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Fighters, Balfour's Challenge, Summer 2004

Please Note:

The meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month, at Connetquot Library, Bohemia, 7:30 PM.

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Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Baronial Business Meetings: All Officers are requested to attend

1st Thursday of each month – *General meetings* - Connetquot Library, Bohemia, 7:30 PM

Canton/Incipient Canton Business Meetings:

Sandmork: 2nd Friday of each Month – Riverhead Free Library at 7:30PM. Contact Nicodemus for more information

Hawk's Reach: 2nd Wednesday of each month - East Northport Library Café @7:30PM

Guild/Workshops/Combative

Calligraphy Workshop – Suspended until further notice.

Thrown Weapon Practice- 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Contact Lord Magnus (Paul Holms) at 631-472-4241

Fiber Arts Workshop -1st Tuesday of every month at Lady Gisele de le Flambeau's (Betty Saum) see directions below

Fighter Practice – Please contact the Knight Marshal, Lord Peter Bog, Phone: (516) 885-5552 peterbog1@yahoo.com, for details. Fighter practice is periodically changing location to Thorolf's residence. Directions follow:

To Thorolf's:

From the LIE, take Exit 68 South (Wm Floyd Pkwy). At the 2nd light (landmarks 7-11 and a gas station) make a left turn onto Moriches-Middle Island Rd. At the 2nd block (Freestate Drive) turn right. The house is #417. Please park at the south end, under the power lines.

Not regularly Scheduled Practices and Workshops

Archery Practice - "Tuesday Night Traditionals", at American Outdoor Sports, Rte 110 in Farmingdale (2040 Broadhollow Rd). This is a mundane indoor archery range, run by mundane officers (anyone may attend). Fees are \$18 for an annual pass plus \$6 per session (*no limit on hours per session*) with pass, or \$10 per session without the pass. BYOB - Bring Your Own Bow. Shop phone: (631) 241-1832 Other mundane indoor sites: Smith Point Archery Lanes, 215 East Main St., Patchogue. (*Hourly rates apply) (631) 289-3399 (Open after 2pm on weekdays)

MEETING DIRECTIONS

Sachem Public Library in Holbrook: From the west: LIE to exit 61. Go across Patchogue-Holbrook Rd. and stay on the service road. *At the first light past Patchogue-Holbrook make a left. This is Holbrook Road. The Library is about a 1/2mile down on the left, across from an elementary school. Go in and ask for the Boardroom. From the East: Take the LIE to exit 61. At the light for Patchogue-Holbrook Road make a left and go over the LIE. At the end of the bridge make a left onto the service road, follow from * above.

Connetquot Public Library in Bohemia From the West: Take Sunrise Highway (Rte 27) to Exit 47, Go to Ocean Avenue and make Left. From the East: Take Sunrise highway to Exit 49 (Lakeland Avenue). Go to Ocean Avenue and make a right. The Library is on the Left

Riverhead Free Library: The library is located at 330 Court Street, Riverhead. From the West: Take your best route to the Long Island Expressway east bound to Exit 72. Stay to your right following the signs to Route 25 east to Riverhead. Route 25 will become West Main Street. The Library will be visible from West Main Street. Turn left onto Osborn Avenue after you pass the library on West Main Street. Library parking can be found on your left before the railroad tracks. From the East: Take your best route to either Route 25 from the North Fork into Riverhead. This will become East Main Street and then West Main Street after you pass Peconic Ave. Turn right onto Osborn Avenue. Library parking will be on your left before the railroad tracks. OR Take your best route to Route 24 from the South Fork to the traffic circle in Riverhead. Take your first right out of the traffic circle onto Peconic Avenue. Turn left at the traffic light onto West Main Street. Turn right onto Osborn Ave. Library parking will be on your left before the railroad tracks. By the LIRR: The Riverhead Train Station is a short walk to the library. As you exit the train turn right heading west on Railroad Street. Cross Osborn Ave. and turn left heading south on Osborn Ave. The library will be on your right.

824 Middle Road, Riverhead: Take the Long Island Expressway (Interstate 495) east to exit 73. Merge onto CR 58 heading east. Turn left onto Harrison Ave. At the "T" intersection, turn right onto Middle Road. #824 will be on your left (north side of the road).

East Northport Library – 185 Larkfield Road, just North of Pulaski Road on the East side of the street. Parking is available behind the Library, turn onto Kew Avenue and make your first right onto University Place. We will meet in the Café.

