

Across the Hills



December
Anno Societatis Forty-three

From the Baron

It's the end of the year again,

Time for Reveling, visiting and good cheer. As always, Frederica and I wish all a safe and joyous holiday season. Have lots of fun, but be safe, we want to see all of you for years to come. The pot-luck gathering is on the 13th of December and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. For those travelling to Jay's wedding be safe and tell Jay good luck.

On a business note, curia is prior to the gathering, officers are strongly encouraged to attend. A reminder to all of the populace that items are listed for the agenda are open for discussion and do not have to be changed. Your comments and opinions are able to be brought to the curia by myself, the officers of the barony and any residence peer or past baron or baroness that will be in attendance. The current policies are listed on the website for your review.

Happy Holiday Season

Baron Ulrich, Lady Frederica and family

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From the Marshall of Fence

First, allow me to apologize for not making today's meeting - I spent most of the night (and early morning hours) in Taylor-Moses ER and 2nd for its late-less in being posted ..(most of it is copy and pasted).

EH Swashbuckling Report: October/November 2008

Baronial Rapier Marshal: Lady Deianeira

Deputy Marshals: Lord Po, Lord Stefan and Baron Ulrich

MIT's: Baron Robert (sponsored by Lord Po)

Ichabod (sponsored by Lady Dei)

Authed: 21

New Auths: Lord Gunnar & Ichabod (Fasching)

Injuries: none reported

Equipment issues: Broken tang on a Baronial loaner blade. The marshal's are also watching the other Baronial blades closely as they are showing signs of temper problems. Due this, it is imparative that the DQ'd blade be replaced.

This office also requests approval to use its available funds to purchase 2 sets of female breast protectors (discs) which cost around \$7.00 / pair through Zen Warrior.

** Melee 08 note** A receipt was submitted at this past Melee for a fencing starter kit received from Zen Warrior - and check was to be drafted at the Sunday meeting. It has been brought to my attention that this may not have been completed. We would humbly request that this matter be investigated and completed if it has not been done already.

Monday night fencing: Monday's at Lord Gunnar's have been cancelled for the winter season.

Additional Notes:

- Ichabod continues to MIT at Tuesday night practices. He's been doing (supervised) inspections, assisting with training as well as auth's and mock auths when needed. He also actively MIT'd at Fasching (inspections and authorizations). The Marshal's are working with Ichabod to prepare him for running a fencing tournament at an upcoming event as part of his training.

- Lord Stef, Lord Po, Lady Deianeira and Lord Gunnar are attending Thursday practices (as schedules permit) in Sterlynge Vayle to assist with marshalling and teaching their new fencers. This is going very well and it was reported that at the most recent practice there were 6 new fencers.

FASCHING EVENT REPORT:

It was a busy day on both the tournament and authorization side for the fencers.

First, I would like to thank all the fencers that came out to Fasching (9 fencers total including 4 marshal's). We had a wonderful turnout overall and everyone enjoyed Lord Po's bear pit tournaments. Congratulations and VIVAT to Don Fergus - the overall tournament winner!! who once again traveled to our event from Delftwood to not only partake in our fun but marshal the activities and authorizations - and thank you Lord Po for taking the "bull by the horns" and pulling together the tournament when due my leg issues, wasn't sure if I could make the event till the last minute.

It was a fantastic day for the fencers and was carried off without any blade/armor issues and no injuries.

I'd also like to send out a special honorable mention and congratulations to Ichabod who was the winner of the 2nd (wounds retained) bear pit tournament. Ichabod started the day going out for his 'heavy' (schlaeger) authorization - which he passed - (marshaled by Don Fergus, Lady Deieaneira, and Chernislava Alekseeva), then went on to utilize that winning adrenalin in the bear pit tournaments. From a mentor's and sponsor's viewpoint - Ichabod made me proud not only as a fencer, but my MIT. Vivat! Ichabod

Additionally - a very special congratulations and VIVAT goes out to Lord Gunnar - who went out for both his parry and case authorizations and passed both-quite nicely I might add. (marshaled by Don Fergus, Lady Deianeira, Ichabod, and Chernislava Alekseeva). I can say without hesitation (and I believe my fellow Rapiermaniac Marshal's will agree) Lord Gunnar has come a long way in a short time and has made all of us very proud! Vivat LordGunnar.

Wladyslaus Poznanski from Abhain Ciach Ghlais, also successfully attempted and passed his parry authorization..(marshaled by Lord Fergus, Lord Po, Ichabod, and Chernislava Alekseeva) Congrats and Vivat Wladyslaus.

Also, a special Thank You and Vivat goes out to Lady Fiona who stepped up to MOL our first tournament - and to His Excellency, Baron Rob who distinguished himself during the day, by partaking in both the heavy and rapier list-fields. Vivat! Your Excellency.

On an MIT note:

Ichabod and Chernislava Alekseeva (from Sterlynge Vayle) also spent the day inspecting fencers and assisting with the authorizations. Both came away from the day with some valuable pointers from Don Fergus!

