

FEWMET

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BARONIAL OFFICERS

BARON & BARONESS:

Aquila de Athos & Bronwyn nic Gregor

SENECHAL:

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CHRONICLER:

Padraig na Féasóige Ua Céileachair

HERALD:

Kadlin Sigvaldakona

MARSHALLS:

Heavy Weapons: Khalek Shurrag Od

Fencing: Padraig na Féasóige Ua Céileachair

Archery: Eldjarn the Thoughtful

Thrown Weapons: Sigvaldi inn enski

EXCHEQUER:

Alina Marie de Valenciennes

MISTRESS OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Adren cu Faol

MINISTER OF THE LISTS:

Matilda Bosvyle de Bellaqua

CHATELAINE:

Branwyn ferch Gwythyr

GOLD KEY:

Nikki of the Swamp

WEB MINISTER:

Eric Grenier de Labarre

STEWARD:

Steffan Wolfgang von Ravensburg

HISTORIAN:

Nezhah bint Saleem

CHIURGERON: VACANT

CHANCELLOR MINOR: VACANT

(all officers can be contacted through the Baronial Webpage (<http://www.thescorre.org>))

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Barony business meeting minutes December 20 2011

Exchequer – Alina: we have 4073.40 in checking, 3487.56 in savings; we will be changing the banking accounts due to the SCA NY Incorporation announcement. Some discussion ensued about the time frame and whether this would impact reservations for College of 3 Ravens and if there will be an overlap period. The other question that came up was who would be ordering the new checks for the Barony (Alina or Renee). Alina said she would ask the questions but felt that C3R was not going to be a problem as she didn't think the changeover would occur by then. Alina also noted that there is still a check outstanding for the NMS fee for Baronial Champs. She is pursuing that with the Kingdom NMS deputy and the Kingdom Exchequer.

Web Minister – Eric: web site is up-to-date, especially the calendar. Carlo has asked Eric to review the Baronial chirurgeon website for compliance. Eric also asked when his term was up and we noted that the Web Minister was not listed in the term limit portion of the policies, so this will be taken up at the next curia with Eric providing his suggested turnover date.

Arts & Sciences – adren: Arts and sciences are going along in the Barony. She still needs a deputy. Middle Eastern dance and drum on hiatus for the holidays, as well as English Country dance. Discussions have started on making the Threadworkers an official guild of the Barony.

Minister of Lists – Matilda: got nothing to report

Chronicler – Padraig: Fewmet is coming out; already has an article for January and has figured out how to get pictures in so anyone who wants to contribute pictures to the newsletter please contact him.

Fencing – Padraig: next two weeks on break due to the Rec Center being closed; approx. 3-4 people on a regular basis.

Seneschal – Orianna: attended curia at Rhydderich Hael Investiture (it was very long). Next curia is being held at Deadly Feast event in Delftwood in February.

Their Excellencies Aquila and Bronwyn – could not attend due to Sabrina's winter concert. We attended the Rhydderich Hael Investiture and had a wonderful time. Many Thescorreans held a prominent role. Nivah and Maighraed cooked feast and their Excellencies of Rhydderich Hael were very appreciative. Edmund received his Alce. Venetia received her AoA. Bronwyn MOL'd the Heavy tournament outside in the snow. We are unable to make Kingdom 12th night. We are making preparations for 3 Ravens and are still receiving recommendations for Baronial awards.

Old business – Orianna noted that 4 officers needed to be approved by the Barony. It was suggested that the names of those who applied for the office be announced and a group approval be made (since there was only one applicant for each office): Seneschal – Genevotte; Archery Captain – Edmund; Raven's Tongue Pursuivant – Elzbieta; Chronicler – Padraig requested a second term. All approved by general acclaim.

Genevotte – Domesday: still looking for updates, pictures, and heraldry. Would like to have it complete for College of 3 Ravens.

College of 3 Ravens – Eric: we have an event coming in 6 weeks and 4 days. We have a couple of reservations already as well as ~10 classes. More information will be forthcoming at the next business meeting. Elzbieta reviewed her plans for the feast.

Meeting ended as Orianna had to finish reviewing the classrooms for C3R and go get her daughter.

HRAFNAR (RAVENS)

I have been fascinated by ravens since I was a boy. I watched crows, and I read of their cousins, the ravens. Tales of ravens, such as Hugin and Munin, are part of what drew me to Norse mythology and, eventually, to the sagas and poetry. The Norse had a fascination with the ravens and their eerie behavior when scavenging. The kennings list at the Skaldic Poetry of the Scandinavian Middle Ages website shows no fewer than 125 different kennings for ravens.

