



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

June AS LII

Minutes of the May Business Meeting

Next Meetings: June 11th, 11am @ Memorial Park, Appleton
July 9th, 11am @ Memorial Park, Appleton

Seneschal's Report: Lady Xanthippe reported that things have been going well. Crown went well. Everybody has been sending in reports on time.

Chatelaine Report: Lady Aesa reported that her quarterly report is in and that she has received a few inquiries about joining the SCA.

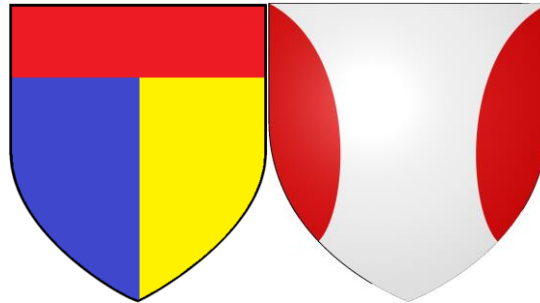
Exchequer's Report: THL Iohannes reported that reports are current and that we have \$7975.06 in our account. \$634.18 belongs to Bentbridge. We have made \$462.00 from the mug fundraiser. The gate report from Crown was 242 in door.

Chronicler's Report: Ashildr reported that the Baron up and that The Village Idiot is out.

Herald's Report: Lazar sent in his report to say that there was a baronial court at Crown Tournament in which three awards were handed out, the details of which are in his heraldic report for that event. The updated order of precedence is NOT up yet, but he is working on it. In addition, he has composed more potential populous badges, in order of recommendation:

- per pale azure and or, a sea-pithon or, on a chief azure two lozenges or
 - per pale azure and or, a sea-pithon or, on a chief azure
 - per pale azure and or, a sea-pithon or, on a chief or
 - Azure, a sea-pithon argent, flanches argent each charged with a billet azure
 - Azure, a sea-pithon argent, flanches argent each charged with a roundel azure
- Pictures to be sent in a followup email, since he does not have them prepared digitally. Though he has attached an example picture of flanches and pale with chief divisions,

for reference. NOTE: These are not the blazon pictures, these are just examples of the fields of division used in his proposals, thus the colors are for illustration purposes and not indicative of the blazon tinctures.



MOAS Report: No report. Election for new MOAS will take place in July.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Lord Edmund reported that practice has been going well. Practice has been moved to Memorial Park and thus far attendance has been relatively light. He also reported that he spoke to some mundanes who were interested and that he got his report in on time. And finally Lord Edmund reported that he and Lord Misha got Horicon's favor.

Rapier Captain's Report: Master Grimmund reported that people continue to show up as practices continue. He also reported that there have been a few gentlemen at the lodge that are concerned that rapier practice causes excessive wear. It might be time to shop around for a new location before next winter.

Youth Combat Marshal: Lady Xanthippe had nothing new to report other than now that it is warming up, there should be more youth activities and events.

Archery Marshal: Lord Ronin reported that archery had its first practice. He plans to propose for \$300 for two bows and about a dozen arrows at next meeting. Come out and shoot pointy sticks.

Web Minister's Report: Lord Misha reported that the website did not crash and that the graphics have been updated and the site looks pretty now.

Bentbridge: No report received.

Baron & Baroness Report: Her Excellency was not present because she received her bees. The Baron would like to express his and Her Excellency's gratitude to everyone who participate in making Crown a success. Special thanks to clean up crew and extra special thanks to Ed and Amy for helping with unloading on Sunday. He also would like to remind the barony that he and the Baroness will be stepping down and anyone interested in stepping up as Baron and Baroness is recommended to come talk to them.

Old Business:

- Reminder to bring monetary donations to Monday night rapier practices at the Lodge or any other activities we hold there.
- Next Moot - July 29th. Alicia Park, Appleton. Location has shade, a playground, good parking, and a pavilion has been rented. If anyone has award recommendations, get them in.
- NS Mug Fundraiser updates - We have sold mugs during Crown. Mugs will be sold at ITTs CAT, Mermaids, Border Skirmish and through to Warriors & Warlords. Pictures included below. **SHIPPING AT YOUR OWN RISK.**
- Just Play Update - July 1, Saturday. 9 AM. Asking those within the A&S and Fighter communities to consider attending. It is a free event in Paper Valley. Bring armor and weapons and be ready to fight.

New Business:

- Spring Crown Post Mortem - Attendance consisted of 220 adults, 27 children, 40 paid feast, and 30 non-members. Made \$673.75 profit. Feast was excellent. Special thanks to Lady Xippe and everyone who helped.
- Received first quarterly check from anonymous benefactor for \$375.
- His Excellency received a call from the Green Bay Public Library regarding our interest in a Comic-Con event that they are hosting in October. More details to come.
- Dance Classes offered now at the Ashwaubenon Public Library (on the west side) every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. From 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM. There will be a variety of tempo. No experience necessary. Events on MeetUp and Facebook
- Possible location found at a school for SCA events. Fully handicap accessible. More information to come.
- Brief discussion for a possible Fall Moot.
- Marshal Reports are due!

