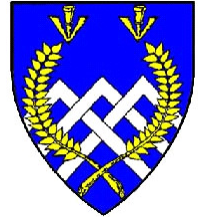




The Privy

The Barony of Terra Pomaria



February 10, 2014

Words from Their Excellencies

Greetings unto the populace of Terra Pomaria,

Spring is coming! It is time to make those last minute preps for the tourney season. We are looking forward to a busy season, and hoping to see many of you all out there. We're hosting Summits Spring Coronet this year. Remember many hands make light work, so please volunteer. The event steward team would really appreciate it.

Peder and Ainslee

Baron and Baroness, Terra Pomaria

Words from the Board of Directors

Announcement Regarding the Society Chirurgeonate—Request for Comments

The SCA Board of Directors seeks commentary on a proposal to eliminate the official Office of the Chirurgeonate, and the associated changes to Corpora necessary to accomplish this action.

The Office of the Society Chirurgeon has been providing exemplary service to the Society since 1986. The Society and Board of Directors are tremendously grateful for the sterling service the Office of the Society Chirurgeon has provided over the years, and hope to continue to allow licensed first aid providers to provide such service, while needing to take into account the realities of the climate in which the SCA currently operates.

The Board of Directors has been advised by its outside counsel, as well as by its insurance company, that having officers of the Corporation acting as emergency services providers and warranting them as official Chirurgeons represents an unacceptable assumption of liability by the Corporation for the actions of these individuals. The SCA can allow individual medical professionals to provide emergency care under their own licenses and the various Good Samaritan laws. Such services can also be provided by professional emergency services organizations and companies that provide such services. However, having corporate officers and warranted officials do so represents an unacceptable risk according to both our outside counsel and our insurance company.

Acting upon the recommendations of our professional advisors, the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc. seeks commentary regarding a proposal to eliminate the Office of the Society Chirurgeon, the Kingdom and local Chirurgeons, and all associated Deputies and warranted Chirurgeons as of a future date. All Society Chirurgeonate activities and warrants of office would cease at that time. Any emergency services at SCA activities would thereafter only be performed by Good Samaritans under

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Curia

Their Royal Majesties of An Tir

Eirik Daegarsson and Dirfinna of Stromgard

Their Highnesses of the Summits

Aaron Duncan and Jennet MacLachlan of Loch Fyne

Their Excellencies of Terra Pomaria

Peder Georg Jensen and Ainslee Goldheart

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"...What a family is without a steward, a ship without a pilot, a flock without a shepherd, a body without a head, the same, I think, is a kingdom without the health and safety of a good monarch."

-Queen Elizabeth the First, to her brother King Edward c. 1550



Champions

Heavy Defender: Roland von Bern

Archery: Iurii Levchenich

Arts & Sciences: Rowan Spiritwalker

Rapier: Andrew Crowe

Youth Champion: Laura of Murdoch

Local Gatherings

Business Meeting: 3rd Monday, 7pm, Round Table Pizza at Keizer Station, Contact: Mathea at tpse-neschal@gmail.com

A & S Day: 4th Sunday, 1-6 pm. Location published on lists prior to 4th Sunday. Contact: Egen at TPArtSci@gmail.com

Thingmakers: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm. IKE Box, 229 Cottage ST. NE, Salem. Baronial scribal supplies will be available. Contact Berte at: baojianth@me.com

Ceilidh: 2nd Monday, October-May, 7 pm, Salem Heights Hall, 3505 Liberty Rd S, Salem (corner of Madrona & Liberty in south Salem). Contact: Fortune at ladyfortunethomas@gmail.com

Heavy Weapons / Rapier Fencing

Fighter Practice: Every Wednesday, 7:00 PM at Clear Lake Elementary in Keizer. Contact: Weylyn at mattcshultz@gmail.com . Additional Rapier Practice one Sunday a month at same location. Date published on lists. Contact: Magdalena at ladymagdalena@yahoo.com

Archery Practice: To be determined.

Bardic Music Night: To be determined. Contact: Juliana at julianavana@comcast.net or 503-363-7512.

Equestrian Practice: Generally every 4th Saturday 10am-2pm—RSVP required. Contact Tassi at peachypiggies@hotmail.com



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Calendar

February

- 8th—Founding Revel, Barony of Stromgard
Vancouver, WA
- 15th—Consort Feast, Shire of Corvaria
Bend, Jefferson, Deschutes, & Crook Counties, OR
- 15th—Carnevale di Venezia, Barony of Aquaterra
Washington County, OR
- 22nd—Midwinter's Feast, Barony of Adiantum
Eugene, OR

March

- 7th-9th—Kingdom Arts & Sciences / Bardic Championships, Barony of Stromgard
Vancouver, WA
- 15th-16th—Hasiltude, Shire of Tymberhavene
Coos & Curry Counties, OR
- 21st-23rd—Spring Crown Council (Per TRMs Option)
- 22nd—Defenders Tourney, Shire of Mountain Edge
Yamhill County, OR
- 28th-30th—Summits Spring Coronet, Barony of Terra Pomaria
Marion, Polk & Lincoln Counties, OR

April

- 5th—All Fool's, Shire of Corvaria
Bend, Jefferson, Deschutes, & Crook Counties, OR
- 12th—Saint Eggberts Feast, Shire of Myrtle Holt
Grants Pass, OR
- 10th-13th—Art of War VI, Barony of Aquaterra
Snohomish County, WA
- 25th-27th—Bar Gemels, Barony of Terra Pomaria
Marion, Polk & Lincoln Counties, OR

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their own licenses, or by professionals or professional organizations specifically hired or called by event staff to provide such services.

