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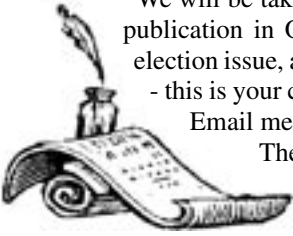
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
BARONY OF ENDLESS HILLS
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FROM THE CHRONICLER



We will be taking our normal publishing hiatus for September and resume publication in October. Don't forget that the November issue will be our election issue, and I welcome letters from all candidates for Baronial offices - this is your chance to let the populace know why we should vote for you!

Email me your missives, and see them in ATH.

The next Baronial business meeting will be September 9 at Gander Mountain at 2 pm. I will be having a 12th Night Meeting at 1 pm prior to the business meeting - and welcome all who would like to help out with this large Kingdom event!

Had a great time at Pennsic? Then send me your stories and tales and I will publish them in the October issue!

Yours in Service, **Tiercelin**

MEDIEVAL FEAST HUMOR

From the excellent cooking resource site at www.medievalcooking.com, this recipe will add an amusing touch to any boring feast... (yes, it's a real recipe from the Oddities section). This site is a great resource for cooking ideas, and has links to a number of online medieval cookbooks and spice sources. Check it out!

And if you do not think this would work, check out the video on how to put a chicken to sleep at www.metacafe.com/watch/523487/how_to_put_a_chicken_to_sleep/

To make a Chicken be Served Roasted

Source [The Vivendier, Terence Scully (trans.)]:

A faire .i. poulet aler rosti sur la table: preng ung poulet ou aultre oisiel tel qu'il te plaira, sy le plume tout vif a l'eaue chaude tresnettement; puis preng lez moioeuvs de .ii. ou .iii. oeufs, et soient bastus avoecq pouldre de saffren et fleur de ble, et destempres d'eaue crasse ou de la craisse qui chiet soubz le rost en la paiele saininoire; et de ceste mistion, a tout une plume, dore et pains tresbien ton poulet tant qu'il ait coulleur pareille a viande rostie; et, ce fait, quant on vouldra servir a table, mettez la teste du poulet dessoulz son elle, et le tourne entre tes mains et le touppie tant qu'il soit bien endormis; puis l'asiies sur ton plat avoecq l'autre rot, et quant on le vaura trenchier il se esveillera et s'en fuira par la table et abatra pos et hanaps, etc.

To make a Chicken be Served Roasted. Get a chicken or any other bird you want, and pluck it alive cleanly in hot water. Then get the yolkes of two or three eggs; they should be beaten with powdered saffron and wheat flour, and dis-tempered with fat broth or the grease that drips under a roast in to the dripping pan. By means of a feather glaze and paint your pullet carefully with this mixture so that its colour looks like roast meat. With this done, and when it is about to be served to the table, put the chicken's head under its wing, and turn it in your hands, rotating it until it is fast asleep. Then set it down on your platter with the other roast meat. When it is about to be carved it will wake up and make off down the table upsetting jugs, goblets and whatnot.



Barony of the Endless Hills
July 8, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Officers Present: Tigernach, Tiercelin, Barbary Rose, Dawn, Maria P., Gregory, Goimir, Ulrich, Tufa, Euriol,

Members Present: Gaeth, Lumanista, Gullveig, Kateryna, Gunnarr

Important Dates:

- Regional Fight Practice Sterlynge Vayle - July 15
- Pennsic – July 27 – August 12
- September Meeting – September 9th, Gander Mountain @ 2pm

Approval of Minutes:

The June minutes were approved on a motion from Goimir and a second by Ulrich; passed by majority voice vote.

Old Business

- Baronial Pavilion – Dawn is getting the ropes from Lowes, and they will be done for Pennsic.
- Kingdom 12th Night will be January 12.
- Dawn has submitted a bid for Fasching.
- Curia will be held following the meeting. Officers are asked to keep their reports brief in the interest of time.

