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SEE INSIDE COVER FOR ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF CONTEST RULES

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On the Cover: Contest Rules (Modern English Translation)

If in fact any surviving person from the 3rd through 16th century actually enters the contest there will be a prize awarded.
If not we will just be very, very, grateful for the infusion of new art for the covers of the North Wind over the next Year.

****Note**** to claim the cash prize you must actually have physically survived in 1 body and a single stream of consciousness from the time period indicated (drug related experiences do not count), be alive now (verification will be required for payout), (No Undead need apply), and be able to prove same in a Canadian Court of Law to the satisfaction of 3 Licensed Physicians and a Competent Judge appointed by the Canadian Government. All others are not eligible. This probably means you. (It definitely means you!). Yes YOU. Trust me. Editor.

The Baron's Column

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr

Well that worked out well. Our big demo at Science World has come and gone and we came out the other end relatively unscathed. We generated a great deal of interest not only in Science World but also in the SCA, so hopefully we will get a few new members out of this. Congratulations to Caitrina for an excellent job organizing this event. It was a lot of work and not a little stress but it came together very well with the help of many people who came down to share their skills with the public. I am not even going to try to name everyone as I'm sure I'd forget someone, but there was a lot of good work done with some people there all three days. You should all be proud of your efforts. There is a possibility we may do it again next year. We'll see, as for right now I have had enough of Science World to keep me for a while.



Now on to the next topic... WAR! Yes we are at war with Seagirt. When we took over as Baron and Baroness it was on the understanding we would be working with James and Glynis, now they have announced they are stepping down. Then at the Daffodil Tourney a Seagirtian Herald declared I was Baron of Seagirt, a declaration the Baronial couple were not prepared to honour. Now I am informed the Seagirtians are preparing a fleet to invade the fair lands on Lions Gate. At Spring Coronet we will attempt to negotiate with the new Baron and Baroness whoever that will be but I do not hold out much hope. So people of lions Gate sharpen you weapons and prepare your armour. We must repel these foul invaders. Their fleet plans to sail by mid June and we must be ready to see them off and run them back to their shores. They have vowed to crush us or die trying so I say we must grant them their wish and allow them to die trying.



Council Meeting Highlights

August 22, 2007

- Our beloved Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) has resigned and calls for any and all interested persons to apply as replacement. Please send Modern and Medieval resume to the Baron and Baroness, and the Seneschal.

For all the details on what was discussed at Council, visit the Baronial website for a complete copy of the meeting minutes.

From the Sable Loat

1. Past events

This report also includes updates for February as I was away in Ontario during the last council meeting. The only event in February was the A&S weekend which required some assistance for announcements. This was covered by Uilliam and other willing volunteers.

March was busier with the Weekend Known as Steve (March 8 & 9), where we had a consulting table and Uilliam acted as Court Herald. The



weekend of March 21-23rd there was the Science World Demo where I had a Herald's table which included activities for children. Anika and Coemgen were of great assistance during the weekend.

2. Upcoming

Tir Righ Spring Coronet-April 11-13-assistance is requested by Uilliam mac Ailene mhic Seamuis
Heavy and Archery Defenders-April 26
 HL Aline, Sable Loat Pursuivant

From the A&S Minister



Greetings good gentles,

The last month has been quite spectacular in the Arts and Sciences arena. It began with "Steve" and approximately 26 A&S related classes. Then we moved onto the Kingdom A&S Championships which were extremely well represented by Tir Righ, with Isabeau Fichet of Seagirt winning the Overall A&S Champion while our newest Laurel, Safiye of Lions Gate achieved High Score Single Entry for her Turkish Turban Ornament. I was also pleased to see the Crown's favourite of a grinding wheel as we have been seeing a great deal of these compliments of Dr. Carus. And next, the Science World demo and for those of you who missed this one and that couldn't have been too many since gate count for SCA folk for the three days was 173. (Note: there were some repeat offenders with many people showing up for all three days.)

And now what are we onto in the A&S world?

Apr 11-13 Tir Righ Coronet,
Apr 18 - 20 Sir Eddies, and
May 3rd, Lions Gate May Bardic.

All of these events will be of interest to the Arts and Sciences community. Look to your nearest lists for coming information. I will be looking into classes to be run not only at upcoming events but upcoming Bransles. Send me e-mails. I take requests and will see what I can do to match your learning needs with appropriate instructors.

And lastly I am waiting to hear about war points for upcoming events. (Sealion, Clinton, etc....) I would really like to see a group effort to ensure Lions Gate is well represented.

Master John Macandrew
(who'd really like to learn basket weaving this year)
Lions Gate Arts & Sciences Defender
Lions Gate Arts & Sciences Minister



Lions Gate Calendar of Events

Events with information included in this issue of the North Wind are indicated in bold.

