



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

August ASL

Minutes of the April Business Meeting

July 17, 2016
City Park, Appleton

Next Meetings: Sunday August 14th 4pm
Colburn Park, Green Bay; September 18th 4pm
City Park, Appleton

Seneschal's Report: THL Marketa reported that things have been quiet for her

Chatelaine Report: Lady Aesa reported that it's been quiet. HE Hamish mentioned that there are a few new people coming to Pell Practices.

Exchequer's Report: Lady Xanthippe reported that we have \$7552.98 in our account. \$634.18 belongs to Bentbridge. We have \$23 towards our next donation to the Lodge. Her Quarterly Report is ready to send in. A new financial policies book was published by Kingdom in May.

Chronicler's Report: Lady Aesa reported that the Village Idiot got. Thank you to those members that have submitted articles. Articles are always welcome from members.

Herald's Report: Lord Iohannes reported that he has worked on a couple of badges for people. The populace badge for Windhaven has been submitted for commentary. He hopes everyone enjoyed his heraldry articles over the past months.

MOAS Report: THL Marketa reported on behalf of Lady Nimeau that the fire class was a lot of fun. Silk Banner Painting is being held on July 30th.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Lord Cristoffel reported that practices are continuing.

Rapier Captain's Report: HE Grimmund reported that practices continue the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday of each month at Waverly Masonic Lodge in Appleton beginning at 6pm. He also reported that Lady Gianetta received her Rigid Parry authorization at WW.

Youth Combat Marshal: Lady Xanthippe reported that there was Youth Boffer at WW. Jocof got 2nd place. There was a lot of other youth activities that went over well.

Web Minister's Report: Lord Iohannes reported that the website and calendar are up to date. Voting took place and Lord Misha Veterpriutov Gregor'yev was elected as our new Webminister.

Baron & Baroness Report: Their Excellencies reported that the kingdom is looking for an Event Information Officer. Coronation is coming up on September 10th. It will be an historical event so attend if you can. Lady Marketa received a Hand of Tyr (now Honorable Lady) and Lord Ronin received award of the Black Bolt at WW.

Old Business:

- Reminder to bring monetary donations to Monday night rapier practices at the

Lodge or any other activities we hold there.

- Known World Handbooks have been ordered.
- Member Directory- Lady Aesa reported the deadline for being added to the directory is July 28th.

New Business:

- If you plan on attending Falcon Keep's event in September, you need to pre-register by August 29th to ensure camping space and avoid paying an entrance fee.
- Lady Aesa submitted a bid for Spring Crown Tournament 2017. HE Mira made a motion to provisionally accept the bid. Lord Edmund seconded. Motion carried.
- THL Marketa appointed Lord Ronin as the Pro-tem Archery Captain. He is looking at starting practices in Appleton. Voting will be held at our September meeting.

Guild Reminders: Project Night- Continues at Their Excellences' home every Wednesday. Doors open at 6pm.

Pell Nights-Non-Rapier Monday's at Master Hamish's and Lady Birna's home. Combat Archery will be starting soon.

Help Wanted: The Barony is in need of an Archery Captain. You need to be a warranted marshal to hold this position. Voting will be at the September 18th meeting.

Letter from the Baron:

Well met!

Happy August. By the time this edition of the Village Idiot is out, Pennsic 45 will already be started. For those of you going, safe travels, and have a good war. For those staying home, well, maybe next year, right?

If you've never been to Pennsic, you should go, at least once, if only for the experience of camping out with 10,000 of your best friends. Also if you've never been, Pennsic is an annual war between the East Kingdom (second oldest) and their allies, and the Middle Kingdom (third oldest) and their allies.

Northshield has allied with the East this year, and will be fighting against the Middle, alongside the East, Calontir, and Ealdormere, among others. This is a neat historical bit, as far as I know, because it is the first time the Midrealm's three descendent kingdoms have ALL allied with the East.

This also means September is right around the corner, which means FALL CORONATION is also right around the corner, September 10th in Border Downs (Yankton, SD). This will be another historic first, as Northshield will be investing the first same-gender pair of Crown and Consort anywhere in the SCA. While they are not a romantic couple (at least not with each other...) this is still a huge first for the SCA. There will be LOTS of people coming in from out-of-kingdom to attend this historic first.

Plan to attend. Make your reservations NOW. Coronation is, in part, a "big show" event, so pretty up your gear. If you see strangers at Coronation, be sure to greet them. If they are from out of kingdom, be sure to thank them for coming. If they are Northshields you haven't met yet, be sure to greet them like the long-lost kin that they are.

Lots of fun stuff is happening at the local level. Monday night fencing in Appleton is alternating with pell work with Hamish up in GB. Wednesday night project night is ongoing. Lady Nimeau has been running Saturday classes on a variety of A&S activities. And Sunday practice continues to alternate between Appleton and Green Bay.

Poorman's Pensic is August 12-14, next door in Falcon's Keep. This is also a public demo on Saturday, so if you know someone who is interested in the SCA, that may be a good introduction.

Officer's Day and St. Rade Gund's Faire are both the last weekend of August.

Falcon's Keep is also doing a demo in Wausau, at the Monk Gardens, September 16-18. This is happening in conjunction with the Monk Garden's Medieval Adventure.

There are always things to see and do, and always events coming up. You can see the complete list of kingdom level events at <http://www.northshield.org/Events/>

Until next month, stay well,

Grimmund

Baronial Policies Review:

A group met to review the Baronial Policies. The current policies can be found on our website under Library. The proposed changes will be reviewed and voted on at our next meeting. The proposed changes are:

I. General Policies

A) There are no requirements for participation within the Barony. Participation is not constrained by the boundaries as defined by the Kingdom Cartographer.