Canton of Sandmork A&S Meetings - Contact Canton Mistress of Arts & Sciences Eachna dalta Aonghus (Gwen Morse) (631) 399-7355 or Acting Canton Seneschal Nicodemus (Stephen Hataier) thumpa@charter.net, for details on locations and directions.

Fiber Arts Workshop – Contact Betty Saum for additional information. Phone (631) 757-1876 e-mail: Gisellef@optonline.net

Directions to my house:- Jericho Tpke (Rt 25) to Larkfield Road north to the end; take right fork (Vernon Valley Rd); first right onto Crest Dr; first right to Catalpa DR - 5th house on the right - number (20) on mailbox. Limited parking - carpool if possible.

Coronet's Gazette

Greetings unto the Populace,

And Happy New Year to all of you! We hope that you enjoyed your holidays. January looks to be a very busy month for many of us. At Market Day at Birka, the Baronial rally song will debut. The rally song will be sung by it's talented creator, Lady Siobhan. Lady Siobhan was recently the Queen's bard. We will let you know of the time during which the introduction of the song will occur. Hopefully many of you will be able to attend.

Our thanks go out to Lady Gisele for making a Twelfth Night presentation to Their Majesties possible. Her research and creativity at the A&S workshops produced several period Viking games. Again, our many thanks.

A grand commons is being hosted by Baron Norman the Norman and House Three Skulls on Saturday, January 22. All are invited! Please see the announcement in this issue and join us in the festivities.

On a somber note, many of you have heard that Lord Sandor of House Three Skulls had lost his battle with cancer and past away on January 1st. Our heart felt condolences go out to his parents, family, friends, and household. We think that Lady Kayleigh's memorial to Lord Sandor described him very well.

In Memoriam:

Lord Sandor Asvander, also known as Sandor the Wanderer, passed away on 1-1-05, at 7:30am.

For those who did not know him, this is the gentle for whom I had requested His Majesty Thorson for a recognition of sorts, which came in the form of an AoA that had not been received in the 20 years he had been in the SCA. News came in to me just 2 days prior to 100 Minutes War that Sandor's condition had worsened considerably, and the following day we all did some rapid research on the OP, and back to his household leader following the approval from HRM Thorson. That AoA was presented unfinished to Sandor in the hospice the next day, and gratefully returned to me for polishing/finishing, which I did on Thanksgiving.

When I presented the finished and framed piece to Sandor, one of his wishes to me at the time of presenting it to him was to have his Arms filled in. We (his household - House 3 Skulls - and I) began working on this about a week or so later. We are continuing to do this with the cooperation of some herald-friends, in respect to someone dear to many who do not travel to many events often.

Sandor, when I met him in the hospice, seemed confused as to why I did this scroll for him, since we did not know each other too well. There was a day once, about a year ago, when I was a Company Capt of Archers, looking for new marshals to train, to help run lines. Sandor was one of the people who showed up to that practice and offered his assistance, and I was aware he was recently diagnosed with cancer. He explained that he would like to help, however, his chemotherapy would begin soon. I was still touched. Thus when I was

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asked why, I explained to him: "You were nice to me. Why shouldn't I be nice to you?"

I ask myself why it is that it is so unexpected for us to be so giving of ourselves. I wondered what comfort my art would bring to him, and saw the answer there in my friends - the SCA was still a part of his life, where he found meaning and depth in the comfort of friends as a second family. Reaching out to him, remembering him for who he was and what he meant to everyone who knew him, was the least I could do.

May This Wanderer's journey never end, in a place free from the cares of this world. We'll all miss him.

I know I do.

In Service,

Kayleigh

Yours In Service,

Jean Xavier and Gianetta

ICON Demonstration, April 8-10

The Barony has been invited to participate at ICON on Friday, April 8th to Sunday, April 10th. Our planned demonstration will include an A&S and information tables, classes, and a fighting and fencing display on April 9th and 10th. Those who wish to offer their time and skills to participate, please contact Baron Jean Xavier at jeanxavier2001@yahoo.com or 631-874-2748 before 10 pm. Lady Adela will be coordinating our teachers. Please contact her if you have an interest in teaching a class at adela@i-2000.com or 631-580-0337. All participants will be assigned a badge to the convention. The deadline for badge registration will be announced as the information becomes available. Hope to see many of you there.

