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Unto The Populace...

From the office of the Baronial Knight's Marshal:

Greeting unto the Barony of Sacred Stone,

I am in need of deputies for my office. Please be an "Achbar" and volunteer. The Achbar has heard a rumor concerned baronial combat archers. There is a need; a need for archers and my hope is to have as many people from the barony on the field-killing enemy.

We need more baronial fighter practices; I would love to see the barony functions as a well-run unit. As things stand now we do well, but we could do better. We need to get all fighters, archers, and siege people together and train as a unit.

Thank you,
Achbar

From the office of the Baronial Chronicler:

Greetings!

This month we are grace with two articles. One from Sir Axel and one from Lady Lorelei. Thank you both!

On another note if you have an interest in become the baronial chronicler please send your letters of intent in to the Seneschal, and the Baron and Baroness as soon as possible.

Lady Murienne

Medieval Arrowheads

I was once asked why we don't use period arrowheads on our arrows in an effort to appear more medieval. The simple answer is that they would tear up the target! Although target or "practice" arrowheads did exist later in period, most were designed to do a great amount of damage to the target, be it human or animal. Discussed below are several typical medieval types of arrow heads ranging from the 9th to 15th centuries.

Medieval arrowheads are generally broken down into several categories. The first category is the Tanged arrowhead. This type was "screwed" or fitted into the shaft of the arrow and was relatively easy to make. As smithing technologies improved, Tanged heads were replaced by the more difficult to make socket type, which became widespread later in period. Socketed arrowheads fit like a sleeve over the arrow shaft and are considered more aerodynamic and more stable than the earlier type.

Both Tanged and Socketed arrowheads came in a variety of shapes, depending on their use. The most obvious of these uses are arrowheads used during warfare and arrowheads used for hunting. Commonly we hear the terms "broadhead" and "bodkin."

Hunting arrows were made using broadheads with a wide cutting blade which was often barbed. They were designed to remain in the wound until they brought down the animal. The considerable damage they did to the flesh would have caused extensive blood loss, and served to weaken a pursued animal. Another type of hunting arrowhead are those called "forkers", named thus because their barbs pointed forward. Some forkers were crescent shaped and believed to have been used in hunting fowl. Similar crescent shaped arrowheads were also thought to be used in warfare, to damage the sails and rigging of ships.

Warfare arrowheads consisted of both broadheads and bodkins. The broadheads were more compact than their hunting counterparts. They were effective against lightly armored men and horses and are considered the most common type of war-head produced. The bodkin type arrowhead was thin and needle like. Typically they were used to penetrate armor. It is surmised that war-arrowheads were not securely fixed to the arrow shaft, so that they would lodge in the target and separate from the shaft – causing a maximum amount of damage on and later off the field.



Tanged



Bodkin



War
Broadhead



Hunting
Broadhead



Forker

Runo IV (Axel's Folly)

Proudly stood - our brave Sir Axel,
Stood he there - to hurl a challenge,
To a herald - proudly called he,
Say my words - to all who listen,
Axel holds - this very pathway,
And will hold it - til defeated!!!

From the hall - there came a clamor,
Out thru the doors - flew a Mistress,
Tannis leading - some few ladies,
To our hero - ran these women,
Throaty words of praise - they murmured.

Wisked away - his shield most heavy,
Broadsword too - was gently taken,
Helm came next - his hair to finger,
On his young face - kisses planted
Breastplate soon became unbuckled,
Rubbed his body - did the ladies.

Tannis said – we have your weapons,
And likewise - we have your armor
Yield to us now - or we keep them!

Written 25 Jan 2008 for KASF Gyrrh Oldcastle Memorial Poetic Smackdown. Entry needed to be no more than 20 lines, and speak of a Vice. I chose Pride.

Story background:

Tsuneo was Prince of Atlantia and thought that a Royal hunt would be a really cool thing. The Knights would hunt with spears and non-belts would be hunting dogs. Better unbelted Atlantian fighters would represent various animals. Axel was not a spear fighter. So when he and his team of dogs went into the woods he was very quickly killed, and out of the days activities. He stood around for a while in armor looking for someone to fight pickups with, but no one was interested. Seizing on an idea he grabbed a Herald and told him to announce that he was holding the field at a bend in the dirt road in front of the hall, and would hold it until defeated. The herald announced it around the hall, and then went into the hall and announced it. The hall doors flew open and Mistress Tanis of Tyridon and several ladies came running out and proceeded to work their feminine wilds on poor Sir Axel. They rubbed his back, kissed his hands and arms and removed his weapons and armor. Then demanded that he yield when they had his sword, shield, helm and breast plate. Axel was forced to yield before they would return them. Later that evening Axel claimed that he had not actually been defeated because the women, while very good with their weapon style, were not actually authorized in its use...and there for could not use it legally. He then pointed out that as a knight he was a warranted Marshal authorized in ALL weapon forms and would be willing to authorize women in the style. Duke Olaf, who was the Atlantian Earl Marshal at the time, (not being stupid) then offered to make female marshals in the weapon form so that men could be authorized.

Baronial Meeting Minutes

The Sacred Stone Baronial Business meeting was held Sunday May 18 in the home of Syr Axel and Mistress Jeanmaire near Salisbury. Sixteen people gathered at 1 pm.

