

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES – date 22 May 2008

EXCHEQUER HE Shawna Kerr, This position is still in need of a deputy. Boeing Corporation has set up matching-funds for the Karl Redstone Memorial Youth Combat. Huzzah to HL Ambriel. Thanks to her hard work, the fund has \$1200 in it. (Boeing matched in funds the lovely prizes donated to last year's Autumn War youth tourney)

MARSHALL HL Robert RedBear Makcalpyn. HE Sven is running Sunday's fight practice as a *WAR* practice. Learn to work together as a team. Groups tactics are emphasized. Tuesday, 3 June will be the monthly tourney at Sheridan Elementary. Potluck (Italian theme) after at Their Excellencies' home.

LISTS Lady Aislin, Deputy HE Elspeth. Nothing to report. Ready for the tourneys to start!

WATERBEARER Elizabeth of the Mists. Equipment for waterbearer MIA. Chamberlain states it may still be in her trailer (post-AW07)

CHIURGEON John of Blatha an Oir. Absent

A&S Lady Annaka Poznanska (Agnes di ...) Culinary night at Rafaella's 28 May. If you are declaring for Lord Defender, do so NOW! Check Glymm Mere's web site for Honey War points.

HERALD Mikhail Havernin (Agharat Reywulf) Tourney season is upon us – volunteer for court, field and town crier voice heraldry.

CHRONICLER Abrahe caragoca absent

SCRIBE HLMabel de Wymburn. New scrolls will soon be available for painting. If you have any, get them done and turn them in. Funds have been approved for paper & printing of new scrolls. Next scribal night – 10 June at HE Elspeth's home.

CHATELAINE Agnes di ... absent

GAMES Lady Isabella Wallingford absent

PIED PIPER office vacant

CHAMBERLAIN HE Morgan Rabdox. Waterbearer equipment has not been seen since AW07. Maybe in personal trailer? Who has it? Email sent to HL Imyne.

DEMOS HE Moonshadow nothing to report

Seneschal

This month's seneschal minute will focus on "who's that?"

It is often difficult for a newcomer to tell if the person with whom he is conversing is "Somebody Important." If you are in doubt, be courteous and polite, and address the person as "my lord" or "my lady." These terms are widely used and acceptable to persons of all ranks.

People who wear crowns or coronets are "Somebody Important." In many cases they are, or were, royalty. They won the rights to wear a fancy circlet on their heads. It can be difficult to tell someone's rank because a person of a lesser rank might choose to wear a fancier circlet than someone of higher rank; it partly depends on personal taste. If you are in doubt of the rank, address the person as

"Your Excellency." For all ranks, the design of the crown or coronet can vary greatly from kingdom to kingdom.

- **King and Queen**: Chosen by tournament combat. As the rulers of the entire Kingdom, they can make or change laws except where the new law would conflict with the Society's rules (the Corpora) or the laws of the governments responsible for the area. They are addressed as "Sire," "Your Majesty," "My Lord King/My Lady Queen." Remember that it is courteous to bow or curtsy when speaking to them or passing by them.
- **Prince and Princess**: There are two types of Princes and Princesses--Crown and Territorial. The Crown Prince and Princess are heirs to the kingdom, chosen by combat in the Crown Tourney. They are addressed as "Your Royal Highness." They hold these titles until their coronation as King and Queen. A territorial Prince and Princess rule over a Principality, a territory which is a subdivision of a kingdom. They are also chosen by combat. Their form of address varies from kingdom to kingdom.
- **Duke or Duchess**: They have served at least twice as King or Queen. Call them "Your Grace."
- **Count or Countess**: They have served once as King or Queen. Call them "Your Excellency." Some alternate titles are Earl (Jarl, Jarl) and Graf.
- **Viscount or Viscountess**: They have served at least once as territorial Prince or Princess. Call them "Your Excellency."
- **Baron or Baroness**: They oversee a large local group called a Barony and act as representatives of the Crown. Address them as "Your Excellency."
- **Court Baron or Baroness**: The title is a reward from the Crown, often for exceptional service. However, they are not the heads of territories as are the other barons and baronesses. Address them as "Your Excellency."

There are additional elevated ranks in the SCA: the Chivalry, the Laurels, and the Pelicans. They are collectively known as the Peers of the Realm. In many kingdoms the Order of the Rose is also Peerage-level and in some kingdoms the former royalty are called Royal Peers.

