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The Sentinels

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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Check the Business meeting minutes for next meeting date, location & time—changes will be posted to Facebook and the eGroup.
- Newsletter submission deadline for August/September issue is extended until Friday, August 18.
- BOG Investiture, July 14 at 5pm—July 16 at noon. New German Grove, details on page 6.

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GREETINGS FROM IAGO & EMILIA, BARON & BARONESS

It's amazing how fast four years have flown by. We had an incredible time serving the Barony and we have all of you to thank for our wonderful experience. It has been such an honor to have the opportunity to recognize and support the greatness of our Barony. It filled us with the utmost of pride to see the Kingdom recognize what we have always known....that the Bog ROCKS! You made the last four years possible. You made it memorable, fulfilling, and exciting. You are why we do what we do and you are the ones that make it happen. Thank you!



While we are sad to see our term end, we are also looking forward to "retirement." We are excited to see what Their 'Next-cellencies' have planned for the Barony and eagerly await ways to help them fulfill their vision.

In Service

Baron Iago and Baroness Emilia

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Meeting minutes for May 7, 2017:

Baron & Baroness: We are starting into a VERY busy time for the Barony. We have the Rec the Alleghenies Demo on Saturday, May 13..... War Practice is on the weekend of May 20th and the Siege Muster on Saturday, May 27. We hope to see as many Boggers as possible coming out to support our Barony.

We have also heard from Sir Hrothgeirr that the new thrones will be ready for Investiture.

We also still need someone to volunteer for the Seneschal position. We realize that there is a lot going on between now and October, but it would be great to know someone is ready to step up when the time arrives. During the last election, the populace all voted to remain a Barony..... but in order to do that, we need volunteers. If being Seneschal isn't for you, then consider becoming a Deputy to one of the other officers and learn what you need to know there. Most Officer positions are supposed to be two year terms, but many have been in their jobs much longer. Your Barony needs YOUR support!

Seneschal: The Seneschal position is required for the Barony to exist as a group in the SCA and therefore, it cannot be vacant, even for a short time. The basic duties include: holding monthly meetings, signing checks & contracts, quarterly reports to Kingdom, making sure rules & regulations are followed correctly, and basically anything else involving the Barony and the Kingdom or other groups.

We are also still looking for bids for 12th Night 2018 – if you are interested in autocrafting this event please bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Exchequer: Quarterly reports have been submitted

Checking: \$5,869.20

Savings: \$1,814.35

A&S: Our May A&S Day is next Saturday at the Rec the Alleghenies Demo at Greenhouse Park. Set up starts at 10 and the event runs from noon to 6 pm.

Our June A&S Day will be at St. Mark's Church on Saturday the 10th from noon to 4 pm. If you are not helping with the Sci-fi demo that day, please join us at the church. Charmaine will be teaching her "sewing machine" class.

Chatelaine: Details about these events are posted to the email list and Facebook group. There are also Facebook Events created for the Siege Muster and Newcomers Event.

May 13 – Rec the Alleghenies Demo at Greenhouse Park

May 27 – Siege Muster

June 10 – Sci-Fi Valley Con

June 25 – Newcomers Event at 1889 Park

Scribal Mistress: Scribal will resume on May 16th

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

Knight Marshal: Heavy weapons practice on the first Sunday of the month after the business meeting

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

Youth Combat Marshal: Youth combat will be at the Rec the Alleghenies Demo this month

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: I will have a consultation table at the A&S Days and the Newcomers Event. Also, if you have ideas but are unable to attend, please email or FB message the details to me and I will look them up. Mistress Aelfra (Sherry Meyers)

Historian: Nothing new at this time

Old Business: There will be combat archery at the Siege Muster. They are also doing some type of "provisional" siege authorization instead of a formal auth. The idea is that someone should have battle experience before their final auth is approved. Therefore, we hope to have some skirmishes to give people a chance to practice. Details will be sent out.

FROM THE SENESCHAL

New Business: None

Additional/Misc: Ian has renewed his marshal warrant for heavy weapons and is now a Marshal at Large.

Next Meeting: Sunday, June 4, 2017 - 3:30pm HGA

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

In Service,
Dame Caroline of Burgundy
Seneschal BSSB

Meeting minutes for June 4, 2017:

Baron & Baroness: The Siege Muster was a lot of fun and it was nice to see visitors from other groups. There were at least 18 people who got authorized and everyone had a great time.

We are looking forward to Investiture and would like to encourage everyone to volunteer and help out wherever you can. It will be a very busy weekend and there will be a lot to do. If anyone can help in the kitchen, we would really appreciate some help during cleanup. Thank you!

Seneschal: I have a Deputy! Loribeth Davis has volunteered to become Deputy Seneschal and then move into the Seneschal position in October. I'm sure she will do a fine job and will have the Barony's full support, just as I have had. Vivat!