Individuals with appropriate emergency care related licenses or those acting under the general Good Samaritan laws that might be applicable are, of course, free to provide emergency care at SCA activities under the terms of their licenses and applicable state and local laws. However, they would be doing so as volunteers and would not be warranted by the SCA nor hold an SCA office related to the provision of emergency care services. Similarly, professional emergency care organizations (e.g., municipal, non-profit or for-profit ambulance providers) that are not affiliated with or part of the SCA or any SCA organization, might provide emergency care services at SCA events (particularly larger SCA wars) through arranged voluntary or for-hire agreements with event staff. Licensed individuals would still be able to provide significant service to their local groups, Kingdoms, and the Society by offering to provide any emergency services under their own licenses (and would thus be worthy of any and all appropriate awards) — but would no longer be providing such services through an official Society Chirurgeonate.

The SCA would no longer maintain an Office of the Society Chirurgeon, Kingdom or local Chirurgeons, or warrant any Chirurgeons or Chirurgeonate activity. However, individuals are still encouraged to meet and pursue any and all SCA-related interests on their

own. People are, of course, free to pursue and provide emergency care at SCA activities as licensed medical practitioners under the licensing laws of their state or any Good Samaritan laws that might be applicable. Any such unofficial organizations, communications, or provision of emergency care related services would not be sponsored or overseen by the SCA, Inc. or any of its groups.

The SCA would no longer have Corporate, Kingdom, or local Chirurgeon officers or warranted Chirurgeons, so any and all class material taught on any related subjects would be developed and provided by SCA members individually and based on their own accreditation, licenses, and experience. Because the SCA, Inc., does not endorse or supply the content of any classes taught at SCA activities (other than those being taught by Officers in support of their Office), individual members are free to teach classes on any material that might be related to unofficial first aid activities, but would be doing so strictly as individuals with no official sanction or involvement of SCA, Inc. As individuals, such service could also be considered worthy of any and all appropriate awards, although there would be no relationship to an official Society Chirurgeonate.

The Board of Directors seeks comments on the matter through 03/18/2014, which can be directed to comments@sca.org. Additionally, we invite all those interested to send their comments to the Society Chirurgeon (chirurgeon@sca.org). The Board of Directors invites the populace

to take advantage of the range of our communication outlets -- including email lists, social media venues, and public meetings -- to discuss the issue, but would simply like to remind everybody that courtesy and the presumption of honor are core values of the Society, and apply equally in on line venues as they do at SCA events. Additionally, the Board of Directors will be holding a public meeting at Gulf Wars, where these interested in discussing this issue are welcome to hear what the Board has to say and share their feedback.

To better provide information regarding this proposed change given the comments and suggestions received to-date, an updated set of FAQs has been developed to assist in answering questions. This updated FAQ can be found on the [sca.org](http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/ChirurgeonateFAQupdate.pdf) website at: <http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/ChirurgeonateFAQupdate.pdf>.

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

SCA Inc.

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You may also email
comments@lists.sca.org.

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Finance Committee Minutes

Terra Pomaria Finance committee meeting—January 20, 2014

Meeting Start: 9:20 pm

In Attendance: Heather Van Fossen, Meredith Alden, Cherie and George Beatie, Matt Schultz, Denise Van Dyke, and Melanie Mitchell

Minutes taken by: Melanie Mitchell

Prior to the meeting, Heather had made a request for two new dagger blades for the rapier loaner gear in the interest of safety. One of the blades failed and broke, the other is not looking safe. There shouldn't be any problem using the hilts we have, or making them work with new blades. The following prices were also provided prior to the meeting. The prices do not include shipping. The options were listed in order of Heather's preference:

James the Just

OH2256 Practical Main Gauche Dagger Blade - Limited stock \$50.00
(older style Alchem Blade)

Zen Warrior

ZWA Wide Flexidagger Blade, 17.5"

Price: \$59.00

Rectangular Tang

Alchem

Complete unhilted Safeflex 15/6 dagger blade \$40 US (\$36 foreign)
.35pounds = .16kgs

Darkwood Armory

Starting at: \$88.00 The DA8WF Wideflex dagger blade is made just like our Practice Rapier blades, with a very flat diamond like cross-section. They come in 12", 14", and 16" lengths. They use a metric 6x1 thread and fit any of our Darkwood pommel and handle choices

Castille Armory

Main gauche blades. They have a classic profile with a square pierced fort. They have a blade length of 15" and are 89.00 plus freight.

The finance committee determined that they would prefer to keep the purchase in the Summits or at least with an SCA artisan. If Castille Armory can reduce the price to \$130 or below for both then Heather will purchase from him. Otherwise, she will go to James the Just. If she can't get the blades from either one under \$130, she will return to the financial committee.

