

The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

February A.S. XLVI

Minutes of the January Business Meeting

January 14th, 2012

3:00 – UWGB Campus - Green Bay, WI

Seneschal's Report: Master Friedrich reported that his Domesday report was in on time.

Castellan's Report: Pan Tadeusz reported that he has received more donations to the garb closet.

Chancellor of the Exchequer's Report: Lady Felicia was not in attendance. There was a request that the monthly exchequer's report should include an accounting of income and expenditures for the month so that members can fully understand the financial status of the Barony.

Chronicler's Report: Lady Brilliana was not in attendance. Minutes were taken by THL Mearha.

Herald's Report: Lady Nimue was not in attendance. Her Domesday has been submitted.

MOAS Report: Lady Marketa asked for reports on projects that members are working on. She announced that the Fiber Guild is going to start meeting on the 1st Sunday of each month at Lady Meadhbh's house from 10 am till finished.

Knight's Marshall's Report: Lord Kagemori sent a report that armor is being made and the class schedule for Fighter's School is done.

Rapier Captain's Report: Lord Dante reported that he is working on setting up fencing at UWGB and acquiring fencing gear.

Web Minister's Report: Master Friedrich reported that there is another individual interested in taking over as webminister.

UWGB Student Group's Report: Don Charismos reported that the Student Group was approached to do Fall Crown at UWGB. There was some discussion about how this would have to be handled fiscally.

Baron's Report: Baron Grimmund reported that there is to be an Investiture next month at Fighter's School. The new thrones were picked up at Nordskogen 12th Night. It was agreed to return the old thrones to THL Hamish, since he had made and donated them about nine years ago.

Old Business:

- Fighter's School – Classes were discussed. The event steward not at the meeting. Pan Tadeusz volunteered to staff the royalty room. The UWGB Student group will run a silent auction as a fund raiser for the rapier loaner gear.
- Fall Fest – Lady Meadhbh reported that planning progresses. We are looking for an archery marshall for the event.

New Business:

- Mug Fundraiser – Baron Grimmund checked with Stone Hill Stoneware on the styles and prices for mugs so that a second run of the mug fundraiser can be held. He also checked with a pottery laurel on the styles available to insure that we are offering the most period styles available. Baron Grimmund and

THL Mearha volunteered to manage the fundraiser. It was decided that orders should be in by Crown and delivery would be at WW. Funds will go to the Barony and to Northshield General Funds.

- Long Range Planning Committee - Meeting this Wednesday @ 5:30 at Pizza King in Appleton.

Next meeting - Sunday, February 12, in Appleton at 3:00



Letter from the Baron

Well met!

First order of business, congratulations to Pan Tadeusz and to Lucreza on their wedding; may your lives together be long and happy!

January is over, February is here, and this can only mean one thing: It's almost time for Fighter School!

Fighter School is Windhaven's regular late winter event, usually held at the end of February, usually just before Gulf Wars. It is a day of classes, followed by as much melee practice as you can survive. Originally an all-armored event, with the adoption of rapier

combat in Northshield, Fighter School has expanded to include rapier combat classes and melees. Due to the timing of the event, for many people, it is a last chance before Gulf Wars to pick up an initial authorization on either field, or pick up additional authorizations. We've been doing Fighter School for about 20 years now, with some skips, and it is still a very popular event.

Through the good offices of Lord Coenrad, we are back at the same site as last year, Holy Rosary Catholic School in Kewaunee, with the much loved indestructible gym floor.

(And, yes, through no planning of our own, it usually snows for Fighter School.)

Their Majesties Vlad and Petronella will be attending, and will be holding court. Remember to put in award recommendations (via the Northshield web site) ASAP to give Their Majesties time to consider and scribes time to create. This event will also be Mearha's investiture as Baroness, and confirming me as baron for another three years.

Speaking of award recommendations, they can be done online. You must have an account on the NS web site, and be signed in, to submit award recommendations. The address is here: <http://www.northshield.org/OrderOfPrecedence/Recommendation.aspx>

Other news of note:

Lady Azura's notes from the Long Range Planning meeting should be later in the Idiot. Among other things in the notes are:

A motion to stop having the business meeting at the moots. Upside, no business meeting at the moot, which means more socializing time and less of a disruption of the medieval side of the SCA. This should also make the moots more fun and a better venue to introduce new people to the SCA. Downside, there is no business meeting at the moot, so we'll still need to hold a business meeting, separate from the moot.

