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Minutes of the December Business Meeting
are unavailable at this time.

Letter from the Baron

Well Met!

Happy (mundane) New Year to the people of Windhaven, and those beyond! As always, I hope this letter finds you all in good health and spirits.

I'm going to start this letter by sharing a bit of personal news. I have hit another milestone on the road to being venerable: I have purchased my first pair of bifocals. The adjustment is going reasonably well.

Mearha and I will be going to Nordskogen for their 12th Night event. If things go as planned, we'll be bringing back the new Baronial high seats. Yay, pretty new furniture!

Getting new chairs means disposal of the current chairs. While they

are comfortable when assembled, they are heavy (built from 1" plywood) and somewhat challenging to assemble. Before getting rid of them, the baronial device will be removed- at least the laurel wreaths and the augmentation have to be removed; the amphipteres can be left in place. The two suggestions I have so far are 1) sell them on craigslist; or 2) raffle or sell them at Fighter School.

Windhaven is holding a 12th Night moot. In Christian tradition, the 12th night after Christmas, January 5th, is the Feast of the Epiphany, celebrating the arrival of the three Wise Men, bearing gifts from Africa and the East. In the middle ages, the Feast of the Epiphany marked the end of the holiday season that started with Christmas. In the SCA, 12th Night serves as an opportunity to have an SCA holiday party, since by January, most people are done with their mundane holiday obligations to family and work. While 12th Night is actually January 5th, SCA groups tend to hold it on whatever weekend is available in January.

The Windhaven 12th Night moot will be held on January 14th at the lake

cottage, at UW-Green Bay. This is on the bay side of the street, across the street and just north of the main entrance to the campus.

<http://www.uwgb.edu/maps/>

It is item 21 on this map:

<http://www.uwgb.edu/maps/files/pdfs/campus.pdf>

Details will be posted on the list, but it's the usual, games, conversation, pot luck dinner. Bring an inside project to work on, games to play, and let's have some fun!

Other upcoming things: Windhaven hosts Fighter School at the end of February. Same location as last year, in Kewaunee. It'll be fun, and we'll get to see Brother Coenrad in one of his rare weekend days off! Since we're having an event, this is an opportunity to recommend people for awards. This will also be the location for the Honorable Lady Mearha's investiture as Baroness of Windhaven.

If you'd like to know more about the Northshield award structure, you can review it on the Kingdom web site, <http://www.northshield.org/OrderOfPrecedence/KingdomAwards.aspx?Library/Awards>

Looking at upcoming events:

Nordskogen 12th night on January 7th.
Windhaven 12th night on January 14th.
Castel Rouge 12th night on January

21st (Winnepeg) Flesh Wound January 28th, Jaravellir Early Period Seminar, Feb. 4th, Nordskogen
Fighter School. Feb. 28th, WINDHAVEN

You can always check the kingdom calender for upcoming major events, at <http://www.northshield.org/events>

Travel safely, and happy new year!

Yours in service,

Grimmund

From the Quill of the Chronicler

Greetings to One and All.

The holiday season is, for all intents and purposes, over and a new year is here. I for one, have not made any New Years Resolutions since I made one several years ago not to make any more. I figured that was an easy one to stick to, and I was right.

Travel and illness have taken their toll on me this season so it has been very difficult to keep up with everything, so I am quite glad to be getting back to what passes for "normal". The decorations are once again packed away, my home is regaining a sense of order, and now I look forward to getting back to projects like beadwork and calligraphy.

As always I remain.....

In Service to the Dream,
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