Meeting end: 9:31 pm



An Tir's King and Queen and Their Heirs, during the coronation ceremony at 12th Night. Photo by: Yrmegard de Groet



January Business Meeting Minutes

Terra Pomaria Officers Meeting--January 20, 2014

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Kenji, Simon Swanbourne, Emelyn Fulredy, Mathea Volpella da Perusia, Egen Brauer von Regensburg, Melannei Athenaios, Amira de Lupo, Peder Georg Jensen, Ainslee Goldheart, Cesare, Astrid of Flanders, Catarine Quhiting, Duversa of Movilla, Ulf the Wanderer, Elianna Ulfsdottir, Weylyn Middleson, Nichoala Mordhorst, Milda of Hay, Juliana Van Aardenburg, Fidelia hawkwood, Berte le Webbere, Tassi, Misty and Ereik Thursgard, Magdalena von Freiberg, Alyn Trewpeny, Rose Atherton, Andrew Crowe, and Elena Marnach. Attending remotely: Alail Horsefriend and Berengaria de Montfort de Carcassonne, and Acacia Gryffyn.

Minutes taken by: Melannei Athenaios

Baron and Baronessa's Opening Words:

We had a wonderful time at 12th night. I really enjoyed the saga poem. Coronet is coming up. We are hosting. Bar Gemels comes shortly after that so we will busy for a while. We are looking for volunteers at the events and people to run the events coming up after that. We are looking for award

recommendations for both Barony and Principality/ Kingdom. There will be Royals at both events. Welcome to the new people in the room!

Officer Reports

Seneschal: First, I'd like to remind all officers that quarterly reports are due by January 31st. Please get them to your principality superiors, or let me know if there is anything I can do to help facilitate the reporting. The Principality of the Summits will be getting a new Seneschal. HL Celeste Thorne will be stepping up at Briaroak Birl.

I am still in need of a successor. Anyone who is interested in learning the job of Seneschal, even if you are not prepared to take over the office, please let me know.

I went to 12th Night and sat in on the Seneschals' meeting, Exchequers' meeting, and Kingdom Curia. Here are the highlights:

The Kingdom is in need of a new seneschal, too. Mistress Brigit is planning to step down in September.

The Kingdom is seeking new A&S deputies.

Unfortunately, An Tir is in need of new crowns.

The current crowns are nearly falling apart, and we need some backup crowns to fill in while the current crowns can get repaired. The estimated cost will be \$10,000. \$3,700 have been raised already. If you or an artisan you know is interested in working on the new crowns, please get in touch with the Kingdom Regalia Committee. Bid details are available in the Crier. - Does Terra Pomaria want to do a fund-raiser, too?

The Family Activities Coordinator is going to become a deputy of the Seneschal's office.

Unfortunately, the YAFA program has been delayed, but the Kingdom is still very interested in engaging youth both with and as adults.

Exchequer: Statement balance as of 12/31/13 was \$9613.00. Our balance as of 1/20/14 is \$9530.90, \$574.57 of which is Ithra's. We also have \$1000 in



The Champions of An Tir toasting the next King and



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the Regalia fund. This gives us a general fund balance of \$7956.33

Mathea sat in on the Exchequer meeting at 12th night. They are looking at standardizing gate methods across kingdom events. The method they are looking at is easily scalable down to local events. For example, they want to have 1 folder with each individual gate sheet and the monies involved. Mathea will get the information to Simon.

Chamberlain: Not a huge amount to report this month. I am still working on finding a couple of dates to propose for the Regalia Committee to meet. Sir Alail & I have returned everything, after cleaning it, to the shed. One thing we have found in our past few shed trips is that the shed door is sticking at the top, badly. In an ideal world, the door should be removed from its hinges, sanded at the top, retreated for weather and replaced. I plan to contact Master Cesare and Mistress Astrid to find out how receptive they are to having this done at a date in the near future. Depending on what I discover from that conversation, I will circle back with the barony at large for a couple of volunteers to assist

with this project. Cesare and Astrid were at the meeting and said "just let us know when!"

Librarian: We have two applicants for the position, Amira and Milda. Both candidates described why they should be selected. Amira has worked in libraries since 7th grade. She can repair books in many ways. She loves books and has a growing library of her own. She lives in Monmouth, but drives about in the Salem area quite a bit.

Milda was the Librarian in the Barony years ago. She probably read 15 books a week. She is not



An Tir's Crown Prince and Princess swearing the Oath of Sovereignty. Photo by: Yrmegard de Groet

very comfortable with computers, but would arrange to check e-mail on a regular basis.

There was some debate concerning location of the applicants, technology savvy,

and other ways to harness the volunteering spirit of both candidates. It finally came down to a vote, and the result, while very close, resulted in Amira de Lupo becoming librarian.

Heavy Marshall: We have been having at least 3 fighters every single practice that we've actually held. We've had a couple canceled due to an event with heavy fighting on the following Saturday or Sunday. It's too hard on the body to hold practice the Thursday before. We have some new fighters. Updates from 12th night:

Reporting is now a little different. If you are a Senior marshal in SOME category, you can be Marshall-In-Charge at the event. When you get new fighter cards, it will all be done online through the kingdom lists mistress. There will be a new card. If there is an injury it should be put in the monthly report, but if someone needs to see the doctor even a few days after the original injury that should be reported within 24 hours. I highly recommend Ursalmas coming up for any heavy fighters.

Rapier Marshall: Once again Lady Magdalena will present the



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Rapier marshal's report, and hopefully circumstances will allow the Barony to choose my replacement at Monday's business meeting. I fully endorse Lady Magdalena as she has shown dedication and enthusiasm for rapier and the marshallate, and has successfully carried out the duties of the Marshallate while acting as my deputy. A side note, everyone should check the online marshallate site and make sure ALL of their authorizations are current.

