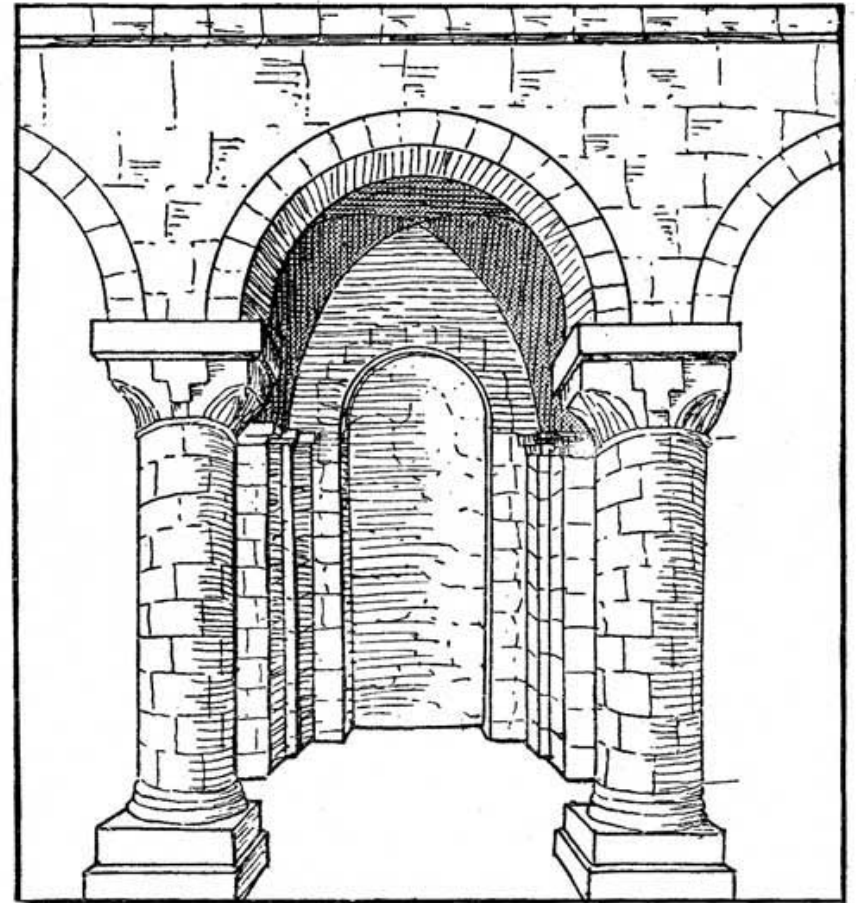




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(Monroe & Juneau County, WI)

<http://www.coillestoirmeil.org>

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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)

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Canton_of_Wolfhome

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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

Reinholdt von Trollenhagen (Mark Doyle) 338-5895, mark.doyle@wush.com

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

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

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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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!

Spring is beginning to make a few tentative appearances here in the Barony, its warmth quite welcome after months of bitter cold and some impressive snowdrifts. The warm breezes also bring fond memories for those of us who have returned to the chilly north after our campaign in the warmer southern lands. As usual, Gulf Wars was a splendid event – from classes to battles, from tourneys to revels, it was a week packed with joy. Of particular note for the Barony, one of our own, Don Mateo Montero de Madrid, was honored by Their Majesties Siegfried and Gwyneth for his long and valuable service to the crown and was created a Baron of Their court. Vivat to His Excellency, Baron Mateo! Another noteworthy local son is Warder Trystan, who represented us splendidly, winning his bout in the Champions' Tourney and going undefeated in the Diamond Tourney. Vivat to Trystan! As well as returning victory in the Diamond Tourney to Northshield, I am happy to report that the Northshield army was also instrumental in securing ALL of the Rapier points for our allies, including retaking the Ravine. Vivant to the Northshield fencers! Of course, these happy events only barely scratch the surface of the joy that was Gulf Wars, but my space is limited! I do encourage you to seek out those who traveled south to war to hear other great tales of the campaign and to consider joining us on that adventure next year...

