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NEWSLETTER OF THE BARONY OF THESCORRE

## FROM THE BARON & BARONESS

Several weeks ago, we went to an out-of-area event. We caravanned with friends, which wasn't unusual—we've often coordinated traveling plans together and made arrangements to get a block of hotel rooms.

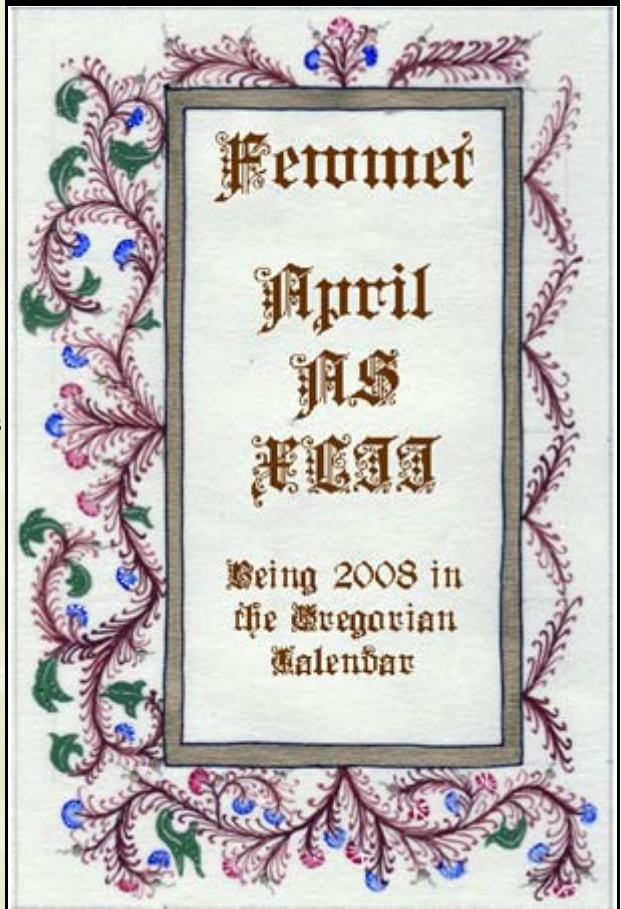
This time was different. This time, we did some things we haven't done for several years, some things that harken back to our earlier years in the SCA. We carpooled a friend with us, so as to share gas expenses, in addition to caravanning with some others so that we could keep tabs on each other via our cell phones during the bad weather, and we all crashed at a friend's house, on couches and air mattresses, so as to save the cost of renting rooms. We slept in sleeping bags in a living room with cats stomping all over us

all night just like we were college students again... and we had an absolute blast.

We've watched event attendance throughout the kingdom dropping for the past several years, and it's not surprising. The increasing cost of gas is hitting everyone hard, and it's making decisions to attend out-of-area SCA events harder and harder. The trend is a concerning one: groups reap less profits from events, even kingdom ones, and often end up raising onboard rates to compensate. Gentles rarely leave their immediate region, which leads to fewer teachers and attendance at academies, and less combatants at martial competitions. Fewer gentles recognize the names of candidates on kingdom order polls and more vote "abstain," thus giving less and less useful information to the Crown.

The result? We see a possible future where the SCA becomes more of a regional or even just a local game, with rare opportunities for meeting new friends, learning new things, and trying ones best against worthy opponents.

Although many aspects of Society are supported and enhanced by various forms of online interaction, the SCA is still a fundamentally \*personal\* social group. You don't learn a flat-snap by reading someone's blog. You can't smelt iron for blades via email. And you certainly can't prepare feasts solely by yourself.



Artwork by Lady Collette de Paris

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So, what do we do to prevent the narrowing circle of our favorite hobby? Certainly, carpooling, caravanning, and crashing are time-honored methods for cost-cutting while traveling. Are there things we can do for our own local events to make them more economical and enticing for gentles out of our area to come visit us?

Your thoughts are welcome... :)  
Eric & Katja

## FROM THE SENESCHAL

It has been a busy spring with the transition of two offices, College of Three Ravens, developing bids for our Baronial Champs event (May) and Pax (June), and a few changes to our Policies and Procedures.

Welcome to THL Athos, our new Thrown Weapons Marshal, and to our new Herald, Baron Fridrikr. I thank His Lordship Timothy and Her Ladyship Pleasance for their service in those respective offices.

Offices renewing in July are:

- Seneschal
- Fencing Marshal
- Thrown Weapons Marshal
- Steward

Please forward applications for those offices to me by the May business meeting.

