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Baronial Meetings, Guilds, and Contacts

Please call the contact person to verify when & where an activity is held!

Archery Practice UW Stock Pavilion Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-9PM.

Contact: Lady Jois (Deena) 628-7782, Lady Sirona (Vicki) 241-7534

Armoured Combat UW Stock Pavilion Wed. 7-10PM, Sunday 2-4PM

Contact: Stephen du Bois (*Stephen Ward*) sward1@chartermi.net

Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue

Contact: Master Giles (Ed Gilbert) 244-2845, horsebows@mail.madtown.net

Bardic Night: 4th Sun, of month, 6-8PM, Urban Market, 1 Sherman Terr.

Contact Ingrid the Crafty (Ingrid Stark) 249-8795, ingridthecrafty@yahoo.com

Brewing & Vintning 3rd Monday. Various locations (call for info)

Contact: Robert the Stout (Robert Trefz) 441-6150, rtrefz@tds.net

Calligraphy & Illumination 1st/2nd Tuesday at Eile's, other Tuesday at Clara's. 7PM

Contact: Lady Eile (Alicia Cronk) 250-4595, leleth.faery@yahoo.com

Clothier's Guild 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7PM. Contact for location.

Contact: Iohanna (A. Rebecca Turner) 628-7638, rturner@library.wisc.edu

Cordial Guild First Tuesday 7:30PM Contact for location

Contact: Lady Cianna Kharleen (Carrie Wilkey) 846-8008,
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Equestrian (not currently active but information available)

Contact: Alissende de Montfaucon (Tammy Thompson) 212-5433,
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European Dance Sundays 3PM. UW Campus—check TTTU for room.

Contact: Lady Thea

Fletching Fridays 6:30PM (call ahead) 17 Vinje Ct.

Contact: Lady Jois Corbet (Deena Thompson) 221-1061

Fool's Guild Alternate Wednesday 6:30PMish, UW Stock Pavilion.

Contact: Lady Aliénor Hathaway (Mariessa Dobrick) 658-8941, reesa83@aol.com

General Business Meeting Usually 1st Sunday, 7PM, Edgewood College,

Predolin Hall — call to verify meeting date and location.

Contact: Lady Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager (Mary Hoffman) 846-0859

Instrumental Music Mondays 7PM-Beginners, 8PM-Advanced.

UW Campus—Check TTTU

Contact: Lord Heinrich von Stuttgart (Andrew Shallue) 251-1849

Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming Wednesday 8:30pm, Bayview Foundation

Contact: Lady Kenya (Heather Cushing) 298-0103, evikenya@tds.net

Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location

Contact: Ivan (John Beebe) 298-0918

Rapier Practice Wednesday 6:30-9PM, UW Stock Pavilion

Contact: Don Mateo Montero de Madrid (Andrew Heinrich) 442-0247,

Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish Irish Waters on University Ave

Contact: HE Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 628-7782

Thrown Weapons 1st and 3rd (after brunch) Sundays Noon, 2nd Wednesdays 7PM, UW Stock Pavilion.

Contact: Peter Orn 231-9863

Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TTTU

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February General Meeting Minutes

In attendance: *Nikolaus der Ausländer, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschläger, Reinholdt von Trollenhagen, Arienh of Ghaldbeal, Paul Wickenden of Thanet, Robert the Stout, Stephen du Bois, Eithni ingen Talorgain, Fiona, Kenya, Yseult de Cherbourg, Elizabeth Wren, and Sara Romney.*

WW (Yseult): Still fine tuning staff for WW. Still looking for a few positions (like Iron Chef coordinator). About four positions left. Planning to hold a staff meeting at Coronation

Middle Eastern Dance (Kenya): ME dance has moved. Now at the Bayview Foundation. Contact Kenya for directions.

Stock Pavilion Funding (Kenya): Still looking for another \$100 for Stock Pavilion fund, as we are short.

Chronicler (Paul): Still looking for a deputy (someone to run off *Skein* when I can't do it). The Webminister has had string of unfortunate events and has had lots of Life things, but hopefully will get to updates soon.