Looking to the more immediate future, April will be a most busy event in these parts! At Coronation, Their Majesties will step down and rest from Their labors. Please remember to thank them for all Their efforts and to congratulate the new Duke! The following week will see the celebration of the Canton of Coille Stoirmeil's 25th Anniversary at Silver Forest Ball. I know they have many excellent activities planned and a very special feast reprising some

of the most notable dishes served at past Feasts of the Beast. Please attend to wish our Canton and her people well on the occasion of this wonderful anniversary. The week following that, there will be held right here in Jararvellir, Northshield's Dance Seminar. Come enjoy an entire day of dance, including classes, challenges, and (of course!) a ball!

As if that were not activity enough this busy Spring, we are hoping to also host a May Day event, but the details are still pending. Please watch the Jara List or contact me if you would like to be notified when plans firm up. And of course, ARRG! is just around the corner, so consider spending part of Memorial Day weekend with us, either as combatant or spectator on Don Michael St. Christian's lands, a mere hour north of Madison proper.

With all these opportunities to gather, I hope to see each and every one of you over the coming months. May we meet often and in joy!

Yours in Fishy Service~

eithni ingen TALORGAIN

P.S. Due to the excitement over Silver Forest Ball (April 20-21-22) and Dance Seminar (April 28), planning for the traditional Baronial May Day has been sadly overlooked. At General Meeting it was decided that instead of trying to schedule a third Baronial event in as many weeks, we will not hold a May Day this year.

The Maypole will, if the ceiling height allows, appear at Dance Seminar. As soon as the Stock Pavilion schedule is confirmed for late April-July, Baronial championships for Archery, Armored Combat and Rapier will be scheduled for separate Wednesday nights and the new champions installed at WW.

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

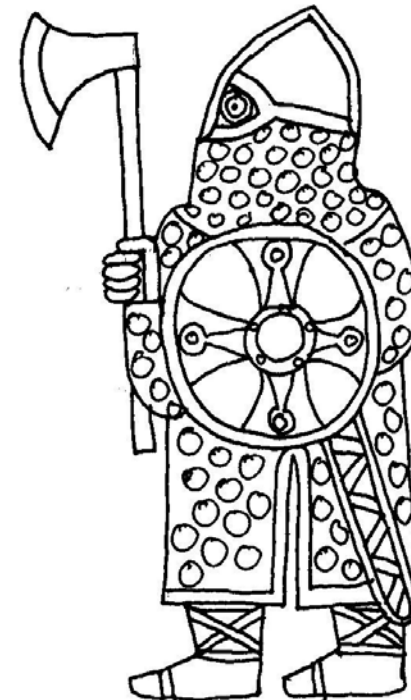
Sunday, April 15 at 10:30am

Our kind host this month is Holly. Her address is 2002 Pike Dr. #5 in Fitchburg (directions below). She will be serving hamburgers (Boca burgers upon request). 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 2002 Pike Dr. #5:

If you are coming from downtown Madison, just take Park St and turn onto Fish Hatchery. (From the beltline, take the Fish Hatchery Road exit.) Drive until you pass over the beltline and turn right on Greenway Cross. Drive 2 blocks and turn left on Coho. We are on the corner of Coho and Pike.

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



LOCAL NEWS

STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

In addition to our regular dates and times, we have the Stock Pavilion 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>

CORDIAL GUILD

We will be meeting on May 1st at Cwen and Ivan's place to discuss spices. Contact Cianna for more information.

FLETCHERS GUILD IS MOVING!

For at least the month of April (possibly permanently) Fletchers Guild will be meeting at Toussaint de Caluwe's house (Tyson Patterson). If transportation to the new site is a problem for anyone, please contact Jois Corbet (Deena Thompson) at 226-0846 or corvusjoyous@gmail.com. well in advance of the meeting you wish to attend.

