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GENERAL meeting minutes

Present: Annora, Kristin and James Applegate, Robert and Leona Talbot, Dennis, Nikolaus, Marion, Jois, James the Elder, Speranza, Awra, Mave, Ethini

Annora—Here for check

Kristin Applegate-- tacky garb ball should be fun coming up in jan. kawr/kwack have armored teachers coming in Libby is taking care of the rapier side. Asking for money to pay someone to travel a tent from Montello whitelake resort. Duke approved up to \$100. Award recommendations for tacky garb ball

James Applegate--Nothing

Robert and Leona Talbot—harvest moot tournaments for champions... joint May Day moot in Waukesha

Dennis—call and ill started up again recently any cool projects being done let Dennis know

Asea—Needs things signed

Ethini –Feb Kingdom A&S competition bid possible

Nikolaus—all quite in the music from

Marion—just babysitting the room

Jois—archery winter shoot classes novity skills. New coronation bid for the Mandt Center

James the elder—archery is still happening.

Speranza—rapier classes started today had 6 new people show up

Awra—website is still up

Mave—AC is still going well

Next General Meetings Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 8, May?



Coronation: Attending, can itself be, a Crowning Achievement
Perhaps not preferred, sometimes passion will substitute punctuality

By Rebekah of Jaravellir (Rebecca L. Olson)

Is that coffee? Lethargically rolling over, a narcoleptic nose inhales more deeply. Yes, the automatic coffee maker has kicked in. Squinty eyes peer at the clock; is that four-thirty? Nope, it's FIVE-thirty – which means we've overslept. Curse the coonhound! It's Saturday, so if sleeping-in had been the plan she would have been a pestering puppy over an hour ago. Today was not the day for sleeping in; there is a long way to travel and no witness wants to be late for a coronation – especially for first-time attendance!

Occurring about twice a year in the Kingdom of Northshield, (a geographically defined area of the United States and Canada that is part of the larger non-profit Society for Creative Anachronism or "SCA"), one might not at first understand the urgency to attend THIS coronation. But just as the crown tournaments may occur anywhere in the kingdom, so may the Spring or Fall coronations that follow.

Northshield's members hale from Manitoba and Western Ontario, down through North Dakota and South Dakota, and over the river and through the woods of Minnesota and Wisconsin, into the Western half of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A coronation occurrence in your own state or province seems rare... if this coronation ALSO features a king and queen who hail from your own barony, it is even more rare.

Mutual banter budes the near comatose corpus, and caffeine continues to rouse reason. First, what farm chores can be ignored before departure? There are no animals in need of feeding, except the drowsy dog. So, many chores can wait until tomorrow. It is settled; even if we are tardy, travel plans will continue. Now, what to wear?

As relative new-comers, this is easy. Obviously, one wears one's best to a coronation. New-comers generally only have a few options. Like the Vikings our persona portray, the appropriate outfits and corresponding shiny things are looted from the guest room closet. Done.

Now, what else? What will contribute to a comfortable coronation day? A quick sip of caffeine and it's off to the basement. Chairs; most definitely chairs.

Upon joining SCA, one learns quickly that chairs are essential for most events. And, because the point of joining it often to recreate a past-time (pun intended), disguising their appearance is also essential. Two faux fur blankets are pulled from davenport perches and tossed into the trunk. One day, more period appearing chairs will hopefully be constructed. For now, the blankets draped over the modern camp chair frames will have to do.

Breakfast? There is a grab for granola. Fortunately, lunch was listed as available for purchase on-site – but will there be service to support our supping? A tumble of tableware, wooden bowls, cups, plates and napkins are tossed into a picnic basket. Time for travel.

The Mountain-Dew drinker mans the wheel... the coffee clutcher fumbles with Facebook. Skimming the parade of posts, times and activities are confirmed. There is hope; with direct diligent driving, a timely arrival is still doable. A courteous click or two and questions are quieted. Many activities – including lunch - require pre-registration at SCA events. None of our hopeful happenings do this time. The climate of the car relaxes.

Upon arrival, there is a rush to registration and one last clamber of clothing. Then, two hushed travelers tip-toe together; viewing an in-progress procession. Sliding into bleacher seats, all is again calm.

Northshield's current royals retain their seats for just a few moments more. There are graces bestowed and good-natured jibes to be jabbed. Laughter and a few tears of transcendence and transition. Then, faces more familiar are aligning. The heirs, from our home barony, are coming to claim the throne. They and their battalion of bests are brought in buoyantly with song and "schtick." Is that the "Game of Thrones" theme they are singing?

