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GREETINGS FROM IAGO & EMILIA, BARON & BARONESS

Greetings,

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Business meetings, HGA at 3:30 pm - next meetings are May 3 and June 7.
- Newsletter submission deadline for June/July issue is Thursday, May 28.
- Please bring to the May meeting bids for Baronial Champs and Twelfth Night.

As the snow finally melts and the weather begins to warm, we also start the busy event season. There are many upcoming events in which we would love your company and support. It has been a long winter but it is now time to dust off the armor, bows, knives, blades, and garb. Coronation, Queen's Rapier, Blackstone Raids, Crown Tourney, War Practice, and Melee Madness are all on our calendar for the next two months. Nothing would make us happier than having a large representation from the Bog. These are all great events which offer a lot to learn and experience. Please consider joining us and visiting the many borders of our wonderful Kingdom.



Last month we attended Ice Dragon where we had our 7 Pearls A&S competition. Baron Tower submitted a beautiful scroll which was much admired by the other Baronies and the judges of the Pentathlon. His scroll was narrowly beaten out by the Barony of Rhydderich Hael who submitted a handmade slipper embroidered with gold thread. As we browsed the entries for the Pentathlon, it was further confirmed that the Bog NEEDS to start showing off our A&S skills. There are plenty of willing resources to help our artisans with the necessary documentation. The items our Barony makes are amazing and the Kingdom deserves to see them. We would like to make a better showing in the A&S field our goal for this year. HRH Timothy has issued an A&S Challenge which begins next week at Coronation and ends at Bog 3-day. Please consider participating as we can provide a wealth of knowledge and skills.

There have also been discussions about finding more visible locations for our Sunday practice as a way to recruit new members. We are open to suggestions and hope that you will help us communicate the chosen locations so that everyone is able to join us. New membership has been something that we have struggled with for years and, while we are thankful for having it available, HGA has not helped us find anyone new.

All of this proves just what a busy time we are facing. We are only asking that you help by getting out there, enjoying all that the SCA has to offer, and representing the Bog. The months of being hermits are over...it is time to enjoy the sun and all the activities.

In Service,
Baron Iago and Baroness Emilia

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FROM THE SENESCHAL

Business meeting minutes are submitted by Dona Caroline of Burgundy, Seneschal BSSB. If there are any corrections, please send her an email.

MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2015:

Baron & Baroness: Here's the list of events for the various 7 Pearls Tournaments:

A&S – Ice Dragon (March 21)

Heavy Weapons – Melee Madness (May 29-31)

Thrown Weapons – PAX (June 26-28)

Fencing – Bog 3Day (July 17-19)

Bardic – Pennsic

Archery – Agincourt (Fall 2015)

Seneschal: We had two people interested in the Historian position and they both had excellent and similar ideas for the office. Tim (Arvik) and Kristen (Elizabeth) expressed their ideas with the group and after some discussion it was decided that Arvik would take over as the Historian and Elizabeth would be the Deputy Historian. They will both be working together to implement their ideas. Some of the ideas mentioned were: a photo "montage" of sorts on the web page, writing down some of the memories and stories about Bog history so they don't get forgotten, the infamous Bog Family Tree, conversion of old paper files & photos to digital, history of how each member found the group/what they do/what awards they have/etc, complete the Baronial Archives section of the web page.

You will probably be hearing from these fine gentles as they start to gather information. Please think back to your favorite (and probably very funny) stories, dig out some of those old photos, take a walk down memory lane and see if you can help them out. It will be fun to see the Bog's past come alive.

Congratulations and Vivats! to both of you.

Exchequer: Year-end report has been accepted by Kingdom
 Checking: \$2,833.08
 Savings: \$3,809.22

A&S: Next banner making workshop will be soon. The B&B would like to make banners for the Kingdom and present them to TRM's at 3Day.

There will also be a workshop for making clay tiles, details will be provided soon. Everyone had fun dancing at 12N and we've had requests for court dancing workshops. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Chatelaine: We're still trying to work out a date for the Boy Scout demo. We also need to think about recruitment and getting college age kids interested. We'd like to have a joint practice or event with the Dag group sometime and see if any of them would be interested in crossing over to the SCA.

There was a general discussion on trying to be more visible to the public, possibly holding a demo at UPJ or one of the other colleges, having a joint fighting & fencing practice at Roxbury Park or some other visible location, maybe a demo outside the Galleria like we had a few years ago, having a presence at local events like Richland Community Days, Fort Ligonier Days, etc.