Several changes to the Baronial Policies and Procedures were passed at our February Curia. These all came about as a result of my edit of the Policies and Procedures, and are all essentially housekeeping changes. These should appear in the new edition of the Policies and Procedures, to be released as soon as our Chroniclers/Webminsters can get to it. (*Note from Webbies: new Policies are up on the Website.*)

*1.3.4 Knight Marshal, 1.3.5 Archery Marshal, and 1.3.5.1 Thrown Weapons Marshal description of duties of the office:*

Old text: Send non-member practice

waivers to the kingdom waiver secretary on a monthly basis.

New text: Send practice waivers to the kingdom waiver secretary on a monthly basis.

Rationale for change: it's not just non-members who might have to sign a waiver.

#### *1.3.8 Minister of Arts and Sciences*

Old text: Keep track of possessions of the Baronial Arts and Sciences office.

New text: House and maintain possessions of the Baronial Arts and Sciences office.

Rationale: To be consistent with language for the other offices.

#### *2.6 Duties of Autocrats*

Old text: Send a copy of all event-related correspondence to the Archivist for inclusion in the Event File.

New text: Send a copy of all event-related correspondence to the Seneschal or designee for inclusion in the Event File.

Rationale: We don't have an Archivist. Plus, elsewhere in the document it says that the Seneschal or someone appointed by the Seneschal shall maintain this file.

I withdrew one proposed change at the February Curia because it was more substantial than a mere housekeeping change and people didn't have much time to consider it. So I'm proposing it for the next Curia.

#### **Proposed Change to Policies and Procedures section 1.5.4.1 for**

#### **Consideration at the July Curia**

Old text: In the event of an emergency, the designated deputy may fill the office only until the Seneschal has accepted applications and the selection process has taken place.

New text:

In the event of an emergency, the designated deputy may complete the remainder of the term. Alternatively, the Seneschal may appoint a contingency officer and/or call for applications.

1.5.4.1.1 Contingency officers may complete the remainder of the term.

1.5.4.1.2 If applications are taken, the selection process shall take place but may be expedited if necessary.

I'm proposing these changes to make management of emergency situations more practical. Elsewhere in our Procedures it states that officers need to have a designated contingency deputy in case they can't fulfill the duties of their office. It's not very practical to have that requirement but then require a call for applications in the event they are called upon for duty. 1.5.4.1.1 is proposed to provide some flexibility. 1.5.4.1.2 I added the part about expediting the selection process because that whole process takes a while to complete from the time applications are called for, and sometimes we need an officer faster than that.

That's all for now – happy Spring! Peregrine



#### **A Brief Message from the Chroniclers**

We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that got their submissions to us on time. It makes it a LOT easier for us to get the Fewmet together and out on time.

YiS,  
Sorcha & Donal



### 3/18/2008 Thescore Business Meeting

Adams Street Recreation Center  
Peregrine, Seneschale  
22 Thescoreans present

#### 1. College of Three Ravens

"We made money," Caradawc reported: \$8.03.

With 154 attendees, it was an average-sized C3R. He added that he called the site last week for feedback, and there were no questions or concerns. There is a small amount of lost & found, Collette noted: a pewter plate, a goblet, and a tumbler. Katja remarked that those sounded like the baronial high table feast gear (which has been used rarely in recent years).

#### 2. Baronial Champs

Sigvaldi reviewed the numbers for his proposed event, which he is scheduling for May 24 (Memorial Day weekend). The location is Diane & Tom's home in Hemlock, which is halfway between Livonia and Geneseo.

The budget is \$6 a head, breaking even at 46 attendants. Costs include \$175 for a handicapped portajohn, and \$100 for a sideboard lunch. He is proposing that feast be a potluck, and he will recruit someone to coordinate the dishes "so we don't get all desserts." Camping will be allowed for the Saturday night of the event.

He scheduled a site visit for Saturday, March 29, and invites all the baronial champions, marshals, Their Excellencies, and anyone else who is interested in seeing the site to go there in the morning.

The property is on a hill with plenty of flat areas. He cautioned, however, that parking is limited; they live at end of a road, so carpooling is suggested. He will ask someone to coordinate traffic during the event. Siggy noted that Tom & Diane had a wedding reception there with over 200 people, "so parking is possible if it's creative."

He has gotten confirmations from all the baronial marshals & champions and they're all planning

their tournaments, except the youth marshals-at-large. The only exception is Mairghread and Nivah, who said they and the kids have a mundane commitment that day and thus are unable to participate in the youth fighting championship. Siggy is contacting Anthony, the other local marshal-at-large and father of the current champion, Gabriel, to see if they are planning on attending. If there are no other entrants, Siggy said, he thinks he'll skip the championship this year and keep the current champion. Those present approved the event bid 17-0-2.

