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Officer Reports

Coronet

Greetings to all! Greetings to all!

We hope this missive finds you happy, healthy, and well-fed. Abelard is working from home, and will seize any opportunity to get into the car (even if it's just to sit there and read a book), but hasn't driven more than 20 miles from home - the other day he bemoaned the fact that he was going to lose his ability to daytrip events across the Known Worlde. Ysolt has been working on jewelry and ensuring that the cats have sufficient laps.

We have a new King and Queen! Congratulations to Their Majesties Ciaran and Elis, and congratulations to Countess Jehanette on her reign! The coronation ceremony is available to view at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9B7aLHB76I>, if you would like to watch it. Fealties were sworn later for those interested in doing so virtually. We look forward to the opportunity to swear in person.

Courts have become virtual for the time being. The royal court for Border Skirmish (and some other events) will likely be on June 13 - stay tuned for more details.

The Middle Kingdom has thrown the gauntlet and challenged the other Kingdoms to a dance challenge. If you are interested in participating, there is an informational blurb elsewhere in the Tower. Please participate!

If people would like to have online gatherings - not business meetings, not fighter's practices, just hanging out and seeing each other - please let us know.



This, too, shall pass. We will get through this. Be strong, be safe, and wash your hands!

In service,

ABELARD AND YSOLT

Baron and Baroness Caer Anterth Mawr



Chronicler

Greetings! These are interesting times—and it is my hope (HINT HINT) that some of you will document your activities and send those articles for publication in *Song of the Tower*, so that we have a record for the future.



In service,

Idonia



Herald

Greetings,
Happy SCAdian New Year! Welcome to *Anno Societatis* (A.S.) LV!

I am pleased to announce that the badge for Award of the Flame and Swan, (*Fieldless*) *On a flame Or a swan naiant*

azure, is now registered by Laurel. This is the first baronial award badge ever to be registered. I have mailed the submissions for badges for the Orders of Twr Mawr, Commanders Castle, and the Mullet of CAM, and for the group service award, tentatively the Award of the Boar's Head.



I am working with Lady Serena Ordoñez on resubmitting her device, as well as a household name and badge for her and Sir Murdoch's household.

My term of office expires this December. If you are interested in learning more about the office, please feel free to ask me any questions. Like all the officers, I am also willing to take on deputies. If anyone needs assistance with registering their name and/or armory (device or badges), please let me know. My schedule is pretty flexible.

In Service,
ARNBJØRN



Archery Captain and Thrown Weapons Marshal

Welcome to A.S. LV. Normally, in May, I would be widely proclaiming that the outdoor archery season has begun, that we are going to twice weekly practices, and publishing the outdoor schedule. Sadly, we are not living in normal times. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, state government has largely shutdown all nonessential activities through most of May. The Kingdom of Northshield has suspended all official activities, including practices, until June 30, 2020, at the earliest.

As a result of the pandemic, Schützenfest, Mermaids, Border Skirmish, Warriors & Warlords, and Pennsic have been postponed to 2021 or cancelled. One glimmer on the horizon, should conditions permit, the Barony of Windhaven plans to hold another Missile Mayhem in September.

While the season was truncated, Caer Antherth was well represented in the 26th annual Gwyntarian Winter Shoot. Out of 122 participants, Northshield accounted for 21 of them, all from Jararvellir or Caer Antherth Mawr. Caer Antherth's rankings are:

- 1) -23rd overall- Arnbjörn Karlsson (C #60 ns)- 140
- 2) -36th overall- Rhys ap Ishmael Llygad Odd (L #45 ns)- 109
- 4) -40th overall- William of Mann (R #43 ns)- 106
- 13) -78th overall- Karl Friedrich of Dinkelsbuhl (L#58 ns)- 58

While we are being kept from the range, I encourage arch-

ers to check and repair their gear. Make or buy some more arrows. Help keep your arm strength up by drawing your bow 20 times a day. DO NOT DRY FIRE YOUR BOW!

Curia has approved a second two-year term for me as Group Thrown Weapons Marshal-in-Training. I had hoped to complete the MiT process this summer, but like so many other things this year, that will be on hold. Unlike archery, which is prohibited in the private yards of many cities and villages, thrown weapons is an arts martial that you a) can do in most private yards and b) can do by yourself, thus maintaining social distance. As all official in-person SCA functions are suspended until further notice, meaning no marshals are present, any TW done in your yard is entirely outside the scope of the SCA.

Stay safe, wear your masks, wash your hands, stay home, and hopefully by July, if not sooner, we can come out and play.

Ever in Service to the Barony,

ARNBJØRN



Boar's Head Steward

Save the date!

Feast of Boar's Head 2020—"Winter Solstice: Light in the Dark"

Saturday, December 5, 2020
Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center
3000 County Hwy PV, West Bend, WI 53095

Event Steward: The Hon. Lady Asabella of Caer Antherth Mawr (Elizabeth Johnson) Asabella69@yahoo.com 414-418-1206

Staff needed for every position! Please contact the event steward if you are interested.



Curia Minutes

April 21, 2020: Abelard, Sofonisba, Armond, Arnbjorn, Kale, Theresa, Tony, Ysolt, Rhys, Belle, Tatiana, Geoffrey, Rachel, Octavian, Randall, various assorted pets.

