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NEWSLETTER OF THE BARONY OF THESCORRE

FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

As I write this, I am listening to the lovely, ethereal sound of RavenSong's voices entwining and swirling together to the words of Dona Nobis Pacem just a few feet away from me. I believe you all will be as enthralled as I am when you hear them perform at College of Three Ravens in a few short weeks. :)

Heeding a suggestion from Their Majesties, I went to an event recently purely for the fun of it: Heralds & Scribes. Being neither strong of voice like my lord nor particularly skilled with brush or quill like he is, I would not normally go to an event focusing on just those arts. So, why did I go? A little explanation is in order...

On the day of Their Coronation, Duncan and Ilish had asked all of us landed barons & baronesses to think about how we could have more fun at events and to ask those in our groups for their ideas. After quietly seeking thoughts from several friends (more small themed events, activities like live chessboards, different battle scenarios, etc.), we looked at our event schedule for the next six months.

As many of you know, there are several recurring events we are expected to at-

tend if at all possible, both by tradition and by the populace's specific request during our election:

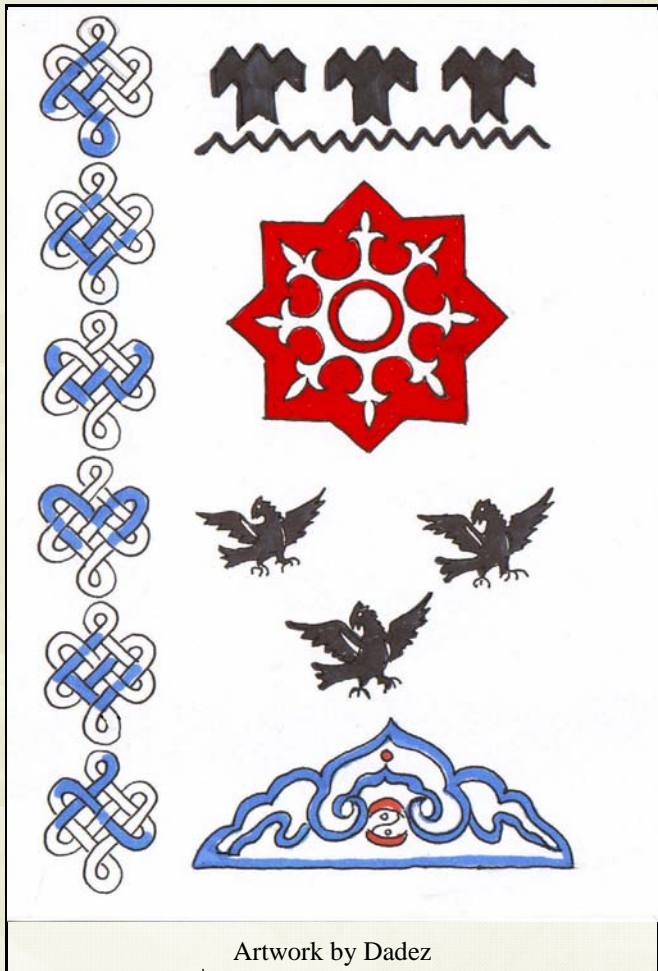
Coronation (so we can swear fealty), Crown (so as to witness the next heir), several activities at Pennsic, Aethelmearc War Practice, Twelfth Night, all Thescorre events, any event at which there is a Seven Pearls tournament, and nearby group events such as Ice Dragon and Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins. While we enjoy these events and that's certainly not as many events as the number Their Majesties or Their Highnesses attend, that's still a lot of events that we feel we "have to" attend.

So, we looked for one or two events for which we have no obligations, ones where we could meet new people and learn new things. Hence, us attending Horses, Hawks, and Hounds, where Eric rode a wooden horse while jousting at a dummy and I played in the kitchen I've never cooked with before. We had an absolute and total blast!

