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## Special Convention Issue

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Board members and 34 delegates attended the 71st Triennial Convention held in Baltimore, Maryland, from July 30, to August 2. Our guests were also in attendance.

The Convention opened with Mass celebrated by our Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas at St. Alphonsus Church. Pastor of St. Alphonsus is Rev. Anthony S. Dranginis.

Rev. Dranginis informed us that St. John Neuman was once Pastor of St. Alphonsus.

Following Mass a reception was held at the Lithuanian Hall where delegates enjoyed a delicious buffet of Lithuanian foods.

Attorney Thomas E. Mack presided over the opening of the Convention Monday morning and called on Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas to offer the opening prayer.

The president suggested all in attendance read over the reports which they received to save time at the meeting and to be prepared with any questions they may have regarding those reports.

As required by the By-Laws he then appointed the following to the Credentials Committee: Miss Alena Miskinis, Mrs. Mary Kozerski, and Mr. George Sadauckas.

President Mack then Called for the Roll Call to be taken by Secretary Liscosky.

Mrs. Albina Poska was the only member of the Board absent. She notified the Board she has pressing problems.



A happy group of delegates pose for the camera at the Inner Harbor. Left to right: Trustee, George Sadauckas; Verna Sadauckas; (peeking from rear), Dolores Liscosky; Alena Miskinis; Spiritual Director, Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas; Jack Williams and Eleanor Williams.

The following were in attendance:

- Spiritual Advisor* ..... Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas
- President* ..... Thomas E. Mack, Esq.
- Vice-President* ..... Frank J. Katilus
- Secretary* ..... Charles A. Liscosky
- Treasurer* ..... Leocadia Donarovich
- Medical Director* ..... Joseph A. Stankaitis, M.D.
- Trustee* ..... Rosalie Kizis
- Trustee* ..... George F. Sadauckas
- Directors* ..... Leonard J. Mikelonis
- ..... Jonas Vainius

**Delegates:**

- Lodge 1**  
Joan Baranosky  
Michael Baranosky, Jr.

- Lodge 7**  
Edwin A. Sites  
Mary Sites  
Eleanor Williams  
John H. Williams

- Lodge 17**  
Helen Mennens  
Anthony Snipas  
John W. Frank

- Lodge 28**  
Charles J. Mack  
Thomas M. Mack  
Marlena Mack

- Lodge 30**  
Frank Donarovich

- Lodge 36**  
Joseph Vitenas
- Lodge 57**  
Frances Shoppel

- Lodge 83**  
Frances Katilus  
Genevieve Kelly

- Lodge 155**  
Anthony Brauckas  
Verna Sadauckas  
Theresa Pientak  
John Pocius  
Judith Pocius

- Lodge 183**  
Anna Lenkaitis  
Patricia Mack

- Lodge 219**  
Sylvester Kossa

- Lodge 212**  
John W. Kozerski, Sr.  
Mary Kozerski

- Lodge 222**  
Stasys Garliauskas  
Dolores Liscosky  
Joseph D. Liscosky  
Florence Eckert  
Alena Miskinis  
Anna Stranch  
Anna Davala

President Mack opened nominations for the position of Chairman of the Convention.

Frank Katilus was nominated and with no other nominations he was elected chairman of the Convention. Jonas Vainius was the sole nominee for the position of Vice-Chairman and Leocadia Donarovich the sole nominee for Secretary both being elected to their respective positions.

Rosalie Kizis was named

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## FLORENCE ECKERT / *Convention News*

We're Back !!! Vacation's over and it's back to work! Hope we were missed — at least by a few of you.

Vacation didn't last too long this year due to all the needed preparations for the 71st convention.

This edition of the Garsas is devoted entirely to the 71st Convention.

We feel those of you out there who weren't able to attend for one reason or another are anxious to receive the minutes which contain most all of what took place during those three days in Baltimore, MD.

The business sessions moved quickly and smoothly giving the delegates quite a bit of free time to enjoy the very interesting city of Baltimore.

Convention headquarters was in the Holiday Inn Inner Harbor which was within walking distance of the Harbor and the beautiful church of St. Alphonsus where we attended the opening Mass of the Convention and also the Mass for the deceased members of the Alliance.

Msgr. Yashkas was celebrant of both Masses with Frank Katilus serving as altar boy. Father Anthony Dranginis, pastor of St. Alphonsus told us that St. John Neuman was once pastor here.

Following Mass on our day of arrival we were treated to a reception at the Lithuanian Hall where we enjoyed a variety of Lithuanian foods.

The business end of the convention is reported on all 8 pages

of the English section this edition along with some photos taken by Joseph Liscosky and myself.

Leonard Mikelonis was a great help to me in the early stages of preparation making many contacts that would have been very difficult and very time-consuming if he wasn't there to personally check out some of the hotels, etc.

I arranged for an evening cruise on one of the newest cruise boats added to the Harbor and most all of the delegates signed up to go. I think this cruise proved to be the highlight of the social end of the convention, and if you look closely at some of the photographs you will surely agree.

The theme for the evening was a Hawaiian Luau. The delegates were each presented with a Hawaiian Ley as they boarded the boat. There was a band on board playing Hawaiian music and the buffet was all prepared in Hawaiian style.

There was entertainment on board and singing and dancing during the entire cruise.

Our group joined together in a sing-a-long and everyone really had a great time.

Groups of delegates visited the shopping area of the Inner Harbor and one group visited the aquarium.

You should not leave Baltimore without making this stop. The aquarium is breathtaking! Life under the sea is awesome to say the least! This too proved a very interesting and exciting part of our trip.



Garsas Editor Florence Eckert, and Eleanor and Jack Williams, (delegates), pause on the beautiful walkway overpass which takes pedestrians away from the busy street traffic to reach the Inner Harbor which can be seen in the background to the right.

We happened to be there at feeding time and this really topped off the visit. Three young men came out to feed the whales and we were treated to a very amusing act. These whales were trained and did all sorts of tricks for each fish they were rewarded with for their dinner. We received a little unexpected prank when the big white whale came close to our rail and gave out with one big spray at the unsuspecting crowd.

The central space of the aquarium has a skeleton of a fin whale suspended in such a manner that it can be viewed from all different angles. It was caught by whalers off the New England Coast in 1880 and the full skeleton measured 58 feet. Ten vertebrae were removed to accommodate the skeleton in the available space. The weight of the whale is estimated to have been 120,000 lbs.

President Mack served as M.C. for the closing banquet and Rev. Dranginis joined us for this happy occasion.

We had a very special program that was really enjoyed by all the delegates.

Mr. Edward Miller and two of the students he took to Lithuania gave a slide presentation of their

trip and then answered questions for the delegates.

The highlight of the evening at the closing banquet was the presentation of the commemorative medal given to a most deserving member of the Alliance every three years at the convention.

This year's recipient was Mr. Frank Katilus who graciously accepted the award before a crowd of very pleased delegates who gave him a standing ovation.

We're sorry if you missed the convention and hope this edition of the Garsas will bring it home to you.

There is so much happening in Lithuania these days and we will try to catch up on it in the next edition.

Please remember all our brothers and sisters in Lithuania as they begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

As they joined hands in a 350 mile long human chain on the 24th of August commemoration the day of the "secret protocol" we too joined with them not in person but most assuredly in prayer. Let us continue these prayers until they too enjoy the freedom that is ours.

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Assistant Secretary by acclamation following a motion to present her name.

The following committee members were appointed by President Mack to serve for the 71st Convention:

### Marshalls

Mr. Charles Mack  
Mr. John Pocius

### Resolution Committee

Mr. Anthony Snipas  
Mr. Joseph Liscosky  
Atty. Mark Mack

### Press Committee

Mr. Edwin Sites  
Mr. John Frank  
Mrs Florence Eckert

The newly elected Convention Officers assumed their positions and proceeded with the business of the convention.

Chairman Frank Katilus invited all present to stand for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Liscosky.

Mr. Katilus welcomed all delegates; he then requested the reports of the members of the Board of Directors.

Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas, in addition to his written report, informed the delegates that our former Spiritual Director, Msgr. John Balkunas, passed away and asked all to remember him in their prayers.

Msgr. Yashkas reported there were no complaints of misconduct and noted the spiritual goals of the fraternity are being met.

He noted it was a special privilege to have Bishop Paul A. Baltakis, Main Celebrant of the Mass at Rocky Glen Park during the 100th Anniversary Convention of the Alliance. The Bishop's presence added much to the solemnity of the occasion and made clear to all that we are an active, Catholic Society.

Msgr. reported on the visit to Rome for the Beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis from June 25 to July 2, 1987. He noted that the many members

who joined in this pilgrimage had cause for great joy because they had an audience with the Holy Father. They also visited the city of Assisi, the home of St. Francis and got acquainted with Lithuanians from many parts of the world.

Msgr. was happy to report that he had the opportunity to Celebrate Mass with Bishop Baltakis at St. Ann's Church, Luzerne on July 24, 1988 in honor of the Patroness of the Parish.

He also was proud to report the Gradus Verksmai Pilgrimage is growing with the number of Pilgrims increasing each year. This traditional Lenten devotion has a great appeal to the Lithuanian people of the area.

President Thomas Mack in welcoming the delegates noted this was the first Tri-ennial Convention of the Alliance's second century of existence Mr. Mack complimented the Editor of the Garsas Florence Eckert, for her work in putting together a more readable and interesting paper noting the many good comments received in the past few years.

He pointed out that we have no pending law suits against our society. We have a number of claims being processed however Office Manager Alena Miskinis has a keen understanding of properly handling most claims and seldom calls on him for a legal interpretation though he's there when needed.

Attorney Mack complimented Msgr. Yashkas on the yeomans job done in organizing the trip to Rome noting he and Mrs. Mack will treasure the memory of this trip for the rest of their lives.

He also complimented Mr. Liscosky for a great year as President of the Northeast Fraternal Society of PA.

Mr. Mack spoke of the new Single Premium policies stating we have had some success introducing them and look forward to more.



Enjoying the evening Hawaiian style aboard the beautiful new cruise ship, Bay Lady. Seated at rear table: Vice President, Frank Katilus and Helen Mennens. Backs to camera Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Sites and Genevieve Kelly. Facing camera: Anthony Snipas; John Kozerski; Mary Kozerski; Joan Baranosky and Michael Baranosky.



Director Jonas Vainius and Msgr. Yashkas watch the entertainment while Stasys Garlauskas is busy looking over some interesting news. Newly elected Director Edwin Sites celebrates with his wife while Genevieve Kelly seems to be enjoying the festivities.

He reported that our actuary's report shows an increase in solvency over 1985 and a noticeable decrease in certificates since 1983. It is hopeful that the new Single Premium Policy will increase membership to where it was back in the 70's.

We are in excellent financial condition. Our surplus is quite stable although our liabilities have declined, the solvency ratio has increased.

Attorney Mack noted Governor Casey of PA is very aware of the many worthy contributions the Heritage groups, including

our own have made to the development and growth of the Commonwealth of PA. The Governor has established the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission to advise him and his cabinet on many things connected with the various ethnic organizations, institutions and groups in PA.

Mr. Mack noted that on October 21, 1987 our former spiritual director Msgr. Balkunas celebrated his 85th birthday. A number of our members were able to join him on that festive occasion.

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President Mack reminded the delegates that financial and fraternal service to families has been, and is, an integral part of our 103 year history.

He noted our life insurance programs help families provide for their financial security.

Our benefits offer today's families an extra measure of security. Our hope is that we can help bring families together. And that hope expresses our continuing commitment of fraternal service and financial security to families.

Mack noted it was only a tiny handful of people, a kind of small family who met and germinated the seeds to form this society 103 years ago. These people treasured their religion, their customs and their faith.

Now we can smile with satisfaction in the successful fulfillment of the task that those pioneers assumed and through the years their successors continued to fulfill.

We hope and pray that the Lord will continue to look with favor upon us so that the past 103 years may be only a prelude to a finer future.

Vice-President Frank J. Katilus then welcomed the group and offered his report.

He thanked the delegates for electing him to office at the last convention and noted he enjoyed being a part of the Alliance and helping to maintain progress. He pointed out that his job is made easy with a man like Mack at the Helm.

Mr. Katilus informed the group that he attends all meetings required of him and puts all his efforts, to the best of his ability in helping the Alliance.

He noted that he attends all of the meetings of the Northeast Fraternal and participates in the celebration of Lithuania's Independence in both Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. He participates in the signing of Proclamations with the Mayors of both cities as well as with the Governor of the State

of PA proclaiming Fraternal week in PA which is celebrated in June.

Mr. Katilus expressed appreciation to all the Officers and Directors for their cooperation as well as Executive Director Charles Liscosky and the Home Office Staff, in maintaining a most efficient office and in giving the best service to all members promptly.

In closing he expressed hope that the assembled delegates would come up with some good ideas to help the Alliance and especially to increase our membership.

Secretary-Executive-Director Charles A. Liscosky was then called on for his report.

In welcoming the delegates he was pleased to participate in the 71st convention and was also pleased to be in Baltimore for the 200th anniversary of the Diocese of Baltimore which was estab-

lished September 17, 1789 by Pope Pius VI, at that time, as the Diocese of the entire US.

Mr. Liscosky noted it was his opinion that the Board of Directors, at their August 20, 1987 meeting made a most important decision for the future of the Alliance. It was at this meeting they decided unanimously to do whatever was necessary to update the Life Insurance Plans in order that they would comply with the laws of the States in which we are licensed.

Mr. Liscosky feels the new Life Insurance Plans could be the answer to acquiring new applicants to join the Alliance.

He pointed out that we have 4 new Insurance Plans:

- Life Paid Up @ Age 80.
  - Twenty Years Paid Up Life
  - Twenty Year Endowment (not available in New York State)
  - Single Premium Life Plan.
- All of the plans are available



Joseph Liscosky and his wife Kim pose for the camera on the cruise boat, "Bay Lady."

in the amounts of \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000, \$5,000, \$7,500, and \$10,000.

Non-medical applications are to be used for applicants from age 0 to 55, providing the amount of coverage does not exceed \$5,000,

Medical applications are to be used for applicants from age 55 to 70 regardless of the amount of coverage.

Mr. Liscosky urged the delegates to contact family and friends with an application to join the Alliance.

He informed the delegates that the annual State and new audited quarterly financial reports were completed and mailed to the States in which we are licensed.

At present, we are awaiting the Pennsylvania State Insurance Department Examiners for their five to seven week stay at the Home Office to complete their inspection.

Dividend checks were mailed on June 28, 1989 to all members in good standing and who are entitled to them. These checks should be cashed by October 1, 1989.

Mr. Liscosky reported the Alliance continues to assist the *(Continued on Page 5)*

### CPS Actuary Report - March 6, 1989

Gentlemen:

We have completed a valuation of the outstanding certificates of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance as of December 31, 1988 according to the schedules of insurance in force submitted to us, and have found the reserves, on the bases specified below, to be as follows:

Reserve for Life Certificates and Contracts	
American Experience 3%	\$707,508
1941 Standard Industrial 3%	119,349
American Men Ultimate 3%	458,098
1980 CSO 4 1/2%	208
1980 CSO 5 1/2%	1,080
1926-33 Intercompany D.I. with	
1941 CSO 2 1/2%	144
150% Class 3 with 1941 CSO 2 1/2%	99
Reserve for deficient premiums	680
Reserve for non-deduction of deferred premiums	
	1,212
Unearned premium reserve	1,542
<b>Total Life Reserve</b>	<b>\$1,289,920</b>
Reserve for Accident & Health Certificates	20,797
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>\$1,310,717</b>

The Society's valuation indicated that based on the American Experience, 1941 Standard Industrial and American Men Ultimate Tables of Mortality, with interest at 3%, and the 1980 CSO Mortality Table with interest at 4 1/2% and 5 1/2%, the future assessments of the Society at the net rates then being collected, together with the admitted assets as they appeared in the Society's 1988 Annual Statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a margin of safety of \$965,059 (or 71.02%) above the statutory standards.

