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| | 1 New Year's Day | 2 Baronial Business Meeting | 3 Armored/Rapier Practice | 4 Archery Practice | 5 | 6 Interbaronial 12th Night (Marinus) |
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February 2007

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Upcoming Events for January

- ♦ January 6 InterBaronial TwelfthNight Marinus Suffolk, VA
- ♦ January 27 Midwinter's Dance Lochmere Severna Park, MD

Upcoming Events for February

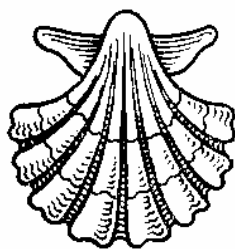
- ♦ February 3 Winter University Baelfire Dunn Claremont, NC
- ♦ February 17 A Day in the Middle East Dun Carraig Mechanicsville, MD
- ♦ February 24 Tournament of Love and Beauty II Ponte Alto Leesburg, VA

Upcoming Events for March

- ♦ March 3 Kingdom A&S Festival Marinus Chesapeake, VA
- ♦ March 17 Highland Hoffla Highland Foorde Hagerstown, MD
- ♦ March 23-25 Birthday & Investiture Tir-y-Don Lanexa, VA
- ♦ March 31 Defending the Gate VI Sudentorre Fredericksburg, VA

Upcoming Events for April

- ♦ April 13-15 Night on the Town IX Lochmere Annapolis, MD
- ♦ April 21 Kingdom Archery Champs Roxbury Mill Mt Airy, MD
- ♦ April 28 St. Anne's Guild Black Diamond Charlottesville, VA
Costumers Symposium





Baronial Polling

Baronial polling letters have been sent out. Barony members have **three weeks** to return the polling letters: they must be postmarked on or before **January 6th**. Polling letters go **straight to their majesties**, not to Theron or Johanna.

The polling letters will come with a stamped, addressed, envelope, but, just in case you need it, here is the address for Their Majesties:

Charles Kane and Manya Greene
911 Nottingham Drive, #23, Gastonia, NC 28054

(This address may also come in handy for non-members or non-residents who, though they don't get an official polling, still wish to send in their comments.)

Their majesties have requested detailed comments, not just a number ranking. You're welcome to rank the couples from 1 to 3, but their majesties are much more interested in **why** you feel an individual would make a good baron or baroness, and what pros and cons you see for each pair. They have actually expanded the comments section for each candidate, as they are very interested in each barony member's opinions.

To aid in writing these comments and deciding on rankings, Barony members are encouraged to talk to the candidates and discuss their feelings on any relevant issues.

Letters of Intent:

Below, you will find (in no particular order) letters of intent from all three couples who would like to be Dun Carraig's next baron and baroness. Please take the time to read each letter, as they explain the skills and experiences each couple would bring to the position, as well as their goals for the barony.

From Laird Muirghen Rhuadh and Lady Lore Bubeck

Our fellow Seadogs,

Laird Muirghen Rhuadh and I, Lady Lore Bubeck, write to you today to formally state our desire to be considered to serve you as your next Baron and Baroness of Dun Carraig.

We recognize that this is not an easy duty or one to be considered lightly. We recognize that a considerable amount of time, effort, and care is required to serve the Barony as it deserves to be served. We feel we can meet these requirements and help Dun Carraig to flourish and grow.

“What are your qualifications?” you might ask. Good question. Muirghen has been involved with the SCA “since dirt was clean and rocks were soft” as he likes to say. He has been instrumental in starting new groups in two kingdoms. He has served in nearly every office including seneschal (both Baronial and Regional), herald, knight marshal, archery marshal, thrown weapons marshal, rapier marshal, A&S officer, and Guild Master for the Dun Carraig Tinkerer's Guild. Muirghen has also stepped up repeatedly to serve as an autocrat or head cook at Baronial and Kingdom-level events. The Crown and the orders have recognized him with the award of his Dolphin, Yew Bow, Sharks Tooth, Kingdom championships in both archery and A&S, Sea Hawk, and multiple Marks of Excellence. In his “spare” time, he also likes to make garb, make arrows, and produce incredibly complex illuminated documents.

I have been involved with the SCA for slightly less time than Muirghen. Dun Carraig is my first and only Barony. I became a member through my Lord, Cathal MacLean, who introduced me to the society in 2000 right here in Dun Carraig. I have been in love with the Dream (and him) ever since. I have served this Barony as the chronicler and the mistress of the lists. I also frequently provide my services as an MOL to other baronies and the Kingdom. I am currently serving as the autocrat for the February Middle Eastern Event which is now also planned as an investiture. I have a penchant for making interesting tokens for Dun Carraig events, scroll blanks (don't make me do the calligraphy!), and I have even been known to make square stitch seed bead necklaces for Queens that involve over 9000 beads because I thought “it might be neat”. Lately my interests have turned more towards the making of garb for myself and my Lord, making armor, and learning to fight spear.

“Why aren’t you running as a couple with your spouses?” is another question we’ve been asked. First and foremost, our spouses are not interested in serving in the role of Baron and Baroness. Neither Muirghen nor I would ask them to do something that requires this level of effort unless they really wanted to. In addition, we see this two household coupling as an advantage. One of the main roles of the Baron and Baroness is to attend events outside of our Barony. By being from separate homes and having different schedules, we increase our chances of at least one of us being available to attend an event, or even two events, on the same weekend. This will make sure that the Dun Carraig presence is seen and felt which is a responsibility we do not take lightly.

But more important than all of this, is our motivation to serve as you Baron and Baroness. “Why do you really want to do this?” you ask. Ah, another good question. Why does Muirghen want to serve as your Baron? If my love of Dun Carraig is deep, his is bottomless. Muirghen helped keep this Barony going when it was new, and has served in almost every officer position over the years. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position and would serve as an excellent representative of our Barony. The Barony is like his third child and more than anything he wants to nurture it and help it grow. Despite rumors that he feels “entitled” to the hat, Muirghen’s desire is fueled by his hope to continue to grow and to help others in the society. Being your Baron is one of the few avenues left to him to serve Dun Carraig in a new way.

In my case, you may have heard that I only want to be Baroness “for the pretty hat”. While this may have been said in jest at some point, it couldn’t be further from the truth. Frankly, I look terrible in hats. Seriously though, my motivations for wanting to serve you as your Baroness run deeper. The fact is that because Dun Carraig is my first and only Barony, I feel a very real connection to her and her people. In my heart, I tend to “take ownership” of her. Right or wrong, she is “my” Barony and I want her to be happy and healthy and fun. I want to be a part of making that happen. I feel that as Baroness I would have new and exciting avenues, that; when combined with my organization skills, vision and foresight; would allow me to help make that happen.

