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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) 226-0846

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

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Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue

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

Bardic Night: Fourth Sunday, 6-8PM, Escape Java Joint, 916 Williamson St

Contact Ingrid the Crafty (Ingrid Stark) 249-8795, ingridthecrafty@yahoo.com; or
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Brewing & Vintning Third Monday. Various locations (call for info)

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

Calligraphy & Illumination Tuesdays 7PM. Call for location

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

Clothier's Guild Alternate Mondays, 7PM. Contact for location and dates.

Contact: Iohanna (A. Rebekah Turner) 957-9072, arebekah@gmail.com

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)

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European Dance Sundays 3PM. UW Campus—check TITU for room.

Contact: Lady Thea

Fletching Fridays 6:30PM (call ahead) 5418 Imagine

Contact: Lord Toussaint de Caluwe (Tyson Patterson) 838-4092

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

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

UW Campus—Check TITU

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Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming Wednesday 8:15pm, UW Stock Pavilion

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Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location

Contact: Ivan (John Beebe) 298-0918

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

Contact: Rosa de la Mer

Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish — call to verify location

Contact: HE Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 628-7782

Thrown Weapons Sundays Noon, Second Wednesdays 7PM, UW Stock Pavilion.

Contact: Vacant

Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TITU

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

EPISTLE FROM THE BARONESS

Greetings unto the Populace of Jararvellir from Baroness Eithni ingen Talorgain!

Autumn has come to the Barony, and with it, cool winds and the sharp smell of leaves on the ground. As always, it is a season of change and preparation. One of the changes October brought to these lands was the arrival of new Heirs to the Kingdom – Crown Tourney was held at the far Western border of the Kingdom, but was quite well attended for all that. The final bout came down to Lars Wulfsblut and Geoffrey de la Brugge and Lars proved victorious for the right to become Northshield's eighth King – Vivant for Prince Lars and Princess Mary!

Another change that occurred, or at least became apparent to all, that same day was the development of a new website for the Kingdom. Several of our own, including Viscountess Shava and Elizabeth, were instrumental in creating the site and continue to work tirelessly to improve its functionality, correct glitches, and implement suggestions for improvements. While it may take awhile to become accustomed to the new format, I think that this new site will prove to be beneficial for many gentles. To these ladies and the many others working on the project – Vivant!

Looking ahead, the Knowne World Academy of the Rapier (KWAR) will be practically in our backyard on November 30-December 2 in the Barony of Nordskogen. I would strongly urge any of you with an interest in Rapier to attend as it will include classes from well-renown fencers from across the Knowne World and some from closer to home. Shortly thereafter is Boar's Head in Caer Anterth Mawr, which I suspect will be a wonderful event as usual and will once again host Her Highness' Princess' Sleeve Tourney. The tourney begins bright and early, so make travel plans accordingly! Before long, the new year will be here, with the Yule Moot (date and location still TBA) and It's Only a Flesh Wound, a heavy fighter-centric event (January 26, 2008) right here in the Barony. Of course, there will also be Nordskogen's 12th Night, where a new Baron and Baroness of Nordskogen will be invested. Please contact me if you are interested in donating materials to this very special gift basket. I will dearly miss working beside my cousins Khadijah and Rodrigo, but look forward to working with their successors. I hope to see many of you at some, if not all of these events!

As always, may your travels be safe and joyful!

Yours in Fishy Service~

eithni

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Robert the Stout, Eithni ingen Talorgain, Tatiana McGowan, James, Reinholdt von Trollenhagen, Ermina, Jois, Toussaint, Paul Wickenden of Thanet, Delphine, Iohanna, Ivan, Cwen, Æsa, Stephen du Bois, Roisin, Cosimo, Annora le Spindlere, and Eliane Halevy.

Exchequer (Tatiana): I would like to switch the Baronial account from Associated Bank to Summit Credit Union, mostly because it would be easier for me to get there (as I work there). I have cleared any potential conflict of interest with my supervisor. It would also be a better deal for the Barony. There would be no fees (except a \$5 minimum deposit in a savings account). **[Meeting approved decision to move account to Summit in Jan 2008, but CD will stay at Associated for now]**

Webminister (James): I've been working on the It's Only A Flesh Wound page. If you are interested in the new upcoming look for the Baronial pages, take a look at what I have done here for a preview.

