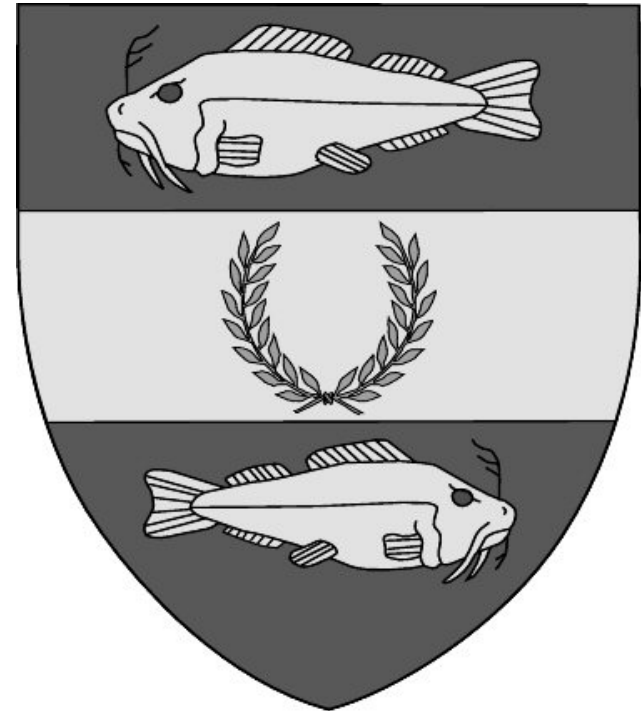




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Please call the contact person to verify when & where an activity is held!

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

Contact: Lady Jois (Deena) 226-0846

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

Contact: Roisin igen Ailill (Rebecca Heidelberger) 244-4621, roisin106@aol.com

Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue

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

Bardic Arts (not currently active)

Contact: Vacant

Brewing & Vintning 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

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Equestrian (not currently active but information available)

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

Contact: Lady Thea

Fletching Fridays 6:30PM (call ahead) 5418 Imagine

Contact: Lord Toussaint de Caluwe (Tyson Patterson) 838-4092

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: Ivan Matfeevich Rezansky (John Beebe) 298-0918, rezansky@sbcglobal.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.

Contact: Lady Kenya (Heather Cushing) 298-0103, evilkenya@tds.net

Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location

Contact: Ivan (John Beebe) 298-0918

Pottery Guild First or second Monday (alternating with Clothier's), Fired Up Pottery.

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

Contact: Cosimo de Cellini (Joe Ordaz) 274-0997, jordaz@netzero.com

Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish. Call to verify location

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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EPISTLES FROM THE BARONESSSES

Unto the populace of Jararvellir do its Baronesses send anniversary greetings!

From HE Asdis Stefansdottir, First Baroness Jararvellir:

When asked for a missive by your Chronicler, I chose not to recount the awards nor the many things for which Jararvellir can proudly claim reknown; I have chosen rather to recount that which only I can – to wit, the conception and birth of the Barony and its first years of development. The first Baron, Tomas Toltfungr, and I met in the West Kingdom and had occasion to attend a Crown Tourney as the guests of a Knight of the realm. We sat in borrowed garb, enjoying the hospitality of the event. 'Twas but one day, yet the memory of it remained in our hearts. Circumstances brought us away from the West, and we shortly settled in Madison. Before much time had passed, we found the address of the Seat of the West Kingdom and Thomas wrote, requesting information on the establishment of a Barony in the SCA. (Recall, fair Gentles – there were but four Kingdoms, of which we had but little knowledge.)

We received by return a post declaring ourselves Baron and Baroness! We decided mutually upon Viking personas, as such was the Baron's own background – and as far from my own as possible. There began for me a passion for all things Viking, and to this day I retain a respectable library on the subject.

The name of the Barony was developed by the Baron: "Jarar," an "Icelandicized" version of Yahara, the river upon which the Barony rests; and "-vellir," authentic Icelandic for "plains". Hence "Jararvellir," the Plains of the Yahara River. (It should be noted, "Yahara" is a contrived Indian name for what had been called by early settlers "Catfish Creek") Therefrom the arms of the Barony were designed, if memory serves, by Lady Theodora, whose artistry (and comic renderings) were without equal.

