

J E W M E T

NEWSLETTER OF THE BARONY OF THESCORRE

FROM THE BARON & BARONESS

Known World events

While Eric drove to Cincinnati to enjoy Known World Academy of the Rapier on November 8 (see his comments below), I and Daedra merrily carpooled that same weekend to BMDL to attend Known World Bardic College and Cooks Collegium. (I presented a class on how I used the frugal feasts advice I gathered from roundtable discussions in the past year to be well under budget for Fall Coronation dinner.)

Other locals at our event included Fridrikr and former Thescorreans Olivia and Gwendolyn, all of whom taught classes. We ate absolutely delicious meals while making new friends, attended wonderful classes on singing, storytelling, and food history, and listened rapt-eyed and eared to the nightly beautiful, raucous, and inspiring bardic circles. (I must have braided yards and yards of kumihimo cord while listening to the performances that weekend, with Baron Dur patiently helping me unsnarl the threads the first evening as I wound the bobbins.) The event was heavily attended by MidRealm and EastRealm bards, but boasted gentles from kingdoms all across the nation (including Society A&S officer Garraed, and yes, he sang!! Holy cow, that man has a stunningly rich voice.).



The food-oriented classes included lectures on period Ottoman, Mongol/Chinese, German, and Anglo-Saxon cuisine, and discussions on effective feast planning, portion control, and timing, as well as some hands-on demonstrations on Turkish cuisine, gingerbread, and biscotti. I was thrilled to finally chat face-to-face with several master cooks I've admired from the SCA-Cooks list, such as Mistresses Kiri, Hauviette, and Helewyse, and seeing dear old friends like Dirk.

We were quite touched that the event organizers placed several newcomers specifically in our cabin, knowing that Daedra and I "would not frighten them." (One was not truly a newcomer – Tracey was the head cook of an event I attended last spring and she remembering me playing in her kitchen.) We, of course, ended up talking far too late at night about singing and dancing and food and everything else. The weekend was chilly and wet and tiring, but utterly, thoroughly enjoyable. In short, a very memorable event!!

Known World Academy of the Rapier 2008

KWAR was hosted this year in the Kingdom of the Middle, in the Barony of Fenix (Fort Mitchell KY). It was well attended by many of the leading lights of the rapier world, including the Premier White Scarf, Master Tivar Moondragon, and the artisans of Darkwood Armory. The venue was a charming hotel/conference center with a medieval theme (including a

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meeting hall named the "Grendel Room," heh heh). Most of the attendees were from the MidRealm, although there were attendees from as far away as northern British Columbia. There were continuous classes and rapier tournaments throughout the two days of the event, and a Meet 'n' Greet party (with a cash bar) in the hall each evening.

Newcomer Nights

We participated in the most recent Newcomer Night, once again graciously hosted by Richard & Suzanne at their lovely castle. We loved hearing others' stories of being in the SCA, and we answered questions about the different kinds of coronets and how the job of baron & baroness differs from the seneschal, as well as shared some of our favorite memories. Afterward, we enjoyed a silly late-night dinner with Dubheasa and Eldjarn and a lovely slow drive through the falling snow.

Laurel Parade

Several of Thescore's drummers performed in Mistress Gabrielle's elevation ceremony at Have Fun Storming the Castle while Nezhah, Mairead, and I bellydanced in the procession (which included Japanese drummers, Celtic marchers, and children leading fantastical creatures). We applaud Raven Raqs Beladi for honoring a fellow bard on her special day... and it was a lot of fun!

In closing, we look forward to polling our baronial orders soon and we wish everyone peace and happiness this holiday season.

Eric & Katja



COLLEGE OF THREE RAVENS - FEBRUARY 28, BARONY OF THESCORRE

The Barony of Thescore will host its annual schola on Saturday February 28, 2009 at the Ukrainian Hall 3176 St Paul Blvd., Rochester NY 14617.

The event will feature a day of classes and those gentles interested in teaching should contact Lady Collette de Paris, dean of classes (585-957-2927 or Collette@thescore.org).

The adult day fee of \$10 includes lunch (children under 15 - \$5, babe in arms are free)
There is a family cap of \$30 for site only. A \$3 non member surcharge will be collected at the door for adults without proof of membership.

This site has a bar serving beer and wine. Please do not bring in alcoholic beverages.
Site is handicap accessible and has a large parking lot.

Feast will be prepared by Lady Nezhah bint Saleem. Adult feast is \$7 (children under 15 - \$3.50).