But the tournaments would not have been so successful if not for ALL the fencers that attended. Each and every participant (as well as our MOL, Lady Fiona) added to the overall success of the day - each and every one a winner who fought with honor and enthusiasm - we had fencers from Sterlynge Vayle and Abhain Ciach Ghlais as well as our Regional, Don Fergus who all added to the fun of the day - Thank you for coming and making it a special day!.

From the Endless Hills Cook's Guild

This month's feature recipe was served at Fasching on November 1st. The original recipe is taken from *Forme of Cury*, a 14th century English manuscript. The feast for Fasching was designed to celebrate the end of the Harvest and the beginning of Winter.

Gourdes in Potage

ORIGINAL RECEIPT:

10. Gourdes in Potage. Take young Gowrdes; pare hem and kerue hem on pe-cys. Cast hem in gode broth, and do þerto a gode pertye of oynouns mynced. Take pork soden; grynde it and alye it þerwith and wip yolkes of ayren. Do þerto safroun and salt, and messe it forth with powdour douce.

- Heatt, Constance B. and Sharon Butler. *Curye on English: English Culinary Manuscripts of the Fourteenth-Century (Including the Forme of Cury)*. New York: for The Early English Text Society by the Oxford University Press, 1985.

GODE COOKERY TRANSLATION:

Stewed Gourds. Take young gourds; pare them and cut them in pieces. Put in good broth, and add a large amount of minced onions. Take boiled pork; grind it and add it along with egg yolks. Add saffron and salt, and serve it with powder douce.

RECIPE:

2 lbs. squash peeled and in chunks

3 onions, minced

3 cups broth

1/2 cup pork, boiled then minced or ground

2 egg yolks, beaten

1 tsp. salt

2 tbs. of sugar and 1 tbs. each of cinnamon & ginger, mixed together

Boil to a boil the broth, squash, and onions. Reduce heat and cook until the squash just becomes tender. (Don't overcook or you'll wind up with mush.) Stir in the pork, egg yolks, saffron, and salt. Stir; allow to cook for a few minutes, then remove from heat. Serve with the sugar & spice mixture as a garnish or in small serving bowls with spoons off to the side, to allow guests to season as they may.

Original Recipe and translation can be found at <http://www.godecookery.com/goderec/grec25.htm>

Enjoy!

THL Kateryna ty Isaf

(Unofficial) Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2008

Call to order

Lord Tigernach called to order the regular meeting of the Barony of Endless Hills at 2:00 pm on November 16, 2008 in Moosic, PA.

Roll call

Lord Tigernach conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Faelen, Gunnar, Juliana, Luminista, Tigernach, Barbary Rose, Maria, Euriol, Robert, Lindy & Ulrich.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the meeting conducted on October 19, 2008 were approved. Motion by Gunnar, seconded by Juliana.

Important Dates

December 13, 2008

Curia & Barony Yule Party. Curia 2 hours prior to Yule Party. Masonic Temple in Dunmore.

January 4, 2009

Barony Meeting at Gander Mountain in Dickson City

February 8, 2009

Barony Meeting at Gander Mountain in Dickson City

February 12, 2009

Clarks Summit "Festival of Ice"

Old Business

Yule Party (4 p.m.)

Cost of hall is \$150 for Masonic Temple in Dunmore. Forty-Fort Borough Building basement is free. Potluck. Gift exchange (SCA themed gifts under \$15). Euriol motions for Fort Fort Borough Building, seconded Ulrich. Faelen is event coordinator for the Yule. Baron Robert is site coordinator. Forty-Fort Borough Building is a discretely wet site.

Curia

Scheduled for December 13 at the Forty-Fort Borough Building basement at 2pm. Agenda for Curia is a means to initiate discussion amongst the officers. The baronage has the right to table anything until the next Curia. Changes are not necessarily an end result of a curia.

Fasching

Comments: Timing between tournaments and served courses

could be better coordinated. Liked the spacing between courses.
Food was really good. Recipes are wanted.

Fencing Equipment

Fencing marshall has received correct equipment. Invoice that was submitted earlier this year, needs to be paid.

Officer Reports

Chatelaine

Barony Chatelaine Website Stat Count

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Fasching 11-1-08

*I had one new comer attend and use loaner garb.

*I had one of the performers forget their feast gear and ask for loaner gear.

*I had one gentleman have a garb malfunction and I helped him fix the problem by loaning him a kilt!

*I had many people come up and ask me questions and look through the Pennsic books, Estel's, etc left out on my table.

Very good day for the Chatelaine Office! All wonderful comments on the event and what a good time they had that day.

Still in the planning stages for the Festival of Ice in Clark Summit.

Remember to keep Presidents Day weekend 2009 open!!! Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated!

At the last New Comers meeting I took a group picture of everyone who attended and will add it to the website in the near future!

Baron's Report

Ulrich has spoken with Her Majesty about not currently in fealty. Personal work schedule has prevented from attending events these past couple of months. There are no issues with the barony status and that fealty will be made as soon as possible.

