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JARARVELLIR JARNS



SECOND QUARTER A.S. XLVIV



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His Excellency Robert the Stout  
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## FROM his excellency

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Greetings to the Barony of Jararvellir from Robert, your Baron-

By the time you read this Missive, the Barony will have the letters of intent from those interested in becoming the Baron and/or Baroness of Jararvellir. I am happy to say that we have six groups of people interested in the seat, which means we will have an initial poll to bring the pool down to three candidates. More details will be coming. In the meantime, I encourage you to talk to the candidates. One of them will be chosen by Their Royal Majesties to be the face of Jararvellir.

I am happy to report that members of our Barony have been recognized by Their Majesties for their service to Northshield. Ginerva of Jararvellir received her Award of Arms. Cosimo was awarded the Cygnus, Don Thomas was placed on vigil for the Order of Defense, and James Applegate is on vigil for the Order of Chivalry. Congratulations to all!!

Jararvellir has two new champions. Valdis Bryningsdottir is my new A&S champion, and Toussaint de Caluwe is my Archery champion. Thank you to Moira niConnell the Strongbow, and Ronin for their service as my champions this last year.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that Warriors and Warlords is approaching soon. This is the largest event in Northshield, and it is run by Nordskogan and Jararvellir together. Please consider volunteering, especially with site clean up. More hands make the work go quicker.

Robert The Stout  
Baron of Jararvellir



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# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**Present:** Gerald Loosehelm, Cledwyn Radcliffe, Gunther Kegsleyer, Svein Tunheim, Toussaint de Caluus, Davin Patterson, Jois Corbet, Jahn otoutman, meadhbh inghean UiNeil, Aesa Gilsdottis, Nikolaus der Auslanda, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager, Tuiren de Lisle, Justin Flat, Sara Then, Denis Zdanousky, Ingrid the Crafty, Gwenhwyvar Verch Owen Ap Morgan, Eithni, John Bartholomn of Flanders, Alessandra Salviati Creelle, Trystan, Matthias Mati Schwasl, Fiona the Younger, Aoife, Moife, Matthuिन, Yelle, Rhys, Speranza, Istabu

**Gerald:** Arts and Sciences new champion Valdis (see robs missive), banner project.

**Niklaus:** Music guild, room scheduling bumpyness, currently concentrating on sacred music.

**Istabu:** Planning ahead for next school year.

**Cledwyn:** nothing to report.

**Svein:** In armored we have some new people and some coming multiple times.

**Jois:** Fletching had 7 last week, archery is going well, and the champion shoot was today at practice.

**Toussaint:** Throwing weapons will be taking place June 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Aesa:** Available for exchequer stuff.

**Robert:** Toussaint is new archery champion; WW is in a month and remember to volunteer.

**Gunther:** If you want to help setups contact Ed via Mattias. Treated battlefield today, site has been opened up. Work weekends are open to work and claim spots. T-shirt sales need help. T-shirt contest is open.

**Jack:** Youth boffer attendance drop, hopefully end of school year will help attendance. Happening a lot outside of barony.

**Tristian:** Demo mad rollin interest again, but July is booked.

Alofe: Stock pavilions funds to turn in.

**Gerald:** A&S bid Feb 13 2016 Warner park community center \$15 120 break event double check events

**Assesandra:** Baronial banner project. no 2

Seneschal voting: winner is Toussaint

Baronial candidate voting. There will be a Q & A at the stock pavillion July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

Future meeting date changes:

July meeting will be June 28

August meeting August 16

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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General meetings are usually booked for the first Sunday of every month unless noted in 116 Predolin Hall at Edgewood College.

The next meeting will be held 6.28.2015 at 7:00PM.



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## LOCAL NEWS

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### EUROPEAN DANCE PRACTICE

**Details for those new to the dance practices:** We do period dances of Italy, France, and England from the 15th and 16th centuries, as well as later dances upon request. The dances range from extremely easy to rather complex. Dances are for couples, trios, and larger groups. One does not need a partner to attend dance practice. No experience necessary, all dances are taught. If you can walk, you can dance.

**Time:** 1st & 3rd Sundays 3-5PM, 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7-9PM Please keep an eye out on the Jararvellir email list or Facebook group for updates on if practice will be held or if circumstances entail canceling.

**Location:** Capitol Lakes Retirement Center, 333 W. Main St. Center (Two blocks off the capitol square. Parking on the street is free on Sundays and after 6PM.) The room is the exercise studio that is part of their Aquatic & Wellness Center. There will be a roster waiver set up for everyone to sign when they show up. Please sign in. Please, no street shoes in the room. Either bring a pair of shoes specifically for dancing or plan on dancing in socks or bare feet. There are cubby holes for shoes across from the room.

