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Upcoming Events for March

- ◆ March 3 Kingdom A&S Festival Marinus Chesapeake, VA
- ◆ March 17 Highland Hoffla Highland Foorde Hagerstown, MD
- ◆ March 23-25 Birthday & Investiture Tir-y-Don Lanexa, VA
- ◆ March 31 Defending the Gate VI Sudentorre Fredericksburg, VA

Upcoming Events for April

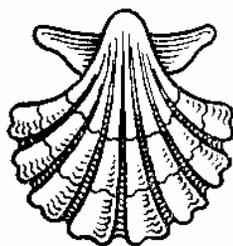
- ◆ April 13-15 Night on the Town IX Lochmere Annapolis, MD
- ◆ April 21 Kingdom Archery Champs Roxbury Mill Mt Airy, MD
- ◆ April 28 St. Anne's Guild Black Diamond Charlottesville, VA
Costumers Symposium

Upcoming Events for May

- ◆ May 11-13 Below the Salt Baelfire Dunn Lenoir, NC
- ◆ May 12 Tournoi des Enfants Sudentorre Fredericksburg, VA

Upcoming Events for June

- ◆ June 8-10 Highland River Highland Foorde Hagerstown, MD
Melees
- ◆ June 16 Warrior Games Tear-Sea's Shore Harleyville, SC
- ◆ June 30 Challenge of the Heart Dun Carraig Huntingtown, MD



BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING

The March business meeting will be held Tuesday, March 6th at 7:30 PM, at the Southern Maryland Higher Ed Center in California. **Directions Note: Take *Airport Road*, not *Airport View Road*. Full directions are posted on the web page.

Baronial Business Meeting

Minutes

February 6, 2006

In attendance: Molly, Alex, Kier, Kelly, Matt, Serena, Mathias, Andy, Greg, Jill, Tom

Officers' Reports

Webminister :

Hotmail apparently hates us. That is, our website went down briefly because our account was suspended. Because the duncarraig.net e-mail forwarders pass all e-mail along, including spam, Hotmail decided our server was spamming and blacklisted us, getting our account suspended. Matt has worked with the hosting service to fix the problem, and we're back up. Hotmail forwarders are now gone. We can't have Dun Carraig addresses forwarding to Hotmail accounts. (Matt came up with a workaround for Theron's account.)

Matt is working with Cathal to get domain name re-upped; we may move to another hosting company.

MOM

Gwenllian needs pillow stuffing for the Middle Eastern event.

We may have a teen hospitality table at Middle Eastern & we're offering four classes for pages. There are four children's activities, one of which is 1.5 hours long.

Gwen has been in contact with the dean of children, and she's one of four people being considered for the office of Kingdom MoM.

Castellan

Alisandair had a few inquiries in the past few days.

Theron pointed out that it's important to have real names on all contact material (website, fliers, etc.). Someone he knows who is interested saw a really weird and scary Welsh name as the contact person, something like Alisandair (and that's the easy part) Crosstitch-Macrame, and didn't contact him.

Alisandair also needs a deputy. If you know about the SCA, like talking to people, and have a pulse, you're qualified. We can even work around lack of pulse if you're mobile & don't smell funny.

Chronicler

There's not much new. The quarterly report went in on time.

I received a missive from the new editor of the Compleat Anachronist, asking for writers and reviewers for the Compleat Anachronist—see her letter, reprinted in this issue of the Clyffe Notes, for details.

MOA&S

The next class is Psyanki eggs on 25th. Please pre-register with Masarrah absolutely no later than the ME event—she needs to put together kits for this. The class will be at Hank & Mindy's Sunday at 1 PM.

Viking chain weaving class on the 27th (Tuesday night)—it will be taught by Cathal @ his house. (The local Viking gives it “Ya, yah, yah! Three thumbs up!”...because everyone knows how well Vikings count.)

March is a little thin for classes, and Muirghen's still looking for volunteers to teach.