#### 3. Pax Interruptus

Eldjarn reviewed his bid for the event, which he has scheduled for June 27 to 29 (which is between AE Academy and July 4th weekend). Per the discussion at the last business meeting, he reworked the camping fees; camping (either one night or two) is \$6, site fee is \$6, and feast is \$6, with those under 18 paying half price.

If we get only 150 people, we will lose \$2, Eldjarn said... but he fully expects that we will draw more than 150 people. (The event will be a royal progress, with a local King and Queen.) His budget includes \$50 for miscellaneous expenses. He expects to limit onboard to 100. Yes, the campground will offer breakfast again on Sunday (\$4 for adults, \$2 for children). Those present approved the event bid 17-0-3.

Siggy will talk to Steffan about new baronial signs.

#### 4. Officer Reports

**Herald:** Fridrikr has several submissions in process. "If anyone wants to talk about arms, names, devices...that is the purpose of my life right now."

**MOL:** Bronwyn had nothing to report.

**Thrown Weapons:** Athos is slacking off and throwing only twice a week now, Bronwyn said, but he will hold

open practices at their home when it's less mucky (i.e., pretty soon).

**A&S:** Kadlin says we'll work on fencing hoods at the next social meeting, and there's a del patterning workshop this weekend at Roberta's. Nezhah will share tips on how to sew basic garb at the upcoming newcomers night at Richard & Suzanne's.

Brianna, her daughter, and her apprentice swept the Pent! Kadlin proclaimed. Vivant!!

**Web:** "We're working on a complete redesign of the website," Donal said. It's going slowly because Sorcha has been bombarded by school work, so it may take a few months. He announced that the GoDaddy ISP (which handles our website's domain) is up for renewal. It's \$67 for one year, \$120.73 for two years.

"Do we like them? Do we want to renew?" Katrina asked. Donal replied that they've been happy with the service so far. His only complaint is that the service offers only one FTP account and other providers give unlimited FTPs. After some discussion, those present approved a two-year renewal 15-0-5.

**Chronicler:** We're late, we're getting the Fewmet out today, Sorcha said. She asked that gentles please get them stuff before the first of the month.

**Exchequer:** We have \$2,371.21 in checking and \$3,158.44 in savings, Alina reported. "We spent a lot of money in the first couple of months of the year, so I'm contemplating moving \$500 from savings to checking."

**Chatelaine:** We have a newcomers night coming up on March 28, Siggy reported. Thanks to Richard & Susanna for offering their home and to Nezhah for offering to teach garb. After the class, we'll spend the rest of the night telling stories and having a good time. Bring snacks!

**Archery:** We have no practice on Easter Sunday, Cedric reminded.

**Fencing:** Peregrine read Yasmina's report, who wrote that she has \$31 left over from the funds she received to buy loaner gear, and she'd like to use that to buy a baronial drop tester. Katja explained that the only drop tester in the barony is the regional marshal one that Eric has, so it makes sense to spend the funds and have a baronial one for testing fabrics for rapier armor. Alina noted that cash advances are supposed to be cleared within 30 days, so she wants Yasmina to spend this money quick or else give it back and request more funds specifically for the drop tester.

In other fencing news, Siggy authorized in single rapier and single dagger, and he is beta-testing one of the new loaner hoods. Siggy noted that the hoods is great because you can fit a mask underneath... "but you can't hear squat."

**Rattan:** Fight practice continues on Mondays, Vettius said. There's nothing more to report.

**Seneschale:** Peregrine reported that the development of possible new SCA group south of us is continuing, and we are discussing zip codes.

**Baron & Baroness:** We attended the Stormsport winter event, Katja reported, where we had a wonderful time retaining and socializing with friends and were thrilled to see Collette be inducted into the Order of the Fleur. Vivat!

We attempted to drive out to Ice Dragon nice and early, but evil gremlins brought down our carriage en route. Eldjarn kindly left the event to collect Katja so she could deliver a scroll for court that

evening, while Eric spent the afternoon reading a book while waiting in a garage. Several hundred ducats later, Eric was able to arrive at the event... in time for Court. Thus, we were thrilled to be able to see Lady Dehka receive her AOA, Talia earn a Silver Alce, and Peregrine & Alison be inducted into the Order of the Millrind. Vivant!!!! We were thrilled to learn that Brianna won the Pent! We were happy to view the gorgeous entries in the Pent... and to see that Thescoreans had volunteered for the tavern, the scribal/heraldic table, and a large amount of the running of the Pent. We raise a glass to you all.

