



# The Village Idiot

## Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

### December ASL

#### **Minutes of the November Business Meeting**

November 15, 2015

3pm Pizza King, Appleton

**Next Meetings:** Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm location Waverly Masonic Lodge, Appleton with Illuminated Letters being worked on starting at 1pm; Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> 3pm Pizza King, Appleton

**Seneschal's Report:** Lady Marketa reported that Bentbridge is making progress with the University. They have developed By laws and have a list of things to accomplish. Kingdom is proposing some law changes that will be posted in December's Northwatch and also been posted on the Northshield website

**Chatelaine Report:** Lady Aesa reported she has responded to another information request and that her quarterly report was sent in on time.

**Exchequer's Report:** Lady Xanthippe reported that we currently have a balance of \$8523.79 in our account. \$634.18 belongs to Bentbridge. We have \$38 towards our next Lodge donation. A review of books was completed at S.U.N. that lead to a few suggestions that will be implemented. There is now a cash reimbursement form as well as dedicated funds purposes. Lady Xanthippe presented the following that THL Balthazar motioned to accept and Lady Nimeau seconded. College of Bentbridge Fund- While the College of Bentbridge is considered an incipient group, Chancellor of the Exchequer for Windhaven will hold the funds in the Windhaven account in a separate fund. Use of these funds by the College

must conform to all of the applicable rules of the Kingdom of Northshield and SCA, inc. At such time that the college is approved as their own sustainable group the fund will be released to the exchequer of Bentbridge. In the event that the group disbands all monies will revert to the Barony of Windhaven general fund.

Lodge Fund- The monies in this fund primary purpose are to collect donations to then donate to Waverly Lodge for the use of their facility. The secondary purpose of this fund will be to donate to another site that is used by the Barony of Windhaven for practice, demos, meetings, events, or other Baronial business. The tertiary use of the fund is in the event that the primary and secondary uses are not needed for a period of one calendar year, any monies in fund would be reverted to the general fund or any debt to the fund would be reconciled to zero.

Lady Xanthippe also reported that she has accepted the position of the Kingdom Non-Member surcharge deputy.

**Chronicler's Report:** Lady Aesa reported that the Village Idiot got out.

**Herald's Report:** Lord Iohannes reported that there was a Baronial court at S.U.N. and lot of activity at the consultation table (report to follow later in the newsletter). There are a lot of previously submitted items that will be coming through.

**MOAS Report:** Members have been working on calligraphy, illumination, enameling, and lots of sewing.

**Knight's Marshal's Report:** Not present-no report

**Rapier Captain's Report:** HE Grimmund reported that practices continue the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at Waverly Masonic Lodge in Appleton beginning at 6pm. Domesday reports are coming due so please send any new authorizations to you received this year to HE.

**Youth Combat Marshal:** Lady Xanthippe is working on getting classes and marshals for Fighters School

**Web Minister's Report:** Lord Iohannes reported that Bentbridge will have their own Order of Precedence.

**College of Bentbridge:** See report given by the Seneschal

**Baron & Baroness Report:** HE Mira reported that they held court at S.U.N. and gave out lots of awards Lord Hamish was put on vigil for Pelican

**Old Business:**

- We have Known World Handbooks available
- Reminder to bring monetary donations to Monday night rapier practices at the Lodge or any other activities that we hold there.
- S.U.N. Post Mortem- Lady Aesa reported that there were 171 in attendance and over 50 classes. There was a lot of help with set up and take down. Lady Xanthippe reported that we brought in \$1020.00 from gate and \$385.00 from lunch. After expenses we had a profit of \$1086.82. THL Balthazar made a motion that we give the site \$500 for letting us use their facility and \$250 to Kingdom. Lady Nimeau seconded.
- Fighter's School-HE Mira reported that she is working on getting insurance. Lord Cristoffel is working on armored instructors and HE Grimmund is working on rapier instructors.