High Seat (Eithni): That Moot Thingy is coming up soon (on March 17-19), but I will be at Gulf Wars, so I will be sending a vicar (Chandler). There will be a court. Gulf Wars is March 12-19 and the Kingdom is trying for a strong showing. HRM wants 41 rapier fighters there. There will be a banner bearer present and yesterday there was a competition for the honor and Master Giles won it. If anyone needs info on the event and the bus to get there, contact me.

Fencing Equipment Donation (Eithni): Last year, we promised \$140 to AARG for rapier loaner gear (and Michael St Christian pledged a matching contribution for a total of \$280). We have finally received a wish list of equipment to purchase and entire list would cost \$320. I propose that the Barony cover the remaining extra needed \$50. **[Meeting agreed to give this extra amount]**

Spring Equestrian Event (Arienh): It is Jara's turn to host the Spring Equestrian event. We expect about 30 people and 12 horses and expect to run a loss of about \$324. Meeting asked if we could raise the site fee to \$10/15 (from \$5/10)? Or do anything to help with shortfall? In the past, there was a shortfall and the Equestrians were supposed to host a fundraiser but have not done so yet?
[Meeting agreed to approve the event, but requested a revised budget to be presented at the next meeting]

AARG V (Wren): would like to hold this event on Memorial Day weekend, at the same site as last year. Lodging available with deadline of May 1. Hoping to have a youth tourney. Looking at about 65 people coming. Would like to borrow some

Guilds and Practices

Stock Pavilion Schedule

The Stock Pavilion schedules have been set for the first 4 months of 2006. We have all our accustomed days and times EXCEPT::

Feb 15, 2006 - (Triathalon in the S.P.)

Apr 26, 2006 - (CALS day for kids)

These schedules are posted at the Stock Pavilion website:

<http://www.ansci.wisc.edu/Facilities/stockp.htm>

Middle Eastern Dance Practice

Middle Eastern Dance Practice has moved. We will be more centrally located now and a little bit closer to Fighter Practice. We will still be meeting on Wednesday evening starting at 8:30pm, but now at the Bayview Foundation Community Center.

Bayview is located across from Meriter Hospital off of Park St. Turn off of Park St onto Braxton Pl (T-intersection) and follow this back until it turns into Bayview Circle. The Foundation building is toward the back side of the circle. Just check in at the desk for parking and they should be able to direct you to what room we are using (there aren't many rooms so it shouldn't be too bad to find me). Contact Kenya (608-298-0103, evilenkenya@tds.net) if you have any questions.

Jararbellir Artillery Brunch

Sunday, February 19 at 10:30am

Enjoy a relaxing meal with your SCA friends. Please bring a dish to share. And afterwards, Archery and thrown weapons ranges will be set up approximately at noon at the UW Stock Pavilion. As always, we have loaner gear available for both archery and thrown weapons. Our kind hostess is Aelf (3156 Ridgeway Ave. #112).

Directions to Brunch:

Take your best route to East Washington. From the west, turn left at Capitol Auto Credit onto Melvin Ct (first street after Hwy 30/Aberg Ave). From the east, turn right at Capitol Auto Credit onto Melvin Ct (street just before Hwy 30/Aberg Ave). Either way, turn left at the first intersection onto Ridgeway. Continue to end of street and turn right into driveway, bear left and continue to the end of the lot. You will be facing Aelf's building. Look for #112.

Questions? Contact Sol (233-5433 or fula_chris@yahoo.com)

The Anti -Calendar

(A listing of events that have already happened)
Compiled by Reinholdt von Trollenhagen

February 4, 1194: King Richard I of England freed. On his way home from the Crusades, Richard was taken prisoner. England paid an outrageous ransom, raised primarily by heavy taxation.

February 7, 1301: Edward of Caernarvon (later King Edward II) becomes the first English Prince of Wales. This was shocking to the Welsh, as they were promised “a Prince who did not speak English”, and got Edward, who was at that time, a baby.

February 18, 1229: The Sixth Crusade: Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor, regains Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem with neither military engagements nor support from the papacy.

February 19, 1594: Already holding the throne of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, inherited from his mother Catherine Jagellonica of Poland, Sigismund III is crowned King of Sweden, succeeding his father John III.

February 21, 1431: Public trial of Joan of Arc begins. It had begun in secret in January.

February 23, 1455: Traditional date for the publication of the Gutenberg Bible.

