



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

September ASL

Minutes of the August Business Meeting

August 14, 2016

Colburn Park, Green Bay

Next Meetings: September 18th 4pm City Park, Appleton; Sunday October 23rd 3pm Gnome Games Green Bay-East

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

Chatelaine Report: Lady Aesa reported that her quarterly report was sent in on time. We received a request to do presentations for a class at UW Fox Valley

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.

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 things have been quiet. The populace badge for Windhaven has been submitted for commentary.

MOAS Report: THL Marketa reported on behalf of Lady Nimeau that the Silk Banner Painting class had 5 attendees. There has been a request for another class.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Not Present-No Report. HE Grimmund reported that Lord Edmund is a new MIT.

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 is thinking of maybe changing to every week, but on a different night. He also reported that Lord Iohannes received his rigid parry authorization at Poor Man's Pennsic.

Youth Combat Marshal: Lady Xanthippe didn't have anything to report. Master Hamish reported that he is working on an event for youth in all of the arts marshal.

Web Minister's Report: THL Marketa reported on behalf of Lord Misha that the change of officer report was sent to Kingdom. The quarterly report was sent in.

Archery Captain: Not Present-no report

Baron & Baroness Report: Their Excellencies reported that the Barony is awesome. Coronation is coming up-you should attend if you are able.

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 – We have a box

- Member Directory- Lady Aesa reported she will be sending out the directory August 20th.
- Crown Tournament Bid- The bid has been submitted to Kingdom. We are waiting to hear.
- Baronial Policies-The policies were reviewed and a few minor changes were made. Lord Edmund made a motion that we accept the updated policies. THL Balthazar seconded. Motion carried.
- Indoor Fighter Practice Site- THL Marketa is working on insurance to show Gnome Games. The plan is to start indoor practices in October. The Curry's are offering up their house after our meetings here.

New Business:

UW Fox Valley- An associate professor is looking for members to do presentations for her class. Lady Aesa and HE Grimmund have emailed her for more information.

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.

Help Wanted: The Barony is looking for a Chancellor of the Exchequer. Voting will be held at the October meeting.

Chancellor of the Exchequer

The position of Exchequer is not nearly as scary as people believe. In the Barony of Windhaven it requires only an hour or two a month of time. The Exchequer is the mundane equivalent of a treasurer. You are in charge of the checking account along with the emergency deputy and Kingdom Exchequer. You are responsible to balance the checkbook monthly and send in quarterly and end of year reports. When there is an event in the Barony you are in charge of organizing gate or "troll".

As the current exchequer I am willing to answer any questions you may have and I will be available to help guide the transition to the new office holder.

YIS

Lady Xanthippe Botaneiatissa

Letter from the Baroness:

Greetings Windhaven

Autumn approaches once again. His Excellency and I picked the last of our abundant blueberry crop. As usual at this time of year, we hurriedly attempt to get as many summer activities in as possible as we watch the days shorten and the temperatures cool from the excessive we experienced this summer to more tolerable weather.

We are looking forward to coronation of Hrodir Fyrste and Yehudah Tarkhan, next weekend in Border Downs, with much excitement. It is expected to be a grand event attended by many people both from in and outside of Northshield. As the first same-gender couple to ascend the throne in the SCA this event has drawn much attention. His Excellency and I will

be attending as will several others from Windhaven.

In baronial news, a review and update of the Baronial Policies was completed at the August business meeting. A change was made to term limits for officers. Previous policy had no fixed term for officers. The revised policy stipulates a two year limit, however the individual holding the office may run for the office again for one year. Other interested individuals may also apply at that time. This change will result in several of the Great Officers' positions coming up for election over the next few months (Exchequer, Knight's Marshall, Chatelaine, and Seneschal). If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the officer who currently holds that position for more information.

Upcoming Events:

Medieval Adventure: Go Back in Time with the Monk Gardens is a demo being held by Falcon's Keep in Wausau on September 17.
<http://www.northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=1171>

Danse Macabre is October 1 in the Shire of Hvitskogor.
<http://www.northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=1152>

Northshield Fall Crown Tournament is coming up in the Barony of Nordskogen on October 8
<http://www.northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=1151>

Along with these events, our Barony offers rapier practice on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in Appleton and most Thursdays at UW-Green Bay. Project Nights are every Wednesday at our house in New London – come make armor, work on heraldry, garb or some other project or just sit around and socialize.