Katja noted that she had passed along a request recently from Their Majesties for kingdom award medallions, since They are in short supply. Richard had asked her several weeks ago what the request meant, and she had explained. She grinned, then held up a wooden box filled with over 150 wooden medallion blanks, all cut from oak, walnut, cherry, and other beautiful woods. She handed out blanks to whoever wanted them that night, and said she would bring them (and paints) to the next social meeting so that we can make Keystones, Sycamores, Golden Alces, Millrinds, Fleurs, and Gages. She encourages gentles to paint, woodburn, and etch them – whatever art they prefer. She asked that the medallions be finished in time for Coronation so that we may present a basket of them, with neck cords, to Their Highnesses.

**RavenSong:** Cedric videotaped the choir's performance at College of Three Ravens and uploaded it to YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7IzAolWXIo>. Rehearsals continue on Sundays at Kadlin &

Siggy's home. We could use some tenors!

**Brewing:** Eldjarn & Sorcha said the brewers plan to meet on April 26.

**Scribal:** We had two new people at scribal, Collette said. We're now holding it at Roberta's house, still on the first Wednesday of every month from 7 to 9.

**Dance & Drum:** Carlo reported that the drummers are practicing "a nifty little rhythm that Khalek wants when the hat is plunked on his head." There is a separate rhythm for Branwyn, and whenever They process into Court (after Coronation) They would like the drummers to play her rhythm. "Khalek said her rhythm is joyful, and it's all about her," Carlo remarked. There has been dancing as well.

**Court & Country Dance:** holding its own with extremely few people, please come out, lots of fun, 2d and 4th Wednesdays of the month

## 5. Miscellaneous

Honoria related that she helped judge at Ice Dragon, and she would be happy to work with gentles in the future on their documentation or help them find people who can help them with their chosen. She mentioned this because she saw a number of really amazing entries at the Pent that didn't score as well as they could "because the entrant didn't grok documentation." She added that she "would really like to see more people kick butt in the future -- we're a really artistic barony."

Lastly, she urged gentles to write award recommendations now so Their Highnesses have plenty of time for scribes to make scrolls.



**4/1/2008 Thescorre Social Meeting**

Adams Street Recreation Center  
 Kadlin, A&S Officer  
 16 Thescorreans present

Gentles sewed dells and fencing hoods or painted kingdom award medallions while socializing or doing other crafts. Peregrine accepted reservation checks for Coronation, and she will email Cori tonight with the names and deliver the payment in person at the event.

