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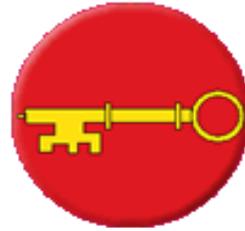
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Greetings from your Seneschal!



Greetings Keepers

As we go into the next month I would like to remind you about our upcoming event the Haire Affairski. Our next moot on March 22nd, 2008, will be the work moot for the event. We will have a short meeting at 1pm with cooking taking place before and after. Mistress Ealasaid will be directing the cooking, and is looking for any help that day. We will be making the perogies for the event feast. There are still openings for people interested in helping the day of the event. Sign up to help can be done on the web site www.falconskeep.org

We are looking for a volunteer to autocrat Poorman's Pensic XVI. If interested please e-mail me before the next moot.

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Mary of Falcon's Keep

Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org

www.northshield.org

www.falconskeep.org

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

The Chronicler's Quill

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



Mea Culpa. Well I (and all of us at the January Moot) made an error by not checking the calendar. The Pierogi making Moot is really Saturday March 22 as we do not want it on Easter Sunday! We will be meeting at my house. You can come any time from 9 am onwards whenever you have time and stay as long as you like. We will be cooking all day (Pierogis, pretzels, and saffron wafers). If in doubt, you can call first to make sure that we haven't miraculously finished without your help and check whether we are running out of something you could bring (687-4870). If you can't come that day, please remember we need volunteers for lots of things from cooking on site to serving and clean up. Please check the website.

Thanks to Lady Reina for hosting the Valentine moot. For those who missed it, we feasted on chocolate among other things and discussed plans for Haire Affaire.

Thanks to those who renewed their subscription. If you have not done so yet, please do it ASAP. The price is the same as last year, \$10 for a paper copy (including electronic also if you supply your email) and \$5 for electronic only. Payment should be made to the chancellor of the Exchequer,

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As always I am looking for material for the Mewsletter. I appreciate all the regular contributors, but I still need other articles, more about your personnas or A&S, or events you have attended, and especially cover art.

Yours in service, ealasaid

Anachronists Book Review:

Lady Eve of Lynn

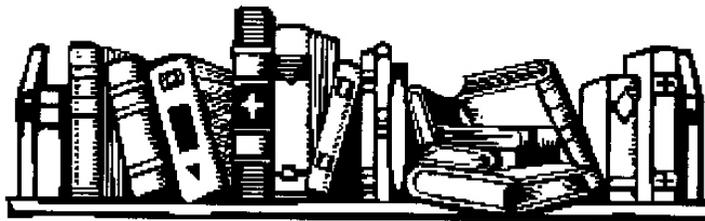
I was ready to clap my hands and shout for joy this last month, for I had found a book that was worthy of a strong recommendation from this lover of historical novels.

Ken Follett has given his many readers a follow up on the first of his novels that I had read, *Pillars of the Earth* copy written in 1989. This sweeping epic was based on the building of a cathedral and the lives of the town's people that built it.

World Without End takes up this fascinating tale two centuries later. The second part of the tale begins with four children witnessing an attack on a Knight. The children are a bully, a boy genius, a thief's daughter and a wealthy merchant's daughter who wishes to be a doctor. The reader follows the lives of the four children as they survive the trials of war, famine and the years of plague.

Ken Follett's *Pillars of the Earth* was listed as eighth on the Portage Count Library's hottest ten books list and made number two on the Bookfinders Top Fiction list. Good quality historical fiction is out there if we take the time to look for it.

As ever Eve



Ask Alex

What exactly is an Autocrat?
There seems to be one for every event.



The Autocrat is also sometimes called the Event Steward. This is the person, or persons who are in charge of the event. One important thing every Autocrat knows, or learns pretty quickly, is that one person cannot put on a successful event. At least not without going a little crazy! What a successful event does need is someone to be in charge, coordinate all the different areas, and make sure everything gets done.

