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FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Greetings!

Winter seems to be officially upon us, as we have just cleared our paths of the first snowfall of the season. Sewing projects involving wool seem to be much more appealing than they were just a few short weeks ago...

Our neighbor barony of Caer Antherth Mawr has a new Baron and Baroness! We have enjoyed the friendship and stalwart support of Alasdair and Kateryn, and as always we wish them the best in their future endeavors. We joyously welcome Albrecht and Eva to the High Seat. May Caer Antherth Mawr know continued great prosperity!

Yule Moot is just over a month away! We are working on holding it at a new site **[to be determined]**. Edgewood College has been a wonderful host to us in recent years, however we wanted to find a site that would allow heavy and rapier fighting to avoid a conflict with those scheduled practices. We look forward to seeing even more local fishy folk at Yule Moot this year.

This month holds many holidays, and as we will be traveling to be among family and friends, so do we wish happy and safe travels to all who are celebrating this time of year.

In service,

RAITO AND ÆSA

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Eithni, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager, Paul Wickenden, Annora le Spindlere, Ivan Rezansky, Fiona the Younger, Stephen, Nikolaus, Æsa Gilsdottir, Teffan, Karl von Frettchenburg, and Count Stephen.

[Editor's note: the discussion of the Yule Moot site occurred before it was known that the site had fallen through]

Yule Moot (Æsa): Eithni was working with site staff at VFW, but has not yet gotten a confirmation. They have penciled us in and will rent to us for \$200. The key advantage to this site is that we will be able to host heavy fighting and rapier (although maybe not at the same time). I have not found a steward yet [Eithni agreed to do it]. In addition, the site features a bar, so we'll have fighting and drinking.

Yule Moot (Eithni): The site staff said that we can have potluck but must buy beverages at the bar. In the past, it was smoky, but since they are in the boundaries of Madison, it has been smoke-free for some time. Hopefully, I will be able to connect with the staff there soon to finalize, but it should not be a big deal. I will contact Annora if a deposit check is needed. The site is about 40' across.

High Seat (Æsa): All of our contact information has changed. We now live in Sun Prairie. Boar's Head was fun. Mermaids will be at the beginning of June and Turm an dem See has asked us not to place any competing events against their date.

Chronicler (Paul): 2010 Subscriptions are about to run out. Be sure to renew your 2011 subscriptions (still \$12/year). I will be at Yule Moot to take subscriptions.

Exchequer (Annora): I have nothing.

Music Guild (Nikolaus): The guild has not been very active. We haven't been able to put together a repertoire to perform for nearly six months. So, we are going to give up our weekly slot at the Union. In

the future, if we meet, we will meet at peoples' homes. If you are interested in joining us, contact me and I will let you know where we are meeting.

European Dance (Marion): Dance practice could fill the slot that Music Guild was using. They wouldn't need it every week [Eithni noted that if we have a weekly reservation, we have to use it] so maybe we could make it a biweekly reservation. We can let Seonaid know she can use it for dance, but she will need to talk with Hannah. [Paul asked if Seonaid could contact him so he can update the guild list—Karl agreed to let her know to do so]

Early Period Symposium (Marion): Edgewood has said that September 17 will work with them (we don't have the rooms set up yet, but will get this later). [Ivan will post the date out on the Seneschal's list]

Chirurgion (Fiona): Unfortunately, no one has responded to the call for the vacancy for baronial chirurgion and I have to step down. I asked Giles about it, and he is not able to take it. So, it will go vacant. I'm planning to step up to Kingdom Chirurgion on January 15 (at Twelfth Night), so I will step down from the baronial post at Yule Moot. I will give the supplies to High Seat.

Banners (Sol): I've been working with Moira on budgeting the cost of making new banners. Moira gave an estimate of around \$30 per banner, based on 45" fabric at around \$8/yd (which is a high estimate, but does not include tackle. There are potentially thirteen designs we could create or we could combine some designs (like the officers) on a single banner. Where should we start? **[Meeting suggested to start with five award banners and approved a budget of \$150 for supplies]** The next step is to recruit volunteers to create them.

