

CLYFFE NOTES

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September Business Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Minna, Gormr, Isolda, Mathias, Serena, Rowena, Cathal, Khadir, Molly, Chip, Mike, Michele, Adriana, Matt.

The meeting started off with Minna, who was officially seneschal for the first time, introducing herself and giving the populace information about herself. We then turned our attention to recruitment and, more than that, sustainment. This would include making events more family friendly (including youngsters and teens). It was also decided that in order to attract more people, the website needed to be scrapped and start over with a brand new look. Our webminister was in agreement, so we will be looking at a test site that Phillip had already made. As usual, if anyone has any ideas for the website, or anything they didn't like from the other site. Matt can only make the site better with help from the populace. One last idea for recruitment is to re-focus on demos, preferably at least one regularly (annually) in each of

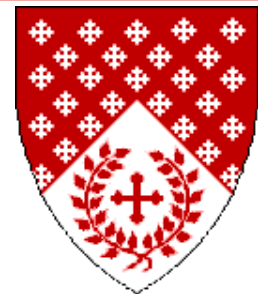
the three counties that make up the Barony.

Birthday:

There were some issues with getting the Kingdom Chronicler to post our event in The Acorn. Events get posted in the Acorn for the month before, and the month of the event. In the case of an event being at the beginning of the month, an additional month of advertising may be requested. As the "beginning of the month" is not clearly defined, we asked if our event would qualify for an additional month of advertising, but were turned down. We then decided to find other means of advertising, such as the Merry Rose, or a link to the Kingdom website.

Rose will be cooking for Birthday. The limit is set at 60 people. And lunch will be served as part of the site fee.

Cathal needs the formats for each of the martial events (heavy, rapier, and archery). The break even point is set at



Dun Carraig's Arms

80 people. Isolda is holding the Arts and Sciences competition. A silent auction will be held (although this is not a garage sale: don't bring your trash). We will also be selling Spike tattoos.

Bobbi needs help for Troll. Chip volunteered. As well, a clean-up crew is needed.

The site fee for Adult members will be \$9, for children 6-17 will be \$7 (and as it's reduced, there is no NMS). Children under 5 years are guests of the Barony. Feast is \$8.

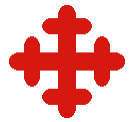
There was discussion about trying to re-ignite AnS classes in the Barony. The Baronial



HRH Gerhild swears the oath that will make her Queen before King Jason and the Populace at Chalice of the Sun God V/Coronation in Ponte Alto.



Letter from Their Excellencies



nto the most wonderful Barony of Dun Carraig do your devoted Baron and Baroness send greetings. Thank you to all of those who braved the hardship of Pennsic to support the Barony and Atlantia. Our forces were mighty on the field, earning the respect of our much larger neighbors. Camp was well run, all who attended were well fed, and We could not have asked for a better group of people to spend Our vacation with. You made Us so happy to serve as your Baronage, and we were so pleased to see all of the hard work of Our people finally paying dividends.

We have an opportunity in the months that approach to swell our numbers. We are hammering out final plans for the Celtic Society dinner at the beginning of November, which is a chance to renew our former alliances with the Celtic Society. Dun Carraig will be cooking and serving a dinner to members of the Celtic Society in exchange for being allowed to put up a booth at the upcoming Celtic Festival in the Spring. This is an excellent chance to make more folks aware of the SCA, Inc. and the wonderful things that we offer. Please note, that we are asking for servers for this event, but are requesting that Celtic garb (or similar location/timeframe) be worn. We apologize for this restriction, but we do not want to distract from the ambiance of the Celtic Society's special night. If you can assist with this very worthy event, please let Baron Khadir know.

At the last Officer's meeting, there was much discussion on how to recruit new members and to provide activities that keep our current members inspired and excited about the SCA. Please keep in mind that we are a organization founded on volunteerism. If we do not have gentles willing to offer children's activities, teach/ attend classes or schlep loaner armor, we cannot offer these opportunities to our newest members.