Back to last weekend, when I went to H&S... I wandered into a class on how to be a local pursuivant, at which I learned how a herald not only preps for court but

also handles the research and paperwork for name & device submissions. I sat through part of a remarkable class on the charming and inventive period methods of fixing spelling mistakes: drawing red dots, little people, or pulleys to lift or drop the correct word or missing letter into place! I listened to Matilda skillfully encourage gentles to devise scroll wordings on the fly for all of the accolades in Aethelmearc.

But the high point was a howlingly



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funny and remarkably educating "Moot Court," where heralds-to-be tried their hand at performing scrolls Her Highness bestowed on various individuals, some real, some fake. I have not cried until tears ran from my eyes for a long, long time! I'm betting that the Order of the Roaring Mouse will rear its head again some time, and if you get a chance to see this Moot Court at C3R, I *strongly* recommend it.

Needless to say, I had a thoroughly enjoyable time. I made some new friends, learned several new things, and felt very energized at the end of the day. I hope we can continue attending some other non-obligated events this year, such as ones for thrown weapons & archery or metalworking ones. Perhaps we will end up carpooling more, to share the cost of gas with friends and share the opportunity for new experiences?

As time and money allows for additional travel, we very much encourage gentles to try out new events, activities, and groups, just for the fun of it.

We thank Nezhah and Bryn for retaining for us during Court at Twelfth Night, and commend Fridrikr for entering the Sylvan Bard competition at that event. Vivant!

Kudos to Matilda and Fridrikr for teaching at Heralds & Scribes, and to Kadlin, Collette, and Caradawc for retaining for Her Highness at that event. Vivant!

We hope to see you all at College of Three Ravens, to hear not only RavenSong perform but also Raven Raqs Beladi!

Eric & Katja

RAVENSONG SINGS ONCE MORE!

"Once upon a time there existed here in our most talented and industrious Barony a group of gentles who did lift their voices in song..."

The Ravensong Choir was founded in 1997 by Morgaine of Donegal (although music direction responsibility was later assumed by Gwendoline). The group was a choir of mixed voices (SATB) that performed for local events as well as for a number of prominent gatherings, including Twelfth Night and Pennsic; they even participated in the musical competition at Ice Dragon and won in the "group music" category twice! The group's repertoire included madrigals, religious and secular

pieces, a number of delightful Christmas selections, and some original or "personalized" pieces for the Barony and Kingdom.

Over the years, however, the choir's members grew ever more overwhelmed juggling their lives' events, and slowly, the



music faded away. Now, on the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Ravensong choir, it is being resurrected to sing again! Soon will the joyous melodies be heard throughout the Barony once more...

The Ravensong choir will be making its (second) debut at the College of Three Ravens, here in the Barony of Thescorre, on February 23rd! Keep your ears open for telltale melodies that may be floating through the halls on that day... For more information on Ravensong policies, rehearsals, or contact information, please visit our website at:

<http://www.thescorre.org/Ravensong/RavensongHome.html>.

FROM THE CHRONICLER

Looking back at old copies of The Fewmet from way back when, we notice that there were lots of articles written by various members of the barony. We'd like to get back "the good 'ol days". If you've been researching something interesting, I can almost guarantee that you're not the only one that would find it interesting. Please write up an article about it and submit it to the Fewmet.

YiS,

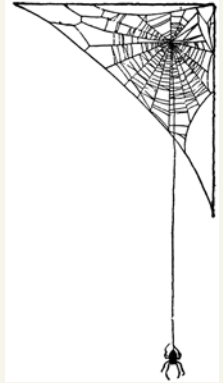
Sorcha & Donal



FROM THE WEBMINISTERS!

There was a recent announcement that Microsoft is looking to buy Yahoo. We doubt this would affect the Thescorre yahoo group for quite some time. If it looks like it may affect the group, we will make sure to keep everyone informed. There are many options out there for us, but we think it's too early to even start considering any. If anyone has opinions on this matter, please voice them by sending an email to webminister@thescorre.org. If there's enough concern, we can either discuss it on the list and/or at the next business meeting.

