



The Barony of Settmour Swamp

The MudPuppy

Summer 2022 edition

Pennsic Returns

For too long, many of us have missed our Pennsic home. This summer, after a 154 week “Town Run,” Pennsic returned with battles, classes, fireside revels, A&S competitions, and the joy of once again seeing old friends in person.

The “Homecoming Pennsic War” was fought with the joint forces of the Tyger and its allies winning the field at the end of the war. The Baronial Champions excelled, representing Settmour Swamp to the known world. Ulfaar stood upon the throwing field, while Sir Jan accepted challenges upon the fencing list, and Sir Douglas fought on the heavy list.

Thursday, August 11, saw the introduction of three wartime companions into the orders and companies of Settmour Swamp. Brógáin ó R’íain was inducted into The Company of the Mud for creating a game where the children of Bhakail, Ravenspittle, and Settmour each attempted to steal a collection of pigs, birds, and other animals from rival camps while carefully guarding their own herds. Dumnona was invested in the Order of the Bronze Tower for her hard work as land agent and camp mom for the Settmour Swamp. Finally, Jonathan Miles was awarded the

Order of the Bloody Tower for valiantly persisting in battle for the Baronial Champions, despite breaking his finger in the cause.

Following the Baronial Court, Settmour Swamp opened its gates and lit its fires to welcome our friends to the Deities and Demigod's party. The party included drinks, games, mermaids, and merriment for all.



Photo courtesy of **Lady Gráinne MacCleud**

Favorite memories of Pennsic

Markus Farmaðr

I enjoyed a lot about Pennsic this year:

1. Having a camp full of people rising early and gearing up to trek to the battlefield. The energy of camp was great.
2. Being duped all week by friends, to only find out that Dyrfinna Hildabrandsdottir and I were being called into court.
3. Being at Pennsic. It was just nice being there again.



Photo courtesy of Markus Farmaðr

Teresa Bayles

Holding on the secret of Alex Cherry, Dyrfinna Hildabrandsdottir and Markus Farmaðr's awards and the chaos of making it work and all the sneaky chats about it! The funnest stress! Having new people in camp.

Dalek Bolotnikov iz Kabanov

Seeing Pennsic through the eyes of new people is how the event reinvigorates its magic—and there were lots of fresh new faces.

Frederick von Eisenfaust

My son grew up in the Society and participated in the youth heavy program, but this was his first Pennsic he could fight beside me and often leading the way into battle (being younger and more mobile than me).

Eva Vach Wylt

Being able to make it back after 16 years.

Russell Sprague

Having our kids there for the first time, getting to see the magic and wonder through their eyes.



Photo courtesy of Russell Sprague

Charis Accipiter

My favorite part was seeing so many friends get deserved awards. It was especially nice to plot with folks to keep Dyrfinna Hildabrandsdottir and Markus Farmaðr from knowing what was coming. We also really enjoyed how welcoming the camp was for our first time camping with the Barony.

Emeline la Chauciere

Time spent with friends, making new friends. Playing silly games with said friends.

John-Joseph Bober

Heroics got me stoked. It was great to see folks I haven't seen in years, and especially to hang out with my buddy from the Midrealm one night with drinks. The most out-and-out fun was while representing the Barony in the Known World Baronial Fencing Tournament. A Master of Defense from Lochac let me use my hammer as a weapon, not just a blocking device. It was a blast!

Dumnona

Xar'gon the Destroyer ready to take up the battle call of confed.



Photo courtesy of Dumnona

Gráinne MacCleud

Being able to retain for Charis and Orlando. A lovely, relaxing court and a wonderful Deities and Demigods party! My apprentice belting with Pelican there and my friends/family of choice.

Black Lance Becomes the Blue Tyger Legion of Pennsic XLIX

By Lord Brogain O'Riain, Sir Klaus Winterhalter, Imperator Allaricus Xirinius Dominus, Lady Caitlin FitzGerald, Sir Donnan FitzGerald

When does a storm become a storm? Is it the gathering of leaden clouds upon the horizon? Is it the first few drops of rain? Or the first crack of lightning and the boom of rolling thunder? I think the moment you realize you are at the storm's mercy.

Perhaps the roiling clouds started to build on the horizon as Black Lance Host was conjured from the southern region of our Kingdom when the scions of House Carpathia, Falcons Keep, House Cheshire, and the levies from the Barony of Carillion joined forces in the bitter cold of the 100 Minutes War and assembled for the first time. The warriors honed their skills as a unit, but they were far from whole.

With an alignment of stars, longtime friends Sir Klaus Winterhalter Von Wallachia, Imperator Allaricus Xirinius Dominus and Sir Donnan FitzGerald spoke and agreed to combine their units. With the alliance secured, Imperator Dominus and Sir Donnan brought with them the legendary Unsterblichen Armyl consisting of the Senate and People of Rome, House Bloodguard, EldVatten, House Fitzgerald and allies from House Wilmont and Settmour Swamp. The first few drops of rain fell and the Tyger of the East gained a razor's claw.

Across an ethereal chasm the Middle Dragon roared with ferocity, snapping its maw, enraged by the insult dealt by defeats across the prior days. Five bridges crossed the void, flaxen lines laid against the oppressive summer sun. Roiling clouds built upon the horizon. The cannons bellowed with thunder and the Black Lance Host ran into the breach. They held fast upon the hard-won bridge. The enemy was fierce, and the battle raged across the span while the Black Lance advanced.

Seizing the opportunity, the Host broke through the bridge slaying every Dragon in their path. They stormed across the second bridge from the enemy side to meet fellow Easterners, crushing the Dragon between them. Four times the Black Lance broke through the enemy ranks and four times the Tyger of the East took those flaxen bridges, now red with Middle blood.

The lightning cracked. The Noble Tyger King, Ryouko'jin saw fit to bestow the host with the Blue Tyger Legion, as a reflection of the prowess shown. This right and noble award is given once per reign to his Majesty's most fierce warriors. That legion is the chosen of the King, his instrument of purpose on the field of battle and may wear the Blue Tyger Legion badge for life.

And so it was on the fifth day, the Black Lance warriors assembled once again. Shoulder to shoulder they stood at the edge of the world, the far right flank of the battlefield. Eastern fervor again coursed through each of their veins, and the thunder boomed.

