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NEWSLETTER OF THE BARONY OF THESCORRE



FROM THE BARON & BARONESS

Two weeks ago, a dusting of snow covered the ground. As we write this today, it is 80 degrees outside. Spring has finally arrived! Time to air out the home, check the camping equipment, and plan summer projects...

Coronation

We joyously witnessed two Thescorreans accept the duties of the Crowns of Æthelmearc with sincerity and style.

those serving as royal guards or retainers, wore delts in support of this Mongol reign, and Asian arts were showcased in the lovely arts display and on the delicious feast menu.

Even though this was not a Thescorre event, we saw Thescorreans sitting a shift at Troll (Honnoria), helping in the kitchen (Katrina and Bryn), serving high table (Aine and Ingridr), marshalling (Vettius, Michael, Yasmina, and Eric), drumming and dancing (Dubheasa, Eldjarn, Juliana, Carlo, Dehka, Holly, and former Thescorrean Wulfstan), retaining (see list below), and even giving chururgeonate aid (Fauna).

Kudos to Yasmina and Padraig for entering the Queen's Rapier Championship, and to Athos for entering the A&S competition. We applaud those Thescorreans who are serving this reign as guards or retainers: Athos, Beatrice, Bryn, Collette, Dominic, Dubheasa, Fridrikr, Ingridr, Kadlin, Katja, Michael, Myklos, Nezhah, Orianna, Peregrine, Roberta, Sadira,

Saleem, Sigvaldi, Thomas, Vettius, and Yasmina, as well as former Thescorreans Aine, Kelde, Megge, and Olivia. Last but not least, we commend Caradawc as head retainer – an exciting but exhausting job!

Vivant to Lord Ye Jian and Lady Eilionora on their well-deserved Awards of Arms, to Her Ladyship Matilda on her Sigil, and to former Thescorrean Baroness Ekaterina on her writ for elevation to the Most Noble Order of the Pelican. Finally, most importantly, vivant to Khalek Khan and Branwyn Khatun, King and Queen of glorious Æthelmearc! May our reign be a happy and healthy one.

On a personal note, we thank Eilionora & Collette for retaining for us during Court, and to Fauna, Dave, and Decimus for helping us

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- On April 30 at 12:27 am, Samuel Maurice was born to Sigvaldi and Kadlin

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set up the baronial thrones.

We look forward to supporting this reign over the next half year. We also look forward to watching gentles compete to become our next Baronial Champs, and then supporting them at the Seven Pearls tournaments over the next several months!

Eric & Katja

FOR THE KIDS - LET'S KNIT!

By Sorcha inghean Airt

Lion Brand's website offers the best illustrated instructions for learning to knit out there. You can access their instructions here:

<http://fewmet.thescorre.org/online/2008/May/images/learnToKnit.pdf>

Once you have learned to knit you can create so many neat period items. One item I found on Lion's site (www.lionbrand.com) is:

Beautiful Ballerina Snood (Bun Cover)



Items Needed:

Lion Glitterspun Yarn: Gold 1 ball
Note: Very small quantity used; image also shows Sapphire
Knitting Needles- Size 8 [5 mm], Size

10 [6 mm], Size 19 [15 mm]
Large-Eye Blunt Needles
Additional Materials:
24 inches [62 cm] 1½ inch [3.75 cm]
ribbon of your choice. Note that textured ribbons (as opposed to satin) will stay tied better. We liked how a light, organza-type ribbon looked the best and it stayed tied very well. If you are using grosgrain ribbon, you may want to try 1-inch (2.5 cm) or even ¾-inch (2 cm) ribbon.

Skill Level: Beginner

Size: One Size Approximately 6 inches [16 cm] in diameter when not tied.

Published in: By Kids, For Kids

Gauge: 18 sts + 26 rows = 4" (10cm) on size 8 (5mm) needles **BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Notes: This snood will easily cover an average amount of hair, if your hair hangs to the middle of your back. If your hair is extremely thick or if it is longer, knit an extra row with the size

19 needles for a total of 9 rows.

Instructions:

SNOOD/BUN COVER

With smallest needles, cast on 12 stitches

Row 1 Knit into the front and back of each st (kfb) across - 24 sts

Row 2 Kfb across - 48 sts

Row 3 Change to size 10 needles, knit

Row 4 Change to size 19 needles, knit

Row 5-6 knit

Row 7 Change to size 10 needles, knit

Row 8 knit.

Bind off all stitches, leaving 6 inch [16 cm] tail

FINISHING

Thread the yarn end into the large-eyed, blunt needle. Sew ends together, weave in ends.