Archery (Jois): I'm here primarily to turn in the donations for archery, the Stock Pavilion, and fletching. We've had a recent influx of about four new people to flesh out our numbers. During the week when we don't have the Stock Pavilion in November, we will be rebuilding the targets so we will have new ones at which to shoot.

Yule Moot (Toussaint): Nothing on the Yule Moot yet. I'm still looking for a site. I expect about a \$200 site fee.

Iohanna: Nothing.

Delphine: Nothing.

Ivan: Nothing.

Cwen: Nothing.

Bardic Madness (Eliane): I'm looking for bid for a Bardic madness site. Will announce to Kingdom when it is found.

POTTERY GUILD

The Pottery Guild will be having a meeting on 12/10. Usually, we meet from 6-9pm at 425B West Cottage Grove Rd., Cottage Grove (608) 839-5000

There is dry studio fee. Ceramic bisque ware is a flat fee in the dry studio. In the wet studio, for hand building or throwing, the studio fee is \$6.00 and the clay is \$6.00/lb used.

Contact Annora at (605) 438-6530 for more information.

NEEDLEARTS SCHEDULE

The Needlearts Guild meets weekly at rotating sites. The upcoming schedule is:

11/6 – Moira

11/13 – Class Night at Ermina's: Ivan teaching Bayeux Tapestry Stitch

11/20 – Cwen and Ivan

11/27 - <Still need a host>

12/4 - <Still need a host>

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, November 18 at 11am

Please join us for the first indoor archers' brunch of the season, starting at 11:00 am. Our kind hosts this month are Matthew Neverathom & Amanda at 5210 Paulson Rd, McFarland (directions below). Please bring a dish to share. Archery practice begins at noon at the Stock Pavilion. As always, we have loaner archery gear available.

Directions to 5210 Paulson Rd, McFarland:

Take your best route to Stoughton Rd. (Hwy 51). Take it south past the Beltline towards McFarland, and turn into the Siggelkow exit. Turn left down Siggelkow, then take the first right into Paulson Rd. Take Paulson all the way down, to the last set of townhouses on the right hand side.

Questions? Contact Sol (sol1040@gmail.com) or call Matthew & Amanda (213-0315, 213-7456)

EVENTS

OUT AND ABOUT

For more information visit the individual group's website (easily accessed from <http://www.northshield.org/events/>).

December 2007

8—**Boar's Head: A Boar's Tale**,
Caer Anterth Mawr (West Bend
WI)

January 2008

26—**It's Only a Flesh Wound**,
Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)

LOCAL NEWS

STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We do NOT have the Stock Pavilion on November 11, 14, 18 and December 2 and 30. On other dates, we have our other regular dates and times through the end of January. The official schedule can be found at:

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

BREWING AND VINTING

The November beer appreciation class will be held on Wednesday, November 14th. We do not have the Stock Pavilion on 11/14. I have a couple of ideas for the class. Please contact Robert the Stout if you are interested, and which class you would prefer:

- 1: Belgium Beer tasting at Brasserie V
- 2: Trying out Beers from Gray's brewing company at the Gray's Tied house in Verona.

High Seat (Eithni): The month was fairly quiet for the Barony. As for the Kingdom, we have a new Prince and Princess.

Tomorrow will be the Newcomer's Moot. Officers and guild heads are encouraged to show up to promote your group.

In January, we will have the Yule Moot (probably the 6th or the 13th) and It's Only A Flesh Wound (and Nordskogen 12th Night in the middle). At 12th Night, there will be an investiture for Their Excellencies Nordskogen. I would like to put together gift basket. Let me know if you have something to contribute.

WW (Æsa): We had an autocrats meeting today. Right now, we have staff vacancies for surgeon, security coordinator, resource manager, TW MIC, T-shirt sales, youth activities, and Heavy Weapons MIC. We are still looking at sites but have a place if we can't find better options.

Pursuivant (Reinholdt): There will be a Heraldry open house sometime in November.

Needlearts (Ermina): On the 13th, Ivan will be teaching stitching at my place for up to 8 people. Please contact me in advance if you plan to attend.

Knights Marshal (Stephen): We do not have the Stock Pavilion on the 11th or the 14th. In addition, there will be no heavy weapons practice on the 18th or on the Sunday after Boar's Head (12/9).