If you have questions, call me at 608.213.1107 Hope to see you there!

Elashava bas Riva (justShava®), OL



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# EVENTS

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## OUT AND ABOUT

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

### June

- 12-14 [Border Skirmish](#) Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (Elkhorn WI)  
19-21 [Artisan's Circle](#) Shire of Falcon's Keep (Stratford WI)  
19-21 [Inspirational Invitational](#) Shire of Darkstone (Iron River WI)  
26-28 [Over the River Part "Fork"](#) Shire of Hvitskogar (Merrill WI)

### July

- 9-12 [Warriors and Warlords](#) Barony of Nordskogen (Osseo WI)

### August

- 7-9 [Poorman's Pennsic](#) Shire of Falcon's Keep (Wisconsin Rapids WI)



# meet YOUR BARONIAL CANDIDATES

Letters of Intent and Resumes

## Matthias of Rolling Oaks and Fiona the Younger

Greetings Your Royal Majesties King Tom II and Queen Sigrid II, Your Royal Highnesses, Your Excellency Baron Robert the Stout, and THL Rhys ap Owein ap Gwyn Seneschal of Barony of Jararvellir,

We, THL Matthias of Rolling Oaks, Protégé to Her Excellency Greta Rahikkainen OP and THL Fiona the Younger wish to submit our letter of intent and resumes for Baron and Baroness of Jararvellir. It is our hope to bring a fresh new perspective to the High Seats, to foster unity within the Barony of Jararvellir, the Canton of Coille Stoirmeil, and to create and maintain relationships Kingdom wide. We see that this is possible with our vast array of friends throughout the Known World, being able to draw on our SCA and modern world experience, and added along with a dash or two of "schtick" to lighten the hearts and minds of the Populace where and when appropriate!

Some of our promises to you, the Barony of Jararvellir, and The Barony's populace if we are chosen for the High Seats of Jararvellir:

First of all, "If it isn't broke, we do not intend to try and fix it!"

We will be available to any member of the populace, whether face to face or via electronic means, to listen to whatever is on their mind.

One or both of us will attend EVERY event within the Barony and Canton and when we can, represent the Barony of Jararvellir throughout the Kingdom and beyond.

We will support not only the various Guilds and groups within the Barony and Canton, but also the individual members to the very best of our abilities. In with this, we will try to attend meeting and gathering for the various Guilds and groups within the Barony and Canton so we can experience what they are about.

If chosen for the High Seats of Jararvellir, we both will consider it an honor and privilege to serve.

Thank you for your consideration,

THL Matthias of Rolling Oaks, Protégé to Her Excellency Greta Rahikkainen OP (Matthew Schwall)

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## SCA Experience

<b>March 1998</b>	Went to my first ever event, Haire Affaire
<b>Jan. 2004</b>	Moved to Jararvellir
<b>Jan. 29, 2005</b>	Became a warranted Chirurgeon at Nordskogen's Twelfth Night
<b>Oct. 2005-Jan. 2011</b>	Baronial Chirurgeon for Jararvellir
<b>Oct. 2005-Oct. 2007</b>	Baronial Exchequer for Jararvellir
<b>April 2008-Jan. 2011</b>	Regional Chirurgeon for MN, WI, Ontario & the UP
<b>Jan. 2009-Jan. 2011</b>	Emergency Kingdome of Northshield Chirurgeon
<b>Jan. 2011-Jan. 2013</b>	Kingdom of Northshield Chirurgeon
<b>Jan. 2013-Present</b>	Emergency Kingdome of Northshield Chirurgeon

**Various Dates** I was the CIC for many events including: many Warriors and Warlords, Poor Man's Pennsics, That Moot Thingies, Crown Tournaments, Coronations, and many other events. I helped with setups and teardowns of many events including several Warriors and Warlords and That Moot Thingies. I have also done various other services for the Kingdom of Northshield such as doing gate, security, and tee-shirt/ice sales at many events.

**SCA Awards** **Barony Awards:** Barony of Jararvellir: The Order of the Pisces, Liaison Poisson, Wellspring, and The Order of the Golden Scales

**Kingdom of Northshield:** Award of Arms, Cygnus, and Hand of Tyr (Order of Tyr)

## Education

<b>May 2010</b>	<b>Associate Degree in Applied Science</b> , Madison Area Technical College, Madison, WI Clinical Laboratory Technician Program Eligible for MLT(ASCP) June 2010 GPA: 3.405/4.0
<b>May 2004</b>	<b>Technical Diploma</b> , Madison Area Technical College, Madison, WI Certified Nursing Assistant License # 274640 Inclusion Date: 03/22/2004 Expiration Date: 03/22/2012 GPA: 4.0/4.0



## Clinical Experience

**April-May 2010 Clinical Laboratory Technician Clinical Experience,** St. Mary's Hospital  
Madison, WI  
Performed types, screens, cross matches, HDN workups, and FMB workups.

