

the skein

wherein ARE wound
the jararvellir jarns



NOVEMBER 2010 A.S. XLV



BARON AND BARONESS:

Their Excellencies Kitakaze Tatsu Raito and Æsa Gilsdottir
(Neil and Angie Gilmore) 249-1869, raito@raito.com,
angie.giles@gmail.com

BARONIAL OFFICERS



Archery Captain: Lady Jois Corbet (*Deena Thompson*) 226-0846,
corvusjoyous@gmail.com



Chatelaine: Eliane Halevy (*Jennifer Friedman*) 238-7627,
jennifer-friedman@sbcglobal.net



Chirurgion: Lady Fiona (*Lyn Andreasen*) 445-4622,
tskrangsangel@lycos.com



Chronicler: Paul Wickenden of Thanet (*Paul Goldschmidt*) 827-
6891, goldschp@tds.net

Demo Coordinator: Annora le Spindlere (*Vicki Spindler*) 835-2617,
demo_coordinator@jararvellir.org

Directory: Kindorn Broadbelt (*Lee D. Hackbarth*) 920-348-6469,
blue777@centurytel.net



Exchequer: Annora le Spindlere (*Vicki Spindler*) 835-2617,
barony_exchequer@jararvellir.org

Historian: Paul Wickenden of Thanet (*Paul Goldschmidt*) 827-6891,
goldschp@tds.net



Knight Marshal: James Applegate (*James Bird*) 715-760-0603,
japplegate1225@yahoo.com



Minister of Arts & Sciences: Cwenthryth wine (*Toni Sumner-Beebe*) 285-5404, cwen@uwalumni.com



Pursuivant: Karl von Frettchenburg (*Calvin Patten Jr*) 957-9903,
lo_grendel@yahoo.com



Rapier Marshal: Nikolaus der Ausländer (*Clint Hotaling*) 846-
0859, n_auslander@hotmail.com



Seneschal: Ivan Matfeevich Rezansky (*John Beebe*) 628-0103,
rezansky@sbcglobal.net

UW Reservations: Amy of Jararvellir (*Amy Dee*) 715-559-3653,
uwreservations@jararvellir.org



Web Minister: James (*James Krot*) 989-493-1953,
jamesjkrot@yahoo.com

Baronial Mailing Address: PO Box 259537, Madison, WI 53725-9537

Baronial Web Page: <http://www.jararvellir.org>

Baronial Email list: jararvellir@minstrel.com

FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Greetings!

Fall is almost over and winter creeps ever nearer. Recently we had the opportunity to share a lovely fall afternoon at the Harvest Moot. Many gentles fought, played and socialized under the warm fall sun. Our thanks to Iohanna for hosting the day and for providing beautiful weather!

The coming months will be quiet in the Barony but busy in our lives as we move into our permanent residence at the end of November. Only our mailing address will change; our email addresses and phone number will stay the same.

Next month at Boar's Head the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr will thank TE Alasdair and Kateryn for their service to the Barony and joyously greet their new Baron and Baroness, Albrecht and Eva. It has been wonderful to have Alasdair and Kateryn's friendship and support during our time on the High Seats and we wish them the best of times in their life ahead. Boar's Head, as always, promises to be a great event and with the extra pageantry of a Baronial succession we especially encourage you to make the short trip.

In the near future be on the lookout for calls to help make new Baronial banners. Our current, and beautiful, set of banners have been in use for many years and are starting to show signs of wear. Also, we would like to add banners to represent some of the Barony's newer awards. This is a project that anyone of any skill level or time commitment can participate in and should help the winter months pass more quickly.

In service,

RAÏTO AND ÆSA

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Eithni, Iohanna Carracci, Raito, Marian Elizabeth Wollenschlager, Paul Wickenden, Annora le Spindlere, Cwen, Jack, Ivan Rezansky, Eithni, Eliane, Seonaid, Fiona the Younger, Stephen, Sveinnee, James Applegate, and Nikolaus.

