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The Sentinels

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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Check the Business meeting minutes for meeting date, location & time—changes will be posted to Facebook and the eGroup.
- Newsletter submission deadline for June/July issue is Saturday, June 10.
- Seneschal position will become open on October 8, 2017. Don't delay, inquire today!

GREETINGS FROM IAGO & EMILIA, BARON & BARONESS



AND GUNTHER AND ROSHEEN, THE BARONIAL HEIRS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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FROM THE SENESCHAL

There will not be a business meeting for March. Officers, please send any reports to the email list.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 2nd at HGA 3:30pm.

Thanks,
Caroline

Meeting minutes for April 2, 2017:

Baron & Baroness: We are planning on Coronation at the end of the month. This will be our last one as B&B and it will be a trip to NY. We are looking forward to seeing Tim and Gabrielle back on the throne. They are fond of the Bog and we have a good relationship with them that will continue with our new B&B. Spring is finally here (for now) and we should be thinking of War Practice and War. We are pleased to see plans moving forward for the siege muster and the creation of more crossbows. The Bog is sure to leave its mark on the fields of Pennsic. As we get closer to the Three Day we should be doing all we can to make the Investiture a memorable day for our Nexelencies. Please be sure to volunteer in some way to make the day special for our guests and our new Baron and Baroness.

Lastly, we need someone to be Seneschal. We will not exist as a group without this office. I encourage anyone who has never held the position to step up and learn from Caroline before her term ends. If you have held this position before and are willing to serve again PLEASE let Caroline know ASAP. The society exists because of the service of its members, and if we do not serve then we will not have a group. I humbly fall upon your integrity of service, your insanity to willingly take the position, or a bribe of pastrami! In all seriousness, the job is more organizational than anything and there are people who will be willing to help.

Thank you all,
Iago and Emilia

Seneschal: We are calling for bids for 12th Night 2018 – if you are interested in autocratting this event please bring your ideas to the next meeting. If anyone is interested in using the Masonic Temple, I have all the contact information & would be willing to get in touch with them.

Exchequer:

Checking: \$5,956.20

Savings: \$1,813.90

A&S: The next A&S Day will be on Saturday, April 8 at St. Mark's from Noon – 4:00pm. Bring your projects or just come to hang out, there's plenty of room. We would like to have an A&S Day on the first Saturday of each month unless there is a conflict with other events. Watch for announcements.

Chatelaine: Details for these upcoming events will be posted:

We have a table for the Sci-Fi Valley Con in Altoona on June 10 and have also been contacted about a quest for charity.

Greenhouse Park Demo is May 13th and we are looking for volunteers to help out.

The next Newcomers Event will be on June 25th at the 1889 Park.

Jorka is working on plans for another demo and also a radio spot.

Scribal Mistress: We have a new scribe who is doing beautiful work. Come and see what scribal is all about – every Tuesday from 6-8pm at Chapple's.

MOL: I will need some help at Investiture, please contact me if you can help with the tournaments during the day. As I am also the Autocrat for the event, it will be a very busy day and extra assistance is always greatly appreciated. (Mistress Cynthia)

Check the expiration date on your authorization card and renew if necessary

Knight Marshal: It's nice to see some fighters here today. We will be having heavy weapons practice on the first Sunday of the month following the business meeting. Other practices could be scheduled if you are interested and contact me. (Master Tower)

Fencing Marshal: Fencing every Wednesday evening at Bastiano's loft

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Youth Combat Marshal: Youth combat on the third Sunday of the month unless posted otherwise

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Range is open – Friday evenings at 6:00pm unless posted otherwise

Archery Captain: Range is open – Friday evenings at 6:00pm unless posted otherwise

Webminister: Nothing new at this time

Chronicler: Send in articles

Herald: Nothing new at this time

Historian: Nothing new at this time

Old Business: Update on 3 Day / Investiture (July 14-16): The site is having new windows put into the hall, therefore we are NOT allowed to put anything on those windows (tape, signs, decorations, etc.). We have had questions about refunds for preregistering & not attending and this is the policy: A full refund will only be issued if the Reservation Clerk is contacted within 24 hours after date of the event. I am working on the schedule for the event but have to wait for some information before I can put it together. If you are in charge of a martial activity, please let me know the details so that I can add it to the schedule. (Mistress Cynthia)

New Business: None

Additional/Misc: None

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 7, 2017 - 3:30pm HGA

If there are any corrections, please send me an email.

In Service,
Dame Caroline of Burgundy
Seneschal BSSB

From the A&S Officer

Greetings from your kindly, friendly Bog A&S officer.

