

Minutes of the March Business Meeting

Next Meetings: April 23rd 11am @ Jitter Bean, Green Bay, WI
May 21st 11am @ Memorial Park, Appleton, WI

Seneschal's Report: Lady Xanthippe had nothing new to report.

Chatelaine Report: Lady Aesa reported that a few people from MeetUp have come to rapier practice, including one regular. She also reported that she has new loaner gear from Eyja Edmundsdottir.

Exchequer's Report: THL Iohannes reported that as of 2/28/17 we have $7587.86 in our account. $634.18 belongs to Bentbridge. We have $168 towards our next donation to the Lodge. $131.82 has been received for rapier loaner gear. General total is $6653.86. He also reported that one expense for is to be approved for $2.80. The bank statement has also been balanced.

Chronicler's Report: Ashildr reported that The Village Idiot got out.

Herald's Report: Lazar reported that he is considering swapping all yellow for white in the populace badge.

MOAS Report: No report was received from Lady Nimeau.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Lord Edmund reported that practices have been going well and that two weeks ago there were 15 people in armor at Gnome Games, including Count Rhys and many out of the Barony. He also mentioned he expected even more during the next practice. There was also a discussion of postponing practice on

business meeting Sundays. He also reported that the first Fighting for a Reason will be held on April 2nd. (More information below.)

Rapier Captain's Report: Master Grimmund reported that he has not ordered masks yet and that he will try for next meeting. He also reported that there have been several walk-ins from MeetUp. Practice will continue Mondays in Appleton and Thursdays at UWGB. It would be helpful if other people in the barony would RSVP for practices at MeetUps.

Youth Combat Marshal: Lady Xanthippe had nothing new to report.

Archery Marshal: Lord Ronin had nothing new to report.

Web Minister's Report: Lord Misha reported that the website did not crash. He also reported that he is working on updating the website and he has contacted his brother about making graphics for the website.

Bentbridge: No report received.

Baron & Baroness Report: Their Excellencies reported that they will not be going in for another term and that relatively soon, the nominating process will need to begin. Those who are considering running should be familiar with both the barony and kingdom policies. It is important for them to travel and be active participants. Remember that it can be a burden at times. Keep in mind that the things you do, you do for all of the barony and not for a few select people. Events and gatherings should be left as open invitation. Attending business meetings is essential. If interested, refer to the baronial handbook and the kingdom handbook for more details.

Old Business:

- Reminder to bring monetary donations to Monday night rapier practices at the Lodge or any other activities we hold there.
- Sewing Day - Scheduled next Saturday, March 25th.
- Spring Crown in progress - Blocks of rooms reserved at the Country Inn and Suites until April 12. There will be a largess toy derby by Anpilca for their Majesties. We have one vendor. There will be mug sales. Lady Aesa plans to have a taxes meeting for the lunch menu. Volunteers will be needed for Friday and help will be needed in the kitchen on Saturday.
- Next Moot - July 29th. Location TBD.
- NS Mug Fundraiser updates - Order form was finished and in editing. Once finalized, forms will be posted on the Book of Faces as well as on the Northshield and Windhaven sites. Pictures included below. **SHIPPING AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

New Business:

No new business discussed.

Guild Reminders:
Games - No date, but hopefully will begin within the next month.

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. (weather permitting)

Fighter Practice - Practice will continue to be held at Gnome Games until the end of April. Then they will be held in Appleton at Memorial Park.

~Corrections from the March Issue~

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>$200 from Bentbridge has been received for rapier loaner gear.

They donated $300 for wear and tear and replacement gear, for use of the baronial loaner gear by the student group.

Rapier Marshal:
>Master Grimmund reported that they recieved six hoods. One new person approached during the UWGB practice two weeks ago and RSVP'd for the next practice. He also reported that they are looking to order two masks from Darkwood. They will cost $60 each resulting in a total of $300.