Theron suggests scheduling time to come up with designs for canvas banners for the Pennsic camp. This month, we should come up with an idea & some designs.

Kiri has offered to teach a banner-making class (a period form).

Muirghen thanks Molly for hosting all the banner painting, providing materials, opening her house to all of us, etc.

Molly also thanks everyone for donating to gift baskets. She suggests sponsoring largesse get-togethers.

Keepers of the Clewe (the knitting group) is now ongoing. The next meeting is Saturday the 10th at Tom & Jen's...then March 2nd (Friday) at Hank & Minna's. The group will meet at least once a month.

MOL

No event, no report. LORE NEEDS A DEPUTY. She's been doing the job for six years and would really like a break.

“Chirurgion”

Minna will be shop for a new first aid kit.

Herald – Muirghen is working with Isolda to modify her device due to possible conflict with a real-world device. He is also working up badges for the new awards, and will see about getting those submitted once the designs are complete. Andreas is also getting his heraldry submitted. Last but not least, he's in search of someone in Atlantia, as he got a call from someone in Ansteorra who wants to conflict with the name.

(Sidenote: Mathias is sponsoring a competition at the Middle Eastern event. Entrants are to write a story with the theme “Andreas & the Axe.” Because those in the barony who had been interested have had writer's block, the competition may be for people to write the story at the event.)

Exchequer

The contracts were approved and the checks have been written for the Challenge site deposits.

The final site fees check has been written and will be given to Lore Wednesday night (Feb. 7th) to give to the site for ADITME.

Financial Committee approved raising ADITME feast from 100 to 128. New budget has been done, waiting for the Autocrat's signature which I should get Wednesday night (Feb. 7th).

The check has been written and will be given to Kiri Wednesday night (Feb. 7th) for ADITME Feast Advancement.

I sent the reimbursement check to Johanna for the polling.

Financial Committee approved \$22.16 to reimburse Exchequer for copies and postage for the 4th Quarter and Doomsday (yearly) reports.

The 4th Quarter and Doomsday (yearly) reports were done and sent to Regional on time.

Receipts – your personal stuff that you are purchasing is to be bought on a separate receipt from the Baronial stuff that you will be turning in, please.

I'm still working with those who have funds approved for them for spending but that haven't been spent yet. Theron regarding the List Fence (\$40 approved); Theron regarding the baronial tent repair (\$20 approved); Mathias regarding general Quartermaster supplies for loaner gear and kitchen supplies (\$75 approved); & Theron regarding the shed (\$1,000 approved).

I posted the Cash Advance Request Form on the Dun Carraig website. Please use this from now on for requesting cash advances for anything.

The Reimbursement Request Form will be posted also, as soon as I get it worked out. Currently the paper copies are available from me. Please use this from now on for requesting cash reimbursements for anything.

We have \$2,462.36 in our account at this time. \$1,610 (plus cost of fire safe) is dedicated funds, leaving a working balance of approximately \$852.36.

Quartermaster

Not much new. Waiting for event to happen or plans on shed to go forward.

Knight Marshal

We are doing melee training at practices now. Cathal is still putting the blue card list together. If you haven't shown Cathal your card, please do so. Also, make sure your gear meets the new rules (posted on marshal's webpages).

For rapier, there's been a debate regarding grabbing guards and hilts during fighting and the fine line between grabbing and wrestling. There's major contention over what the rule says, as it doesn't address the hilt or cup directly, only the blade.

Future B&B

Molly and Erwin are happy to see so many people out & doing A&S. Molly handed surveys out to officers, asking if there are things they need/want to have to make their office better. They want to know what people want to see for the barony, or as personal goals.

They would also like to get more fundraising going in the barony.

Seneschal

Theron mentioned that part of the purpose of having both a baron & baroness and a seneschal is to check & balance each other, so that no one has an overriding say in what goes on. If Theron is doing something you're uncomfortable with, he prefers you go to him, but you can also go to B&B (part of their role is conflict resolution). The seneschal also supposed to make sure everyone does their job correctly, so feel free to come to him with any concerns.