Chronicler (Paul): It's the time of the year to renew subscriptions for the Skein. Before I send out the renewal forms, I wanted to check on what the donation rate should be. As far as I know we are in the black so I propose keeping to the current rate of \$12/year (\$1/issue) and keep the rates the same. **[Meeting discussed the need to not make a profit. Paul will check early next year for how we ended and we may consider a plan for diverting profits to pay for web page fees, per a suggestion from Iohanna]**

Demo Coordinator (Annora): The boy scout demo on Friday night went very well. Special thanks to Kaydian, who dragged his household out to help. At this point, there are no demos on the horizon.

Exchequer (Annora): The old accounts are closed out and the quarterly reports have been filed for the SCA and for SCA-WI. When we transferred our funds, we had to cash the CD because I didn't have the secondary signatory to create a new CD. We need to consider if we want to get a new CD, a money market, or both. At present, we have \$6900 in checking and \$2200 in savings. **[Meeting discussed expenses and the need to have some money readily accessible. Raito proposed we add \$300 to the \$2200 in savings and put that \$2500 into a money market (leaving the minimum in savings), buy a 12 month CD for \$3000, and leave the remainder in checking. Meeting approved. Meeting then discussed if we should have a policy for moving money out of checking. Raito expressed a concern about creating policies for this and Annora indicated that she thinks the exchequer should just bring the issue to the Meeting. No action taken.]**

Instrumental Music (Nikolaus): The Guild has been on hiatus, but will be resuming at the Union tomorrow. We are getting ready to perform at Boar's Head.

Rapier (Nikolaus): The rapier community is very active at the moment. I'm beginning to gather data for my domesdaye.

Marion: Nothing.

Known World Handbooks (Iohanna and Eliane): The new Known World Handbooks are available. We can get discount for buying a quantity. In the past we have done this. Do we want to do so again? Eliane has agreed, as the Chatelaine, to take care of selling the Handbooks, as long as she doesn't have to front the money. We propose that the Barony buy 20 copies of the Handbook (at \$22 apiece) and sell at cost. **[Meeting approved and Annora agreed to order them]**

Harvest Moot (Iohanna): Thank you to everyone who ran things. I have three lost and found items (a measuring cup, a plastic salt & pepper shaker, and one other thing). I will post the list of items to the List this week.

Chatelaine (Eliane): I want to thank our demo coordinator the great job she does. As you know, I will have copies of the new Known World Handbook for sale. I recruited a new member this weekend and they are coming to SUN.

WW (Eithni): WW is coming up. We still have vacancies on staff. If you are interested in a particular department, come speak to me. Seonaid has agreed to deputy with me.

High Seat (Raito): The Baroness has scheduled Yule Moot for January 9th, but has not worked out the other details yet. **[Iohanna suggested that we might want to find a location where we can have rapier and heavy fighting so everyone is together. Eithni suggested her local VFW as a possibility. Eithni will speak with Æsa.]**

Dance Practice (Seonaid): Thanks to the people who showed up early to dance.

Chirurgion (Fiona): At the general meeting at May Day, I brought up that I may need a replacement as I was applying for the Kingdom office. I've now been informed that I've been accepted for the Kingdom office so I need to find a replacement soon to take the job at Yule Moot. I will announce this on the Jara List.

Flesh Wound (Stephen): Flesh Wound is coming up. I have the site contract with me to sign and I need check for the deposit. We will have nine tournaments. Everything should be up on the website. I need a volunteer to run gate.

Flesh Wound (Sveinnee): We are having silent auction at Flesh Wound. Half of the proceeds of the Auction are going towards loaner gear and the other half will go to the Inter-Kingdom War Fund (which is used for covering the costs of waterbearing supplies and other essentials at Gulf Wars and Pennsic). So far, we have a lot of chivalry who have donated time for 1-on-1 training as an auction item. Shamrock Armory has donated armor to be used as

loaners. If you have anything you would like to donate, let me know.

