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Dear reader,

It has become a beautiful tradition for the Institute of Genealogy, Heraldry, and Vexillology (the 'Institute') to host, in association with partners, the international colloquium titled Genealogy, Heraldry, and Vexillology in Vilnius. Themed 'Rulers: Origins, Coats of Arms, and Flags', the 2024 colloquium was attended by representatives from 14 countries – England, France, Germany, Spain, South Africa, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Denmark, Georgia, the Czech Republic, and Cuba. This colloquium has the patronage of three prestigious global organisations: the International Confederation of Genealogy and Heraldry (*Confédération Internationale de Généalogie et d'Héraldique*, [www.cigh.info](http://www.cigh.info)), the International Federation of Vexillology Associations (*Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques*, [www.fiav.org](http://www.fiav.org)), and the International Academy of Genealogy (*L'Académie Internationale de Généalogie*, [www.geneacademie.org](http://www.geneacademie.org)). These bodies were represented by two exceptional guests – Dr Bruce Berry of South Africa, who serves as the Secretary General of the International Federation of Vexillology Associations; and Dirk Weissleder of Germany, an academician who is a vice-president of the International Confederation of Genealogy and Heraldry and a member of the board of the International Academy of Genealogy. During the event in Vilnius, Mr Weissleder presented the Vilnius Declaration that 14 countries signed within the framework of the International Research Project of Comparative Genealogy, Heraldry, and Vexillology in Vilnius in 2023, as well as gave a progress report and introduced plans for future actions.

Another key event that the Institute held was the international science conference titled The Readings of Albertas Vijūkas-Kojalavičius 2024, which took place at the Panemunė castle and was dedicated to the nobles Giełgud. The conference had the attendance of representatives of Great Britain, Portugal, Hungary, Poland, and Lithuania. At this conference, professor Ramunė Šmigelskytė-Stukienė, PhD – a historian and assistant to the director of the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania for culture and science, as well as a scholar with the Lithuanian Institute of History – was awarded a commemorative medal and prize of Albertas Vijūkas-Kojalavičius. Previously, this trophy had been awarded to the historian Julius Kanarskas of Kretinga (2021); artist prof. Rolandas

Rimkūnas of Kaunas (2022); literary researcher, cultural historian, translator, book researcher, bibliographer, and director of the Wroblewski Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Docent Dr Sigitas Narbutas of Vilnius (2023).

The year 2024 saw a number of prestigious biennial events in the field of genealogy, heraldry, and vexillology that always draw the crowd of the most prominent researchers, experts, and specialists in genealogy, heraldry, and vexillology from the world over. On August 11–23, Beijing in China hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Vexillology; on September 24–28, the 36<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Science of Genealogy and Heraldry took place in Boston, US. I personally represented the Institute at both of these events.

The Institute has followed its tradition and produced, upon the year-end, the fourth edition of its *Genealogy, Heraldry, and Vexillology* publication. It is the only periodical on genealogy, heraldry, and vexillology to be published on paper and in electronic form in Lithuania or in any of the Baltic states, for that matter. In this edition, you can take a closer look at the Institute, its doings, accomplishments, the register of coats-of-arms and flags. The edition closes with a number of articles in Lithuanian and in English produced on the basis of the reports delivered at the international conferences that took place in Vilnius (Genealogy, Heraldry, and Vexillology, ICGHV3) and in Panemunė castle (The Readings of Albertas Vijūkas-Kojalavičius 2024, RAVK4).

In 2025, the Institute will stage two key events on genealogy, heraldry, and vexillology: on June 5–6, the 4<sup>th</sup> international colloquium titled Genealogy, Heraldry, and Vexillology will take place at the History Archives of the State of Lithuania in Vilnius, and on October 4, the 5<sup>th</sup> international science conference of The Readings of Albertas Vijūkas-Kojalavičius 2025 will be held at Renavas manor, its theme being 'The Barons Rönne and other Families of Noble Descent'). We are looking forward to everyone's active attendance.