The first event was a feast held at Nottingham Co-op. The fare included *applemoy*, an applesauce made with almonds by St Aubrey Evenstar, the first Baronial chef. He had, by his own request, auditioned by preparing a supper for the Baron and myself, which included dishes of such delicacy that we were delighted.

Shortly after, the Baron and I traveled to an event in Kalamazoo, Michigan, bearing with us a modest retinue including our Knight Marshall and Herald. We were simply clad and plain, yet were greeted with all courtesy by His Majesty King Andrew of Seldom Rest. The event that stands forth most in

my mind of that event was the sight of the royal pavilion (made from a huge silk parachute) and the presentation at Court by Her Majesty of her son Sean, a lad but two days old.

Time passed; we were given a proper Investiture held at Hoyt Park. Our foster son, Lars the Fierce, was in attendance, as were all the folk of the newly-born Barony. From thence did time fly by and we learned by doing. In those days, the Barony was well and capably governed by M'Lord Tomas called Twelvetongues, and I attended the distaff. The Baron's brother was active for a time and his lady served as governess to the Baronial children. It was our custom that we travel whenever possible to events in other Baronies....as our funds were limited and the children were small, we took turns representing the Barony in distant places. The Baron was held in high regard for his scholarship on the Viking way, and I was a modest embroiderer.

I served for a time as Kingdom Mistress of Arts, and had during that time been granted the friendship of Lady Jessica of the Willows, Queen of the Midrealm; I served my Queen as Lady-in-Waiting. She created the Order of the Willow for inspiring and teaching of the Arts and made me (for which I remain grateful to this day) Principal of the Order.

There was the camping event in Michigan: we drove in caravan with as many citizens as were able to go, arriving late in the night. The distance from where the vehicles must remain was approximately a half-mile, and it was a chill night. By the time I had led my two elder children (they were 5 and 7) and carried the infant (little Snorri was but a year of age) to the site where we would camp – with the able assistance of their governess – our small tent was standing. The bedding was arranged, Snorri's crib prepared...and my dear St Aubrey Evenstar presented me with a steaming mug of hot cider.

At that event we were introduced to the Dark Horde and Yang the Nauseating. They were camped atop a hill with yurts, firepits and guards. Yang himself descended the hill to clasp hands with Twelvetongues and asked that we accompany him to his encampment; Yang himself took my hand and assisted my ascent. Much was discussed between Yang and Toltfungr as I was shown the camp by some of the women. When I returned, Yang clasped Toltfungr by the shoulder and placing a medallion about his neck declared "You are my brother, and I will fight with you back-to-back only, and never face-to-face."

There was also a tender moment when Queen Ann and I sat upon a hillside to watch the fighting practice, feeding our infants. Her boy Sean was of an age with my little Snorri. I believe it was four years after that we received word, while at home in Jara, that Sean had lost his life in a grievous accident, which event drew together the whole of the SCA in mutual mourning. The Barony grew in strength and ability, and there was much...MUCH...of

LOCAL NEWS

POTTERY GUILD MEETING

WHEN: Monday May 12th from 6:00-9:00pm (Some future dates for pottery are as follows: 6/16, and 7/14)

WHERE: 425 B W. Cottage Grove Rd., Cottage Grove (608) 839-5000

HOW MUCH: There is no dry studio fee. Ceramic bisque ware is a flat fee in the dry studio. In the wet studio, for hand building or throwing, the studio fee is \$6.00 and the clay is \$6.00/lb used.

If you have any questions, contact Annora at (605) 438-6530.

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 18 at 11am

Announcing the first Archers' BBQ of the season. Please join us Sunday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m. at lovely Hoyt Park. We'll provide the hot coals and condiments, bring a grillable item for yourself. Feel free to provide something else for people to munch on, though it's not required. Please bring your own feastware. After the BBQ, we will retire to the Stock Pavilion at noon to shoot. You are welcome to join us at one or both locations. Loaner equipment is available.

Directions to Hoyt Park:

FROM THE EAST--take your best route to Regent St. Head west on Regent, keep going past West High School and the cemeteries. Continue on Regent, it will take you into Hoyt Park. Keep driving past the sign for the park and the parking lot for the large park shelter (on your right), continue down the street as it meanders along. Eventually the houses on the left give way to an expanse of lawn with picnic tables and stone fireplaces. On the right, the woods with picnic tables and stone fireplaces drop away and a scenic overlook with parking for several cars appears just before the road starts to meander downhill. Park there. Go across the street to the table with the SCA people sitting at a table with a tablecloth.