I have been the Autocrat for a couple of events, and this article is based on my experience in the 'hot seat' or helping others. The first thing an event needs is an Autocrat. The first thing an Autocrat needs is a good staff. Most every event has several areas, such as Feast, Royalty Liaison, Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, Troll and Classes. None of these are dependant on one another, and they may require specialized skills to successfully complete. For example, a rapier marshal will know best the equipment, supplies and resources necessary to run a rapier tournament. If your staff has the responsibility for a particular area, they should also have the authority they need. Micro managing can create a lot of hard feelings and your event may not run as smoothly as it could have.

This is not to say that the staff has free rein. The Autocrat needs to be kept aware of what each of the deputies are doing. Life happens and a deputy may not be able to be at the event or must drop out, or is not doing the things that need to get done. If this happens, the Autocrat should be able to step in and continue the planning or brief another person to take over. The hardest part of being an Autocrat is to co-ordinate everything and keep everyone talking to one another. One other thing I have always found to be very valuable, is to keep the rest of the group informed. Even if

someone is not directly involved with running the event, they can still have some great ideas. They also may have a perspective that you may have missed, because you are too close.

While there is a lot of preparation involved, you will also need quite a few people lined up for the day of the event. You will need enough people to cover several shifts of troll, Royalty guard, security or other areas. While the deputy in charge of the area should have this covered, they may need help getting enough people. You should always be available to your deputies for advice, assistance or making decisions.

The Autocrat is a temporary deputy of the Seneschal, and must be a paid member. The Seneschal will need to sign any legal agreements or contracts and needs to work closely with the Autocrat. My definition of a successful event is when our guests do not realize the things that have gone wrong. Things will go wrong, but with preparation and communication, most incidents can be dealt with and the event can still be a success.

Hromnice Day Celebration in Shattered Oak

Did you know that Hromnice is like Candlemas or Groundhog Day.? If the day is fair, then winter will continue for a long time. On Feb 2 in Shattered Oak, it appeared cloudy and we celebrated. There were tournaments, both light and heavy, with the winner of the latter receiving a wonderful chest made by Finn Bjornsson. I was watching from a beautiful balcony where many of us gathered to do our fiber projects. There were also classes and a small A&S demo. Some of the “older” folk got together to discuss old times.

The day ended with an amazing feast with courses representing the four corners of the earth. East included food from Turkey, Russia and Asia, North included Viking, Anglo-Saxon and Celtic. West was Spain, Portugal and France while South was Italy, and Greece. Even more amazing was the entertainment. There were stories related to the Hromnice theme, and a very young lady who was interrupting and, when challenged to perform by herself, sang “Twinkle twinkle little star” quite well. A future bard?

Ealasaid

Twelfth Night in Nordskogen

For those who braved the cold, this was a wonderful event. Guttorm and I devoted most of our time to the A&S competition which borrowed in some ways from the traditions which Falcon's Keep has helped to establish at our Artful Haire Affaire and Fall Coronation, yet it also had some unique features which I hope will be repeated in future competitions.

The number of entrants was small, but the quality was outstanding. The intent had been to have self-declared novice and expert categories, but in fact Guttorm was the only novice and was prevailed upon to put his entry in competition with the rest. There were no categories with respect to the type of work, so embroidery, woodwork and jewelry all competed for the same prizes. The format allowed for each entrant to judge someone else's entry chosen by lot. Since the number of entrants was small we decided we would each judge two entries so each person would get two judges' comments. We also decided that there was time for each entrant to orally explain his or her entry and this was the best part as we really learned a lot about each others' work including many things that had not been written in the documentation. I drew a woodworking entry to judge and was very pleased that the entrants had explained their work as I am not an expert in period woodworking. The bow was beautiful (in fact it won the peoples' choice award) and the artist actually knew a lot more about period bow-making than he had written in his documentation. In addition to the judging and the peoples' choice bean count, the people wrote some very useful and encouraging comments and there were King's and Queen's choice awards. Both Guttorm and I felt that our work was truly appreciated for its authenticity as well as workmanship. Guttorm got some very favorable comments for his linen club "It's a humble piece that looks as if it was taken right out of a time machine". I received a really amusing comment from one judge. Artistic merit 5/10 "The original wasn't pretty either". While I could have been upset because I thought my entry was quite pretty, I considered it a compliment as the judge was very well informed on authenticity and gave me high marks for that. My viking shirt and his horn lantern ended up sharing the grand prize. Next time this type of competition is held, I would encourage others to enter. **Ealasaid**

