



# The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of  
Windhaven  
April ASXLIV

## Minutes of the March Business Meeting

March 14, 2010

3:00 – Harmony Cafe, Appleton, WI

Seneschal's Report: Lady Elspeth reported that Turm an Dem See will be having a fight practice on the 20th. Caer Antherth is having a Collegium on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The Society Exchequer position is open. Turm is also having a Lamb-to-Loom Moot on May 1.

Chancellor of the Exchequer's Report: Lady Giana reported our savings balance is \$5,074 and checking is \$3,486.

Herald's Report: Kirja was ill and not present. She had nothing to report.

Chronicler's Report: THL Mearha reported that the Village Idiot is being published.

Castellan's Report: Tadeusz reported that he is doing an inventory of "stuff" that was passed on to him by the previous Chatelaine.

MOAS Report: Baroness Leaina reported she is working with the student group to find out what they want from us.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Lord Kagemori is at Gulf Wars and had no

report.

Archery Captain's Report: Arkayn reported that he is waiting for spring for archery practices.

Rapier Captain's Report: Don Charismos had no report. The Rapier Captain position will be open in April.

Chirurgion's Report: Coenred reported that he is now a chirurgion-in-training. He has submitted a report for Bardic Madness.

Youth Minister's Report: Brigid was not present and had no report.

Webminister's Report: Master Friedrich had nothing to report.

Baron's Report: Baron Grimmund reported that he is proud of everyone who worked to make Bardic Madness a success.

WAC Report: Future meeting times will be posted on the list so people know about them and can attend. New members are always welcome. Its purpose is to be a think tank for the barony.

### Old Business:

- Planning for Fall Fest continues.
- Bardic Madness had an attendance of 134 people. Feast served 80 people. The event cleared \$580.

Discussion again came up again about unsupervised children who were running uncontrolled at the event. A motion was made that for future events, a system should be set up so that children 12 and under will be given wrist bands that numerically identify them to their parents so that parents can be found if the child is misbehaving. The motion was tabled until the seneschal has researched kingdom policies on this topic and talked with the Kingdom seneschal.

New Business: An Unplanned Games Moot will be held April 18 at the Whiting Boathouse in Neenah. The business meeting will be in the

morning, followed by fighting and various activities. A potluck feast will be held at 4:00 pm.

Next Meeting – April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Unplanned Games Moot



### Rapier Captain Position Opening

The Barony of Windhaven currently has the Rapier Captain position open. This position is considered a lesser officer in the barony and reports to the Kingdom Regional Rapier Marshal. Any individual who is interested in filling this position should be familiar with the requirements of the office as stated in the Baronial Policies and Procedures as posted on the Windhaven website at <http://www.baronyofwindhaven.org/library/policies-r2008.pdf> and MUST be present at the April business meeting when polling will take place to fill the office.



## Letter From the Baron

Well met!

Upcoming stuff: Coronation will be April 10th, in Caer Anterth Mawr. I'm hoping to see everyone there. I'm sure it will be plenty of fun! As usual, any contributions toward a gift basket would be greatly appreciated. Some things to consider; thank you or note card type stationary, gas cards, examples of your crafts, either for them to keep or for them to regift, preserves, cookies, chocolate coins, etc.

On Friday night, before Coronation, Viscountess Isabella has rented a theater/restaurant/bar, and will be hosting a "Princess Bride" party. Donations are happily accepted to help cover the rental. Food and drinks will be available.

The following weekend will be the Barony's spring Moot. This will be at the Whiting Boathouse, in Neenah. Details will be elsewhere in this issue. Please come to the moot! If recommendations are received for Baronial awards, a court may be held.

The 24th is The Armored Combat Offering (THACO) in Nordskogen. All the stick you can eat! No, wait, "All the Stick you can Eat" is someone else's event. 😊  
Changing topics!

There is an SCA concept known as the Virtual Warrant Principle: If you say you're it, and no one else says they're it, and everyone thinks you're it, then you're it (Silverwing's Laws). This happens regardless of whether you have a warrant or not.

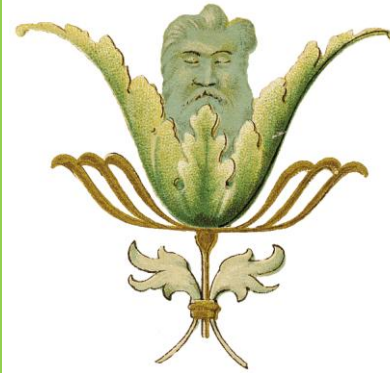
The SCA is a volunteer organization. Things happen because someone stands up, says "I'll do that!" and runs with it. It doesn't matter how many people want something to happen. If nobody volunteers to make it happen, then it doesn't happen. Everything that happens is done by volunteers, who choose to give up their other options to make things happen. If there is something you'd like to see happen at events, and it never seems to happen, perhaps you should consider volunteering to organize it and make it happen.