Event Calendar

January

1/8 EK 12th Night, Dragonship Haven (Bridgeport, CT)
1/29 Market Day at Birka, Stonemarche (Manchester, NH)
1/27 K&Q Rapier Champions (Quebec)

February

2/4-5 Fields of Gold Silver Rylle (Lebanon Co., PA)
2/19 Central Region EKU Quintavia (Worcester Co., MA)
2/26 Winter War VIII Northern Outpost (Potsdam, NY)

March

Dancing Fox IV Nordenhalle (Kingston, NY)
Mudthaw Settmour Swamp (Livingston, NJ)
Blak Rose Tavern Blak Rose (Mechanicsburg, PA)

April

4/8-4/10 ICON StonyBrook, NY

Fighter Practice Schedule

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Fencing Practice Schedule

Please contact Lord Alexander MacLachlan
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for information.

Three Skulls has graciously invited the Barony to attend their Archery practices

“We wanted to open our practice to the populace of the barony, as it is much closer for many than AOS is. We meet every Monday at 7:30 at Warren's Archery on Rt. 25 in Selden. The Range fee is \$10.00. We have some loaner equipment, and the range has bows and arrows available for rental. Crossbows are allowed at this range.”

Please contact Kerry Skadl at volatilefiona@hotmail.com for more information.

Baronial Minutes

This is an overview of the topics of the meetings. The complete minutes are available at the Baronial meetings; see the Historian for details.

Minutes will return next month
(Once I catch up...)

Chronicler's notes

Greetings!

Been a busy month and I'm late again. Hawk's Reach is trying for an event, hopefully in April or May.

February Viaduct is apt to be small—please get your articles in by the 25th of January. Anything in after the 25th will be held over to the next month.

Our condolences go out to Sandor's family at his passing. See the Coronet's Gazette for more.

Cynyr

Finster, his Broadside ***(not his backside!!)***



Hello Dear Gentles; it seems that once again my dear cousin Finster is off on some jaunt and asked me to take over his duties as writer of Finster's Broadside.

Being rather short notice I will use an excerpt from one of my thesis for the University of Chevro. My dear sister-in-law Bronwyn or Bronie Lee has been most helpful with some of the facts regarding the Roma of Chevro Island especially with details of Sara Faaskin.

It is an accepted statement of fact that the arrival of the Roma people to Chevro Island can be traced to the shipwreck of the Persephone in the late 1880's, this ship was a sister ship of the more famous (perhaps infamous a better description) ship The Demeter. Both ships were know to do a gread deal of shipping of various Eastern European products to the British Isles. But it is the lesser know ship The Persphone's ill-fated voyage which concerns this paper.

It is surmised that one of the survivors of The Persephone was a stowaway Rom. This gentleman's name has been lost to history as the residents of Chevro Hall always referred to him as The Gypsy Guy from the Ship. In deference to tradition I will refer to him as Mr. Guy Persephone for the remainder of this paper. Mr. Persephone's arrival was inauspicious to say the least, but happily, his fortunes turned for the better. The members of the Persephone family dispute this saying that there has been a Rom presence on the island for much longer.

According to Mr. Frinka Persephone (and backed by Ms. Bronie Lee's research), the head of the family, or in his words The King. The first arrival was sometime in the 1500's*(1) with the person of Sara Faaskin and her kumpania (travelling group/ clan) Again, according to Mr. Frinka Persephone they arrived at Chevro after a dispute with The Roma Treatymaker or a certain James Royal Guy*(2) who wanted to speak to them. Since their leave-taking from the Scottish mainland was so hurried they were only able to afford passage to Chevro Island. On their arrival they were warmly welcomed as the locals of Chevro had never head of Gypsies (or James' edict) and thought that they might be bringing them tasty things to eat with them. The only form of persecution Sara's kumpania faced was the pressing of gifts of turnip wine upon them. But the turnip whine was offered (inflicted) on all visitors to the island. This custom of turnip wine*(3) reached its peak under the watch of the 12th Earl of Chevro, but that is straying from the topic of the Roma of Chevro. At this point I will turn the column over to the respected Ms. Bronie Lee, for those interested in reading the rest of The Roma Haven of Chevro Island it is stored at the University of Chevro Library.