We will be meeting at Toussaint's (5418 Imagine) April 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

Directions to 5418 Imagine:

From the Beltline, go south on Stoughton Rd (Hwy 51). Turn left at the first stoplight onto Voges. When Voges deadends, turn right on Marsh. Then turn right on Yesterday, entering the Lost Creek neighborhood. Take an immediate left on Honeypie, then turn right onto Imagine. The house is 5418 Imagine (4th house on the right). The phone is 838-4092.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING minutes

In attendance: Robert the Stout, Paul Wickenden of Thanet, Reinholdt, Eithni ingen Talorgain, Ed the Tall, Wren, Tatiana McGowan, James, Thea of Jararvellir, Roisin, Marian, James, Kristin, Stephen du Bois, Cianna, Drachon, Yseult, Iohanna, Æsa, Rendell Clark, Jois, Sol, and Nikolaus der Ausländer.

Lake Mills (Robert): We have been asked us to add Lake Mills to the territory of the Barony (they are closer to us than to CAM who currently own the zip code and the three members who are resident there are active in Jara). The CAM High Seats are fine with this and the seneschals say that it is up to the Baronies. This would be to annex only one zip code which is adjacent to other zip codes in Jara (we are not creating an island). Pending confirmation that there are no other SCA members in Lake Mills, we will annex (53551) into Jara. **[Meeting approved]**

Web Minister Update (Robert): Osythe is dealing with family crises and cannot perform her duties any further. Drachon has offered to take on the role as interim webminister. We will begin the process of seeking a permanent replacement.

Edgewood Sites (Robert): Given our recent problems with securing sites at Edgewood (and keeping them), we will be laying off on using College for a while for events.

Chronicler (Paul): If you are an officer, please remember to contact the other officers when you move or change contact information. The easiest way to do this is to let the Chronicler (me!) know and I'll publish the change.

Chatelaine (Wren): We had a small sewing moot this past weekend. It went fairly well (we had a dozen people come). We collected \$28 which almost covered our \$35 site fee (we basically broke even). We had nibbles and lots of floor space. We had requests to do another one before WW (which we'll probably do at someone's house).

High Seat (Eithni): With all the activities/events going on, we have not managed to make any arrangements for May Day yet. I suggest that we could skip it this year. We could have the champions tournies on Wednesdays at the Stock Pavilion and do the investitures of the champions at WW. And we will have plenty of courts at all the events this next month! In related news, the Canton is still looking for help with Silver Forest Ball. Contact Ed or Jois if you can help. They have also asked for use of the Baronial serving platters and other serving equipment. **[Meeting approved the Canton's use of Baronial serving equipment]**

Serving Utensils (Reinholdt): While the Barony has many platters, we have a dearth of serving spoons. I have found a cheap source for stainless steel serving spoons and ladles at a restaurant supply store and would like to purchase \$100 worth for the Barony. **[Meeting discussed and approved \$50 for utensil purchases]**

Stock Pavilion (Reinholdt): We have no schedule yet past April but I expect it to be published soon. I have sent off the site waivers.

Cooks Guild (Reinholdt): The guild has been meeting irregularly as the members have been too busy.

Demos (Reinholdt): We have four demos scheduled (two of which are school demos that are currently only vaguely scheduled for "sometime" in May — details to be published on the list as available). We also have a demo at Oddcon on April 14th that conflicts with Coronation. We informed the organizers of the conflict and made no commitment to provide any attenders.

Heraldry (Reinholdt): Heraldry has been quite active. There will be open houses at the Stock Pavilion in upcoming weeks.

Marian: I'm just here to sign checks this month.

James: I'm here.

Kristin: Same thing

Knights Marshall (Stephen): Things are currently in place to have a regional practice here during the Dance Seminar. There will be plenty of time for picks ups and we will be done by 5pm. We can practice

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/>).

