



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

July AS LVII

Next Meetings:

- July 21st, 2024 - **6pm on Zoom**
- August 11th, 2024 - **6pm on Zoom**

June's Meeting Minutes:

Seneschal's Report: Baroness Xanthippe reports that she completed her quarterly report. She also talked to the Tang about the changeover process. They came out with updated sanctioning laws. Ask if you would like a copy to read.

Chatelaine Report: Lord Eysteinn reports that they are seeing more traction on meetup. There are about 12 people that are emailing for more info. Tara donated to the gold key so if you know anyone needing garb, let him know.

Exchequer Report: Hilde Steward reports that they completed the A&S Kingdom event report. There was low attendance so we lost money but split it with Kingdom. The numbers as follows.

The funds are now as follows:

General Fund: \$6,520.94

Practice Fund: \$212.61

Event Fund: \$2,243.91

Total: \$8,977.46

Chronicler's Report: Lady Eyfriðr reports that the VI was written and sent via email.

MoAS: Lord Helgulfr reports that he saw a lot of cool projects. Tokens were a big hit at the event and the remainder will be held for largess.

Herald's Report: Lady Nuala had nothing new to report.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Lord Aeden had nothing much new to report. Still looking at a schedule and hoping to find a new marshal to take over. There are a bunch of events coming up for kids and there are kits ready for them.

Rapier Marshal's Report: Wilhelm von Mansfeld reports that he is down to his last few signatures and will soon be a full marshal. He has been having practices at Washington Park in Wittenburg at 6pm on Wednesdays. Likes the Memorial Park in Appleton and enjoys archery so he is working with the other marshals in order to get a practice together settled there.

Archery Captain: Lord Luca reports that mundane work has been changing his hours and Sundays might be challenging for archery practice. He would like to know if the populace would be ok with Saturday evening practices?

Web Minister's Report: Lord Luca reports that the VI is on the website. He also wants to remind the officers and the populace of the existence of the events@baronyofwindhaven.org e-mail address. This is the preferred way to get something on the calendar because it will forward to the official Google calendar and the social media officer.

If you're the one holding the event, keep in mind that you can send more than just the basics of event, location and time, but you can also include descriptions such as what you'll be focusing on during practice i.e.

- Footwork for Rapier
- A special project for shop-knight

- Which dances we'll be doing (assuming there's enough people)
- Any special shoots for Archery

Using a single touchpoint to send the info to the required officers lets everyone stay on the same page for what happens when and where! That way we don't show an event canceled on facebook, but still listed on the calendar or other social media platforms.

Social Media Deputy's Report: THL Birna reports setting up instagram is giving us more of a presence online. If you want her to set up a facebook events, send her the details. While email is the method noted in the bylaws, she does prefer a message on facebook group page as it is easier for her to find.

B & B Report:

Greetings onto the Hall,

The continuity of the Kingdom is assured through Their Highnesses Thorbrandr and Thora - we wish them a most enjoyable reign.

Our second successful event of the year is in the books and we are grateful that our event staff made it look effortless. It was not all that long ago that a single event in a calendar year was considered "enough" or even "a lot" for us. This year we are hosting THREE and we could not be more proud of all the hard work from our Barony. Thank you!

Warm weather is upon us and camping season beckons. Time to pull out your tents and gear and make sure everything is in good order. If anyone is planning to attend Warriors & Warlords (WW) in July and is interested in camping with the barony, please send Her Excellency Marketa a message to be sure we set aside space for you. Preregistration is now closed, but we may have wiggle room as land has not

been allotted yet. If you are interested in participating in the meal plan - always a tasty option! - please send a message to His Excellency Hamish to be included.

As always, please send in your award recommendations! We have recently had a few recommendations roll in which we always appreciate - thank you! Anyone can recommend a barony member for an award; we even have an award for folks outside of the barony. If you are writing a recommendation for a kingdom level award, please let us know - we like to lend our voices to this as well.

M+H

Help Wanted:

- **Knights Marshal position available** - Election can happen as soon as an interested party steps forward.
- **Youth Combat Marshal** - Elections can happen as soon as an interested party steps forward.
- **Thrown Weapons Marshal** - Interested parties can reach out to the seneschal.
- **Baronial Seneschal** - Baroness Xippe is willing to be the seneschal if no one is interested. If you are interested, reach out to her.

Old Business:

- **Missile Mayhem - Mark your calendars!**
 - Event: Clintonville 9/21/2024
- **Kingdom A&S** - There were some small hiccups such as the royalty room was locked but it wasn't needed and the bill went down so it ended up fine. Otherwise everything ran smoothly and we thank everyone for helping out.

New Business:

- **Exchequer** - Election was held and Lady Hilde Steward was re-elected.
- **Desired Activities?:** What kind of activities do we want to do as a barony? Shop nights are successful. Want a social get together? Embroidery? Scribal? Set date to teach.
- **Interview for Baron(s):** Scroll to the bottom of the VI to see a summary of the questions and answers by the candidates.