FROM THE WEST--take your best route to Midvale Blvd. Turn onto Hillcrest, located halfway between the Mineral Point and Regent intersections. Go several blocks on Hillcrest and turn left onto Owen Parkway (note that you will pass Owen Dr. along the way). The street sign is hard to see, but if you reach Westmoreland you went 1 block too far. Owen Parkway will take you up into Hoyt Park and turn into Regent St. Look for the lawn with stone BBQ's on your right and the scenic pullout on your left. You can park in the pullout, or continue down the street to a lot on your left as you leave the park.

Questions? Contact Sol (sol1040@gmail.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE WWW AUTOCRATS

WW is fast approaching. There are several updates:

- 1) Site fee is a flat fee this year - a single price regardless which day you arrive. \$20 for adults, \$10 for minors, \$3 NMS surcharge. Merchants are an additional \$30.
- 2) For your convenience, May 1 through June 1, you will be able to pay your site fee through ACCEPS using a credit card. However, there is no pre-reg for WW. You will still need to sign the site waiver when you arrive.
- 3) Due to the site being a city park, there is no early camping for any non-staff. If you are not on the staff list or registered through Strawboss for the work crew, the earliest you may arrive on site is Thursday, 9am. Merchants may arrive on Wednesday.
- 4) Fires must be in off-the-ground containers, such as braziers or portable fire-places. No fire pits may be dug. Sump drains may be dug provided the sod is kept alive and replaced.

For other information, please see the website at <http://www.warriorsandwarlords.org>. Site rules and a FAQ will be posted there shortly.

EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

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

May 2008

9-11—**Northshield Crown Tournament**, Caer Antherth Mawr (Wautoma WI)
24-26—**AARG VII: Roll the Bones**, Jararvellir (Montello WI)
30-1—**Mermaids Retreat**, Turm an dem See (Valders WI)

June 2008

13-15—**Border Skirmish**, Caer Antherth Mawr (Menomonee Falls WI)
14-15—**Beltaine: Scottish "Bring Out Your Plaid!"**, Darkstone (Ashland WI)

which we and the populace were justifiably proud. There was much laughter, great merriment, high accomplishment and extraordinary music....and there was conflict and disagreement as the growing pains were accomplished. It was a source of great delight to me that I was gifted with the legend of St Bunstable by its originator, and many delightful events were held in the good Saint's name, often including a subtlety of his head which was bathed in brandy and lighted that all might see his soul ascend to heaven as it did, borne aloft on the fumes of the fine brandy he consumed to preserve it from the marauders.

I sat upon the High Seat with Baron Tomas and (when he was drawn away by other concerns) by myself, well on to nearly twenty years. I received the Order of the Dragon's Heart as well as my Willow, and was, upon my stepping forth from the High Seat, made a Baroness of the Court. I remain to this day Lady-in-Waiting to Jessica of the Willows (though I must confess I know not her whereabouts) as I refused to be released from her service. Upon this, the 35th Birthday of the Barony of Jararvellir, I send fond greetings and best wishes to my successors and to the whole of the Populace!

From HE Elspeth Bibury, Second Baroness Jararvellir:

I followed my children into the SCA at a time when the organization seemed very young and fresh and promising all things to all people. Curiously, though somewhat younger than the SCA and the Middle Kingdom, Jara was seen as venerable and long lived by most in the Midrealm. Our good and gentle Baroness had been left alone on the High Seat for too long, her energies and resolve tapped by the rigors of the office. The Barony was in a state of very animated and genial waiting (Guinness floats!) to see wither the winds would blow. To the relief of some and the consternation of others, Her Excellency asked Rathlin to ease her burdens and share her duties. His household consisted pretty much of me, but then I had the assistance of the Needlearts Guild in general and many friends in particular, so it was enough. Well, I thought this would be fun, and it mostly was. I got to help make the tabards and banners and Court tokens but wasn't the one sitting there being tested and trying to be dignified. I sat at Head Table sometimes, but didn't have to, I participated in contests instead of judging them, and made good friends (and good parties) in several Kingdoms, often by agreeing with folks how wonderful it was to still be real people and not be burdened with a metal hat. St. Bunstable's Feast was celebrated with brandied cherries, Jara had one of the largest camps and groups of liveried fighters at Pennsic, our Canton of Coille Stormeil became dear friends and family. Feast of the Beast was enjoyed by all, though Sven and Bjorn were terribly disrespectful. There seemed to be a demo every other week and some of us appeared answering the phone banks for the WHA TV fundraiser. Mayday was celebrated every year with a Maypole and dance, superb singing of "Tra La, It's May" by Lady Yseult, and