Officer Reports

• Baron – The Barony will be doing gate duty on Wednesday the 2nd at Pennsic. He will be putting in hours at the hospitality table, and welcomes additional volunteers. We are waiting on land assignments.

• Armorer's Guild – Nothing new to report.

• Brewer's Guild – Baron Rob has been talking to a number of the guild members. There are a number of guild members who are currently working on personal brewing projects. At YETi, Ralph shared samples of his wonderful non-alcoholic root beer. The consensus of those who tried it, was "wow, that's great!" The Kingdom Brewers guild has a quarterly challenge going on. Pennsic is the due date for the latest one.

• Cook's Guild – There will not be another meeting until after Pennsic. We had a meeting at Euriol's on July 1 with ACG and the food was great – we hope to do more combined meetings in the future.

• Herald/ Scribe's Guild – No new activity. We are investigating the registration and correct use of registered Baronial badges. The Order of the Barnacle in the policy does not match what is on the Society page.

• Signet Office – No new activity.

• Stitcher's Guild – Meetings are on Tuesday nights with advance notice.

• Thespian Guild – Not much going on until after Pennsic.

• Woodworkers Guild – The calendar notices (I thought I had, but they continued to get sent out) for the wood workers guild meeting this weekend (the 7th and 8th) were not turned off... That calendar notice was erroneous. Please disregard. The weekend of July 15th, we will have the next wood workers guild meeting. All are welcome to the meeting. This months meeting will be at the home of Rob & Lindsay Baldassano. August, we will not have a meeting, due to Pennsic. A notice was sent out over the main list, which outlines the nature of the firewood ban for Pennsic. This information came from an employee of the state who is directly involved with the ban. Please read that email for the most current and correct information. Dawn de la Lune, Tufa and Eirik have all volunteered their homes for meetings for the guild. We shall be rotating through

the volunteered homes each month. Eirik has not cleared each month with either Dawn nor Tufa, so I will submit an email to Teircelin as soon as he have confirmation of which month will be where. Projects: We have a new project. Baron Ulrich has asked the wood workers to repair the current Baronial thrown weapons targets. There is a need for some minor repairs, and possibly refinishing of the chairs. After we do a thorough inspection, we'll notify the inventory steward of any need to request funds for refinishing.

- Equestrian Guild –Nothing new to report.
- Historian – Nothing new to report.
- Exchequer – The current balance as of the end of May is \$4082.82, with 119.00 in uncleared checks. The balance in the checkbook is 3963.82.
- Chronicler – We have two new subscribers. The July newsletter is out.
- Knight Marshal – We will be holding practices up until Pennsic.
- Minister of Arts & Science – Nothing new to report. There will be a garbathon at Tiercelin's on July 14 for Pennsic garb.
- Minister of Lists – People need to make sure that their paperwork is signed before turning it into the MOL.
- Chatelaine – We have had 1 newcomer in the last two or so weeks. Our website has had 30 hits this month, so far. You can download any brochures or handouts you would like to use on the chatelaine website at <http://chatelain.dracowolf.com/handouts.html>. Also, don't forget to add your favorite equipment and materials resources on the populace suggestion forum, while you are on the chatelaine site, as this can help our newcomers gather resources in a shorter amount of time and get to participate sooner. A reminder that there will be a demo run at the Shickshinny Heritage Festival on Sept. 8th, all are welcome to participate. Contact Lady Dawn or Gullveig for more specific information about this demo opportunity.
- Chirurgeon – Vacant
- Captain of Archers – Nothing new to report.
- Marshal of Fence – Not present. No report.
- Minister of Youth – Nothing new to report.
- Youth Combat – Vacant
- Captain of Thrown Weapons – There will be practices on Wednesdays on request. He is now a Marshal at Large. Anyone wishing to be trained as a thrown weapons marshal should contact Tigernach
- Webminister – Hits on the website are up.
- Canton – The Canton, at a spontaneous meeting in another time period's re-enactment, decided that

A) We would like to support the event bid for Fasching that is slated for Brooklyn, PA. **Please note we'd like an actual copy of that bid, when it's available.