Deputy: Everything has been going well. We had a new fighter start Last Thursday. Average practices 6 - 8 people. No injuries to report. Castille Armory has been added to the approved blades list. Ambrose of Dragon's Laire won the Queen's Rapier Championship at 12th night, And he won the Mane from Andrew. Kian of Lion's Gate won the Claw from Armand. Andrew made the Sweet 16 at 12th night. I tarted to look for indoor practice sites. I did find Salem Keizer Schools charge \$20/per hour for Elementary School Gyms. Still looking for more options. It was noted at the meeting that we would prefer a place with a concrete floor so that we do not damage the floor. Once again, I visited Coeur du Val's fighter practice.

Still planning on visiting once a month. 2nd Tuesday. Strengthening our ties with their rapier fighters. I would like February 13th to be the first Golden Apple Tournament for Rapier. It's the day before Valentine's.

Alail is well past his 2-year term as Rapier Marshall. It is time to select a new Marshall. We have one applicant. Magdalena has



Ieuan Gower crowning Eirik Daegarsson as King of An Tir. Photo by: Yrmegard de Groet

basically been doing the Rapier Marshall job, while Alail has been out of town for several months. Magdalena will become the new Rapier Marshall.

List Mistress: Absent. Mhairi is looking for a successor. Bar Gemels is coming up and she would be happy to train there. It is a fairly easy job, maybe 4 events a year. You are responsible for score keeping.

You need to know the difference of score keeping of the different types of tournaments. It's a fun way to get to know the fighters. You then scan and e-mail the form your superior. If you are interested contact Mathea.

Target Archery-VACANT: no current interest.

Equestrian Marshall: I need an equestrian insurance payment for the year, and a tax donation receipt for the Hernandez Ranch. I do have a handout that I am planning on giving out at the practices to new riders. Promote equestrian activities and education in our barony specifically.

Youth Combat Marshall: VACANT. No current interest.

Herald: Not much to report this time around. Just the usual minor consulting, and one big piece of fantastic news! A member of our barony, Amira di Lupo, has had her name and device registered! Yay yay yay for her! And another person, who now lives in Three Mountains (I think) but lived here at the time it was designed, has gotten hers as well--Alyse Peppit Clark. Exciting stuff! If you submit and have your arms accepted during my tenure as herald I will make you a banner



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with it. There are a lot of people here who have cool arms but haven't submitted them.

I have gotten the herald's inventory. There are some things that I am not able to use, such as crayons and colored pencils. I will donate that to Family Activities. There are some out of date resources. If the Black Lion Herald is all right with me getting rid of those resources, I will dispose of them.

Arts & Sciences: A&S continues despite the holidays! We had an A&S gathering in December, wherein Lady Rowan helped with sewing machine diagnosis and maintenance. There was also a costume consultation table held at Celidh this month; I intend this to be a regular thing. If anyone has any requests, let me know and I'll see what I can dig up.

Despite Urselmas, there will be an A&S gathering at the usual place next Sunday the 26th. There's no official topic, but bring projects and questions and we can work on them together. It is at my house in Salem at 1:00 pm. I will post directions on the website.

Chronicler: My term is completing in April. I am looking for a replacement, but I am



King Eirik Daegarsson crowning Drifinna as Queen of An Tir

willing to wait to train them until May (after Bar Gemels). The Privy for January has been published. There were 1969 accesses of December's Privy. There has been no success so far in finding a better way to tell how many people are reading the Privy. I sent in my quarterly report to the Principality Chronicler. I am looking for photos from 12th night and any other nearby events. The deadline for articles, announcements, and other submissions for the February Privy is February 1st for electronic copies.

Grete Boke: Absent. Elena

noted that there are changes going on in how photos may be used electronically. Mathea will put Soma in touch with Elena.

Web Minister: I have been working on the Spring coronet pages and have also started receiving information for the Bar Gemels web pages and will be starting to get them online very soon. The populace page is currently still under repair. Vicountess Suvia has expressed an interest in becoming webminister but is not at the meeting today. If you have any interest in the office, please contact Mathea.

Chirurgeon: VACANT. No current interest. If you are interested contact Kenji or Mathea. Mathea announced that the board of directors has floated a proposal to dissolve the office of Chirurgeon. They are requesting comments. I have sent the announcement onto the Terra Pomaria mailing list and it will be in the Crier. Please, if you have a strong opinion or a logical basis for your opinion, please share it with the board of directors. Basically the idea of warranting someone as being competent to provide medical care or first aid care opens the SCA up to liability. It has been



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advised by outside counsel that we dissolve the office of Chirurgeon. If the proposal goes through, individuals would be able to provide first aid, but it would be of their own cognizance.

Chatelaine: Ceilidh this month was a success. We had 32 people including 5 children, and 5 newcomers. Games were played, Egan had a garb consult table, and in general everyone had a good time. I'm working on next month. It will either be dancing, or a scribal display. I haven't heard back from Petra yet concerning her work schedule. The garb consultation table will be a constant thing (hopefully) The coast group has a get together later this month, Tuesday the 28th.