**Jan.-April 2010 Clinical Laboratory Technician Clinical Experience,** Dean Health, Madison, WI  
Performed phlebotomy, urinalysis, occult blood, routine hematology, and chemical analysis. Set up cultures and antibiotic sensitivities, read culture plates, and did rapid testing.

## Experience

**Sep. 2010-Present Medical Laboratory Technician,** Dean Health, Madison, WI  
Duties include: perform phlebotomy, urinalysis, occult blood, routine hematology, set up cultures, rapid testing, running the lab, and perform billing.

**Aug. 2008-Dec. 2010 Customer Service Representative,** Madison Area Technical College Welcome Center, Madison, WI  
Duties include: answered questions from students, staff, and visitors; answered phone calls; issued students their OneCards and bus passes; handled parking information; took payments for tuition, meal plans, and parking permits.

**April 2004-Sep. 2010 Certified Nurse's Assistant,** Midwest Home Care, Madison, WI  
Duties include: companionship, housekeeping, assist with physical therapy regimens; check and record client's vital signs; assist with all aspects of daily living activities including medication, catheterization, meal preparation, and orientation; and communication with client, client's family, and other caregivers about the client's care.

**May 1998-Jan. 2004 Assistant Manager,** Hot N Now Hamburgers, Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
Duties include: opened and closed store and did daily paperwork; did weekly supply orders; prepared schedule for all employees; did employee evaluations; helped with interview process; handled customer complaints; did bank runs; took customer orders, collected money, prepared customer orders, and bagged customer orders.

**Awards**  
**Dean's List – Honors** Fall 2008 and Spring 2010  
**William T. Evjue Foundation Scholarship** Fall 2008  
**Doctor Family Scholarship** Fall 2009 and Spring 2010  
**Way To Go Single Parents Scholarship** Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, and Spring 2010

**Special Interests** Society for Creative Anachronism, Kumihimo, archery, target shooting, reading, board games, and photography

Matthew Schwall

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THL Matthias of Rolling Oaks started his SCA career in the mid 1990's at an anniversary of the Mid Realm, where he was handed his personna "on a silver platter" by Thorbjorn Greysides and Therica. If you haven't heard the story-ask Matthias! He'll gladly tell you!

Started in the Proto-incipient Canton of Cascade de Pierre Rouge (Montello), and have been in the Canton of Coille Stoirmeil since 1997.

Matthias has served the Canton as Seneschal, Herald, and Event Steward multiple times.

Has been a part of the WW event staff since WW V.

He is Protégé to Her Excellency Greta Rahikkainen OP

Matthias has received the following awards:

Baronial Awards: Wellspring, Pisces, and Golden Scales

Kingdom Awards: AoA, Purple Fret (2), Cygnus, and Hand of Tyr (Order of Tyr).

Matthew Schwall has been a Service Writer at the same small, family owned used car and light truck sales and repair facility for over 15 years. Prior to that he owned and operated his own limousine service for over 10 years, starting with one, and having built up to three when he closed the business.

## **Don Robert Talbot (MKA Justin Flatt) and Dona Leona Talbot (MKA Sara Then)**

Unto The Seneschal, Baron and people of Jararvellir do Don Robert Talbot (MKA Justin Flatt) and Dona Leona Talbot (MKA Sara Then) extend warmest greetings:

This letter shall serve as our letter of intent to run for Baron and Baroness of Jararvellir. Many of you may know us, many may not. It is our intent to make this also our introduction to those of you who may not know us.

Robert Talbot started in the SCA in 1996 by a friend who listened in on him describing his experience at the Bristol Renaissance Faire, which he'd first been to that summer. His first event was a dance moot in Falcon's Keep. From there, he attended any event he could, ranging from Northshield Dance Academy to Fighter School to small household gatherings of friends. Eventually he moved to the East Kingdom, where his interest in fencing blossomed. He earned his first Authorization in 2000 at an event in Concordia of the Snows. This love of rapier followed him back to Northshield when he returned the following year. Through the years he's been autocrat, champion, tailor, fighter, courtier, and an officer of Barony and kingdom alike.

Leona Talbot had a modest start to her SCA career, at a small, friendly gathering at Elspeth O'Leary's house in 2002. From this humble Windhaven gathering, her SCA career ballooned. Besides being an accomplished rapier combatant, Leona also enjoys the A&S side of the Society. She is a seamstress, a glass etcher, silk banner painter and potter. Her interest in heraldry bit her early, and she served Windhaven as their Baronial herald, and still maintains her Herald-at-Large status. She served Jararvellir as Baronial chronicler. She is starting to test the waters of teaching in an A&S context.

