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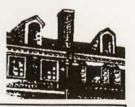
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The Knights of Jithuania endeavors to instill in its members an attachment to Jithuania, the land of our ancestors, and a knowledge, appreciation and love of the Lithuanian language, customs and culture since the K of I. began in 1913.

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To My Fellow Knights

The 86th National Convention in Philadelphia was set in the lovely historic district downtown hotel, The Sheraton Society Hill. The location was worth the price, as one was able to take a morning walk to the Liberty Bell, St. Mary's Church, the old post office or any of the various historic sites in one of America's oldest cosmopolitan areas. The setting was great and so were the lobsters and seafood at Bookbinder's historic restaurant!

Our C-3 hosts did a splendid job of entertaining us in spite of the oppressive record heat outside. The lovely air-cooled hotel and surroundings helped to run the convention activities smoother, with nary a snafu.

I want to personally thank all writers who contributed material and photographers, namely Council 3, Philadelphia, Bernice Aviza and others.

Although there's no way to accurately describe all the events unless one is there, we hope you will enjoy this issue. And to those who have never contemplated going to a Knights of Lithuania Convention, consider Los Angeles on July 27-30, 2000.

Scholarship Thanks

Dear Fellow Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for awarding me the \$1,800.00 academic scholarship.

This scholarship I received will give me the opportunity of obtaining my Associate Degree in the field of Corrections, by the Spring of 2000. Then, I will be furthering my education to pursue my Bachelor of Science Degree in Corrections and Education.

The Knights of Lithuania has been a strong and active part of my life since 1994, and will continue to be for many years to come. This organization has taught me a lot about the Lithuanian culture and traditions that will be passed on to my children, and generations to come.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity in receiving this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Pant Council 96 - Dayton, Ohio

Dear Fellow Knights,

It is with much gratitude and appreciation that I am writing to all of you. The generous gift of a scholar-ship can only be equaled by the kind support and encouragement that I received from so many of you! What a wonderful organization to be a part of and to have grown up in, the Knights of Lithuania has certain-

ly been an integral part of my life and will continue to be long into the future and as I travel into this next phase of my life I will carry these gifts of faith and heritage along with me.

Aciu Labai,

Annamarie Sluzas-Berger

Dear Knights:

It was a great honor to receive such a tentative award from the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council.

I have been with the Knights of Lithuania Council 17 since 1996. In this short period of time I've learned a lot from the people in this organization and, most important, I realized how much I could do for others.

I would like to thank everyone who made it possible for me and others to further our education - the most valuable treasure in one's life.

I know I will stay a member of the Council 17, Knights of Lithuania, for many years to come. I promise to do my best at the University and also for the community service.

Once again I thank Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council from the bottom of my heart and wish all the best.

Donatis Galentas

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R. of L. President's Message:

by John R. Mankus Supreme Council President

returned from the National Convention in Philadelphia with many positive thoughts. During my four hour trip back to Endicott, NY, I reflected on the proceedings of the Convention. Members of Council Convention Committee Chairpersons John Mickunas and Irene Ozalis did an outstanding job in organizing the Convention and its various activities.

I want to extend my thanks to Nominating Committee chair, Fran Petkus and the District Presidents for their thorough search and presentation of Candidates for the Supreme Council and the Presidium. Thanks to Presidium Chairperson, William Piacentini and Co-Chairpersons, John P. Baltrus and Evelyn Ozelis plus the various convention committees for the most efficient proceedings. The ses-

sions and presentations were well thought out and meaningful. The Cultural Evening was most enjoyable.



Our members are hard working, dedicated people. Convention delegates heard of our activities and our accomplishments during the past year. Our generous delegates raised \$32,820 during this Convention to help worthy Lithuanian causes.

Through Aid to Lithuania Inc., St. Casimir Guild, the K of L Foundation and other K of L ancillary organizations, we have achieved much. However, there are areas that require our immediate attention. Monsignor Bartkus and Father Valkavicius spoke of the needs that exist in Lithuania and at the Pontifical Lithuanian College in Rome. I know we will all meet the challenge.

Council 133 invites us all to Los Angeles July 27-30, 2000 for our 87th National Convention.

OFFICIAL NEWS...OFFICIAL NEWS...OFFICIAL NEWS...OFFICIAL N GET READY FOR DUES!

Fall is rapidly approaching and the time for dues is soon upon us. As your National Financial Secretary, I want to state the dues policy as printed in the Knights of Lithuania Manual.

Dues are payable to your council Financial Secretary. They must be received by March 31st to remain on the Vytis mailing list. If they are not received by June 30th, you will be dropped from the organization's rolls.

To Council Financial Secretaries: Page 12-1 of the Manual states the correct procedures for submitting dues. After each meeting, the collected dues are sent to the National Financial Secretary. Remit by check or money order--no cash. Make them payable to Knights of Lithuania. DO NOT SEND INDIVIDUAL CHECKS. Deposit the individual checks in your council's treasury and write one check from your council for the total amount you are remitting. Make sure the accompanying Dues Payment Sheet(s) have complete, legible information.

This will make the process go smoothly between member, council Financial Secretary, National Financial Secretary and National Treasurer. I look forward to a wonderful year 2000 with you.

> Vytiškai, Mark H. Bell **National Financial Secretary**

Knights of Lithuania 86th National Convention State of the Organization Report

presented by John R. Mankus, National President July 29, 1999

In accordance with Article XI of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, I submit to the Delegates of the 86th National Convention, the National Executive Board's Annual Report. Wherein all reports have been submitted and combined before the National Convention. Please note that this is but a summary of the work done by your Executive Board. The officers have provided reports of their activities during their term of office. You are urged to take home a set of these reports, read them thoroughly and please share the contents with your council members.

National Spiritual Advisor, Monsignor Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, S.T.D. Monsignor Anderlonis has been an outstanding spiritual leader and advisor to the Knights of Lithuania for many years. The Knights of Lithuania are most grateful for his counsel and guidance throughout these years. He has enriched us both spiritually and culturally. The Knights of Lithuania are proud and honored to claim Monsignor Anderlonis as National Spiritual Advisor. Monsignor Anderlonis is a candidate to be awarded Honorary Membership at this year's convention. I know that every member of the Knights of Lithuania extend to Monsignor Anderlonis their hardiest congratulations for this highest honor of the Knights of Lithuania.

As your President, John R. Mankus, I attended and presided at all Supreme Council Meetings. I sent out letters to Monsignor Albert Contons, President of Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priest's League of America for approval of Monsignor Anderlonis as Spiritual Advisor to Supreme Council, to Mr. Saulius V. Kuprys to remain Legal Advisor to the Knights of Lithuania and to Maryte Abbott to remain Vytis Editor. I personally called and thanked all for their dedication and hard work for the Knights of Lithuania. I also sent letters of greeting and congratulations to President Valdas

Adamkus, Monsignor Anderlonis and letters of greeting, thank you and / or congratulations to many Lithuanian American Organizations, in Lithuanian and English, including Lithuanian American Council, Inc., Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania, Lithuanian World Center, The U.S. Baltic Foundation, Lithuanian Foundation, Inc., Joint Baltic American National Committee, Inc., and other Lithuanian American Organizations.

At District and Council level, I participated in all Amber District meetings and all council meetings. I attended many special events including the Lithuanian Mass at Saint Ann's Basilica in Scranton PA. I remain on the STATE UNIVERSITY of NEW YORK at Binghamton translation board for Lithuanian translations and to act as interpreter. During the past year I translated many letters from Lithuania. I chaired and attended a number of special events, including Lithuanian Independence Day Commemorations, St. Casimir Mass, and during the year, chaired, packed and shipped packages of medical and humanitarian supplies to convents, orphanages and hospitals in Lithuania. As president of Supreme Council, I received a large number of correspondence from various sources and responded to all, by letter and when appropriate by phone or fax.

Many of the items I discussed with various members of the Supreme Council and at the Supreme Council meetings. As I reported in VYTIS, representing the K. of L., I attended Lithuanian Independence Day Celebration at the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington D.C. and a number of informational meetings, including NATO enlargement discussions with Embassy staff and leaders of Lithuanian American Organizations.

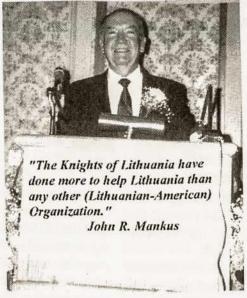
I also attended the JBANC Conference on Baltic security in Washington D.C. At these meetings and conferences, I had the opportunity to discuss our Knights of Lithuania activities with President Valdas Adamkus, Parliament Chairman Vytautas Landsbergis, Foreign Minister Algirdas Saudargas, Prime Minister Gediminas Vagnorius, Senator Richard Durbin, Ambassador Stasys Sakalauskas, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Dr. Congressman John Shirnkus and other U.S. and Lithuanian state officials. Through VYTIS, I reported on the highlights of these meetings to our membership. I also conferred with members of the Supreme Council on a variety of issues, including membership, updating of mailing list, finances, Vytis printing and mailing, convention preparations, activities at the Lithuanian Embassy and other American Lithuanian Organizations. I also had a number of communications with Len Barcousky on the Friend of

Lithuania selection, with Saulius Kuprys on our legal obligations and with John Baltrus on our finances.

First Vice President, HM Agnes Mickunas-Agnes attended all S. C. meetings. Agnes is doing a fine job in continuing the updating the K. of L. Constitution which was revised in 1994 with Constitutional amendments approved by Convention delegates. Agnes mailed to all District and Council Presidents copies of the amendments passed by the delegates last year dealing with the Ritual Committee structure and membership dues. Also included was a change in the "language" describing the activities of Aid to Lithuania. These amendments were prepared for easy insertion into the Constitution booklets.

Second Vice President. Maryte Sepikas-Maryte has been working diligently to promote membership, 138 new members have joined the K of L. As a result of her activity a new council is planned in the northwestern region. Maryte has been active with her council and district. She has contacted many Lithuanian Americans in California, Nevada and Washington in hopes of generating new members and councils. Maryte is publicizing the Los Angeles Lithuanian Folk dance group in celebrating their 50th anniversary and the Los Angeles Lithuanian Days. She has placed ads in Catholic newspapers and magazines to increase membership.

Third Vice President, Maria Deksnis- Maria is



a very capable and energetic young lady with her work with and for the Juniors. She has written articles for VYTIS and has communicated with all Junior advisors on planned activities. I also wish to thank Maria and Chicago C-112 for being such gracious hosts for our SC meeting in April. She has shown how well she can work with Juniors at every age level. She has a very enjoyable agenda for them at the convention and she will run the Junior meeting Saturday morning. Maria has done a very good job with the Juniors.

Recording Secretary, Bernice Aviza- Bernice has served her position as National Secretary extremely well. She is an asset to our organization. Her minutes were precise and sent out in a timely manner. Bemice maintains a database of Council Presidents and Supreme Council officers. This allows the automatic generation of mailing lists and labels. She is also the Mid Atlantic District Vice President for Juniors. Bemice coordinated and attended many functions in her district, including Auriesville day of prayer, shipment of medical supplies to Lithuania and the Commemoration of Darius and Girenas Flight at Floyd Bennet Field. The president has been extremely fortunate to have Bemice as recording secretary. She never hesitated to assist the president or Supreme Council members. With all of her secretarial duties, she prepared letters of greetings to the many organizations for our 86th national convention. Thank you, Bemice for an outstanding job.

Treasurer, John Baltrus- We have been very fortunate to have outstanding people elected as treasurer and John ranks right at the top. He attended all Supreme Council meetings. He is extremely knowledgeable and meticulous in his job. He has kept in contact with me and also with our legal advisor. John has kept an unrelenting vigil on our finances. He has prepared the budget from the recommendations of the Budget Resolutions Committee and his own findings. Thanks to John, our financial situation is quite good. He will pre-



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sent a complete report of our financial standing at this convention. He has served us well this past year and has been a very cooperative member of the Supreme Council. John has done an outstanding job.

Financial Secretary, Rita Sussko- She attended all Supreme Council meetings. This was her interim year as Financial Secretary, she has done her job well. She has been in constant contact with me, with Council Financial Secretaries and with the VYTIS Business Manager so that changes could be implemented as soon as possible. She has cooperated and worked well with the president, all councils and districts. Thank you, Rita for a job well done.

Trustees, Richard Niedvares and William Kolicius- They are both mature and very capable people. Among their activities are the publication and distribution of the updated K of L Manual, K of L inventory and the annual audit. At the convention the audit of the records of the National Treasurer, Financial Secretary and the ancillary K of L Organizations is planned. Due to William Kolicius illness, Richard Niedvares will require assistance to complete the audit. Mark Bell, former trustee, will provide the required assistance. The inventory of the Knights of Lithuania assets has been completed and will be commented on during the trustees presentation at the convention. They have attended all Supreme Council meetings and have offered sound suggestions and opinions. Richard and Bill have done a good job and are to be commended.

Amber District, Dorothy Banos, District President- Dorothy organized and presided at District meetings at Binghamton and Pittston. Profits from the districts annual raffle are donated to the various charitable organizations of the K of L. Council members have been writing letters to our President, local Senators and Congressman to ask their support for Lithuania's acceptance into NATO. Many District councils are participating in shipment of medical and humanitarian goods to convents and orphanages in Lithuania. Dorothy is a hard working individual and has been a very cooperative member of the Supreme Council.

Mid America District, Robert A. Martin, Jr., District President- The Mid America District has held three meetings which were co-celebrated with a Christmas party, 20th Anniversary Celebration of the reorganization of Council 14, Cicero and St. Casimir's Day Mass. During the Fall meeting in Los Angeles, the K ofL Choir was the featured performer at the LA Lithuanian Days and Honorary Members Faustas Strolia and Algerd Brazis served as festival Grand Marshals. Highlights of the event was a private K of L reception given by Ms. Ruta Lee at her home and a farewell party at the home of noted architect Mr. Milokas and his wife. A major milestone was the realization of a new Council in Lemont, IL. C-157. Council 82, Gary IN, has reorganized and is back in the district. Through the efforts of Maria Deksnis, an adult dance group has been organized. This group is in addition to the longtime youth groups under the direction of Frank Zapolis. Plans are well under way for Council 133 to host the first convention of the new millennium. Rob has been a very active and hard working member of the Supreme Council.

Mid Atlantic District, John J. Sakal, District President- John attended the Philadelphia and Chicago Supreme Council meetings. He organized and chaired district meetings in Newark NJ and Maspeth NY. John participated at a number of functions in his district including St. Casimirs Celebration and organized an Executive meeting to set an agenda for the Mid Atlantic District. John also attended a Treasure Coast, Council 153 meeting.

Mid Central District, Frances Petkus, District President- Frances attended all Supreme Council meetings. The district held their Fall Convention/ Pilgrimage in Pittsburgh and their Spring Convention / Bowling Tournament in Dayton. MCD maintains six active councils. The district continues to set and meet their goals covering their annual donations to Aid to Lithuania, St. Casimir Guild, Inc., K of L scholarship fund and K of L Foundation. District councils are busy maintaining the activities of the K of L such as holding meetings, St. Casimir's Day Mass Celebrations, Lichuanian Independence Day Celebrations and supporting K of L programs. Frances maintains close contact with all district councils and works with members when approached for help. As chairperson of the National Convention Nominating Committee, Frances has been actively working with other district presidents for viable candidates to the Supreme Council Board and Presidium.

New England District, William Piacentini, District President- Bill attended the Supreme Council meeting in Philadelphia, PA and conducted fall and spring New England District Conventions. NED was especially honored by its youth. Junior member Michael Anderson won first prize in the K of L Foundation essay contest and former junior essay contest winner, Bonnie Gulas, received the Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship award at the 85th National Convention in Waterbury, CT. South Boston Council 17 was fortunate to have the Rev. Stephen Zukas appointed its new pastor. Twelve of the thirteen of their councils contributed \$100.00 each for the new bed project to the Lithuanian Villa in Rome. Also, \$3500.00 was awarded to various individuals for educational endeavors from the Districts "Svikias- Tamulevich Memorial Scholarship Fund". Bill continues to work closely with his councils to promote ideals and goals of the Knights of Lithuania.

Archives Committee, HM Longinas Svelnis-Larry has traveled to Putnam four times and had two meetings with his Archives Committee. He reminds everyone that contributions to the Archives should be addressed to Knights of Lithuania Archives, c/o ALKA, 37 Mery Crest Drive, P.O. Box 608, Putnam, CT 06260. Larry and his committee will work closely with Len Barcousky in support of cataloging Lithuanian Affairs material collected over many years. Larry and his committee are to be lauded for their dedication in sorting, filing and maintaining of the archives.

Honorary Membership, HM Loretta I. Stukas, Executive Chair- Msgr. Anderlionis, National Spiritual Advisor, will be awarded Honorary Membership during the National Convention. His biography has been published in VYTIS in keeping with the Honorary Membership rules. The appointments of HM Algerd Brazis and HM Frank Petrauskas to the Honorary Membership Committee will be ratified during the 86th National Convention. Councils and Districts are invited to submit names of outstanding members for Honorary Membership, following the guidelines printed in the K of L Manual. Loretta continues to do an outstanding job.

