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Message from the Baron and Baroness



Unto the populace of the Ancient and Glorious Barony of Loch Salann we do send greetings,

Our own Defenders' Tournament was held earlier this month and I'm pleased to announce that once again that saline swilling daemon decapod was driven from the shores of the loch whence our Barony takes its name. Fantastic battles were fought and the beauty of the consorts added greatly to the thrilling conclusion which was brought before the populace during the feast. Congratulations to Sir Bohun the Black and Don Elyas Tigar in their successful quest to become this year's Baronial Defenders', we will feel safer for their efforts. Also, Sir Leah de Spencer triumphed as our newest Arts and Science Defender. In a heavily contested effort during our feast Lord Lawrence Bacon prevailed to be named the Premier Bard of Loch Salann. It was impressive the number of entrants and the overall quality of the performances that were offered for

Bjorn Hrafnsson
Baron

consideration. Thanks to everyone for making this a great event and to the event steward, Sir Robert Raven MacLeod for finding such a great venue.

Looking forward the Crown will soon be looking to select Their heirs to the throne of Artemisia. The Crown Tournament will be hosted by our good neighbors to the north in the Barony of Gryphon's Lair and we hope that as many of you as possible will plan to attend. This event typically provides some of the best fighting to be seen locally as well as the opportunity to welcome our newest Prince and Princess of Artemisia.

The event staff for the Southern Collegium is hoping everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to share your knowledge and/or learn something new in the next couple of weeks. They are preparing a wide range of classes and have arranged for a guest instructor from the south to share his skills in the field of rapier fighting. In support of His Majesties quest for his Chosen Seven, which has been opened to the populace a well, there will be class in support of each of the tasks that have been given. This is a wonderful opportunity to broaden your knowledge of our period of interest and we hope you will be able to take advantage of all that is being offered.

The following week we will be traveling north to celebrate Spring Thaw in the Shire of Twae Linnies. This promises to be a wonderful event featuring the season's first archery competition, which is being sponsored by our own Baron Ryryd ap Gwerstan, OP. At the thrown weapons competition, Lord John of York has advised me that he will be debuting several new period weapons that will be introduced to the activity this year.

Baroness Jennet and I are greatly impressed by the support and assistance we have received since being honored to represent the Crown in our Barony. The officer corp and peerages have been a huge benefit to us by providing the guidance, support, and history we need to continue leading the Barony into the future. Thank you all for your support and please let us know how we can be of better service.

Jennet Moir de Brechin
Baroness

Officer News



Seneschal

Greetings unto the Populace of the most ancient and glorious Barony of Loch Salann, here are the words of your Seneschal.

As winter retreats and spring is upon us, the camping event season is coming upon us. We encourage members of the barony that can travel to these events to support our neighbors. Please be safe and courteous in your travels.

The terrors that once threatened our beautiful barony have now been driven back to the murky depths from whence they came. Many thanks to the valiant and noble defenders of Loch Salann, for their valiant effort against the demon decapod, and thank you to Sir Raven for putting on a great event.

The coronation of Their Majesties Sean and Nisa, was well received, and our thanks go out to the DeSpencers for their work in putting that on and making it a success.

We are planning once again to have our Southern Collegium. Lord Tighearnan is Autocratting this, with Her Ladyship Ashe'el organizing classes. Calls for instructors have already gone out, and many have answered. Keep your eyes open for new regarding this event. The event itself will be held at the Excelsior Academy (124 East Erda Way, Erda, UT, near Tooele).

Also coming up in June will be Melee Madness, come and knock the rust of the melee skills just in time for Uprising! HE Sir Michael The Lucky has determined this is the 30th year that this event has been running, come make the 30th year of Melee Madness the best yet and get some awesome fighting on the only castle in Utah!

All of our offices currently have officers, If you have ever considered serving the Barony in any capacity, but did not know where to start, being a deputy is a great way to learn. If you would like to see what officers are currently without a deputy, please check the baronial website, in the officers section. Contact myself, or the current officer, for more information on any of the deputy positions you are interested in.

Our weekly fighter practice continues at our winter location in the warehouse behind the Zions bank building on 1635 S Redwood Rd. Parking is slightly limited near the door, so car pool if possible. Please to not block the ATM machine or the night drop box. Archery Practice has moved to the winter site at Salt Lake Archery in Sugarhouse (1130 Wilmington Ave, just west of Sugarhouse Park). The times are 7-9PM for Fighter Practice and 6-8PM for Archery.

Lord Takeyama Nakayoshi
Deputy Seneschal – Barony of Loch Salann



Arts & Sciences

Greetings Dear Gentles, and Happy Spring!

Last month, I began a series highlighting the various Grand Categories for Arts and Sciences competition in our fair Artemisia. Next on the list we have Animalia and Armor.

Animalia is divided into many subcategories, the most popular of which are equestrian (accessories) and falconry (accessories). There are people locally that study both, or research can be done on hound accessories or general animal husbandry. This is one of those categories that isn't seen often and it would be great to see someone bring it back to the fore.

Armor, on the other hand, is seen much more frequently. It can be entered under parade, functional, clothing or other. The possibilities in this category are endless and there are numerous armor workshops ongoing.

