayers for these children and requested that we remember them and their mothers while they are here in America receiving medical attention. To accomplish this end, Jean suggested that we send get well cards to Deborah Hospital, Browns Mill, NJ c/o Lithuanian Project. Deborah will see to it that

these cards are distributed to the Lithuanian children. She also described efforts by Deborah to educate Lithuanian doctors in our medical technology so that they might implement what they learn in their practices back in Lithuania.

District voted to donate \$500 to St. Casimir's Guild. John Mankus and Barbara Miller, both of C-72 Binghamton, graciously accepted to have their Council chair this year's raffle for the benefit of the District Treasury Annual council reports were presented by: Victor Stepalovitch, C-3 Phila.; John Mankus, C-72 Binghamton; Ed Romanuskas, C-74 Scranton; Anna Soha, C-143 Pittston; Anna Helen McDonald, C-144 Anthracite.

Amber District was represented at the national convention by Dorothy Banos, District V.P. and Eleanor Vacaitis, District Treas. Pres. Elsie Kosmisky coordinated plans for the delegates to get together for an evening of fun and relaxation at the convention in Worcester.

Nominations for Officers were conducted by John Mickunas, C-3 Phila., immediate Past President. Further nominations will be accepted at the next meeting prior to final election The next meeting will be held in October in Easton, PA with

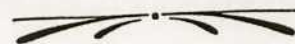


Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas

C-63 Lehigh Valley being hosts.

We ended the day by doing some socializing and partaking of some more food and refreshments. These meetings provide us all with the opportunity to maintain and nurture our friendships. They allow us to really get to know each other. We should all make the effort to attend these meetings. By doing so we not only enrich our lives but we also keep alive our Lithuanianism and the traditions of the Knights of Lithuania. Such activity serves to keep our District viable and ensures our place as a positive and productive influence in the Knights of Lithuania structure.

Agnes



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The Annual Retreat was again held at Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, ME. Our retreat master, Rev. Jurgelaitis, was our guide to better understanding our faith. Saturday's conference was entitled, "Stop....I say." Stop and think of what you are saying when you pray. The error of thinking that the first and greatest commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God - and your neighbor as yourself" are two commandments. It is one commandment whereby in loving thy neighbor, we show our love for God. There is something very wrong with the understanding of this commandment as seen by the way things are in the world today. More people need to have total commitment to church and to God.

Saturday evening, the words of our Lord. "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst" were discussed. Does



NED Retreat in Maine: Irene Tamalavich, Bertha Stoskus and Ruth Krecioch

this hold true if there are over a hundred K of L's gathered in Jesus' name at this retreat? Of course!

The last event was the question box, answering the retreatants' queries. This part of the retreat is a favorite. K of L's do want to know more and more about their faith. That's what makes them special.

We were blessed with good weather, good friends and good food. The lovely ladies from Lithuania who prepared all those delicious meals must be commended. We were treated with royalty and entertained with song. Little wonder that the number of retreatants increases each year, thanks to Helen Dallalis who does an outstanding job of coordinating the annual event and Fr. Gabriel for controlling all the reservations.

Aldona Marcavage

C-3 PHILADELPHIA, PA

As spring was turning into summer, C-3 held its last meeting until the fall. It was just great to have so many of our members present for the June meeting. It gave us the opportunity to welcome Alice Bacon, Edmond Binkis, Joe Drumstas and Lillian Greymas back from their recent hospital stays and recuperating days. It was also an opportunity to say good luck and get well soon to Nellie Pandza who is scheduled for back surgery and to Irene Svekla with her knee surgery.

We congratulate Alice Bacon on receiving the 3rd degree. Alice is a hard working member and is always ready to lend her culinary and artistic talents to council activities. We're happy to say that our president, Victor Stepalovitch will be able to devote 100% of his time to K of L affairs now that he retired from his full time employment. Congratulations Victor, we know you have many plans, enjoy them all! Congratulations are also in order to Daina Kapochus on receiving her BS in Phar-



NED Retreat: Fr. Jurgelaitis with C-141 Bridgeport members Jean & Deacon John Rigely.

macology from Temple University. We're very proud of you, Daina, and wish you success with your State Boards and in all you do!

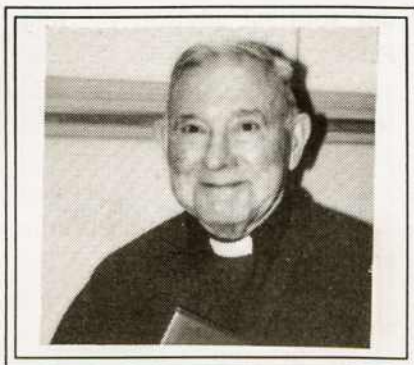
At this meeting we voted to support many worthwhile causes: a full page ad to St. Casimir's 100th Anniversary History Ad Book, \$100 to the Scholarship Fund, \$75 to the national convention ad book and \$100 to Aid to Lithuania. Our council feels all of these activities are very important and are happy to be able to help Many of our members attended the national convention. The following were elected delegates: Victor Stepalovich, Walt Svekla, Dianne Drumstas, John & Agnes Mickunas, Julie Kowrak and Leonard Kapochus. Over the years there has always been a special connection between Worcester and Phila.

C-3 hosted the Amber District meeting on June 13 very comfortably at St. George's air conditioned hall. A highlight of this meeting was a presentation by Leonard Kapochus, Council and District Lithuanian Affairs Chair, explaining his version of an Aid to Lithuania program for our district. Leonard and his family have spent many long hours decorating cans in yellow, red and green to be filled by anyone sympathetic to Lithuanian causes. Everyone was enthusiastic about this program which will run through December.