truly excellent potluck feasting. Sometime, kiddies, we will share the tale of the St. Bunstable's Feast in the Capital Brewery, the inaugural appearance of the Sisters of the Immaculate Deception (and who they were) and how the Middle Kingdom device in full color was expertly rendered by (then) Count Sir Dag on my kitchen wall. That would be the same Count Sir Dag who appeared in Baronial Court wearing a towel and Cornet, but I digress. The Needlearts Guild was busy during this time making regalia for Kingdom and Barony, including the infamous fish robes, and celebrating their own peculiar Feast days, especially St. Herstleus.

When Her Excellency Asdis closed her solo stint on the High Seat she closed her personal Baronial awards as well. She and Rathlin began replacing those recognitions by offering Baronial tabards or baldrics to any authorized fighter who wished them and a length of rattan to all who fought with us at Pennsic. Believing the Kingdom awards to be the worthy goal in those designated areas, they sought local awards to more personally reflect the accomplishments of the populace. Thus was created the Orders of the Embattled Catfish, the Pisces, the Gilded Shell, and the Golden Scales. There came the Day when Baroness Asdis could no longer resist her need to retire. I was elevated to her post with relatively little opposition. (So who else wanted to serve with Rathlin? Is he going to read this?) I tried to find the appropriate dignity as a representative of the Crown, got used to always being watched at events and had to speak up in Court. It was quite a kick representing Jararvellir, notorious on many levels, and it wasn't always easy. Sven and Bjorn were still disrespectful.

During this time Jara answered all requests from the Crown for regalia and service, performance by our artists, and we hosted many well run Kingdom level events. We became so renowned for hospitality that the Barony was awarded an augmentation of the Kingdom badge, proudly borne on the banners for some years. Jara's Music Guild earned the Order of the Grove and they and the dancers continued to be the standard for excellence far and wide. The Needlearts Guild and the Fletcher's Guild earned Purple Fretties. The armorers were skilled and prolific, the fighters well represented in every tournament and skirmish, the scouts well and truly trained, the archers strengthened through weekly practice, the leather workers Crafty, the award winning *Skein* never failed to publish, and the cooks and brewers and vintners, well, yes, they did well. My dear Cousin, Baroness Alice, clued me in to the fun of imposing taxes and together we created the Baroness' Whim rapier tourney at WW. The Needlearts Guild presented the Baronial Pavilion, richly decorated with Mistress Frederunde's banners and tapestries. Thanks to (then) Lord Siegreid, the pavilion was fiercely guarded at war by Her Ladyship Spike. There was a Baronial Court at every home event unless we were deferring to the Crown's presence. We instituted the Orders of Liason Poisson and Alistair's Lamp. HRH Sir Osis threatened to fight for me in Crown tourney and also declared me a Royal Idiot; I still have the official Midrealm scroll to prove it. My involvement in all of this was only possible because of the warmth and support I received from, and the good humor we

WARRIORS AND WARLORDS



<http://www.warriorsandwarlords.org>

WW will be hosted at Kronshage Park in lovely Boscobel, WI. Come join us for a weekend of fighting, frolicking, and festivities.

Site: Kronshage Park, 1500 Wisconsin Ave., Boscobel, WI

Site is open: 9am Thurs – 12pm Sun

Site fees: \$20 adult
\$10 minor
\$50 family maximum (2 adults + more than 1 child)
\$30 additional fee for Merchants.

Merchants must be registered with Merchant Coordinator by July 1. There is no pre-reg this year.

Please be sure to check the website for more site information and event updates!

Nordskogen Autocrat

Iulia Terra
(Tara A.)

Jararvellir Autocrat

Countess Aesa Gilsdottir
(Angie Gilmore)

autocrats@warriorsandwarlords.org

James made 4 points: (1) the subscription with Rocket host ends in August and we won't be renewing the subscription. (2) We're going to subscribe with Itasca for \$100 for the next year. (3) We may need to spend \$75 to move the domain name due to trouble with Rocket host. And (4) Itasca may allow a separate domain name for WW without additional charge. For details, contact James.