Archers' Brunch (Sol): We were also discussing sites of future archer's brunches and thought it would be nice to do a tour of new homes (my own? The high seats?). But nothing has been confirmed as of yet — maybe in January?

Lance: Nothing.

Eithni: I have nothing additional.

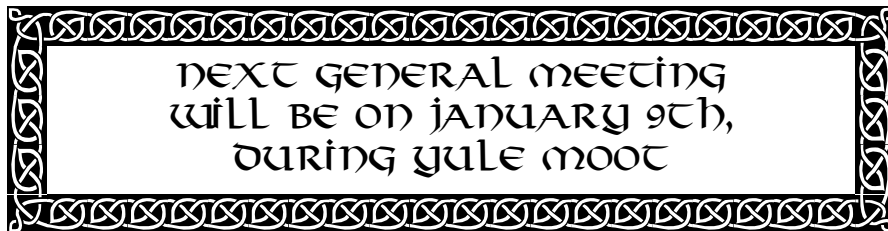
Teffen: Nothing from me.

Pursuivant (Karl): Nothing.

Flesh Wound (Stephen): The check has been dropped off for Flesh Wound. I would like to get into the storage locker and get stuff out (and return other items) before it freezes shut. I will be hard to reach because of a new work situation (expect a 48-hour delay in response).

Shade Fly (Stephen): Somehow, the shade fly got a tear in it that should probably be repaired before we store it.

Seneschal (Ivan): We asked the royals about the timing of a February 12th combat archery event, but have still not heard back from them. If we don't hear back, we will probably just make it a regional fighter practice.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

yule moot update!

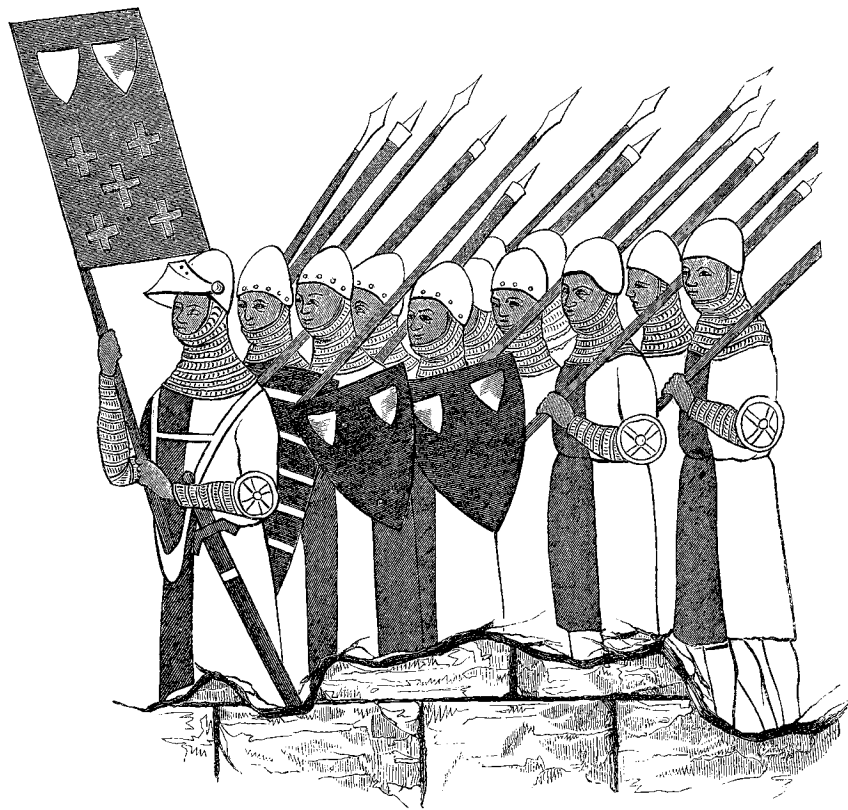
Yule Moot is scheduled for January 9. The originally intended site (the VFW on Cottage Grove Rd) fell through - apparently the hall is booked that weekend and every weekend in January. We are currently looking for a location at which to host the Yule Moot.