Gold Key: All items received have been sorted into wearable, repairable, stained, and repurposeable garb. The types of repairs needed are generally minor, and can probably be done by myself. Stained and repurposeable garb has been brought to the meeting to determine whether the garb can be salvaged or what it might be used for. The Gold Key catalog will be started this month and I should have a working sample by

next business meeting. Without cataloging anything, it appears that Gold Key is in desperate need of belts. If anyone has old belts of any sort that they would like to donate to Gold Key, it would be greatly appreciated. Other items needed by Gold Key will be addressed once the catalog has been completed. It is presumed that all garb has now been given to Gold Key, though it appears one box was full of modern clothing so there might be another batch of garb to be sorted through still in the Baroness's possession. I should have some wearable stuff ready to be put on the website catalog soon.

Scribe: I cancelled the meeting in December due to holidays. It resumed in January. I would like to expand it into a Thingmakers night to make largess, etc for things the Baron and Baroness need. The Baroness has kits for people to take in order to make newcomers necklaces, pouches, larger bags etc.

Family Activities Coordinator: My term comes up this year, but I would like to stay on until YAFA gets settled. Mathea will announce that his term is coming up, so we might find a successor to come on as a deputy.

Past Events

Martinmas November 16, 2013:

Total number through gate was 67. Gate intake was \$950. Expenses were \$470. After sending out the NMS check, the profit of \$239.07. I received a thank you note from one of the attendees who said the best thing about the event was the people.



Our new King and Queen of An Tir
Photo by: Yrmegard de Groet

Upcoming Events

Spring Coronet March 28-30, 2014: Insurance Certificate has been ordered and has been confirmed in processing.

Pre-Registration is now open and accepting registration via mail. We will be doing some FAQ's via the Yahoo group and Social Media this week to clarify the different camping options and



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the availability of them. IE Indoor Camping is only available via Pre-Reg and RV and Tent is restricted based on number of spaces. We have lots of space so no one should be with out a place to camp it is more a matter of organization and making sure that all RVs have places to park.

We are looking for Team members to handle the following:

Ambiance-Fidelia volunteered.

People's Potluck

Friday night Ball

Gate

Camping

Volunteer Coordinator

We have reached out to all Principality Officers and have heard back from the majority. We have not heard from Lists, Arts & Sciences or Heavy Marshall. I am going to try to get information from them, but if we aren't able to get responses from them we may have to have our baronial counterparts help out.

We have had a request to evaluate the site for safe archery and thrown weapons areas, by the Principality Archery Marshall

We have had a request to

evaluate the possibility of some family friendly areas off to the side of Court in the hall to allow families with Children to still be able to hear court without major interruptions. We feel the site has available space to do this and it should be easily accommodated
Merchant space will be indoors



Juliana van Aardenburg stepping down as Summits Principality Seneschal. Photo by: Fortune verch Thomas

and we will be opening up the merchant registration soon. We have been contacted by a food merchant and we will be getting them the information regarding the site. Food Merchants are required to pay a percentage to the Fair Grounds to operate in the building. We are trying to find out if they can operate in the camping area without this fee.

We are ready to release Potluck information we just need to have a point of contact and someone to organize the gluten free needs

at the event. We will be publishing Feast information by the end of the month, (January). It has been requested that the Friday night Social be a Masqued ball. We are very excited about this and are looking for someone to organize the event. This portion of the event is still in an early planning stage however we hope to have information publishable by the end of January so folks have time to plan their attire. This will have a light snack and refreshments available. We need someone to coordinate the masked ball. Rose Atherton and Fidelia will provide music. It was suggested that masks could be made and sold for fundraising. Berte is a mask maker and has offered to help people make their masks. She and Egen will coordinate a mask making night for A&S. The site will open at 5pm (Event staff can access the site at 4pm) We have a very tight site closing time of 130 on Sunday with all final clean up and all staff off site by 245 at the latest. Site Tokens are in the works and are being handled by Williame Dausoune Forester of Terra Pomaria. We are looking at making different colored cords to designate the different types of accommodations. We would like to find out about



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offering Ithra at this event but have not heard back from Arts and Sciences on their wishes or needs.

We will be starting work on the Schedule in February and will include the proposed Gate Comps with our February Update.

Bar Gemels April 25-27, 2014:

Crier copy went in, and it will be in March and April's Crier. I just received the first draft of the pre-reg form. Pre-Reg should open February 1st. The Bar Gemels website and the kingdom calendar website is up. After too many years, Mhairi is taking a break from running Bar Gemels kitchen. Her recommendation for running the Kitchen, Karise, has been researching Polish foods and has a great menu planned. There will be lots sausage. She is working on simplifying the menu so that you can get a good meal for one basic price, and there will be a child/small appetite price as well.

Things that WILL be happening:

Bardic competition-

Youth championship

Pas d'armes

Thrown Weapons

Archery

Brewing Competition-Egen will be running

We will be having Youth Armored Combat. Duversa is helping me to find a YAC marshall that can attend and help keep the roaming battles under control.

Berte is coordinating a Silent



A pint size member of Terra Pomaria entering the Bardic Championship at Briaroak Birl.

Photo by: Ja'lid al-banna ibn Hyder

Auction to fundraise for the Regalia fund. If you have anything you could donate, medieval or SCA related, please contact Berte.

After talking with several marshalls, I have decided not to hold the Bar Brawl. While it has been a tradition within the barony, even a marshall with significant ties to the barony and

it's traditions felt this was a tradition that should not be revived. Apparently this particular tournament has been riddled with issues resulting in hard feelings and division amongst the fighters and the populace. While I want to preserve traditions when I can, I will defer to the experience of those who have been in barony longer than I have.

