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BARONIAL MEETING NOTES

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The Baronial Meeting was held on January 29, 2012 at the clubhouse at 1 Indigo Creek Trail, Durham, NC. The meeting started at 4:23.

32 paid members and 7 unpaid members were present. It appears that the expectation of food improves attendance for some reason.

Nikulai reported \$2281.44 profit for 12th Night, which will be split evenly between the Kingdom and the Barony. It was a great event. Thanks to everyone, and double thanks to those who stayed to clean the kitchen to the surgical standards required by the ranger.

The current Baronage was not present.

Seneschal reports: Ymir is in a few short weeks. Porta Johns are ordered. Decorations are arranged for the rec hall and the feast hall. Feast is oversold, and cabin spaces are sold out. However, there is limited camping available. We have permission for fire bowls and there is a little wood on site that we may use. We went out to the site last week to inspect. They have installed a new walk-in refrigerator/freezer. The site owner's young pit bull (pit bull mix?) may be loose on the site during the event. She is very friendly. Be cautious while driving, because she is loose, and do not let her into the buildings. You may want to watch out for her with small children, she does jump a little. In spite of her freedom, OUR pets must be leashed at all times, and they may not enter the buildings.

Baron William the Younger from Storvik is coming to Ymir, so we can have youth combat.

Lord Adelric has a new trailer that his dad gave him and he is letting us use that to get everything from the shed to the site. We are using the large Baronial pavilion and the canvas one as well. Girard and Dame Rosalind have interesting fighting planned, we always have an interesting turnout.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather. Her Majesty is hoping to have court outside so if you plan to attend court, you probably want to bring chairs. Staff can start showing up by 10am on Friday (Gaelan will be there though the site will not officially be open)

Officer Reports

Exchequer: Helwynn reports: We have \$13,703.76 in the bank. Total allocated is \$10,248.11. Total unallocated is \$3,455.65. The allocation breakdown is as follows:
 Baronage: \$50.00
 Emergency: \$500.00
 Pavilion: \$600
 12th Night: \$1,743.11
 Ymir: \$7,355.00



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(Exchequer continued)

As for 12th Night: We had 347 adult attendees. The total income was \$7,230. Expenses were \$4,698.56. The profit was \$2,281.44, which will be split evenly with the Kingdom (profit to the Baronage is \$1,140.72).

GlaxoSmithKline donated \$1000 to the Baronage!

We finally got the invoice from the PA storage shed. It is 349.80 for a year, December to December. A motion was made and seconded to approve 2 years of payments (2012 and 2013) so payment could be made in a timely fashion. The motion was approved, with 1 voter opposed.

Quartermaster: Ulfr reports: We are trying to locate a box of directional signs that is missing or misplaced. Someone suggested that we check with the Baronage in case the box was inadvertently put into their vehicle.

Chatelaine: In Rosanella's absence, Sajah reports: a Boy Scout demo has been requested for April 28th, which is between Golden Rose and the Crown Tourney. There may be more than 1,000 Scouts on site. We are trying to get more information regarding what they hope to have from the SCA before any decisions are made.

Herald: Nothing to report. Contact him if you have heraldry questions or submissions.

Knight Marshal: absent

Minister of Youth: Gaelan reports: The currently listed Minister of Youth is actually the Kingdom Minister of Youth, doing double duty. We must find our own Minister. We also need to have some more people who have gone through the background check process (and passed). Giovan Donado stated he has a background check for youth marshal pending. The Great Officer for the position that requires the check has the forms, contact them (Minister of Youth contact the Kingdom Minister of Youth, Youth Marshal contact the Youth Combat Marshal, etc.).

Archery Marshal: absent

Rapier Marshal: absent

MoAS: absent

MoL: vacant

Chirurgion: vacant

Webminister: Nikulai says that some software updates are pending, which will be installed sometime after Ymir. During installation the site will not be available. These are security updates, not changes to the site format. He also asks the officers to go to the site and get registered, so officer information is available in the Baronial directory. Adriana asked for Nikulai to actively pursue the officers to get their information and he agreed to try.

