



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

April ASL

Minutes of the February Business Meeting

March 13, 2016

Pizza King, Appleton

Next Meetings: Sunday April 17th 4pm Masonic Lodge (Sewing will start at 1pm); Sunday May 22nd 4pm location TBD

Seneschal's Report: Lady Marketa reported that her quarterly report was in early.

Chatelaine Report: Lady Aesa reported that Melissa Klein has been attending project nights and our last games day. She also reported that her quarterly report was in on time.

Exchequer's Report: Lady Marketa reported on behalf of Lady Xanthippe that we have \$7749.98 in our account. \$634.18 belongs to Bentbridge. We need about \$52.00 to pay off our most recent donation to the Lodge.

Chronicler's Report: Lady Aesa reported that the Village Idiot got out and that her quarterly report was in on time. Thank you to those members that have submitted articles. Articles are always welcome from members.

Herald's Report: Lord Iohannes reported that he will continue to write articles for the newsletter and include any members that have names and/or devices approved. He also reported that his is now the Isendun Herald for the Kingdom.

MOAS Report: Members reported that they have been working on hose, brigitta cap, apron dress, hood, and illumination. Lady Nimeau

and Lady Coelwyn put their names in for the position. Lady Nimeau won the election and Lady Coelwyn agreed to be the Deputy.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Not present-no report. HE Grimmund reported that the quarterly report was sent in on time.

Rapier Captain's Report: HE Grimmund reported that practices continue the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at Waverly Masonic Lodge in Appleton beginning at 6pm. Bentbridge practices have started again. His quarterly report was sent in on time. Lady Audrey is MIT. Taki received his initial Rapier authorization at Fighters School.

Youth Combat Marshal: HE Mira reported on behalf of Lady Xanthippe that there were lots of classes for youth at Fighters School. It was great to see the adults teaching.

Web Minister's Report: Lord Iohannes reported that his quarterly report was in on time. Lady Marketa asked to have an updated member contact list done. Lady Aesa volunteered to take this on.

College of Bentbridge: Rapier is back on campus. Lord Melcher sent his Seneschal report in on time.

Baron & Baroness Report: HE Mira reported that she and HE Grimmund plan on attending Coronation and Crown Tournament. They are happy with the way things are going in the Barony. They are also looking forward to warmer weather so outside practice can begin.

Old Business:

- Reminder to bring monetary donations to Monday night rapier practices at the Lodge or any other activities we hold there.
- Fighters School post-mortem- HE Mira reported that we had a successful event. There were 100 people in attendance. We took in \$1000.00 at troll. Expensed were \$871.00. We made \$129.00. The site worked well. There were a variety of classes and the adults worked with the youth. Taki and Amora received Vert Sparks and Lord Iohannes received a Baroness Cypher.

New Business

- Officer's Day- Lady Aesa reported that we didn't get the event. This will be held in the Shire of Korsvag on August 27th.
- Wausau Gardens Demo- Lady Nimeau reported that Falcon's Keep has made this an event. The dates for this are September 16-18, 2016. Anyone willing to teach a class for do a demo on something, please let Lady Nimeau know.
- Other Demo ideas- It was brought up that maybe we should participate in artisan craft fairs or the Art Harvest Fall Family Fest at Green Bay Botanical Gardens to show the A&S side of our group.
- May Day Moot- Lord Iohannes made a motion that we cancel since we are unable to find a reasonably priced site. Lord Edmund seconded. Motion carried
- Scribal Day with Lady Katerinka- Saturday May 28th at Waverly Masonic Lodge. We plan on starting around 9am.

Guild Reminders:

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

Letter from the Baron:

Well met!

March is apparently a little senile. While it is now officially spring, it looks like we're going to get snow this week. I'm about ready for some *real* spring, or at least some slightly warmer than

mid-40s weather.

March is a quiet month in Northshield, in terms of events. I think this is due in large part to Gulf Wars. From all the reports, Gulf Wars this year was several days of fun, followed by several days of rain and for most of Northshield, an early departure. Despite adventures, though, it looks like everyone is back safely. Lady Audrey received an Award of the Glove at the squished-in court Thursday night.

Despite the lack of spring-like weather, March is drawing to a close, and April is hard on its heels. April will be very busy, with Coronation on the 9th and close events every weekend after that.

As always, check the Kingdom Calendar for the latest event news:

<http://www.northshield.org/events/>

Also with warmer weather, there is the promise of armored practice starting up again. Yay for hitting people with sticks!

At the March business meeting, we elected a new Minister of Arts and Sciences. Congratulations to Lady Nimeau, thanks to Lady Ceolwyn, who also volunteered, and thanks to Lord Balthazar who has held the office for the last several years.

We also had a game day on the 12th, which was plenty of fun. Game day is modern social activity, but it's still mostly SCA folks, so come on down and learn a new game or two.

