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FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

To Our wonderful populace from the Baron and Baroness,

'SCA Time' is an interesting thing, isn't it? No, We don't mean what you probably think we do. We aren't talking about things that are not on time, but the calendar. SCA years begin in May, as does the Baronial calendar. And instead of new growth in the Spring, the Barony tends to grow the most in Autumn. And we don't mean the recent baby boom...

I'm sure you, as we, have seen many new faces about. It's always nice to see new people who are interested in doing what we do. We're sure the recent demos on the Library Mall and Edgewood College have helped us swell our ranks. To those who were able to come out and spend some time with potential new members, you have our thanks.

And in order to welcome these fine new people into the SCA, we're having a whole host of different activities at the Harvest Moot on October 17 at Edgewood College. In particular, our Baronial Champions will host activities in each of their respective areas. If you're new, come on out and see what there is to do, but don't feel limited in having to do what someone else already is doing. If you're an old hand, come out and show off what you do so others can see it. They may be interested.

In service,

RAITO AND ÆSA

DEMO THANK YOUS

I would like to thank everyone who came out this week to participate in the Library Mall and Edgewood demos. Particular thanks go out to Aelina and Marion for their parts in site procurement.

YIS,

LADY ANNORA LE SPINDLERE

Demo Coordinator

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Eithni, Iohanna Carracci, Raito, Marian, Paul Wickenden, Tegan, Calvin Patten Jr, Annora, Cwen, Jack, Sol, Lance, and Ivan Rezansky.

Combat Archery Event (Jack): Cheshire Company wants to sponsor a combat archery event in late February or early March. I'm putting something together and will bring it next month for review. We want to avoid any conflicts with Nordskogen or with Gulf Wars. Probably will shoot for February 19th (Ivan will check the Seneschal's list).

Directory (Cwen): I posted a call for volunteers to take the position of Directory Coordinator and got five responses. Two folks (Kindorn and Bronwen) gave me statements of interest. Kindorn writes that he wants to meet new people in the Barony. He's computer literate and experienced with several programming systems. He likes to complete projects. Bronwen writes that she wants to render service to the Barony and has 30 year of computer and database experience. She's also done directories in the past for the Horde and for the Barony. Can we vote on this next month even though it is just being officially announced now? **[Meeting decided that as long as no new candidates present before next month that we will vote between Kindorn and Bronwen at next month's meeting. If there is more interest, we will announce the full slate at next month's meeting.]**

Scroll Folders (Iohanna for Eile): The scroll folder workday went well. However, Eile made some mistakes when figuring her budget and underestimated her expenses. She was budgeted \$50 but spent \$58-59. **[Meeting approved reimbursing her the full amount]**

Fall Moot (Iohanna): A reminder that we are having a moot at Edgewood this month. While it is at Edgewood, it is in a different location — the Dominican multipurpose room. The school is letting us use a nearby parking lot. Consult the map on the event website for the location of the event and of parking. Lots to eat and lots to do. In addition to what is on the calendar, C&I will be bringing materials as well.

Demo Coordinator (Annora): Thanks to everyone who helped with the demos. We have one more coming up — a Boy Scout demo on Friday night November 5th at 7pm. I would like to get some fighters to show up.

Exchequer (Annora): I am getting ready to do my first quarterly report.

Early Period Symposium (Marion): EPS has been cancelled. We are looking for dates to reschedule and may have to move it to the fall.

Pursuivant (Karl): I've been trying to start working on the Baronial OP but haven't been able to find the information or get it from others.

Baronial Banners (Sol): I have a number of projects in mind. One of them is to work on new banners for the Barony. These would cover the Baronial officers and the Baronial awards that have registered devices. I thought that this could be a good project for new folks. In all, I was thinking of about thirteen banners total but we could start with a small number to begin. I'm still figuring things out and don't have a budget yet, but wanted to bounce the idea off of the Barony. I'll bring a more concrete plan next month.

Baronial Regalia (Sol): I'm also interested in working on replacement regalia.