As usual, I highly recommend checking out <http://www.florilegium.org/> for more information. If you are knowledgeable about these topic and would be willing to teach on them or have questions, please see me at any event or fighter practice or contact me via the info on the Baronial website.

Next month, we're on to basketry and brewing. Until then, I remain

Yours in Service,
Lady Katherine Kelly
Minister of Arts & Sciences–
Barony of Loch Salann



Chronicler

Greetings unto all the members of the Barony of Loch Salann! As the first of April springs into the Barony, there is much joy that comes from the promise of warmer days, new growth and the beauty that is blooming all around us. And the lure and promise of the camping season. It seems that our thoughtful and well informed members have provided not one, but two articles on camping. Check out what Baron Morgan and Mistress Casamira have to say on the subject. You will find them informative and entertaining.

Also, check out the article from Sister Scholastica and from Sir Leah. I personally wish to thank each contributor who took the time to write articles for the readership.

I would also ask that if you have something you would like to share with members of the Barony in our newsletter, please send your articles to me.

It is a pleasure to work on this newsletter and provide it our Barony. If you have questions or need information on the newsletter, please contact me at Winifred.whitehorse@gmail.com

Winifred Whitehorse
Chronicler – Barony of Loch Salann

HIDDEN EASTER EGGS

Each month you will find something hidden. For April, its EASTER EGGS. If you find the hidden Easter Eggs, find me at Crown Tournament or Southern Collegium and claim your prize.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Southern Regional Collegium 2012

April 14, 2012

Event steward: Lord Tighearnan Mag Cenndrighan – email: Tighearnansca@gmail.com.

Class Coordinator: THL Ashe’el – email: Ashe_el@yahoo.com.



Spring has melted the winter snows and has started to warm body and soul. What a better time is there to travel to the ancient Barony of Loch Salann to share your knowledge and learn a new skill at Southern Collegium!

This year we will again feature many classes for all skill levels and interests. Whether you want to learn new sewing skills, fighting ability or learn from the many experts we have in the Kingdom about historical subjects there will be something for you. We will have

an extra focus this year on the “virtues of a peer” as given by SCA Corpora. We will have classes focusing on dancing, games, heraldry, illumination and much more.

We are excited to announce we will be joined by the talented and knowledgeable Baron Gwylm ab Owain Tatershal of Atenveldt. Baron Gwylm is the Premiere of the Order of the White Scarf in the SCA. Mundanely he is the advisor and primary instructor for the Fencing Club at Northern Arizona University. Baron Gwylm began fencing in 1974 under the tutelage of Instructor Silverberg at the State University College at Buffalo New York and Master Bella of Hamilton, Ontario. Baron Gwylm has taught classes on rapier and other western martial arts topics throughout the US, Canada and in Europe. He is also completing the fourth edition of his book "Art of Defense", a manual on the use of the rapier. Mr. Wilson works as an applied Anthropologist at Northern Arizona University.

Southern Collegium will be held at Excelsior Academy at 124 East Erda Way, Erda UT, 84074. Take your best route to I-80 East towards Tooele. Take Exit 99 and merge onto State Highway 36 south. Go about 7 miles and turn right on Erda way. The site is a half mile on your left.



Southern Collegium will be held April 14, 2012. The site will be open from 9am to 6pm. It is a DRY site. Adults are \$8 and youth 5-14 are \$4.



We will be having a fundraiser lunch to help pay for the travel expenses of our wonderful guest teacher Baron Gwylm ab Owain Tatershal of Atenveldt! If you would like to donate a soup, chili, salad or bread item please contact Lady Cliodhna via email aclight1313@gmail.com.

Some of the classes are listed below. For a complete list of the classes being offered, along with a description time and the instructor, see <http://www.loch-salann.org/docs/collegium-12classes.html> or find it on our Loch Salann Facebook page.

Entering a Fight Safely

Sword and Buckler

Lace in Period

Beginning Inkle Weaving

Blackwork for Beginners

Tent Stitch

Analyzing an Illuminated Page

Painting for Illuminators

Getting Kids Started in Equestrian Activities

Hounds in Period and in the SCA

History of Medieval Falconry

Practical Falconry

Beginning Gilding for SCA Scribes

Basics of a Court (voice) Herald

Research Techniques for Working with

Portraiture as a Source for Clothing Design

Normans in South Italy and Sicily

History of Firearms

Debunking the myths of the middle ages

Youth Track Classes.

Round table with Kingdom Youth Minister

Make your own Page sash

Beginning Calligraphy

Stick weaving

Kubb and Thrown Weapons

Beginning Embroidery

Finger-Loop Braiding

Rapier and Dagger Made Easy

Great Stick, an application of Marozzo Two Handed Sword Technique

Beginning Knitting

Multicolored Beaded Lucet Weaving

Cross Stitch in Period

Scroll Making 101

Paint-By-Number, A Simple Approach to Painting Medieval Flora

Tools and Techniques of Medieval Scribes

The Play's the Thing, Beginnings of a Players Guild

Historical Theater: Bardic and Performance

Horse Garb

Beginning Calligraphy

Poetry and Pageantry: The Impresa

Perfectly Period Appliqué

So You Want to Be a Peer?