Deputy Seneschale Gisela vom Kreuzbach/Kate Rauhauser-Smith gave the seneschale's report, which was to say one letter of intent has been received for the open baronial office of castellan/chatelaine from Lady Eva Liao/Meg Webb. Letters will be accepted till the end of May and an officer will be announced at the June meeting. The hand-over of the office will happen as soon as all parties can attend an event with a royal court.

Interim Exchequer Gisela vom Kreuzbach/see above reported no checks written, no deposits made and no checks outstanding, the baronial treasury remains at \$11,111.78. The new signature cards for the baronial account must yet be signed by the Kingdom Exchequer, which will happen at Sapphire Joust. When that card is turned in to Wachovia, Doughal will take all control of the Exchequer's office.

Baronial offices MoL, Herald, Chiurgeon and Web Minister were unable to attend the meeting but all are working their offices, supporting canton and other events and making us proud.

The Web Minister's office has had an offer of assistance from a colleague of Doubghal at Winston-State. The professor is not a member of the Society but teaches Web page development. Muireann will discuss this offer with Asim and the possibilities of this gentleman acting as deputy.

Knights Marshal Achbar ibn Ali/James Morrow reports he NEEDS DEPUTIES. He asked about the status of the barony getting a tourney fence. This was discussed many times over the last two years. Their Excellencies Mark & Alianor told him dimensions can be had from several sources. Achbar will get the dimensions and talk with Sanoukke who has offered to construct the fence.

Achbar was also given encouragement to discuss getting large torches. He will discuss with Duke Logan Ebenwoulve and William the Younger.

Chronicler Muireann of Hindscroft/Nikki Harrington reiterated that her warrant is up the end of September and she needs a replacement.

MoAS, a decision has been reached but an announcement will wait on personal contact with each of the ladies who expressed interest in the position. Watch for a public announcement on this list later this week.

Old Business:

WoVIII staff meetings are scheduled, one immediately after the business meeting Sunday and was held at the China Buffet in Salisbury. The other on Sunday June 1 at 3 pm at the Castle Site. Options for tokens were discussed and ideas and proposals are being sought for the creation of tokens.

Crois Brigitte is supporting the Foothills Arts Council Kidsfest on Saturday July 12 11-3 in Elkin. Everyone is being asked to help in this endeavor, which will highlight the SCA and gives a great opportunity to share our passions and provide great community service in an area where we are lightly represented. Fighters both rapier and heavy are needed for scenarios presented twice and others to lead children and their adults in making items such as favors, heraldic items, weaving, face painting and an enchanted woods walk where the kids will learn about the mythical creatures many of our ancestors thought were real are needed. The Council will provide all supplies needed for crafts if we give them a list. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Gisela/Kate at Gisela.vomKreuzbach@gmail.com if you can help that day.

New Business:

Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday - a bid has been received and accepted from members of the Middlegate region of Hindscroft. Because the group is not yet incipient, the folks involved will run the event as a baronial event with the hope that their incipiency will be made official in time to count this as their incipient event. SSBB will be held Aug 29-31, Labor Day weekend, the weekend before Fall Coronation.

Proposed Portolet Covers - Ceara has proposed a period-esque covering to be constructed to cover portalets at events. She proposes to create two such covers at about \$150 each. The proposal is open for discussion of the populace and will be voted upon at the next business meeting.

Canton Business:

Aire Facoun: Flight of the Falcon III is in the works. Watch for details.

Baelfire Dunn: Below the Salt was a great success and went very well. Thank you to all involved for this event.

Crois Brigitte: Runestone Collegium is on track for June 28 at Winston Salem State University. The canton successfully completed 10 demos this past week for the Forsyth County Library system. The estimate is that there were about 300+ attendees over the course of the week. People are still needed for a demo at the Redeemer School demo this week on Thursday.

Charlesbury Crossing: Achbar has accepted the position of deputy seneschal and given up the office of canton herald. The group will run a demo at the ConCarolina May 30-June 1 and will welcome any help. Contact Achbar for details. The group is also resurrecting the Festival in the Park. Watch for details. The group holds regular A&S Wednesday night gatherings and Stuff Night and fighter practices most Thursdays. Contact Achbar for details.

Hindscroft: The group hosts fighter practices the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Contact William of Oland or Raven MacGillicuddy for information or to be sure a practice will be held. Glory Wars, originally planned for Nov 8 must now find a new date as Fall Crown has moved to this date. The group is also planning a free event/demo, to be listed in the Acorn and open to the public. Watch for details.

Salisbury Glenn: Performers Revel South will happen May 31 at the home of Syr Axel and Mistress Jeanmaire from 1 pm till 11. Admission is free but performance is required of everyone in attendance. Feast is Potluck. Information can be found at http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_flyer.php?event_id=1ed3028d

The hopefully soon to be incipient canton Middlegate: Has filed all necessary paperwork and we now wait for the pleasure of the kingdom and Society. The group has been asked to organize a demo for a local bed and breakfast on July 12. This seems a marvelous opportunity to make connections in an area where we are under-represented and with business owners who have a great interest in the SCA. Note this is the same date as the Elkin Kidsfest.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

May22 - Redeemer School Demo, Winston-Salem

May 31 - Performers Revel South

May 30-June 1 - ConCarolina

June 28 - Runestone

July 12- Elkin Kidsfest RenFaire

July 12 - Middlegate Demo

July 25-Aug 10 - Pennsic

Aug 29-31 - SSBB
















Oct 9-12 - War of the Wings III

Meeting Schedule

The baronial meeting for the month of May will be held on June 22nd at Bunker Hill High School in Hickory.

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