Peace

Mira
Baroness

Recruiting in the SCA from LARP and reenactment communities

By Baronet Hamish de Nisbet. OP

With having a winter fighting practice site that also hosts LARP (Live Action Role Playing) groups, I thought I would write an article to provide people with more information about how these groups differ from ours, and, more importantly, about their similarities.

Let's start with a sliding scale. We'll make 1 the very hard core reenactors, such as Civil War groups, where not only does your clothing have to be the right style for the era, so does the material you made it out of, the accessories, the weapons you carry, and how you carry them. There are many SCA members that strive for this level. The majority of us do not. Now, on the opposite end, a 10 is a backyard game where you shoot each other with foam darts. The reason I use this as my anchor is that it is pretty minimal involvement, low cost, and still fun. Most of us know people or have seen people at events who are doing the bare minimum. What the whole scale has in common is pretending to be someone else or do things that are not part of our daily life. So while there are SCA members that hit both ends of the scale, the majority falls firmly in the middle.

There are several types of "games" that fall into that scale. LARP's, Battle Games, Cosplay, Mil-Sim, Air soft, live steel and even Improv Theater. The settings cover everything from Fantasy novels, to Steam Punk, to some with a very specific time and place.... And sometimes that is even the Current time and place, occasionally with large alterations.

Every group comes up with rule sets based on what is important to them. Lots of groups use foam weapons as they tend to be lower cost and easier to train people to fight safely with a minimum of

protective equipment. We have all heard the jokes about "that's what we let our kids fight with" or "they fight with foam because they can't hack fighting with real weapons", etc. Having done activities with multiple groups, I can tell you a good fighter understands timing, distance and accuracy across all games. There are many SCA folks who grew up fighting other systems that are now dukes, viscounts, masters at arms, and knights. Lots of people play multiple systems, games, etc. as they receive something unique from each that they do not find particularly anywhere else. For every joke that SCA folks make about other groups, there are two more about us.

Some of the common ground that we can build on is based on shared experiences. Most of us spend a lot of time, money, and effort on our chosen endeavors. It does not matter if it's sewing 14th century garb or casting an orc mask, perfecting a defense from the I.33 or learning a j shot, singing a filk or performing a comedia del arte play. Fighter types spend time working on their movement and timing. Performers practice their delivery; Artisans continually make things. I have met Larpers who make garb that is on par with garb laurels. I have met reenactors who could document the mead they served, down to a specific town in a specific year.... and it was undrinkable. We all have our own "geeks" as to what excites us. When you talk to people in the reenacting communities, the SCA is often looked down on for our games of stick tag, our lack of appearance standards, and having "too large of a scope". When speaking to LARP groups, a lot of what you hear is that it's too expensive, too exclusive, and too difficult to get involved. When given a choice between two organizations, most people will chose the one they know better, whether it fits their needs or not. So making it less about "US VS THEM" and more about "hey, here is some stuff we offer, we would love to see you" is the path that may open up a new Known World to someone

A good friend (who started as a battle gamer) and I traveled to an event 20+ hours of driving away. He talked about their groups, even that it is held on

the same site as Pennsic. He talked about the "magic moments". He talked about putting 10 lbs. of equipment in a 5 lb. car, the letdown after an event, the disappointment when someone made a promise and let him down, the glory of standing shoulder to shoulder with his kinsmen. We made the same movie reference, bad jokes about video games, talked of and consumed good food and good beer. That event he and I defended a made up prince, of another made up kingdom, at a fake fort, at a made up war, with fake weapons while wearing fake armor, under made up names. His made up princess honored us with made up recognition. The real parts were the sweat, the friendship, the satisfaction at the end of the day knowing that, for a while, we knew what it was to be big damn heroes.... Well, sort of. That we used rattan rather than foam does not matter; that we had a tank rather than a dragon does not matter; that we had archers rather than wizards does not matter. What mattered is on the trip home, when the truck door closed..... The first words out of his mouth were, "no shit, there I was...."

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