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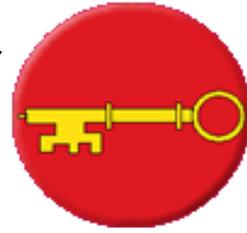
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Greetings from your Seneschal!



Greeting Keepers-

The leaves are quickly changing from green to red. Autumn is setting in. As we ready our homes for the cold of winter to come so we must also ready ourselves for our next event. The first things we need is an Autocrat. If we have any one interested in autocrating the next Haire Affaire please contact me or be present at the next moot. We have already voted on a site, so half the work is already done!

I would also like to introduce Arianna da Lucca as my new deputy. I hope everyone gets a chance to meet with her and, to get to know her better.

Please read the minutes listed in the newsletter. If there was something brought up during the moot it should be in the minutes. They are the best way we can keep people informed if they can't make it to a meeting. Also since we have agreed that the newsletter shall be turned into a free publication, if you know someone who may not have been receiving the newsletter please let them know of the change and have them get their e-mail information to Mistress Ealasaid so they can receive notice when our first free publication is out.

There are many positions looking for deputy's. If you are interested in serving in an officer or deputy position for the Shire please contact the officer currently holding the position so they can help you get started.

Thank you for your time,

Mary of Falcon's Keep

YIS

The Chronicler's Quill



G
reetings onto the folk
of the Shire of Falcon's Keep,

I am excited about the idea of being able to put the Mewsletter on the website so that everyone can have access without a subscription. I will be talking with Lady Reina to work out the details and I hope to be able to switch to the almost all electronic format by January. Therefore we will not have subscriptions as in the past but we will need officers and those hosting moots or autocrating to give written permission to display their contact information on the webiste. We will also maintain an electronic mailing list so you can be notified when a new issue is available and a paper mailing list for those who do not have email access. Since the Shire will be footing the bill for the paper copies, please only ask if you really do not have email access. For those who have email access but like to have a paper copy I am working on making the format more user friendly so that you can print pages you need.

We discussed whether a new publisher program is needed. It probably is, but I am still checking what is available to try to make the best choice. Publisher 2007 is part of Office 2007. There is a free version available to download whcih some said works well, but I have not tried it as I have been using the shire's Publisher 1997 version and my own MS Office 2003 which does not include Publisher. If you have ideas please let me know before the next moot.

Thanks to all who submit material for the Mewsletter.
Last but not least, I still need a volunteer for deputy.

YIS
Ealasaid

Anachronists Book Review:

Lady Eve of Lynn

This month's work of nonfiction was a much easier to read than the one I chose last month. *A VOYAGE LONG and STRANGE* was found on the large print shelves. John Horwittz takes the reader along with him as he takes on the task of *REDISCOVERING THE NEW WORLD*, all without the use of arcane meanings of words I thought I knew. I think the part I liked best was the author's visit to a History reenactment fair. There he meets up with members of every known reenactment group known and unknown. From early man to World War II showing off their weapons and fighting skills. A thought provoking read.

Earlier this year I came across *The Noble Outlaw*, a mystery written by Bernard Knight. The tale takes place late in the 12th century; it is a *Crowner John Mystery*. Of course I wanted to read more of the previous work done by this author as this was his eleventh book in the series. But lo and behold it was out of the question. The book was published in Great Britain but so far I have found no other books written by this author available to me. Without making a considerable outlay in cash that is. The thing I liked most about this author's work is the historical note and Glossary that preceded the tale.



Ask Alex

I am going to my first moot. What should I expect? What do I need to bring?

In Falcon's Keep, we refer to our monthly meetings as 'moots'. It can be described as a meeting with food. Our moots are normally held at one of our members homes. We try to meet on either the first or second weekend of the month, and try to alternate between Saturday and Sunday. While people are invited to come at noon, the meeting will start around 1:00. Afterwards, we have a pot luck lunch, and sometimes, there will be some kind of activity (fighting, A & S or event preparation).



While garb is not required, it is encouraged. It is a chance to dress up once a month, even if I don't get to an event. If you don't have any garb, our Châtelaine maintains the Shire's loaner garb. One of my fondest memories is when I went to my first moot. They had a blue dress there for me to wear for the day. I felt like a princess. Wearing garb for the first time and being surrounded by people who were also in garb, was a magical moment that I will never forget. One of the reasons I try very hard to wear garb to every moot, is that this may be someone else's 'magical moment', and I would love to be a small part of that.

The meeting may be long, or could be short. It pretty much depends on if it is before or after one of our events. There is normally a recap of last months meeting, local officer reports & then new business. While some people think this is the boring part, it gives you a better idea of how the Shire operates. We also talk about upcoming events and current happenings in the Shire and the Kigdom.

The pot luck consists of whatever people bring. The host or hostess normally supplies a meat or main dish. People are encouraged to bring period items for lunch, but it is not required, and if you cannot bring anything, that is OK too. There is normally more than enough food to go around. Bringing a period food is not as scary as it first sounds. You can find many period foods at the gro-

cery store or even in your garden. Sausage, cheese, breads, grapes, apples, peas, cucumbers, onions, beets and turnips are just some of the things that can be brought or used to make a more elaborate dish. Several individuals in the Shire have period recipes that they are willing to share if you are interested. People also bring feast gear to eat on. If you don't have any, normally the host will have some available. Watch garage sales or Goodwill for metal or wooden plates, old silverware and a tankard or goblet.

Our monthly meetings are a chance to play our game in our own back yard. We can dress up, eat a meal of period food and spend time with friends who share our interests. We can make the middle ages come alive here at home. See you at the next moot!