Each day prior, His Majesty had approached the battle much as he did on this last encounter. But on this day, his trust was with the Black Lance, as he led no retinue. His belief in the company was so pure that he sang of to those assembled with a voice coarse from the din of battle. And after his hymn, he took up his sword and lead to battle the Black Lance Host, an army of disciplined, powerful heroes.

"Soldiers who against all reason loved war" - Sir Jonathan Miles

The drums of war once again pounded their dreadful sound, and the cannon signaled the time of action. "Once more into the breach" was the unified cry as Black Lance tore across the battlefield. Meeting the enemy again, Black Lance laid waste their defenses, rending open the flank. With a stout heart and aching arms, the fighters pushed the Dragon to the edge of the known world. And though with each following battle the Dragon of the Middle committed greater and greater numbers to suppress those troops, it was to no avail. For at the end of the day, Black Lance stood victorious and unconquered with the Kingdom of the East.

So you want to be a combat archer?

By Jonathan Miles

Combat archery is an accessible, lower impact way to enjoy wearing armour and participating in a battle. It is a great choice for people who may be curious about armoured fighting. It is also great for people who want to shoot their friends in the face!

An SCA combat archer may take the field with either a crossbow or a handbow. The crossbows have a slower rate of fire, but are easier to aim, while a handbow is able to shoot at a much faster rate, but requires more skill to aim. Both of these types of bow are limited in their strength based on the ammo they fire. One type of arrow is a plastic cylinder, and the other looks like an ordinary arrow with a thick rubber head.

Combat archery is limited to melee fights and plays a vital role in large battles, such as those at Pennsic. Combat archers armour and take to the field like their armoured fighting compatriots. During a battle, the combat archers can stand to the sides of the lines and fire at an enemy. They may also choose to join the lines and fire into the thick. Combat archers can go anywhere on the field and work with whomever they wish. They can volley in teams, or snipe alone. While they can and will be hit, it is not nearly as often. In fact, many archers will concede their deaths at range to mitigate the need to hit them.

Combat archers can also play an important role in winning a battle and creating a more fun game. One year at Pennsic, Duke Tim was in charge of the war for Aethalmarc and fielded an incredible one hundred archers that year. He secured them special bridges in the Bridge Battle and turned those spaces into a shooting gallery. I spent the entire time trying to dodge arrows! If you took your eyes off the horizon for even a moment, you were dead.

There are many local events where you can learn combat archery and meet people also interested in the sport. Southern Army Sunday practice hosted by the Barony of Carrillion is one of several locations to practice. However, not every practice can support combat archery. Both practices and events require special marshals with customized protections, as well as enough space to safely practice.

If you are interested in learning more about combat archery, contact any officer for a referral. Officers are eager to connect you with people who can help you get started, encourage you, and bring you into the game we all love so much.

Malcolm Bowman, Author, Philosopher, and Titanium Don



Malcolm Bowman, mundanely known as Murray Blehart, is a SCAdian herald, archer and rapier fencer. He is also the author of the fantasy series “The Void Incursion”, “Forgotten Fodder”, and “The Source Chronicles” science fiction series books. He has also published books on mindfulness, personal growth, and self-help, including “You are Amazing” and “The Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins with a Trip to the Post Office.” He is also the creator of the “Self Awareness for Everyone” podcast. Besides this, Malcolm is a regular blogger, publishing *The Ramblings of the Titanium Don* and on Medium.com.

Malcolm has been writing since the age of nine when he fell in love with sci-fi after seeing *Star Wars* for the first time. (Yes, in 1977). As New Year's Eve 2012 approached, he challenged himself to take action rather than make a resolution. From this, Malcolm started his Pathwalking life philosophy and has blogged about it without fail every Wednesday since 2012. This transformed into his first book, published in February of 2013.

Malcolm's Pathwalking philosophy evolved out of an introduction to Reiki and other energy-shifting concepts in the mid 1990s. This led him to a better understanding of his empathic traits and down a rabbit hole of learning about self-help and related concepts. During this time, he continued to search for an approach that mindfulness accessible to more people. “Mindfulness is mostly conscious awareness – rather than rote, routine, and just going with the flow,” he says. “It is a choice to be consciously aware. It is not something that makes anyone “better” or “stronger” or other such BS. It's just an open approach to better recognize and acknowledge ourselves within and thus without.

Along with philosophy, Malcolm remained in touch with his sci-fi roots, and the next year, he launched the first novel of his fantasy series in addition to his blog and Pathwalking writing. Currently, he has written three fantasy novels, one Steampunk novel, and eight sci-fi novels within two separate series.

The SCA has played a significant role in the creation of both Malcolm's fiction and non-fiction series.

“Believe it or not, I'm shyer and more introverted than I tend to come across. The SCA helped me learn to be more confident in my own skin and helped me make some of the closest and best friendships of my life. It helped me find balance in my life – literally (via fencing) and figuratively.”

The SCA has also helped inform some of the key details in Malcolm's fantasy series, providing stunning detail for how a court is run and how combat feels from the point of view of fighters, archers, and fencers.

Malcom's tips for SCAdians looking to create a kickass life:

1. Remember that this is a game. Do the things you do in the SCA because they bring you joy and make you happy!
2. Awards are cookies. They are tasty – but not all that filling. They do not make you better. I'm not saying don't do the work to earn the cookies – just don't make that your reason for playing the game.
3. Be yourself. I know that's extremely cliché, but one of the best things about the SCA is that we have a wide variety of people from different walks of life and, generally, are more inclusive overall than the world at large.
4. Finally – and this might seem ironic – be here, now. Playing a persona from a time long ago is just a vehicle for us to experience some super-cool and unique things here and now. The more we are in the moment, the more we get the maximum kickass life experience.

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A note from Lillian:

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Medieval Stuff Online

In a recent issue, we discussed fun museums, exhibitions, and libraries within driving distance of Settmour Swamp (Mudpuppy, Spring 2022). However, sometimes research takes us farther afield. There are a variety of resources to access medieval art from around the world through the internet. These resources can form the basis for calligraphy and illumination, SCA-fashion design, and many other A&S projects. We have listed a few resources below you may not be familiar with.

