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(Monroe & Juneau County, WI)

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

BARONIAL MEETINGS, GUILDS, AND CONTACTS

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

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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 Trollehnagen (Mark Doyle) 338-5895, mark.doyle@qbeamericas.com

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

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

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

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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

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

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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

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

EPISTLE FROM THE BARONESS

Unto the populace of Jararvellir does Baroness Eithni ingen
Talorgain send greetings!

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you celebrated a peaceful holiday and enjoyed a joyous New Year's Eve with friends and family. This Sunday we will celebrate the Yule in the Barony and I hope to see many of you there. The Yule Moot is one of my favorite events of the year - good friends, tasty food, and satisfying relaxation always make for a wonderful day.

Next weekend I will travel north to the holiday celebration at Nordskog's Twelfth Night. My dear cousins Rodrigo and Khadijah will be entering into their well-deserved retirement and I look forward to welcoming my new cousins, Ilya and Saraïdh! It will be a major change for Nordskog, but I think that they will do a wonderful job and I look forward to working closely with them over the next few years.

January is a busy month! The very next weekend, we will host It's Only a Flesh Wound right here in Jara. It will be an entire day devoted to the art of armoured combat. However, we will be celebrating all aspects of armoured combat, not only on the field, but the impact it has on the other arts and sciences practiced during these Current Middle Ages, including costuming, calligraphy and illumination, and more... Please join us for a day to celebrate a day of combat! See <http://www.jararvellir.org/OnlyAFleshWound.htm> for details!

February is hardly less busy, with Hromnice Day, Estrella War, and Fighters School! It will be a busy but fun couple months! Work hard, play hard, and I'll see you there!

eithni

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Vote on Seneschal (Robert): The office has become vacant and Ivan has been the only one to express interest. **[Meeting orally approved that Ivan assume the office on February 1st]**

Vote on MoAS (Robert): Roisin is stepping down from the office to take on the duties of Knights Marshall. Ermina has expressed interest in the vacancy. **[Meeting orally approved that Ermina would assume the office immediately]** The Barony thanks Roisin for her service.

Next General Meeting (Robert): There will be no General Meeting in February. The next Meeting will be in March.

High Seat (Eithni): We have a number of events coming up. Next weekend will be Kingdom 12th Night in Nordskogen and will feature their baronial changeover. If you have anything to add to the gift basket I am preparing, please let me know.

The following weekend will be our own event (It's Only a Flesh Wound). Come and help out with the event and cheer on the fighters. There will be non-fighting activities as well. We now have the shiny Baronial coronets back, after repairs. They feature real pearls on top (now mounted in such a way that they will be easier to replace in the future). The craftswoman who was working on them forgot about them and refused to charge me for the repairs because of the oversight. But I think we should send her \$25 and our thanks to cover her expenses anyway. **[Robert will brief Tatiana on the details]**

Thank you for coming today!

Rapier Loaner Gear (Giles): Some of the rapier loaner gear has disappeared (including the blue suit). Does anyone know where it is? **[Robert will post to the list to remind people to return the gear]**

Baronial Anniversary and Collegium (Josceline): I would like permission to use the WW car ports (however many functional sets there are at this time. **[Meeting agreed]** Will also contact Nordskogen to get their approval.

STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We have our other regular dates and times through the end of January, but no dates scheduled thereafter (although no conflicts either). The official schedule can be found at:

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

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, January 20 at 10:30am

Please join us this month archers' brunch, starting at 10:30 am. Our kind host is HL John Bartholomew of Flanders, more commonly known as Jack at 1110 Colby Street (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 1110 Colby St:

Take your best route to John Nolen Drive, headed toward the Alliant Energy Center (Coliseum).

From the North: Drive south on John Nolen from the area of Monona Terrace and cross Monona Bay. After passing the park you will hit a stoplight. This is Lakeside Street, turn left. Follow directions below from Lakeside St.

From the South: Exiting on John Nolen from the Beltline, go past the Alliant Energy Center (Coliseum). The first stoplight is Olin Ave; go past this to the second stoplight, which is Lakeside Ave. Turn left onto Lakeside, and follow directions below.

Once on Lakeside: Heading west on Lakeside, the second street on the left is Colby Street; turn onto Colby. 1110 is at the top of the hill on the right, a one-story white house with black trim, a small front porch, and a garden out front.

Questions? Contact Sol (sol1040@gmail.com)

EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

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

January 2008

19—**Nordskogen Twelfth**

Night, Nordskogen
(Bloomington MN)

16—**12th Night: 7 Deadly**

Sins, Tree Girt Sea (Chicago IL)

February 2008

2—**Hromnice Celebration:**

Shattered Oak Celebrates 20

Years! Shattered Oak (Chippewa
Falls WI)

23—**Fighter's School**, Windhaven
(Kimberly WI)

LOCAL NEWS

DRUMMING GROUP STARTING!

I am starting a Medieval drumming group. We'll meeting at my house (630 Mayfair Ave, Madison; phone 332-8914) on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30, starting next Thursday January 17th. Then skipping January 24, thereafter every Thursday if interest holds.

For this activity I want to concentrate on Middle-Eastern rhythms and some African rhythms. The first half hour would always be for beginners. Dancers are always welcomed. Having a regular core group would really enhance the SCA experience.

shamus

(Alan Sponem aka "Shamus the drum maker")

New Arrivals (Thora): I am Thora and this is Caitlin, and we are new here from Schattentor.