Sincerely yours,  
George R. Schaumann,  
Vice-President

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Sisters who operate Camp Ausra, Elmhurst, PA by financially assisting young children who otherwise would not be able to attend the summer camp. Three children were assisted during 1987-88 and as of this report three more youngsters were approved for 1989.

The sisters and parents expressed their appreciation to the Alliance.

**The Home Office receives a large number of requests for replacements of Lost Certificates therefore members are being reminded of Section 8 of the By-Laws which reads: Certificates Lost, Destroyed or not in Possession of the Member:**

*In case a membership Certificate is lost, destroyed or in the possession of a person other than the member who will not surrender the same, the member may make a request, in writing, to issue a certificate on a form provided by the Alliance. The member, in consideration of the issuance of the duplicate benefit certificate, shall remise, release, quit-claim and forever discharge his rights in said benefit certificate. The member shall pay a nominal fee for the duplicate certificate.*

It is also important to note that, in some instances, we can't make copies of some old certificates as there are none in stock and it would be too expensive to reprint a similar certificate.

Mr. Liscosky reported no complaints at the Home office and thanked the staff for their continued service to the membership and help when needed.

He reported the resignation of Mrs. Elaine Eckert on December 27, 1988 after over 16 1/2 years of employment at the Home Office. He thanked his wife Dolores, for agreeing to fill this vacancy on a temporary part-time basis until a permanent replacement can be hired.

A letter was received from Mark S. Singel, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania along with



One final picture before the curtain falls. President Thomas Mack with Msgr. Anthony Dranginis to the left and Msgr. Frank Yashkas at the right taken at the end of the closing banquet of the Convention

House Bill NO. 571 establishing February 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in PA. Governor Casey signed the bill on June 29, 1989 to 1989, making it Act 17 of 1988-89.

In his letter he noted that as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission, he joined in the pride we display in our Lithuanian heritage.

Mr. Liscosky reported that along with his regular duties as Secretary and Executive Director he managed to serve as President of the Northeastern Frater-

nal group during 1989 and attended all but on monthly luncheon meeting. He pointed out that President Mack was partly instrumental in forming this group and it was an honor to accept the appointment to the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress as a member of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Liscosky also found time to participate in the Lithuanian Independence Day Program in Wilkes-Barre at which time he read the "Proclamation" prepared for this occasion by the Governor of PA. He joined with mem-

bers of other Fraternals to present a check to feed the needy at St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

He attended the Fraternal Week and Flag Day celebration at Sheraton in Scranton, PA on June 14, 1989.

Mr Liscosky noted on of the most important events he attended was a banquet honoring our Spiritual director Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas upon his retirement as pastor of St. Ann's Lithuanian R.C. Church in Luzerne, PA.

In closing, he thanked all for their continued support and cooperation and prayed for health happiness and knowledge to continue to do what is best for all.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Leocadia Donarovich.

Mrs. Donarovich thanked the Directors for their cooperation and assistance in all transactions and extended greeting to the delegates for a long and healthy membership.

The trustees report was submitted by Trustees Mrs. Rosalie Kizis and Mr. George Sadauckas.

The Trustees extended their thanks to the Executive Director, Treasurer and Office Personnel for their time and cooperation in enabling them to fulfill their duties as Trustees of the Alli-

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### Treasurer's Report

#### January 1, 1986 to January 1, 1989

Total Checking accounts balance 1/1/86	\$ 61,946.02
Total receipts .....	<u>1,378,520.66</u>
.....	\$ 1,440,466.68
Less total Disbursements .....	<u>1,375,167.50</u>
Total Checking Account Balance 1/1/89.....	65,299.18
 Horizon Financial Savings, Southampton, PA	
Balance as of 12/31/85 .....	\$ 17,025.56
Interest from short-term certificates .....	101,622.84
Transferred to check & dividend accts .....	<u>28,000.00</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1988 .....	\$ 90,648.40
Total in Short-Term Certificates .....	\$ 600,000.00

### Trustees Financial Report - 1986-87-88

Balance January 1, 1986 .....	\$ 61,946.02
Total Receipts .....	<u>1,378,520.66</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 1988.....	\$1,440,466.68
Less total disbursements .....	<u>1,375,167.50</u>
Balance January 1, 1989 .....	\$ 65,299.18



Executive Director Charles Liscosky and his wife Dolores look like two honeymooners seated on the cruise ship, "Bay Lady" as they enjoy the Hawaiian Luau.

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Trustee Sadauckas reported attending Flag Raising celebrations in observation of Lithuanian Independence in Scranton, W-B., and Pittston and several other important activities.

He sponsors a Bowling Team in Taylor, PA and after 3 years they came through as first and second half champs. They had a dinner and received a trophy which is on display at the Home Office. Sadauckas boasts of the patch on the ladies blouses which reads "Lithuanian Catholic Alliance, Lodge 155," and shows up clearly in all newspaper photos of the team.

Mr. Sadauckas takes great pride in the fact that by Convention time he expects to have enrolled 25 new members and expects more after that simply because he has been making contact with all the members of his lodge.

He notes that he and Mrs. Kizis spent two days in the Home Office doing an audit

In closing he noted most of the delegates are older and it is his hope and prayer that we can get our younger people involved in the Alliance.

Medical Director Dr. Joseph A. Stankaitis welcomed the delegates noting their presence at the convention signifies and reinforces the importance of the gathering to the future of the Alliance.

He noted that since the last convention in 1986, the Alliance staff and Medical Director worked closely in conjunction with our actuarial consultants to update many of our application and claim forms in order to have them conform with the requirements of insurance regulators.

Dr. Stankaitis feels this was successfully accomplished with simplification of previously complicated forms.

The statistics from August 1, 1986 through May 31, 1989 are as follows: Membership applications approved - 71



Mr. Edward Miller with students Tayna Swiderski at mike and Jamie Dempsey to her right taken during their slide presentation at the banquet. The two students were part of a group that visited Lithuania with their teacher Mr. Miller.

Rejected - 2  
Disability forms approved - 69

Rejected - 1  
In closing his report he said, "As the city of Baltimore has found renewal, I trust that through our efforts at this convention, we also will find the inspiration to renew the spirit and vibrancy of our great organization".

Although Mrs. Albina Poska was unable to attend the convention she sent in a very good report of her activities since the last convention. She sent greeting to the delegates hoping that the decisions made by them in this first convention of the second century be as successful as those of our pioneers and that they produce gigantic results for the Alliance's future.

Mrs. Poska attended the American Lithuanian Council's 46th meeting October 18, 1986 and again in 1987. She noted that in 1987 Dr. Simaitis was unable to attend due to a very serious illness and being unable to attend regular meeting it became necessary to replace him. His vacancy was filled by Irene Blinstrubas. At this meeting, Dr. Simaitis was given the recognition of Honorary Membership in appreciation for his many activities for the benefit of Council. Dr. Simaitis passed away a few months later.

Mrs. Poska was authorized to extend greetings from the Alli-

ance to the Catholic Women's Alliance 42nd Convention in August 1987 but due to an accident was unable to attend.

She had many contacts with the Home Office and notes all personnel were always efficient, kind and ready to assist. She also was very busy with phone calls following the convention with members seeking information.

Mrs. Poska submitted articles to "Draugas" before and after our convention and thanks Father Pr. Garsva for the space given to her articles.

Along with her duties as Secretary of Lodge 100 she has accepted to handle Lodges 29 and 179.

She was saddened that she was unable to attend that 71st Convention having attended every convention from 1948 to the present (except 1967). She was a Director for 6 years previously to 17 years currently. She expressed appreciation to all who made it possible for her to be a Board member all these years and notes she will cherish the memories for the memories for the rest of her days.

Director Leonard Mikelonis in submitting his report noted that he attended the first two meetings of the Board but due to an illness could not make the third meeting. The illness cost him the loss of sight in one eye and this limits his driving.

Mr. Mikelonis attended the

Annual Lithuanian Festival in Baltimore in June and was especially fascinated with the display of the battle of Tannenburg done in miniatures.