Raffles – This has been discussed on several lists. The gist is that the SCA can't do raffles (lots of legal problems, because the entire SCA can run only 2 raffles a year in each state).

Fundraising –When we've been dealing with legal issues regarding the shed, a storage locker has been suggested by pretty much everyone, and the discussion of storage always turns to fundraising. We haven't been doing much in the way of fundraisers but are going to start. (Baronies are generally expected to do five fundraisers a year.)

We'll be laminating cards at event & also selling tattoos. If you have fundraising ideas, talk to Isolda, who has some.

THE SHED

The shed has not been built, although the event is in a week, and the original goal was to have it in place by the event. Theron says "my bad." Lore has sent Theron about 15 shed-related links, which he'll be checking out. The shed needs to be at least 10x14, with an 8 ft ceiling. Since it's going on Molly & Erwin's property, it should look decent Erwin suggests something rustic. Adriana promises not to paint it pink.

Theron stressed to the barony that the upcoming event is a good chance to show a positive face for the barony to the rest of the kingdom.

Molly asks everyone to welcome visitors & remember that Molly & Erwin will be very busy & not able to do the usual hospitality thing—she urges us to get out there & schmooze. (Those who aren't as willing to go up to random people, hang out with friends and be visible having fun; it's contagious.)

Middle Eastern

Lore wasn't able to attend, but sent the following report:

Site visit will be Wednesday the 7th at approximately 7:30. I will be picking up Kiri and then stopping by fighter practice to pick up Bobbi and Kier and then heading over to the site. Anyone else who would like to see the site is invited to come along. I have a question in to see if there will be someone there authorized to take our payment so we don't have to worry about paying on day of. I also have a question in about getting in the Friday night before to decorate. Hoping to finalize the schedule after the site visit.

Kiri will be going food shopping this Saturday and will be looking for help w/ pre-cook on Sunday. The barony will give her the check on Wednesday to go food shopping for 128 on-board folks. I will give her the check for the off board folks.

Have a lot of teachers coming which is AWESOME! Please treat them as honored guests as most are from out of barony and giving of their time and talent. If you have time, take a class.

If you are a drummer or want to be one, please bring a doumbek. We have an instructor coming who is going to teach a beginning class focused towards joining a drumming circle (such as those at Pennsic).

If you have any ME styled or oriental styled rugs you would be willing to bring to the event on loan, please let Laurie know ASAP and give her the sizes so she and Hank can plan. Same goes for any cool brass type stuff - planters, bowls ect, floor pillows and ME styled fabric.

I would like to set up the free-standing pavilion again like last year. Where is it? Can who ever has it bring it?

We will have a sign up sheet at troll for volunteer servers. Tom will be writing up the note to entice pages to serve feast.

Troll could use some more staffing also, especially in the morning. If you have an hour to spare and have had the training, please get up with Kelly.

We will be making Spike tattoos and laminating available at troll as a Baronial fund raiser.

The henna area will have a basket out for donations that will benefit the Royal Travel Fund. Please donate if you have art done. Also, if you are even a little artistic and want to help apply Henna, Marsarah would welcome the help. She will be doing simple designs to allow more folks to get something applied.

We are doing two baskets for this event. One to present to the new B&B and one for the new B&B to present to the Royals. The children, led by Muirghen (as A&S officer), will be presenting the basket to the new B&B during court. Please consider donating to both. If you're not "artsy fartsy" consider donating a \$10 gas card or some thank you notes. If you have a basket to donate, that works too! Get the stuff to me or Muirghen as soon as you can.

Any questions, please give me a call at home or on my cell (301)904-2129 and I'll try to answer them!

—This ends Lore's report.

Theron confirmed that it's okay for us to have financial committee approve raising the feast cap multiple times if necessary. He also strongly encourage people to take classes.

Theron will be writing up a note to entice pages to serve feast.