As soon as we know where it will be, we'll let you know on the Jara list.

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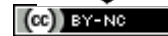
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Deputy Chronicler — The Deputy Chronicler helps with the production of the *Skein* and other print publications, as needed. The primary responsibility is helping the Chronicler with taking minutes at the General Meeting or publishing and distributing the *Skein* during periods when the Chronicler cannot do it. Familiarity with desktop publishing, strong communication skills, and ability to meet tight deadlines a plus. If you are interested in the position (or wish to learn more about its requirements), please contact Paul Wickenden at goldschp@tds.net.



REDACTION: ARMORED hen (GALLINA ARMADA)

By Sol



Cooked by Sol at the Jararvellir May Day Moot, A.S. 45 (5/2/2010)



Source: #33 from *Libro de Guisados* by Ruperto de Nola, 1529
Translation by Robin Carroll-Mann, 2001. Published in *Cariadoc's A Collection of Medieval and Renaissance Cookbooks*, vol. II, 8th ed.

Roast a good hen. And when it is nearly half-roasted, baste it with bacon. Then take well-beaten egg yolks, then with a spoon or with the tip of a large wooden spoon rub the hen with these yolks, little by little. And then sprinkle wheat flour well-sifted with ground salt over the eggs, turning the hen constantly and swiftly; and the crust is worth more than the hen.

Ingredients:

Whole chicken
½ lb. thick bacon (or 1 lb. thin bacon)
2 eggs
~1 c. flour (whole wheat or unbleached)
Salt and pepper

Equipment:

Lackey
Rotisserie equipment (at least three clampable prongs)
Toothpicks or string
Oven mitts
Small bowl
Fork or whisk
Brush
Sifter

Optional Equipment

Camp chair
Never ending mug of beverage of choice
Fire pit or grill
Fire making equipment
Coals
Hammer
2nd set of support spikes
Pliers
Meat thermometer

Procedure:

I have tried this twice over hot coals, so my instructions will be with this cooking environment in mind. However, this could also be tried in an oven or possibly a gas grill with a rotisserie arrangement. Master Guillaume and Mistress Eithni were kind enough to loan me their rotisserie equipment.

Set up two support spikes, one on either side of fire pit—use hammer as needed to drive them deep enough into ground so that the cross beam will be about six inches over coals. Start fire in fire pit. When bed of hot coals is ready, secure chicken on rotisserie hardware on cross beam. I recommend either three or four prongs to fully secure chicken with wings and legs tucked inside cross-pieces of paired prongs. The goal is to avoid any parts dangling down from the spit

while cooking. Place rotisserie cross beam on support spikes and turn continuously—(insert lackey here). Dependents and spouses are good for this, particularly if they are service oriented. I recommend setting up a camp chair and bottomless beverage for lubricant, since this will involve at least one hour of cranking the rotisserie.

When chicken is half cooked (I used a meat thermometer and waited for the internal temperature to reach at least 70°, but up to 100°), remove cross beam from fire—this is where the second set of support spikes comes in handy. The pliers and oven mitts will be very helpful here, since the iron will be hot. Wrap the chicken entirely in bacon. I found that each piece of thick slab bacon was much easier to secure with toothpicks and much less likely to fall apart and dangle as it cooked. Toothpicks worked well when working on chicken suspended in midair, but an alternative would be to wrap chicken and bacon with string. It is possible to wrap the bacon on the chicken without removing it from the fire, but I advise against this. You can't stop rotating the chicken for too long because it will start to burn, especially once the rendered fat from the bacon starts hitting the coals, leading to pretty but warm flames that have a tendency to tenderize the arms of the person trying to wrap the bacon. It ends up being a race between the person rotating the spit and the person handling the meat. This can be especially problematic if the beverage ran dry earlier.