In April of 1988 he represented the Alliance on a Maryland Baltic tour which was presented to give an in depth analysis of the impact of Glasnost on the Baltic communities of Maryland and DC. The tour took them to the Lithuanian Hall and Museum, the Latvian Center and the US Department of State.

Mr. Mikelonis assisted with preparations for the Convention and was instrumental in securing the Lithuanian Hall for the Reception where all enjoyed the good Lithuanian food.

Director Jonas Vainius in reporting his activities stated that he assisted in arrangements to have the Garsas transferred from Brooklyn closer to the Home Office.

He investigated and reported to Mr. Liscosky the status of the Catholic Near East Mission located in New York. This matter relates to the beneficiary benefits of our deceased member, Frank Kalusavage.

He checked into the possibility of a mutual operational relationship with the Lithuanian Credit Union "Kasa". Father Bucmys is assisting him in this matter. Mr. Vainius encourages everyone to maintain their vigilance on the current developments in Lithuania. He noted that we as Americans of Lithuanian descent, should strongly support the current movement to restore the independence of Lithuania, which had been extinguished by neighboring powers.

Florence Eckert, Editor of the Garsas in giving her first Convention report noted it was a report she was proud to present.

She noted that her first priority was to get the mailing list up to date. This took considerable time and effort and when completed she presented her findings to the Executive Board inform-

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ing the Board she felt it would not be economically feasible to add over 1000 names to the old addressograph machine in Brooklyn and suggested moving the operation closer to the Home Office.

An agreement was made with Rev. Bucmys and the transfer was accomplished very smoothly.

The English section was increased due to the loss of the older Lithuanians and so many of the Alliance members not being able to read Lithuanian. As a result readership increased and subscriptions increased 5 times over the original number.

Mrs. Eckert noted she was invited to speak to the Junior and Senior classes of a local High School, and the students proved to be a very captive audience.

She was also interviewed on television and had a Feature Story with photo in the local press which was picked up by the wire services and carried nationally giving the Alliance national coverage.

Mrs. Eckert noted that she undertook the task of completing micro-filming for all the newspapers and we will soon be able to research any article we desire by simply sitting down and looking for it on film instead of going through piles of faded, flaking worn out sheets.



Vice-President Frank Katilus looks proudly at the commemorative medal awarded to him.



Msgr. Yashkas and Tony Snipas seem to be really enjoying themselves in a sing-a-long on the cruise "Bay Lady." Msgr. was one of the leaders in the Lithuanian singing and had taped music which was also used on the bus trip down to Baltimore.

She informed the delegates that much correspondence is handled in the Home Office by phone, mail and walk-ins. We hear from families seeking ties in Lithuania, students looking for assistance with book reports, etc.

Centennial Booklets were mailed to Museums, Libraries, congressmen, Historical Societies, Etc. and we still have some on hand.

In closing Mrs. Eckert noted that a new interest has been generated in the Garsas which should eventually result in a greater interest in the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.

Chairman Frank Katilus called for committee reports beginning with the Constitution and By-Laws committee.

The report presented by Edwin Sites, Chairman and Anna Stranch noted there were no inquiries or proposed amendments.

Mary Kozerski then presented the report of the Judicial, Grievances, and Appeals Committee which stated no grievances or appeals during the last three years.

In the absence of Leonard Pallis the written report he submitted was accepted as filled.

Mr. Pallis noted he attend the flag raising celebrating Lithuania's Independence in Wilkes-Barre, and was present at the signing of the Proclamation in

the Governor's Office in Harrisburg each year as well as the signing locally at the Mayor's office in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Mrs. Patricia Mack, Chairperson of the Benevolent Committee noted in her report that there were no specific requests for financial aid. However she pointed out that whenever members' correspondence indicated there might be a need for financial assistance the Home Office offered the resources of the Benevolent Fund and sent along an application for aid; however, none of the applications were returned for consideration.

Mrs. Mack noted the Alliance has been considerate to its members with the direct benefits it has provided. For example:

Accident and Health Benefits increased by 25% over original rates on July 28 1873; 50% increase July 24, 1980, and 100% increase January 1, 1989;

Exemption from payment of Life Insurance portion of dues at age 85 in 1972; reduced to age 82 in 1984; to age 80 in 1986; and to age 78 in 1989;

Gifts of \$25 to each member when reaching age 96;

Scholarships and Summer Camps for students and children;

Garsas publication for members free of charge.

In closing Mrs. Mack reminded members that

if there is a legitimate need for financial assistance they should make this need known to the Lodge Secretary or the Home Office and their application will be referred to the Benevolent Committee.

Mr. Leonard J. Simutis although not present at the convention submitted a written report in which he stated that the Chicago members; Saulius Kuprys, Fances Laucka Domanskis and himself have met and conferred regularly. They sought ways to benefit LCA members in projects that would involve Lithuanian National., cultural, religious and literary activities.

The foundation has supported a number of LCA children requesting attendance at Lithuanian summer camps and it has reviewed project proposals. It also approved a small monetary grant towards the Bishop Baltakis trip to Rome in 1987.

Dr. Simutis notes the Foundation would be pleased if members would solicit suggestions and requests for projects. Interested LCA members should contact the Foundation Secretary, Dr. Frances Laucka Domanskis, 4236 Hampton Ave. Western Springs, ILL 60558.

He noted the present Foundation President has been associated with the LCA since March 13, 1981 and has attended the national conventions in Rochester, NY (1981), and in Wilkes-Barre, PA (1986).

He urgently requests that another person be appointed/elected to the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance Foundation, immediately, since he is resigning as President and as a member of the Foundation.

Regarding Dr. Simutis' report, Leocadia Donarovich suggested to table acceptance of the report until a financial report is furnished.

Attorney Mack then informed delegates of the deaths, since the last convention, of former convention delegates, employees, and members of the Board of Directors.

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## LIETUVIŠKOS VĒLIAVOS NEW YORKO UOSTE

New Yorkas turbūt yra didžiausias pasaulio uostas. Hudsono ir Rytų upės žiotys yra pakankamai gilios, kad lengvai gali įplaukti didžiausi laivai. Sustoti prie krantų begalės vietos. Todėl nuolat uoste vyksta gyvas laivų judėjimas. Dar didesnis judėjimas buvo prieš Pirmąjį pasaulinį karą, kai laivai buvo pagrindinė susisiekimo priemonė per Atlantą. Kiek tada važiuo emigrantų, turistų, pirklių!

Visa tai praėjusi. Dabar plaukia tik prekiniai laivai. Retai kur pasitaiko koks keleivinis laivas, koks "krūzas", kuris atostogautojus nori palepinti ištaigia kelione į kokią Bermudą, Bahamos salas.

Kai reikėjo surasti krantinę lietuviškom jachtom sustoti, nebuvo taip lengva. Uostas tą savaitgalį buvo labai užimtas. Gauta sustojimo vieta miesto pietiniame gale prie rytinio salos kranto.

### Kas tas Seaport

Šis naujas uostas, arba uosto dalis, yra neseniai pastatyta. Čia sustoja turistiniai laivai, kurie veža keleivius po New Yorko vandenį. Čia viename laive įrengtas jūrų muziejus. Čia prie pat krantinių pilna gražių krau-

tuvų, restoranų, kavinių. Aplinkui New Yorko didinga dangoraižių architektūra. Vargiai rasime kitą pasaulio miestą, kur būtų taip skoningai išvystyta dangoraižių statyba. Atrodo lyg kokie bokštai iš Čiurlionio paveikslų, lyg kokias pasakas. Kyla aukštyn ir aukštyn. Stiklas ir plienas, cementas ir plienas.

Kai vaikštai po šią uosto dalį, tikrai pajunti New Yorko didybę ir jo turtingumą. Atokiau matai ir Pasaulio prekybos centrą — World Trade Center, kur irgi modernioji statyba turi gražias formas.

