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ARE ZOMBIES PERIOD?

Funeral customs in most cultures are based, at least in part, on the need to clearly demarcate the living from the dead. The Romans buried their dead with a coin in the mouth to pay the ferryman for the one-way trip across the river Styx to the underworld. Viking ship burials also set the deceased on a journey. One wonders if the frequent use of cremation by the pagan Norse was to be sure the dead did not return. Even after Christianization, there are stories in the sagas of dead men and women rising and conversing with the living before returning to their deceased state. Some who were evil while living or were improperly buried might become draugr (walking dead) who were noted for their superhuman strength as well as their stench of death. They

could change size at will and were often heavier than expected. Draugr were immune to weapons but could be wrestled into submission by heroes who were willing to enter the tomb. Simple precautions such as tying the toes of a corpse together were thought to prevent it walking. Some said that holy water and proper burial blessed by a priest were effective deterrents to draugr. In other parts of Medieval Europe, there were stories of revenants, usually evil persons who rose up after death to harm the living by spreading illness. Sometimes the methods used to stop these revenants were similar to those suggested for vampires such as decapitation or a stake through the heart. In Celtic mythology, a mystical cauldron was used to reanimate

dead warriors who retained their fighting skill but lost their speech. As with the Norse draugr, it required more than average fighting ability to kill these "undead". Through most of the Middle Ages, Christians remained superstitious about the possible return of the dead and employed precautions including elaborate burial rituals, which included taking a corpse out a side door used only for that purpose and immediately boarded up to prevent return. While it is clear that medieval people had concerns about the dead rising and harming the living, the word Zombie comes from more recent Haitian voodoo and image of the decaying creatures hunting the living is a Hollywood exaggeration. YIS Ealasaid

UPCOMING MOOTS AND PRACTICE

- Oct 27 moot at Lord Pedro and Lady Emmelye's
- Nov 16 moot at Lord Vincent's home
- Nov 17 library demo
- Dec 15 at Lady Arianna & Lord Rogan's

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OCT 27 MOOT

1:00 Sunday at Lord Pedro and Lady Emmelye's

THE CHRONICLER'S QUILL

Greetings from Mistress Ealasaid nic Phearsoinn,

I would like to thank Lady Caoilfhionn and Lady Beatrice for contributing on the Kingdom level by making a scroll for presentation as well as contributing the image to the Mewsletter for sharing with the Shire. Group members getting involved beyond the local group and then sharing that wider viewpoint with their local group is what keeps the SCA going. On September 21, Janvier and Alex, Alessandro and Mary, and Justinian all helped Guttorm and me host an experimental archeology class from UW Green Bay at the longhouse. The group several Viking meals including bread in the outdoor oven, Welsh cakes over the hearth, and pork in a pit, made S-hooks on 2 forges that were set up, learned about textiles, wood turning and wire weaving, and slept in the longhouse and surrounding tents. I am quite sure that others are also reaching beyond the borders of the Keep, but unless you tell me I can't give you the credit you deserve.

Yours in service, Ealasaid



Fighter Practice Fall/winter Locations

7pm Monday

UWSP HEC Room 110

This is the same room as last year. A special thank-you to Falcon's Gate for securing this space.



Gundestrup Cauldron

This Iron Age Celtic cauldron is presumed to be a religious vessel and is sometimes associated with the legend of the Cauldron of Re-birth used to reanimate dead warriors.

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Minutes for moot at Mead Park on September 22

as reported by Lady Emelye

We will be voting on Equestrian Insurance for next year at the October moot.

The Kelley Castle demo went well and was a lot of fun for those who attended. There were 5 rapier fighters, and several others who attended. Lady Emelye worked on a Kumi-himo project on her maru dai for the day.

Exchequer: Poor Man's made a profit this year of \$145.42.

Chronicler: Please send submissions to the personal email. Ealasaid is having problems with the chronicler email. She is also having some troubles opening attachments.

Knight's Marshall: Practices have started back up at the university.

Rapier Marshall: If you are interested in authorizing in cut and thrust, it is now available. You must be authorized in rapier to authorize in cut and thrust.

Pursuivant: Would like to do a consultation table at either the November or December moot.

The October moot will be on October 27th at the home of Lord Pedro and Lady Emelye in Marshfield.

The November moot will be on November 16th at Lord Vincent's home in Wausau. Please note the date has changed. We will be having a demo at the Marshfield Library on November 17th.

The December moot will be on December 15th at the home of Lady Ariana and Lord Rogan in Wisconsin Rapids.