Irene Svekla

C-7 WATERBURY, CT

The K of L Bowling team held their banquet in May at the Curtis House in Woodbury. Members and their guests enjoyed a great dinner with music provided by the band. Awards were presented by Ed White & Anne Cheplick. It was a great time and was enjoyed by all who attended.



Rev. Paul Sabulis of Waterbury, CT

On June 13 a retirement party was held at St. Joseph's School for Fr. Paul Sabulis. A member of the K of L, Father retired after not only serving the church for fifty years, but also after reaching 75 years of age on March 12. He was born in Ansonia, CT to Paul & Teofilia Sabulis, both Lithuanian immigrants. He attended local schools in Ansonia as well as the local Lithuanian church. Father Paul attended Marianapolis College in Thompson, CT and at St. Bernard Seminary in Rochester, NY. He was ordained at St. Joseph's Cathedral on June 3, 1943. Since then he has served in several parishes in Connecticut. Father will remain at St. Joseph's Church until the end of this year.

Frances Stiklus

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

On June 13, Rev. Raymond Messier, pastor of St. Francis, Athol, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a con-celebrated Mass followed by a parish reception at the Elks Club. K of L's were in attendance and wished Father many more fruitful years in the Lord's service.

Daniel Rogers was the recipient of the Charles Genaitis Memorial Scholarship given in honor of our late member, Charlie, by the Genaitis family. Charlie was well liked by our

council and had been a long time educator in the Gardner School System Area members and friends were invited to visit and frequent the beautiful grounds of the Lithuanian Outing Association in Gardner during the summer months. Groundskeeper Howie Beaudette keeps up the grounds like a professional.

The K of L extends their congratulations and good wishes to St. Francis Womens Guild on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. The Guild has donated countless monetary gifts to St. Francis parish. C-10 member Joanne Chastney is the current president Members Nellie & Frank Melaika, Blanche Genaitis & daughter Lil Erickson and son Philip and Bill & Brone Wisniauskas visited Lithuania this summer. For some it was a first and included being where the Pope visited Lithuania Gardner residents attended the 50th Ordination Anniversary of Rev. John Petrauskas of St. Casimir's Parish in Worcester which was held in August.

This writer hopes that all VYTIS readers had a healthy and safe summer; resting up for the K of L Fall season.

Vincukas

C-25 CLEVELAND, OH

Thank you, Detroit C-102! All sixteen of us from Cleveland had a marvelous time at your District meeting and Bowling Tournament in May. Monies and trophies were transported home by Chuck & Nelda Machutas, along with their son-in-law Jim Farrell. (Or is it out-law?) They laughed all the way to the bank. Our two teams entered, bowled average. The traveling 1st place plaque, donated by the Machutas in memory of their son, was won by the Detroit

team and was made possible by the artistry of George Mikalauskas, their brother-in-law from Dayton.

Several members of our council attended the May 2nd concert given in honor of Regina Brazaitis, church organist of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Her many, many years of dedication were acknowledged by the various organizations of the parish Another successful coffee hour was held on Sunday June 20 after the 10 a.m. Mass dedicated to all Fathers in attendance. To the bakers, helpers and donors: Thank You again! Chair Tony-O, wallows in your generosity. Remember, too, you're doing it for Jesus. We need each other Congratulations are in order for the investiture of Lillian Yurkovic and Vi Skarnus, as Eucharistic ministers. May you serve well.

On July 18 the K of L "Picnic in the Park" was held at the Kunsitis' estate. Ursula & Gene make perfect hosts. It gave us a chance to say "good-bye, so-long, Su Diev" to Marian & Vince Gray who have moved to Lancaster, PA to be near their daughters and families.

Dolly-O

C-26 WORCESTER, MA

The ever popular pot luck supper preceded our June meeting. We thank all the chefs for the variety of foods. First degrees were awarded to Judy Maleckas & Barb Pantos. We also welcomed a new member, Marcella Shea. Teresa Meilus displayed the banners she made for the parade, the church, and the national convention. And then, her husband, Edwardas Meilus, Jr. led us in song for our Lithuanian language lesson. His rich warm voice led and taught us the song "Mažam Kamarėli."

C-26 is proud to announce that

our spiritual advisor, Fr. John Petrauskas celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. Fr. John served on the faculty, and for many years as Headmaster of Marianapolis School in Thompson, CT. On Aug. 22, our council hosted a dinner in his honor.

Joe, Nellie and Elaine Salkaus are back from their vacation in Ft. Myers, FL. V.P. Anne Leseman, thanked all C-26 workers for their help over the past year, especially her husband, Bill, one of the dedicated kitchen helpers; Anne Walinsky for the lovely table centerpieces; Charlie Kulakusky for setup and raffles; Fr. John for spiritual direction and Lithuanian history; Ed Meilus for the fun language lessons; Anne Bucinkas & Rita Margosian and all lady bakers; and board members Steve Walinsky, Jr. hosted C-26 at a cookout at their home in Millbury in July.

The NED retreat in Kennebunkport, ME was on June 25. It was a memorable sunny weekend with beautiful grounds with walkways surrounding the ocean, a salt water pool, a short walk to a quaint harbor port village and great Lithuanian food with delicious desserts. "Ačiu" to the Lithuanian staff from C-26 HM Rita Pinkus, Anne Bacinkas, Fran Grigas, Aldona Waska, Lillian Kondrotas, Adele & Duggan Degutis, Angie Busky, Rita Margosian, Victoria Augustine, Vitty & Ruth Gadilauskas, Al & Vivian Rogers, Barbara Pantos & Chysna Deslaurier.

Barbara Pantos

C-29 NEWARK, NJ

During the last meeting of June 13, two of our members, Anele Pitrenas and Val Tumelis, received their third degree. Congratulations! We also acquired a new member, Olym-

pia - welcome!