This leaves room for the Ladies of the Rose/Ladies of the Valorous Estate

The fighters must have a sponsor from the Ladies of the Rose or Ladies of the Valorous Estate. They will round up challenge fighters, and run the tournament. They will need a space for a fundraiser table.

Long & Short-June 6-8 2014:

OPEN FOR BIDS. Mathea has not received any bids. We **have** to have the event. This is an important event for the Barony, it has the heavy championship and the archery championship. It is actually pretty easy to do at Adair Park. There was some interest at the event and Fidelia and Milda will discuss putting in a bid.

Prelude to War August 8-10, 2014: Adiantum does not yet have an event steward.



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Martinmas, November 2, 2014: Deadline is February 10th to be considered at the February business meeting. We do not yet have the site reserved.

Old Business

Coffee Stop: Oregon travel experience sent us a Christmas card and asked us back. They have also asked for feedback. Bera will take point on running another coffee stop fundraiser.

Kingdom Event Exploratory Committee: If you would like to be on the Exploratory Committee contact Mathea. She has set up a Google group to discuss. Kingdom does have a concern about May crown in this area due to the rain. Profits are higher for Crown events, and we

can afford some of the more expensive sites.

Customary: February 9th, Sunday. I am looking to do it at Ike Box again in the afternoon.

Website Officer descriptions: Kenji has not received ANY of the office descriptions he requested. He is about to start making things up unless you send something to him.

Gate FAQ: Elizabeth Turner is going to type something up. The Kingdom changes may affect that.

New Business

Acorn War: Sept 5-7th: Duke Amalric will be the event steward. The seneschal of Mountain's Edge has asked us if we want to help. They have shared the income from the event in the past when we have helped. We have made \$150-350 in recent years. Last year we had trouble finding volunteers because we had a lot of illness and volunteer burnout. (it will be a different time of year this time). Simon volunteers for coordinator.

12th night 2015: Weekend of January 11th. Adiantum was awarded the bid. They have negotiated \$89 rooms. There is every indication it will be epic. They are planning a roman bath!

TP Directory: Juliana is wishing to pass along the responsibility of the directory to someone else. She keeps a spreadsheet of the contact information for people who send it in, perhaps 3-4 names are added and the list resent to all people on list each quarter. Simon took on the responsibility and all the paper files were given to him.

Garage Sale: Tassi volunteered her house. We made \$600 one year from that location. Elena of Marnach suggested doing a garage sale in April in Lincoln city. There's a special weekend that a map is published and people come from miles away. It is \$15 to be on the list. Discussion tabled with nothing decided.

Fundraising ideas: 1) Barn sale at an event. Same kind of idea as garage sale, but selling SCA related stuff. 2) Lincoln City Cultural Center asks for people to teach classes to the public and we are able to charge a small fee. There is no charge by the center. We could carpool up, have people in garb and give us visibility on the coast.

Meeting ended: 9:15 pm



Maude of Terra Pomaria performing during the Briaroak Bardic Championship. Photo by: Fortune verch Thomas



Summits Spring Coronet

Lords and Ladies! The Barony of Terra Pomaria is pleased to host the Summits 2014 Spring Coronet. Please plan on joining us March 28-30th at Polk County Fairgrounds.

Registration is now open via mail and all details can be found at: Registration can be found at <http://terrapomaria.antir.sca.org/events/SSC/SSCprereg.php>

Please note that indoor site accommodations will require Pre-Registration. Pre-Registration is recommended for camping, but not required. Outdoor Camping will have a per night fee (\$6 Tent and \$8.50 RV) to guarantee space we encourage Pre-registration for the event. Space will be first come first serve for any sites that are remaining after Registration closes. Registration will remain open until March 14, 2014. Anyone needing medical accommodation at the event will need to register by February 28, 2014.

Be aware that this is a Dry Site. Drinking will only be allowed in the Tent/RV camp area, This will be strictly enforced. Smoking will be in limited designated areas only.

Friday night social will be a wonderful Masqued Ball. We will be having a People's Potluck on Saturday night. Details to be published shortly. There is no refrigeration or kitchen at this site. We will have limited power for Crockpots and kettles.

Please plan on bringing an Item based on your month of Birth with enough to serve 10-15 people.

January, May, September: Entrees/proteins (meats, cheese-based dishes, fish, etc.)

February, June, October: Vegetables/sallats (raw veg, cooked veg, vegetable-based salads with proteins, etc.)

March, July, November: Breads/grains/rice dishes (pilaf, breads with accompaniments, tabouli, etc.)

April, August, December: Fruits/nuts/sweetmeats

Please bring Period Style Dishes to Display your items and Detailed Ingredients lists. Gluten Free area will be available.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time and services to this great event please let me know.

Elena Marnach (Lindsay Thurlow) • elenamarnach@gmail.com • 541-614-0128 (no calls after 8pm please)

Bar Gemels

Come out to celebrate the beginning of the camping season at Bar Gemels, April 25-27, 2014. There will be activities for all ages. Enjoy the pageantry of the pas d'armes tournament, learn something new, and cheer on our children as they compete in the Youth Championship. These are only a few of the many activities you will find at Bar Gemels this year: Two heavy tournaments, rapier, archery, bardic, family activities, lthra classes, thrown weapons, and a brewing competition! Never fear if it is still too cold or wet for you to embrace pulling out your pavilion and camp kitchen. Both cabins and meal punch cards will be available through Pre-Reg.

