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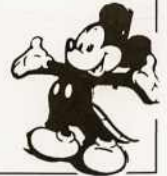
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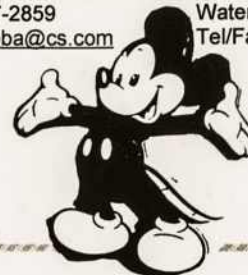
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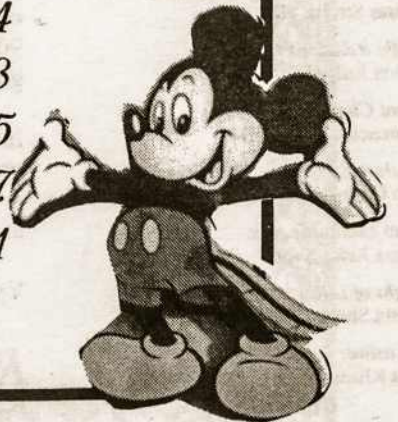
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Dear Fellow Member:

It's hard to believe that our 88th National Convention is already over a month behind us and we're already jumping into our busy season. On behalf of the entire Supreme Council let me take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for putting your trust in each of us to lead the organization for the coming year. The year ahead of us will be a challenging one for all. Many meetings will be held, many decisions made and many projects to be accomplished. I'm sure we can meet the challenge.

As I stated at the convention in Florida, our membership is doing well but to insure our future we need to build on this strong foundation. At the convention I launched a challenge to our membership. That challenge is for each one of us, in the coming year, to sign up one (1) new member. If we, as a group, working together, can meet this challenge, our organization would be unstoppable. Let us all do our best to accomplish this.

As many of you may have heard, this year's convention delegates approved a national budget for the coming year that will only allow for bi-monthly issues of Vytis. While all of us on the Supreme Council wish that this course of action wouldn't have been necessary, at this time, due to rising costs of printing, mailing and publication, we, along with the delegates, simply did not see any other option short of raising the cost of dues. The delegates voted to go this route, this year, instead of assessing a dues increase on the membership. We hope everyone will understand, and although you may not be happy with this decision, accept it. I'm sure I can count on you to support us on this.

Now, for some fun news, I'm happy to announce that your Supreme Council in conjunction with American Travel Service, will be sponsoring a trip to Lithuania next summer, during the Song/Dance Festival. Please look for additional information on the trip in this issue.

I am happy to announce that hosts for our 89th and 90th National Conventions have also been selected and approved. Council 16, Chicago, IL, has accepted to host the 89th Convention next year, in Downtown Chicago, from August 1-4. I'm sure we can all look forward to a great convention. Also, I am pleased to report that Council 1, Brockton, MA, has agreed to host our 90th Convention in 2003. Anyone who attended the last Brockton Convention knows what a good time will await us. All our thanks to both of these councils.

In closing, let us all continue to work together for our organizations future growth and prosperity. As always, please continue the letter writing to your representatives in congress and in the senate, urging US support of Lithuania and her Baltic sister nations for NATO inclusion in 2002.

Vytiškai,

Robert A. Martin, Jr.

President



DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS
OF THE 88TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA,

I EXTEND MOST SINCERE GREETINGS TO YOUR CONVENTION, WHICH AGAIN HAS GATHERED TOGETHER THE MEMBERS OF ONE OF THE OLDEST AMERICAN LITHUANIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

OVER THE YEARS, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HAVE EVOLVED INTO A COMMENDABLE TRADITION AND BECOME AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR CULTURE AND HISTORY. YOU WERE PART OF LITHUANIA'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE ULTIMATE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS FREEDOM. YOUR ORGANIZATION, TOO, HAS ACCUMULATED A RICH EXPERIENCE OF RELENTLESSLY PROMOTING THE FEELING OF LITHUANIAN IDENTITY AND SPREADING THE CULTURE OF THE MOTHERLAND AMONG A NUMBER OF GENERATIONS OF THE LITHUANIAN ÉMIGRÉ COMMUNITY.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN CULTIVATING LITHUANIAN IDENTITY AND SAFEGUARDING OUR NATIONAL VALUES. I AM CONVINCED THAT IN THE YEARS TO COME LITHUANIA, WHO PROJECTS ITS FUTURE IN THE EURO-ATLANTIC FAMILY, WILL MANY TIMES BENEFIT FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE AND GOODWILL CONCERN FOR THE LAND OF THE ANCESTORS.

I WELCOME YOUR CONVENTION AND WISH ALL MEMBERSHIP OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA THE BEST OF SUCCESS IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

VALDAS ADAMKUS
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
VILNIUS, AUGUST 2001

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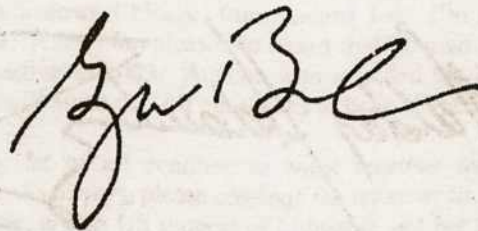
August 1, 2001

I am pleased to send warm greetings to all those gathered for the 88th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

One of our country's greatest strengths is its diverse population. Many immigrants have come to America seeking refuge from tyranny. All have high hopes for building better lives in this land of freedom and opportunity. As you look back at adversities overcome and great goals attained, you can take pride in your accomplishments, the accomplishments of your ancestors, and your lasting contributions to the continuing success of our great Nation.

I commend you for your efforts to preserve your rich Lithuanian customs and traditions. Through fellowship, example, and service, you also help promote the teachings and principles of the Roman Catholic Church among Lithuanian Americans. I salute all convention delegates for your dedication to meeting spiritual needs, helping those who suffer, and providing scholarship opportunities for disadvantaged young people. From community service and commitment to sharing your faith, you do much to improve the quality of life of others in all of your local communities.

Laura joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion.



Knights of Lithuania 88th Convention Opening Mass

Thursday - August 2, 2001



Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine is a place of special devotion. In addition to the Holy Eucharist, it emphasizes devotion to the Mother of God.

When Walt Disney World opened in 1971, the surrounding area was still a wilderness. The advent of the "Magic Kingdom" resulted in an instant tourist boom, and thousands of visitors now roamed.

Bishop Thomas Grady of Orlando recognized the spiritual needs of visiting Catholics, so Masses were offered in hotels. It soon became evident that the hotels could not continue to facilitate the growing numbers. Land was purchased and the Shrine Church was built.

The secular world in Orlando boasted of Walt Disney World, Sea World, Circus World and other lesser "Worlds" of entertainment. The church would place Mary as Queen over all in a

reminder that our "Worlds" are but a small part of God's creation!

The magnificent Shrine, Mary, Queen of the Universe, was blessed and dedicated in November of 1986.

At our opening Mass, we were so proud and honored to be there. This facility was literally turned over to us. The entrance procession of our flags, clergy, officers, Honorary Members and Juniors, brought tears to our eyes.

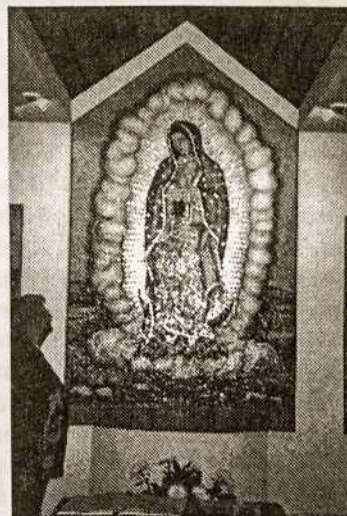
Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, STD, HM, was celebrant, and Rev. Msgr. Ignatius Urbonas, Rev. Anthony Markus, Rev. Anthony Chepanis and a priest from the Shrine concelebrated the Mass. Faustas Strolia, HM, was the organist, and Maryte Bizinkauskas led us in singing our beautiful Lithuanian Hymns, which culminated with a stirring rendition, by Maryte, of "Panis Angelicus."

Juniors, Joseph Berger, Vilija Bizinkauskas and Erin Petkus served as acolytes. Annamarie Sluzas-Berger, Supreme Council 3rd Vice-president, did the readings. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis inspired us with his eloquent words of advice and encouragement---a perfect way to begin our Convention. We are truly blessed to have Msgr. "Joe" as our Spiritual Advisor.

The Offertory gift-bearers were Junior members of the Knights of Columbus.

As we left this hallowed place, we were filled with the Holy Spirit and a feeling of special love that stayed with us throughout the Convention.

~by Elinor Sluzas, H.M.~



State of the Organization Report

Presented by: Robert A. Martin, Jr.

Thursday, August 2, 2001



Pursuant to Article XI of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, I submit to the Delegates of the 88th National Convention, the Annual State of the Organization Report, where in all reports of the Officers, Committee Chairs, District Presidents, Charity Presidents and organization staff have been summarized for presentation. It is important to remember that this report is just a summary of their work and activities. I strongly encourage delegates to pick up a set of their full reports and after reading them share them with your fellow council members. The work that has been accomplished in the past year is truly remarkable and worthy of your time.

Spiritual Advisor
Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Anderlonis, HM

Msgr. Joe has continued to offer a monthly Mass for our deceased members and includes new names of our deceased as he receives them. At this Mass Msgr. also offers prayers for the intentions of our entire organization.

Msgr. attended the spring meeting of the SC in Dayton and offered Mass for those attending at C-96's home parish of Holy Cross.

During the year Msgr. has always made himself available for advice and counsel to the national officers and all members seeking his guidance. His assistance and support was a tremendous help to all of us, especially myself, during this year of transition.

Msgr. remains active in the activities and projects of Council 3. In addition Msgr. is a member of this year's convention committee.

President
Robert A. Martin, Jr.

In my capacity as Supreme Council President I attended meetings with our Vytis printer, Draugas, a symposium given by Lithuanian President, Valdas Adamkus, arranged a meeting with our new Lithuanian Ambassador in Washington and met with him in Chicago at a luncheon in his honor, attended a meeting at the consulate office later that evening for heads of Lithuanian Organizations. In addition I attended MAD, MAMD and MCD meetings, all SC meetings, all convention committee meetings, Council celebrations and Banquets, District Celebrations and Banquets, and meetings with SC members as needed. I was honored to represent the K of L in Rome at the Consistory of Cardinal Backis and in Washington at the JBANC Conference.

This year I was happy to appoint the "Social Membership Review Committee", as well as our Legal Advisor, Vytis Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager. I also served on all charity boards and committees as required by the constitution.

I submitted monthly articles to Vytis and special advisories as needed.

In addition I serve as the Co-Chair of this year's convention committee.

1st Vice President
Bernice Aviza

Bernice has been an outstanding member of the Supreme Council. While unable to attend the Fall Meeting of the SC she has attended all other meetings. Through the wonders of the internet she has remained in constant contact with all officers as needed. She remains active in her district and serves as their Junior Vice President. On the local level she has been active in council activities and the packaging of materials and equipment for Lithuania.

In the spring Bernice was part of the K of L contingent to the Jbanc Conference and was instrumental in obtaining a meeting with the staff of Senator Clinton of New York State. She also attended a private meeting with the new Lithuanian Ambassador while in Washington.

During this convention she will be the panel presenter.

2nd Vice President
Elena Nakrosis

This year was Elena's "rookie" year on the Supreme Council and she really stepped up to the bat. During the year she worked with the Financial Secretary verifying all new members of the organization. She has kept the new membership records current and will be presenting the membership awards during this convention. Under her able ability contact with former K of L Councils has been made in an effort to revitalize them. She sent copies of Vytis to numerous people to introduce them to the K of L and encourage them to join. She answered all requests for copies of the constitution for new and old members alike.

She attended all meetings of the SC and was an active member of this year's convention committee.

3rd Vice President
Annmarie Šluzas-Berger

Annmarie has attended all meetings of the Supreme Council and has worked to update our Junior information. She has responded to all correspondence received and also had a Mother's Day article submitted in Vytis.

In addition she is a member of this year's convention committee and was responsible for planning not only the Junior's convention meeting and program but also the Junior "Fun" activities.

Annamarie has plans for the future of our Juniors and we can all rest assured that their future is in very capable hands.

Recording Secretary
Sr. Johanna Marie Shainauskas, SSC

Sr. Johanna Marie has attended all meetings of the Supreme Council and has been one of our greatest assets. During the past year she has collected the updated rosters of council and district officers, kept all minutes of the SC and handled the mailing of minutes to all officers and honorary members. In addition to her regular duties as Recording Secretary, Sister has also served as secretary for this year's convention committee, and under the direction of our Editor-in-chief, she manages the typesetting and layout of "Vytis".

Sister remains active in her district where she currently serves as Choir President and participates in the meetings and activities of her home, Council 112.

Treasurer
Richard Niedvares

Richard has worked hard this past year to keep our bills paid and our books balanced. He currently wears the Treasurer's hat on the local, district and national level and keeps all accounts straight. In addition this year he is also the Treasurer for the convention committee.

He headed up the committee that prepared next year's budget and will be presenting it to the delegates during this convention.

He has been an outstanding member of the Supreme Council and has kept us well informed as to our finances.

Financial Secretary
Mark H. Bell

Mark has had a truly busy year. During the past year he has completed the computerization of our national membership files, reworked the new membership forms, made updates to our Website, and as of May is overseeing the updates to the Vytis Mailing list. Truly a lot has been going on with our Financial Secretary. As with all changes, not everyone was happy but the majority have embraced these changes with a positive attitude.

Mark attended all meetings of the Supreme Council and was in constant contact with the Supreme Council on all tasks as needed. This spring Mark traveled to the NED Meeting to meet with their members and answer questions on membership, convention, etc. In addition, Mark is co-chairman of this year's convention committee.

Trustee
Agnes Mickunas, HM

Trustee, Agnes Mickunas, attended both meetings of the Supreme Council and was an asset to our national team. Agnes' main responsibilities this past year have centered on updating the listing of all K of L owned equipment and

materials. Agnes is happy to report that all equipment is accounted for at this time.

During the convention she and her co-trustee will meet to review the books of the national treasurer, Aid to Lithuania, Inc., K of L Foundation and St. Casimir Guild. A detailed report will be given to the delegates at a later session. In addition, Agnes, is also a member of this year's national convention committee.

Trustee
Rita Sussko

Rita attended all meetings of the Supreme Council and was an asset to our national team. Along with Agnes, she has worked to update the listing of all K of L owned equipment and materials. Rita is also responsible for maintaining the K of L Manuals for distribution as requested.

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Amber District
President - John Mankus

In his continuing service to the Knights of Lithuania John wears more than one hat. As President of the Amber District he has arranged and presided over all meetings of the district. The district continues to thrive and through their careful budgeting of funds has made annual donations to ATL, St. Casimir Guild, K of L Foundation and K of L Scholarship. In addition the Amber district has aided both financially and spiritually when ever and wherever able. As Amber District President John serves as a member of the National Nominations Committee both for Convention Presidium and Supreme Council. John has written letters to the President, local Senators and Congressman asking for support of Lithuania's NATO bid. John continues to participate at functions whenever he can. He attended all meetings of the Supreme Council.