Our council hosted the MAD meeting in June. Coffee and buns were served before Mass at which our own Rev. P. Stravinskis officiated. Flag bearers included Val Tumelis and John Pitrenas. At the conclusion of Mass, we all proceeded to the church hall to partake of a delicious lunch. Harold Kaminskas & Marie Guoba are to be congratulated for a job well done, together with their committee members. After the meeting, coffee and cake were served.

Mary Cullen

C-30 WESTFIELD, MA

C-30 was represented at the NED Spring Meeting and Holy Hour in Providence by Helen Alexik, Benny & Cooky Coach, Eugenia Duda & Jim Kules. It was a productive meeting and C-103 members were gracious hosts.

On May 1, Cooky & Benny's four children honored their parents with a dinner on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at the former St. Casimir's Hall, the same place the wedding reception was held. Many of the wedding guests also danced at the anniversary. Benny is C-30 President. (*Ed. Congratulations and many more happy years to a wonderful couple.*)

On Palm Sunday weekend, our hard working crew again produced many pounds of the Lithuanian dešras. We enjoy that project and especially the potluck dinner with sausage, of course, to wind up our efforts. Jim & Marcia Rogers do all the planning and scheduling and "pre-op" chores, Louise Buckities made the many calls. We use the service of many of our council members, there are duties for everyone.

May 29 saw the culmination of



Congregants at Opening Convention Mass at Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

the three year celebration of St. Casimir's 75th Anniversary celebration with special ceremonies and a reception in the church hall. It was also a very special day for Jim & Marcia Rogers, as son Kenny was married on that day.

On Sunday, July 25, Benny & Cooky Coach and Louise & Wil Renaud hosted our annual picnic at the Renaud home. A beautiful day, good food, members prepared their specials to go with the steak, etc. and some mermaids and a mermale swam around the pool. All were well sated and socialized till early evening, long enough to start in on leftovers. We did miss our sick list members: Isabelle Unaitis, Anne Sabonis, Nellie Lord & Della Zumburski. Nellie & Della had fractures and surgeries. We wish all complete recovery.

Cooky

C-46 FOREST CITY, PA

Our summers in Forest City are always a delight. We are surrounded by many lakes; thus, we have a lot of people who reside here only during warm weather. Fishing and picking blueberries are relaxing hobbies. With Elk Mountain being only 10 miles (or less) from Forest City, we are getting to be a popular winter resort too.

Old Home Week was a gallant event during the last week of July, extending into August. Our town is colorfully decorated with ethnic flags of many nations. Food and novelty stands are lined up through the town. Each night brings a special entertainment, plus a spectacular fire works display on Friday night which brings out over a thousand spectators. After the fire works, all stands are still doing a lively business. On Saturday afternoon, we have a huge parade with many floats, marching bands, organizations, antique cars, fire trucks and many, many more spectacles. The finale comprises an all day picnic, music and barbecue at Kennedy Park.

August 8 was our annual K of L picnic at Kennedy Park. A beautiful sunny day with more than enough food and drinks which were enjoyed by all. It was a covered dish affair and all members were asked to bring guests. Many guests were present, making for a large attendance. A short meeting was also held.

Our September meeting finished off with coffee and refreshments and we enjoyed a visiting session. In October, we usually elect new officers. However, a vote was taken to keep all present officers for one more term. *Blanche Motsko*

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

Our members worked very hard at the St. Casimir's Parish Lithuanian Festival. Visitors enjoyed the Lithuanian food, the Vetra Dance group, the childrens entertainment as well as the music and dancing.

A welcome sight at a recent meeting was the return of our sunshine chair Eleanor Gutauskas. We wish her continued success in recuperating from hip surgery. A visitor from Lithuania was also present. We were pleased to have the cousin of Mary Yesukevich in our midst.

We wish congratulations and good luck to Richard Perrelli on his recent graduation from West Point. He is the grandson of Nellie Perrelli and has enrolled at Yale to continue his studies Welcome and thanks to God on the arrival of Kayla Toole on June 29. Kayla is the granddaughter of Ed & Audrey Toole and the great granddaughter of Helen Medley.

Some C-50 members were able to attend the national convention in Worcester: Isabel Peterson, Helen Medley, Ed & Audrey Toole. Our ritual chair Frank Antin drove Fourth degree recipients to the closing Mass on Sunday to receive their degrees. Congratulations to Joan Augustine, Anne Gedrim & Eleanor Gutauskas!

Sharing experiences of their recent trip to Lithuania are Magdalen Cronin, Mary Geipel & Teresa Strimaitis. Welcome back!

Audrey Toole

C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

Council is quite active in shipping quantities of useful materials to Lithuania. Gift packages and cartons, left at our parish hall, are picked up twice each month for shipment.

Our thanks are due to, among others, Dr. Raymond L. Stone, a physician in Bayway, for donations of medicines and pharmaceuticals to be utilized in this good cause.

Last March, C-52 sponsored a drive for food and teaching aids for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God in Utena, Lithuania. Many of our parishioners participated by donating food, paper, pencils, etc. Our council, assisted by members of the Altar Society, packed and forwarded seven very large packages to the Sisters. Sr. Dolorita Butkus, who is also a former parishioner, wrote from Utena, thanking all who donated the items and complimenting the packers of the boxes which, she noted, arrived in excellent condition.

William Senkus

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY, PA

Our council marked its tenth consecutive year operating a potato pancake stand at the Christmas City Fair in nearby Bethlehem, PA in July. It's become a tradition in the area, never lacking customers. Long lines form from the moment we open for business until we close each of the three days. Not only does it provide us with hefty revenue but it gives us an opportunity to publicize the K of L and Lithuania itself. We've made many friends in the process and the camaraderie among the volunteers is also very rewarding. We also participated on Super Sunday (Sept. 19) in Allentown, PA.