Groups

Delaware Valley Medieval Association

<https://dvmamedieval.com/>

The DVMA is a unique Philadelphia-area resource devoted to scholarly exchange and dialogue among academic institutions. Its interdisciplinary purview attracts members from all departments and from more than two dozen colleges and universities—Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, Haverford, Temple, Drexel, Villanova, St. Joseph's, Rutgers, Princeton, Delaware, Johns Hopkins, among others. The organization sponsors several lectures and day-long symposia each semester.

Medieval Art Research

<https://medievalartresearch.com/>

Medieval Art Research provides news, views and upcoming advice from the world of medieval art history. The site offers a compilation of the best medieval art online exhibitions from around the world at <https://medievalartresearch.com/2020/06/23/google-arts-culture-our-favourite-online-exhibitions/>

The Medieval Bestiary

https://bestiary.ca/articles/family/mf_intro.htm

This web site deals with any and all aspects of the general topic "animals in the Middle Ages", though there is an emphasis on the manuscript tradition, particularly of the bestiaries, and mostly in western Europe. Illustrations from various manuscripts are included, although the site requires some patience to navigate effectively.

Museums

Episcopal Museum of Vic- Barcelona, Spain

<https://www.museuartmedieval.cat/en/collection/tourvirtual>

The Episcopal Museum of Vic was inaugurated in 1891 and for over one hundred years it has continued with its mission to conserve, study, exhibit and publicize its collection of over 29,000 masterpieces. The collection includes paintings and sculptures from the Catalan Romanesque and Gothic periods, together with outstanding collections of archaeology, jewellery, textiles, ironwork, glassmaking and pottery.

The museum offers a 360 degree virtual tour as well as close up photos and descriptions of key pieces.

Cleveland Museum of Art- Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<https://www.clevelandart.org/art/collection/search?filter-department=Medieval%20Art>

The Cleveland Museum of Art' medieval collection is internationally renowned for the importance and quality of its holdings. The museum collections include work from Early Christian, Coptic, Byzantine, Celtic, Carolingian, Ottonian, Romanesque, and Gothic periods. The museum also has collections of Greek and Roman art, Art of the Americas, Asian art, Islamic art, and textiles.

Artesan of the Quarter: Brian Herdman

How did you find the SCA? What about it made you get involved? What keeps you involved now?

I found the SCA through my wife, who has long been a part of the Society. She recognized my inner nerd, started bringing to events, and helped with my first set of garb. It was refreshing to be around people who took their appreciation and study of history seriously, while not taking themselves too seriously in the process. I couldn't help but to get involved once I understood the volunteer manpower behind events like Quest and Mudthaw. It took a little time to know where to look and how to listen for when people were asking for help, but even basic things like working troll or helping set-up/break-down are great ways to share the load and get to know others. What keeps me involved is knowing that my efforts help others have an immersive experience that pulls them out of their mundane world.

Why have you stayed in the SCA? What do you like about it? What do you feel are its weaknesses as a group?

What keeps anyone coming back to a group is the people. I like that being present is a form of participation. I might not have shared a drink or conversation with everyone, but each person's garb, flair, and projects add to the tapestry of a great day out.

Tell us about your art! How did you get started and what's your latest cool project(s)? What do you want to tell people to encourage them to take up this art?

I have always been a tinkerer, picking up woodworking in adulthood. Most of my projects were utilitarian, such as the ubiquitous six-board box, but I recently won an A&S contest with carved wood blocks for stamping projects. I had planned to carve a somewhat elaborate document box for Ducal Challenge, but I had to reassess and pick up a different project for the day.

My advice on any project is to not be afraid to fail. You'll surprise yourself at how often you succeed, but if you fail, you've learned a lesson. I seem to keep learning the lesson of how much time it takes for these projects. The other lesson I've learned from woodworking is that your tools can't be sharpened enough. When the work gets hard and frustrating, a break to sharpen my tools and think does wonders.

What do you want to tell people who don't know what the SCA is about?

To me, the core of the SCA is an opportunity to explore creativity and history with fantastic people. It's an organization that encourages passions and is a conduit to collaboration. Whether fighting, cooking, or creating, there is an opportunity to share knowledge and build skills in an encouraging environment.

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Upcoming Events

Brennan & Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenges

Hosted by the Barony of Settmour Swamp- Randolph, NJ

September 17

Come and witness the glorious return of Brennan and Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenges! There will be fighting, eating, shopping, prizes, and more! Join the Barony of Settmour Swamp as they get together for a fun filled day of activities!

The Ducal Challenge features prize tournaments for both armored and rapier combatants. Each combatant is asked to donate a prize to the pool showcasing their art or a piece of art they have commissioned.

The winner of the tournament will have first pick of the prizes for that tournament. The second prize pick will go to the artist/sponsor of the first prize picked. Then, the second finalist in the tournament will pick, and so on.

A generous dayboard, crafted by Baroness Charitye Dale and her helpful staff, is included in the event fee.

Lakewood Renaissance Faire

Hosted by the Barony of Carillion- Lakewood, NJ

September 17-18

Come one! Come all! The Lakewood Ren-Faire is back for it's 41st anniversary!

There will be fighting. There will be fencing. There will be archery. There will be a 10 AM parade both days to show off our finery to the public. A rose tourney is planned for Saturday and Sunday at 2PM. This is outdoors and open to the public from 10 AM to 6 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday.

Baronial Birthday Bash- 50 years!

Hosted by Barony of Beyond the Mountain- Manchester, CT

September 18

Barony Beyond the Mountain turns 50!! To celebrate, we're having a birthday party! There will be a cake contest, and well as games and activities. The winners will be a Barons/Baronesses Choice and a populace choice winner. The event will also include a potluck dayboard, so please bring something to share, with an ingredient list where possible.

Bhakial Champions and Commons

Hosted by Barony of Bhakail- Newtown Square, PA

September 18

Once again the Barony of Bhakail will be holding their Commons event, with rattan and rapier championships! There is no site fee for this event and no feast. There will be a potluck dayboard, please bring a dish to share.

Olympic River Wars I

Hosted by the Barony of Iron Bog- Mullica Hill, NJ

September 23-25

Legends aren't simply born. They are forged from the hearts of the bold on the endless practice fields and throwing ranges and stables. Heated as competitors line up in the crucibles of glorious combat. Quenched as two sets of eyes make contact, waiting for the marshal to begin. Hardened as each competitor takes that first breath and releases the drawn arrow or lands a first strike with the rattan sword. Tempered by the fellowship of both the victorious, the vanquished, and those spectating celebrating time together again.