A fun, productive meeting! <smile>

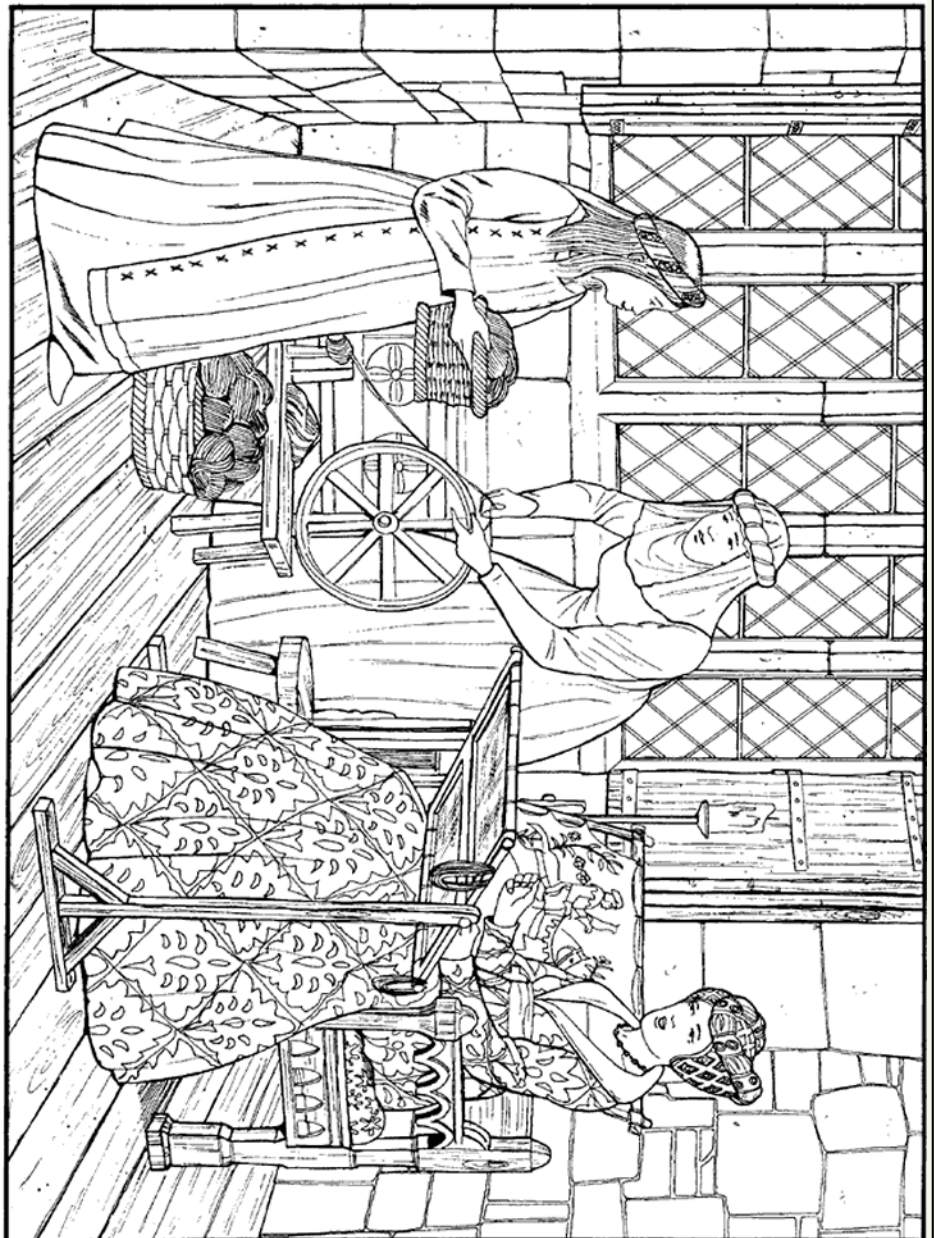
**FOR THE KIDS**

I ran out of time to put something really fun together, so I decided to find something on the internet that would make up for it and I definitely did! I have found a site Skipton Castle <http://www.skiptoncastle.co.uk/family.asp?page=5> that has lots of great activities for the kids. Here's one of their coloring pages as an example.

Enjoy!  
 Sorcha



**Colouring Card**  
**Skipton Castle - The Withdrawing Room**



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**Archery** Haiko  
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**Bardic Champs** Dehka & Ye Jian

**Fencing** Lady Yasmina  
**Heavy Weapons** Lord Decimus  
**Thrown Weapons** Ye Jian Ying (aka Hawk)  
**Youth Fighting** Gabriel

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## REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Fewmet endeavors to publish information as up to date as possible, but changes occur. Please check Thescore's Yahoo Group for last minute postings or consult with the appropriate officer/coordinator listed in

### Baronial Social Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month

### Baronial Business Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the month

7:30-9pm, 2nd floor, Adam's Street Recreation Center 85 Adam's Street Rochester, NY

### Martial Arts

#### Archery

Sundays 1-2pm  
RIT Archery Range

#### Rapier (Fencing)

Mondays 7-9pm  
Adams Street Recreation Center

#### Armored Combat

Mondays 6:30-9pm  
Adams Street Recreation Center

#### Thrown Weapons

Sundays 2:30pm & Thursdays 6:30pm  
At the home of Timothy & Alison

### Arts & Sciences

#### Western European Dance

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 7-9pm  
Adams Street Recreation Center

#### M.E. Dance & Drumming

Mondays 7-9pm  
Adams Street Recreation Center

#### Cauldron Bleu Cook's Guild

2nd Tuesday each month, 7:30-9pm  
At the home of Devon & Daedra

#### Brewer's Guild

Watch the Yahoo Group

#### Threadworker's Company

See Online Calender

#### Armor Workshop

Thursdays 5:30-?  
At the home of Vettius

#### Ravensong

see [www.thescore.org/Ravensong/RavensongHome.html](http://www.thescore.org/Ravensong/RavensongHome.html)

### SONNET 43

by William Shakespeare



When most I wink then do mine eyes best see,  
For all the day they view things unrespected,  
But when I sleep, in dreams they look on thee,  
And darkly bright, are bright in dark directed.  
Then thou whose shadow shadows doth make bright  
How would thy shadow's form, form happy show,  
To the clear day with thy much clearer light,  
When to unseeing eyes thy shade shines so!  
How would (I say) mine eyes be blessed made,  
By looking on thee in the living day,  
When in dead night thy fair imperfect shade,  
Through heavy sleep on sightless eyes doth stay!  
All days are nights to see till I see thee,  
And nights bright days when dreams do show thee me.



Shakespeare