



# The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of  
Windhaven  
March ASXLIV

## Minutes of the February Business Meeting

February 6, 2010

3:00 – Brown County Library, Green Bay, WI

Seneschal's Report: Lady Elspeth reported that according to the Kingdom Seneschal, an organization called Medieval Fight Club was contacting individuals in the SCA. Anyone contacted by them should not speak to them of the SCA, but should instead refer them to the Kingdom Deputy for Media Relations, Lord Toki. His contact information is on the Northshield website under Seneschal.

Chancellor of the Exchequer's Report: Lady Giana reported that her Domesday report is done and accepted by the Kingdom Exchequer. Our ending balance is \$7,510, with \$2,422 in checking.

Herald's Report: Kirja had nothing to report.

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

Chatelaine's Report: Tadeusz was not present.

MOAS Report: Baroness Leaina completed her bi-annual report. She is working with the student group to find out what they want from us.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Lord Kagemori reported that he has maintained the status quo with the winter fighting site.

Archery Captain's Report: Arkayn reported that he is also still looking for a site for winter archery practices.

Rapier Captain's Report: Don Charismos was not present.

Chirurgion's Report: Coenred reported that he has made no progress in finding out what is required to become warranted.

Youth Minister's Report: Brigid reported that there has been no activity.

Webminister's Report: Master Friedrich reported that website access continues to be an issue for some people.

Baron's Report: Baron Grimmund reported that we have an event at the end of the month. Recommendations for awards should be made very soon.

### Old Business:

- A preliminary Fall Fest budget was presented.
- Unplanned games moot will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- Bardic Madness reservations are coming in. Four merchants have registered. Royalty will be present. Volunteers are needed for serving feast, royalty room guard. Lunch is a sandwich buffet.

New Business: The Rapier Captain position will be open in April.

Next Meeting – March 14<sup>th</sup> at an undetermined site in Appleton

Congratulations

*To Lady Kateryn Lepton de Gilling on  
being awarded an Award of Arms at Bardic  
Madness. Vivat!!*



## Letter From the Baron

Well met!

Wow, that was fun! Bardic Madness returned returned to Windhaven a third time, in full glory! Congratulations to Master Friedrich and his staff on an excellent event, and to Lady Merit and her staff on a tasty, well-run feast! It was particularly fun to see old-time Windies coming out of the woodwork to help with the event. I expect we'll have a full post-mortem at the Business Meeting, which will be in Appleton, later this month.

Congratulations also to our newest recipient of an Award of Arms: "Lady" Kateryn Lepton de Gilling. Vivat!

It's the day after the event, and the Chronicler would like to get the Idiot out, so this letter will be somewhat short. There will be a much longer list of thank-yous next month. (I'd rather wait and be thorough than hurry through and miss someone!) One special note: Sir Alexander, if you ever quit your day job, I see a promising alternative career waiting tables. Excellent service at head table!

Upcoming events:

- That Moot Thingie (TMT), March 5-7, with indoor camping, in Coille Stoirmeil. Great event!
- Gulf Wars!

### 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.

- Coronation - April 10th in Caer Antherth Mawr. There is a special bonus for Friday night: Viscountess Isabella has rented the Rose Theater (which has comfy, informal seating, a restaurant, AND A BAR!) for a private party showing The Princess Bride! This is not a SCA event and not part of Coronation, but it will be a great time! Donations to help cover the cost of the theater rental would be appreciated. As usual, there will be gift baskets for Their Highnesses, Tom and Sigrid, so if you'd like to contribute, please contact me for details.

That's all for me. Time to stagger off to bed. I hope to see you all at TMT or at the Business Meeting!

Until next time, travel safely and well.

Grimmund

earth around them causing them to send up hardy green shoots that stand up to the intermittent spring snowfalls. Soon color will be gracing my flowerbeds once again ☺

In March we celebrate St Patrick's Day (the Baron's favorite holiday) a day commemorating a wealthy-born Romano-Britain who was abducted by Irish raiders. It is believed that during his captivity he decided to convert the Irish to Christianity and so, upon his escape, he set upon this mission. Some sources say that he incorporated many of the traditional rituals of the Irish in his teachings, using bonfires to celebrate Easter and adding a sun to the cross to create what is now known as the Celtic cross. It is no wonder that he acquired mythical status among the Irish, if those were his methods.

May the month of March bring much warmth from the sun to help you begin your growth this spring.

Till next month!

Peace

Mearha

## From the Chronicler



Greetings!

With the advent of the month of March we eagerly look to the first signs of spring. Seeds are planted indoors in anticipation of the harvest later in the summer. Bulbs that have lain cold and dormant in the ground all winter begin to warm as the sun, which has become stronger as it moves to its equinox, heats the



# Chirurgion's Report

Greetings unto the Barony!

I am pleased to report that the kingdom chirurgion has deemed me worthy to be granted a warrant as a chirurgion-in-training. I am looking forward to this opportunity to be of further service to fine barony.

I am required to complete my training period by serving at such events as appropriate for my services to be available and necessary. I am in the process of building a formal first aid kit for the barony. I will require the assistance of the populace in gaining knowledge as to the best way to remove armor and other period clothing articles in such a way as to minimize damaging such items. In my mundane life, I'm simply used to large bandage scissors and the "make 'em naked" mentality of the emergency room. I would prefer to NOT anger the populace by ruining expensive and beautiful garb and equipment.

I thank the barony once again for allowing me the opportunity to be of service.

Coenred of Windhaven  
Chirurgion

## DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THE GAME?

### An Introduction to Corpora

Alys Katharine, Countess, OL, OP

### Quiz #5 – When is Membership in the SCA Required?

The SCA is one of only a few hobby organizations where membership

is not *required* in order to participate in a number of activities. However, paid membership is a requirement for a number of things in the SCA, and these categories can vary from kingdom to kingdom.

### According to Corpora, is membership required for these activities?

1. Receiving an award, Grant of Arms, Patent of Arms, etc.?
2. Serving as an officer (from Society level down to local group level)?
3. Serving as a deputy to an officer?
4. Participating in martial activity?
5. Serving as King/Queen, Prince/Princess?
6. Entering a Crown or Coronet Tourney?
7. Entering an arts and sciences competition?
8. Attending an event or local meeting?

### Answers:

1. No. Individual kingdoms may require SCA membership for any of the following: receiving a Patent of Arms; receiving a Grant of Arms, receiving an Award of Arms; admission into an armigerous order. Corpora does not require it. (I.D.3) No kingdom, however, may "imply or state that a person must remain a member to retain such awards or titles once given."
2. Yes. Corpora requires that officers "at all levels of the Society" must be Society members and must have "immediate access to the corporate newsletter for their area received at their residence. (Alternate access arrangements may be made for members of affiliated organizations or on a case-by-case basis for people with post office boxes and for International Members.)"
3. Yes. Most deputies need to be SCA members as well. The next sentence, which follows the parentheses in the paragraph above, says: "This standard also applies to deputies designated as successors to officers subject to this provision, or assigned

independent administrative duties. Deputies who only assist with specific tasks are exempt from the newsletter access requirement." Access to newsletters comes with membership. Event Stewards or Autocrats require memberships since they carry "agency" for the SCA and make legal commitments.

4. No. Corpora has made no rule about having membership to participate in martial activities, but some individual kingdoms have. Check your kingdom rules or ask your local marshal if membership is required in your kingdom.
5. Yes. Corpora has established membership requirements for royalty and specifies this in IV.A.2. Lapse of membership means automatic termination of the reign as of the date of the lapse. Corpora was recently (June 2009) modified to cover any likelihood of a membership lapse during the royalty's term as heirs. The relevant section now reads: "Each competitor and prospective consort must hold a valid membership on the day of the Royal Lists. Within ten business days after being declared victor in a Crown or Coronet Tourney, the Victor and Consort must present to the Kingdom Seneschal proof that their memberships are current through at least the end of the prospective reign." The items that provide positive confirmation of membership are spelled out in detail in that section.
6. Yes. You must be an SCA member to enter a Crown or Coronet Tourney. (See above.) It is the kingdom's (or principality's) responsibility to see that all competitors "are aware of and meet the membership requirements for themselves and their prospective consorts at the time they register for the Lists." If a non-member is allowed to participate or act as a consort, the Society officer or Kingdom representative responsible for letting that happen will be subject to sanctions.
7. No. Corpora does not specify membership for entering any arts and sciences competitions. Kingdoms could do so but this is not

currently a requirement in any of the kingdoms.

8. No. SCA membership is not required for attending events or local meetings. Non-members, however, are assessed a non-member fee if they attend events where site fees are charged.

Non-members are welcome to attend local meetings and participate in local group activities. As specified earlier, membership is required if the person wishes to serve as an officer. And, if the group discusses a change in status (shire to barony, area groups to principality) or if there is a polling for change in baron or baroness, non-members' opinions can be solicited, but their inclusion cannot be required.

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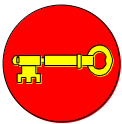
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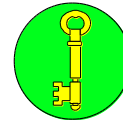
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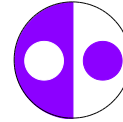
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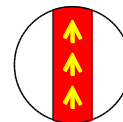
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