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**March Moot  
Saturday March 7, 1pm  
at the home of  
Lord Vincent Palmer  
630 Kickbush, Mosinee**

From the Highway:

Take the 192 exit towards Wausau. Start driving to the mall. The intersection just before the mall you'll take the right that curves around the mall. Follow this straight into the intersection that crosses Grand avenue. When you go through the intersection the Gas station will be on your left and Olson Tire will be on your right, you'll be on Forest St. At the next intersection take a right, then take another right then you'll be on Kickbusch. The house will be on the right and the address is 630 Kickbusch.

If you come from Schofield. You'll take Grand Avenue into Wausau. St. Mary's Church will be on your right and its second street to your right is Kickbusch. The house will be on the left of the street

## Web pages of interest:

[www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org)

[www.northshield.org](http://www.northshield.org)

[www.falconskeep.org](http://www.falconskeep.org)

[www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm)

## *From your Seneschal!*

Greetings to all!!!



With the coming of March my thoughts turn to Gulf Wars!!! I hope many of you will be joining Rogan and I as we travel to the depths of Ansteorra to fight and play with other kingdoms! I hope that all who are going and wish to camp with Northshield have contacted the land o'crat and informed her of their intentions. Of course once we return it's time for Haire Affaire on March 28!! We're still looking for volunteers for Troll and things....Please contact the autocrat (ladyemelyebroys@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. Help is greatly appreciated!

We have found a new site for Poorman's!!! It will be held at the Lions Club in Wisconsin Rapids. The people that run the grounds are very willing to work with us and welcome us with open arms! Mary and Asli have graciously agreed to be co-autocrats for this first year at a new site. I am very excited about this move and I hope it is a great success.

As I take over the reins as Seneschal I must thank Mary for all her hard work over the past few years. I must also thank her for her continued patience as I'm sure I will be asking many questions over the next few months. :) Our next moot is March 8 at the home of Lord Vincent. See you then!

Arianna da Lucca

# The Chronicler's Quill



Greetings onto the folk  
of the Shire of Falcon's Keep,

I would like to thank all contributors, especially those who got their copy in on time this month without having to be asked! It makes my job much easier when I have enough material to put in the Mewsletter. I would like to ask for more contributions however, especially artwork. I really need covers!

I would also like to thank everyone who has turned in the form to allow use of your address and other information online and/or in the Mewsletter. If you have not done so you can find the form on the website and print it up and send it to me or to the webminister.

In my other role as feast planner for Haire Affaire of the Heart, I would like in advance to thank all of those who are planning to help cover for me when I unfortunately am out of town and miss Haire Affaire. Alessandro will be in charge of the kitchen that day and I hope there will be volunteers to help him throughout the day. I am also delighted to hear that Falcons Gate will provide servers.

YIS  
Ealasaid

## CALENDAR

### March 2009

- 15-22 Gulf Wars
- 28 Ides of March [Trewint- Huron SD]
- 28 A Haire Affaire of the Heart [Falcon's Keep-Wausau WI]

### April 2009

- 4 Spring Coronation [Jararvellir]
- 18 Provost Challenge [Coldedernhale-Pierre SD]
- 18 Road to the Isle XIII [Mistig Waetru-South Range MI]
- 25 Western Regional Melee Practice [Dreibruken-Lincoln ND]

### May 2009

- 9 Spring Crown
- 16 Beltaine by the Bay [Darkstone-Ashland WI]
- 14-17 Quest for Camelot [Schattentor-Nemo SD]
- 16 Beltaine by the Bay [Darkstone-Ashland WI]
- 22-24 Midsummer in the Highlands  
[Treewint-Wessington Springs, SD]
- 2-25 Castle Fever [Silfren Mere-Preston MN]
- 29-31 Mermaids [Turm an dem See-Valders WI]

### June 2009

- 6 Silks Needles and More [Korsvag-Fargo ND]
- 6-7 Woodland Romp [Skerjastrond MI]
- 12-14 Border Skirmish [Caer Anterth]
- 20 Shakespearean Midsummer [Castel Rouge-Winnipeg MB]
- 20 Bardic Madness [Border Downs-Sioux Falls SD]
- 25-28 Moorish Tavern [Midewinde-Borrineau ND]
- 26-28 Thatsa Mare [Mare Amythystium-Thunder Bay ON]

### July 2009

- 9-12 Warriors and Warlords [Nordskogen-Boscobel WI]
- 17-19 Mad Dogs and Englishmen [Border Dwons-Parker SD]
- 17-19 Hyghsummer {Orlova Dolina-Bemdiji MN}
- 23-26 Rabid Yale Hunt [Coldedernhale-White River SD]
- 24-Aug 9 Pennsic War [Aethelmearc]

**Fighting/Rapier practice is held on Monday Evenings at 7pm UWSP. It restarted on Jan 26 in the Laird Room after winter break, but the room may be changing. Please check with Vincent.**

Minutes Feb 1st, 2009

### 1. Officer Reports

a. Senechal- Next moot is March 7th, 2009. The work moot for Haire Affaire Feast will be Sat March 21st at Mistress Ealasaids home. We are still looking for a home to host the April moot.(Marshfield Area preferred)

b.Chateline- Falcon's Gate is holding an open house on the 16th of April. They are looking for people willing to show what they know and come hang out. For more information please contact Lady Natalya od Soko at [ssame853@uwsp.edu](mailto:ssame853@uwsp.edu)

c. Exchequer- Nothing to report at this time.

d. Chronicler- Please submit your articles on time. We still need additional articles for the newsletter. Anyone who hasn't filled out the information release forms yet please get them filled out and sent to mistress Ealasaid. These forms are required for officers. If you are an officer make sure Mistress Ealasaid has your contact information.

e. Web Minister- Looking for a deputy. Please make sure you get all update information to Lady Reina so she can update the website.

f. Knights Marshall- Lord Justinian is still working on the loaner gear kits.

g. Rapier Marshall- Pracice is on Monday nights 7pm UWSP, Laird Room. Inventory has been done. Some masks need to be replaced, and Lord Vincent will be ordering from Triplet this month.

h. Minister of Arts and Sciences- Nothing to report.