Please send reservations to Suzanne of Schloss Von Tannenaker and Richard von Tanner (Susan and Richard Fink):
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C H A L L E N G E F R O M T H E B A R O N I A L A R T S & S C I E N C E S C H A M P I O N

Calling ALL Thescorreans! Ice Dragon is upon us (well, almost). And Thescorre is READY! Right?

Well, I sure hope so! I'm entering a number of items (maybe as many as 5) in Ice Dragon. And I CHALLENGE YOU to enter at least one item, too. Let's see how many entries Thescorre can put into Ice Dragon this year. Let's show Aethelmarc and the Known World that Thescorre is the Highly Industrious & Very Artistic Barony!

In service, in fun, & in hopes that YOU will enter Ice Dragon!

Fridrikr inn gamli Tomasson, Baronial A&S Champion



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1.4.2 Offices renew as follows

- Odd years, January 1: Minister/ Mistress of Lists, Knight Marshal, Chatelaine.
- Odd years July 1: Minister/Mistress of Arts and Sciences, Exchequer, Chirurgeon
- Even years, January 1: Chronicler, Captain of Archers, Pursuivant, Seneschal

Even years, July 1: ~~Seneschal~~, Steward, Fencing Marshal, Thrown Weapons Marshal

5.1 The term of office of the Baron/Baroness is ~~four (4)~~ three (3) years, starting on the day of their investiture. Investiture shall take place at Pax Interruptus, unless unforeseen circumstances dictate otherwise.

5.2 Vote of Confidence: At the September business meeting Eight months prior to the end of a Baronial term, ~~the Seneschal will conduct an anonymous vote of confidence of the membership of the Barony at a business meeting concerning the Baron/Baroness continuing in office. Advice from the Baronial officers will be considered.~~ the Seneschal shall conduct an anonymous vote concerning the populace's confidence in the Baron/Baroness continuing in office. If the polling reveals a lack of confidence of 33.3% or greater from the populace and 33.3% or greater from the current officers, then the Seneschal shall conduct a formal mailing. If the mailing results in a majority lack of confidence (i.e., 51% or greater), the Baron/Baroness must step down at the completion of their current term.

5.3 Term limits are one ~~three-four~~ year term plus up to three extensions, with the Baronage specifying either one or two years each time, for a total of up to nine years ~~three two year terms for a total of ten (10) years.~~ However, the Baron and/or Baroness may step down at any other time as they desire (see Sections 5.5.4 and 5.5.5).

5.3.1 Announcement of Intention: The current Baron/Baroness will announce their intention, to continue in office for one or two years or step down, at on or before Baronial Court at Pennsic ~~The College of Three Ravens in the final year of their current term.~~ If it proves necessary to conduct a ballot for a new Baron/Baroness, the procedure outlined in section 5.4 will commence at the next Barony meeting.

5.4.2.1 The nomination period for the Baronial succession will open at the ~~first baronial business~~ October social meeting, following publication in the Fewmet of their Excellencies' intent to step down, and will remain open for a total of three consecutive meetings.

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Adams Street Center
Eldjarn, Seneschal
18 Thescorreans present

1. Officer reports

Steward: “We have stuff. It lives in the basement,” Steffan reported. “There is actually a current list of stuff that the barony owns. I will get it up on the Thescorre website when I remember to do it at the same time that I am someplace that I actually have the list (like at home, instead of a work).”

“The road signs are living in the garage right now – they were muttering something about ‘We are outdoor devices and the basement is too cramped and we miss the scent of motor oil and gasoline.’ (They are a bit damaged, after all.) So, I let them stay in the garage.”

“They do note that they are lonely because there are only six of them now, and that it might not be enough of a crowd to be able to handle directions to an oddly placed site. There was a brief attempt to acquire sign frames, but that went nowhere so we need to start this activity again.”

Chirurgeon: Phillipe had nothing to report.

Knight Marshal: “Actually...” Athos admitted ruefully that he broke his pinkie finger at a recent practice from a blow to his hand, and Gregarious got a minor cut on his face from an armor (helmet) failure. He has reported both injuries to the kingdom Earl Marshal.

Baronial Fight Practice has been held weekly on Mondays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the recreation center. Some practices have been cancelled due to mundane holidays. The knight marshal, Vettius, has been unable to attend regularly due to prior injuries, so Athos has been running practices. During the 15 practices he’s overseen, Athos said there was a range of two to nine fighters. “We have a few new fighters with less than one year of fighting, and a couple fighters in the 10- to 20-year range. We continue to show moderate activity, however, there are probably 10 additional authorized/ experienced fighters in the area that generally do not make the practice for a variety of reasons.”

He noted that he had no information on the current status of the baronial loaner armor, other than we have some and most of it is in active use.