Helen Bixler was presented with a VYTIS pin at our June meeting on the occasion of celebrating her 81st birthday. She was visibly moved as she stated, "The people of this council are like family." Helen followed this up by donating \$50 to council and working at the pancake stand!

Ačiū Helen and may God bless you for your generosity, zeal and dedication.

Arrangements have been made to host the Amber District meeting on Oct. 13 at St. Michael's Church Hall in Easton, PA. The event is being co-chaired by Jane Lutick & Al Klizas John & Betty Griskos invited all council members to be their guests at the annual Lithuanian picnic which was held on their premises in Frenchtown, NJ on Aug. 27. John & Betty hosted a picnic last summer, as well, and are very active socially in their area. Back in March, John & Betty arranged with radio station owner friends to give our council 2-1/2 hours free air time during which Lithuanian music, culture and history were featured. Thank you, John & Betty, for your contribution and hospitality.

Council approved a donation of \$200 to BALFAS relief organization. Donations for the Lithuanian Seminary in Rome and for the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington are on the agenda Guest Rimas Zinas showed council color slides of his recent visit to Lithuania. Rimas traveled the length and breadth of Lithuania and focused upon historical scenes, accompanied by a running commentary as to what the picture depicted. Rimas is fluent in Lithuanian and is extremely versed in Lithuanian history which made his presentation educational as well as interesting. Rimas also helped council earlier this year when he presented the Lithuanian language session at Cedar Crest College. Thank you, Rimas, for all the time and effort you've given us. It is very much appreciated.

Another shipment of clothing has been made. Members made their

contributions in St. Michael's Church hall on Aug. 21, where boxes were packed and shipped The "Happy Trio" consisting of Valerie Smickle and Andrew & Adele Keraga departed on a tour of Lithuania in the third week of July. While this was Valerie's first trip, Andy & Adele are already old hands at travel and volunteered to give Valerie a hand, if needed. Their experiences were related at the Sept. meeting.

Joseph Ogint

C-72 BINGHAMTON, NY

Barbara Miller & John Mankus attended both Amber District meetings held at Frackville and Phila., PA. At the Phila. meeting, Barbara volunteered to chair the District's 1994 raffle Jolita Butkeviciene's daughter Domile and Jolita's mother Stefanija Cepulienė attended and participated in the summer camp activities at Putnam, CT.

Our council participated in the Two Rivers Ethnic Festival held at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton on May 8. As in the past, our members took a very active role in this activity by baking and selling ethnic Lithuanian food and having a large cultural display. People from as far away as New York City and Phila. stopped at our display and made some very favorable comments.

With sadness we report the loss of Joe Missavage who died on July 11. Our condolences go out to his wife Edith and family. Joe was a very active member of our council and chaired many council activities. He also chaired the Two Rivers Ethnic Festival for many years. He was a community leader who, as Broome County Planning director, played an important role in the development of parks, low income housing, malls

and recreational areas in our county. He taught at State University of New York in Binghamton. The Press & Sun Bulletin, in its tribute to Joe, called him the man who shaped the county. We all learned from him, we will miss him. *John R. Mankus*

C-79 SOUTHFIELD, MI

Mother Nature smiled on our annual Family Day Picnic on July 17. Cool breezes and sunshine abounded from noon till sundown. Those who attended were well fed by Bill & Marge Dapkus, who managed the barbecuing chore. Condiments and side dishes were contributed by other attendees. We visited and caught up on news.

At our June meeting we were informed of the death of our member Peter Banion's son Paul. Monica, wife and mother has been deceased since 1991 Helen Patocki fell and is home recuperating from hip replacement surgery. We send her and hubby Clem our best wishes. Sophie Zager, coincidentally, had the same accident and surgery practically at the same time as Helen's occurred. Sophie is back from the hospital at West Winds Nursing Home, 10765 Bogie Lake Rd., Commerce, MI 48382. She appreciates correspondence and visitors.

Reporting late news: credit should be given to our council bowlers during the Tournament and Mid-Central District meeting in May. Our council bowlers came away with 2nd place honors. Richard Danielak was the hi-game winner. Congratulations to all.

Reminder (again) of our new meeting time: first Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m. with lunch. Attendance could be improved. Also, our annual Fall Festival date is rapidly

approaching - Sunday, Nov. 14. Hope to see everyone there, attending and contributing. *Bee Jay*

C-90 KEARNY, NJ

During the month of June, our Council lost two more long-time members: Millie (Grinewich) Miolla and Margaret Nakrosis. Members gathered at Shaw-Buyus Funeral Home to partake in K of L Christian Wake Ritual. Millie Miolla was a very active member of C-90 for over 48 years. She and her sister Mary headed numerous committees and attended many National Conventions. K of L's throughout the area will remember that "pretty blonde" from C-90. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to her husband Lou, sister Mary Pryzchocki and brothers Bill & Walter Grinewich.... Margaret Nakrosis died on June 25 and was one of the original members of C-90. She and her late husband Charles were very active in C-90 and Our Lady of Sorrows Lithuanian Church. They instilled their love of church and Lithuanian heritage to their three children: Charles, John & Ursula Gelczis. We extend our condolences to Margaret's family.

We are happy to see Frank Sluzas up and about after his recent illness. Frank ushers at the Lithuanian Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church and was sorely missed. His wife, Ann and Nellie Stodalski are the alternating lecturers at that Mass and they do an admiral job in Lithuanian It is good to see Ann Shvinskis out and about after her recent illness. Ann has decorated the altars with Madeline Leger at our church for many years, doing a beautiful job.... Get well wishes go out to Dottie Songile and Gen Pamper who recently underwent surgery. May they

get back into the swing of things quickly.

Now for some happy news: Mary & Stan Rimgail celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6 with a Mass and renewal of vows at Our Lady of Sorrows Church with Msgr. Pocus officiating. A dinner followed for family and friends. Stan comes from C-52 Elizabeth and Mary from C-90, a good union that lasted. Best wishes for many more years of happiness.

