



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

September AS LII

Minutes of the August Business Meeting

~Next Meetings~

September 17th, Memorial Park, Appleton @ 11am
October 22th, TBD, Appleton @ 11am

~Officer Reports~

Seneschal - Lord Edmund reported that he will be taking over for Lady Xanthippe as pro tem during the Baronial transition.

Chatelaine - Lady Aesa reported that we have a new member. Welcome Randall! Lady Aesa also reported that she has turned in her youth background check.

Exchequer - THL Iohannes reported that we have: \$10,529.00 for the barony. \$2,083.00 for mugs, \$229.61 for Lodge, and \$634.18 for Bentbridge He also reported that his reports have been turned in.

Chronicler - Lady Ashildr reported that The Village Idiot is out and the Baroness is up for article.

MOAS - Coelwyn reported that she hopes to begin classes in October. A day is TBD and she is actively looking for a location. Suggestions welcome.

Herald - Lord Lazar reported that his mundane life has kept him very busy, but he did help a fellow member choose and send off for a name and device.

Knights Marshal - Lord Edmund reported that no has been hurt and that he has not had to fill out any paperwork. He also reported that there will be another Fighting for a Reason event taking place on Sept. 17th (More details below.)

Rapier Marshal - Master Grimmund reported that practices are ongoing and that we are still looking for a new indoor rapier location. He also reported that there is a new authorized rapier fencer, Lord Edmund.

Youth Marshal - Lady Xanthippe had nothing new to report.

Archery Marshal - Lord Ronin reported that practices are ongoing. New archers have been coming to practice. He also reported that he will have information for two bows at the September meeting.

Webminister - Lord Misha reported that the website did not crash. His report is in and the newsletter is out.

Bentbridge - School is out for the semester.

Baron & Baroness Report: Their Excellencies reported that they have six months left as Baron and Baroness. The Baroness attended Poorman's Pennsic. They also reported that they will be accepting contributions for gift baskets for their highnesses at coronation.

~Old Business~

- **NS Mug Fundraiser update** - 115 mugs sold. Extras were ordered. Expecting mugs to arrive around September 5th. Should have them for coronation.
- **Green Bay Public Library Comicon** - Saturday, October 7 at 10 AM - 4 PM. Brown County Library, 515 Pine St, Green Bay.
- **Fall Moot** - November 4th, 1PM @ Lodge. Potluck. There will be gaming/Borgia Moot.

~New Business~

- Xanthippe proposed that Windhaven host a Bardic Madness at the Opera House in Hortonville in the Spring.
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the barony. Get your questions to Lord Edmond by September 10, and be at the meeting to hear from your potential new baron and baroness. Questions you might have for them should be sent to Lord Edmond Cambell, interim Seneschal, by email at seneschal@baronyofwindhaven.org.

- Ideas for Coronation Gift were discussed, such as duct tape, mead, veil pins, and Northshield mugs.
- Meetup - Renewed automatically. We will go ahead and shut down in six months.
- Birna is looking into a public social media page for Windhaven.
- Lord Aeden has invited his fellow Scadians out to his 40 acre farm on September 30. Potluck. He hopes to host a youth event on his land some time next year.

~Fighting For a Reason~

Time for another Fighting for a Reason event! This time is a strictly voluntary food drive for St. Joseph's Food Pantry in Menasha. It will be at Windhaven's fighter practice on Sept. 17.

This is something we have done before, and to great success, and I want to do it again. We, as honorable Lords and Ladies, can take this chance to donate to those in need. It will be items only, no cash please!

I ask anyone attending to please donate. Again, this is VOLUNTARY participation! Thank you!

Edmond Cambell
Windhaven Knight's Mashal



~Guild Reminders~

Project Night - Continues at Grimmund and Mira's house on alternating Wednesdays with Game Night. Door opens @ 6.

Rapier Practice - 1st & 3rd Mondays at "The Lodge"

Dance Practice - 2nd & 4th Mondays at Ashwaubenon Library 6-7:45pm

Fighter Practice - Memorial Park in Appleton, Sundays at noon.