While we feel that perhaps no one is properly qualified the first time they sit a high seat, whether baronial or kingdom, we feel our rich experiences both of our own and peripherally through our friends in the society will stand us in good stead on the Fishy Thrones.

As we consider the things we'd do as Baron and Baroness, we came back to a theme our last time we ran, and that is to foster is people's secondary hobbies. As we look around our very talent rich Barony, we see so many people good at so many things and recognized mostly for their first love. Whether you're an accomplished scribe who happens to shoot a good round of archery, or a fighter who also made all of that very impressive garb you're wearing, we want to see these other talents get a chance in the spotlight.

Finally, while it's important to grow our Barony, we mustn't forget the baronies around us. In our early years, we travelled from Windhaven to Jararvellir and other surrounding groups to learn and grow as members of the Society. We feel that in these recent difficult times that such travel has become difficult for people, to the detriment of all. We want to focus on some ways of getting back to that place of a larger kingdom community.

We've seen firsthand how demanding the job of Baron and Baroness are. We're fully prepared to dedicate the time and effort necessary to being the face of the Barony to the Kingdom, and to the Knowne World. We have come to love Jararvellir as our home. We welcome this opportunity to give back to our beloved Barony some of what was invested in us.

Your servants, for Crown and Barony,

Robert and Leona

Don Robert Talbot, O.W.S.N.S., Q.G., A.O.C.

Dona Lady Leona Talbot, O.W.S.N.S., Q.G., A.O.C.

## **Rhys ap Owein ap and Gwenhwyvar verch Owen ap Morgan**

Unto the Barony of Jararvellir, warmest greetings from the Honorable Lord Rhys ap Owein ap Gwyn and the Honorable Lady Gwenhwyvar verch Owen ap Morgan! We wish to put ourselves forward as candidates for Baron and Baroness and wish for this missive to be considered our Letter of Intent. We both love being active members of this fine Barony and want to commit to helping make it even stronger. As we were inducted together into the Order of the Pisces, we will serve the Barony together.

Gwen has been a member of Jararvellir since 1997 and has participated in many aspects of the SCA - scribal arts, rapier combat, costuming, embroidery, archery, and armored combat. She served as the Principality Webminster, Branch Chatelaine, Kingdom Social Media Officer and has been assistant to other officers and autocrats over the years. She holds the awards of a Black Flame, Griffin and Sword, Cygnus and she is a member of the Order of Brigits Flame and the Order of the Hand of Tyr. She also hold the award of the Willow and a Purple Fret from Middle Kingdom. She finds that spending time with the people of her Barony and sharing that experience with her kids to be the best kind of joy. Her two boys, Jonathan and Michael are both active in the Barony and hold the awards of the Compass and the Bellerophon.

Rhys has been attending events since 2005 but became significantly more active in starting in 2009. He has served as the Barony's Seneschal and is a warranted armored marshal. He participates in archery, armored combat, armoring and shield making. He runs GreyCat Armory and freely shares his space, tools and resources with the Barony. He holds the awards of the Cygnus, Black Flame and Griffin and Sword and is a member of the Order of the Hand of Tyr and Black Griffin. Rhys enjoys helping out wherever his talents and resources are useful, whether it be helping to haul things, working as an extra pair of hands to setup or take down a site, brainstorming ideas to improve the performance of the showers at Warriors and Warlords, assisting in armor repairs, bardic appreciation, and more. He also enjoys learning and participating in new things as well as sharing his talents and resources and teaching others what he knows.

We aspire to be an asset to this Barony and to see it grow and thrive. Some of the items we wish to work on are:

- Recruiting and retention of more new members (especially from the UW students) through advertising, demos and outreach to specific majors such as History and Theatrical Costumes.
- Working with the populace to make business meeting more accessible to the populace in hopes of encouraging more participation.
- Help the guilds to stay active and involved by working with their members and volunteering our own home or work studios for meeting space. Our studio space is has tools for leather, metal, wood and fabric.

