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CANTON OF COILLE STOIRMEIL

(Monroe & Juneau County, WI)

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Monthly Meeting: First or second Sunday of the month at the Nest in Tomah

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(Monroe and surrounding area, WI)

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BARONIAL MEETINGS, GUILDS, AND CONTACTS

Please call the contact person to verify when & where an activity is held!

Archery Practice UW Stock Pavilion Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-9PM.

Contact: Lady Jois (Deena) 226-0846, Lady Sirona (Vicki) 241-7534

Armoured Combat UW Stock Pavilion Wed. 7-10PM, Sunday 2-4PM

Contact: Stephen du Bois (*Stephen Ward*) sward1@chartermi.net

Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue

Contact: Master Giles (Ed Gilbert) 244-2845, horsebows@mail.madtown.net

Bardic Night: Fourth Sunday, 6–8PM, Escape Java Joint, 916 Williamson St

Contact Ingrid the Crafty (Ingrid Stark) 249-8795, ingridthecrafty@yahoo.com; or

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Brewing & Vintning Third Monday. Various locations (call for info)

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Calligraphy & Illumination Tuesdays 7PM. Call for location

Contact: Lady Eile (Alicia Cronk) 250-4595, leleth.faery@yahoo.com

Clothier's Guild Alternate Mondays, 7PM. Contact for location and dates.

Contact: Iohanna (A. Rebekah Turner) 957-9072, arebekah@gmail.com

Cordial Guild First Tuesday 7:30PM Contact for location

Contact: Lady Cianna Kharleen (Carrie Wilkey) 846-8008, cianna@teadame.com

Equestrian (not currently active but information available)

Contact: Alissende de Montfaucon (Tammy Thompson) 212-5433, alissende@centurytel.net

European Dance Sundays 3PM. UW Campus—check TITU for room.

Contact: Lady Thea

Fletching Fridays 6:30PM (call ahead) 17 Vinje Ct.

Contact: Lady Jois Corbet (Deena Thompson) 226-0846, 221-1061 for 6:30-8pm Fridays)

Fool's Guild Alternate Wednesday 6:30PMish, UW Stock Pavilion.

Contact: Lady Aliénor Hathaway (Mariessa Dobrick) 658-8941, reesa83@aol.com

General Business Meeting Usually 1st Sunday, 7PM, Edgewood College,

Predolin Hall — call to verify meeting date and location.

Contact: Robert the Stout (Robert Trefz) 441-6150, rtrefz@tds.net

Instrumental Music Mondays 7PM-Beginners, 8PM-Advanced.

UW Campus—Check TITU

Contact: Lord Nikolaus der Ausländer (Clint Hotaling) 846-0859, n_auslander@hotmail.com

Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming Wednesday 8:15pm, UW Stock Pavilion

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Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location

Contact: Ivan (John Beebe) 298-0918

Rapier Practice Wednesday 6:30-9PM, UW Stock Pavilion

Contact: Rosa de la Mer

Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish Irish Waters on University Ave

Contact: HE Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 628-7782

Thrown Weapons Sundays Noon, Second Wednesdays 7PM, UW Stock Pavilion.

Contact: Vacant

Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TITU

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EPISTLE FROM THE BARONESS

Greetings unto the Populace of Jararvellir from Baroness Eithni ingen Talorgain!

Winter has well and truly descended upon our fair Barony and Mother Nature seems intent upon making up for mild winters past. The cold and the snow does not keep us from our friends and neighbors, however! Last month, the Canton of Coille Stoirmeil held a Tournament of Chivalry which drew fighters from near and far, from our King Siegfried right here in the Barony to Prince Hrodir from the Western regions of the Kingdom. The day was full of challenging fighting and many opportunities for knights teach the unbelted fighters new skills. Evening brought court, and while several Baronial members received awards, one in particular bears special mention. Their Majesties Siegfried and Gwyneth saw fit to reward Ed the Tall's many years of faithful and untiring service to the Kingdom and the Barony by creating him a Baron of Their Court. Vivat for Ed the Tall!