Thread the ribbon into the large-eyed, blunt needle (it may be necessary to fold it.) Thread the ribbon through the row knit with the size 19 needles that is closest to the outside edge of the snood. Pull the ribbon so that it is evenly distributed through the edge of the cover.

To wear, put your hair into a ponytail and wrap into a bun. Place the snood/bun cover over it, pull the ribbon tight and tie into a bow. Secure with bobby pins as needed.



MEETING MINUTES

4/15/2008 **Thescorre Business meeting**

Donal & Sorcha's home
Peregrine, Seneschale
18 Thescorreans present

1. Officers Reports

Chronicler: We need submissions, Sorcha reported.

Webministers: "We have a website, it's up, it works," Donal added. He noted that our Baronial Champions event next month is listed on the Thescorre website as well as the kingdom website, but was not listed in the April AEstel. Peregrine said she will talk to Teresa to find out why the announcement didn't get published and to ensure it's in the May issue. [Note: The announcement is not in the May issue.] Fridrikr remarked that it will not be an official SCA event if it is not in the AEstel. "Does that mean we don't have to collect the NMS if it ends up not being official?" Peregrine asked with a smile.

The discussion devolved into one of nakedness for some unexplained reason... (there were children and cats wandering about, dear reader) and then back to whether SCA insurance would cover the event if it were not published. Fridrikr mentioned that any awards given in Court that day would not be official. However, he added, they could simply be "read into the record" at the next baronial event or even at a business meeting. Katja noted that she and Eric do intend to give out awards at the event and would prefer that they be official that day.

Chatelaine: We had lots of new people at the Newcomers Night last month, Sigvaldi said. "It was a resounding success, we had many more people than we expected, with more newcomers than veterans! Some were

gentles who have not been playing in a long time, but several were brand new, and one couple was invited only hours before the meeting." He thanked Richard & Suzanne for hosting the meeting and for having a beautiful space for it!

Bryn added that one newcomer has expressed interest in cooking lunch at Baronial Champs. Dubheasa said that one newcomer came to Coronation and had a complete blast, and another one is now showing up at fight practice. Katja noted that she talked to a newcomer at Coronation who was interested in male bellydancing.

No schools have contacted us yet for any demos, Sigvaldi continued, but admitted that was just as well; with Kadlin expecting, he's too busy to do a demo right now.

If anyone needs Gold Key, please talk to Dubheasa since it's still at her house, he added. ("My house!" Vettius quipped.) She has agreed to keep the garb for now, Siggy continued, but I need a deputy to help me finish out my term, remind when I have a report due, and cover meetings when I can't go. After some discussion. Suzanne agreed to serve as drop dead chate-laine. Vivat!

Rattan: We moved practice outside last week, Vettius said.

Herald: Fridrikr has four submissions that he knows of to work on, including Khalek's. (This is different from processing, which indicates he has the paperwork in hand & am getting it ready to go to Kingdom & beyond.) If anyone has any submissions, please let me know, he said. He's waiting to hear the Laurel results for submissions already sent (including Lionheart's), but he think they should go through easily.

If you are wondering about your

name's status at the kingdom level, he suggested, go to the College of Herald's website off the Æ website; all the letters of intent are posted there. He added that he plans to start heraldry practices again soon, after recovering from Coronation...

Rapier: We didn't have fencing this week because the recreation center was closed, Yasmina reported, and we also didn't have it last week because everyone was preparing for Coronation.

A second loaner hood is almost done, she noted, sewn from the fabric donated from Pleasance. She'll look for more fabric soon to make more hoods, and Brianna's family has offered to donate some collegiate hoods. In other news, Yasmina continued, a newcomer has expressed a lot of interest in fencing, she is captain of the Queen's rapier guard, and she & Padraig both competed in Queen's Rapier Tourney.

Finally, she noted that she has some money to give back to Alina. She did not spend all the advance money she received to purchase new loaner gear. She plans on requesting additional money for a drop tester to be part of the baronial rapier gear, since Eric has the only one in the barony (and it belongs to the regional marshal's office). She is considering buying an entire drop tester kit for \$40 or just the steel weighted tip for \$21 and building her own, following the directions in the Known World Rapier handbook.

A&S: Kadlin said there were several projects at last month's social meeting, including painting kingdom order medallions, sewing loaner fencing hoods, and working on several personal projects. Karenza, a friend of Caradawc and Collette's has offered to teach a needlelacing class at an upcoming social meeting. She added that Raven-

song is still meeting, but the Cauldron Bleu meeting this month was cancelled due to Coronation.

Exchequer: Alina, via email, said there is \$2,171.27 in checking and \$3,159.11 in savings. She has finished the quarterly report.