Early Period Symposium (Sveinnee): We had to reschedule the event because of conflicts with SCA and non-SCA events. We're looking at September 17, 2011.

Kingdom Events (Sveinnee): I'm not volunteering, but I wanted to make you aware that the Kingdom is desperate for bids for Crown or Coronation. So far, there is only one bid for the spring and none for the fall.

Knights Marshall (James): I've got my reports in.

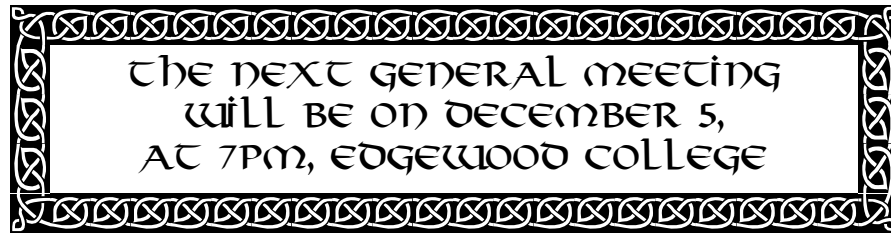
Directory (Cwen): At last month's general meeting, I announced that there were two candidates for taking on the directory (Kindorn and Bronwyn) and we also published the vacancy in last month's Skein. No additional candidates expressed interest, so we'll vote on the choice this month (as we announced we would do if there were no new candidates) . **[Meeting held a blind vote and chose Kindorn]**

Fighting in the Shade (Jack): Last month I mentioned this event idea and this month I have a formal proposal. The event will be called Fighting in the Shade and will focus on combat archery. We want to hold it on February 12, 2011. Most sites wanted at least \$100/hr, so we decided to go with the Stock Pavilion (and they will charge us \$10 total for the site. We are hoping for 20-30 attenders but will not have a site fee (although we will collect donations). Food will be kept outside. The plan is to offer classes in the morning and fighting in the afternoon (with an off-site lunch). **[Meeting approved the event proposal]**

Seneschal (Ivan): Our next meeting is on December 5th. Our upcoming meeting schedule will be: a combined January/February meeting at the Yule Moot (January 9), March 6, April 3, May Day moot (date TBD), June 5th, and June 26th.

CORRECTION

Last month, we stated in the minutes that Sol had stated that she was interested in working on replacement regalia. What she in fact said was that she was wondering if the Barony should consider working on replacement regalia. Sorry.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARCHERY AT BOAR'S HEAD

Thought you were done taking your bows and arrows to events for the year? Not quite. For the first time ever, we will have archery on site at Boar's Head. We have a separate building reserved for archery, across the sidewalk from the main hall that Boar's Head will be using. So bring your archery gear so we can make this experiment a success.

In Service,
ARNBJORN

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Chirurgeon — The Baronial Chirurgeon provides first aid for minor injuries at Baronial events. The Baronial Chirurgeon is also responsible for filing a quarterly report for the Barony to the Kingdom Chirurgeon. If you are interested in this position please contact Fiona the Younger at barony_chirurgeon@jararvellir.org.

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.

TOWARDS A HISTORY OF THE BARONY: BARONIAL EVENT TRADITIONS

By Paul Wickenden of Thanet

I have written previously about two annual traditions hosted by the Barony (Bunstables and Renaissance Faire). In this article, I thought I would remind everyone of all of the annual “traditional” events that the Barony has hosted through the years. For the purposes of this article, I tried to focus on events that have been held several times and which tended to occur at around the same time of year and in the same format. I’m no expert on these events (some of them are before my time, some I have never attended), so if anyone feels like writing in with their recollections or corrections, I would be happy to print your comments in forthcoming issues of the *Skein*.

