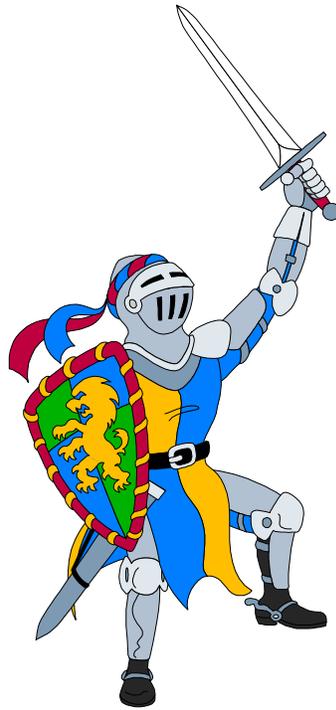


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Upcoming Events for April

- 1—Coronation of Michael and Seonaid, River's Point, Petersburg, VA
- 8—Tir-y-Don Baronial Birthday, Tir-y-Don, Newport News, VA
- 14-16—Night on the Town VIII—Peasants Revolt, Lochmere, Crownsville, MD
- 22—Challenge of the Heart, Dun Carraig, Huntingtown, MD
- 28-30 Beltane, Berley Cort, Sedley, VA

Upcoming Events for May

- 5-7—Crown Tournament, Tir-Y-Don, Williamsburg, VA
- 19-21—Birthday of the Black Prince, Black Diamond, Bland, VA
- 19-21, On Target, Lochmere, Annapolis, MD
- 26-29 Sapphire Joust/ Atlantian 25th Birthday (R), Caer Mear, Amelia, VA

Upcoming Events for June

- 3—June University, Isenfir, Charlottesville, VA
- 9-11—Highland River Melees, Highland Foorde, Hagerstown, MD
- 16-18—King's Assessment (R), Black Diamond, Vinton, VA
- 24—Seneschal/Exchequer Symposium, Caer Mear Richmond, VA
- 30– July 2—All Things Martial, Bright Hills, Elkton, MD



From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

I am sure some of you are wondering what has been happening since Her Excellency stepped down from this position. Well, I started by asking you to tell me what you were interested in, so that I could find instructors and structure classes to provide you the information you were looking for. I did receive some inputs, but you will see from the list that it was not a lot. I can, of course, set up classes through the years to come, but want these to be things that will benefit the populous. So, now that I have a starting list, I am asking you to help me prioritize it so that we are teaching those things that either take time to get done, or are of peak interest to you.

- Banner making for hall or camp
- Cooking basics: where and how to find and prepare period recipes
- Heraldry 150 (a continuation of the heraldry for newcomers)
- Arrow making hands on workshop
- Astrology in period
- A camp bed (for Pennsic!)
- How to build a Ger, lessons learned the hard way!
- Becoming a scribe
- How to document your work
- Brewing, lessons learned, again the hard way!
- Organizing your camp, or how to get ready to camp.
- Fabric and colour in period (should include samples to take shopping)
- Basic costume, where to find what you need or want
- The basic T-Tunic and what you can do with it (how to survive with minimal skills)
- Court etiquette or what to do when called in and who is who and how to tell
- Dance in period, a starting point

If any potential instructors are out there, tell me topics that you would be willing to teach, and we will begin setting up dates. Also, the newcomers classes are continuing under Her Excellency's guidance. I will try to structure classes that add to this by giving the

next level of information.

Finally, I know that there are two active programs that border on A&S that need to be acknowledged in my reports to Kingdom. I would as anyone who is doing a regular effort (even a one time effort) to give me a short feedback of how it went and how many attended and the like. Now some of you are wondering what I am talking about so here is a short, not complete, list of things that can be considered A&S related that you may not have considered.

