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Upcoming Events for November

- 5th— Fall Crown/ Atlantia (R)
- 11th-13th— Known World Academy of the Rapier/ Lochmere, Annapolis, MD
- 19th— Holiday Faire/ Stierbach, Manassas, VA

Upcoming Events for December

- 3rd—Unevent, Barony of Nottingham Coill, Greenville, SC

Upcoming Events for January

- 7—Kingdom Twelfth Night, Dun Carraig, Hollywood, MD (R, H)
- 21—Interbaronial Twelfth Night, Tir-y-Don, Williamsburg, VA (R, H)
- 28—A Feast for Charlemagne, Lochmere, Elkridge, MD

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From the Minister of A&S

Unto the gentles of Dun Carraig does Mary Isabel of Heatherstone send greetings. As my time as your Minster of Arts & Sciences draws to a close, I want to thank you all for the wonderful way you've risen to all of the challenges I've thrown at you. There's been no idea "too out there" that someone wasn't willing to come along with me. I have one remaining challenge to issue: "Please continue your progress. Please lend your time, energy and talents to THL Muirghen as he now takes up the reins of leadership." THL Muirghen will be penning next month's article and will no doubt have lots of new and exciting ideas to bring to the group. Please be kind to him. He is after all a fighter and has no doubt been hit in the head a few too many times. :) His enthusiasm for the arts will hopefully ignite new-found sparks for all of us. As always, Mistress Kiri will be his able and solid deputy. I know I will be leaving the running of A&S in the Barony in good hands.

Our Barony is hosting the Kingdom 12th Night in January (in case you've been under a rock for the last few months, smile). There are several competitions currently scheduled: Tempore Atlantia (timeframe: 1492-1600), Poeta Atlantia (Royal Poet), Royal Bard, and even the Pages are getting in on the act with a knitting competition.

In March, we have the Kingdom Arts & Sciences festival to prepare for. Entrants from the Barony will display their best efforts in front of the entire Kingdom. Since KASF is being held in Spotsylvania, VA, I hope that the Barony will make an effort to support these talented artisans. Talented Artisans: you've got just over three months! Get back to work :).

A&S Nights are continuing every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm. Also, Lady Mathilde Bourette is continuing to host sewing workshops at her home (typically on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month). Please feel free to contact the MOAS if you need more info or contact email. We've got openings for the remainder of this year, and next year is wide open. If you are interesting in teaching a class, please feel free to contact me at: moas@duncarraig.net

The schedule is as follows:

From the Minister of A&S

November 8 Molly's House
The Game of Tarot (Adriana Michaels)

This will be a "hands on" class teaching the rules of one of the medieval card games called `Tarot`. The instructor will cover the rules and provide a handout, and then the class will split into groups of four to actually play the game. If you have tarot cards (and don't mind using them for this purpose), please bring them to the class. Please let the instructor know if you will be attending (and if you will be bringing a tarot deck).

November 22 Hank & Minna's
Astrology in the Middle Ages (Lady Minna Rose von Krupp)

The class will cover the symbolism and practice of astrology during the middle Ages. We will also discuss the mathematical basis of the science and the astrologer's place in the Middle Ages.

December 13 Available Date- No class scheduled

December 27 Available Date- No class scheduled



November Baronial Business Meeting

November 1, 2005

Old Business:

12th night –

12th Night has appeared in the *Acorn* and the kingdom calendar. Jynette has been contacting the other barony to keep them in the loop. Currently, the two main goals for 12th Night are to set up an A&S schedule and to attract more merchants for the event.

Serena has received a budget and is comfortable that the event will turn a sufficient profit for us to give both Lochmere and the kingdom their share and still have a profit for ourselves. (If you want specific budget details, contact Serena.)

Reservation info has been turned in. There are a very limited number of seats, get reservation in as soon as possible. (Don't assume that you have a reservation, even if you're working the event.)

Kiri will look into hotel accommodations.

February Event

The February event has been submitted to SPIKE, and the date is February 25, 2006.