The Forme of Cury, A Roll Of Ancient English Cookery

How to write documentation for an A&S Competition and

How to Judge an A&S Competition

i.33 for heavy fighters

Social Conduct as Directed by Dance Masters

Basic Belly Dance

Enhancing Performance with Emotional Expression

Through the use of Archetypes



Loch Salann Melee Madness



30 Years!!! Yes, 30 years of **Loch Salann Melee Madnesses** will have occurred on **June 2nd & 3rd 2012**, at its very unique, incredibly ancient and honorable site at the castle in back of the Utah State Hospital in Provo, Utah. Fighting, archery, thrown weapons, relaxing in the sun—what more could you want? Come on out and be able to say to your grandchildren that **YOU WERE THERE!** Opening announcements are tentatively planned for 10:00 AM on Sat. (or whenever the event steward thinks that enough fighters have shown up). Should we gather a sufficient number of fighters (42 seems to be the magic number), the full-on castle siege scenario will occur!! While all this is going on, the competitions for Baronial archery and thrown weapons champions will also be taking place. On Sunday morning, weather allowing and by the request of HRM Sean, a special pas d'arms, celebrating the anniversaries of many illustrious knights (**5** shall be the number of the counting), will be held, hosted by House Catwing and open to all fighters; see the event steward for details. Bring your nicest banners and fighting clothes, and display your skills at weapons and words. *Note: Fiberglass spears with 2" Mandrake stabbing tips will **NOT** be allowed at this event!*

If you've **ever** wanted to run/sponsor an activity/contest or teach a class (fighting or non-fighting), this is the place to do it; just clear it with the event steward and appropriate coordinator. While the site will officially **OPEN** by 8:00 AM on Saturday, and **CLOSE** at 10:00 PM on Sunday, we will be allowed to set up tents on Friday night after 5:30 PM. Unless told otherwise, camping is only allowed this year on the field in front of the castle; please contact the event steward beforehand if you plan on camping overnight. Even though this will be a 2-day activity, participants are encouraged to come early on Sat, and bring picnic lunches and sunshades/tents (although there are numerous shade trees). This is a **VERY DRY** site! Because this is a state facility, anyone bringing alcoholic beverages onsite or found to be in an inebriated condition must be politely asked to leave immediately! Off-site merchants are only 4-6 minute away, and while ground fires are not permitted, off-ground firepits, hibachis, and gas grills are. Pets are welcome if accompanied by responsible owners. The **SITE FEE** is \$8 for adults (16 yrs. Old and older), \$4 for youths, 5 yrs. Old and younger are free and pregnant ladies get a \$2 rebate; per **Family** price cap of \$24 (not per household!). Make checks payable to "Barony of Loch Salann, SCA Inc."

DIRECTIONS: Take I-15 to the Provo center street exit 267: drive east on Center St. (about 2 miles) and enter the hospital grounds. Continue east and turn left at the large planter in the road; follow the road around and up to the castle area (the "off limits" signs aren't meant for us).

EVENT STEWARD: Sir Michael the Lucky (Michael Huston), 801-645-5651, e-mail: sirml@aol.com

FIGHTING COORDINANTOR: Sir Bohun the Black (Adrian Kuhn), 801-856-3632, e-mail: Bowen_the_Black@yahoo.com

NON-FIGHTING ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: Lady Amada de Spencer (Janice Spencer-Wise), 801-520-5481, e-mail: amandadespecer@hotmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS KINGDOM

Spring Thaw



Event Date: Saturday, April 21, 2012

Pray tend all! The time has come for the rebirth of our precious world and the battle for freedom from its icy tomb. Come friends and join the Shire of Twae Linnes on April the 21st, 2012 in celebration of this event. Be there the amazing sport of jousting, heavy fighting, a test of arms for the rapier, arrows soaring, weapons flying, even more equestrian activities, and the fight for the title of Defender for the Shire of Twae Linnes. The site fee for entry is only \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for smalls (6-15 yrs.) and a family cap of \$22.00 for site only. There will be a reserved feast for \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for smalls, prepared by our favorite Viking feast-O-Crat, Lord Svien Frodi. Please have your reservations in by the 15th of April. There will also be a fundraiser held to help support the Shire. So bring your fellow mates and family for a great time. The site will open at 9:30AM with activities starting around 11:00 am. Please note that this site is a damp site and would ask that there be no glass containers.

Autocrat

M'lord Ormi Wulfkin (Anthony Woolf)

Phone: 1(208)490-3516 no calls after 9:00 pm

Co-autocrat

Mistress Cecilia Di Firenze (Cheryl Robertson)

Phone: 1(208)733-7340 no calls after 9:00 pm

Feast-O-Crat

Lord Svien Frodi (Russ Hansen)

Phone: 1(208)420-2487 no calls after 9:00 pm

Feast of St. Pyre



Event Date: Saturday, April 28, 2012

Gyula (Lord) Mâtè Czygan has stepped up to be the Event Steward for Pyre's this year. Lady Hallerna and m'lady Hulda are the Co-Feast Stewards.

As our extraordinarily mediocre winter comes to a close, it is time to light fires, bring in the warmth and celebrate our venerable and flammable St. Pyre. Should you like to continue hiding inside, being grim and dour, not wanting to be warm again then this is not the event for you. But instead, if you want to make joyous noise, practice in frivolity and generally have fun and excitement then you should come celebrate St. Pyre's day with the Shire of Cote du Ciel.