- Costuming classes, including sewing get together. (note, this is not intended as any kind of oversight, only information to me so that I can include your efforts)
- Banner making groups, yes even the ones for Challenge.
- Armour making workshops. You may not know that there are several laurels in armour making.
- Writing groups (on topic)
- A&S tournament preparation
- Music (on topic)
- Choral groups (SCA and related)

Hopefully you are seeing that many of the things that you do, may warrant recognition for your efforts to promote the arts. A personal project I am starting for this year is the cataloging of reference sources for a disbursed library. I, like many of you, have a rather extensive library on a variety of topics. While I am, in general, unwilling to loose control of them, I am certainly willing to allow access since some are hard to find. Others may be of interest, but who wants to buy something, sight unseen, if you do not have to do so. So I am starting to create a MOA&S reference library database to help the barony out. I would as others to take a look at your library and see if you also have topical books that you would be willing to let others look at for reference. I will have a spreadsheet of the categories for use very shortly.

Mistress Kiri will be coordinating the A&S display for Challenge, I encourage everyone to consider putting something on display. Even works in progress are a good idea. Who knows, you may find a source you did not know about.

Yours in Service
Muirghen, MoA&S

BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING

May's business meeting will be held Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 PM. Since we have another event coming up in April, the location of the May business meeting will be chosen by the Challenge autocrat after the event. See the barony calendar at <http://www.duncarraig.net/calendar> for specific details.

The June business meeting will be held Tuesday, June 6 at 7:30 PM, at the Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church in Waldorf, MD.

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FROM THE SENESCHAL

I am in need of a new deputy, one that will take over when I step down. My term ends merely a month or two after the B&B step down. My current deputy, Rose, has stated that she will not become the Seneschal, only retain the deputy position. I'd like to have someone who is interested step up now and begin to see how things work, maybe run a meeting or two and be ready to help with the process of the polling. Still a way off at this point, I know, but I'd rather be looking ahead now than cursing later. I am aware that there is a person or two who is considering the matter. Please feel free to contact me now; we can get your feet wet and you can always change your mind later.

I also want to stress that Officers need to stay in touch with their deputies when they cannot attend an Officers Meeting or a Business Meeting. The Officers Meeting was set up by the officers, who all agreed it was a great idea to have the meeting and to stay in the know with one another. It is not ONLY for changes in policy or Kingdom law; it is also so the officers can get a "feel" for the health of the barony. However, I see fewer and fewer officers each meeting. And no deputy to sit in for them and report back to them. This meeting isn't every month; it's once a quarter. I don't believe it is too much to ask that you either attend the Officers Meeting or sit with your deputy once every three months to give the office you hold the attention it needs.

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2006

Old Business

The MOL needs a new deputy, as Bo is stepping down. Contact Lore if you're interested.

Minna, speaking for Rose, brought up the meeting location. Rose has mentioned that she doesn't want to put a burden on Jonathas and Amalia or have the barony affect their church membership. She's looked into alternate possibilities. Starting in July, we can get a room at the Prince Frederick library. We can get all months but September.

Tabling the idea until following month was suggested, but there's the possibility they might be booked up if we wait. Marvin motioned to reserve the room for July. Lylie seconded. With twelve in favor and none opposed, the motion passed.

Challenge of the Heart

Marvin went over site details with Jackie, and we can do camping next year.

Set up will be 1:00-4:30 Friday and starting at 7:00 on Saturday. Gallileo would like to get the kitchen tent set up Friday, but someone would need to pick it up from Jonathas's house. More volunteers are needed for both Friday and Saturday morning, and *everyone's* help is needed for tear down.

We also need volunteers for waterbearing. Marcia will work

on getting bottles.

A dayshade for the MOL is also needed.

Gallileo asks that people who have pavilions that the barony can use, please get them to people who are going.

In talking with Jackie, Gallileo also learned that we will be allowed to have merchants, but we cannot advertise merchants.

Because it's a public par, we can't charge admission to the park, but can charge people participating in the event. (Basically, if you wear garb, you pay money.) Gallileo also mentions that the event can work as a demo, where general public can watch. (Since the park is open to all, people will be wandering around anyway; we may as well advertise.)

Jackie's Celtic music group will play to entertain the ladies gallery and will also play at feast.

Also in speaking with Jackie, Galilleo learned that we can reserve dates now with the site without having to put a deposit down.