Čia pat per East River lenkiasi garsusis Brooklyno tiltas, neseniai atšventęs šimto metų sukaktį. Už jo matosi kitas — Manhattano tiltas. Visa tai puošia uostą ir sudaro įspūdingą vaizdą.

Šitame uoste vyksta didžiausia žuvų prekyba. Čia atplaukia žvejų laivai, čia suvažiuoja žuvų pirkliai, restoranų pasiuntiniai. Vietos mašinom sustoti labai daug. Pačioje krantinėje irgi labai daug vietos bet kokiam judėjimui.

### Atvykstame traukiniais

Į tokių didmiestį vairuoti automobiliu nėra taip lengva, tai

dauguma važiuo požeminiais traukiniais. Jamaicos linija labai patogiai priėjo. Išlipom Fulton gatvėje ir pasukom tiesiai į rytus.

Taip suvažiuo dauguma žmonių. Bet buvo ir tokių, kurie atvyko mašinom. Tie sustojo prie uosto didelėje aikštėje po greitkelio. Viršuje ėjo greitkelis, kuris juosia miestą iš rytų pusės. Po tuo greitkelio vietos pasistatyti mašinas iki valios.

### Lietuviai keliauja su vėliavomis

Anksčiau taip nebuvo, kad lietuviai rinktųsi į kokius sutikimus, šventes su tautinėmis vėliavomis. Dabar daug žmonių nešėsi didesnes ir net dideles vėliavas, o mažas vėliavėles turėjo beveik kiekvienas. Ta vėliavų mada atėjo iš Lietuvos. Matėme vėliavų daugybę Vingio parko mitinge ir kitur. Ir dabar juk laukėme jachtų, kurios atplauks su lietuviškom vėliavom. Tai ir nešėme daugybę vėliavų.

Prie didžiojo uosto namo plevėsavo įvairios vėliavos. Iš abiejų šonų buvo pakabintos didokos lietuviškos vėliavos. Taip pat buvo ir kitoje namo pusėje, kur buvo aikštė prie sustojimo krantinės.

### Perkame bilietus

Buvo pasamdytas didokas laivas, kuriuo plaukėme pasitikti lietuviškas jachtas. Viskas čia

brangu. Brangi uosto aikštė ir krantinė. Už jos pasinaudojimą jūreivių komitetas turėjo sumokėti 15,000 dol. Tai didelis pinigais. Šią sumą paaukojo statybinkas inž. Vytautas Paulius iš Patersono.

Ir laivo išnuomavimas kainavo tūkstančius. Tai ir bilietai buvo brangoki. Kiekvienas sumokėjo po 25 dol.

Bilietai buvo platinami ir iš anksto, bet daugiausia atėjo tą dieną. Iš viso į laivą sulipome gerokai per tris šimtus

### Prie Laisvės statulos

Laivas nuo krantinės turėjo atsikabinti 9 val. ryto, bet viskas vėlinosi. Vis dar ėjo žmonės, kopė laiptais į laivą.

Per garsiakalbius pranešė, kad nesueitume į vieną laivo pusę, nes tada laivas gali apvirsti. Liepė pasilikti savo vietose, nes laivas ir jachtos judės įvairiom kryptim, bus proga visiem fotografuoti.

Pajudėjome. Žiūriu į New Yorko "downtown'ą" ir negaliu atsigėrėti. Sodai, žalumynai ir iš jų kyla dangoraižiai. Lokia automobiliai greitkeliais. Krantinėse daugumoje nauji pastatai, matėm tik vieną seną prieplaukos namą, kuriame kadaise remontoavo laivus.

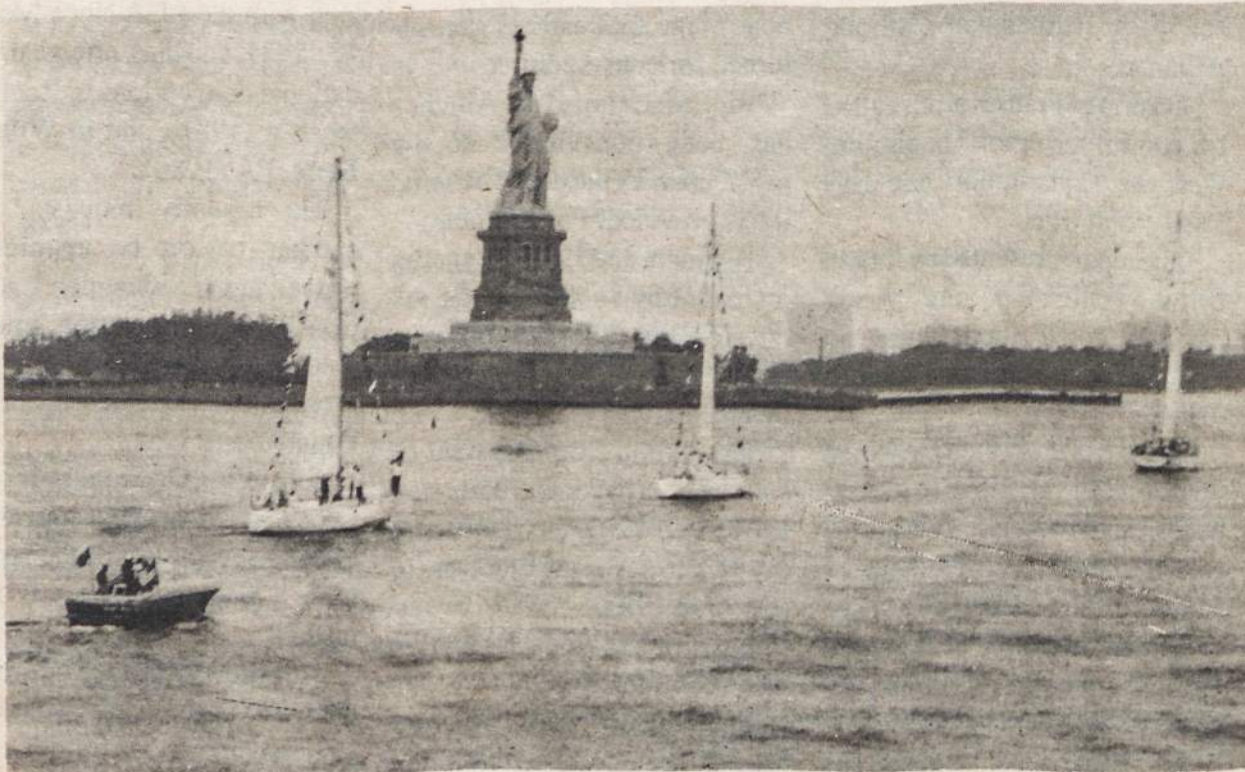
Per garsiakalbius pranešė, kad horizonte pasirodė lietuviškos jachtos. Tikrai pamatėme tautinių spalvų burę — geltoną, žalią, raudoną. Burė didelė, vėjo išplėsta, majestotiškai plaukė į uostą.

### Laivų palyda

Lietuviškos jachtos artėjo pamažu. Tuoj iš uosto suplaukė kokios 12 laivų su lietuviškomis vėliavomis. Buvo vienas ir didokas laivas. Jie sukosi aplinkui jachtas, jas sveikino šaukė, mojavo. Taip pat ir nuo didžiojo laivo žmonės tiesė atsineštas vėliavas, mojavo ir skandavo Lietuva, Lietuva, šaukė jachtų vardus.

Palydos laivai priplaukdavo ir prie mūsų laivo. Žiūriu, kad prie vieno palydos laivo priplaukusi antelė. Pagalvojau, kad tai tikrai antytė, bet greitai pasirodė, kad ji buvo medinė, prie laivo galo pririšta, kad žiūrovus nustebintų

(nukelta į 9 psl.)



Iš Klaipėdos atplaukusios lietuviškos jachtos prie Amerikos Laisvės statulos birželio 24. Nuotr. Vytauto Maželio





Žmonių minia su lietuviškomis vėliavomis jachtų sutikime New Yorko uoste. Nuotr. V. Maželio

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ir sukeltų juoką.