I am stepping down and nominate Roisin to replace me. **[We will vote on that nomination next month]**

It's Only a Flesh Wound is coming along. HRH sees no reason to hold court unless HRM comes and wants it (otherwise, it will just interfere with good fighting time). I am working on the tournament prizes. The gates open at 8am, with limited authorizations at 9, and the first "lay on" at 10.

Change of Offices (Roisin): Next month, vote for me for KM! The change of office means that I need to step down from the MOAS position. The position is open to anyone who wants to do job.

Incoming Rapier Marshal (Cosimo): I have inventoried the loaner gear and we are missing some things. I need to find where they went. I'm also going to set up a check-out system for the gear. **[Meeting voted orally to approve Cosimo as the new Rapier Marshall]**

Demo Coordinator (Annora): I just received a request for a new demo. Chadbourne Hall (the UW academic dorm) wants a demo for A&S. It will be on Wednesday, December 5th from 6:30-8pm. Musicians and artisans are especially needed, but fighters could drop by on their way to practice to show their armor.

Directory (Paul): I am working on the 2007-2008 Directory (please encourage everyone to get their updates to me ASAP). I hope to publish it after Thanksgiving.

Chronicler (Paul): It's also that time of year when you should renew your *Skein* subscriptions. As always, I am looking for material for the newsletter (office vacancies, meeting notices, and articles all make good copy).

Seneschal (Robert): There is still no word on whether we are going to have to pay for the breaking of the WW lease (the issue goes to court on Monday).

The storage locker now has insurance (with a \$500 deductible). The decision about whether to ensure the WW locker is waiting a response from Nordskogen.

February 1st will be my two-year anniversary and I will be stepping down. I am currently soliciting a replacement. Please let me know if you are interested.

Brewing and Vintning (Robert): We will hold beer appreciation on the 14th. It will be either Belgian beers at Brasserie V or Grays beers at Grays Tiedhouse in Verona.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: DECEMBER 2, AT
7PM, EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

November 9, 1494: The family de' Medici become rulers of Florence.

November 10, 1444: In the Battle of Varna, a Turkish victory over Hungarian forces ends the efforts of European powers to save Constantinople from Turkish conquest.

November 11, Martinmas: is the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a 4th century bishop and hermit, and one of the Scottish quarter days (days on which servants were hired, and rents and rates were due.)

1572: Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe first observes the Nova Cassiopeiae. Although other observers claimed to have spotted it earlier, his precise measurements revealed it was a distant phenomenon and that changes could occur among stars.

November 16, 1384: Hedwig is crowned King of Poland, although she is a woman.

1532: Francisco Pizarro and his men capture Inca Emperor Atahualpa.

November 17, 1292: John Balliol becomes King of Scotland.

1558: Elizabeth I Becomes Queen of England: Upon the death of her sister Mary, Elizabeth Tudor became Queen amid bonfires and much ringing of bells. She would not be officially crowned until January.

November 18, 1307: According to legend, William Tell shoots an apple off his son's head.

November 25, 1177: Baldwin IV of Jerusalem and Raynald of Chatillon defeats Saladin at the Battle of Montgisard.

1491: Spanish forces begin the siege of Granada, last Moorish stronghold in Spain.

November 27, 1095: Pope Urban II Calls for the Crusade. Urban made his famous speech at the Council of Clermont, launching the First Crusade.

November 28, 1520: Magellan Sets Sail Across the Pacific. Having discovered the strait that now bears his name, Magellan entered the "Sea of the South" (the Pacific). Although he died in the Philippines, his crew would succeed in circumnavigating the globe without him.

1582: William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway pay a £40-bond for their marriage license.

THE ANTI-CALENDAR

(A listing of events that have already happened)

Compiled by Reinholdt von Trollenhagen

November 1, All Saints' Day: The origins of the holiday commemorating all the saints of the church are obscure, but by the mid-eighth century, November 1st was the day to honor all known and unknown saints in the Catholic Church. In 837, its general observance was ordered by Pope Gregory IV. The date may have been selected for its coincidence with pagan observations of the harvest, including the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain and the ancient Finnish celebration of Kekri. It is an English cross-quarter day (a holiday derived from the Celtic calendar).

1512: The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo, is exhibited to the public for the first time.

1592: At the Battle of Busan, the outnumbered Korean navy defeats a larger Japanese army.