In case you haven’t noticed yet, I’ve been using the word Serve a lot. Both Muirghen and I do see the positions of Baron and Baroness as positions of Service. We would not wear the hats for us, but for you. It would be our duty and responsibility to serve at the pleasure of the Crown and our populous. We understand that while the positions would give us the ability to do wonderful things, that we are not entitled to any power in any way. Our job is to promote the people and the talents of the members of Dun Carraig as well as assist them in living their dream. If Dun Carraig shines, the Kingdom and its keepers shine.

In closing we’d like to thank all of you for taking the time to read our letter and to consider who you want to represent you. We acknowledge that this is not an election and that, in the end, the decision lies with the Royals, but they do take your input to heart when making their selection. No matter who ends up being elevated, all the candidates have pledged to each other to support and help that chosen couple. It is heartening to know that we can count on you to do the same.

**Yours in Service,
Lore and Muirghen**

From Lord Alsandair O'Caoindealbhair and Gwenllian Anwyl

Hail and Greetings to the Populace of Dun Carraig.

I, Lord Alsandair O'Caoindealbhair (mka Alex Kenlon) and my wife, Gwenllian Anwyl (mka Kirsten "Kier" Kenlon) are hereby announcing our intention to run for the position of Baron and Baroness for the Barony of Dun Carraig.

We would bring to the position several things. First of all is a sense of fun. The SCA is a game; it's our hobby. It may be involved or engaging than say building models or playing Role-Playing Games, but it is a game where we learn, interact with friends, and most importantly have fun. If it weren't fun, then we wouldn't be doing it. For whatever reasons that Kier and myself aren't fully privy to, that sense of fun has diminished. We're starting to see a re-growth of that sense of fun and we are striving to foster that growing joy in the Society and in the Barony.

Secondly, we bring experience. While we have never been Baronage of any other group, between us we have 15 years of experience in the Society. I currently hold the office of Castellan for Dun Carraig and have held in the past the offices of Castellan, Minister of Arts and Sciences and Deputy to the Page Preceptor in the Barony of Carillion. Kier currently holds the office of Mistress of Youth for Dun Carraig, has served as Deputy to the Mistress of Arts and Sciences in the Barony of Carillion and is the only Pages Proctor in Atlantia. We have both had leadership training as well as team-building and conflict resolution classes in our modern-life jobs, and we feel that the skills gained from them would be a benefit to us in this role.

Thirdly, what some people would think is a weakness we see as strength. We have only been in the Barony for just over one year, so we aren't fully aware of all the history and traditions of Dun Carraig, but on the same note we're not up on the history of what caused the rift in the populace. Since we have friends on both sides of the rift, we have stayed neutral through it all. The only side we have ever been on is the side of Dun Carraig, and that is the only side we will ever be on. We have taken the time to sit and meet with the previous (and founding) Baronage of Dun Carraig as well as attended the Baronage Meeting at Unevent to learn what it is to be Landed Baronage as well as the traditions and specifically what it means to be the Baronage of Dun Carraig. Their insights on why we were founded as well as a list of what worked and what didn't work is invaluable to us, but being a neutral party helps to allow us to remain objective.

Fourthly, we listen. We want to hear any and all ideas on how to make this Barony great. Someone said something to me that we have paraphrased into our philosophy. "A 'no' is simply a 'yes' that hasn't had all the details worked out yet." This means that even if something can't be done when the suggestion comes up, that doesn't mean that it can't ever be done. Even if an idea is counter to Baronial, Kingdom or Society law doesn't mean we can't do something similar if we tweak it to conform to those laws. In those rare cases where an idea simply cannot be done no matter how one looks at the problem, we still want to thank the person for the idea, and encourage them to keep thinking up more ideas. We value input from everyone. A subset of that is a sense of fairness. As we are only on the side of Dun Carraig, we can and will listen objectively to any

and all who come to us with a problem and will work with all involved to find a solution that makes everyone happy, or at least allows everyone to feel that they were treated fairly.

We bring a love of the Barony. Dun Carraig welcomed us with open arms long before we physically moved from New Hampshire to Maryland. We had offers of help in moving, people descending on us with open arms, welcome and good cheer. It was on that day that we understood the line from a song in the Muppet Movie when Gonzo sings "There's not a word yet, for old friends who've just met." When we lost everything the day our storage unit in Keene flooded, they were there with support. Dun Carraig was there to help encourage our children and to show them that the SCA is pretty darn nifty. When things looked bleak, they were there to lift our spirits. We have made many good friends in the Barony and there is little we wouldn't do to help our friends out, and we feel that this is a chance to give back to our friends by trying for the role and to use that position as a way to inspire and encourage and to cheer on the Barony.

Our current goals as Mistress of Youth, Castellan and as members of Dun Carraig (and would continue to be our agenda should the Crown and Populace appoint us as B&B) is to promote Dun Carraig (and the SCA in general) as a Family Friendly group and to bring back the "Dun Carraig isn't as much a place as it is a state of mind" attitude we had in the past. We have noticed a trend that disturbs us. There are more and more cars parked at events with pre-teenagers sitting in them reading a book or playing with a PSP or a Game Boy. Even worse yet is a commonly heard complaint where one parent has to stay home from an event to watch the children as there is little for them to do. We want to see an end to this trend. Not only are we losing the children, but we are also losing adult members who have to let their spouse go off to an event while they stay home. We want to foster an environment where we keep the children engaged and active. If they share in the same joy and excitement of the SCA then they aren't sulking in the car, both parents can come to events, and more importantly, the children grow up, move away from home and actively seek the local group...creating one if need be. The children are the future of the SCA and we need to inspire them and encourage them to pursue the dream.

To further this goal we want to review the traditions that helped make Dun Carraig great in the past. With the help of the populace we want to look over all the traditions and see what still works and what needs to be dropped in favor of something newer. Traditions are wonderful as well as new ideas, but both have to be weighed and reviewed to ensure that they are in our best interests. We want to keep as many of our traditions in place as we can so Dun Carraig still feels like Dun Carraig to us, but we also need to look to the future and to come up with ideas to take us to a brighter tomorrow.