If you're on any e-mail lists, please send an e-mail out about Challenge. (Due to the lateness of the Acorn, we really need to advertise heavily on the internet.)

Bobbi motions to set up next year's Challenge on June 23rd unless someone has a big problem. Mathias seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor, motion passed.

Birthday

There's not much new to report for Birthday. Jonathas will be MICing, and Lore will be MOLing. We may need more marshals. I have tentative yeses from two rapier marshal. The MIC is a heavy marshal and we probably have one

more on the armored side. The only marshal who's not allowed to fight at all is the MIC, so others can switch out and still participate in the tourney. However, it might also be nice to get help from some out of barony marshals. If anyone knows of anyone who might be interested, please get in touch with them or pass me their contact info.

Calendar

The baronial calendar is online at <http://www.duncarraig.net/calendar>. Anyone can post to the calendar, and anyone can modify events.

If you are canceling an activity, instead of deleting it, write CANCELLED in big letters (e.g. DC ARMORED PRACTICE - CANCELLED.) Also official baronial activities should be in all caps so that they stand out.

If you're responsible for a practice, meeting, etc., make sure the listing in the calendar is accurate (time, place, etc.), and update it if that info changes or if the activity is cancelled.

Relay for Life

The current team consists of Lylie, Adriana, Kiri, and Serena. Mathias and Minna are also planning to join.

If we have fifteen members by the next Relay meeting, which will be held in a couple weeks, they'll put the team name on the back of the Relay t-shirts. Since this is nice publicity, Lylie encourages everyone who wants to participate to register sooner rather than later.

The location has changed from last year. This year's Relay will be held at Patuxent HS, from 6 PM June 16th to 6 AM June 17th. Participants don't have to stay the entire night—we just need one person on the track at all times.

We cannot use tents w/ spikes on the football field, so Kiri

& Philip's is out. Anyone who has pop-up tent or anything that doesn't need to be staked, contact Lylie.

A demo was suggested, but we need to see if we have enough people/interest. We will be doing the first few laps in garb; some people may do the whole night in garb.

New Business

Charter & Financial Policy

Kingdom stated that financial stuff needed to be pulled from charter & be a separate document. The reason given was that the baronial charter should very rarely be messed with, and should be a hassle to change. The financial policy, on the other hand, is to be more of a living document, which can be changed quickly if kingdom and/or society policy is revised.

The only proposed changes to the baronial charter are the following:

- Sec I. Concerning the charter—Anything found to conflict w/ Kingdom Law or Corpora will be suspended immediately, until amended through regular amendment procedures.
- Financial policy and refund was removed and pulled into its own document.

Actual Text of Proposed Change:

Concerning this Charter

- All provisions of this Charter are subject to Kingdom Law & Corpora. Any portions of this Charter which are found to be in conflict with Kingdom Law and/or Corpora will be immediately suspended until amended by the Barony using standard amendment procedures.
- The remainder of this Charter shall remain in effect.
- The action will be published in the next issue of the newsletter.

Financial Policy

Summary of proposed changes:

- A new heading was added, stating that it's subject to kingdom law & corpora, and has been established to control baronial funds
- The lowest reimbursement amount was reworded, to limit it just to officers buying for their office without having to ask first. As it was previously written, anyone could buy anything for \$20 or less for the barony without prior approval, but subject to the exchequer's decision.
- Some wordiness was eliminated, and sentences were reworded to make them clearer.
- The policy now states specifically who's on the financial committee—it used to be great officers as defined by kingdom, kingdom dropped that definition. (The committee is now an odd number, chaired by the exchequer. The other members are the seneschal, chronicler, herald, and baronage (as 1 vote).
- If attendees at a financial committee meeting are an even number, the MOL is added to the committee. If there's no MOL, the knight marshal is added instead.
- For purchases above \$300, the financial committee will discuss the purchase, then present it to the membership, for all paid members to vote on.
- All event related receipts must be turned in to the exchequer within 7 days of the event completion.
- For cash advances, all receipts & remaining cash shall be turned in to the exchequer within 7 days of the event's completion.
- There are NO financial proxies. On any vote that commits the barony to spending money, only those present may vote. For the financial committee, deputies (as published in newsletter) can attend and vote if the officer is unable to attend. (The removal of proxies on financial votes is a kingdom requirement.)
- The refund policy was clarified. "If a person has pre-registered and paid for an event" was changed to "If a person has paid."
- Event fees may be waived for king, queen, prince, princess,

autocrat & head cook—any additional waiver must be approved by financial committee w/ written justification & names added to final event report.