Mid-America District
President - Glenn E. Perutis

This year was Glenn's first term and MAMD President and true to form the district kept him busy. Glenn attended all board and regular meetings of the district as well as attending its functions and those of its member councils. In addition, Glenn and many of this district members participated at the functions and banquets of other Lithuanian organizations throughout the Chicagoland area during the year. He also represented the District at the Lithuanian Consul's Feb. 16th reception. He attended the Spring meeting of the SC and is currently a member of this year's national nominations committee.

Glenn is happy to report that the district sponsored a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows last fall and is planning another one for this fall to Holy Hill - National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians. As always the

district once again sponsored its "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day.

The MAMD continues to be active and its members continue to promote Lithuania whenever the chance arises.

Mid-Atlantic District
President - Edward Barkowski

President, Ed Barkowski, reports that this past year the Mid-Atlantic District held two bi-annual meetings. During their first meeting district retired Col. Ginger Houghton and Lt. Col. Bob Duda treated members to an informative talk. These dedicated Americans spoke on their trip to Lithuania to aid a group of medical Volunteers in training the medical personnel in Vilnius on the latest medical procedures. During their second meeting guest speakers included new Lithuanian Consul General, Ramantas Morkvenas and our Supreme Council President. The councils of the Mid-Atlantic District continue to be active and are happy to announce that each has commemorated Lithuanian Independence Day, St. Casimir, shipped goods to Lithuania as well as support their local parishes. Ed currently serves on the National Nominations Committee for Convention Presidium and National Board as Chair. Ed has been an active members of the Supreme Council and is always willing to offer his support and assistance.

Mid-Central District
President - Frances R. Petkus, HM

The Mid-Central District is pleased to report that during the past year their members have gathered twice, once for their Fall Convention/Pilgrimage and once for their Spring Convention/Bowling Tournament. Members have actively supported writing letters on behalf of Lithuania for NATO expansion and continue to promote the Knights of Lithuania whenever possible. Third and Fourth Degrees were presented at Masses during both district conventions.

District President, Frances Petkus, HM, has once again led this dedicated group of K of L'ers to a successful year. Fran attended all meetings of the Supreme Council. As Mid-Central District President, Fran serves as a member of the National Nominations Committee both for Convention Presidium and Supreme Council. In addition, Fran is a member of this year's convention committee.

New England District
President - Joseph V. Stiklius

Joe continues to be a hard working member of the Supreme Council in his position of NED President. Joe attended the SC meeting in Orlando last fall but do to a scheduling conflict wasn't able to join us in Dayton. Joe attended both meetings of his district's board and both general sessions. With the assistance of Marion Hobitz and Bertha Stoskas currently their district by-laws are being updated.

As New England District President Joe serves as a member of the National Nominations Committee both for Convention

Presidium and Supreme Council. In addition to his many duties, Joe is a member of this year's convention committee.

Archives
Chair - William Piacentini, Jr.

Chairman, Bill Piacentini and his committee have set forth this year to begin the difficult task of organizing and cataloging the collection of materials in our national archives. Currently the committee consists of five members, Bill, Alexander Akule, Frances Bumila, Sophia Sakalys and Longinas Svelnis. In addition each district has one representative on the archives committee.

The committee wishes to thank everyone who has contributed items to the archives, most especially Longinas Svelnis. Because of his foresight to establish the archives we have the collection we currently have. Please refer to Bill's Archives report for the current address and process for submitting materials to the National Archives.

Honorary Membership
Chair - Frances R. Petkus, HM

The Honorary Membership Committee consists of six members representing all districts. The current members of the committee include: Fran Petkus, Rev. Albert Contons, Al Brazis, Frank Petrauskas, Bertha Stoskus and Loretta Stukas.

Chair, Fran Petkus, reports that this year the Honorary Membership Committee has completed all steps needed with regards to their resolutions made last year to bestow Honorary Membership upon, Elsie Kosmisky and Rita Sussko. With final approval by this convention the presentation of medals will be made at this year's convention.

The committee mourns the loss of two of our Honorary Members, Rev. Anthony Jurgelatis, OP and Phyllis Grendal. May they rest in peace.

The committee is currently reviewing candidates for submission, which will be reported on later during the convention. Also, the committee is currently reviewing the Constitution with regards to Honorary Membership.

As reported, Fran attended all meetings of the Supreme Council.

Lithuanian Affairs
Chair - John Mankus

John continues to be a hardworking member of the Supreme Council. During the past year John has represented the Knights at official functions in Washington and Chicago. In addition John has traveled to various districts to make presentations on current situations in Lithuania and what the Knights can do to help. John has mailed out six Lithuanian Affairs Newsletters as well as published articles in Vytis. This spring while in Washington for the JBANC Conference, John along with a few other members, attended a private meeting with new Lithuanian Ambassador, Vygaudas Usackas. John has been instrumental in securing this year's "Friend of

Lithuania" recipient. He attended all meetings of the Supreme Council.

**Lithuanian Culture and Language
Chair - Faustas Strolia, HM**

Honorary member, Faustas Strolia, continues to promote our Language and Culture at every opportunity. During this past year he has been a valuable member of the SC, especially to me, with regards to translations of incoming and outgoing letters and documents. Faustas attended all meetings of the Supreme Council.

In addition he will be our organist, as in the past, for the convention Masses, as well as the accompanist for our cultural presentation during the banquet. I am sure we will all enjoy the program he and his co-chair, Maryte Bizinkauskas, have planned.

During the year Faustas remained active as Choir Director for the K of L Choir and compiled and published a Lithuanian Hymnal of his compositions which was underwritten by the organization and K of L Foundation. This Hymnal was mailed to over 200 Lithuanian Churches in Lithuania and here in the United States, to commemorate not only his wonderful contributions to religious music but also to be a gift to mark the start of a new Millennium for our brothers and sisters in Lithuania and those of Lithuanian decent.

As stated, Faustas is a member of this year's convention Committee.

**Public Relations
Chair - Regina Juska-Svoba**

Regina has continued to be a committed member of the Supreme Council. During the past year she has written and/or submitted countless articles for publication in Draugas, Dirva and Darbininkas. Articles on Knights of Lithuania activities were also submitted to Radio programs when available. Regina has continued to translate articles into English and Lithuanian as requested. Regina has also been quick to respond when inaccuracies about organization activities have occurred in the press. Regina has attended the Supreme Council Meetings and has remained in close contact with the members of the Supreme Council. She is also a member of this year's convention committee.

**Ritual
Chair - Clemincine Miller, HM**

Clemincine has once again led our Ritual team with precision. Clem answered all questions she received regarding ritual and was in continual contact with the other members of the Supreme Council as needed. This past year saw her attend the Supreme Council meeting in Orlando and publish an article in Vytis entitled, "Simple Steps for Ritual Degrees". She will be publishing another article, "Ritual Degree Ceremonies for First and Second-Degree Presentation" in a future issue of Vytis. In an effort to aid all members with questions on the degree system, Clem will be moderating a Question and Answer session during this convention for all

interested members. Attendance at the session is optional but highly recommended. She has been a valuable asset to our national board.

**Scholarship
Chair - Irena Gecas-McCarthy**

Irena continues to lead the Scholarship Committee with professionalism and expertise. We are truly lucky to have her. During the past year she has answered all correspondence received and led her fellow committee members in making the decisions on this year's scholarship recipients.

She has submitted articles to Vytis and has worked hard to co-ordinate the overhaul of our Scholarship program. She will be presenting this year's Scholarships during the convention Banquet.

**Aid to Lithuania, Inc.
Chairman of the Board - Robert S. Boris, HM
President - Regina Juska-Svoba**

Regina and Bob continue to do an outstanding job heading up our Aid to Lithuania, Inc. project. During the past year they have collected over \$20,000.00 in donations which has been used on many projects including five medical aid shipments, Lithuanian Seminary Funding, Soup Kitchen funding, Emergency Shelter Funding and aid for CARITAS.

In February, Bob was invited to the Consistory in Rome of Cardinal Backis where he presented the Cardinal with a donation of over \$5,000.00 from Aid to Lithuania funds. These funds were disbursed to various charities of the Cardinal's choosing.

Regina continues overseeing the daily goings on of the running of ATL from Detroit and was instrumental in acquiring additional aid and assistance as available. As stated, Regina attended the Supreme Council Meetings and is a member of this year's convention committee.

On a sad note, ATL was saddened by the passing of long-time member, Frank Bunikis on February 28th. May he rest in peace.

**K of L Foundation, Inc.
Loretta Stukas, HM, President**

Foundation President, Loretta Stukas is happy to report that this past year the following Foundation Directors were re-elected. Loretta Stukas and Saulius Kuprys to represent the MAD and MAMD, respectively. This year the terms of three of the Directors, Elena Nakrosis, Elinor Sluzas and Anna Wargo are up for renewal. Elinor and Anna have both accepted to run again, Elena has declined. The Foundation thanks Elena for her years of service and dedication

The Foundation currently has capital of almost \$102,000.00 due to the generosity of our members. Disbursement of the interest this year will be discussed during the Foundations annual meeting being held on Thursday evening. The Foundation continues to sponsor the National Essay Contest

and the Karklius Scholarship. Winners of each will be announced during this convention. In addition this past year the Foundation was able to donate \$1,000.00 towards text books for students in the Prienu District of Lithuania, Co-sponsored the publication of a Lithuanian Hymnal for Lithuania's and America's Lithuanian Churches, and through the efforts of the Foundation and its members \$5,600.00 was donated to the Navickas family, a family of seven orphaned children, to aid in rebuilding their home after fire destroyed their original house.

Finally, through the work of members Loretta Stukas and Elinor Sluzas a brochure defining the works of the foundation is being prepared. Loretta has been a valuable member of the Foundation and indeed the Supreme Council as well. Loretta attended all meetings of the Supreme Council.

St. Casimir Guild

President - Anna Klizas Wargo, HM

Ann continues to be a true inspiration to her fellow Knights on all levels of the organization. Thought this past year saw fit to temporarily "clip her wings", that didn't stop Ann from flying, if only figuratively. While unable to travel Ann kept in constant contact with the Supreme Council and was always available to offer her words of wisdom. Through her work and the work of her committee this past year the Guild was able to send over thirty thousand dollars to the Pontifical Lithuanian College in Rome. The Guild, thanks to the generosity of our members, is one of the primary sources of income for the College. On the occasion of his elevation to Cardinal, this past February the college hosted a reception for one of its former graduates, His Eminence, Audrys Cardinal Backis. I'm sure we all join in wishing the Cardinal and college our best. Ann will be making a complete report to the convention later during our sessions. The Guild asks for your continued prayers for not only the college but also for its Rector, fellow member and dear friend, Msgr. Bartkus, HM. Msgr. hasn't been feeling well and is unable to attend the convention this year.

Legal Advisor

Saulis Kuprys

Legal advisor, Saulius Kuprys, continues to represent the interests of the Knights of Lithuania when requested. Saulius has been in constant contact with the members of the Supreme Council as needed. In addition he maintains the reports of all legal filings. He is constantly aware of any legal changes and is quick to respond to them when warranted. He has truly been a remarkable Knights. In addition to serving as our legal advisor this past year he also was selected to take the helm of overseeing JBANC for the coming year.

Saulius is very active in Lithuania causes and is currently working diligently on the NATO Petition Drive, which he encourages everyone to participate in.

Vytis
Editor in Chief
Sr. M. Janine Golubickis, SSC

What can I say about our new editor in chief that you haven't figured out for yourself? Nothing other than to say she's terrific. Since taking over the reigns of *Vytis* last fall Sister has had a baptism by fire and has rose to the challenge. Under her leadership all ten issues have been prepared, printed and mailed to our membership and our *Vytis Office* has been set-up in Chicago. As she has gotten used to her new duties Sister has continued to make recommendations about ways to better the *Vytis*. We hope you have noticed. Sister has remained in constant contact with the SC and along with her staff has worked to insure that *Vytis* is mailed timely and correctly. Of course, the road hasn't always been smooth and Sister has done her best to make it so. This past May, through the funding of a very generous donation to *Vytis* Sister printed our first four-color cover. Please watch future issues for more. Upon her recommendation in May the SC moved the maintenance of the mailing list back to our Financial Secretary. The logic behind this was sound and will save the organization money in the long run since the national records are now computerized and address corrections can be made quicker thus causing fewer returns. Also, all returns now come to our *Vytis Office* in Chicago eliminating the need for a post office box. Currently the duties of the *Vytis* staff are being evaluated to insure that the organizations needs are being met as efficiently as possible. Sister is always willing to discuss ideas for *Vytis* with the membership. I wish to commend the entire *Vytis* staff on a job well done and ask for your continued support.

Vytis
Business Manager
Mary F. Kincius

Mary attended all meetings of the Supreme Council during the year. Her responsibilities included monthly updates of the mailing list, maintenance of the Post Office Box, subscription renewals, the Christmas Greetings Campaign and taking payments to the Post Office for *Vytis* postage expenses. In addition, this year Mary was also part of the team assisting the transfer over to a new *Vytis* Editor in Chief as well as attending meetings with our printer to help sort out discrepancies.

Mary also is a member of this year's convention committee and attended the Committee Meeting in Orlando, Florida this past spring.

What we've accomplished

As you can see our officers, district presidents, committee chairs and staff have done their best to lead our organization into the future. Some additional points I wish to call to your attention are as follows:

As requested by the respondents of last year's membership survey the following items have been investigated on your behalf. Work will continue on these and other points of the survey.

Social Membership - a committee including at least one member of each district has been appointed and will meet briefly for their first organizational meeting during this convention.

Need for better Communication between the three levels of the organization - during the past year I have instituted a regular letter from the president column in Vytis to try and keep all members informed about what is going on in the organization. In addition, members of the Supreme Council traveled outside their own councils and districts this year to talk and meet our general membership.

Attracting new and younger members - currently the SC is investigating ways to encourage non-members to join. This will be an ongoing process. However, I wish to appeal to all members to take an active role in increasing our numbers. Let us all embrace this challenge for the coming year. Let us all go out and sign up just one new member within the coming year. If we do we would double our size by our next convention.

Changes to Vytis - As stated, our current Editor-in-Chief and her staff have worked to update the look of Vytis. In addition, through the generosity of the Sisters of St. Casimir, a Vytis Office has been opened in Chicago. All production operations of Vytis are being done through that office at this time. In addition, our mailing list has been transferred to the Financial Secretary and as a result can be updated quicker due to the existence of only one centralized list.

Increased participation - As you will see during the reports to be given during this convention a movement towards greater involvement by our members is taking place, let us work together to make this a trend. Our goals are to see that this momentum continues. We have a long road ahead of us but the grassroots appear to be firmly planted.

Communication with other organizations - During this past year we have worked hard to create better relations with our fellow Lithuanian organizations. As a start to this, a "pact" was signed in Washington this past Spring where by a large number, if not all, Lithuanian organizations agreed to work together for Lithuania and her aspirations for NATO membership. In addition a follow up meeting was held in Chicago with our new Lithuanian Ambassador to check the progress of this partnership. It remains strong. By talking to each other and working together we can not only keep the individual integrity of our organizations strong but our voice for Lithuania will be even stronger.

Looking ahead

Our organization's future is in our hands, and what we make of it is up to each of us.