Come prepared as there has been known to be bar fights in the past, and this year shall likely not be different. Wear a carrot and strut around, daring others to knock it off. The mightiest of warriors should be quite adept at protecting their carrot. And if you practice the arts of rapier, remember the Golden Rule, never let your glass be emptied, especially by thine opposition. Many other exciting opportunities will await those of marshal skills.

There have been those who have shown their homage of St. Pyre by dancing, both through the feast and after. Music will be provided for enticement in moving thy feet. Any bards willing to share their talents are quite encouraged to do so.

And what better way to celebrate the St. than by roasting a beast or two over flame and providing it in a delectable feast.

Kingdom Arts & Sciences



Event Date: Saturday, May 5, 2012

A beautiful May is coming and it is time once again for the artisans of this Kingdom to display their talents and style for the Glory that is Artemisia! Competitors for Kingdom Champion must enter a minimum of 5 items in a minimum of 3 categories.

There is an 8 item maximum. The Average Item Score will determine the Winner. There will also be competitions for both Novice Champion and Youth Champion. Those not competing for Champion may enter up to 3 items for judging and comments.

Pre-registration of your entries is required a minimum of 8 days before the event for all entries.

Kingdom A&S Entry Form available at

http://www.baronyarnhold.org/Kingdom_A&S_2012_files/2012%20Artemisia%20A%26S%20Registration%20Form.pdf

Please send all pre-registration materials to HE Casamira by April 22, 2012. Any writing entries longer than 2 typewritten pages must be sent with the pre-registration so they can be read and reviewed prior to the competition.

Articles

Eastertide(April 2012)



Greetings unto the people of Loch Salann, from Sister Scholastica of Saint Catherine's Abbey. The information included in this article is not meant to convert anyone, it is indented to give you a little insight into the kind of information a medieval person would know, and thereby enrich your "medieval" view of life in the middle ages

For some Easter is the most sacred festival in the Christian calendar, for others the welcome signs of spring and warmer days, for others a break from the dreary winter months, For me it is probably a little of all three. Eastertide, April 8th, the most important annual religious feast in the

Christian liturgical year. According to scripture Jesus was resurrected from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. Eastertide is the celebration that lasts for forty days from Easter Day until the Ascension day. The first week following Easter is known as the Octave.

Early Christians craftily incorporated many pagan spring traditions into their celebrations, changing their symbolism to match Christian ideas. The egg, originally honored the goddess of spring and dawn. Since eggs could not be eaten during Lent, but the hens didn't know to stop laying, therefore in order to make them last, they were boiled. For Christians symbolizes the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, In the north of England colored eggs are called Pace, but few probably realize that when they are rolling eggs down a hill, the act used to symbolize the rolling away of the stone that covered the tomb. During the reign of Edward I four hundred eggs were boiled and distributed to the royal household on one Easter Sunday. Most were colored by vegetable dyes, but some were covered with gold leaf. Romans decorated eggs and Crusaders discovered that the Arabs did too.

By my hand,

Sister Scholastica
Saint Catherine's Abbey, Loch Salann

The illustration , a Easter Feast, from: www.bluebellstrilogy.com
I got information from : Marion Watson, Happy Easter, greatbritishkitchen.co.uk/the-gbk-cookbook/food.../happy-easter
and, www.cute-calendar.com/event/easter/5621-world.html

Why so confused, M'lady???????

By Mistress Leah de Spencer



They say a little information is dangerous, and there will probably be people who will disagree with me. In doing research for my Arts and Sciences display for Defenders Tourney, I was again reminded that in using titles, we have strayed from the proper use of titles in the SCA. First it should be understood that many titles in the SCA are not historically accurate, but are devices used in "our game". The forms of address I am going to discuss here are based on the way it was explained to me. One of the mistakes people often make is to try to include all a person's awards or titles into one address. It was explained to me back in the dim reaches of history, that during the actual middle ages, a person did not have multiple titles. So, even though, you might hear "Baron Sir Master John" this title is truly not correct. DON'T PANIC, no one is going to get mad, or take away your birthday, if you make a mistake when addressing someone in the SCA, but here are a few rules that might help.



The King is someone who has won a Crown tournament and is currently reigning. The crown they wear might best identify them. Both the King and Queen can be properly addressed as Your Majesty.

The Crown Prince/Princess, is a person who has won a Crown tourney, or their consort, they are crown Prince/Princess until they ascend the thrones. They are addressed as Your Highness



Royal Peers

When the King and Queen step down (are replaced by the next King and Queen) their title changes to Count/Countess, Their Coronets are now embattled, or crenulated, and they are addressed as "Your Excellencies"



If a person has been King/Queen more than once, they have the title of Duke/Duchess, their coronets have strawberry leaves (trefoils) on them and they are addressed as "Your Grace."

Viscount/ Viscountess, this is a title given to someone who in the past was Prince or Princess, in our area that means that either they were either Prince/princess of the Principality of the Outlands or Principality of Artemisia. The proper title for this person is Viscount (name). So the Title would sound like: Viscount William, or Vicountess Caryn, but it would not properly be Duchess Viscountess Caryn, or Viscount Sir William.