Legal Advisor, Saulius Kuprys- Mr. Kuprys has filed all required reports with the appropriate government agencies to which the corporation must report. He has filed information return 990 to the Internal Revenue Service as required. An annual report to the secretary of the State of Illinois renewing our corporate status was sent. The official corporate name of our organization is: "Lietuvos Vyčiai (Knights of Lithuania)". This name should be used when the official corporate name of our organization is requested. Mr. Kuprys maintains contact with the subsidiary corporations of the Knights of Lithuania and has filed all the necessary government forms. Mr. Kuprys has reviewed the proposed expansion of the Aid to Lithuania Corporation to include the support for Lithuania's seminarian programs and determined that such expansion is permissible. He has always responded to various miscellaneous matters and legal questions which have come up from time to time. He has maintained good contact with the President.

VYTIS Editor, Maryte Abbott- Maryte was reappointed VYTIS editor by the President with Supreme Council approval. She has done much to enhance VYTIS and to continue to keep VYTIS a viable informative magazine. She has incorporated camera ready

copies and photos pre-scanned to disks. Maryte has set a number of goals for continued improvement including electronically archiving of the publication. Maryte and the business manager, Mary Kincius, keep in constant contact with each other. There are still some problems with the Chicago post office and Draugas, our printer, on mailing, production and other technicalities, they are being addressed and are being worked out. VYTIS computer equipment purchased almost three years ago is still functioning well. This equipment allows the editor to store entire issues on an additional drive which in send turn can be to the Archives. minimizing valuable space. Maryte is a hard working dedicated individual, she has done an outstanding job as our VYTIS editor.

VYTIS Business Manager, Mary Kincius was appointed VYTIS business manager by the President with the approval of the Supreme Council. She attended both meetings of the Supreme Council. She has kept in contact with Maryte Abbott, the editor, and Rita Sussko, the Financial Secretary for a smoother transition of VYTIS activities. Mary's work includes the update of dues payments, new members, deceased members, answering of internet inquiries etc. Back up disks are made each month and copies taken to the printer. Mary has attended a number of meetings and made numerous phone calls to the auditor of the U.S. Post Office in Chicago and Valentinas Krumplis of Draugas to resolve problems as they occur. She constantly updates the VYTIS mailing labels and invoices all advertising. She gathers left over copies and keeps them on hand for special requests. She has done a good job.

Language and Cultural Committee, HM Faustas Strolia, chairperson- Although I have not received his report, I have been assured his report will be available at the convention. Faustas is a very talented individual and I know he will have an outstanding cultural presentation for us.

Lithuanian Affairs Committee, Len Barcousky, chairperson- Len has been in contact with me, John Baltrus and Bill Kolicius on a number of K of L issues. He has worked diligently with members of S.C. for a candidate for our Friend of Lithuania Award. U.S. Congressman Bob Borski is an outstanding candidate for this Award. Len is preparing a panel for the National

Convention. The general topic will focus on the interrelations between Lithuania and Poland. Len is a diligent worker and I am confident he will have an outstanding presentation for us.

Public Relations, Regina Juska - Svoba, chairperson- Regina is a very dedicated member of the
Supreme Council. Her numerous articles on The
Knights of Lithuania activities appear regularly in
DRAUGAS, DIRVA and DARBININKAS. Regina has
translated articles for K of L Foundation, Aid to
Lithuania and the District and submitted them to the
Lithuanian press. At district and council level she participated in a number of meetings and commemorations
held by Lithuanian American Organizations. She prepared synopses of these activities, aired on both
Lithuanian radio programs - Lithuanian Melodies and
American Lithuanian Voice Inc. She has taken on many
responsibilities and has followed through on all of
them.

Ritual Committee, HM Clemencine Miller, chairperson attended all Supreme Council meetings. She has fulfilled her duties and has conducted this committee quite well. She answered each letter and call from council chairs and individual members. Clemencine and committee members Georgianna Macke, Joseph Zukas, Irene Yanek and Elsie Kosmisky worked diligently to assure that all qualified members are approved to receive their degrees. In 1999 there were 66 first degree, 36 second degree and 24 third degree applications approved. There are 26 applications approved for the fourth degree to be presented at the National Convention this Sunday, August first in Philadelphia. Clemencine always kept in contact with the President and her committee members for clarification on different issues. She has been working with ritual chairs of various councils in updating points and recording degrees. She continues to offer her assistance whenever needed. She has done an outstanding job as ritual committee chair.

Scholarship Committee. Irena Gecas - McCarthy, chairperson- Irena has corresponded with all scholarship committee members and sent an information package and questionnaire for their review. She has worked very thoroughly with her committee members Veronica Bizinkauskas Cote, Richard Schultz, Charles Rupsis, and Karen Damalakes. Irena has received thank

you letters from all scholarship winners and has forwarded them to Maryte Abbott for publication in the VYTIS. Irena and her committee are looking into ways to increase applications of qualified persons. With the aid of the Knights of Lithuania scholarship fund, we are helping qualified persons and future K of L leaders to further their education. Irena is a very capable hard working chairperson. She and her committee have done a very good job.



Polish panelists with Len Barcousky, Pres. John Mankus and HM Loretta Stukas

Aid to Lithuania. Inc., Regina Juska - Svoba, President. On November 16, 1998, Robert Boris suggested that Regina Juska-Svoba be proposed to the Board of Directors for appointment as President of ATL. Every Board Member responded affirmatively. Robert S. Boris, agreed to continue as chairman of the board. We all thank Bob for his professionalism and dedication all these many years and for continued success in his new activities with the Aid to Lithuania Inc. Through July of 1999, nine containers of medicine and medical supplies have been shipped to Lithuania with a total value of five million dollars. Regina will present a complete report of Aid to Lithuania Inc. accomplishments this Friday.

K of L Foundation Inc., HM Loretta Stukas, President- Adolph Klova and Lee Moore were reelected Directors to represent Amber and Mid-Central District and Mary Beth Slakis was newly elected to represent the Mid-America District, replacing Peter Zansitis who chose not to run. Mary Beth was also elected the Treasurer of the Foundation. Foundation finances will be reported on at the convention. The Foundation sponsors an essay contest and the Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship, winners will be announced at the Convention and will be published in VYTIS. Donations from the general membership are needed on a regular basis to guarantee the tax exempt status of the Foundation. Loretta is a very capable hard

working individual, she has contributed articles to VYTIS and is also a member of the Budget Resolutions Committee.

St. Casimir Guild, Inc., HM Anna Klizas Wargo, chairperson-From July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, requests for 512 Masses were received. Mass requests with Mass stipends are forward to Rome each month. These masses support the student priests and the Priests at the college, Msgr. Bartkus, priests and

student priests are most thankful for your support. At last years convention, Msgr. Bartkus asked members and Councils to help in the "Bed Project" for the College Guest House. 100 beds are needed, to date 55 donations have been received. On behalf of the Pontifical Lithuanian College in Rome and the Saint Casimir Guild, Anna asks for your continued support both financially with mass requests and spiritually. SUMMARY

Your elected National Executive Board members have worked diligently in fulfilling the duties of their offices. They are hard working dedicated people. Over the past two years as your elected President, I was invited to attend a number of meetings at the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington with leaders of other Lithuanian American Organizations and with Republic of Lithuania and U.S. elected officials. The views and ideas exchanged on cooperation and assistance, was to everyone's mutual benefit. These exchanges will lead to greater understanding between us all. Our goals, especially with our Lithuanian American Organizations and with our brothers and sisters in Lithuania are similar, if not the same. We can be leaders in this cooperation. The Knights of Lithuania have done more to help Lithuania than any other Organization. I believe we all will benefit from this cooperation, I believe our accomplishments will be greater, we will be working for God and Country.

DELEGATES Knights of Lithuania 86th National Convention Attendance Postar Philadelphia, Pennsylvania July 29 through August 1, 1999

Compiled by Rita Sussko, Mandate Committee Chair

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Msgr. Algirdas Bartkus, Algerd Brazis, Rev. Albin Janiunas, Agnes Mickunas, Annie Mitchell Matalevich, Frances Petkus, Frank Petrauskas, Estelle Rogers, Elinor Sluzas, Bertha Stoskus, Faustas Strolia, Loretta Stukas, Anna Klizas Wargo.

SUPREME COUNCIL:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis, John R. Mankus, Agnes Mickunas, Maryte Sepikas, Maria Deksnis, Bernice Aviza, John P. Baltrus, Rita S. Sussko, Richard Niedvares, Dorothy Banos, Robert A. Martin, John J. Sakal, HM Frances Petkus, William Piacentini, HM Loretta Stukas, Regina Juska-Svoba, Len Barkousky, HM Faustas Strolia, HM Clemencine Miller, Irena Gecas-McCarthy, HM Anna Klizas Wargo.

DISTRICT DELEGATES:

AMBER: Dorothy Banos, Nellie Bayoras-Romanas, MAD: Cathy Nakrosis, Becky Pataki, MAMD: Robert A. Martin, Jr., MCD: Paul Moore, Michael Petkus, NED: Vivian Rogers, Aldona Waska.

COUNCIL DELEGATES/ALT/GUESTS:

Sr. Helen Ivanauskas, Anthony Grein, Veronica Bizinkauskas, Frances Bumila, George Bumila.

C-3: Dianne Drumstas, Walter Svelka, Ray Pukis, Victor Stepalovich, Mary Bigenis, Len Kapochus, Margaret Petronis, HM Agnes Mickunas, Nellie Pandra, Irene Ozalis, Lillian Greymas, Alice



Mandate Committee Members included: (1 to r) Anne Marie Kassel, Rita Sussko (chair), Mark Bell, Anna Klizas Wargo and Maryte Sepikas (not in photo).

Bacon, Ausra Maknys, Stephany Gutauskas, Stella Panaccio, Elizabeth Sprow, Dorothy Machionis, Charles Seigle, Antoinette Petronis.

C-7: Kathryn Urban, Grace Rathburn, June Grenier.

C-12: Jovita Sleder, Alma Korengo, Helen Cuprewich, Helen Yurkus, Millie Pietz, John Antanavicius, Stella Marcinauskas, Alice Zupko.

C-16: Diann Martin, Aldona Zajauskas, Peter P. R. Zansitis.

C-19: Brian Johnson, Rita Johnson, Andrew Rozger.

C-25: Marion Gray, Vince Gray.

C-26: Alfred Rogers, Lillian Kondrotas, Marion Racicot, Arthur Racicot, Ruth Sarafinas.

C-27: Rev. William Wolkovich.

C-29: HM Loretta Stukas, Rita S. Sussko.

C-36: Mary Kincius, Evelyn Ozalis, Sabina Henson, Glenn Perutis, Janeen Perutis.

C-50: Isabel Peterson

C-52: Annie Mitchell Matalavich

C-63: Adolf Klova, Blanche Kohanski, Joe Kohanski.

C-72: Art Stankovitz, Grace Mankus, Barbara Miller.

C-78: Rev. Albin Janiunas HM.

C-86: Lee Moore, Irene Yanek, Joseph Yanek.

C-90: Elena Nakrosis

C-96: Frances Mikalauskas, George Mikalauskas, Elena Mikalauskas, Anna Marie Berger, Irena Gecas-McCarthy, Mark Bell.

C-100: Mirga Bablin, Edward Bablin, Polly Ziausys.

C-102: Regina Juska-Svoba.

C-103: HM Bertha Stoskys, Sophie Sakalys, William Piacentini.

C-110: Joseph Stelmokas, Mary Stelmokas, Walter Klosis, Edward Jakett, Frances Jakett, John Cummins, Maryte Abbott, Dorothy Sakal, Janette Urban, John Marus, Phylis Barkus.

C-112: Matt Vilutis, Philomena Vilutis, Edward Pocius, Anele Pocius, Mary Ellen Martis, Linas Martis, Julie Zakarka, Ellie Kasputis, Aldona

Brazis, HM Algerd Brazis, HM Estelle Rogers, Dolores Wainauskis, Kathleen Svelnis, Maria Deksnis, Edward Deksnis, Sr. Johanna Shainauskas, Sr. Tarciscia Stuglis, Betty Zibas.

C-133: Maryte Sepikas, Josephine Barzda.

C-136: Bernice Aviza, Beatrice Jasewicz, William Jasewicz.

C-140; HM Frank Petrauskas, Irene Petrauskas.

C-141: HM Clemencine Miller, Lee Marcinka, Eleanor Wisniewski.

C-142; Joseph Chaplick, Jean Lutwin.

C-143: Helen Karpovich, Jean Mihalich.

C-144: HM Anna Wargo, Helen Chesko, Elsie Kosmisky, Eleanor Vaicaitis.

C-l47: John Jonaitis, Dolores Jonaitis, Aldona Kirstuk, Janina Lauras.

C-152: Beatrice Lucka, Fred Lucka, Thomas Tarmey.

C-156: Rose Paczkoski, Genevieve Martino, Genevieve Ferbitski, Evelyn Wozney, Olympia Zelinski.

C-157: Ann Marie Kassel, HM Faustas Strolia, Georgianna Macke.

Gems of Wisdom from Ben Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanac:

(originally published in the 18th century)

Friends are the true Scepters of Princes.

Lend money to an enemy, and thou'lt will gain him, to a friend and thou'lt will lose him.



Ben Franklin

A flatterer never seems absurd: the flatter'd always takes his word.

Ignorance leads Men into a party, and Shame keeps them from getting out again.

Be always ashamed to catch thyself idle.

Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.

Give me yesterday's Bread, this Day's Flesh, and last year's Cider.

On the Calendar:

October 3, 1999 - C-141 Bridgeport, Connecticut, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a Dinner-Dance on For more information, contact Barbara Wilcinskas Schmidt at (203) 878-0519.

October 9, 1999 -Council-112 is planning a GRAND celebration of its 75th Diamond Jubilee at Nativity B.V.M. church and parish hall. Contact: Mrs. Julie Zakarka, chair

Sun. October 24, NED Cultural Festival, Maironis Park, Schrewsbury, MA 12 noon - 5 pm.

Sun. October 31, Halloween Dinner Dance, C-110's 75th Anniv. Celebration, Contact: Joe Stelmokas (516) 485-1073

Send in your district/council events at least 2 months in advance, to the editors to be included in this listing.

Knights of Lithuania Juniors Our Jegacy

by Maria Deksnis 3rd VP, Juniors

Fourteen Juniors attended the 86th National Convention and enjoyed Philadelphia's hospitality. Included were Sarah Barcousky, Peter Barcousky, Joseph Berger, Kamile Bizankauskas, Vilija Bizankauskas, Anna Marie Cius, Andrea Deksnis, Alex Deksnis, Lydia Martis, Lucia Martis, Paul Martis, Debbie Miller, Sean Miller and Lauren Peterson.

On Thursday morning, the Juniors attended the opening Mass at Old St. Mary's Church. The Juniors then boarded a ferry from Penn's Landing to their destination--New Jersey State Aquarium. Thank you Fr. Ed Avery for letting the Juniors try on various hats at the Thursday Evening Get-Together. We put on our walk-

ing shoes Friday as we toured many of Philadelphia's historic sights, including Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, U.S. Mint, and Betsy Ross house. Through Maryte Sepikas' persuasive manner, Benjamin Franklin joined us for a group photo (printed on cover).

The Juniors worked hard Saturday morning at their meeting. At the Fifth Plenary Session, the Juniors put on "Our Lady of Siluva"

skit put together by Rev. Tony Markus, C-ll2 Jr. Spiritual Advisor (See top photo, Maria Deksnis at top left). It was a fine performance enjoyed by all. The Juniors were awarded their Conventionship Certificates and George Mikalauskas gave all of the Juniors a beautiful hand-carved Lithuanian ornament.

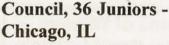
Cardinal Bevilacqua was so gracious, blessed the Juniors and gave each a medal on Sunday.



A sincere thank you to Barbara Mickunas for organizing such varied and interesting activities for the Juniors.

Just a personal note: For the past three years, I enjoyed being on the Supreme Council Board as 3rd Vice-President in charge of Juniors. I wish to thank everyone for all of their support and encouragement. The Juniors are a lot of fun to work with.

The Juniors are our future. The Juniors that attended this convention and previous conventions will probrably be seen at many other conventions and will hopefully become active members in their councils.



God put a rainbow in the sky and primarily used the colors of yellow, green and red. Yes, the Lithuanian colors of the flag on May 16, 1999. You know what they say about a rainbow - it arches over a world to proclaim that God's love is great and triumphs over every condition.

This special condition was the celebration of St. Rene's Parish's 45th Anniversary. Every Sunday there is a celebration of Masses of different Nationalities. The Mass was concelebrated by Rev. V. Mykolaitis and the pastor. Rev. Peter Paurazas said in Lithuanian.

What makes this event even more extra special is because of our two Juniors of C-36, Chicago, II-Mary and Anna Marie Cius. (** to page 35)

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Convention

Americans Living Our Lithuanian Heritage

Amerikiečiai, Kurie Sielojamės Savo Lietuvošku Paveldu

First Plenary Session

Thursday, July 29... The first session was called to order by K of L President, John Mankus, followed by the presentation of colors, the procession of the Supreme Council members and the singing of the National Anthems of the U.S.A. and Lithuania. An opening prayer, led by Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis and a roll call of all Supreme Council officers followed. A warm welcoming address was given by convention chairs Irene Ozalis and John Mickunas, which included a written greeting from the Mayor of Philadelphia (who greeted the group later at the Saturday night banquet). Greetings from the District were also given by Amber District president, William Piacentini.