Mūsų laive daug kas nešėsi išrašytus sveikinimo plakatus. Juos ir ištiesė, kad iš jachtų matytų ir perskaitytų. Žmonių entuziazmas buvo tikrai didelis: šaukė, mojavo vėliavomis, dainavo.

### Pagarba Laisvės Statulai

Trys lietuviškos jachtos, iškeliaudamos iš Klaipėdos uosto, kaip tik ir minėjo, kad jos plaukia į New Yorką, prie Amerikos Laisvės statulos. Ją minėjo todėl, kad Amerikos Laisvės statula yra simbolis viso pasaulio pavergtom tautom, paguoda ir viltis.

Dabar buvome tos didžiosios Laisvės statulos papėdėje. Visoje didybėje ji stovėjo priešais mus. Laisvės rankos žibintas dar buvo įžiebtas.

Aplinkui zujo motoriniai laiveliai, plaukė reguliarūs laivai, kurie vežė keleivius į salą, plaukė ir tie, kurie apsuka Manhattano salą.

Turėjo ir lietuviškos jachtos atiduoti pagarbą Laisvės statulai, bet pranešė per garsiakalbius, kad plaukti negalime.

Jūroje buvo atoslūgis, o jachtų grimzlės yra didelės, jos negali priartėti prie statulos. Tik plokščiu dugnu laivai gali priplaukti prie salos.

Pasisukinėjo Laisvės statulos artumoje. Atplaukusi jachta į uostą su lietuviškų spalvų buretą burę suglaudė. Jachtos dabar plaukė motorų varomos. "Dailės" jachtos buvo sugedęs moto-

ras, tai ją traukė "Audra".

### Sveikina vandens fontanai

Esame matę filmuose ir televizijoje, kad pirmą kartą į uostą įplaukiančius laivus pasveikina ugniagesių laivas, švirksdamas vandens fontanus.

Ir šias lietuviškas jachtas taip pat pasveikino ugniagesių laivas. Plaukė atokiau, kad neužpiltų vandens nei ant jachtų, nei ant kitų palydos laivų. Paleido septynias sroves. Vanduo kilo labai aukštai, paskui lenkėsi ir tiško į

jūrą.

Fontanai sveikino lietuvius jūreivius, kurie stovėjo ant savo jachtų, mojavo vėliavom, rankom. Ir jiems ir mum visiems buvo didis džiaugsmas, kad esame drauge, kad New Yorko miestas sveikina pirmąsias lietuviškas vėliavas, atplaukusias iš tiek toli, iš Klaipėdos.

Mūsų laivas irgi turėjo dvi didokas lietuviškas vėliavas, pakabinatas prie kapitono tilto. Ir tos vėliavos plevesavo ir sveikino atvykstančias savo drauges. Laivas ne kartą įjungė savo sireną ir dūdavo sveikindamas.

### Įplaukiame į uostą

Laimei, kad diena buvo apsiniaukus, kitaip mus saulutė būtų išvarginusi. Dabar gana patogiai jautėmės laive. Kiti aplankė net barą, kuris buvo įrengtas antrame aukšte.

Apsukę ratą, pasisveikinę, pasukom į uostą. Pamažu, didingai praplaukėme pietinę salos dalį ir pasiekėm Seaportą.

Mūsų laivas tingiai pūškuodamas, šniokšdamas prisiryė prie krantinės ir prisirišo, nuleido tiltus išlipti publikai. Jachtos nuplaukė prie kito krantinės šono, kur buvo gana daug vietos joms sustoti ir prisirišti prie krantinės.

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Jachtų kapitonus ir įgulas sveikina PLB valdybos vicepirmininkas dr. Vytautas Dambra, atvykęs specialiai iš Venecuelos. Nuotr. Vytauto Maželio.



Jachta "Dailė" prie Amerikos Laisvės statulos. Jūreivis ant jachtos galo dešinėje mosuoja lietuviška vėliava. Nuotr. Vytauto Maželio

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### Svečiai tribūnoje

Krantinėje stovėjo didelė tribūna su kėdėmis svečiam, garbiakalbiai. Plačiam transparente buvo parašyta "Welcome Lithuanian Liberty Sailors". Už jėrašo kabėjo lietuviškų spalvų balionai.

Visom šiomis ceremonijom vadovavo jaunuolis Arūnas Gudaitis, laisvai kalbąs abiem kalbom. Į tribūną buvo pakviesti atvykę jūreiviai. Pirma pakvietė jachtos kapitonas, paskui ir kitus įgulos vyrus. Kapitonas taip pat pristatė kiekvieną įgulos narį. Kiekviena

jachta turėjo savo daktarą. Įguloje buvo 7 jūreiviai.

### Pradedame invokaciją

Labai jautrią, vietai ir laikui pritaikytą maldą sukalbėjo Sibiro kalinys kun. Alfonsas Svarinskas. "Dėkojame tau, Dieve, kad leidai mum demonstruoti pasauliui, jog lietuvių tauta yra kovojanti, bet nenugalėta", — kalbėjo kunigas. "Mes dar nežinome, kas bus rytoj, bet mes dabar norime atsigausti ir iš naujo persitvarkyti". Ir užbaigė: "Dieve, laimink mūsų kelią į visišką laisvę ir nepriklausomybę".

Programai vadovavęs Arūnas Gudaitis prisiminė drąsiusius

## SEIMO PRIIMTI PAREIŠKIMAI DĒL LTSR KONSTITUCIJOS PROJEKTO

Lietuvos mokslų akademijos salėje Vilniuje balandžio 1 įvyko Lietuvos Persitvarkymo Sąjūdžio seimo ketvirtoji sesija, kaip praneša Lietuvos Informacijos Centras. Didžiausios ir karščiausios diskusijos kilo dėl Lietuvos TSR Konstitucijos projekto. Sąjūdžio gretose nesutariama kaip traktuoti valdžios pateiktąjį spaudoje paskelbtąjį Konstitucijos variantą — ar taisyti ar paruoštį savo projektą ar iš viso nuo jo atsiriboti, nes ten išdėstytos prielaidos apie socialistinę valstybę esančios svetimos Lietuvai.

lakūnus—Darių ir Girėnų ir jų skridimo prasmę sujungė su trijų jachtų kelionės prasme.

Sveikinimo pirmąją kalbą pasakė Lietuvos gen. konsulas New Yorke Anicetas Simutis. Pirma kalbėjo angliškai, paskui lietuviškai. Jis pasveikino jūreivius, atvykusius į laisvės šalį. Pasidžiaugė, kad jie atplaukė su lietuviška vėliava. Pabrėžė, kad mes visi esame vienos tautos vaikai, tautos, kuri atkakliai siekia savo tikslo — nepriklausomybės.

Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės vardu pasveikino dr. Vytautas Dambra, specialiai atvykęs iš Venecuelos, kur jis pastoviai gyvena. Kalbėjo pirma angliškai, paskui lietuviškai, džiaugėsi lietuvių žygiu per Atlantą.

Dar pasveikino Angelė Nelsonienė, JAV LB Tarybos pirmininkė, atvykusi iš Los Angeles, CA. Emanuelis Singeris pasveikino Sąjūdžio vardu. Jis buvo specialiai atvykęs iš Vilniaus, kad čia pasveikintų jūreivius.

Buvo atvykęs ir burmistro atstovas. Pasisakė esąs lietuviškos kilmės. Jam buvo įteikta Lietuvos Laisvės statulos replika. Jis padėkojo kalba.

Jūreivių vardu kalbėjo kapitonas Ignas Miniotas, ryškindamas savo žygio prasmę ir padėkodamas už šiltą sutikimą.

Sutikimo iškilmės baigtos Lietuvos himnu. Publikos uosto aikštėje buvo apie porą tūkstančių. (p. j.)

Kai kurios neformalios grupės Lietuvoje, jų tarpe Lietuvos Laisvės Lyga, mano kad rimtas Konstitucijos svarstymas yra neįmanomas okupacijos sąlygose, kad galima kurti teisinę valstybės pagrindus tik išvedus okupacinę kariuomenę. Kitaip sakant, dabartinėmis sąlygomis Konstitucijos svarstymas grėsia okupacijos įteisinimu.

