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(Monroe & Juneau County, WI)

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Monthly Meeting: First or second Sunday of the month at the Nest in Tomah

# BARONIAL MEETINGS, GUILDS, AND CONTACTS

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

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

Contact: Lady Jois (Deena) 226-0846

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

Contact: Roisin igen Ailill (Rebecca Heidelberger) 244-4621, roisin106@aol.com

## **Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue**

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

## **Bardic Arts (not currently active)**

Contact: Vacant

## **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, cianna@teadame.com

## **Equestrian (not currently active but information available)**

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

Contact: Lady Genevieve Elisabeth Dumas (Jenny Becker) 206-9330, kathrynscurly98@aol.com

## **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: Ivan Matfeevich Rezansky (John Beebe) 298-0918, rezansky@sbcglobal.net

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

UW Campus—Check TITU

Contact: Lord Nikolaus der Ausländer (Clint Hotaling) 846-0859, n\_auslander@hotmail.com

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

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## **Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location**

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

Contact: Cosimo de Cellini (Joe Ordaz) 274-0997, jordaz@netzero.com

## **Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish. Call to verify location**

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

Contact: John "Jack" Bartholomew of Flanders (David Thompson-Hall) 257-1082

## **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 Eithni ingen Talorgain!

Spring has finally made its presence known in these Fishy lands and, while I am not quite ready to believe that we will see no more of winter's nasty tricks, it is a welcome change to regularly see the sun. And Northshield is doubly warmed by the presence of our most radiant Stellar Majesties Stephen and Ailleanne. Once again, Their Majesties are from Jararvellir, so I would encourage all of you to make time in your busy schedules to offer your time and talents to our Sovereigns. Often, it is the little things that make their days more pleasant, so contact their chamberlain and offer what services you may.

Looking ahead, the coming months will be very busy in Jararvellir – the May Day Moot (May 3), ARRG (May 22-25), WW (July 9-12), SUN (November 7), and hopefully Griffin's Needle Challenge (date and location TBA). Please send me any award recommendations for May Day by April 15<sup>th</sup> and ARRG by May 10<sup>th</sup>. As always, WW will be upon us before we know it, so please carefully consider your schedule and plan to volunteer your time, either as a department chief or a volunteer. It is your time and dedication that makes WW possible, please volunteer early and often!

Another topic that requires your attention is the upcoming Baronial transition process. Last month I announced my intent not to run for a third term, so I would encourage anyone with an interest in the position to talk with me about the joys and responsibilities of the position. I would further encourage all of you with an interest in the process, whether or not you intend to run, to begin attending General Meeting on a regular basis as we will be discussing the Baronial Charter, the timetable of the changeover, and the candidates in the next few months. (Please see this month's General Meeting minutes, as this letter is written before the meeting and some of these topics no doubt have been discussed or at least touched upon at the April Meeting.) The Baronial transition process has implications for the next three years of the Barony's history, so please take the time to attend General Meetings and actively engage the candidates so as to better advise TRM's as to your preference. As a final note, I would remind everyone that this is a joyful and healthy process – if we're not having fun, we're not doing it right. Play nice, share the toys and, of course, if you have any questions about the process, please contact either Ivan or myself.

Yours ever in Service,

eithni

# APRIL GENERAL MEETING minutes

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*In attendance: Eithni, Æsa, Raito, Stephen, Duncan, Seonaid, Lance, Sol, Chiere Nichole, Aleksandre, James, Tatiana, Reinholdt, Jack Flanders, Marian, Nicolaus, Robert the Stout, Ermina and Ivan.*

**Directories (Ermina):** Reports that baronial directories will be available for sale for \$1.00 at the Wednesday night meeting. After that time, people who want an electronic copy may request one by sending the request to Ermina as MOAS@Jararvellir.org.

**MoAS (Ermina):** She also reports that no one has stepped forward as a candidate for baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences (MoAS). So, the call goes out still. If you have an interest in promoting arts and sciences in the barony, please let Ermina know by emailing her at MOAS@Jararvellir.org. The Minister of Arts and Sciences (MoAS) is a post where people can encourage the arts and sciences. Official duties are to file quarterly reports, and to file reports for A&S events held locally. Both are filed by filling in an online screen. But more importantly, you encourage the arts and sciences. If someone comes up trying to find out about an aspect of art, wanting to learn (this is, after all, an educational society), you help by teaching them yourself, or by guiding them to a fruitful inquiry. That's it. You encourage. You guide. And, occasionally, you report.