Following approval of the convention agenda and the reading of convention rules by Robert Martin, Jr., the convention presidium was elected. Presidium members elected were: Chairperson, Piacentini, C-103; Co-chairs, John Baltrus, C-19, and Evelyn Ozelis, C-36; Recording Secretaries, Catherine Nakrosis, Elena Nakrosis, C-90; Mandate Committee, Rita Sussko-Chair, C-29, Mark Bell, C-96, Anne Marie Kassel, C-157, Anne Wargo, C-144, and Maryte Sepikas, C-133; Resolutions Committee, Robert Martin, Jr., C-16, Elinor Sluzas, C-96, Jean Kapochus Mihalick, C-143 and Theresa Strolia, C-157; Greetings Committee, Irena Gecas McCarthy, Chair, C-96, Sophia Sakalys, C-103, Antoinette Sakal, C-152, Elena Mikalauskas, C-96, and Maryte Abbott, C-110; Finance Committee, John Baltrus, Chair (MCD), Dorothy Banos (Amber), Elizabeth Pataki (MAD), Richard Niedvares (MAMD), and Marion Racicot (NED); Reviewing



Cultural Chair, Faustas Strolia gives his panel presentation on historical leadership aspects of Lithuanian Christianity

Minutes of the last convention, William Piacentini, C-103, Loretta Stukas, C-29 and Frank Petrauskas, C-140; Parliamentary Procedure, Peter Zansitis, C-16; Sergeants-at-Arms, Helen Karpovich (Amber), Joe Stelmokas (MAD), Edward Pocius (MAMD), Brian Johnson (MCD) and Kathryn Urban (NED).

President John R. Mankus presented his report to the convention (see text on page 4).

Supreme Council Treasurer, John P. Baltrus, gave a detailed report on the financial status of the K of L during the past year and a budget proposal for 1999-2000. His reports were accepted by the delegates and he was given a special thanks for doing an outstanding job as our national treasurer for the past four years.

Rita Kazragiene from the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington greeted the delegates and read a letter of greetings from Ambassador Stasys Sakalauskas. She noted that the government of Lithuania is appreciative of the Knights of Lithuania's impact on the newly-independent Lithuania in charitable pursuits such as Aid to

Lithuania, in political pursuits in seeking NATO membership and in cultural pursuits such as maintaining Lithuanian customs, ideals and traditions.

Greetings from the Lithuanian Alliance of America were read by HM Loretta Stukas.

Fr. William Valkavicius, noted author, greeted the conventioneers in person and spoke about his recent trilogy of Lithuanian Catholic Churches in America, pointing out some of the details of the in-depth publication. He had a copy of the publication on hand for review.

The session concluded with a mandate report and closing prayer.

Friday, July 30...The Second Plenary Session began with an opening prayer led by Msgr. Anderlonis. Minutes from the prior 85th National Convention held in Waterbury in 1998 were accepted by the committee and delegates.

Aid to Lithuania Inc.'s newly appointed president, Regina Juska Svoba gave a detailed report of the past year's donations and projects.

(Details from ATL report to come in further issues.)

Following a special in person greeting from Sr. Joanne Shainkauskas (C-112) of the Sister's of St. Casimir's in Chicago, additional greetings were read and resolutions presented.

Lithuanian Cultural and Language chairman, Faustas Strolia, gave an in-depth presentation on the aspects of spiritual leadership among Lithuanians and their ancestors within the second millennium of Christianity. (Text of his special report will be printed in future issues of VYTIS.)

The session concluded with a mandate report. A delightful luncheon was served to the delegates and special luncheon meetings were held by Aid to Lithuania and the K of L Foundation.

The Third Plenary Session began with an opening prayer and the report of the Trustees.

Lithuanian Affairs chairman, Len Barcousky hosted the second panel discussion entitled "Lithuanian and Polish Relationships since Independence". Guest speakers included Barbara "Basha" Ilnicki, host of daily Polish-American radio program; Polish affairs chair - Polish American Congress, Eastern PA district; Richard Klimek - Sec. PAC, Eastern District; Michael Blichasz - Pres. PAC, Eastern PA district and Theresa

Romanowski - VP PAC, Eastern PA district.

The discussion focused on what unified the Lithuanians and Poles rather than what had divided the two countries, how Poland's acceptance into NATO will help neighboring Lithuania and the general attitude of the Polish community regarding Lithuanians.

Richard Klimek discussed the political relationship between the neighboring countries including a strategic partnership signed by the presidents of Poland and Lithuania in June of 1997, and other treaties such as the abolishment of visas previous necessary to visit either country and elimination of double taxation on both countries' citizens.

Strong political support for the entry of Lithuania into NATO coupled with joint military exercises such as the establishment of LitPolBat, a special Polish - Lithuanian NATO battalion was discussed. Cultural exchanges, such as an international book fair and the loaning of the famous painting of the Battle of Zalgiris to a Vilnius museum was also mentioned.

Barbara Ilnicki spoke on how the viewpoints of generations following World War II have changed for the better, and how Polish people feel there is little animosity regarding their Northern neighbors. Poland has Lithuanian language programs and Lithuanian schools, and likewise there are Polish schools and language programs in Lithuania.

Poland is the fourth largest market for Lithuania and tourists from each country eagerly visit the other, according to Ms. Ilnicki. Although Poland and Lithuania are not yet part of the EU (European Union), economic standards are attempted to be met by both countries.

A question and answer period followed and panel members warmly invited delegates to the Polish Museum Exhibit Hall located near the hotel.

Loretta Stukas, president of the K of L Foundation spoke briefly on one of Foundation's projects, financing religious education bocks to Lithuanian grammar school children in grades 3 through 6. (see related article)

The session concluded with resolutions, greetings and a mandate report.

Saturday, July 31. The fourth plenary session began with an opening prayer and the announcement of continued monetary greetings and convention resolu-

tions. Second Vice President, Maryte Sepikas, presented awards to councils and individuals for helping to increase membership. (See related story.) In addition, she emphasized that 138 new members joined the K of L during the year and 11 of these had made their first inquiry through the K of L website on the Internet. She also relayed that the young adopted orphan, Tommy, who we met at last year's convention, now resides in Waterbury, is doing well and sent his regards to K of L'ers.

Fourth degree candidates were introduced to the delegates by Clemincine Miller, Ritual Committee Chair.

The Knights of Lithuania Foundation president, HM Loretta Stukas, gave her the Foundation's report and announced the Foundation's Essay Contest winners. She said she was pleased with the content and number of entries and further noted that entrants wrote on topics "close to their hearts". Winning essays will be published in this and forthcoming issues of VYTIS.

Supreme Council officers were elected by the delegates. (All 1999-2000 elected officers are printed in the inside cover of this issue.)

After resolutions and more monetary greetings were presented, the session was closed with a prayer. A special luncheon meeting of the St. Casimir's Guild was held for its board members.

The fifth and final plenary session was opened with a prayer. St. Casimir Guild president, Anna Klizas Wargo presented Msgr. Al Bartkus of the Lithuanian Pontifical College located in Rome with a check for \$10,000 for the continuance of work being done with the College in Rome. Mrs. Wargo then gave her report to the convention. In it she thanked delegates and friends for contributions to the Guild and for mass stipends. Regarding mass stipends, she further noted that those who wish to schedule a Mass for a specific date need to send it in at least a month in advance.



Lithuanian Affairs Chair, Len Barcousky,
(2nd from left) hosts a discussion on Polish
Lithuanian relations. Polish American congress panelists included Barbara "Basha"
Ilnicki, host of daily Polish-American radio
program, Richard Klimek, Michael BlichaszPres. PAC, Eastern PA district and Theresa
Romanowski. Pictured also in photo is K of L
president, John R. Mankus.

Msgr. Bartkus also addressed the group and was thankful for the support. Last year, when he had requested aid for new beds at the guesthouse, he asked for 50 and got 60 (and even more at this convention).

Of the students who had studied at the seminary this past school year, 14 were from Lithuania, 7 completed their studies and two received their doctorates. The Monsignor added that during the upcoming year, 12 to 14 Lithuanian students will be registered and noted that the Lithuania cannot help the College in Rome to financially support its students.

He then gave a brief talk on the history of the College in Rome.

The Monsignor's project for this year is to help fund new electronic equipment for the library. The cost is approximately \$5,000. "For as long as we are able, let us keep doing our best," he concluded.

The Juniors, led by Maria Deksnis, 3rd Vice President, entertained the conventioneers with a delightful short play entitled "Our Lady of Siluva". (See related article.)

The convention site for next year was confirmed as Los Angeles, California. Maryte Sepikas spoke on the upcoming event and invited families to plan a summer vacation around the convention. The dates are: July 27 through 31, 2000; the place is the Sheraton Universal (located near Universal Studios). "There is nothing like a California Knight!" concluded Maryte.

More Resolutions, the final monetary greetings and the mandate report was given. The convention was closed with a prayer and the singing of the Vyciu Hymnas.

Some convention trivia about C-133:

The last convention there was in 1965 and four couples met and became engaged as a result. The median age of a C-133 member is 45! Fourteen members of C-133 are in the movie, "Lost Souls".

1999 Convention Membership Awards

by Marytė Sepikas Second Vice-President - Membership

1st - C-133, LA, CA with 21 new members
2nd - C-7, Waterbury, CT with 13 new members
3rd - C-110, Maspeth, NY with 10 new members
4th -C-136, Hudson-Mohawk, NY with 9 new members
5th - tied with four winners C-82, Gary IN; C-96,
Dayton, OH; C-144, Anthracite, PA; and C-157,
Lemont, IL, all with 7 new members.

Individuals included:

1st - Maryte Sepikas C-133, Los Angeles, with 19 new members; 2nd - Mark Bell, C-96, Dayton, OH with 9 new members; 3rd - John Mankus, C-72 Binghamton, NY with 5 new members; 3rd - Anele Pocius, C-112, Chicago with 5 new members; 4th - Joseph Chaplick, C-142, Washington DC with 4 new members.

15 Suggestions for New Members

Here are my 15 suggestions that have proven successful for me in attracting new members.

- 1. Encourage current members to buy a subscription to Vytis magazine for their children, grandchildren, family and friends. Once they read about all the activities the Knights have, their interest will be peaked and they will be happy to join.
- 2. Scholarships advise local schools of our excellent scholarship program. What parent or student would not welcome additional educational funds.
- 3. Wear your amber jewelry proudly. Amber catches everyone's attention and it gives you a chance to tell someone about the Knights as well as explain about gintaras Lithuania's gold.
- **4.** Wear a Lithuanian tee-shirt or other apparel displaying the Lithuanian colors. You will be surprised by the comments you receive. I am always amazed by the pride so many have in their Lithuanian roots and heritage.
- 5. Place a Lithuanian symbol, K of L sticker or any-

thing with a Lithuanian motif on your car bumper. You would be amazed how many notes I get on my car from those who want to know more about Lithuanian events.

- 6. Write or call your local newspaper and ask them to feature Lithuanian recipes in their weekly food section.
- 7. Start a Lithuanian cooking school. If you need recipes just look in the back issues of Vytis. Great way to meet new members, friends and people that enjoy cooking. At our last school, we had more men than women attending and sharing cooking knowledge. I would be more than happy to help you start a cooking school.
- **8.** Write or call your local newspaper and ask them to feature Lithuanian or international folk festivals. Make sure to include a contact name and address for those interested in following up.
- 9. Find the international folk festivals in your area, please inquire as to how to get a booth. Sometimes if you are just distributing information the booths are free. Selling Lithuanian food and articles is also a great money making venture. If your council members do not cook Lithuanian food, there are several Lithuanian delis in Chicago who will ship bread and food overnight.
- 10. Internet explore the possibilities. Place an announcement on your local bulletin boards about meetings and other council events.
- 11. Contact your local Catholic churches in your area and ask if you can put an announcement in their Sunday bulletins.
- 12. Contact any Catholic single groups in your area and invite them to council meetings and events.
- 13. Check your local telephone book or the Internet for Lithuanian surnames. You might be surprised to find another with your surname as well.
- 14. If you have any suggestions, please share them with us.
- 15. Most importantly always wear a smile and have a good attitude show them Lithuanian friendliness. Show potential members that the Knights celebrate the joy of being Lithuanian.

Marytė Sepikas

Knight of Lithuania Scholarship Awards at the 86th National Convention Banquet

by Irena Gecas-McCarthy Scholarship Committee Chair

The Irene Sankus Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 that is awarded each year to a seminarian attending the Pontifical Lithuanian College-Seminary in Rome. Monsignor Bartkus selected Vidas Lukosevicius, a second year student from the Diocese of Telsiai, as the recipient upon his return to Rome. Each year the winner is from a Diocese in Lietuva and is studying in either his first or second year in Rome.

The second scholarship, our top scholarship this year, the new Sviklas and Tamulevich Memorial Scholarship will be for \$3,000 and it is awarded to ANNAMARIE SLUZAS BERGER, a member of Council 96 - Dayton. Annamarie participated at this convention along with her mother Elinor Sluzas, Honorary Member, and Joseph, her son who is a Junior. She is one of our nontraditional students. Annamarie will be returning to school after almost 15 years to Wright State University. She began her pursuit for a 1982 in college degree in Organizational Communications. However, she as a youth got sidetracked along the way.....she fell in love, then marriage, and then a baby, and a household. After many years, she has decided to continue school again this fall. She hopes to work in Public Relations for a non-profit agency, preferably one that serves children or people in need. She is a 3rd degree member. Congratulations Annamarie.

The Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship (which is provided through the K of L Foundation) is for \$2,000 and is awarded to a young gentleman from Council 17 - South Boston, DONATAS GALENTAS. Donatas was born in Kaunas Lithuania. He came from Lithuania to the U.S. 5 years ago in the hope of receiving a good education and to help his family in Lithuania. While in the U.S., he attended Quincy College in Massachusetts and received his Associate Degree in Computer Science. He is now pursuing a Bachelor's Degree from Bridgewater State College. In his short time, he has quickly become involved in the

Lithuanian-American community in Boston and joined Council 17. Congratulations...Donatas.

The final scholarship for \$1,800 is awarded to another young lady from Council 96 Dayton, LINDA PANT. Linda will be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in She received her Associate's Degree in Education. General Studies in 1988 and worked for about 11 years. Linda is married and is now pregnant and will be juggling the demands of studying and taking care of their new child. Linda too has decided to return to school after a period. She is the wife of the President of Council 96. Linda quickly embraced the Knights in Dayton once introduced to the organization through her husband, Rob over 5 years ago. Many of you may also remember her from Mid-Central District functions and the Registrations Committee at the National Convention in Dayton only two years ago. Congratulations Linda.

Over the last year, the Committee has struggled with what changes we can make to the award program to keep it meaningful and current with the times and the new millenium. Over the last year, I have attempted to bring the Scholarship Committee into the Information Age and have computerized the application form, taking into account that many of our youth are active on computers. All of the applicants used this option to complete their applications and all of them I have e-mail as a means of communication.

Starting next year, for the Year 2000 applications, the Committee has voted to lift the restriction that stipulated that an applicant may only win once. Please note that as of next year, this would allow applicants to apply more than once or from year to year throughout their college education. However, there would be no guarantees of receiving an award more than once.

K of L scholarships are awarded based on a numerical voting system that takes into account the following attributes: K of L involvement (2 year membership requirement); Financial Need, Character Reference, Academic Ability, and Community Service.

I would like to thank you all of you for your continued support of the scholarship program.



A Successful Completion to the

Knights of Lithuania Foundation 1999 Essay Contest

This year's Knights of Lithuania Foundation Essay Contest provides members an opportunity to share personal thought relating to the Knights, Lithuania, their Lithuanian heritage. The topic of the 1999 Foundation Contest was:

Write an Essay about something related to either the Knights of Lithuania, your Lithuanian heritage, or Lithuania itself, that is especially close to your heart.

Essays were judged on the basis of content, style, grammar, creativity, general appearance, and adherence to the stated

topic. Judging was anonymous — judges did not know the identity of any of the entrants until the judging was over. Judges, who represented all Districts, included:

> Matthew Anderson (1988 Winner) Adolf Klova (AMD) Clemencine Miller (NED) Aldona Ryan (MCD) Mary Beth Slakis (MAMD) Loretta Stukas (MAD)

12 entries were received, representing all 5 Districts and 9 Councils. The quality of the essays entered was heartening, the topics were interesting, and the judging difficult.

Winners were announced at the 86th National Convention in Philadelphia, PA. The winning entries will be published in this issue and



Joanne Antanavage of C-144, Anthracite, PA receives prize for winning essay from Foundation Chair, HM Loretta I. Stukas

subsequent issues.

We thank all the members who entered the contest, and congratulate those in the "winning circle", namely:

1st Prize (\$300.00) Joanne Antanavage C-144, Anthracite, PA

2nd Prize (\$200.00) Nina Padalino C-24, Chicago, IL

3rd Prize (\$100.00) John Baltrus C-19, Pittsburgh, PA

Hon. Mention - Helen Matulonis C-11O, Maspeth, NY

Hon. Mention - Natalie Padalino C-24, Chicago, IL

The Knights of Lithuania is most grateful to Rev. Msgr. Juozas Prunskis for his generosity in donating a special grant of \$10,500 to the Foundation, with the specification that the interest from the grant be used for an Essay Contest, encouraging members to think about and write about Lithuania, her needs, and the Knights of Lithuania.