As usual, if you have questions or comments, or just want to provide me some feedback or an opinion, please feel free to call or email. My contact information is in the listing with the rest of the officers. Feel free to call after 7:30 AM (9 on weekends!) and before 9 pm.

Until next month,  
Grimmund



## From the Chronicler



Greetings!

April brings the first of the spring ephemerals: those delicate wildflowers that pop up in the back yards and woodlands for brief periods of time to delight us with their gentle show of beauty. My basil and black-eyed susan seedlings in the kitchen reach toward the sun in anticipation of the day when they will be planted outdoors. Crocuses have bloomed and the daffodils' bright heads dance merrily in the spring breezes. Other flowers creep out of the ground preparing for their time of celebration in the sun, as well! ☺

As always, I welcome submissions for the newsletter from members of the Barony whether it is articles, announcements, photographs, or what have you. I try to publish the newsletter on the website as close to the first of the month as possible, so please get submissions to me within the week before that date.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Moot on April 18. There is an informational flyer about the moot on page 8 of this edition of the Village Idiot.

Till next month!  
Peace  
Mearha

## DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THE GAME?

### An Introduction to Corpora

Alys Katharine, Countess, OL, OP

#### Quiz #6 – Sanctions on the Populace and Officers

Your kingdom's laws spell out more specific details on what actions can be taken if someone goes against kingdom law. While "offenses against contemporary civil or criminal law should be dealt with" through the modern world's various legal systems, the SCA can also take additional appropriate actions. (Section X). What do you know about sanctions in Corpora? Answers are below each question.

#### 1. There are two types of Royal Sanctions: Lesser and Greater. Who proclaims them? When do they take effect? What must happen in order for the sanction to remain in effect? Must the reason be given?

The Royalty proclaims the sanction and may sanction both members and non-members ("visitors to the realm"). (This is one reason to be aware of your kingdom's specific laws!) The sanction takes effect as soon as it is pronounced, but "notice must be published in the next available issue of the kingdom newsletter for it to remain in effect."

Must the reason be given? Yes, "the specific cause and occasion...must be explained in writing" to the person who was sanctioned. No, the specific cause **MUST NOT** be published or otherwise made public. All the chatter on kingdom e-lists about "if we don't know what Lord/Lady X did, how can we avoid doing the same thing?" is not relevant. The Crown or other SCA officials may not divulge the reason, however much our tabloid mentality insists that we have a right to know every detail.

#### 2. When can Royalty proclaim a Lesser Sanction, how long does it last, and what does it consist of?

As long as the "maintenance of the realm is not impaired, and the general requirements for a Royal Sanction are met", the Crown or

Coronet may declare a Lesser Sanction. The Lesser Sanction lasts for the duration of the reign, or a specific duration that has been stated, whichever comes first.

Lesser Sanctions include banishment from the royal presence. This means no attendance at court or exercising any privileges of rank or duties of office that would bring the person(s) into contact with the Crown or Coronet. A person can also be prohibited from wearing or displaying the insignia of the realm, badges, awards, or orders. However, this does not include wearing peerage badges since they are of the Society, not the specific kingdom.

#### 3. Who needs to be informed of a Lesser Sanction and how soon?

"The sanctioned individual, Kingdom Seneschal, Society Seneschal, and appropriate Board Ombudsman must be informed within ten business days of the specific cause and occasion of the sanction." If the sanction is made by the Coronet of a Principality, they also need to notify the Crown and the Principality Seneschal.

#### 4. Will the Board of Directors become involved?

No. "The Board will not automatically review Lesser Sanctions." However, members may appeal by following Corpora I.C.3.

#### 5. What about Greater Sanctions? Why are they imposed and for how long?

Greater Sanctions are imposed only for serious transgressions against Society rules, serious violations of behavior at a Society event, or for other actions that negatively affect or endanger the Society. The sanction lasts for the duration of the reign or for a specific duration that has been stated, whichever comes first.

#### 6. Can the Royalty of a Principality impose a Greater Sanction?

Only with prior approval by the Crown and it may be lifted by the

Crown.

### **7. What are the "Greater Sanctions"?**

They are "withdrawal of privileges of rank", "banishment from the realm", "exile from the realm", and "absolute banishment".

### **8. What do these involve?**

"Withdrawal of privileges" means that the individual cannot exercise any privileges of rank. This includes, but isn't limited to, peerage polling privileges as well as the use of any associated titles and regalia.

"Banishment from the realm" bars the person from active participation in Society events. This doesn't prohibit attendance at events (but banishes the person from the Royal Presence), as long as the banished person "Makes no effort to engage in activities subject to the jurisdiction of any officer except as required for event attendance." The person may not disrupt the peace of the event.

"Exile from the realm" precludes attendance at any SCA function in that kingdom.

"Absolute banishment" prohibits the person from attending any SCA function in any kingdom whatsoever. This can only be imposed when grounds for a Revocation and Denial of Membership (R&D) exist. And, this automatically carries a request to the Board for Revocation and Denial of Membership.