It's Only A Flesh Wound (Kristin): The event is just about ready. We have the major positions covered but would welcome volunteers. We could use some help with event set-up (we'll be starting at 7am). Also with help with tear down (after the fighting is finished [or after court if there is one]). During the day, we could use help with porter. There is more than just fighting. An A&S competition (all entries must be heavy-combat related) will take place, and there will be time for performance pieces.

Bardic Madness (Eliane): Bardic madness is being held up north (and later in the season to accommodate this fact). It will be in late April in Phelps, WI. The site (a school) will have lots of space to sleep over. Contact me if you have any questions.

Directory (Paul): I have hard-copy Directories for sale (\$1 each). You can also get the Directory in electronic form (free) if you like by sending me an email.

Chronicler (Paul): It's the time of year when all *Skein* subscriptions end. If you want to receive the January *Skein* on Wednesday, I need to have your renewal form tonight. The suggested donation is \$12 for a year. I also need articles as I am running very low on material. [Meeting discussed press-ganging Trystan for more columns]

Yule Moot (Toussaint): I want to thank people for coming and also thank my staff for helping with set up (Eithni, Bridei, Jois, and Reinholdt). A special thank you to Eithni for finding the site (and Bridei!). We made about \$110 on donations and (while the Church did not charge us for use of the site) I would like to give them a \$60 donation. [Meeting approved a \$60 donation to Church]

WW (Æsa): We had a very good site visit at Boscobel yesterday. They liked us (the mayor showed us around!) and we liked them.

Brewing and Vintning (Robert): There will be a beer appreciation class at Gray's Tied House in Verona, on the first Tuesday in February. See the List for more details.

Knights Marshall (Roisin): Because of the unclear new policies, everyone (even non-fighters) should sign the SCA roster-waiver each time they attend the Stock Pavilion for practices. This is in addition to the UW waiver.

Stock Pavilion (Reinholdt): I will check on the Stock Pavilion availability in February.

Needlearts (Ermina): We are continuing the “second Tuesdays at Ermina’s.” In February, Moira will be teaching how to create socks (including how to knit the heels).

Chatelaine (Eliane for Wren): How many people tonight are new to the SCA or the Barony? For May Day, consider bringing new people. Moots are nice low-pressure events and a good introduction for new people.



NO GENERAL MEETING IN
FEBRUARY!

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 2,
AT 7PM, EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

yule moot

Having skipped it last year, the Barony once again held its annual Yule Moot (this time in a new location). The Moot kicked off at 1, with a relaxed schedule of game playing and hand work. The Choir presented two sad and slow songs and a lively encore. The day was capped by a brief Baronial Court (hastened by the delicious smells from the kitchen) followed by potluck feast and the January General Meeting.



Photos by Elashava

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greetings My Friends!

As some of you may or may not know this past November The Canton of Coille Stoirmeil lost one of its family - Karl Von Thun.

We have an event coming up in March. I am planning on a Memorial table. Here's the help part. I need Pictures and Stories about Karl. I know he had a lot of friends. The only pictures I can find on unofficial gallery are Silver Forest. He was already showing his illness. I would love all kinds of pictures, and stories. Did Karl help you? or do something you'll always remember? I am keeping the stories confidential using it like a poster story board. Please email me off list at capan47@hotmail.com

I thank you in advance for any help, stories, etc.

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CATERINA DI BONANNO

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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) 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.

THE TAX MAN COMETH

by Annora le Spindlere

After the celebrations of Twelfth Night are past our attentions often turn to another tradition that dates well back before the SCA period...trying to avoid the tax collector.

But did you know that your involvement with the SCA could help you with that? The SCA, and thusly our Barony, is a tax-exempt educational organization under IRS section 501(c)(3). That means that donations to the SCA are tax deductible. That would include your donation for the Skein! In some cases you may even be able to deduct your mileage or out of pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the SCA (sorry...that doesn't include the cost of your new armor or garb). If you are making non-cash contributions to the SCA (loaner gear, etc) be sure to ask for a receipt as non-cash contributions to eligible tax-exempt organizations deductible as well.

In order to deduct charitable contributions you do need to file a long form 1040 and itemize deductions. Even then, individual tax situations vary and there are rules about substantiating the deductions so please see your tax advisor to see how your involvement in the SCA may benefit you at tax time.

Hosted by the Barony of Jararvellir it's only A FLESH WOUND

January 26, 2008

Gate opens at 8am and site closes at 9pm

Jefferson County Fair Park
503 North Jackson Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549

Site Fee: Adults \$8.00; 5-12: \$3.00; Under 5: free (Non Member Surcharge will apply)

Food is available for purchase on site from vendor

Tourney Schedule: Great Axe, Florentine, Great Sword, Weapon and Shield, Atlantian Speed Tourney for the unbelted, Unbelted Champions vs the Chivalry, Pole Arm, Mixed Weapons, 3-person Melee (only 1 member of the Chivalry per team), Valhalla

First tourney will start PROMPTLY at 10:00. Authorizations are at 9:00 and by appointment only through the Marshal in charge. Showers on site.

A&S competition/display. All entries must somehow be connected to armored combat, whether it is a piece of armor or a scroll blank with a fighter on it.

A&S classes starting at 9am

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