If you are awakening from the long slumber of the plague and looking for a local weekend-long festival that goes far beyond heavy fighting, the Barony of Iron Bog invites you to join us for the Olympic River War 2022 where the Baronies of Bhakail, Buckland Cross, Carillion, Iron Bog, and Settmour Swamp will compete in fighting, fencing, equestrian, throwing, and even the bardic arts. We call on all warriors and artisans seeking glory for their baronies to throw their favors into the hat.

For those who bring honor and glory to their barony through arts and sciences we will have myriad classes to teach and learn about the skills that keep the SCA fed and clothed and knowledgeable about our period.

For those who are focused on training the next generation of Scadians to earn their own honor, this event is youngling and padawan friendly with children's events and even a chariot race. You may also bring your gallant furbabies, as long as they are leashed and you police their fecal matters for no knight or squire alike likes to step in a surprise.

And for those who revel in the merriment of night-time activities, we offer structured events like bocce and torchlight tournaments. Those who prefer to filk around a campfire, you are free to enjoy the beverage of your choice as long as you are discreet for our gracious hosts at the fairgrounds do not permit open containers.

Hastilude of the Autumnal Equinox
Hosted by Barony of Bergental- Enfield, CT
September 24

His Excellency has seen the rise of riders and their horses within the barony and its surroundings. So pleased is he at the progress of his cavalry that he has determined that it is necessary to hold a tournament to show all and sundry the prowess of his people.

Come and join us for a day of equestrian competition with opportunities for heavy and fencing pickups and thrown weapons range time.

****There will be no dayboard offered. Please bring your picnic baskets!****

Fallen Stag
Shire of Caer Adamant- Newark DE
October 1

As Summer spends the last of its warmth and light, and we move to Fall Havests and Hunts, so do we welcome you to accompany us to cool glades to gather and make merry for the first time in many years.

Come join us for Caer Adamant's 10th annual Fallen Stag Tournament, an idyllic time to see friends, enjoy the potluck feast, and vie for prizes!!

Our long awaited Shire Champion tournaments will be held for both Rapier and Rattan! An A&S display and exchange, and a food contest will also be included in the day's events. Finally, Caer Adamant will be holding a silent auction, with proceeds to be donated to the shire's resources. If you have an item you would like to donate for the auction feel free to bring it along.

Cloisters Demo
Hosted by Canton of Whyt Whey- New York, NJ
October 2

The Medieval Festival at the Cloisters is the SCA's largest demo opportunity of the year — with over fifty thousand people visiting the site, it's a great chance to show off all of the things we do in the SCA, and we'd love your help sharing our passion with the public.

Fighters are invited to enter our tournaments for armored combat, fencing, and youth combat, all before cheering crowds of onlookers. Artists and craftsmen and bardic are welcome to exhibit their work to a rapt audience.

Chatelaines and other volunteers are needed to speak with the public and explain the Society and how they can get involved.

If you wish to participate in any of the activities above, or simply wish to come and have fun with us, please contact the event steward!

This is an outdoor event open to the public, with a large list field for fighters (protected by a tall fence), spacious pavilions for exhibitors (roped off from spectators), and plenty of "backstage" space for people to garb up, unwind, and enjoy the potluck dayboard.

**Ghosts, Ghouls, and Goblins: Things that go bump in the Arabian Night
Barony of Carillion- Manalapan Township, NJ
October 7-9**

Join us for our annual Ghosts, Ghouls, and Goblins event, this year with an Arabian Nights theme. The event will include an archery shoot, where the Baronial Archery Champion will be chosen, as well as competitions for the baronial rapier, thrown weapons, and A&S Champions.

**Harts and Horns
Shire of Hartshorn-dale – Douglassville, PA
October 8**

The populace of Hartshorn-Dale would like to invite you to their first annual Harts and Horns event! Come join the festivities! There will be fighting, fencing, and the Shire of Hartshorn-Dale will be choosing new Champions for each martial art. There will be an A&S display and populace choice competition, as well as a Garbed Plushie display. There will also be a Renaissance Rummage sale where you can clear out your extra SCA stuff, or just acquire more! Our famous "Dining with Lorenzo" group will also be having a feast for a small extra charge! Come on out to celebrate with us before the winter snows put a freeze on our outdoor (and indoor) activities.

**Shire Wars X
Shire of Hartshorn-dale, Douglassville PA
October 14-16**

Join the Western Shires of the East Kingdom for the 10th Annual Shire Wars! We return this year with an event inspired by the Battle of Baghdad in 1258 between the Mongol Army, led by Hulagu Khan, and the Abbasid Empire. The Abbasid Caliphate was the third of the four greatest Muslim caliphates of the Arab Empire. Points will be awarded to the Mongols or Abbasids in the many competitions and events such as chivalric combat; fencing; archery; and thrown weapons. Many will be the opportunities for melees and group combat.

Goat's Inn: Winter is Coming...Again
Province of Ostgardr- Peekskill, NJ
October 21-23

Goat's Inn is a family-friendly scholar event. Classes will all relate to preparing for winter. Topics for discussion will include preparing food and making warm clothing. Children's classes will be planned.

Barony of Buckland Cross Rattan and Rapier Champions
Barony of Buckland Cross- Langhorne, PA
October 22

Greetings! The time is drawing near once more to choose, by rite of combat, the Barony of Buckland Cross' rattan and rapier champions! At present, there are no plans to offer a dayboard, please feel free to bring your own food. Water will be provided.

Dragonship Haven and Beyond the Mountain's Champions Day
Barony of Dragonship Haven- Meriden, CT
October 22

This will be a day in which both the baronies of Beyond the Mountain and Dragonship Haven will come together to celebrate their martial champions and to host the tournaments in which they will chose their new ones. Tournaments for Archery, Fencing, Heavy, and Thrown weapons will be held this day. Dragonship Haven accepts champions from within the barony only and Beyond the Mountain accepts anyone who would like to be their champion whether they live in the barony or not. The event will also include court, a pot luck, and a mini-barter town.

