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# *The Sentinels*

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Business meetings, HGA at 3:30 pm - next meetings are March 6, April 10 and May 8.
- Newsletter submission deadline for April/ May issue is Sunday, March 27.

**Meeting minutes for April 10, 2016:**

Baron & Baroness: We attended the Coronation of TRM Byron & Ariella and it was a glorious event. We were able to speak with them and they are both looking forward to attending the 3 Day. They will not be attending the Seven Pearls Championship event, but hope everything runs smoothly.

Dona Emily won the fencing tournament held at Coronation and we are very proud of her.

The silk for the banners has been ordered. When it arrives and a date & time are chosen for working on the project, we'll let you know.

Seneschal: We are calling for bids for 12th Night 2017. If you are interested in Autocratting this event, please bring your ideas to the May meeting.

Esmerelda has suggested the Masonic Temple as a possible site location for a 12N or other event. A few of us will be touring the building and speaking with the owners on Friday.

Due to mundane state laws, the we can no longer hold a 50/50 raffle or any contest with a cash prize at our events. We can still have silent auctions and hold raffles for items (such as basket raffles).

It was voted on and approved to reimburse Gunther for the brochures that were printed for the demo.

Exchequer:

Checking: \$3,878.82

Savings: \$1,812.53

A&S: Watch for details on the silk banner project.

Chatelaine: The demo at Conemaugh Twp Elementary was fantastic! We had 18 Bogggers attend with a variety of items for display & discussion, as well as demonstrations of fencing and heavy weapons. The children and their parents all seemed to have fun and enjoyed interacting with everyone. Thank you all for helping make it such a success.

At Blackstone Raid, Rosheen will be holding a Chatelaine meeting with one of the topics being media relations, social media & the press. She will have more information on this for the May meeting.

Jorka has been in contact with a few people who are interested in the SCA, some of them were at 12N. He's planning to meet with them in Windber to help them understand more about the group, how to make simple garb, and other general newcomer information.

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## FROM THE SENESCHAL

Gunther suggested an idea to help integrate new people into the group by finding out their main area of interest and introducing them to the Boggers who are most knowledgeable in that area. That way, they will have someone to talk to and learn from, almost like a "mentor". This will also help them meet more people that they have something in common with. If you are interested in mentoring a new person, please let him know.

We had a question regarding the Sci-Fi Valley Con in Altoona. We know someone who is attending that event and may send along a few brochures.

MOL: Check the expiration date on your authorization card and renew if necessary

Knight Marshal: Fighting every Sunday – unless otherwise posted, usually on the Facebook group

Fencing Marshal: Fencing every Wednesday and on Sunday with advance notice.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Practices will be held if the weather is good, watch for announcements.

Archery Captain: Watch for announcements about practice.

Webminister: Nothing new at this time

Chronicler: Send in articles.

Herald: Nothing new at this time

Historian: Please fill out the information form recently posted to the FB group. If you have problems with the form or aren't on FB, please contact us and we will email the form to you. boghistory AT gmail DOT com

Scribal Mistress: Nothing new at this time

Old Business: None

New Business: None  
Additional/Misc:

April 17 – No practice at HGA – gym closed

April 24 – HGA gym is closed but practice will be outside if the weather is good.

May 1 – No practice or meeting at HGA

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 8, 2016 - HGA 3:30pm

If there are any corrections, please send me an email.

In Service,  
Dame Caroline of Burgundy  
Seneschal BSSB

### Meeting minutes for May 8, 2016:

Baron & Baroness: We are looking forward to War Practice, Three Day, and Pennsic. There is a lot to get done. Consider volunteering for troll, kitchen work, or retaining. Marshals should be thinking of 3 Day and what we can do to make the event fun for our visitors. Send in award recommendations so that the scribes have time to make scrolls.

Let's make a nice showing for the Newcomers Event next week.

Seneschal: My term as Seneschal will be up in January, 2017 and I am planning to step down. If anyone is interested in learning about the position, please contact me. The basics of the job are: run the monthly meeting & take minutes, sign checks & contracts as necessary, send quarterly reports to Kingdom, and other miscellaneous items that may come up.

We are still looking for bids for 12th Night 2017. If you are interested in autocrafting this event, please bring your ideas to the June meeting.

Exchequer:  
Checking: \$3,763.20  
Savings: \$1,812.53

A&S: Nothing new at this time

Chatelaine: We had a small demo at the Grand Midway Hotel in Windber. Jorka brought a lot of items for people to look at and we just talked about what the SCA is and what we do. There were about 15 people in attendance and we hope to see them at the Newcomers Event. The demo was listed on the AE Demo Calendar and counted toward the challenge.

The Newcomers Event is next Sunday, May 15th at the 1889 Park in St. Michael. The event is free to everyone and will be great for anyone who is interested in the SCA to see what we do in an informal "event like" setting. If

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you have any friends or family members that you would like to bring along, feel free to do so. Garb is encouraged but not required and we will have Gold Key items available for people to wear. We will have all of the martial activities there as well as displays and information about other activities. If you have a project in process and would like to work on it there, please bring it along. It would be nice for new people to see "works in progress" as well as finished items. Also, if you have any spare garb or feast gear, please bring it along. We will have paper plates, etc. but would like to show that feast gear is an important part of the atmosphere. If you have any questions, please contact Gunther.

Community Days in Boswell is on Saturday, June 4. The Park Board has asked if we would be willing to do a small demo in the morning like we did two years ago. The schedule would be the same, arrival & setup around 9am and demo from 10am-Noon. If you would like to help out, please contact Gunther.

**Knight Marshal:** Fighting every Sunday – unless otherwise posted, usually on the Facebook group - We need a few more heavy weapons marshals. If anyone is interested in learning about becoming a marshal, please contact Guillaume.