Exchequer:

Checking: \$5,835.56

Savings: \$1,814.35

A&S: This month's A&S Day will be on June 17th at St. Mark's from noon to 4 pm as usual. Bring your projects and snacks, or join us just to be social. Charmaine will be teaching her class, "Sewing Machine." There will be extra machines available for practice or working on garb. If AEIfra is there it's a good bet there will be another whole room heraldic consultation! Investiture and Pennsic will soon be upon us and if you want to make something for either of those events, get started now!
The next A&S Day will be July 1st.

Chatelaine:

June 10 – Sci-Fi Valley Con – information has been posted about dates & times – please contact Gunther ASAP to let him know when you can be there, we need as many people as possible to help cover all three days

June 25 – Newcomers Event at 1889 Park – please bring loaner gear for people to try – Rosheen will be coordinating the potluck food, please contact her for more information

Gunther will be officially stepping down at the end of the term in August and Jorka will be taking over as Chatelaine.

Scribal Mistress: Scribal Tuesday is going strong and we are busy working on scrolls for Investiture

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

Knight Marshal: Heavy weapons practice on the first Sunday of the month after the business meeting

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

Youth Combat Marshal: Youth combat has been going really well

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Range is open – Practice is cancelled this Friday due to the Sci-Fi Con

Archery Captain: Range is open – Practice is cancelled this Friday due to the Sci-Fi Con

Webminister: Please take a look at the web page and let me know if anything needs to be updated or corrected

Chronicler: Send in articles before June 10th for this month's newsletter

Herald: I will be at the next A&S Day

Historian: Getting ready for a display at Investiture

Old Business: Plans for Investiture are going well. If anyone has anything special planned and has not talked to Cynthia yet, please contact her. There will be an A&S Display at the event, details will be posted.

New Business: We have a bid for Baronial Champs - a full event description will be sent out when finalized

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2017

Location: St. Michael Sportsman Club

Time: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Autocrats: Lady Elizabeth Rosamond & Melissa of the Bog

Feastocrat/Potluck Coordinator: Lady Donatella da Fano

Cost: Free

Food: All day potluck with a meat & drinks provided by the Barony – no feast

Additional/Misc: We still need a bid for 12th Night.

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 2, 2017 - 3:30pm HGA

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

In Service,

Dame Caroline of Burgundy

Seneschal BSSB

From the Chronicler

Submissions for the August/September issue are due on Friday, August 18th—date extension due to Pennsic. The newsletter will be published that weekend.

Feel welcome to submit photos and also Pennsic War stories. Have a talent for something or a love for something? Share it with others by submitting an article. Share your story—Who are you? Why did you join the SCA? And what keeps you involved?

Want to write something, but need help? My contact information is on page 9. Curious about the office of Chronicler? Get in touch. Chronicler is a great way to get your feet wet as an officer.

In Service,

Caiti (Kiwi)

From the A&S Officer

There is an A&S day on Saturday, June 17th at St. Mark's Church in Johnstown from noon to 4:00 pm. Charmaine will be teaching her "sewing machine" class. Bring your projects and feel free to ask questions because that is what it's all about. Even if you are not currently working on anything, stop by and be social.

AELFRA will be there so expect a Whole Room Heraldic Consultation.

There may still be soda/munchies from last time, but please bring your own snacks/drinks if you prefer.

Consider a small donation to the church for our being allowed use of the room. Thanks! It'll be fun!

Our next A&S Day is July 1st, same time & Place! This will be our last one before Investiture & Pennsic.

See you There!

Viv

BOG RETRO A&S DISPLAY – For Bog 3-Day/Investiture Event

For Investiture and in conjunction with Arvik's Bog History display, we will be having a Bog Retro A&S display. This display will feature A&S items from the past, specifically items made by Bidders that were auction items, shown in A&S displays in the past, or given to you as a gift in the past. These could be jewelry, garb, pottery, wood working, embroidery, weaving of any type, armor, swords, shields, calligraphy and illumination. etc. (An example would be the sword Rummy made that Charmaine purchased at her first Bog 12th Night as Baroness.) It would be great if you could provide the maker's name!

Let's make our new Baron & Baroness proud of the artisans of their Barony: Please look through your collection of Bog Art--pick out an item or two of your favorites, the older the better--and bring them to the event for the display.

In Service,

Viv

BOG INVESTITURE

Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

July 14 at 5:00 pm—July 16 at 12:00 pm

New Germany Grove—1635 New Germany Rd, Summerhill, PA 15958

Royal Progress: 👑🍷

OYE, OYE, OYE!!!!!!! The Barony of St. Swithin's Bog invites one and all to attend the Investiture of Gunther and Rosheen and the retirement of our current Baron and Baroness Iago and Emilia. To help celebrate this grand event, you are encouraged to embrace the Bogger in you by wearing Blue and Black for this auspicious occasion!

Investiture Three Day runs Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16 at the New Germany Grove, 1635 New Germany Rd Summerhill, PA 15958. The site opens on Friday at 5:00 pm and closes promptly on Sunday at 12:00 pm. Camping is free and very much encouraged. No shower facilities are available, but please feel free to bring your own amenities. The site is discreetly wet and above ground fires are permitted.