Fundraising: We are looking at doing a brat fry. Tentatively, May 5th, possibly in garb. More details to follow; Vasili is scouting sites. It should not be terribly strenuous if we can get a lot of people to volunteer for a couple of hours each.

Until next month, I remain,
Yours in service,
Grimmund

From the Quill of the Chronicler

Greetings to One and All!

To start things off, I want to issue an apology. I have missed 3 meetings, 2 of which were out of my control and the third through slightly bad planning. I was ill with the flu in November. In December, I ended up taking a last minute trip to Florida, forgetting that the meeting was that weekend, and by the time I realized my error I had already booked a nonrefundable flight.

As for January, I was all set to hop in my truck and head out to the meeting when my gallbladder sent me a very painful message that it had decided otherwise. I know this all raised some concerns and in truth, I had thought of the chaos of the last few months and knew it would. I just want to reassure everyone that things are settled back to what passes for normal. I am moved into my house and unpacked in full, my health has stabilized, and I do not plan on any more trips in the near future.

I also want to thank everyone who contributed this month, it seems I went from famine to feast on things to print. Thank you one and all. I love serving the Barony and the Dream. Even as I write this, the tiny wheels and cogs in my brain whirl and spin, thinking of new projects

to do next and ways to serve. I envision scroll blanks since I have a new small light table to try out. Maybe some more beadwork too. Oh and once it warms enough to have outdoor events, I want to get back to waterbearing. And so as always I remain.....

In Service to the Dream,
Brilliana



It has been a rather busy month or so in Windhaven.

The Long Range Planning Committee met recently and had a very productive discussion regarding the future activities for the Barony. Highlights of this meeting will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The February business meeting will be at 3pm on Sunday, Feb 12th at the Pizza King on Wisconsin Avenue in Appleton. The agenda is filling up quickly, including:

- Summarize notes from Long Range Planning
- Final Fighter School planning
- Northshield Mug Fundraiser
- Fall Crown Tournament at UWGB
- Possible demo opportunities

Speaking of Fighter School – we are hosting this annual event on February 25, 2012. Come witness some great instruction and combat, as well as the investiture of Grimmund and Mearha as our next Baron and Baroness during evening court. Details and maps with directions are on the event website.

Long Term Planning Committee Meeting Notes

First Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2012,
18:00 at Pizza King in Appleton

In attendance: Grimmund, Mearha, Brigid,
Freidrick, Valdis (Quinn), Marketa, Vasili,
Meadhbh, Azura (Squeakers)

(notes by Meadhbh and Azura merged by
Azura with some slight edits by Grimmund)

Upcoming Events

- * Fighter School class list for publicity; not available at this time
- * Fall Fest-Waiting to hear from Oconto Parks & Rec about site rental

Ideas for Events

- * Something Else Besides Fighter School?
 - * Fall Crown 2012-Student Group?
- Possible alternate site: Springs Building-(S. Wisconsin Ave. Appleton)
- * Period Cooking Event (needs kitchens or kitchen space?)
 - * Religions, and Science Thoughts and Philosophies- Pre and Post Renaissance
 - * Maritime, Naval, Age of Discovery?
 - * SUN (Stellar University of Northshield)- UW Fox Valley?
SUN has a kingdom officer who runs event; like Bardic Madness, Dance Seminar, etc. group provides site, kingdom officer wrangles classes

Local Events

- * Moots-quarterly-4x a year (flexibility around other events)
- * Themed Moots
- * No more business meetings at moots?
cuts into Socializing time
offputting for new people
- * April 28-May Day Moot-games
- * July ?-Pennsic Pity Party-Baronial Bardic Bash
- * October?-Borgia moot-Make Wills When

Arrive -- After Org Smorg to help retain college students

Demos-Azura volunteered to take on Demos

- * New London-Irish Fest
- * Oshkosh Irish Fest-During Mermaids :(
- * Shawano-Folk Music Festival
- * Appleton-Octoberfest

We've done this one, long time back
All day commitment, downtown Appleton closed to traffic

Need some sort of food to sell

- * Farmer's Market

-Not a lot of return from the last Farmer's Market demo

-we were just entertainment; people were there to shop

- * Guerilla Demos-Go somewhere, do a small demo, hand out fliers, and leave

- * Schools

Good community relations, no new members
Appleton Farmer's Market-Winter inside the Avenue Mall, downtown Appleton

How to do a demo

- * Itinerary

Fundraiser outside of Schedule

Brat Fry

in Garb? In mundanes?

