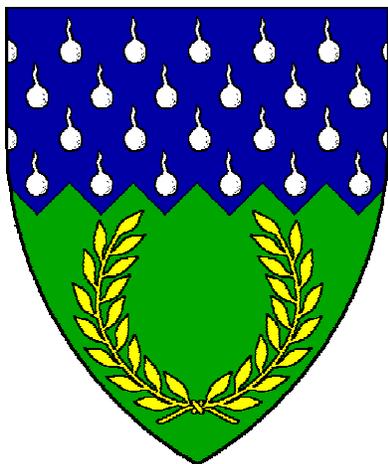




Across  
the Hills

February, Anno Societatis XLIII



## From the Baron

In the beginning ... of January we stated we would be going to Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins. Due to mundane work obligations I will not be able to attend. I will be going to both parades. Anyone travelling, be safe, the roads are treacherous this time of year.

Her Highness has asked for letters of recommendations for awards. Please send recommendations for worthy individuals.

Yours in service,

*Ulrich*

## Ice Festival Demo

February 12th and February 14th, Barony of Endless Hills (Clark Summit, PA)

The streets of the Abington's will resemble that of a frozen Renaissance Faire.

The Barony of Endless Hills invites one and all to join us in a demo at the Abington Business and Professionals Association's Festival of Ice 2009. This is a day to show off who we are and all that is good in the SCA to the community. Please bring your pageantry, good will, and cheer. This is our chance to share our hobby and introduce new people to the Society.

The Ice Festival will be held in downtown Clarks Summit, PA 18411. The Barony of Endless Hills Demo Schedule for the Festival of Ice 2009 comes alive on Thursday February 12, 2009 with a parade and parade party. We will be organizing at the Clarks Summit Elementary school (401 W Grove Street, Clark Summit, PA) at 5:30 PM to line up horses, floats, banner, fencers, fighters and walkers. Parade line up begins at 6 PM with the Parade starting at 7PM. The parade party will be going on during and after parade. We will have youth activities, A&S displays, bardic performances and more at the party!

Saturday February 14 2009 is the main demo day with activities to be held throughout the day. Set up will begin at 10:00 AM. We will be located near the Clarks Summit Borough Building, 304 South State Street Clarks Summit, PA 18411-1592. Our theme is romantic courtly love. There will be fighting list fields, armor displays, hospitality stand with hot chocolate and goodies, mock court, poetry recitation, and more.

Merchants are handled by the Ice Festival Committee. The cost is \$200 for profit and \$50 non-profit. For participants from out of the area, crash space is available. The organizer for the demo is Lady Lumanitsa the Oracle (Andrea Dobrowolski) at beh\_chatelaine@... or 570-814-9451. Please contact her for any questions, volunteering, schedules or directions. The Festival of Ice's

webpage is <http://www.theabingtons.org/CSFestivalOffice>. To view up to date information on the demo, please go to [http://www.endlesshills.aethelmearc.net/index\\_files/events.htm](http://www.endlesshills.aethelmearc.net/index_files/events.htm)

Directions: Take your best route to Interstate 81, exit 194. At exit 194, Clarks Summit, take RT 6 West / RT 11 North towards Clark Summit. On the exit, go past the turnpike entrance. After a S curve, take the right fork, but stay in the left lane for State St./US-6W/US-11N. Continue on State St. for about 1.4 mile.

Tentative Schedule:

Parade is 2-12-09 meeting time is 5:30PM but 6:45ish is when the parade actually starts so as long as you can be there 7PM your fine. Parade will be about 45 min. long they say. Party after parade 7PM-9PM. Demo day is 2-14-09 set up begins at 10AM and fighting will begin by 11AM

Demo Day 2-14-09

10:00 AM set up

10:30 AM fighting list fields open for warm ups. Then fighting will begin at 11 AM

Fight for your lady's honor heavy fighter's mock duel, 11:30AM Saturday Feb. 14 2009. Act out someone one flirting with another's love and then battle for honor.

Mock Court will be at 2PM Saturday Feb. 14 2009



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# **(Unofficial) Meeting Minutes**

## **Call to order**

Tigernach called to order the regular meeting of the Barony of Endless Hills at 2:00 pm on January 4, 2009 in Dickson City, PA.

## **Roll call**

Officers Present: Euriol, Tigernach, Gunnar, Barbary Rose, Gaeth, Luminista, Tufa, Ulrich & Failend.  
Others Present: Juliana, Cael & Faline

## **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the meeting conducted on November 16, 2008 were approved. Motion by Juliana, seconded by Barbary Rose.