St Eligius Arts & Sciences Event
Barony of Dragonship Haven- New Haven, CT
November 12

The Barony of Dragonship Haven welcomes you back to the St Eligius Arts & Sciences Competition. The competition will be held in the New Haven Masonic Temple and will include a dayboard.

100 Minutes War
Shire of Rusted Woodlands- Sparta, NJ
November 19

As winter's woeful song begins to sweep across the woodlands once again, our thoughts turn to friends, a warm fire and War!!! The Shire of Rusted Woodlands is delighted to invite the valiant warriors of The East Kingdom and her cousins to test their mettle once again at 100 Minutes War.

This year we also welcome our East Kingdom Novices for the celebration of East Kingdom Novice Day Tournament before the start of the 100 Minutes War. East Kingdom Novice Day will also be hosting an Arts and Sciences competition within the main hall. There will be a clearly marked table. These submissions will be judged by peers and populace together, in order to show off the work in the best way. The East Kingdom is very proud of all our competing Novices.

Covid Health Acknowledgement

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary

Minutes

Baronial Business Meeting Minutes March 9, 2022 Held virtually

Present: Markus Farmaðr (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Alan G., Alexander MacGregor, Charis Accipiter, Ciaran Ua Meic Thire, Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Dyrfinna Hildabrandsdottir, Elizabeth Talbot, Emeline la Chauciere, Galefridus Peregrinus, Garrick Mapmaker, Gráinne MacCleud, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Hrefna Sigurdardóttir, Jessa d'Avondale, Lillian Hutchinson, Orlando Sforza, Sefa Hrafnisdóttir, Teresa Ana Perez, Thora Kottr, Vashni Morgansdottir, Vika Grigina z Prahý, Wulfgar Silfrahárr

Minutes will be resent.

Covid Rules Update

No longer have to mask outside unless in a tent or pop-up with three walls. No longer collecting information for contact tracing. We can now have feasts. Further details can be found online.

Quest

Markus spoke with Christie. He got a contract and a price for Quest. Marcus received a bid from Elizabeth Talbot. She explained that she increased prices for supplies by 15% to account for recent inflation. The numbers are based on 225 expected attendees. The break even number is 194. Preregistration will be done through PayPal. We discussed whether we want to do a feast now that that is permitted. Yes! We now need a head cook. In the past the feast has cost \$8-\$9/person, but with inflation it seemed reasonable to increase the cost to \$10. Like previous Quest feasts, there would be a cap of 100 people. The Quest itself: The thought is to have a Tarot-themed quest. The officers voted in favor of Elizabeth's bid. She will post an announcement of the event tomorrow.

Mudthaw

Sefa held a meeting of the Mudthaw staff recently to go over details. She is holding a number of smaller group meetings of volunteers. We can do inside set-up on Friday, but can't protect things left outside. Vigil folks can set up early on Saturday. We are meeting at 4:30 at the storage unit on Friday and then going to the site to set up.

Recent BoD changes in covid rules will mean we no longer the checkers to sign sheets verifying the information they collect. The attendees themselves will sign that the information is accurate. We still need to check vaccination cards. Sefa will be getting a check from Phelippe to pay for the site this week. This event will make the barony some money. Orlando suggested we have some sort of donation boxes for Ukraine at Mudthaw. We could also do something for Ukraine at Quest, possibly the auction.

Pennsic

It seems likely that Pennsic will take place this year. Dumona set up a Facebook page for people who want to camp with the Swamp. When you register to go to Pennsic, you need to specify that you will be camping with the Swamp in order for us to get enough land for everyone.

Ducal

There is a problem with the dates.

Swamp Stomp

The stomp was held last weekend. 26 people attended.

Solar

Elizabeth would like to hold a Sewing Solar this summer, in late June or early July. It could also be a Swamp Stomp.

Administrative Business

Officers – The terms of three officers are ending: Knight Marshal, Exchequer, and Rapier Marshal. Are there people who would like to fill these positions? Anyone seeking to be an officers needs to be a paid member of the SCA. The marshals need to be warranted. The positions will be posted.

Baronial Website – The news section gets outdated quickly. How can we make changes quicker? The officers can make changes to the website.

Officer Reports

Exchequer: Wulfgar has fencing money to turn in, collected from people coming to practices to cover the cost of renting the space.

Chamberlain: Gráinne is thankful for the offered help with Mudthaw of the Brute Squad.

Chatelaine: Gwenhoivar knows of three new people who will be coming to Mudthaw. She spoke with one new person at the Nova Schola.

Social Media: Hrefna is using some throw-back photos of previous Mudthaws she got from Ursula's archives. Thora has been on top of informing people about changes in practices.

A&S: Elizabeth reported that the recent Swamp Stomp was a success. Lots of art is also happening at home.

MoL: Ciaran said they are ready for Mudthaw.

Chronicler: Lillian said the update issue is up. The fall issue is also almost ready.

Rapier: Wulfgar reported that 8-9 people have attended practices for the last few weeks. He would like to get some loaner garb—tunics for larger people. Wulfgar would like the tunics to

have the baronial tower on them—they'd look nicer and makes people feel like they are a part of us. He will bring some loaner equipment to Mudthaw.

Archery: It's still winter so not much is happening.

Next meeting: Will be virtual. April 13th, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted.

**Extra Baronial Business Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2022
Held virtually**

Present: Markus Farmaðr (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Alessandra Serena Renda of Gibellina, Alexander MacGregor, Charis Accipiter, Elizabeth Talbot, Galefridus Peregrinus, Hrefna Sigurdardóttir, Lillian Hutchinson, Luke, Ögurr Aðalbrandarson, Phelippe le Vigneron, Thora Kottir

This meeting was called because Quest is coming up and we need to make the major decisions quickly to allow people the time to pull it off peacefully. Caera is withdrawing her bid to be questocrat. Luke submitted a bid for the quest with a different theme. He is planning on 10-12 obstacles. We voted in favor of Luke's bid and offered to help in any way we can in preparing for the quest. Alessandra Serena Renda of Gibellina submitted a bid for the Quest feast. The officers studied her menu. We recognize that prices are changing a lot right now. The officers voted for her bid to be head cook.