Copps vs. Festival, May 5th, Green Bay?

Copps Cheaper, less traffic; Festival gets more traffic (more sales) but more expensive.

Concentrate on North End of Valley Green Bay, Neenah, Appleton, Etc

Vasili--Checking into Deals-Reporting back-he has the in!

Barnes and Noble Gift Wrap Table

More likely to get our type of people

Find out what level of commitment needed

Harness leather creaks in the gray light of the early dawn. The air grows lively with the sound of hooves stomping, mules and horses snorting, men rolling up bedding, blowing on cold-stiffened fingers. Another day on the trade route, one day closer to England and home. And, stowed carefully deep within wagons filled with exotic spices, oils, cotton cloth, and sugar, is the magnificent bounty of the blue seas of the East: glowing, lustrous pearls.

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The love of pearls began thousands of years ago. Alexander the Great's eastern conquests brought pearls from lands as far east as the Persian Gulf and India westward to Europe, where they rapidly became highly sought after. During the Middle Ages, many pearls came from the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf area and the Gulf of Mannar off the coast of India. Britain also had a substantial freshwater pearl industry. Excellent quality freshwater pearls were found in Scotland, created by river-dwelling mussels. The Crown employed river bailiffs to supervise the gathering of these mussels and make sure that all valuable pearls found reached the king's treasury. The Kellie pearl, the largest pearl ever discovered in Britain was found in 1621, and is probably part of the Scottish crown jewels.



The Crown of Scotland
Edinburgh Castle

The Crusades stimulated trade between western Europe and the Middle East and Eurasia. The crusaders brought back many things that were new to Northern Europe: lemons, apricots, sugar, and cotton. Superbly symmetrical, lustrous pearls from the East were among the most valuable of the rare and exotic objects to travel west. Their value was due in part to the difficulty of harvesting and matching pearls, as well as their natural lustrous finish, glow and brilliance.



Henry IV of France
wikipedia.com

During the Middle Ages, Venice became a significant trading center, for pearls no less than other exotic goods. Pearls were traded there in vast quantities. Venice, as the pre-eminent market city in Europe, was an important staging city for the crusaders, and became a vital link in their journey. All sorts of goods from the eastern lands were bought and sold there and made their way into all of Western Europe.

The popularity of pearls in personal decoration in Europe continued to increase during the medieval centuries. By the 13th and 14th centuries pearls were integral to personal adornment throughout Europe, and were worn both by men and women. Pearls were not only used in jewelry but also incorporated into hair ornaments and sewn onto formal dresses and other garments worn on special occasions. Young European maidens of royalty wore long strands of pearls, while men used mother of pearl in their weapons and armor, believing that it would protect them from harm and bring them luck. Royalty and



la Peregrina pearl in a
Cartier necklace
thejewelrylounge.com



Marguerite of Valois
François Clouet, Chantilly

nobility posed for portraits in their finest clothing studded with pearls, with strands of pearls dripping from their necks. Extravagant displays of pearls became a symbol of wealth and standing. Sumptuary laws were even enacted to limit ownership of such ostentatious finery to people above a certain social station. (In England, for example, those above the rank of Companion of the Garter took full advantage of their exemption from these restrictions.)

Even the church was not exempt from the pearl craze. Clerics used the white, natural pearl to symbolize God's love in decorating altars, priestly robes and religious objects such as rosaries and crosses.

Some pearls became famous in their own right: the famous la Peregrina, a pear-shaped pearl the size of a pigeon egg, was given to Mary Tudor by Phillip II as a wedding gift. It changed hands many times over the centuries and was eventually purchased by Richard Burton in 1969 for Elizabeth Taylor. In 2011, it sold at auction for more than \$11 million.