Canton Reports

Attilium: We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Gamers Guild, but are looking for another meeting site, because there is a conflict with others who use the Gamers Guild. One option we are exploring is using the Kiwanis building. We are on board for preliminary planning for the Tourney of Friends. We need the baronial canvas tent and the large tent. For Ymir: Is there a procedure outlined for the investiture procession? (Adriana answered, "There will be".) Every fighter practice we have, we get one or two new fighters. It is an effort to get decent armor.

Buckston-On-Eno: We will continue having meetings similar to this (meetings at the club house) for the next few months, as well as our usual meetings. Tessa said that they were considering having the one scheduled for Feb 5th rescheduled to Feb 26th but after the pot luck dinner, she told the Chronicler that Buckston had discussed it during dinner and they would not be changing the date after all.

Elvegast: The meeting schedule is unchanged. Sajah has proposed having newcomer's gatherings at her house on Thursday nights, but agreed to have the 1st Thursday gatherings at the Elvegast location, starting Feb 2. These meetings will be flexible – a time to work on A&S, some classes as desired, etc.



(Elvegast continued) We have a new exchequer (Marion le Red). Jdeke is deputy autocrat for Tourney of Friends, and Attilium is primary. They should receive the check for Elvegast's share of the ToF expenses soon, when the signature cards are sorted out with the bank.

Kappellenberg: Our meetings continue at Chapel of the Cross at 7:30. Come join us and learn which Kittyhawk is a deformed owl. Armored practices at Baron Girard's on Tuesdays. Rapier on Thursdays at Parkwood Elementary school. And our weekly A&S night travels the canton looking for art and/or sciences. The canton continues to look for ways to occupy the other three nights of your life, so, whatcha doing Friday?

Nimenefeld: reports that they had one newcomer at the last meeting, a woman interested in heavy fighting. They voted to move meetings to the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights of each month, pending approval from Optimist Farm. There was a lot of commentary regarding this change, since there are so many other meetings held on Thursday nights, particularly Elvegast's meeting. Those who are on the borders between the two cantons attend meetings at both and this could raise conflicts.

There was further discussion regarding Sajah's plans for newcomer's meetings on Thursday evenings, and the end result was that her plans were revised – she'll be attending the canton meetings in turn or on request, thereby hopefully avoiding confusion with the newcomers regarding where to go and when.

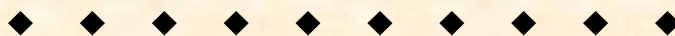
Nimenefeld reminded us that they are serving lunch at Ymir as a fundraiser.

Other

- Adriana and Callixtus spoke:
 - Court and Investiture is scheduled in the morning around 10:30 and Her Majesty wants this to be prompt – it is recommended that you get checked in through Troll by 10am. There will also be a brief evening court. Girard & Guenievre will be relinquishing their champions. New champions will be selected at Tourney of Friends. If you want to be considered as a champion, the new Baronage is requiring that you show participation in TWO of the three “pillars” of the SCA (combat, service, arts & sciences), and state which area you want to champion in.
 - They would like to set up a public day shade at events and encourage others to help with snacks and drinks. Of course, courtesy requires that one asks before settling in under someone's day shade. They also plan to organize ride sharing or caravans from central locations to events, to help people attend events they might otherwise not be able to attend, and to meet people they might not otherwise meet. They plan to publish the Baronial Progress so people know what events they plan to attend and can join them. They are also going to revive and use the Facebook page. They hope to use multiple formats to improve communication – electronic, phone, in person, meetings, etc.
- A question was asked – what night/days is there armor building? One night was mentioned - Monday night with Sir Johann. It is highly recommended that one checks with the host first for anything like this – they are often by invitation only.
- Sajah said she is planning on putting a bid for the fall Crown Tourney. They are trying to arrange to have it at the State Fairgrounds if the site works out – if it doesn't, they are hoping that it will be at another site in the Windmasters' Hill area. She asked how the group felt about having the Baronage run it rather than the kingdom. The response was positive. The group asked for a formal bid for a vote. The February Baronial meeting will be at Ymir Saturday morning immediately after morning court. The bid will be posted to the Keep prior to Ymir for review and discussion, and a vote can be taken at that meeting.
- The issue with the signs was revisited. (Directional signs for 12th night were not in the shed. We don't know what happened to them). Nikulai said he'd like to order more signs and try to get them in time for Ymir. It is \$275 for those that are the same size as ours or \$350 for a larger size. From the discussion, it seems that folks would like larger signs. A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$350 for new larger signs. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The meeting closed at 5:12.