**Arts & Science Display (Eithni):** The arts and sciences display this winter had 30 entrants. She was very impressed by both the quality and range of the pieces displayed. "Amazing," she said. Three prizes were awarded. The Royal Prize was given to Gustav of Jararvellir (he doesn't live in Jara, but wants to be enfranchised). The Peers Prize was awarded to Jararvellir's own Ivan. The Populace Prize was awarded to Sven Tunheim of Border Downs.

**Silent Auction (Marion):** The Silent Auction raised \$515 for their majesties. Those items that remain will be at Wednesday practice; what's left after that will go to St. Vincent's.

**Baronial Storage (Marion):** There is much excess baronial treasure in the storage unit. Some is regalia; Eithni will check with Paul and Josceline for what needs to be kept for history's sake, and what can be put in the Silent Auction for May Day. All lost-and-found feast gear will be given to the chatelaine.

**Chiere Nichole:** Says she has had some loaner gear for quite a while, and that she will be giving it back to the chatelaine when next they meet.

## STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We have the Stock Pavilion for all of our accustomed times through April, except for April 26th. As always, the full schedule can be found at:

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

## JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, April 26 at 11am

Please join us for the last indoor archers' brunch of the season, starting at 11:00 am. Our kind hosts this month are Toussaint de Caluwé and Jois Corbet at 5418 Imagine St (directions below). Please bring a dish to share. **The Stock Pavilion will be closed on the 26th and archery practice has been cancelled. Instead, stay and work on projects and visit. Jois and Toussaint are opening their home for the duration of the afternoon, until around 4:30.**

### Directions to 5418 Imagine St:

From the Beltline, go south on Stoughton Rd. (Hwy 51). Turn left at the first stoplight onto Voges. When Voges deadends, turn right on Marsh. Turn right on Yesterday, entering the Lost Creek neighborhood.

Take an immediate left on Honeypie, then turn right onto Imagine.

The house is 5418 Imagine, 4th house on the right. The phone is 838-4092.

Questions? Contact Jois (226-0846) or Sol (sol1040@gmail.com)

## EVENTS

### OUT AND ABOUT

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

#### May 2009

16—Beltaine by the Bay,  
**Darkstone** (Ashland WI)

22-24—ARRG VIII: Ship,  
Captain, and Crew,  
**Jararvellir** (Montello WI)

29-31—Mermaid's XVI—  
Sweet 16 Coming Out Party,  
**Turm an dem See** (Valders  
WI)

#### June 2009

12-14—Border Skirmish VI,  
**Caer Anterth Mawr** (WI/IL  
Border)

#### July 2009

9-12—Warriors and Warlords,  
**Nordskogen and Jararvellir**  
(Boscobel WI)

## LOCAL NEWS

### THROWN WEAPONS PRACTICES

Here is the thrown weapons practice schedule for the next couple of months: April 19, May 3, May 17

We begin setting up for thrown weapons at the time that archery starts taking down, usually between 2:00 and 2:15.

### TOUSSAINT DE CALUWÉ

**SUN (Marion):** The Stellar University of Northshield (SUN) event is scheduled for 11/7 at Edgewood; she's requesting that volunteers for staff contact her.

**Music Guild (Nicolaus):** The music guild played at coronation and the autocrat asserts they played "very well".

**Exchequer (Tatiana):** Three things to report: first, there were more than 300 in attendance at coronation (details to follow); second, half the event funds go to kingdom; and third, she reiterated that the silent auction at coronation raised \$515.

**Webminister (James):** He is getting the awards into Excel format and then on the web, with a goal to have all in place before Baroness Eithni steps down, as a gift for her.

**Warriors and Warlords (Æsa):** Presented the budget for Warriors and Warlords; after discussion, it was determined that the site fee will be set based on the plan to give Boscobel \$1.00 per person. The budget was (almost) unanimously passed as amended. The fee will be \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 6 to 10, free for children younger than that, with a family cap of \$50. It was pointed out that the budget includes funds for shower upgrades, new benches, and tables. Because Boscobel, the municipality, does not have a federal ID number to account the \$1,000 gift from last year, there has been a delay in cutting those funds loose, but Æsa is certain all that will be straightened out soon.