There was also a discussion about updating our web page to showcase what we do. Making short video clips of each activity with some explanation of what's going on and showing who to contact. This could also include non-martial activities, with someone explaining scribal, leather working, etc.

Update on the Gold Key – Items have been sorted & organized & grouped as outfits with a descriptive card for what is in each bag – we have a lot of stuff but may

need some additional garb to replace items that were no longer usable. Contact Gunther to find out what sizes are needed.

MOL: Check authorization cards and marshal warrant cards

Knight Marshal: Fighting every Sunday.

Fencing Marshal: Fencing on Sunday & Wednesday. A group of Bogggers went to the Donnan Party yesterday and had a great time.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Nothing new at this time.

Archery Captain: Nothing new at this time.

Webminister: Send in ideas and updates.

Chronicler: Send in articles.

Herald: Nothing new at this time

New Historian: Arvik

Deputy Historian: Elizabeth

Scribal Mistress: Nothing new at this time.

Old Business:
 Combat archery – Gunther has researched a few sites for ordering prods – do we want to get together and just place a large order?

Ian talked to Hrothgar about making 6 crossbows out of wood that he has, he just needs to cut it down and get it to Hrothgar.

New Business: None

Additional/Misc: None

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 10, 2015 - HGA 3:30pm (2nd Sunday)

No meeting in April. If anyone has anything that should be announced during the month, please email it to the list.

Reminder from the Seneschal.

No business meeting for April because of Easter Sunday. However, if anyone has a report or information to share, please send it to the email list.

The next meeting will be on May 10th (second Sunday).

We are looking for bids for Baronial Champs. If you are interested in Autocratting this event, please bring your ideas to the May meeting.

We are also looking for bids for 12th Night 2016. If you are interested in Autocratting this event, please bring your ideas to the May meeting.

*Caroline
BSSB Seneschal*

From the Chronicler:

Greetings,

May 1st begins Anno Societatis 50... so, Happy New Year, Everyone! Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter. The deadline for the June/July edition is May 28.

History and the Arts & Sciences are taking center stage this year. With that in mind, please submit photos of your projects to be featured each month. Also feel free to send in your favorite moment in Bog History!

*Yours in service,
THLady Caitilin ní Mhaolchonaire*

Greetings From THLady Ursula, Authorization Clerk!

I moved in Mid-March from Morgantown, WV to Shepherdstown, WV. I now have a new PO Box set up for Authorizations and have had the forms updated online (thanks to some swift webministers). If you are a marshal or MOL who keeps forms on hand, I beg you to recycle/trash them and print new ones. The new ones have my new address on them and will cut down on confusion as we reach the busiest time of the year for authorizations.

The new forms can be found here: http://aethelmearc.org/auth_clerk/

The address that ALL authorizations should be sent to is:

THLady Ursula of Rouen
c/o Danielle M. Duvall
PO Box 661
Shepherdstown, WV 25443

If you have sent authorizations to my Morgantown address, please don't fret as I will be checking it, but only about once a month (as it's 3 hours away now) rather than daily.

Also, please take a moment to do the following to make everyone's lives easier going into the SCA Social Season:

1. Physically put your hands on your authorization card (don't just think, "Yep, it's in my wallet")
2. Look at your card and make sure it's not expired, if it IS expired or WILL BE expired between now and September, go to the link above, print off a NEW authorization form, fill it out for a renewal, and get it signed at your next practice or event. NOW. You CAN renew at anytime.
3. (Optional but I HIGHLY suggest it) Make a color copy of your auth card, driver's license, and blue card if you have one, put it in a baggy and tape it to the back of your shield or buckler. While you're at it make a few copies, one for your car, one for your gear bag, etc. so you have them, and so you (hopefully) won't have to make a long, hot, walk back to camp at War Practice/Pennsic for your photo ID.

As always, if you authorize at an event that I am at, PLEASE hand me your authorization to expedite things. And I always gleefully accept stamp donations to help save our Kingdom coffers (haven't had to buy a stamp in well over a year and would love to keep it that way!)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns! Happy fighting!