Often, we as people fall into a "Not Me" frame of thinking...we're too busy or we feel as if we don't know enough about the SCA to really be able to contribute anything of value. Volunteering at a Baronial level

is a great training ground. EVERYONE in the Barony has SOMETHING they can offer, something they can add to make the game special. Spend a moment to think about what YOU can do to make the SCA more fun to those who are starting up, and to build on the fun times you'd already had with the Barony. And take a moment to thank those who are already serving as officers. Sometimes it can be a thankless job. Kind words from your fellow Seadogs can go a long way towards making someone feel appreciated.

Finally, we look forward to Our upcoming Baronial Birthday in the middle of November...a celebration of the peace and tranquility of Our lands. We look at the unity and fellowship of Our people, knowing that His Excellency is a model of even-handed gentility and Her Excellency is a shining paragon of modest decorum. We clasp Our hands in love, and gently guide our populace by Our glowing example.

BrB' s Report

Nothing pressing. We have a Pavilion, so please join us (and help schlep). We'd like to put a gift basket together for Lochmere's Investiture. Theron heralded our Baronial Court at Pennsic.

Seneschal' s Report

(Minna) Since I'm gonna be new seneschal, I've recruited a new chiurgen (Sam). Many classes were had at Runestone Collegium. I will make a vision statement saying where I want to take the Barony in the next few years.

Chronicler' s Report

Nothing to Report

Herald' s Report

Nothing to Report. But there may be a heraldry class in the near future.

Quartermaster' s Report

Nothing to Report.

Pictures from Coronation are courtesy of Laura Martinez. The Initial in Their Excelencies' Letter is from Freeceltic's Celtic Art, Letter type 2. Others like it can be found at <http://www.freeceltic.com/celtic-celtic%20letter%20type2-00.html>.



St. Michael's Church, near Askham, Cumbria, England. Built on the site of a 13th Century Christian Church, the present building was built in 1686 near the Lowther Castle, the family seat of the Earls of Lonsdale

Remember that the Pollings are going out in October. Be sure to get them mailed by October 31.

Chatelaine' s Report

Nothing to Report.

Webminister' s Report

Nothing to Report.



The Cloister at Westminster Abbey.

Minister of the Lists' Report

NENR

Knight Marshal' s Report

Attendance has been low. We're encouraging people to come just to observe. A newcomer who is a classical fencer will be joining us for rapier.

The Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center at 44219 Airport Road, California, MD 20619. For directions go to www.smhec.org.

Minister of Arts and Sciences' Report

I've been lax on getting reports in, but that will change. I'm in support of more AnS classes, but the last few were very sparsely attended. The Baronial Enhancement Project (see report of meeting minutes for details) is a good idea, but still needs participating support of the barony members. (sort of an AnS "craigslist" where you can post what class you want to be offered or to teach).

Did you find a mistake? Did I misquote someone? Please (kindly) let me know. Email me at Chronicler@duncarrainet.net and I'll correct it in the next newsletter.

Exchequer Report

(For September 2nd Meeting)

I spoke with Adriana (Kelly) in regards to check #464 written on 4/25/08 to Kingdom of Atlantia for MOL fees. It has now cleared the bank and has been solved.

Received \$70 from Mathias (Jim) for stopping payment on 2 checks he lost (#432 and #434). Stop payment has been issued on those 2 checks and replacements will be issued to him as soon as signatures are received.

Financial Committee held a meeting on July 15th for setting up the budget for Birthday. Budget was worked out and approved.

Issued Isolda (Jill) a check for \$8.65 for general Chronicler supplies.

Issued Amalia (Heather) a check for \$25 for five large kitchen bowls.

Received money for pennsic spike tattoos fundraiser.

Received receipt for advance for tattoos, as well as \$20 overpayment refund from Erwin (DeWitt).

September Meeting (cont' d.)

Enhancement Project was briefly discussed, to be expanded on at a later date. (If the activity lasts more than 4 hours, immediately contact our local Seneschal).

