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Greetings from the Seneschal



As we head into June our thoughts are mainly centered on Poorman's. We need classes!! Anyone who feels they have knowledge to share please please let the autocrat's know so they may list your class on the website and on the flyer. We also need volunteers for troll and info point. Contact Lady Marie Dudely and let her know you will help out for an hour or two.

June 2nd we are having a mini demo at Alexander Middle School for the 5th and 6th graders. I would love to see all of you there. They're children, and they're interested. Let's make this a wonderful day for them! In particular I need heavy fighters and rapier fighters to do small demos and let the children try on their armor. Chainmailers to show their work...and help children make a small keychain or something. Bellydancers to show a couple simple steps. Anyone know any European dances that could be easily taught to children? Any ideas would be more than welcome. Come help us!!!

See you next time.

Arianna

Cover Challenge:

Can you guess:

- 1) Can you identify the couple in the cover photo?
- 2) How many years ago was the photo taken?

The Chronicler's Quill



Greetings onto the folk
of the Shire of Falcon's Keep,

Thanks to those who have provided articles for this month's Mewsletter. The Mewsletter could be even better however if more people were willing to provide material. I need cover art, A&S articles, and event writeups.

Guttorm and I missed the last moot due to a very exciting event, the marriage of our firstborn, Caitlin Guttormsdottir. Actually it seems I have been missing a lot of activities lately. I missed Haire Affaire due to a mundane business meeting and now I know I will be missing Poor Man's for another mundane business meeting. I only go to two meetings a year. What are the odds they would conflict with our 2 major SCA events? Anyway since I will be missing Poor Man's I am looking for a volunteer to do the Fashion Show. If interested please talk to me or to the autocrat.

YIS
Ealasaid



I can't resist the chance to show off my beautiful daughter!

Anachronists Book Review:

Lady Eve of Lynn

Before tackling the last book of my November order from the History Book Club, I decided to read a few of my old favorite books pertaining to Elizabeth I.

The first was a work of fiction, *My Enemy the Queen*, written by Victoria Holt (She was a well known author who passed away in 1993.) This author was also known as Jean Plaidy and Phillipa Carr. *My Enemy the Queen* was based on the life of Lettice Knollys the second wife of Robert Dudley < Earl Of Leicester. Lettice was also the mother of Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex. Both of these men played an important part in the life of Elizabeth I.

The second book was also a novel *The Lady Elizabeth* written by Alison Weir. It covers Elizabeth's life before she became Queen. *The life of Elizabeth I* also by Weir, takes up the narrative at the time of her sister Mary's death. The reader must keep in mind that the first is a work of fiction and the second is a more scholarly tome although it is not as well documented as Weir's *Henry VIII*. Both are a good addition to any personal library.



Ask Alex

How do people get awards?

Anyone can nominate anyone else for almost any award. If you see someone who you think deserves recognition, you can put them in for an award. This could be someone who has been an officer and kept the group going, someone who is very good at a particular art or science and shares that knowledge or someone who took charge in a battle and lead their fighters to victory.



Each of these examples are in different areas, and there are three different disciplines that our awards fall into. There are the service awards. These awards are for people who perform service to the group, whether that is the local Canton or the Kingdom. These are usually the people who are the first ones at an event and the last ones to leave. They may be found in the kitchen the entire event or pushing the broom after every event. Many times, you don't notice what they do, until it isn't done. Another area are the A&S awards. They are for skill in one or more of the many arts and sciences. This can be anything from brewing to armor making to having a period encampment and knowing everything about your persona. The ability to pass on the knowledge or share the fruits of their labor is also recognized. The last area is in the marital arts. This can be for skill on the armored field, the rapier field, the archery field or on horseback. It could be for passing these skills on to other people, or leadership in battle.

Within each category, there are three levels of awards. The first level is the AOA level awards. These awards bestow an award of arms if the individual does not already have one. As the person's skill improves, or the area affected increases, the next level is non-armigerous, meaning they bestow no titles. The highest level Kingdom awards are grant level. This gives the per-

son who receives the award the title of 'the Honorable Lord/Lady' or Lordship/Ladyship.

All these are Kingdom awards. If you move to another Kingdom, you still have the awards, but they do not count in that Kingdoms Order of Precedence. Society level awards are recognized anywhere in the Known World. The first award that most people receive is called the Award of Arms (AOA),, and it can be given for any type of skill or service. It entitles the recipient to be called "Lord" or "Lady" and to register his or her arms. There are also society level awards at the highest level (above all the Kingdom awards) in each of the 3 major disciplines. These are the Pelican for service to the Society, Laurel for arts & sciences and Knight for armored combat. People who have received these awards are called "Master" or "Mistress" in the case of the Laurel or Pelican and "Sir" in the case of Knights. These awards (as well as the highest level Kingdom awards) are given by the King and Queen with the advice of those already in the Order.

The Kingdom of Northshield has made it pretty easy to put someone in for awards. If you go to Northshield.org, it is the first option in the who's who drop down box. You do have to be logged in, but that is pretty easy also. There is a form to fill out, and submit. It will go to the King and Queen to act on. You will need to know a little bit about the person you are nominating, and the reason you think they deserve the award. If many people put in the same person for the same award, the chances of them getting it can be better. Don't be disappointed if the person does not receive it, or another award is given. It is the Crowns prerogative to bestow awards as they see fit. Try again later. Also try to submit recommendations at least a month before an event, or better yet, 2 – 3. Also list several events the person will be at.