We encourage all members to enter the next contest!

Loretta I. Stukas, President Knights of Lithuania Foundation, Inc.

K of L Foundation Essay Winner-First Prize

Return to My Roots

by Joanne Antanavage, C-144

hen I return from Lithuania, I want to start my story with, once upon a time..... I ask myself why, and a tumble of impressions comes to mind. I always feel a spiritual beauty.

The country has held on to its pagan roots and love of nature. There are many wayside carvings and shrines along the country roads. Some of these spiritual origins have been translated into the Christian religion with the profusion of churches and Hill of Crosses.

The people are beautiful and gentle. I always feel that I am home.

My trip with the dance group
Zilvinas, to take part in the international
festival was a privilege. The dances had taken
place in the Soviet Union, but now we were invited as part of the group of Lithuanians from all over
the world. We came from Canada, United States,
Europe, and South America: Descendents of the
previous generations who fled from political and
economical turmoil.

The Festival lasted four days and the theme was based on the holiness of bread. The dances were interpretations of planting, growing and harvesting of bread. We practiced for months before we left, and several days, with all the other Lithuanians for the final pageant. It was an awesome feeling to enter the stadium with thousands of other dancers.

Each group was noted by name. I felt that I was part of a historical event. Our group dances centered on the harvest. We carried sheaves of

grain across the field and danced celebrating the harvest. When the program was finished, all the participating dancers poured into the stadium for the traditional ending, Suktinas Polka.

The young, the old, people from all nations, intertwined to dance. It was an euphoric ending!

I thought that I had enjoyed the very best.... The next day we paraded through Vilnius, in our national costumes, with the other 10,000 dancers and singers. We were greeted with such enthusiasm and joy. Lithuanians broke out of the crowd to give us flowers and thank us for coming so far. Every comer we turned, we were cheered. It was

so unexpected and overwhelming. I cried, thinking of my grandparents who left during czarist Russia and harsh conditions. Just maybe they were watching?

I have linked back to the values of my family. They had a deep spiritual life, a sense of right and wrong, honesty, intimacy of relationships, and above all, love. Thinking of this and my experiences this summer, I feel blessed.



The Milford, Connecticut Senior Center has a 'Help Lithuania Project"

According to Leisure Life (July 1999 issue) \$15,000 of donated medical supplies and toiletries have been donated on behalf of the K. of L. according to Kathi McDonnell-Bissell, the center's executive director. Items can be still dropped off at the center or call (203) 877-5131 for more information.

(F from letters on page 2) More Thanks

To the editor:

I want to thank you and everyone involved in choosing my essay for the prize. It will be an honor to my grandparents to have my heartfelt thoughts published about Lithuania. I was especially glad to meet everyone at the convention. Our dance group performed last weekend in the Anthracite region. It's been a busy summer. Joanne Antanavage

Former Agent Publishes Book on Lithuanian Army

Dear Editors:

Here is a book to add to the list in Liepa/Rugpjutis VYTIS. The book is "A History of the Lithuanian Military Forces in World War II, 1939-1945". It was published by Lithuanian Research and Studies Center, Chicago. Authored by Henry L. Gaidid, it stands out as an unrivaled coverage of the topic.

In the introduction Vytenis Statkus says that a gap may be noticed in the information concerning the events in the Southern Baltic region, inhabited by the small nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. This region, he says, neighbors much larger powers of intersecting inteest: Rrussia, Germany, and Poland which have historically affected Lithuania.

Statkus continues, "An avid and devoted student of the military history of Lithuania, a third-generation Lithuanian-American, Henry L Gaidis, devoted many hours studying the military aspects of Lithuanian history during the years of the Second World War. He presents a tragic story of a small and peaceful nation caught in the maelstrom of war between two overwhelming forces.

Gaidis, a recently retired FBI Agent, has an enormous collection of Lithuanian army memorabilia. The resident of the Maryland suburbs of Washington displays part of his collection at the Baltimore Lithuanian Festival each June.

In his own words the purpose of thes book is to recount the courageous struggle of the Lithuanian army

in its atemp to preserve the nation's independence. *Edward Budelis* (via email)

Lithuanians On-Air

To the Editor:

On a recent Sunday afternoon, July 25th, ten Lithuanian Radio Amateurs met at the immaculate Conception Convent's Annual Picnic in Putnam, Conn. The ten men were as follows: WIHNF ED, DKIBJ ED, KIAMG TONY, KINCZ DAN, WEIN FRAN, KDISI GEORGE, AAISR HUGH, KBITY RIMAS, WIWHM VIN, and KIWWZ LOU. We all enjoyed what we amateurs call an "EYEBALL Q SO" and we had a great time just being together.

We also have our reguair weekly meetings by radio at 9:30 A.M. on Mondays at 7.233 Meg Hertz, and we often use our native language. We call this meeting by radio our LY NET. LY is the international call for Lithuania and we all take turns conversing when conditions are favorable, in our native Lithuanian. We all look forward to getting together again!

Tony Sidla, KIAMG (C-103 member)

Changing Times

To the Editor:

Many years ago, my brother and I visited the home that we grew up in as youngsters. This was in Cicero, IL. My grandparents once owned the building across the street from St. Anthony's Church and grammar school on the corner of 50th and 15th Street (4938 West 15th Street) back in the mid 1940-50's. It really saddens me to see how our home has deteriorated over a period of years. I shall always remember American flags filling the streets, something one does not see today on holidays.

Ron Buck (Bukauskas) Laguna Hills, CA

Smiles: Leondas Galinskas, C-79

The Dentist's Hymn:

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

The TV Weatherman's Hymn: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

Convention Chefs

Submitted by: Victor Stepalovich, C-3

Marinated Carrots

2 bags carrots (21b) pared and sliced. Cook until semi-soft. Slice I large onion snd one large green pepper,set aside.

Mix or Blend together:
I cup- vegetable oil
1 cup sugar, white
3/4 cup white vinegar
1can reg. size tomato soup
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp dry mustard

Mix the blended or mixed items together well. Add the chopped onion and pepper and mix well. Add cooked carrots and mix well. Place in container and refrigerate.

•This will keep for 2 weeks

Jewish Apple Cake

3 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup orange juice
1 cup oil
3 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
4 eggs

Mix together:
3 or 4 sliced apples, lengthwise
4 tsps. sugar
2 tsps. cinnamon

Cream sugar, shortening eggs well. Add baking powder salt orange juice and vanilla. Beat with wooden spoon until flour is blended in well so flour will not fly all over the place, then beat well till well mixed.

Grease and flour 10 inch tube pan. Add 1/3 batter and layer of apples, then another 1/3 batter and layer of apples, then the final 1/3 batter. If any

apples left apply this on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hr to 1-1/4 hr till done. Place knife through top, if done it will come out clean.

Seven Up Cake

3/4 lb. oleo or butter
3 cups sugar
5 eggs
3 cups flour
2 tsp. Lemon Extract
3/4 cup Seven Up

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well each time - add lemon extract -Add flour alternating with 7-Up.

Grease and flour 10" tube pan - pre-heat oven. Bake 325 degrees for 1 1/4 hours.

Opening Mass

On Thursday, July 29, our opening Mass was concelebrated by eight priests including Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis. We were able to walk from the hotel to one of the oldest Catholic churches in Philadelphia, established in 1763, Old St. Mary's which had been the first cathedral. One could feel the history here and in the surrounding area, as the Continental Congress worshiped here and many notables are buried in the adjoining cemetery that include Commodore John Barry, Thomas Fitzsimons, General Moylan and the great grandfather of the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onasis, the Bouviers. Msgr. Joe, noted for his gift of inspirational homilies spoke about sacred grounds and sacred values. He added that we Lithuanians had a number of sacred places that include nature and our rich culture is tied to many such places. He also noted that many immigrants to America came through the Philadelphia port, and those immigrants included his own grandmother.



Photo: Paul Martis, Jr. of C-112, Chicago standing near the Bouvier gravesite in back of church.

1999 Philadelphia Convention Resolutions

Compiled by Robert A. Martin, Jr. Resolutions Chairman

Subject: In memoriam: Dalia Bulvicius

Resolution: WHEREAS during this past year, the Knights of Lithuania lost a very prominent and active member, Dalia Bulvicius.

BE IT RESOLVED that in grateful appreciation and recognition of her work and dedication to the Knights of Lithuania organization, we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, on this 29th day of July, 1999, pay tribute to this worthy and outstanding Knight with a moment of silence.

"May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace."

Submitted By:Maryte Abbott On behalf of: SC – Vytis Staff Member of Council #: 110 Date: July 30, 1999 Resolution #: 1-1 Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Thank you Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA.

Resolution: WHEREAS The management and the staff of the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA demonstrated an uncommon level of hospitality, courtesy, and cooperation during our 86th annual National Convention: and

WHEREAS The accommodations were most comfortable and pleasing,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Supreme Council President send a note of appreciation and thanks on behalf of all the delegates.

Submitted By: John Sakal

On behalf of: Presidium Resol. Comm.

Member of Council #: 152

Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #: 3-7

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED That the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, extend their warmest appreciation and gratitude to the members of Council 3 and their entire 86th National Convention Committee for their hard work, diligence and professionalism in their preparation and presentation this convention.

Submitted By:Robert A. Martin, Jr.
On behalf of: Presidium Resol. Comm.
Member of Council #:16
Date: July 31, 1999
Resolution #:3-4
Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Thank you to outgoing Supreme Council Officers

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED That the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, express on behalf of themselves and the general membership, that they represent, their deepest gratitude to the 1998-1999 Supreme Council for its dedicated service to the organization and support of the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

Submitted By: Theresa Strolia
On behalf of: Presidium Resol. Comm.
Member of Council #: 157
Date: July 31, 1999
Resolution #:3-5
Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Thank you to 86th National Convention Presidium.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED That the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, extend their 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.

Submitted By: Elinor Sluzas, H.M. **On behalf of:** Presidium Resol. Comm.

Member of Council #:96 Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #:3-6

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Thanks to Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres

Resolution: WHEREAS Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres has provided Lithuania with six containers of badly needed medicine valued at \$ 2,390,836.00, and WHEREAS Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres has requested assistance from Aid to Lithuania to provide funds for transportation of these three shipments,

BE IT RESOLVED That the 86th National Convention thank <u>Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres</u> for its concern for the people of Lithuania and the spirit of cooperation.

Submitted By: Regina Juska-Svoba, Pres. **On behalf of:** Aid to Lithuania, Inc.

Member of Council #:102 Date: July 30, 1999 Resolution #: 2-3

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Thanks to Catholic Medical Mission Board

Resolution: WHEREAS Catholic Medical Mission Board has been generous in supplying much needed medicines to Lithuania and has supplied medicines to Lithuania with a value of \$2,671,151.00,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Knights of Lithuania 86th National Convention send a thank you to them for their continued support.

Submitted By:Regina Juska-Svoba, Pres.
On behalf of: Aid to Lithuania, Inc.
Member of Council #:102
Date:July 30, 1999
Resolution #:2-2
Resolution Outcome: Passed

Honorary Membership for Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, STD

Resolution: WHEREAS The 85th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Waterbury, CT August 7, 1998, approved the candidacy of Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, STD, for elevation to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania, and constitutional requirement WHEREAS all and considerations have been met for this award, BE IT RESOLVED That the Knights of Lithuania National Convention confer Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania upon Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, STD, National Spiritual Advisor, member of Council 3 and the Amber District.

> Submitted By:Loretta Stukas, H.M. - Chr On behalf of: Honorary Mem. Comm. Member of Council #:29

Date: July 30, 1999 Resolution #:3-9

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: St. Casimir's Guild.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, continue to show our support to the Lithuanian Pontifical College of St. Casimir in Rome, Italy, with a donation of \$1,000.00 through the St. Casimir's Guild.

Submitted By: Robert A. Martin, Jr.
On behalf of: Nat. Convention Delegates
Member of Council #:16

Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #:4-8

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Thanks to Lietuviu Balsas

Resolution: WHEREAS Lietuviu Balsas has generously publicized news about the Knights of Lithuania.

BE IT RESOLVED That the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, express

its appreciation of Lietuviu Balsas and its staff for their cooperation and generosity.

Submitted By: Regina Juska-Svoba On behalf of: S.C. Public Relations

Member of Council #:102

Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #:3-3

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Appreciation of DARBININKAS.

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

BE IT RESOLVED That the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, express its appreciation of DARBININKAS and its staff for their cooperation and generosity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a donation of \$100.00 be sent to DARBININKAS with an expression of gratitude.

Submitted By: Regina Juska-Svoba **On behalf of:** S.C. Public Relations

Member of Council #:102 Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #:4-5

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc.

Resolution: WHEREAS The children orphaned and institutionalized and poor families are in dire need of food, clothes, medicines and other basic needs, and WHEREAS Many members are actively involved in helping to tether, pack and ship these needed items, and

WHEREAS Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc. has successfully shipped and distributed one hundred and two (102) 40' containers,

BE IT RESOLVED That the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, donate \$1,000.00 to Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc.

Submitted By: Theresa Strolia

On behalf of: Nat. Convention Delegates

Member of Council #:157

Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #:4-10

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Appreciation of DIRVA

Resolution: WHEREAS The Lithuanian Weekly, DIRVA, has generously printed news of the Knights of Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED That the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, express its appreciation to the DIRVA and its staff for their cooperation and generosity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a donation of \$100.00 be sent to DIRVA with an expression of gratitude.

Submitted By:Regina Juska-Svoba On behalf of: S.C. Public Relations Member of Council #:102

Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #:4-6

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Appreciation of DRAUGAS

Resolution: WHEREAS The Lithuanian Catholic Daily, "Draugas", has consistently and generously printed news of the Knights of Lithuania in the "Vyciu Veikla" column and other parts of their publication, and

Whereas 1999 marks the 90th Anniversary of this outstanding Lithuanian Christian publication, therefore BE IT RESOLVED That the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, express its sincerest gratitude to "Draugas" and its staff for their cooperation and generosity in publicizing Knights of Lithuania activity. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a donation of \$200.00 be sent to "Draugas" with an expression of gratitude.

Submitted By: Regina Juska-Svoba On behalf of: S. C. Pub. Relations Comm. Member of Council #:102 Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #:4-7

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject:

Donation to AID TO LITHUANIA, INC.

Resolution: WHEREAS The work of AID TO LITHUANIA, INC. has contributed much for Lithuania and her people through the provision of much medical and humanitarian aid,

BE IT RESOLVED That the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, express their support of this worthy project with a donation of \$1,000.00.

Submitted By: Robert A. Martin, Jr On behalf of: Nat. Convention Delegates

Member of Council #:16 Date: July 31, 1999

Resolution #:4-9

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Donation to Sisters

Resolution: WHEREAS The Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Sisters of St. Casimir, Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God and the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception strive to introduce new ways of serving the religious in Lithuania; and,

WHEREAS the Knights of Lithuania also strive to make known the needs of Lithuania's religious communities and support them in various ways as best it can,

BE IT RESOLVED That the delegates to the 86th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, acknowledge the Sisters' works with a donation of \$100.00 to each of the four communities. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That we ask and encourage each of our members to continue to offer support to the Sisters' efforts.

Submitted By: Robert A. Martin, Jr. On behalf of: Nat. Convention Delegates

Member of Council #: 16

Date: July 31, 1999

Resolution #:4-4

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Congratulations to Council 112, Chicago, IL (Marquette Park)

Resolution: Whereas 1999 marks the 75th Anniversary of Knights of Lithuania Council 112, Chicago, IL (Marquette Park), and

Whereas the officers and members of Knights of Lithuania Council 112, plan a gala anniversary celebration for Saturday, October 9, 1999, therefore

Be it resolved that we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA offer our sincerest congratulations to Knights of Lithuania Council 112 on this momentous occasion,

Be it further resolved that we instruct the Supreme Council President to send a letter to Council 112 expressing our joyous sentiments.

Submitted By: Robert A. Martin, Jr., Pres. On behalf of: The Mid-America District

Member of Council #:16 Date: July 30, 1999 Resolution #: 2-5

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject:

Constitutional Change to Article 9, Sect. 2

Resolution: Whereas Our constitution currently states that each national convention chooses the site for the next convention, and

Whereas on occasion the organization might elect to / need to select a convention site two years prior to a convention date, therefore

Be it resolved that we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA amend Article 9, Section 2, of the constitution to state that the delegates to a national convention may select the site for future conventions up to two(2) years prior to the convention date,

Be it further resolved that if approved this change will be retroactive to votes taken in this article at the 1998 National Convention.

1996 National Convention

Submitted By: Robert A. Martin, Jr., Pres. On behalf of: The Mid-America District

Member of Council #:16

Date:July 30, 1999 Resolution #: 1-3

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject:

Council and District Levels Oath of Office

Resolution: Whereas Currently the Knights of Lithuania Constitution only includes an oath of membership and an oath of office for Supreme Council Officers, and

Whereas an oath of office needs to be taken on the Council and District Levels of the organization as well, and

Whereas these oaths of office should be uniform for everyone, therefore

Be it resolved that we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA instruct the Supreme Council to create an oath of office for the Council and District Levels of the organization, and

Be it further resolved that these oaths be included into the Constitution Book.