Both of us are fully aware that there is great deal of responsibility that comes with being Baron and Baroness and are willing to fully commit to dedicating our time, effort and energy to the positions. We also love to travel and already attend many different types of events all over the the Kingdom. We will still be participating in Crown Tournament for the Kingdom and will

follow the rules laid out in Corpora and Northshield Law if we chance to win. We would support the appointment

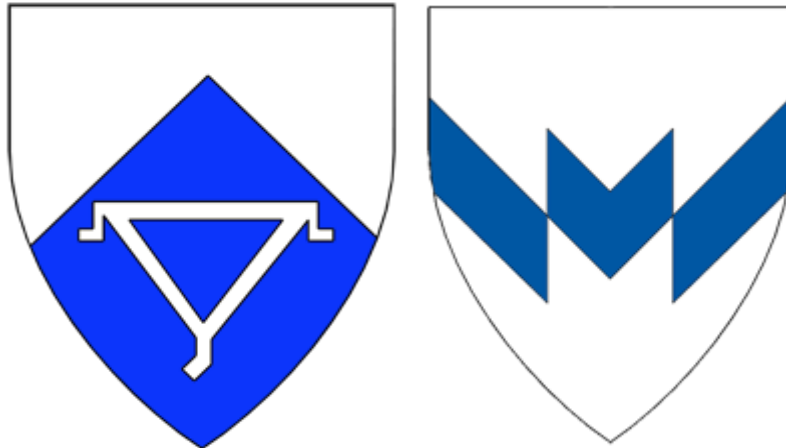
of a Vicar to aid the Barony during our reign.

If chosen, we would take our role as the welcoming face of the Barony of Jararvellir seriously, but always with a smile and a friendly word. This land is full of talented people that give so freely of themselves, and we would be honored to represent them, to work for them, and to keep our home strong and solid.

In Service to Crown, Kingdom and Barony, Rhys and Gwen.

Honorable Lady Gwenhwyvar verch Owen ap Morgan mka: Jeanie Davan

Honorable Lord Rhys ap Owein ap Gwyn mka: Jeff Peterson



## **Æðelwald Bald (MKA Denis Zdanovsky) and Grisha Razumni (Gregory Kveberg)**

Greetings unto the Populace of the Barony of Jararvellir! This missive is sent to announce that we, Æðelwald Bald (MKA Denis Zdanovsky) and Grisha Razumni (Gregory Kveberg) intend to run for Barons of Jararvellir.

From Æðelwald Bald,

I was introduced to the SCA during high school by one of my teachers (Master Chandler) and my boss (Countess Bridei); I joined during college. I have been participating for the past nine years. My main activities have been those related to clothing (sewing, embroidery, some dabbling in tablet weaving and leatherwork) and archery. I have also participated in fencing (I authorized at my first Warriors and Warlords, and reauthorized again this year at ARRG), as well as period style cooking at Pennsic. Outside of the SCA, my interests include ballroom dance, calligraphy and illumination, cooking, and vintning. Professionally, I am a programmer for Hardin Design and Development.

My entire time in the SCA has been spent in Jararvellir. During my time in college, I would travel back to Madison on Wednesdays and weekends to participate in SCA activities. I have come to see the group as extended family and have wished to give back to the Barony for quite some time, but was only able to do so in spurts and bursts with my ever-fluctuating mundane life. Now that I have settled into a stable job and do not expect any major upheavals, I am prepared to devote my time and energy to the Barony of Jararvellir.

Among the responsibilities of a Baron is to represent the Barony to the Crown, and the Crown to the Barony. Often this means getting to know the Populace well enough to be able to recommend individuals for awards to a Crown that might live in a different state. At other times, if conflict arises, this means knowing the Populace well enough to speak in its best interest and navigate disagreements so as to maintain positive associations with others involved. I have developed similar capacities through experiences in my mundane life. During my time at college, I helped start two clubs; in my first year I helped start the fencing club, and in my last two years I helped start the Pagan club. I served as vice president and then president of the Pagan club, both positions playing a similar role between the club and the University as the position of Baron between the Barony and the Kingdom. In an unofficial capacity, I have helped organize events for alumni during the university's annual gaming convention, and I am usually the one to coordinate large dinner and other outings for my non-SCA social circle. I have discussed the roles and responsibilities of being Baron, and sought guidance from both His Excellency Robert the Stout, and Her Excellency Eithni. Through my friendship with Baroness Eithni since joining the SCA, I have gotten to see the amount of work that she had put into being Baroness during her time on the high seat. I understand that being Baron is an important responsibility, but from my experiences outside the SCA I believe it is completely within my capability.

Over the last several years, we have managed to increase the number of college students attending fighter practices, thanks to the efforts of His Excellency Robert the Stout and the many other individuals. I would like to maintain this trajectory and try to increase their event attendance, as well. Along these lines, I believe having a younger Baron would show people that they don't need to devote decades to the SCA to be able have their voices heard. I would also like to bring back the Newcomer's Feast. When we do demos, or have had a table at UW-Madison's student organization fair, much emphasis is placed on the martial activities and Wednesday and Sunday practices. When I first joined, I attended the fighter practices. I knew that other activities were available, but it wasn't until attending the Newcomer's feast that I actually came to realize all of the different options. As a newcomer, it is difficult to imagine the depth and expansiveness of activities that occur more quietly even than the arrows whisking toward their target and I believe bringing these activities to light for newer members would help both newcomers find their calling and bring new vivacity to our quieter circles.