February 24, 1582: Pope Gregory XIII announces the Gregorian calendar.

equipment from Barony [**Meeting approved event, and suggested contacting Ed the Tall for equipment**]

Exchequer (Fiona): Still short \$73 on Stock Pavilion (as of end of December). No funds for January or February either.

Knights Marshall (Stephen): Regional practice went well. And we might do it again after Coronation. Raito wants people to go to Gulf Wars. His Highness says that he'll have a very belligerent reign and is challenging Calontir with Ages of War (to be held near Rochester).

Coronation (Marian): Coronation is coming along. Have most of the crew I need (still need children's activities and entertainment coordinator). Looking for permission to use the Carports (10 by 10 shade flies) [**Meeting approved, as long as Nordskogen approves**] It's not too late to volunteer.

Stock Pavilion (Reinholdt): No practices on February 15th (triathlon in the SP). We also have a request to give up our Sunday, March 12th practices so that the Dog club can extend their time in the pavilion past noon. We could trade with them for April 9th so we could do a longer regional fighter practice that day.

Heraldry (Reinholdt): is happening. Check the Jara list for announcements as to the next Heraldry open house, or email me at the pursuivant's email address for individual appointments.

Demos (Reinholdt): Three of them coming up. The first one is on Main Street Station in Viroqua WI on February 25th 9:30AM-3:30PM (Viroqua is about 93 miles from Madison, almost to La Crosse) Kudrun the pilgrim is coordinating things. If you can come, please let her know at seneschal@rokeclif.org The second one is for the Stoughton Cub Scouts. They would like to see us Thursday, March 16th or Thursday, April 20th. I have tentatively accepted for us. Finally, there is the Boy's & Girls Club of Dane County (no date yet, in Madison)

Coronation (Reinholdt): My apologies, I have been overwhelmed at work and at home, so I haven't responded to emails lately. I'm back now.

A & S Event (Sara): would like to do an A&S-focused event. There would be three levels of display (bean count, commentary; and scored) and masterwork seminars. Proposing Spring 2007, using the Fireman's park in Waterloo WI. While there has been some concern about scored display, I am working on way to make this available without having it be mandatory. April 7th is a possible date.

[**Meeting approved Paul Wickenden to serve as Directory clerk**]

Seneschal (Robert): I am looking for a drop dead deputy.

Youth Conference Ministry Demo (Robert): The Youth Conference Ministry in Lake Geneva is looking to do a Ren Faire on Monday June 12 and 19 during the day and have asked for help. It might work better if they chose a single date or evening. Hard to get people to show up during the day. Reinholdt will ask on the Jara list if there is interest.

Seneschal's Event Reports (Robert): There is a new requirement for a seneschal's event report within 30 days after an event, so I will have to work with autocrat after the event to create a single centralized report

May Day (Robert): Mayday is coming up and I am looking for a volunteer for autocrat. Nagamochi is interested. **[Meeting approved the event, but will need a budget for next meeting]**

Reimbursement for Sol (Marian): Sol has been waiting since August to get reimbursed by Rokeclif for money she spent on NASMA. **[Meeting agreed to give her the money to cover until Rokeclif pays up]**

Topics for Next Meeting:

Donation for Northshield - we need to discuss this formally next meeting, as it has been some time since we last donated.

Archiving data - should we have a way to archive data? Discuss this next month.

Epistle from the Baroness

Greetings unto the Populace of Jararvellir this fine winter day!

Throughout January the weather was reasonably kind to us, sending mild days and even rain to these lands. But even so, it is not a season to spend much time out of doors and therefore we gathered on the first of January to celebrate the holidays in warm halls with good friends. The Yule Feast was, as usual, a delightful day of simple joys. Several dozen gentles attended and whiled away the day with games and various handcrafts. We enjoyed performances from both the Choir and the Instrumental Guild and before long it was time for Court.

Fees

	In advance	At the door
Site Fee:		
Adults	\$5	\$7
Children 6-12	\$3	\$4
Children <6	free	free
Feast:	\$12	\$14 (if available)
Merchant	\$20	not available

Non-members should add \$3 for the Surcharge.