Seneschale: There are four offices renewing in July, Peregrine announced: seneschale, rapier captain, thrown weapons marshal, and steward.

Baron & Baroness: Wasn't it just wonderful to see two Thescorreans crowned King and Queen last weekend? Katja asked. We had a great time and are so proud of everyone – everywhere we looked at Coronation, Thescorreans were working at the event, and it wasn't in our barony!

Changing gears, Katja noted that she and Eric's column in last month's Fewmet explored the increasing costs and burdens of traveling to events. She asked that we open a dialogue about ideas to help each other save costs and continue traveling – not necessarily at this meeting, mind you, more likely online.

Fridrikr suggested one specific way to help gentles come play at our local events: offer crash space in the announcements. He noted that they never used to pay for hotel rooms; "It would be really cool to come to our barony and be offered organized crash space, so it doesn't cost people \$80 a night to stay here." Siggy and Kadlin agreed, saying that some of their greatest memories are of crashing on someone's floor and making new friends. Richard said they would be willing to offer crash space in their home for future events, including room on their land for RVs.

Suzanne suggested that we post a contact number on the Thescorre list, but some questioned the privacy issues of

doing that. Peregrine suggested instead that we set up a baronial crash space coordinator/liaison (a deputy to the chatelaine) to connect gentles at all future barony events, and Yasmina suggested our webministers set up a Crash@Thescorre.org alias on the Thescorre website. Dubheasa offered to be the crash space deputy. ("I'm on Vicodin, so why not?")

Katja thanked everyone for the brief discussion, and asked that we continue brainstorming on the Thescorre Yahoo list.

Brewers: The guild will meet at Donal & Sorcha's' on April 26 from 3 to 5 to talk about meads, Eldjarn said.

Cooks Guild: We need to bake cookies for upcoming vigils, Bryn said, plus we've had discussions about doing some experimenting with medieval oxtail recipes because Pdraig got some from work. We want to do more hands-on things. In addition, we're going to be having pies as the meal theme for Baronial Champs. She suggested that if gentles are willing to experiment with trying out period pie recipes there are many different kinds: custard, fruit, meat, fish, even crustless ones (good for gluten-intolerant gentles).

Court & Country Dancing: Come out and have fun this week, Peregrine said. We don't have a practice on April 23 because it's during Passover. There will be a regional dance this Saturday in Delftwood.

2. Demo for Alternatives for Battered Women

Dubheasa reminded everyone that the demo is scheduled for May 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Charlotte at the beach house. The organizers are looking for ambience. It's open to the public from 6 p.m. on, but is a patron event from 5:30 to 6 with VERY yummy food. It

will be a great opportunity to hand out blue cards.

If we show up in garb, it will be free (normal cost is \$50). No feast gear is necessary. Live steel is okay if it is peace-tied. There will be cabanas for changing... but no cabana boys. (Katja looked unhappy). Dehka has offered to do henna and her bellydance troupe will perform. Dubheasa plans on giving tarot card readings, and Brianna is bringing her hawk, Clarice. We may have a fighting demo for the patrons, so more fighters are welcome. Dubheasa asked if RavenSong can perform? If anyone can bring banners, banner stands, and other nifty decorations, that would be great.

3. Baronial Champs

The event is scheduled for May 24. Sigvaldi has reserved the portajohns, and they will arrive on Thursday or Friday, so he will need a check and tax exempt form when they arrive. Camping will be allowed.

We had a site visit last month, and everyone was very happy with what we saw – the land is somewhat rugged, but there is more than enough room for all the activities, he said. Cedric and Athos picked out areas for their tourneys, and Cedric is planning a walking shoot in the woods, while the fighters and fencers will be on the flat part of the hill. All the champions who are participating are planning their tourneys and talking to me regularly, Siggy added. He urged any champion who wants to give their entrants a head start provide a blurb to the webministers.

The site is extremely wet; the hosts appreciate booze as long as you share. The potluck dinner theme is pie – it doesn't have to be period, but that's encouraged. We need more pavilions for changing, the MOL, court, and general gathering purposes. There is a full working kitchen available. Col-

lette volunteered to coordinate the potluck food; she has suggested gentles bring coolers to keep things cold.

Sigvaldi suggested a work weekend, perhaps on May 10, to help clear brush around the camp site and gather wood for the bardic circle (it should be only a couple of hours).

We need to do an event flyer, he added, and he needs to coordinate with someone on that.