Correction:

Master Grimmund received the six hoods ordered from Zen Warrior Armory, funded by the donation from the UWGB student group. Cost with shipping was $168.18. Planned to order two masks from Darkwood ($60 each, plus shipping) but this will likely go over the $300 donation by a couple of bucks, once shipping is included. Motion made by HE Mira, for the Barony to cover the overage. Motion passed.

We have had several walk-ins at rapier practice, a two from Meetup and a a couple form a public Facebook event.

~Letter from the Baron~

Well met!

Her Excellency and I have just returned from Coronation. The drive was pleasant, and the continuity of the Kingdom is an important thing to witness.

The final court of Hrodir Bek and Yehuda Khagan was touching; the installation of Konrad and Aibhilin was smooth, with the only interruption of the usual business of morning court being to put Simon Morcar, the Kingdom Rapier Marshal, on vigil for the Order of the Pelican.

In addition to a new King and Queen, we have a new Kingdom Seneschal. You may have meet Eysteinn at Sunday practice; she's from Skerjastrond, in the UP, and comes to armored practice about every other week.

The event was held at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorehead, which is just across the state line from Fargo, ND. The site is home to the Hjemkomst, which is a replica viking ship. You can read the whole story here:

http://www.hcscconline.org/current-exhibits/hjemkomst-viking-ship/

The other important part of the continuity of the kingdom is Crown Tourney. We will be hosting Crown Tourney, May13th in Fond du Lac. We will be looking for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup, as well as to help with various activities during the day. Volunteer early, volunteer often, and bring your friends along to help; many hands make light work.

http://www.baronyofwindhaven.org/spring-crown-tournament.html

As always, check the kingdom calendar for information about upcoming events:

www.northshield.org/events

and the baronial calendar for local activities.

Those of you who fight, armored or rapier, may want to consider a quick trip down to visit the neighbors, next weekend, for Fighter Symposium and War College, in Stoughton, just south of Madison.

https://www.facebook.com/events/1837686756510729/

Travel safely,

Grimmund

~Pictures from the Baron~



~Fighting for a Reason~

Date: April 2nd

Location: Gnome Games East

Lord Edmund has organized a fighter tournament that will double as a food drive for the local food pantries. Format will be determined by how many participants attend. A Gnome Games gift card is be a possible tournament prize.

~northshield mugs fundraiser~



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

Front: Hilltop Chili Bowl

~An Audience with Ashildr~

Disclaimer: These answers are summarized, not verbatim and this is mostly due to issues with recording. Lesson learned for future interviews! My apologies if anything was left out or altered too much.

Name and Title: Lady Baroness Mira Fastova

When and how did you discover the SCA?

It was in the fall of 1992. I was taking a graduate class at UW Fox Valley and I came into the commons during break and people were period dancing. I said, "Oh, this looks like fun can I play too?" And Grimmund was there and him being even more flirtatious than he is now, he latched on and that's where it started.

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

The historical aspect because I was interested in history of early Great Britain. I also had a strong background in sewing and making my own clothes and I liked the opportunity to make a use of that skill. I hadn't done a lot of that skill before finding the SCA. I liked the fact that it gave opportunities for crafts. There were so many different things to learn about. No matter what, there is never ending opportunities to learn. I still have new opportunities to learn new skills. It is

pretty rare that I have been bored. If I have been, it has been because I am not taking advantage of the opportunities.And all the people were so accepting. I felt I had found family.

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

It is Anglo-Saxon and it's probably 10th century based on the garb, but I never really developed it much more than that. I never felt the need to. The garb I wear is the decider for my persona and that is all about comfort. I tried making Italian Renaissance and such, but after a while I said, "Oh my God, this is so god awful uncomfortable and hot." So I got serious about researching earlier period garb and doing it right. So I have lots of references on Anglo-Saxon costume. So when I make it, it may not look fancy, but it is right according to the resources. In recent years I've made myself cotehardie. I don't feel like I have to stick with 10th century. If building a persona and sticking to it is what you want to do, that's great. It can be a lot of fun. It just wasn't ever something that I had interest in.