There will not be fighting or other marshaled activities at this event, but there will be dancing, music, and A&S. There will be an A&S table, and Lylie is also looking to have some classes.

Kiri has a staff for the feast, but servers, troll, and hall volunteers are still needed. Please contact Lylie if you're interested. Anyone with contacts who do Middle Eastern music and might be interested in playing at the event should also contact Lylie.

Lylie needs to get in touch with Serena to set up the event budget.

To add to the Middle Eastern theme, we can put tables on milk cartons to lower them, but we will still need some normal level tables for those who can't bend. The Barony should also provide rugs, carpets, and pillows. (Marvin has some to bring.)

Marvin suggests advertising the event on Middle Eastern websites and Yahoo Groups. He has some of these addresses.

The reservationists for the February event are Adriana and Matthew. The schedule of fees is:

- Site Fee—\$7.00
 - Feast—\$5.00
 - Site Fee for Children 6-13—\$2.00 (Full Price for Feast).
 - Children 5 and Under—Guests of the Barony
- The \$3.00 non-member surcharge does not apply to children thirteen and under.

Challenge of the Heart

We originally took the date planning on Melwood, but the site is reserved permanently from this point on. In 2007, they have one weekend left in April, and two left in April of 2008.

However, Marvin and Marcia have found an alternate site, King's Landing Park,, which Marvin says is the best site he's ever seen. The park holds 1500 Boy Scouts in the summer, and has lots of acreage, a brand new hall, and a huge kitchen. Cabin space is also available, at \$1 per night per person. Additionally, the ranger likes the SCA, and participates in the Celtic festival.

The reservationist, however, has a negative impression of the SCA, possibly due to past problems with other medieval groups. The reservationist was initially unwilling to allow us to use the site, and Marvin had to ask to talk with her supervisor, who is also very leery of the SCA.

The ranger did manage to help us get the site, with some restrictions:

- We're being charged the maximum price this year, but that will drop next year.
- We need to provide porta-johns.
- We are not permitted to cook on the stove, though we can use all other

kitchen equipment. Next year, we'll need a food service permit to use the stoves. Burners will be set up outside, so we can work around the stove issue. Hank may need camp stoves and burners from people in the barony.

- We cannot charge admission on-site. Instead, troll will be set up outside the park.
- We cannot have merchants. (We didn't have many last year.) This is because the group is considered responsible for paying taxes.
- We must be off-site by 10 PM, and there is no camping this year, though we may be able to camp next year.
- It will cost an extra \$100 to stay until 10, as it's \$25 per hour after 6. (We need to be out of the hall by 10, and off-site ASAP.)

The site has many advantages if we can convince the park staff that the SCA is "OK":

- It's 30 minutes off the DC beltway,
- The ranger has Celtic musicians she wants to bring in to perform.
- The site will cost \$800 max, \$600-700 less than Melwood. 100-200 of that is in deposits and will come back to us.
- This will be an available, inexpensive site. For the next event, the cost will be more like \$600, with camping at \$1 per head per night, and Friday doesn't count toward the cost.
- There are eight cabins, with sixteen beds each.
- In the future, we might be able to build a permanent archery range.
- There is lots of parking, some paved, some gravel. There will still be available parking if it rains (though this will be farther away).
- There's plenty of space for rapier, archery & fighting.
- If no other groups have the site reserved, we can get in on Friday to set up. Otherwise, we can start setting up Saturday at six.

The group discussed whether or not to have the event at the new site, under the current restrictions. Several people, including Alex and Kier, mentioned that other groups have had similar problems with sites and that people are likely to be understanding of the restrictions we must abide by.

Kaolin, last year's autocrat, pointed out that most people at last year's Challenge were daytrippers. Most of the campers were Dun Carraig and a few merchants, so the lack of camping should not be a factor.

It was suggested that we cut back on what we do for this event, making

It was pointed out that we need to have money for 12th night and don't want to go into red. Therefore, it was suggested that we vote to approve the expense now, with the caveat that the exchequer will decide when to pay this out, in order to make sure that we have sufficient funds. Since Marvin has a less expensive source for hides, the figure was reduced to \$50 for leather and rivets.