May Day/May Day Moot (A.S. VIII [1973] – Present) – in one permutation or another, the Barony has hosted an event or moot every year in early May since its beginnings. In fact, the first recorded official event of Jararvellir was a May Day feast held at the Nottingham Co-op on May 5, 1973. In the past years, with the notable exception of the major anniversaries (30th, 35th, etc.), the event has been a low-key moot, similar to the Yule Moot (see below), and generally held outdoors in a public park. A potluck feast and a dance around the May Pole are common, and Baronial championships are frequently held during the day. General meetings are often held after the dinner. The weather can be unpredictable, but the weekend of May Day is frequently one of the first nice days of the year.



Feast of St Bunstable (A.S. XI [1976] - A.S. XXIX [1994]) – based loosely on an annual festival from the Barony of Madrone (Seattle WA) and on a story written by one of Madrone’s members, the Feast celebrated the life and the martyrdom of the Sot (and especially his defense of the liquor). Starting originally as a potluck, the event appeared in a variety of manifestations, usually featuring standard tourney fare during the day, the eponymous feast, rumor of debauchery, and incredible enflamed subtleties (not necessarily in that order). In its heyday, Bunstables was synonymous with Jararvellir and the event was a *de rigeur* part of the pre-Thanksgiving event circuit (just as Boar’s Head is CAM’s signature event).

Renaissance Market Faire (A.S. XVIII [1983] - A.S. XXIV [1989]) – initially sponsored by the UW Student Union and the City of Madison, this annual demo was held on the Library Mall at various dates in the summer (as early as June and as late as mid-September). The event initially combined demos from non-SCA groups in the area with performances from Jararvellir dancers and musicians. Armor-making and heavy combat featured in and, on at least one occasion, Owen Alun organized a human chess match. When the sponsorship from the City and the Union ended in 1987, the event faded away (and was cancelled formally in 1989). In some ways, the Library Mall demos in September aimed at attracting new student members are the continuation of the tradition, although those demos are much smaller and lower-key than the Ren Faires.



Warrior’s Day (A.S. XX [1985] – A.S. XXVIII [1993]) – a summer fighting event, originally hosted in local public parks (and using the Stock Pavilion as a rainy-day back-up), this was an “all the rattan you can eat” event, heavy on the heavy fighting. Given the proximity to Pennsic, it focused on melee combat and traditionally kicked off with

a warlord tourney. Fighter-themed A&S sometimes also played a part. The feast in the evenings was sometimes held indoors, but was just as often out in the park, with grills fired up for cooking.



Warriors and Warlords (A.S. XXIX [1994] - Present) – combining together the Principality’s star summer fighting events (Jararvellir’s Warrior’s Day with Nordskogen’s Warlords), this multi-day event was first held in Osseo WI, until outgrowing its original site to move to Black River Falls and now to Boscobel. It is still growing strong and still the major event in the region. Larger sites and larger attendance have allowed it to expand beyond heavy combat into events for all interests. The responsibility for the event officially shifts from one group to the other in alternating years, but the staffing is fairly evenly shared.

Yule Moot (A.S. XXXIV [2000] - Present) – over the years, there have been various semi-official wintertime gatherings, but the combination of a party and a Baronial court seems to have started at a Christmas party organized by the Jararvellir Cooks Guild on December 17, 2000. This was later replaced by a moot in mid-January in the Washburn room at Edgewood, where it has been held for most of the past decade. Regardless of the location or the timing, this casual mid-Winter gathering is usually unprogrammed socializing during the day, culminating with Baronial court in the late afternoon and a potluck feast. Sometimes, there is dancing after dinner. In recent years, there is a combined January/February general meeting after dinner as well (continuing a tendency to trying to integrate business meetings into moots).

AARG (A.S. XXXVII [2002] - A.S. XLIV [2009]) – an annual rapier-themed event. In recent years, the event has been held at a private

campground in Montello at minimal expense (or involvement) from the Barony. This has made the event itself a large money-raiser for the Barony (but the Barony returns the favor by seeding rapier-related funds with the proceeds). The event had to be cancelled in 2010 because of conflicts with other events in the area, but plans are still in place to host the event in 2011.