## **Important Dates**

February 8, 2009

Barony Meeting at Gander Mountain in Dickson City

February 12 & 14, 2009

Clarks Summit "Festival of Ice": Parade on Feb. 12 and main Festival on Feb. 14.

## **Old Business**

Fasching

Refund has been received from the hall. Report has been finalized.

Yule Party

Held on December 13th in the basement of Forty Fort Borough Building, thanks to Failend for organizing everything and Baron Rob for securing the location.

Curia

Held on December 13th, prior to the Yule Party. Tigernach will post proposed changes to the policies for review before changes are finalized within the next couple of weeks.

Fencing Equipment

Receipt or invoice has not been located. Need new invoice from the vendor so equipment can be paid.

Ice Festival

Posted dates and times. Need support from fighters, A&S, participants, youth activities & mock court. Need poetic performances for "Court of Love" theme. Float, equestrians, fencers and fighters are being recruited for Parade. Need A&S display for "party" after parade. Looking for "entertainment" for public after the parade. Announcement has been submitted to the AEstel for publication.

Nesco Roasters

Approved for purchase. Have not been purchased yet.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Ulrich received emails to continue to participate in the parade, even without equestrian presence. Need a volunteer to be a contact point and coordinate participation in the parade. Parade scheduled for March 14. Tufa has volunteered to be the coordinator for the Parade. Information needs to be provided to the Kingdom Chronicler by February 1 for inclusion in the March AEstel. Motion by Ulrich to have Tufa as parade coordinator and participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Scranton, seconded by Luminista. Approved.

Gift wrapping

Received no dates to participate in gift-wrapping this past holiday season.

Melee Madness

Bid submitted by Gunnar for May 29-31 at the Wyoming Country Fairgrounds. The baronial A&S, Bardic & Equestrian championships will take place at this event. Euriol will be the head cook for the event. There will be a "Spanish" theme to the event. Murdoch will be handling the fighting/melees.

## Officer Vacancies/Special Election

Chirurgeon and Captain of Archers are vacant. Baron Robert of Worchester has been nominated to fill these vacancies. No other nominations have been made. Motion by Gunnar to close nominations and elect Baron Robert to fill these vacancies, seconded by Juliana. Approved.

## Officer Reports

### Chatelaine

Website information from the past month

Page Loads 49

Unique Visitors 30

First Time Visitors 29

Returning Visitors 1

My main focus is the Ice Festival Demo and volunteers are still needed. Don't forget to sign up for things to help out with on the data base I created or by calling me or emailing me! If anyone needs questions answered feel free to contact me at any time. Fighters are needed please contact me if you can participate in the demo.

### Baron's Report

Ulrich discussed people not having their voices heard in the Barony. Ulrich will be attending Twelfth Night, Ice Festival Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade and Melee Madness. Curia is completed. Letters will be given to their Majesties at Twelfth Night. Seeking to speak with the landed Barons & Baronesses at Twelfth Night to discuss the sponsoring A&S competitions at Ice Dragon. Discussion amongst the landed Baronage to have a rotating event to be held once a year to host the Seven Pearl championships.

### Chronicler

The December 2008 issue of "Across the Hills" was published on December 6, 2008. I currently have 4 individuals subscribed to the newsletter. If you would like to be on the distribution list for the newsletter, please email me at euriol@ptd.net. Note: Officer reports received after the business meeting, will not be included in the minutes of the meeting. Any officer report that is not included in the meeting minutes will be included in the newsletter as a separate piece if received prior to the publication deadline for the newsletter. I will be confirming contact information for each officer that is to be included in the distributed copy of the newsletter. I need articles, artwork, poetry, book reviews, photographs, etc. for the newsletter. My thanks to Kateryna ty Isaf for providing me all of the recipes from her feast at Fasching to be used as articles for upcoming issues of the newsletter.

### Web Minister.

(No report submitted.)

### Knight Marshall

Will be submitting to the Exchequer to include funds in the upcoming budget for repairing and replacing existing equipment. Working with Baron Robert if there is a Sunday available for Sunday Practice in Forty-Fort. The Tuesday practice is still ongoing.

### Armor's Guild

No new projects. First & last Thursday of every month for workshops.

### Fencing

(No report submitted.)

### Herald

No tourneys, no... oh, wait. I actually have to have one now. Okay, I have received into my possession the items of the office of Baronial Herald from Lady Barbary Rose and will be providing an inventory of the transferred items to THL Kateryna Ty Isaf as soon as it is completed. I have not yet received any court reports or requests for information on submissions. As I would like to see everyone have their own passed arms and names, I am looking into the following ideas to offer information, advice and inspiration: I will be submitting to the Chronicler a small column for publication in the Barony newsletter containing advice and information relating to the Herald's office. Also, I am considering a dedicated night for consultations, possibly in conjunction with one of the newcomers meetings, but this will be dependent upon my new work schedule. I would like to thank Lady Barbary Rose for the smooth transition and look forward to fulfilling the responsibilities of this office.

