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GREETINGS FROM IAGO & EMILIA, BARON & BARONESS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Business meetings, HGA at 3:30 pm - next meetings are Jan. 4 and Feb. 1.
- Baronial Twelfth Night—January 24 with a new venue.
- February/March newsletter submission deadline is Saturday, January 31.

Greetings Boggers,

Exciting things are on the horizon. Twelfth Night is upon us and we are excited for the Bardic and A&S Submissions. The winners of these events will represent the Bog at the Baronial Dinner at Pennsic and Ice Dragon respectively. We are also looking forward to the chance to try out our new site for Twelfth Night. Aces Lounge allows us to offer Martial Tournaments as well as room for dance and gaming. We would hope that everyone would pitch in to make this event successful and hospitable for our guests. Remember that we will need donations for the auctions.



We hope that you enjoy the holidays and we look forward to spending time with you at Twelfth Night.

In Service

Baron Iago and Baroness Emilia.

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From the Chronicler:

The newsletter has been erratic in its publication of late—a combination of trying to offer current information, computer issues and, most recently, a health issue. I'm still working on the last two, but I believe a solution is at hand with the first problem. The newsletter will still be published every other month, but will now end the old year and begin the new with a December/January edition. Check out the article in this issue by Eudoxia on the demo she did in August. Also, the Twelfth Night event announcement includes a few more details.

Happy New Year, everyone! Please share your knowledge, thoughts and even talents in poetry and/or artistry with other Scadians through your newsletter! Let's make this an awesome year all around.

The deadline for the February/March issue is February 2.

Yours in service,
THLady Caitilin (Kiwi) Mhaolchonaire

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Business meeting minutes are submitted by Dona Caroline of Burgundy, Seneschal BSSB. If there are any corrections, please send her an email.

MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2:

Baron & Baroness: Just a reminder that the Baronial Champs for A&S and Bardic will be held at 12th Night. If you win, please note that the 7 Pearls for A&S will be at Ice Dragon and Bardic is held at Pennsic during the Baronial dinner (usually Wednesday evening of War Week).

Seneschal: We have received a bid for 3-Day.

Exchequer:
Checking: \$1,563.65
Savings: \$4,808.01

A&S: No report

Chatelaine: Nothing new at this time.

MOL: Nothing new at this time.

Knight Marshal: Fighting on Sunday. Reminder, we need to have non-members sign waivers if they participate in any marshal activity.

Fencing Marshal: Fencing on Wednesday. This Wednesday (Nov 5) will be a melee practice. We hope to hold one on the first Wednesday of every month.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Our "closing the range" pot-luck picnic is this Saturday (Nov 8) from Noon-? at Gunther and Rosheen's house, contact them if you need directions.

Gunther is now an atlatl mar-

shal, if you are interested in this activity please contact him.

Archery Captain: Same as TW

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:

Status report for 12th Night: A group went to Ace's before the meeting to check out the kitchen and layout of the building. Rosheen was quite pleased with the kitchens and looking forward to using them. Please contact her if you can help in the kitchen or serve feast.

Guillaume asked if Mandibus would post photos of the prizes for the heavy & fencing tournaments on the FB group. He also asked if anyone had a chessboard, backgammon, or other medieval game to bring it to the event. It would be nice to have a gaming area set up.

We are looking for auction items... please contact Guillaume to let him know what you can make or bring.

Ursula will be the Royalty Liaison, please contact her if you'd like to help be a retainer.

We would also like some of the local peers to consider being a retainer for the Lord/Lady of Misrule for the day. Please con-

tact Guillaume if you can help out.

Mandibus suggested that the local musicians have a set time to perform, rather than just playing randomly throughout the day. We all agreed this would be a good idea. It's nice to showcase the musicians and having a set time will be helpful for other guests who want to join in.

We will also have court & country dancing led by Siohn the Lost. He will be at Kingdom 12N, if anyone wants to go to see a preview of the dances he will be bringing here.

New Business: 3-Day bid received and approved.

