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INVITATION TO THE FAMILY REUNION AND GENERAL MEETING ON JULY 7th 2019

General Meeting

Location: Valamon luostari (Valamo Monastery) at Heinävesi

Valamontie 42,

79850 UUSI-VALAMO

Date: July 7th 2019 at 3:30 pm

Agenda: According to the rules

The Board

Dear Member of the Society

It is time for me to invite You to the Family Reunion.

This year the event is only one day.

The main event is the in depth look of the research done by Ari Kolehmainen about Piira-tribe's lineages in Savo-Karjala and Kainuu in the 1500's and 1600's. In addition to the literary sources there are DNA samples. All in all the results will help direct the family research in the future. The programme has some Orthodox themes, but the most important thing is seeing the family and enjoying each other's company in good time.

People have contacted me after hearing the location for the reunion, new members have joined, and the Family Book has sold well. There are only an odd dozen books left, so hurry if you want one. For other Society merchandice, please take a look of the Society's web page.

This information is for the new members, but why not for the old ones too.

There is a new book that will be presented at the Reunion, by Roine Piirainen, a 60 page photo book: "Menneitten sukupolvien muistolle – sukujuhlat, -kokoukset ja -retket vuosina 2011-2018" (To the memory of the generations past – Family Reunion, meetings and travels 2011 to 2018). The book can be ordered for a limited time only, directions are given at the reunion, or ask the Chairman of the Board.

On the next page You can find the programme and an info box for additional, voluntary programme. Also included is the next year's membership fee payment info. Please use the reference number, we are now using an outsourced tracking for the fee payments.

I welcome you all to the reunion in great numbers

Risto Piironen

Chairman of the Board

Translation Anna Haverinen

ESKIL PIIRA FAMILY SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING July 7th 2019 at Heinäveden Valamon luostari

7:30-9:00 am Breakfast available at restaurant Trapesa. The breakfast is included in price for those who have stayed overnight.

8:30-9:00 Check-in at the Cultural Centre lobby

9:00-9:15 Opening event by Risto Piironen, Chairman of the Board
Singing together "Arvon mekin ansaitsemme"

9:15-11:15 Family researcher's presentation by Ari Kolehmainen

11:15-11:30 Heli Huhtakangas-Rönkkö, accordion music

11:30-12:45 Lunch buffet, 14 euros/adults, 5-7 euros/children

12:45-13:15 Tour in the church

13:15-13:30 Break

13:30-14:15 Presentation by Jorma Piirainen, Honorary Chairman of the Board

14:15-14:45 "Valamon ruusut" group, music, and break

14:45-15:15 "Open mic" and ending words

15:30-16:30 General meeting

16:30-17:00 Coffee provided by the Society at the Cultural Centre and the assembly meeting of the board

Info box Nr 1:

Voluntary program for Saturday, the Piiraiset of Heinävesi have invited us to enjoy their entertainment. We start July 6th, 12:00pm at Karvion Neste, **Lepikonmäentie 1, 79810 Heinävesi**. The plan is to make a "home tour" to Varistaipale – Palokki region, and if there are enough participants, we'll rent a bus.

Tour ends at Savottamuseo Kämpä Riski, Patoontie 10, Varistaipale, Heinävesi.

We'll spend the evening there from 6:00 pm, get to know the area, and enjoy a smoke sauna.

Registration to these and all questions can be directed to:

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Info box Nr 2:

Society has booked few rooms in the Valamo luostari. Those who wish to reserve a room for themselves may do so from number **+358 17 570 1810** or myyntipalvelu@valamo.fi with a booking reference **Eskil Piira**. Make your reservation by May 31st 2019, after which the rooms are made available for anyone else to book. More information on Valamo luostari can be found on their website valamo.fi/en or **+358 17 570 111**