**Fencing Marshal:** Fencing every Wednesday and on Sunday with advance notice.

**Thrown Weapons Marshal:** Range opens on Friday, May 13

At the request of Their Sylvan Majesties, Byron and Ariella, the thrown weapons community is starting a "Get Out the Throw" campaign! Details can be found here: <https://aethelmearcgazette.com/2016/05/02/get-out-the-throw/>

**Archery Captain:** Range opens on Friday, May 13

The Scarlet Guard has announced its annual challenge: <https://aethelmearcgazette.com/2016/05/03/scarlet-guard-announces-annual-challenge/>

**MOL:** Check the expiration date on your authorization card and renew if necessary

**Webminister:** Nothing new at this time

**Chronicler:** Send in articles.

**Herald:** Nothing new at this time

**Historian:** Nothing new at this time

**Scribal Mistress:** Nothing new at this time

**Old Business:** A few of us went to the Masonic Temple to look around and see if it would be a good potential event site. Owen gave us the tour and some information about the building. There is a basement level that would work well for fighting & fencing and it is large enough to have other activities going on too. There is also a beautiful upper level that they rent out for weddings and several side rooms for Royalty and changing rooms. We would not be able to cook in

the kitchen, but there is plenty of space for roasters & crockpots. Their event coordinator was not available, so we could not get pricing information but her contact information is on their web page or on Facebook. <http://www.johnstownmasonictemple.net/contact>

**New Business:** Kenn will be purchasing new archery targets & stands to replace the old ones that have been used for years and are falling apart.

**Pennsic Gate Guards for AE Royal** – I don't have a confirmed day & time yet but as soon as that is finalized, I will let you know. I'm hoping for either Saturday afternoon (like last year) or Sunday. It will all depend on when they schedule Opening Ceremonies and how the Coordinator is scheduling the guards.

**Additional/Misc:** None

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, June 5, 2016 - HGA 3:30pm

If there are any corrections, please send me an email.

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Seneschal BSSB



# Pennsic Pre-Game Three Day Event

July 15-17 at New Germany Grove

Please join the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog as we come together to prepare for War at this year's Pennsic Pre-Game Three Day event.

Have too much to do to get ready for War? Bring it with you to the event! Test out a new set-up for your tent, join a sewing circle to figure out how to set that pesky sleeve. Do those last minute armor fixes or authorizations. Get in the mood to party with a Pennsic Pregame Party! Don't sit at home and procrastinate, join in the fun!

Pennsic Pre-Game Three Day will be held Friday July 15th-Sunday July 17th at the New Germany Grove- 1635 New Germany Rd Summerhill, Pa 15958. The site opens on Friday July 17th at 5:00pm and closes promptly at 12:00pm on Sunday. Camping is free and very much encouraged. No shower facilities are available, but please feel free to bring your own amenities. The site is discreetly wet and above ground fires are permitted. No pets allowed on site. The autocrat for this event is THLady Ursula of Rouen (Danielle Duvall, PO Box 661, Shepherdstown, WV 25443). Any questions can be sent to her at (540) 287-1748 or Ursula.of.rouen@gmail.com.

The event registration for this weekend of friends, food and fellowship will be:

Adult Event Registration: \$17

Adult Event Pre-Registration(Postmarked by July 1st): \$15

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$12

Adult Member Discount Event Pre-Registreation(Postmarked by July 1st): \$10

Adult Feast: \$8

Children(6-17) Registration: \$6

Children(6-17) Feast: \$4

Youth(5 and under): Free

Checks may be made payable to "SCA-PA, Inc; Barony of St. Swithin's Bog". Reservations may be sent to our reservations clerk and head tollner Lady Roxanne of the Fox Tail (Michelle Tartoni at PO Box 289, Colver, PA 15927) at shiortee@hotmail.com. The only good reservation is a paid reservation.

Refreshments will be available Friday night for those camping, as well as breakfast Saturday morning. A Saturday day board is included in the site fee. Feast will be available Saturday evening for \$8, and will be limited to the first 64 people. All dietary concerns should be sent to our Head Cook who is sure to astound, Master Lodovic of Grays Inn (Don Meyer) at lodovick@yahoo.com

Numerous activities will be held throughout the day Saturday including: Kingdom Heavy Weapons Championship and the AE 500 tournament. There will be fencing and heavy pick-ups in the afternoon, as well as throwing on the thrown weapons range. Scribes are encouraged to bring their paints and brushes and compete in the 8th Annual Iron Scribe competition.

## Regular Local Events



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### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

First Sunday each month - 3:30 pm at Hiram G. Andrews Center (727 Goucher St Johnstown, PA 15905 ) (Check the minutes, Barony's e-Group or Facebook for possible changes.)

### Melee Practice

First Sunday each month - 4:00 - 6:00 pm, unless otherwise stated Hiram G. Andrews Center

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

#### Thrown Weapons Practice

Fridays - 6:00 pm until dark at THL Kenn & Lady Katya's home (aka Kenn & Cindy Leap, 814-536-0045)

#### Heavy Weapons Practice

Sundays - 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Hiram G. Andrews Center

#### Fencing Practice

Wednesdays - 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Bastiano's home

Sundays - 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Hiram G. Andrews Center

#### Archery Practice

Contact THL Kenn the Just (aka Kenn Leap, 814-536-0045)

#### Scribal Guild

Tuesdays - 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Baron Tower & Baroness Cynthia's home

#### Arts & Sciences

Contact Lord Ian Campbell (aka James Mowry, 814-322-8742)

If you wish to submit a work to the newsletter, please fill out this (fillable) release form: <http://aethelmearc.org/downloads/publications/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>; then email the form to Caitilin at [dragonflykiwi@verizon.net] or print & bring it to the next business meeting. Thank you!

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