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

combat archery there if you like as well. In other news, I still have not found a deputy.

Cordial Guild (Cianna): We are meeting this Tuesday at Chuckie's. We will be discussing rescuing a bad or potentially bad cordial. Please come and share your own experiences! On May 1st, we will be meeting at Cwen and Ivan's to discuss spices.

WW Brewing and Vintning Challenge (Cianna): There is a brewing and vintning challenge at WW this year on Friday night. If you want to participate, there is a list of ingredients you need to use (contact me if you are interested).

Web Minister (Drachon): I feel like the deer in the headlights. The transition will be taking place this week. If you have something that you would like to appear on the webpage, please send it to me directly.

A&S (Roisin): Nothing.

Æsa: Hi.

Jara Locker Caretaker (Iohanna): I am not able to care take the Jara locker anymore because I do not have access to transportation, so I would like to not be responsible for this. Would someone like to take it on?

Clothiers Guild (Iohanna): Clothiers guild is alive and well.

WW Budget (Yseult): Presenting a budget of \$27,715 which includes building a castle and purchasing new radios. This is a hard event to budget because it depends on a number of variables (the number of people who show, garbage accumulated, etc). We are also eliminating pre-registration because it is too much work and only about 1/3 of the people use it. We are proposing a new fee schedule which will keep prices at the level they were for on-site registrants (higher than last year's pre-reg). This may bring in a lot of money but we can look at making a larger donation to the Kingdom if we make too much.
[Meeting approved the new fee schedule and budget]

WW Relocation (Yseult): It seems that Marv has got his finances straightened out, so we do not believe there is a crisis with the site

this year. However, he is looking into making his site an adults-only campground. This will not apply to us during the terms of our existing contract. However, after 2008 (when the contract expires), we may lose the site. Therefore, we are still looking for an alternate site.

WW Staffing (Yseult): We are still looking for someone to be in charge of take-down (takes care of wrangling people to take down benches and tote them to storage locker — not the same as clean-up). We are also looking for a youth coordinator. There has not been much interest in the position, so we may do something different (youth classes instead of a youth play area). We also need someone to take care of the schedule and the site booklet (a position that is all pre-event, so you can get your volunteering in before the event even starts).

Dance Seminar (Thea): Dance Seminar is four weeks away. There may be court. We will be looking for dessert revel contributions. There is no feast and just a simple lunch of sandwiches, fruit, etc. (planning for 50 or so people).

Rendell: Nothing

Archery and Fletching (Jois): Archery is doing well. Fletching is moving (see separate *Skein* announcement).

TOC (Ed) : The after-event report is in.

James: I'd be happy to offer a content management system to the Jara site. [This topic was tabled until the future web minister is chosen]

Exchequer (Tatiana): I'm here on behalf of Fiona. I will be seeing her tomorrow.

Music Guild (Nikolaus): The guild has the Dance Seminar list and will have its work cut out for it. However, we will be inactive for a week or two.

Archer's Brunch (Sol): The next Archer's Brunch is on the 15th. Holly is hosting it.

northshield dance seminar

April 28, 2007

Edgewood Coll-Deming Way Campus,
1255 Deming Way, Madison, WI
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

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(952) 929-0200 (10 am - 10 pm)

Event Steward

Lady Thea of Jararvellir
(Thea A. Frank)
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Monona, WI 53716
theafrank@yahoo.com
(608) 223-9567 (lv msg)

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).

WW HELP NEEDED!

Hey everybody! Such a gorgeous warm day gets us all thinking Summer and the fact that Summer is fast approaching means so is Warriors and Warlords! (Yippee!)

We are still looking to fill a couple of staff positions for WW this year. Currently open are the Crew Chief positions for Take Down and Scheduling/Site Booklet (an excellent opportunity to get in your volunteering before the event even begins!). We need to fill both of these important positions soon, so please think about volunteering!

If you are interested or have any questions about either position, please contact me privately.

Thanks!