This is why we want to be Baron and Baroness. This is our chance to give back to the people who have given so much to us. We want to be there to lift their spirits as they have lifted ours. We want to lead the dream as the officers have led us in the boring and tedious business end of DC. We want to be there to be the voice of the King and Queen to the populace and the voice of the populace to the King and Queen. We want to be there inspiring our warriors, showing off the works from artisans to the world, thanking those who serve, and praising everyone for being part of the dream and helping it grow.

Alex and Kier Kenlon

From Baron Erwin Bloodaxe and Baroness Mary Isabel of Heatherstone

Unto the Populace of Dun Carraig do Baron Erwin and Baroness Mary Isabel of Heatherstone send greetings and a request for your attention. Soon, you will be called to make a decision. You will be asked to evaluate the skills and shortcomings of six wonderful and dedicated people. You will be instructed, even expected, to weigh them against each other, pro and con to determine who will be best suited to guide the barony for the next few years. We could attempt to dazzle you with an array of titles and offices and skills. We will include our SCA resumes at the end of this missive for those who really need them. We have always presented ourselves as people first, preferring plain speech to lofty promises. So, Seadogs, here is a summary of what we bring to the table.

We hope to effect positive change within Dun Carraig, both short and long term. One of the biggest concerns for many in the group seems to be a rift between its members. This (for us) is the first area we hope to help remedy (whether we are invested or not). We hope to foster a climate of respect in both speech and writing. For our part, we hope to be worthy of respect and to continue to treat all members of the group in a way that lets them know they are wanted and valued. We will operate from a position of responsibility, both personal and to the group as a whole. We will endeavor to promote cooperation rather than discord and help our group start to see all of the ways we are similar rather than the differences that separate us. It our hope that all members of the Barony will embrace this idea as well, as it will tie into our next goal for the group.

We would very much like to lend our support to our local Castellan as he encourages new members to join the Barony and to extend a welcoming hand to the members we've lost through the years. We'd like to see the military bases and local collages explored in more depth. While members gained from these venues might be short term, they would bring with them a wealth of energy and enthusiasm. New members are the lifeblood of any group and we feel the Barony could use some growth in numbers. This will help to alleviate some of the "all work, no play" frustrations felt by our heavy lifters, but it will also dilute some of the influence of the stronger factions. It also is a great way for our 'middle management' members to grow as they nurture and encourage the next crop of Seadogs. Specific activities we'd like to continue to encourage would be armor workshops, sewing get-togethers and largess workshops.

Increasing the number of fun activities and workshops will have benefits that extend beyond the Barony. The products of largess workshops can be presented to the Kingdom, and the skills of a well honed fighting force will remind the Kingdom once again that the Seadogs have teeth. This barony is full of talented artisans, dedicated volunteers and fierce fighters. We would like to have to opportunity to bring all of these jewels back together.

The final area we'd like to focus on is fundraising. While the SCA is non-profit, events cost money. Running a Barony costs money. We'd like to work with the Barony to come up with fundraising ideas (such as our previous sale of "Spike" temporary tattoos at Pennsic 2005) and a long-term financial plan that both creates a savings 'cushion' for the Barony and allows for repair/replacement of Baronial property as it wears out or needs to be restocked. It seems prudent to plan now rather than panicking later. Having more savings allows our autocrats to have access to better sites and to plan realistic

budgets that don't rely on donations to flesh out an event. While we realize that this last item is not traditionally one of the duties of the Baronage, we really feel it's an item we'd like to work with Baronial officers to address.

We do not kid ourselves that we are volunteering for what may turn out to be the longest two years of our SCA life. It is hard work to "un-do" hurt. It is hard work to build trust and pride. Building bridges of any sort takes time and energy. We cannot do it alone, but we still cling to the belief that it CAN be done. We thank you for your attention to our letter and have included our SCA resumes below. We are available to clarify any and all questions that may effect your decision to consider us and hope you will feel to ask away.

Baron Erwin Bloodax (DeWitt Orton)

Baroness Mary Isabel of Heatherstone (Leesa Orton)

Erwin Bloodaxe has been a member of the SCA since 1994. In 1997, he founded Dun Tyr West with a friend and built them into a vital part of the Iron Brigade of Caid. At their peak, Dun Tyr numbered about 75 members, including 22 heavy fighters. He was awarded his AoA in 1998 and later received the Crossed Sword of Caid for fighting. He was involved in the day to day running of Dun Tyr until his departure from Caid in 2003. He was awarded his court baronetcy at Pennsic of the same year. His time in Dun Carraig has been spent at weekly fighter practices and he was honored to be allowed to command the Seadogs this past Pennsic. He has coordinated with Baronial members to ensure the last few Pennsics have been a positive, bonding experience for those who attended. He & Molly have also hosted several Baronial get-togethers in an effort to also develop Baronial unity.

Dewitt Orton is retired from the Navy (where his primary duties were combat search & rescue) and currently works as a Nuclear Response Officer for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power plant. He is a devoted husband and father to 2-year old Kailey. His prior military and SCA experience have provided him with the ability to manage diverse personnel, motivating them to accomplish tasks while still enjoying themselves.

Mary Isabel of Heatherstone ("Molly") has been a member of the SCA since 1992. She has been honored to receive Baronial and Kingdom awards for Arts and for Service, including Grants of Arms for both. She was awarded the title of Court Baroness at Pennsic 2003 (Caid) and the Queen's Order Courtesy (Atlantia). A full listing of all awards is located at: http://op.atlantia.sca.org/op_name.php?letter=M. She has held the offices of Children's Office (Calafia, 1993-1995?), Pages Guild (Calafia, 1996-1998), Arts & Sciences Officer (Calafia, 1998-2002), Arts & Sciences Officer (Dun Carraig, 2004-2005). She has also been involved in providing monthly classes for Newcomers, assisting autocrats and generally encouraging anyone in a 100 square mile radius to 'get involved' in A&S.

Leesa Marie Orton has also served in the US Navy and currently works for the University of Maryland University College. Her professional experience has allowed her to develop the ability to listen to the frustrations of other people and then suggest effective solutions to resolve those issues (otherwise know as "student counseling").

From the Mistress of Minors

Below you will find a detailed summary of children's activities from Birthday, what's in the works for Middle Eastern and Challenge, and updates from Unevent.

November 11 – Dun Carraig Birthday Event.

We offered a wide selection of activities for the children of all ages.

Wee ones' quiet corner, a space for changing babies and a place for babies to nap, which was appreciated by the moms and dads attending the event. The only complaint we had was that there was no place for the wide awake babies to play.