We are happy to announce that some of our members have become grandparents again: Dot & Walt Staskus, Steffie & Vince Gelcius, Ruth & Wally Hryszko and Irene & Al Zarbetski. Al Zarbetski, Jr., the proud father, is also a member of C-90 John & Ellie Nakrosis attended the wedding of their son John in New York on May 1, which was also the wedding anniversary of his late grandparents Margaret & Charles Nakrosis. Much happiness to the young couple.

Our prayers go out to some of our members who are ailing and we hope to see them at future events. Until the next time, Su Diev.

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C-96 DAYTON, OH

Mother's Day Crowning was celebrated this year with Mass at Holy Cross Church. Many members attended and participated in the service. Our juniors marched into church and crowned the Blessed Virgin. The choir, at which many are K of L members, sang Mass Several delegates attended the MCD Bowling Tournament. Only good reports were received. Members raved of the hospitality extended by the fellow Knights. Congratulations to all who won prizes.

Happy Anniversaries are extended to Aldona & Joe Ryan, Helen & Stan Vaitkus and Frances & George Mikalauskas. Please keep the following members in your prayers: Robert Kieval, Annadel Miller, Michael Petkus and Stan Kavy Congratulations are extended to George Mikalauskas, II. He recently graduated from the University of Dayton with his masters in engineering management. He continues to work with Whirlpool as a design engineer.

Aldona Ryan participated in the 20th annual Dayton World A'Fair as spokesperson on the TV commercial. She chaired the very first World A'Fair for the city of Dayton. Over 40 countries participated this year with booths, displays, food and dancing. Of course, our own Lithuanian community was well represented. The Lithuanian booth won the cultural display award. Members Elinor Sluzas and her daughter Anna Marie Berger were chairs. Many K of L members assisted in set-up, working the stations, making the food and dancing for the event. Sally Miller made over 60 Lithuanian Christmas tree ornaments which were sold. Her beautiful specialty emphasizes the historical design of the straw ornaments with small colorful birds. Special thanks to all members who helped for this June activity. Special congratulations are extended to Molly Geiger. During the Dayton World D'Fair, Molly received "Honorable Mention" for Miss World D'Fair.

Some of our members traveled to Lithuania in Sept. The hand crafted cross raffle, originating with three hand made crosses by George Mikalauskas, has raised over \$900. Many thanks to all who assisted in the efforts to support the Lithuanian

Sisters.

Congratulations to the 50/50 raffle winner for the month of June: Eloise Berczelly. She was the lucky winner of \$6.50.

Mary Agnes Mikalauskas

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

On June 13, after attending Mass, council members gathered in Fr. Baltch's Social Center. Fr. Grabys said the opening prayers and minutes were read. Pres. Tice advised that she and members, Regina Kot, Ed Baranauskas and Bernice Aviza attended the District meeting on June 13. Ed was nominated as delegate to the national convention for the MAD District.

Adeline Raila showed a 5 minute video tape on the troubles between Poland and Lithuania. We thank all members who brought in supplies for the Sisters of Divine Providence who will be tending to the needs of the Lithuanians in Panevezys ... The District meeting was hosted by our council on Sept. 26. Pres. Tice chaired the event. Lithuanian Day at the Shrine of the Martyrs in Auriesville was held on Aug. 29.

We welcomed back Ed Bablin who had been ill. Val Kleabonas & Anna Radzevich are currently on the sick list and Mary Stanionis is very ill at the Mount Loretto Nursing Home Mirga Bablin, local council's scholarship committee, advised that this year's recipient of \$200 was Nancy Kazala. She will use the award towards her expenses at Russell Sage College where she plans to take up physical therapy.

Ed Baranauskas mentioned that he read an article in Draugas that Fr. Baltch's donated paintings are being shown in one of the Lithuanian museums Refreshment commit-

tee Regina Kot, Eleanore Olechowski, Mirga Bablin & Irene Tice served us a very tasty meal.

Smile & Sparkle

C-110 MASPETH, NY

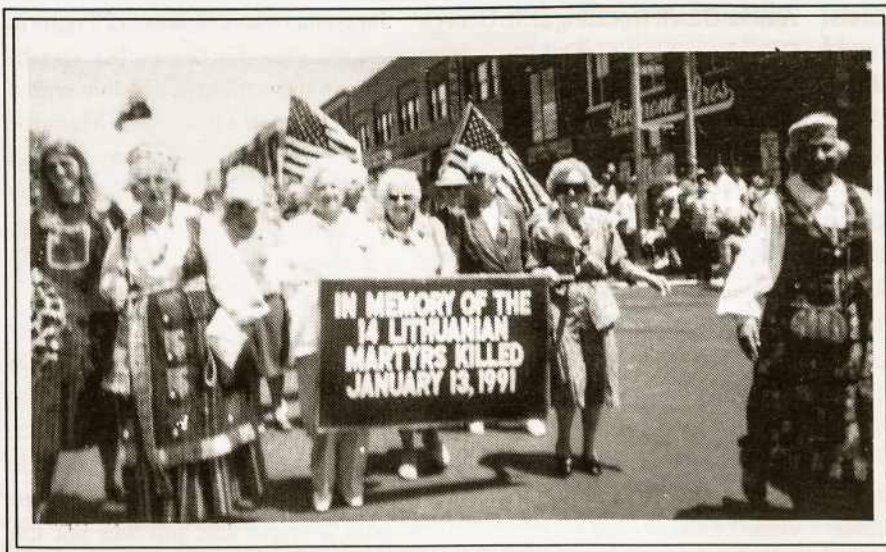
C-110 summer meeting and party was attended by over 100 members and guests. Pres. Bruno Rutkunas noted that we have 367 members, the largest council in the District. Ann Morrissey of the Darius & Girenas memorial service committee showed a video tape at the meeting. The film, produced in Lithuania, details the event of these two heroic pilots who flew from Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn and crashed in Germany, so close to their destination. Discussion on this topic also involved the moving of Darius & Girenas memorial to Floyd Bennett Field which has a historic museum. Bruno Rutkunas, along with others, is part of a group looking into moving the monument from Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Cloth baby diapers were received by Ann Morrissey from the Gerber Co. Through Ann's hard work, sixteen dozen will be sent along with clothing to various Lithuanian orphanages. Shipments of food and clothing were also made in Sept.