In the discussion of proposed changes, it was suggested that the \$20 that an officer can spend on his/her office without prior approval be made a monthly limit, rather than just a “per purchase” limit.

In response to that, it was mentioned that seneschal and exchequer can always disapprove if an expense is excessive. It was also mentioned that an officer might spend \$20 one week, \$20 the next, and nothing for the next six months. to report all expenditures & they have to go in newsletter. (At baronial business meeting following their disbursement.)

Mathias motioned to approve the financial policy. Gormr seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the new policy will take effect after it has been approved by kingdom and published in Clyffe Notes.

The charter changes must be published for three months, then can be voted on.

Relay for Life – Borrowing the Tent

Kiri requested that the Relay for Life staff be allowed to borrow the kitchen tent for registration. A concern was brought up about the condition in which the tent was returned last year; it had been packed up wet & dirty.

Mathias volunteers to transport the tent and set it up again after the event to dry, but can't use his backyard, as the tent won't fit. Alisandr volunteers to help set up the tent again. Marvin moves to let Relay borrow the tent, with Jim responsible for getting it clean and dry before returning it. Jonathas seconds. Unanimous in favor, motion passed.

Quartermaster

Mathias pointed out the very large pile of kitchen utensils, bowls, etc. that came home from the event with us, but are not ours.

There are also items missing from kitchen gear: round saucers w/ Japanese decoration (12), a small metal cup, a set of tongs, a pair of veggie peelers, a serving fork, a bottle opener, a 12" skillet, a 10 quart pot, and a 35 quart pot.

Mathias will check with the church to return things that belong to them and see if they have any of ours.

Everything needs to be marked. Philp has an etcher & Evan is looking into etching pots—same spot in every pot, nice and big and visible. This will mark that we own them, the pot's capacity, and which pot goes with which lid.

For future events, the Quartermaster will be positioned out of the way and will check baronial gear off on a list before packing it. The kitchen crew or clean up crew can clean dishes, etc. and set them in a pile for him to check and pack. This should make sure we have everything we came with and nothing we didn't. It should actually be less work for the kitchen crew because Mathias will be in charge of all packing.

Mathias also would like to make or find something better to keep pots in so that they all fit into something. He might make canvas bags using a heavy sewing machine. He would do one bag for each, since if you have one bag per pot, you know something's missing.

Heavy loaner gear has been inventoried. Mathias is looking at better ways to do that, as we often spend half the night trying to outfit a new person. He wants to have more tubs or make bags that will sort armor by type—gorgets here, helms here, legs here, etc. This would also make it easy to see if we need more of something or something needs replaced.

Mathias will be bringing the heavy loaner gear to practice.

James motions \$75 be spent on canvas totes, plywood, etc. for Mathias to organize baronial gear. Marvin seconds. Unanimous in favor, motion passed.

We discussed bottles for waterbearing, since the barony does not have its own. This will be voted on after we have a price.

Troll

Serena has held 2 of the 3 meetings required troll meetings. Rose attended. Serena also met with Amalia. This means that currently the only people who can work troll right now are those 3. There will be one more meeting Sunday the 9th at 3:00. Bobbi is willing to meet with people at different times; if you can't make the meeting, please get in touch with her.

Because of kingdom regulations, you can't even work troll for 5 minutes w/out having attended the meeting.

The meeting should take half an hour at the most.