We had an unsupervised play area open for the entire event for the children and their families, with coloring pages and assorted toys. (this was also kept open during cleanup) .

We offered the following activities:

Banner Project - 12 hand prints—Children of DC worked on a children's banner. The children used fabric paint and placed their handprint on a large banner. This banner will be presented at ME Event/ Investiture.

Special Mystery Project – 5 children participated—A gift to the outgoing Baroness from the children of DC . The children glued pictures on a wooden box. At court the children presented their gift and a bouquet to the Baroness.

Youth Archery Class 8 children participated, Taught by Lord Muirghen Rhuadh

Youth Archery Tourney 8 children participated

Marshaled by Lord Muirghen Rhuadh

Evil vile stuffed animals were invading the Barony. The young archers defended our lands nobly. There was much rejoicing and many happy, happy faces. Seriously the children were given targets of stuffed animal and they were able to shoot a target and get to take it home. We had two winners. Ethan of Dun Carraig age 7 and Alistair James of Dun Carraig age 9. They were both presented with a set of arrows.

Poppets - 6 children participated

Children decorated their own hand puppets. Prior to the event I cut muslin puppets out and sewed them into puppets.

Scavenger Hunt

I-6 Crown Hunt – Scavenger hunt - I child for this age group—Queen Mab has stolen Queen Guinevere’s crowns. She has hidden the crowns all over the event, but to make it difficult she has hidden them among other crowns. All the crowns have to be found and brought back.

Prizes: Most crowns; They took their choice from the children’s prize table. (all prizes donated by the members of the barony) And Guinevere crown. Awarded (Guinevere’s Crown was the prize)

7-9 Event Ever-Quest - 4 children participated for this age group—You will be given a list of things and people to locate. Difficult for the younger children because of their reading skills. If I were to do this again I’d recommend a photos or very simple words.

Prizes awarded for 1st place and 2nd place. They took their choice from the children’s prize table. (all prizes donated by the members of the barony)

10-14 Grail Quest - Scavenger Hunt - 4 children participated for this age group and one adult.—The children were sent on a quest for the grail. They were given 14 different clues. When the deciphered the clue and went to where it said they would get the clues; however they might have been called upon to render a mini-quest or to entertain the clue giver in order to get the clue.

Prizes awarded for 1st place and 2nd place. – They took their choice from the children’s prize table. (all prizes donated by the members of the barony)

1. Arthur had to do this to be king (wooden sword sticking out of a stone the next clue was attached to the bottom of the sword)
2. Find the place where boo-boo’s get kissed and ask to see boo-boo bunnies (I made a pair of boo-boo bunnies which I donated to the chiurgeon)
3. This is where Cinderella’s evil stepmother makes her sleep (fireplace in feast hall)
4. The place where wishes are made (wishing well)
5. Where Will Tell practices. See the master. (archery range – clues were shaped like arrows and sticking out of an apple)
6. Double Double toil and trouble. Fire burn and cauldron bubble. Mmmmm something smells good. (kitchen)
7. This is what the knights who say “Ni” want. (shrubbery in the front of the hall)
8. Find the person who plans all the fun activity for the children like you. (the MOM- who gave them the next clue and a small bouquet of flowers to give to the Autocrat after they thanked her for all her hard work)
9. Find the person who planned the event and made sure everything went true. Thank her for all her hard work... (The autocrat)
10. Go to the place where a knight and place a king in check or even check mate. (The clues where arranged like a chess board on the games table)
11. I live under bridges and like to eat roasted goat. (Go to troll)
12. You must cross the bridge of Death but first you must answer the bridgekeeper’s questions three ere the other side you’ll see. (We made a wooden bridge and the Castellan asked each quester 3 questions then gave them the clue)
13. For the kids they got: What you seek can be seen through Sherwood’s hood. (There was a canvas

painting of Robin Hood with the face cut out – when they looked through the opening they could see the grail - 2 were hidden)

I4. For the Adults – This is the place where much merriment and Toasting will happen later on (when they got to the feast hall there was a note – “The old Templar knight is on a potty break, Choose wisely for only one grail is true...then again there may be two.” The table was covered with a selection of goblets and a family tree)

Coloring Contest -

5-7 Will decorate/color preprinted DC Birthday Cards (I child participated)

8-up Design-decorate Birthday Cards for DC (5 children participated)

Youth A&S Competition

7-10 only 1 entry and it was part of our silly A&S theme- He made a duct tape arrow. He was presented with a bag of knights (a prize his parents said that he would love)

Youth Class – Courtesy, Etiquette and Courtliness Class 5 students (3 who were pages)

Taught by Baroness Mary Isabel of Heatherstone, (This class was open to all Youth 9 & up) This class will fulfill the requirements for the core Atlantian Pages Academy Classes .)

Unevent

I attended all the youth related meetings and had a personal meeting with the dean of pages.

Pages Academy:

- ◆ Contact web pages have been update as of Dec 2. These pages had not been updated since 2002. They are currently working updating the rest of the pages.
- ◆ They're trying to set up an online system to access credits, submit reports, and register.
- ◆ Sign in/out sheets must filled out for all pages activities and sent to the Dean of Pages.
- ◆ Two adults must be present at all activities. If activities take place in someone's home there must two additional people who do not reside in the home present.
- ◆ All pages classes must be pre-approved through the Dean of pages.
- ◆ For activities involving food, parents must sign a waiver permitting the child to participate; it must include a list of the ingredients – to address allergic concerns.
- ◆ Peers can take the Pages as retainers and/or tutor the youth and they will receive Chivalry/

History credits.

- ◆ My warrant was accepted; I'm now the only warranted Pages proctor in the Kingdom .

Ministry of Youth:

Two adults must be present at all activities unless our state's guidelines for care providers to children is greater. (*I am trying to obtain this ratio*). They are looking to build a mundane laws & Military Base rules database regarding children and children activities.

Sign in and out sheets must filled out for all children's activities. These forms must be sent into the Kingdom MOY.

The Kingdom Knitting Challenge, for youth- open to any child who can knit, with a contest for most squares knitted in one year. To be donated to Warm up America, which gives blankets to the homeless.

My MOM book was requested to be converted to PDF and sent to the Kingdom MOY, with all the files of activities and coloring book pages.

We discussed Teens of Atlantia. We were given several suggestions for Teen activities:

- ◆ Teen hospitality pavilion
- ◆ Allowing the teens to help organize activities for the teens.
- ◆ Teen revels
- ◆ Knights may squire Teen into their service, they may wear the red belt and they would be known as Jr. Squire. The same applies to Pelicans who may take teens as protégés, or Laurels who may take teen apprentices.
- ◆ Youth 16 and above may authorize to fight heavy.

