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he Barony is currently accepting letters of intent for several positions.

lease see page two of this issue and consider submitting your name for an open officer or deputy position.

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Meetings

Baronial Business Meetings

1st Thursday of each month Sachem Public Library (Holbrook) 7:30pm Contact Seneschal David Cortijo for information All are welcome. Officers are encouraged to attend.

note new day

Incipient Canton Business Meetings

Hawkes Reache

2nd Tuesday of each month East Northport Library Café 7:00pm Contact Seneschal Mike Fallon for information.

Combat

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 Erin for to confirm and for further details: (631) 470-4317

Fencing

Practices are held each Thursday from 7:30pm - 10pm at the Long Island Swordsman Club

at East Williston High School.

Please note that this is NOT an official SCA practice. Minors are also welcome to participate.

For more info contact Moresca Addams at MorescaRF@aol.com.

Fighter Practice

Now that the weather has turned cold, the regular Sunday outdoor fighter practice and trebuchet workshop have been suspended until spring. Please watch for future practice announcements.

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Letters may also be submitted at the Baronial business meeting. (see page one for time and location)

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Event Calendar

January 2007

January 6

 East Kingdom Twelfth Night / Kings & Queens Arts and Sciences Championships: Barony of Dragonship Haven - Bridgeport, CT

January 13

 King's & Queen's Rapier Championships:Barony of Carolingia - Cambridge, MA

January 20

 An English Country 12th Night: Shire of Owlsherst - Camp Hill, PA

January 26-27

 A Market Day At Birka: Barony of Stonemarche -Manchester, NH

February 2007

February 3

 At the Sign of the Dancing Fox IX: Shire of Nordenhalle - Kingston, NY

February 10

 Black Gryphon Inn: Normans and Welshmen and Sheep, Oh MY!!!: Canton of Gryphonwald -Edison, NJ

February 17

 Feast of St. Andrew's -Huntington, NY (see below)

February 24

 Kings and Queens Bardic Champions
 Noisemakers - A Music and Heraldry Schola: Bailiwick of Ivyeinrust -Clifton Heights, PA

March 2007

March 10

• Hrim Schola XI: Shire of Frosted Hills - Millbrook, NY

March 17

 Vision of the Twelve Goddesses: Barony of Carolingia - Cambridge, MA

March 24

 Mudthaw & Baronial Investiture: Barony of Settmour Swamp -Somerset, NJ

March 31

 Athena's Thimble Collegium: Shire of Caer Adamant - Newark, DE

more details on these and other upcoming events can be found at the East Kingdom website: http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html

Seast of St. Andrew's: Saturday, Sebruary 17

fter a long journey, St Andrew has once again returned home to the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn. To celebrate this we will host a feast and rattan tourney, which will include the Baronial Rattan Championship, in honor of his great journeys on Saturday, February 17th, 2007 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington, 109 Brown's Road, Huntington, NY 11743.

The site will open at 10 am and close at 8 pm. Inspections for the rattan tourney will begin at 11 am. The Tourney will begin promptly at 1 pm.

Send your reservations to the Autocrat Baron Jean Xavier Boullier (Peter X. Boullianne) 59 Old Neck Road, Center Moriches, NY 11934-2811, (phone # 631-874-2748 before 10 pm, email jeanxavier2001@yahoo.com). Checks are to made out to "SCA Inc.- Barony of An Dubhaigeainn"

For On-Board: Adults \$15.00, Minors (17 yrs and under) \$12.00, and babes in arms are free.
For Day-Board: Adults \$8.00, Minors (17 yrs and under) \$6.00, and babes in arms are free.

Remember that Adult fees are subject to the \$3 Nonmember Surcharge without proof of SCA membership.

Contact the Autocrat for Family rates.

Merchants are welcomed. Contact the Autocrat regarding the number of tables that are needed. For those that have dietary questions, they can be directed to Lord Alexandros at 631-293-9246 or bfalexandros@yahoo.com.