In other news, John Klimas was the winner of our recent golf tournament and Mary Lewandowski, Evelyn Walles and Helen Yakaitis won our special raffle. Anna Moskalaitis joined us as a new member and Mary Ann Rokus was recently honored for her 25 years as a Catholic educator in the Brooklyn Diocese.

Our get well prayers are extended to John & Albina Mattina. Special prayers go to Adele Linartis who recently died. We will miss her.

Maryte Abbott



C-110 Maspeth's participation in May 31, 1993 Memorial Day Parade.

C-141 BRIDGEPORT, CT

Pres. Clemencine Miller presided over the June meeting with efficiency and brevity. We have 81 members as of June and still have room for more fun-loving, conscientious Lithuanian Americans or their spouses. Remember, the Knights work proudly for good causes We were all invited to C-141's annual picnic at the Miller homestead on Aug. 7. A good time was had by all Our trustees, Steve Wilcinskas & Peter Putrimas reported that our treasurer's books were in very good shape but noted that we have less in the treasury this year. This seems to be the general pattern in the USA today.

John & Kathy Balčius flew to Lithuania for two weeks to include a visit to John's childhood home in Šauliai. His wife Kathy is a British import who loves Lithuanians Mitch Marcinauskas gave an interesting report of the current conditions in Lithuania. He also stated the Šauliai Airport was the largest air-

port but is on polluted land - one more project that requires money to correct. It seems like the former KGB is still alive and well under different titles. Lithuania needs us, our ideas and ideals especially their youth who grew up with too much one-sided (red-sided) training. It will take time to teach them to appreciate true freedom of religion and humanity.

Please remember in your prayers our members who were recently in and out of hospitals: Anne Petrus' sister Millie, Joseph Janiunas, Ray Buzak & John Marcinka who is very seriously ill We hope everyone had a lovely summer!

Aldona Marcavage

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Our council was deeply saddened by the death of a long time third degree member, William Labadis, on June 2 after a brief illness. Bill was a dedicated Knight and an avid supporter of Lithuania. He listened to Radio Lithuania and read many periodi-

icals. The Ritual Service was held with a record breaking number of members in attendance at the funeral home. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his sisters, Helen and Mary. May he rest in peace!

We also extend our sympathy to Josephine Kelecheva on the death of her husband Max who attended meetings and Lithuanian Mass until his lengthy illness. Our condolences also to Susan Banditelli who lost her husband recently. May they rest in

peace.

Joseph Wydra, one of our newer members, was recently honored as national aide de camp in the Military Order of the Purple Heart whose name will be inscribed on the Battle of the Bulge monument to be erected at



C-141 Bridgeport members Dorothy DeGennaro & daughter Wallace at NED Retreat in Kennebunkport, ME.

Valley Forge, PA Congratulations to John Domalakes, who was successful in his candidacy for judgeship in the primary and best wishes for success in November.

Through the courtesy of John Joseph, our good member and an active member of the Elks Parade Committee of Frackville, our council was represented in the Fourth of July celebration. With the tri-colors and Lithuanian costumes, Joseph Dereskavich, Mary & John Koons, Anne & Joseph Sikora, Anna Helen & Thomas McDonald, Betty Tumas, Elsie Kosmisky, Eleanor Vaicaitis & Helen Chesko proudly rode the horse-drawn trolley Pres. Anna Helen & Thomas McDonald chaired the council's participation in Kaleidoscope which featured Schuylkill County's ethnic heritage at the Schuylkill County Fair Grounds on June 18-20. Bernard Zilaitis & Joseph Martunas transported decorations and artifacts for the display. Bernice Mikatavage, Anne Wargo, Eleanor Vaicaitis & Betty Tumas were on hand to set up the display. Anne Panchari contributed her precious amber, dolls and woodcraft collection to make the display authentic. Frances Brillius contributed her linens. Eleanor Vaicaitis & Sister Angela demonstrated straw art. Anne Sikora, Janet & Karen Domalakes gave instructions in egg etching. The Amber Singers, the mother-daughter team from Bridgeport, CT entertained the assemblage with Lithuanian folk songs, both English and Lithuanian, with audience participation. Thanks to Anna Helen and her committee for an outstanding display and attendance on the three day Kaleidoscope.

Bernard Zilaitis was at the wheel of the 20-passenger bus in transporting council delegates to Phila. for the

Amber District meeting at St. George Church on June 13. Delegates were Margaret Rozmerski, Helen Mackavage, Mary Narcavage, Eva Yurkewicz, Beatrice Wasley, Anna Radzavage, Estelle Nojunas, Helen Matunis, Anne Wargo, Anna Supernavage, Anna & Joseph Sikora, Thomas McDonald & Helen Chesko. Eleanor Vaicaitis, Elsie Kosmisky & Anna Helen McDonald also traveled with the group. Thanks to host C-3 for the sumptuous meal and departing refreshments. We appreciated your hospitality and had a pleasant visit.

