

CLYFFE NOTES

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December Business Meeting
Minutes

In Attendance: Minna, Adrianna, Matt, Erwin, Lore, Jynette, Gwen, Mike, Serena, Mathias, Isolda, St. Ro, Khadir

We started off this meeting with old business: Hank contacted the vendor regarding the purchase of a Baronial Schlager, but his request had not been answered. The final numbers for Birthday had not been completed by the meeting, so nothing could be said, but that things were looking good. It was noted that even if the numbers don't reflect it, the event was successful.

ADitME: Adrianna will be reservationist. Mathias will post directional signs and take charge of field heralding. Mike will be in charge of clean-up. And Serena will be in charge of Troll.

Baronial awards: the barony needs tokens for awards they

wish to give out. Erwin has some leads on getting them made. Serena has receipts from previous vendor to consider as well. Hank has a mold that could be used. Erwin and Hank will be working with each other to see where we can go from there.

New Business

Jynette has volunteered to be the new Chatelaine and will officially take it over when she takes the class/es she needs. We are still in need of a MOM.

An autocrat is needed for Challenge of the Heart. Hank said if he can find a site, he may autocrat.

Erwin asked our Exchequer to audit the books at her earliest convenience.



Dun Carraig's Arms





Letter from Their Excellencies



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nto the most amazing Barony in the knowne world does your preening Baroness send greetings. Thank you for

making the War of the Roses such an amazing event. You took every obstacle and made it into a pinnacle. Your willing attitudes under such trying circumstances were so inspiring, so calming and were just the sunshine I needed on a gloomy day. Mistress Rose...you really outdid yourself...the food was a feast for the eyes and the tummy...might I suspect there was a little showing off going on there? (grin). Master Philip and Mistress Kiri...Rose mentioned working in a kitchen small enough for 5 and only if they were REAL good friends: I can think of no two other people I'd rather be trapped in a kitchen with. Your "taxes" were too cool for words and your presentation was done with grace and style the rest of us can only hope to someday emulate. Lady Christina, Lord Duncan...you guys made it look so easy back there. Lady Minna, thank you for keeping everything running right along so smoothly (and for NOT heading to Mexico when you found out you were the default autocrat, smile). Thank you to our former Champions...your scenarios were so entertaining and inventive. You served with honor and have provided a pretty high bar for your successors to meet. To our new Champions (M'Lord Konstantinos, Lord Erick and M'Lord Pieter), we look forward to working with you and were honored to stand with you at court. To Lady Serena and your "helpers" at gate...you know you are amazing. Thanks for doing what you do so well, and doing it well all of the time. To Lady Tatsume and Lady Isolda...thank you each for retaining for us, for making sure we ate, drank, took potty breaks and had the good sense to get out of the rain. We would be sad excuses for Barons if it were not for your diligence. Lord Mathias, thank you for "rolling with" every crazy idea we had for schtick...and being willing to herald even when you're "gimpy". Sir Harald and Mistress Ceridwin, not only did you guys decorate the hall, participate in the fighting, entertain Erwin & I during feast, you guys also stayed to help with clean up. You were an incredible example of service and it was an honor to spend time with you both. M'Lord Michael, thank you for being willing to step up for clean up...the hall looked AMAZING and everywhere I looked folks were working (especially your own family...they really are amazing). To anyone I missed mentioning, please know that the omission is unintentional, and merely a result of being so incredibly overwhelmed by another amazing event from "the little Barony that could".

As a reminder, their Majesties are in need of award recommendations...if YOU saw something amazing this weekend...let someone know about it. I know we've got some incredible folks in our home...let's let the rest of the world know how great they are too. (Again, please let Erwin & I know if you recommend someone, so that we can add our voices to your own).

Molly & Erwin



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Chronicler's Report

Last month's issue is almost done, and if I can zip through that and this month's issue, I'll be caught up.

Herald's Report

Court report has been submitted for Baronial Birthday/War of the Roses. Any awards should be recorded. (Applause from everyone around for a speedy delivery.)



