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F R O M t h e B A R O N a n d B A R O N E S S

The words, not surprisingly, do not come easily.

How can you summarize a man's – a friend's – life? Especially when the thing foremost in your mind is simply... "Why the bleep aren't you still with us?"

You review your memories, searching for the moments, the too-brief flashes of the television in your mind that will spark something to write... something wise, something pithy, something canny and clever to do justice to this man's works.

When that fails, you simply share the memories.

Shall we speak of

Ulric's selflessness and constant hard work? That would be expected. This, after all, was a man who never just "hung out" at an event. If he wasn't helping to set up or break down things, he was manning the archery or thrown weapons ranges or working in the kitchen.

Yes, he acted as either archery captain or emergency backup archery captain for years, stepping in almost from the first year he joined the Society and patiently teaching gentles proper form over and over.

Yes, he worked on Technical Services/Public Works staff at Pennsic for many years, spending not one or two weeks each War but three or four setting up tents and electricity and floors and whatever else needed to be done.

Personally, when I think of Ulric's history of hard work, I visualize him in the kitchen.

I remember one morning looking with some dismay at a deep fryer in a church kitchen that obviously had not been cleaned in years, yet I needed to empty it, fill it with fresh oil, and use it for making apple fritters in a matter of hours. I recall unpacking the remain-



ing ingredients and supplies from the cars... and learning that Ulric had already drained the oil, dragged it to the dumpster, scoured away the rancid grease, refilled the fryer with clean grease, and had it heating up. A half hour before dinner that night, he checked my schedule on the wall and was already frying up the batter before I turned around to ask for a volunteer to do so.

There are many

similar memories: Ulric teaching gentles how to use the industrial dishwasher at one site, starting up the gas on the warming trays at another site, slicing 75 pounds of roast beef into perfect portions at yet another. To say that he was one of my most-valued kitchen staff do not do justice.

Should we speak of his talent, how impressively skilled he was? Yes, he was a member of the Scarlet

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Guard for his mastery of archery.

Personally, I remember glancing out my front door to find Ulric standing on my lawn, quietly shooting down our range, cigarette hanging from one side of his mouth, can of beer waiting by his feet, placing arrow after arrow in the center of the target.

I think few people know how amazingly good a cook he was. Our gaming group always looked forward to his rich jambalaya or his grilled steaks, and I fondly recall him thoughtfully preparing a batch of chicken soup for me when I was sore and loopy on pain medication after dental surgery.

Perhaps we should speak of how incredibly intelligent he was? Yes, he served a term as Thescorre's senechal ("Putting the 'evil' back in 'evil overlord'," he proudly proclaimed on more

than one occasion) and was instrumental in helping the new shire of Hartstone find its sea legs.

Personally, I recall how he could quote not only Thescorre's policies but kingdom law and Corpora as well.

Should we focus on his strong sense of respect, loyalty, and honor towards his friends? Ulric was refreshingly honest, straightforward, blunt almost to a

fault, and frankly sometimes stubborn as hell. He could argue for hours, whether it was about SCA politics or little-known Dungeons & Dragons rules or how to build something in the woodshop.

Personally, I treasure how he arrived at our home at 5:30 a.m., trussed a 90-pound pig onto a spit, and then sat there continually tending the rotisserie for 12 hours for our wedding

meal... all so that I could have my dream of finally serving an Elizabethan pig roast at an event.

I miss our friend. I miss the thought-provoking debates, the demented campaigns killing trolls, the wise counsel, the affectionate innuendo, the quiet presence at cooks guild weekends.

Mostly, I think, I miss the bear hugs and the grins.

We raise our glasses in memory of The Honorable Lord Ulric Wulfricson, gone far too soon from this Earth. May you truly be drinking Thor under the table while a Valkyrie sits on each of your knees... although I bet you're also mouthing off to Heimdall and telling him that his Rainbow Bridge is crooked and how it needs to be fixed...