A few years ago, I read *Mind of the Raven: Investigations and Adventures with Wolf-Birds*, by Bernd Heinrich, a fascinating book which discusses the intelligence of the birds. Recently, I came across a web posting: http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/11/111129112319.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+sciencedaily+%28ScienceDaily:+Latest+Science+News%29&utm_content=Google+Reader on the same subject. In the article, the authors discuss the sophisticated communications system of ravens:

“[R]avens use their beaks similar to hands to show and offer objects such as moss, stones and twigs. These distinct gestures were predominantly aimed at partners of the opposite sex and resulted in frequent orientation of recipients to the object and the signalers. Subsequently, the ravens interacted with each other, for example, by example billing or joint manipulation of the object. Ravens in particular can be characterized by complex intra-pair communication, relatively long-time periods to form bonds and a relatively high degree of cooperation between partners.”

It is this highly developed communications strategy that helped inspire this verse describing a pair of ravens viewing a battlefield. The third verse features enjambment, in which the second syntactic unit (sentence) is inserted within the first. The second unit is marked off by parentheses. I hope you will enjoy the poem!

Hrafnar (Ravens)

OLD ICELANDIC VERSE

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Blígja um braut brandéls
blóðig nágagl eygt-svart;
á hvíslur hast-ligu
hreyr dæmum leyndar.
Hrafnar einir heyra
haug-mál hrylla-liga;
skipta ein-hjal skálíga
skárfir roða sára.
Svipa í hlóði sveita
svanir fæða á bana;
boginn hófuð heyra
hag-mæltr bana-mana.
Eru stolen arm-hring
offran fyrir Tyrs-náð.
Eru stoliinn sagar

Gaze over road of sword-storm
bloody corpse-geese black-eyed;
in whispers harsh
corpses talk secrets.
Ravens only hear
cairn-talk horrid;
bandying secrets baleful
sea-gulls huddle of wounds.
swoop silently blood
swans to feed on death;
bent heads listen
(to) well-spoken dead-men.
are stolen arm-rings
offering for Tyr's grace.
are stolen tales

Bloody black-eyed corpse geese
Gaze over sword-storm road;
corpses talk secrets
in harsh whispers.
Only ravens hear
the horrid cairn-talk
seagulls of wounds huddle
bandying baleful secrets
Blood swans silent swoop
to feed on death;
bent heads listen
to well-spoken dead-men.
Stolen arm-rings are
offerings for Tyr's grace;
Stolen tales are

OLD ICELANDIC VERSE

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sagði fyrir Herjans.	told for Herjans	told for Herjans
Fljúga heim mór Hugins	Fly home swarm of Hugin	Swarm of Hugin, fly home and
(Hanga-drótins sam-siði)	(Hanged-god's companion)	offer to guide to war-men
vísi bjóða vigs-menn	Guide (and) offer war-men	Viðris's mighty maids
(veg-semð syngja víg-liðs)	(glory sing of war-folk)	and sing home the souls.
meyja Viðris máttkar	(to) maids of Viðris mighty	Companion of the hanged-god
(minni halda þinna)	(hold your memories)	sing the glory of war-folks
ok syngja á heim sálnar	and sing home the souls	hold your memories and
(ok sogur telja soks-mans)	(and tales tell of attack-men)	tell the heroes' tales

KENNINGS USED:

braut brandéls > sword-storm road > BATTLE-FIELD

nágagl > corpse-geese > RAVENS

skárfir sára > wound sea-gulls > RAVENS

svanir sveita > blood-swans > RAVENS

mór Hugins > Hugin's swarm > RAVENS

Hanga-drótins sam-siði > Hanged-god's companion > ODIN'S companion > RAVEN

meyja Viðris > maid of Viðris > ODIN'S maid > VALKYRIE

THE COLLEGE OF THREE RAVENS

February 4th, 2012

Faith Lutheran Church

2576 Browncroft Blvd.

Rochester NY 14625

The Industrious Barony of Thescore is pleased to announce that the College of Three Ravens will be in session on February 4th, 2012. The College will occur at the Faith Lutheran Church located at 2576 Browncroft Blvd Rochester NY 14625. The site will open at 9:00am and close at 10:00pm. Classes will begin at 10:00am and continue until 4:00pm. The site is handicapped accessible and has ample parking.