The autocrat for this event is Mistress Baroness Cynthia (Cynthia Chapple, 1945 Florida Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15902). Any questions can be sent to her at 814-266-1347 or mistresscynthia@verizon.net. The Co-Autocrat is THL Ian Campbell of Glen Mor (James Mowry).

Our Feastocrats, brought back by popular demand, are Master Iago (Ken Kusher, spamyard5@yahoo.com) and Master Bastiano (Norman Ed, sculpture_ed@yahoo.com). Please contact either of these good gentles with your dietary needs.

Make checks payable to "SCA-PA, Inc; Barony of St. Swithin's Bog". Send reservations to our reservations clerk and head tollner Lord Battista (Paul Tedeski, 499 Southmont Blvd., Johnstown, PA 15905, 724-859-7190, ptedeski@outlook.com). The only good reservation is a paid one. "NOTE: A full refund will only be issued if reservation clerk is contacted with 24 hours after date of event."

The event registration for this weekend of friends, food and fellowship will be:

- ◆ Adult Event Registration: \$17 – Includes Saturday dayboard, or Pre-Registration (Postmarked by July 1st): \$15;
- ◆ Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$12, or Pre-Registration (Postmarked by July 1st): \$10;
- ◆ Adult Feast: \$8 and is limited to the first paid 60 gentles;
- ◆ Children (6-17) Registration: \$6 and Children (6-17) Feast: \$4;
- ◆ Youth (5 and under): Free.

Refreshments will be available Friday night for those camping, as well as breakfast Saturday morning. A Saturday dayboard is included in the site fee. Sunday breakfast will be leftovers (if anything remains)!

Numerous activities will be held throughout Saturday - fencing and heavy tournaments in the afternoon, as well as thrown weapons, archery and Youth combat if there is an interest. Gunther and Rosheen would be pleased to have all in attendance join them for an on-site revel after feast. Food, drinks, friends and fire await all those who would join them in celebrating their Investiture.

In keeping with past tradition, Scribes are encouraged to bring their paints and brushes and compete in the 9th Annual Iron Scribe competition.

Remember this is the last event before Pennsic, so if you need to either authorize or re-authorize, this is the time and place.

COME, CELEBRATE WITH US!

Baronial Champs 2017

Greetings Boggers!!

As another chapter in our beloved Barony comes to a close this July, our new Baron & Baroness, Gunther & Rosheen will ascend the Cattail Thrones. Within a few months, our current Baronial Champions will be competing at the Seven Pearls event in September. While we wish them all the best, we cannot forget that this Fall, the time will come for Gunther & Rosheen to select our new Baronial Champions. Everyone is encouraged to participate and showcase their skills in heavy fighting, fencing, throwing weapons and archery. Artisans are also encouraged to show their talents in the Arts and Sciences competition, as a new A&S champion will also be selected. (Bardic Champion will be selected at our next 12th Night in January.)

Baronial Champs will be held on **Saturday, October 14, 2017** at the St. Michael Sportsman Club in St. Michael, PA. This was the same site we used a few years ago for Adam Walker's Memorial Fundraising event that was a success. There are large lawn areas for martial activities/tournaments, as well as a spacious hall for court and in the event of rain.

The autocrats for this event will be Lady Elizabeth Rosamond (Kristen Caddy) and Melissa of the Bog (Melissa Agypt). The event will run all day from approximately 10-6, and there is no cost for admission. Per tradition, there will be no feast but an all day potluck, coordinated by Lady Donatella da Fano (Loretta Schultz), with the Barony providing the meat and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or a dessert, especially soup!! Please contact Lady Donatella as to what food item you will be bringing at L1B9S54@gmail.com or 814-254-4907. You are welcome to bring your own feast gear, but paper plates and cutlery will also be available.

*Parking is available on the front lawn; The Sportsmans Club asks that we do not use the upper pavilions and restrooms, as there is no running water up there. I know that the weather has a tendency to turn crappy in October, so dress warm and come out to support our Barony and your fellow Boggers!

*Directions to the site: 270 Main Street, St. Michael, PA 15951...From the West, take 56E to 219N and get off at the St. Michael/Sidman exit, take the first road off to the right (Main Street) to the site; From the East, take 56W to 219N and get off at the St. Michael/Sidman exit, take the first road off to the right (Main Street) to the site; From the South, take 219 N and get off at the St. Michael/Sidman exit, take the first road off to the right (Main Street) to the site; From the North, take 22W to 219 S and get off at the St. Michael/Sidman exit, turn left towards St. Michael and take the first road off to the right (Main Street) to the site.

*Official event announcements will be forthcoming in the next few months.

*Any questions, please contact Lady Elizabeth (kcaddy0804@yahoo.com, 814-421-2899) or Melissa (814-410-5526).

In Service,

Lady Elizabeth Rosamond

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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