Fencing continues on alternate Mondays in Appleton, project night continues in New London on Wednesdays, and the College of Bentbridge continues to meet Thursdays at UW Green Bay, at least until the semester ends.

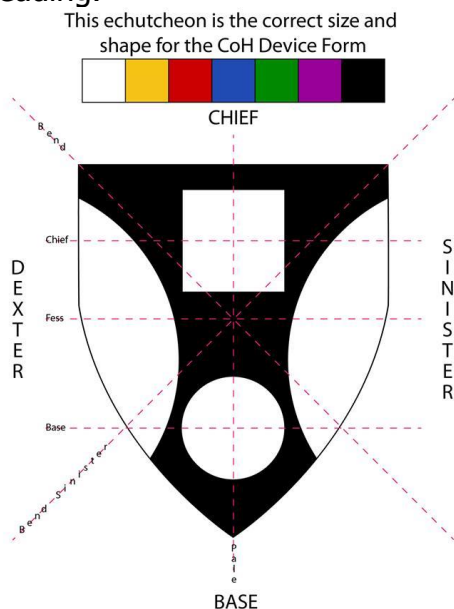
There are many big things happening this summer, and Coronation is the first big thing on the list. I really hope you can all make it!



Herald's Section Submitted by Lord Iohannes

The Basics of Heraldry: Lesson 4: Charges – Quadrupeds

This article builds on topics from previous articles. You may wish to revisit those topics prior to reading.



The other item that gets placed directly on the field, other than an ordinary, is called a Charge. This category can include objects such as weapons and tools, geometric shapes such as circles (roundels), squares (delfs), and rectangles (billets), and living creatures both real and imaginary such as lions, bears, dragons, and unicorns. The charge is always named in the blazon. We will need to cover a few basics regarding Charges.

The charge can be a color or metal as well as furs and other patterns. Use of furs and patterns may be a way to create a very unique and distinctive device. When placed, unless the position is considered to be default, it is always described in the blazon. We will refer to the chart above.

The names of the various parts of a device can be seen in the chart. Default positioning is always to fill the central part of the shield area so a single charge is placed at the center where the Fess and Pale lines intersect. Two charges are placed in a line horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. Three form a triangle with two on top and 1 below, 4 form a square, five are 2, 1, 2, and six are 2, 2, 2. You get the idea. When placed in a non-default pattern or location it is specified in the blazon. Six charges might be placed 3, 2, and then 1 for instance and would be blazoned as exactly that "(charge) 3, 2, and 1". Location is named based on the provided chart. A charge placed in the top one third is "in chief", in the bottom one third is "in base", to the viewer's left is "in dexter" and to the right "in sinister". Corners are named as a combination of chief, base, sinister, and dexter as applicable. Other positions are possible for multiple charges and follow the name of the ordinary shape that is formed such as "in bend (diagonal)", "in fess (horizontal)", "in pale (vertical)", or "in pall (Y shape)". Warning: the more specified different positions and charges in your blazon, the less likely you are to have a period style versus a modern style. This can be a cause for return of a submission-if it is difficult to blazon or confusing to require a complex blazon it can be, and often will be returned for further work. Last month we discussed Ordinaries. Charges can be placed on top of an ordinary and are blazoned as "on a (ordinary)". This should not be confused with the previously mentioned blazons of "in chief" etc. This placement would be "on a chief". Word choice here is very important for accuracy and future reproduction by a hardworking scribe preparing an award scroll for you. Sometimes they only get the blazon to work from.

All quadrupeds get a difference from others based on their posture being different from each other. All quadrupeds may be placed into one of the following postures:



Rampant: Attacking (front limbs and 1 back limb raised)
 Salient: Jumping (both front limbs raised, both rear limbs on ground)
 Passant: Walking (both front limbs and 1 rear limb on ground, 1 rear limb raised)
 Statant: Standing (all limbs on ground)
 Sejant: Sitting (all limbs on ground)
 Sejant Errect: Sitting (front limbs raised like in Rampant)
 Sejant Affronty: Seated facing viewer
 Couchant: Lying on ground (head raised)
 Dormant: Sleeping (head resting on front limbs)
 Courant: Running (not shown, all limbs off ground)

In addition, the attitude of the quadruped can be further adjusted by changing the position of the head or in the case of multiple quadruped how they interact with each other as follows:

Normally the quadruped faces to the dexter side. When facing the sinister side it is described as "Contourney". They may face each other in the rampant posture "Combatant", face each other without being rampant "Respectant", face away from each other "Addorsed", or be holding an object called "Sustaining" if a large object or "Maintaining" if a small object. Heads are normally facing dexter. When just the head posture is changed to face the viewer it is "guardant", when just the head is facing to the opposite of the body it is "reguardant".
 Homework: Using the Baronial Order of Precedence, identify the Charge, its position and posture, and its tincture (color) of the devices displayed. Blazons are included to check your work. Get stuck or think you found an error, contact your Herald!
 Next Month: Charges beyond Quadrupeds.

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