Youth Boffer Combat is now covered under youth activities. The weapon will be a hollow pool noodle. It will be open to children 4-8 years old. Parents must run this activity; there will be a 5 minute class on the rules beforehand and handout is currently being created.

Personal meeting with the dean of Pages. She and I had a face to face meeting, we addressed our issues. She received word from the Dean of Youth - all the Pages at the DC Birthday event were to get credit for all the service and all the activities!!! From this point forward all classes for the Pages must be pre-approved by the Dean only. The Pages should return their request for service forms to me. We also found that after a year of waiting and not knowing – Andy's paperwork was received by Kingdom and he is also eligible for the Pages Academy. Also the Page who came down from Highland Foorde (his mom sent his paper work in the spring) his paperwork was never received. I have notified his parents.

Day in the Middle East Event/Investure

I am in preparation for this event.

Child/Youth A&S:

General youth A&S categories as well as categories that match the theme of the adult categories. As always we will need judges and prizes donated.

Pages:

- Their majesties will perform a Pages Ceremony. (I expect a high amount of youth participants since this will be the first northern Kingdom level activity in a long time)
- We will offer 2-3 page level classes including the service core class, taught by Adriana. I'd like to offer the pages another A&S class. I would also like suggestions of a more "boy" themed class.
- Siege weapons have been suggested. Per Kingdom Law and the Pages academy the person to teach how siege weapons work/history must be a Siege Weapon Marshal. The Marshal must be present during the launching of the Marshmallow/Eraser Siege weapons.
- Pages are also welcome to participate in the Children's corner classes.
- I am also looking for a teacher for a beginners drumming class and beginners Belly dancing class for a Teen/Pages/Youth Class.

Children's Corner:

The children's Corner activities will include:

- Mosaic project (We will make Kitchen magnets or necklaces using beads which are put on to a small peg board and then ironed using special paper—I am working on designing a couple of peg boards to be in DC and Atlantian symbols).
- (Pending) We will also be dyeing silk using koolaid, if we have appropriate space for this activity.
- The children will be making and decorating drums out of large coffee and nut containers and finger cymbals using baby food lids.
- We will also have Middle Eastern themed coloring pages.
- I am looking for a teachers for a very very basic beginners mini-drumming class (15- 20 mins) and basic beginners mini-Belly dancing class. (15-20 mins).

Need for the event:

For the silk dyeing project I may need to borrow: a plastic tarp; plastic basins or tubs or small trash cans to be used for the dyes; drying racks; hospital chucks to absorb messes from the dye, and the use of some adults to help me with this project. I will need to purchase the silk, 3-4 yards worth. (Kiri has given me a place to order it from-I will also ask the Barony if they would like to purchase silk- the more we buy the cheaper it gets.)

Large coffee cans, Beads and peg boards (special kind, see me first), Balsa wood (see Alex), a siege

weapon marshal, teachers for the Pages and Youth classes and someone willing to read a story to the kids.

Page Academy Activities

I am trying to set up Page Activities with other baronies or with the parents of pages. I would like to set up classes in between events. The Barony is planning a class on chivalry and the Pages are invited to attend. I will process the paperwork to get this class approved by the academy.

Other

I would also like have between events a Pages/Youth/Adults Days. Offer classes and a covered dish lunch on a Sat or Sun. I am hoping to find a teacher for a leather working class for January. In March continue the Seige weapons class. I am looking for a teacher to teach a Medieval “bling” (Chain Mail) Class in April. I would like to have a “Bling” Chain Mail making and leather working workshops at Challenge of the Heart

Looking ahead

Challenge of the Heart:

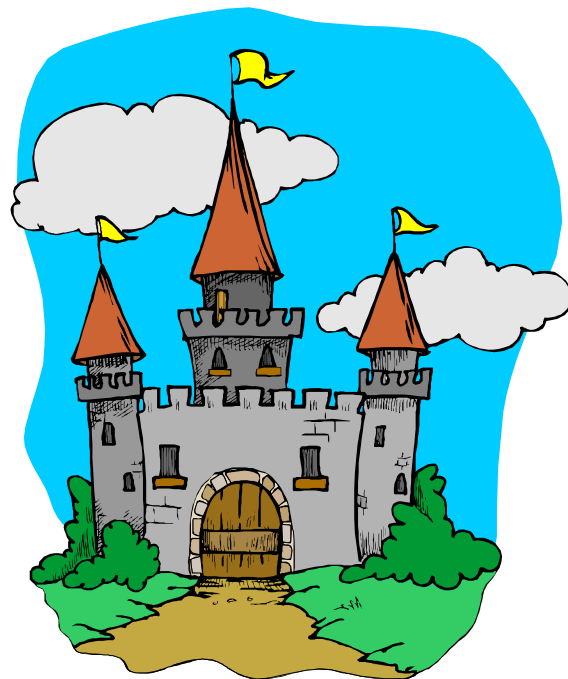
- I need some one to teach the last core pages class – A&S Class.
- I would like to have another Archery Class/Children’s Tourney and a Youth Throwing weapons class/Tourney.
- Teen Hospitality Pavilion: Teen space to hang out.
- Teen Revel –The teens get a punch card. If they get it filled out with so many hours of service/activity they will get admission to the Teen Revel- A dance/pizza party for the older kids w/their choice of music and activities. (13-17 years old – planned by the Teens of DC). We will need volunteers to be chaperons.
- Rent a youth/page/teen fund raiser for youth activities.
You too can have your own page for an hour. Suggestion of things to do with a rented page: have them hand out tokens/favors to the populace, have them help you fetch and carry, have them help carry your armor, have a hired retainer – impress all your friends. *Pages will get the service credit each hour of the activity and the teens will get a punch on their activity card. Teen Pages can get both.*
- I am looking to have a heraldry class and I am asking a herald to work with the kids for choosing a name/device. (if a herald is going to University there is class for this)
- We will have a shield/heraldry decorating competition. (they will decorate a large sugar cookie– basically a youth Subtleties competition). I’m looking for a Shield shaped cookie cutter for this activity and help on a Sunday before the event to bake the cookies.
- I would also like to have a child sponsored Heavy Weapons and/or Raiper Tourney. The fighter will have to have a child sponsor them in order to fight – if we don’t get enough children it will be fight will be good vs. evil or have the kids sponsor a team. The children will make favors to give to their fighter or fight team. Before the battle we will have a parade with the children to parade on to the field with their fighter and maybe the B&B could join the parade.