Guild Reminders:

Game Night - Grimmund and Mira's house on alternating Wednesdays. Doors open at 6pm.

Project Night - Continues at Their Excellences' home on alternating Wednesdays. Doors open at 6pm.

Fighter Practice - Practice will continue every Sunday at Gnome games until end of April then at Memorial park in Appleton.

Dance Class - Ashwaubenon Public Library every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. (Alternating with rapier Mondays.) From 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM.

~Letter from the Baron~

Well met!

Crown Tournament is over and done, we have a new Prince and Princess, and another successful event!

It is particularly heartwarming that Sir Kaydian and Mistress Cassandra won crown in Windhaven. Mistress Cassandra got her SCA start in Windhaven in the early 1980s; maybe being on the old home dirt was lucky.

Hearty congratulations to them both, and to to all the combatants and consorts.

Big thanks to the staff, particularly Aesa as autocrat, Xanthippe as head cook, and Iohannes for wrangling the gate.

Hat tip to the setup and teardown crews. Please forgive me, I should have taken more pictures during setup and teardown, but Aesa, Iohannes, Baroness Mira, Richard, Nimue, Misha, Isolde, Ronin, Cailin, and I know I am probably missing a bunch of the servers who helped clean up the kitchen after feast.

Congratulations to *Lady* Corrina Knoll, who got her Award of Arms!

Baronial court had awards as well. A Seat for Isolde Kingswood, and Horicon's Favors for Misha and Edmond.

Summer is coming in. Mermaids will be this weekend, and then June will have events every weekend. :) WW will be a weekend later than usual this year, due ot a schedule conflict in Minneapolis that has a lot of Nordskogen people already committed.

<http://www.northshield.org/events>

I particularly want to encourage people to attend Border Skirmish; if you fight, armored, rapier, youth, Border Skirmish is a target rich environment, where you have an opportunity to fight people from the Midrealm. YAY, FIGHTING WITH THE NEIGHBORS!

Until next month, have fun, be safe!
Grimmund

~northshield mugs fundraiser~



Left to right (back row): Short Boy Tap, Oktoberstein, Wide Mouth

Front: Hilltop Chili Bowl

~An Audience With Ashldr~

~Mikhail (Misha) Veterpriutov Grigor'ev~



When and how did you discover the SCA? / What first attracted you to it and what kept you coming back?

I'm a little fuzzy on the specifics of when but I figure about three years ago. Stabby sort of invited me or got told to invite me by my family more or less. Not necessarily told. She had been trying to recruit me for the SCA for a while but she was only doing fencing

stuff. We had been going to the same church for a really long time. And it got brought up that I could come to armor-making night some time. So at some point I decided to take the plunge and follow her along. It was pretty fun. It took me a couple minutes to figure out what the hell I was doing, but I had people willing to give me directions when I didn't know what I was doing. Grimmund and Kagi were both there and very helpful. Ultimately I decided that I wanted to make armor and not too long after that, a couple months later I was going to practice in Falcon's Keep. I was disappointed that I couldn't join anybody else. I was having a little bit of fun here and there but I still didn't have armor or anything and I barely got any practicing done because nothing fit me. Then I ended up going to... I think DubDub was the one that clinched it. I got to see about 20 or 30 people ram into each other on a bridge battle and just that sound of all that metal and wood crash into each other and everybody going "Urgh!" at the same time. I was like, "That's pretty awesome! I gotta be out there and do that."

What is your primary persona? What drew you to that era/culture?

At first I sort of got strong armed into picking the 14th Century because that is the "one true century". Feel free to record the air quotes in there. Just about everybody does the 14th century, but because of that, there are a couple of advantages to picking that as your era. It is one of the most heavily documented for our goals here. So finding resources for language and names and armor and clothing is super easy. Whether you pick Russian or literally anything. It doesn't matter what you pick you are going to find resources for the 14th century. A lot of people enjoy doing the story building thing and for them the SCA isn't as fun as another group could be. Here we're just ourselves and we don't have to flesh out our characters or give them backstories. There is not a demand or so many expectations in the SCA. You can be whatever you want to be and go as in depth as you want to go. There certainly are people probably who enjoy acting to the full extent but I'm not here for that.

What is one of the biggest differences between your SCA life vs. your mundane life?