Celtic Society:

We have been accepted to host the Southern Maryland Celtic Society's Medieval Dinner. We are cooking, cleaning, and serving. The date is for Saturday, November 1 at St. John's Hall. Anyone attending to help out should dress in Celtic garb (that being Scottish, Irish, Welsh, or Viking). The feast will be made of three removes: Hors d' vors/soup, roast mutton/fish (smoked salmon, maybe) and pies de paris. We are being paid by the Celtic Society \$10/plate.

This event could lead to being part of the Celtic Festival in April. We had some bad relations in the past with someone on the board, but this appears to be in the past. Being part of the Celtic Festival can put us in the middle of a target-rich environment for recruits.

As the garb for this event is specific, there may be a Garb workshop scheduled in the future.

Fighter Practice:

Real life has greatly changed the face of fighter practice. The last few months we'd had a crowded practice room. Now, not as many experienced fighters (mostly heavy) are showing up, so it's harder to teach new fighters if we get them, and therefore, retain them. Some ideas that were passed around were: do specific practices that focus on melees, rapier, etc (this was thought to need fighter feedback before going forward), post where other fighter practices are in other nearby locations so some fighters can at least be involved, perhaps combining a practice with another Barony, and Molly and Erwin have had their garage cleaned out, and want to have armor workshops (possibly getting Trys to help make armor), which can help fighters get involved. Also noted was that the Northern Atlantian Army will be having one practice per month.

New Business:

We are now in need of a new Chatelaine. We are also still in need of a Minister of Minors (MOM), even if it's just to cover Birthday.



Their Majesties, Sinclair and Kari's last Court at Chalice of the Sun God V/Coronation in Ponte Alto.

Toddlers in the SCA (Part 1 of 3)

One of our recent concerns has been reaching out to children, even in our member families, so that they too will enjoy events as much as we will. In the next few issues, I hope to find ideas for all ages and post them here. This month, we look at the youngest: the Toddlers. I pick this age group as the youngest because I figure this is when they first start becoming cognizant of the “event” atmosphere, and for many, it may be a point when parents return to a more active role. At this age, the point is to just keep them entertained. But (almost) anyone can do that. *grin* We may want to do it with historically-themed activities. So here are many ideas that are not mine own, but come from many contributors whose posts ended up in Stefan’s Florilegium. The site can be found at www.florilegium.org.

- Coloring is a common pastime, but make a change: make your own pages-to-be-colored, of shields w/ charges, and key the areas to be colored with Heraldic color/metal names. They color, and learn to name things.
- Candle-making is a blast, requiring glass jars and colored wax that is ground to powder and put in salt shakers (a la pepper shakers at the pizza place).
- Ring toss, hunker-hauser, tug-of-war, etc.
- Singing to kids is also fun. Ballads, rounds, whatever.
- Read them stories, even Monmouth’s Arthur fiction; Beowulf would be better. If you can project characters with voice, several Icelandic sagas make great telling, e.g. Kormac the Skald or Grettir the Strong.
- Get a hand-puppet, and work up a skit. Great way for enhancing the reading of a story. Practice weird growling voices for the puppet, and interrupt yourself frequently. You don’t have to be good, just interested in the children’s enjoying their own suspension of disbelief.
- If you’re in the Kingdom of the West, get pool noodles, cut them in half (1 long -> 2 short), shape child-sized grips in them, and teach them Rapier. (*Chronicler’s note: I don’t know why others besides the West couldn’t do this..*)
- To entertain our youngest members you can try reading them a fairy tale and then making hand puppets out of rags. Then get the kids to act out the fairy tale with the puppets. All the other stuff you carry around for them can be incorporated. I also find that kids like to write the story themselves. Puppet play can go forever. Supply them with soft bags and show them the basic moves then stand back and giggle as they ‘juggle’. Have them take turns being ‘King or Queen’ and let them make the laws. They love to order adults around and in the SCA there are always people who can be asked to play along for a few minutes.

As I finish this first part in the series, I feel obliged to remind folks that when activities are provided for children, it does not make the activity a baby-sitting service. If we don’t want to burn out our MOMs, then we must keep in mind that our kids are still our responsibilities.