Once the chicken is entirely wrapped in bacon, return spit to fire and resume turning continuously. Once the bacon has browned, beat eggs in small bowl with salt and pepper. Use brush to coat thin layer of egg as the meat is turned. Once meat is entirely coated in egg, sift flour in fine layer over egg, coating entire surface. Alternate egg and flour, allowing each layer to cook until mostly crisp and egg is gone. Once the egg and flour begin forming a solid layer that binds together, begin pulling out toothpicks that are still accessible (pliers can help retrieve those that have singed down to the skin). Sprinkle with more salt to taste. When internal temperature reaches 185°, remove from fire, then remove from rotisserie equipment and serve. Beware of lurking toothpicks.

Please note that wrapping poultry with bacon is a technique still used today (called barding).



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January 29, 2011

8am—9pm

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
503 North Jackson Avenue
Jefferson, WI 53549

Site Fee

Adults \$9.00

5-12: \$3.00

Under 5: Free

(Non Member Surcharge of \$5.00 will apply)

Site is BONE Dry. No outside food or beverages are allowed on site.
Food/beverages are available on site.

Authorizations are by appointment only. The first tournament will
start promptly at 10am. See the event website for tournament details.

A&S competition at Flesh Wound - Entries should be of a martial
theme. Please provide documentation (at least a 3x5 card with time,
place, description of methods, and materials [if applicable]). Entries
will be judged by a small group of Knight Laurels and other fighters.
There will be beginning and advanced categories. Please let us know
if you plan to do a performing arts entry so we can set up a time. Any
questions, please contact Mistress Seonaid.

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events



OUT AND ABOUT

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

February 2011

4-6—That Moot Thingy XI,
Coille Stoirmeil (Wilton WI)
26—Fighter School XVI,
Windhaven (Keewaunee WI)

April 2011

2—Liars, Cheats & Thieves —
Not the Haire Affaire, **Falcon's
Keep** (Wausau WI)
30—The Games People Played
Saturday, **Rokeclif** (La Crosse
WI)

May 2011

6-8—Rumble in the Forest 5,
Coille Stoirmeil (Wilton WI)
20-22—Burn, Baby, Burn!,
Shattered Oak (Haugen WI)

June 2011

3-5—Mermaid's Retreat,
Turn an dem See (Valders
WI)
17-19—Rose Tournament,
Shattered Oak (Eau Claire
WI)



LOCAL NEWS



STOCK PAVILION schedule

We have all of our regular dates for the foreseeable future. The full schedule can be found at:

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

THROWN WEAPONS

Here is the revised thrown weapons practice schedule through the end of March. The calendar on the Jara website has been updated.

December 12

January 23

February 20

March 6 and March 20

TOUSSAINT DE CALUWÉ

FLETCHING GUILD

Fletching will happen on December 10. It will be canceled for December 17, 24, 31 and January 7 and 14.

TOUSSAINT DE CALUWÉ

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, December 19 at 10:30am

Please join us Sunday, December 19 at 10:30 a.m. Our kind host this month is our very own wycked sheriff, Trystan der Fackeltraager at 305 Koster St. 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 305 Koster St:

Take your best route to Rimrock Road north of the Beltline.

Turn onto Rusk Ave (there is a bank on the corner).

Take the second right and follow it over the hill until it turns left and becomes Koster St.

305 comes up on your left.

Questions? Contact Moira (244-1559 or blarose@tds.net) or Trystan (251-2289)

BARONIAL MEETINGS, GUILDS, AND CONTACTS

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

Archery Practice Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-8PM. 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

Brewing & Vintning 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

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Equestrian (not currently active but information available)

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

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

Fool's Guild

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.

Call to verify location

Contact: Lord Nikolaus der Ausländer (Clint Hotaling) 846-0859,
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Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming

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

Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location

Contact: Lady Helena Caxton (Sara Andrews) 608-957-2392, helenacaxton@gmail.com

Pottery Guild First or second Monday (alternating with Clothier's), Fired Up Pottery.

Contact: Annora (Wendy Nelson) 438-6530, wendybyrd42@yahoo.com

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

Contact: Mistress Eithni (Jean Hetzel) 628-7782

Thrown Weapons Sundays Noon. UW Stock Pavilion.

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

Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TITU

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WhatNot Sundays 7pm. Knuckledown Saloon, 2513 Seiferth Rd., Madison WI 53716

Contact: Elizabeth von Kalmbach.

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