Nikolas reminds us that several guest performers joined the musicians at the 35th, Heinrich, Heregith, and Christian all joined in and added richness to the music. Dame Merouda mentioned that she liked it. Rare praise.

The musicians have been asked to do a dance ball at WW, so bring your dance shoes.

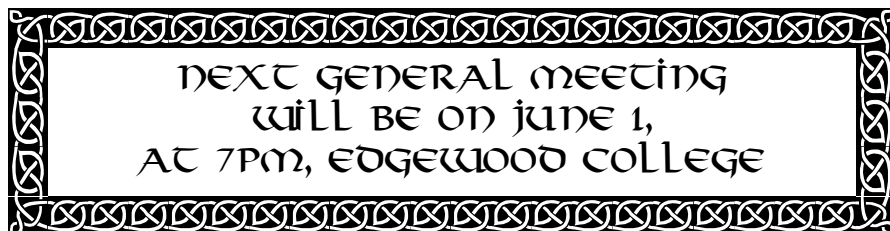
Is there an inventory of instruments owned by the barony? If you know of one or if you have an instrument owned by the barony, please make sure the guildmaster knows. He is collecting the goodies.

Chuckie says "I came, I cooked. I left." Wren added "you conquered."

Ivan reports that the guy at the overture center is still looking for a catapult for Spamalot, and for a cow. The guy has asked that we not do this as a demo for the SCA. Ivan still has questions as to what exactly the guy wants and the safety factors.

Ivan is working at getting the baronial awards onto the website. Reinholdt talked about trying to get a workable list for the baronial awards. Eithni has a list of all the courts, dates, and awards for the past 5 years, and James has the list through 2005. James and Reinholdt will get together and get that on the site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57.



shared with, so many good folk of the Barony. Steadfast friends throughout the Midrealm and the neighbor kingdoms, both Crowned and not, proved that not all of the finest came from the plains of the Yahara, but I seldom admitted to such. I am still awestruck and humbled to remember the incredible effort put forth on behalf of the Barony, and to help me, by the faithful in the Needlearts Guild and, especially, my personal retainers. I must own up that the pageantry and frivolity were frequently excessive by current standards, but every now and then there were a few glimpses of the magic....

After 5 years for me and 7 for Rathlin we grew weary for ourselves and our tireless friends who just never would quit. We noticed that these same loyal friends had callings to answer beyond Jararvellir, and, indeed, for many in the populace the Barony was no longer their focus and pride. It seemed obvious to us that it was time to pass the hats to ones with more energy and new ideas. We were surprised to learn that the Barony was surprised by our decision, and was not ready for a peaceful transition. Dragons and Catfish on livery were being replaced by Compasses and Stars, blue and gold changed for black and white, but that is not my story.

After a final Feast in our beloved Canton (Sven and Bjorn were still disrespectful, but I didn't want them to die!) we put away the toys and games, we packed away the fish robes and coronets that were no longer the style. I retired to the Convent of the Sisterhood, where I might yet take up Orders. There have been several occasions when I wished to revisit Jararvellir and my friends, but modern conflicts have prevented this. Perhaps it's just as well. I reside in a house of soft beds and short prayers, where it is always May and the fritillaries are in bloom, where the only decisions are whether to sip wine or tea, where the Saints are observed with due solemnity and there is plenty of time to fondly recall the pomp and merriment, the art and the scholarship, and the love, friends, the love. So long, and thanks for all the fish!

From HE Mistress Elashava bas Riva, Third Baroness Jararvellir:

Being the third Baroness of Jararvellir was a great honor that gave me a chance to serve the group and my friends. I'd been in the Society for about 17 years, all of them in Jararvellir, when the opportunity arose. Those years leading up to March 1, AS 31, when Giles and I were invested as Baron and Baroness of the Barony by TRM Osis and Caitlin, were not always the easiest of times but we survived. It would be difficult to explain some of the controversy that led up to our investiture and I would rather not try. What the controversy ended up doing at that point was to cement our resolve to bring some stability to the group that had given us so much. This was (and is) our home, our friends, and, in many ways, our family and we wanted to give back some of what we had received.