Eric & Katja



Phillip Anderson, known in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc as the Honorable Lord Ulric Wulfricson, Companion of the Scarlet Guard, Companion of the Millrind, Companion of the Golden Aice, Companion of the Keystone, Companion of the Raven's Feather, and Companion of the Black Talon, set out across the Bifrost Bridge on December 16, 2007 CE. Having battled the pneumonia army, an enemy small in stature but vast in number, for weeks-- Ulric is now drinking with Odin and giving the Valkyrie grief. In keeping with his wishes, there will be no funeral for Phil, but friends will honor Ulric's long service to Thescorre, Pennsic, and the SCA in general as well as his prowess in archery and thrown weapons with a Viking funeral at this coming Pennsic. Ulric's Lady-wife, Katrina of York (Pam Anderson) requests that anyone wishing to pay tribute to Ulric or extend other expressions of sympathy consider making a donation to the Human Rights Campaign, World Wildlife Fund, or Planned Parenthood in his memory.

Baroness Mistress Daedra McBeth a Gryphon

F r o m t h e S e n e s c h a l

At our last Baronial Curia we created the position of Royal Chamberlain. This will be a deputy office of the Exchequer (following the Kingdom model) and will have responsibilities as noted below. Please include this text as part of the official Policies and Procedures.

1.3.13.1 Royal Chamberlain

The Royal Chamberlain is a deputy of the Exchequer.

- Communicate with the Crown, Heirs, and Royal retainers on behalf of autocrats and the Barony regarding Thescore events
- Arrange for local retainers to the Royalty as needed.
- Solicit and coordinate donations for Royal gift baskets and Royalty room comforts as appropriate.
- Supervise the set up, serving and clearing of high table for feast.
- Supervise the acquisition, use and maintenance of Barony property specifically designated as Royal Regalia, including but not limited to thrones, banners, tablecloths and napkins, feast gear and serving items.

That reminds me, it has been a couple of years since the Baronial Policies and Procedures have been reviewed and reissued. I plan on doing that within the first quarter of 2008. The February business meeting will be our first Curia of 2008, so please bring any changes you'd like to have made to my attention as soon as possible so that they may be announced at the January business meeting.

The current term for the offices of Chronicler, Herald, and Archery Marshal expire on Jan. 1 2008. Donal and Sorcha will be Chroniclers for the next term and Cedric will be serving another term as Archery Marshall as well. Pleasance had intended to serve a full term as Herald but unfortunately she will no longer be able to do that due to her work schedule. She will remain as Herald until her replacement is decided. New terms are until Jan. 1, 2010. Thank you all for your service, past, present, and future.

Happy 12th Night and New Year to you all!

Peregrine

B a c k g r o u n d C h e c k s

As was announced last year, the SCA is implementing a background check policy for the benefit of our membership and the organization. The background checks will be performed by a properly licensed vendor for all persons in leadership and supervisory roles that may require contact with otherwise unchaperoned minors. Officials who are required to have background checks include, but are not limited to, youth activities officers at all levels, adults acting as youth marshals for any martial activity, persons organizing/in charge of youth activities for events. This policy will be implemented on February 15, 2008. The Kingdom Seneschals will be informing those who need to undergo background checks of this requirement. Current officers requiring background checks that are subject to this policy will have 4 weeks to return the appropriate paperwork before their warrants will be revoked. Any questions concerning the implementation of the policy should be directed to your Kingdom Seneschal.

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F o r t h e K i d s : b y S o r c h a

With the snow on the ground, it's hard for the birds to find nourishment. Here's an easy craft that you can do to help them out.

Pine Cone Bird Feeders

Pine Cones
Creamy Peanut Butter
Plastic spoons
Bird Seed
Paper Plates
Yarn

Instructions:

Find all sizes of pine cones in your back yard or at the park. (If you can not find pine cones you can always pick some up at your local craft store.) Tie yarn in a large loop at end of pine cone, then coat cone in peanut butter with the spoon. Roll cones in seeds on paper plates until fully coated then hang outside for the birds.

And if you are bored and want to make some fun sculptures but do not have any clay laying around, then you can just make your own.