Sadly, all news of Barons in these catfish lands is not joyful. For those of you who have not yet heard, Baron Papa Stephano d'Amato passed from this world on February 28, 2007. His good humor and kind words were the hallmark of his personality. He was a great, kind man who will be terribly missed by all those who knew him. The Barony and Kingdom have truly lost one of their greatest treasures. So, let us keep the fond memories of him alive, and lift a glass to him on this final voyage! For Papa Stephano – SKOL!

Looking ahead - but only a few short days ahead! – soon a mighty host of Northshielders, including many from our Barony will be traveling south to join Their Royal Majesties at Gulf Wars. This is always a delightful War, with ample opportunities for fighters, artisans, and shoppers all, but I am especially looking forward to this year's excitement and look forward to seeing many of you in under a warmer, and we hope drier, sun! To war, Fish! To War!

Yours in Fishy Service~

eithni ingen TALORGAIN

MARCH GENERAL MEETING minutes

In attendance: Robert the Stout, Paul Wickenden of Thanet, Reinholdt von Trollenhagen, Eithni ingen Talorgain, Edward the Tall, Wren, Tatiana McGowan, James, Fiona McQuillan, Arienh, Thea of Jararvellir, Roisin, Aleksandre, and Guillaume LeFort.

Chronicler (Paul): Nothing.

European Dance (Thea): Practices continue to happen on Sundays. I am also coordinating the ball for Silver Forest.

Dance Seminar (Thea): We have lost our evening site to the men's basketball dinner (because we were not paying full price). Marian is working on finding some alternative options. We will work out details in the next week. Robert will check with Heinrich about rooms at Union (and whether we could have any of them).

Heraldry (Reinholdt): Heraldry is happening.

Stock Pavilion (Reinholdt): We do not have the Stock Pavilion this Wednesday or Sunday.

Cook's Guild (Reinholdt): I am cooking at Silver Forest Ball and organizing a group to help. This is our first effort to get the Cook's Guild back together.

A&S (Roisin): Activities are happening all over. Hare Affaire was awesome and there was good representation from the Barony. On a side note, there may not be much heavy practice the week of the 14th because of Gulf War.

Fool's Guild (Alexandre): We are asking for \$130 for the moot (\$60 for site, \$35 for prizes, \$15 for potluck utensils, and \$20 for prizes/bells for games. This would not come out of the Guild's dedicated funds (although if there was a loss, we could tap those funds). The plan is to donate \$20 of any proceeds to the Guild's dedicated fund and send the rest to the travel fund.
[Meeting approved the budget]

Arienh: Nothing.

Exchequer (Fiona): I have money from Wolfhomm for their lunch at TOC (expenses of \$169 and return of \$255.50. We also got money for archery, fletchers, and chronicler.

LOCAL NEWS

STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We DO NOT have the Stock Pavilion on March 10th (Sunday). The Dairy Cattle Show is being held in the Pavilion on those dates.

We DO have the Stock Pavillion Saturday, April 28th, 2007 from 10AM - 5PM (Northshield Dance Seminar Weekend).

The official schedule can be found at:

<http://www.ansci.wisc.edu/Facilities/stockp.htm>

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, March 18 at 10:30am

Our kind host this month is Matthew Neverathom. His address is 5218 Brookside Dr. Apt. 205 (directions below). Please bring a dish to share. Archery practice begins at noon at the Stock Pavilion. As always, we have loaner archery gear available.

Directions to 5218 Brookside Dr. Apt. 205:

On East Washington go towards Sun Prairie and take the American Family Parkway exit. Go down American Parkway just past the American Family complex, and take a right on Tancho Dr, another right on Pendleton Dr, right into Brookside - that will take you into the Barrington Place Apartments.