As always our charities, Aid to Lithuania, Inc., St. Casimir Guild, K of L Foundation and Scholarship will need our continued financial support, let us not disappoint them. However, let us also consider the following as well. The coming year will see very important decisions being made for Lithuania's future and her becoming part of NATO, in particular. We must all work to insure that our Representatives and Senators in Washington support Lithuania's inclusion in 2002. This year, as in years gone by, letter writing is of utmost importance, together we can help to make a difference. Along those lines, I ask you to consider making donations to the Fr. Jutt Fund for Lithuanian Affairs. This fund is the sole source of income for our Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Let us insure that the funds needed for mailings and news bulletins are readily available.

Also, this past year has seen several, hopefully welcome, changes to the presentation of Vytis. Those changes, for the most part, have met with positive responses. Let us all consider a personal contribution to insure that needed funding is there for our Staff to continue.

As always, our Junior members remain the key to our future. Assistance we offer their cultivation today will work to insure our continued success tomorrow.

And please consider joining our Summer 2002 Tour of Lithuania. The tour is scheduled so that as Lithuanians from all over the world gather once again for the Song and Dance Festival in Vilnius, we can be part of it. Your Supreme Council is pleased to be sponsoring the "Official Knights of Lithuania Tour", in cooperation with American Travel Service. You may have noticed that a copy of the trip's itinerary has been included with everyone's convention handouts. Additional copies are available should you need them.

In conclusion

Now, as I bring this year's annual report to a close I would be remiss if I didn't take time to offer a few words of thanks. First, to you, our delegates, all my thanks for intrusting me with the honor of leading our organization this part year and for having the foresight to elect such a dynamic group of people to serve on your Supreme Council. It has truly been a pleasure to serve with them this past year. To the members of this year's Supreme Council I offer my thanks. Your support and willingness to work together is truly appreciated and a great asset to our organization.

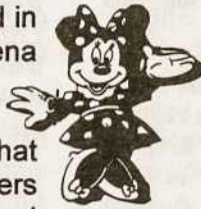
It is my hope, that after having listened to all that has been happening during the past year we will all be motivated to use this convention to re-dedicate ourselves to working "For God and Country" as we continue building the bridges between our generations both for now and for our future.

Now, let us continue with this year's meetings and deliberations in friendship and understanding. May our deliberations over the next four days be fruitful and always be in the best interest of the Knights of Lithuania.

Thank you.

Kennedy Space Center Wednesday, August 1st Bernice Aviza

Prior to the official start of the National Convention a group of K of L'ers participated in a trip to the Kennedy Space Center. Elena Nakrosis, C-90 was the guide for the day.



The Kennedy Space Center is located on what is known as Florida's "Space Coast". It covers more than 140,000 acres of land, swamp and waterways. It is also home to two Launch Pads, one of the world's longest runways and the nation's biggest building.

Our tour of the Space Center started at the Visitor Complex where displays tell the story of NASA's past, present and future. We then boarded buses for a complete tour of the Kennedy Space Center.

Our first stop was the *Apollo/Saturn V Center*. In the "Firing Room" theatre the final countdown of the US's first mission to the moon was re-enacted. When the countdown reached zero we could feel and hear Apollo 8 leaving the launch pad.

As we left the *Apollo/Saturn V Center* and traveled to the *LC 39 Observation Gantry*, we were able to view how space shuttle orbiters are transported to the landing site. The "Crawler-Transporter" is about the size of a baseball diamond and has the ability to bear 6 million pounds of weight. The observation deck of the Gantry allows a 360 degree view of the entire complex area – the shuttle launch pads, the vehicle assembly building, the control center and the 130-foot-wide Crawlerway. Weather conditions that day prevented us from seeing an actual shuttle launch. We were able to get photos of ourselves inside of a rocket.

The visit to the *International Space Station Center* allowed us an up-close look of the actual facility where NASA is processing the components of the International Space Station. From the observation room we were able to see the actual processing bay where each space station module is checked out and processed.



The mock-up of the Habitation Module showed us what it would our living accommodations would be like if we were put into orbit.

We could not leave without visiting the IMAX film theatres. The screens are five stories high and have 3-D special effects. What an adventure! It made you feel that you were there.

As we traveled back to the hotel everyone marveled at the combination of historical elements and future dreamss that abounded at the space center.



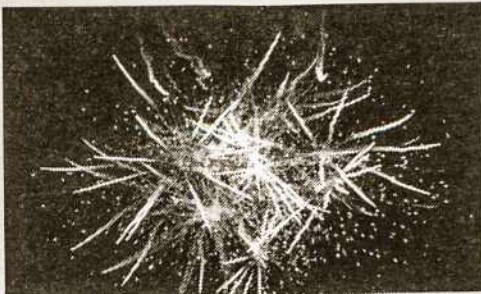
Singin' in the Rain



Thursday Night. After another rainy afternoon, everyone joyfully boarded the buses for Epcot. When we arrived there, we were each given (free) a yellow Mickey Mouse poncho to keep away the rain. We were supposed to have our dessert party outdoors at the Italian Pavilion, but due to the rain, Epcot supplied an empty building for us. We had some time before the party, so many of us went to one of the restaurants that were in the area for dinner. On the way back to the Dessert Party, we were privileged to see an unusual Parade of Nations.

The desserts were fabulous, and everyone enjoyed all the goodies and sat around and talked until it was time to leave for the fireworks. It seemed miraculous, but the rain stopped and we all walked to the island to watch the awesome fireworks. It was a spectacular show, and everyone oohed and aahed at everything.

When the fireworks were over, we all went back to the buses and returned to the hotel with yet another happy memory. ~ *Anna Klizas-Wargo* ~



Our Juniors ~ Our Future..



Fourteen Junior Knights of Lithuania traveled to Orlando to see "old" friends, and make new ones. Although the tropical storm brought more than the usual amount of rain to Orlando, our spirits were not dampened. Our traditional pool party get-together was rained out, so we spent a fun afternoon playing ice-breaker games, watching videos and pigging out on pizza!

Friday was spent at the Magic Kingdom on rides and shopping at the stores for souvenirs.

Saturday morning we enjoyed breakfast with Goofy and Pluto, and then spent the remainder of the morning learning about Saint Casimir with Father Tony Markus and Sister Mary Janine Golubickis, SSC, who shared their wisdom and admiration for our patron saint. Saturday afternoon, the juniors wowed the adults with a beautiful presentation about Saint Casimir that included St. Casimir's hymn, played in the background.

I think all that attended the session were deeply moved by this heartwarming presentation.

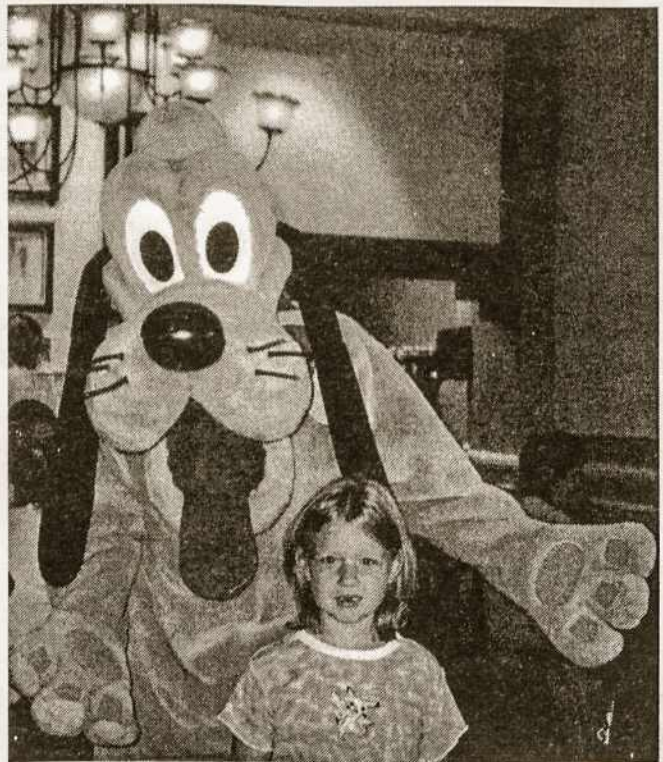
During the entire week, juniors were a part of every Mass as servers, greeters, and gift-bearers at the Offertory. They could also be seen taking part in all of the activities of the convention, especially the banquet, where they danced to the very end.

A special thank you is extended to all of the parents who allowed their children to attend the convention, and to all of the adults at the

convention who made the juniors feel welcome and important! Also, I would like to thank all of the adult members who shared their knowledge and time to make this a successful and enjoyable convention for the juniors. You are greatly appreciated! I hope to see you next year in Chicago!

Vytiskai,

~Annamarie Sluzas-Berger ~



"Friend of Lithuania"



Ginger Houghton - "Friend of Lithuania"

"I am deeply honored to be the recipient of the Knights of Lithuania 'Friend of Lithuania' award, remarked Ginger Houghton, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, of Schenectady, NY., during the Award presentation. Quite frankly, I was very proud and delighted to be able to present Ginger with our award for her huge contribution to the people of Lithuania.

Ginger and her Lithuanian friend and partner, Bob Duda, made a foil presentation, at the National Convention, of their activities during the past two years and of their future plans to assist Lithuania. As I indicated in the July/August *Vytis*, their work for Lithuania has been nothing short of monumental. I want to summarize the highlights of their activities and presentation:

- ◆ Seven Heart-Lung machines were shipped through the "Great Circle Tour."
- ◆ Tons of donated equipment, including pallets of birthing beds, blood-pressure machines, wheelchairs, monitors and medicines were packed and shipped. In all, eleven cargo containers of medical supplies to Lithuanian Hospitals. Ginger has received help from Lithuanian Mercy Lift, to pay for the shipping cost.
- ◆ An open heart surgery was provided to a Lithuanian patient in 1997.
- ◆ An electric wheelchair was shipped to a patient.
- ◆ An electric bed shipped to a quadriplegic man along with two years of cardiac medication.
- ◆ Working with Lithuanian friend, Bob Duda, Ginger sends humanitarian support to four

families in Lithuania as part of "Saulute Kids" program.

- ◆ In April, 2000, she and Bob organized the 109th Air National Guard medical deployment unit for a two week exercise with Lithuanian Medical Teams in the Kaunas area.
- ◆ Working with the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, MA, an eleven-year old boy was provided with a right arm prosthesis.
- ◆ Ginger has hosted many visiting Lithuanians in her home and has had as many as 18 for Christmas dinner.
- ◆ In March, Bob Duda rented a truck and traveled 4000 miles to Hospitals in California, Missouri, Oklahoma and North Carolina to pick up donated heart-lung machines. "If you don't ask people, you will never know," said Ginger.
- ◆ Her contacts with St. Peter's Hospital of Albany include the use of warehouse space, temperature controlled storage, loading and dock equipment, including the use of a fork lift.

In progress is, to provide an Orthopedic Surgeon to Kaunas Poly Clinic, and to a hospital in Marijampole for Orthopedic surgeries, and to find two ambulances to assist the hospital in Kaunas in getting its fledgling transportation program off the ground. "Our goal is to keep doing this work until they don't need our help any more." Ginger has been to Lithuania four times and is planning another trip in October, to help train nurses and physicians in arthroscopic surgery. "This has been a project that God has given me and I love doing it," said Ginger.

I wish to thank Bernice Aviza and Ed Barkowski for their assistance in choosing such a worthy recipient of the "Friend of Lithuania" Award.

~ by John R. Mankus ~



A Successful Completion to the

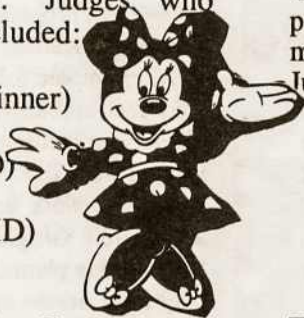
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION 2001 ESSAY CONTEST

This year's Knights of Lithuania Foundation Essay Contest again provided members an opportunity to share personal thoughts relating to the Knights, Lithuania, or their Lithuanian heritage. The topic of the 2001 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:

Jeanne Valente (2000 Winner)
Adolf Klova (AMD)
Clemencine Miller (NED)
Elinor Sluzas (MCD)
Mary Beth Slakis (MAMD)
Loretta Stukas (MAD)



This was a banner year the Contest. 17 entries were received, representing all 5 Districts and 12 Councils. The quality of the essays entered was heartening, the topics were interesting, and the judging difficult.

Winners were announced at the 88th National Convention in Orlando, FL. The winning entries will be published in subsequent issues.

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

**1st (\$300.00) Sister Helen Ivanauskas, CJC
C-1, Brockton, MA**

**2nd (\$200.00) Stephany Gutauskas
C-3, Philadelphia, PA**

**3rd (\$100.00) Barbara Plungis Shupenis
C-7, Waterbury, CT**

**Hon. Mention Walter Svekla
C-3, Philadelphia, PA**

**Frank Petrauskas, HM
C-140, Syracuse, NY**

Also, several Junior members entered the contest. Several came close to the "Winners' Circle". In keeping with this year's motto "Bridging the Generation Gap" and to encourage more Junior participation in the future, special, smaller monetary awards were awarded to two of the Junior entries, namely:

**Vilija Bizinkauskas
C-1 Jrs., Brockton, MA**

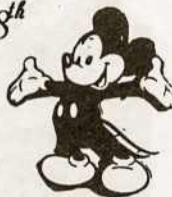
**Joseph Berger
C-96 Jrs., Dayton, OH**

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, which will include a separate section for Juniors also!

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

*Scholarship Awards at the 88th
National Convention
Saturday - August 4, 2001*



Labas vakaras visiems! Once again I have the honor of being able to recognize several deserving applicants scholarship award funds. The Committee continues to struggle with proposed changes that can be made to upgrade the award program, to keep it meaningful and current with the times and the new millennium. Last year, the Committee successfully voted to rescind the restriction that stipulated that an applicant could only win one time. This year, I am happy to report that 2 applicants readily took advantage of this option.

Last year the Committee awarded \$7,800 of scholarship money to 3 worthy applicants, including one seminarian in Rome. In addition, there was a special one-time memorial award for Regina Wright (\$2,375) that Her family directed to support a seminarian in Lithuania through the Aid to Lithuania's "Adopt a Seminarian" program.

Before announcing the awards, I would first like to thank my committee, which is composed of four other members from various districts. All 5 of the committee members vote: **Veronica Bizinkauskas Cote** - New England District (re-elected this year); **Antoinette Sakal** - Mid-Atlantic District; **Karen Domalakes** - Amber District (re-elected this year); and **Wanda Pliskaitis** - Mid-America District; I (**Irena Gecas-McCarthy**), continue to represent my long-time council, C-96, Dayton, Ohio, and the Mid-Central District.

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 Record, and Community Service. These 5 characteristics are still deemed to be important and are used to distinguish potential recipients.

Now...for the fun part...let's give away some money. This year the Committee has awarded a total of \$12,925 to nine lucky members.

As always, I start off with the Irene Sankus Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 that is

awarded each year to a seminarian attending the Pontifical Lithuanian College-Seminary in Rome. It is customary for Monsignor Bartkus to select the recipient, who is from a Diocese in Lietuva, and is studying in either his first or second year in Rome.