Alex

Brewer, Vintners and Cooks Recap

At the last moot we made bread using medieval beer as yeast. The beer was made from a recipe on the Regia Anglorum website. I simmered a pound of malted grain (from Plan-it Earth) in a gallon of water for 2 hours, added a little yeast and elderflowers for flavor, covered with cheesecloth and let it ferment for a couple of days. To make the bread we mixed 4 cups of flour (part whole wheat and part unbleached white), 1 tsp salt, 2 tsp sugar, 2 egg whites, and about 1 1/2 cups of leaven. For one batch I used the stuff on top of the fermenting beer and for the other I used the mash including the barley kernels. We let the bread rise for nearly 2 hours and then baked it in a dutch oven with coals above and below. the time to bake depends on the fire and one of our loaves was not quite done. We also made a loaf of bread using a bottle of beer made by Robert the Stout. It did not rise as well even though I gave it more time. Probably this is because newly made beer has more active yeast in it. If you want to try this an easier way you can use the same recipe but use a bottle of commercial beer and a tsp of dry bakers yeast. It will resamble the bread made with the top of the brewing beer.

Ealasaid

Minutes 09-20-08

1. We reviewed items from last meeting.
2. Our October moot will be in Wausau at either Lord Vincent's home or Lady Reina's home. November will be in Marshfield. Tentatively November 2nd at the Shoppes at Wood Ridge Mall.
3. The Castle demo went well,; it rained most of the day, but we have an invitation to come back next year. Lord Alessandro is looking for a deputy to take over at the end of December. Please contact him if interested.
4. Isabeau is still looking for receipts from Poorman's. Please get them to her ASAP by either mail or in person at the next moot.
5. Mistress Ealasaid is going to get more information about possible software needs she may have for putting together the newsletter. THL Janvier suggested a free software solution. Mistress Ealasaid is going to look further into it.
6. Lady Reina is looking for a deputy. The person must have a credit card when they take over the Web Minister position for web page charges. They should have computer access, and internet access at home. She will teach you everything you need to know. Please contact her if interested.
7. No report for Knights Marshall.
8. There will be no rapier practice Sept. 29th, 2008 due to an event being held at the college. There will be practice on the 22nd of September.
9. The gate is holding arts and science projects every thursday. They have cooking, glass bead making, and persona classes coming up. Please contact Tabitha Degenhardt if you are interested.
10. We voted to choose the site for Haire Affaire. We will be getting the same place as last year. We decided that it was well suited to the event. We discussed three possible dates to hold the event, March 28th, April 4th, or February 28th. Mary is going to reserve the site.
11. THL Alex suggested we give a donation to the endowment fund for Northshield. We discussed the dollar amounts that would be appropriate. We are going to discuss this more and vote on it at the next meeting.
12. Mary is going to work on getting contact information to help people who might want to carpool to moots, and events. If you are interested in being a contact please get your info to her at the next moot.

See you next time
Mary of Falcon's Keep

CALENDAR**October 2008**

- 3-4 Art-ic Madness [Tor Aerie, Minneapolis, MN]
- 11 Crown tournament [Midewinde-Minot ND]
- 18 Creating the Creative SCA101 [Nordskogen-Andover MN]
- 25 Masquerade III [Dreibruken-Bismark ND]

November 2008

- 1 Heraldic & Scribal Symposium [Coldedernehale, Pierre, SD]
- 7-9 Knowm World Academy of Rapier [Midrealm]
- 8 Clothiers Seminar North [Nordskogen-Coon Rapids MN]
- 8 Rhythm and Bruise [Korsvag-Moorhead MN]
- 22 Bardic Madness [Gray Gargolyes-Chicago, Midrealm]

December 2008

- 13 Boars Head[Caer Anterth Mawr-West Band WI]

January 2009

- 10 Twelfth Night [Nordskogen-Columbia Heights, MN]
- 31 It's Only a Flesh Wound [Jararvellir-Jefferson WI]

February 2009

- 6-8 that Moot Thingy [Coil Stormeill-Tomah WI]
- 14-15 Un Fete d' Amor [Midewinde- Minot ND]

March 2009

- 15-22 Gulf Wars
- 28 Ides of March [Trewint- Huron SD]

April 2009

- 4 Spring Coronation [Jararvellir]
- 18 Provost Challenge [Coldedernhale-Pierre SD]

May 2009

- 9 Spring Crown
- 29-31 Mermaids [Turm an dem See-Valders WI]

**Fighting/Rapier practice is held on Monday Evenings at
7pm UWSP Quandt Gym Balcony and adjacent room.
Please see website for directions.**

October Moot

**Sunday October 12 at 1pm
at the home of Lady Reina Gunnora
1934 Eva Rd #5 Mosinee, Wi
715-572-3079**

From Marshfield: Take WI-97 North toward Stratford, At stop lights, Take a Right onto WI-153 East toward Mosinee, Go through Mosinee, turning right. (Continue with directions below)

From Rapids: Take WI-54 East to Plover, Take Plover Road/CR-B through Plover(Continue with directions below)

Merge onto I-39/US-51 North, Take exit 185 (Cedar Creek Mall exit) toward Rothschild/Wausau

Turn Right onto business US-Business51/Old US-51. Turn Right at next lights onto CR-XX S/Imperial Ave.

Turn Right at next lights onto CR-XX. Follow curve past Gander Mt. and Harley Davidson, Go through lights.

At the corner of the Mobil station, Turn Right onto Terrebonne, Then Left onto Eva Road

Go 3/10 of a mile to Morningside Meadows on the Left, Park in the front parking spots, first building the Right, 2nd floor (17steps), Apt. 5 A banner will be in the window.

Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org

www.northshield.org

www.falconskeep.org

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

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