November 2, 1164: Thomas Becket leaves Britain. The quarrel between the Archbishop of Canterbury and King Henry II had come to a head when Becket was ordered to appear in Northampton to stand trial on several trivial matters. He fled to Flanders, and stayed away from England for 6 years.

November 4, 1520: Christian II Crowned King of Sweden. Already king of Denmark and Norway, Christian conquered Sweden as well. But the subsequent massacre of his opponents led to a Swedish war of liberation, which was achieved a mere three years later.

November 5, 1556: A Mogul Army defeats Hindu forces of General Hemu fifty miles north of Delhi, to ensure Akbar the throne of India.

November 6, 1429: Henry VI crowned King of England. Though he succeeded to the throne at nine months of age, he was not officially crowned until he was eight.

November 8, 1519: Hernán Cortés enters Tenochtitlán and Aztec ruler Moctezuma welcomes him with great pomp as would befit a returning god.

UPCOMING DEMO

We have been invited to put on a demo for Chadbourne Residential College on the UW Campus in the Chadbourne dormitory (corner of Park St. and University Ave.) on Wednesday, December 5 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, with setup at 6:00. Chadbourne is more than a dorm in that it is also an academic community so this could be a wonderful recruiting opportunity for us! For this demo I could particularly use assistance from artisans willing to come display/perform and talk to the students about your areas of interest in the SCA.

ANNORA LE SPINDLER

Jararvellir Demo Coordinator

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thrown Weapons Marshal — the Thrown Weapons Marshal is responsible for the safe set up and operation of the Barony's thrown weapon practices. The Marshal is also responsible for the Barony's thrown weapon equipment. You must either be a TW Marshal or MIT (or willing to become one) to hold this position. If interested, please contact John Bartholomew of Flanders (Jack) or Robert the Stout.

Deputy Knight Marshal — the Deputy Knight Marshal is responsible for assisting the Knight Marshal in overseeing fighting in the Barony. This includes running fight practices, and keeping records of the fighters in the Barony. You need to be either a Marshal or a Marshal in Training to hold this position. Contact Stephen Du Bois if you are interested.

DEAR TRYSTAN

Dear Trystan,

I came to the Stock Pavilion once for Wednesday night practice and found it overwhelming. Can you give me a guide to what is going on there?

—Jeanne la Abeille Nouvelle

Sure Jeanne. Glad to help. When you first walk in as a new and prospective SCAdian you may discover, lingering nearby the entryway, the chatelaine of our Barony. This is the gentle charged with orienting new members and coordinating their interests with the various guilds our Barony has to offer. Thus they were the first of our barony's many officers to studiously ignore you.

Early on a Wednesday evening the stock pavilion shall likely be dominated by the practice of those who fancy themselves archers. One might assume from their use of a traditional concentric circular target that they should endeavor to place their arrows in said target's middle-part. A shrewd observer, however, divines their true mission: the wholesale perforation of the backstop and stands behind the target butts. Perplexing, yet nevertheless true.

Once the archers have fractured the preponderance of their arrows, the field will be taken by the light-weapons enthusiasts. These will be the gentles arrayed in colorful and flamboyant outfits of trigger-cloth or canvas, managing a fine balance of craft vs. style that is neither particularly protective nor in any manner appealing to the eye. Their main activity is, as always, a competition to see which of them can lounge

around talking about fencing (without actually picking up their sword) for the longest span of time whilst still being perceived as an athlete. The masters of this craft display an ability that is really nothing short of miraculous.

Finally, there is the awe inspiring ritual known as heavy-weapons practice, wherein individuals whose only other form of exercise is changing the batteries in their remote control squeeze themselves into metal suits, lanyard a shield onto one arm and a sword onto the other, and try to actually move. They then engage in short, furious bursts of activity that suggest that they really **really** detest one another's shields, not to mention the concept of grace. While not particularly productive, their endeavors do provide those in our barony with chiropractic skills and CPR certifications with ample opportunity to practice their trade.

Finally we get to the actual point of all this eccentric behavior. At the end of the evening its social practice at the local tavern. See you there- you're buying.

In Service,

THEE MOST THYRSTY SHERIFF
in ALL OF NORTHOSHIELD
SHERIFF TRYSTAN DER
FACHELTRAEGER

New to the Barony? Do you have a question for Trystan? Let him know, write to Trystan c/o the Chronicler (Paul Goldschmidt, 5625 Highland Way, Middleton WI 53562, chronicler@jaravellir).