**It's Only A Flesh Wound (Stephen):** First the date: he has a reservation at the same hall as last year for January 30. Eithni brought up the problem that she has a conflict with that; a friend getting married. Stephen will work with the site management to pick another date that works better. The budget is a copy of last year, with a 10% adjustment for price increase. The site fee of \$9 can cause troubles at troll, but he won't raise the fee \$2 in this kind of economy. The budget was unanimously approved as presented.

**Coronation/Crown (Stephen):** Their majesties are proposing that coronation be in the morning and the crown tourney in the afternoon; that both events take place at the same event. Please comment in writing to their majesties; it's crazy trying to remember all the things people say.

**Coronation Lost and Found (Seonaid):** I will be posting the lost-and-found from coronation to the Jararvellir email list.

**Archery Brunch (Sol):** I invite everyone to the last indoor archery brunch on the 26th. Because we won't have the Stock Pavilion that day, Jois and Toussant are opening their home for the brunch and an all-day project day.

**May Day (Robert The Stout):** I have a proposal for the May Day Moot on Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 11 am to 8 pm (site prep will begin at 10 AM, and we have the site until 10 PM). Location will be Burrows Park, off of North Sherman Ave. There are two fireplaces, and firewood is being brought by volunteers. Activities being planned are: Baronial court, Heavy Weapons Champion tournament, Rapier Champion tournament, A&S competition, Pot Luck, May Pole dance, May Business Meeting, and last but not least over-the-fire treats like bruschetta.

**Award Recommendations (Eithni):** I did not hold a baronial court at coronation because I am looking forward to holding court at the May Day celebration. Please send award recommendations to me by April 15. Another award presentation opportunity is AARG, which will be May 22 and 23; make recommendations for awards appropriate to that event by May 10.

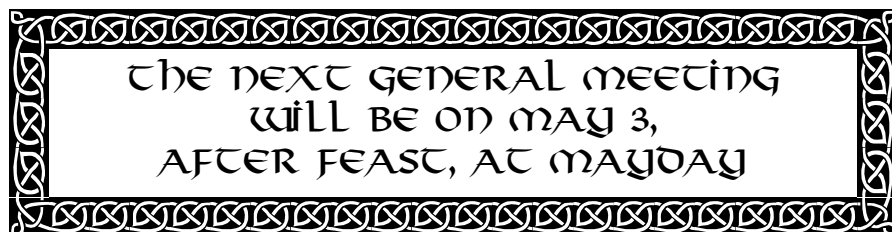
**Baronial Transition (Eithni):** I will be stepping down as baroness by end of year. See later in this report the timeline for the transition.

**Baronial Mailbox (Ivan):** I have been researching alternatives to the current post office box for the barony. Currently, it's downtown, but only open until 5 with no off-hour access to the boxes. One of my tasks as seneschal is to retrieve the mail for the barony. There are several options and my recommendation would be to move it to the South Side Location (820 W. Wingra Drive). After discussion, the meeting voted unanimously to have Ivan rent a box at the South Side Location, with the expenditure approved for next month.

**Baronial Charter (Ivan):** Ivan presented a copies of the baronial charter for review and possible revision. No revisions were noted as needed.

**Baronial Transition (Eithni):** Eithni hopes for an early November investiture, preferably having it follow the SUN event. Stephen's royal heirs will be the ones to select the next baron and/or baroness. He warns that the event needs to be added to their schedule within 2 weeks of their coronation because their majesties' calendar gets very busy very quickly. We want to send a list of at most 3 candidates/couples on the final poll to go out August 15 with a deadline of September 15.

The meeting was called to a close at 8:29pm.



joyous occasion, the white rapier wedding of Carla Rossi and Vinnie "the Hands" Lambrusco. It seems that Don Carlo found his future son-in-law and his daughter alone in his garden. He was heard to exclaim "I'll see you two married or dead, your choice." Bring both festive and mourning garb – it may be both!