Founding Baron/Baroness, This title is given to those persons deemed by the Crown as being most responsible for the founding of the Barony. Even though they would both stress that it was a joint effort. These two individuals, Mistress Ferelith MacDonald, and Sir Robert de Spencer are founding Baroness and Baron. The proper form of addressed as Mistress Ferelith Baroness Loch Salann... note there is no OF between the title Baroness and the name of the barony.



Territorial or Landed Baron/Baroness, This title is given to those people who represent the King on a Baronial Level. They are the face of the Crown, to their people. The proper way to address them is: Your Excellency, or Your Excellency Bjorn Baron of Loch Salann, or Master Bjorn of Loch Salann, or THL (The Honorable Lady) Jennet Baroness of Loch Salann. Please note that the title Baron or Baroness does not properly go before the name of the Territorial Baron or Baroness.

Court Baron/Baroness, These are people the Crown has recognized for various reasons as permanent members of the royal court. They are properly addressed as Baron (name). So for example you might address Mistress Ann de Junius as Baroness Ann, or Baroness Ann de Junius, or refer her as The Baroness de Junius, but you would not properly address her as Baroness Mistress Ann.

Peers (Knight, Pelican, Laurel). These people are addressed as Sir (for Knights), Master or Mistress. When someone has multiple peerages, they are called by only one title at any given time. So for example I am Mistress Leah de Spencer, but if I am wearing armor or if you would like you could address me as Sir Leah, but not Mistress Sir Leah.

Grant of Arms. This confers on the person the title of Honorable Lord/Lady of Lordship/ Ladyship. The people with this title have the title THL before their name and are referred to as His Lordship or The Honorable Lord so and so or Her Ladyship (name)

Award of Arms. This award means that the person now has a title of Lord or Lady. Historically this was a peerage in the real world, but for the SCA it is the first level of nobility. That is the reason that Lady Mary Uffington kept the title of Lady after she was made a knight.

A person without an Award of Arms, is referred to as my-lord or my-lady. When in doubt, you can always fall back on this title.

I hope this sheds some light on titles and how they are suppose to be done. If someone wants to show all their titles, they generally do it in writing by adding the initials, for their peerages after their name. If you have any heartburn with something I said, I am happy to be corrected,

I got my information from years of playing and from these documents.

The Known World Handbook,

Pleasure book, Raymonds Quiet Press

Title, Precedence, Forms of Address, and Regalia © Judy Gerjuoy 2002

Camping Preparation and Organization in the SCA

By Baron Morgan Blaidd Du,
GHA(2), CQC, PCA, CCH



Our wonderful Chronicler asked me to write a brief article on SCA Camping Preparation that covers the basics, similar to the class I'll be teaching at Southern Collegium. What makes me such an expert? Well, I've been doing this for over 20 years, and I've been the Household Camp Steward for Barony Ashton for about 10 of those, organizing a camp and kitchen for upwards of 50 people, so you might say I'm experienced. The very first step in the process is deciding what to take, followed by packing, set-up, the actual Event, and tear-down.

First, what to take. You should break this down into 3 categories; Necessities, Really Want, and Nice to Have. Necessities are, of course, the things you HAVE to have, like your food, bed, shelter, medicines, and clothing. Really Want is the stuff that you want to take, but can live without if you forget it, like your armor, A&S projects, alcohol [if you drink], and toiletries. Why are toiletries here and not in Necessities? Because if you forget your shower stuff you can probably borrow some from a friend. Nice to Have is the stuff that you can easily live without/borrow, like sunscreen, extra garb, camp/tent decorations, and extra weapons. When you make these lists, be honest. Armor is NEVER a Necessity, no matter how much you want to fight. While making your Necessities list, don't forget foul-weather gear/garb -- it's not uncommon for Uprising to have 100 degree days *and* 50 degree downpours *and* 30 degree nights, and it has even *snowed* at Uprising, so plan to experience everything the weather can throw at you, and you won't be caught off-guard.

Having determined what you want to take with you, it's time to figure what you CAN take with you, i.e., what will fit in the car. A *very* important thing to consider, which SCAdians often overlook, is the vehicle's actual weight limit compared to its usable volume. That means that we have a tendency to think "if it fits in my car, I can carry it," which is far from true, and can lead to some very bad and expensive consequences. Look at it this way: Let's say your sedan has a 3 ft x 2 ft x 1 ft trunk, that's 6 cubic feet of volume. Where we run into trouble is that we forget that 6 cubic feet of armor weighs substantially more than 6 cubic feet of sleeping bags. Every car has, in its owner's manual, the maximum load info, so look it up before loading, and don't forget to deduct for the passengers' weight as well. Not overloading your vehicle may mean you need someone else to haul

some of your stuff for you. If that happens, keep your bed stuff with you, send the stuff you need the least with them -- this is important because they may be delayed in arriving, and when midnight rolls around you'll be wishing you'd sent the armor with them and brought your sleeping bag rather than the reverse. **IMPORTANT NOTE.** If someone is hauling stuff for you, offer them some gas money, even if they're carrying only one bag! Yes, they were going to go whether they were carrying your stuff or not, but even 25 lbs changes gas mileage over long distances, so pay up! Odds are if it's a single/small thing they're carrying for you they'll probably say no to the gas money, but **ALWAYS** offer it.