Quartermaster's Report

I was active in assisting with Birthday. We need to re-inventory supplies soon and will need help from the populace.



Seneschal's Report

Nothing to Report.

Chatelaine's Report

Jynette has volunteered to be our new Chatelaine

Webminister's Report

I am looking at entirely replacing the members login section. So I am starting to work on that and figure out what I want to do for that. One thing is that we have some files in the members login section, some of those might not be ones that need to be in the restricted access area. I am looking at setting up a public access files section (open for everyone to view, restricted access to upload). We will also still have the restricted access section, for files that do not want to be public.

The Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center at 44219 Airport Road, California, MD 20619. For directions go to www.smhec.org.

Minister of the Lists'

Amos won overall in Heavy, Konstantinos won as Baronial Champion. There were 10 fighters for Heavy. Erik won overall and as Baronial Champion in Rapier. There were 4 fighters for Rapier.

Knight Marshal's Report

Nothing to Report.

Minister of Arts and Sciences' Report

Nothing to Report.

Did you find a mistake? Did I misquote someone? Please (kindly) let me know. Email me at Chronicler@duncarraig.net and I'll correct it in the next newsletter.

Exchequer's Report

(For December 2nd Meeting)

Wrote check to Lisa (Rose) for \$456.87 for Birthday feast reimbursement.

Following up on deposit refund status for Birthday with Cathal.

Working on final report for Birthday but cannot finalize until deposit is dealt with.

Financial committee met and voted on the deposit for ADITME. Wrote check to Immaculate Conception Parish Hall for \$200 for ADITME '09 site deposit. Also wrote check to ICPH for \$362.50 for half of ADITME '09 site fees. Remaining half (\$362.50) is due two weeks prior to event.

Need to have financial committee meeting ASAP to set budget for ADITME '09 event.

December 9th at 1pm, the Baron (and possibly the Baroness) will meet at the Exchequer's home to go over the books.

Prince Edward, the Black Prince of

by Matthias Kotok

Prince Edward was the son of King Edward III and Queen Philippa of Hainault. He was born at the Royal palace of Woodstock, on the 15th of June in 1330. When he turned 3 years old, he was made Earl of Chester. In four more years he became Duke of Cornwall.

The Battle of Crecy, which was fought on the 26th of August in 1346, was kind of a test for the young Edward. His father King Edward, was hoping that his oldest son would "win his spurs," at this battle and gave him the command of the van, and with the council and assistance of the Earls of Warwick and Sir John Chandos. The belief is that the King had ordered the prince to wear a richly decorated black cuirass on that day. Some people believe that this is why he is called the black prince. Others believe it was because of his temper. The defeat of the enemy at this battle is known to have been complete. Edward III hugged and congratulated his son on the field of battle and at the same time he publicly talked of how his son had proved himself fit to rule the empire.

The estate provided for Prince Edward in his early infancy, by his investiture, had placed vast resources at his disposal. Once he came to an age to administer his own affairs, history says he did so brilliantly.

After his return from Calais, in 1347, his town residence was Pulteney House. This mansion, which had been erected, by Sir John Pulteney is described as a magnificent dwelling. His country residences appear to have been at Berkhamstead Castle and Wallingford Castle.

History tells us that Edward made good use of his wealth by giving costly presents to his family, companions in arms, retainers, and gifts to strangers of every rank he happened to like. This added to his popularity!

When the truce with France expired on the 24th June 1355, Edward began to prepare to go to Gascony with a great retinue. He was attended by 433 men-at-arms and 700 Archers, of whom 400 should be mounted and 300 on foot; and archers of the Earls of Warwick, Suffolk, Oxford and Salisbury. His time in Aquitaine well showed his talents, not only as a military commander, tactician, and as a statesman. Because of his actions in 1362, the King created his victorious son, Prince of Guienne and Gascony, and erected those provinces into a principality for the term of his life. Edward went immediately to his new lands. He was accompanied by his princess whom he had married on Sunday the 10th of 1361 at Windsor Castle. They held court in his new lands with great magnificence. On one occasion the Prince gave a Royal joust of forty knights and as many esquires at his Court in Poitiers. The joust was in honor of his son, Edward.