Submitted By: Estelle Rogers, H.M.
On behalf of: Same
Member of Council #:112
Date:July 30, 1999
Resolution #:1-2
Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject:

Congratulations to Sr. Helen Ivanauskas, SJC

Resolution: Whereas The Spring of 1999 saw Sr. Helen Ivanauskas, SJC, member Council 1, receive the "Life in Christ Award" presented by the *My Brother's Keeper* Organization, and

Whereas Sister has continually brought honor to her fellow Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Lithuanian Children's Relief Fund, her family and the Knights of Lithuania by her many great accomplishments in humanitarianism, therefore

Be it resolved that we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania,

gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA offer our sincerest congratulations to this valued fellow Knight with a standing ovation.

Valio ir Ilgiausiu Metu, Sr. Helen!

Submitted By: Anthony Grein On behalf of: Same Member of Council #:1 Date: July 30, 1999 Resolution #: 2-1 Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Honorary Membership Candidacy for Rev. Peter Shakelis

Resolution: Be it resolved that we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA at the recommendation of the Honorary Membership Committee, approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership Rev. Peter Shakelis, member, Council 1, Brockton, MA and Spiritual Advisor of the New England District, and Be it further resolved that his history, outlining his services as a worthy candidate be published in VYTIS.

Submitted By: Loretta Stukas, H.M. - Chr. On behalf of: Hon. Membership Comm.

Member of Council #:29

Date: July 31, 1999 **Resolution #:** 3-11

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject:

Congratulations to Council 110, Maspeth, NY

Resolution: Whereas 1999 marks the 75th Anniversary of Knights of Lithuania Council 110, Maspeth, NY, therefore

Be it resolved that we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA offer our sincerest congratulations to Knights of Lithuania Council 110 on this momentous occasion,

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IIM Msgr. Joe
oversaw
the convention
in
his usual
dignified
manner



The Resolutions Committee resolved that we all have a good time.

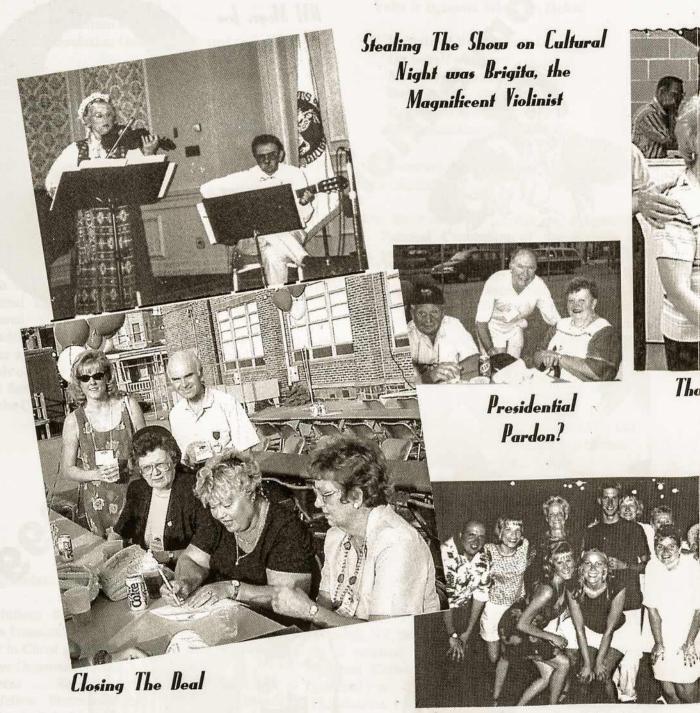
We all agreed!



The Presidium concurred



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Upwardly mobile?

Visiting Polish dignitaries were given the royal treatment.

A Friend (of Lithuania) and his Lady.





Honarary Members with Honored Magr. Joe



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Be it further resolved that we instruct the Supreme Council President to send a letter to Council 110 expressing our joyous sentiments.

> Submitted By: John Sakal, President MAD On behalf of: The Mid-Atlantic District

Member of Council #:152 Date: July 30, 1999 Resolution #: 2-4

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: In memoriam: Rev. Msgr. Frank Bulivas

Resolution: WHEREAS during this past year, the Knights of Lithuania lost a very prominent and active member, Rev. Msgr. Frank Bulivas, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that in grateful appreciation and recognition of her work and dedication to the Knights of Lithuania organization, we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, on this 29th day of July, 1999, pay tribute to this worthy and outstanding Knight with a moment of silence.

"May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace."

> Submitted By: John Sakal, President On behalf of: Mid-Atlantic District Member of Council #:152 Date: July 30, 1999

Resolution #: 1-4

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Support of the Stasys Lozoraitis Fund for **Diplomatic Studies**

Resolution: WHEREAS there exits a lack of welltrained personnel in Lithuania to staff diplomatic ports around the world, and

Whereas a U.S. university is currently establishing educational ties with Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania, for the study of Diplomacy and International Relations, and

Whereas Mrs. Stasys Lozoraitis, widow of the late Lithuanian Ambassador to the U.S., who was also an Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania, has established a Stasys Lozoraitis Fund, which will be used to sponsor the brightest and best students from Lithuania to study Diplomacy and International Relations as a University in the U.S., therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, on this 31st day of July, 1999 donate \$100.00 to the Stasys Lozoraitis Fund to honor our late Honorary Member and help Lithuania train new diplomats in the U.S.

> Submitted By: Loretta Stukas, H.M. On behalf of: same Member of Council #:29 Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #: 4-3

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject:

Revision of Knights of Lithuania Hymn

Resolution: WHEREAS Our Knights of Lithuania Anthem has served our membership for over 80 years, and

Whereas we are entering a new millenium with all its attendant changes, and

Whereas ... we find the Knights of Lithuania needs to adapt to the world of this new millenium, and

Whereas the Knights of Lithuania now relates differently to our American Homeland and our Lithuanian Ancestral Homeland especially due to Lithuania's newly established independence which has ushered in changes. therefore

Be it resolved That we appoint Honorary Member, Faustas Stolia, to form a committee of three to review our anthem to better represent the purpose of the Knights of Lithuania in today's world, and

Be it further resolved that he presents their findings to the 87th Annual National Convention in Los Angeles, CA.

> Submitted By: Helen Chesko On behalf of: Same Member of Council #: 144 Date: July 30, 1999 Resolution #: 2-6 Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject:

Honorary Membership Candidacy for Valdas Adamkus

Resolution: Be it resolved that we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA at the recommendation of the Honorary Membership Committee under Article 5, Item 2A* of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, approve as a candidate for Honorary Valdas Adamkus, President of Lithuania, and

Be it further resolved that his history, outlining his services as a worthy candidate be published in VYTIS.

* Article 5, Item 2A of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution – Honorary Membership may be conferred on outstanding Catholic Lithuanians whose achievements for God and Country have been preeminently outstanding and exemplary of the ideals of the Organization.

Submitted By:Loretta Stukas, H.M. – Chair **On behalf of:** Hon. Membership Comm.

Member of Council #:29 Date: July 31, 1999

Resolution #: 3-10

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Communist Heroes Park in Lithuania

Resolution: Whereas Just as in 1918, as she moved into freedom and independence, Lithuania did not build monuments to Hangman Muravjov, more importantly now, after 50 years of Russian occupation and systematic destruction of her nation, which cost the lives of over 1/3 of her citizens, Lithuania should not honor its communist oppressors, torturers of Lithuanians and murderers of human history, and

Whereas the Knights of Lithuania members in the United States of America, from its inception in 1913, have loudly raised their voices for Lithuania's Independence, and

Whereas The Knights of Lithuania 86th National Convention gathered in Philadelphia, PA, July 29- Aug. 1, 1999 recall with dread the sufferings of our nations displaced persons and with deep respect, the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for Lithuania's freedom, appeal to the conscience and self respect of the Lithuanian nation which is again free and independent, therefore

Be it resolved That under no circumstances should they allow the construction of monuments to honor the greatest murderers and traitors of Lithuania. No matter whether the monuments are built on government land or private land it is free Lithuanian soil. A nation worthy of freedom does not build or tolerate monuments to its oppressors.

Be it further resolved that we, delegates, to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Philadelphia, PA, instruct the Supreme Council to send a letter to the government of Lithuania expressing our strong objections to building monuments honoring these tyrants of the former regime.

Submitted By: Faustas Strolia, H.M.

On behalf of: Same Member of Council #:157 Date: July 30, 1999

Resolution #: 2-8

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Religious Textbooks for Lithuania's Schools

Resolution: Whereas Lithuania has decided to print Religious textbooks for use by students in all Lithuanian schools, in grades 3,4,5 and 7, and

Whereas the government budget allows only \$57,000.00, which would provide only 1 book for 5 students and \$330,000.00 in additional funds are needed from other sources to assure each student has his or her book, and this money is being collected via Lithuania Catholic Religious Aid, and

Whereas The project exactly befits the goals and motto of the Knights of Lithuania – "For God and Country", therefore

Be it resolved that we, delegates, to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Philadelphia, PA, donate \$750.00 to LCRA towards this religious fund.

Submitted By: Loretta Stukas, H.M. On behalf of: Same Member of Council #:29

Date: July 30, 1999 **Resolution #:** 4-2

Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Support of the Sisters of St. Casimir in Pazaislis

Resolution: Whereas The Sisters of St. Casimir currently are staffing the convent in Pazaislis Lithuania, and

Whereas the good works of the sisters can only continue with the full support of all Lithuanians and Lithuanian-Americans, therefore

Be it resolved that we, delegates, to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Philadelphia, PA, donate \$200.00 to aid in continuing the ministry of the Sisters working in Pazaislis.

Submitted By: Mary F. Kincius Member of Council #:36 Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #: 4-1 Resolution Outcome: Passed Subject: Support of Lithuania in N.A.T.O.

Resolution: Whereas The Lithuanian government and political leaders of most parties have made membership in NATO a high priority, and

Whereas Lithuania has the support of Poland, one of NATO's newest members, and

Whereas U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, Strobe Talbott, said as recently as July 16, 1999, that Lithuania's membership in NATO is nearly inevitable, and

Whereas The Lithuanian government has spent scarce resources to prepare its armed forces for integration into NATO, and

Whereas Membership in NATO by Lithuania and her Baltic neighbors, Latvia and Estonia, would bring additional stability to Central Europe, therefore

Be it resolved that we, delegates, to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Philadelphia, PA, fully support Lithuania's bid for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) during its next expansion round in 2002, and

Be it further resolved that articles by placed in Vytis that not only encourage our membership to write but also list the mailing address' of congressional, senatorial and presidential leaders urging their support for Lithuania's inclusion into NATO.

Submitted By: Len Barcousky
On behalf of: Lithuanian Affairs
Member of Council #:19
Date: July 31, 1999
Resolution #: 3-2
Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Vacancies on the Honorary Membership Committee

Resolution: Whereas During the past year the Honorary Membership Committee has had two positions become vacant, and

Whereas Currently this leaves the Amber and Mid-America District without representation on the Honorary Membership Committee, therefore

Be it resolved that we, delegates, to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered in Philadelphia, PA, approve the recommendation of the Honorary Membership Committee to appoint Frank Petrauskas and Algerd Brazis to represent the Amber and Mid-America District, respectfully.

Submitted By: Loretta Stukas, H.M. – Chair On behalf of: Hon. Membership Comm.

Member of Council #: 29
Date: July 31, 1999
Resolution #: 3-8
Resolution Outcome: Passed

Subject: Listing of Volunteers for Lithuania

Resolution: Whereas Since Lithuania recovered its independence, a number of individuals from the USA have gone, as volunteers, to Lithuania to provide help, and

Whereas There are various skills and expertise among Knights of Lithuania members, therefore

Be it resolved that

- To gather job opportunities and job descriptions from the Lithuanian BPS Conference (via AB Backis), and
- To search for a match among Knights of Lithaunia members to respond on a short-medium-long term basis, and
- 3. To record data on all such volunteers, and
- The Supreme Council and Vytis will implement there resolutions.

Submitted By: Rev. William Wolkovich

On behalf of: Same Member of Council #:27 Date: July 31, 1999 Resolution #: 3-1

Resolution Outcome: Passed

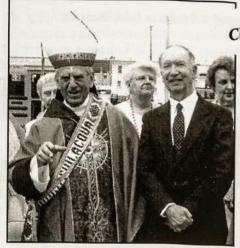
Subject: Grateful Appreciation to Regina Juska-Svoba

Resolution: Whereas Regina Juska-Svoba has brought honor, attention and increased notoriety of the Knights of Lithuania through the phenomenal job she has done and continues to do through her work as our National Public Relations Chair, and

Whereas Her zeal and exuberance for the work she undertakes on our behalf, especially as a prominent writer in Darbininkas is a credit to us all, therefore

Be it resolved That in grateful appreciation and recognition of her work and dedication to the Knights of Lithuania organization, we, delegates to the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, thank Regina with a standing ovation.

Submitted By: Bruno Rutkunas
On behalf of: Same
Member of Council #:110
Date: July 31, 1999
Resolution #: 4-11
Resolution Outcome: Passed



Closing Mass

St. George Parish and Knights of Tithuania Welcomes Cardinal Bevilacqua

The Cardinal, wearing his jousta is accompanied by K of L President, John Mankus

by Stephany Gutauskas, C-3

The closing Mass of the 86th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania was held at 11:30 AM on Sunday, August 1, 1999 at St. George Church in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua was the main celebrant. Concelebrants were Monsignor Joseph Anderlonis, Monsignor Algimantas Bartkus, Reverend Albin Janiunas, and Reverend Michael Olivere, the Cardinal's Master of Ceremonies.

St. George Church is unusual in that it has five representations of its patron saint under its roof. There are two statues of St. George - one to the side of the main altar and one in the vestibule of the church. The patron saint is also depicted in stained glass, painted on a banner, and etched into the glass doors which serve as the entry to the church proper.

On Sunday, the church property was festively decorated in tricolor (yellow, green, red) ribbons--on the rectory door, on the railings leading into the church, on the choir loft, on on all of the pews within the church, and on the candlestands at the main altar. A large spray of yellow spider and football chrysanthemums, red carnations, and white larkspur tinted green stood before the main altar while smaller tricolor bouquets adorned either side.

The stately processional, "Trumpet Voluntary" by Jeremiah Clarke, played on trumpet and organ, accompanied the entrance of the celebrants. flag hearers, and honored Knights into the church. Cardinal Bevilacqua, as is his wont, shook hands with many of the congregants as he made his way up the aisle to the altar. Occasionally, he

HM Msgr. Joe greets 4th degree recipients. In foreground is Ausra Maknys of C-3, the last to receive the 4th degree in this millenium



distributed small crosses among the children and others who were present for the mass.

Before mass began, Monsignor Anderlonis blessed and distributed medals to the members of the Knights of Lithuania who had earned their fourth degree. Present among the eight recipients of the fourth degree was our own Council 3 member Ausra Maknys. Monsignor Anderlonis also administered the oath of office to the newly elected members of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania.

During the mass, Charles Petronis gave the first reading, Andrew Svekla the second, and Monsignor Anderlonis the homily. Monsignor recalled the theme of our convention, "Americans "Living Our Lithuanian Heritage". One important way for us to be true to our theme is to remain strong in the practice of our Catholic faith.

Monsignor also called attention to the large crucifix behind the main altar and explained the symbolism of the carvings: the tulip motif for life growing out of death, the circle for infinity, and the crescent moon for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Knights appreciated the sermon directed at their ethnic heritage. Agnes Mickunas then read the special prayers of petition.

After the celebration of mass. John Mickunas, the President of Knights of Lithuania Council 3 and Irene Ozalis, Vice President, presented the Cardinal with a juosta, a beautifully patterned Lithuanian sash featuring the Cardinal's name on it The Cardinal was pleased to receive the sash and wore it proudly as he offered his closing comments. The Cardinal demonstrated his mettle by beginning in Lithuanian: "Laba diena. Aš linkiu Lietuvos Vyčiams sekmes ir Dievo palaimos."(Good day. I wish the Knights of Lithuania success and God's blessings.)

Returning to English, the

Cardinal stated that Lithuanians today are people who suffer but they are also people filled with hope thanks to members of the Knights of Lithuania who provide various aid to them in the form of books, medicine, food, clothing, as well as many other means.

We, as members of the Knights of Lithuania, ought to feel honored in continuing our humanitarian efforts to aid our brothers and sisters in Lithuania, for God and country.

(* from page 12) Council, 36 Juniors - Chicago, IL
They showed so much love, which is God's way of showing His Love for us Lithuanians, when they wanted to participate and speak about Lithuania their forefathers land. They dressed in their Lithuanian Costumes



Fourth Degree Recipients

The following members received their fourth degrees at the 86th National Convention in Philadelphia, PA on August 1, 1999:

Ausra Maknys, C-3 Philadelphia
Ann Morkunas, C-26, Worcester, MA
Ruth Serafinas, C-26, Worcester, MA
Aldona Waska, C-26, Worcester, MA
Frances Jakatt, C-110, Maspeth, NY
Edward Jakatt, C-110, Maspeth, NY
Beatrice Jasewicz, C-136, Hudson-Mohawk, NY
William Jasewicz, C-136, Hudson-Mohawk, NY

In addition, 4th degree certificates and medals for Alfas Shukis and Dr. Aldona Valis of C-147, St. Petersburg, FL were given to Dolores Jonaitis, council ritual chairman to be given in St. Petersburg to these members due to their physical limitations.