Our delegates to the National Convention were Anna Supernavage, Susan Banditelli, Sr. Angela CJC, Sr. Tereselle, SSC. Also attending were Anna Helen & Thomas McDonald, Anne Wargo & Helen Chesko. Elsie Kosmisky & Eleanor Vaicaitis represented Amber District. Eleanor served on the Minutes Committee; Elsie as chair of the Nominating Committee and Anna Helen McDonald on the Greetings Committee. Sr. Angela together with 30 candidates was installed in the Fourth Degree. Congratulations! Anne Wargo continues as President of St. Casimir Guild with Betty Tumas as sec.-treas. Helen Chesko was elevated to the chair of the Ritual Committee.

Lithuanian Days at Schuylkill Mall on Aug. 21-22 were successful both financially and socially. The musical McDonalds performed on both days. The Memories Chorus sang on Sat. evening. Many thanks to our members whose cooperation was appreciated and to the many friends of Lithuania who patronized the refreshment stand and purchased raffle tickets.

Congratulations to Fr. Matthew

Jarasunas who celebrated 25 years in the priesthood in September. Parishioners and Knights feted him with a banquet following the Mass of Thanksgiving. Many, many years in the priesthood in good health. Happy birthday, too!
Elena

C-146 HARRISBURG, PA

Lithuanian Independence Day was a bitterly cold day. Members gathered on the church grounds and watched the raising of the Lithuanian flag. It was too cold to stand outside and sing St. Casimir's Day arrived with a bright sun and was not too cold. We dressed in ethnic costumes and participated at Mass. Fr. Sitko, our spiritual advisor, celebrated the Mass after which we congregated for breakfast which was enjoyed by all.

In June, our Pastor Fr. Sitko celebrated his 25th Anniversary in the Priesthood. He is pastor of several churches: Lithuanian, Slovak, Irish and Polish. He has a very busy schedule. In May four churches participated in a Mass with the choir selected from the four churches,

Margaret Cyzeski, one of our Junior members, graduated from Scranton University. She is enrolled at Pittsburgh University to become a medical doctor. In June we gave her a surprise party which was attended by many members. The food and refreshments were great. Everyone had a grand time. *Blanche Motsko*

C-147 ST. PETERSBURG, FL

June is a quiet month in Florida. Many of our members go North for the summer months Our sympathy goes out to Marija Gelažius on the loss of her son, Edmond Zigaitis. Also to Alex & Violet Kraujalis on the loss of their son, Major William Kraujalis. Both passed away in June.



C-147 St. Petersburg, FL members at recent club meeting: Seated: Helen Vilnis, Aldona Kirstukas, Brone Urbanas. Standing: Viktorija Kleiva & Marija Gelazius.

May they rest in peace.

Get well wishes to Dr. Joseph Petrikas' wife, who is ill Victoria Kleivene, our recording secretary, has returned from Lithuania. All went well and she had a wonderful time. Antanas Grabauskas also enjoyed himself in Lithuania for a month and a half. He had many interesting experiences and memories. It was his first time back since he left in 1950. He visited his sister and two brothers and was amazed at how much the area has changed over the years.

1993 is our Diocesan (St. Petersburg) Jubilee Year, and a Prayer and Folk Fair was held at the Cathedral of St. Jude on June 11. St. Casimir Mission requested all our parishioners to attend in native dress. Two of our members, Ona Semolevicius and Dolores Jonaitis represented our K of L council. Prayer services were beautiful. Intercessions were read in seven languages, including Lithuanian. It was a celebration of the Multi-Cultural Church.

Now that summer is over, our members traveled. Those who left for Lithuania in July were: Angele

Shukiene, Petronele Kasperavicius, Veronika Pleskiene & Dr. Aldona Valis. Valerie Lescinskas has also returned from Lithuania and Chicago and enjoyed her two grandsons for two weeks.

A Minejimas for Darius & Girenas was held at the Lithuanian Club on July 18 with Mass at 1 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Gulfport. K of L participants at church were John & Dolores Jonaitis and Marija Gelazius.

Dolores Jonaitis

C-152 EASTERN LONG ISLAND, NY

C-152 has also been well represented this year by visits made by our Knights to their ancestral homeland, Lithuania: Bea & Fred Lucka, Emily Vigliarolo, Olga & Barney Evans. While experiencing the emotional tug on the heartstrings, which only a visit to the land from which our parents sprung, all expressed the feeling that in the area of accommodating and catering to the needs and comforts of tourists and visitors, the Lithuanian tourist industry has much to learn. Let's hope they learn quickly the necessary professional skills, as revenues from tourism can generate impressive foreign currency earnings which Lithuania desperately needs.

Our council also had a gratifying representation at the National Convention in Worcester: Muriel Lekstutis, Cam & Peter Dykovitz, Tony & John Sakal, Agnes Dunn & Mary Malinauskas. We note with

pardonable pride that our president, Muriel Lekstutis, was among the thirty Knights honored with the fourth degree at the convention.

Dear readers, please spare a prayer for the recovery of our ill Knights, Loretta Rhinow, Marian Bealis & Bill Newalis, and for the repose of the soul of our departed member, Anne Tarmey.

Tom Tarmey

C-154 SPRING HILL, FL

The exodus of the snow birds leaves behind a group of members who continue to enjoy the good things in life that Florida offers.

On Father's Day we were guests of Tillie & Ed Laconis at their club in Hudson. Here we were served a delicious meal and had a live band which supplied dancing music. On the Fourth of July we attended a picnic at Virginia & Ray Kentra's club in Holiday. The next scheduled event is a pig roast at the Moose Club in New Port Richey Bridget & Alex Walluk visited children and grandchildren in the Northeast.

For the members who traveled far and wide, we've compiled what mimicks a travel agent's brochure. The Petraitis had a ten day cruise on the "Love Boat" to Alaska. However, an added dimension to their trip was the discovery of the front cover of the United Air Lines magazine. It was a painting done by Stasys Eidrigevicius. He was born in Lithuania and attended the Institute of Fine Arts in Vilnius. More than 30 books of his work have been published. His work reflects humanity's longing to reconnect with nature using masks to expose the human condition.