While he lived in Bordeaux, his aid was personally solicited by Peter "The Cruel," King of Castile. King Edward agreed with the cause so the Prince entered Spain at the head of 30,000 men and, after a severe contest at Najara on the 3rd of April in 1366, restored the ungrateful Monarch to his throne.

It is said that he never quite recovered from this trip. His spirits also had suffered from the death of his eldest son, Edward who had died at the age of six. From then on he left prosecution of the continental war to his brothers, the Duke of Lancaster and Earl of Cambridge. He embarked with the Princess and their only surviving child, Richard, arriving at Plymouth in January 1371. Two years later, he surrendered the principality of Guienne into the King's hands and, from that period, seems to have taken little interest in public business.

Knowing he was not long for this world he made his will on 7th June 1376, then on June 8th, 1376, passed away. He had come to be loved by the populace and was greatly mourned. His body was embalmed, and was kept until the meeting of parliament at Michaelmas, in order that it might be interred with greater solemnity. This was performed at Canterbury, near the shrine of St. Thomas A. Becket. A stately monument to his memory and it still stands there today.



Youth in the SCA (Part 3 of 3)

For the last three months, we've discussed ideas for getting youngsters more deeply involved in the SCA, concentrating on involvement at weekend events. The first session was games for toddlers, and the previous session geared towards elementary-age children. This month we look at ideas for what I term "youth:" those who are starting to figure out what they want to do (whether they want to be part of the SCA or not, and if so, what parts of the Society they want to participate in) and are better able to do things on their own. One of the things I've realized as I've put this together is that, at this age, young adults might not be as interested in "games" but they are able to be more involved in some of the same activities the adults do. With that in mind, I have a couple games, followed by ideas written down by those who long came before me. The advice or ideas seem to still fit with today. As before, the ideas posted are not mine, but can be found at Stefan's Florilegium (www.florilegium.org), in the Children/child-gam section.

- "In the fourteenth century we hear of cards being played, and also of a curious game, called Ragman's Roll.' In this a roll or parchment was used, on which various verses were written describing the characters of the players, each verse having a string and seal attached. These seals were hung down from the rolled-up parchment and each person drew one of the seals, and had to take on the character attached to that particular verse.
- I have also made costuming flash cards where younger kids match the cards and older kids learn the different time periods and names of articles of clothing and accessories. A Felt Heraldry Board is presently in my possession. Basic shapes and some charges are cut out of appropriate colors and can be combined to make devices and learn the terms. Role playing drama play can be set up with particular situations in which the children play characters and are given a situation to act out in which they used correct SCA titles and some period speech...this occurs after a little workshop on SCA protocol...Grace and Manners...what ever you'd like to title it. When I was Minister of Children for the Barony of the Steppes, Ansteorra (many, many years ago) I outlined a possible badge earning program, inspired by the Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs. It never developed.

The following entries come from the Children/teenagers section of the Florilegium.. First, some good advice about kids grown up in the SCA:

Don't take it personally if your kids don't like the SCA. There's an instinct as strong as any which kicks in at some time in most people (some as early as 11, some not until they're 22) to Get Away from your parents. If this instinct didn't exist, why would we ever leave a place with food and laundry services? Giving kids more and better things to do won't save them all. Some will get surly and might do best in the tent with the sound turned down on the Gameboy.

... There are, of course, people who have grown up in the SCA and stayed. There are people who grow up in a small town and stay to work the rest of their lives. There are also those (and those among us) who grew up in a small town and got the



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Baronial Progress

Key

BnB—Baron and Baroness

B—Baron

Ba—Baroness

Use other Acorn Progress

Abbreviations.