As of early November, Athos has assumed the role of Baronial Knight Marshal due to Vettius’ continuing health issues. Due to mundane conflicts, he is moving baronial practice from Mondays to Thursdays, same time and location. He added that he’s already cleared the change with Joe, who runs the recreation center.

Thrown Weapons: Weekly practices occur at Athos’ home, primarily on Sundays but also on some Fridays. There were 17 Practices held during this period. Participation ranged from two to seven throwers. Many Royal Round scores were thrown and submitted, with many individuals showing great personal improvement. “A lot of people have done really well; we’ve done a great job in getting more people doing it.”

Practices will continue through the winter, although it is expected that the frequency and participation will be variable.

Athos listed the current loaner equipment. The axe heads and knives are in good condition. Some of the handles are marginally acceptable and no spare handles are available. So, he is requesting baronial funds for additional handles soon. As participation has increased it may be advisable to purchase more knives and axes. He added that he often uses some of his own equipment as loaner.

Athos said that he drove recently to Ragnar’s home in the Hael to buy more axes and knives for his personal use, and Ragnar was willing to cut a deal: the cheapest axes were \$35 a piece, while the knives were \$10.50. So, he estimated that he needed roughly \$150 for replacement handles and some new knives and axes. After Sigvaldi commented that “We’ve had several instances of three to four people sharing axes and knives,” Katrina moved that the barony approve up to \$200 for new TW equipment. Those present approved the expenditure 11-0-4. Alina reminded Athos that he will need to clear the advance within 30 days from the time he gets the check.

Archery: Cedric reported that weekly practice moved indoors on November 9 to Creekwood Archery in Brockport; practice begins at 12:30 and is \$8 per hour. There is no practice the weekend after Thanksgiving. Jim’s Pro Shop may be open for practice after Thanksgiving. We have nine archers on the kingdom royal round list.

Rapier: Practices occur on Mondays, Padraig reported, with a steady attendance of four people. He said that one of the foil blades had to be retired, and he doesn't know if it can be fixed. He is willing to run extra practices on the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month, if gentles are interested. He added that one of the fencers, Phillipe, has authorized in three forms: case, single, and dagger.

Arts & Sciences: There have been regularly scheduled practices for most of the guilds, Kadlin reported. We had a garb fashion show at the last social meeting in November, and she strongly encouraged gentles to dress in garb for the December social Yule. RavenSong is scheduled to perform at the social. She brought to everyone's attention the society-wide A&S 50 Challenge, which is to do 50 of something by 2015. There are many different ways to do this, she noted. Ideas for future social meeting topics is greatly appreciated.

Chatelaine: There was a very successful Newcomer Night at Phelan and Mairead's home two months ago, Sigvaldi said. The recruitment drive has died down a bit, and there has not as much as email lately. He intends to step down from the job in January, and Richard & Suzanne are interested in taking over. He is willing to act as deputy until they are comfortable with the job. Another Newcomers Night is scheduled for this Friday at their home; the topic is Pointy Hats. He added that he hope we can continue to hold such activities every three months.

Chronicler:

*"A blank piece of paper is all you receive,
How you ask, could this be?
No submissions come in,
Oh what a sin,
So a blank piece of paper you receive."*

As always, Sorcha said, we need more from the Barony to make the Fewmet more than just filler. Thank you to those that have submitted work and for those who haven't... Why not??? Also, we need cover art. I've been using my own stuff for a while now, with only a couple actual submissions.

Web Minister: We still have a website, Donal reported. Sorry that we've not gotten to changing the look yet, but with Sorcha going to school full time it's been on the back burner. Templates have been started, but some areas could use some dusting and re-arranging so we haven't wanted to start and have a half done job out there.

The Yahoo Group has had 14 subscriptions and two unsubscriptions since the last Curia.

Sorcha added that she's willing to offer new links to add to the webpage, and she welcomes help on figuring out which ones are broken.

Herald: We have heraldry in Thescorre, Fridrikr reported. He hopes to step down and have Bronwyn replace him at C3R.

Exchequer: The balance is low right now because we've had to pay the site fee and deposit for College of Three Ravens (\$1,060). We have \$1,766.24 in checking and \$3,163.73 in savings. She reported that she has finished the third quarter report and given it to the regional exchequer. (Editorial note: Alina is the regional. <smile>)

The barony has a net loss of \$757.59 as of September 30. She added that we received \$199.68 from the Shire of Heronter as reimbursement for the barony ingredients used for Fall Coronation.

Mistress of Lists: Bronwyn reported that she performed MOL duties for the heavy weapons tourney at Summer's End in the Rhydderich Hael on September 13 and at Have Fun Storming the Castle, also in the Hael, on November 15. The latter event had heavy weapons, youth heavy (which Gabriel won), fencing, and youth fencing.