Yours in Service,  
Lord Æðelwald Bald  
mka Denis Zdanovsky  
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From Grisha Razumni,

I first joined the SCA here, in Jararvellir, over twenty years ago. I can no longer remember how I first heard of the group, but my first memories of the SCA were, in large part, shaped by a very patient Sir Raito, who was kind enough to put up with my rather clueless antics on the list field. During my time in the barony I have had the chance to participate in many of the activities that the society offers. I have enjoyed taking part in armored combat (although I'll win no honors for the barony when I return to the field this summer after a long hiatus), carpentry, sewing, and dance. I'm also a supporter of the bardic arts, although I'll usually opt not to inflict my own songs on unsuspecting audiences. While I greatly value all of these activities, the facet of the SCA, and especially of Jararvellir, that has always most appealed to me is the warmth and generosity of this community of fellow nerds, vagabonds, and adventurers.

As the fortunate husband of Baroness Eithni, I have some experience with the responsibilities involved in serving as Baron. I also have some direct experience in leading an SCA group. During a period of several years spent away from Jararvellir, I served as webminister for the Shire of Wurmwald. Wurmwald had fallen on hard times, and I was able to play some small role in helping to reinvigorate it. I was part of a small but fantastic group of SCAdians, all of whom contributed to the Shire's revival. I personally championed and helped to organize a newcomer's moot (an idea borrowed from those held here in Jararvellir) and successfully courted new recruits on campus at the University of Illinois. Those experiences really brought home to me how important it is to have a thriving local SCA group (something that one can easily take for granted when one comes of age in Jararvellir).

I share Æðelwald's desire to reach out and introduce new people to the pleasures of the game, and I believe that my skills as an educator (I am a professor in the mundane world) could be helpful in organizing baronial activities and in connecting interested new people with active groups within the Barony. My relatively low-stress job in academia, combined with my truly excellent and top-notch spousal support system will afford me the time and energy needed to carry out the duties of Baron. I'd like to step up and do my part to give something back to a Barony that has always very good to me, even when I was a clueless youngster.

Yours in Service,  
Grisha Razumni  
Mka Gregory Kveberg  
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## Jararvellir Baronial Succession: Letter of Intent

For Lord Gerald Loosehelm, Mundanely know as Gerald A. Livings.

- Joined in the Shire of Middlford (Now the Stronghold of Hellsgate) In the Stellar Kingdom of Ansteorra late in A.S. XIX (1985).
- Award of Arms (1<sup>st</sup>) A.S. XXI (1987).
- Moved to The Middle Kingdom A.S. XXI (1987).
- Moved to the Barony of Jararvellir in A.S. XXIV (1989)
- Jararvellir Armored Combat Champion A.S. XXVI (1991)
- Award of Arms (2<sup>nd</sup>) A.S. XXV (1990)
- Jararvellir Baronial Fool A.S. XXXIX (2004)
- Award of the Golden Scales A.S. XL (2005)
- Award of the Black Flame A.S. XLVIII (2014)
- The Order of the Gilded Shell A.S. XLIX (2014)
- The Order of Brigit's Flame A.S. XLIX (2015)

I have won one tournament heavy combat and won several contests for foolery. I have been participating for the last 30 years, with the exception of a short period during the 1990's to concentrate on my career.

I want to see the Society, Kingdom, and Barony grow and add new members. I have experience with many aspects of the society and when issues occur, I am even-handed and will listen to all sides of a debate before making a decision.

However, I also want people to have fun. I understand the game and I understand the "Dream". It doesn't matter if you have been in a few weeks, a few years or 30+ as I have been, the SCA should be about good friends and our love of history. If you fight, sew, sing, dance, merchant, or do anything else, we should be having fun together.

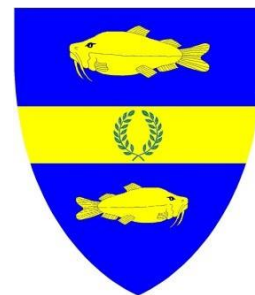
My plans for the barony has been made easy by my predecessors and their hard work. I will labor to continue the wonderful work started 45 years ago by the first Baron Hrafn, and Baroness Asdis Stefansdottir in A.S. VI. Recognizing the efforts of members of the barony is important work and I would strive to honor all who deserve recognition. I plan to not be just a figurehead; I will provide assistance wherever I am able. In addition to the events we currently have, I would like to bring back the feast of Saint Bunstable's as it was always a fun and light-hearted event centered around the Saint's relics. I would also resurrect the local event of the Feast of Saint Hersheyliis as a dessert revel can never be wrong.