The apartment building is towards the back of the complex, it will have a giant "5218" on the front awning. At the door, punch in apartment number "0205" into the key pad so you can buzzed in.

Questions? Contact Sol (233-5433 or fula_chris@yahoo.com)

sewing moot

Sunday March 25, 2007

11am-6pm

Washburn Room, Edgewood College

Get a head start on sewing for the summer season. Bring projects you've been wanting to finish. Start the garb you've been waiting to work on. Learn something new. Chat and exchange tips and get to know your fellow sewers. Tables and chairs will be provided, but bring your own sewing machines, as well as an extension cord and/or power strips if you have them. Bring any fabric you may wish to swap, and books or garb documentation you may wish to share. Also, bring a dish to pass, as there will be a table dedicated to nibbling all day. We are requesting a \$2 donation to help cover the site fee. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at ladywren@gmail.com.

FOOLS' moot

Greetings! The Fools of Jararvellir have gone missing! Where are they? Gone Fishing! On June 2nd, the Jararvellir Fools' Guild will be hosting a Fools' Moot (Gone Fishing being the theme), and would like to invite those gentles so foolishly inclined to participate in the open mic event that will take place.

And there's yet another opportunity for creativity. This year the Guild is planning an A&S competition with the theme being the importance of Fools in period. So break out the thinking - er, Fool's cap, and prepare an entry!

Yours in foolishness,

LADY TAMAR OF GREYFEATHRE

Skein/Directory Budget (Fiona): There is no need to record Skein proceeds/expenses in dedicated fund, but we can record it separately (like we do with raffles). This will allow us to still monitor if the newsletter is solvent.

Raffle License (Fiona): We need to renew our license from the state for holding raffles. It costs us \$25. [Meeting approved]

Barnes & Noble Demo (Tatiana): They have asked if we will help again by holding human chess at the Harry Potter release on Friday night (7/20/07). Reinholdt still has tabards and stuff. Lots of fun!

James: We have a plate left over from the Christmas party.

Sewing Moot (Wren): Planning a sewing moot on March 25th, 11-6pm in the Washburn Room at Edgewood. There is a \$35 site fee for the room (looking for a \$2/person donation to cover it). Bring a dish to pass. There will be sewing, a fabric swap, and books to share. [Meeting approved the request and will cover shortfall in costs for site fee]

Chatelaine (Wren): Things are going well and we are getting loaner garb to people. Monica is working on a demo at Amana Colonies in end of April again and wants to borrow some garb from the closet. Won't be everything and she returns things promptly and in good condition.

High Seat (Eithni): The month was reasonably quiet. Papa Stefano passed away on February 28. Gulf Wars is coming up this week (lots of people will be out of town). Expect quiet until April (when we have Coronation, Silver Forest Ball, and Dance Seminar).

Middleton School Demo (Thea): We need volunteers for a demo sometime in May. The 6th graders in Middleton do a one day faire. Looking for people who could teach a discrete skill. Contact Thea if interested.

TOC (Ed): Still working on the after action report.

Seneschal (Robert): CAM is interested in hosting a collegiate moot on the same weekend as Silver Forest Ball and has asked if anyone wants to help.

Guillaume: I vote no.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are still looking for volunteers to fill a variety of openings in the Barony, including: **Thrown Weapons Marshal, Deputy Knight Marshal, Deputy Seneschal, UW Reservations Coordinator**. Contact the Seneschal for more information.