Clemencine Miller Ritual Chair

and were honor guards as Grandmother, Sabina Rucaite Henson proudly carried the Lithuanian Flag.

After Mass, the parishioners gathered in the all. Mary and Anna Marie spoke about the Lithuanian Flag and what the colors represent, about the land and how the Lithuanian people are - happy and always singing their lovely songs. Rev. V. Mykolaitis spoke about the history of Lithuania in his sermon and Sabina spoke about Lithuania. Speaking of how Lithuania has been in the news and about our President Adamkus, also brought up her trip to Lithuania and participation in the Lithuanian Song Festival.

What really made me so proud and wanting everyone to know how Mary and Anna Marie were so concerned about doing something special and to show how wonderful it is to be Lithuanian and a member of the Knights of Lithuania.

Greetings by Tetter & in Person

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President of the United States Washington, DC

PRESIDENT VALDAS ADAMKUS

President of Lithuania Vilnius, Lithuania

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Chicago, IL

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Saulius Kuprys, President Chicago, IL

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

HIS EXCELLENCY STASYS SAKALAUSKAS

Ambassador of Lithuania to the USA Washington, DC by Rita Kazragiene, First Secretary

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Genevieve Gobis, C-100	\$25.00	Anna K. Wargo, HM, C-144	25.00
(IMO Deceased Parents)	425.00	Irene Ozalis, C-3	25.00
Sabina Racaite Henson, C-36	25.00	Lillian M. Greymas, C-3	25.00
Ausra Maknys, C-3	15.00	Elena Mikalauskas, C-96	25.00
(IMO Catherine Briscoe)	15.00	Jean Kapochus Mihalick, C-143	20.00
TOTAL:	\$ 65.00	(IMO Alice Kapochus)	25.00
TOTAL:	3 03.00	Helen Karpovich, C-143	25.00
K OF L JUNIOR ACTIVIITES:		Len Kapochus, C-3	25.00
Elinor Sluzas, HM, C-96	\$25.00	(IMO Marilyn Kapochus)	25.00
	25.00	Mark & Annamarie Berger, C-96	25.00
Clemencine Miller, HM, C-141	25.00	Faustas & Theresa Strolia, HM, C-157	25.00
Bertha Stoskus, HM, C-103			
George & Frances Bumila, C-1	25.00	Polly Ziausys, C-100	20.00
Ausra Maknys, C-3	15.00	Ausra Maknys, C-3	15.00
(IMO Maryann Ushka)	10.00	(IMO Marilyn Kapochus)	
Rita & Brian Johnson, C-19	10.00	TOTAL	\$ 890.00
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Edward & Frances Jakatt, C-110	\$ 50.00	(IMO Rev K. Sakalauskas)	15.00
Arthur J. Stankevitz, C-72	50.00	TOTAL	\$ 40.00
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George & Frances Bumila, C-1	25.00	TOTAL	\$ 50.00
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(IMO Edmund Binkis)		LCRA Religious Books	7
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		Loretta Stukas, HM, C-29	100.00
LITHUANIAN CHILDREN'S RELIEF		Elena M. Nakrosis, C-90	100.00

Greetings to the 86th National Convention (cont.)

K of L Council 90, Kearny	50.00
K of L Council 156, Shamokin	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Al Brazis, HM, C-112	25.00
Jean Lutwin, C-142	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. Jasewicz, C-136	25.00
Faustas & Theresa Strolia, HM, C-157	25.00
Elsie Kosmisky, C-144	25.00
Fran Petkus, HM, C-96	25.00
Miele Pietz, C-12	
(IMO Deceased Members C-12)	25.00
Ausra Maknys, C-3	15.00
Anna K. Wargo, HM, C-144	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. T. Miller, C-72	10.00
Rita Sussko, C-29	10.00
TOTAL:	\$ 640.00



GRAND TOTAL COLLECTED: \$32,820.00

The Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council and all its Committees and Funds express sincerest thanks to all District., Councils, members and guests for their very generous donations, to keep our organization and its many activities thriving. Please note that donations made to these and other charities by the Supreme Council are listed in the Resolutions section found elsewhere in this issue.

Added Attractions

A Summer Night in Philly:

Over 200 delegates from across the country gathered for a festival of food and fun at Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis' St. George Church in Port Richmond (Philadelphia) on the hot July 29 night in the church's spacious courtyard. Along with drinks and a delicious buffet, music was provided by disc jockey, Father Avery of St. Jerome's, aka "the Ham of God". After the sun went down and the heat subsided, K of L'ers danced polkas to line dances to the chicken dance, Msgr. Joe's favorite.

Cultural Evening:

MC'd by C-3's Ray Pukis, Echoes of Lithuania included eight musicians/performers from the Kaimo Kapela-Village Band and a six-member Kankles Ensemble. Michael Dura did an admirable job with Lithuanian folk songs, such as Parveski and Tai Tau Mano Meile, the show was really stolen by the magnificent violinist, Brigita Kasinskaite. (See photos in centerfold)

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL 133 CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO CONVENTION 2000

Come join us for some Lithuanian hospitality mixed with California sunshine! Remember there is nothing finer than a California summer night.

DATES: July 27 through 30, 2000

PLACE: Sheraton Universal Hotel Hollywood Hills, California Adjacent to Universal Studios & City Walk

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: Cheap Seats - (800) 451-7200 Please ask for Cara (x 388) or Global Discount (800) 977-7110 www.lowestfair. com

ANY QUESTIONS: Maryte Sepikas 6143 Fulton Avenue Valley Glen, CA 91401 (818) 782-1248 Rev. John F. Smith

Spiritual Advisor to C-146, Harrisburg, PA

The Rev. John F. Smith, 67, of Wrightsvillle died Sunday at home on May 16, 1999.

He was pastor of St. Peter Catholic Church, Columbia, and Mother of Holy Purity (St. Mary's) Catholic Church, Wrightsville. Other assignments Included Holy Trinity Parish, Columbia, St. Joseph Parish, Danville, St. Francis of Assisi, Harrisburg, St. Rose of Lima, York.

He was an Army veteran of the
Korean War; a graduate of Delone Catholic
High School; studied at St. Jerome's College,
Kitchener, Ontario, and Mount. St. Mary's Seminary,
Emmitsburg, Md.; and was ordained at St. Patrick
Cathedral, Harrisburg. Fr. John was Spiritual Advisor

to C-146, Harrisburg, PA. He was also a historian for the Catholic War Veterans Post 1306,

Columbia; a member of Knights of Columbus; and received 10 Presidential Sports Awards for bicycling.

Surviving is a brother, James A. of Sewickley.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St.

Peter's Catholic Church, Columbia. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church

Restoration Fund, 121 S. Second St., Columbia

17512.

Genevieve Giedraitis, C-36, 6/19,1999, She was 89 years "young" and had a lifetime full of accomplishments including opera singing, St. David's Church organist for more than 40 years. She was the mother of Genevieve Malusha and Alma Baer from C-36.

In Memoriam

Genevieve Rutkunas C-110, Maspeth, NY Aug. 30, 1999

Alberta Bartask C-156, Shamokin, PA July 20, 1999

C-144, Anthracite, PA Mary Young May 1999

June 10, 1999

John Balesky January 13, 1999

Juliana Gentile C-12, New York, NY June 27, 1999

Michael Yudiskis C-153, Treasure Coast July 1, 1999 Marie Podzius C-102, Detroit MI

Akvila Karklius C-25 Cleveland August 5, 1999

C-41, Brooklyn, NY
Constantine Kazlauskas
June 1, 1999

Peter Sandavicius June 1, 1999

C-50, New Haven, CT Leo Tamulis April 30, 1999

> Alice Dekas May 31, 1999

Regina Wright C-141, Bridgeport, CT Aug. 8, 1999 C-26, Worcester, MA Albina Rudziunas May 1, 1999

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Jennie Burmaukas C-100, Amsterdam, NY

> Bruno Zilius C-36, Chicago, IL May 1999

C-29, Newark, NJ Stella Ellis June 1, 1999

Regina Malakas June 1, 1999

C-14, Cicero, IL Ludviga Dubauskas Priscilla Neniskas Stephanie Uginckus Anthony Oberaitis August 2, 1999 C-25 Cleveland

Frank W. Zilinskas August 19, 1999 C-12 New York

Helen F. Daltwas C-116, Worcester July 26, 1999

Daniel F. Shimkus C-26, Worcester July 15, 1999

C-153, Treasure Coast Frances Leary (1920-1999) Michael Yudiskas (1921-1999) Paul Lebanauskas (1909-1999)

> Rest in Peace Amžina Atilsi

The Lithuanian Gardener

Fall is For Planting

by HM Frank Petrauskas

When I was in the landscape business I was very active with the Nurserymen's Association, right from the local level to the state level and to the Eastern Regional level. We came up with a promotion in the early 1980's that proved very successful. This was done in conjunction with our allied companies and suppliers. The promotion was simply called "Fall Is For Planting".

In years past the mentality was that you should plant in the Spring time. You have a full growing season ahead of you so your plantings should become established and survive. In the early years all of the deciduous stock, both trees and shrubs, were dug and sold bare root.

You had to get them planted before they came into full leaf and put on new growth. Over the years new technologies were introduced into the business which changed it drastically. Balled and burlap stock became common. Growing trees and shrubs in pots and various sized containers became big business. Mechanical planters and mechanical harvesters have made the nursery business much less labor intensive. There is very little hand digging in the nurseries today.

Despite all of the advances made, all of our surveys in the late 1970's showed that Spring accounted for about 70% of our business, we wanted to spread it out over the entire year so that's how we came up with the promotion.

It took a couple of years to change the Spring planting mentality but we did it. We not only had to convince the homeowner but we also had to convince the commercial people. We did that by giving them a year's guarantee on all stock planted. They couldn't lose. Our promotion made a big change in the nursery business.

Fall is an excellent time to plant most anything. Lawns for example are best planted in the Fall. Planting between August 15 and October 15 should give you a fine lawn. The soil is still warm, the rain is more plentiful, the nights are cooler and the weeds are practically nonexistant—all the ingredients for a good lawn.

Trees and shrubs grown in containers or balled and burlaped. can be Fall planted. Prepare your beds and dig your holes as you would in the Spring and plant accordingly. Make sure the root system is well watered when planted. Back fill the soil to the top of the ball and tamp it lightly. The next step is most important and that is mulch. All trees and shrubs should be mulched in the Fall. Mulch helps to hold in moisture and it gives the plant protection from freezing and thawing of the soil. The root system is most critical to a plant so we must always be concerned about the roots. How the roots do is how the plant does.

Spring flowering bulbs are always planted in the Fall. These can be planted right up until the ground freezes but the best time is the months of September and October. Earlier planting gives the bulb a chance to develop a good root system for next year's flowers.

Fall is a good time for planting many perennials. It is also a good time to dig up your older perennials, divide them, clean them up and transplant the divisions. If you have more than you can use then give some to your neighbors. Some of the Fall blooming perennials are anemone, bugbane, boltonia, coneflower, mums, cupflower and asters.

Fall is an excellent time to do some construction around your yard. Maybe you would like to build a patio or a deck or how about a sidewalk. Then again you may want a fence or maybe a trellis. While we're at it how about an arch or a pergola or even a gazebo. Is your yard In need of a retaining wall? With today's wide variety of building materials, both natural and manufactured, you can construct a wall quite quickly and easily. The same holds true for patios and sidewalks. The manufactured materials makes the job much easier than 30 years ago. And Fall is a good time to make repairs on any of the aforementioned projects.

I hope I set you to thinking which gardening projects need to be done and which you can do this Fall. Remember the more you can do in the Fall the less you will be compelled to do next Spring.

Good luck and happy gardening. ***

DISTRICT & COUNCIL NEWS

C-36, CHICAGO, IL

Martin and **Emily** Gestautas, active members of C-36 Chicago, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 26, 1999. They renewed their wedding vows at Mass on Sunday, the 27th, at St. Patricia's Church in Hickory Hills, IL. Their son Andrew and daughter-in-law Teri hosted a reception for the couple at their spacious home and garden in Willow Springs, IL. Many friends, relatives and C-36 members attended wishing them many more years of happiness together. Marty and Emily first met while members of the Immaculate Conception Parish choir in Chicago and were also members of the K of L choir back in the late 1940's.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Aldona Marcavage

Going to the retreat in Kennebunkport is a little like going home for a short visit each summer, and being reunited with loving friends. Both spiritual and social nourishment is achieved in the beautiful surroundings of the Franciscan Monastery estate. The colorful display of flowers—such a delight.

Father John Bacevičius and Father Dennis were Retreat Masters this year. About 110 New England Knights were united in prayer, meditation and happy moments. We received the



Anniversary Wishes: Golden - 50 Years Martin & Emily Gestautas C-36, Chicago

sad news that two of our former Retreat Masters were terminally ill--Fr. Robert Barber and Fr. A. Jurgelaitis. So, our retreat began with a prayer for both priests. Our conferences were short, giving us plenty of time to search for the best lobsters and seafood in Maine.

The nice warm weather was conducive to play in water. The pool soon found several "aqua Sizers" led by Lenore Jarvis. Such cool fun.

Remember in your prayers two Honorary Members from C-17. Phyllis Grendall who is ill—and Anthony Young who now resides at St. Joseph's Manor in Brockton.

Hearty congratulations to two fine couples of C-17 Boston celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries this year: Virginia and Frank Markunas on May 7th—and Pat and Al Akule on July 31st.



More Gold+:
60 Years for (top)
Sophie & Peter Zuyus, and 50 yrs.
for Amelia & John Girdauskas
both from C-110, Maspeth



Ilgiausių, sveikiausių mėtų--su Dievo palaima.

Best kept secret: Sophie Kazlauskas makes the best coffee in Maine. And there is absolutely no comparison to the wonderful breakfast served at the Guest House. Oh, those delicious varieties of bread! The evening meals are creative Lithuanian, and oh so good. You can't find that kind of nostalgic food in any restaurant. Of course I'm

prejudiced—I'M Lithuanian. The terrific kitchen's responsible for all our dining pleasures. Next June seems so far away!!!

C-3, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Victor Stepalovilch

Spiritual Our own Advisor of the Supreme Council and Pastor of St. George's church was asked to participate with St. Andrews and St. Casimir churches in a celebration of Corpus Christie. On June 6th Msgr. Anderlonis along with Father Barkauskas concelebrated Mass of Corpus Christie. Msgr. Anderlonis also lead the processions and did benedictions. Attending the mass and the processions were C-3 members, Julie Kowrak, Ausra Maknys and Victor Stepalovitch.

C-3 held its last meeting of the summer on June 27th, making it a meeting/indoor picnic. All the members brought covered dishes, desserts and drinks to make it a very successful meeting.

Members Julie Kowrak, Ausra Maknys, Dolores Herbert and Victor Stepalovitch journeyed to Frackville, Pa. on the weekend of August 14-15th to help celebrate Lithuanian Days at the Schuylkill Mall sponsored by Anthracite Council 144. All had a wonderful time.

C-3 Phila. hosted the 86th National Convention July 29th to August 1st, at the Society Hill Sheraton. We all hope you enjoyed your stay in our Historical City. Many of you enjoyed a trip to the Casino's in Atlantic City, while others toured some of the historical sights, while others just visited with

relatives and friends

C-3 is thankful to the Choir of St. George's church who sang at the opening Mass at Old St. Mary's and the closing mass at St. George's, they did a very masterful job. C-3's own Julie Kowrak, Ausra Maknys and Victor performed in the choir.

Many thanks go out to all members of C-3 who worked so hard to make this year's convention (the 86th) A huge success, especially John and Agnes Mickunas, Irene Ozalis, Lillian Greymas, Walt and Irene Svekla, Diane Drumstas, Marge Petronis, Barbara Mickunas, Ray Pukis, Msgr Joseph Anderlonis, who worked so hard all year to put all of it together.

C-7, WATERBURY, CT Adele Klenske

Greetings Fellow Knights!

Our Council has some catching up to do as far as news goes. Let's start by mentioning that this past February, Council 7 assumed the responsibility of making the necessary arrangements for the flag raising ceremony, celebrating Lithuanian Independence Day. This event was held at the Waterbury City Hall, where all such ceremonies take place. Our officers, members and Waterbury Mayor, Phil Giordano were in attendance. It was a most impressive and poignant occasion, which was well attended by our club members and others of the Lithuanian Community. Next year, the much publicized Millennium, Council will again take charge of the arrangements for this event and hopefully it will be well supported by more of our

members, as well as the entire Lithuanian community.

Let us take pride in our heritage, the achieved independence of Lithuania and show it!

On April 16th at the St. Joseph School auditorium, a most enjoyable concert was presented by "Kankles", a traditional folk ensemble from the Lithuanian Music Academy in Vilnius. The six member group is multitalented, playing various instruments as well as song presentations. We would encourage one and all to take advantage of these concerts whenever the opportunity comes along again. The group received a standing ovation at the conclusion of the concert.

Thanks to a few of our dedicated members, our membership has been increased by fifteen new members since the beginning of the year. We should all be looking to recruit new people into our ranks, since many of us are in our "Golden Years" and living on borrowed time!

Sadly, three of our older members expired in this same time period. We miss them and ask God's mercy on the repose of their souls.