Raito: We could use smaller thrones that are easier to store, transport, and carry. We also need a working pair of coronets (there are a number of half pairs or ones that don't fit, but only have the leather ones for a good pair). **[General extended discussion of costs of building new coronets -- probably at least \$400+ each for materials]** But let's focus on high seats instead of crowns because (when I have the time), I have materials and could create replacement coronets for cheap. Replacing the seats is a higher priority.

Eithni: There are not that many people who make them. So, rather than putting out a general call, we could simply contact them with what we want and see what they could do. [Meeting asked Raito to provide specifications and requirements for how the seats should be built -- He indicated that They are very busy. It was decided that when They are able to provide the specifications, the Barony will proceed to investigate costs and options]

A&S Champion Medallion (Sol): Finally, I want to work with the

previous A&S champions to create a medallion for the position. I won't need a budget until I know what we are going to create.

Lance: Nothing

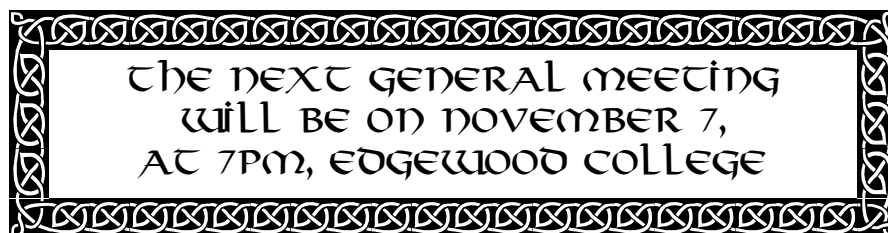
Eithni: Nothing.

Chronicler (Paul): I wanted to review the guild contacts and make sure that the information is up to date. [The meeting reviewed list]

Tegan: Hi.

High Seat (Raito): Thank you for coming to the demos. We've had a number of new faces showing up. Send these new people to the Moot. It's far less pressure than going to a regular event.

Seneschal (Ivan): Our next meeting will be on November 7th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

115 SCROLL CASES BUILT!

Thanks for everyone's help with the work day! Thanks, Eliane, for hosting! Between the cases returned, the cases contributed and those assembled at our workday, there are a total of 115 scroll cases!

Most were made with plain muslin, so we will be stamping them at C&I.

In service,
eile

ARCHERY AT PENNSIC

[Editor's Note: this message was posted a month ago to the Jara list, but I was not able to publish it at the time. Since it provides lots of valuable information, I decided to publish it this month.]

Greetings to the list! I'm still unpacking from Pennsic, but I wanted to post here about the doings on the archery ranges at Pennsic this year. We were frightfully underrepresented in the area of champion-level archers this year (compared to most years previous), so it was a real challenge to measure up to the contribution that Northshield has historically made on the archery lists. I saw some familiar faces on the range, naturally, (thank you all for coming out!) and some fresh talent rose to the challenge of bending a bow for Northshield as well. Keep it up- every point counts!

The conditions on the range were daunting- zero shade, merciless heat, TONS of walking, not to mention the range's new location on the arse-end of the Pennsic map (challenging to locate without a native guide). Even so we had our stalwarts who persevered and braved these conditions for their Kingdom. [Note: I am still collecting/ collating scores from any and all who shot for Northshield, so PLEASE e-mail me your scores directly to ensure that your points get tallied! We want to estimate exactly how much of an impact we made on the archery war points this year.]

I DO know that Northshield's champions each won >1% of the total populace points reported for the Middle, and our mercenary archers, the Bastard Brigade, dished out fully 10% of our side's tally! Just a handful of old hands and up-and-comers adding their skill to these efforts at future Pennsic Wars could win these war-points for our side consistently. This is, and should be, our goal-- Old wisdom may have counseled that the Kingdom the Atlantians side with will win the archery war points, but I propose that it is time to rewrite this adage and show the Known World that Northshield can tip the scales on the archery lists as well as in the heavy battles and the rapier melees!

Final scores may be gleaned at: <http://www.kellswood.com/ekscores/history-pennsic39.htm> In brief- the East collected 5,403 points and 4865 points in populace shoots #1 and #2, respectively, while the Middle scored 4,722 points and 4026 points. (Averages are

hard to estimate since total participants was NOT reported this year for some reason). The East only prevailed by a slim 12% margin, a gap that begs to be closed!