Okay, it's time to pack, so just toss it all in there and away we go, right? **WRONG!** That is the absolute best method to make sure that your food cooler sits on the kitchen floor waiting for you to get back. Take the lists you made regarding the relative importance of your stuff, and use it to make a packing list. My packing list is minutely detailed, down to the individual items in my shaving kit, number of socks, and every single other item that I intend to take. I also separate my list into "packed" and "loaded;" nothing gets completely checked off until after I have personally put it in the vehicle.

So now we've made to the event site, time to set up! If you are camping alone, it's fairly straightforward. Set up tent[s] first, set up kitchen second, set up interior decor last.

If you are camping with a group it gets a bit more involved. Every group of 10 or more should have a designated Camp Steward, the person who is in charge of making sure your camping area has room for everyone's tent, planning things like trash and water runs, and making sure all the torches and fires are out before going to bed. When camping in a larger group, odds are you'll have a large kitchen area/tent and a large community-use/dining pavilion/tent, and it's highly possible that you and/or several of your camp-mates will be camping in period pavilions of good size, which need more than one or two people to set up. So, in a large group camp with large pavilions, this should be your "order of attack." Get everyone unloaded as close as possible to where their tent will be. Set up the roof of the large community tent first, leaving as many sides open as the weather allows; if the weather is un-cooperative you can move everyone's stuff under the big top and wait for a break to set up the next/rest. Set up the kitchen tent and fire pit so that someone can start some dinner while you finish with the tents. After the two community tents, start with the largest pavilion and work your way down the scale, setting up the tent but **NOT** doing the "interior decorating" until **ALL** the tents are up. As your crew moves from big tents to smaller tents it will be possible to set up two at a time, then some people will be able to start "decorating" as you get down to just a few small tents left. When you are at the point of interior set up, do the bed first. The rest can wait until tomorrow if necessary.

For large group camp kitchens I make the following suggestions. Put one person in charge; plan your whole event menu well in advance; everyone gives your Chef the money to buy the food at least a month before, and let him/her buy it. Make a Chore Chart, equally dividing the cooking and cleaning duties -- no one should **HAVE** to cook more than a couple of times, nor should one person get stuck doing the dishes day after day. Plan a simple hot soup for the set-up day, help-yourself sandwiches for lunches, and a cold breakfast/cooler clean-out for tear down day. With good planning there's no reason you can't have things like Prime Rib, Whole Roast Turkey, and Crab Fettuccini while camping [yes, we've done all of these at Uprising].

Alas, the event is over, time to go. Basically just do your set up process in reverse, and you'll be in great shape. A great way to keep kids busy and out of the way is to give them trash bags and have them clean up the camp area, fullest bag wins a prize. One very important point, to me at least, regarding group camp tear down. Unless **VITALLY** necessary, **NO ONE** leaves until **EVERYONE** is packed and ready to go. If you've spent the entire weekend eating and taking shelter from the weather in that big ol' tent, stay to help pack it up. Don't just load up your pup tent and say "see you next month."

This is pretty much it. I encourage you all to take the SCA Camping class I'll be teaching at Collegium; there may be input from someone else that helps you even more!

Happy Melee Season!

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TIME FOR CAMPING

By Mistress Casamira Jawjalny, OL, OP, GA

Greetings!

Finally ... it's time for SCA camping. I am so anxious to get out there, set up my tent and enjoy the outdoors along with SCA activities. I've picked up a few things that I'd like to share with you, whether you're new to SCA camping or an experienced camper.

SCA Events are run by Volunteers. Please Volunteer! Most of the folks running an event have already put in more hours than you will spend at that event. Lighten their load. If each attendee volunteered just 2 hours, it would make a HUGE impact on the event. I've met so many wonderful SCAdians by volunteering, and working side by side with someone is a great way to get to know new people.

If you look at volunteering as "I HAVE TO" then it will be a chore—just like when your mom told you to pick up your dirty laundry. However, it really does help to look at volunteering this way: "I **GET** to" do xyz.

Example: I get to walk security on Friday Night so that I can ensure my fellow campers are safe and settled in. (And I can party tomorrow night!)



Mark Twain taught us a great lesson about painting a fence:
Get your friends to help you do that task, and it can be fun for all of you!

There's the formal, scheduled, "I will do XYZ from 8 PM to Midnight" type of commitment, versus the "Hmm, court will start in 30 minutes and the chairs for the populace have to be set up" do-it-on-the-spot activity. We need all types of volunteers!

The weather is never predictable. Be prepared for both hot and cold extremes. Yes, YOU need your own cloak. And so do each of your kids!

Dress in Garb. We want to recreate the Middle Ages, and blue jeans just aren't period! I have a "cover-up" tabard that I can "throw on" to be medieval even though I haven't yet unpacked all my garb.

When camping in a group, be aware of what your group expects you to do. If you have to sign up for camp chores, food prep, cleanup, setup or teardown, be aware and plan to pull your share of the load. Do MORE than the minimum! If you are expected to do one task a day, and you see something needs to be done – DO IT! Don't assume that you are a "guest" to be served by the rest of the group.