The Chivalry of the SCA consists of the Order of Knighthood and the Order of Mastery of Arms. Members are chosen by the Crown after consulting with the Chivalry for qualities of courtesy, grace and skill at arms. Knights swear fealty to the Crown and are entitled to wear a white belt. They wear a chain as a symbol of their fealty. Call them "Sir" (name). Mastery of Arms is for those persons who choose not to swear fealty and is equal in rank to knighthood. They wear a white baldric but do not wear a chain since it represents fealty. Address them as "Master" (name) or "Mistress" (name). In most kingdoms, spurs are limited to the Chivalry as one of their signs of rank.

Members of the Order of the Laurel are chosen by the Crown after consultation with the Order for great skill in the Arts or Sciences, for their willingness to teach others, and for using their abilities to benefit their kingdom. They are addressed as "Master" or "Mistress" (name). Their insignia is a laurel wreath, usually colored green on a gold background. "Dame" is an increasingly common alternative for

female Laurels and Pelicans. Some female Knights also use the title Dame instead of Sir.

Members of the Order of the Pelican have given of themselves to their kingdom, usually for many years and without thought of reward. They are chosen by the Crown in consultation with the Order. Address them as "Master" or "Mistress" (name). Their insignia is a "pelican in her piety," a pelican piercing her breast to feed her young with her own blood.

The term "lord" or "lady" may refer to anyone in the Society if you do not know their rank, but the title "Lord" or "Lady" is reserved for those who have received an Award of Arms (AoA) from the Crown. This is often the first award granted to a person. It recognizes service to the kingdom or a local group and entitles the person to be called "Lord" or "Lady" (name) and to bear Arms.

****Next month, SCA geography****

Old Business

Daffodil on the horizon. Prep is going well. There will be a soup lunch and potluck dinner. The theme of Year of the Rat plays heavily, so be prepared for plenty of rodents!! (after note – event a delightful success)

Lord Defender - Defenders need to announce their criteria. 25th anniversary celebration will be Saturday night. Sunday morning, there will be a Largess fundraising breakfast - \$10 per plate. Hey – no dishes to clean after Saturday's celebration! Merchants will need their UBI#.

Last call for Harvest feast bids. Well's Hall has already been reserved. Bid awarded to Team Agnes/Rafealla & will have a heavy Spanish influence. Mmmm tasty!

Project night well attended. I had to leave early, so I don't know how much really got done, but it was fun.

Demo Wars – Fort Lewis, Saturday, May 17th. 16 total attendees
Freedom Fest – July 4th falls on a Friday this year. Same rules as Demo Wars.

News from Ethnic Fest? Volunteer! Event takes place at Wight Park, Tacoma – 26-27 July.

Anyone pre-registered for AW yet? How was ACCEPS?

May 13 road trip to Dragonslaire – how did it go? Huge success! They'll be down to visit us in July. Precise date to be posted.

War points distribution for Honey War have been posted. Take a look – EVERYONE has something to contribute. June 2nd is the cut-off for pre-registration.

New Business

Castle needs repairs. Repairs need money. Work party scheduled for NEXT weekend at Thorgoodson's home. (31 May – 1 June) Yes. It's June Faire, but not everyone is going. Funding for repairs is tabled until HE Alekseii discusses the viability and particulars with the work crew.

Money needed for new SCA signs. At least three were stolen from Randall. Morgan has a template for human figure silhouettes, Shaughnessy has offered the use of her projector, others have offered to paint the signs. HE Alekseii has OSB. We just need to a team to get the project rolling. Disposable, weather-resistant signs have been proposed for use at Randle.

HE Tressach is selling all her SCA gear. Contact her privately.

*CHECK OUT THE AUMTUMN WAR WEBSITE!!! FAQ section is up, running and interesting. Set-up team will start on Wednesday, 6 August. Site closes Monday, 11 August at noon. Must be cleared by 5 pm.

Another marshalling class will be offered as soon as enough people show active interest. Please contact Redbear for details.

FINAL WORDS FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Interested in a Baronial Camp at Kingdom-level events? Looking for a home away from home, where everybody knows your name? Let Their Excellencies know!

HE Kane Severus has been put on vigil for knighthood. Huzzah!

BAO is sponsoring an eric for July Coronation. Be sure to either bring your banner to make it prettier, or send it with someone.

Tuesday, 3 June's fight practice promises to be fun. Italian-themed potluck follows. HE Elspeth is making a lasagna. Come one, come all!