Looking back, I am racking a brain that resembles a sieve to remember details like who got what awards and such and I could not do this at all if it were not for the Middle Kingdom Order of Precedence. During our tenure we didn't have a lot of peers within the group. Master Thorbjorn, MSCA, OP, had passed away and Siegfried von Kulmbach was our only knight within the group at that point. We had a handful of Laurels (Bronwyn, Calvin, Frederunde, and myself—though there might have been a few more that had not gaviated yet) and a couple of Pelicans (Bronwyn and Giles) and we gained two new peers in the Barony before we resigned our positions (Josceline Levesque was elevated to the Order of the Laurel and Arslan Sanjarzade Yildirim-Kilij was Knighted). But the strength of this group has never been in the awards we have gotten. It's been in hearts of the people and the diverseness of their interests.

When I first joined some (*fingers over my mouth*) mumblety-mumblety years ago, we had one member of the Chivalry (Thorbjorn), one Laurel (Perygen Northymbr) and no Pelicans but we had a lot of heart. Talented artisans and performers somehow took over every night or day of the week with some kind of activity so much so that Thorbjornstead instituted Tuesday nights as the night for the WhatNot. These activities would continue to grow, thrive and find ways to include any who wanted to learn. Many of the guilds and groups that we enjoy today were well established before we sat on the High Seats.

It was as a group where we were strongest. When the Middle Kingdom chose to give an award to a group of performers or artisans, the Grove, in AS 28, the principals of this Award were our Music Guild. We would be honoured to see the award given twice during our tenure--both the Choral Guild and the Middle Eastern Dancers Guild were so honored at Warriors and Warlords in AS 32.

We saw the Barony turn twenty-five, helped shepherd the group through three WWs, welcomed many to a Pas d'Arms and a Midrealm Tournament of Chivalry, and a number of events in our Canton of Coille Stoirmeil including our last court late in AS 35. The Barony supported the 2nd (Conn and Kassandra), 3rd (Siegfried and Therica), and 4th (Cnut and Nina) reigns of the Principality of Northshield from three months after we stepped up to the point that we joked that we did not have a Barony but retinue in our keeping. By the time we turned over the opportunity of leading and supporting the Barony to Adrian and Josceline on December 9, AS 35, we were comfortable in the knowledge that Jararvellir was a more stable place than when we had stepped up 3 years and 9 months before. And that was enough for us.

Josceline says the 35th anniversary celebration appears to be a success. Not all the receipts are tallied yet, and some refunds may need to occur both for merchants and for people who preregistered and were not able to attend. Æsa made lunch under budget and was sold out, so she returned approximately \$100. And with Castel Rouge having gifted the barony with the \$100 honorarium for the keynote speaker, that gave some relief to the budget. The feast may have refunds. Eleven people came in after troll closed. We maybe broke even. Chuck spoke up that expenses for feast were just under \$200, which brought the feast in at approximately a \$500 profit. Event accounting will be complete and reported in its final form at the June general meeting. Baron Ed had asked Josceline for fuel reimbursement for hauling the pavilions from and to storage in Tomah. It was moved and seconded that Baron Ed be reimbursed for his fuel expended up to \$150.

Josceline reports that Adrien would like to give over the Historian Office to an interested party. Josceline warns that there is a lot of historical documentation that goes with this office. He's had the office more than 15 but less than 20 years. This is a call for successors.

Baroness Eithni reports that the Gryphon's Needle Challenge has six teams already and she knows of four more teams. Sarra Romney will be providing food for the event. The site won't allow us use of their cooking facilities, but we can use Nescos.

Eithni also reports that people told her about the 35th that they'd never learned so much at an event. The Collegium was a noted success.

Come to ARRG at end of month. If you're not coming to fight, watch the fighters, point, and laugh. The fighters want you to. Besides, the nearby restaurant has good food.

Warriors and Warlords is right around the corner. The volunteer slots are coming up on the site. Go over and volunteer as you're able.

Tatiana says the 35th Troll process was a success and appreciates Shava being there for the vast majority of the time. She'll be refunding Bronwyn's merchant fee. The barony is only refunding other preregistrations on request.

MAY GENERAL MEETING minutes

In attendance: Reinholdt, Josceline, Nikolas der Ausländer, Wren, Eithni, Tatiana, James, Ivan, Marian Wollenschlager, Pirate Chucky, and Ermina.