Guild Reminders:

Fighter Practice- Awaiting new summer schedule and location. Rapier: Looking at Wednesday Practices in Wittenburg and possible weekend practices in Appleton.

Archery Practice- Returning soon. Stay tuned for update on summer schedule.

A&S Shop Nights- 362 Elm St (Menasha):
Every Friday **5pm-9pm**

Previous Guilds:

These are guilds that have been provided in the past but are currently on hiatus due to lack of interest. If you are interested in bringing them back, let Baroness Xippe know as there are options for teachers, locations, etc (We just need people interested to join).

Dance Practice
Period Games

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Here is a summary of the interview for Baron(s): Candidate Party 1:

Honorable Lord Eysteinnnn Meinfretr and Lord Helgulfr Arngeirsson

Credentials?

Helgulfr/Eysteinn - Lord Eysteinnn has held nearly every office at the local level, regional senechal, and kingdom seneschal. He has run dozens of events and helped with martial activities as a leader and welcome wagon. In his mundane life, he is a store manager with Harbor Freight and has been in management for 15 years.

Helgulfr is newer to SCA. He participated in ratan and A&S as well as held a few officer positions. He has also lived globally so is used to mingling with many types. Versatile and knowledge in many things.

Why?

They believe that they bring the best of both worlds. With Eysteinn's experience in the SCA, they have history and a fresh perspective with Helgulfr being so new. They have started to see the changes in the Barony and wish to take their knowledge to make some of the finishing detail work. Balance each other with being able to work in large and small groups.

Work/life balance:

Eysteinn has a strong belief in taking care of mental health. Both of them work but they have taken precautions and talked about it. They have a good support system. Helgulfr works part time and is accustomed to travel. While some things will be taxing mentally/emotionally, he is looking forward to being the cheerleader.

Passion for Barony:

Eysteinn is passionate about building the brand, working with chatelains to build the brand to entice others to participate. This started by opening and running regular shop nights and bringing in many people. He tries to have baronial colors as much as possible and speak to the history of the barony. Helgulfr sees the barony as home and represents the barony to show the best of what we have to offer.

Aspects that faded in barony:

Eysteinn learned that there were great traditions that faded away and have watched as some have returned. So they also are looking to revitalize traditions and attract younger generations by creating new traditions. Ex: Youth award for a baronial level. Helgulfr sees it as trying to rebuild a house and is ready to build the structure.

Conflict resolution:

Eysteinn listens and acknowledges feelings and wants to be sure that people are being done right by. "We try to make decisions that might not seem popular but the

focus has to be seen as what is best long term." They see conflict resolution happen in different ways: in the moment, small scale, and large scale. So the best conflict resolution comes from consulting people and de-escalate.

Funniest thing in the sca:

Eysteinn: Watching Helgulfr to shake out of chainmail.

Helgulfr: When they started the toy run, and children used wolf tactics to take them down.

Proudest achievement:

Eysteinn: Number of people in the last year we were able to attract and retain and watch them geek out in different ways.

Helgulfr: How we started to train Falcons Gate members and get to see others achieve.

Who inspired you most in sca:

Eysteinn: Older sister in midrealm, inspired to participate in sca and has been a huge support.

Helgulfr: Hamish has been a big one on the field. Always supported me.

Candidate Party 2:

Lord Balthazar Fitz Gryphon

Credentials?

Balthazar has been an event stuart and feast stuart, chronicler, exchequer, equestrian, and done things for other baronies. He worked in the hospitality business - managing restaurants and bars and has learned patience from working with horses.

Why?

Balthazar is a front of house person, and well suited for rebuilding projects of getting out there and encouraging and welcoming others. He can bring them in, welcome them and give information and something to eat.

Work/Life Balance

Balthazar is retired so demands from his mundane life are reduced. He doesn't see being Baron as a difficulty as these are the things that he enjoys doing. It isn't something he has to do but something he wants to do.

Passion for Barony:

Balthazar said that the barony is well known for feast and hospitality which is his passion. It has a diverse group of people and everyone can find something to do here.

Aspects that faded in barony:

Balthazar said that the barony used to be renowned for dance, but it hasn't been as popular lately. He sees that shop nights have taken off but feels that the barony needs a good solid weapons practice and wants to really get that going again. There have been other events that used to be done such as ones with hay rides. He is also hoping to bring in equestrian in the future.

Conflict resolution:

Balthazar believes it requires listening to the problem first. Have to find out what is going on and listen to the complaint completely without taking it personally. He said that it happens in the restaurant business all of the time. Then he can ask questions before making comments/suggestions.

Proudest achievement:

Balthazar said it was when people were doing feasts a lot, and guests stopped asking for the menu and just signed up when they saw his name as feast stuart. He hopes to inspire others like that.

Funniest thing in the sca:

Balthazar mentioned that, "Funny is dangerous in the kitchen, don't want funny."

Who inspired you most in sca:

Balthazar said that Duchess Ann, many years ago, inspired him to get out there for equestrian in the midrealm (what we were at the time). He became the contact person then. Excellency Madalan, encourage him to do things and travel and be around and help different positions and locations