Tattoos

Ordered from Dune last year—they also do a free design. Tattoos are 2.5" x 3.5" The cost is:
1000 – 192.30
2000 260.00

Molly has 500 original spikes left & has graphic for original. Molly will turn the remaining tattoos over to whoever wants to run the fundraiser. The purchase of any more tattoos was tabled until we sell what we already have.

Rose brought up, suggested that the barony purchase a set

of walkie-talkies for events, especially for ones where troll is at a distance. Wal-Mart has 5-mile walkie-talkies for \$20. Bo volunteers to lend hers out, and others in the barony also have some that can be used, so a purchase was not approved at this time.

Officer's Reports

Chronicler

The chronicler asked the members of the barony if the timing of the Clyffe Notes, which has been published near the end of the month, has been a problem. It was mentioned that, although people would like to see the newsletter early, the barony also understands that Adriana did move this month. (Chronicler's Note: I met with Alex, who is now deputy chronicler, and we split some of the workload and will have April's newsletter out in a more timely fashion. Since you're reading it now, though, you already know that.)

Quartermaster

The main news/concerns regarding the office were addressed earlier in the meeting. Mathias also reports that he has inventoried the Chirurgeon stuff.

Herald

Mathias sent his request for his warrant to the triton herald.

MOM

Gwenllian will post to the list what she needs for Challenge—she does need a youth level page class, something easy to get them started.

The Interbaronial pages school is starting up.

Gwen also needs a loan of tools, a jig saw & sander, to cut shield blanks for a kids wooden shield project. She points out emphatically that it will be Alex, not the kids, playing

with the power tools, which should be at least marginally safer.

Chirurgion

Minna is apprenticing at Challenge, also at Birthday.

Knight Marshal

Nothing new to report. Bash people, poke people shoot things (not people, unless you're doing combat archery!)

Exchequer

We have 2237.20. This is after Challenge is paid for, Birthday site deposit has been put down, and Muirghen's advancement for feast has been given.

DUN CARRAIG PROPOSED FINANCIAL POLICY

Concerning this Policy

All provisions of this Policy are subject to Kingdom Law & Corpora.

The Financial Policy for the Barony of Dun Carraig is established in order to provide adequate control of the financial transactions of the Barony. This Policy is superceded by Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Financial Policy, Kingdom Law, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, State, and Federal Law.

This Policy may be amended as follows:

-A proposed amendment must be submitted to the Financial Committee for review.

-After review by the Financial Committee, all amendments must be presented to the populace at a Baronial business meeting with the Financial Committee's recommendations.

A vote will be taken of the entire populace present who are paid members residing in Dun Carraig aged 16 years or older of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. each having 1 vote.

-When approved by the populace, it then is forwarded to Regional and Kingdom for final approval. When approved by Kingdom, the

amendment shall take effect upon publication in the next issue of the newsletter.

Disbursement of Funds

Signatories on all Baronial accounts shall be the Exchequer & Seneschal. A third Officer will be designated by the Exchequer and Seneschal as an emergency signatory in the event the Seneschal is unavailable.

The Barony shall have a Financial Committee, constituted by an odd number of members, which is chaired by the Exchequer and consists of the Seneschal; Chronicler; Herald; and the current Baronage. In the event that the Barony has both a Baron and Baroness, both will be members of the Financial Committee but they vote as a single member.

The minimum number of votes to authorize the distribution of funds shall be three. The Exchequer and Seneschal must be present. In the event that any of the committee members cannot attend a meeting of the Financial Committee, their Deputies (as designated and published in Clyffe Notes) may attend in their stead.

a. No proxies will be accepted.

b. Under no circumstances will any single member carry more than one vote.

If the Financial Committee meeting attendees consists of an even number of members, the requirement to maintain an odd number of members will be met by placing the MoL on the committee for that meeting.

a. If there is no MoL at the time of the meeting, the Knight Marshal will fulfill the requirement.

In the case of any tie votes, the issue at hand will be tabled pending discussion at an open business meeting.