Should our mercenary company (with which we enjoy a strong bond through Countess Elizabeth Von Kulmbach) fulfill their vow to swell their ranks by Pennsic 40, should our champion archers return in force next year, and should some who may have been bow-curious take the plunge and infiltrate a practice or three during this upcoming year I know that Northshield can gather up this much slack all by ourselves. Check out groups near YOU and find out when archery practices are being held and join this initiative- the crown desires it, their generals wish it, and it's a terrific way to get involved in the excitement of the war effort! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have about how to get involved in shooting archery points at Pennsic and other wars.

THE HONORABLE TRUSTAN DER FACKELTRAGER

Target Archery General for Pennsic 39

PENNSIC MOVED FORWARD IN 2013

Due to a decision to host the National Fireworks Convention in August 2013 at Cooper's Lake Campground, Pennsic War is being bumped up to July. The Pennsic War in 2013 will take place July 19 - August 4:

"Cooper's Lake Campground will play host to the National Fireworks Convention in August 2013, bringing \$4.5 Million to Butler County, PA and bumping the Pennsic War forward to July. More than 20,000 fireworks enthusiasts from around the country are expected to attend the event August 12-16, 2013. "We were looking for a wide, open space that could accommodate our activities, plus be accessible for our members," said Pyrotechnics Guild International, Inc. (PGI) President Bill Bahr about facilities for the organization's annual convention. Fireworks competitions will take place each night of the event."

And they thought we are weird... - ed.

SCA CENSUS

There is a project that impacts future of the SCA in a very real way. It is the SCA Census 2010 project.

The SCA Census 2010 Committee was asked by the Board of Directors to develop a census-level survey to help the SCA to move forward into the next decade; to identify, address and work on current issues; to gain a deeper understanding into what makes the SCA what it is today; and to delve into the reasons for joining, remaining in, and leaving the SCA.

So far we have heard from over 10,000 past and present participants, a good first step. Of these 10,000, only 1000 are folks who no longer participate in the SCA. We need to hear from you all, especially the folks that no longer actively participate. We would ask each of you, if able, reach out to those past participants who left the SCA and ask their assistance by taking this survey.

The only way we can understand what is important is by hearing from you, so please take the time to complete the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCA2010Census or visit www.sca.org.

The Survey will remain open until December 1st. Once the data collection is completed, the results of this survey will be made available on the SCA 2010 Census website. Be assured that the survey data collected or published will remain completely anonymous and will not be sold or shared beyond this survey's purpose. You will never be asked for information that will identify you.

If you would like to learn more about the SCA 2010 Census, if you have questions or ideas about the project, please contact the committee at scacensus2010@sca.org.

With your help we can create an SCA which will last another 4 decades.

ERIK LANGHANS

Director, SCA Inc.

(Sir Modius von Mergentheim, KSCA, OL, OP)

THROWN WEAPONS INTERKINGDOM COMPETITION

For those interested in Thrown Weapons, the scores for the Thrown Weapons Interkingdom Competition (TWIC) have been updated through September. They can be found at: <http://towerr.com/twic2010.htm> The Keeper of the TWIC, Arion the Wanderer, passes along this note with the announcement of scores:

"The TWIC is alive and very healthy this year. Lots of Kingdoms are playing. If your Kingdom isn't playing, you are missing all the fun! Find out how to play at: <http://towerr.com/twic.htm>. There is still plenty of time to get scores in. You can do only one weapon (axe, knife or spear) and only need one score to play."

JACK

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Directory Coordinator — the directory coordinator produces the Baronial directory once a year (usually around November/December). Most of the work occurs during the Fall, when the information on the Directory is updated. This mostly involves showing people the current information and processing updates. The data itself is stored in MS Access but can be converted to other formats as needed/desired. The director coordinator also publishes and sells the directory. If you are interested in the position contact Cwen (the current directory coordinator) at 285-5404 or cwen@uwalumni.com or the Seneschal.

