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The Chronicler's Quill

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

Not much to report this time around. I am in the midst of researching symbols of ill omen for the upcoming Haire Affaire. It's interesting how much superstition played (and may still play) a role in daily life. As an example: in medieval times, if a sailor would see a bowl turned upside down –for any reason whatever– he would refuse to go to the docks that day. This is understandable, given that the inverted bowl would strongly resemble a boat “turned turtle”; and, by extension, a strong chance of the sailor's demise. A less logical superstition asks that you would spare a fly if you see one around Christmas time. It's said to bring good luck to the house. And probably it's good luck for the fly as well...?

There is an upcoming event: the Northshield Rapier Academy. This is an excellent opportunity for the rapier fighters in Northshield to come together and exchange pleasantries– and blows. I am confident, however, that our rapier fighters will be exemplary. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend, as my lady wife and I will be celebrating our wedding anniversary.

Atentamente en el Servicio,
Pedro de Benavides

Falcon's Gate and Fighter Practice:

Fighter Practice (until October 17): 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.

September 18 Moot Minutes Beatrice's house

Officer Reports:

Chatelaine: Marie thanked everyone that attended the Kelly Castle Demo. It was remarked that this year's demo went very well. Particular thanks were extended to the six fighters that attended and demonstrated their skills. It was also reported that Pete appreciated our presence. There was a package that came from the children which participated in the Nekoosa demo. It was filled with notes of appreciation. selected notes were passed around and discussed. It was also noted that the teacher made a contribution to the shire.

Thrown Weapons: A motion was passed to buy targets for thrown weapons.

Exchequer: Reported on the current balance of the shire.

Chronicler: Inquired as to the status of release forms as well as possible issues with picture clearance for the Mewsletter.

Arts and Sciences: Several projects were demonstrated at the Kelly Castle demo; among them being the inkle loom, the card loom, kumiho, and wire weaving.

Northshield Rapier Academy (NRA) event:

The event is being held at the same site as last year, at White Lake Beach Resort. It will be from October 14 to October 16. A nominal fee of \$5.00 was decided on; this was last year's fee also. There was a discussion regarding the ultimate destination of the fees collected. A decision was reached regarding this.

As of the Moot, the event was not posted (note: it did appear later on northshield.org).

A suggestion was made to bring your own bedding, in order to assist the operators of the resort.

Haire Affaire:

A date was set for Haire Affaire: March 31. It will be at the same site as previously, in Marathon Park in Wausau. It was reported that the deposit had been sent in for the event.

Lady Alex has volunteered to be a herald at Haire Affaire. Fees for Haire Affaire will be discussed at the next Moot. Pedro will do research on omens. The research will be for symbols to be placed on tokens at the event.

November's Moot: Lady Arianna's house, Nov. 13, at 1 PM.

Other Items of Interest:

Arianna has acquired a kiln that may be used in the future.

After the moot was adjourned, Beatrice taught Coptic Bookbinding.

COVER STORY:

The device of the Shire Of Falcon's Keep

Per fess embattled azure and argent, peregrine falcon displayed guardant argent, and a laurel wreath vert.

Symbols are highly subjective and open to interpretation. A device, being made of symbols, is no different. I will review the device of Falcon's Keep as an example.

The wreath of the SCA, prominent on the lower half, indicates the status of the shire as a branch of the SCA.

The main symbol is the falcon. For medieval Europeans, the falcon represents nobility; the falcon not only being a predatory bird, but also used by nobility for sport.

Choice of color is also important. White and Blue imply purity and focus of purpose.

Finally, the keep is symbolized in the fess embattled.

However it may be interpreted at length, the most important use of the device is instant recognition. This enabled one to tell friend from foe quickly, and act accordingly.



EVENT CALENDAR

October, 2011

Northshield Rapier Academy

Friday October 14-16, 2011

Shire of Falcon's Keep (Montello WI)

Griffin Needle Challenge

Friday October 21-22, 2011

Barony of Jararvellir (Madison WI)

Danza Macabra

Saturday October 29, 2011

Barony of Windhaven (Green Bay WI)

November, 2011

Rhythm and Bruise 3: Tora Matsuri (Tiger Festival) Pelican Meeting

Saturday November 5, 2011

Shire of Korsväg (Dilworth MN)

Stellar University of Northshield (SUN) Laurel Meeting

Saturday November 12, 2011

Shire of Rudivale (Grand Forks ND)

December, 2011

Boar's Head: Marauders of the Waterways, Vikings to Conquistadores

Pelican Meeting

Saturday December 3, 2011

Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr (West Bend WI)

Fighter's Retreat

Saturday December 17, 2011

Canton of Blachemere (Anoka MN)

January, 2012

Twelfth Night Faire

Saturday January 14, 2012

Kingdom of Middle (Chicago IL)

Elephants and Red Castles

Saturday January 21, 2012

Barony of Castel Rouge (Winnipeg MB)

It's Only a Flesh Wound

Saturday January 28, 2012

Barony of Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)

October Moot
Sunday October 30, 2011
At the home of Katharine Saint Denis
D1388 Bangart Rd, Stratford WI
12:00 PM

Directions:

Marshfield, Wisconsin rapids: Go north on hwy 97.
Turn right on CTY RD C. Turn left onto Bangart
drive. Go approximately one and a half miles.

Wausau: Go west on 29. turn left onto 107, then
right on 153. Turn left on CTY RD M, then left on
Eau Pleine Rd. Finally, turn right on Bangart rd. Go
approximately a half mile south.

Note: these directions may not be fully accurate; I
will make sure to post more concise directions
when I receive them.

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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