That's interesting considering you are such a prolific herald.

Well, heraldry is kind of different because I am researching and documenting names. Researching persona is so much more than the name and at one time I thought about researching my own family history which is Frisian, but I hit a brick wall. So I said, "Nah, screw it."

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

You know, I am so heavily invested in the SCA so it's hard to say. We do so much. SCA is such a part of our lives that a lot of my everyday life involves the kingdom. On any given day, I'm doing something related.

What is something that is important that people know about you?

I would say that Windhaven is very important to me. I have invested a lot of years and energy in trying to help Windhaven grow and I know my efforts haven't always been the most positive, but my intent has always been positive because I want the best for Windhaven. So I have seen the barony grow and I've seen it wane, but the bottom line is that it's important to me that Windhaven is healthy and that the people are happy.

Name and Title: Christopher "Mongoose" Sandri

When and how did you discover the SCA?

I wanna say that I got into the SCA about two years ago and that was solely on the fact that my fiance, Caitlin looked at me and said, "I do this thing. Would you like to see what it is?" And I said, "Sure?" And I think the first event I went to was Lamb to Loom at Tig's house. So that's what originally got me started on all of it.

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

Actually, before I enlisted in the military, I was a jouster in Maryland. Nothing big. Nothing that my name is gonna be on the record books anywhere. I was usually the bad guy that got knocked off the horse constantly. I did win some. I did lose some. But I got out of that when I enlisted in the military. Then I came back and Caitlin introduced me to everything and I was like, "Ohhh! Finally I can get back into this!" And she told me about the heavy armored combat and I said, "Fantastic! I get to where armor again." So I went and talked to a bunch of the heavy fighters at

Mermaids. That's where I met a bunch of the heavy fighters. We talked about it and they were just like, "Awesome. We'll take ya. We'll teach ya. Practice is here. Go." So I was like, "Okay! Now I just gotta get everything!"

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

The era... you know, Caitlin can tell you the years better than I can but I can tell you for sure that my persona is going to be Icelandic. I'm going with the Viking thing. Not only because of my own beliefs, but it also goes in line with my background and heritage. Short of a DNA test, we've pretty much figured out that my entire background is Icelandic, so now I get to actually put that to use. I am still working on my name, but I have location (Lofoten, Norway) and job. I also have an idea seal for my shield and everything else.

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

Ohh. Ohh. Good question. Hm. Mundane life is hard. Ever since I got out of the military, I've found it really hard to fit in, to belong, to enjoy life. It's been rough. It's been very rough since I got out of the military. I've had ups and I've had downs and my downs have been ridiculously horrible. So I just try to survive every day in my mundane life.

My SCA life is bright. It's fun. It's enjoyable. I have all my friends, a lot of whom are all like-minded individuals for the most part. It's just everything I sort of wish life could be. There's camaraderie. There's friendship. There's celebration. Hatred only runs so long before you're just like, "Okay, we're good again. Let's do this. Let's have fun. Let's be friends." They are just two different complete worlds and the SCA is just a savior for me.

What are your personal goals and hopes for the future within the SCA?

I wouldn't mind getting up to maybe a knight. I honestly don't think I'll ever want to be a king or something too high up. I've always been good at being that middle-man, like I sort of follow, but I sort of lead. You wanna give me some people to lead, I'll do it. You want me to lead everybody, it's not gonna happen. So maybe a knight. Or... you know, I'm huge. Maybe I could work my way up to one of those positions where I just stand there and guard and be that eye of intimidation. Mostly I just want to spend time with good people. Not counting rank, blacksmithing would be a fun thing to learn for sure. Also armor smithing, weapon smithing, stuff along those lines would be great. I think once I get good enough, I'd be interested in teaching. I don't need anything special. I just want to be who I am and enjoy it.

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