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Cover Story: Armor for Field and Tourney, 1560/70, Chicago Institute of Art. Photo taken by Pedro.

This Augsburg armor is rare in that all of the pieces are original and belong to the same garniture. The elements have alternate polished areas and etched bands enclosing strap work and arabesque grounds; the etched bands were originally gilded, but only traces of the gilding remain. This is a complete armor for a mounted knight or a high-ranking caval-ryman who was fully suited in plate armor, including a close helmet, neck defense (gorget), shoulder and arm defenses (pauldrons, vambraces, and gauntlets), cuirass with tassets and lance rest, and leg defenses (cuisses with poleyns, and greaves with sabatons) When the etched bands retained the original gilding, it would have been visually striking.



The Chronicler's Quill

Saludos hasta el folk de la Comarca
de la Falcon's Keep

It's that time of year again. It's almost like the setup of a joke, but... you know you are in the SCA when you consider attending an event for Christmas gifts or gift ideas. That's Boar's Head for me, and, quite possibly, a few of you.

On a different note, it also means that the mundane year is fast approaching an end. A time to reflect on victories and honors won; a time to note opportunities and dear ones lost. Time to wipe the slate clean and start over...

Have a wonderful holiday season, whether you will be celebrating Yule, Christmas, Hanukah, or just attending get-togethers with family and friends. And may the next year find you- and Falcons Keep/Falcon's Gate- prosperous and victorious!

Atentamente en el Servicio,
Pedro de Benavides

Falcon's Gate and Fighter Practice:

Fighter Practice: HEC 154

Monday evening 7:00 PM

(HEC: Health Enhancement Center)

Falcon's Gate: DUC 211

Thursday evenings 7:00 PM

(DUC: Dreyfus University Center Building)

Participation by Falcon's Keep members welcomed and encouraged! Show your interest in our college group, and you might just learn something yourself.

November 13 Moot Minutes
(as compiled by Pedro de Benavides)

Officer Reports:

Exchequer:

Current balance: \$10481.53 Emailed the kingdom office for change of signers for account. Signers needed in the Wausau area.

Check sent for Lion's Club.

Chatelaine:

Business cards redone, displayed. Initially, the suggestion was for 250 cards. After some time and discussion, it was amended to 500. This was approved by unanimous vote. After some further alteration, a final design was sent for printing.

A suggestion was made to send an email to the organizers of Evercon to inquire about participation in the upcoming event in January.

Thrown Weapons:

Tommy made a donation of 3 axes for thrown weapons. As the season would not allow for any thrown weapons events, Alessandro will be occupied making targets for the next year.

Heavy Weapons/ Rapier:

Justinian reminds all registered fighters to send in all information to the respective Officers by November 30. Armor making will be done at Lady Alex and Lord Janvier's home next weekend. (November 19)

Falcon's Gate:

Three carloads of Gate members will be going to Boar's Head.

Chronicler: No new business.

Arts and Sciences:

Stamps were made for Haire affaire by Mistress Ealasaid. They were displayed and passed around. (further details later) Also, an informal report on the most recent Gate meeting where the objective was to make garb for the Gate members.

Miscellaneous items:

The motion to approve an expense below \$50.00 at a Moot was approved. A condition was attached: The approval requires the vote of a minimum of 10 members at an official Shire meeting or Moot.

Archery: Loaner Gear and related costs

An informal presentation was made by Rogan regarding his research on costs of loaner gear for Archery. The range for new arrows was reported at \$70-80 per dozen. New bows were reported to range between \$120- \$ 1000.

A question was asked regarding the quality of the lower priced items. The response was that the quality was comparable.

Another question was asked about what we would "really" need and what we "actually" have. Currently we have two children's bows that are useable, and three sets of arrows that are useable.

It was estimated that we would require two adult bows. We would also require a number of arrows; however, this number was undetermined. In a related issue, it was suggested that bows and arrows be kept properly at someone's home, rather than the storage area, which experiences extremes in temperature.