Directions:

From Long Island Expressway, take Exit 49N (Route 110), or

From Northern State Parkway, take Exit 40N (Route 110), or

From Southern State parkway, take Exit 32N (Route 110) then:

- Take Route 110 North past Jericho Turnpike (Route 25) into Huntington Village (approx. 4 miles from Route 25)
- Make left onto Main Street (Route 25A) then make first right onto Wall Street.
- Continue on Wall Street for 3/4 mile to Southdown Road.
- Make a left onto Southdown road and follow the signs to Browns Road.
- There will be a stop sign at the corner of Brown's Road and Southdown Road. Turn right onto Brown's Road, The site is on the left shortly after the elementary school.

From The Populace

K, let's get my basic view on the current issue down..... We are a Barony. I see no reason to become any less than we are. Shire is a lesser position. A Province is equal to a Barony on paper but cannot give awards, just honors, so it's more limited. But Shire or Province, both are something to build up to, not be demoted down to.

However we should not react to this letter and pollings with anger. The Barony has been growing under its own creative energies. Once the objective has been achieved, motivated by anger, what next? What will fuel the Barony when things calm down?

This is an opportunity to shine. The eyes of the King and Queen of the East are on us. I have been there and seen the effort people have put into making the Barony known and <u>respected</u> in the East Kingdom. <u>It has worked</u>.

Now we can either throw away the progress made or we can continue. If we continue, I would like us to do so with enthusiasm. We all joined the S. C. A. to participate in it. To our new members; hold on to your excitement. Let go of your fears, talk to us. To our long term members; try to remember the feelings you had at your first events. All of those amazing possibilities are still out there, it hasn't changed,

we just have to take advantage of them.

Outside of voting on the pollings I would ask another thing of all of us; do something you have always wanted to in the S. C. A. Ask questions, get involved (ask how). Yeah, it's corny and Rah-Rah but it is all still truly needed.

Above all please remember we all have one thing in common, a love of things medieval. If we want to we can make this work. So maybe it is a lot to ask, but that is why we are here, right? Do not let the wonders of the S. C. A. become mundane to you.

Lassar Ingen Aeda

The last issue of Viaduct featured a letter from the Seneschal of the East Kingdom. Here, members of the Barony respond to that letter.

m sorry. We made a mistake. When we were told that nobody else wanted to run against us for the Baronial position, we relaxed, thinking that the populace had already decided that were the best qualified to serve as you Baron and Baroness. We sat quietly letting the Barony go through the polling process, We never thought there would be a problem. We would have the poll, and King Lucan and Queen Yana would show up and allow Xavier and Gianetta to retire. Well, that's not what's happening. Due to the culture of the S.C.A. on Long Island and other factors, we missed the minimum response by 3 votes. We should not have taken the people of An Dubhaigeainn for granted.

This started as an apology. We should have been out front showing you that we want to run the Barony as your Baron and Baroness. Providing leadership and showing you that we are worthy of your vote and that we are worthy to support you.

We have to let the administration know that 72 or 75 votes don't make a Barony but the people do. Lassar and I will be responding to the poll to remain a Barony. I don't see another choice; the Barony has progressed and grown over the last 5 years. I don't want to see your hard work, or Xavier's and Gianetta's, wasted.

Maybe you're a household and think the local group organization doesn't matter, or you have given up on where you live, or you have an axe to grind. We can't stop you. All we can say is we want to include you with us; with the Barony. Come see us, talk with us and let us know how WE can be the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn.

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GREETINGS FROM HAWKES REACHE

i! I'm your new seneschal, Lord Michael Mor O'Faolain, mka Michael Fallon. In the immortal words of Lord Yosif Alaric of the Baliset, "Trust me."

To those of you who never HEARD of Yosif Alaric of the Baliset, or who couldn't QUITE remember who he is (or was), it really doesn't matter.

Curriculum Vitae (me, NOT Yosif Alaric):

- Born: June 30, 1940
- Married: April 7, 1967 to the future Lady Rebecca bat Reuven, mka Cecile Fallon
- Joined the Society for Creative Anachronism: O/A June 1981.