I wouldn't classify it as a difference as much as I would classify it as a part of my life now. When I first started out it was big and booming and very hard for me to wrap my head around. Now it's a thing I do pretty much every other weekend, some Wednesday nights, some Monday nights. I feel like it does a lot of good for me. I get exercise, I get to meet people and talk to people and I am naturally anti-social. I don't really like hanging around people that much, but it's good for me to do that. I just finished fighting and I can still talk to you right now. A year and a half ago, that wouldn't happen. I had a hard time talking to people when I was fresh. By the time I was finished fighting, there was no communication going on. I would get through and then I'd walk away. So I feel like I've changed to accommodate it more. Not that the SCA is separate from my normal one. I do SCA it's a part of my life, it's not a separate piece of my life.

Do you feel that the SCA has changed your life for the better?

It has definitely changed my life for the better. I am much better at socializing with people and talking and telling fun stories and jokes. I was never really good at that before. I have way more friends. More than I know what to do with most of the time. I'm also more crafty than before. My skill working with tools and other things. I MacGyver

stuff all the time and I never used to do that before. Like I was clever and I could figure things out but I have gained more mental tools to solve problems. I think I've gained a better work ethic than what I used to have, too. That might just be a sign of me aging and maturing though. I'm always trying to improve those things in the first place so having the SCA as an outlet to try and improve myself and... it's actually easy to gauge myself here too. We get awards for doing well and people pat you on the back and tell you that you did a nice job at something. That's helpful sometimes. I am pretty religious and my church day is Saturday so that's a bit of a downside, since it takes away from that a little bit. It's a trade off on my personal growth I think it's definitely going in a positive direction.

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~Lady Winifred of Jararvellir~



When and how did you discover the SCA?

So during my freshman year of college I saw the table at the student work fair and someone let me try on one of their gauntlets and I was in love with it. It was awesome. So I didn't really have time for it at the time, but after college I was looking for something to do after graduation and so I was like I wonder if those people still shoot archery in the stock pavilion? And I went to a demo again and then I started going to archery practices.

What first attracted you to it and what kept you coming back?

Well archery was really fun so I wanted to keep coming back to do archery and it really was the people that kept me coming back. They just... everyone is really helpful. I mean you say, "I wanna do this thing." and if they don't know how to do the thing, odds are they know someone who knows how to do the thing and they will introduce you and find you a way to learn how to do what you want to do. They are all about learning and teaching each other and building each other up., celebrating victories rather than, "Well,

I could have done that, but I didn't." So it's a very positive group of people and encouraging.

What is your primary persona? What drew you to that era/culture?

Well I don't have a persona per se. I'm just Fred. So at May Day last year I really decided that I wanted my name because I had been around for six months at that point and everyone was still just calling me by my mundane name. And I was like, "No, I've been here long enough. I want to start getting my SCA name out there. I want people to know it. I want people to call me this. I want to find something that feels right for me." So I sat down with a couple of heralds just to chit chat and well... "What's your name?" "My name's Bethany." "Okay, well, Bethany is not period so we can use different elements of that like Elizabeth." "Mm, there's lots of Elizabeths. I want something unique." "Okay, what's your middle name?" "Well, there's lots of those, too. I want something unique." "Well did you ever go by any other names?" "Well, my boss used to call me Fred because Bethany had too many syllables." And they all looked at each other and they started typing away on their computers and Arwa went, "What about Winifred?" and I was sold. So that's how I started going by Fred and Winifred is a 16th Century English name. But that's not necessarily the period that I wanna... I don't wanna define the period that I wanna study by the name I chose because the name fit me but that doesn't mean it's the only century I want to look at. So right now I'm just hopping around to what garb looks cool and just learning a little bit about everything. I don't mind the time-traveling persona idea.

What is one of the biggest differences between your SCA life vs. your mundane life?

SCA life is way more fun. I mean even though I've been doing a lot of volunteering for stuff and taking on jobs with events, it doesn't feel like a job. These are things I want to do to help my friends. Even if it's hard work, it's still fun because you're doing it with your friends whereas mundane, everyday life is just, "I'm going to work because I like this work, but if I had a choice this is not what I would be doing with all of my time." So it's just a lot more fun and I've found that I've gotten involved enough that all of my free time is like working on SCA projects. I don't have a lot of interests outside of the SCA anymore because it's so encompassing and you can always find another SCA person who had the same mundane interests as you. So you end up talking to them at events and then you get distracted and start talking about SCA stuff again. So it just kind of took over everything and I'm okay with it.

If you could make the SCA into your primary job, what would you devote all of your time to?

Hmm. That's a tough one. There's too many... my concern would be that if it's my real job, I wouldn't enjoy it as much anymore. So it's like, what do I honestly love so much that I could be told to do for eight hours a day and never get sick of it? And I don't think there is anything that I really would want to do. I mean I want to be free to jump around from thing to thing because that's what I enjoy the most about the SCA. I get to do everything. There is no one telling me that because I do archery, I can't fight or because I heavy fight, I can't fence. You get to literally do everything that you want to do however you want to split up your time. So I don't think I'd want the SCA to be my job.

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