YSEULT DE CHERBOURG

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Baronial Webminister — a warranted position that reports to the Kingdom Webminister, the Baronial Webminister maintains and supports the Baronial website, which can include the main site, as well as creating occasional event pages for Baronial and Canton activities and events. Please contact Robert the Stout if you are interested in the position.

Thrown Weapons Marshal — the Thrown Weapons Marshal is responsible for the safe set up and operation of the Barony's thrown weapon practices. The Marshal is also responsible for the Barony's thrown weapon equipment. You must either be a TW Marshal or MIT (or willing to become one) in order to hold this position. If interested, please contact John Bartholomew of Flanders (Jack) or Robert the Stout.

Deputy Knight Marshal — the Deputy Knight Marshal is responsible for assisting the Knight Marshal in overseeing fighting in the Barony. This includes running fight practices, and keeping records of the fighters in the Barony. You need to be either a Marshal or a Marshal in Training to hold this position. Contact Stephen Du Bois if you are interested.

Deputy Seneschal — responsible for assisting the Seneschal in administrating the Barony. Duties will vary, depending on what is needed at the time. Candidates should be well organized and have good communication skills. Contact Robert the Stout if interested.

UW Reservations Coordinator — duties are light, involving just a few hours per semester setting up room reservation requests for guilds. The coordinator must be a UW student. Contact Heinrich von Stuttgart at shallue@math.wisc.edu.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: MAY 6, AT 7PM,
EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

DEAR TRYSTAN

*Dear Trystan,
I'm looking at framing a local washerwoman for witchcraft. Any advice?*

-- Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

I applaud your selection of witchcraft as the unsupported charge against your chosen victim. Vague, inflammatory, nearly impossible to disprove... and its trappings are practically indistinguishable from those of folk medicine, midwifery and the owning of perhaps a few too many cats. The motivation behind this witch-hunt is crucial to its particulars, however. The persecution of a witch may be pursued for revenge, personal gain, or to distract the masses from one's deplorable leadership skills, and we'll take these cases one at a time:

Personal Gain: If you have been the victim of a practicing witch the church supports your entitlement to compensation in the form of everything previously owned by that wretched tool of the infernal. This is why it is particularly important to target someone with lots of stuff. If the accused has heirs these worthies are likely to put up a fuss, thus it is advantageous to choose widows whose children are off to war. It doesn't do to have credible witnesses to your victim's faultless church attendance or unwavering faith, after all. You mentioned a washerwoman, however, so I suspect that this is more likely to be a case of:

Political Diversion: This practice boasts a grand and illustrious history. Villains, despots and religious officials alike have long since eschewed reason as a viable tool for manipulating the masses, far preferring raw fear and its bastard child hatred for this

end. There is nothing like bending the collective will of the rabble to your agenda while the aegis of "public service" shields your true motives. To ensure success, paint your target as an outsider- a foreigner, an ethnic minority, or someone who has been tardy in converting to whichever religion is currently in vogue- (in a pinch attention may be drawn to an unfortunate physical deformity). In a trice your own failings will be forgotten or blamed upon the machinations of your scapegoat. Still, it is possible that your motivation is:

Revenge: Did she put starch in your pantaloons or overhear something she shouldn't have while collecting your unmentionables? If revenge is your motive it is critical that you pursue your witch hunt through the proper ecclesiastical channels. Unruly mobs have a tendency to polish off their targets all too quickly, or occasionally lose their focus and let the intended witch-ka-bob flee to the hills. Not so with the Church! Frame someone well and you are guaranteed that they will get the executive treatment- torture to the point of confession followed by a satisfyingly terminal barbequing.

Hope this was helpful and if you save me a fine seat I shall provide the marshmallows.

In service,

THEE EXCEPTIONALLY PIOUS AND
GODLY SHERIFF OF JARARVELLIR,
TRYSTAN DER FACHELTRAEGER

Looking for some kindling for a good burning? 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).