*Yours,
Ursula*

History is in the Making at St. Swithin's Bog

By Lord Arvik Vouren (Timothy Johnson)

Hello, my dear family and friends of the Bog! Recently, I was graced with the honor of being the Bog's new historian. I am humbled by this and hope to serve you all well! Congratulations are also in order for Lady Elizabeth (Kristen Caddy) who was appointed to be my deputy. We have some exciting new ideas and plans for the future that we are anxious to share with you.

Before I begin, I would like to say thank you to Mistress Charmaine for all of her hard work over the years as historian. Your help in the transition was great and we thank you for it! Vivat to you and for all that you have done!!!

History is happening... with the help of our gracious webministers, we will be adding some new features to the Bog web page including a brief history of the Bog and a timeline of events from its inception to the present day. We are also looking to create a pictorial montage that can be seen on the website along with interviews of people talking about our various activities. By doing this we are hoping to aid in the recruitment of new blood and prolong the history of the Bog.

None of us are getting any younger, and we all have stories to tell. We think that now is the time to start a log of our "No S#@, there we were" stories, both ours as well as those of our friends who come to visit us in the Bog.

These are just a few ideas that we have planned, and there is more on the way. So my family, my friends, get your stories and pictures together and let's have fun!!!

*Yours in Service,
Arvik*

Our Annual Bog 3-Day event will be held July 17-19, 2015. Mark your calendars!

This year's Three Day Theme is 'Throwback.' We hope to bring some favorite activities and past-times of yore, combine them with the activities that we have grown to love, and give Æthelmarc a great Bog Experience as per usual. How can you help? Send Ursula your favorite Three Day memory (or three). She and Rosheen will use them for inspiration on activities to hold at the event and, with permission, will use them to tease the event when the date gets closer. Memories can be posted to the Bog List or send directly to Ursula at ursula.of.rouen@gmail.com.

Unto the Artisans of the Kingdom, greetings!

Their (soon-to-be) Majesties Timothy and Gabrielle wish to invite every artisan in the Kingdom to participate in an Artisan Challenge starting at Coronation, April 11 and ending at St. Swithin's Bog Throwback Three Day July 17-19.

The goal of this Challenge is two-fold:

1. To work on and share knowledge across the Kingdom of an art or art form you are working in via one or more projects.
2. To potentially be selected by Their Majesties to participate in the Pennsic Artisan War Point.

The idea is to start one or more projects* and display the project in progress at Royal Progress events across the Kingdom. You will have the opportunity to discuss the project - tools, materials, techniques, resources - and share what you are learning with others of like mind! You can choose which Royal Progress event to start at and how many Royal Progress events to attend.

But the project or projects must be complete before Pennsic.

* You may work on more than one project; however, be mindful of your own time and resource limits so that you can complete at least one by the end of the Challenge.

Each artisan will receive a booklet at the first Royal Progress event you attend that will allow you to note which events you attended, and to make notes on your conversations with other artisans as you go along.

Please feel free to contact TRHs Timothy and Gabrielle or the Kingdom Ministers of Arts and Sciences if you have any questions.

Looking forward to seeing the marvelous things the Artisans of Æthelmarc will create!

*Baroness Orianna
Deputy Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences*

Regular Local Events



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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

First Sunday each month - 3:30 pm at Hiram G. Andrews Center (727 Goucher St Johnstown, PA 15905) (Check the minutes, Barony's e-Group or Facebook for possible changes.)

Melee Practice

First Sunday each month - 4:00 - 6:00 pm, unless otherwise stated Hiram G. Andrews Center

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Thrown Weapons Practice

Fridays - 6:00 pm until dark at THL Kenn & Lady Katya's home (aka Kenn & Cindy Leap, 814-536-0045)

Heavy Weapons Practice

Sundays - 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Hiram G. Andrews Center

Fencing Practice

Wednesdays - 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Bastiano's home

Sundays - 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Hiram G. Andrews Center

Archery Practice

Contact THL Kenn the Just (aka Kenn Leap, 814-536-0045)

Scribal Guild

Tuesdays - 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Baron Tower & Baroness Cynthia's home

Arts & Sciences

Contact Lord Ian Campbell (aka James Mowry, 814-322-8742)

If you wish to submit a work to the newsletter, please fill out this (fillable) release form: <http://aethelmearc.org/downloads/publications/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>; then email the form to Caitilin at [dragonflykiwi@verizon.net] or print & bring it to the next business meeting. Thank you!

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