**New Business:**

- Sewing Days-Scroll cases Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm at Waverly Masonic Lodge
- Winter Moot-Doors will open at 4:00 pm. Dinner is at 6pm. The site is DRY.
- Lady Nimeau submitted a bid for Fall Crown 2016 and is awaiting determination

**Guild Reminders:**

Project night-Their Excellencies' house continues on Wednesdays (with the exception of November 25<sup>th</sup>)

*Letter from the Baroness:*

Greetings Windhaven

Winter has raised its snowy head early for those to the south of us this season. In response, we have taken to our hearths early to begin our winter tasks of working on armor and needlework. Let us hope it will be a shorter season than last year.

Congratulations to those who received awards at SUN. Gautier de Franqueuille, Eyja Edmundsdottir, and Ceolwyn of Tissebiri who were awarded Seats in Tamarack's Hall in Windhaven Baronial Court. Misha Veterpriutov Gregor'yev, Melchior of Bentbridge and Hallgeirr Ávarsson were presented with Awards of Arms by Their Majesties. His Excellency and I had the pleasure of introducing a new award that is not yet registered with the SCA College of Heralds. Premiers of this award at SUN were Emerenciana of Bentbridge, Brice Davidson, and Melchior of Bentbridge. This award will be comparable to the Seat in Tamarack's Hall but may only be given to College of Bentbridge students. The proposed name is still in consideration, as the initial submission of the Award of the Argent Scarpes has been returned.

His Excellency and I are preparing to attend the Feast of Boar's Head in the Barony of Caer Anterth the first weekend in December. We hope to see many of you there as this is one of the bigger events on our side of the Kingdom. For more information, go to

<http://caeranterth.northshield.org/Calendar/BoarsHead/2015/>

Windhaven will again be holding a New Year's Eve Moot at the Waverly Masonic Lodge in Appleton. Doors will open at 4:00 and a pot-luck feast will begin at 6:00. Please contact Lady AEsa

([chatelaine@baronyofwindhaven.org](mailto:chatelaine@baronyofwindhaven.org)) for more information. Games will be played, rapier may happen, and seasonal festivities will be the flavor of the day. The site is **dry**.

Another upcoming event to begin planning for is Nordskogen's 12<sup>th</sup> Night to be held 1/9/16 in Anoka, MN. For those planning to go now would be a good time to make hotel reservations. The most popular hotel seems to be the AmericInn in Coon Rapids as listed under accommodations on the event website <https://nordskogentn.wordpress.com/>

Along with these events, our Barony offers rapier practice on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays in Appleton. 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.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Peace to you

Mira  
Baroness



## Herald's Section

Baronial Court Report from S.U.N.

Herein is the report of the Baronial Court of Windhaven convened by Their Excellencies

Grimmund Blackwing and Mira Fastova at Stellar University of Northshield on 7 November, A.S.L. (2015).

Lord O'no Kagemori was summoned to receive spoils obtained by His Excellency while on travel in lands outside the Known World. Such spoils took the form of a chocolate bar called "kagi".

The following awards were made to members of the populace:

Seat in Tamarack's Hall

Ceolwyn of Tissebiri

Gautier de Franqueville

Eyja Edmundardottir

It was announced that an award had been developed with the intention to recognize the contribution of members of the College of Bentbridge to that group. The intended name is the Award of the Argent Scarpes and reflects elements of the Bentbridge device. The name has not yet been passed so until that occurs it will be known as the Unnamed Award. The following were announced as the Premier recipients:

Brice Davidson

Emerenciana of Bentbridge

Melchior of Bentbridge

There being no further business, the Court of Windhaven was closed.

Submitted: Lord Iohannes Glenfidanus,  
Baronial Herald

## **What's In A Name?**

The office of Herald serves three primary functions: 1) Field heraldry which is announcements at event and calling the list at tournaments, 2) Court heraldry which is the reading of awards and assisting with baronial and Kingdom courts, and 3) assisting the populace with the creation of their "persona". I will hazard that most are familiar with the first two functions or can easily imagine how they are utilized. So I will focus on the third function

which has quite a few moving parts. I anticipate a few articles going forward. Your "persona" is the character that you portray in the SCA. Some participants have created an involved and detailed back story to define who and how they play. Others, like myself, have not chosen to put much or even any effort in this. That's OK. The SCA does not register or regulate your persona. But a persona might have an influence on your selection of a name and even a device so you may wish to consider this area.