Enjoy your read!

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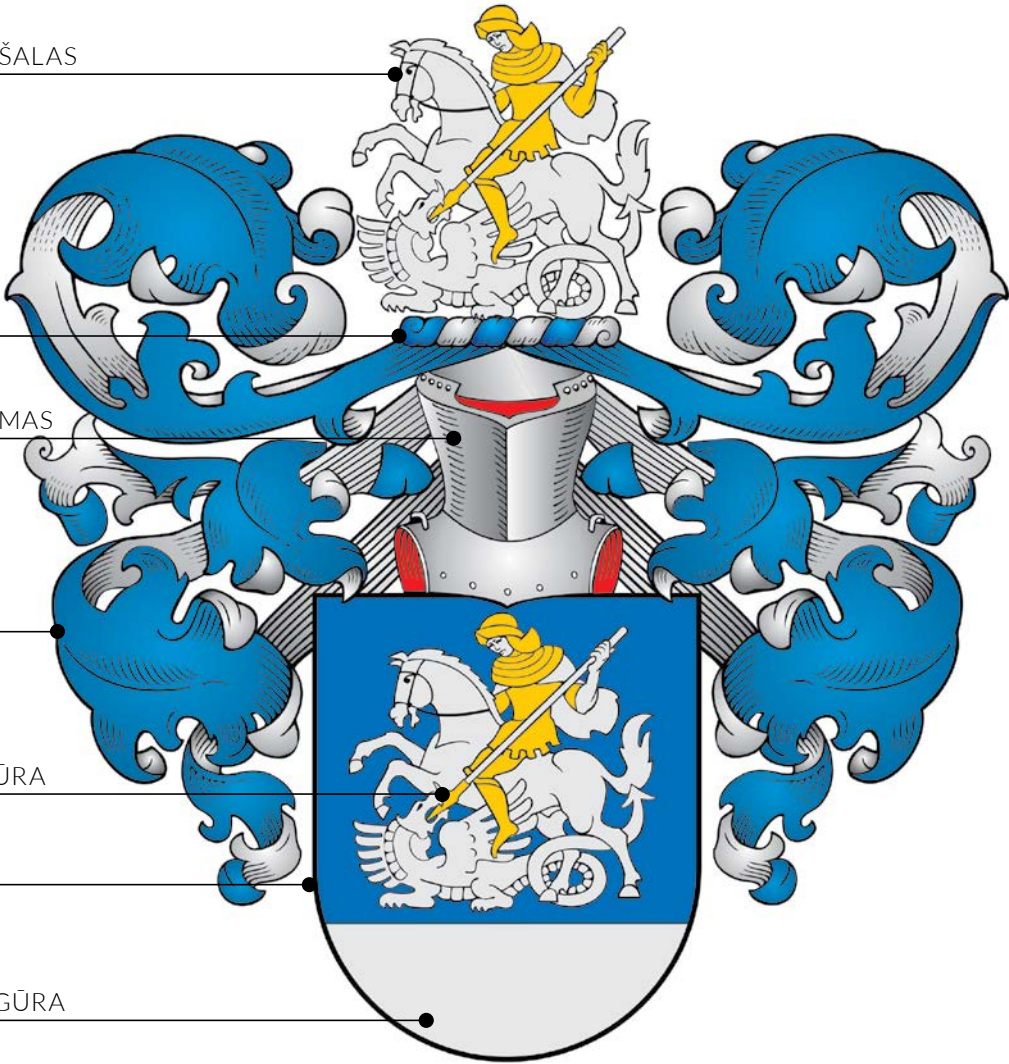
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Lietuvoje asmeninį herbą sudaro šešios  
sudedamosios dalys: vėlyvosios gotikos skydas,  
herbinė (heroldinė, mobilioji) figūra, smailusis  
šalmas, skraistė, dvispalvis šešių sūkių raištis,  
šalmo papuošalas