The second scholarship, our top scholarship, the Sviklas and Tamulevich Memorial Scholarship will be for \$3,000 and it is awarded to **Mary Mankus**, a member of Council 72 - Binghamton, NY. Mary is pursuing completion of her PhD, Doctor of Philosophy in History, from the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs of Syracuse University. Her current area of research deals with United States immigration history, specifically that of World War II Eastern European Displaced Persons. Upon completion of her dissertation and degree, she plans to pursue a career as a professor of history, and an attorney specializing in immigration matters. Congratulations Mary!!! Mary also attended the Convention this year.

The next scholarship, the Alice Karklius Memorial Scholarship (which is provided through the K of L Foundation), is for \$1500 and is awarded to a previous scholarship winner from C-112, Chicago - **Nina Padalino**. Nina finished her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Marquette University, and has applied for the scholarship for her pursuit for a law degree from the University of Chicago, and ultimate career in international intellectual property law.

The next highest award was granted to **Robert Medonis** of C-133, Los Angeles, CA. Robert recently moved to Los Angeles from Pittsburgh, where he was a members of C-19. Robert applied for a scholarship to allow him to pursue post-graduate independent research studies. His intention is to present his independent research on the history and culture of Lithuanians in Western Pennsylvania at the 18th Conference on Baltic Studies, to be held at Johns Hopkins University on June 5-8, 2002. Robert was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, along with a special one-time award of \$425 funded through a memorial fund for this year only. Over the last year, family and friends of deceased member, Edmund Stumbris, have contributed to a special one-time award in his memory. Edmund was a long-time member of C-141, Bridgeport, Connecticut.



In addition, we awarded several general fund scholarships to several worthy individuals seeking bachelor's degrees:

Meghan Rudmin, C-16 (Chicago) was awarded \$1,250. She will attend the Institute of Art in Chicago, studying fashion design. Meghan also attended the Convention this year.

Lisa Baranauskas, C-136 (Hudson-Mohawk) was awarded \$1,250. She will attend SUNY in Plattsburgh, studying criminal justice and business.

Sarah Miller, C-141 (Bridgeport, CT) was awarded \$1,250. She continues to attend Clemson University, studying French International Trade and Speech and Communication. Sarah attended the Convention this year.

Mary Cius, C-36 (Chicago, IL) was awarded \$1,250. Mary plans to pursue a nursing degree.

Robert Hayner, C-136 (Hudson-Mohawk) was awarded \$1,000. Robert will attend the Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York, studying Fine Arts and Graphic Design.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of our winners. Please let's now give the scholarship recipients our support.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the scholarship program, and look forward to letting you know of the Committee's new ideas and potential changes. ACIU LABAI!

Irena Gecas-McCarthy



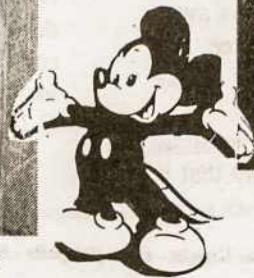
Meghan Rudmin with Irena at Banquet



Sarah Miller with Irena at Banquet



Mary Mankus with Irena at Banquet



Aid to Lithuania, Inc. Report...



The annual Aid to Lithuania, Inc. report was presented by H.M. Robert Boris, chairman of the Board of Directors and founder of ATL, and ATL President, Regina Juska-Svoba. During the 2000-1 fiscal year, five 40-foot long containers were sponsored by Catholic Medical Mission Board, NY, NY. The value of the medicines exceeded over 5 million US dollars. Four of the containers were gratis shipments from CMMB. The fifth container's transportation costs will be approximately \$2,500. As the container shipment decreases, and the future is uncertain concerning the shipments, ATL must refocus its goals for medical/humanitarian aid.

The Vilnius Archdiocese founded CARITAS in 1989. During the last 11 years, the CARITAS program has evolved into 8 programs: the Betanija Soup kitchen, the children's daycare center, Home for unwed mothers and children, the pharmacy, social services agency, the united country division and the Mother Theresa's homeless and emergency shelter. When the Board of Directors met during the convention, it was discussed and recommended to adopt or support one of the CARITAS social programs. It was, therefore, decided that ATL would assume the support and financial assistance of the Mother Theresa's homeless and emergency shelter. According to a report received from the ATL in country representative and CARITAS director, Balys Stankus, the Vilnius Archdiocese financially supports 90% of the social programs. The 10% balance is supported by the local government and the generous donations received from our benefactors. During the last three years, the local government's support to the social programs decreased from an average of \$42,500/yr. To only \$14,200/yr. The Vilnius Archdiocese services and supports a significantly large number of the local residents, the homeless, the exploited and the vulnerable. During fiscal year 2000, Mother Theresa's homeless and emergency shelter serviced 18,480 residents. Each night, approximately 50 people slept in the shelter; and 25 - 50 patients were seen for medical treatment daily. The cited number of residents serviced by CARITAS

demonstrated how well the Vilnius Archdiocese contributes to the vital needs and well being of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

The seminary program is still an active project with ATL. Seventeen (17) seminarians have been adopted. Currently, St. Joseph's seminary in Vilnius has 70 seminarians studying at the facility. Two (2) seminarians will complete their four year program this year and will be ordained as deacons. Financial assistance is still needed for 53 seminarians. It has been announced that Rev. Gintaras Grusas, originally from California, has been appointed the new rector of St. Joseph's seminary.

The CARITAS pharmacy in Vilnius has enlisted the services of Sister Onute Meskenaite, Congregation of Christ the King. She is a registered pharmacist and is employed on a full-time basis by the Vilnius Archdiocese. ATL purchased a computer for Sister's use.

When Robert Boris met with then archbishop Audrys Backis last year, the mission and vision of a trade school was discussed. Although the Archdiocese secured a building in Vilnius, major renovations were needed to the facility before it could be utilized. The archbishop requested financial support in renovating the building. However, another charitable organization financed the total renovations. When Robert Boris met with the Cardinal at his Consistory in Rome in 02/01, a request was made by the Cardinal to assist in financing equipment and tools needed for the trade school. Once completed and furnished, the trade school program would be geared toward the homeless youth, youngster from large families, children with physical and special needs and challenges. The knowledge learned by acquiring a skill would allow the youth to become self-sufficient and independent. The types of courses projected for the trade school include: sewing, plumbing, carpentry, culinary arts and basic home economics. All equipment for the aforementioned programs are needed. Therefore, ATL adopted the project to assist with the trade school furnishing.

ATL will now have four separate humanitarian programs of support: the medical fund, St. Joseph's Seminary fund, CARITAS project - Mother Theresa's homeless and emergency shelter, and Vilnius trade school furnishings/equipment fund. Our benefactors will have a choice as to which program they wish to donate to and financially support.

ATL is grateful to the delegates of the Convention and guests for their ongoing financial support to assist our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Lithuania.

~ Regina Juska-Ivoba ~



*Art Display Provides
Cultural Extra...*

The beautiful water colors by Rima Zutoviene, noted Lithuanian artist of Juno Beach, Florida, graced the entrance to the Convention's session ballroom during the Convention and provided a lovely cultural "plus" for delegates and guests.

Born in the Suvalkija section of Lithuania, she came to the United States after fleeing her homeland's Communist occupation, and settled, initially, in Chicago. Her art career began in 1953, when she was accepted for study at Chicago's Art Institute. After graduation from the Institute, Rima attended various other Art Schools, and also received private instruction and inspiration from Prof./Artist Green, and her uncle, well-known Lithuanian artist, Vytautas Jonynas. She has lived in Juno Beach part-time for 28 years, 13 years full-time.

Her art career includes 20 one-person Art Shows in the past 25 years, in the US, Canada, and Lithuania, including the cities of New York, Chicago, Detroit, Toronto, Miami, Juno Beach, Cleveland, and Vilnius.

Rima's favorite works include nature scenes and landscapes, and include the use of many colors. Her work has been judged technically superior by art experts.

We thank Rima Zutoviene for sharing her talents with our delegates by displaying some of her outstanding water colors. We wish her success in providing visual pleasure to art lovers, and encourage her to continue her painting and displays.

~ Loretta Stukas, F.M. ~

Prisimenant...

rugsėjo 11 dieną

Iš šios mūsų žemės,

Ašarų klonio

Kyla į dangų

Graudūs balsai.

Dieviška Širdie

Versme malonių,

Mūs širdžių verksmo

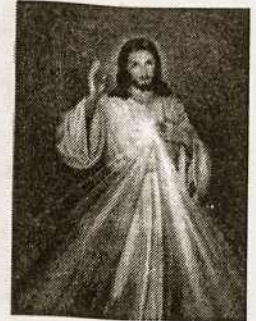
Tu išklausai.

Išgirsk meilingai mūsų šauksmus,

Javo malone gelbėki mus !

Dieviška Širdie, Tu mūsų viltis:

Glausk mus prie savęs, sielos atgis.



Širdie švenčiausia,

Išgirsk meldimą:

Imk mūsų širdis,

Kol jos alsuoj.

Visai žmonijai

Duok atgimimą:

Tik Javo garbei

Ji tegyvuos.

Paklydusiąsias surink avis,

Jei jas apleisi, kas išganys?

Dieviška Širdie, Tu mūsų viltis:

Glausk mus prie savęs, sielos atgis.

F. Lambillotte, S.J.

St. Casimir Guild...

*Supporting a Worthy Cause
Since 1984*



*88th K of L Convention
Saturday Night Banquet
August 4, 2001*

Saturday morning, Anna Klizas-Wargo gave the yearly report of the St. Casimir Guild. She read a statement from Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus, who could not attend the convention, as he was hospitalized in Lithuania. Msgr. Bartkus thanked all who helped the College since the Convention adopted it and became its official Godparents in 1984.

Monsignor stated that Lithuania is still economically weak, and cannot help the College in Rome. It is through donations from outside of Lithuania that the College can still function. The Holy Father continually encourages all the Bishops and Religious Superiors to send their very best students to Rome. It is Divine Providence that Lithuania has its own Seminary-College in Rome, the Center of Christianity, by the Holy See, next to the Vicar of Christ.

He asked the Knights of Lithuania to sponsor a Project for the College Library. There is a fund, but it is already \$2,000 in the red. Every year books, etc., must be updated, and books are very expensive. He suggested a donation of \$100 per book, or just a "donation for the library." He thanked everyone for their support in the past, and asked for their continued support in the future.

Anna Klizas-Wargo also thanked all and reported on the Masses. There are now Mass cards for Health and Special Intentions, as well as the deceased. The stipends of \$10.00 go to the Student Priests and Seminary Priests who celebrate the Masses. For many, this is their only income. She asked all to support this and especially those whose church is combined with another, and who cannot obtain a Mass in their own parish.

Anyone can write her to obtain Mass Cards which are signed by Msgr. Bartkus.

Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis, STD, HM, then spoke on the importance of the Lithuanian Pontifical College. He told of his days in Rome, when he was a Seminarian and the Lithuanian College was his home away from home. He stressed the importance of keeping the College alive, and also asked for continued support.

The Grand Ballroom of the Grosvenor Hotel in the Walt Disney World Resort was the scene for the 88th National Convention Gala Banquet. As our honored guests and Supreme Council Officers were led into the ballroom, they were greeted by a standing ovation, with applause and cheers. President, Robert A. Martin, Jr., thanked everyone for attending and asked for continued support for our goals in the year ahead of us.

Msgr. J. Anderlonis, STD, HM, offered the invocation. Annamarie Sluzas-Berger, as Mistress of Ceremonies, masterfully kept everything moving expeditiously and smoothly.

John Mankus introduced our "Friend of Lithuania" recipient, Ginger L. Houghton, who told us of her work for Lithuania.

Honorary Membership Chairperson, Frances Petkus, HM, called upon Frank Petrauskas, HM, and Loretta Stukas, HM, who in turn presented to our newly elected Honorary Members, Elsie Kosmisky and Rita Sussko, their medals.

Each year, we look forward to this special evening, and this year we were not disappointed. The banquet cuisine was superb, followed by a decadent dessert of velvety chocolate mousse in a woven chocolate basket, topped with whipped cream and fresh berries. Magnifico!

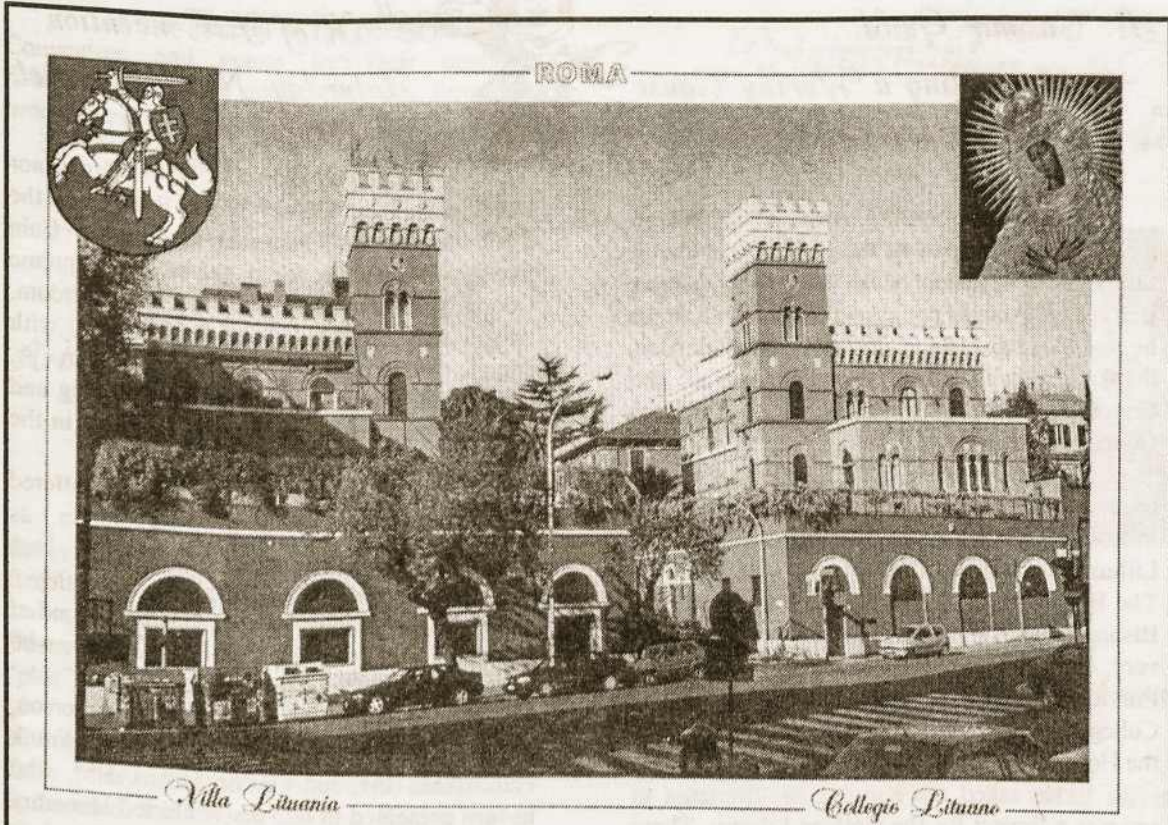
Knights of Lithuania Scholarships were presented by the Committee's Chair, Irena Gecas-McCarthy, to several well-deserving young members of the organization.

One lovely addition to our Banquet was a short musical program. Faustas Strolia, HM, accompanying Maryte Bizinkauskas, presented several beautiful selections for our enjoyment.