Pre-registrations must be postmarked before March 1st, 2006

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc - Barony of Jararvellir

Mail reservations to: PO Box 1002, Madison WI 53701-1002

Other Events

Out and About

This section is meant to give you an idea of activities nearby. For more information visit the individual group's website (easily accessed from <http://www.northshield.org/events/>).

February 2006

25—**River Revel: Tacky Garb Ball**, Stromfels (River Falls WI)

March 2006

11—**Fighter School**, Windhaven (Menasha WI)

17—**TMT VI—The Feast of St Patrick**, CoilleStoirmel (Wilton WI)

April 2006

1—**Tournament of Champions**, Rokeclif (Taylor WI)

22—**Shire of Rockwall Birthday**, Rockwall (Johnstown WI)

May 2006

6-7—**Beltaine by the Bay**, Darkstone (Ashland WI)

20—**A SUN Event-ually**, Shattered Oak (Augusta WI)

June 2006

1-4—**Spring Fling XV**, Windhaven (Oshkosh WI)

9-11—**Mermaids XIII**, Turm an dem See (Valders WI)

23-25—**Border Skirmish III**, Caer Anterth Mawr (Lakemore IL)

Spring Coronation

April 8th, A.S. XL
Hosted by the Barony of Jararvellir

Location: Mandt Community Center
400 Mandt Parkway
Stoughton WI 53589

The site is handicapped accessible, discreetly wet and non-smoking indoors. There is a playground with picnic tables outdoors for the children.

Steward

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Feast

Reinholdt von Trollenhagen
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Schedule

8 AM – Site opens

Activities at Their Majesties' & Highnesses' discretion

Feast (Menu TBD)

11 PM – Site closes

Staff Vacancies

We're still looking for staff to coordinate children's activities and entertainment:

Children's Activities: This will only occur if we have someone who would like to coordinate these activities. Propose activities and space and equipment requirements to make an area for children's activities. assemble crew to set up, run, and clean up area.

Entertainment Coordinator: Anticipating that Their Highnesses would approve entertainment on their schedule, this person would make arrangements for space and announcements.

If you are interested, contact the Steward, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschläger (Mary Hoffman, (608) 846-0859, mhoffman@edgewood.edu)

We had the pleasure of being joined by Their Royal Majesties, Æsa and Raito and of being to recognize several most worthy gentles. Clara Isabella de Arrondo received the Order of Zephyrus for her enthusiastic involvement with the Jararvellir choir. Raul Satiago was recognized with an award of the Wellspring for his good work as Seneschal of Wolfhome. For her long service to the Barony and joyful gifts of bowstrings, arrows, and the knowledge of fiber arts, Moira nic Connel the Strongbow received the award of the Silk Purse. Earlier in the afternoon, there had been a meeting of the Order of the Pisces where it was found that not less than ten gentles were well deserving of being entered into the Order. Please welcome to the Order of the Pisces: Seraphina de la Warr and Jagiello Ladislaw for their service to the Barony in uncountable ways, Peter Orn and Sol Tirzana for their dedication to the thrown weapons and archery communities, Heinrich von Stuttgart and Heregyth Kettilsdottir for their great musical talents and service, Ivan Matfeevich Rezanskyand Cwynthryth Wine for his contributions to the Needlearts Guild and her work with Calligraphy and Illumination, Aliénor Hathaway of Greyfeather for her involvement with the Fools Guild and Choir as well as service as Chatelaine and Éile inghean Áilgheasaigh for her contributions to Calligraphy and Illumination, both by teaching others and by creations from her own hands. Jararvellir is indeed blessed to have so many talented and selfless gentles in her midst! Vivant to you all!

Just this past weekend, at Hare Affair, Their Majesties held a tourney to choose their banner bearer on the Rapier field at Gulf Wars. I am proud to announce that They have chosen Magisterfrater Giles Devon as their banner bearer and that Their Highnesses have also announce their intent to have Master Giles represent Them on the field at Pennsic. Vivat to Magisterfrater Giles!

We have many more weeks of winter yet to come and the weather-watchers warn of much colder days to come. If you do not already have plans to do so, consider answering Their Majesties' call to War and traveling south to Gulf Wars this March. I can assure you it is a most enjoyable War and should be a welcome break from our Northern climate. If you cannot serve by going, consider asking Them how else you may support the War effort, but I do hope to join many of you there!