~Letter from the Baroness~

Greetings Windhaven

Autumn seems to be moving in much earlier than usual this year with cooler temperatures than we usually expect. Many of us are hurriedly attempt to get the last few crops harvested from our gardens as we watch for the first frost of the season. We took our first small harvest of honey and are enjoying that sweet treat created by our bees.

His Excellency and I are looking forward to witnessing the coronation of King Kaydian and Queen Cassandra next weekend in Shattered Oak with much excitement. Most of you have heard HE Grimmund state with pride that our future queen is a former Windhaven resident.

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If you're feeling of a pirate nature, you might want to join the Shire of Inner Sea for their **Pirate For a Day** event September 16.

<http://www.northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=2267>

His Excellency and I will be attending **Honor Over Glory** in the Shire of Skerjatrond on September 23. Her Majesty will be there as well.

<http://www.northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=1194>

We also anticipate traveling to Crown Tournament in October, which insures the continuation of the reign of Northshield Kings & Queens. **Northshield Fall Crown Tournament** will be held in the Shire of Noiregarde on October 14

<http://www.northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=2233> If you can make the drive to Lead, SD it should be fun.

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

~An Audience with Ashildr~

~Lady Aesa inn Bjardoelska~



When and how did you discover the SCA?

I discovered the SCA in 2001 when I started dating him (Iohannes). I don't remember what the first event we went to was. I remember wearing a dress I had that looked kind of period-ish. I had always liked the Renaissance Fairs and things like that. So he got me involved and I've been involved ever since. More so in the last five years, but when we first started we did help out Lub Siochai, the group he was talking about. We were both officers in that group. Lived up in Appleton, drove down to West Bend for the meetings. I was chronicler there too.

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

I liked the pageantry. I liked all the people dressed up in the pretty clothes and I'm not a sewer, but I like seeing all the pretty clothes. Also, the illumination, the fact that it's for that specific person. Nobody else in Northshield has the same scroll as anybody else. Ours are all unique. They're not photocopied at all or things like that. And him. *points to Iohannes*

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

I am Norwegian because in my mundane life I am 50% Norwegian so I wanted to pick a Norwegian name and be a viking. Other than that, I didn't come up with a backstory or anything like that. That was the extent. I said, "I wanna be Norwegian. I wanna be viking and that's it."

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

My mundane life can be very crazy with work and things like that. When I go to SCA events, if our group isn't putting the SCA event on, I just like sitting on the sidelines and watching everybody else do things. I like sitting back and taking it all in and not having to be in charge like I am at work. It's relaxing for me.

You are one of the friendliest people I've ever met. You're the reason I decided to go for it and run for chronicler. You're chatelaine, but even if you weren't, you just have this welcoming and warm air about you. I don't want to say maternal, but it kind of is. So is that something that you have acquired over time in the SCA or is that who you have always been?

It might be more from the SCA. I mean, I don't know that I'm that maternal in my mundane life. I am to my children, but... I guess, it is part of my personality to be a caring person. When I do all those Facebook things, it says that I'm a caring person and all that. I mean, I am very caring and I wanna make sure everybody's happy, but I think being the chatelaine, has helped my open to... because I'm an introvert. I won't go out and talk to people if I don't have to. I think the SCA has brought me out of that shell. Being the chatelaine, you have to be a little more open and outgoing. And you know, now I'm going to be the SCA 101 class for the third time.

****BONUS QUESTION by Iohannes****

You've had quite a bit of time to look at the SCA and all the different things. If you had to pick something that you are not currently doing, but you wish you could, what would that be?

Probably tablet weaving, any of the weaving kinds of things. Glass work. I didn't outside the last time Grimmund was doing glass beads. I like the crafts side of things so probably those kinds of things. I started in embroidery a little bit, but not a lot of period things. I've started a lot projects, but I would say the tablet weaving stuff because I think it would be neat to make the belts and stuff like that. So hopefully Coelwyn, in her new MOAS position will have classes on that. Oh leather, too! Leather work would be cool!

~THL Iohannes Glenfidanus~



When and how did you discover the SCA?