In March, we also hosted a pancake breakfast and cake sale as a fund raiser. We served over a hundred people and added a sizeable contribution to our coffers. Our next event will be a ham dinner sometime in October - the date to be announced later in our club newsletter. We will host another pancake breakfast as well again, to be announced. We sincerely appreciate the continued

support for these events. Since they are really our only means of fund raising. Thanks to all the ladies for the many cakes and thanks too for the great "kitchen help,"

Okay troops - put on your work clothes, rubber gloves, flex your muscles and volunteer to give our kitchen

(in particular) and our clubrooms (in general) a much needed cleaning. This is planned for sometime this Fall. Also, our President, Joe Stiklius, is looking for volunteers to give our club an exterior painting and some repair work. If enough of us respond to his call, it could turn out to be a very worthwhile and even a <u>fun</u> time!

Since we do not hold meetings in July or August, we held a potluck supper before our last (June 19th) meeting. The food was plentiful and delicious and we thank all - ladies and gentlemen for their contributions.

Our Spiritual Adviser, Father Karvelis, retired from his duties as Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish on July 25th. We congratulate him on his retirement and also his 50th anniversary as a priest. Our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

C-10, ATHOL-GARDNER Vincukas

Our Council sponsored the Annual Lithuanian Independence Day observance in February with a large gathering in attendance.

Reverend John Petrauskas, M.I.C., a Gardner native from St. Casimir's Parish in Worcester gave the invocation and



C-12, NYC members in Philadelphia

a moment of silence was observed for those who gave their lives for Lithuania's freedom.

Master of ceremonies, William Wisniauskas, gave a brief history of Lithuania's struggles.

Gardner Mayor, Charles J.
Manca, spoke at length on keeping
up one's ethnic traditions and read
his proclamation from the City of
Gardner declaring February 28th
as Lithuanian Day in the city. He
also stressed the need of strong
and close family ties.

The South Boston Men's Singing Group, under the direction of Daiva Navickas, presented a program that concluded with a sing along.

All were treated to coffee and pastries followed by a sit-down Lithuanian style supper, donated and prepared by the K of L members.

Dr. Henry Gailuinas, general chairman, assisted by Armand Bouthillier, kitchen chair, Nellie Melaika and Brone Wisniauskas were hostesses. dressed in our national costumes. Mary Ann Langlois and Nellie were Food/Telephone Co-chairmen. David Lucas was chairman, coffee Sophia Fiorentino was in charge of programs. And the entire membership helped setup, clean and donated food.

Howard Beaudette, ritual

chairman, announced the following degrees; Paul Krustapentus first degree, Joanna Chastney, Marie Colo, and Roberta Landry second degrees.

Brone Wisniauskas demonstrated the art of Lithuanian Easter egg decorations at the Greater Gardner Area Art

association, and taught the Brownie Troop of Sacred Heart Parish in Gardner.

Our St. Casimir's Day observance was held on March 14th, in St. Francis Church, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Marie Colo and Bill did the calling and arrangements.

C-17 - SOUTH BOSTON, MA

Council 17 members have been active in St. Peter's parish activities. Have you ever attended Christmas in May? Many members attended with our organist, and C-17 member. Romas Gasparonis playing and directing the music and songs. Gloria Adomkaitis and her able committee chaired and hosted the feast. Preceding the kielbasi luncheon was a Mass and Healing of the Sick, concelebrated by Msgr. Al Contons, Pastor Fr. Steve Zukas and retired Fr. Anthony Baltrashunas. Fr. Baltrashunas gave a moving talk at the luncheon of his fond memories and years of service at St. Peter's.

Fr. Bill Wolkovich's trilogy, "Lithuanian Religious Life in America" is now housed at the rectory of St Peter's parish. C-17 members and also parish members are encouraged to see Vera Yuskavitch when they wish

to borrow and read the three volumes.

Get well wishes go out to was good to see Adele and Joe Janus up at Kennebunkport, ME.

The annual N. E. District annual spiritual retreat was held at Congratulations. the Franciscan Monastery. Kennebunkport, ME and was well attended by many C-17 members. The serene grounds are an uplifting background. This is such a popular event it is necessary to reserve a year in advance. The retreat masters this year were Fr. John Bacevish and also Fr. Dennis Arambasick. Also, there is an open door policy at "Frank's Place" where there is a lot of "good cheer". Thanks go to the congenial hosts, Frank and Virginia Markuns.

C-17 members are looking forward to the Fall Convention in Providence, R.I. Iki pasimatymo viso gero!!

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

being recognized as a supporter of the K of L. Such was Frank Mamavich, the spouse of Irene, a real K of L'er. Whatever she did, he shared and sanctioned. We lost a good friend and patron of C-26. May his soul soar to salvation.

The annual picnic in June turned out to be a tremendous success. The public turnout was overwhelming, the food was sold out, the pastries disappeared before the coffee ran out, the Lord raffle profits big, big, our fish pond ran short of fish (prizes), and the friendly atmosphere was magnetic.

Rita and Greg Sokol celebrated the anniversary of 50 wonderful years of wedded life Ann Noren and also Pat Akule. It this past May. Theirs is one of those marriages that is glued by love for one another and the bond strengthened by God's graces.

> The City of Worcester celebrated its 150th anniversary. A recognition of members of the committee was held in April, praising them for their participation. Dorothy March of C-116 and Terry Adomavicius of C-26 represented the Lithuanian population of the City.

> We grieve with the family, the passing into life everlasting of Daniel Shimkus. He died on June the fifteenth. He served his country, his church, his associations with all of his abilities, senses and intelligence.

President Viv Rodgers and husband Al spent and spent their savings for a vacation in Lithuania. Now, that is what I call a well spent vacation. At the same time, there were a number of St. Casimir parishioners visiting There are times when not relatives in Lithuania, including belonging eliminates one from Fr. Nockunas, who went to see his sisters. The good news is that they are all back with us safe and in good health.

> Victoria Augustine, our Lithuanian Affairs chair, was also visiting in Lithuania.

> Another good, newsworthy item to be mentioned. Richard Yakubauskas ordained into the priesthood. He is the first Lithuanian of our Diocese to choose to serve the in many Congratulations, and may he be blessed with an abundance of health and many rewarding years.

C-27, NORWOOD, MA Zaibas

On June 6, 1999, the members of C-27 and parishioners of St. George's church met to honor the memory of the heroes of the tragic days of June 1943. Rev. William Wolkovich read an accounting of the terrible events of those days written by one of the survivors, Pilypas Narutis. A string ensemble, consisting of Fr. Bill, violin, Caitlin Crowley and Daniel Crowley, cellists, played sacred music. A voluntary offering of \$220 was to be sent to the Rumbongis Orphanage of the Holy Trinity Parish through the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Society. There was a council meeting after refreshments.

We were pleased by the many notes of appreciation from other N. E. councils and from the N. E. District president, Bill Piacentini, for a job well done by our council for the April N. E. District convention where 105 attended.

The bottle and can drive, so nobly chaired by our president, Paul Zukas, resulted in a tidy sum to be sent through Sr. Helen. Sister of Jesus Crucified, to the Children's Relief Fund of Lithuania.

We participated in the District's sponsorship of Guest House Seminary (Lithuanian College in Rome) and contributed funds to help improve the lodgings.

Rev. William Wolkovich represented us at the convention in Philadelphia. Members attending this program were: Fr. Bill, Paul and Louise Zukas, Adele and Ed Macys, Sandy Melish, Ramona Gonski, and Albie and Lenore Jarvis (who had just returned from a trip to Alaska).

Our expressions of sympathy were extended to John and Betty Skricki on the loss of her mother.

The annual New England District retreat at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine, was well attended by our members. Enjoying and participating in the prayerful activities were Lenore and Albie Jarvis, Betty and John Skricki, Lillian and Ted Callahan, Ramona and Ed Gonski, Terry and Stan Wasil, Frances and Stan Medreski, and Adele and Ed Macys. The staff at the inn were, as always, most gracious. Father Gabriel, Sophie, and the Lithuanian staff extended true Lithuanian hospitality.

George and Birute Barton write us from their new "buta" in Kaunas. They are pleased with their new condo. George, and his brother-in-law, John, were chosen to carry banners in procession at the Father's Day celebration at the Cathedral in Kaunas. George and Birute plan to spend part of the summer at Juodkrante. We miss his many contributions to our council activities and look forward to their return in October.

Until then, Likit sveiki Iki pasimatimo.

C-30, WESTFIELD, MA by Kunigunda Coach

Our election of officers for 1999 returned the incumbents into office for another year with Joseph Buckities as President; Kunigunda Coach, Vice Pres.; James Rogers, Treasurer/Financial Secretary and Sophie Kucharski as Rec. Secretary. We are grateful for their willingness to serve.

A change did take place in our council -- after about 65 years of holding monthly meetings on the first Tuesday evening of the month, due to safety concerns, we voted to hold our meetings on the second Sunday of the month after 9:30 Mass, a more comfortable arrangement for most of us.

participating in the prayerful devotions and most pleasant activities were Lenore and Albie Easter was again a whopping Jarvis, Betty and John Skricki, Lillian and Ted Callahan, Ramona and Ed Gonski, Terry and Stan time around to avoid Wasil, Frances and Stan disappointment!

Our small council suffered the loss of three active members. The good Lord called to His kingdom Frank Bernardicius, Theresa Atkocaitis, and Arthur Lord. Arthur was the beloved son of Nellie Lord and a member of our council for 20 years. tragic death stunned all of us and devastated his mom. Frank Bernardicius, a member of C-30 for over 40 years, held many offices in the K of L and was an active St. Casimir's parishioner, having served as an usher. collector, eucharistic minister and parish council member. Theresa Atkocaitis, a C-30 member for 27 years was also a pillar of our church. She held several offices in our council, was a eucharistic minister and parish council member.

Will's mom, Mattie Renaud, is now 101 years old. She is a very pretty, perky lady. When she celebrated 100 years, family, friends, and senior groups feted her with honors and celebrations. One newsperson asked her how it feels to be 100

and she quipped "Oh, you will know when you get there".

We welcome home and to our council Peter and Therese Hentnick after their short relocation to Florida. We also welcome Adele Caruso to our council. She is a fantastic breadbaker for our fundraisers, does not stop at a dozen loaves or even two dozen. Just keeps going on and on baking various breads. Her talents do not end with breadbaking. She is also a talented craftsperson.

Jim and Marcia Rogers were again blessed with a grandchild. Daughter, Gail, now has two sons, and son, Ken, has the twins, a boy and a girl. Don't ask Marcia if she has any spare babysitting time, although she might say "yes". Marcia and Jim keep very busy in addition to holding offices on our council level, the N.E.D. level, and the parish also. Ikit sveiki.

C-46, FOREST CITY, PA Blanche Motsko

Welcome to our newest member, Mary Ann Durko. Mary Ann's last name was misspelled in our January '99 issue, as Mary Ann Derba, but we all know it is Durko. Mary Ann is an active member, and a big asset to our small group of members. She has not missed a meeting and is always ready with good suggestions and comments.

Get well wishes are extended to Charles Cyzeskas, who is finding it difficult to walk. Thus, he does not attend our meetings as faithfully as he did in the past.

C-74, SCRANTON, PA

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Ann Patelunas, whose son, Jerome, died very suddenly. Rest in peace, Jerome.

We must thank our loyal Fran Petkus Lithuanian priest, Father Clement Kasinskas, who celebrated masses to St. Ann on July 25th and 26th. The women who wore their Lithuanian outfits looked beautiful and added much to our gift carriers. President John Mankus, Helen Cravath, and Phanas Shimkus were lectors. Helen Moran was organist and led the Lithuanian songs. Marie Laske was coordinator.

The first novena to St. Ann of Scranton began in a small monastery chapel back in 1905. On November 2, 1924, the novena was open to the public for the first time. Six months later, 17,000 pilgrims were coming to the novena. At the present time, there is not a shrine in the world that receives as many on her feast day as St. Ann of Scranton. Again, we had a full bus from down the line organized by Helen Chesko. We sincerely thank all who came to honor St. Ann.

Richard and Marie Laske celebrated their 50th anniversary. A mass with Papal blessing was celebrated June 20th, at 10:30 in St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church, by Monsignor Peter Madus. The couple had eight children and 19 grandchildren. At the mass, they were blessed with a double rosary connected with only one cross. Richard wore a jousta, brought back by President John Mankas, from Lithuania saying "sveikiname 50". They also received a jousta saying "Richard Lithuanian artifacts. Our Vejeliai and Marie Auksiniu vestuviu Dancers, ever so popular, had a

proga". A reception was held immediately after mass at Keiper Valley Community Center, where the couple first met.

C-96. DAYTON, OHIO

Mother's Day tradition continues with C-96 Juniors. Under the leadership of the council Junior Advisors, Christine Fletcher and Julia Goecke, our Juniors held their Annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother. Junior Angela Plozay had the honor of placing the crown on our Blessed Mother's head. The Juniors then led the congregation in prayers to the Blessed Virgin and were the Offertory Bearers for this special day. The Mass was dedicated to the deceased and living mothers of the members of C-96.

Following Mass, a Super Koffee Klatch was held in the church basement. The whole parish was invited and many hands were at work to put this together. There was plenty to eat and no one went away hungry. The Juniors had handmade gifts they presented to their mothers. The Junior program theme this year was the 50's Music and their 'outfits' fit the theme. Winner in the hula hoop contest was Angela Plozay, for the Juniors, and Annalouise Tucker, parent of junior, Daniel.

May 21-23, 1999 was another special event for the Dayton community. This was Dayton's Annual World Fair weekend. The Dayton Lithuanian Community once again proved to be an area in demand especially for the kugelis, rogulis and the hectic schedule with more performances than any other group. Chairs for this event were Jim and Connie Geiger, with much help from Elinor Sluzas and many other members of the K of L and Holy Cross Parish. Many hands made it a success.

A warm welcome to our newest member Sister Regina Welza, now stationed in Fayetteville, Ohio. Sr. Regina is with the Ursuline Order of Nuns and has already been active in the council. Sister joined us in our Mother's Day Celebration and Dayton's Annual World Fair!

C-100, AMSTERDAM, NY **BITS & PIECES** FROM HERE & THERE Smile & Sparkle

Upon retiring, Father Grabys settled in Putnam, Conn. However a few months ago he returned to celebrate his 50th anniversary in the priesthood.

The church services were followed by a banquet at the Best Western Hotel where Joseph Shatas was master of ceremonies. A large group of K. of L. members were in attendance.

Secretary, Helen Kiuber lost her dear brother in May. Recently Sophie Olbie's daughter Patricia lost her beloved husband William Fura. Amžina atilsi duok mirusems Viespatie.

Our first vice president, Regina Kot is also the president of the Ladies Auxiliary. Our president, Mirga Bablin and husband, Ed, are the parents of our Vytis Editor, M. Abbott.

C-102, DETROIT, MI Dvynuke

With a hi-fi and a lot of cheering by Maryanne Guerriero, Bill Zager and Norm Hein, 102's bowlers placed 2nd at the MCD Bowling Tournament in Dayton. Teammates, Joe Guerriero, Theresa Beltowski, Virginia Smith and George Kayganich gave it their all, but couldn't outroll the Cleveland bowlers, who took the No. 1 spot. Congratulations!!!

Social Our team consisting of Sam Perritino and his wife, Sue Franklin and George Cramblet came in 4th place. George and Bea Cramblet came away winners in the 50-50 raffle, taking 2nd and 3rd prize monies. They all came away appreciative of Dayton's gracious hospitality, enjoying a fun-filled weekend.

Our deepest sympathies to Algimantas Cerekas upon the recent death of his wife, Naiola, who had been ailing for some time. May she rest peacefully. Al, himself, has been battling a lengthy illness, and our prayers are with him, as well as Delia Zyren, who underwent double major surgeries. We are happy to report that she is now recuperating at home after a 15-day hospital stay.

It's always a pleasure to see our Florida members. Vie and Marie Yokin, attend our meetings while they are in Michigan at their yearly 4 month stay.

Another commendable undertaking was completed by Regina Juska-Svoba, with sidekick, Donna Bunikis, who, on short notice, arranged a "Send-off" dinner which took



C-102's VIP's: Bob Boris and Regina Juska-Svoba

place in St. Anthony's church hall on Sunday, June 27th, filled to capacity, honoring HM Bob Boris, Mc'd by Father Stanievich. Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Alphonse Babonis, expounded on all the support Bob has given to both the church and ATL throughout the years. A sing-a-long led by choir director, Stasys Slizys, added to the festivities. It was truly a "Little Lithuania" a heartwarming and nostalgic occasion.

A most enjoyable corn roast-meeting took place on August 4th at the Starks. The rain didn't dampen our spirits, nor prevent us from barbecueing outdoors. The corn and sunukai topped with Donna Bunikis' saurkraut were "labai skanus". A nuoširdingai "Ačiu" to Joe and Eve, who once again, outdid themselves.

The picture album of Robb Medonis' Lithuanian stay, was most interesting to cousin, Ray Medonis and wife Theresa, on a recent trip Robb made from Pittsburgh, meeting with the Medonis' in Ann Arbor, over a combination "Thank You" and hearty breakfast, and a good gab-fest.

Congratulations to a very "Special Couple" in our Council, namely our adopted Lithuanian Joe and Maryanne (Peterson) Guerriero, who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 4th. They are two staunch and dedicated K of L'ers, whom we pray are blessed with many, many healthy, joyful years of togetherness. Su Diev!