October 2008

BARONIAL PROGRESS

October 4, University, **Ba**
(tentative)

October 18, Storvik Birthday,
Ba

October 25, TnT, **Ba**
(tentative)

Key

BnB—Baron and Baroness

B—Baron

Ba—Baroness

Use other Acorn Progress

Abbreviations.

The Baronial Calendar displays events at nearby locations. It is not indicative of

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Baronial Heavy and Fighter Practice,	2	3	4 University, Stierback, Ba
5	6	7 Baronial Business Meeting, SMHEC	8 Baronial Heavy and Fighter Practice,	9	10 War of the Wings III, Sacred Stone, Oct. 10-12	11 Needwood Games, Roxbury Mill
12	13	14	15 Baronial Heavy and Fighter Practice,	16	17	18 Storvik's Baronial Birthday, Storvik, Oct. 17-19, Ba
19	20	21	22 Baronial Heavy and Fighter Practice,	23	24	25 TnT, Bright Hills, Oct. 24-26, Ba
26	27	28	29 Baronial Heavy and Fighter Practice,	30	31	

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Overheard in Dun Carraig

...Just don't ask me unless you want it rough

Instead of "Newcomers' Meeting" it will be "Societal Enhancement: if it lasts longer than 4 hours, contact your Seneschal"

You, Me, Sheep... we'll have a great time

Last week it was me and Ro...and boy was it fun

This Magic Moment

Here are a few special moments, found in Stefan's Florilegium, described by people from all over the SCA. If you have your own Magical Moment, and would like to share it, please feel free to email me, and I will include it in a future issue of Clyffe Notes.

Melisend spoke of the beauty of taking off her glasses at events. I concur. I am also profoundly nearsighted, but occasionally find myself thinking I am lucky to be so. When I take my glasses off in the middle of the eric, I am in the middle of a glory of color with no mundanities intruding into our pageantry. Music, color, and conversation are all.

On the other hand, fighting without my glasses can be quite amusing. Many years ago (long before I had contacts) I fought in a resurrection battle in a war between the Mists and Cynagua in the West. When you died, you were to return to a designated secret spot to resurrect. If the enemy found it, they could capture it for their own. When I died, I grew suspicious of the enemy dead around me, and decided I'd take off in the opposite direction from the site, just to throw them off. I was right, they did follow me for a bit, but I eventually lost them. By that time, I was totally turned around in the woods. There were no landmarks for me, and the battle sounds were too muffled to get directions from. I eventually banged into a fence and followed it to an open field from which I could spot the encampments, and from there finally made it back to the resurrection site. At which time the horn was blown indicating the end of fighting. I'd lost more calories that day fighting the woods than my enemies ... :)

It's little experiences like that that make me very glad I was born in this century, where I can correct my vision.

Cyrie

...Electricity does not belong at Pennsic. Magic Moment: Pennsic XIX <my first> Almost all of the region is blacked out Friday night. And almost no one at Pennsic knows or cares. The lanterns work, the torches work, the ice blocks keep things cold that we insist be kept cold...

Aleksandr, Traveller

Do you remember those old children's history specials "YOU ARE THERE"?? That's the feeling I associate with the most magical moments, the ones that let you really believe, all the way through, that "you ARE there", even if it's only a fleeting moment.

I'll never forget the first time I felt that way. The event was a War with the Midrealm (aka The Chigger War or The War the Chiggers Won) during the reign of King Sigmund I. The site was a lake in northeast Oklahoma. As the battle lines were being formed in the early morning, there was a heavy foggy mist above the lake and swirling around our knees. The Midrealm lines were barely visible through the fog, which erased all traces of mundanity, revealing colorful glimpses of banners and surcoats. It was my first war, and like any medieval soldier I was scared, and excited. Then, just as the tension had built to almost breaking point for me, behind the Ansteorran lines the haunting wail of a bagpipe skirled up into the mist...the hair stood up all over my head and I had tears in my eyes. THAT is still the single most powerful moment I have ever experienced in the SCA.

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