It's Only a Flesh Wound (A.S. XLII [2008] – Present) – a wintertime heavy weapons event. While Windhaven's Fighter's School fills much the same purpose, Flesh Wound picks up a month earlier at the end of January, filling the gap left for fighters who traditionally ventured south for Festival of the Maidens in Wurm Wald. In addition to fighting, the event includes fighter-themed A&S, but has not included an evening feast to date.



EVENTS



OUT AND ABOUT

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

December 2010

4—Feast of Boar's Head
XXXIV, **Caer Anterth Mawr**
(West Bend WI)

January 2011

29—It's Only A Flesh Wound,
Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)

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)



LOCAL NEWS



STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We have all of our regular dates through the end of the year, except for December 5th. The full schedule can be found at:

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

FLETCHING

Fletching is canceled for November 19th and 26th.

TOUSSAINT DE CALUWÉ

NEEDLEARTS GUILD

Aelf has offered to host the fifth Tuesday of the month when they happen, so the "new" regular schedule is:

- 1st Tuesday - Dobra Tea House
- 2nd Tuesday - Moira's House
- 3rd Tuesday - Helena's House
- 4th Tuesday - Mochi's house
- 5th Tuesday (when occurring) - Aelf's House

All nights 7ish-9:30ish. As always, if you have any questions please call me 608-957-2392 or email me at helenacaxton@gmail.com

SARA/HELENA

JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

Sunday, November 21 at 10:30am

Please join us Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m. for the first indoor archers' brunch of the season. Our kind hostess this month is HL Moira nic Connell the Strongbow at 2821 Myrtle Street (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 2821 Myrtle Street:

Take your best route to East Washington Ave.

From the west turn left (north) onto North St, from the east turn right onto North St

Follow North until it dead ends at Myrtle St. and turn right.

Follow Myrtle 4 blocks until just before it dead ends and look for the house on the right with the white picket fence and Moira's banner.

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



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

Contact: Lady Cianna Kharleen (Carrie Wilkey) 846-8008, cianna@teadame.com

Equestrian (not currently active but information available)

Contact: Alissende de Montfaucon (Tammy Thompson) 212-5433,
alissende@centurytel.net

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.

UW Campus—Check TITU

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

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

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

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

Contact: Elizabeth von Kalmbach.

LEGALESE: This is *The Skein*, a publication of the Barony of Jararvellir in the Kingdom of Northshield of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. *The Skein* is available from Paul Goldschmidt, 5625 Highland Way, Middleton WI 53562. It is not a corporate publication of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. and does not delineate SCA policies.

The Skein is Copyright © 2010 Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), Inc. - Barony of Jararvellir. Ownership of articles in this publication revert to the author and may not be reprinted without explicit permission from the owner. For information on reprinting material, please contact the Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece. Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.

SUBMISSIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions for 2011 are free, but there is a recommended donation of \$1 per issue to cover postage and copying (Full year =\$12). Submissions will be edited for grammar and spelling. Anything that is in poor taste or violates SCA publication guidelines or copyright law will not be published. *The Skein* is published monthly on the first Wednesday after General Meeting. The submission deadline for each issue is the Friday before the General Meeting of the publishing month. Submissions are accepted in any (legible!) format and via e-mail. Please also include any publication restrictions beyond those of this newsletter.

ART CREDITS: The cover art (a poultry dealer) and filler art throughout are taken from *Medieval Life and People* (Mineola, NY: Dover, 2007) and are royalty-free. The event logos in "Baronial Event Traditions" are from the original event flyers.

CANTON OF COILLE STOIRMEIL

(Monroe & Juneau County, WI)
<http://www.coillestoirmeilonline.org>

Seneschal: Matthias of Rolling Oaks (Matt Schwall)
23149 State Hwy 21, Tomah WI 54660
limos112@hotmail.com, (608) 372-5445

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



The Skein
Paul Goldschmidt
5625 Highland Way
Middleton WI 53562