The next Baronial Meeting is will be immediately after Court at Ymir, to vote on the bid for Fall Crown. The meeting for March will be the 3rd Sunday at 4pm at Carolina Pines.

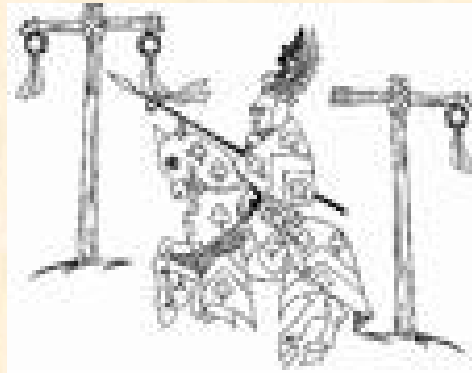
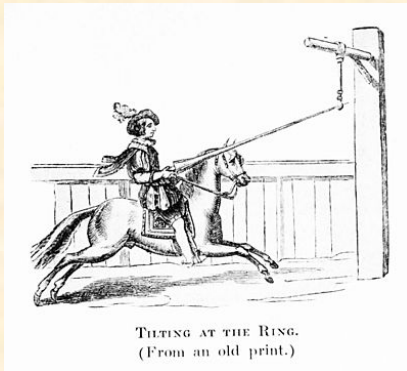


Horses on the List Field: The Games

Equestrian rider development is based upon the **Inter Kingdom Equestrian Competition (IKEqC)** obstacles which consist of Ring Tilting, Pig Sticking, Reed Chop, Saracen Heads, Quintain or Spear Thrust. Riders who are interested in these activities learn the above mentioned and below described games at equestrian practices correctly, and authorize at official events. The ability to perform these challenging games warrants a skill level authorization of Lancer.

The definition of **Lancer**: Rider must demonstrate ability to control mount and wield a single weapon safely while performing the games and unencumbered by armor. These activities include but are not limited to:

Ring Tilting - For the IKEqC the rings are set up on three posts with rings ranging in size from 1 inch to 6 inches. Ring layout for each pass is defined in the competition rules. Two passes are allowed and scores are based on number and size of rings caught on the end of a spear.



Pig sticking (Tent Pegging) - Simulates hunting boar or spearing objects from the ground such as tent pegs to confuse an enemy camp in the night. The rider moves in a straight line past the target attempting to catch the target (paper plate or foam "pig") on the end of the spear and raise it in the air. There is a proper technique here that must be followed.

Pig sticking



Reed Chop



Saracen Head



Reed Chop - Sticks of varying heights are placed in a row or a double row to be knocked off by riders as they pass. This game does not include weaving by the horse.

Saracen Course - also known as Behead the Infidel, Behead the Enemy, or just "heads". This course is set up by aligning four heads a standard distance of either 21 feet or 30 feet apart in a straight line. Riders weave in between the heads while knocking the heads off the posts using a reverse sword strike. There are penalties for missing weaves or knocking over posts. This course layout is also used (untimed) for authorizations.

The rider also learns to strike a quintain. **Quintain** - Most commonly a pivoting target with a counter weight on its opposite arm. The rider should avoid being hit by the counter weight after striking the target with a blunt spear. Scores are based on the number of rotations of the target.

Sometimes a hay bale is used for a target at which riders throw spears to receive points ending the course.

The games are placed within the **Equestrian tournament field**. The area is usually 100 feet by 235 feet. made by a $\frac{3}{4}$ nylon rope with one entrance and a call forward area for horses.

Once riders demonstrate proficiency in the games they compete in an obstacle course that places the games in a concentric pattern. The rider is timed and awarded points for successfully completing each obstacle and then the seconds are added and subtracted from total points. Additional bonus enhancers are tabulated by multiplying 1.5 to overall points for running the entire course at a trot and further multiplying by 2.0 for running the course at a canter.

Although this course with its obstacles is very basic in its presentation and use, the games/obstacles are invaluable fun tools that prepare riders to meet the requirements and proficiency to achieve the next stage: Banneret.