Autocrat: Ursula

Co-Autocrate: Rosheen

Feastocrat: Aelfra

Location: New Germany Grove

Theme: Throwback Three Day

Date: TBA - there are two dates possible & we should know which one by the December meeting.

Activities: Seven Pearls Fencing, AE 500, Night Hawk Throw, Archery, Iron Scribe, and other activities similar to last year.

Additional/Misc: Gunther reported on the rules for combat archery, letting the group know what needs to be done to make our crossbows & bolts legal for Pennsic. Currently, the bows are OK in Aethelmearc, but may

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need some adjustment for Pennsic. The bolts will need to be remade but some parts of the current ones are salvageable.

If you have a crossbow that you are not using and do not plan to use, please consider giving it to Gunther to be adjusted so that someone can use it. Also, if anyone still has their old bolts, please give them to him too.

Reminder: you can authorize just in Combat Archery but you still need to have the required helm & basic gear.

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 7, 2014 - HGA 3:30pm

MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2014:

Baron & Baroness: Just a reminder that the Baronial Champs for A&S and Bardic will be held at 12th Night. If you win, please note that the 7 Pearls for A&S will be at Ice Dragon and Bardic is held at Pennsic during the Baronial dinner (usually Wednesday evening of War Week).

Seneschal: We are calling for bids for the Bog Spring Fling event. If you are interested in autocrating this event, please have a bid ready for the January meeting.

Exchequer:
Checking: \$722.51
Savings: \$4,808.01

A&S: Nothing new at this time.

Chatelaine: Nothing new at this

time.

MOL: Check authorization cards and marshal warrant cards.

Knight Marshal: No practice next Sunday (Dec 14) at HGA. Guillaume will be traveling to the regional heavy fighting practice in Delftwood. If anyone is interested in carpooling, please contact him on Facebook.

Fencing Marshal: We held a Southern Watch fencing muster on Nov 29th. It was well attended and we were able to work on melee basics and teamwork. Don Orlando also discussed his ideas for fine tuning the AE Army should he continue as Warlord for next Pennsic.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Nothing new at this time.
Archery Captain: Nothing new at this time.

Webminister: Nothing new at this time.

Chronicler: The Nov/Dec issue is currently in the works and will be published shortly after the Dec Barony business meeting. If you have anything to submit for our end of 2014 newsletter, then please have it to me by Dec 7.

Herald: Nothing new at this time.

Historian: Nothing new at this time.

Scribal Mistress: Nothing new at this time.

Old Business -
12th Night: Guillaume came up

with an idea for site tokens, copper wire cloak pins, and brought one to show the group. We agreed that they would make very nice tokens and he will work on making more. He also mentioned the need for some type of carpet to cover the floor for the heavy lists. Baron Iago volunteered to bring the indoor/outdoor carpet & another rug that they use under their tent at Pennsic. They also discussed the need for indoor list poles/stands and will check on how to make what we need.

The Baron & Baroness also presented a box of black velvet banners that they had acquired a few years ago. We discussed using them to decorate the site and possibly adding a raven or cattails badge to them to add more heraldry.

New Business -
From Ursula: Planning for Three Day 2015 is underway. Please save the date as it will be July 17-19 at New Germany Grove. The Theme is Throwback Three Day so be ready to have some good, old fashioned Bog fun! We will again be hosting Rapier Pearls and the AE 500 for Heavy. Her Excellency, Mistress AEIlfra has some top secret tricks up her sleeve for foods that you won't want to miss!

Additional/Misc: None

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 4, 2015 - HGA 3:30pm

Merry Christmas!

In Service,
Dona Caroline of Burgundy
Seneschal BSSB

Baronial Twelfth Night Celebration and Mid-Winter Tourney

Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Ace's from 10 am 'til 9 pm

The Barony of St. Swithin's Bog wishes to invite all our noble neighbors and friends to enjoy the hospitality of our 12th Night Celebration and Mid-Winter Tourney at our NEW SITE, Ace's (318 Chestnut Street Johnstown, PA 15906) an immense great hall that will house all of our activities for the day of Jan. 24th, 2015.