AoA, Silver Feather, sometime after June, 1981

- Device: Vert, in chief, two wolves couchant and gardant or, in base, a tun or embossed with an inverted thorshammer gules
- Things I like to do: Read, cook, collect books and wine, brew beer, make rude verses about other people (I do this at Pennsic), sing (at the drop of a hat), laugh, eat, drink (occasionally to excess)
- Things I dislike doing: Unnecessary paperwork, dishes, attending meetings that drag on too long

Gentles of our canton and the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn, it is my hope that we can go from our early beginnings to finally remove the incipient status from our canton and the uncertainty of place from our barony. The latter requires that every member of the Barony of An Dubhaigeainn respond to the upcoming polling of our status with a resounding YES, WE ARE, AND WISH TO BE, A BARONY OF THE LAUREL KINGDOM OF THE EAST!

Yours in Service,

Michal Mor O'Faolain

Canton meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the coffee shop of the Northport Public Library branch on Larkfield Road at 7:30 pm.

Response to Kingdom's Letter:

opefully all of you have seen the article regarding the decision of the Crown and the views of the East Kingdom Seneschal on the polling conducted by the Barony for the seat of Baronial Coronet.

We want to thank everyone that did participate in the first two pollings. We will need your continued participation in the upcoming polling and your help, as well, to reach out to those that have not participated in the last two pollings.

It is imperative that we, as a Barony, get these people involved at some local level. We cannot just let them slip by because they belong to a group, clan, or household that believes that they cannot join the local activities. Or for those that tend to focus on participation at Kingdom level. Let them know what the Barony has to offer and that they should bring their ideas with them, as well. We have a lot of knowl-

edge and skill out there just waiting to be released.

Just for example, the Barony has a trebuchet project going on. We'll need people to help with the design and construction of the trebuchet. We'll also need people to help research and create the garb and armor for the traditional siege crew.

For those of the Barony that are not on the local communication lists, do not receive the *Viaduct* newsletter, or have an Associate membership with the SCA and do not receive the Kingdom letter, *Pikestaff*, they need to be contacted in some form or another.

The populace of the Barony has shown us over the past five years that it has what it takes. The Barony will overcome this. It will take effort from all of us, but we shall overcome this and succeed!

The polling for the Barony's status will begin February 1st, 2007. Mark it on your calendar. If you are a member of the Barony and have a current SCA membership, you should receive a ballot within a few days of February 1st.

Remember, the minimum voting age for the SCA is 14 years old.

If you do not receive or lose a ballot, contact the Baronial seneschal immediately in order to get your ballot.

Do not delay returning your ballot. It will only take you a few moments to mark your desired status for the group, sign it, fill out your membership number, place it in the return envelope, and place it in the mailbox.

We all know how time flies.

With regards to the individual or individuals encouraging others not to vote, we cannot agree more with Their Royal Majesties. If anyone, regardless of rank or position within the SCA, approaches you and encourages you not to cast your vote, report it immediately to the King, Queen, and East Kingdom Seneschal. Conduct like this is unhealthy for the Barony and the SCA as a whole and should not be taken lightly.

Take care and be well.

Jean Xavier
Baron, An Dubhaigeainn

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s most of you are already aware, the Crown and Seneschal of the East Kingdom have asked that we perform a polling on the status of An Dubhaigeainn. As published in the Pikestaff, the following is the nature of the poll:

"A polling of the Subjects of Barony of An Dubhaigeainn will be conducted to determine the Barony's status. The polling will be mailed to the Subjects of the Barony no later than February 1, 2007. This poll will ask the Subjects of the Barony for their opinion as to whether the group should remain a Barony, or become a Province, or become a

ered to be of that same status as a Canton (defined in Corpora as a "local branch reporting through a barony"). The difference between a Barony and a Province is clarified some more in Corpora as well:

"Baronies and Provinces: Baronies and provinces are large branches within and subject to the administration of a kingdom (or principality, if any). They are alike in status and in the ability to administer

other branches within their borders, but differ in that baronies possess a Baron and/or Baroness, ceremonial representatives appointed by the Crown, and therefore have the ability to create and administer

cure a lapse in membership, you ARE entitled to a ballot. However, you must present proof of membership in order to receive a ballot. Again, if such a situation occurs, please contact me as early as possible to allow time to get the ballot to you, as well as to give yourself time to respond.