C-110, MASPETH, NY Elena

Rutkunas' door.

A lump came into our throats and mist into our eyes when death knocked on the

After many years of tremendous pain and her last three remaining months afflicted with a stroke, Jean (Genovaite) Rutkunas, wife of C-110 Pres. Bruno, passed away on August 30.

Jean focused her life in prayer and love for her family and friends. Although her pains were severe to bear, she prayed to God and taught others the treasure of faith in God.

A fourth degree member, Jean will be sorely missed by her beloved husband, sons Brian and George's family, sister Ann Ackolaitis and brother John Eidukaitis.

Our deepest condolences are extended to all. Let us wipe away our tears and say a little prayer for her daily. Amžina atilsi.

C-135, ANSONIA, CT

J.P. Sabulis

St. We celebrated Casimir's Day by attending a specially requested Mass in St. Anthony's Church. Many members were able to attend. The

priest was happy that a big showing was made.

On April 17th, our members held a 49th Anniversary dinner at Rapp's Paradise Inn in Ansonia. It was a last minute affair and those who were able to attend were happy they were able to make it. Our Council is looking forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary in the year 2000!

Arline's 62nd year in the convent, Ruth Tyson, Lil Chaplick, and Mildred Driznus took Sister to Chester, CT for a reunion with a dear friend of hers, Kaye Frier Buckley. They had a lovely visit at Kaye's home in the country. A fine lunch was had at the Fidler's Restaurant and many old times were re-lived. For those who don't remember. Kave is a sister of Adele Kirol, who was a former K of L member, now at Country Manor Rehab Center in Prospect, CT. Ann Ramanauskas is located at Shelton Lakes Health Center in Shelton. Ann was quite a bowler in her hey-day. Ah, but that is another story.

A great big welcome goes out to three new members who have been doing themselves proud, Anna Malonis, Eleanor Marganski, and Tom Koshis. Welcome to the club!

Lots of luck to Anne Sabulis, who had her seventh open heart operation. This last time was the roughest. She spent over two months in intensive care and is not out of the woods yet. We're praying for you Anne and wishing you the best of luck.

We would also like to



C-110 Spring Dinner Dance Committee (Note: Genevieve Rutkunas on far right)

On the occasion of Sr. extend our best wishes to Father 62nd year in the convent, yson, Lil Chaplick, and Driznus took Sister to CT for a reunion with a seen before. The "Healing Mass" is one of the new items.

We would like to wish the best of luck to Ann Winkis on receiving the Second Degree. Keep up the good work, and we'll see you when the 3rd is ready.

C-141 , BRIDGEPORT, CT Aldona Marcavage

The Father's Day meeting brought a pleasant surprise to Msgr. Pranckus. Members presented him with cards and notes wishing him a happy Father's Day. He has been our Spiritual Advisor since our council was founded in 1974. Lately his health has been giving him serious problems. We pray for much improved health for you, Msgr.

Gintare Ivaskiene's talk painted a graphic picture of the "Terrible June Days"--June 13 and 14, 1941--. It was a true Lithuanian Holocaust. Russian cruelty was unbelievable. These dates are still observed as days of mourning among Lithuanians.

Ilona Sciarappa's mother

died July 11th. Ilona flew to Kaunas on this sad mission. She remained with her father and brother until the 23rd. Our heartfelt sympathies to the family.

Kathleen Balčius flew to England to visit with her mother and to celebrate a friend's 50th anniversary in Ireland.

Representing our council this year, at the National convention were: HM Clemencine Miller, Stella Marcinauskis, Lee Marcinka and Eleanor Wisnewsky—also Junior member Sean Miller. For "RandR" the entire Miller family enjoyed vacationing at lovely Martha's Vineyard.

We, were sorry to hear that Stephen Wilcinskas health prevented him and wife Alice from attending the National Convention. They were due to receive their 4th degree medals. Congratulations—and get well soon, Stephen. Your medals will catch up with you.

Laurynas Misevičius proudly announced that his wife, Jurate, recently received an MBA from the University of Bridgeport. His wife's mother, our guest at the June meeting was introduced. She had been vacationing here for seven months, and enjoying the people she met. Jadvyga Sakalauskiene told us she worked for 37 years in a government commerce bank in Vilnius. For the past few years she managed it.

She observed that the Lithuanians here (especially Vyčiai) upheld the true Lithuanian

really more Lithuanian than some people in Lithuania. She took her 7 month old grandson. Ažuolas, home with her. Jurate and Laurynas followed at a later date.

1999 will be the happy occasion of C-141's 25th anniversary dinner/dance, on Oct. 3rd. A delicious buffet dinner will be offered—the famous Joe Thomas music will lift our spirits, and our favorite Vetra Dancers will entertain. So, come friends-join us, and have fun with us. It will be information contact Barbara Schmidt--31 Audubon Close, Milford, Ct. 06460.

prayer, It is less likely to unravel" (unknown)

C-143, PITTSTON, PA Mary Ann Connor

The final glory of Saint Casimir's Day was celebrated at the home of Mary Tirnek. Mary has been very sick and was scheduled to receive her 4th degree, so immediately after a wonderful breakfast, a caravan departed to her home. Monsignor Bendik was assisted by Dorothy Banos, Amber District President, as he presented Mary with her 4th degree, while surrounded by her many friends.

Our Saint Casimir's Day celebration was held on Sunday, March 7th with a Mass celebrated by Monsignor John Bendik. Lector was Carol Kizis and flag bearers were Steve Soha, Frank Yoga and Casimir Kizis. Frank Yoga also served as narrator for the offertory procession, which was directed by Nellie Bayoras II, "pray and do".

traditions and customs, and are Romanas. The picture of Saint Casimir was carried by Martha Wamagiris, Helen Karpovich carried the wayside cross, the picture of Vytis The Knight was carried by Rosemary Durling, The highlite of our year Anna Walatkus carried the Lily and Anastasia Stanley and Jean Kapochus Mihalick presented the wine and the hosts. After Mass, breakfast was held in the church hall. Seventy-three attended the affair, catered by member Marcell Bartoli. Helen Karpovich and Anastasia Stanley were chairmen and Mary Ann Cipolla, Rosalie a day to remember. For more Kizis, and Anna Walatkus served as the greeting committee. Helen Karpovich welcomed Monsignor Bendik offered the "If your day is hemmed in invocation and Jean Kapochus Mihalick spoke about St. Casimir's life.

> The guest speaker was Leonard Kapochus from Council 3 in Philadelphia. Len had been to Lithuania recently and described the coffin containing St. Casimir's remains at the Cathedral of Vilnius. He also described his tour of the catacombs, below the cathedral, wherein lies much Lithuanian history. He went on to report on the various activities that K of L are committed to.

> Aid to Lithuania and it's medical/humanitarian program is on-going. One new program is adopting and supporting Lithuanian seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary in the Archdiocese of Vilnius. Len mentioned that it is our responsibility to support worthwhile Lithuanian causes, "Dievui ir Tevynei/God and Country". Len ended his very informative program with a quote from our Holy Father, John Paul

C-144, ANTHRACITE, PA

"Ona"

Our Council recently lost two members, Mary Young and Joseph Kaselonis. Joe was a very active member, always smiling, with a little candy for all, helping in any way he could. condolences to his wife, Marcy, who continues to work. Amžina atsilsi to both Mary and Joe.

Eleanor Vaicaitis, Elsie Kosmisky, Helen Chesko and Anne Wargo represented the Council at the 86th National Convention in Philadelphia. They came back with glowing reports and thanks to our friends in Philadelphia for showing their "Brotherly Love."

Our 85th Annual Lithuanian Days held at the Schuylkill Mall were a great success. Our thanks to all the members who helped by making food, selling raffle tickets, donating time and gifts. Special thanks to Eleanor Vaicaitis, overall Chairperson; Suzanne Domalakes, Food Chairperson and Bernice Mikatavage, Program and Display Chairperson.

To all others who helped, too many to mention "Šimta Ačiu". As usual, the Philadelphia Dancers were great, Lynne Cox playing the accordian and led the sing-a-longs, the Musical McDonalds Orchestra kept the crowd happy and filled with The Lithuanian enthusiasm. displays were lovely, the vendors were happy and the food was super. There was no food left. There were visitors from as far as San Antonio, TX and a prize was given to the oldest woman there, 99 years old. It may not have been as big as the glory days in Lakewood, but Schuylkill County was Lithuanian once again on C-146, HARRISBURG, PA August 15.

We also had a children's group, "Gintaras" from Mahanoy City who did a beautiful job dancing and singing.

Those who worked were tired after working hard all week, but it was a good tired and another Lithuanian Day that will be long remembered.

Proceeds will go to the poor schools, orphanages, hospice, elderly in Lithuania and to the Pontifical Lithuanian College in Rome. Msgr. Bartkus was one of the founders of the Anthracite Council and for that we will always be grateful. He was our first Spiritual Advisor and is still a member of C 144. His heart is with the K of L and most especially with C - 144.

Our best wishes go to our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Ronald Jankaitis, who begins his new job as Principal of Nativity B.V.M. High School in Pottsville. Fr. Ron is also Pastor of St. Casimir's Parish in St. Clair.

Our thanks to our fellow Knights who attended Lithuanian Day. There were members from Washington, DC, Philadelphia and Pittston, some from CT, and from Hazleton and Allentown. One of the great things about being a member is the friends we have made from everywhere a K of L Council exists.

Congratulations to JoAnne Antonavage who won first prize in this year's Essay Contest. Joanne also is a member of the Zilvinis Dance Group from Philadelphia who danced at the affair.

Helen Grabauskas

On May 27th, members of Council 146 met at the St. Lawrence Club in Steelton, PA. A very enjoyable evening was had with 13 Friendship Force ambassadors from Lithuania. A turkey dinner was served, followed by entertainment and social time. The Patriot News published an article about the event.

See also the In Memoriam section (p. 44) regarding Reverend John F. Smith, who served as our Spiritual Advisor and wonderful friend for many years.

C-153, TREASURE COAST, FL Florence Miskinis

Our new location for Council 153 was changed to St. Jude's Parish conference room, due to the intercession of Al Miekinis and Veto Patrick, both parishioners of St. Jude's.

November 1st, the results of the new elections were as follows: President - Louis Stukas Vice President - Aldona Biliunas Treasurer - Michael Yudiskas Recording Sec - Florence Miskinis Ritual - James Marcinkus Sgt. at Arms - Veto Patrick Vytis Corres. - Florence Miskinis James Marcinkus swore in the new board and our newest member, Frances Leary.

December 6th, our annual Christmas party was held in the conference room of St. Jude's. Michael Yudiskas and his friend donated all the Christmas wreaths and candles for each table. About 34 members and guests were present. The delicious ethnic food, with Aldona Biliunas' kugeli and

dešros, were greatly enjoyed by all. Connie Scheibulhut greeted all the guests on behalf of our president, Lou Stukas, who had just returned after surgery. Guests were Loretta Stukas and her cousin from Lithuania. Kestutis Miklas. Reverend Vytautas Pikturna, our former Spiritual Advisor, sent his warmest greetings with exuberant "Valio Vyčai" to our Council from Putnam, CT.

The Committee included Michael Yudiskas, Veto and Vera Patrick, Aldona Biliunas, Florence and Al Miskinis, along with their daughter Maryann Hickey, and son John Miskinis from Massachusetts.

At our February 7th meeting we had six guests, including the president of the Mid-Atlantic District, Mr. and Mrs. John Sakal.

The St. Casimir's Day banquet, was held at Waterford Hotel in North Palm Beach. On March 7th. Our annual St. Casimir day celebration began with Mass held at the Florida Monastery. Procession into the chapel consisted of Cross Bearer -Victor Malakas; Holy Scripture -Aldona Biliunas; American Flag -Michael Yudiskas: Lithuanian Flag - James Marcinkus.

Bishop Paul Baltakis was celebrant, and Reverend Anthony Chepanis was co-celebrant. Dainos chorus provided the beautiful music.

Immediately following the mass, all congregated at the Waterford Hotel in North Palm Beach for dinner. About 120 people attended. Raffle prizes were, as usual, outstanding! Reverend Chepanis won the beautiful afghan made by Ursula Malekas. Our talented artist, Aldona Biliunas, donated a beautiful scenic painting. Lou Stukas was chairperson and responsible for the great success of this year's banquet. Assisting Lou were Mike Yudiskas, Joan Bizousky, Hebenstreil. Helen Cinnie Scheibelhut, and Peter Lubinsky.

April 11th was our new member, Stacia Alexander, was sworn into the council. Reports were given about our greatly successful banquet and donations allotted to individual charities.

We lost our oldest member, Paul Labanauskas. He passed away in May. He had just received his 3rd degree in Lietuvos Didziojo Kunigaikscio Gedimino III ordina in February.

Helen Frances Leary passed away in July. She was a new member and always there to help the council. Michael Yudiskas, our Treasurer, also passed away in July. He was the greatest patriot, always carried the American flag, made coffee, always ready and willing to help in all of our projects. Florence Miskinis' sister, Mary Yezukevich, passed away in February in Brockton. May they all rest in peace! We will miss them all! Our deepest sympathy is extended to all their families.

It was so sad to lose Dalia Bulvičius. She was a great lady! The gates of heaven were opened wide for her entrance.

C-157, LEMONT, IL Irene Macke

In November of 1998, a



C-157's July 4th Picnic Helping Hands

last meeting of the season. Our new K of L council. C-157, held its first meeting at the Lithuanian World Center in Lemont, Illinois. The impetus behind formation of the council was the fact that a large number of Lithuanians now live in the western and southern suburbs of Chicago, and it was known that many had expressed an interest in joining and becoming active members of the K of L if a more accessible meeting place could be found. The meeting did, indeed, attract new members as well as the attendance of some old K of L members who had previously been, shall we say, less than active. The officers of the new council are Ben Nauseda. president; Georgianna Macke, vice president; Theresa Strolia. recording secretary; Ann Marie Kassel, financial secretary; Tom Strolia, treasurer; Faustas Strolia, cultural chair; Barb Kotlar, Lithuanian affairs; and Msgr. Urbonas, spiritual adviser.

The young council had a small Christmas get-together but tackled its first major activity when the Mid-America District sought to hold its annual July 4th picnic at the Lithuanian World Center. Barb Kotlar and Theresa Strolia set in motion the planning process, and, with the help of members of the other councils, the

very successful picnic took place on one of the hottest days of the summer. All survived, thanks to a blessed breeze, some shade, and strategically placed tents.

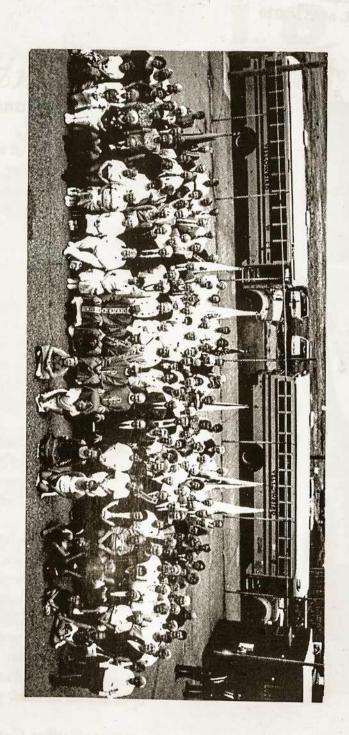
Paul Strolia and Arturas Blazukas, Paul's friend from Lithuania, kept our hearts light with the playing and singing of Lithuanian songs. In addition to these members of C-157, other members of the council who labored at the picnic were Rita Kuras, Joanne and Ben Nauseda. Chuck and Irene Macke, Sophie Montvidas, Agnes Tiskus, Ann Marie Kassel, Faustas Strolia, Angela Strolia, Tom Strolia, and John Strolia. Without the help of members of other councils, we might've expired in the first half hour.

Thank you to the following K of L'ers who joined in the effort: from Council 16, Wanda Pliskaitis, Rob Martin, Aldona Zajauskas, Diann Martin, Robert Martin, Sr., and Richard Niedvares: from Council 36, Stase Rudokas; from Council 82, Sr. Janine Golubickas; from Council 112, Ellie Kasputis (raffle chair). Anele Pocius, Ed Pocius, Sr. M. Theresa Papsis, Sr. Johanne Marie Shainauskas, Sr. M. Tarcisia Stuglis, Betty Zibas, Donna Juraitis, and Aldona Brazis. And thank you to all who attended. We are a young council, but we learn fast. Our next event will be even better.

More Smiles:

The Contractor's Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" The Tailor's Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" The Golfer's Hymn: "There is a Green Hill Far Away" ***

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A Toast of Thanks to Council 3 - Philadelphia

We all bugged as we arrived for another "family" meeting.
Smiling committee faces warmed us with each greeting.

We strolled the board walk and the beaches of the ocean.

Rang the bells at Atlantic City in one swift motion.

We walked the path of America's birth and freedom.

Gazed at the liberty bell, saw Betsy's

flag and then some.

Dined and danced in the Philly moonlight at Msgr. Joe's.
Renewed old friendships and

started new ones heaven knows.

OWe renewed our Catholic faith through daily masses.
Our commitment gets stronger with each year that passes.

Thank you for sharing your brotherly love too.
You were so wonderful to each of us and we all thank you.

Maryte Sepikas, C-133