Now on to other matters... Over the next few weeks the Thescorre site will be getting an over-haul. With this, we would love to have at least a single page to represent each of the guilds. If each of the guild/activity heads were to send us at least a single page of content about what they do along with a few pictures, it would be greatly appreciated.



YiS,

Sorcha & Donal

FOR THE KIDS!

By Sorcha inghean Airt

"I'm BORED! There is NOTHING to do!" Have you found yourself saying that at events? Well, perhaps you should have packed yourself a survival bag before going.

What is a survival bag you ask? Well, it's canvas bag that you pack before going to an event to give you things to do when there's no activities available.

Your next question is probably what should I pack? Well, here's some ideas:

For older children and teens

For quiet private corners:

Walkman **and** headphones

Handheld electronic games **and** headphones

For anywhere:

Book to read

Drawing pad and art supplies

Board games

Deck of cards

Homework ;)

For the younger ones

Quiet toys

Art supplies

Crayons and coloring books

Books

Parents pack:

Nap mat and sleeping bag

Change of garb

Snacks and drink

Another thing is getting involved. Older kids can help with washing dishes in the kitchen. There's also usually a need for help moving chairs around, or other things. If you are bored, you should ask someone in charge if there is a need for help somewhere at the event and you may just find yourself very busy and having fun while at it.

Just because your parents "made you" go to the event, it doesn't mean you have to have a miserable time. Just think of it as an adventure, and your goal is to find as many ways to have fun at it as you can.

1 - 1 5 - 2 0 0 8 T H E S C O R R E B U S I N E S S M E E T I N G

Adams Street Center
Peregrine, Seneschale
12 Thescorreans present

1. Officers Reports

A&S: The Cooks Guild met last week, Kadlin said, and will be cooking this weekend at Eric & Katja's. Other practices are happening regularly, including RavenSong and Threadworkers. Regarding future social meetings: garb is not mandated but welcomed, nibbles to share are encouraged but not required, and it would be great if everyone brought projects they could work on while socializing. She hopes to have a list of monthly topics soon.

Archery: Cedric remarked that his term expires this month and he would very much appreciate a successor. An archery contest, which was postponed during the holidays, has been rescheduled to this weekend. He will post the contest time (probably 12:30) on the Yahoo list.

Heavy Weapons: Vettius reported 17 people attended practice last night, "so it's been getting stinky pretty quickly around here!" He added that Sir Michael was among the "great masses of people fighting," so "that's quite exciting."

Chirurgeon: Speaking for Phillipe, Vettius said he was in the process of getting the chirurgeon website up.

Chatelaine: Dubheasa ceremonially handed over some files to Kadlin for Sigvaldi, the new chatelaine. She noted he is trying to convince her to stay on as drop-dead chatelaine, and added that she is still storing Gold Key for the timebeing since Kadlin & Siggy don't have the storage space. Although her deluge of chatelaine email has slowed dramatically, Dubheasa remarked that she got one from an Arizona transplant who is very excited about moving to the area!

Exchequer: Alina reported that we have \$3,457.37 in checking and \$3,157.15 in savings, for a net income of \$1,133.78 as of December 31. She reminded everyone that since it's now officially tax season, she's at work every night until 7 p.m. If you need to contact her at work to verify if she can bring a check to a meeting, call 383-5600 and ask for Joanne.

Seneschale: All current offices are filled, Peregrine reported, but some are in transition. Pleasance has announced she needs to drop dead as herald, so we are looking for a new pursuivant. If anyone wants to apply for the office, please contact Peregrine. Likewise, Timothy would like to step down after several years of serving as thrown weapons marshal. The only other warranted TW marshal in the barony is Athos, so Peregrine said she plans on talking with him. She added that she needs Pax bids soon. She reminded everyone that next month's business meeting is Baronial Curia, so please contact her about any proposals for policy changes.

Baronage: Katja praised all the Thescorreans who retained, worked in the kitchen, and/or displayed their works in the artisan forum at Kingdom Twelfth Night last weekend (including Bryn, Nezhah, Saleem, Sadira, Collette, and Caradawc). She also lauded Fridrikr for entering the Sylvan Bard competition. Vivat! Their Excellencies will email polls to the baronial polling orders this week for induction at College of Three Ravens.