YES, we had a great A&S day this past Saturday. Fourteen people attended with a variety of projects. It was a very productive day.

Next month's A&S day is being moved to the Green House Park Demo for Recovery the Alleghenies Active Expo on May 13th, 12 to 6 pm. The people running this Expo are very excited that we will be attending. That being said, anyone NOT going to Crown Tourney in Sylvan Glenn that weekend is invited to join us at the park. Stay tuned for further updates on this from Gunther, our Chatelaine Officer.

In June we are having the A&S day on the 10th, at St. Mark's, noon to 4pm. If you are not table sitting at the Sci-Fi Convention demo in Altoona that weekend and want to work on a project, join us at the church. Charmaine will be teaching her "Sewing Machine" class and there will probably be another "whole room" heraldic consultation going on.

From July to December, Katya has secured the church room for us on the 1st Saturday of each month. Since the SCA "social season" is gearing up, we will probably be juggling the dates for A&S days, so keep an eye out for any changes on the Facebook Event and Bog Group lists.

Thanks to everyone who attended this past weekend!

In Service,
Viv

From the Chronicler

Submissions for the June/July issue are due on Saturday, June 10th. The newsletter will be published on June 15th.

In Service,
Caiti (Kiwi)

FROM THE HERALD

Who are all those people with metal thingies on their heads?

Good question. The quick answer is Royalty. But what is and who are royalty?

The best known, and at the top of the list, are the King and Queen. They rule over a Kingdom, of which there are twenty. Every six months a new King and Queen are chosen. A tournament is fought and the winner is named King, or Queen. If the person winning the tournament is to be crowned Queen, then instead of a King there is a Royal Consort (think English monarch now-Queen Elizabeth and her Consort, Prince Philip). They are addressed as "Your Majesty." While waiting to be crowned King and/or Queen, they are Prince and Princess. These are the Crown Prince and Princess who will take over as King and Queen when the current Monarchs step down. They are addressed as "Your Royal Highness." The King and Queen wear crowns and the Prince and Princess wear coronets.

The second type of Highness is a Territorial Prince and Princess. They rule over a Principality - a sub group within a Kingdom. They are addressed as "Your Highness."

Ok, that was easy. Now for the hard part. Upon stepping down as King and Queen of a Kingdom, they are given the title of Count and Countess. They are addressed as "Your Excellency." They wear an embattled coronet - that is to say the coronets look like the top of a castle wall.

If one is lucky enough to win the Crown twice they are given the title Duke and Duchess when stepping down for the second time. They are addressed as "Your Grace." The Duke / Duchess wear coronets with strawberry leaves.

Upon stepping down as Prince and Princess of a Principality, they are given the title Viscount and Viscountess. They are addressed as "Your Excellency." They wear a coronet usually with pearls.

All three of these titles are given to both the King and his Queen. Only a Queen by her own hand is given the title once stepping down, not the Consort.

Are you still with me? Good, cause now it's really going to get crazy.

Within Kingdoms and sometimes Principalities there are these things called Baronies and the representatives of the

Crown are the Baron and/or Baroness. They hold the land for the Crown, they are the titular heads of the group. They are addressed as "Your Excellency." They wear coronets, usually a six-pointed affair with pearls.

Got it.....Good! The last group you will see wearing a coronet is something called a Court Baron or Baroness. This is an honor bestowed on a person by the King or Queen of a Kingdom for a service. They are also addressed as "Your Excellency." They wear a coronet.

Crowns tend to be thicker (and wider) than coronets. In come Kingdoms the width of the coronet is specified per the award given. AEthelmearc does not have any distinction. Anyone entitled to wear a coronet in AEthelmearc, may then choose the form so long as it doesn't have any conflicting design such as: no strawberry leaves unless you are a Duke or Duchess, no pelican in its piety if you are not a Pelican, no embattled coronet if you are not a Count/Countess. You get the idea.

On to something else:

You may hear something called "the order of precedence." This is the order of ranking of persons in the Society. So, if one wanted to line everyone up at any given event within AEthelmearc, then this is how the order would go:

King/Queen

Crown Prince/Princess

Dukes/ Duchesses

Counts and Countesses

Viscounts and Viscountesses

Peerages (Orders of Chivalry, Defense, Laurel and Pelican)

Baron/Baroness of a Barony

Retired Landed Baron/ Baroness

Holders of Grant of Arms

Court Baron and Baronesses

Holders of Award of Arms

Holders of non armigerous awards

Holders of Baronial Awards

All others

The order listed is taken from the AEthelmearc heralds' pages. Most Kingdoms have their own order of precedence.