Several members vacationed in New York State. For those who were near Floyd Bennett Field, a memo-

rial for Darius & Girenas was scheduled. Others were privileged to watch the take-off of the plane from Farmingdale which initiated the original flight. However, this was a successful trip - the pilot was greeted enthusiastically in Lithuania. Ellis Island is still a draw for us whose parents landed there.

It brings a ray of hope as we read that Clinton's threat to withhold \$700 million in aid to Russia brought about withdrawal of Russia's last troop unit. It was reported that church bells pealed across the nation marking the close of an era that began with the Baltic republics annexation by Moscow. The Pope on his visit to

Lithuania found a really 'free' Lithuania. Hurrah! Long live Lithuania - that is our prayer.

With the return of all our members, we are looking forward to a more productive year. George Mayer is formulating an aggressive approach to this new season. Our motto is to be, "Watch Us Grow". *S. G. Petraitis*

CALENDAR of EVENTS

September 19, 1993 - NED Meeting. Hosts: C-17 So. Boston, MA

September 22, 1993 - C-79 Southfield, MI - Annual Luncheon & Card Party.

September 26, 1993 - MAD Meeting. Hosts C-100 Amsterdam, NY.

October 1-2-3, 1993 - MCD Meeting & Pilgrimage, Cleveland, OH. Hosts: C-25

October 9, 1993 - C-29 Newark, NJ Dinner & Dance.

October 10, 1993 - Amber District Meeting. Hosts: C-63 Lehigh Valley, PA

October 17, 1993 - NED Cultural Festival, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Hosts C-17 So. Boston and C-116 Worcester, MA.

October 24, 1993 - C-29 Newark, NJ Chinese Auction.

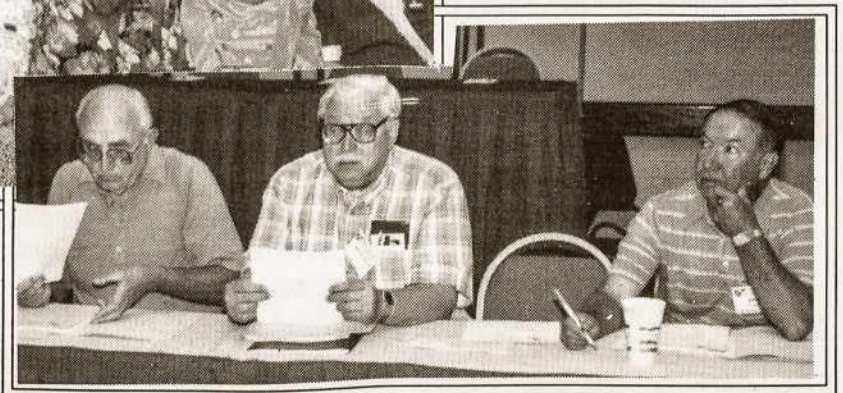
November 14, 1993 - C-79 Southfield, MI - Fall Festival.

March 13, 1994 - MAD Meeting - Hosts: C-136 Hudson-Mohawk, NY



A few of the 1993-94 Executive Board members.

William Kolicius, Peter Zansitis & John Mankus at an executive board meeting.



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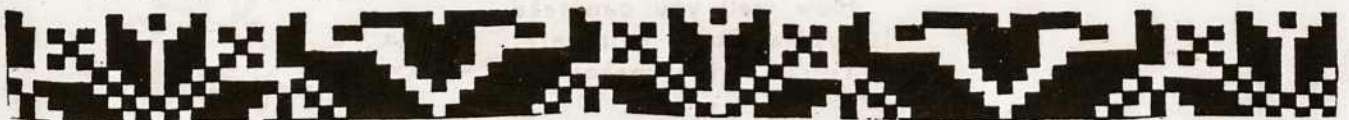
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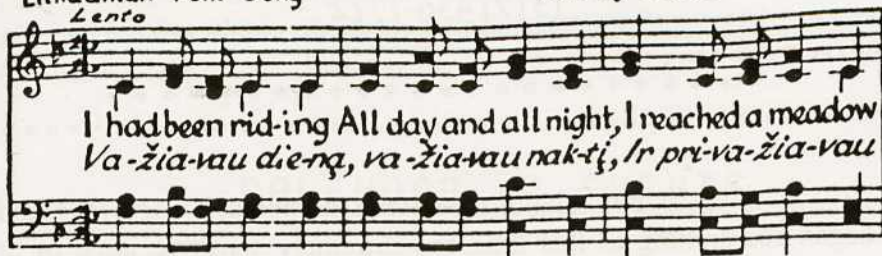
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Lithuanian Folk Song
Lento

Arr. by Burton Lawrence



I had been rid-ing All day and all night, I reached a meadow
Va-žia-vau die-ną, va-žia-vau nak-tį, Ir pri-va-žia-vau



Shin-ing so bright. I reached a meadow Shin-ing so bright.
ža-lią pie-velę. Ir pri-va-žia-vau ža-lia pie-velę.

2. *Toje pievelėj, toje žaliojoj,
/: Ten merguzėlė šienelį grėbė. :/*
3. *Oi mergyt, mergyt, mergyte mano,
/: Tai man patinka tavo darbelis. :/*
4. *Mergyt, mergyte, jaunoji mano,
/: Aš noriu būti berneliu tavo. :/*

Deep in that meadow,
Light on her sweet face
|: There was a maiden
Working with grace. :|

Oh, lovely maiden,
After my long way,
|: What joy to find you
Raking the hay. :|

Maid, it delights me
How well you can rake.
|: Yes, a good helpmate
You'll surely make! :|



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