Yours in Fishy Service~

Eithní ingen Talorgain

Dear Trystan

*Dear Sheriff Trystan,
What is the noblest martial art?*
— Edgy and Pointed

Dear Edgy and Pointed,

Hmmm. Tricky. Let's consider:

Heavy fighting has much to recommend it, surely, for those who pursue this discipline spend many selfless hours honing their skills for the day when they will be called upon to lay down life and limb for their king and for the lands they hold dear. Indeed, the very fabric of our society depends on this mechanism, by which the king extends his protecting aegis over the holdings of the knights and barons who swear him fealty, and these gentles, in times of war, promise him the service of the hardy squires and men-at-arms that make up their households. These worthies in turn, eager to protect their semi-privileged hides, can be counted on to coerce and conscript scores of hapless yeomen and trembling peasants to march before them into battle. These levies may generally be recognized as the ones left holding the bag when the grease hits the griddle, but let's face it: they should have known better than to be born into a feudal system of governance without a drop of blue blood to boast of.

Students of history will confirm that the protocols outlined above stand as the very definition of noble comportment, but it must be admitted that there are dissenting voices. Of course, those who protest the inhumanity of our system of conflict resolution are probably the sort who peruse religious texts personally (instead of recognizing this pursuit as the purview of the priesthood) and, thus, heretics. You may lend them an ear if you so desire, but it doesn't pay to get too close to the terminally inflammable, if you know what I mean. Even so, there are other arguments worth considering.

What of the nobility of the much vaunted "Arte of Defense?" Those who bear a gentleman's weapon in times of peace (or between campaigns) are ever ready to defend their honor, the honor of their queen, or the honor of their lady against slander and calumny. Death holds no terror for these gentles, who fear only cowardice. Some might argue that in our society, where honor is truly a noble's most prized possession, the art of dueling to preserve that honor would qualify as the noblest of the martial arts. There may be some truth to this: in a duel there is no phalanx of spear to fall back on, no wall of shields to dart behind, there is only the stark reality of one man facing

another with no shell of metal to ward off a mortal thrust. Certainly, nobility may be found here.

Of course, after a few belts down at the Pig and Whistle, the cream of our nobility may also be found loudly defending the honor of their favorite recipe for gumbo, the honor of the barmaid, Wee Sally Round-heels, or the honor of their novelty beer stein, the one with the legend: "Bottoms up!" under a suggestive bas-relief. Amidst all this posturing and slurred invective, something shaped vaguely like a gauntlet is accidentally tipped onto the floor and the late-night bar crowd suddenly manifests sufficient "honor and nobility" to overburden the town's necropolis. Finally, and without exception, the greatest insult of all occurs as the town watch shows up in the middle of the fray and ventures that "perhaps milords would care to walk it off and put away the pig-stickers?," drawing all kinds of undesired and well-armed, inebriate attention upon themselves. Messy. Been there, bought the tee-tunic.

Finally, we have archery. Hmm, yes. Archers. Damned handy to have around if it's full daylight, not raining, you've got the high ground, the enemy politely steps into view several hundred yards away and you can pry more than twenty of the sappy buggers away from their hobby of poaching the king's deer. Other than that, I'd say that archery is what the nobility has other people do when all the meat hanging in the pantry has gotten a bit too gamey.

All in all, it appears that the concept of "nobility" may be a tad subjective, or at the very least situation-specific. To this confusion, however, I may offer remedy. As a sheriff, I have been selected, by the highest of authorities, to pay heed to subtle nuances of honor and nobility that are veritably invisible to the layman, and furthermore to serve as an exemplar for my countrymen.

On any given day you may be advised to simply note which martial practice I, myself, lend my hand to. Be content in the certainty that it is this activity, and none other, that epitomizes nobility for the time being...at least until I am offered a more lucrative endorsement contract.

In unwavering service to those who sign my expense reports~

Sheriff Trystan der Facheltraeger

Do you have a question for Trystan? If so, sod off! But if you really really want to ask your question, you can write him c/o the Chronicler (Paul Goldschmidt, 5625 Highland Way, Middleton WI 53562, chronicler@jararvellir.org).