C) Sovereigns of Northshield are not expected to pay site or feast fees; this privilege would extend to their Heirs in the Sovereigns' absence. Waiving of fees for other visiting

royalty must be individually approved at a business meeting or a quorum of Greater Officers.

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D) The Village Idiot is a monthly publication, twelve issues per year, and each issue shall be published on the website

F) A printed copy is Available upon request

II. Great Officers

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C) Greater Officers have a two year term, renewable upon publication in the Village Idiot for two months and subsequent vote.

III. Lesser Officers

A) Lesser Officers include several offices that, while subordinate to Great Offices, are not required by Corpora or Kingdom Law unless noted, but considered main parts of Windhaven's government. Lesser officers have a term of 2 years, renewable upon publication in the Village Idiot for two months and subsequent

6. Emergency Exchequer Deputy (required – reports to Windhaven Exchequer)

IV. Event Stewards

A) Any Baronial member wishing to organize an official event must present a written proposal to the business meeting. The proposal must include a description of the theme, activities, estimated budget and location of the proposed event. Baronial Requests for bid proposals will be posted in the VI and the baronial email list for two months prior to submission deadline. Kingdom level events and above are exempted from this policy.

V. Financial Policies

A) A receipt and Cash Reimbursement Request Form must accompany all expense reimbursement requests.

I) The financial committed consists of Seneschal, Exchequer and any other paid members voting at the meeting.

VI. Baronial Transition Policies

D. The requirements to be a candidate

1 Must have been active in Windhaven for one year **preceding nomination**, and plays with Windhaven (if lives inside the boundaries but mainly plays outside Windhaven, not qualified.)

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3. Experience

a. Has served as a **greater** officer

4. The Seneschal **or** the Exchequer may not cohabitate, be the significant other to or be married to either the Baron or Baroness.

E) Nomination and Balloting procedures

1. Nomination procedures

b. remove candidates must be nominated by someone other than themselves.

2. Balloting and Interviewing

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e. The Seneschal shall **follow Northshield Baronial Transitions Policy in conducting the interviews and initial polling**. If an outside moderator **is used, s/he** must be approved by the members of the Barony. This moderator will ensure that these policies are followed, as well as those of Kingdom laws and SCA policy. They will tabulate the initial polling and forward the results to the **Royalty and** Kingdom Seneschal.

g. Once the three highest candidates for Baron and/or Baroness have been chosen and announced by the outside moderator, these candidates' names will be forwarded to **Royalty and** the Kingdom Seneschal, or their designated deputy, to be placed on the final ballot.

3. Absentee Ballots

a. A member of the populace may email the Seneschal to receive an absentee ballot for the

preliminary balloting **at least 1 week in advance**.

VII. Baronial Awards

F) Hospitaller's Chalice: For showing outstanding hospitality to members of the Barony and its guests. **Closed**

G) Vert Sparks: For people new to the society and barony who have become involved and shown their support through service in the College of Bentbridge.



Heraldic Registrations

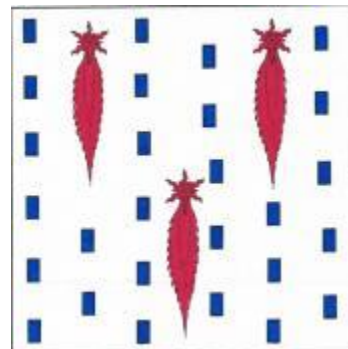
On July 18, 2016, the SCA College of Heraldry published its May 2016 Letter of Acceptances and Returns. The following members of the Barony had elements registered:

Names Registered:

- None

Devices Registered:

- Iohannes Glenfidanus. Badge. Argent billety azure, three comets gules.



My First Warriors & Warlords By Ashley Curry

Warriors and Warlords was my family's fourth event since we joined the SCA early this year. It was by far the largest event we've seen yet! The wooded location was beautiful and

really helped set the atmosphere for such an event. The vendors and merchants were fun to explore. I snagged myself a quill, ink and parchment. The 3 y/o found herself a beautifully hand-crafted, wooden toy sword and the husband bought a small, but beautiful dagger for himself. The evenings, however, were what the husband and I enjoyed the most. We made our way over to bardic circle both Friday and Saturday night. Mistress Elaine was a warm and inviting hostess. So much so the husband stayed out singing until 3 AM the first time! It was a magical experience that has led both of us to pursue the bardic arts. Our two littles spent a great deal of their time playing with other children in a conveniently placed sandpit. That said, the most fun our 3 y/o had - by far - was riding the site's wagon with Lady Xanthippe Botaneiatissa. That is something we are continuously reminded of: how family-oriented the members of the SCA are and how safe of an environment it is to bring up our girls around it. Whether I needed answers or an extra pair of arms to hold the infant, someone was always happy to help. (Lady Aesa inn Bjardoelska and Lord Iohannes Glenfidanus immediately come to mind.) At a separate and prior event (TMT) I met Alida Sparrow, who we spent a most of Saturday with. Through her, we met the extraordinary men and women of camp Strawboss. They welcomed our little family into their camp and we spent nearly the entire time laughing over games and friendly conversation. On a side note, I want to thank Camp Strawboss for also setting up that ingenious design of extra showers and for leaving them open to anyone who needed them! Thank you for that and the rest of the hard work you all put forth to make sure this event ran smoothly! Another dear friend worth mentioning is Winifred of Jararvellir. She did an amazing job as water-bearer for Saturday's fighters. In fact, this lovely lady's grace and hard work actually inspired my first bardic piece. There were a few - and I stress few - bumps along the way, most of which have to do with the season and how susceptible we are to over-heating!

However, we had a spectacular experience and quite regretted the end when it came! We fully intend and greatly look forward to attending next year's Warriors and Warlords!

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