I ask that, if you are entitled to participate in the polling, you please do so. I will not encourage you to vote in any particular way - you are entitled to your desires as to the fate of An Dubhaigeainn - but I do ask that you return the polling with whatever opinion you have. If you have children who

REGARDING THE BARONIAL STATUS POLLING:

Shire or dissolve. All Subjects of the Barony are encouraged to respond in the time frame required to make their voices heard. Their Majesties can not impress upon their Subjects enough the urgency of this matter as the future of the Barony depends on this Polling."

In order to clarify just what this means, the following are the definitions of the different branch status types, as defined in Corpora:

"Barony: area administered by a Baron and/or Baroness, the ceremonial representative(s) of the Crown"

"Province: equivalent of barony without ceremonial representative"

"Shire: local branch reporting directly to a kingdom or principality"

A Shire is the smallest branch of the SCA, and generally consid-

awards, while provinces do not."

I hope that this helps to inform your decision on the upcoming poll.

The Baronial Status Polling will be mailed on February 1st, 2007. Polls must be returned by March 15th, 2007 (that is, they must be RECEIVED by that date - please allow a few days for the Postal Service to deliver them to the return location). If you do not receive your ballot by about February 8th, please contact me right away so that you can receive a replacement ballot. Replacement ballots will also be available at the Feast of St. Andrews on February 17th, as well as at the Baronial Business Meeting to be held on March 1st.

If you obtain an SCA membership during the polling period, or

are below 14 years of age, it is still necessary to return their ballots, indicating that they are not of sufficient age (there will be a checkbox on the ballot). It is vital that you return to poll even if your response is to abstain, because part of what makes this poll valid is whether or not people respond. We have this one chance to make a statement on what our destiny will be. If you do not return your poll, you are giving someone else license to make that decision for you.

Yours In Service,

David Cortijo

Seneschal, Barony of An Dubhaigeainn



The winter season is a time of many holidays, a chance to see old friends and reminisce about old times and appreciate what we have in life. For some of us, the season provides a time when our hectic schedules slow down for a bit, giving us chance to catch up on projects we've put aside.

With this in mind, we would ask that each of you look back on what our Barony has accomplished over the past few years. Remember these things when February brings with it the polling that will decide the future of the Barony. For those of you have been active – Vivat for your efforts!

For those of you who have been inactive, for whatever reason, on the Baronial level, this is your chance to help shape the future of the Barony. Whatever your level of activity, please take the time to cast your ballots and return them in the mail with all haste.

We cannot express the importance your votes possess. Complacency is no excuse for you not to vote. And, please, encourage everyone you know with a valid SCA membership residing within the Barony to cast their votes, as well.

In order for all of us to enjoy what the Barony has to offer, a little work is required. This includes not only helping out at events and commons, but holding Baronial and Canton Offices. Please consider becoming an Officer. If not an Officer, then a deputy or an assistant to learn more about a particular office that you may have an interest in. To learn about what any Office does, just ask that Officer. It's a great way to do your part to give back to the Barony by helping keep it running smoothly. Other ways to do your part are hosting or teaching workshops within the Barony.

Remember, we ARE an educational organization. We believe that Lord Tiberius, our new Baronial A&S Minister, would love a chance to assemble an agenda of workshop.

In Service. Jean Navier and Gianetta



We want to thank Lord Thorolf and Lord Peter Bog for all their service and support to the Barony and Kingdom as the Baronial Seneschal and Baronial Knight Marshal, respectively. We look forward to their continued support of the Barony and wish them success in their endeavors.

We welcome Dave Cortijo as the current Baronial Seneschal and Lord Titus as the new Baronial Knight Marshal. Also, Lord Michal into the position of seneschal for Hawks Reach and thank Lord Cynyr for all his work as the out going seneschal of the incipient canton.

FROM THE CORONET

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