Enjoy the food for which Bar Gemels has become famous! This year our Kitchen Maven has been working hard to provide period meals of Polish goodness for you to enjoy all weekend long.

Pre-Reg is open! For more information see the Terra Pomaria website at <http://www.terrapomaria.antir.sca.org/bargemels2.php>



Chronicler's Note: This first article was written by our Arts and Sciences Champion as part of her entry in the championship. The second article, starting on page 20, was also written by Lady Rowen Spiritwalker. In the second article she addresses the same process using a different approach.

Skirting and Washing Wool Fleece using Period Technique

By Lady Rowen Spiritwalker O.W.

Washing, or "scouring" is the process of removing excess lanolin, clinging dirt and excrement. Sheep, due to the amount of lanolin, (a waxy grease their skin produces), their grazing and browsing habits, and their love of laying down to chew their cud, tend to collect a lot of dirt and debris in their fleece. It was common practice in the Middle Ages to scour, or wash, the fleece before carding or combing to remove said foreign matter, and make the fleece easier to work with.

The first step is to lay the fleece out for "skirting", wherein the belly, crotch area, lower leg and neck wool is removed and discarded, leaving the "prime", or best useable fleece for further cleaning. (**Paula Simmons, "Spinning and Weaving with Wool", pgs 10-12**) (**Crowfoot/Pritchard/Staniland "Clothing and Textiles 1150-1450" page 17**) (**Buchanan, "A Weaver's Garden", pg 124**)



Half of Fleece laid out and ready to skirt



Skirting/removing unusable wool



Half of Fleece after skirting, ready to wash

The next step is the actual washing. For this I chose male human urine for this process (donated by my significant other), collected over a period of several weeks in several big plastic jugs, and then left to become stale and ferment over a period of several months. The urine breaks down into ammonia and uric acid, both of which are extremely efficient at dissolving and emulsifying waxy grease such as lanolin, and dirt.



Urine getting stale and fermenting. It sat around for a while – look at all the dust on the jug!

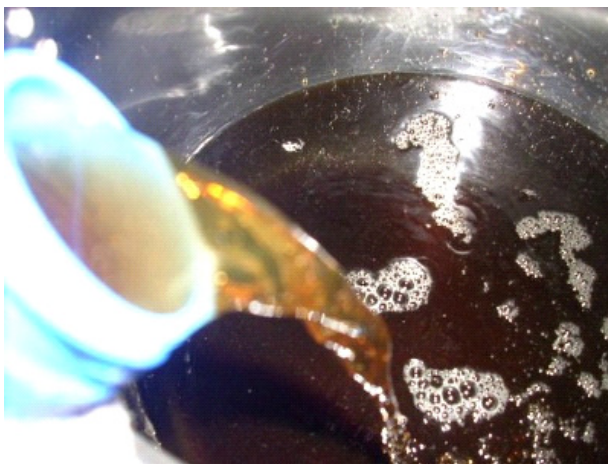


Pot awaiting its fate



Period Technique cont.

At the time of this project and writing of this article, I was living in the city limits of Canton, Ohio. In my area, City ordinances prohibited open fires within the City limits. So building a fire to heat the urine scour was out. For those reasons I chose to utilize a big pot on top of my “modern fire” - my 1915 Chambers gas range. The urine was poured in and heated to a simmer. (**Note:** Stale urine has a VERY strong out. For those reasons I chose to utilize a big pot on top of my “modern fire” - my 1915 Chambers gas range. The urine was poured in and heated to a simmer. (**Note:** Stale urine has a VERY strong odor.....I highly recommend opening lots of windows if you choose to try this technique indoors. The good news is that it dissipates quickly after the job is done and the urine disposed of.)



When the urine had reached a simmering state, I added the skirted fleece to the pot., using a wood stick to push the wool gently beneath the surface of the scour to ensure thorough saturation and cleaning.



I let the fleece simmer, periodically checking on it and gently to avoid over-agitation and felting....felting makes further preparation, i.e., carding/combining difficult if not impossible in the worst cases (**Leadbeater, “Handspinning” pg 27**) (**Hochberg, “Handspinner’s Handbook, pg 30**) turning it over with the stick, until the little samples I pulled from the main fleece were no longer sticky and I was satisfied it was clean enough to rinse, a period of about an hour.



Period Technique cont.

I then emptied the contents of the pot (fleece and scour) gently into my laundry sink, where it was allowed to drain until no more liquid ran from it. I rinsed the pot and filled it with clean water, heated it to simmer, and gently placed the fleece back into the pot with the aid of my “helper stick”.



Fleece draining in the laundry sink after scour. It is actually a lot cleaner than it looks. Remaining “particulate” or vegetable matter will be eliminated during carding or combing.



Fleece soaking in simmering rinse water. Already it is looking cleaner and whiter.

I let the fleece soak in its simmering rinse bath, turning it periodically with my stick and checking its progress until my “sample pieces” felt free of scour, about 30 minutes.. I then emptied the pot and contents into the laundry sink and allowed it to drain once again. After it had drained of most of its liquid, I gently squeezed the rest out and laid the fleece out to dry in a warm spot in my living room.



Fleece draining in the laundry sink. Much cleaner.



Fleece pulled apart and laid out to dry.