Rapier: My goal this year is to be more organized at practice with training and drills, Yasmina remarked, not just "let's get on our gear and beat each up until we drop." Some fencers expect to come out from the Hael on the 28th, and we also get occasional visitors from Delftwood and Angels Keep. She signed the cash

advance form for the \$650 approved for new fencing equipment, and will be sending that order soon. She added that His Highness has a new schlaeger and he's very happy. He already caught himself almost doing a wrap shot by mistake, she joked.

RavenSong: We're making good progress at our practices and plan on singing at C3R, Eillionara reported. Our website is up, with our practices schedule and media files of our songs.

2. College of Three Ravens Update

According to Caradawc (via Katja's phone), everything is going smoothly, classes almost full, and the schedule should be on the website soon.

3. Recruitment

Cedric proposed placing repeated radio sponsorship advertisements on WBER, and he wants them to start by February 1 so there's plenty of play before C3R. He handed around copies of the proposed wording, which briefly explain the SCA and direct listeners to our parallel website, www.SCA-Rochester.com. "It's easy to remember and easier to spell than 'Thescorre'," he explained, plus that website is customized specifically to newcomers. (It is linked to our main website, www.Thescorre.org.)

Cedric said he would foot the bill, at which point Katja interrupted him with "No, 'Dad!'" and asked him to share how much it would cost. Twenty sponsor acknowledgements cost \$350, 40 are \$425, and 60 are \$550. "We don't know the impact, if this will help at all, so I offered to take the risk of the initial run and the Barony can decide to take future cost," he said. Katja thanked Cedric for his extreme generosity but said *no one* should pay hundreds of dollars out of his or her own pocket for the barony.

Peregrine reported that she had checked to see if we would be violating any media policies by advertising, and said we were not. Alina questioned whether we were allowed to spend that amount of money on another non-profit? (WBER is a nonprofit radio station that plays mostly alternative music and whose audience is 18 to 35.) Katrina reminded her that we'd verified it was okay for one nonprofit to give to another when we donated memorial funds to Father Dick's church.

Those present approved the sponsorship wording 11-0-2, and approved \$350 for 20 placements 9-1-3.

4. Miscellaneous

Dubheasa recently visited the Rochester Public Market and discovered a huge empty space and loft apartments on Railroad Street (behind the Armory). The area is being used for crafts festivals, and the owner may be interested in us doing martial and dance demos there.

Katrina asked everyone who is planning on attending Ulric's Steak Wake to email her so she has an accurate count of how many steaks are needed.

E V E N T T E A S E R S !

Courtlandslot's A&S Workshop

February 2, 2008
Shire of Courtlandslot
Courtlandslot

Ice Dragons around the corner! Have you started a project or need some ideas? Come join us on Feb 2 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.
More at <http://www.courtlandslot.aethelmearc.net/events/asworkshop2008.htm>

Carnivale

February 9, 2008
Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands

Come help the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands celebrate the festival of Carnivale in the high Venetian style. The day will feature quests, games, music, merriment and dance culminating in a grand masked ball in the evening. All this for our guest of honor Signora Tomasia da Collivento as she sits vigil to contemplate elevation to the most noble Order of the Laurel. This revelry will be held at the Lodge at North Park of Allegheny County, (no street #) North Ridge Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101. The site will open at 9 am and close at 10 pm. This is a wet site, libations are welcome.
More at <http://www.debatablelands.org/carnivale.html>

A Fool's Court in Myrkfaelinn

February 9th , 2008
Dominion of Myrkfaelinn

Come journey to the fool's court of Myrkfaelinn for a day of pun and games. Are you up to the challenge? There will be something for both heavy and youth fighters, as well as games and youth activities. Merchants welcome, but space is limited, contact autocrat. The event will be at the magnificent Risley Hall at Cornell University (515 Thurston Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850).
More at <http://www.myrkfaelinn.org/events/2008-02.html>

Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins

February 16, 2008
Barony of Delftwood

See sins, swashbuckling and spice at the Feast of The Seven Deadly Sins as the Barony of Delftwood celebrates the Silk Road on

February 16, 2008! Come join us at a site not visited in many years, May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church in Dewitt, NY, where we will offer you a variety of pleasures from the Near and Far East including a hoffla, a Japanese tea ceremony, a Japanese dayboard, and a Feast starting in China and working westward to Europe through the removes.