Call to order at 7:05.

Ermina picked up all the info sheets from the Arts and Sciences exhibits from our 35th Anniversary. I'll return them via snail mail with thank you notes.

Second Tuesday at Ermina's May will be exploring making braes. Josceline suggested Ermina contact Master Broom, a laurel in the Middle Kingdom who got his laurel for research in underwear.

Reinholdt says there was one person who expressed interest in becoming Herald for Jararvellir. She's Kristyan Applegate. It was suggested that Reinholdt work with her as deputy through one reporting cycle. This reporting period ends June 30. Kristyan is proposed now for deputy, and her appointment will be brought to vote at the June general meeting, to be effective July 1. Reinholdt's two years of service were complete on January 1 of this year.

Wren reported that new people had approached her for help about making clothing. She's beginning to explore a sewing moot in September / October, She's looking at people bringing fabric, a dish to share. She's looking at having a space with room to lay fabric out for cutting, and for setting up sewing machines. There would also need to be mentors who would come help the attendees create basic garb. We're looking at either September 28 or October 5, and using Cottage Grove's VFW or the UW Memorial Union where we have one more meeting room reservation available monthly now that the general meetings are at Edgewood. Marion will also check availability at the Edgewood campus.

Reinholdt is putting out a call for assistance with going to the baronial storage unit to inventory and organize. The current inventory is way out of date.

From HE Mistress Josceline Levesque, Fourth Baroness Jararvellir:

One of the highlights of my tenure as Baroness of Jararvellir was the development of youth combat in the Middle Kingdom (to which we belonged at the time). Adrien & I were fortunate enough to witness the first youth tournaments ever held in the Middle Kingdom, at the Festival of Maidens in the Barony of Würm Wald in January of 2001. Our own baronial knight marshal at the time, HL Kitakaze Tatsu Raito, was among the first warranted youth combat marshals in the Kingdom, so it was not long before such tournaments were held in our lands (six months to be precise, at Warriors & Warlords that year).

Rapier combat continued to grow in popularity and prowess, in the Midrealm generally and Jararvellir specifically. In October of 2001, our Canton of Coille Stoirmeil hosted our Baronial Rapier Championship tournament. The following Spring, the very first ARRG event was held (in the disputed burgh of Ripon). There have been many Rapier Championship tournaments since then, and several ARRG events, but we were pleased to have a role in the first ones.

The peaceful arts were another highlight of my tenure. The Barony continued to experiment with specialty A&S events, including "A Stitch in Time" and "Ludere cum Igne (to Play with Fire)." In the Spring of 2002, the Barony's citizens distinguished themselves at the Northshield Arts & Sciences Faire, bringing home the banner that resides in the group that best acquits itself at the Faire. The banner was proudly displayed alongside the Baronial banner for the next year. The arts of dance and music were well represented at the Northshield Dance Seminar, led, in many cases, by the teachers and performers of Jararvellir.

In November of 2001, the victor of Northshield's Coronet Tournament was our own Baronial Knight Marshal, H.L. Kitakaze Tatsu Raito, fighting for the honor of our Baronial Chronicler, Baroness Elashava bas Riva. We were delighted that Northshield had the opportunity to be led by such wonderful people, but saddened that the Barony lost them as officers.

We witnessed the formation of a new incipient Canton to Jararvellir: Wolfhome. Although Wolfhome eventually suffered a grievous loss of population and disbanded before achieving full group status, it introduced the SCA to a number of talented individuals who continued to participate in other places, including Lord Ambrose and Lady Sile, who still reside in Jararvellir and regularly attend rapier practice, and others whom we see less often. Our full-status Canon of Coille Stoirmeil continued to grow and evolve, acquiring new members that broadened the number of activities pursued there. During our tenure, the Canton debuted a new event, That Moot Thingy, which preserved some traditions from the venerable (and retired) Feast of the