Five of our Junior Knights, Vilija Bizinkauskas, Erin Petkus, Kamile Ivanauskas, Lindsey Curtin and Lauren Peterson, delighted us with a Lithuanian version of one of Disney's songs, "It's A Small World!!"

The rest of the evening, we laughed and talked and watched our members and our Juniors, who have grown into lovely young ladies and handsome your men, dance the night away. It was truly a night to remember!

"Bridging Generations for the Future"



John R. Mankus, Ginger L. Houghton, Stanley Balzekas, Rita Sussko, Elsie Kosmiskiy and Robert Martin, Jr., pause at the Banquet to pose for our special photographer, Joseph Stiklius.

The Closing Mass of the 88th National Convention...



Rita Sussko, Agnes Mickunas, Annamarie Berger, Elena Nakrosis, Robert Martin, Jr., and Bernice Aviza join in the hymns at the closing Mass of the Convention.

The closing Mass was held at the beautiful, "Mary, Queen of the Universe" National Shrine.

The traditional procession marched into church, with the Flag Bearers followed by the Fourth Degree recipients, the Supreme Council, Honorary Members, altar servers and Celebrants.

The Fourth Degree recipients then approached the Altar, where they were led in the special Ritual by K of L Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis, STD, HM, and given their Fourth Degree medals.

The Supreme Council Officers and Chairs then took their oath of Office for the coming year, 2001-2002.

The Mass was then concelebrated by Rev. Msgr. J. Anderlonis, Rev. Msgr. Ignatius Urbonas, Rev. Anthony Cheponis and Rev. Anthony Markus. Fuastas Strolia accompanied soloist, Maryte Bizinkauskas and the congregation in the singing. Junior Knights were the altar servers, and the readers were Rita Johnson and Irene Svekla.

As always, Rev. Msgr. Anderlonis preached the homily most eloquently. He spoke of the two famous Shrines of Our Lady in Lithuania; Siluva and Ausros Vartai. The devotion to Our Lady is very important in

Lithuania. His message impressed everyone at the Mass.

Offertory Gifts were presented by the Junior Knights and the New Honorary Degree recipients, Rita Sussko and Elsie Kosmisky.

Maryte Bizinkauskas sang the "Panis Angelicus" as the Communion hymn, and we all felt blessed listening to her beautiful rendition.

At the conclusion of Mass, the Convention photo was taken in the church, by our special Convention photographer, Joseph Stiklius.

We all then went to the buses and headed for home, thanking God for another beautiful Convention.

~ Anna Klizas-Wargo ~



K of L Supreme Council National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. J. Anderlonis, STD, HM, inspiring the congregation at the Queen of the Universe Shrine in Florida.

Lietuvos Vyčiai - Štalo Tiltus Ateities Kartoms

K of L National Convention

2001

Candidates for Fourth Degree



Lietuvos Vyčių Himnas

Nuženk galybė iš dangaus,
Sustiprink jauną Vyčių dvasią!
Mes už teisybę stosim drasiai
Tevynę ginti kuo narsiau.

Štai plevesuoja veliava.
Ką kalba jos žymė?
Ei, Vyčiai,
Gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai!
Mūsų širdyse Lietuva,
Mintys, darbai, karšta malda.
Ei, Vyčiai,
Gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai!

C-3	Alice Bacon	Phila., PA
C-3	Leonard Kapochus	Phila., PA
C-7	Arlene Stiklius	Water., CT
C-7	Joseph Stiklius	Water., CT
C-12	Rev. E. Sawicki	New York
C-63	Adele Keraga	LeHigh, PA
C-63	Andrew Keraga	LeHigh, PA
C-102	Lawrence Hofner	Detroit, MI
C-102	Regina Juska-Svoba	Detroit, MI
C-112	Jean Janula	Chicago, IL
C-112	Anele Pocius	Chicago, IL
C-141	Patricia Ross Silk	Bridge., CT
C-144	Susan Banditelli	Anthracite
C-144	Ester Bartashus	Anthracite
C-144	Frances Brillus	Anthracite
C-144	Rev. R. Jankaitis	Anthracite
C-144	Genevieve Kazlauskas	Anthracite
C-144	Joni Reinhart	Anthracite
C-144	Anna Yackachonis	Anthracite
C-144	Albert Yackachonis	Anthracite
C-152	John Sakal	Eastern, L.I.
C-153	James Marcinkus	Treas. Coast
C-153	Frances A. Daniels	Treas. Coast
C-153	Florence V. Miskinis	Treas. Coast



Maryte Bizinkauskas leads the congregation in song during the Liturgy at the Shrine.

**KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION, INC. ACTIVITIES
AS REPORTED TO THE 88TH NATIONAL CONVENTION,
BY PRESIDENT, LORETTA I. STUKAS**



The Knights of Lithuania Foundation met for its Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2001, immediately following the First Session of the 88th National Convention. The meeting was well attended by Foundation members, and many ideas were enthusiastically discussed.

The Foundation was established in 1983, as an endowment fund of the Knights. It is meant to be a back-up for the Knights, providing funds to support various activities of the Knights and helping Lithuania and Lithuanian projects in the name of the Knights of Lithuania. According to its by-laws, all donations are invested as capital, which cannot be spent. Only interest and dividends earned on the investments may be spent for donations, expenses, etc. Thus, it is to the K of L advantage to raise funds for the Foundation, for the larger the base, the more interest is available for use for special projects. Currently, Foundation Capital is over \$100,000. Funds are invested in banks in Kearny, NJ and Chicago, IL, that are operated primarily by Lithuanian Americans, and in Smith Barney Investment Co.

Anyone donating at least \$100.00 is considered a voting member and has a voice in Foundation decisions. Anyone donating \$5,000 or more may designate how the interest from that investment is to be spent, within the confines of the Knights of Lithuania goals. Such special donations have been made thus far by **Ben Karklius** -- \$25,000, for use for a special annual scholarship, by **Msgr. J. Prunskis, HM**, -- \$10,500, for use in conducting an annual Essay Contest for members, and by **Larry Svelnis, HM**, -- \$5,500 for use in special needs of the K of L Archives Committee.

Last year, besides the Karklius Scholarship, the Essay Contest, and Archives equipment, and other expenses, \$1,000 was donated to provide books for poor Lithuanian children, via the Lithuanian National Foundation (Tautos Fundas), and \$622 was spent helping the K of L produce a book of hymns by HM Faustas Strolia. This year, the meeting decided to again help Lithuanian students, via a program of the Lithuanian National Foundation, which allows individuals and organizations to "Adopt a School", and all donations from \$100 to \$500 are matched 50% by the Tautos Funds. The K of L Foundation will donate \$500.00 for a Lithuanian school, so that the school will receive a total of \$750.00 at this time. The K of L Foundation will also donate \$100.00 to help the Vazgirio Church, in Lithuania's Jurbarko district, in the diocese of Kaunas. The church was closed and suffered great disrepair under the Communist occupation, and now is being repaired by the parishioners because of their great need for a church.

The Foundation is led by 11 directors, made up of two directors from each district, plus the National K of L President. This year, two directors – Elinor Sluzas (MCD) and Anna Wargo (AMD) were reelected, and a new director, Bernice Aviza, was elected to represent the Mid-Atlantic district. Elinor Sluzas was also elected to serve as Foundation Vice President, and Bernice Aviza was elected to serve as Foundation Secretary.

A new project was introduced by Elinor Sluzas and Loretta Stukas, namely a brochure describing the work of the Foundation. The brochure will be completed and distributed to councils and members, as a self-mailer. Also, thanks to a supporter in Dayton, donations can now be made to the Foundation via Credit Card, with minimum cost and work for the Foundation. Printing of the first batch brochures is also being donated.

This year, \$1,500 is available for the Karklius Scholarship, which will be awarded under the auspices of the K of L Scholarship Committee.

A banner year was enjoyed by the K of L Foundation Essay Contest this year, with 17 fine entries. Members were asked to write on a topic of their choice, relating to their Lithuanian Heritage, their K of L membership, or Lithuania itself. Winners this year were as follows:

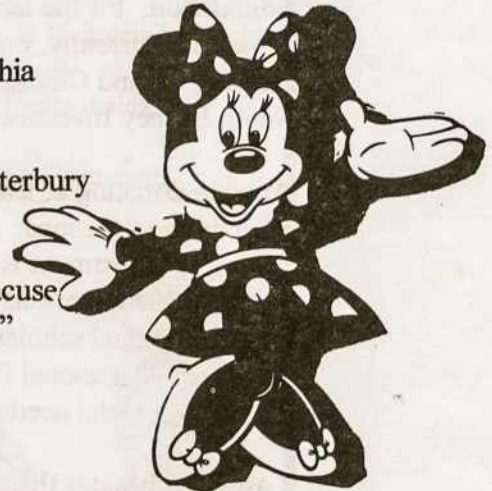
First Prize (\$300) **Sister Helen Ivanauskas, CJC, C-1 Brockton**
"My Precious Heritage"

Second Prize (\$200) **Stephany Gutauskas, C-3, Philadelphia**
"Words"

Third Prize (\$100) **Barbara Plungis Shupenis, C-7, Waterbury**
"Keeping Our Heritage Alive"

Honorable Mention: **Frank Petrauskas, HM, C-140, Syracuse**
"Victor Johnson, A Unique Individual"

Walter Svekla, C-3, Philadelphia
"The K of L – What's Next?"



Also, several Junior members entered the contest. Several came close to the "Winners' Circle". Because we could not hold them to the same standards as adults, and in keeping with our 2001 motto "Bridging the Generation Gap", and to encourage more Junior participation in the future, two board members donated funds to award smaller monetary gifts for two of the Junior entries, to:

Vilija Bizinkauskas, C-1, Brockton
"What I Enjoy About Being Lithuanian"

Joe Berger, C-96, Dayton
"How I Keep My Heritage Alive"

All winning Essays will be printed in VYTIS during the year.

Members are urged to be generous with the K of L Foundation, keeping in mind that an investment in the Foundation is an investment in the K of L Future. Capital will always be available to invest – and proceeds of these investments will always be used to enhance the name and goals of the K of L.

"Bridging Generations for the Future"



Maryte Bizinkauskas entertains the Convention delegates during the Saturday night banquet with her medley of beautiful songs.



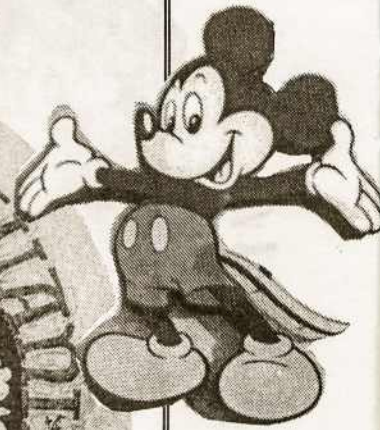
The Juniors' "quintet" joins in the entertainment by singing the song, "It's a Small World After All," in Lithuanian, for the banqueteers.

"Knights... Bridging Generations for the Future"



Ellie Kasputis displays C-112's certificate awarded for the largest K of L membership.

"Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam tautai ir bažnyčiai!"



Proud of our Flags and our beautiful logo.

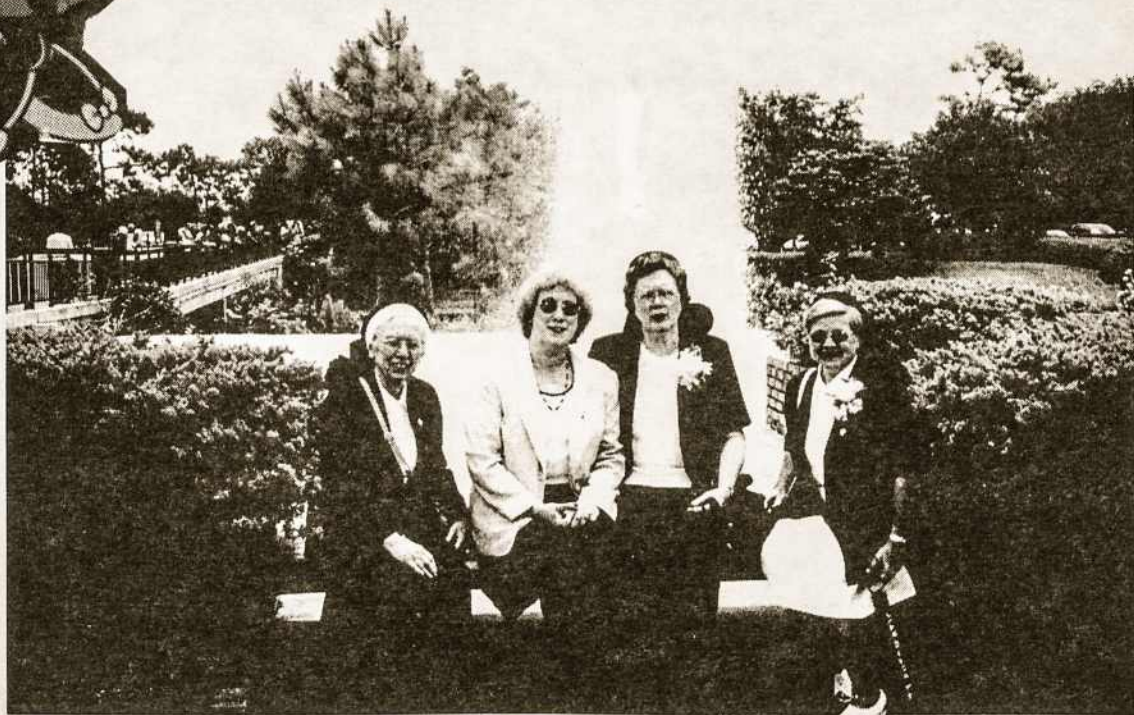




Being a K of L'er is "All in the family."



A shipmate waiting for her captain to come by.



"Sister Act? " Ooh! That water's co-o-o-ld! "

"Bridging Generations for the Future"



Delegates and friends surround Mr. Renatas Norkus, Minister/Councillor, Relations with United States Congress, Legal Affairs, (4th from left), for a photo.



Proud of our Honorary Members!

"Bridging Generations for the Future"



Good Night, Irenes, Good Night! Irene Svekla, Irene Petrauskas and Irene Ozalis, pre-banquet partying.



Stanley Balzekas with Supreme Council President, Robert Martin, Jr.



Our very own special Convention photographer Joseph Stiklius, with his wife, Arlene.

K of L 88th National Convention



*"It's a small world
after all..."*



**Fran Petkus and Richard Niedvares
enjoying the pre-banquet party.**



*"It's a small world
after all...."*

**Our two wonderful Convention co-chairs,
Mark Bell and Robert Martin, Jr. posing
for the photographer at
the Saturday night banquet.**





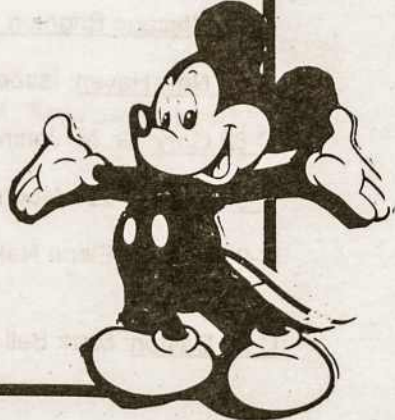
"It's a small world after all..."