More at <http://seven-deadly-sins.delftwood.org/>

The College of Three Ravens

February 23, 2008

Barony of Thescorre

Come to the Western Presbyterian Church, 101 East Main Street, Palmyra, NY (phone: 315-597-9171). The hall opens at 9 AM and closes at 9 PM. The site is very dry, non-smoking & all flames must be enclosed. The site is not handicapped accessible.

The College theme for this year is: "Everything Middle Eastern and Asian". We would like to see classes that have a ME or Asian bent to them.

More at <http://www.thescorre.org/calendar/events/C3R2008.htm>

Imbolc 2008

February 23, 2008

Shire of Nithgaard

As our ewes prepare for birth and soft rains replace the snows, the Shire of Nithgaard invites you to join them for a celebration of the coming of spring. We will gather at the Centre Hall, PA Lions Club for a day of friendship and revelry. The day will feature indoor games, a dayboard and (dependent on the weather) outdoor martial activities. THL Hengist Gromhydig the Saxon will be preparing a 15th century English feast for 50 gentles.

More at <http://www.stringpage.com/imbolc2008.html>

Farther Off Events

March - 2008

1 Stormsport's Winter Event Shire of Stormsport

9 - 16 Gulf Wars XVII Kingdom of Gleann Abhann

15 Ice Dragon Barony of Rhydderich Hael

April - 2008

26 Palfreys and Polearms Canton of Riverouge

May - 2008

2 - 4 AEthelmearc Spring Crown Tournament Shire of Heronter

15 - 18 AEthelmearc War Practice XIX Canton of Steltonwald

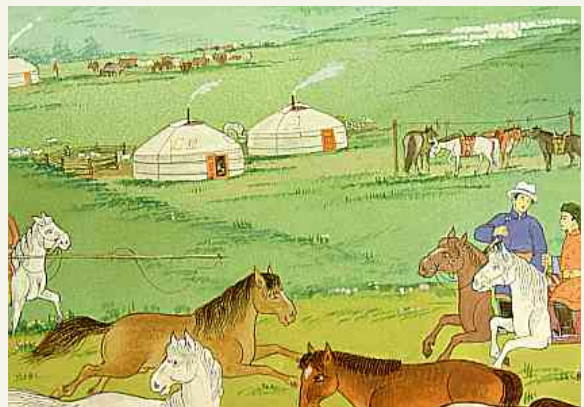
23 - 25 Mountain Confederation's Ladies Event Shire of Abhainn Chiach Ghlais

30 - Jun 1 Melee Madness Barony of Endless Hills

June - 2008

6 - 8 Myrkfaelinn Summer War Practice Dominion of Myrkfaelinn

13 - 15 Barony Wars III Shire of Sterlynge Vayle



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REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Fewmet endeavors to publish information as up to date as possible, but changes occur. Please check Thes-corre'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.thescorre.org/Ravensong/RavensongHome.html

S O N N E T 1 5 1

by William Shakespeare



Love is too young to know what conscience is,
Yet who knows not conscience is born of love?
Then gentle cheater urge not my amiss,
Lest guilty of my faults thy sweet self prove.
For thou betraying me, I do betray
My nobler part to my gross body's treason,
My soul doth tell my body that he may,
Triumph in love, flesh stays no farther reason,
But rising at thy name doth point out thee,
As his triumphant prize, proud of this pride,
He is contented thy poor drudge to be,
To stand in thy affairs, fall by thy side.
No want of conscience hold it that I call,
Her love, for whose dear love I rise and fall.



Shakespeare