Activities will include a tournament for armored combatants, a tournament for fencers, dancing, our annual silent auction, a side board lunch (included in site fee) and feast for 60. We will also be chancing for the opportunity for one of the populace to be "elevated" as Lord or Lady of Misrule for a day of the royal experience. (No peers need apply!) Odds will be heavily in favor of those who are new to the SCA. We will also hold our Baronial Arts & Sciences as well as Bardic Championships on this festive day!

Prizes will be awarded to the victors and to the fighter / fencer deemed most chivalrous by the populace in each of the tournaments. Banners and displays of heraldry are encouraged. Tournament format TBD.

THLord Sionn the Lost has graciously agreed to be our dance master for the day. He will hold classes leading up to a ball after a feast prepared by our own THLady Rosheen Rois O'Faye (Tracey Kline-Zimmerman). Please contact her at tzimmerman125@gmail.com with any dietary concerns. The Lord/Lady of Misrule shall of course be seated at high table!

Our site, in the Cambria City neighborhood of Johnstown, will open at 10 AM and close at 9 PM.

Site fee (including lunch!) will be \$10 for adults (only \$8 for those who pre-register before Jan 1st!), \$5 for children 6-17, and those 5 and under shall be guests of the Barony. Feast will be \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 6-17 and free for those 5 and under. A \$5 non-member surcharge will apply.

Registrations can be made with our Reservations Clerk, Lord Battista (Paul Tedeski 499 Southmont Blvd., Johnstown, PA 15905) at 724-859-7190 or ptedeski@atlanticbb.net. Please, no calls after 8:30 PM. The only good reservation is a paid reservation. Make checks payable to: SCA-PA, Inc.-Barony of St. Swithin's Bog.

Questions about the event may be directed to the autocrat, THLord Guillaume Le Noir (Dave Damron, 704 Chestnut St., Johnstown, PA 15906) 814-421-1188 or lordguydave@aol.com or to his Co-autocrat, THLady Ursula of Rouen (Danielle M. Duvall, PO Box 5083, Morgantown, WV 26507) 540-287-1748 or ursula.of.rouen@gmail.com.

Summer Enrichment Camp—Medieval Demo

By Lady Eudoxia

On August 7th, while the rest of the Bog were at Pennsic, I had the privilege to talk medieval history with 60 kids that were taking part in the Summer Enrichment Program at Ligonier School District. I love to do demos and give talks on a variety of history-related subjects (I studied Public History at IUP, and history/medieval studies at PSU), so I jumped at the chance to dress in garb for a room full of eager students. After volunteering for the job, however, I came to the realization that 1. I would be doing this alone, and 2. there are no fighters.



It's no secret that kids love to see guys in armor, but all I had going for me was a really cool dress and some homespun wool. Seeing as I had already committed to the demo, that I love talking history with people, and that the person in charge, Deb, seemed pretty desperate, I decided to make due with what I had.

I had given demos many years ago to an elementary school in Bellefonte where I asked "what would your life had been like?" and had four kids dress up in pseudo-garb as a knight, a lady, a monk, and a nun. It was the rest of the students' job to try and figure out what they were supposed to be. That seemed to be a winner, so I drove to New Florence Elementary (and also R. K. Mellon Elementary) on Thursday morning with a bunch of kid-sized clothes, my spinning wheel, some raw wool, and some yarn, and hoped that the kids wouldn't get too bored.

Even the boys liked to play dress-up, particularly the one who got to hold the wooden sword (the monk, not so much...). I followed this with a little spiel on my work as a fiber artist and let them play with the wool and the wheel. Before the feast, I asked the kids about food during the medieval period, and surprised them with "potatoes and turkeys did not exist in Europe at this time, nor did they use forks or plates." By far the best questions came after one student brought up the plague. As there were first-graders present, I tried not to gross them out too much.

Overall, and despite my lack of fighters in armor, I had a great time, and I think the kids (as well as the teachers) learned a thing or two. If anything, they learned what that great big wheelie thing in their grandmother's attic was. Am I sad to have missed Pennsic yet again? Absolutely. But at least I got to do some fun medieval stuff of my own.

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)

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 at Verizon.net] or print & bring to the next business meeting. Thank you!

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