The festivities will begin with a duello tourney. This will be followed by a wine tasting (bring your own brew) and dowry setting ceremony. Then to highlight the afternoon – the reception feast (right after the wedding). It's rumored that the bride's brothers (Luigi "the Rat", Geseppi "the Snake", Frankie "the Knife", and Mario "the Pansy") have offered to stand by the groom in case he gets cold feet. The Bardic Hit Squad, Character Assassination League and Fraternal Order of Kindersitters will hold an Assassins Tourney during the feast. There are prizes for best dressed assassin, most lifelike death, and most novel assassination.

Mama Borgia has been planning for weeks and promises that this will be a feast you will remember for the rest of your life.

## FEAST OF LENT AND BANNED BY THE CHURCH REVEL

The Shire of Castle Swampy is holding a Lenten Feast and Banned by the Church Revel on the hill overlooking the swamp. The feast will consist of Fish and gruel, followed by bread and water, and a third remove of gruel and fish, and for dessert, lentils cooked in garlic. Don't eat too much, because immediately after, we will dance the night away. The autocrats request that you bring proof of age to attend the revel.

## ROYAL PEASANTS' BORE HUNT

Come for a day of merriment as we choose Her Highness's Most Royal Bore! Only Peers and other extraordinarily dull individuals may enter the list, which will be a three-round event of storytelling, poetry, and tall tales. The winner of the list will be the Gentle who most successfully lulls the populace to sleep with monotone renditions of their overrated exploits. A feast is planned, but only if the combatants fail to put the cooks to sleep. Please note, the cooks will be supplied with earplugs; such will also be available for only a moderate fee to anyone else interested. The winner will be crowned Sovereign of all Monotony, and will be banned from any participation in any form of public performance henceforth. The Shire of Forgotten Behind the Wall will provide, again, for only a small fee, override tomatoes and raw eggs with which the populace may command especially noteworthy performances. If anyone has the energy later in the evening, a revel will be considered.

# EVENTS YOU MISSED

(With thanks to Reinholdt)

## THE TAXMAN COMETH: SLAVE AUCTION

Hide your women and cattle, his Highness's tax collectors have been spotted in the Barony. This means only one thing: The Annual Slave Auction! Even as we speak, the Baronial fighters are impressing volunteers to be sold as slaves to a prominent Arab businessman. The festivities start with the cuffing of the first slave by our very own Baron. Come early to avoid becoming merchandise. The baronial metalworkers and the Ladies Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society have cooked up a special treat: Velvet-lined Slave Cuffs for that special viscount/viscountess. Order of sale will be royalty, peers, royal peers, nobility, freemen, peasants, and, finally, stock animals (by request of our Norman members). Afterwards, a feast and revel to last far into the afternoon.

## FEAST OF ST. WILHELMINA AND ABBAY DEDICATION

The Shire of Meadowmuffin piously invites you to the dedication of their new abbey to be held in conjunction with the fifth annual Feast of St. Wilhelmina. The day starts with Lauds prayers followed by a nourishing breakfast of gruel and sops. Tours of the new Abbey will be available starting at Prime for a small donation. Mass will be held for those not wishing to tour the Abbey. Terce will present the opening of the Gift Shop, Sailors Rest and Little Danish Stand. For this special occasion, the Gift Shop will have a sale on all holy relics. The dedication and fire sale will commence at noon, with the FEAST thereafter. The Lay Sisters will present a glorification in dance after Vespers. All Gentles are requested to be abed by COMPLINE. The Abbott wishes you would make it a "habit" to visit often.

## ASSASSINS AND GENTLEMEN

Don Carlo Rossi and Don Guido Lambrusco cordially invite you to a day of Italian fun and Frolic. They have buried the Hatchet (in each others' backs) and for one day are forgetting the FEUD. They come together for a most

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BARONIAL CHARTER

This is the current Baronial Charter, as discussed and approved during Jararvellir's General Meetings during the baronial transition process in the Winter of 2003 and amended during the General Meeting on April 30, 2006. Ratified in General Meeting on April 5, 2009.

### Job Description

The position of baron and baroness is the highest honor that the barony can offer. The position may be occupied by a couple, or by a single individual serving as baron or baroness.