- We will have a Dress the Knight relay race.
- Project for the little kids: pretty pretty princess hats and hero helmets.
- A large board game - cross between living chess and Candyland.

Should CH be a camping event:

- We will have a camping event safety class – we will have coloring book for the kids discussing event safety
- Friday and Saturday evening a strange magical story telling box will show something called “movies” age and period appropriate.

Friday & Sat evenings or the older youth and adults – A&S workshops (Chainmail “Bling” & Leather making)



BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING

The January business meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:30 PM, at the Southern Maryland Higher Ed Center in California. **Directions Note: Take *Airport Road*, not *Airport View Road*. Full directions are posted on the web page.

Baronial Business Meeting

Minutes

November 7th, 2006

Old Business

Birthday—Event Report

98 people attended. We made about \$340.

Site was happy with us, we got our full deposit back & they have us penciled in for next year (September)

Held 2 archery (1 tourney, 1 kids shoot), thrown weapons tourney & free shoot, rapier tourney, heavy tourney.

Games table was spiffy—people had fun.

Brewing contest had only a few entries, but people had fun, got good feedback.

Kids activities & wee one's quiet corner got rave reviews. If space permits, we may want to have 2 spaces for the itty bitty kids—a quiet nap/nursing space and a changing/play area.

Court was hysterical—thanks to the B&B for the fun schtick.

Feast was both yummy and entertaining

Snags:

-Person with kids who had to be turned away—talked w/ Alex & going to have a few minor medical waivers at demos just for situations like this. (Won't be a total fix, but we did talk to this person and mentioned the requirement to her; being able to hand her the form might have helped)

-Took a bit to get the deposit back—their treasurer had her life explode & they had problems getting her to do up the check. Did still get it in on time for the report.

Next year:

-I'll be submitting a site report to Theron—what they let us do, pros, cons, how it went, etc.

-This will be available to whoever steps up (not me, not me, for the love of all that is holy, not me!).

-I will also turn my big fat binder of doom over to next year's autocrat & give them the SPIKE password to make any changes. (Note that the event will be "Unspiked" temporarily for an autocrat change.)

-We have SPIKE & penciled in for September—we need to reSPIKE & let Sue know asap if we want to change—assuming we want the same site, that's up to the new autocrat.

Next Year's Birthday

Alisandair is interested in autocratting Bday 07. Voted, no opposition to his being autocrat, understanding that he will have to step down if becomes baron, and has option to withdraw when autocrat requirements are developed. If people have questions, comments, etc about birthday 2007 they should contact Theron.

Middle Eastern Event

Molly reports that they have been working on , banners, figuring out court, etc, thinks they are on track. (She didn't have much info to provide, and Lore wasn't able to attend.)

Challenge

Mathias looking into birthday site for Challenge, has to get with them and see what things we can do and what space is available; with it not being hunting season this time.

Wants to start figure out who is doing what, if you want to do something, get in touch with him

Looking at two categories for teams: teams fighting for love and for glory. Team fighting for love must be sponsored by lady.

New Business

Relay for life:

Need team captain, talk with Kiri if you are interested. Team captain has to go to three meetings, first meeting is Jan 23 at Calvert HS

Also have to decide if we want to do a demo

Each person who sign up for team donates \$10, gets t-shirt, food, and tries to raise some money

Relay start 6pm Fri and ends approx 7am sat

No running, don't have to stay all night, but some of the team has to be there at all times

Will discuss it more in January

Dine to donate: on certain weeks, if you present the flyer (which you can get from Kiri), Applebee's in prince Frederick will donate 10% of meal cost to relay for life.

Polling:

All three couples have been accepted and are on the polling.

Labels have been ordered and polling letters should be out within the week.

Once you get letter you have 3 weeks to return it to their majesties. Must be postmarked before Jan 6th.

Letters of intent will be published on both email lists.

If you have questions of the candidates, talk with them, see what their thoughts are.

Shed: We think we have \$6500 worth of non-regalia gear (pots, burners, etc). Regalia will live with the BnB.

The barony discussed buying a shed to store gear, as there is a lot of it, and it is a hassle to store and ends up split over many houses.

\$1000 will be set aside for the shed. (This was approved unanimously.)

Molly and Irwin are offering space on their property for the shed to be located. This will be a contract to allow free access at reasonable hours (approx 8 am to 9 pm, different hours for events), will be part of contract being written up. Talk with Theron if you have questions, concerns, etc about contract

Also, officers discussed fundraisers to defray costs of shed. Serena is going to laminate cards at troll; Spike tattoos will be sold.

Have about \$1300 in account after previous commitments taken into account. (ME site, ME feast, Challenge deposit)

Dedicating \$1000 will leave \$300 in account.

Even with it being winter, we want to get a shed by the Feb event, since Rose has cook gear right now, but cannot hold onto it after the Feb event.

How baronial gear is accessed will change as well.

Any baronial gear that comes out of the shed will do so in front of quartermaster, who will inventory it. It will go back in front of quartermaster who will sign off on it.

Officers' Reports

Baronage

Changes to baronage rules:

Landed BnB can no longer be an officer in any other capacity nor carry an appointment in any other capacity while landed BnB. Marshallate is still allowed, just not a group's knight marshal (likewise, page proctor is allowed).

Time schedule has changed, used to be 2 years, polling, 2 years. Now, 2 year, polling, 1 year, BnB and K&Q discuss if they want to continue. If BnB wants to continue and K&Q allows, they continue for another year, otherwise, new BnB polling.

BnB no longer have to live in group zip code to serve in group, but they need to participate.

Theron is checking to see about who gets polling letter since currently only people living in group ZIP codes get polling letters.

Because of law changes being near our investiture, if one of the couples who are officers become BnB, they can hold the office until a replacement is found.

Seneschal

Baronial seneschal is there to facilitate the DC branch of SCA, Inc. If you have problems with outside world in relation to SCA, it is Theron's job to worry about that.

If you decide you want to do something in your front yard(private party of SCA people with fighting)

and you put up a sign stating it is the SCA, it becomes a demo, which has rules.

There is even talk about having waivers for back yard fighter practices, though people are fighting it.

As Theron puts it, lawyers trying to think of what can go wrong and come up with paperwork for it. They are getting together in small groups and saying, "You know, if you have an AnS night, and the fiery mountain of Krynn falls on your house, is the SCA at fault?"