The Baronial Calendar displays events at nearby locations. It is not indicative of all Atlantian events. For all scheduled events go to www.atlantia.sca.org.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Archery Practice, Baron Jonas' house	2	3
4	5	6 Business Meeting, SMHEC	7 Heavy and Rapier Practice, Southern CC	8 Archery Practice, Baron Jonas' house	9	10 Kingdom 12th Night, Sud-dentorre
11	12	13	14 Heavy and Rapier Practice, Southern CC	15 Archery Practice, Baron Jonas' house	16	17 A Gathering of Guilds, Lochmere
18	19	20	21 Heavy and Rapier Practice, Southern CC	22 Archery Practice, Baron Jonas' house	23	24
25	26	27	28 Heavy and Rapier Practice, Southern CC	29 Archery Practice, Baron Jonas' house	30	31

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Youth in the SCA (cont'd.)

heck out. There are those who will want the heck out of the SCA. Try not to waste too much time swimming up the biological stream, because when a kid's urge to be different kicks in you'd probably do best for both of you if you let it be.

- I (helped) bring four teenagers (14,15,16,and 17.9) to the Tournament of the Rose in Ponte Alto, Atlantia... They kinda made their own peer group ~ and because one of the major objectives of the event was to collect coins for the Ransom of a willful young lady from gypsies ~ they had a chance to arrange their OWN activities to separate gentles and their coins.
- Were I a parent (I'm not), I would make an arrangement to "foster" or "apprentice" my child to someone I trusted. I'd watch my child for a few years to see if there was anyone in my circle of friends that she seemed fond of. Then, I'd see about arranging for my child to spend most of the day at an event with that person. If my friend was a merchant, my child would learn merchanting. If he was a juggler, she would learn to juggle. If he was an archer, she would learn to shoot. And so on. If the child developed other interests and wanted to "swap" to another friend, it could be worked out. At any rate, the child would have someone other than her parents to be with at an event.
- One thing we try to do is teach the kids games first off, as they can be quickly involved. Game of the Goose seems to be the most popular. Teaching basic cooking skills works, as well as showing them how to do calligraphy, telling stories (and teaching them how to tell stories), and various workshop type things. We have a good proportion of kids in our shire, and I do what I can to keep them busy, especially during the weekly meetings. Even making simple jewelry gets a great response, especially things like stringing beads. One event I was at, the kids got a big kick out of painting themselves with woad. Kids also get a kick out of dancing with the grownups'.
- Around here, the rule is "You act like an adult, you get treated like an adult. You act like a child, you get treated like a child." That goes for children ages 1 to 100. We've had three sixteen year olds, with a "deputy daddy" for signing a feast hall rental, autocrat a feast for 150 on-board.
- How does a person treat teenagers? I think you will find that the interest in what the adults are doing kicks in a lot younger than that--probably no later than 6 to 8. What you can do with the kids from around 8 through the pre-teens and teenagers (depending on individual level of responsibility) is put them to work in any capacity they can help. The West has been known to use kids as young as 6 as List Pages. Any one child needs to work a relatively short 'shift' (say, an hour or two) and can work more than one shift if they feel up to it, but they get almost fanatically attached to doing *something* that connects to the main activities of an event. Somewhat older--say 10 or 12 for the best and not much older for others, the kids can help at nearly any activity we do. When I was Kingdom Constable I jumped at the chance to get pre-teens and teenagers to help at Gate. I just made sure to pair them up with an adult to handle any decisions that required experience to make a sensible decision. Society governance permits apprentice Marshals as young as 14. Any teen with a good voice or some voice training can do some heraldic work. Any teen or pre-teen can fetch and carry to assist virtually any of the offices or the Royalty. After all, what adult wouldn't *welcome* the assistance of a tireless set of legs?

Hopefully, all parts of this series were helpful to some people. I know I learned some new game ideas, and found some good advice on how to handle teenagers. Again, all this information can be found, submitted by many others, in Stefan's Florilegium. Anything misquoted is my own fault, and will correct it if you let me know.

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