Next time I'll expand on the awards, what they are and what they are for.

Until next time

Mistress AEIfra Long

FROM THE CHATELAIN

Rec the Alleghenies Demo**Saturday, May 13—Noon to 6pm**

The demo will be held at Greenhouse Park near Tire Hill as part of the Rec the Alleghenies Expo on May 13th (rain or shine). The address for the park is 100 Green House Road, Johnstown, PA, 15905.

The Demo will take place from noon to 6 pm, but setup can start at 10 am. The organizer says that she is planning on putting us near pavilion #6 and we will have plenty of room to play. We will be able to drive vehicles up to the site to unload, but we will need to move our cars to parking after setting up. There will be port-o-johns available, but nowhere to change in private (so come in garb or change in the parking lot like a real scadian). I recommend bringing along something to eat and drink.

I want to have as many people at this demo as possible since the Expo will be drawing in a crowd of people that are looking to get involved in fun activities. I want several fighters and fencers to demonstrate combat, and we will be setting up a thrown weapons range.

We can bring tables for display items and I want to see a few people working on A&S.

The organizers of the Expo want us to have equipment there for people to try out our activities. Bring loaner gear!

Even if you aren't working on anything or if you can't fight, you can still talk to the crowd. Don't assume we have enough people to handle the demo; if you aren't going to Crown Tournament that day, I want you at this demo! I would like to set up a canvas pavilion and banners to promote the medieval atmosphere.

So far, the following people have committed to helping:

Gunther: armor or fencing

Rosheen: can run TW range

Arvik: wire weaving or TW range

Mel: jewelry making

Viv: A&S items

Nonek: armor

I will give updates as I get them.

If you are coming, please let me know so I can plan out what we can do.

Thank you for your help!

Gunther

Sci-Fi Valley Con Demo**June 9-11**

This is all of the information that I have on the demo we are doing at the Sci-Fi Valley Con. The convention will be taking place at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona. The main date for the demo will be June 10th, but we are expected to have someone present to represent us at the table from set up on June 9th until close of the convention on June 11th.

Everyone is expected to pay \$15 for the day (\$20 two day passes and \$25 three day passes are also available). I know the cost will be restrictive to some, but any help will be greatly appreciated. Considering the size of the convention, this has a significant potential to draw new people, and it would be nice to see at least a small group to talk to the crowd.

There is another way to get into the convention for free. The organizer of the con said that if anyone is willing to do a "workshop" their admission would be free. He was a little vague with what he meant by "workshop." The idea is that you would be working on a craft or project and be willing to answer questions to anyone interested in what you are working on. He said that additional space, tables, and chairs would be made available for anyone willing to do this. The catch is that you must register your workshop by the middle of April here: <http://www.scifivalleycon.co-m/-workshop-registration/>

Since this is the first time we have done a demo at the convention, we are not trying to go all out. We aren't doing live fighting demonstrations. We are going to put out some interesting items with some videos playing. We have a 6 foot table to work with.

Since Altoona is the territory of Nithgaard, I have been in contact with them and we are trying to get some of their members to help out too.

There is the possibility of doing a Q&A panel as well, but I haven't solidified this yet. I will be working on getting flyers and brochures printed.

Please consider coming to help! You can even check out the rest of the convention while you're there. I will give more information as I get it.

In Service,
Gunther

Regular Local Events



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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Monthly meetings for 2017 will be announced on the Barony's eGroup and [Facebook](#) page (Contact the Seneschal with questions)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice

Fridays - 6:00 pm until dark at THL Kenn & Lady Katya's home (Archery and Thrown Weapons); or the residence of THL Gunther and THL Rosheen in Ebensburg (only Thrown weapons)

Armored Combat Practice

First Sunday of the Month - 4pm (following the Baronial Business Meeting) at the Hiram G. Andrews Center courtyard or gym stage to the left of the main building (727 Goucher St., Johnstown PA 15905)

Youth Combat Practice

Third Sunday of the Month - 4pm, for ages 6-17. Located at the Hiram G. Andrews Center courtyard or gym stage to the left of the main building (727 Goucher St., Johnstown PA 15905)

Fencing Practice

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

Scribal Guild

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

Arts & Sciences

Meeting and classes are held once a month, usually the first Saturday - Noon-4pm at St. Marks Episcopal Church (335 Locast St., Johnstown PA 15901). Anyone is welcome to come and work on a project or just be social. Specific classes and workshops are done at these meetings. There is plenty of space and numerous outlets. Contact Dame Vivienne (aka Pam Faint, 814-535-6394)

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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