### Job Duties

The baron and baroness serve as a focus for baronial ceremonies and as a baronial presence at events. They should help to recognize the projects and accomplishments of the barony, through making award recommendations and holding courts. The baron and baroness should be active on a local and regional level. The baron and baroness must adhere to applicable kingdom law and Corpora in carrying out their duties.

### Suggested Skills and Experience

The baron and baroness should lead by example and project a good "medieval model." They should possess good communication and diplomatic skills, a sense of humor, and the ability to remain objective and/or neutral. The baron and baroness should be familiar with kingdom law and Corpora. They should be extroverted and capable of public speaking. They should be willing to take on the extra work involved in serving as baron and baroness.

### Term of Office (length of each term)

The barony sets forth a term of office of three years. Pursuant to that decision, it is baronial policy that a new election / polling process for baron and baroness is automatically held every three years. The three-year term may not be extended by a vote of confidence or other means.

### Term Limits (number of consecutive terms)

The barony chooses not to establish any limits on the number of times an individual or couple may run for and serve as baron or baroness if chosen by the Crown.

### Voting by Non-Members

Initial internal polling (if needed) will be open to all, regardless of membership status.

# BARONIAL TRANSITION timeline

The timeline between now and then looks in general like this:

**April:** Timeline for the Baronial Changeover announced. Call for candidates to submit their letters of application to the Seneschal. Candidates should announce their intention by sending a letter to the Baronial PO Box (PO Box 1002, Madison WI 53701) or by emailing BOTH the seneschal and baroness at barony\_seneschal@jararvellir.org and baroness@jararvellir.org.

**May:** May 2, 2009 is the deadline for the Seneschal to receive letters of application. Candidates will be announced at Baronial Court at May Day (May 3, 2009)

**late May - June:** Candidate meet and greets to be scheduled - dates, times, and locations to be announced after the candidates have conferred about mutual schedules. If an internal poll is required (See internal poll notes below), the Poll will be published in the June *Skein* and due to the Seneschal by July General Meeting on June 27. Again, polls would be due to the Baronial PO Box postmarked June 20 or earlier, or physically brought to the General Meeting. Polls can be brought to the Meeting by anyone.

**July:** The internal poll, if needed, will be due to the Seneschal at the July General Meeting (June 27). The final candidates will be announced at the July General Meeting. Candidates are likely to be interviewed by TRH (TBD) around this time.

**August:** The list of paid members of the SCA will be generated in Milpitas and mailed to the TANG (NS Seneschal's deputy for Transitions and New Groups). The formal final poll will be mailed to all paid SCA members of the Barony of Jararvellir on or around 8/15.

**September:** The formal poll will be due 9/15. Details of where to send it will be included on the poll.

**late September - October:** TRM (TBD) will confer and come to a decision regarding the next Baron and/or Baroness of Jararvellir. An announcement to that end will be made at their discretion.

**November:** Investiture of the new Baron and/or Baroness proposed at the November 7 Stellar University of Northshield, to be held in Jararvellir, at TRM (TBD)'s discretion.

Interested candidates should talk to Eithni if they have questions about the position. Individuals can contact Ivan or Lance (Kingdom TANG) if there are questions or concerns.

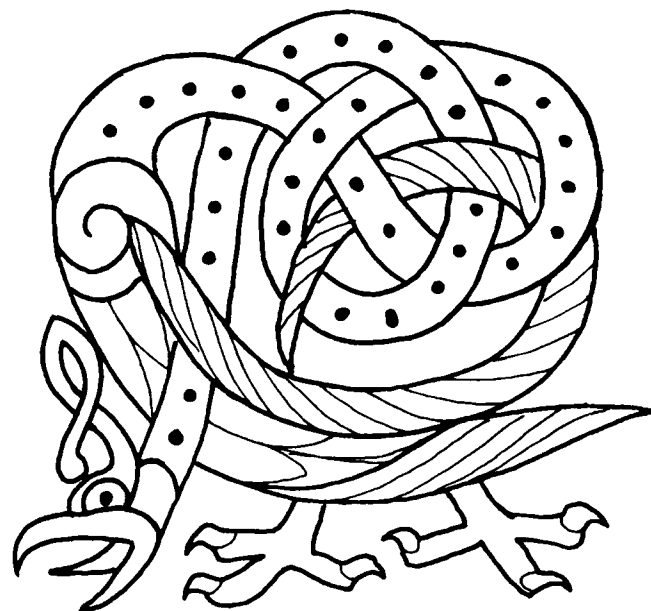
Recruit volunteers to help throughout the day, and servers to present the food and clear the tables. A head server is essential to keep the flow of the feast moving. Go over the plan with this person so they know what needs to be served when, in what dishes and if those dishes need to be washed and reused for another item later in the feast. Recruit someone to lead in the dishwashing, especially if you need to reuse pots, pans and serving dishes. You don't want to end the feast surrounded by stacks of dirty dishes. I believe it essential to feed your volunteers. They are working hard and should enjoy some of the fine dishes that you are preparing.