DEAR TRYSTAN

*Dear Trystan,
I'm borrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrred!
-- hWyne Neigh*

Dear hWyne Neigh,

Bored? Why, that's dreadful. Surely there is something intrinsically wrong with our society if each and every one of our members is not replete with engaging social opportunities. How might this travesty of an unjust fate have come to be? As usual it falls to your Sheriff to investigate this conundrum. Perchance it has come to pass that the music guild no longer meets and trains new musicians like it used to? (Monday nights at the Union, I think it was?) And those who had a passion for period cooking in the past have initiated some sort of hunger strike? (rather than meeting second Sundays, midday?) Surely the fact that you are overcome with ennui is sufficient evidence that Robert the Stout has sworn off the evils of fermented beverage and runs his brewing and vinthing guild no longer, and that Fighter practice no longer offers archers, fighters and fencers a place to practice their arts in our Stock Pavillion. (Ah, those halcyon Wednesday nights will be missed). It must further be true that those who plan our barony's signature events each year no longer bother to recruit volunteers for the planning and execution thereof... and no doubt the membership of the Fool's Guild have all simultaneously come to their senses. A terrible course of events indeed.

Your predicament advises me that His Excellency, Magisterfrater Giles Devon, must no longer allow armoring in his garage on Tuesdays, that the bards no longer sing in the later part of each month and that the dancers light steps have stilled at last. And the

indicate which night(s) you are staying. There are several motels close by. Contact the Event Steward for info.

Feast

By April 13: \$14/adult; \$7/child ages 5-10; under 5 free

After April 13: \$15/adult; \$8/child ages 5-10; under 5 free

If you have dietary concerns, you must send a detailed list with your reservation.

Site is handicap accessible, and discreetly damp (no alcohol sales and any alcohol must be consumed inside). There will be no merchenting at this event.

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EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

For more information visit the individual group's website (easily accessed from <http://www.northshield.org/events/>).

March 2007

23-25—**Bardic Madness**, Caer
Anterth Mawr (Wautoma WI)

May 2007

5—**Shire Birthday**, Rockwall
(Johnstown WI)
25-28—**ARRG VI**, Jararvellir
(Montello WI)

June 2007

1-3—**Quest for Summer Sun**,
Windhaven (Casco WI)
8-10—**Mermaids Retreat 2007:**
Woodland Wars, Turm an dem
See (Valders WI)
22-24—**Border Skirmish IV**,
Caer Anterth Mawr (Lakemoor
IL)

SILVER FOREST BALL

April 20, 21, 22, 2007

Recreation Park, Butts Avenue, Tomah WI
Site opens at 6:00 pm, April 20; Closes at 6:00 pm, April 22

The Canton of Coille Stoirmeil turns 25 years old this year. Please join us for a weekend of good fun, food, memories, food, laughter, food, dancing, food, good company, and food. This event will combine the best of the Canton's past events of Feast of the Beast and That Moot Thingy. Two for the price of one!!

Daytime activities include (but are not limited to) Pin the Wings/Tail on the Griffin (adult participants will pin the wings, children will pin the tail); Chair Jousting; Chess; Handkissing Contest; Best Cape holding more than one person. Both heavy and light fighting will be offered. Details will be posted later. There will be a bardic challenge to determine the next Canton bard. The theme of the challenge is "The Canton of Coille Stoirmeil."

Feast will consist of five removes with five dishes in each remove. After feast, there will be a ball conducted by Lady Thea, with music provided by the Music Guild of Jararvellir.

FEES

Site

By April 13: \$10/adult; \$5/child ages 6-12; under 6 free

After April 13: \$12/adult; \$7/child ages 6-12; under 6 free

Family max (2 adults plus 2+ children): \$25 advance; \$27 at door

The Canton will collect an additional \$1/person to go to the Kingdom Travel Fund. Non-member surcharge of \$3/person will also apply.

If you are planning on staying overnight on site Friday and/or Saturday, you will need to reserve a room. Space will be limited, so reserve early. Reservations must include names of all people planning to stay in the pavilion (and you must have a paid reservation for at least 8 people to reserve a full pavilion). Please

scribes? Do their quills no longer scratch as they once pondered the beauty of ink meeting parchment? Surely this must be the case, as you are so terribly bored.

In fact, given the plethora of admirable volunteer opportunities previously available outside the confines of the SCA, through both City and County, I must assume that our mundane government itself has ceased to be and that nothing less than anarchy rules the day. Woe is us. Alternatively, of course, there is the possibility that you are a nitwit.