We are looking for a wide variety of classes. If you have a class that you would like to teach, please contact the Chancellor of Classes, Baroness Orianna Fridrikskona (orianna@thescore.org).

The adult site fee of \$7 includes a sideboard lunch (children under eighteen - \$4, children under 5 - free.) A family cap of \$22 for the *site fees only* will be in effect. A \$5 non-member surcharge must be collected at the door for adults without proof of membership. The site is Dry, no alcohol permitted. Enclosed flames are allowed, open flames are not. Nut-based products of all kinds are forbidden on site (due to student's life-threatening allergies).

The sideboard lunch will be prepared by Baroness Katja Davidova Orlova Khazarina (Chris Adler-France). The middle-eastern feast will be prepared by Lady Elzbieta Tradienyte (Emily Bald). Adult feast is \$8, (children under eighteen - \$4, children under five - free). Feast seating is limited to 100. Please direct any dietary concerns to elzbieta@thescorre.org and katja@thescorre.org.

Pre-reservation for this event is greatly appreciated for planning both the sideboard & feast. Please send reservations to the reservationist/tollner, Lady Dubheasa (Pam Scholl, 63 Caraway Lane, Spencerport NY 14559). Checks are to be made payable to SCA Inc - Barony of Thescorre. It would be most appreciated to include modern name, Scadian name & membership number (where appropriate) for each person to be covered by your payment. Also, indicate if any are minors, and for whom feast reservations are desired. Inclusion of contact info will be invaluable in clarifications. Please remember that the only good reservation is a paid reservation.

For further information or questions, please contact the Autocrat: Baron Eric Grenier de La-barre (phone 585-317-4638, email grendel@thescorre.org).

Directions:

From the East: Get off I-90 at Exit 45 (Victor) and get onto I-490 West. After eleven miles, take Exit 21 onto I-590 North. Go 0.9 miles on I-590N and take Exit 7 onto Browncroft Blvd. Follow the directions below.

From the West: Get off I-90 at Exit 46 (Scottsville) and get onto I-390 North. After five miles, take Exit 15 onto I-590 North. Go six miles on I-590N and take Exit 7 onto Browncroft Blvd. Follow the directions below.

From the south: Get off I-390 North at Exit 15 (Downtown Rochester) onto I-590 North. Go six miles on I-590N and take Exit 7 onto Browncroft Blvd. Follow the directions below.

On Browncroft Blvd.: Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto Browncroft Blvd. (eastbound). Go 2 miles to 2576 Browncroft. The church will be on the North (left) side of the road.

January - 2012

- 6-8 Kingdom Twelfth Night
Shire of Sylvan Glen (Martinsburg, WV)
- 14 BMDL Twelfth Night
Barony-Marche of Debatable Lands (Allison Park, PA)
- 21 St. Swithin's Bog Annual 12th Night
Barony of St. Swithin's Bog (Jennerstown, PA)
- 28 Steltonwald Twelfth Night
Canton of Stentonwald
- 28 Candlemas in Myrkfaelinn
Dominion of Myrkfaelinn (Ithaca, NY)

February - 2012

- 4 College of Three Ravens
Barony of Thescorre (Rochester, NY)
- 11 Delftwood's Deadly Carnival
Barony of Delftwood (Syracuse, NY)
- 18 Sterlynge Vayle Schola
Shire of Sterlynge Vayle (Binghamton, NY)
- 19 Regional fight practice
Shire of Sunderoak (Butler, PA)
- 25 Bears Event
Shire of Stormsport (Erie, PA)
- 25 Winter War 15
Kingdom of the East (Potsdam, NY)

March - 2012

- 2-4 White Hart XVI
Shire of Port Oasis (Barboursville, WV)
- 3 Dance the Cold Winter Away 2
Kingdom of the East (Hershey, PA)
- 11-18 Gulf Wars XXI
Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (Lumberton, Mississippi)
- 17 Donnan Party 2012,
A Day of Beatings
Shire of Ballachlagan (Wheeling, WV)
- 24 Ice Dragon
Barony of Rhydderich Hael (Buffalo, NY)

April - 2012

- 7 Vikings on the River Three - Free
Shire of Riversedge (Cochranon, PA)
- 13-15 Spring Coronation
of Andreas and Kallista
Shire of Sylvan Glen (Kearneysville, WV)
- 20-23 Known World Cooks and Bards
Kingdom of Outlands (Woodland Park)
- 26-29 Blackstone Raid XXI (21)
Barony of Blackstone Mountain (Ripley, WV)