April

**Summary of Baronial Business Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022
Held virtually**

Present: Markus Farmaðr (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Alan G., Alessandra Serena Renda of Gibellina, Alexander MacGregor, Cassian Arminious, Charis Accipiter, Ciaran Ua Meic Thire, Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Dumnona, Dyrfinna Hildabrandsdottir, Elizabeth Talbot, Emeline la Chauciere, Emidio di Arquata, Galefridus Peregrinus, Gráinne MacCleud, Hrefna Sigurdardóttir, Jessa d'Avondale, Lillian Hutchinson, Jonathan Miles, Ögurr Aðalbrandarson, Orlando Sforza, Sefa Hrafnadóttir, Simon Talbot, Teresa Ana Perez, Thora Kottir, Vika Grigina z Prahy, Wulfgar Silfrahárr

Minutes and summaries of the minutes for February and March were approved.

Mudthaw

Sefa reported the event went amazingly. We made a small profit. Everyone's help made Mudthaw happen. The site folks are happy with us. This site works well for about 350 people.

Ducal

Sefa submitted a proposal. Caoilfhionn wants to autocrat. The date is difficult to set because of. It was suggested we check out using the Newark Life Camp. It was also suggested we make this a two-day event so people can do both heavy and rapier. Charitye Daye is again willing to do the dayboard.

Officers

Knight Marshal – Ogurr is stepping down; the position has been posted online. Upon consideration the officers voted for Jonathan Miles as the next Knight Marshal, with Cassian Arminious as his deputy.

Alexander is retiring from his position as Sinking Tower Pursivant (Herald). The most important thing they do is making sure paperwork about what happened in court is done. The officers voted for Alys Mackyntoich as herald, with Galefridus Peregrinus as her deputy.

Marshal of Fence – Wulfgar would like to continue in this position, and the officers voted in favor. He will be working on finding a deputy.

Exchequer – Vika is interested but is unable to step up until next month. Phelippe will continue as Exchequer for now.

Quest

Elizabeth Talbot reported that she has been in touch with the champions. Next she will work on the schedule for things happening at the event. We discussed whether to hold an auction at Quest. It takes a lot of work to pull one off. (Our thanks to Vashni for the hard work she's done in past years.) What does Luke, who is planning the Quest itself, need? We need volunteers for troll, the break-down team, and for set-up. Breakfast on Sunday morning--we could have a donation bucket to cover some of the expense. Who would like to help with cooking it? Alessandra reported on the feast. She has 6-8 helpers in the kitchen and is working on pricing out the food.

Pennsic

Dumnona is looking for someone to work with her or to be her deputy. She needs help organizing tents, deciding who will be near whom. She asked for help in deciding on the size of tent to order for the large public areas. It was decided to get a 20'x20' tent and upgrade if the number of people camping with the Swamp is larger. As in previous years, we will have a Swamp Camp meeting after court at Quest.

Black Gryphon Inn (BGI)

This event is run by our canton of Gryphonwald. It is taking place on April 23rd. The baronial bardic championship competition will take place there. They could use some set-up help.

Solar

Elizabeth Talbot would like to hold a solar and help people clear out fabric and trim by trading. It will be held at the Great Swamp Watershed Association office in Morristown. She's thinking of having potluck refreshments and pizzas because that location does not have a good kitchen for cooking. It was decided that June 26th was the best date.

Officer Reports

Exchequer: Phelippe has sent the NMR check from Mudthaw already.

Rapier: Wulfgar proposed spending some money on loaner gear. They have been using some rapiers that are old. In addition, he needs to replace equipment bags that are currently being held together with bungee cords. The question was raised about spending this much money when we have had little income during the pandemic. The Exchequer said we have enough. The officers voted to purchase three rapiers and two bags. Wulfgar reported that fencing is going well; there are more authorizations and some new people. Ogden Memorial Church is happy with us.

Chamberlain: Gráinne is thankful for all the help with Mudthaw. When we were at the storage unit picking up items, we found that we don't have many folding tables. Does anyone know where they are? We should look into purchasing some so she will check prices.

Chatelaine: Emeline said she did some outreach through her school with a small demo. She got a good response from the parents.

Social Media: They did some coverage of Coronation and Mudthaw. They are shifting into gear to promote Quest.

Herald: Alexander is no longer Sinking Tower Pursivant. (Thanks for his years of service.)

A&S: Elizabeth said she'd like the A&S competition to highlight the process. The solar will give people a chance to make clothes in time for Pennsic. Tessa Boncheval will be taking on the virtual A&S gatherings.

MoL: Ciaran said there was a great turn out at Mudthaw. A couple of people were authorized and should be sending in their paperwork. He is looking for someone to be his backup at Quest since he'll have to go to Roses.

Chronicler: Lillian said the Spring Mudpuppy is in its second draft. Lillian will try to do the layout using Publisher.

Webminister: Dalek reported that updates are happening. He has been working with Simon and has been making progress recently.

Knight Marshal: Ogurr reported that people are fighting and having fun. The officers expressed their thanks for his years of help.

Archery: Hrefna reported that they looked at a couple of possible archery sites. They will be making more phone calls. A couple of places they are considering would also accommodate thrown weapons.

Next meeting: Will be virtual. May 11th, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted.
Minutes submitted by Judith.

Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022

Held virtually

Present: Sefa Hrafnisdóttir (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Cassian Arminious, Charis Accipiter, Dalek Bolotnikov iz Kabanov, Elizabeth Talbot, Emeline la Chauciere, Galefridus Peregrinus, Gráinne MacCleud, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Hrefna Sigurdardóttir, Orlando Sforza, Phelippe le Vigneron, Simon Talbot, Thora Kottr,

A number of officers weren't able to attend the meeting, including Wulfgar, Alys, Ciaran, Lillian, and Markus. Sefa was chairing the meeting as deputy seneschal.

Because the minutes and summary of the April meeting were sent out late, we will vote on them at the next business meeting.

Ducal

Since the Clinton Elks site isn't available for the September 17th that works for us, we reached out to the Newark LifeCamp. We have not heard back yet from them.

Quest

Elizabeth reported that 134 people have preregistered; 15 of them are day-trippers. Only 10 more spaces are available for people to attend feast. The dumpster has been rented.