Craft Dough

1 cup flour
1 cup warm water
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1 teaspoon oil
1/4 cup salt
food coloring

Mix all ingredients, adding food coloring last. Stir over medium heat until smooth. Remove from pan and knead until blended smooth. Place in plastic bag or airtight container when cooled. Will last for a long time.

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Adams Street Recreation Center
Peregrine, Seneschale
23 Thescoreans present

Ulric & Katrina

Katrina asked to speak before the meeting opened, since she knew many gentles wanted to know about Ulric's condition and she would like to disseminate the correct information without repeating herself.

Both of them got nasty colds around Thanksgiving. While she recovered after a week, he continued to be ill and it developed into pneumonia. He wouldn't go to a doctor's office despite her repeated requests over the next couple of weeks.

On Sunday, he asked to go to the emergency room. He was conscious and able to put on his own boots when the EMTs arrived. He passed out, however, in the ambulance and stopped breathing when they arrived at Highland. His heart stopped and it took the EMTs 10 or more minutes of CPR to get it started again. Once in the ICU and fitted with a chest tube, he was heavily sedated so that one lung, which was filled completely with liquid, could be drained and he could be treated with heavy antibiotics to prevent sepsis (full-body inflammation/infection).

Katrina clarified that he did not have a heart attack – his heart is strong and he actually has low blood pressure, much to her and others' surprise.

Ulric is still in the ICU and is no longer sedated, but he is "being ornery" and has not woken up. He had one possibly non-involuntary reaction right before she came to tonight's meeting, which she hoped was a positive sign, but only time will tell. She cautioned that there is the very strong possibility that he has brain damage or that he may never wake up.

She said she very much appreciated everyone sending all the warm and cuddly thoughts and prayers her way to support her... and encouraged everyone to mentally tell Ulric he was an idiot for letting himself get so sick, to send annoyed thoughts his way so that he would wake up. "We need to irritate him as much as possible!"

Katrina has been in the ICU every day all day long since Sunday, and plans to continue being there for the near future. Friends are welcome to visit if they wish; however, only two visitors are allowed in the ICU at a time.

She is extremely grateful for all the support and offers of help she has gotten so far, and will let folks know what

she needs when she has an idea of what she needs. She will post updates to the Thescore list when there are any changes. Otherwise, Devon and Katja have been coordinating phone calls and contacts for her, so please call them.

1. Officers Reports

Exchequer: We have \$3,457.37 in our checking account and \$3,119.20 in our savings, Alina reported. She added that she's completed the event report for Rapier Academy.

Royalty Chamberlain: Orianna is seeking donations of the following: plain white table cloths in good condition; red napkins or other red table linens; blue napkins or other blue table linens; red, and blue or white candles and candle holders (both "open" and "closed" flame varieties). She will consult with Steffan to see what tablecloths are already in the baronial stores inventory, but feels she need more in preparation for College of Three Ravens.

She asked for a small budget of \$50 to \$100 to buy some since red and white things are on sale now during the holiday season. Collette noted that The Christmas Tree Shop in Henrietta sells inexpensive red, white, and gold tablecloths. Orianna

added that Their Highnesses plan on attending C3R, but Their Majesties will attend White Hart in Port Oasis. **Those present voted 17-0-2 to reimburse Orianna up to \$100 for linens, napkins, and candles.**

Chroniclers: We are seeking articles, comics, games, puzzles, and/or anything you would like to submit for the Fewmet, Sorcha said. Did you teach a class? Attend an event or meeting? We know you have opinions, so please share them.

We are hoping to get the Fewmet on its proper schedule of being available on the first of the month, she added. For now, in order to wean into it, we are asking that all submissions be submitted by the first of the month.

Webministers: "Is there anyone out there willing to submit a monthly report with updates of awards and recognitions received by members of the Barony for the website?" Sorcha asked. It's difficult to keep track of these, and she's going back to college in January (for graphic arts and printing) so she won't have as much free time.