These Greater Sanctions are not imposed lightly and the same criteria apply as with the Lesser Sanctions. That is, "The sanctioned individual, Kingdom Seneschal, Society Seneschal, and appropriate Board Ombudsman must be informed within ten business days of the specific cause and occasion of the sanction." If the sanction is made by the Coronet of a Principality, they also need to notify the Crown and the Principality Seneschal. All "reasonable attempts to contact the sanctioned individual must be made before imposing the sanction." Section X.A.2.a gives more detail on what a "reasonable

attempt" is. "Every attempt to deliver notification to the sanctioned individual shall be thoroughly documented. After all available methods of contact have been exhausted, the sanction shall be announced as required."

Absolute banishment often is a result of violation of modern world law, such as sexual crimes, embezzlement, etc., or egregious violation of SCA laws. And, again, the Crown and SCA officers **MAY NOT** divulge the reason for the banishment except to the individual involved.

### **9. Will the Board of Directors become involved?**

Yes, the Board automatically reviews any Greater Sanction and if it is determined that it was unfairly or improperly imposed, the "Sanction will be lifted and the Royalty that imposed it may be subject to sanctions." Again, this type of sanction is not imposed willfully or without thought to the consequences.

### **10. There are two other types of sanctions, the "Administrative Sanction" and "Administrative Suspension". What are they and who can impose them?**

The Administrative Sanction may be imposed by officers on people within their area of authority, "for just and stated causes", and in "accordance with the rules defined in their appropriate office handbook or specifically granted to their office in the Governing Documents of the SCA."

Examples of Administrative Sanctions are suspension or removal from office, revocation of authorization, or the removal of a disruptive element from an event by the individual responsible for the event as defined in Corpora. (See Corpora X.B for specifics.)

As in previous sanctions, specific people are notified: the sanctioned party, the appropriate kingdom officer and Crown of that kingdom, and the Board of Directors. Notice of the specific cause and occasion must be made in writing within ten days. Administrative Sanctions can be made from the local level up through the kingdom level.

Again, see Corpora X.B.1 for specifics. The provision for review is in Section X.B.2 and parallels the previous provisions for review.

Administrative Suspension may be imposed by the Society Seneschal when necessary or when Royal Sanctions are either inappropriate or logistically impossible. This means that the individual may not attend any SCA function in any kingdom. Administrative Suspension might be imposed when an individual is under criminal investigation by a modern-world law enforcement agency, when an individual is under investigation for Revocation and Denial of Membership, or when "the individual's behavior or actions profoundly and negatively affect the Society."

This "Administrative Suspension of Participation" goes into effect as soon as it has been pronounced, after consulting with the particular kingdom's Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, and must include a reasonable duration of some sort. Again, specific Society individuals, as well as the suspended person, must be informed in writing within 10 business days. (See Corpora X.C.1.) Publication in the kingdom newsletter is also required but not mandatory for this to become effective.

### **11. Will the Board of Directors become involved?**

Yes, the Board will automatically review this type of sanction with the same warning that if it is without merit or unfairly imposed, the sanction will be lifted and the Society Seneschal may be subject to sanctions.

Violations of sanctions may themselves be considered grounds for further sanctions.

As mentioned in the beginning paragraph, your kingdom will have additional laws and may spell out additional provisions for sanctions in your specific kingdom. While most of us will never face a Kingdom or Society-imposed sanction, we do hear of people who are faced with one of these. It is helpful to know what cautions have been taken before the Royalty or an officer goes through this process to "sanction" someone. Nowhere in Corpora or any kingdom laws is it

mentioned that the populace – those not directly involved - have a right to know what is happening behind the sanction or suspension. At certain points of the process, even the individual involved is not allowed to divulge the reason. It may sound "unfair" to those of us who are curious, but these are the rules under which we are currently playing.

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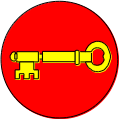
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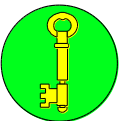
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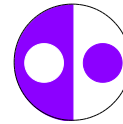
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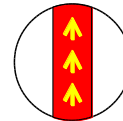
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# The Barony of Windhaven

Invites You To

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## UNPLANNED GAMES MOOT



A CELEBRATION OF FRIVOLITY,  
FIGHTING, FEASTING  
AND FOOLISHNESS

April 18

At the Whiting Boathouse  
98 5<sup>th</sup> St, Neenah, WI

Festivities will begin around 11:00

Potluck Feast at 4:00

Activities Include:

Fighting, Frolicking, Dancing

Gaming, Feasting, Frivolity

AND

**The Infamous Windhaven Unplanned Games**

Site is Wet

### Directions to site

From HWY 41:

Take the Winneconne Ave. Exit (HWY 114) and head into Neenah.

Follow Winneconne Ave to Commercial St. and turn LEFT.

Follow Commercial St. over the water, and past Theda Clark.

Turn RIGHT on Nicolet Blvd.

Turn RIGHT on 5th St.

Whiting Boat House is at the end of 5th St. alongside Doty Park.

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