I periodically turned the fleece to ensure thorough drying. It was completely dry within 24 hours and ready for the next step in the process, which would be combing or carding in preparation for spinning.

Urine is an extremely efficient wool scour. It took just one hot soak and one hot rinse to achieve the results that two or three hot soaks/rinses achieve using dish or laundry soap. The wool does not have any residual odor, and is marvelous to handle and spin.



A Practical Approach to Wool Processing

By Lady Rowen Spiritwalker O.W.

A lot of people are apprehensive about washing and processing raw wool/fleece. There really is no reason to be; observe a few simple rules and your results will be good (nearly) every time.

Sheep are browsers and grazers; once they have filled their tummies, they like to lie down somewhere peaceful and digest their food.

They also produce lanolin, which waterproofs their fleece and protects it and their skin from the elements.

The combination of where they happened to lie down plus the lanolin, plus any hay or grain the shepherd/farmer tosses over the fence to them makes for what can appear to be more than some people want to take on.

In our “modern middle ages” it's a lot less labor intensive than it used to be. Especially if you have a top loading washer! Even if you don't it is still relatively easy - sometimes time consuming but easy - to wash your own wool and make it ready for spinning.

Not every raw fleece out there is worth the trouble. There are some so caked with barnyard (I said BARNYARD mud, not “simple” mud...there is a differ-

ence) mud and infiltrated with debris such as grain and alfalfa that it is really not worth the time, unless it happens to be something that you REALLY REALLY want to do. I have done many that no one else would touch - some were diamonds in the rough and some were just good for the practice.

The method I teach uses our “modern middle age conveniences” - if our ancestors had the opportunity to do so you better believe they would have. The point is to clean the wool/fleece so you can card/comb it into something you can use.

That being said.....Lets Begin!!!

How to wash Wool Fleece - Modern Method

Lay the fleece cut side down on the floor on a sheet or whatever you have handy.

Pick the straw/woodchips/what have you off of it and discard.

Also skirt (remove) any remaining really dirty stuff, i.e., crotch areas, belly, neck where the hay and grain got into it, etc if the shepherd didn't get it all before you got it, and discard.

Don't worry about dust and dirt that are “in” the fleece right now. You can pick it up and give it a few good gentle shakes to get loose stuff out though.

If you know how to turn your hot water heater up, do so. Anything over 140 degrees is good.

Washing Machine Method:

Set the machine on “hot wash”, and “large or extra large load”, add two or three (depending on how much lanolin is in the fleece - more lanolin, a little more soap) scoops/measuring caps of laundry detergent. Let it fill and agitate for a minute or so to dissolve the soap.

Stop the washer. Make sure it can't complete the cycle.

Very gently pull apart the wool in the middle of the fleece to make a good -sized hole.

Place the fleece in the washer, slipping the hole you made over the agitator, and gently push the fleece under the water. Doing it this way keeps the locks from separating overmuch. Close the lid on the washer, making sure you DID stop the cycle, and.....



A Practical Approach cont.

Go away for 45 minutes or so.

(A note about agitation - DON'T let the washer agitate. Moisture plus heat and agitation = felt. So make sure that washer is turned off till you want to spin it out.)

When you come back, set the washer on "spin" and let it spin the dirty soapy water out.

Depending on the amount of lanolin and dirt that was in the fleece, you may have to repeat this step once or twice more. Gently remove the fleece from the washer, wipe out any dirt, and repeat the process. For REALLY gunky gummy fleeces I add a cup of ammonia in the wash water.

(I can hear the gasps of horror but think - back in the day our ancestors used stale urine. Urine breaks down into uric acid and ammonia. Very effective way to clean fleece). When the fleece feels clean, do a rinse soak with hot water and a half cup of vinegar. This removes the rest of the soap (and ammonia if you used it) and restores the pH balance of the wool.

FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A WASHER.....

You can wash wool in the sink. Basically its a scaled-down process from the washer; hot water, and detergent - half a scoop

would be plenty - in your sink, a pound of fleece. Gently push the fleece under the water and let it soak for about 45 minutes. Pull the drain out and gently support the fleece with your hands till all the dirty water has run out. Repeat if necessary, then a final soak-rinse in hot water with a little vinegar.

DRYING

In the summer months I spread the fleece out on a sheet on my porch or lawn to dry; in the winter months I spread it out on a sheet on my living room floor. Anywhere is good as long as it gets some air. Turn it as necessary to ensure it dries.

Now.....for fleeces that have more than their share of vegetable matter in them.....I take the dried fleece down to my dryer, set it to "no heat", put the fleece in, set it for 60 minutes and go away till its done. Tumbling it in the dryer will remove a GREAT deal of grass, chaff, dust, etc. You can do this a couple of times to aid in getting it out.

CARDING/COMBING

At this point, you can card or comb it yourself, or have it sent to a processor such as Woolly Knob or any of the others to be made into roving. (Why wash beforehand? Because the proces-

sors charge you for incoming weight. Myself, I don't want to pay to have dirt and vegetable matter carded.)

If you are combing or carding yourself, and have the advantage of owning a wool picker, this would be the time to use it. (Wool pickers "pick" the fleece apart, making it easier to comb or card). If you don't have a wool picker, you can pull the locks apart by hand. This also helps any remaining vegetable matter/dust in the wool fall out.

Comb or card to your personal taste.

Ta-da, you just did it "from scratch"! Now HAVE FUN with it!