CALENDAR

March 2008

- 1 Northshield Officers Day [Rockhaven-St Cloud MN]
- 9-16 Gulf Wars XVII [Lumberton, MS]
- 21-23 that Moot Thingy VIII {Coill Stormeil-tomah WI}
- 29 Haire Affaireski
- 29 Sunrise [Silfren Mere-Rochester, MN]
- 29 Ides of March 15 [Trewint-Huron SD]

April 2008

- 5 Lectures on Medieval Dress [Caer Antherth-Milwaukee WI]
- 12 Provost Challenge [Coldedernhale-Pierre SD]
- 19 Spring Coronation [Nordskogen & Nordleigh-Northfield MN]
- 25-27 Bardic Madness XVIII [Mistig Waetru-Phelps WI]

May 2008

- 3 Western Regional Melee Practice [Dreibruken-Lincoln ND]
- 3 35th Anniversary {Jararvellir-Stoughton WI}
- 9-11 Crown Tournament [Caer Antherth Mawr-Waukesha WI]
- 15-18 Quest for Camelot {Schattentor-Nemo SD}
- 22-26 Lusty Day in May [Western Keep-Sisseton SD]
- 23-26 Ages of War Italian Wars [Silfren Mere, Austin MN]
- 23-26 Midsummers Eve in the Highlands [Trewint-Wessington Springs SD]
- 30-1 Mermaids [Turn am dem See-Valders WI]

June 2008

- 5-8 Moorish Tavern [Midewinde-Bottineau ND]
- 6-8 Castel Fever [Silfren Mere-Oronoco MN]

July 2008

- 10-13 Warriors and Warlords [Jararvellir & Nordskogen-Boscobel WI]
- 17-20 Rabid Yale Hunt [Colderndale-White River SD]
- 19 River Revel III [Stromfels-River Falls, WI]

August 2008

- 1-3 Poor Man's Pennsic [Falcon's Keep-Arpin WI]

Fighter practices for both Rapier and Armored will be held on Monday night at UWSP in the Quandt Gym balcony and Room 154. See the website for directions.

Haire Affaire Work Moot

**March 22—formal meeting 1 pm
[cooking anytime after 9 am]
at the home of Mistress Ealasaid
C3808 Heartland Hills Rd, Stratford, Wi
715-687-4870**

We will have the usual monthly meeting at 1pm. We will also have the potluck to provide a lunch break for those working. PLEASE BRING READY PREPARED EASY TO EAT FOOD AS THE KITCHEN WILL BE BUSY..

For those who can afford more time, this is an informal day of cooking in preparation for Haire Affaireski. Come whenever you can and stay as long as you like. We will be making pierogis, pretzels, and saffron wafers. If you have an electric krumkake or pizelle iron , we may need it for the wafers. You may want to call first to see if we need any ingredients or utensils and to be sure we haven't already completed all the work (You never know, a miracle could occur).

From Marshfield: 97 North toward Stratford, Right onto C to Rozellville, Left onto M, *when M a makes a 90 degree bend follow it but then continue straight onto Balsam (don't follow M as it turns left). Right onto Heartland Hills, **stay toward left, look for cedar house with red doors. (3rd on left)

From Rapids: 13 West, Right onto 186 N thru Vesper and Arpin, right onto 10 and almost immediate left onto M north follow * above

From Point: 10 West, right onto M north at Auburndale, follow from * above

From Wausau area: 153 toward Stratford, Left onto H. Right onto Balsam, then Left onto Heartland Hills and follow from ** above

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