Keep your receipts so that you can track your budget and can get reimbursed for expenses. Most feasts need to be self funding. Any leftover revenue will just help the event's overall proceeds.

Are you ready to take on this task?

I have to admit, I'm not sure I am ready to volunteer to be a feast steward. It was scary the first time I served as event steward, but I've done it, I survived and I have volunteered again. Remember there are many good gentles out there to assist and offer advice. Now you just need to try it. Someday, I'm sure I will.

[With gratitude for those who helped with this article: Nikolaus, Iohanna, Sol, Alice, Ermina Reinholdt and Amy.]





the groceries and the finished product. Plan for sufficient time to produce your dish in advance, and arrange for the serving utensils needed to present the dish at the feast.

This project was to produce one dish in a multiple dish feast. I worked closely with the feast steward to make sure this is a dish that will work with the feast. She/He will need to know the ingredients in case there are dietary concerns, the storage space required on the day of the feast, the reheating time and appliance needed, any special serving utensils or containers which they may be required to provide, and will let me know when the dish will be presented during the feast.

What if you become the feast steward?

Choosing one dish was not a difficult task. Stewarding a feast requires enough dishes for several courses. Usually the first course is one that can be placed on the table quickly as folks are getting seated. Breads, cheeses, meats, vegetables, fruits and drinks are a good choice. This will keep the feasters occupied while you organize the serving of the next course. Depending on the extent of the feast there can be one or several courses of items that include a protein, a starch, a vegetable and perhaps a fruit. The last course may or may not include a tasty sweet.

The first step in stewarding a feast is to check out your cooking facilities and decide what dishes can be produced in the facility. Does the kitchen on site come equipped with household ovens/stoves, lots of counter space, nesco/18qt roasters, refrigerators, freezers and lots of sinks? How many ovens and burners are available? What is the electrical system like? Are any utensils or linens available or will I need to provide these items. Will I need to borrow any items from the local group or the members?

Plan the budget with the event steward so you know what kind of feast you can prepare. A theme may be provided or you may suggest a theme. Check to make sure any head table guests are able to partake of your choices and any allergies are noted. Once your dishes are chosen it is important to take the steps above to try out each dish and keep track of ingredient lists, cooking time, reheating time if appropriate, utensils and serving dishes, and what order the dish will be presented. Prepare the menu and share it with the event steward so it may be published with other event materials.

Make a plan for the kitchen so you will always know if you are keeping to your timetable. Know how each dish needs to be stored, prepared, how long the dish needs to be baked or cooked and in what space. Make sure you have serving utensils and cooking pots to produce the food and cleaning supplies including leftover containers and garbage bags to return the kitchen to its original state.

## INTERNAL POLLING NOTES

An internal poll will be triggered if there are more than three candidate slates that initially apply for the position (candidate slates defined as a single candidate or a pair of candidates running together)

The internal poll will winnow the field down to three candidate slates

The internal poll will be included in the June *Skein*, made available online on the website, and guildheads are encouraged to make it available to their members. Any interested party may print and return the internal poll.

The internal poll must be returned to the Seneschal by the July General Meeting on June 27. If the polls are mailed, they should be sent to the Baronial PO Box and postmarked no later than June 20th to allow for sufficient mailing time.

## FROM THE STOCK PAVILION COORDINATOR

Shelia Pink has returned from vacation, and she called me right away so we could sort things out about the stock pavilion calendar and policies.

They apologized for dropping the ball a bit on this last calendar mix-up. I made sure she has my e-mail, so she can notify me if we're bumped "at the last minute." For my part, I will check the calendar frequently and mail the list for the days we are NOT scheduled to have the pavilion.

