



Knights of Lithuania  
Council 7 Waterbury, CT  
Minutes of September 19, 2021

Council President Linas Balsys called the meeting to order at 10:20 am; members recited the Our Father and Pledge of Allegiance.

**Treasurer's Report**

Al Ulozas provided the Treasurer's report from October through May as follows:

<b>June – August 2021</b>		
Checking Balance forward		<b>\$1,505.30</b>
Total deposits	Pizza party payments	\$360.00
Total expenses	Pizza party - \$408, Natl Conv Program Ad - \$60, Cupcakes for party - \$24.48, Flowers for Jarus funeral - \$10.62	<b>\$(503.10)</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>as of 8/31/2021</b>	<b>\$1,362.20</b>
CD Balance		\$2,052.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>as of 08/31/2021</b>	<b>\$3,414.90</b>

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Stokes and seconded by Zaidre Petruskevicius; motion carried.

**Degree Awards**

After the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree medals were blessed at the Mass, Linas Balsys presented the long-awaited awards. The award date is effective 12/01/2020. Bob Orintas reviewed the K of L Degree point system and provided updates on potential award recipients as follows:

<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Degree</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Degree</u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Degree</u></b> <small>(can't be awarded until 12/18/21 due to time requirements)</small>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Degree</u></b> <b><u>"Near Misses"</u></b>
Dukanicz, Vida Farr, Leon Kasinskas, Jennifer Kasinskas, Rosemary Rodger, Anita <small>(needs ¼ point)</small> Wentworth, Valerie	Stasonis, Violeta Venclauskas, Linas Shukis, Colette	Stiklus, Fran Vecchitto, Judy Warren, Marlene Zemaitaitis, Jonas Zemaitaitis, Gintas	Onalfo, Aldona Petruskevicius

**Financial Secretary's Report**

Linas Venclauskas reported that the Sunshine Fund balance had not changed at \$31.87, and that he intends to submit some deceased member names to the Supreme Council. He also received 2 new applications for membership.

Sunshine Fund Starting Cash	<b>\$31.87</b>
	0.00
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$31.87</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$31.87</b>

A motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report was made by Aldona Onalfo and seconded by Marlene Shea; motion carried.

## **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Jarus Family Thank You** – Linas Balsys noted that we received a thank you from the Jarus family; he also acknowledged this in the latest newsletter.

**Club building update-** – Linas Balsys understands that the informal intent is for the City of Waterbury to purchase St. Joseph's School and the Parish Center. Bob Orintas pointed out that the big question is the rear property line. Linas Balsys plans to reach out to the city to try to determine next steps.

**NED Meeting** – Linas Balsys and Linas Venclauskas may attend the meeting in Massachusetts on 9/26/21. If they can attend, they will provide updates at the October meeting.

**Annual Convention** – Marlene Warren and Fran Stiklus attended via Zoom, and in advance of the meeting, the PowerPoint presentation entitled "The Future of the Knights of Lithuania" was briefly discussed. Although the Supreme Council concluded that the organization should close in 5 years based on survey data and a rapidly declining membership, it was noted that the NED subcommittee disagreed and proposed various action steps to avoid closure. Alex Fletcher committed to sending out the NED recommendations after the Convention, and Marlene Warren has volunteered to serve on the National subcommittee that is forming to address the issues. Members were encouraged to participate if possible.

**Lithuanian Club Update** – Leon Farr resigned as President of the Lithuanian Club and the Cemetery Association; new officers have yet to be finalized.

**Officer Elections** – Officers generally serve a 3-year term, so Linas Balsys asked Marlene Warren to check prior meeting minutes to determine if any Officer terms are expiring, if yes we'll need to form a Nominating Committee in October.

**New Member** – Alana Grumadiene was sworn in as a new member. Welcome Alana.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES**

**Annual Lithuanian Events** – Linas Balsys indicated that no events are planned at this time including the Kucios dinner or the dedication of the Lithuanian plaque at St. Andrew's Church in New Britain. He also reported that the Lithuanian Dance Group is meeting to decide if they're going forward with next year's program.

**Next Meeting 10/17/21 at 10 am** – Members present agreed to change the normal October meeting time to 10 am instead of 11 am. The location will be announced as soon as we receive a response from the City of Waterbury.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aldona Onalfo and seconded by Zaidre Petruskevicius; motion carried, and the meeting concluded at 11:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Warren  
Recording Secretary