The SCA does not require you to register your name or even your device. We recommend it as part of the research and education portion of the SCA's purpose, but there will not be any "name police" stopping by to see your identification. Speaking of ID cards, when you purchase a membership, the form will ask for your SCA name. Entry of a name here does not mean that name is registered to you or is accurate in any way. Whatever you type in will appear on your card even if it is misspelled or not authentic to our time period. No review occurs in that process.

So where should one start to pick a name? I recommend that the first thing you should decide is where your character might be from. I suggest selecting an area that you are already familiar with and want to dive into or one you have little or no knowledge of and want to explore. Both options tend to make the experience more enjoyable for you. It is also part of the persona mentioned earlier and will bear on what names are available and how they get constructed.

The SCA requires your name to have at least two parts: a given name (first name) and a byname (last name). Depending on your choice of culture the pattern of how those fit together will vary. The byname come in a few varieties: Patronymic which involves the name of a parent like "Johnson", occupational like "Smith", descriptive like "the Tall", and locative like "of London". So with that knowledge it is time to look at actual names.

Your name should be composed of elements that were actually in use during our period

(approximately 450-1600 AD) selected from primary sources. If you have decided to create a detailed persona, that will focus both the location and the time period involved. To a limited extend you can mix elements from different cultures that are documented to have interacted with each other (like France and England but not France and Japan). The goal is to create name that could have been actually used during that time.

Heralds will typically have a small library of books that have collected data from primary sources such as official documents, censuses, etc. that will contain the names of actual people that lived in period. We are happy to help you look through those resources to find name elements you like. In addition there are a few good online resources for names:

<http://heraldry.sca.org/names.html>

<https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/> (at this writing this site is in the process of renewing their online certificates. You may get a warning about this, but it is OK to proceed to the site.)

<http://dmnes.org>

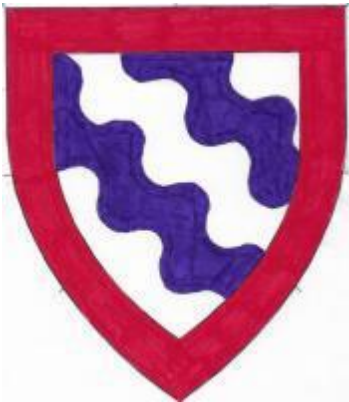
All these resources are good places to start and little or no extra documentation will be needed. Remember we are a research and teaching organization so naturally there will be documentation to support your selected name. Once selected, you should work with a Herald to make sure your name is correctly formatted for your location and time and does not have any other pitfalls that would bar potential submission. You can then choose (or not) to submit your name for registration. A name must differ from all other registered names in at least one syllable. This ensures you are recognized as a unique individual. For instance Michael Smith is a reasonable name but does not significantly differ from Michael the Smith but does differ from Michael Smith the Tall. As your Baronial Herald, I am available to assist you with selecting a name as are any of the other Heralds resident in our group. Don't be afraid to reach out and ask questions. I am typically available to provide assistance at Project Nights as well as by email and on

Facebook. You are also welcome to make a special appointment if you wish.  
Submitted: Lord Iohannes Glenfidanus,  
Baronial Herald  
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Herein are the results from the September 2015 meeting of the SCA College of Heralds for items submitted for registration by the Baronial Populace:

**New Devices- Accepted:**

Eyja Edmundardottir  
*Bendy wavy purple and argent, a bordure gules*



Leonardo di Renzo del Firenze  
*Gules, two scarves between a rose and a horse rampant Or*



Marketa Barfussin

*Per chevron inverted argent and azure, a tree eradicated vert and three decrescents argent*



### **New Names- Accepted**

Fearghus Redbeard

Lauressa Rene

### **Returns- None**

Submitted: Lord Iohannes Glenfidanus,  
Baronial Herald

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scadiscussiongroup/>

Northshield

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kingdomofnorthshield>

Windhaven

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Windhaven>

Army of Northshield

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/656097414404272/>

Northshield Barter and Trade SCA

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