I want people to look at our barony and say that it is a group that works and plays well together and set an example for the rest of the kingdom. I would aspire to be a fair, fun, and entertaining Baron and it would be an honor to hold this position as the SCA reaches our 50 year milestone.

Thank you for considering my request.

Yours in service to Jararvellir, Northshield, The Society and the Dream.

**Ld. Gerald Loosehelm**







# Archive

Wherein are collected in the printed format the letters, articles, and stories of the Barony these previous 2 months in a condensed fashion from their original electronic publication.

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# LETTERS FROM his excellency

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*(Posted in the April Skein .pdf)*

Happy Spring Jararvellir-

Hopefully I'm not jinxing things, but I suspect that winter has finally left the Barony. Now is the time to repair gear and start getting ready for the camping season.

As you know, we are at the very beginnings of the Baronial Succession process. If you are interested in running, please make sure to have your letter of intent in by the June business meeting. Also, if you have any questions about the office of the Baronage, feel free to contact me. I'm more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

You may be seeing less of me in the next few months. My new job is starting to ramp up, and I expect that I will be working some weekends and evenings for a while. I should still be making it to practices, but I may be absent from events. Work comes before play.

With summer comes courts. Please send me any award recommendations you may have. Anyone can recommend an award for someone.

Finally, I want the Barony to know that we will be doing something to celebrate May Day, although it will not be the traditional moot. More details will be coming.

Robert The Stout  
Baron of Jararvellir.

*(Posted in the May Skein .pdf)*

Happy New Year Jararvellir!

Last Friday, May 1st, was the beginning of the SCA's 50th new year. It's amazing to think that a group that started as a party in Berkely would grow to the multinational organization it is today. From humble beginnings come great things.

I want to Congratulate Master Ambrose Paust for becoming one of Northshield's premiers for the Masters of Defense. This is so well deserved. I also want to congratulate Gerald Loosehelm for joining the Order of Brigits Flame, and Gwenhwyvar VerchOwen ApMorgan, for being inducted to the Hand of Tyr.

Over the last months, a group of people, spearheaded by Alessandra Salvati Crespelle have worked hard on a new set of banners for Jararvellir. I am happy to say that the work is almost complete! Thank you all who have worked hard on this project, especially to Alessandra for coordinating this.

A Reminder: Letters of intent for the Baronage are due At the next general meeting, which is on Sunday, June 7th. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about being a Baron.

Robert The Stout  
Baron of Jararvellir.

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## meeting minutes

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*(Posted in the April Skein .pdf)*

**Present:**  
Asea, Ryes, Sheri, Stout, Justin, Leona, Gerald, Tristan, Giles, Niles, Gwen, Toussaint, Eithni, Ambrose, Svein, Speranza, Grannie, Nikolas, Cledwyn

**Grannie:** Jara mailing list is going away from yahoo and will be going to google.

**Tristin:** Boy Scout and Mad Rollin Dolls demos went well. There are no demos currently scheduled.

**Nikolas:** Music guild is still happening, come out and learn to play.

**Gwen:** Has Cledwyn interested into the position voting will take place next month.

**Toussaint:** Katerina will hopefully be taking over throwing weapons. He will be running for the seneschal position.

**Gerald:** Jewelry guild is going well and so is the art and sciences community.

**Niles:** Will not be here next year Chris will be taking over as the student representative.

**Eithni:** At the sewing sweat shop there was a lot of sewing. Everyone got good starts on garments. There need to be more sewing.

**Robert the Stout:** baronial succession deadline is at the June general meeting if there are more than 3 candidates will go over initial voting then in September the kingdom will take over. There may also be fighters practice that will be May Day themed. Details are yet to be determined.

**Ryes:** Next general meeting may be held on Wednesday, May 6.

*(Posted in the May Skein .pdf)*

**Present:** Aesa, Alseeandra, Gerald, Araw al-jinniyya, James, Toussaint, Cledwyn, Russell, Fiona, Matihias, Kat, Sarangeile, Eiric, James, Jordan, Pietro, Sacc, Istani, Ambrose, Speranza, Meadhbh, Rhys, Stout, Aodhan, Svein, Arnsbjorg, Marion

**Arawa:** Gmail group is up and running.

**Svein:** Yeah go fighting.

**Gerald:** A&S is going well. Jewelers' guild is doing well. Asked if Jara would bid to host kingdom A&S on February 13 it would just to put in a bid for now and will need to bring it up at the next meeting.

