



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of
Windhaven
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Minutes of the May Business Meeting

May 23, 2010

3:00 – Pamperin Park, Green Bay, WI

Seneschal's Report: Lady Elspeth reported that she will be stepping down as Seneschal at the October business meeting.

Chancellor of the Exchequer's Report: Lady Giana reported our savings balance is \$5,074 and checking is \$2,964.

Herald's Report: Kirja was not present. She has expanded her library.

Chronicler's Report: THL Mearha reported that the Village Idiot is being published. She had nothing new to report.

Castellan's Report: Tadeusz had nothing new to report.

MOAS Report: Baroness Leaina was not present. She wants to hold another C&I day before WW.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Lord Kagemori reported that practices are going well.

Archery Captain's Report: Arkayn was not present and had not report.

Rapier Captain's Report: Lord John reported that he is waiting for Don Charismos to sign the change of officer form.

Chirurgeon's Report: Coenred had nothing new to report.

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 has found a copy of the Midrealm handbook for landed nobility. It has been interesting reading.

Old Business:

- Fall Fest: Contracts are being secured.

New Business:

- Dance practice will be starting up at Appleton Library on Wednesday nights
- Newcomers Moot: Discussion about when and where to hold the summer moot which is to be a newcomer's moot. A volunteer is needed to be steward for the moot.

Next meeting: June 27 @ Memorial Park @ 1:00



Letter From the Baron

Well met!

Congratulations to our new Prince and Princess, Hrodir and Anne. It is good to see familiar faces return to the Gryphon Thrones. Hrodir was king three years ago with Guilia, and Hrodir and Guilia were also our last Prince and Princess as a Principality. Anne was Princess directly before that, with Aubrey, and has also served as Baroness of Nordskog.

June is upon us, and summer will be here officially in just three weeks. Yay, summer! I believe June is the busiest event month on this end of Northshield: Mermaids, Border Skirmish, Woodland Romp, an off weekend for the business meeting (or out to Moorish Tavern!), a weekend off for the 4th of July, and then WW. I hope to see all of you at each of these events. Further afield in June, there is the Lillies War in Calontir, the Midrealm's Baronial Border War, and in the Outlands, Battlemoor.

Also with the return of summer and warm weather, is the return of practices. Both Rapier and Armored combat have moved their practices to Sunday afternoons at Pamprin Park, on the west side to Green Bay. Yay, fighting! Dance Practice will also be going on alternate Wednesdays, schedule allowing, over the summer.

We are looking at a moot, in late July. More details next month, but expect the usual pot-luck dinner, socializing, and some classes. If you have class requests, something you'd like to teach, or other related requests for the moot, please drop me a line.

Also, looking forward at the calendar, we're trying that new fall event

this year. Save the last weekend in September. It'll be festive!

Until next month,

Grimmund



DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THE GAME?

An Introduction to Corpora

Alys Katharine, Countess, OL, OP

Quiz #8 – Society Officers

Society Officers have parallels in the kingdom offices. How much do you already know about the various offices in the SCA? The answers are below each question.

1. How many Society Office positions can you list?

The Society Officers are the Society Seneschal, the Laurel Sovereign

of Arms (and the College of Arms), Society Marshal, Society Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chronicler of the Society, Society Chancellor of the Exchequer, Society Chirurgeon and the Webminister.

Other Society positions such as the Chatelain and Media Deputy are currently deputies of various officers. This article highlights specifics of the various offices. You can read details in Corpora, Section VI. The area of interest for the Society Officers is the same as that for Kingdom, Principality and local officers.

2. What are the duties that all Society Officers have in common?

- a.** Each Society Officer coordinates the appointment of their area's Great Officers of State in cooperation with the Crown of each kingdom.
- b.** Each Officer maintains communication with their subordinates, ensuring the flow of information on policies and developments in that area of responsibility.
- c.** Each reports quarterly to the Board regarding the status and activities in each kingdom for their area of responsibility. An annual summary is also due. (If these reports are not submitted, it is "tantamount to resignation", which the Board may or may not accept.)
- d.** As appropriate, each maintains communication with other Society Officers.

Please note that all Society Officers, as well as specific deputies, are required to report quarterly as well as submit an annual summary. The information for these reports comes from their kingdom counterparts.

3. Where do the kingdom officers receive the information for their reports sent to Society?

From the local, regional and/or principality officers! If you, as a local (regional or principality) officer do not report, then your kingdom

officer is lacking information needed for the report up to Society. Your small shire's report is important!

4. Can you list any requirements and benefits for Society Officers?

- a.** Society officers and warranted deputies must be members of the SCA.
- b.** Some Society Officers and some deputies may receive certain corporate publications at Society expense for the duration of the tenure. This does **NOT** include their home kingdom newsletter which comes via their membership.
- c.** No Society Officer may hold more than one Society Office, or any kingdom or principality Great or Lesser Office of State.
- d.** No Society Officer may serve as Crown or Coronet during their term of office. After a minimum of one year in office, there is provision for fighting or being fought for in a Crown or Coronet List. (See Corpora VI.A.1.d for details.)
- e.** Each Society Officer shall have a specific Board member ("ombudsman") assigned to act as its representative to the Board, and vice versa.
- f.** Society Officers may impose Administrative Sanctions within their area of responsibility. (See Corpora X.B and Quiz #6.)

5. Are Society and Corporate Officers the same as members of the Board of Directors?

No. This is often confused by the general populace. These are two separate groups of people. The powers and information about the Board of Directors is in the By-Laws and Corporate Policy. They direct the affairs of the Corporation, appoint the Society Officers, and are an interface with the modern world.

"The Board of Directors of the SCA Inc. establishes the rules of the Society's historical recreation activities and minimum administrative requirements for officers and branches; these are published in

Corpora. It is the final arbiter of the interpretations of these rules as made by the officers of the Society.” (See Corpora I.C.)

The Society Officers are defined in Corpora and reflect the “game” or medieval side of the SCA. Their specific areas of responsibility are condensed below.

While not in the scope of this particular article, people with complaints should follow the “chain of command” and should **not** take their problem directly to a member of the Board of Directors. Briefly, the problem should be worked on between the specific parties, possibly with the mediation of a respected third party. If not resolved, take it up one level – for example, local to baronial or local to regional or principality. If not resolved, then proceed up one more level to kingdom, and so on. Do not jump directly to the SCA President, a Board member, or the Society Seneschal!

6. What is the Society Seneschal responsible for?

The Seneschal is “responsible for coordinating the administration of the Society’s historical re-creation.” This involves working with the kingdom seneschals and Society-level deputies. The Society Seneschal is empowered to interpret and clarify Corpora but such interpretations and rulings must be discussed with the Chairman and reported to the Board at the earliest opportunity.

7. What is the responsibility of the Laurel Sovereign of Arms and the College of Arms?

“Laurel” is the principal heraldic officer of the SCA and the head of the College of Arms. Laurel is responsible for “fostering the study and practice of heraldry, and for establishing rules and making determinations regarding names, armory, royal and noble titles, and geographical designations.”

The College of Arms consists of the Principal Heralds of each of the kingdoms and anyone else Laurel determines necessary. It aids in studying historical heraldic usage, developing heraldic rules for the

SCA, and reviewing items prior to their registration. Specifics on heraldic administration are in Corpora VI.C.3.

8. For what areas is the Society Marshal responsible?

The Society Marshal is responsible for activities related to combat, archery and equestrian activities. This includes directing the Earls Marshal of each kingdom concerning the supervision of combat-related activities at Society events. (See the quiz on Society combat or Corpora, Section IX.) The Society Marshal works with the Society Chirurgeon to promote safety in the martial arts and works with the Society Minister of Arts and Sciences (MoAS) to encourage research in armor and weapons. The Society Marshal has been authorized to interpret and clarify the Rules of the Lists but must report such rulings to the Board at their next meeting.

9. What is the area of responsibility for the Minister of Arts and Sciences?

The MoAS is responsible for “fostering the study of period culture and technology, and of methods for producing historically accurate artifacts and performances.” The MoAS also assists the Society Chronicler and editors of the corporate publications “in confirming the validity of research presented to the membership.”

10. What is the Chronicler’s area of responsibility?

The Chronicler oversees the production of newsletters, both for kingdom and local branches. The Chronicler also establishes overall policies for paper publishing at all levels and serves as a source of publishing expertise.

11. What is the Chancellor of the Exchequer responsible for?

This officer reports directly to the Treasurer as stated in the By-Laws. The Chancellor of the Exchequer also keeps and maintains “adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of

all branches and divisions of the Society except those controlled by the Treasurer and the Corporate Office. Additionally, the Exchequer collects and compiles reports for the Society's tax returns and other financial reports. Details are in Corpora VI.G.

12. What is the Society Chirurgeon's area of responsibility?

The Chirurgeon is responsible for organizing volunteer first-aid services as well as health and safety hazard warnings for SCA events. The Chirurgeon establishes policies and coordinates the activities of the kingdom chirurgeons.

13. For what is the Web Minister responsible?

The Web Minister oversees the websites of kingdoms, local branches and any other website that the Board designates. The Web Minister also serves as a source of web publishing expertise and advice.

14. How many and what are the Corporate Officers? How many can you list?

There are five. They are the:

- a. President
- b. Vice President of Corporate Operations
- c. Vice President of Operations (held by the Society Seneschal)
- d. Treasurer
- e. Secretary

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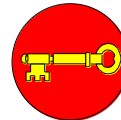
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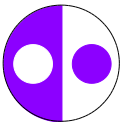
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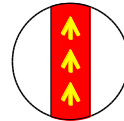
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