There is now a Ravensong webpage on the Thescore website, courtesy of Eilionóra. It's listed under "Activities."

Chatelaine: Dubheasa is stepping down a year early, so this is her last report. (Sigvaldi will fill out her term.) She still gets emails almost daily from new folks wanting to know about the SCA and Thescore. She still has the Gold Key collection in her attic, and it may stay there a bit longer if Siggy and Kadlin can't find room in their home for it.

Chirurgion: We have two new chirurgions in training, Phillipe announced: Colin and Fauna. Colin is a NY-state licensed EMT, he added. Gordon is now a full chirurgion. (Vivat!) Phillipe is working with Carlo on a chirurgion webpage for the Thescore website. He said he thought it would be useful to buy some chirurgion-in-training kits, so that they and future CITs would have their own supplies, and mentioned some kits that were \$40 a piece. Sigvaldi suggested looking at Red Cross life-guard first aid belt pouches, which have most of the necessary items (gauze, CPR mask, Ace bandages, band-aids). Sorcha pointed out some similar first aid kits at Wal-Mart that are \$20 a piece. Peregrine suggested that Phillipe put together a list of exactly what items he thinks the CIT kits need, then present it at the next meeting.

Rattan: Phillipe spoke for

Vettius, who was unable to attend the meeting. The fighters are considering holding some practices on the Tuesdays that aren't the social or business meeting, and holding practice on the normal Monday nights on the other weeks of the month. Sigvaldi explained that several fighters have other commitments on Mondays and therefore either haven't been attending those commitments or Monday nights' practices.

Rapier: Several fencers from Delftwood and the Hael visited last week's practice, Yasmina reported. Phillipe is a new marshal in training, and he entered a fencing tournament last week -- going as far as the semi-finals!

We have new fencers, she said happily, but unfortunately we can't arm them because we need stuff, "So can I have some money?" After reviewed the loaner gear for Steffan's inventory, she noted that we have "lots of small-head masks and small-neck gorgets" but not anything for larger gentles, plus eight pairs of gloves that are barely list-legal if covered with a LOT of duct tape. In addition, we need hoods to cover the masks. She presented a wish list with price quotes from Zen Warrior (formerly Triplette) and Fencing.net for varying numbers of foil, epee, and schlager blades, gloves, masks, hoods, and gorgets. The numbers ranged from

\$591 to \$735, without shipping. There was a brief debate as to whether to buy everything from Zen Warrior (an established and well-trusted SCA fencing merchant) or some things from a new, untested site, Fencing.net, with those present agreeing we should support the trusted SCA merchant.

There was some discussion as to whether we could make the gorgets and hoods, and buy only the blades, masks, and gloves; Yasmina didn't mind if that happened, but it needed to be coordinated and she needed folks to help make it happen. Sigvaldi said they needed at least two gorgets very soon (him being one of the new fencers that needed one). He suggested that someone like himself or Vettius, who know how to make armor, could run a workshop to make one gorget for themselves and a loaner one for the barony. Orianna asked if there was a hood pattern and if it was difficult to sew, noting that it could be a project for the Threadworkers after the holidays. Caradawc suggested having a gorget- and hood-making class at an upcoming social meeting. He offered to run it, but heeded the strong suggestion of his wife that he had many other things on his plate.

After removing the hoods and gorgets from the proposal and recalculating the total costs, Yasmina asked

for \$597 plus shipping for the blades, masks, and gloves. **Those present voted 19-0-1 and approved reimbursing her up to \$650 for the order.**

Arts & Sciences: All of the guilds have been meeting regularly, Kadlin reported, and she happily reiterated that Ravensong was active again. She asked for ideas on what gentles would like to do at social meetings: if we're mostly going to just schmooze, do we want to meet in garb and bring refreshments or have potlucks? If we want presentations, do we want classes or more group projects and if so, how long should they be? Thirty minutes? An hour? Two hours? She asked for folks to discuss it on the list. She also thanked her deputies and asked them to help her a bit more than before since she's having more and more "baby brain" as her pregnancy continues.