Elizabeth has been meeting with the groups responsible for different parts of the event. A brewing competition will take place. On Sunday Alys will be setting up a heraldic consultation table. Kubb will not be taking place since Remnwick won't be able to come. On Saturday there will be an A&S competition. Heavy and rapier fighting are scheduled. A Pennsic camp meeting will take place after court on Sunday. The feast menu has been reviewed with Charis. Lucas has been hard at work designing the quest, and a workday is scheduled on the 22nd to prepare for the quest. Charis plans to pick up pop-ups, list poles, and thrones on Thursday after work.

Solar

This event is scheduled for June 26th at Great Swamp Watershed Association in Morristown. Hrefna has posted it. More announcements will go out to advertise it after Quest.

Covid Rules

The rules have changed slightly since Mudthaw. Sefa will email the officers with the details. They mostly affect troll. Now the person attending is responsible for signing that they are (to the best of their knowledge) free of covid; before it was the person working at troll who was responsible for collecting the affirmations that people were covid-free. These forms can now be scanned and submitted electronically, and we can either keep the papers or send them in.

Facebook

A reminder to us all that FB cannot be used for business. Nothing posted there is considered official. We need to use the officer EK emails for official business. Not all the officers are on

Facebook, and not all of us will see what is posted there. If people are having connection problems, Simon is willing to help. Official business can be conducted in four ways: at meetings, at events, on the baronial website, or by email.

Interbaronial Kubb Championship

We would like to hold a competition at Pennsic. To do this we will need to buy more sets. It was proposed that we buy four sets, at \$60 each. The officers voted in favor. The plan is to paint them in baronial colors.

Officer Reports

Rapier: Wulfgar has no one signed up to marshal at Quest because everyone he has spoken with is going to Roses that weekend to compete there. He thinks he will be able to find marshals. Practices are strong. The equipment bags arrived last week.

Chamberlain: Gráinne is getting three new folding table in time for Quest. They will be labelled as belonging to the barony.

Chatelaine: Gwen has spoken with three new people. Harshorndale is asking for help with a demo scheduled to take place Augustt 11-13, which is during Pennsic. Gwen will post it on our Facebook page. She will not be able to attend Quest.

Social Media: Thora said she hasn't done much recently, but we have some new people following us. East Kingdom used some of our photographs.

Herald: Alys has signed into all the places she needed to inform that she is now our Sinking Tower Pursivant. She is thinking of holding a once-a-month Zoom Herald consultation if people are interested.

A&S: Elizabeth said there would be an A&S competition at Quest to pick the next baronial champion. Jonathan will help to drum up some interest in competing or displaying. The Feastocrat is planning on submitting one dish. The upcoming solar is to help people with sewing problems and to prepare for Pennsic.

MoL: Ciaran sent word that he needs someone to be MoL at Quest since he can't attend.

Webminister: Dalek reported that Simon has been doing a lot of the day-to-day changes. Elizabeth asked if the baronial website could have a page dedicated to Arts & Sciences. She will talk about this further with Dalek.

Knight Marshal: Jonathan and Cassian worked on a primer last month. A couple new fighters have attended. No injuries. Attendance at practices is light, but people are travelling a ways to get there.

Archery: No update from Silvanus. Hrefna will run Thrown Weapons and Archery at Quest.

Exchequer: Phelippe said we have some outstanding checks that are getting written off. They are refunds that were never cashed and date from 2020 and 2021. The quarterly report has been submitted. A few refund checks need to be written.

Next meeting: Will be virtual. June 8th, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend.

Minutes submitted by Judith.

Summary of Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2022

Held virtually

Present: Markus Farmaður chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Alan G., Alessandra Serena Renda of Gibellina, Alys Mackyntoich, Cassian Arminious, Charis Accipiter, Ciaran Ua Meic Thire, Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Dumnona, Dyrfinna Hildabrandsdottir, Elizabeth Talbot, Gráinne MacCleud, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Hrefna Sigurdardóttir, Jessa d'Avondale, Jonathan Miles, Orlando Sforza, Phelippe le Vigneron, Sefa Hrafnisdóttir, Silvanus Woodwose, Simon Talbot, Teresa Ana Perez, Thora Kottir, Vashni Morgansdottir, Vika Grigina z Prahy, Wulfgar Silfrahárr

The officers voted to approve the April and May minutes. The Kingdom has recently improved the way to create event announcements by automatically adding the latest COVID statements. It was suggested that we add the COVID rules to the pages on the baronial website that describe practices. Alys volunteered to help with revising the Baronial Procedures Manual. Several other people have also volunteered.

Quest

Elizabeth reported that 194 people preregistered for Quest. 26 children came; 38 nonmembers. She hasn't calculated the final financial numbers yet. It was a pleasant event. A lot of fighters attended. The new baronial champions are:

- Frederick von Eisenfaust – Archery
- Douglas Henry – Heavy
- Úlfarr Gylðir – Thrown Weapons
- Bjarni a' Bheithir – Arts & Sciences
- Jan Janowicz Bogdanski -- Rapier

Congratulations to them all.

We discussed moving the heavy and rapier championships to the Fall, possibly to a Day of Champions. It would take some of the pressure off Quest, where the schedule can be intense. The fighters and fencers wouldn't have to choose between competing to be baronial champion or fighting at War of Roses. Since the Elks is a good place to hold the Archery and Thrown Weapons competitions, we would continue to do them at Quest.

Pennsic Camp

Dumnona reported that she has been trying to rent the common area tents, but the vendor we've been using is no longer renting them. The cost is likely to be higher this year. We can't be the only group facing this problem. Dumnona will look into options and communicate by the officer email list so we can vote on this issue before the next meeting. We discussed purchasing an air pump for the trailer. At this point we have 54 people pre-registered. Usually there is a spike in registrations after Quest. It was suggested that we post daily to encourage people to register.

Ducal

Sefa reported that St. Andrews where the event will take place is very excited to have us back. Event details are up on the EK calendar. Ducal will have an attendance cap because of the limited parking. People will need to preregister. We'll have merchants and a heraldry consultation table. Like Mudthaw, court will take place inside.

Solar

This June 26th event is intended to help people with sewing questions and help with preparing for Pennsic. Elizabeth said she is happy to help people cut out garments, but she is planning to also be answering questions and helping to solve garb problems.

Baronial Officers

The positions of chatelaine and chronicler are ending. They will be posted. Do the people serving currently want to continue?