4. Pax Interruptus

This event is scheduled for June 28, Eldjarn reported. Things have gotten rolling for the event, and there will be a teaser announcement in the May AEstel with a full announcement in the June issue. "If the royalty come," he said with a smile, "We should have a good turnout this year." He asked for pavilions for the event, please

5. Signs

Siggy has not had a chance to ask Steffan about what signs the barony needs (Steffan is in California right now). He did talk to Smitty about all the things we've suggested -- new vinyl directional road signs, baronial bumper stickers, window clings, magnetic stickers, College of Three Ravens window clings, banners, etc. -- and he's willing to give us a package deal on the printing. "We need to put together a list, and he'll give us a price." Smitty can accept any bitmap images for the signs, Siggy added.

Otelia commented that she saw Smitty and his signs at a professional conference last week, and thought his work was nice. Siggy pointed out that the signs Smitty did for his boy scout troop are at least five years old and there's no obvious wear and tear. Eldjarn asked if he could do something that didn't look as modern? Siggy said it was possible -- he's already done bumper stickers for other kingdoms.

6. Miscellaneous:

Any new business? Peregrine asked. (Crickets)

Fridrikr asked whether there was any news regarding the developing new group to our south? Peregrine said they had talked about zip codes, but she hasn't heard anything since then.

Fridrikr set some bags on the floor. "I have trim, my wife has told me not to bring it home." (Gentles descended on the bags and they were soon empty.)

Katja announced that Alienor Russeau, a very well-respected scribal laurel (and mother of former Thescorran Viscount Sir Edmond Dracatorr), died that morning of cancer. Katja spoke briefly about Alienor's beautiful art, teaching, and scribal newsletter, Pigments of Your Imagination, then asked for a minute of silence in her memory, which those present honored.

BARONIAL CHAMPS EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Greeting one and all,

It is time once again to decide upon champions for their Avian Excellencies. War is approaching and our present champions have done their duties. So come join us as we hold tournaments to showcase the abilities of the populace so that their Excellencies Eric and Katja may choose new gentles to represent them in the coming year.

Competitions will be held for almost all of the championship positions, including Fencing, Archery, Thrown Weapons, Arts and Sciences, and Bardic. In addition, the current heavy weapons champion will be designing activities for other fighters to enjoy throughout the day.

Lunch will be provided. Dinner will be a pot-luck with the theme of Pie. That's right, Pie. Bring your pies to share. Sweet, savory, crusted, or crust-less. Some attempt at period pies would be appreciated, but is not required. If you have questions or concerns regarding the dinner, please contact Collette de Paris at Collette at Thescorre dot org.

Following dinner, there will be a Bardic circle around the campfire. Those wishing to become the new bardic champions will be given an opportunity to perform at this time, while others are welcome to participate after the new champions have been chosen.

Gentles are welcome to camp out Saturday night at no additional charge. Campers may be asked to wait until after the days activities to set up depending on dimensions of tents.

Directions to the site:

From the North: Take 390 South to exit 10 (5&20), go left 3 miles, past "Jack & Jills", turn right on Livonia Center Rd (Rt. 12). Go 5 or 6 miles (bear left coming into speed zone) to Livonia Center. Cross 20A onto Federal Road, go 3.7 miles south,

turn left on Harder Road ("Spring Hill Farm" sign), go about a mile to the last house on the road. (When you run out of road, you have arrived.)

From the East: Take 5&20 West to Lima, turn left (S) on 15A about 7 miles through Hemlock, right on Rix Hill, about a mile south of Hemlock, (across North end of Hemlock Lake). Take a sharp left on Blank Road (1.3 miles @ Stop sign), take next left (.6 miles) on Harder Rd.). Go about a mile to the last house on the road. (When you run out of road, you have arrived.)

From the South: Take 390 to Wayland exit, go North for 18 miles on Rt. 15 straight through Springwater (becomes 15A North), turn left on Rix Hill Road (across North end of Hemlock Lake). Take a sharp left on Blank Road (1.3 miles @ Stop sign), take next left (.6 miles) on Harder Rd.). Go about a mile to the last house on the road. (When you run out of road, you have arrived.)

What: Thescorre Baronial Championships

When: May 24th and 25th

Where: 7069 Harder Rd
Hemlock NY 14466

How Much: \$6

Event ID:379

THE WHITE RAVEN & THE BLACK LION

The White Raven & The Black Lion

I wrote this poem in honor of Khalek and Branwyn as they were crowned King and Queen of Aethelmarc. The title is taken from the literal translation of Branwyn's name: "white raven", and my impression of Khalek's fighting style. I attempted in it to bring the two main characters into a poetic "dance", as I will explain below.