April

11-13 Tir Righ Spring Coronet
18-20 Sir Eddy's Memorial Tournament XXX
23 Lions Gate Baronial Council*
22 North Wind Submission deadline
26 Heavy & Archery War practice

May

3 Bardic Defenders
9-11 Tir Righ Investiture
16-18 May Crown

***Lions Gate Baronial Council.** All members are encouraged to attend. Council is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm at Varying Locations. Check the Website for details.

Tir Righ Spring Coronet

April 11-13 2008

Their Highnesses of Tir Righ welcome all to Seagirt for Tir Righ's Spring Coronet. Watch as noble fighters from across the land vie for Tir Righ's Coronet! Watch in wonder as artists compete to become Tir Righ's Bardic Champion! Autocrat: HL Morgaine Essex (Dawn Sharcott) coronet_autocrat@ramst.ca

Sir Edward's Memorial Tournament XXX

April 18-20 2008

The Shire of Shittimwoode invites one and all to the 30th Anniversary of our Sir Edwards Memorial Tournament. Good tidings have befallen us this glorious April. A hero long lost is making his most triumphant return. In all of his green shoed glory! We wish to welcome him in fanfare! For those who love him, and those who don't, a challenge! Compose me an Ode to Eddie!

The “V” Word, as explained by Lady Sina di Andreas Valori

The "W"s of SCA Volunteering

My first experience with volunteering in the SCA was simple.

Waterbearers were needed for a tourney I couldn't compete in.

Waterbearing allowed me to watch, while doing something others perceived as useful and I too have benefited from. As I've become more involved in the SCA, I'm more and more appreciative of those who give their time so we all may play. But, I've come to a few conclusions as well. I think these might best explained as the Who, What, Where, When, How & Why of volunteering.

Who

Everyone is welcome to volunteer, but whether we like it or not, there are some people who will never volunteer.

They will provide colour, fight in tourneys, camp at events, but that's it.

On the opposite side of the spectrum, are those whose participation in the SCA is volunteering.

They're the ones who run the barony, make the events happen smoothly, and the ones who get called on when something needs to be done.

In many ways, they are the backbone of the SCA.

And of course, we have the middle road. People who attend events, and volunteer when and where they can in amongst their playing. Perhaps by holding a lesser office, or perhaps by volunteering at events.

There are also the folks who just like working in the background, where we never see, but we reap the benefits of their work.

All are a part of the society and help make up the colourful world we call ours.

What

What needs doing? It could be anything. You have a talent or knack, or simply enjoy doing something in particular, chances are there is a niche and probably a need for help in that capacity.

Where

At council (and all it entails), at events, before events, and after events and even behind the scenes. Simple enough.

When

When you see a job that needs doing, do it. If you can't, help find someone who can.

How

Do what you know how to do. If you don't know how to do something, and want to...ask someone to teach you.

Why

This is personal for everyone, but I think the gist of it is that volunteering benefits everyone. Warm fuzzies are good too.

Personally, I volunteer because I see the work that others put into the barony & events etc. so I can have a good time.

I want to be able to give the same to others. After all, do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

If someone wants to get involved in volunteering, there's a couple of

Things I've learned through trial and error that may be of assistance.

Step One.

Start volunteering and learning.

If you're interested in a certain part of the SCA, volunteer in that area. Fighters need waterbearers, marshals & list people, offices need officers and so on and so forth. It's also a good idea to find people who also volunteer in those areas and learn from them.

Once you're getting the hang of it, volunteer in another area for the fun of it. Try volunteering in a few different areas and learning from a variety of people.

Step Two

Enjoy what you do.

You'll find a couple areas that you really like, and probably a couple you really hate. Work with what you enjoy.

If you force yourself to volunteer in an area you hate because ____ (you fill in the blank) it will probably spoil your enjoyment of The Game, and if you aren't having fun, why are you doing it? Making sure you volunteer in an area you enjoy will help keep The Game enjoyable, and you sane. As will learning who you do and don't work well with is a big part of this. If working with X just drives you up the wall, it would be a good idea to try and avoid them when possible.

But, and this is important, don't let one person ruin your fun.

Step 3

Keep your volunteering to a manageable level for you.

You do not need to do it all. Nor should you. No one else can dictate how much time you should give to anything.

The time you have available for volunteering should not negatively effect your life in others areas. Or take you away from other responsibilities. This is just a game, albeit a most enjoyable one.

That said, volunteering is fun, and personally I enjoy it and recommend that everyone try it.