An observation was made that we may be able to purchase used bows at the next Gulf Wars. Another question was asked about sites for practice for archers. One site that was mentioned specifically was Lady Alex and Lord Janvier's home. This question was apparently left open, as no other sites were mentioned. More discussion and a vote regarding purchasing archery gear would be made at the December moot. The apparent consensus is to purchase two adult bows and sufficient arrows.

(It is strongly suggested that any one interested in archery should attend December's moot, or otherwise comment via email, Yahoo group, or Facebook.)

Daisho Con: It was formally decided that Falcon's Keep would not participate in a demo at Daisho Con this year. While the difficulties regarding recent mundane events that affected Daisho Con were noted, the Keep's decision was due to the decision of the organizers of Daisho Con to charge Falcon's Keep members full price for their attendance despite the Keep's willingness to put on a demo.

Haire Affaire:

Fees were discussed and allowed to remain as they were last year:

Adults: \$7.00

Children: \$3.00

Feast \$10.00

Non-Member fee: \$5.00

Merchant: \$15.00 (less \$5.00 for a donation to Silent Auction)

There was some discussion regarding the newly made stamps and how the favors made from them could be used for the event. A suggestion put forward was to purchase ribbon or cloth of four different colors. An example: blue, white, black and yellow. The appropriate stamps would be applied, and distributed as evenly as possible. The final decision will be left for a later moot.

The Royalty Liaison was asked to contact the Chamberlain as soon as practicable.

The ad for the Northwatch would be posted in January for inclusion in February and March issues.

Alessandro welcomes ideas for theme related displays and/or diversions. Ideas also needed for fencing and heavy weapons events related to theme.

A vote will be taken in the March moot regarding the distribution of funds taken at Haire Affaire.

Pedro will be assisting Mistress Ealasaid at feast.

Items to be offered at lunch on Saturday will be made on Friday.

Any omissions, errors, and other minor excitements solely the responsibility of Pedro de Benavides.



EVENT CALENDAR

December, 2011

**Boar's Head: Marauders of the Waterways,
Vikings to Conquistadores** Pelican Meeting
Saturday December 3, 2011
Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (West Bend WI)

Fighter's Retreat Saturday December 17, 2011
Canton of Blachemere (Anoka MN)

January 2012

Winter Knights: a 12th Night celebration Saturday January 7, 2012
Canton of Blachemere (Ramsey MN)
Twelfth Night Faire Saturday January 14, 2012
Kingdom of Middle (Chicago IL)
It's Only a Flesh Wound Saturday January 28, 2012
Barony of Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)

February, 2012

Early Period Symposium Saturday February 4, 2012
Canton of Blachemere (Coon Rapids MN)
Lupercalia Saturday February 18, 2012
Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Nicollet MN)
Fighter School XVII Saturday February 25, 2012
Barony of Windhaven (Kewaunee WI)

March, 2012

Fighting in the Shade II Saturday March 3, 2012
Barony of Jararvellir (Madison WI)

Gulf Wars XXI Sunday March 11-18, 2012
Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (Lumberton MS)

Estrella War XXVIII Tuesday March 27 - Monday April 2, 2012 Kingdom of
Atenveldt (Queen Creek AZ)

Haire Affaire: Omens and Portents and Signs, Oh My!
Saturday March 31, 2012
Shire of Falcon's Keep (Wausau WI)

December Moot
Sunday December 11 , 2011
Lady Mary and Lord Alessandro's house
104 Florence St., Rothschild WI
1:00 PM

Directions:

Take best route to I 39 N
Take exit 185 (Cedar Creek exit)
Turn right onto old 51 at the bottom
of the ramp.
Follow old 51 approximately 1.5 miles to
Florence St. (There is an old closed
gas station on the corner, if you've
gone to Citgo you've gone one block
too far.)
Take a right onto Florence St.
House is on the left, the second house
on the second block.

Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org

www.northshield.org

www.falconskeep.org

www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm

www.medievalhorseandclothing.com

Facebook Groups:

Shire of Falcon's Keep

Falcon's Gate at UWSP

Falcon's Keep Rapier Fighters

Don't forget to check out our Yahoo group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/falconskeep/>

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