Seneschale: Thescore did not win the Coronation bid, Peregrine announced; Riverrouge's bid for April 12 was the winner (northeastern Pennsylvania, near Endless Hills). Orianna mentioned that she checked out that group's online photos of the site, and said it's absolutely amazing! It's a summer recreation camp in the Poconos with heated pools, a huge outdoor amphitheater, tennis

courts, riding rings, etc. Since Their Highnesses want to support and encourage equestrian activities, she's not at all surprised They selected this site.

There are three baronial offices that expire in January: archery marshal, herald, and chronicler. Peregrine thanked the current officers for agreeing to continue in their positions.

There hasn't been any formal announcements on this yet, Peregrine continued, but there may be a new group forming to the south of Thes-corre. (Essentially, the land between us and Hartstone, Orianna noted.) They are in the very early stages of development, deciding heraldry, suggesting zip codes, polling everyone living within those zip codes, asking for a nearby group to sponsor them, etc. Once she has more information to share, Peregrine said she will keep everyone informed.

Baronage: Katja read a very appreciative letter that she and Eric received from Their Majesties thanking everyone who was involved in Their Crown Tourney for doing such a nice job. She and Eric did not attend last weekend's Hael Investiture due to the weather, but expect to attend Twelfth Night in a few weeks. She plans to attend Heralds & Scribes at the end of next month.

2. Rapier Academy

We lost \$118 on the event, Yasmina said. Considering that it was a first-time use of the site and there were some problems, that's not too bad. She reiterated that many folks expressed interest in using the site again, including other groups, and that the owners were happy with us and would like us to use it again. Plus, it could be used for a Society-level event, Known World Academy of the Rapier (KWAR).

3. College of Three Ravens

Caradawc had nothing specific to report yet, other than he will need a copy of the insurance to give to the site owners. He asked if the event announcement appeared in the last AEstel, since his house may have eaten his copy.

4. Tonight's Coffee

It's organic decaffeinated breakfast blend, Carlo announced, so if you don't like the nasty flavor of decaf you won't taste any in this. He thanked Sorcha and Donal for bringing hot water, tea, and hot cocoa mix.

5. Guilds

Dance & Drum: We haven't met lately due to weather and health, Carlo said, but we're still schedule to meet on Mondays with the fighters and fencers here at the rec center. There is no practice

for the next two weeks, and we'll begin again in January.

Carlo added that the newly invested Baron Caleb of the Hael thinks AEsthlemearc is "strangely quiet" bardic-wise, and so is issuing a tax on all bards who visit his barony. He would like folks to contribute songs, stories, dances, juggling, etc. both during feasts and spontaneously during the day at events.

Threadworkers will meet Sunday, January 6 at 3 p.m. at Orianna's to continue working on the kingdom banner and plan projects for 2008. Bring a dish to pass.

Cooks Guild: Only two gentles have responded to my survey as to what they want to learn or do at Cauldron Bleu, Bryn said, so if no one speaks up I may schedule Cooks Guild only to bake cookies. Collette immediately asked that the guild meetings for the next two months help her do menu planning and food prep for C3R.

Scriptorium/Heraldry: The December meeting was cancelled. We will meet to do heraldry in January, Collette announced.

Brewers: We need to schedule our next meeting, Sorcha and Eldjarn agreed. Katja asked Eric if he wanted a baronial brewing champion...?

6. Baronial Champs

Sigvaldi is preparing a bid to hold Baronial Champions Tournaments on May 24 at Diane's home in Hemlock. She and her husband have a sizable amount of land and they're willing to let us hold an event there. There's both flat and wooded land, so the fighters and fencers can have battles in the woods if they wish. He will need the current champions to plan the champion tourneys, with the exception of Decimus since Their Excellencies are allowing him to serve a full term. (There will be rattan activities -- maybe a warlord tourney? -- just not a champions tourney.) He is proposing a dayboard for lunch and a possible potluck for feast. There is a large firepit for a bardic circle, and a large garage that might be useable for the A&S competition.