This was unanimously approved. As Serena has a \$65 donation for the Barony from her on-line store, she approved using this money to pay for armor supplies.

Exchequer PO Box—

When Serena and Kaolin reviewed the books with the Kingdom Exchequer, it was recommended that barony purchase a PO box to avoid the frustration of new checks, new addresses, etc. every time there is a new exchequer.

A PO box costs \$24 for 3" x 5 1/2". The box could also be used for other baronial business, though we might need a larger box if the box were to be used for event reservations.

The location of the box was brought up as a possible problem, since the group is so spread out. It was suggested that since practice is in Lusby, it might be a good location, especially since the box doesn't need to be checked every day.

It was also pointed out that it can be harder to get a check accepted if it's a PO box only, rather than a street address. Since Mailboxes, Etc. provides a street address, this was suggested as a possibility.

Since expenditures of \$50 or less can be approved by the exchequer alone, this was not put to a vote. Serena will consider the pros and cons and decide accordingly.

Communication—

Marvin wanted to make the group aware that he does not use e-mail and is best contacted by phone. He does work late, so you'll probably get the answering machine, but he will call back.

It was given as a general reminder that when leaving your phone number for anyone, it's helpful to speak slowly.

The List:—

The issue of moderation of the barony list was discussed again. Several people discussed the way moderation works on other lists, as well as the various pros and cons of moderation versus the pros and cons of an unmoderated list. No vote was taken, as this issue was decided last month, but it may come up for discussion again at a later point.

Officer's Reports:

Quartermaster —

-Inventoried all baronial items at B&B's house, including kitchen gear, decorations and the "baronage" stuff. Inventoried awards, need to establish "low limits" so that we know when to order new items.

-Inventoried heavy loaner gear at B&B's house before Sunday practice in Waldorf. (These were being handed off to Theron afterwards.) Need to arrange with Evan to inventory loaner equipment he has for repair. Need to know if Theron had any other loaner gear other than what was already covered.

-Once inventory is complete will sort by parts so we can see how many complete sets we have, and what we need to finish out any incomplete sets. Would like to work with marshals/fighters to "size" pieces so we can try to make sure we have something to fit anyone.

-Will arrange time with Muirghen to inventory rapier loaner gear after honeymoon.

-Need to arrange time with Rose to inventory loaner garb. Will sort inventory by size/type so we can make sure we have enough to make proper outfits.

-Still need to know who else is holding baronial items so inventory times/dates can be arranged.

-Would like to recommend that feeding the quartermaster pizza become an established standard.

Herald—

There's no report from Hank, seeing as he's on his honeymoon. See Hank or Tom if you have a name or device to submit, or if you want help documenting a name or device.

- Scribe Workshop - Dec 10 (Baroness only)

The B&B would like to know who else plans to attend Unevent and the Scribal Workshop. Since Unevent is a nine-hour drive, those going should coordinate rides, gas, hotel, etc.

MOM—

Kier has volunteered to serve as our Minister of Minors. She has kids and has served in other offices. She also meets the two main qualifications for the office, which are “breathing and has a pulse” and “willing to take the job.” Kier was approved unanimously as our new MOM.

Exchequer -

Serena would like to thank Kaolin for doing a great job as exchequer.

If anyone has business for the exchequer (requests for reimbursement, etc.), call or e-mail Serena.

The quarterly report was completed and submitted on-time.

Serena needs Muirghen’s signature for signature card before it goes to kingdom.

For event site fees, the \$3 NMS is not charged to youth if they get a youth discount. (Bozhana asked for that to be reiterated closer to events as a reminder.)

The Barony needs to come up w/ a refund policy for the baronial charter. The approval process for adding to the charter takes at least 2 months, and a refund policy would be useful to have for 12th night, since it’s a kingdom event, but that may not be feasible.

The Kingdom default is that refunds are only done if an event makes money.

Start thinking about your ideas/opinions for the December meeting, and this will be further discussed at that time.

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