Notes 1 and 2 by Ms Bronie Lee. :

The exact arrival is not know and can range from any where between April

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22, 1505 to June 6, 1541 or as late as 1597. It is not know since Janes is always referred to as James Royal Guy. The earliest mention of Roma in Scotland comes in April of 1505 by the Lord High Treasurer of Scotland that at the King's command (James IV):1505: 'Item, the xxij day of Aprile, to the Egiptianis, be the the Kingis command, x Franch crounis; summa vij 7 pounds.' The name Faw or Faa is noted 1537 in a legal document in 1537. The Faa's were said to have their king residing in Yelthom in The Border Counties. In 1539 one George Fae was given a bill of safe passage from the King of the Scots. It is also reported that James the V had a cordial relationship with the Roma and on February 15, 1540 signed a write of the Privy Council granting privileges to John Faa (Faw)'lord and wrle of Litill Egipt' of course this treaty was revoked on June 6 of 1541. The Roma is still know in the The Borders with a King of Gipsies last known direct descendent passing away in the early 20th century.

Note 3:

The custom of Turnip Wine Greeting has mostly been replaced by The Welcoming Tea in whcih a slice of Rutabaga Cake is offered with tea. A recipe can be had from the Chevro Hall Library.



Sir Finster of Chevro Hall hard at work

EVENT PAGE

To the Baronial Fighting Forces

War Practice on Sunday, January 23rd in Bhakail!

Our General of the Southern Regional Army and the Baron And Baroness of Bhakail has invited us to a War Practice. This will be similar to last years format, which worked on small unit tactics and drills. All of us that had attended from the Barony last year found it to be a great experience and a good way to kick off the new year. For those that are interested in going, please see the announcement below for more information and contact me so we can arrange car pooling.

Jean Xavier, jeanxavier2001@yahoo.com or 631-874-2748 before 10 pm

Greeting to the Southern Army and the War College of the East Kingdom:

I hope everyone is enjoying the Holiday season. While you party and put on your winter fat, it time to look to the spring. It will be here sooner then you think. So, the barony of Bhakail will be hosting thier River Marche III - A Southern Regional Tactical Fighter Practice.

The third installment of River Marche is upon us and all rattan fighters from near and far are invited to attend.

We will again gather at our winter site, which is the Fellowship House of Conshohocken. The site is indoors, heated, and has a small locker room (with showers) that will be available for use.

For those who have not attended a prior practice: River Marche is conducted to concentrate on techniques for group combat engagements.

The Southern Regional Army Commander Baron Master Lawrence Thornguard will direct the activities of the day. Spectators are advised that this is a fighter practice and no other activities are planned. If you desire to come and watch please do so in garb and bring a chair. (They clear the hall for us.)

Important note: The site has a gymnasium style floor. Because of this fighters are requested to wear rubber soled or other footwear which will not mar or scuff the floor surface. Anyone who can bring carpeting or floor coverings please contact Baron Lorcan (see below) as this would allow for knee work.

The site will open at 10:00 AM and we must be off site by 6:00 PM. The date is Sunday, Jan 23, 2005. The cost of \$5.00, which covers the site rental and a hearty sideboard prepared by Lady Shannon Gallowglass. Non members add \$3.00.

For further information please contact Baron Lorcan

Dracontius, lorcan@dracontius.net, 215-731-1884 (No calls after 9:00 PM.) Those wishing to help with the food arrangements please contact Lady Shannon at shannon@gallowglass.org.

Site Address - Fellowship House of Conshohocken, 6th Ave and Harry St., Conshohocken, PA 19428

Directions - Take your best route to the Route 23 exit on Interstate 76. The exit varies by direction from which you approach it. If from the East and Philadelphia, it will be a direct exit, number 332 for Conshohocken. The exit will put you at a light. Follow from * below.

If from the West, or the Penna. Turnpike, it will be slightly different. From I-76 take the I-476 / Route 23 - exit number 331B- toward PLYMOUTH MTG/ CONSHOHOCKEN. At the bottom of the ramp (light) you will make a right turn onto

Matsonford Rd. Proceed straight ahead to the light. Follow from * below.

If coming from the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike (toll portion of I476) (text to be added)

* You will be at the intersection of PA route 23 and Fayette St. Proceed straight ahead through the light and cross the river. You are now in Conshohocken. At 6th Ave make a right turn, go one block to Harry St. The site is on the right hand side of the road. Parking is of the on street variety. But there is a drive way loop for loading and unloading.

Yours in Service,
Baron Larry, Gen. EKSA