

Across the Hills



February
Anno Societatis XLIV

From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings to Endless Hills from Baron Gunnarr and Baroness Barbary!

Many thank-yous are in order...

We would like to offer a huge thank-you to the scribes who contributed to TRM's gift-scroll project (Ellisif and THL Maria, with assistance from Her Excellency)

We wish to thank the Barony for their generosity towards Mistress Rannveigr's/Mary Ellen Reitz's family, who recently lost her battle with cancer...since we had many later donations, it was too late to send flowers on behalf of the Barony; but we have decided to make a donation from Endless Hills to her pet charity, The Community Blood Bank of Northwestern PA in Erie, PA...her lord Alexander mentioned that it was a project near and dear to her heart...

The Kingdom Horse Barding project is underway; expect to see a work day for device-painting on that barding...we will need it ready to present to TRM's at Heralds and Scribes event in ACG. This barding will be used at Gulf Wars Royal Procession, which is the reason for the hurry.

If you have ever wanted to sing in a choir, please consider joining the Endless Voices (not sure if that is their chosen name!) for choir practice--Tuesday nights at the Forty-Fort Borough Building (in conjunction with fight practice) and Fridays as designated by Simona/Jess...see the email list for practice times! Our singing debut comes at Seven Deadlies, where Her Majesty has requested a particular song from us...We are most impressed with what we've heard!

Since our last address we have been to several events; Kingdom 12th night, Kingdom Curia and Sterlynge Vayle Schola. Baron Gunnarr taught a class at the Schola, "Horses in the SCA and How to have Horses at an event". The class was well attended by people from several areas.

We have been attending all the fight practices. Baron Gunnarr has been fencing lightly due to still recuperating from the shoulder surgery. He has been cleared by the doctor to fence LIGHTLY, and with only one arm; so if Her Excellency happens to be at practice and she catches him overdoing it, beware of a shot from the RBG (rubber-band gun to all of you)!

We are still requesting any nominations for awards. We are looking for things done over a period of time and what it is they have done.

We would also like to see our members attempt to try something new; if you've ever wanted to learn calligraphy or illumination, Her Excellency is usually around at Steel Therapy on Tuesdays and can offer pointers. Other subjects (sewing was mentioned) can have a class arranged as needed...more ideas needed!

We are looking forward to Years End being held April 17th. We will be choosing our Archery and Thrown weapons champions at this time. Lady Juliana is handling the autocrat duties.

Good news is that we will be hosting the Kingdom Equestrian championships at Melee Madness again this year. Lord Tigernach has been working on this for a while. Melee Madness will be June 5,6,7, at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds.

Running an event is a big job; please contact either of the two autocrats if you can offer any assistance!

Baron Gunnarr has been traveling to Sterlynge Vayle fighter practices for both fencing and Archery. We are in negotiations for hiring Mercenaries for Barony Wars.

At the next business meeting on February 21 we have scheduled our first curia. It will be at 12 noon, at the Forty Fort building. You can find the agenda in the files section. (see Seneschals Note on list).

In Service, We remain,

Baron Gunnar of Endless Hills

Baroness Barbary Rose of Endless Hills

Regular Activities

Newcomer's Meet & Greet	First Wednesday of the month 7pm—9pm (Stroudsburg Borders) Second Wednesday of the month 7pm—9pm (Dickson City Borders) Fourth Wednesday of the month, 7pm—9pm (Wilkes-Barre Barnes & Noble)
Fencing & Heavy Fighting Practice	Tuesdays, 7pm—10pm, Forty-Fort Borough Building
Armorer's Workshop	Last Thursday of the month, 7pm—10pm (contact Lord Tufa)
Arts & Sciences Gather	Third Thursday of the month, 7pm—10pm (contact THL Kateryna)
Bardic Practice	Every other Friday, 7pm-10pm (contact Simona at shipwreckblues@yahoo.com)
Barony Business Meeting	Monthly, date and time varies
Riverouge Business Meeting	Monthly, date and time varies



Quote of the Month

"Except by the lawful judgement of his peers or by the law of the land."

"To no man will we sell, or deny, or delay, right or justice."

- Magna Carta (1215)

From the Knight Marshall

Greetings good gentles,

The following are the mutterings of your Knight Marshal.