**Stout:** We will hold a May Day celebration on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm -10pm. We will have a dessert revel (potluck) outside the building. Marshals' have been asked to hold a tourney to celebrate. We may also do the Maypole. Also there have been two letters of Baronial intent to run for the position. Letters of intent deadline is by the June business meeting.

**Rhys:** Cledwyn was voted in the new Chatelaine. Next month we will vote on a new Seneschal our candidates are Toussaint and Meadhbh.

**Ambrose:** Rapier is going well. If you want to sing choir meets on Tuesdays.

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# BARONIAL MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND CONTACTS

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

**Archery Practice** Sun. 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-8PM. UW Stock Pavilion Contact: Aoifé Cnó Capaill (Gretchen Tischer) archery\_captain@jararvellir.org

**Armoured Combat** Sun. Noon UW Stock Pavilion; Wed. 6:30-9PM, UW Stock Pavilion Contact: Svein Tunheim (Alec Tunheim) 608.216.4219, please no calls after 10pm, knight\_marshall@jararvellir.org

**Armor making** By prior arrangement, please contact Giles. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue Contact: Master Giles (Ed Gilbert) 608.244.2845, horsebows@gmail.com

**Bardic Night** Second Fri. of the Month. Jose's house (e-mail or call for directions) Contact: Jose São Pacian (Stephen Rodrigues-Pavao) 608.217.5096, ltopera@yahoo.com

**Brewing & Vintning** Various locations (call for info) Contact: Robert the Stout (Robert Trefz) 608.441.6150, rtrefz@tds.net

**Calligraphy & Illumination** Tues. 7PM. Call for location. Contact: Lady Eile (Alicia Cronk) 608.244.9054, leleth.faery@yahoo.com;

**Clothier's Guild** Thurs. evenings, bi-monthly. Meetings held at rotating sites of member's homes. Contact: Jois Corbet (Deena Patterson) 608.838.4092, corvusjoyous@gmail.com

**Cordial Guild** Contact: Lady Cianna Kharleen (Carrie Wilkey) 608.220.1947, ciannakharleen@teadame.com

**Equestrian** (not currently active but information available) Contact: Alissende de Montfaucon (Tammy Thompson) 608.212.5433, alissende@centurytel.net

**Fletching** Fri. 6:30PM 5418 Imagine Street Madison, WI 53718 Contact: Lord Toussaint de Caluwe (Tyson Patterson) 608.838.4092

**Fool's Guild** Contact: Lady Sarah T Foole (Sarah Bloy) 608.215.1407, berserker.prime@gmail.com

**General Business Meeting** Usually 1st Sun., 7PM, Edgewood College, Predolin Hall — call to verify meeting date and location. Contact: Rhys ap Owein ap Gwyn (Jeff Peterson) 608.345.8617, barony\_seneschal@jararvellir.org

**Instrumental Music** Mon. 7PM-Beginners, 8PM-Advanced. Call for location. Contact: Lord Nikolaus der Ausländer (Clint Hotaling) 608.846.0859, n\_auslander@hotmail.com

**Jewelry Guild** Second Tues. of the month or by apt, 5:30PM. Call for location. Contact: Gerald Loosehelm [loosehelm@yahoo.com](mailto:loosehelm@yahoo.com)

**Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming** Contact Lady Kenya for information. Contact: Lady Kenya (Heather Cushing) 608.203.5739, onlyinkenia@charter.net

**Needle arts** Tues. 7:30PM. Call for location. Contact: Lady Helena Caxton (Sara Andrews) 608.957.2392, helenacaxton@gmail.com

**Pottery Guild** Contact Annora for information. Contact: Annora (Wendy Nelson) 608.438.6530, wendybyrd42@yahoo.com

**Rapier Practice** Wed. 6:30-9PM, UW Stock Pavilion Contact: Ambrose von Pasau (Ambrose Paust) 608.523.1119 calls after 9:00PM please leave a voicemail with your name and number, rapier\_marshall@jararvellir.org

**Social Practice** Wed. 9PMish. Call to verify location. Contact: Mistress Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 608.628.7782

**Stock Pavilion** Liason Contact: Sol (Chris Reyes) sol@taifa.info

**Thrown Weapons** Scheduled Sun. 2PM. UW Stock Pavilion. Contact: Lord Toussaint de Caluwe (Tyson Patterson) 608.838.4092

**Vocal Music** Contact Sarah for more information. Contact: Lady Sarah T Foole (Sarah Bloy) 608.215.1407, berserker.prime@gmail.com

**Youth Boffer Combat Practice** Wed. 6:30PM, UW Stock Pavilion Contact: Jack Flanders (David Hall) 608.658.5802, jbf@pobox.com

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**Monthly Meeting:**  
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