Next Month we will discuss mounted joust requirements.

In Obscurum nos fio lux Lucios

Lord Alain de La Rochelle, Squire to Sir Rodrigo Falcone



The Story of Ymir

In the beginning, there was nothing; neither earth, nor heaven, and there was no sand and no sea and no grass.

After many ages the Mist-World was made. In it there was a well from which arose many rivers. The churning waves upon the rivers flung poison drops of yeast into the air, and those froze and fell as rime on the region called Niflheim, and this region was frozen and filled with ice. In the south was the region called Muspellheim, and it was light and hot, burning hot and impassable to outlanders. Between these two regions was Ginnungagap, the Yawning Void. The northern part of Ginnungagap was filled with masses of ice and rime and gusty winds and cold rain from Niflheim, and the southern part was filled with heat and light and sparks from Muspellheim. But Ginnungagap was mild and windless, and where the heat of Muspellheim met the cold of Niflheim, the rime melted and the yeast-drops of the rime quickened with life and became a giant man's form. And that giant was called Ymir.

When Ymir slept he was hot and a sweat came upon him. From his left hand there sprang a man and a woman, and one of his feet begat a son with the other. Thus from Ymir are come the races of the rime-giants, also called ogres. Ymir was evil and so were all his kindred.

Ymir lived by feeding on the milk from the cow Audumla, who also was created from the melting rime. In turn, Audumla gained sustenance from licking the ice-blocks. The first day she licked the ice-blocks, she uncovered the hair of a man; the second day the head of a man was exposed; the third day the whole man was there. He was fair of feature, great and mighty. He was named Buri. He begat a son named Borr, who married a woman called Bestla, the daughter of Bolthorn the giant. Borr and Bestla had three sons, Odin, Vili and Ve.

The sons of Borr slew Ymir the evil ogre, and when he fell, such rivers of blood ran that the race of rime-giants were drowned in it. Odin, Vili and Ve took the body of Ymir into the middle of the Yawning Void, Ginnungagap, and of the body was made the earth.

Of Ymir's flesh the earth was fashioned,
And of his sweat the sea;
Crag of his bones, trees of his hair,
And of his skull the sky.
Then of his brows the blithe gods made
Midgard for sons of men;
And of his brains the bitter-mooded
clouds were all created.

By Jdeke von Kolberg

Based on *The Prose Edda* by Snorri Sturluson (1179-1241), translated from the Icelandic.

The entire text of the translation may be found here: [The Prose Edda](#)

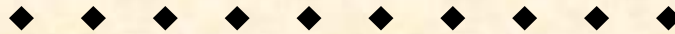
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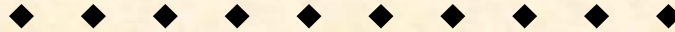
Rosanella Vespucci is stepping down as Baronial Chatelaine, and Saaida Sajah bint-Habushun ibn-Ishandiyar al-Hajjaji will be taking on that role. She is currently Acting Chatelaine. Watch for her at a canton near you! Thank you Lady Rosanella for your long and willing service! Thank you Saaida Sajah for stepping up to the job!



Tessa de Spina says Buckston is **breaking out!** They have a new location for meetings for the next few months, at 1 Indigo Creek Trail in Durham. There is indoor seating for 40+, tables for A&S projects, a kitchen for storing & heating food, a playroom for the littlies, a playground / zipline / treehouse for larger kids, and a meadow for fighting once marshals show up. The January Baronial meeting and fighter practice was held there. The next Buckston meeting there will be February 5th.



“Adriana and I will be leading a caravan /carpool to University on March 3rd. The plan is to meet behind Chammps at the Streets at Southpoint Mall (6910 Fayetteville Road, Durham). We will meet at 7 am Saturday and head out to the event by 7:15. We will make plans for dinner based on when University is over. If anyone has room for riders or want to carpool we are asking people to post something to the Keep before Friday, March 2nd. That way hopefully we can arrange who can drive and who can ride before that morning.” - Callixtus Gill



Callixtus Gill and Adriana la Bretonne will become the Baron and Baroness of Windmasters' Hill at Ymir, February 18, 2012. Should you wish to contact them, they have provided the following information:
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 Emails: callixtus.gill@gmail.com, baronessadriana@gmail.com