Over the past several weeks there have been a number messages from The Kingdom Earl Marshal regarding changes to the Marshals policies that may have been confusing, or left questions on your minds. This is meant to give you a synopsis of those changes.

Regarding the Authenticity on the field.

The Kingdom Marshal identified areas that Aethelmearc was not in compliance, by documented policy, with the Society policies.

- The basic idea here is that if materials used for a combatants armor is identifiable as "overtly modern" by way of a 10 foot rule, then the combatant needs to make modifications to their gear in order to hide that modern aspect.
- The 10 foot rule being that if it is identifiable at 10 feet away, then it is obviously modern.
- An example of this was given as the use of white, or other obviously modern colored 'pickle barrel' plastic.
- In the event that you have armor components made of these materials, the marshals have been instructed to discuss the issue with you.
- What we have been asked to do is to give you a notice that your armor will not be in compliance (for event level combat) as of April 1, 2010. Options available to you are to cover the specific component in one form or another, or replace the component of your armor.
- On a first discussion with a marshal, you will NOT be bounced off the field. Instead you will be given the opportunity to make some attempt at correction.
- If some one repeatedly fails to comply with the ruling, then they will be asked not to take the field until they repair/replace the portion of their armor that is in question.
- Hand and feet protection are currently not covered by this ruling.
- Suggestions that were made on the marshal's list for taking care of the questionable component are: spray paint; leather or material covering - with adhesive to keep it in place; or replacement of the component.

"what can we do for each other"?

I am asking every person in the Barony to keep their eyes out for potential additional indoor sites for fighting practice. Details being...

- Tall ceilings, large enough rooms for 3 - 4 fighting fields, and plenty of seating around / nearby for non-combatants that wish to be at the practice.
- Geographical areas for this space would include all counties within the Barony, however, the populace center areas Stroudsburg, Scranton, and Moosic are the primary locations being considered *currently*.

Practices:

- With the fighting season coming up on us, there is talk of tourneys, melees and WAR !
- To make us the best Baronial troupe of fighters available, I ask that everyone who can attend at least 1 practice a week if possible. If the practices we have available don't fit the bill, help us find a location / time that will work for a group of you, so that more fighting is available for all. These do not need to be "Official" practices for each of our fighters to gain experience... But I do ask that if you are going to/holding an unofficial practice, let *me* know, so that I can point other fighters to the different

resources "in Barony". Our group is large enough, person wise, as well as geographically speaking that we can easily handle multiple practices in our area per week.

Marshals:

- The thought has come about, from various sources, including Baron Gunnar that we have a "rotating Marshal" at practice.
- This rotating position would be for one person to be the primary marshal of the night.
- This works very well for giving MITs the opportunity to be MIC, and get their feet wet.
- Please let me know what you think of this idea, and when you can attend practices to help with the rotations.

Herre Eirik Haarfager Goransson



St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 13, 2010 (Scranton)

Greetings good gentles from these Sylvan lands. This year marks the Barony of Endless Hills 13th year of participation in the Scranton PA. St. Patrick's day Parade. Saturday March 13, 2010 (AS XLIV) we will be gathering by noon at the parking lot located at:

Scranton Primary Health Care
959 Wyoming Ave
Scranton, PA 18509

to don armor, carry banners, ride horses, and generally have a great time interacting with the populace of the Electric City.

This demo is to show support for the Scranton chamber of commerce and that "little bit of Irish" in all of us.

It doesn't matter if you have "real" Irish in you or not. we welcome you one and all to join us for the fun. We are asking for anyone who can walk, carry a big stick, wield a sword, ride a horse, or can sit atop a float and wave at the parade goers as we drive by, to join us. (of course Equestrians, Rattan combatants and Fencers must be authorized prior to the day of the parade)

For more information please contact the Demo coordinator: Eirik Goransson (Rob Baldassano) 570-332-6193. 2450 Alberdeen Road, Mountain Top, PA 18707, or our Seneschal Juliana Woolworth (Mary-Frances Rigelwood) 14 William Street Avoca, Pa. 18641, 570-262-1405, mfrigelwood@gmail.com.

Equestrian activities will be coordinated via Baron Gunnar (Dave Gable) RR 2 box 501 Dalton Pa. 18414 570-563-1684 papagg350@yahoo.com

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