Scribe's Guild

Barbary Rose will be teaching a class in Gold Leaf at Sterlynge Vayle's schola.

Cook's Guild

There is interest in having a monthly "Redaction" party. First one is schedule for January 25 at Euriol's. Euriol will be teaching at Sterlynge Vayle's schola.

Exchequer

Check book balance 12/31/08 \$4849.92

Check book balance as of today \$4899.92

Year end report will be completed by the end of the month and forwarded to the seneschal. Once approved I will turn it over to the chronicler for publication.

It's time once again for inventories. Please forward inventories to me by 1/31/08. I will accept email versions of your inventory. All officers are required to give an inventory of your office annually. Also, anyone else holding Barony property needs to report what is in your possession. My inventory deputy will be compiling a list and comparing information from last year, so please indicate anything destroyed or discarded and why.

IE - 3 Glass bowls, discarded – broken

The annual budget needs to be finalized for the Barony, if you have any line items you wish included, please send them to me asap. The approved budget will also be forwarded to the chronicler for publication.

I am looking to train people in the art of exchequer. Please consider giving some of your time to learning the job. It requires about 3 hours per quarter to finalize reports and about 4 hours per event to complete the event reporting. The job is behind the scenes mostly. Eventually I will not be doing this office for the Barony and it would be good to have options for my replacement when the time comes.

Arts & Sciences

Greetings from the new A&S Minister of Endless Hills, Lady Barbary Rose--

Events abound with opportunities to show off the creative skills of the Barony!

January 10 is Kingdom 12th Night in Meadville, PA; there is a subtlety exhibition and competition, for those of you who like playing with your food!

The next weekend is January 17; the day of Sterlynge Vayle Schola in Binghamton, NY--this promises to be an educational event with great food, come out and support our neighbor Shire and learn a new skill!

February 7 is the Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins in Delftwood (Syracuse NY) among the various activities are an A&S competition and a decorated hat contest--sounds like fun! Come out and compete for the honor of Endless Hills!

And last but not least, the Abington Business and Professional Board has requested our participation in a yearly event that they call "the Clarks Summit 'Festival of Ice'"...their theme for this year is The Renaissance! The dates for this event are February 12 (a 7 pm parade through the streets of Abington) and February 14, their main demo day...they have asked for displays of anything related to the Renaissance period, from armor, crafts, garb; performance arts particularly encouraged as there will be lots of pedestrian traffic out to look at the ice sculptures along the streets...come out and show your stuff on either/both days! Check the Barony website for more updates.

Minister of the Lists

No reports at this time.

Minister of Youth/Youth Marshall

Meeting with Luminista to discuss youth activities at Ice Festival. Have not received any information from Kingdom Minister of Youth.

Thrown Weapons

Submitted Fall report. No practices are currently being held.

Canton of Riverouge

(No report submitted.)

Equestrian Marshall

Equestrian meeting at Twelfth Night. A marshalls meeting sometime in April. Has been approached to help Sylvan Glen to establish an equestrian program. Will be the MiC for equestrian activities for the Siege of Glengary. Equestrian championship will be held at Melee Madness.

Seneschal

Countess Caryl is stepping down at Fall Crown. Officer and marshals are required to submit reports to their Kingdom superior. Please CC me when you send in your report.

### New business

Inventories

All inventories need to be updated and submitted to the Exchequer. Water coolers for fighters seem to have gone missing. Ulrich has a cooler and Tigernach believes he has a cooler.

Year End Tourney

Juliana will like to autocrat this event and is researching locations. Challenge in park locations due to country park closures.

### Adjournment

Gunnar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ulrich. Tigernach adjourned the meeting at 3:39 pm.