Deputy Chronicler — The Deputy Chronicler helps with the production of the *Skein* and other print publications, as needed. The primary responsibility is helping the Chronicler with taking minutes at the General Meeting or publishing and distributing the *Skein* during periods when the Chronicler cannot do it. Familiarity with desktop publishing, strong communication skills, and ability to meet tight deadlines a plus. If you are interested in the position (or wish to learn more about its requirements), please contact Paul Wickenden at goldschp@tds.net.



EVENTS



OUT AND ABOUT

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

October 2010

15-17—The Youth Get a Castle,
the Adults Get a Tent!, **Caer
Anterth Mawr** (Kiel WI)

December 2010

4—Feast of Boar's Head
XXXIV, **Caer Anterth Mawr**
(West Bend WI)

January 2011

29—It's Only A Flesh Wound,
Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)

June 2011

3-5—Mermaid's Retreat,
Turm an dem See (Valders
WI)

EARLY PERIOD symposium CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen conflicts in both the SCA and mundane world, we have decided it is best to reschedule Early Period Symposium (EPS). EPS is going to be rescheduled for sometime in the near future.

Thanks to all who volunteered to teach and to help and I hope you plan to volunteer again for when the event is rescheduled.

Please pass this on to other e-lists and to people who were planning on attending that may not be on the e-lists.

Thanks again,

SVANHILDOR FARBJORDSDOTTIR



LOCAL NEWS



STOCK PAVILION schedule

We have all of our regular dates through the end of the year, except for December 5th. The full schedule can be found at:

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

FLETCHER'S GUILD

Fletcher's Guild is back on a normal schedule. Hope to see you there!

And for those of you who may not have been coming/might not already know, we are often working on more projects than just arrows on these nights... if you want to come be social with a fiber/wood/chainmail/etc project, please do! We have many wood and leather tools we are also willing to let folks use.

JOIS & TOUSSAINT

NEEDLEARTS GUILD

Aelf has offered to host the fifth Tuesday of the month when they happen, so the "new" regular schedule is:

- 1st Tuesday - Dobra Tea House
- 2nd Tuesday - Moira's House
- 3rd Tuesday - Helena's House
- 4th Tuesday - Mochi's house
- 5th Tuesday (when occurring) - Aelf's House

All nights 7ish-9:30ish. As always, if you have any questions please call me 608-957-2392 or email me at helenacaxton@gmail.com

SARA/HELENA

JARARVELLIR HARVEST MOOT

Sunday, October 17, 10am—5:30pm

Instead of a Newcomer's Feast this fall we will be having a Harvest Moot and the entire Barony (and friends), new persons and experienced, all are welcome to enjoy the company of our friends and the hopefully lovely fall weather.

Location: Edgewood College - Dominican Multipurpose Room (and the outdoor space in this area of the campus) and the UW Stock Pavilion (for archery and thrown weapons).

Site Fee: Donation Only

Schedule:

10:00am Setup Begins - Site Opens

10:30am Archer's Brunch

11:30am A&S Champion sponsored display begins

11:45am Archery and TW should head to the Stock Pavilion (there will be an Archery Champion specialty shoot)

1:30pm Armored Combat Champion sponsored event, Rapier Champion sponsored event

3:30pm A&S performance entries

4:30pm Potluck

5:30pm Clean-up Begins - Site Closes

So, mark your calendars and start planning your harvest recipes.

iohanna

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

The Jararvellir Artillery Brunch will not occur separately in October. It will be combined with the Harvest Moot

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BARONIAL MEETINGS, GUILDS, AND CONTACTS

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

Archery Practice Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-8PM. 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

Brewing & Vintning 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

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

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

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

Fool's Guild

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

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

Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location

Contact: Lady Helena Caxton (Sara Andrews) 608-957-2392, helenacaxton@gmail.com

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

Contact: Annora (Wendy Nelson) 438-6530, wendybyrd42@yahoo.com

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: Mistress Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 628-7782

Thrown Weapons Sundays Noon. UW Stock Pavilion.

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

Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TITU

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

WhatNot Sundays 7pm. Knuckledown Saloon, 2513 Seiferth Rd., Madison WI 53716

Contact: Elizabeth von Kalmbach.

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