**Waivers.** She does want me to send her a copy of the SP waivers. I will do so. If you have not signed the Stock Pavilion waiver for 2009, please do so ASAP.

**Under 5's.** They do schedule events (petting zoos, etc.) that have youth at them, and we have noticed other groups with children in the building... That being said, there is still a very real increased risk for children under the age of 5 (whose immune systems have not encountered and built up resistance to as many pathogens.) I have a verbal agreement that we DO NOT have to have a rule excluding all children under 5 from the building, but that we should continue to STRONGLY DISCOURAGE exposing such children to this risk. Parents will need to make their own judgment about their children, based on all factors (inconvenience/impossibility of attendance without child, child's health history, child's behavior - likelihood of hand to mouth contact, etc.) If a parent does decide to bring a child under the age of 5, they MUST sign the stock pavilion waiver for their child and we must note the young age of the child on the waiver, and make certain the parent is aware of the potential risk.

**Food.** We are reminded that food and drink are still strictly NOT ALLOWED in the building. Subsequent breakfasts held by the University now have all the food outside the building, with the attractions (petting zoo, etc.) inside, and a one-way flow of traffic (no touching food after being in the building, wash hands just before leaving, etc.)

Thanks! Please let me know if you have any questions.

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## BARONIAL COURT RECOMMENDATIONS

It is only a month to May Day, so please consider sending in some award recommendations for Baronial awards. Please send them to me privately no later than April 15th.

Thank you!

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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**Minister of Arts and Sciences** — The Minister of Arts and Sciences (MOAS) is a post where people can encourage the arts and sciences. Official duties are to file quarterly reports, and to file reports for A&S events held locally. Both are filed by filling in an online screen. But more importantly, you encourage the arts and sciences. If someone comes up trying to find out about an aspect of art, wanting to learn (this is, after all, an educational society), you help by teaching them yourself, or by guiding them to a fruitful inquiry. That's it. You encourage. You guide. And, occasionally, you report. If you have interest in being appointed to this position, please contact Ermina at [bdoyle@mge.com](mailto:bdoyle@mge.com)

## SO YOU WANT TO TRY YOUR HAND AT BEING A FEAST STEWARD?

by Marian Elizabeth Wollenschläger

Wow, is that a scary proposition for you, or is it the next step in your service to this dream?

Working in the kitchen was how I met many of my good friends in this group. I've worked feasts that had enough time in the day to bake all the bread; and the smell wafted wonderfully through the event site. I worked feasts where the cooking and preparation time were not planned well and it showed. No one wants to wait 15 minutes for the presentation of each dish. I've eaten feasts that came off wonderfully and some that did not. I believe that preparation work is essential to implementing a good feast. I love helping in the kitchen; the new and tasty dishes, camaraderie, and all the learning. However, I really never thought about doing a feast as the steward until recently. THL Iohanna Carracci came up with an Arts & Science challenge that allowed me to get a taste of what is required to steward a small portion of a feast. The challenge was to produce a dish for a Tudor feast at Spring Coronation and present it at the feast. With a little persuasion and help pointing me in the right direction I began the challenge. You can do the same by talking to other feast stewards, getting a copy of the menu from a feast that you liked, or browsing through the internet. With Iohanna's help I found some online resources. My idea was to do some sort of savory meat pie.

I chose three slightly different meat pie recipes. The original recipes are usually written in an older form of a modern language. Unless you like to read old English, these words may not be familiar to you. Fortunately a lot of the source cookbooks have a modern day translation. Keep in mind that most often you only get the ingredients and not the amounts. If you are a seasoned cook or are adventurous you can usually figure these out. Some recipes will be more complete.

I started my process by testing out three recipes. It's important to find out what foods and methods work best. Keep track of what you did: the amount of the ingredients, how it was cooked or baked, the appearance and taste. Most importantly, determine if it can be reheated satisfactorily. A feast includes multiple dishes. If you can make any of the dishes ahead and reheat them to a palatable product this is a good thing. You will then only need to plan reheating time for the preparation on the day of the event.

After your testing, you need to calculate the amount of the servings and ingredients to fit to your feast. Make sure you have proper storage space for