Rev. Ignatius Urbonas breakfasting with his favorite Disney character.



"It's a small, small world!"

We're goin' to Disneyworld...
goin' to see Mickey....
gotta get my nap in !



REPORT OF ATTENDEES AT THE 88th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Held at the Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buena Vista FL
August 2 - 5, 2001



Please be advised that this year's convention consisted of 4 sessions.

Supreme Council in Attendance: Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis HM, Robert A. Martin Jr., Bernice Aviza, Elena Nakrosis, Annamarie Sluzas-Berger, Sr. Johanna Shainauskas SSC, Richard Niedvares, Mark H. Bell, Agnes Mickunas HM, Rita Sussko, Sr. M. Janine Golubickis SSC, Mary Kincius, Regina Juska-Svoba, John Mankus, Glenn Perutis, Edward Barkowski, Frances Petkus HM, Joseph Stiklius, Cleminicine Miller HM, Loretta Stukas HM, Anna K. Wargo HM, Faustas Strolia HM, Irena Gecas-McCarthy and Robert Boris HM.

Honorary Members in Attendance: Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis, Robert Boris, Agnes Mickunas, Cleminicine Miller, Frances Petkus, Frank Petrauskas, Estelle Rogers, Elinor Sluzas, Faustas Strolia, Loretta Stukas and Anna Wargo.

Council Rosters and sessions attended:

C-1 Brockton: Maryte Bizinkauskas-4, Veronica Bizinkauskas-3, Frances Bumila-4, Sr. Helen Ivanauskas-4.

C-3 Philadelphia: Msgr. Joseph Anderlonis HM-4, Barbara Currie-1, Lillian Greymas-4, Dolores Herbert-3, Len Kapochus-4, Agnes Mickunas HM-4, John Mickunas-4, Irene Ozalis-4, Irene Svekla-4, Walter Svekla-4.

C-6 Hartford: June Grenier-4.

C-7 Waterbury: Arlene Stiklius-1, Joseph Stiklius-4.

C-12 New York: John Antanavicius-4, Helen Cuprewich-3, Vinnie Cuprewich-3, Joseph Kscenaitis-4.

C-16 Chicago Bridgeport: Diann Martin-4, Robert Martin Jr.-4, Richard Niedvares-4, Aldona Zajauskas-4, Francesca Zajauskas-3, Peter Paul Zansitis-4.

C-17 South Boston: Adele Martus-1, Mary Martus-1.

C-19 Pittsburgh: Brian Johnson-3, Rita Johnson-3.

C-26 Worcester: Alfred Rodgers-4.

C-29 Newark: Michele (with one 'l') Fontenot-2, Consuella Karchefsky-4, Emilia Sadonis-4, Clara Schiavo-4, Loretta Stukas HM-4, Rita Sussko-4.

C-36 Chicago Brighton Park: Mary Kincius-4.

C-50 New Haven: Isabel Peterson-4.

C-82 Gary: Sr. M. Janine Golubickis SSC-4.

C-86 Dubois: Lee Moore-4.

C-90 Kearny: Elena Nakrosis-4, John Nakrosis-4.

C-96 Dayton: Mark Bell-4, Annamarie Sluzas-Berger-4, Irena Gecas-McCarthy-1, Frances Petkus

HM-4, Michael Petkus-4.

C-100 Amsterdam: Polly Ziausys-4.

C-102 Detroit: Robert Boris HM-3, Regina Juska-Svoba-4, Eve Stark-3, Joseph Stark-3, William Zager-4.

C-110 Maspeth: Bruno Rutkunas-1, Amelia Sable-4, Julia Schroder-4.

C-112 Chicago Marquette Park: Maria Deksnis-4, Ellie Kasputis-4, Fr. Anthony Markus-4, Anele Pocius-4, Edward Pocius-4, Estelle Rogers HM-4, Sr. Johanna Shainauksas SSC-4, Sr. M. Tarcisia Stuglis SSC-4, Kathleen Svelnis-1, Dolores Wainauskis-4, Julie Zakarka-4, Elizabeth Zibas-4.

C-116-Worcester: Ann Kokernak-4.

C-133 Los Angeles: Josephine Barzda-4, Joan Maniscalchi-4, Maryte Sepikas-4.

C-136 Hudson-Mohawk: Bernice Aviza-4, Ed Barkowski-4.

C-140 Schenectady: Irene Petrauskas-4.

C-141 Bridgeport: Dorothy DeGennaro-4, Cleminicine Miller HM-4.

C-143 Pittston: Helen Karpovich-4, Jean Mihalick-4.

C-144 Anthracite: Esther Bartashus-2, Elsie Kosmisky-4, Eleanor Vaicaitis-4, Anna Wargo HM-4.

C-147 St. Petersburg: Dolores Jonaitis-4, John Jonaitis-4, Aldona Kirstuk-4, Janina Lauras-4, Regina Usvaltas-1.

C-152 East Long Island: Antoinette Sakal-4, John Sakal-4.

C-153 Treasure Coast: Valerie Bissol-4, Joan Bizousky-1, Rev. Anthony Chepanis-1, James Marcinkus-4.

C-157 Lemont: Faustas Strolia HM-4, Msgr. Ignatius Urbonas-3.

Amber District: John R. Mankus-4, Frank Petrauskas HM-4.

Mid Atlantic District: Catherine Nakrošis-4, Elizabeth Pataki-4.

Mid America District: Glenn Perutis-4, Theresa Strolia-4.

Mid Central District: Paul Moore-4, Elinor Sluzas HM-4.

New England District: Lee Marcinka-4, Vivian Rodgers-4.

Guests: Ruth Bronisas-1, James Currie-1, Robert Duda-4, Ginger Houghton-4, Renatas Norkus-1, Nijole Razuliene-3, Rasa Rudzkyk-1, Rima Zotonis-1.



GREETINGS TO THE 88TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 2001

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH
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Tallahassee, FL

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Mayor of Orlando, FL
Orlando, FL

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Ambassador of Lithuania to the USA.
Washington, DC
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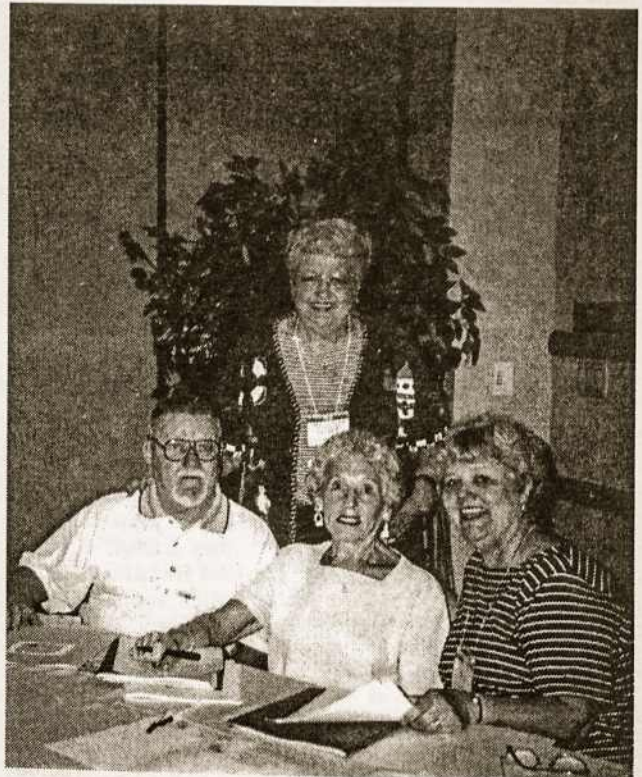
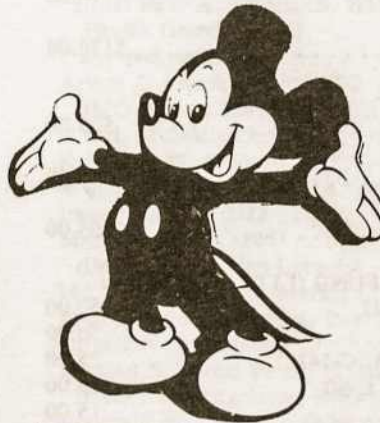
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The Resolutions Committee



DONATIONS

K OF L GENERAL FUND:

K of L Council 29, Newark, NJ	\$25.00
Frank (HM) & Irene Petrauskas, C140 (IMO Victor Johnson)	25.00
Mary F. Kincius, C-36	10.00

TOTAL: \$60.00

VYTIS FUND:

K of L C-36, Chicago, IL	\$50.00
K of L C-133, Los Angeles, CA	25.00
Mary F. Kincius, C-36	25.00
Julia Zakarka, C-112	20.00
Polly Ziausys	10.00

Subtotal (General) \$130.00

PLEDGES:

Mark H. Bell, C-96	\$25.00
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Subtotal (Pledges) 25.00

TOTAL \$155.00

REV. JOHN C. JUTT FUND (LITH. AFFAIRS):

K of L C-90, Kearny, NJ	\$50.00
Irene Grikenis, C-72	50.00
Clemencine Miller (HM), C-141	25.00
John & Elena Nakrosis, C-90	25.00
Mary F. Kincius, C-36	15.00

Subtotal (General) \$165.00

PLEDGES:

Richard Niedvares, C-16	25.00
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Subtotal (Pledges) \$25.00

TOTAL: \$190.00

K OF L JUNIORS ACTIVITIES:

Clemencine Miller (HM), C-141	\$25.00
Anonymous (Name on file)	20.00
Maria Deksnis, C-112	15.00
Mary F. Kincius, C-36	15.00

TOTAL: \$75.00

AID TO LITHUANIA:**General:**

K of L Mid-America District	700.00
K of L C-110, Maspeth, NY	500.00
Juliann D. Majeski, C-3 (IMO Frank A. Kapochus)	200.00
Dawn Maknys, C-3 (IMO Nellie A. Pandza)	101.00
K of L Amber District	100.00
K of L New England District (IMO All deceased members of NED)	100.00
K of L C-3, Philadelphia (IMO Nellie A. Pandza)	100.00
K of L C-86, DuBois	100.00

Aldona & Algerd (HM) Brazis	100.00
Donna Bunikis, C-102 (IMO Frank Bunikis, Vince Boris)	100.00
Msgr. Albert Contons, HM, C-17	100.00
John & Dolores Jonaitis, C-147	100.00
Regina Juska Svoba, C-102	100.00
Sara J. & Jeffrey D. Barker (IMO Nellie Pandza)	75.00
Joan Kavaliauskas, C-96	70.00
K of L Mid-Atlantic District	50.00
K of L C-90, Kearny, NJ (Homeless Fund)	50.00
K of L C-143, Pittston, PA	50.00
John J. & Mary A. Chernoski, C-3	50.00
Mary Ann & David C. Cipolla, C-143	50.00
Harry J. & Lillian J. Fina, C-3 (IMO Nellie A. Pandza)	50.00
Helen Karpovich, C-143 (IMO Karpovich & Kapochus families)	50.00
Mary Labadis, C-144 (IMO Bill & Helen Labadis)	50.00
Janina Lauras, C-147	50.00
Philip & Dorothy Machonis, C-3 (IMO Deceased family)	50.00
Richard & Jean Marks, C-25	50.00
Michael & Norma Petkus, C-96 (IMO Michael P. Petkus, HM, RIP)	50.00
Charles & Donna Sulmar, C-3	50.00
Dr. Tomas Tote, DDS	50.00
Dolores Wainauskis, C-112 (IMO Frank Svelnis)	50.00
Theresa & Faustas (HM) Strolia, C-157	35.00
Walter D. & Irene V. Svekla, C-3 (IMO Nellie A. Pandza & Raymonds Pandza)	30.00
Richard W. & Patricia J. Thompson, C-3 (IMO Nellie A. Pandza)	30.00
Alberta & Charles Weigand, C-3 (IMO Nellie A. Pandza)	30.00
K of L C-25, Dayton, OH	25.00
K of L C-29, Newark, NJ	25.00
K of L C-133, Los Angeles, CA (IMO Deceased Mbrs of C-133 & D. Kapachos' health)	25.00
Lillian R. & Samuel J. Adams, C-3 (IMO Marijana & Jonas Kapochus family)	25.00
Alice Bacon, C-3	25.00
Tina Bulota, C-79	25.00
Peter P. & Constance Z. Čekaitis, C-3 (IMO Nellie A. Pandzia)	25.00
Helen & Vinnie Cuprewich, C-12	25.00
Lillian Greymas, C-3 (IMO Nellie Pandza)	25.00
Stella Hotra, C-79 (IMO N. Pandza)	25.00
Daina M. Kapochus, C-3 (IMO Nellie A. Pandza)	25.00
Mary F. Kincius, C-36	25.00
Elsie Kosmisky, HM, C-144	25.00
Stella Marcinauskis, C-141 (IMO Mitch Marcinauskis)	25.00
Lee Marcinka, C-141 (IMO John P. Marcinka)	25.00
Viola L. Mazur, C-3	25.00

Helen Medley, C-50	25.00
Christine C. Merlo, C-63	25.00
Frances & George Mikalauskas, C-96 (IMO Mary A. Snyder)	25.00
Paul J. & Dorothy P. Monkaitis, C-3 (IMO Nellie A. Pandza)	25.00
Lee & Paul Moore, C-86	25.00
John & Elena Nakrosis, C-90	25.00
Irene Ozelis, C-3 (IMO Nellie Pandza)	25.00
Frances R. Petkus, HM, C-96 (IMO Michael P. Petkus)	25.00
Frank (HM) & Irene Petrauskas, C-140	25.00
Charles & Margaret Petronis, C-3	25.00
Estelle J. Rogers, HM, C-112 (IMO Vince Boris)	25.00
John Roland (IMO Michael Roland)	25.00
Anonymous (Name on File)	20.00
Anonymous (Name on File)	20.00
John Ortman (IMO Mary Susin)	20.00
Julie Zarkarka, C-112 (IMO Al Zakarka)	20.00
Maria Deksnis, C-112	15.00
Estelle J. Rogers, HM, C-112	10.00
S. Staknis, C-90 (IMO Ca. Staknis)	5.00
Anna Vaci, C-3 (IMO Nellie A. Pandza)	5.00

Subtotal (General): \$4,216.00

Seminary Fund:

Pat & Tony Alexander, C-74	\$2,000.00
Mary Gudelis, C-96	2,000.00
Maryte & Jack Abbott, C-110	200.00
Margaret Dapkus, C-79	25.00

Subtotal (Seminary): \$4,225.00

CARITAS (CARDINAL FUND):

Pat & Tony Alexander, C-74	\$200.00
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Subtotal (CARITAS - Cardinal Fund) \$200.00

PLEDGES:

Robert S. Boris, HM, C-102	\$3,200.00
William Zager, C-102 (IMO Vincent Boris)	74.00
K of L C-16, Chicago, IL	50.00
Mark H. Bell, C-96	25.00
Ann Kokernak, C-116 (IMO Nellie Pandza)	25.00
Richard Niedvares, C-16	25.00

Subtotal (Pledges): \$3,374.00

TOTAL: \$12,015.00

ST. CASIMIR GUILD:

K of L Mid-America District	\$700.00
Josephine Barzda, C-133	\$300.00

(IMO John, Eleanor & Frances Barzda, Agatha Barzda Liugas)	
Ellie Kasputis, C-112 (IMO James Kasputis)	200.00
K of L Amber District	100.00
K of L C-3, Philadelphia, PA (IMO Deceased members of C-3)	100.00
K of L C-86, DuBois, PA	100.00
K of L C-133, Los Angeles, CA (IMO Antanina Brazas)	100.00
John Antanavicius, C-12 (IMO Antanavicius Family)	100.00
Aldona & Algerd (HM) Brazis, C-112	100.00
George & Frances Bumila, C-1 (IMO Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, HM, Rev. Zuroimskis, Phyllis Grendal, HM)	100.00
Cathy Nakrosis, C-90	100.00
Arlene & Joseph Stiklius, C-7 (IMO George Zorn)	100.00
K of L Mid-Atlantic District	50.00
K of L C-36, Chicago, IL	50.00
K of L C-143, Pittston, PA	50.00
Irene Grikenis, C-72	50.00
Mary Labadis, C-144 (IMO Bill & Helen Labadis)	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Marks, C-25	50.00
John & Agnes Mickunas, C-3 (IMO Nellie Pandza)	50.00
Michael & Norma Petkus, C-96 (IMO Rev. Jurgelaitis, HM)	50.00
Loretta I. Stukas, HM, C-29	50.00
Dolores Wainauskis, C-112 (IMO Frank Svelnis)	50.00
Anna K. Wargo, HM, C-144 (IMO Helen Chesko)	50.00
Theresa & Faustas (HM) Strolia, C-157	35.00
K of L C-25, Cleveland, OH	25.00
K of L C-29, Newark, NJ	25.00
Helen & Vinnie Cuprewich, C-12	25.00
June V. Grenier, C-6 (IMO Marciona Milašiene)	25.00
Mary F. Kincius, C-36	25.00
Elsie Kosmisky, HM, C-144	25.00
Helen Medley, C-50	25.00
Clemencine Miller, HM, C-141	25.00
Frances R. Petkus, HM, C-96 (IMO Mary Snyder)	25.00
Frank (HM) & Irene Petrauskas, C-140 (IMO Victor Johnson)	25.00
Estelle J. Rogers, HM, C-112 (IMO Rev. John Jutt)	25.00
Rita S. Sussko, HM, C-29 (IMO Michael Sussko)	25.00
Polly Ziausys, C-100 (IMO Ziausys Family)	10.00

Subtotal (General): \$2,995.00

Library Fund:

K of L New England District (IMO Rev. Zuramskis)	100.00
K of L C-90, Kearny, NJ	\$50.00
John & Elena Nakrosis, C-90	25.00

Subtotal (Library Fund) \$175.00

PLEDGES:

Mark H. Bell, C-96 \$100.00
 K of L C-16, Chicago, IL 50.00
 Ann Kokernak, C-116 25.00
 Richard Niedvares, C-16 25.00

Subtotal (Pledges): \$200.00

TOTAL \$3,370.00

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION:

K of L Mid-America District \$700.00
 Frances Bumila, C-1 200.00
 K of L C-3, Philadelphia, PA 100.00
 K of L C-86, DuBois, PA 100.00
 K of L C-144, Anthracite, PA 100.00
 Msgr. Albert Contons, HM, C-17 100.00
 John Antanavicius, C-12 100.00
 (IMO C-12 Deceased members)
 Aldona & Algerd (HM) Brazis, C-112 100.00
 Joseph Ksenaitis, C-12 100.00
 (IMO C-12 Deceased members)
 James Marcinkus, C-156 100.00
 John & Agnes (HM) Mickunas, C-3 100.00
 (IMO Helen Shields)
 Loretta I. Stukas, HM, C-29 100.00
 (IMO Dr. Jack J. Stukas)
 Frank D. Yonika, C-17 100.00
 K of L Amber District 50.00
 K of L C-90, Kearny, NJ 50.00
 Irene Grikenis, C-72 50.00
 Mary Labadis, C-144 50.00
 (IMO Bill & Helen Labadis)
 Michael & Norma Petkus, C-96 50.00
 Bertha Stoskus, HM, C-103 50.00
 Polly Ziausys, C-100 40.00
 (IMO Rev. Robert Baltch)
 Theresa & Faustas (HM) Strolia, C-157 35.00
 K of L C-29, Newark, NJ 25.00
 Lillian Greymas, C-3 25.00
 Len Kapochus, C-3 25.00
 (for good health for Daina Kapochus)
 Mary F. Kincius, C-36 25.00
 Vacys & Heidi Kiukys, C-29 25.00
 Elsie Kosmisky, HM, C-144 25.00
 Helen Medley, C-50 25.00
 Clemencine Miller, HM, C-141 25.00
 Jean Kapochus Mihalick, C-143 25.00
 Lee & Paul Moore, C-86 25.00
 John & Elena Nakrosis, C-90 25.00
 Irene Ozelis, C-3 25.00
 Frances R. Petkus, HM, C-96 25.00
 Frank (HM) & Irene Petrauskas, C-140 25.00
 (IMO Victor Johnson)
 Anna K. Wargo, HM, C-144 25.00

Subtotal (General): \$2,750.00

PLEDGES:

K of L C-16, Chicago, IL \$50.00
 Mark H. Bell, C-96 50.00

Richard Niedvares, C-16 25.00

Subtotal (Pledges): \$125.00

TOTAL \$2,875.00

K OF L SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

K of L Amber District \$50.00
 Mary Labadis, C-144 50.00
 (IMO Bill & Helen Labadis)
 Clemencine Miller, HM, C-141 25.00
 Anonymous (Name on File) 20.00

Subtotal (General) \$145.00

Pledges:

K of L C16, Chicago, IL \$50.00

Subtotal (Pledges) \$50.00

TOTAL \$195.00

SILUVA SHRINE (WASHINGTON, DC) FUND:

K of L Mid-Atlantic District \$50.00
 Frances R. Petkus, HM, C-96 25.00
 Mary F. Kincius, C-36 10.00

TOTAL: \$85.00

LITHUANIAN CHILDREN'S RELIEF:

K of L Mid-America District \$400.00
 George & Frances Bumila, C-1 200.00
 K of L New England District 100.00
 K of L Amber District 100.00
 K of L C-86, DuBois, PA 100.00
 K of L C-143, Pittston, PA 50.00
 Irene Grikenis, C-72 50.00
 John & Dolores Jonaitis, C-147 50.00
 Mary Labadis, C-144 50.00
 (IMO Bill & Helen Labadis)
 Theresa & Faustas (HM) Strolia, C-157 35.00
 K of L C-29, Newark, NJ 25.00
 Len Kapochus, C-3 25.00
 (IMO Marilyn Kapochus)
 Elsie Kosmisky, HM, C-144 25.00
 Jean Kapochus Mihalick, C-143 25.00
 Anna K. Wargo, HM, C-144 25.00

TOTAL \$1,260.00

SISTERS OF ST. CASIMIR:

Pledges:

Richard Niedvares, C-16 \$50.00

TOTAL \$50.00

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID, INC.

Michael & Norma Petkus, C-96 \$50.00
 Helen Medley, C-50 25.00

TOTAL \$75.00

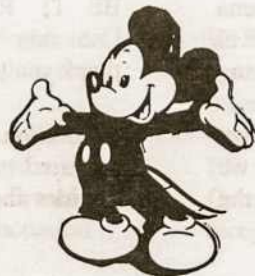
K of L 88th National Convention

TOTAL DONATIONS AND PLEDGES RECEIVED \$20,405.00

The Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council and all its Committees and Funds express sincerest thanks to all Districts, Councils, members and guests for their very generous donations, to keep our organization and its many activities thriving.



The Donations Committee - Happy to take your offerings for a good cause!



Resolutions of the 88th K of L National Convention

Resolution: WHEREAS... during this past year, the Knights of Lithuania lost two of our very dear and active Honorary Members, Phyllis Grendal, C-117, Boston, and Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, C-103, Providence,

AND WHEREAS...during this past year the Knights of Lithuania lost a number of loyal and active members, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...that in grateful appreciation and recognition for their work and dedication to the Knights of Lithuania organization, we, delegates of the 88th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Resort, in Lake Buena Vista, FL, on this 2nd day of August, 2001, pay tribute to these worthy and outstanding Knights with a moment of silence.

Resolution: WHEREAS...2002 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Nativity BVM Parish, Chicago, IL.,

BE IT RESOLVED...that we, delegates to the 88th Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buena Vista FL., offer our sincerest congratulations.

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

BE IT RESOLVED... that the 88th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania gathered at the Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL., express its appreciation of "Lietuviu Balsas" and its staff, for their cooperation and generosity.

Resolution: WHEREAS...the management and the staff of the Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL., demonstrated an extraordinary level of hospitality, courtesy, and cooperation during our 88th National Convention; and

WHEREAS... the accommodations were most comfortable and pleasing, however we recommend better handicap facilities in the bathrooms

BE IT RESOLVED...that the Supreme Council President send a letter of appreciation and thanks on behalf of all the delegates and urge the hotel to consider the additions of more safety features for the handicapped.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED...that the delegates to the 88th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled in the Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL., extend their warmest appreciation and gratitude to Chairpersons Robert Martin and Mark Bell, and the members of the Supreme Council, and their entire 88th National Convention Committee for their hard work, diligence, and professionalism in their preparations and presentation of this convention.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED...that the delegates to the 88th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL., on behalf of themselves and the general membership, express deepest gratitude to the 200-2001 Supreme Council for its dedicated service to the organization and support of the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED...that the delegates to the 88th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled today at the Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL., 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.

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 \$35,000,000.00, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED...that the Knights of Lithuania 88th National Convention send a thank you to them for their continued support.

Resolution: WHEREAS... Our Blessed Lady appeared in Siluva, Lithuania, 200 years before Lourdes and Fatima, and

WHEREAS devotion to Our Lady of Siluva is not well-known,

WHEREAS... we wish to continue our investigative work in furthering the devotion to our Lady of Siluva throughout the world,

BE IT RESOLVED...that we, the delegates to the 88th National Convention unanimously support this endeavor.

Resolution: WHEREAS... the Lithuanian World Community, *Pasaulio Lietuviu Bendruomene*, has served those Lithuanians residing in many countries outside of Lithuania, assisting them with the preservation and continuation of Lithuanian culture and education for 50 years,

BE IT RESOLVED...therefore, on this auspicious occasion of their 59th anniversary, we the delegates to the Knights of Lithuania 88th National Convention in Buena Vista Florida, extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes for success in all their future endeavors to Vytautas Kamantas,, President of the P.L. Bendruomene.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED...that the delegates and guests attending the Knights of Lithuania 88th National Convention congratulate this year's "Friend of Lithuania" recipient, Ginger L. Houghton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...that we comment Ginger Houghton's monumental work for the poor and needy in Lithuania, which has been miraculous, and thank her for her outstanding achievements.

Resolution: WHEREAS...this year Honorary Member, Valdas Adamkus and his lovely wife, Alma, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary,

BE IT RESOLVED...that we the delegates of the 88th National Convention congratulate them on this milestone anniversary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...we instruct our Supreme Council to sent a letter to President and Mrs. Adamkus on this auspicious occasion.

Resolution: WHEREAS...the Newark, New Jersey, Holy Trinity Lithuanian Parish is celebrating its 100th Anniversary during 2001, and

WHEREAS...it has been the home of K of L Council 29 during all its years of existence, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED...that this 88th National Convention congratulate the longevity of Holy Trinity Lithuanian Roman Catholic Parish and wish all of its parishioners continued vitality.

Resolution: WHEREAS...2001 marks the 10th anniversary of reestablishment of bilateral diplomatic relations between Lithuania and Poland, and

WHEREAS...on September 5th, an official celebration of this anniversary will take place in Warsaw, with both President Adamkus and President Kwasnieski in attendance, and

WHEREAS...A LETTER REQUESTING ALL American Lithuanian organizations to present a letter of Greeting to both nations as a sign of our support, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED...that the delegates of the 88th National Convention congratulate both, Lithuania and Poland on this special anniversary for both great nations,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...that the delegates instruct the Supreme Council to draft and send a letter of congratulations on behalf of the organization, and have them delivered to both embassies in Washington for delivery to each President.

Resolution: WHEREAS Aid to Lithuania has acknowledged the generosity of our donors in the Vytis over the years,

WHEREAS...it is good public relations to recognize the generous donations of our members,

BE IT RESOLVED...that the 88th National Convention body approve the continuation of the recognition of donors in the VYTIS.

Resolution: WHEREAS...during this past year, the Knights of Lithuania lost two of our very dear and active Honorary Members, past National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, OP of C-103, and past secretary of the Honorary Membership Committee, Phyllis Grendal of C-17, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED...that in grateful recognition for their many years of work and dedication to the Knights of Lithuania organization, we, delegates of the 88th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Resort, in Orlando, Florida, on this 4th day of August, 2001, pay tribute to these worthy and outstanding Knights, with a moment of silence.

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

Resolution: WHEREAS... the 87th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles, CA., on July 29, 2000, approved the candidacy of Elsie Kosmisky, member of C-144, Anthracite, PA, for elevation to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS...all constitutional requirements and considerations have been met for this award, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED...that the Knights of Lithuania 88th National Convention confer Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania upon Elsie Kosmisky.

Resolution: WHEREAS...the 87th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles, CA., on July 29, 2000, approved the candidacy of Rita Sussko, member of C-29, Newark, NJ., for elevation to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS...all constitutional requirements and considerations have been met for this award, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED...that the Knights of Lithuania 88th National Convention confer

Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania upon Rita Sussko.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED...that we, the delegates to the 88th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Resort in Orlando, Florida, at the recommendation of the Honorary Membership Committee, approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership, Rev. Msgr. Ignatius Urbonas, member of C-82, Gary, Indiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...that a history, outlining his services as a worthy candidate be published in VYTIS.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED...that we, delegates to the 88th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Resort in Orlando, Florida, at the recommendation of the Honorary Membership Committee, approve as a candidate for Honorary Membership, William Kolicius, member of C-19, Pittsburgh, PA., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...that his history, outlining his services as a worthy candidate be published in VYTIS.

Resolution: WHEREAS...Zita Simutis, beloved wife of Leonard Simutis, Jr., has gone to her eternal rest,

WHEREAS... Leonard and his wife worked diligently for the Knights of Lithuania in the footsteps of his father, Leonard Simutis, Sr., one of the founders of the Knights of Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED...that we, delegates to the 88th National Convention, offer our deepest sympathy to Leonard, upon the death of his wife, Zita.

Resolution: WHEREAS...Nellie A. Pandza of Council 3, Philadelphia, PA., joined hands with the Lord on June 11, 2001, and was an ardent supporter of many Knights of Lithuania causes and raised more than \$5,000 for the Medical/Humanitarian programs of Aid to Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED...that a letter of grateful appreciation, recognizing her work, along with

condolences, be sent to her daughter, Aniele Kendrick, 4456 Wyndom Terrace, Holmes, PA., 19043.

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, an

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, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED...that the delegates to the 88th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL., acknowledge the Sisters' works with a donation of \$100.00 to each of the four communities, an

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED... that we ask and encourage each of our members to continue to offer support to the Sisters' efforts.