## Februarys husbandrie

*In Feuerell, rest not for taking thine ease :  
get into the grounde with thy beanes, and thy pease.  
Sow peason betimes, and betimes they will come:  
the sooner, the better they fill vp a rome.*

*In euery grene, where the fence is not thine:  
the thornes stub out cleane, that the grasse may be fine.  
Thy neighbours wil borow, els hack them beliue :  
so neither thy grasse, nor the bushes shall thriue.*

*Thy seruant, in walking thy pastures aboute :  
for yokes, forkes and rakes, let him loke to finde oute.  
And after at leyser let this be his hier :  
to trimme them and make them at home by the fier.*

*When frostes will not suffer to ditche nor to hedge:  
then get the an heate, with thy betill and wedge.  
A blocke at the harthe, cowched close for thy life:  
shall helpe to saue fier bote, and please well thy wife.*

*Then lop for thy fewel, the powlings well growen :  
that hindreth the corne, or the grasse to be mowen.  
In lopping, and cropping, saue Edder and stake  
thyne hedges, where nede is to mende or to make.*

*No stick, nor no stone, leaue vnpicked vp clene:  
for hurting thy sieth, or for harming thy grene.  
For sauing of al thing, get home with the rest.  
the snow frozen hardest, thy cart may goe best*

*Spare meddowes at shroftide, spare marshes at paske:  
for feare of a drouth, neuer longer time aske.  
Then hedge them, and ditche them, bestow thereon  
pence:  
for meddow and corne, craueth euer good fence.*

*And alway, let this be a part of thy care :  
for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare.  
Then seauer thy groundes, and so keping them still:  
finde cattel at ease, and haue pasture at will.*

-Thomas Tusser, fiue hundred pointes of good husbanrie (1580)

## Beginning Armoring—Setting up shop

So you want to be an armorer and build your own weapons and armor. In the SCA thankfully it's not that hard but there are a couple things you'll need to have before you get started. First and for most you will need the currently copy of the marshals hand book to be current on all of the regulations for weapons and armor. This could be found at the following sites and downloaded for free: <http://www.sca.org/officers/marshal/combat/armored/>  
<http://marshal.aethelmearc.org/>

After you get all your written resources now it time to set up your shop. Obviously you will need a clean work space for you to cut, hammer, rivet and drill. A table at proper height will save your back in the long run. Preferably the table should not be a kitchen table or one that you're afraid of getting damaged. If your working with fire or metal that could produce sparks you also want to watch your surrounds like curtains and rugs so that they won't catch on fire.

With all that being said below are some tools and supplies that any good armorer would need:

- Duck Tape: preferably three different colors for your thrusting tip. If black, white, and red are not your thing. I would suggest going to Michael's for pink, lime, teal, yellow, forest green, purple, or orange.
- Scissors or a sharp knife for cutting leather, cording, zip ties, or tape.
- Wired or Cordless drill with assorted bits, most people will tell you to look into leather punches. But unless you're dealing with thin leather in small strips get a drill and that will work for leather, metal, and plastic. When it comes to drill bits I would not skimp on cheap stuff buy titanium bits they will last longer.
- Ball-pein Hammer: you could get a slew of different hammers for different types of metals and rivets but the ones I use most often are my 16 oz and 24 oz ball-pein hammers.
- Pliers, clamps and grips: when working with copper rivets or just needing to keep two pieces of metal or plastic together a good pair of vice grips work wonders. I have a table mounted clamp that I picked up for \$30 at Lowes that has a flat surface for hammering.
- Cording, lacing, zip ties, and rivets: This portion is really a matter of personal preference. For new fighters and armors I always suggest making armor that is connected with cording, shoe laces, or zip ties for the simple reason if you don't like the way things look you can easily cut the cording or ties and change things. As for new fighters I strongly recommend having your armor attached with strong cording and plenty of extra cording with you just in case something breaks. I can not tell you how many events I've been to were fighters have to step off and hunt down not only someone who can fix their armor but someone who brought supplies. With that being said if you know what you want and you want it to last for year's nothings better than copper rivets. Having a set of #9 and #12 would be a great starter kit but I would buy nothing shorter then  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. I always buy the inch long and cut it to the size that I want with pliers and a hammer. For all new armors you will hear members tell you that they used nails and pennies to hold their armor together. I've seen it down a couple times and I'm going to get some nasty emails about this next statement but I've never seen it done where it looks nice. I'm sure if you're going to put a tabard or another garment over your armor looks don't matter but for fifteen dollars for a 50 pack of rivets, looks are that important to me.
- Foam: again this last piece is a matter of personal preference but I use blue foam bed rolls

from Kmart for everything. Padding helms, making maces, padding shields and even putting some cushion to chin pieces.

The last piece is that I think every armorer should have a jigsaw. I use mine for cutting plastic, rattan, metal and leather to different shapes.

This is in no means all that is out there. However is you set aside one hundred to two hundred dollars and you keep your eyes out for yard sales, people giving things away and hardware stores going out of business you can pick up some useful things really cheap. In my next article I'll address tools needed to work with specific mediums like metal, plastic and leather. If you have any further questions or you want to work with certain equipment the Barony of Endless Hill's Armory Guild meeting are held in Nanticoke the first and last Thursday of each month between 7:30 pm and 10 pm. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions. [Lord-Tufa@gmail.com](mailto:Lord-Tufa@gmail.com).