Beast and started a new one – indoor camping (far more civilized in February than the outdoor winter camping they do in Mistig Waetru, in my opinion). We also witnessed the final phase of the Principality of Northshield. In October of 2002, at Northshield's Investiture/Coronet Tournament event was delivered unto the Crown the Petition for advancement to Kingdom with the request to conduct an official Poll of its populace to determine support for this move. This request was granted with the advice of the Kingdom Curia. Never had Northshield felt more a part of the Middle Kingdom, as the Midrealm Crown was worn at that time by Korsvag's Tarrach & Fina, and then a year later by Nordskogen's Alisdair & Guenievre. One week after Warriors & Warlords, in July of 2003, Their Majesties Pieter & Nan Astrid announced in Their Court at the Rose Tournament that Northshield's petition for Kingdom status had been approved by the Board of Directors. Northshield's final Coronet Tournament was held in October of 2003 in the Shire of Midewinde, in the same month that the last Middle Kingdom Crown Tournament in which Northshields could participate was held in Caer Anterth Mawr. We attended both events, and Adrien fought for my honor in the Midrealm Crown lists.

In December of that year, we stepped down at Boar's Head, returning our coronets to Queen Guenievre and witnessing Her Investiture of Baroness Eithni. It was both the end of an era and the beginning of a glorious new one for both Jararvellir and Northshield.

From HE Mistress Eithni ingen Talorgain, Fifth Baroness Jararvellir:

I became Baroness at a very exciting time in Northshield's history. I was invested by the most wonderful Queen Guenievre du Dragon Vert, Queen of the Middle Kingdom and citizen of Northshield at Boar's Head in AS XXXVIII (2003). Therefore, I was Baroness of Jararvellir when Northshield became a Kingdom in October of AS XXXIX (2004). Our first King and Queen of Northshield, Siegfried von Kulmbach and Bredei nic Gillechattan both hailed from Jararvellir. They well and ably guided the new Kingdom and provided inspiration to a Populace embarking on a new adventure, independent of our Mother Midrealm. As a representative of the new Crown, I was honored to sit for the first reading of Northshield Law and even more pleased that our new Sovereigns had seen fit to provide us with a conservative number of laws, wisely and concisely constructed.

In evening court, it was with great pride that I saw many of Jararvellir's populace honored by being named as Premiers of the new Kingdom's awards and honors, including Cosimo do Cellini (Queen's Glove), Roisin ingen Aillel (Griffon's Sword), Gunther Kegslayer (Iron Griffin Legion), Mateo Monetero de Madrid (White Scarf), Cassandra Tenebrosa (Destrer), Trystan der

Facheltrager (Aquila), and Matthias Wolfbane (Bellerophon). In addition to this great list of honors, Viscountess Elashava bas Riva was put on vigil for the Order of the Pelican.

Shava has been the only Pelican made during my tenure as Baroness, but not the only Peer. We gained three knights: Gunther Kegslayer in the reign of Tarrach and Fina, Dumal Ruthilcarid by the hands of Æsa and Raito and now just recently Roisin ingen Aillel was welcomed to the Order of the Chivalry by Hagan and Eilis. Their Majesties Hagan and Eilis also made one of the two Laurels made during my tenure - Eliane Halevy. Their Majesties Lars and Mary honored me by making me the other.

Shortly after becoming Baroness, I felt that, while Jararvellir had many orders for specific things, we had no good way of recognizing merit that fell outside those closely defined orders or for continued merit in those who had already received entry into an order. Therefore, I instituted a new award, the Award of the Wellspring, to appropriately recognize these gentles. I chose as my Premiers of the award Robert the Stout, Heregyth Kettildottir, and Sir Guillaume Ethos Issac LeFort for their long term contributions to the Barony. Also on the subject of awards, our Herald, Reinholdt von Trollenhagen, has been attempting to register the names and badges of the Baronial awards. Unfortunately, he tells me that many of our Baronial awards are unlikely to pass, but we are likely to continue using them in their unregistered state nonetheless.

Another change came to the Barony with the closure of the Outpost of Wulfhomm. After struggling for some time and losing a number of key members, the members voted to close. Our Canton of Coille Stoirmeil, however, continues to be active and regularly hosts practices and events. Jararvellir's biggest event, Warriors and Warlords, run in conjunction with Nordskogen, also experienced some changes during this period. After several years at the NCN-North Campground, we unexpectedly found ourselves changing sites only weeks before WW XIV. Happily, we found a temporary home at the Rock Fest in Cadott, WI for WW XV and are looking forward to trying yet another new site in Boscobel this summer. The community is familiar with historical re-enactors and is excited to be hosting us, so hopefully we have found a new home for WW. Come join us this summer to see the new site!