Seneschal: Eldjarn noted that the MOL, knight marshal, and chatelaine offices are all up for renewal in January. There has been some interest already, and decisions on the offices will be made at next month's meeting. He has officer bid forms if anyone else is interested in applying.

Baron & Baroness: Since the last Baronial Curia, Katja reported, one or both of us attended Pennsic (where we handed out several awards), A Shote in the Wildewood, Summer's End, AÆthelmarc Coronation, Known World Bardic College & Cooks Collegium, Known World Academy of the Rapier, and Have Fun Storming the Castle. We also attended various baronial practices and meetings, including thrown weapons, fencing, fighting, RavenSong, Cauldron Bleu cooks guild, and archery. We also attended related activities, such as the House Vetti wedding and Duke Sir Morghun's memorial, as well as the latest Newcomer Night.

Please send us recommendations for our baronial orders, she asked, or we won't have many awards at C3R. She agreed to provide an updated list of recent inductees to the webministers.

Western Dance: We have no more practices in 2008, Peregrine reported, since two of the three remaining practices

are right before holidays. We've had great attendance lately, she said happily.

Brewing: We had an unofficial tasting at our Halloween party, Sorcha said. We need to set a time for regular meetings and post the meeting to the list to see who is interested in attending.

RavenSong: Yasmina has officially assumed the role of director and Kadlin is assistant director. After uploading the first updates to the website, Yasmina said, she's realized just how much work Eilionora put into this! She added that the choir plans to brainstorm submission designs for a RavenSong badge. (They plan to make baldrics instead of tabards.) Plus, they would like to buy/make matching song folders so the choir looks more uniform and spiffy. RavenSong will perform at the December social meeting, as well as at the gift-wrapping demo at Borders. There may be a joint performance with the Debateable Choir at 12th Night, and we also will sing at C3R. We are desperately in need of altos and tenors, she added.

Chamberlain: Orianna reported that there have been no local events since the last Curia, so she has not done anything.

2. Policy proposals

First, Peregrine presented her proposal to revise the policies to cover emergency situations when an officer needs to step down. Currently, she said, the seneschal needs to go through a selection process, which takes months. If an officer steps down close to the end of his or her term, it's kind of pointless since we have contingency deputies specifically for the purpose of stepping in. So, she suggests changing the policy wording to give the seneschal more latitude in handling it, depending upon the situation. This would mean we don't have to call for bids, wait a month, etc. Those present passed Peregrine's proposal 14-0-1.

Second, Katja presented a number of changes, one to the seneschal term and several to the baron & baroness, explaining that after talking to several gentles she wished to make the time commitment a little easier to whoever succeeds her and Eric, as well as clarifying some procedures to make the process easier for the seneschal. Those present voted on the paragraphs separately after some discussion of each.

The first proposal change shifted the seneschal's two-year term from July to July to run January to January, specifically so that the seneschal and baron & baroness would not change again at the same time. Alina wanted to verify that

the exchequer and seneschal wouldn't change now at the same time; they won't, those offices will change six months apart. Those present approved the change 13-0-3.

The second change reduced the baron & baroness' initial term of office from four years to three years, so that Thescorre will be in line with five of the other baronies in the kingdom. Those present approved the change 12-0-2.

The third change revised the vote of confidence section, stating that the vote will occur at the September business meeting (rather than simply eight months prior to the end of a baronial term). This revision explains specifically how to do the vote of confidence, and is intended to give the populace and officers equal weight in the vote. Those present approved the change 13-0-2.

The fourth proposal changed the length of the baronage term extensions from one four-year term with three two-year extensions (for a total of up to 10 years) to one three-year term with three one- or two-year extensions (for a total of up to nine years). Katja said she hoped the term flexibility would give more options to gentles who are considering pursuing the office. Those present approved the change 12-0-2.

The fifth proposal revised the announcement of intention, moving the announcement from College of Three Ravens to Baronial Court at Pennsic. Katja said she and Eric felt the announcement should be at a formal ceremony like a court, not just at a meeting. She added that the last two baronages have announced their intention to step down at Pennsic. In addition, she felt it was valuable for the election to be done by mid winter so that the heirs would have more time to learn the job and poll the orders for awards at Pax. Those present approved the change 13-0-2.

The sixth and final proposal changed the nomination period from the first baronial business meeting after the announcement of intention to specifically the October social meeting. Those present approved the change 12-0-3.

