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HOUSE OF LITHUANIA
MEETING & POTLUCK

Saturday, June 13, 2009

1 P.M. – Allied Gardens Recreation Center
GARDEN ROOM
5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

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HOST IS FRANCESCA WILLIAMS
Visitors welcome! Be our Guest!
For directions please call Julie-Meilute Benedict at 619-507-7156

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PREPARE FOR LITHUANIA DAY

The House of Lithuania will celebrate the 1000th year of the recognition of the nation of Lithuania at its annual Lawn Program, with a Food Booth. video shows and other displays of culture. The Food booth opens at 11a.m. and entertainment starts at 2 p.m.

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In Memorium

Vincent Tuskenis

Long time member, with his late wife, Sophia, Vincent's golden voice was a pleasure at each meeting of the members of House of Lithuania. Vincent passed away Friday, June 5, 2009. and was interred on Thursday, June 11. The House of Lithuania expresses deep condolences to his surviving daughter, Irena.

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THE CHRONICLES OF QUEDLINBURG

This year Lithuanians and those of Lithuanian heritage celebrate the first recorded reference in European records of the name Lithuania. It is not that the Baltic Tribes were unknown. At the beginning of the Christian Era, the Roman historian Tacitus described a people he called the Aesti. Almost a thousand years was to pass before the entity known as Lithuania was recognized.

What was Lithuania like at the time? A map of Europe of the year 1000 shows the Baltic Sea named as the Barbarian Sea. To the west, the remnants of the Holy Roman Empire remained. That domain extended easterly to the Duchy of Poland, which on its north side extended virtually to the modern borders between the Lithuania and Poland.

Beyond Poland, the Swedish Vikings forayed to the south coast of Barbarian Sea, seeking river ways to the Mediterranean Sea. Passing through the domain of the Baltic Tribes, no states were created, either local or foreign. The deep forests of Lithuania and the marshes and wetlands of the lands of the Baltic tribes were not attractive to these Vikings. They continued on south and some established the Principality of Kiev, which encompassed a territory almost equal to modern European Russia, Belarussia and the Ukraine.

The area of the Baltic Tribes was a blank spot on the map, but not for long. This mention in the Chronicles was not the last. Within 300 years, Lithuania began a new path and developed into a great European nation.(Continued)

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