Respect other people's property. From Duke Alan's ranchland (Uprising) where he asks us to keep below 5 MPH to preserve the grass, to the big hammer by the tent. Don't take it without permission, and if given permission to borrow it, make sure YOU return anything you borrowed as soon as you are through with it. Your friend may not know where it came from, so don't expect him/her to return it to the right owner.

Speaking of Kids: YOU are responsible for your kids!

I don't expect to feed, watch over or take care of your child. I did that with mine. I want to encourage your child when he or she does good, so help me find those opportunities.

See a family with SCA kids? Share childcare responsibilities – you watch all the kids for 4 hours and they take the other 4 hours. Talk to them about their outgrown SCA garb. Barter is a great form of payment.

Many camping groups have a shared common area, perhaps a dining area. Most of the time, kids can play there, but there are times when the "adults" take over the area. Make sure your kids have a place to go. When I took my young children to camping events, I had a 10 x 10 foot sunshade, with a fake "grass" carpet, table and chairs that was their area. No adult could kick them out. Their toys and games could be there. You can add a cooler for their cold drinks and (healthy?) snacks and a battery operated lantern.

YIS,

Casamira

Articles

From the Archives

At Coronation, their Royal Majesties Sean and Nissa made it known that the members of Their Chosen Seven agreed to take up a quest during their reign. One of the quests is to submit to the Crown a one-page Persona Story for yourself. This should include a time frame within 10 years, a country and any significant battles, or political events, which may have occurred during the lifetime of your persona.

In light of this quest, I found this old article from AS XIV and thought it would be a fun read. Enjoy

PERSONA



What little I, William the Cursed, will ever reveal of myself I now reveal to all who care to read it. I am a Dane, recent of Scotland, and it is the story of my coming to this land I shall now unfold.

My father, Roderic, was a merchant of great wealth. Becoming enamored of the ways of knights, he bought a parcel of land and built a castle upon it. He then gathered around him a group of men, indeed they came from all parts of Europe to serve him, for he paid well.

Among these mercenaries was a certain captain who possessed a wife of extraordinary beauty. Indeed her beauty was such that she captured Roderic's heart. The lady, my future mother, fell easy prey to Roderic's advances, her husband having been wounded in a spot not to be discussed here, six months earlier.

She became pregnant, and when it was impractical to hide, explained to her husband how she had come to be in this condition. Her captain, being a fair man, took his vengeance only on Roderic and in a duel split Roderic from crown to belly in one blow.

He then sent my mother to Scotland to avoid the scandal which would erupt as soon as his men weren't paid when they should be. His only wish was that if the child should be a boy he should be trained in the ways of the sword.

Obedient to her husband, she raised me as a cowherd; only telling me of her husband's wish on her death bed after being kicked in the face by a mule.

This is why I have come to this place to be a fighter.

William the Cursed

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Term of the month:

TOURNAMENT SOCIETY

From: *Knighthood & Chivalry Dictionary*

Because of the rising cost and logistical difficulties involved in sponsoring a tournament, during the early and mid 14th century groups of knights in the Bavarian region of Germany banded themselves into small groups for the purposes of sponsoring and participating in tournaments. Barber and Barker (1989) put forth a theory that it was because of these societies that the tournament was more common in Germany than in France or England, and the tournament companies were responsible for their proliferation. For one of these societies, the tournament was to act as an annual assembly, whose members wore the same livery and held a court at the same tournament, to which they were to bring their wives and daughters in order to "bring honor to the society," during which they were to conduct their annual business. All members are to attend, or were fined. A council of four was named to oversee the membership, and members were to help one another in times of war. They founded a chapel in Freising. All members were to own war-horses if they were able. Some German societies elected a king to oversee their members. According to Barker and Barber, "...the society was intended to offer a suitable atmosphere in which chivalric culture could flourish." We have definite records of societies in existence from 1387 to the 1430s, but it is likely that they existed both before and after this.

Within the SCA, the Tournament Societies and the Monarchical knightly orders (the Garter and Star, for example) proved the direct inspiration for the formation of the tournament companies, groups of knights, men-at-arms, and ladies dedicated to particular aspects of the tournament experience. Unfortunately, very little research has been done on the historical tournament societies; presumably some of their documentation lies buried in the German records, to be found by an enterprising scholar.

http://history.socialsciencedictionary.com/Tournament_Society

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Kids Corner



Unicorn, from medieval heraldy.

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To the Youth of the Barony of Loch Salann (and anyone else who loves to color). This magnificent animal is the Unicorn, and he was, and still is, used in Heraldry. Bring your colored picture to Crown Tourney or Southern Collegium. Find the Chronicler, Winifred Whitehorse, and be rewarded!! (picture copyright© Dover Publications :Gargoyles and Medieval Monsters, 1998 by A.G. Smith)

Baroness Blog



Defender's this year was amazing. The wonderful weather and site made for a day that showcased the many talents of our Barony in a spectacular way. Although the Daemon Decapod dared to emerge from the lake, our proud defenders managed to save us for another year. My thanks to everyone who participated in the competitions. Sir Raven did an excellent job of providing fun for all ages and abilities. It will be awesome to have the defenders with us behind the thrones, especially at Uprising. We DO have the best in every venue, you know.