Sąjūdžio vadovybė mano, kad Konstitucijos svarstymas gali būti naudingas, stengiantis apsaugoti Lietuvos interesus, ypač nuo Maskvos diktatų.

Atgimimo redaktorius Romualdo Ozolo dvilypis pasiūlymas šiuo klausimu seime sulaukė daugumos Seimo deputatų pritarimo. Pirmoji jo mintis — toliau spausti Aukščiausiąją Tarybą, kad ji artimiausioje pavasarinėje sesijoje pasektų Estijos pavyzdžiu. Kaip žinia, Lietuvos Aukščiausioji Taryba praeitoje rudeninėje sesijoje atsisakė solidarai su estais deklaruoti respublikos suverenumą ir nukėlė Konstitucijos svarstymą. Antroji Ozolo mintis — nukelti Konstitucijos svarstymą po būsimų rinkimų į Aukščiausiąją Tarybą. Tai atspindi įsitikinimą, kad Sąjūdis gali laimėti ir šiuos rinkimus, kas sudarytų visai naujas sąlygas tolesniam Konstitucijos projekto svarstymui.

Konstitucijos projekte yra daug ginčytinų vietų ir problemų, dėl kurių Sąjūdis nėra galutinai suformulavęs savo požiūrį. Tas paskatino Seimą paskelbti "Pareiškimą Lietuvos žmonėms", kuriame nurodomos pagrindinės ginčytinos vietos, perspėjama neskubėti valdžios variantui pritarti. Šį pareiškimą pasiūlė Vilniaus ir Kauno Sąjūdžio tarybos, o Seimo deputatai patvirtino su keliomis pataisomis.

Romo Kalantos diena buvo jo susideginimo dieną, gegužės 14. Lietuvoje buvo plačiai paminėta ši jaunuolio auka. Vilniuje vyko didžiulis mitingas. Taip pat mitingai vyko ir Kaune, Klaipėdoje. Visur paleistas šūkis, kad jaunimas pasikeltų į naujus žygius ir naują auką Lietuvai.

## VILNIAUS KONSERVATORIJOS STUDENTŲ KAMERINIS CHORAS ROMOJE

Kupini gražiausių įspūdžių balandžio 12 rytą iš Romos atgal į Lietuvą išskrido Vilniaus Konservatorijos studentų kamerinis choras drauge su vadovais.

Romoje choristai viešėjo dvi dienas. Jie čia atvyko iš Arezzo miesto, netoli Florencijos, kur dalyvavo keturių geriausių Europos kamerinių chorų konkurse didžiajai premijai — "Grand Prix" — laimėti.

Tą garsiąją premiją išsikovojo danų choras bet tik vieno punkto skirtumu nuo lietuvių. Taigi, Vilniaus Konservatorijos choras buvo pripažintas antruoju geriausiu choriniu ansambliu Europoje.

Jaunųjų Vilniaus choristų viešnagės Romoje pakiliausias momentas buvo susitikimas su Popiežiumi Jonu Pauliu II. Balandžio 11 studentai su vadovais dalyvavo Šv. Tėvo aukojamose mišiose. Pamaldos įvyko nedidelėje neseniai naujai įrengtoje Šv. Tėvo privačioje koplyčioje, kuri yra pašvęsta Atpirkėjo Motinai — Redemptoris Mater.

Be Vilniaus choristų ir juos

atlydėjusių kelių Romos lietuvių — Šv. Kazimiero kolegijos rektoriaus prel. Agimanto Bartkaus, Vatikano radijo lietuvių programų redaktoriaus Kazio Lozoraitio ir Lietuvių Informacijos Centro atstovo Romoje Algio Sodonio, Popiežiaus aukojamose mišiose dalyvavo tik kelios ne-gausios tikinčiųjų grupės.

Pats Šv. Tėvas, painformuotas apie Romoje besilankantį Vilniaus Konservatorijos studentų chorą, per savo asmeninį sekretorių pakvietė jaunuosius lietuvius dalyvauti jo aukojamose mišiose.

Vilniaus Konservatorijos studentų kamerinis choras mišių metu turėjo progos pagiedoti dvi religines giesmes: popiežiui dalijant komuniją, choras įspūdingai atliko giesmę "Apsaugok, Aukščiausias", kelis kartus pakartodamas jos posmus, o mišioms pasibaigus, popiežiui susitelkus maldoje prieš altorių, buvo sugiedota "Marija, Marija".

Po mišių vilniečių studentų choras ir jo palydovai — vadovas

Česlovas Radžiūnas, dirigentas Tadas Šumskas, chorinio dirigavimo katedros vedėjas Lionginas Abarius, švietimo ministro pirmasis pavaduotojas Romanas Pedagelis — buvo pakviesti į prie koplyčios esančia Vatikano rūmų salę susitikti su Šv. Tėvu. Pusrasčiu išsirikiavę, gražiomis uniformomis pasipuošę, choristai popiežių pasitiko karštais plojimais.

Jonas Paulius II asmeniškai pasveikino choro vadovus ir visus choristus, kiekvienam įteikdamas po rožančių, su kai kuriais pasikalbėdamas. Apėjęs visus dalyvius, Šv. Tėvas choristams tarė keletą žodžių lietuviškai: "Iš visos širdies sveikinu jus, čia susirinkusius. Perduokite manolinkėjimus visiems jūsų choro nariams, jūsų šeimoms, Vilniaus miestui, Lietuvos jaunimui ir visai brangiai lietuvių tautai. Visagalis Dievas telaimina jus visus".

Šv. Tėvui baigus kalbėti, vienas choristų apjuosė jį lietuviška juosta, įteikė keletą dovanų, tarp jų menišką Lietuvos vaizdų albumą. Choristai spontaniškai sudainavo Šv. Tėvui "Ilgiausių metų" ir tuoj po to Lietuvos himną.

Nusifotografavęs su jaunaisiais choristais, Jonas Paulius II dar kartą juos palaimino ir atsiveikindamas tarė: "Lietuvių

tauta turi teisę įsijungti į Europos tautų šeimą". Iš salės išeinantį Šv. Tėvą palydėjo jaunųjų lietuvių choristų plojimai.

Po audiencijos Vilniaus Konservatorijos kamerinio choro nariai nuėjo į Šv. Petro baziliką, kur apžiūrėjo lietuvių koplyčią. Po to prel. A. Bartkaus ir kitų lydimi trumpai aplankė arkivysk. Paulių Marcinkų, kuris juos asmeniškai palydėjo į Vatikano muziejų.

Rytojaus dienos laidoje Vatikano dienraštis *L'Osservatore Romano* atspausdino popiežiaus susitikimo su Vilniaus choristais nuotrauką, išties paskelbdamas ir Šv. Tėvo šia proga tartą žodį, kuriame jis dar kartą išreiškė savo sveikinimus jam brangiai lietuvių tautai.

Vilniaus choristai, būdami Romoje, aplankė taip pat Lietuvos atstovybę prie Šv. Sosto, kur atstovas Stasys Lozoraitis, Jr. jiems surengė vakarienę, o kitą dieną — Lietuvių Šv. Kazimiero Kolegiją, kur vaišes surengė rektorius prel. A. Bartkus.

Čia su choristais pabendravo vysk. Antanas Deksnys, kolegijos vadovybė ir Romos lietuvių jaunimas. Tiek atstovybėje, tiek ir kolegijoje, buvo pasakytos sveikinimo kalbos. Vaišingumu sužadinti svečiai iš Vilniaus padėkojo už nuoširdų priėmimą, padainavo keletą dainų ir Lietuvos himną.

Vilniaus konservatorijos choristus balandžio 12 iš Romos aerouosto išlydėjo Romos lietuvių jaunimo grupė, palinkėdama svečiams ir toliau sėkmingai ir su tokiu pat entuziazmu kaip iki šiol atstovauti Lietuvai tarptautiniuose festivaliuose, tuo būdu patarnaujant Lietuvos ir jos muzikinės kultūros išgarsinimi tarp kitataučių.