Sayeth the Sheriff: Get thee to a guild... and invite some friends as well! To sample new things is to tempt the wakening of a fresh passion within thy breast. If you find a dearth of excitement within your life it is unlikely that any save yourself are going to draw you into something new and exhilarating- and your Sheriff offers only this one solitary page as his most generous kick in the pants.

In service,

**THEE MOST WYCKED SHERIFF IN ALL
OF JARARVELLIR, TRYSTAN DER
FACKELTRAGER**

Are you feeling bored? Do you have a question for Trystan? Perhaps you would like him to come to your place to provide entertainment? Let him know, write to Trystan c/o the Chronicler (Paul Goldschmidt, 5625 Highland Way, Middleton WI 53562, chronicler@jararvellir.org).

cheshire ARCHERS

Did you know you can now become a combat archer in Northshield without having to learn Sword and Shield first? The Cheshire Archers is a group of folks from Jararvellir (and perhaps elsewhere) who are working together to assemble the armor and other gear, train together, and fight together as a unit. By working together, we hope to make the process of becoming an authorized Combat Archer easier and a lot funner... and we want you to join us!

Who: Anyone interested in Combat Archery, or in hanging out and having fun planning, plotting, and crafting...

What: Get together to plan, share ideas, make Combat Archery arrows, and start work on armor and all the other bits we will need...

What's Involved: Show up, hang out with good folks, eat munchies, make LOTS of CA arrows, and start playing with bits of armor and other gear... (Even if you don't have any interest in Combat Archery yourself, feel free to stop by with your own SCA or other craft project, and hang out with us!)

When: Wednesday, March 7th, 6:30 PM - Planning Meeting

What you need to become an authorized Combat Archer, and what we can do together to get there

Sunday, March 11th, 1:00 PM - Work Party

Work on arrows, bows, quivers, armor, whatever folks are ready to start working on... or just show up with questions or ideas!

Where: Jack's Place 1110 Colby St

At the first meeting, we will review what it takes to become a Combat Archer, including getting armor and other gear together. There are a lot of options out there, and I expect we've got an option that should work for just about anyone!

These get togethers are BYOB-M-W (bring your own beverage-munchies-whatever) Pizza or other substantial food may be ordered, but we'll work that out once we get started. If the weather is still blustery, I plan to actually get the fireplace going, and if it's not blustery, maybe we can work on tactics with a quick snowball fight... and hot cocoa to follow!

RSVP if you can, email to jbf@pobox.com, or call 257-1082 (H) or 658-5802 (C). You can also contact me if you have questions or ideas about what we might do.

northshield DANCE SEMINAR

April 28, 2007

Edgewood College, 1000 Edgewood Dr, Madison, WI 53711
Site opens at 9:00 am; Closes at 11:30 pm

Join us for a day and night of dancing. A wide variety of styles, including Italian, English Country, Middle Eastern and more. Includes Beginner's classes.

The choreography challenge will be to create the "Compleat Hannikin." (For further details, please visit the NDS XXI website (<http://home.earthlink.net/~sbbush/nds/index.html>))

Lunch: a nominal fee

Evening: Grand Ball and Dessert Revel

No feast; a list of local dining options will be available.

Fees: Adults \$8.00 (\$3.00 NMS will apply), 10 - 17 \$5.00, under 10 Free
Please make checks payable to: SCA, Barony of Jararvellir

Dance Steward

Maestro Etienne de Clermont
(Steven Bush)
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(952) 929-0200 (10 am - 10 pm)

Event Steward

Lady Thea of Jararvellir
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The site is smoke-free, handicapped accessible, and dry.

There will be a Regional Fighter Practice held at the Stock Pavilion, UW-Madison Campus. Directions and additional info: <http://www.jararvellir.org> (Weekly Practices, Wednesday, Armored Combat).