## **Makerouns**

This pasta dish was served during the first course of the feast at Fasching this past November.

95. Makerouns. Take and make a thynne foyle of dowh, and kerue it on pieces, and cast hym on boiling water & seep it wele. Take chese and grate it, and butter imelte, cast bynethen and abouven as losyns; and serue forth.

- Hieatt, Constance B. and Sharon Butler. *Curye on Inghish: 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:**

Macaroni. Take a piece of thin pastry dough and cut it in pieces, place in boiling water and cook. Take grated cheese, melted butter, and arrange in layers like lasagna; serve.

### **RECIPE:**

- 1 lb. dried egg noodles
- 1 tbs. oil
- large pinch salt
- ½ lb Mozzarella cheese

½ lb Havarti cheese

Boil noodles with oil & salt until al dente. Drain well. Layer noodles on bottom of baking dish. Layer cheese over noodles and continue stacking layers until serving dish is filled. Bake in oven until top layer of cheese is melted to golden brown.

Note – due to inherent fat contents in the cheeses chosen, I have omitted the butter in the original recipe for the benefit of the modern palate.

***THL Kateryna ty Isaf***

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Greetings good gentles one and all.

The Barony of Endless Hills invites you to join us as we have for almost a decade in supporting the City of Scranton during their Saint Patrick's Day Parade. This is the 2nd largest Saint Patrick's day parade in the country, Savannah, GA is first, New York City is third. The Scranton St. Patrick's day parade is scheduled for March 14th, 2009. Staging time is 11:00 AM and the staging area will be announced as the parade schedule becomes available. Our Barony's theme will be Irish/Celtic garb this year!

If you can walk, ride (scooters or on a float), drive a quad (we're looking for a volunteer to drive the float), if you fence, if you fight in the heavy lists, or you just like to walk around in garb, we have a fun day in store for you.

Please contact Lord Tufa der Munthas, via email (LordTufa@gmail.com or phone (570-498-4623) or Lady Lumanitsa the Oracle Chatelaine of the Barony of Endless Hills, via email (beh\_chatelaine@yahoo.com or phone 570-814-9451) to let us know your coming, to arrange crash space or if you need garb to wear for the day.

**Directions:** Find your best route to Route 81 S, Take exit 191B for PA-11 S toward Scranton Expy, Merge onto US-6 S, Continue on Scranton Expy S (signs for US-11 S/Scranton Expy), Continue on Mulberry St/PA-307/US-11. We usually have a meeting place for our group somewhere around Mulberry. More information will be announced at a later date.

### Hotels in the area:

Red Carpet Inn & Suites  
320 Franklin Ave  
Scranton, PA 18503  
1 (866) 221-6537

Econo Lodge  
1175 Kane St.  
Scranton, PA 18505  
(570) 348-1000



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# February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <b>Fencing &amp; Heavy Fighting Practice</b> Forty Fort Borough Building 8pm-10pm	4	5 <b>Armorer's Workshop</b> Lord Tufa's in Nanticoke 7pm-10pm	6	7 <b>Feast of the 7 Deadly Sins</b> Barony of Delftwood
8 <b>Ice Festival Demo &amp; Barony Business Meeting</b> Gander Mountain in Dickson City 1pm-4pm	9	10 <b>Fencing &amp; Heavy Fighting Practice</b> Forty Fort Borough Building 8pm-10pm	11 <b>Newcomer's Meet &amp; Greet</b> Borders in Dickson City 7pm-9pm	12 <b>Festival of Ice Parade &amp; Party</b> Clarks Summit 5:30pm-9pm	13	14 <b>Festival of Ice Demo</b> Clarks Summit 10:00am-5pm
15 <b>Cookery Guild Re-daction Workshop</b> Mistress Euriof's in Mountain Top	16	17 <b>Fencing &amp; Heavy Fighting Practice</b> Forty Fort Borough Building 8pm-10pm	18	19	20	21 <b>Imbolc 2009</b> Shire of Nithgaard
22 <b>Riverouge Business Meeting</b> Hawley Borough Hall 3pm-5pm	23	24 <b>Fencing &amp; Heavy Fighting Practice</b> Forty Fort Borough Building 8pm-10pm	25 <b>Newcomer's Meet &amp; Greet</b> Barnes & Noble in Wilkes-Barre 7pm-9pm	26 <b>Armorer's Workshop</b> Lord Tufa's in Nanticoke 7pm-1pm	27	28 <b>College of Three Ravens</b> Barony of Thescorre