One thing I have always believed is that you shouldn't do the things you do to get awards; you do them because you enjoy doing them, or they need to get done.

Alexandra der Wasserman

Minutes May 17th, 2009

1. After walk thru discussion of the new Poor Man's site.
-During the demo we will be closing the road that runs around the whole site. -The road will be used as a one way drive thru loop for those loading and unloading there gear, tents and ect. -Camper vehicles will not be allowed for the new site. -We will be registering vehicles for anyone attending the event. -At the next moot we will be painting the walls to put on the fence to block traffic view. -Please come with some ideas!

2. Officer Reports

a. Senechal- Next moot will be in Stratford. June moot will be at Lord Janvier and Lady Alex's house. July will be tentatively in Schofield. That may change depending on what still needs to be done for Poorman's. We still need some one to host the August moot. Insurance has been filed for Poor Man's.

b. Chateline- Mistress Ealasaid finished repairing the loaner garb. Thank you! We are looking into purchasing or getting a donation of totes to store the loaner garb in. Please contact Marie Dudely azeidler03@yahoo.com if you have totes you need to get rid of. Marie is planning on starting an articles series of SCA people you may know. The articles will be about peoples personal SCA experiance.

c. Exchequer- Quarterly reports were sent.

d. Chronicler- We still need art and articles for future editions of the newsletter.

e. Web Minister- Robert the Mailer will be took over as web minister for the shire. If there are changes required to the web site please call him or send an e-mail to web minister e-mail. It may take a week to get information updated.

f. Knights Marshall- Memorial day practice will be at Lady Alex's and Lord Janviers in Stratford.

g. Rapier Marshall- Rotation practice will start Memorial Day with the Stratford practice. The rotation will be Stratford(Lady Alex), Wausau(Lord Alessandro), and Rapids(?).

h. Minister of Arts and Sciences- . Emelye is looking for a deputy. -At the next moot we will be painting the walls to put on the fence to block traffic view. Please come with some ideas! AS 50 update.

Meeting adjourned.

See you next time,

Mary of Falcon's Keep

CALENDAR

June 2009

- 6 Silks Needles and More [Korsvag-Fargo ND]
- 6-7 Woodland Romp [Skerjastrond MI]
- 11-14 Pirates, Knaves & Idiots [Noiregarde-Beulah WY]
- 12-14 Border Skirmish [Caer Anterth-Kenosha WI]
- 20 Shakespearean Midsummer [Castel Rouge-Winnipeg MB]
- 20 Bardic Madness [Border Downs-Sioux Falls SD]
- 25-28 Moorish Tavern [Midewinde-Borrineau ND]
- 26-28 Thatsa Mare [Mare Amythystium-Thunder Bay ON]

July 2009

- 9-12 Warriors and Warlords [Nordskogen-Boscobel WI]
- 17-19 Mad Dogs and Englishmen [Border Dwons-Parker SD]
- 17-19 Midsumar [Orlova Dolina-Bemidji MN]
- 23-26 Rabid Yale Hunt [Coldedernhale-White River SD]
- 24-Aug 9 Pennsic War [Aethelmearc]

August 2009

- 7-9 Poor Mans Pennsic [Falcon's Keep-Wisc Rapids WI]
- 7-9 St Radegund's Fair [Rivenwood Tower-Mankato MN]
- 14-16 BYOM [Vuilku Urvas- Deer River MN]
- 21-23 Schutzenfest [Nordskogen, MN]
- 27-30 Ages of War [Silfren Mere-Charles City IA]

September 2009

- 4-7 The Skye is the Limit [Castel Rouge-Gimli MB]
- 4-6 Autumn Rose [Rokeclif-Galersville WI]
- 12 Fall Coronation [Korsvag-Moorhead MN]
- 17-20 Cecil's Siege [Svaty Sebesta-Vermillion SD]
- 25-27 Baronial Anniversary [CaerAnterth-Menominee Fls, WI]
- 26 Tournament of Erewon [Rudivale-Arvilla ND]

Fighting/Rapier practice is held on Monday Evenings at 7pm. Site is rotating. Please check with Vincent.

June Moot

Sunday June 7

THL Alex and Janvier's in Stratford

Moot at 1pm, potluck to follow

We will be painting the walls for the encampment
at Poor Man's so please dress accordingly

From Wisconsin Rapids - Take Hwy34 north out of Rapids, turn west (left) on Hwy 10. Follow Hwy 10 to County Hwy S turn north (Right). Stay on Hwy S (it jogs to the west when you get to Hwy C) until you get to Hwy 153. Turn west (Left) on Hwy 153.

**Follow Hwy 153 to County Hwy H. Hwy H ends at 153 turn south (left) (At Teasers strip club) Long Dr is on the left. We are at the end of Long Dr.

From Wausau/ Stevens Point - Take the Mosinee exit off of I39. Pick up directions at **.

From Marshfield - Take County Highway Y (Becker Road) out of Marshfield until County Highway M. Turn right. Stay on M until you get to Hwy 153 (go straight through Rozellville). Turn right on 153 until Hwy H. H only goes to the left (Teasers is on the corner), turn right. Long drive is the second left, we are at the end.

Web pages of interest:

www.sca.org

www.northshield.org

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www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/falcon/index.htm

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