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Meetings

Baronial Business Meetings

1st Thursday of each month Sachem Public Library (Holbrook) 7:30pm

Contact Seneschal Lord Thorolf Egillsen for information

All Officers are requested to attend

Incipient Canton Business Meetings Hawkes Reache

2nd Wednesday of each month East Northport Library Café 7:00pm

Contact Seneschal Lord Cynyr Longtoes for information.

Guild/Workshops

Fiber Arts Workshop

Workshops held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact Erin of Skye, Mistress of Arts & Sciences) for location and time.

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Archery

"Tuesday Night Traditionals", at American Outdoor Sports, Rte 110 in Farmingdale (2040 Broadhollow Rd). Fees are \$18 for an annual passplus \$6 per session (*no limit on hours per session*) with pass, or \$10 per session without the pass. BYOB - Bring Your Own Bow. Contact Mistress Erin for to confirm and for further details: (631) 470-4317

Combat

Fencing Practice

There will be a weekly fencing practice at the Huntington Unitarian Church. (This is the same site as where Agincourt and Celtic Silliness are held.) Fencing will take place in the upstairs. Practices are held on Wednesdays from 7pm - 10pm, with at least one marshal if not more in regular attendance. Please call in advance to confirm. The site fee is \$5/person. More info will be posted on the Long Island Rapier and SCADUCKS e-mail lists. For more info contact Moresca at MorescaRF@aol.com, or Alec MacLachlan at captgoldman01@aol.com or call (631) 419-0771 (before 10:30)

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Want to share something?

Have your artwork, photos, poem or article in the
Viaduct..

The Chronicler is looking for submissions for
upcoming issues of Viaduct.
Contact Joe Mugnai, Chronicler
at jmugnai@mac.com or 516-610-8166 for
submission guidelines and more information.



Event Calendar

February 2006

February 24-26

- Lucky 13th East Kingdom
Brewers Collegium -Peekskill,
NY

more details on these and other upcoming
events can be found at the East Kingdom
website:

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html>

March 2006

Saturday, March 4

- King's & Queen's Rapier
Championships
Barony of Bhakail -
Media, PA

Saturday, March 18

- Celtic Silliness:
Sir Carnival vs. Lady Lent
- Huntington, NY

Saturday, March 18

- Iron Bog Baronial Investiture
Shire of Iron Bog -
Camden, Gloucester,
S. Burlington, NJ

April 2006

Saturday, April 1

- Coronation of Brion II &
Anna II:
Barony of Bergental - Ludlow,
MA

Saturday, April 29

- Balfar's Challenge:
Barony of Dragonship Haven
- Wallingford, CT

Pennsic War Information

There have been some changes regarding the dates for pre-registration for the Pennsic War this year. Mailed in registration started on January 1st, 2006 and will run until May 15th. On-line registration started on January 1st, 2006 and will run until June 15th.

The Barony will be registered as a camping group on January 15th, 2006 when registration opens for the groups.

I-CON Demonstration

Friday, March 24th thru Sunday, March 26th, 2006

Volunteers are needed for the annual I-CON Demonstration at Stony Brook University. We will need people to work the information table during Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th. Also, teachers are needed to give class on the arts, sciences, and history that the SCA covers.

Armored combatant and fencers are needed as well for the two-hour, combat demonstration on Saturday and Sunday.

If you would like to help out, please contact me as soon as possible, so I can get your name on the badge list and a class description if you plan on teaching.

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On Courtesy, Asking Questions, and Making Friends – Newcomer Advice for Thriving in the Society

Gianetta Lucia Alegretta
Baronessa, An Dubhaigeainn

One of the many reasons most of us joined the Society is the sense of Chivalry it offers. Defined in the dictionary, chivalry is the “qualities that make a knight...courage, nobility, fairness, courtesy, respect for women...” or the demonstration of such qualities. It is, by most of us, defined by every romantic movie about the historic periods spanned by the Society - every brave warrior on quest, every damsel in distress, every hero out to save the day. It is demonstrated each time a fighter on the list field yields a limb for the sake of his “injured” opponent, each time a lord holds the door for a lady, or a gentle offers to lighten the load of another gentle carrying their belongings into a hall. Every time you demonstrate this noble virtue, you brighten the day of someone, be it the person you aided or another who might be watching. And, each time, you, quite possibly, make a friend. As our organization is built largely upon folks offering their services on a voluntary basis, the offer of help, in any capacity, is always welcome.