In a flush of fabric that would outdo fashion week, the coronation continues. Unlike the trendy fleeting glamor of a runway, this procession is authentic and dripping in an elegance of craft and custom that surely proves evident across the ages.

It is the king who won today’s Northshield throne – and he cuts a fine figure. But through him, the queen steals the show; pretty, poised and powerful. This trifecta of personality can be seen reflected in his majesty’s eyes even from the nose-bleed seats of the bleachers. Now here seems real history, both personal and persona, discreetly and joyously displayed.

For a pair of breathless – and perhaps overly-romantic? - late-comers, the moment outshines the remaining ceremonials. This is no small feat. There is an overload of experience. Beautiful words, lavish ornaments and bounties of belly laughs. There was even horse-back riding – if you let your imagination take over.

The remains of the day are filled with competitions of mind and body, food, conversation, friendly debate, and an unexpected invitation to aid in the bestowment of a gift to Their Majesties from our SCA household. The latter is completed by two patrons planned in good presentation, and one bundle of nervous blunders. What will our new rulers hold in store for such an ungainly underling?

Ice-cream! Yes, Their Majesties gifted bowls of the frozen treat to both the eloquent and the incoherent. If you awaken late for a coronation, or any SCA event, move bravely ahead and participate. You will be glad. Kindness and courtesy will greet you; if you place honor before glory, it seems passion before punctuality is also accepted. Even at the most formal events. And, if you are lucky, there may even be ice-cream.



EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

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

October

- 6-8 [Middle Kingdom Rose Tournament](#) – Kingdom of Middle (Taylorville IL)
- 8 Harvest Moot – Barony of Jararvellir (Madison WI)
- 14 [Northshield Fall Crown Tournament](#) – Shire of Noiregarde (Lead SD)
- 20-21 [Griffon Needle Challenge](#) – Shire of Falcon's Keep (Marshfield WI)
- 28 [Tournament of Chivalry \(TOC\)](#) – Shire of Border Downs (Sioux Falls SD)

November

- 11 [Stellar University of Northshield](#) – Shire of Coldedernhale (Pierre SD)
- 18 [Mid-Realm Bardic Madness XIX](#) – Shire Kingdom of Middle (Lafayette IN)
- [Rhythm and Bruise](#) – Shire of Korsvåg (Harwood ND)

December

- 2 [Boar's Head XL – Yule Aboard the Bonaventure](#) – Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (West Bend WI)



BARONIAL MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, 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: James the Elder (James Polewki), 608.221.2490, archery_captain@jararvellir.org

Armoured Combat Sun. 12PM, Wed. 6:30-9PM. UW Stock Pavilion. Contact: Svein Tunheim (Alec Tunheim), 608.216.4219 (no phone calls after 10PM) knight_marshall@jararvellir.org

Armor making Mon. 7-10PM or by prior arrangement. 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 (contact him 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 Alternate Thur. 7-9PM. 2310 Packers Ave Suite B. Use the stand alone stairs on the left of the building. Parking on Manley or Melrose Street. **Contact:** Dame Gwenthwyvar verch Owen ap Morgan

Cordial Guild no regular meeting. Contact: Lady Cianna (Carrie Wilkey) 608.220.1947, ciannakharleen@teadame.com

Equestrian No regular meeting. Contact: Alissende de Montfaucon (Tammy Thompson) 608.212.5433, alissende@centurytel.net

European Dance **1st & 3rd Sunday 3-5pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday 7-9pm. Capitol Lakes Retirement Center, 333 W. Main St. Center.**
Contact: Viscountess Elashava bas Riva (Sue Gilbert), 608.213.1107

Fiber Arts Tuesday 7-9pm. Contact: Lady Helena Caxton (Sara Andrews) , 608-957-2392

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

Fool's Guild No regular meeting. Contact: Sarah Luring (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: Toussaint de Caluwe (Tyson Patterson) 608.838.4092, barony_seneschal@jararvellir.org

Instrumental Music Mon. 7PM. 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

Middle Eastern Dance No regular meeting. Contact Lady Kenya for information. Contact: Arwa al-Jinniyya (Jennifer Siegel)

Pottery Guild No regular meeting. Contact Annora for information. Contact: Annora (Wendy Nelson) 608.438.6530, wendybyrd42@yahoo.com

Rapier Practice Wed. 6:30-9PM. UW Stock Pavilion. Contact: Pietro Pavolo Giovanni (Peter Thiessen)
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Social Practice Wed. 9PMish. Call to verify location. Contact: Mistress Eithni (Jean Kveberg) 608.628.7782

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

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

Vocal Music Tues 7:30PM. Contact Jose for location. Contact: Jose Sao Pacian (Stephen Rodrigues-Pavao), 608-217-5096

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