I discovered the SCA about 21 years ago, give or take a little bit, and I'd actually seen references to it in some of the fantasy book I had read where the author was a member; or I had actually had a series of books where characters belonged to the SCA. So I had

seen references for it and it was right in the early days of the internet so I looked it up and lo' and behold there was a group that was close to me and I showed up to one of their meetings and they asked, "Well, how did you find us?" And I said, "I found you on the internet and found when your meetings were." And they all looked at each other and were like, "...We're on the internet?" I mean it was real early, we're talking 1996? 1995? It was not Windhaven. It was a group called Lub Siochai. We were down in West Bend which is just a little north of Milwaukee. It was a very small group, I would say... six people, maybe. It's actually not around anymore.

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

I could be a herald. When I was a kid, I used to go down to the library and I would photocopy coats of arms and things like that. I'd cut them out and rearrange them and then I'd put them back on and photocopy them again so that it was on one sheet of paper, then I'd color them in. It's like old school clip art, literally with the scissors. I was like twelve. So you know I got there, they were like, "Oh yeah, you can do this and this." So I said, "Wow, they're gonna let me do it."

So what is it about heraldry that you like so much?

It relates to your identity. When you select a device and you register it, it represents you. And there was something about that, the pageantry, that was tied to it. Everywhere they went, they had it on their banners and their clothes. You know their horses were decked out and shields and they hung it on the castle wall and everything else you could think of. And I was just always attracted to that.

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

I really don't have much of a persona. Persona is really how much backstory do you wanna have to play the game and like a lot of games, it's a truly optional component. I mean if you sit down and play Monopoly, you don't have a backstory. You know and in some respects, even if you throw in the Lord of the Rings, Dungeons and Dragons type elements, you don't need a backstory because everything is current. So I think the most information I have is... that - well, and I don't play my persona at all, so... - I'm Scottish, approximately 12th century. I think my online Northshield profile says that I went off and fought in the crusades and picked up heraldic influences and came back. But that's about it, that's the whole thing. I've never developed it more beyond one sentence.

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

I don't get paid. Haha! I don't know. To me, I mean I think that the SCA is actually, I give a lot of credit to bringing me out of my shell. Having to do court herald, I am extremely reserved. I would not normally - at least for a lot of my life - I would not have got up in front of a large group of people and spoke without a script. You know, everyone is looking at you and you have to pronounce Welsh names and all these things. You just know that you're going to butcher somebody's name but nobody cares. So there is very much a confidence element that came out. I would say probably my mundane life has been influenced by my SCA life more than the other way around. You know, other than the confidence aspect, just things I never would have done. Like rapier, I mean, Grimmund likes to joke that, you know, you go to rapier so you can stab your friends in

the face. Well, he's not wrong and in some respects you're almost picking up survival skills. You know if the zombie apocalypse happens, you know people with armor and swords and they know how to camp in the rough and band together and create a society from the ashes.

We've discussed before how in Windhaven and Northshield, everyone is given a unique and hand crafted scroll, why do you think our kingdom is one that puts that kind of effort and time into these things when others do not?

I think for us the group is a little bit smaller than other areas. We're not a super large barony, even as a kingdom we're not super large... except on the map, if you're trying to drive, then it's large. I think that those are traditions that came out of the middle kingdom where they did those. I mean, I got my AOA in 1997 or something like that. I have an original, hand drawn scroll for that and I think we've maintained that tradition and we've been able to do because we're not so large that it's a burden to produce those types of things. There are kingdoms that are very large and they have a very high award volume and if they don't have adequate time to prepare, they may have some of these kind of alternate systems in place where you get a promissory note or you get like a standard scroll. But I think that that has become part of the Northshield tradition. Now it's just expected. It's about size and tradition.

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You've had quite a bit of time to look at the SCA and all the different things. If you had to pick something that you are not currently doing, but you wish you could, what would that be?

Sewing, embroidery and cross-stitch. It's one of those things because sometimes you just need something to do, something to do with your hands. You're at an event, you're not doing anything so it's good, you know lots of people do it. I can sew a patch on clothes. It might now be pretty, but it'll work. If you want me to do fine sewing and things like that, that's gonna be tough because I've just never had to do it. But every once in a while I've thought that'd be an interesting thing to know how to do.

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