Per the new approved procedures, Katja immediately asked Eldjarn to schedule a vote of confidence for herself and Eric (since they are in the third year of their elected four-year term) so that they may serve at least another year. After some discussion as to whether it should be the December meeting (which is often cancelled due to the holidays) or the February Curia, Eldjarn said he did not think the vote of confidence was necessary in this case, since Eric & Katja were voted in for four years. Those present agreed that Eric & Katja are "grandfathered" under the old policies.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

January 10, 2009 **Kingdom Twelfth Night** Shire of Riversedge (Meadville, PA)

January 10, 2009 **Shire of Sylvan Glen 12th Night** Shire of Sylvan Glen (Martinsburg, WV)

January 11, 2009 **BMDL 12th Night** Barony-Marche of Debatable Lands (Dorseyville, PA)
<http://www.debatablelands.org/>

The site will open at 2pm and close at 8pm. It is a wet site. There will be many festivities, including a bardic competition and Baronial Court. The event site is at the Dorseyville Fire Hall located at 100 Charles St, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238.

January 17, 2009 **St.Swithin's Bog 12th Night,an Italian Festival** Barony of St. Swithin's Bog (Jennerstown, PA)
<http://stswithinsbog.org/events.html>

Let us now celebrate all things Italian! Our 12th Night event will take place at our traditional site, Green Gables in Jennerstown, PA, (no street address) in what is appropriately named the Tuscany Room, a period-looking hall with parquet floors, vine-covered mullioned windows, stone walls, and enormous tree-trunk columns holding up a cathedral ceiling.

January 17, 2009 **Sterlynge Schola 2009** Shire of Sterlynge Vayle (Binghamton NY)
<http://www.sterlyngevayle.org/site.html>

The Site opens to the populace at 9:00am and closes at 6:00pm. We are planning classes from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch at noon. Anyone found still lingering in the halls or classrooms after 6:00 p.m. may be pressed into service for site clean up.

Dame George Anne has agreed to serve as Dean of the Schola. We have plenty of classrooms and would encourage all interested teachers to come and share their knowledge and all eager students to attend. We are hoping to have scribal, sewing, brewing, dancing, martial, heraldry and other classes. Please contact Dame George Anne, MKA Georg-Karen Hawks, if you would like to teach a class, or if you have any questions regarding the classes being offered.

January 31, 2009 **Courtlandtslot's A&S Workshop** Shire of Courtlandtslot (Marathon NY)
<http://courtlandtslot.aethelmearc.net/events/asworkshop2009.htm>

Ice Dragons around the corner! Have you started a project or need some ideas? Come join us on Jan. 31 from 10-5 at the Masonic Lodge at 28 Main st, Marathon NY , 13830 . Bring a project to work on or just come see what everyone is doing.

As last year, Seguire promises a substantial all day side board.

January 31, 2009 **Steltonwald Twelfth Night** Canton of Steltonwald (Sewickley, PA)
<http://www.steltonwald.org/twelfthnight.shtml>

Twelfth Night is a time to celebrate with feast and merriment. A time to join together before the hibernation of the cold winter. Come and join us as we celebrate the season and the accomplishments of the year that's passed. Steltonwald Twelfth Night will commence at 12 noon on Saturday January 31, 2009 with visiting, a fine luncheon side board and stories of the past. We are also pleased to host the Vigils of our own Canton members, Geoffrey fitz David and Gianna di Aurelio.

Court will be held at 4:00 pm. After court, we will continue with our tradition of an elegant catered dinner at 6:30 pm followed by a merry gift exchange (suggested gift cost of \$20.00). The site is a damp. Feast must be pre-registered by January 23, 2009 and is limited to 50 gentles.

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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, + 1st & 4th Wed. of each month
Adams Street Recreation Center

Armored Combat

Thursdays 6:30-9pm
Adams Street Recreation Center

Thrown Weapons

Watch the Yahoo Group
At the home of Athos

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

http://www.thescore.org/Threadworkers_Company/Threadworkers/Schedule.htm

Armor Workshop

Thursdays 5:30-?
At the home of Vettius

Ravensong

www.thescore.org/Ravensong/RavensongHome.html

SONNET 58

by William Shakespeare



That god forbid, that made me first your slave,
I should in thought control your times of pleasure,
Or at your hand th' account of hours to crave,
Being your vassal bound to stay your leisure.
O let me suffer (being at your beck)
Th' imprisoned absence of your liberty,
And patience tame to sufferance bide each check,
Without accusing you of injury.
Be where you list, your charter is so strong,
That you your self may privilege your time
To what you will, to you it doth belong,
Your self to pardon of self-doing crime.
I am to wait, though waiting so be hell,
Not blame your pleasure be it ill or well.



Shakespeare