If you have questions, get in touch with Theron.

Things are looking up in barony, have a ways to go though

While Theron likes post event revels, he does not like business meetings at restaurants. He proposes that after event, we just go out to dinner to celebrate a successful event, with business meeting as a normal business meeting.

Theron brought up northern regional planning calendar to seneschal group & it was rejected because the rule still is first Spike first get. Theron emphasized that we should be courteous when planning to try to consider neighbors.

Additionally, we need to try to get more people active in the group and get new people in as deputies, so we have more people participating.

Exchequer

We don't need to change financial policy yet with regards to financial committee, since issues were not brought up at past board meeting, was tabled to January board meeting.

New signature card done, will go to bank tomorrow.

Quartermaster has to add monetary value(if known) to baronial items (replacement cost).

Report goes in to exchequer 2nd and 4th quarters, which then goes into kingdom. Now at Feb meeting, exchequer has to give numbers from yearly report, which goes into clyffe notes

Have to order new checks with 2 sig lines and has to have comment line that says 2 sigs required, this per new Society policy. Luckily we are down to last book of checks and were just getting ready to order new ones

Now, at events, in addition to there not being more than \$1000 in box at troll, we have to have a fire safe to store excess.

Current funds available: \$3147.50

Chronicler

Unevent

-Blackfox Award: I'll be submitting for that in June. Chroniclers are supposed to submit what we think is our best newsletter, etc. Anyone wants to get recognized for their artwork or writing, I will be passing on submissions I get for that. Hint, hint, hint.

Historian –who wants the job? Who wants to be interviewed? Stuff will eventually go on line in a happy and spiffy format. Kiri volunteered to be our new historian.

Chroniclers are supposed to send an event report to historian: date, place, group, anything notable, narrative form.

As a fundraiser, local newsletters are allowed to do paid ads. This would have to be in our baronial financial policy first, though.

Knight Marshal

New rules for armor standards in effect Cec Ist. Can be viewed on marshals webpage.

Blue card list being updated, bring blue cards starting in December.

Make sure armor meets new standards.

If you have loaner gear, bring it to practice so we can assess it to see if needs repairs, etc.

M.O.M.

See the "From the Mistress of Minors" Section for Gwenllian's M.O.M. report.

M.O.L.

Not present, no report.

"Chirurgion"

Not present, no report.

Webminister

Unevent: Lord Otto wants local webministers to update pages in 2-3 days after getting new info.

If you run into issues on kingdom webpage and you are emailing kingdom webminister, cc kingdom chronicler.

Need permission forms from officers for having contact info on webpage and in newsletter. A form will be given to all officers.

MOAS

At Unevent, MOASs discussed issues with people getting nominated for awards, but then it not going anywhere, which makes people less motivated as there is less recognition of skills. Also discussed trying to get feedback back to people on what they are doing so they know why things are or aren't happening.

Distributed library, already exists at www.librarything.com. There's a section for kingdom of Atlantia reference library.

Suggested getting documentation in newsletter, oak, TI, etc to get your work known and get some recognition in return. Talk with Rose, Molly, and Muirghen if you want comments on your documentation and such before publishing.

Muirghen with talk with autocrats about timing for AnS stuff at events (leaving enough time for judging).

KASF is coming up, in Marinus.

T-shirts: Muirghen can do an order whenever, would like a minimum order of 25 to keep price down. Get in touch with him; let him know how many you want and size.

Castellan

- ◆ We have a new person interested in the SCA, who does some really spiffy illumination.
- ◆ Molly drew some interest at here painting over the weekend, had some people walk in. If they get involved, they would bring 6 kids.
- ◆ From Unevent—the biggest thing is finding way to integrate newcomers into group. Kingdom was discussing ways to identify newcomers kingdom-wide so that it is apparent they are newcomers without appearing to mark them with scarlet letter.
- ◆ Also, the populace should be careful how they approach newcomers: to balance giving them a hand and letting them find their own way. Be there, but don't swamp them with info.
- ◆ Alisandair wants to take on a deputy. That way if he becomes baron, he has someone to take over, and also, just so he has a deputy.
- ◆ Alisandair and Gwennlian had started on a “demo in a can,” but after Birthday and Molly's painting session, realized we need a portable info packet. Demo in a can is tabled for now. Portable packet will contain info flyers, contact info, small photo album.

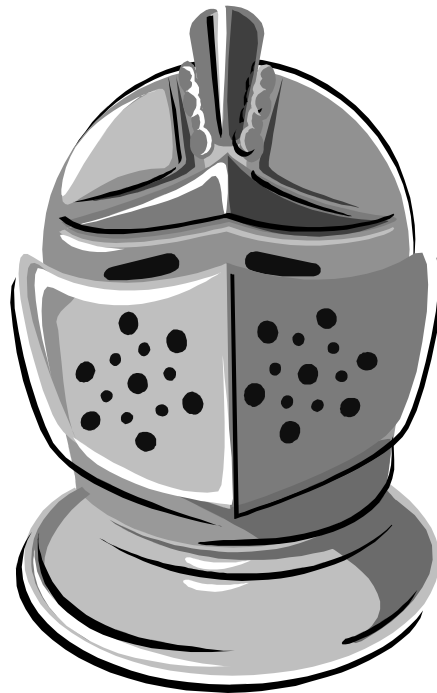
- ◆ At Muirghen's suggestion Alisandair is working on getting copies of scademo.com website on a CD, to be part of an info packet that can be given out to people at demos who seem very interested in SCA
- ◆ News/Media relations is under seneschal's office; if there is news/media person interested in what we do, direct them to Theron or Alisandair. (Alisandair is now the deputy for media relations.)

Quartermaster

If you ended up with baronial stuff after birthday, let Mathias know so he knows where stuff is and can keep track of it.

Herald

Nothing to report.



Wal-Mart Shield Charge

A 12th Night Poem

by *Adriana Michaels*

It was December 24th, and where could I be found?

But busy sewing, working on a lovely Twelfth Night gown

When finally the dress was done, I stared at it with pride,

But when time came to try it on, I very nearly cried.

"It doesn't fit," I cried in shock. "It needs a larger gore."

And running short on fabric then, I hastened to the store.

A posted sign proclaimed "We're Closed" and "Happy Holidays."

I'd find no rescue at Jo-Ann's. I stood there in a daze.

I pondered long and hard to plan the days and weeks ahead.

Tonight was dinner with my folks, miss that and I'd be dead.

