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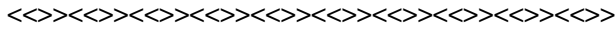


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MEETING & POTLUCK

**Room Opens 1 P.M Saturday
January 10, 2009**

**Allied Gardens Recreation Center
GARDEN ROOM**

5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

VISITORS WELCOME AS GUESTS



Another Loss

John “Jack” Murray, husband of Marie (born Mary Maskevich), long time second generation active members of the House of Lithuania, passed away on December 17, 2008. He grilling of sausages at our annual Lawn Program in Balboa Park, and annual great Irish brisket in honor of the Irish-Lithuanian Connection, and pork roast, tender and tasty, will long be remembered.

A full obituary is in the San Diego Union. Memorial services will be held on Monday, January 12th, at 11 a.m. in St. Mary Magdalene Church, 1945 Illion St., San Diego, telephone (619) 276-6805



Membership Period -- 2009

The meeting on January 10 will ofically open the dues collection period which will end on April 30th. At that time the official membership roll will be prepared for 2009

A Millennium of Recognition

Lithuania becomes part of the Latin Western civilization

In 1009, the nameless period of Lithuania came to an end. The first record was in the Annals or Chronicles of Quedlinburg (a recording of the history of the world to that time). The reference is a symbolic borderline of Lithuania’s pre-history and the starting point of its civilization.

The events that drew Lithuania from the unknown were the missions of a prominent spreader of Christianity, the son of a Count of Saxony, missionary bishop Bruno of Querfurt. His Christening of a chief of the Lithuanian Tribe of Netimeras, led to his being killed. [He was later canonized as St. Bruno (Boniface)].

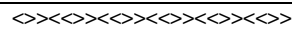
The reference to these events in the Annals of Quedlinburg is the first testimony demonstrating that Lithuania has attracted interest much earlier than at the time of King Mindaugas who was crowned King in July 1253 by Papal bull. Today Lithuania is a member of the European Union.



European Capital of Culture 2009

The city of Vilnius, on January 1, became the European Capital of Culture for the year 2009, sharing the title with Linz, Austria. Vilnius is the most eastern of European cites to be so honored by the European Union. A program of cultural events and projects will be presented throughout the whole year. [Both stories rewritten from

http://lietuva.lt/en/lietuvos_vardo_istorija]

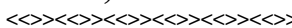


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