Our first Bardic competition was so varied in content that it was difficult to pick one person to represent the Barony. Once again, we are blessed with many beautiful voices and talents. HE Elizabeth was such a gracious teacher that she was able to get us all to dance, with a little help from Lady Amanda. Now I can't wait to see how we dance at Crown.

Speaking of which, I know everyone is excited to watch the events this Saturday and learn the identity of the new heirs to the throne.

Don't forget to pick your classes for the Southern Collegium on April 14th. Sadly, I have narrowed it down to a dozen classes that I want to take, but will only be able to take five. I am grateful to the teachers from all over the area who are willing to share their knowledge with all of us.

HE Bjorn and I will then be traveling to Spring Thaw to celebrate with the Twae Linnes group and so the month will end.

Although HE Etienne assured us we should forget about competing in the Kingdom Arts and Sciences on May 5, I plan to at least take some of the classes.

So, enjoy April and get ready for May. I think the season is upon us. Vivat!

PS Please see me with ideas for topics in this little blog.



Casamira's Corner The Pun is Mightier Than the Sword!

By Mistress Casamira Jawjalny, OL, OP, GA

For all of Loch Salann's Distinguished and Unique Company of Keepers:

"The star of a Globe theater comedy, a talented duck called Daphne, had been stolen, just two days before opening night." Police said they are hoping for a quack in the case.



ART WORK NEEDED

We need cover artwork for the Questing Quill. Submit your original drawings to the Chronicler at Winifred.Whitehorse@gmail.com.

Recognition and rewards for all artwork used.

Guild News

Archery –

Archery Practice is held every Thursday from 6:00 PM until approximately 8:00 PM. Join the archers of Loch Salann as they hone their skill with bow and arrow. The Barony has loaner gear for the use of newcomers. Winter Practice is being held at Salt Lake Archery (Cost is \$6 each session) 1130 Wilmington Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106 (801-486-8242)
Summer Practice Site – To be Announced

Arts & Sciences –

A&S Night is held on the third Friday of each month. For the month of February, Baron MacCon taught acid etching.

Baronial Bardic Circle –

Lawrence Bacon is Baronial Bard of Loch Salann. Please contact him by email at Christopher.alderman@gmail.com at for additional information. Additional information will be provided in the Questing Quill and on the Baronial Website as it becomes available.

Brewer's Guild –

The Brewer's Guild meets quarterly to make Potent Potables. For more information please contact Baron Ryrd ap Gwerstan, rcfavans@comcast.net 801-706-0075 (no calls after 9, please).

Cook's Guild –

The monthly cook's guild was held the 4th Tuesday of March. Lady Aingeal, THL Vogg and Mistress Casamira prepared and enjoyed 3 wonderful Celtic dishes at Vogg's castle.

The challenge of early Celtic food is the lack of any books with recipes. The researchers rely on records that include foodstuffs bought or sold, lists of household items, and other commentary about food that might have been recorded. Earthenware vessels were used, not metal pots. Boiling and roasting were the most common cooking method.

Corned Beef

Corned beef in Irish cuisine dates to the 12th century in the poem Aislinge Meic Con Glinne. The corned beef as described in this text was a rare and valued dish, given the value and position of cattle within the culture, as well as the expense of salt, and was unrelated to the corned beef eaten today. Corned beef is salt-cured in "wet brine," which can add flavor (due to spices) and tenderize the meat. "corned" refers to the coarse grains of salt, not to the new world "corn".

Boil the corned beef with the seasoning packet. Add large chunks of peeled and trimmed turnips, parsnips, carrots, onions and cabbage and cook until softened. Serve.

Fighter Practice –

Fighter Practice is held every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m. Winter Location beginning October 5th and is being held in the warehouse of the Zions bank building located at 1635 S Redwood Road from 7 to 9 PM. The entrance is located behind the bank (next to the drive through). Please do not block the ATM and car pool if possible (parking is somewhat limited close to the building).

Gardening Guild –

The Guild plans to meet (roughly) on the Third Sunday of the month. Contact Mistress Jerilyn of Vert Silva (Jeri Foster) jofvertsilva@yahoo.com for more information.

Middle Eastern Dance and Drummer's Guild –

Contact Lady Zafirah: at zemlar@yahoo.com for information and location regarding meeting locations and practice.

Musician's Guild –

Join Mistress Anne de Junius and the Loch Salann Musician's Guild as they explore the music and instruments of the Middle Ages. Meetings are held on Thursdays from 7:15 to 9:00 PM at the abode of Her Excellency Mistress Mary Amanda. The group has had an influx of new musicians and welcomes all musicians who would like to join the group. Members of the guild also perform regularly at Baronial and Kingdom functions held in the Barony.

For question about your instrument or the activities of the guild, please contact Mistress Anne. If you can't meet for practice, your musical talents are still most welcome at events.

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Needleworker's Guild –

The Needleworker's Guild meets on the Second Tuesday and Fourth Thursday of the Month. Contact HL Bethoc (801-322-4984), email: leishman10@msn.com for more information.

Anyone interested in the Needleworker's Guild may visit our blog at: <http://blsng.wordpress.com/>



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