Then Christmas morn at grandma's house, then in-laws by the score.

In all this rush I knew I'd find no time to hit the store.

Then back to work and other chores, and thank you cards to write.

If I would have a Twelfth Night gown, it had to be tonight!

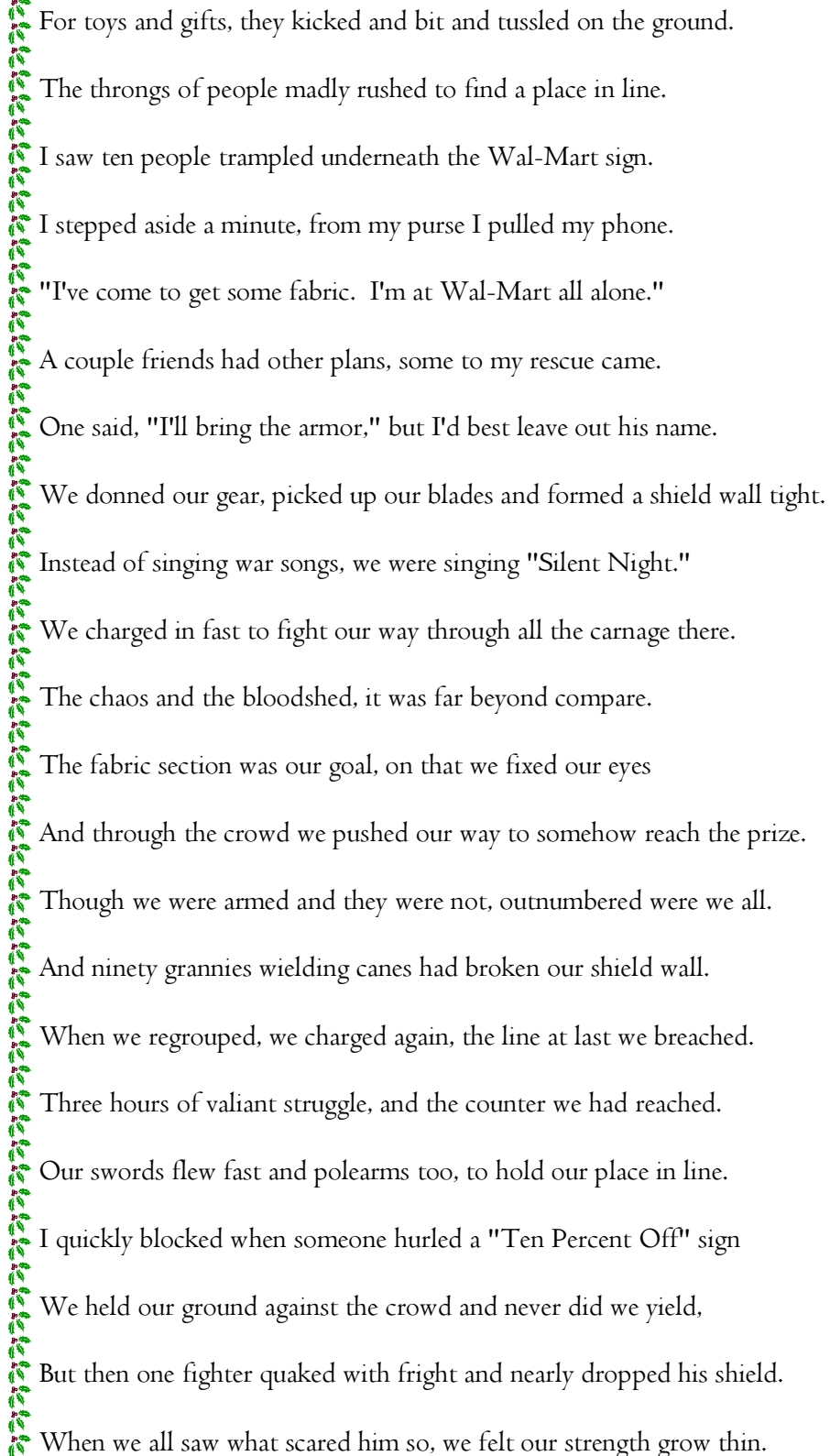
Back to my car, across the street, I knew the perfect place

To fabric shop on Christmas Eve, beneath a smiley face.

Now I have fought in battles fierce, faced Bloodgaurd with a smile.

But pale I grew and courage lost, to see that Wal-Mart aisle.

The chaos there, beyond compare, the carnage all around.



For toys and gifts, they kicked and bit and tussled on the ground.
The throngs of people madly rushed to find a place in line.
I saw ten people trampled underneath the Wal-Mart sign.
I stepped aside a minute, from my purse I pulled my phone.
"I've come to get some fabric. I'm at Wal-Mart all alone."
A couple friends had other plans, some to my rescue came.
One said, "I'll bring the armor," but I'd best leave out his name.
We donned our gear, picked up our blades and formed a shield wall tight.
Instead of singing war songs, we were singing "Silent Night."
We charged in fast to fight our way through all the carnage there.
The chaos and the bloodshed, it was far beyond compare.
The fabric section was our goal, on that we fixed our eyes
And through the crowd we pushed our way to somehow reach the prize.
Though we were armed and they were not, outnumbered were we all.
And ninety grannies wielding canes had broken our shield wall.
When we regrouped, we charged again, the line at last we breached.
Three hours of valiant struggle, and the counter we had reached.
Our swords flew fast and polearms too, to hold our place in line.
I quickly blocked when someone hurled a "Ten Percent Off" sign
We held our ground against the crowd and never did we yield,
But then one fighter quaked with fright and nearly dropped his shield.
When we all saw what scared him so, we felt our strength grow thin.

The grannies had regrouped and rushed to charge us once again.
They'd called in reinforcements, they were now two hundred strong
And we stood close and braced ourselves against the rushing throng.
While those behind me held the line, I paid with credit card.
And took a cane upside the head, soon as I dropped my guard.
Before we left, we bid our foes a happy holiday.
And gave them all directions for our practice Saturday.
I thanked my friends, we parted ways, and I went home to sew.
My dress was finished just in time. To mom's house did I go.
We all have fought in battles grand, in melees small and large,
But none there are that quite compare to Wal-Mart's bold shield charge.



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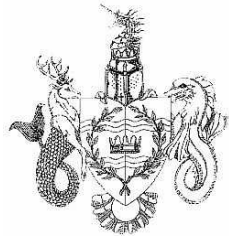
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