2. New site for Poormans- There was a site tour for the Grand Rapids Lions Club prior to the meeting. After discussion of our previous site and the new site we voted to make the Grand Rapids Lions Club our site for this next Poor Man's. With the change of site we will have more work than in the past to put on our event. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event can contact Lady Mary at [venom@charter.net](mailto:venom@charter.net) or Asli at [erin\\_bell\\_macaransca@yahoo.com](mailto:erin_bell_macaransca@yahoo.com)

3. Haire Affaire- Mistress Ealasaid talked about her menu for the feast. We tried some of the items after the meeting.

See you next time,  
Mary of Falcon's Keep

## Anachronists Book Review: *Lady Eve of Lynn*

My interest in Tudor times continues I followed up last month's biography of Henry VIII written 2001 with Alison Weir's *The Children of Henry the VIII*. This has a copyright of 1996. This was published soon after the author's first body of work, the biography *The Six Wives of Henry VIII* copyright 1992, that book was found in my local library. Weir has also written two novels using her extensive research, *Innocent Traitor* published in 2007 and *The Lady Elizabeth*, which I reviewed last year

Whether writing in a scholarly mode or for us mere mortals who like to take an easier look at history, Alison Weir's name on the spine of a book catches my attention every time.

Another book that I ordered from the History Book Club was *Knights Of Jerusalem The Crusading Order of the Hospitallers*

*1100-1565*. Having through the years read a number of books pertaining to the Templars, seeing another group of knights on a book cover caught my attention. My thoughts were that this illustrated volume should be added to the books used to display for information at school demos and /or Poor Mans information table For 20 cents plus postage, I could not go wrong. If nothing else, it could be added to a silent auction. In any case the shire will benefit.



## Ask Alex

Royalty is coming to Haire Affaire! What should I know?

One of the best things about the SCA is that we have Royalty, King Queen, Prince and Princess. When they come to our events, we have a chance to treat them that way. That means bowing when they go by, trying to accommodate their wishes & give them the honor and respect their position grants. I am going to touch on a couple of questions. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me or any of the people who have been around for a while. The Royals are just people; there are just some courtesies you may not be familiar with.



Why do people bow to the thrones when there is no one there?

This is a sign of respect. The Thrones are the symbol of the Royalty. When you go by, you should bow. This can be a bow done while you are walking, it just shows you understand the significance & respect the Thrones.

If I need to talk to a Royal, how do I go about it?

If the Royal is already talking to someone (pretty normal), stand at a respectful distance, but within sight of the group. When they ask you to approach, bow, and state your business.

I just got called into Court, what do I do?

After you realize it is really you they want, and you are able to move, Go to the center aisle. Approach the Thrones. Stop 8 – 10 feet away and bow. Start with the most senior one (King & Queen) then go down in precedence. That would be Prince & Princess, Visiting Royals, and Barons & Baronesses. Then approach and kneel in front of the couple who summoned you. For example, if you are summoned by the Baron of Windhaven, do not bow in front of His Majesty. When you are through, stand, back up (if you can safely do so, steps can be a problem) about 8 – 10 feet, turn and leave down the center aisle.

Who decides who sits at head table at feast?

The highest ranking people are normally seated at head table. They are normally allowed to select one or two couples to sit with them. The number of people at head table is also dictated by the space available.

There is always a need for help at events and several areas involve Royalty. If you are not doing anything when they arrive, offer to help setting up the thrones or carrying stuff in (there is a lot of stuff that travels with the Royals). There is a guard that stands outside the Royalty room. This is to limit access to the room so their stuff stays safe, and they have a chance to conduct business without a lot of interruptions. Normally these are run in 2 hours shifts starting when they arrive and ending when they leave. It is not hard to do this, and you get to meet a lot of people.

## Haire Affaire Work Moot Saturday March 21

We will meet at Mistress Ealasaid and Baron Guttorm's (C3808 Heartland Hills Road in Stratford) starting at 10 am and continuing until the work is done. Plans include the making of apple/sweet potato pies, making of faux escargot, and a practice run of multiple dishes.

**From Marshfield** go north on 97 toward Stratford. Make a right onto Hwy C toward Rozellville. In Rozellville, at the stop sign go left (north) on Hwy M. \*A couple of miles beyond Rozellville, M makes a sudden turn. Follow M as it veers to the right, but when it veers back to the left, go straight onto a gravel road (Balsam), follow Balsam about a mile. You will pass a pond on the left. Look for a sign to the right of the road for the Heartland Hills subdivision. Turn right onto Heartland Hills Road. \*\*When the road makes a "Y" stay to the left. It is the 3rd house (cedar with red doors)

**From Wisconsin Rapids or Stevens Point** go west on Hwy 10 toward Marshfield, but near Auburndale turn right onto Hwy M. Continue North through Rozellville, Then follow directions from \*.

**From the Wausau area** go west on 153. You will be looking for Hwy H which is about 10 miles outside Mosinee. The landmark is Teasers. Turn left (south) on H. At the stop sign turn right onto Balsam (also a gravel road). Cross the bridge and look for Heartland Hills Road on the left. Follow directions from\*\*.