The poem is written in drottkveitt, an Old Icelandic poetic form that has some essential features:

1. The stanzas consist of eight lines (four couplets). each having six syllables
2. In the first line of each couplet, the third and fifth syllables are accented and display alliteration.
3. In the second line of each couplet, the first syllable continues the alliteration, and the third and fifth syllables are accented and display rhyme.
4. As is often true in all Norse and Anglo-Saxon poetry of the early period, the drottkveitt makes fairly liberal use of kennings, a form of figurative speech which matches nouns and adjectives together to form a metaphor. For example, a kenning for clouds is "high barrels of rain"

As you read the poem, be aware that the kennings I use are often for Khalek & Branwyn, although there are some instances of kennings for the woods. Also, be aware that a couplet or even a half-stanza may make up a syntactic unit, or sentence. On a couple of occasions, the thought of one line may lead into the next. You have to watch out for that, as the lack of punctuation (also a feature of the form) can cause confusion.

I mentioned earlier that I attempted to create a poetic dance between Branwyn and Khalek. The poem works as follows:

Stanza 1 is Branwyn's alone, followed by stanza 2 which is Khalek's. In stanza 3, each character has a half-stanza (first Branwyn, then Khalek). In stanza 4, the order reverses. Stanza 5 takes the split further, as the characters alternate couplets. In stanza 6, they alternate single lines, until the final couplet, where they are joined. Finally, in the last stanza, the dance ends in their Coronation.

I hope this helps explain the poem's origins & style.

Further books or websites you can read for more on this topic:

Kari Ellen Gade, *The Structure of Old Norse Drottkveitt Poetry* (Cornell U Press, 1995)

Snorri Sturluson, *Edda* (Everyman Press, 1987)

Skaldic Poetry of the Scandinavian Middle Ages <<<http://skaldic.arts.usyd.edu.au/db.php?table=home>>> (last checker 10 April 2008)

Jonas Hallgrímsson *Selected Poetry and Prose* <<<http://www.library.wisc.edu/etext/Jonas/Jonas.html>>>

The White Raven and the Black Lion

by FRIDRIKR TOMASSON

Deep woods flash with flight's blur
Fleet bird snow clad goes free
ring tree's laughter light fills
Lonely soul with full heart
Bright war eagle's eyes shine
Artless maiden gazes
Flees from happy homestead
Hunts she harts for heart's ease

Shadow lurking lion
Lets no eye bespy him
Keeps his guard against all
Guileful beast lord seeks foes
Climb tree stalks the stalwart
Stag through darkened lark homes
Sharp claws flash stop fleet deer
Flight of elder elk ends

Eagle's stand goes stoney
Still gold-tree swift sees all
white warhawk's new heart sings
Hope her soul now full fills
Elk bane tenses turning
Tilts his eyes to spy her
Raven crined crouches
creeping preyward flay-claw

Silent daring death moves
Doom's dark gaze amazes
Rises high to hold fast
Hawk-wing hastens day's end

Thor's hawk silent sights him
Sighing gold-tree boldly
Meets his gold orb's gaze and
Gains his heart with dart's sting

Turns then white-clad warhawk
Whispers peace to beast-lord
Sudden still he stands to
Stay by light-wing's right hand
Calms his blood-lust blazing
Blessed love discovers
Soft-paw gently joins
Joyous partner's heart song

Black-lord rises rightly
Ring-tree's sweet song greets all
Full of pride & power
Pleasing music soothes
Gold-tree lightly laughing
Lion's soaring roar calls
Brazen rounds of Royals
Ring their brows & rouse cheers

Come now Hearth-lords high-born
Hill folk wending 'tend them
Praise all Branwyn Bright-eyes
Bringing joyous noises
Noble Khalek Khan now
Crowns his love above all
Good folk all round exult
Aethling Crowns resounding



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BARONIAL CHAMPIONS

Archery Haiko
Arts & Sciences Eldjarn
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
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

See Online Calender

Armor Workshop

Thursdays 5:30-?
At the home of Vettius

Ravensong

www.thescore.org/Ravensong/RavensongHome.html

S O N N E T 8 1

by William Shakespeare



Or I shall live your epitaph to make,
Or you survive when I in earth am rotten,
From hence your memory death cannot take,
Although in me each part will be forgotten.
Your name from hence immortal life shall have,
Though I (once gone) to all the world must die,
The earth can yield me but a common grave,
When you entombed in men's eyes shall lie,
Your monument shall be my gentle verse,
Which eyes not yet created shall o'er-read,
And tongues to be, your being shall rehearse,
When all the breathers of this world are dead,
You still shall live (such virtue hath my pen)



Shakespeare

Where breath most breathes, even in the mouths of men.