The site would be free, so the event costs would be pretty low -- a portapotty rental, etc. The date is the weekend after the normal AE War Practice date.

Yasmina has agreed to be Sigvaldi's mentor, and Caradawc and Pleasance have also agreed to offer advice if needed. Sigvaldi plans on presenting a formal bid at the next business meeting.

7. January Social Meeting

Kadlin noted that the next social meeting is January 1; should we cancel that meeting? Someone suggested rescheduling the meeting to the following Tuesday, but then it would conflict with Cooks Guild. Bryn said she wouldn't mind if Cooks Guild met at the social meeting and shared the date. After some discussion, the social meeting was cancelled for January.

Responding to Kadlin's earlier request for social meeting ideas, Yasmina commented that we used to hold

mini A&S competitions at the social meetings. Maybe we could organize those again, either as works-in-progress or preparation for Ice Dragon?

8. Demos

Dubheasa announced that her workplace, Alternatives for Battered Women, is planning a fundraiser for May 8 with the theme A Knight to Remember. The nonprofit would like medieval dancers, drummers, etc. to provide ambiance. It will be at Ontario State Beach in Charlotte. Dubheasa is working with the organizers to tweak

the menu so it is more period!

Orianna thanked all those who participated in the gift-wrapping demos at the Victor Borders Books for the last two weeks.

9. Miscellaneous

Sigvaldi and Ash are considering holding a Khan's Invitational event for His Highness...



U p c o m i n g E v e n t s

January 2008

- 12 - Kingdom Twelfth Night
- 19 - St. Swithin's Bog 12th Night
- 25 - Steltonwald Twelfth Night
- 26 - Heralds & Scribes Collegium
- 27 - Debatable Lands Twelfth Night

February - 2008

- 2 - Courtlandslot's A&S workshop
- 9 - Carnivale
- 9 - A Fool's Court in Myrkfaelinn
- 16 - Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins: The Silk Road
- 22, 23, 24 - White Hart
- 23 - College of Three Ravens

March - 2008

- 1 - Stormsport's Winter Event
- 9 to 16 - Gulf Wars XVII

April - 2008

- 26 - Palfreys and Polearms

May - 2008

- 2 to 4 - Aethelmearc Spring Crown Tourney
- 15 to 18 - Aethelmearc War Practice
- 23 to 25 - Mountain Confederation's Ladies Event Shire of Abhainn Chiach Ghlais
- 30 to Jun 1 - Melee Madness

June - 2008

- 6 to 8 - Myrkfaelinn Summer War Practice
- 13 to 15 - Barony Wars III

July - 2008

- 25 to Aug 10 Pennsic War 37

September - 2008

- 6 Bards and Bows



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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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Schedule of Events

- Baronial Social Meeting 1st Tuesday 7:30-9pm
- Baronial Business Meeting 3rd Tuesday 7:30-9pm
- Archery Sundays 1-2pm
- Rapier Mondays 7-9pm
- Armored Combat Mondays 6:30-9pm
- Thrown Weapons Sundays 2:30pm & Thursdays 6:30pm
- Western European Dance 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 7-9pm
- M.E. Dance & Drumming Mondays 7-9pm
- Cauldron Bleu Cook' s Guild 2nd Tuesday 7:30-9pm
- Armor Workshop Thursdays 6-?

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30	31		

Sonnet 30

by William Shakespeare

When to the sessions of sweet silent thought
 I summon up remembrance of things past,
 I sigh the lack of many a thing I sought,
 And with old woes new wail my dear time's waste:
 Then can I drown an eye, unused to flow,
 For precious friends hid in death's dateless night,
 And weep afresh love's long since cancell'd woe,
 And moan the expense of many a vanish'd sight:
 Then can I grieve at grievances foregone,
 And heavily from woe to woe tell o'er
 The sad account of fore-bemoaned moan,
 Which I new pay as if not paid before.
 But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,
 All losses are restor'd and sorrows end.
 That leaves look pale, dreading the winter's near.



Shakespeare