Authorization for Disbursement of Funds

Disbursement for routine expenses (e.g. rental of meeting rooms) incurred through scheduled events, newsletter publication, or contractual obligations will be authorized in the following manner:

Purchases of supplies for an Office which do not exceed \$20 may be made without prior approval; however, the Exchequer retains the right to withhold reimbursement. This decision may be appealed to the Seneschal.

Purchases or obligations for the Barony which do not exceed \$50 require the prior approval of the Seneschal and the Exchequer.

Purchases or obligations for the Barony in excess of \$50 but which do not exceed \$300 require approval by a simple majority of the Financial Committee.

For expenses over \$300, the Financial Committee will make its recommendation to the populace at a Baronial business meeting. The populace will then vote as a committee of the whole with those who are paid members residing in Dun Carraig aged 16 years or older of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. each having one vote.

For purposes of determining eligibility for voting in financial matters, a roster of paid members shall be kept by the Seneschal and/or Chronicler. The roster shall include Modern Name, SCA Name (when possible), Membership Number, and Expiration Date.

For event related expenses the Autocrat is considered to be a deputy to the Seneschal. Before funds can be disbursed, the Autocrat must specify to the Exchequer where on the budget that the expense falls.

No proxies will be accepted for anything

financial.

For reimbursements, all receipts for event related expenses shall be turned into the Exchequer within seven days of the event completion.

For cash advances, all receipts and remaining cash shall be turned into the Exchequer within seven days of the event completion.

The Exchequer and Financial Committee shall report all approved expenses or obligations at the Baronial business meeting following their disbursement.

Event Refund Policy

If a person has paid for a Dun Carraig event but is unable to attend, he or she may request a refund from the Barony within seven days of the event completion. The Barony may, at its discretion, issue a full or partial refund. Such decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, by a refund committee consisting of an odd number of the following; the exchequer, the seneschal, and the event autocrat.

When determining whether or not to issue a refund, this refund committee will take into

account the following:

-Did the event make a profit? (No refunds will be issued for an event that did not turn a profit, nor will refunds be issued that cause the Barony to take a loss for any event.)

-What is the nature of the situation that caused a refund request? (In general, a refund will only be considered when circumstances beyond a person's control prevent his or her attending the event or feast.)

Waiving Event Fees

Event fees may be waived for the following event attendees; the King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Autocrat, and Head Cook. To waive the fees of additional attendees, the waiver of fees must be approved by the Financial Committee with justification/ documentation for the additional names in writing and added to the Final Event Report.

From the Chronicler

A little known (and probably even less cared about) fact about the Clyffe Notes is that Microsoft Publisher, the program used to create them, insists that anything published as a booklet must have pages in a multiple of four. If the newsletter is a page too long or too short, Publisher gets cranky and doesn't print correctly. As one might assume, this makes the Chronicler less than happy. So, to avoid this problem, I am now going to subject you all to two pages of filler, which will produce a 32 page newsletter. Yes, that's right; I'm writing this purely to fill space. I promise to at least attempt to make it entertaining filler. And, you've already read the first page. See, that wasn't **that** painful.



You Might Be a Fighter Chick If...

Presented for your amusement by Adriana Michaels

The only reason you own a garter belt is as a pattern for hanging leg armor.

You've annoyed marshals by commenting that pink duct tape quick fixes (which were supposed be ugly enough to convince you to correct the problem permanently) color coordinate with your armor.

You change into court garb, and people say, "I didn't recognize you in a dress."

You've ever had to explain your many bruises to a doctor, coworker, or family member who's convinced that you're being abused.

You got married in a long sleeve, full length dress, in August, because of the aforementioned bruises. (Also count if you avoided getting married in August, specifically so you could fight at Pennsic without worrying about whether the bruises would fade in time.)

It's you, not your husband/boyfriend who drools over the Tandy leather catalog.

Your favorite piece of jewelry is a pretty dagger.

As a child, you wanted to grow up to be She-Ra or Xena.

When you have to walk alone through dangerous areas, instead of mace or a taser, you carry a short sword.

You're eagerly anticipating the day your child outgrows his swing set, so you can pull the swings down and convert it into a pell.

Your favorite skirt is made of chainmail.

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