Jaunųjų choristų viešnagė Romoje finansiškai parėmė Lietuvos atstovybė prie Šv. Sosto ir Šv. Kazimiero kolegijos Romoje Rektorius prel. A. Bartkus. Choristus Romoje globojo ir miesto įžymybės aprodė vietos lietuvių jaunimas — Šv. Kazimiero kolegijos auklėtiniai: Jonas Malinauskas, Robertas Rėkus, Algis Sodonis, Albertas Stalioraitis, Nijolė Tutkaitė. (K. L.)



Vilniaus konservatorijos studentų kamerinis choras audiencijoje pas popiežių Joną Paulių II š.m. balandžio 11. Nuotraukoje drauge su choristais iš k. chorinio dirigavimo katedros vedėjas Lionginas Abarius, švietimo ministro pirmasis pavaduotojas Romanas Pedagelis ir choro vadovas Česlovas Radžiūnas. Dešinėje pusėje Šv. Kazimiero lietuvių kolegijos rektorius prel. Algimantas Bartkus ir Vatikano radijo lietuvių programų redaktorių Kazys Lozoraitis. Nuotrauka padaryta chorui giedant Lietuvos himną. Nuotr. Arturo Mari

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Mr. Katilus invited delegates to attend a Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Alliance to be held at St. Alphonsus Church at 12:20 pm. Session adjourned at 11:50 am by Mr. Katilus to be reconvened at 2:30 pm.

**Second Session**

The second session was called to order at 2:30 pm by Chairman Katilus and the Secretary called the Roll. Thirty delegates and 10 Directors were present.

All Officers', Board Members', and Committee's Reports with the exception of the LCA Foundation report, passed unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

Chairman Katilus directed the attention of the delegates to the LCA Foundation report in which Dr. Simutis requested to be replaced as President.

This request was tabled for further consideration and follow-up by the Executive Committee.

**New Business**

A motion was introduced by Msgr. Yashkas to donate \$500, to St. Alphonsus Church, where the opening and memorial Masses were celebrated. Seconded by John Pocius and passed unanimously.

Motion introduced by Dr. Stankaitis that members, upon reaching the age 90 years, be awarded a donation of \$100 this would change the current practice of awarding a \$25 gift to members reaching the age of 96 years. Motion seconded by Stasys Garliauskas and passed unanimously.

Question raised by Alena Miskinis as to whether the 78 year age exemption for non-payment of dues applied to both ordinary life and 20 year Payment Life policies. It was left to the Executive Committee to check on legality.

**Election of Officers**

Chairman Katilus proceeded with the election process for board of Directors.

John Pocius introduced a motion that all incumbent officers attending the convention and agreeing to re-election be re-elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Dr. Stankaitis and passed unanimously.

The incumbent members of

the Board of Directors are:

Spiritual Advisor  
Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas  
President

Thomas E. Mack, Esq.  
Vice-President

Mr. Frank J. Katilus  
Secretary

Mr. Charles A. Liscosky  
Treasurer

Mrs. Leocadia Donarovich  
Trustee

Mrs. Rosalie Kizis  
Mr. George Sadauckas  
Medical Director

Joseph Stankaitis, MD  
Director

Mr. Jonas Vainius

Due to the resignation of two Directors, Mrs. Albina Poska and Mr. Leonard Mikelonis, Chairman Katilus opened the nominations for two Director positions.

John Kozerski nominated Anna Stranch seconded by Verna Sadauckas. Alena Miskinis nominated Edwin Sites seconded by Mary Kozerski. Leocadia Donarovich nominated Michael Baranosky seconded by Jonas Vainius. Leonard Mikelonis nominated Charles Mack seconded by Thomas M. Mack.

Ballots distributed, collected, and tabulated by Credentials Committee. Results as follows:

- Anna Stranch 17 votes
- Edwin Sites 26 votes
- Michael Baranosky 15 votes
- Charles Mack 18 votes

Edwin Sites and Charles Mack elected Directors. Both graciously accepted the positions.

Chairman Katilus now called for nominations to the Constitutional and By-Laws Committee. Attorney Mack nominated Anna Stranch and Anthony Snipas seconded by Dr. Stankaitis and passed unanimously.

Judicial Committee: Attorney Mack nominated Mary Kozerski seconded by Dr. Stankaitis. Leocadia Donarovich nominated Thomas M. Mack seconded by Anna Stranch. Nominations closed and approved.

Press and Information: Attorney Mack nominated Florence Eckert and Stasys Garliauskas seconded by Jonas Vainius. Attorney Mack nominated Joseph Vitenas seconded by Leocadia Donarovich. Nominations closed and approved.

Benevolent Committee: Attorney Mack nominated Patricia Mack seconded by Roasalie

Kizis. Jonas Vainius nominated Verna Sadauckas and Frances Katilus seconded by Leocadia Donarovich. Nominations closed and approved.

Youth Committee: Attorney Mack nominated Marlina Mack seconded by Rosalie Kizis. Attorney Mack nominated Joseph Liscosky seconded by Charles Mack. Verna Sadauckas nominated John Pocius seconded by Anthony Brauckas. Nominations closed and approved.

Mrs. Donarovich commented on the significant decrease in number of delegates for this convention and expressed the need for the organization to explore methods to attract members to future conventions. Motion by Michael Baranosky requesting the Executive Committee conduct a study on the availability of monies from the Delegates Fund. Seconded by John Pocius and unanimously approved. Stasys Garliauskas moved the board of Directors decide the location of the next Convention. The motion received no second.

Dr. Stankaitis and Charles Mack who had to leave the convention early were now installed by Attorney Mack. Charles as a newly elected Director and Dr. Stankaitis as a re-elected Medical Director.

Chairman Katilus invited Mrs. Donarovich to close this session with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm to reconvene August 1, 1989 at 10 am.

**Third Session**

The third session was called to order by Chairman Katilus at 9:55 am, with Msgr. Yashkas offering a prayer. Assistant Secretary, Rosalie Kizis conducted Roll Call. There were 28 delegates and 9 Board members present. Minutes of the first two sessions were read by Mrs. Donarovich and Mr. Lis Cosky.

Leonard Mikelonis moved to accept the minutes as read seconded by George Sadauckas and approved.

Chairman of the scholarship Committee, Frank Katilus informed the Delegates that the winners of the Scholarships would be announced at the convention banquet.

Motion by John Frank that, inasmuch as the Board of Directors have not received a salary

increase since 1977, their salaries be increased by 20%. Motion seconded by Mr. Mikelonis and passed unanimously.

Leocadia Donarovich moved the next convention be held the summer of 1992, at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine. Seconded by Patricia Mack. Jonas Vainius and Michael Baranosky were assigned to check the availability of this location and accommodations. Motion passed unanimously.

Leocadia Donarovich, referring to a point made by Mr. Mikelonis offered a suggestion that opportunities be made available by the organization to members to attend social functions as a group. This issue will be addressed by the Executive Committee under the direction of Msgr. Yashkas.

Chairman Katilus invited the officers to approach the chair for installation to their respective positions. Msgr. Yashkas administered the oath of office.

Chairman Katilus thanked the Delegates for their participation in the convention and invited President Mack for final remarks and closing of the convention.

Attorney Mack expressed pleasure at the success of the convention. He acknowledged Mr. Katilus for his accomplishments, including 58 years as a member of the Alliance and 70 years of church service as an altar boy. Delegates responded with a standing ovation. Attorney Mack informed the delegates that the Scholarship Fund has an escrow of \$5,000; scholarships will continue to be awarded until this fund is exhausted. Mr. Mack commended the Alliance office staff, Alena Miskinis, Florence Eckert, and Dolores Liscosky, on their service to the Alliance. Mr. Mack asked the Board of Directors to remain for a re-organization meeting immediately after the close of the convention.

Msgr. Yashkas offered Benediction and the session ended with the singing of the Lithuanian National Anthem.

The following three students were awarded Scholarships after meeting all the requirements of eligibility: Daniel Hohmann, Altura, MN, Carolyn Reina, Tarriffville, CT and Denise Lanning, Hartford, NC.