Taking a Protégé

During 12th Night, an interesting little ceremony took place on the back porch in the afternoon. During the ceremony, Baroness Adriana la Bretonne took Dýrrfina Freviðardóttir as her protégé. The ceremony went like this:

Adriana: As a peer of the Society, it is my joy and my duty to pass along my knowledge and skills, and to foster and encourage those with talent. To this end, I would take Lady Dýrrfina Freviðardóttir as my liegeman, to encourage her skills in the arts and in service to the people of the Known World, and in all other talents I have to share. Do you, Dýrrfina, wish to take on the responsibilities as well as the rights that come with this bond?

Dýrrfina: I do.

Adriana: Then, Lady Dýrrfina, before these witnesses swear your oath.

Dýrrfina: I, Dýrrfina Freviðardóttir, in the presence of these witnesses, swear that with this oath I am become liegeman to you, Baroness Adriana la Bretonne . I hereby swear myself to your service, saving only those responsibilities which I bear to my Household, my canton, and to my Barony. As your sworn man, I promise to study and faithfully apply myself to the development of my skills in the domestic arts and sciences, in service, in all the courtly arts and in knowledge of the Society. I further pledge to defend you and your manors, in peace and in war, and through you the Society for Creative Anachronism. As token of this service I will come to you at each 12th Night with a report of my activities and the products of my labors.

Adriana: In return I, Dame Adriana la Bretonne, Companion of the Order of the Pelican, out of friendship, fidelity, and fealty as come to me from the Crowns of Atlantia and the Society it serves, swear before these witnesses to teach and encourage you, to listen and to learn from you, and to support you in your quest for knowledge. I further swear to protect and to foster you as my liegeman, aid you in your time of need, and pursue justice in your causes to the highest levels. I pledge to reward your fealty with love and loyalty with honor. In return for your service I will owe to you once yearly a length of fabric for your delight, the hospitality of my table at any time that you might call upon it, and two pennies (I don't have shillings!) a year, payable at each Atlantian 12th Night. This contract shall bind us both until one of us or the other begs leave to be excused from the bond, or your own Elevation.

You who are our witnesses, do you affirm this bond that we have made?

Witnesses: We do.

Adriana: Wear then this, as a visible sign of our bond, that all may know you my liegeman.

Adriana gave Dýrrfina a beaded chatelaine to wear, made by Lady Roana verch Cadugan ap Reis. It has beads in Adriana's heraldic colors and a pewter botany cross made by Master Christopher MacConing. She also gave her the belt that Adriana herself wore as a protégé. It was the the apprentice belt of Dame Hróðný Rognvaldsdóttir when she was the student of Graffin Judith.

More about the protégé relationship to come in a later issue of the Windlore.

K I N G D O M C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

February 2012			
4	Kingdom Arts and Science (H)	Sudentorre	Spotsylvania, VA
11	Bright Hills Baronial Birthday	Bright Hills	Manchester, MD
17-19	Ymir XXXVII & Baronial Investiture (H)	Windmasters' Hill	Reidsville, NC
24-26	Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday	Nottingham Coill	Simpsonville, SC
25	Ponte Alto 20th Anniversary	Ponte Alto	Fairfax, VA

March 2012			
3	Dance the Cold Winter Away 	East	
3	Atlantian Winter University (Pr)	Sacred Stone	Winston-Salem, NC
10	10th Annual St Urhos Tourney	Middlegate	Salisbury, NC
Cancelled	CANCELLED - A Day in the Middle East - CANCELLED	Dun Carraig	
10	Siege of the Black Tower	Rivers Point	Petersburg, VA
11-18	Gulf Wars XXI  (R,H)	Gleann Abhann	
23-25	Battle for the marsh Abbey	Brockore Abbey	Hartsville, SC
24	Seven Hills Skirmishes	Black Diamond	Lynchburg, VA
24	St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath	Ponte Alto	
30-1	Le Grand Tournoi d'Amitie Trois (The Grand Tournament of Friends IV) (R)	Attilium	Bunnlevel, NC
30-1	Night Under the Town	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD

BARONIAL SCHEDULE

February 2012

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 at the Protégé Ceremony

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