B) The canton is holding a fundraiser at this event, should the bid be accepted by the Barony. At present time, the plan is to manufacture and sell high quality historically themed hand-tinted Holiday cards. Black and white designs are being sought--should anyone feel like donating a design, the artwork should be camera-ready, and 1/4 of an 8.5x11 sheet of paper. Originals or a good quality copy are fine. Aoife is working on a series of medieval angels for the project. Other designs of holiday-esque nature are also welcome, regardless of the Winter holiday you celebrate or the style of your drawn work (need not look like illumination! Cartoons, or realism are also fine). The colors will be hand-painted, on professional stock, with appropriately sized envelopes for standard mailing. Please contact Aoife if you would like to help with this project.

C) In the fall at some point, Canton-sponsored equestrian practices will take place in Lake Ariel. Stay tuned for times, days, etc The Baronial EQ Marshalls have agreed to help us with this project. Also with assistance from the Baronial EQ Marshalls, the Canton is investigating an Equestrian event at the same site as the practices. Details will be forthcoming at a later date.

- Seneschal – Nothing new to report.

New Business

- Tufa needs all Baronial property that is to be taken to Pennsic.
- Ulrich made a motion to fund, up to \$75, fabric for Baronial retainer tabards, to be made by Tiercelin. It was seconded by Tiercelin. The motion passed.
- There is a Viking festival in Jamestown the week before Pennsic. Gullvieg will be going.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

YOU MIGHT BE A VIKING IF...

If bartenders keep asking you, “What’s mead?”, you might be a Viking.

If you rate your new cars in oarpower instead of horsepower, you might be a Viking.

If a strange, very big red-headed man shows up for dinner and eats you out of house and home, you might be a Viking.

If you consider beer and herring a gourmet meal, you might be a Viking.

If your new girlfriend is dismayed to find that you’ve given a personal name to each one of your kitchen knives, you might be a Viking.

If you think that attacking and looting small towns is a good way to meet people, you might be a Viking.

If, after reciting your family lineage and history, you find that your friends all left two hours ago, you might be a Viking.

If you think that Helga, Gertruda and Snotra are really very pretty names for girls, you might be a Viking.

If you’ve changed your name from Joe Schmit to Hralfnkel Niflgrimsson, you are probably a Viking.

If modern-day piracy off the Florida coast sounds to you like a good career opportunity, you might be a Viking.

If you think that Old Norse is an easy-to-learn, attractive and user-friendly language, you might be a Viking.

If your idea of heavy spices are salt and pepper, you might be a Viking.

If you wave a spear over the visiting basketball team and offer their souls to Odinn, you might be a Viking.

If you think that a trip to Greenland is an exotic vacation adventure, you might be a Viking.

If you finish your European vacation with more money than when you started, you might very well be a Viking.

(from the Ravensweir Household website)



REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

First Friday of the Month: Woodworker's Guild - contact Lady Dawn
Mondays: Heavy and Fencing Practice at CTTC in Carbondale
Also A&S Gather
7:00 to 10:00pm
Tuesdays: Fencing and Heavy Practice at Forty Fort Borough
Building 8 to 10pm
Stitcher's Guild at THL Maria's home
Wednesdays: Newcomer's Meet & Greet : 7:30
Borders in Dickson City (Week 2-ea. month)
Barnes & Noble in W-B (Week 4-ea. month)
Thursdays: Armorer's Guild Meeting at Lord Tufa's home



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LINK OF THE MONTH ILLUMINATION FOR BEGINNERS

<http://www.rencentral.com/GSS/index.shtml>

This month's link is from Lady Barbary Rose, who says "This is a fantastic site for beginner and future scribes to learn and/or brush up on their illumination technique! Excellent online resource; I learned a lot there!" There are online lessons, supply lists, and many examples of completed SCA scrolls. Great section on whitework!

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