The best example of this is volunteering your assistance at a local (or even non-local) event. The folks working hard in the kitchen to bring you and the rest of the attendees a delicious dayboard and/or feast would welcome a respite during the day or, best yet, at the end of the day, when they are faced with a mountain of pots and serving dishes that need to be cleaned and put away. I cannot tell you how much this makes their day or the gratitude you show them for their efforts. Or, you can ask the Autocrat for the day what sort of help he or she needs and you may find yourself helping to set up an event or running errands when the Autocrat’s plate is too full to personally find out where one of his or her staff is or who has a spare roll of duct tape to fix one of the road signs. All of these are what makes our Society run. And, with each of these efforts, we make our marks within it. You’ll never know until you ask. Which brings us to the next bit of advice....asking questions.

As with many organizations, there are shorthand terms that may confuse and confound the average (or even,

not-so-average Newcomer). You will find yourself picking them up as you go along but your best bet is to just ask someone. Anyone. Most will be more than happy to help you out and, if they can’t, they can at least point you to someone who can. If you are unsure as to how to address someone, the best advice is address them as “milord” or “milady” until you become more adept at recognizing SCA regalia and more familiar with the various SCA titles. And don’t let a pound’s worth of jewelry deter you. Politely attract the person’s attention, identify yourself as a Newcomer, and ask away.

While you’re finding your niche, you’ll want to find out more about a particular activity or craft that interests you or about how exactly that lovely dress is made that the lady across the hall is wearing. Again, your best bet is to walk up to that person and just ask. Our organization is also founded on the principle of sharing knowledge. Most folks love to explain their work or share the name of a craftsperson they deal with. Just make sure you bring a notepad with you – you might be surprised at the amount of knowledge just one question alone can generate at times. And don’t be afraid to let the person know if they’re overloading you with too much, too soon. The human mind can only soak up so much in one sitting and, chances are, you’ll run into that person again, especially if it’s a local event. Let them know you’re a Newcomer and then make sure to get their name and contact information. Or, ask them for a recommended book to start with and you’re good to go. We learn by asking – never forget that.

So – showing courtesy to your fellow SCAdian (and anyone else, for that matter) and asking questions are perhaps two of the best pieces of advice that a Newcomer can remember to survive and thrive within the Society. We all started somewhere, sometime. And who knows where you will find yourself in a year’s, or even ten year’s, time? Helping another Newcomer find their way, perhaps?

Broadsides & Boarding Parties

from our February Event



From the Autocrat of Broadside & Boarding Parties event:

I want to thank all those that attended the event and made it an enjoyable one:

To Baroness Mistress Suzanne Neüber de Londres and her kitchen staff for their outstanding culinary creations.

To Baron Sir Muirdeach, Tristan, Ulric, Steve, Lady Christine, and all those that lent a hand with the set up and break down during the day's activities.

To Baroness Mistress Mairgret for putting together the dancing on short notice.

To Lord Alec for organizing the Fencing Champions tourney.

To Lord Thorolf for your help with the morning set up, advice, guidance, and reminders.

To Lady Sorcha and Lord Peter Hawkwood ! for making the event more practical to do.

To my wife, Baronessa Gianetta, who was always there when I needed her most.

In Service,

Jean Xavier

FROM THE CORONET



reetings unto the Populace,

This past month at “Market Day at Birka,” Their Majesties recognized Lord Peter Bog with the Valiant Tyger for his heroic execution of battlefield tactics at the Pennsic War! Only an inspirational handful of individuals have been given this award and now we can count Lord Peter among them.

At this month’s “Broadside and Boarding Parties” event, Lord Alexander MacLachlan stepped down as the Baronial Fencing Champion and was awarded the Silver Feather for his dedicated service. Lady Moresca the Red Fox has now donned the cloak of the Baronial Champion, as well as the duties and the quest placed upon her. Joseph was welcomed as the Baronial Chronicler. And Taylor and Catherine, both children of the Barony attending the event, were given tokens of appreciation.

We thank Lady Sorcha and Lady Christine for organizing the garb sale to raise funds for the Runney Mede dinner occurring at the Pennsic War.

The local fencers were also able to raise enough funds during their “Hat Auction” to cover one month of site fees.

Thank you to all those that contributed to the fund drives.



A more personal thank you goes to Lady Marion of York, who was our in-the-pinch Court Herald.

The Barony will be hosting the Runney Mede Dinner at the Pennsic War this year. This dinner is for the Landed Barons and Baronesses of the East Kingdom. It is also an opportunity for the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn to shine and to introduce our successors to the other Barons and Baronesses.

We will need help in all aspects before and during the Pennsic War. Just to give you an idea of some of the categories: entertainment; escort/guard duty; servers; setup/cleanup; cooking staff (both prior to and during Pennsic); gifts; and fund raising.

We are grateful to all those who have offered their help already, but more is still needed.

Now that we have entered our last year as your Baron and Baronessa, we would ask that any interested in what the position of Coronet entail! s, please feel free to speak with us. Those that would seriously consider taking up the banner of Coronet for the Barony, please send your Letters of Intent to our Seneschal, Lord Thorolf, and to us.

Jean Xavier and Gianetta