Queen Elizabeth I probably brought the love of pearls and their extravagant display to their zenith. The queen not only enjoyed their glowing beauty, but used their symbolism of purity to excellent effect as part of her public image. In George Gower's "Armada" portrait (painted after England's defeat of the Spanish Armada), Elizabeth is literally draped in pearls, with pearls embroidered onto her dress and decorating her wig. The magnificent six-strand pearl necklace is part of a collection called the Hanoverian pearls, said to date to the 14th century. Elizabeth bought the entire collection, which included dozens of loose pearls, from the estate of Mary Queen of Scots. It was rumored that Elizabeth owned more than 3,000 pearls.



Elizabeth I Armada Portrait
George Gower, Woburn Abbey

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With their arduous journey finally over, traders lay out their treasures before the covetous eyes of the gem merchants. For some, the profits they realize will enable them to make this their last long, dangerous trip to the East. The pearls will bring the traders fabulous sums. Most are destined for the jewelry collections and splendid robes of queens and kings. Others will dangle enticingly from the ears of high-born ladies in waiting of the court. Whether perfectly round or delicate teardrops, in the Middle Ages pearls brought beauty and pleasure to all who touched them.

Ysabeau la Joalière
(Jamie Gordon)
Kingdom of the Outlands
Barony of Caerthe

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BARONY OF WINDHAVEN



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Holy Rosary Parish School
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Then celebrate with the Barony and witness the investiture of Grimmund Blackwing and Mearha Fyrstdohtor as the next Baron and Baroness of Windhaven.

— Site Rules —

Site Opens 9am. Site Closes 6pm.
Site is BONE dry. No Pets. Handicap Accessible.
Showers are available on site.

— Site Fees —

Adults.....	\$9.00
Children (under 17)	\$5.00
Non-Member Surcharge	\$5.00
On-Site Lunch	\$5.00

Checks payable to: SCA-WI, Inc.-Windhaven

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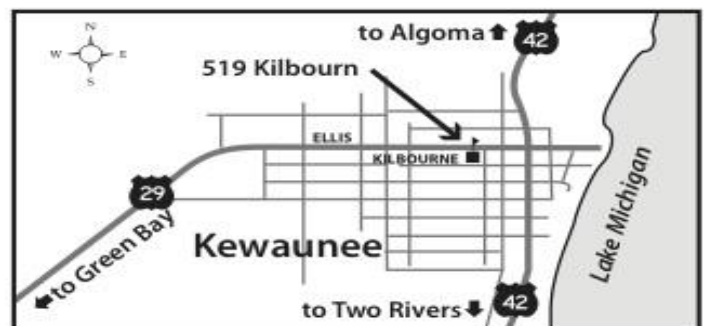
From north of Green Bay: South on Hwy 41 to the Hwy 172 exit. Take Hwy 172 East through Green Bay, merge onto Hwy I-43 south to Milwaukee. Take the Kewaunee exit, then left on Hwy MM for ½ mile, then left on Main Street/US 141 for ¼ mile, then right onto Hwy 29 to Kewaunee (approx. 24 miles). Turn right onto Dodge St, then right onto Kilbourn.

From south of Green Bay: North on Hwy 41 to the Hwy 172 exit. Take Hwy 172 East through Green Bay, merge onto Hwy I-43 south to Milwaukee. Take the Kewaunee exit, then left on Hwy MM for ½ mile, then left on Main Street/US 141 for ¼ mile, then right onto Hwy 29 to Kewaunee (approx. 24 miles). Turn right onto Dodge St, then right onto Kilbourn.

From west of Green Bay: Hwy 54 or Hwy 29/32 east to Green Bay, South on Hwy 41 to the Hwy 172 exit. Take Hwy 172 East through Green Bay, merge onto Hwy I-43 south to Milwaukee. Take the Kewaunee exit, then left on Hwy MM for ½ mile, then left on Main Street/US 141 for ¼ mile, then right onto Hwy 29 to Kewaunee (approx. 24 miles). Turn right onto Dodge St, then right onto Kilbourn.

From Milwaukee and points South of Kewaunee: Follow Hwy I-43 North to Hwy 310 at Two Rivers, Turn right (Hwy 310) into Two Rivers. Turn North (left) on Hwy 42 to Kewaunee (approx. 23 miles) Turn left onto Kilbourn.

From Points East: Here there be Dragons! SWIM Faster!



For complete information, including class lists, go to <http://windhaven.northshield.org/events/fs17>

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