New Events

Jan Janovitch is working on putting together an event called Fight at the Barrier. It would be in the Fall.

Officer Reports

Exchequer: Phelippe said the non-member check for Quest is done. Vika is ready to become the baronial exchequer. Phelippe plans to finish out the quarter and then she will step up. He will be her deputy. The barony has money.

Archery: A proposal for archery practices has been sent to the Union County Parks and Recreation.

Chamberlain: Gráinne said the three new folding tables have arrived and have been marked as belonging to the barony. Gráinne would like to do an inventory of all the items in storage. She would also like to repaint the SCA signs so they look spiffy.

Chatelaine: Gwenhoivar has reached out to some newcomers. A couple new people are planning to come to the Solar.

Herald: Alys has been considering topics to cover in Heraldry education. Possible topics:

- So you want an SCA name
- So you want to be a herald

- So you want to get your submission in before Pennsic when 250 other submissions flood the system
- Regalia spotting
- Titles that go with ranks
- Regalia petting zoo.

Good news: We will soon be able to pay for submissions using PayPal.

Knight Marshal: Jonathan reported that practices are happening. There was one injury at the tournament (Jonathan), but his finger is now fine.

Rapier: Wulfgar said people had a great time fencing at Quest. The rapier bar fight was a lot of fun. Antonio's challenge had people fighting with daggers. People are wearing masks while fencing; some people have said they are happy with the policy or they would not be able to come.

A&S: Elizabeth is working on the semi-annual report. An online A&S hang out took place. Four people competed in the baronial championship at Quest; Bjarni a' Bheithir won for his woodworking.

MoL: Ciaran asked that marshals make sure authorization forms are filled out completely. Incomplete forms can't be submitted.

Social Media: Hrefna said they did some fun things on social media related to Quest, highlighting the key players. Photos of the event were posted on Instagram.

Webminister: Markus said that with Dalek's help he has been updating the baronial website.

Next meeting: Will be virtual. Tuesday, July 19th, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend. THERE WILL BE NO BUSINESS MEETING IN AUGUST.

Minutes submitted by Judith.

Summary of Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2022

Held virtually

Present: Markus Farmaðr (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Alan G., Charis Accipiter (baroness), Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Dalek Bolotnikov iz Kabanov, Dumnona, Emeline la Chauciere, Elizabeth Talbot, Gráinne MacCleud, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Jessa d'Avondale, Jonathan Miles, Orlando Sforza, Phelippe le Vigneron, Sefa Hrafnisdóttir, Teresa Ana Perez, Thora Kott, Vika Grigina z Prahy, Wulfgar Silfrahárr

The officers voted to approve the June minutes.

Baronial Business

We will need to change the officers who can sign checks and do bank business. For the sake of the bank, their legal names are listed here. They should be: the baron, the baroness, the seneschal, the exchequer, and the person who opened the account. We also need to work on changing over the address where Compass Storage sends their invoices and communications. Phelippe will try to fix this.

Curia

Sefa attended the curia held at Great Northeastern War (GNEW) in early July. Four new awards were created.

Ducal

The plans for this event are still on track. Sefa said she is changing the vendor for the portajohns. Wulfgar can serve as rapier MiC, but Sefa will try to find someone else so he can fight.

The budget for this event was approved. Charitye will have double the amount of brisket this year. We may need to again borrow Orlando's stairs for the stage. If we build our own, we will need to store them, and stairs take up a lot space. Can we make folding stairs?

The event is capped at 450 people. Like we did with Mudthaw, we will do COVID checks as people drive in. Sefa will set up the pre-reg link after Pennsic. Sefa will use the official email for any votes she needs before the event.

Quest

Elizabeth had final attendance numbers: 128 attended for the weekend, 25 attended on Saturday; 16 on Sunday. The cost of the event was ~\$5,450. We lost about \$650. We knew we would have lower attendance this year, and we also decided to charge less because times are tough. The cost included the breakfast we served. Elizabeth expressed her thanks for all who helped pull off the event. Quest is the event for our local people. Our thanks to Elizabeth for making it happen.

Pennsic & Pennsic Camp

Land allotment will take place on Saturday. Forms are in. It was clarified that the barony keeps Pennsic camp funds separate from our baronial monies. Pennsic is NOT an East Kingdom event so we can't fund it. The camp is self-sustaining. Land grab is in two weeks! Baronial court is scheduled for Thursday of war week at 6:00 pm. The party will start at 9, so that should give us enough time to set up after court.

Please DO NOT COME ON THE 29th!!! Camp will not be set up, and you won't be able to pitch your tent until very late. Come on the 30th instead.

Baronial Officers

Do the current chatelaine and chronicler want to continue? They could use some more deputy support. A position can have more than one deputy. The positions will be posted.

Officer Reports

Archery: Gráinne has been helping with a potential practice. Some details: easy parking; we'd need to supply our own targets; allows crossbows; bring bug spray.

Chamberlain: Gráinne said there's nothing to report.

Chatelaine: Gwenhoivar said she needs to restock on business cards. Another chatelaine wants information about the green event boards to make one like it for their group.

Exchequer: Phelippe hasn't received the PayPal check from Quest and is following up. The storage lockers are paid for the next few months.

Herald: Alys will give a workshop on naming in June. She plans to do another on recognizing regalia on July 31st.

Knight Marshal: Jonathan said he has all the forms and will be submitting them. We've been holding practices, with a focus on safety. We need to acknowledge changes in how we fight with masks. We don't want to put people at risk. Jonathan will find out the cost of buying loaner armor for women.

MoL: Ciaran sent a message saying he had nothing to report.

Social Media: Hrefna said they have been promoting classes and using photos of Pennsic.

Rapier: Wulfgar said 3-4 new people have been coming to practice. At practices, we can use the grounds outside, which can be cooler in the summer. They have been able to do some authorizations. We ordered three rapiers this spring, and unfortunately two have failed—no one got hurt.

A&S: Elizabeth said they have been doing both in-person and remote classes. We held an in-person solar where people got help with sewing projects. An online class is scheduled for tomorrow night—it is on middle Tudor clothing. On July 31st we have scheduled a remote class with Alys on recognizing regalia. More classes are in the planning stage. Art is happening.

Webminister: Dalek said things are quiet. Two officer positions are posted.

Next meeting: Will be virtual. Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend.