



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of
Windhaven
May ASXLV

Minutes of the April Business Meeting

April 18, 2010

10:00 – Whiting Boathouse, Neenah, WI

Seneschal's Report: Lady Elspeth reported that Jararvellir is having a Mayday Moot. There is a new website for bards. Turm an Dem See is having a Lamb-to-Loom Moot on May 1 Gift subscriptions for the Complete Anachronist can now be purchased.

Chancellor of the Exchequer's Report: Lady Giana reported our savings balance is \$5,074 and checking is \$3,164.

Herald's Report: Kirja had nothing new to report.

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

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

MOAS Report: Baroness Leaina had nothing new to report.

Knight's Marshal's Report: Lord Kagemori reported that practices will be starting soon.

Archery Captain's Report: Arkayn reported that he is now an MIT. He

is waiting to start archery practices.

Rapier Captain's Report: Don Charismos was not present and had no report.

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

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

Webminister's Report: Master Friedrich was not present and had no report.

Baron's Report: Baron Grimmund attended Coronation and presented a gift basket. He thanked those who contributed items for the basket.

Old Business:

- Fall Fest: Lady Maebd reported that contracts for the site and services for Fall Fest are being finalized. Lord John reported on the tournaments that are being planned for the day.
- Rapier Captain: Lord John Motley was elected by the populous as the new Rapier Captain of the Barony.
- Children's Policy: The issue of unsupervised children at events that had been tabled at the March meeting was brought back up for discussion. Baron Grimmund distributed copies of the SCA Corporate and Northshield Kingdom youth policies. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of implementing a policy requiring children to wear wrist bands at events.

Ammendments were made to the motion from the March meeting, so that it now reads as follows: **At future events children 15 and under will be given wrist bands that are numerically tagged to their parents/guardians so that parents/guardians can be found if needed.**

(Underlines indicate changes)

The motion was passed.

New Business:

- Lady Elspeth presented an idea for a fundraiser for the kingdom travel fund that would require use of \$200 of baronial funds. A suggestion was also made to run the Northshield mug fundraiser to provide funds for the Youth Officer and Youth Marshall background checks. A vote was passed to allow use of the funds for the travel fund fundraiser.

Next Meeting – May 23rd at fighter practice



To those of you who are going to Turm on dem See's Lamb-to-Loom Moot at Aoife and Tig's on May 1, have fun, and let's hope the weather holds. If anyone is willing to volunteer, perhaps we can have another moot in... late July?

Congratulations to our new rapier marshal, John Motley. Don Charismos, thanks for taking a turn. Speaking of which, fighter practice is starting up again. It looks like it will be a combined armored and rapier practice happening at Pamperin Park in Green Bay on Sunday afternoons. Also, it looks like we'll have some dancing over the summer. Watch the list for details.

The fall event continues to develop. Looks like it will be lots of fun.

Until next month, travel safely!

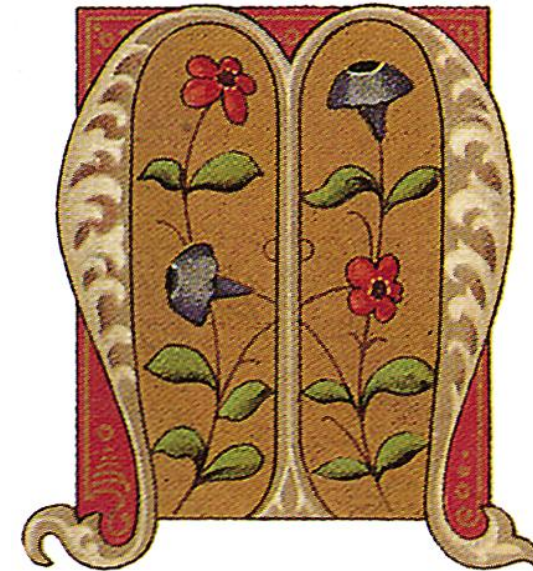
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Letter From the Baron

Well met and Happy New Year!

Yes, on May 1st two things happen. The SCA gets a year older and circuses traditionally break winter camp and have their first show of the season. I'm not sure if these are really related, but I've always found the coincidence suspicious. Welcome to Anno Societatus XLV, the 45th year of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

There are lots of events coming up on the calender, and I'm not even going to try to list them all. I'll recommend Beltaine by the Bay, Castle Fever for TOC, Mermaids, and Border Skirmish. To those of you who came to the April moot, thanks for attending!



From the Chronicler



Greetings!

May is the month of flowers!

As we travel about our days we see them in bloom everywhere – in trees, in fields, in well-tended gardens. They are the delight that brightens our day. They are, as well, the source of the pollen that tortures many of us but which is also used as food by bees.

As I did some reading about bees and their search for the nectar that they use to create the *delightful* honey that we, in turn, use to make mead, I learned some interesting things. Most bees are fuzzy and carry an electrostatic charge that helps in the collection of pollen as they travel from flower to flower. They will periodically stop to groom themselves and pack all the pollen they have collected into specialized pollen baskets which are usually on the legs. This explains why you may sometimes see a bee with a white to brown lump of pollen on her legs as she busily goes about her business.

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.

Till next month!

Peace
Mearha

DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THE GAME?

An Introduction to Corpora

Alys Katharine, Countess, OL, OP

Quiz #7 – Sanctions on Royalty and Peers

In Quiz #6 the specifics of sanctions on the general populace and on officers were given. This quiz is on how much you know about sanctions on Royalty and Peers. Much of the information as to who is notified and when is the same. There are some differences, however, when dealing with a sitting Crown or Coronet since they would not be the ones to bring the sanction. Specific wording of this section is in Corpora X.E.

1. What entity is the only one to discipline persons for actions taken when serving as Sovereign or Consort?

The Board of Directors is the only entity which can discipline such persons. But, there is a big “however”! Before the appeal is made to the Board, the aggrieved parties must have attempted to resolve the problem directly with the Crown and then with the appropriate kingdom and corporate officers. You cannot go directly to the Board.

2. What about sanctions for individuals for actions taken as Coronet?

The Board, again, reserves to itself the final determination. However, since the Coronet is subject to the Crown, the provisions for Courts of Chivalry and banishment still apply. If the Crown believes that the Coronet has “overstepped the bounds of law and custom”, the usual procedure is for in-kingdom mediation and then a Court of Chivalry. (Look at your kingdom’s laws for what comprises a Court of Chivalry where you live.) If the Board of Directors upholds the results, the affected parties can lose any honors and privileges

from their reign as Coronet. If the Board does not agree with the Crown's judgment, the Crown itself might have action taken against it. If rapid action is "essential to protect the Society", the Crown has the option of banishing the Coronet which would put the principality reign into abeyance. There is more detail in Corpora X.E.2.

3. Can a Kingdom or Crown strip a person of any Peerage?

No. Only the Board of Directors may do this since the bestowed Peerages (Chivalry, Laurel, Pelican) are Society awards, not kingdom awards. However, kingdom law "may define conditions and procedures under which a recommendation...may be made to the Board."

4. If someone is stripped of the Peerage, can the person ever be elevated again?

Yes, unless the Board of Directors has stipulated otherwise. "Nothing prohibits a person who has been degraded from any order of the peerage from being elevated to the peerage at a later date, should the Crown determine that the person in question now meets the requirements of the order to which he is being elevated." (Corpora X.E.3.) Another stipulation in the Seneschal's Policy is that the Crown needs to follow the kingdom laws and traditions relative to matter.

5. Can the Board revoke kingdom awards and Grants of Arms?

Yes. That is something the Board specifically reserves the right to do. But, kingdom law may make provision for recommending such an action to the Board.

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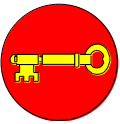
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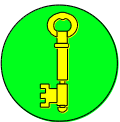
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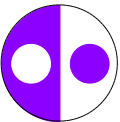
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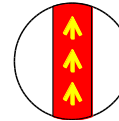
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