Attending 100 minutes war this weekend.

Plans to attend demo in Clarks Summit in February

Plans to attend Investiture of Blackstone Mountain

Concerns that "voices" are not being heard from the populace, if there is a specific concern please contact Ulrich directly. Officers need to be attending meetings.

Woodworker's Guild has been disbanded. Lancelot is working on a new charter for a Woodworker's Guild.

Chronicler

No report.

Web Minister.

Web minister will complete term (November 2009)

Knight Marshall

Tuesday night practices 8-10pm. New practices, once a month on Sunday. December date is TBD. Purchased hockey gloves for loaner gear.

Armor Guild

First & Last Thursday at my house in Nanticoke 7:30 – 10pm
Four newcomers working on armor.

Fencing

Herald

Report from Fasching posted to the list and published in the newsletter--my thanks to Eirik for heralding court that day!

Cook's Guild

The two Nesco roasters need to be replaced. All cook's guild equipment is stored at Euriol's except for the hospitality equipment is with Tigernach. Still have money in this year's budget to replace at least one of the Nesco roasters.

Exchequer

Not available.

Arts & Sciences

Dancing, Bardic & Theatrical performance by Cave Canem from ACF and cooking at Fasching. Today's Art & Science Solar, necklace making, Illumination & Calligraphy & research of Elizabethen clothing. I am stepping down as A&S Officer in order to assume responsibilities as Chronicler. Barbary Rose is the new A&S officer.

Minister of the Lists

Round Robin and double elimination tournament for Heavy Fighting won by Tindal & Murdoch at Fasching. Bear Pit tournament won by Fergus and Wounds retained won by Ichabod for Fencing at Fasching.

Minister of Youth

No report.

Thrown Weapons

End of season. Kingdom competition of most improved score ends November 18, 2008.

Canton of Riverouge

No report.

Seneschal

Received a couple of comments directly on the posted agenda for Curia that was originally scheduled for November. The correct authorization forms are online.

New business

Motion by Baron Robert to increase the Cook's Guild budget for 2008 by \$40 in order to purchase two new roasters not to exceed \$50 each. Seconded by Ulrich. Approved.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Issues with horses in 2008 both with time issues and public drunkenness by parade watchers. Horse & people safety is paramount. No secure place to keep horses or equipment. People have been unhappy with how the SCA has been represented by the media. Do we want to participate in 2009? Motion to not participate in St. Patrick's Day parade for 2009 by Gunnar, seconded by Baron Robert. Can consider participating again in 2010. Comment from Tigernach "We get better positive exposure from smaller venues." Approved

Gift wrapping fundraiser for Barnes & Noble. We have trouble getting commitment from people to participate and the donations received have been minimal. Participate during Newcomer's meetings? Motion by Luminista to participate in gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble, seconded by Juliana. Approved.

Demo for Clarks Summit Festival of Ice in February. Hospitality table. Motion that the barony purchase \$50 for Equestrian insurance for the Festival of Ice demo, on condition that the Abington Business Association agree to reimburse the cost of the insurance made by Euriol, seconded by Ulrich. Approved.

Melee Madness: a letter of reference has been composed for the barony from the Wyoming Country Fairgrounds in response to Melee Madness in 2008. The purpose of this letter is to help with securing events for future events.

Melee Madness, bid is being put together for May 29-31, 2009 by Gunnar. Need commitment from people to help run event from set-up to clean-up before bid will be submitted. This event is expected to pull over \$400 profit for the barony.

Motion by Ulrich to nominate Baron Robert to the position of Chirurgon to be voted on at special election during the January 4th business meeting, seconded by Gunnar. Approved. Additional nominations will be accepted at the January meeting.

Motion by Gunnar to nominate Baron Robert to the position of Captain of Archers to be voted on at special election during the January 4th business meeting, seconded by Ulrich. Approved. Additional nominations will be accepted at the January meeting.

Officer Elections

The following members have been nominated and seconded for the baronial:

Herald – Gregory

Exchequer – Kateryna
Minister of Lists – Gaeth
Chronicler – Euriol
Minister of Youth – Faelen
Marshall of Youth Combat – Faelen
Captain of Equestrian – Gunnar
Motion by Tigernach to approve the above listed nominations to fill the offices noted, seconded by Juliana. Approved.

Adjournment

Euriol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Julliana.
Lord Tigernach adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Regularly Scheduled Baronial Activities

Tuesdays: Fencing and Heavy Practice at Forty Fort
Borough Building 8 to 10pm

Wednesdays: Newcomer’s Meet & Greet :7:00
Borders in Dickson City (Week 2-ea. month)
Barnes & Noble in Wilkes-Barre (Week 4-ea. month)

Thursdays: Armorer’s Guild Meeting at Lord Tufa’s
home First & last Thursday of the month

Monthly:

Arts & Sciences Gather (prior to Baronial Meeting)
Cook’s Guild (date and location as announced)
Fencing & Heavy Practice (One Sunday, date as announced, at the Forty Fort Borough Building)

Baronial Officers

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