Resolution: WHEREAS...the Lithuanian Catholic Weekly, "Darbininkas," has generously printed news of the Knights of Lithuania,

BE IT RESOLVED...that the delegates to the 88th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL., express its appreciation to "Darbininkas" and its staff for their cooperation and generosity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...that a donation of \$100.00 be sent to "Darbininkas" with an expression of gratitude.

Resolution: WHEREAS... the St. Casimir Guild was established to fulfill one of the goals of the Knights of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS...the St. Casimir Guild has continued for several years to address the needs of Lithuanian Catholics, and

WHEREAS...The St. Casimir Guild has been established as on of the Four Primary Charities

upon which the Knights of Lithuania presents its primary focus,

WE THEREFORE RESOLVE...that a donation of \$1,000.00 be sent to the St. Casimir Guild, with an expression of our gratitude.

Resolution: WHEREAS...the Lithuanian Weekly, "Dirva," has generously printed news of the Knights of Lithuania, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED...that the delegates to the 88th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Hotel, Lake Buena Vista, FL., express its appreciation to the "Dirva" and its staff for their cooperation and generosity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...that a donation of \$50.00 be sent to "Dirva," with an expression of gratitude.

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, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED...that the delegates to the 88th Annual National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, gathered at the Grosvenor Hotel, Lake Buena Vista, FL., express its sincerest gratitude to "Draugas" and its staff for their cooperation and generosity in publicizing Knights of Lithuania activity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED...that a donation of \$150.00 be sent to "Draugas," with an expression of gratitude.

Resolution: WHEREAS...the K of L Foundation was established to fulfill one of the goals of the Knights of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS...the K of L Foundation has continued for several years to address the needs of Lithuanian Catholics, and

WHEREAS...the K of L Foundation has been established as one of the Four Primary Charities upon which the Knights of Lithuania presents its primary focus,

WE THEREFORE RESOLVE... that a donation of \$1,000 be sent to the K of L Foundation with an expression of our gratitude.

Resolution: WHEREAS... Aid to Lithuania, Inc. was established to fulfill one of the goals of the Knights of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS... Aid to Lithuania, Inc. had continued for several years to address the needs of Lithuanian Catholics, and

WHEREAS... Aid to Lithuania, Inc. has been established as one of the Four Primary Charities upon which the Knights of Lithuania presents its primary focus,

WE THEREFORE RESOLVE... that a donation of \$1,000 be sent to Aid to Lithuania, with an expression of our gratitude.

Resolution: WHEREAS... there is a continuing need for support for poor, institutionalized and orphaned children,

WHEREAS... many members are actively involved in helping to support the dire needs of food, clothes, medicines and other basic needs,

WHEREAS... Lithuanian Children's Relief has successfully shipped over 130 40-foot containers,

BE IT RESOLVED... that a donation of \$100 be donated to Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc.

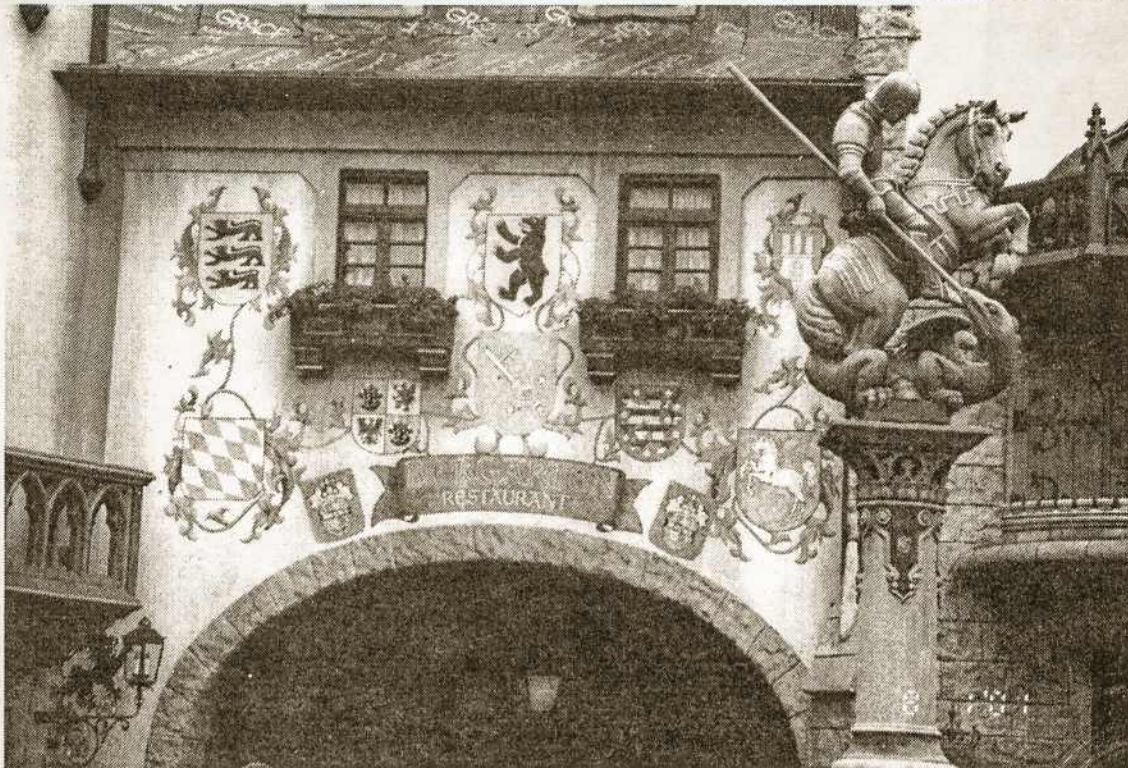


Maestro Faustas Strolia, HM, accompanying the congregation in song.

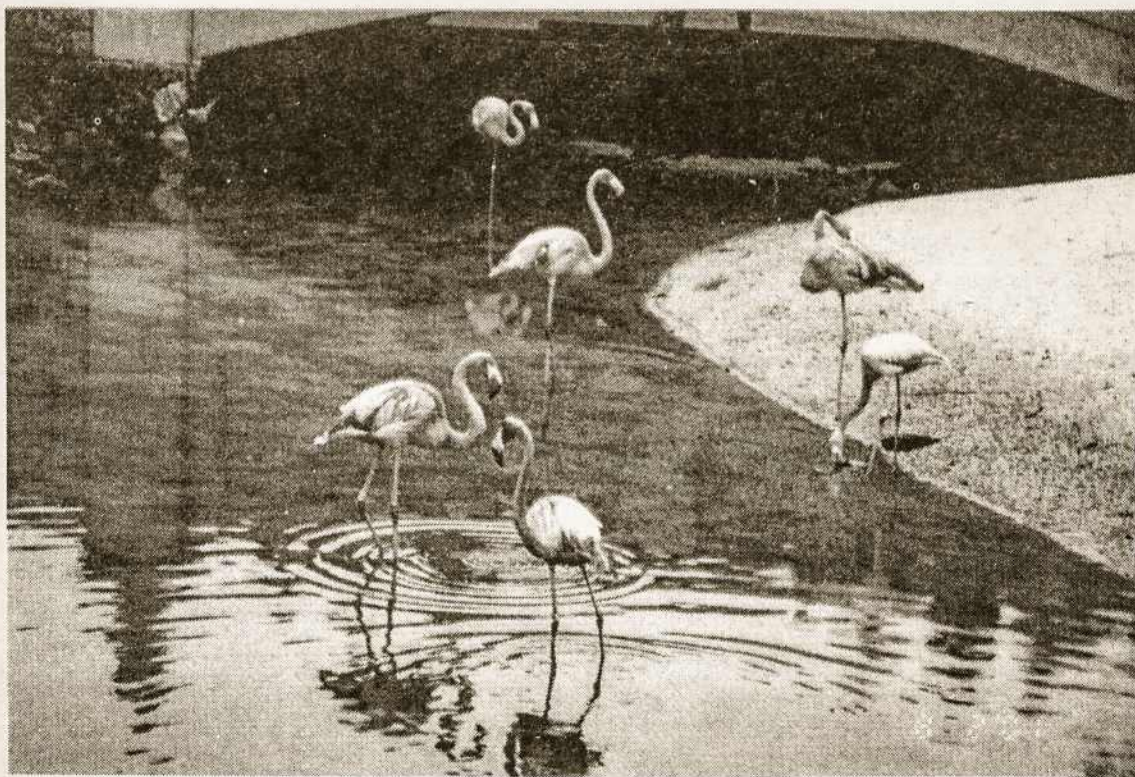


Just one of the many tables of guests and delegates enjoying the Saturday night banquet!

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The beautiful flamingos... another Disney attraction.

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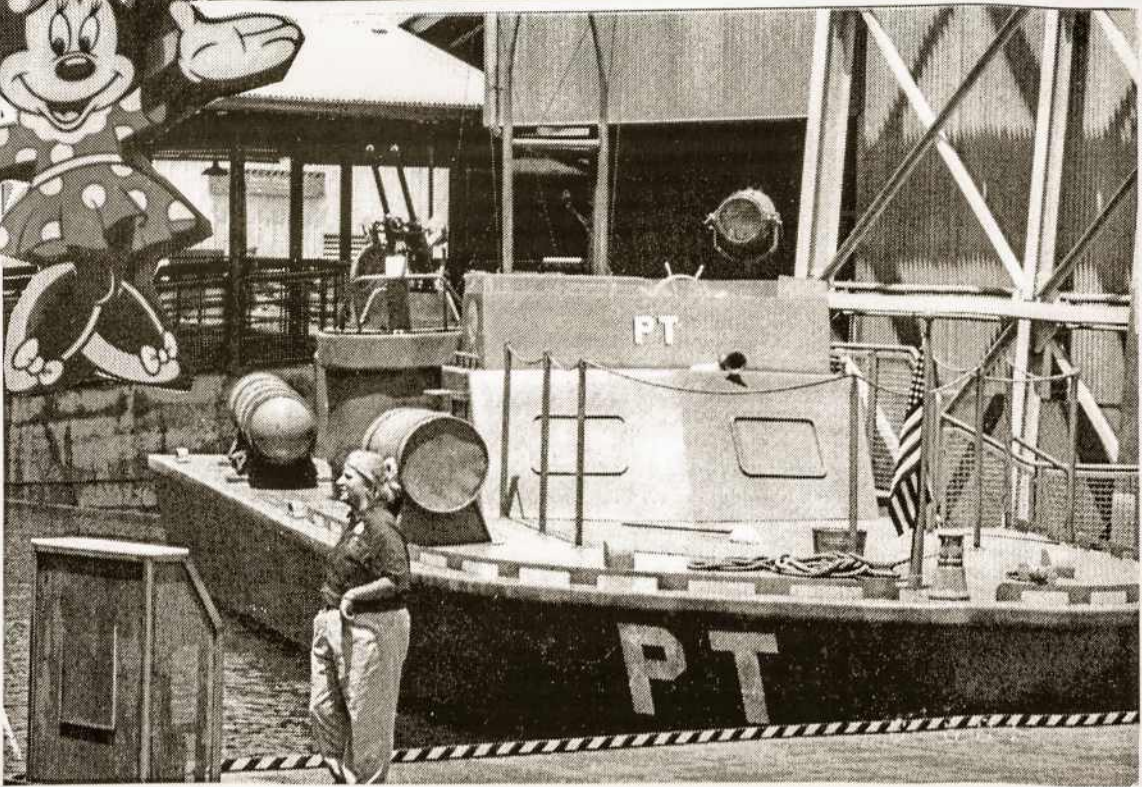


K of L Juniors reading their parts during their presentation about St. Casimir to the Convention's delegates.

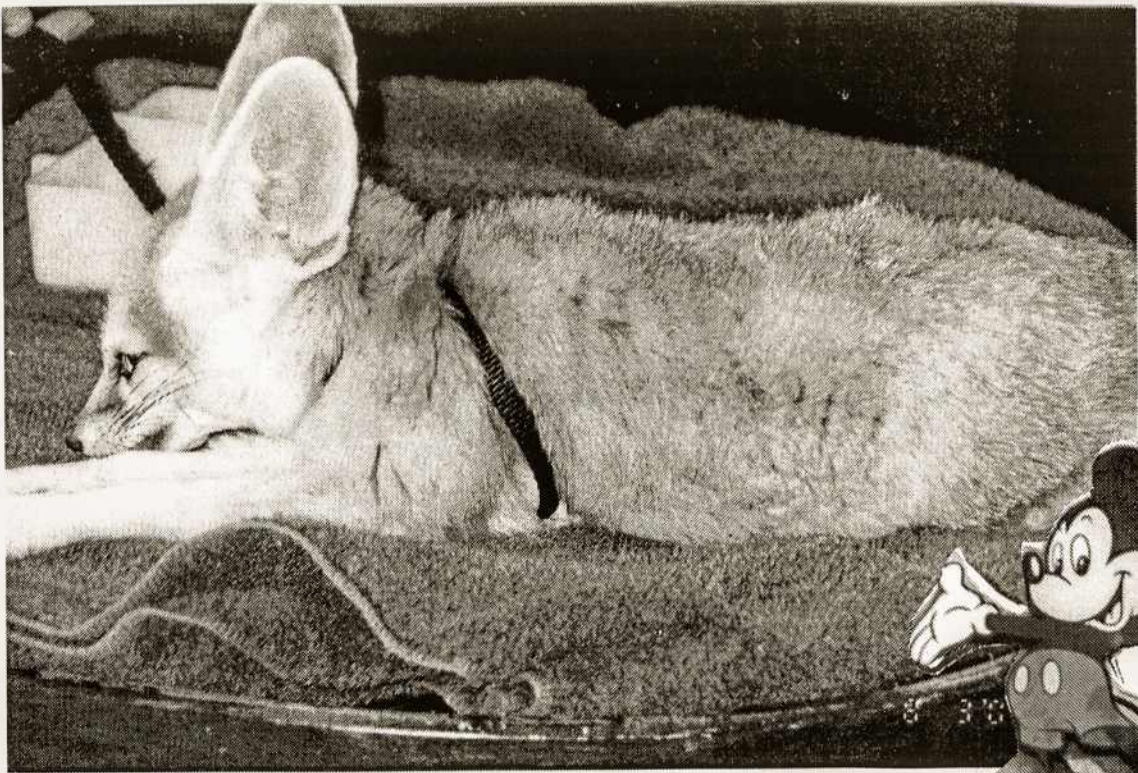


K of L Seniors, Esther Bertashus, Eleanor Vaicaitis, and Elsie Kosmisty enjoying lunch at the Norway section of Disney's Epcot.

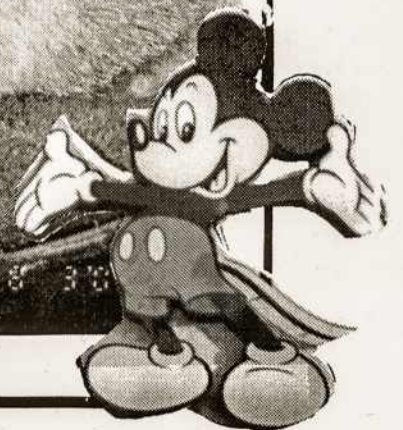
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