Theron also wants to point out that we should NOT tell anyone their garb is inappropriate. A lot of bellydancers who practice next door to our fight practice are interested in attending. If someone is wearing clothes straight out of "I Dream of Jeanie," Theron suggests that you smile and enjoy the show.

He asks everyone to remember that one negative comment can wreck someone's whole SCA experience. Muirghen pointed out that an inappropriate comment was made to someone at their first event, where they went all out on their garb. (A couple other people mentioned experiences where they almost quit or knew someone who did because of thoughtless comments.)

Challenge of the Heart

Mathias was trying to move the event to the Izaak Walton League, someone slid in before us & snagged the site. We're back to King's Landing on the 23rd. There's only a

slim possibility of changing to the 30th, and there's already an event SPIKED for Bright Hills (23rd conflicts with a couple members' plans for a non-SCA event).

We have the hall & field at King's Landing for Saturday—we're looking at possibility of camping, but need to adopt a cabin to do that. We will need to do maintenance, including new shingles. It will probably take \$300-\$400 in materials. Mathias is trying to see if we can get donations to get that reduced. He asks barony members to ask their companies to see if they might be willing, if they have a charity department. Since we are a non-profit doing something nice for a county park, we might be able to get assistance.

We get two free camping weekends each year per cabin we adopt. That gets us the use of all cabins on site. We can also do tent camping. The best thing is, once we lay out the \$\$\$ for repairs, there's no cost for camping, so anything we charge for camping becomes profit.

We get to put a sign on the cabin to indicate who adopted it—will be for pages academy, because it has to be a youth organization. (So the kids will have to work on this.) Alex, our media liaison, will see if the SCA has rules regarding how we do the sign.

Mathias needs the following staff:

- ◆ a head troll
- ◆ heavy marshal
- ◆ ladies gallery
- ◆ decorations
- ◆ set-up
- ◆ clean-up
- ◆ someone to direct parking
- ◆ coordinator for A&S activities
- ◆ royal liaison (if it becomes a royal progress)

We also need to bribe/beg/plead to get Muirghen to miss his other event on the 23rd. . .we could drag him in kicking & screaming, but we probably don't want to eat that feast!

The tourney is based around love & glory—3-man teams, and each will pick a side to fight for: love or glory. Those who fight for love have to be sponsored by a lady.

There will be several prizes, one for the winners, a prize for spiffiness, and a prize from ladies. Syr Richard is doing up some banners for us. There will just be two types of banners, one for “love” and one for “glory.”

One A&S idea—comparison of Catholic & Moorish artwork.

Mathias is interested in everyone’s ideas on how to make this a big event.

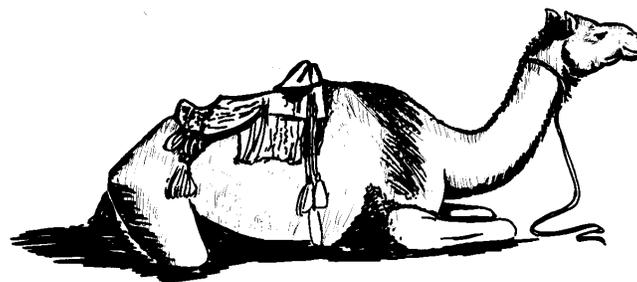
If we do camping, we may want to do breakfast as a fundraiser. We may also do a war practice on Sunday.

We’ll decide that next month so we have time to figure out what we’re doing as far as adopting a cabin.

Mathias will put together a flier for Challenge to go out at Middle Eastern.

Minna will find a hotel.

Challenge is a wet site.



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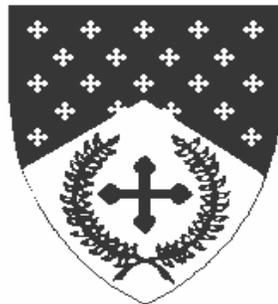
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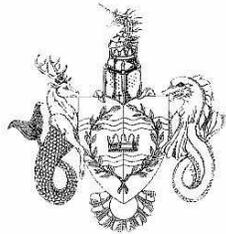
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