~ Lady Sina di Andreas Valori



Points of interest:

1. The new website is now up and running. If everyone would please double check to make certain their info is correctly listed (if in fact it should be listed) and let us know of any damaged/non working links, errors or omissions, we would be grateful.
2. The North Wind is seeking content. This can be musings on your pet project, reviews of books or research studies done recently, reviews on events etc. Whatever tickles you. In the absence of subscriber participation, I will be filling the pages with MY mental ramblings, as well as (with permission) poorly written adolescent love poems left on the doorstep of my 17 year old niece, shopping lists and exerpts from gaming and technical manuals from the 1970's. Consider this fair warning.

3. The Baron and Baroness have graciously offered the populace a pair of commissions to make bids on. A new Baronial Coin/award token, and a pair of Thrones for their Excellencies. All interested Artisans should get their butts in gear and make some bids to perform these worthy tasks. Details can be had from the B&B directly.
4. The Farspeaker Directory is being undertaken as a HUGE NEW THING. Please make certain that you contact the makers with your Current, Correct Information. Lionsgate is cooperating with the other 2 branches in our immediate (Eisenmarche and Lionsdale) vicinity to make 1a single Master 3 branch Farspeaker. Everyone should participate if possible. Contact the B&B for details.



About your new Chronicler:

1. He is married and has a 2 year old daughter. If you call to complain about (or applaud) an article or feature in the North Wind and his daughter wants to talk to you, she will. Do not be alarmed, just call back when she is in bed, or email me, which is a better idea in any case.
2. He likes shiny things. Bribery is very Medieval. Shiny things make good bribes.
3. Typing is actually his 5th language. He does not type fast. He does not type well. Thank

goodness for spellcheck, hmmm? What this means is that typewritten or handwritten or recorded data and content is not very likely to make it's way into the North Wind while I am in charge. Please submit in electronic format as much as possible. I am not Mac friendly. Send me MSWord docs by preference. PDFs only for pics or in an emergency.

4. I do not believe in publishing emergencies. See point 3.



No SH*T, There

I was...

(a continuing story)

Many years ago (around A.S. 25) I was sitting in Court (which should tell you how long ago that was...) and after a whole lot of people said a whole lot of things, and we all agreed that the King was wonderful... something marvellous happened.

A Young Lord was called to conduct his business before the Court. There was a Pause... and then a long Funeral Cortège appeared, four Pallbearers carrying a well dressed corpse on a Bier came towards the Throne followed by a number of black clad wailing women, all lamenting the death of said Young Lord.

I was intrigued, as were most of us sitting there. As the pallbearers approached the Throne, they set their burden down before the King and retired to one side of the Court, and the wailing women became quiet and joined them. Suddenly the Young Lord jumped up, bowed and began to speak:

“My Lords and Ladies, assembled Peers and Royals.”

“It is my duty to inform you that I am the corpse of myself, killed here on the field of Honour just last year at this very event. My worthy opponent was victorious, and we had agreed to create fitting verses to describe each

other as a term of the duel. I shall now read mine”.

He proceeded to read a lovely multi stanza poem in Iambic Pentameter, praising without reservation the Valour and Skill of his opponent, describing even the Brilliant Death Blow that had laid him low. When he finished, he explained that he had returned only to fulfill this last duty, and that now his restless shade could be laid properly to rest.

He also announced that his persona had died in the duel as well and that he would henceforth be known by a new name. Also that there was a wake at his tent commencing immediately after Court and continuing until everyone was done mourning his untimely death. He then laid back down on his Bier, and crossed his arms in the rigour of Death. The Pallbearers and Wailing women reappeared and began a reverse procession back out of Court and leading away back to the Party tent.

It was nearly the most amusing thing I ever saw in Court, and I will never forget the young man’s Style. I wish more people took that kind of time and care with Court appearances. I might attend more often.

BA “Never piss off a Bard”



Vacancies:

Lastly, there are a serious number of Officer vacancies in the Barony. I know everyone has a busy life and many of us have served before, but do remember, unless everyone helps, things like the Science World demo and Baronial Banquet can not happen. Please



consider calling up an Officer and Volunteering for one of the Vacant Positions. Some need special skills like Chirurgeon, but most only require a willingness to help out and a can do attitude.



- * **Their Royal Majesties of An Tir** – King Cedric Rolfsson and Queen Elizabeth Owles (crown@antir.sca.org).



- * **Their Highnesses of Tir Righ** – Prince Owain and Princess Wrenn (prince@tirrigh.org, princess@tirrigh.org).



- * **Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate** - TE Griffin Ap Bedwyr and Caitrin ni Cingeadh (griffcait@shaw.ca). 12159 – 222 St. Maple Ridge, V2X 5W4

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- **Dance - Vacant**
- **Games - Vacant**



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- **Chirurgion - Vacant**
- **Waterbearer - Vacant**