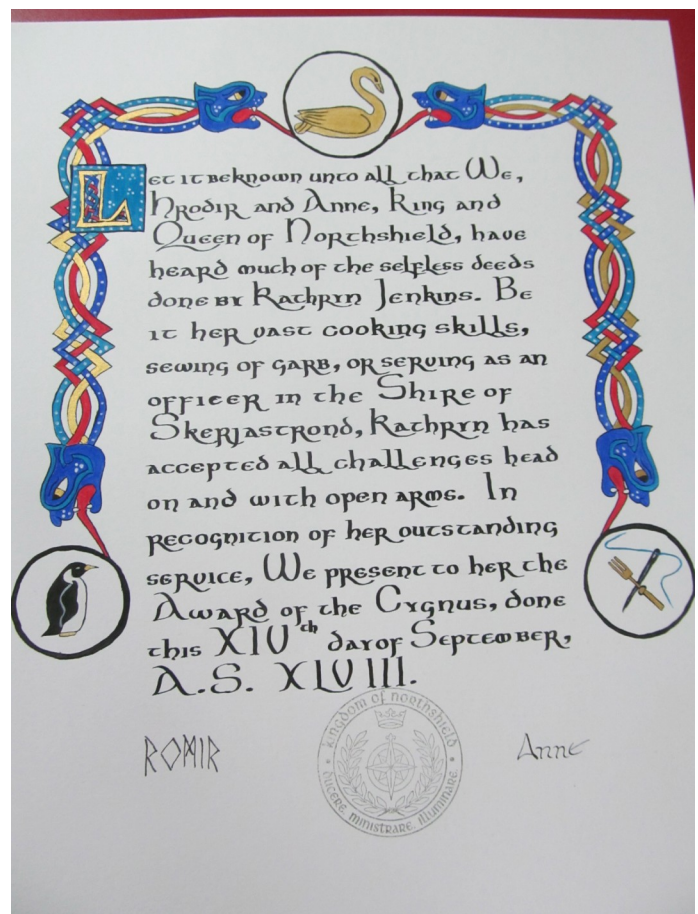
We are still waiting to hear if Deb has become a full equestrian marshall.

Kiku has volunteered to be co-autocrat for Haire Affaire. Potential dates are being considered. Our first choice is March 1st with February 15th and March 22nd as secondary options.

We are looking into potential sites for the joint event we may be holding with Windhaven.

We are also sponsoring a breakfast at the Knowne World Bardic and Cooks Symposium next year.

Yours in service,
Lady Emelye



A recently presented Kingdom Scroll with Lady Caoilfhionn's first illumination and calligraphy by Lady Beatrice

EVENT CALENDAR



October 2013

Schutzenfest Fri-Sun Oct 4-6 Barony of Nordskogen (Zimmerman, MN)

Fall Crown Sat Oct 12 Canton of Blanchmere (Ramsey MN)

Griffin Needle Challenge Fri-Sat Oct 18-19 Barony of Jararvellir, (Madiosn, WI)

Rhythm & Bruise: Strong Like Bear Sat Oct 26 Shire of Kirsvag (West Fargo ND)

December 2013

Yule Ball Sat Dec 7 Shire of Dreibruken (Bismarck ND)

Feast of Bull's Head Sat Dec 7 Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (West Bend WI)

January 2014

Twelfth Night Sat Jan 4 Barony of Nordskogen (Ramsey MN)

It's Only a Flesh Wound Sat Jan 25 Barony of Jararvellir (Jefferson, WI)

February 2014

Herzkrieg XX Sat Feb 15 Shire of Svaty Sebesta (SD)

Lupercalia Sat Feb 22 Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Nicollet MN)

March 2014

Gulf Wars Mar 9-16 Kingdom of Glenn Abhann (Lumberton MS)

May 2014

Quest for Camelot Thur-Sun May 15-18 Shire of Schattentor (Sturgis SD)

Mermaids XXI Fri-Sun May 30-Jun1 Shire of Turm an dem See (Valders, WI)

June 2014

Border Skirmish Fri-Sun Jun 13-15 Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (Elkhorn WI)

Moorish Tavern Thur-Sun Jun19-22 Shire of Midewinde (Bottineau ND)

Over the River & In the Woods Hvitskrogar Sat Jun 21 (Ironwood, MI)

Hadrian's Field Fri-Sun Jun 27-29 Shire of Border Downs (Adrian MN)

August 2014

Known World Bardic Congress and Cooks Collegium VI Fri-Mon Aug 29-Sept 1 Barony of Jararvellir (Madison WI)

June 2016

SCA 50 Year Celebration June 17-27 Kingdom of the Middle (Danville IN)

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