Baron and Baroness: Stay healthy, stay alive. Keep your chins up. Keep participating in online and virtual events. If you have projects that you want to work on but lack resources, let us know - we have resources here and can get more. Also, there are some dance and glow video challenges coming our way - keep your eyes open for opportunities!

Seneschal: COVID-19 is not a joke. Interim seneschal period is over at the end of this month, and Tatiana will step back in until September - collecting letters of intent in July.

There was a Kingdom-wide Seneschal meeting last night, and we talked about many things. For instance, the online survey - please participate! There's a new Kingdom Seneschal: Alinore. There's a lot of stuff still happening out there - go and look. If you host a video or class, don't put a link to it on your website or facebook page - you can post that an event is happening, but say "if you want a link, send me a PM." If you want more information, contact Duchess Petranella. The Kingdom has a Zoom account - if you want to use it, Tatiana can send you information. (You'll have to fill out a form, have to be a warranted officer, and sessions are only an hour long unless you request longer.) It was uplifting to see the faces and hear the voices of everyone else who is going through this. Border Skirmish, May Day Moot, Warriors and Warlords, Northern Realms War are all cancelled. The decision about Pennsic will be made by May 15. Our Border Skirmish reservation has been rolled over to 2021. Link to the online survey: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKAsCa7maB0UapE7DdnDgFFPILwrFV0J7MK_G3Vhh4Gkpp2w/viewform?fbclid=IwAR04jj4--FATCNokwtaMdLe6YZP8puvt1fyFpfNhhePpmO-DyvGV3XbXFSyW]

Chronicler: Articles are due by the 25th.

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Still doing A&S. Most activity is food and clothing-related, with a smattering of animal husbandry and jewelry mixed in. We will probably have a group chat for the cooking guild. Also, Dahrien has been hosting bardic circles online - sometimes as many as 30 people, sometimes staying up until 3 a.m., just like a real bardic circle!

Webminister: The domain has been switched, so now we're down to two hosting providers (Wix and iPower). Also, email is working again. Her goal is to make the job of webminister as simple as possible - technology should not be a barrier. Also: Time to renew Wix. Discussed (with the email discussion, below). Ultimately made the motion that Rachel should renew Wix for the least amount of money possible, not to exceed \$102 per year. Voted, passed, approved.

Knight's Marshal: No practices. Hit the pell. Fix your armor.

Archery: On hiatus. Shoot in your back yards if you're not in Milwaukee County and it's legal.

Thrown Weapons: On hiatus. Throw in your back yards if you have the resources to do so. Also, term of office is ending. Arnbjorn has submitted an LOI to take the office for another two years. Moved, voted, passed, approved.

Rapier: On hiatus. Fix your armor.

Youth combat: There are now Kingdom Youth Combat Champions, for armored, rapier, and archery. Vivant! It's legal for parents to practice fighting with their children without a marshal present. And kids can hit the pell too.

Chatelaine: Problems posting to the CAM list. Will fix it.

There's a new person coming to Milwaukee next month who might need crash space. Need photos to put together flyers and other promotional materials - send to Belle. Has plans for demos, once we can be in public again.

Exchequer: What about the church? (Not sure if they're receiving the checks, but they haven't been cashed yet.) The storage locker should extend through the end of the year. Need to send a check to Washington County Fair Park to cover reservations for the next five years (six, including 2020). Reimbursements for Border Skirmish pre-reg have been written but not sent yet. Since we have a password for the online bank account, will share with Seneschal.

Quartermaster: Trailer is safe. We still need to clean out the storage locker when we're allowed to do so.

Herald: Flame and Swan badge passed. The new badges will go out soon: Award of the Boar's Head, Order of the Mullet, Order of Commander's Castle, Twr Mawr.

New Business: Officer email options: Option 1: stick with iPower. This costs money and keeps us spread across multiple providers. Option 2: Free gmail (every office has their own gmail address, such as camwebminister@gmail.com). This means that we lose the caeranterth.org mail address space. Option 3: Paid GSuite Basic. We can keep our name, but it costs money. Option 4: Minimal GSuite Basic with forwards. We can keep our name, but it costs slightly less money. Option 5: Free GSuite for NPF organizations. We can keep our name but it doesn't cost money. General opinion: Option 5. Rachel will sort it all out and keep us updated.

Old Business: Border Skirmish has been cancelled. Our deposit will roll to 2021. We were going to build some handwashing stations, for which Sofonisba purchased faucets. She will put those in the trailer. Reimbursement moved, passed, voted, approved. Also paid for the North-watch ad, and check was refunded. Next year we've asked for the Activity Building as well as the picnic pavilion. We also found out that we would have been sharing the site with a motorcycle swap meet - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, complete with live bands in the grandstand and camping. We've never come up against that before, but we now know it's a possibility. Keep your eyes open for a backup site, just in case. Baronial Champs: September 26? Will put in a reservation at the Legion Hall. Don't need to send a deposit until August. Boar's Head: Need a feast steward. Maybe a team endeavor again? Will discuss. Note, we're going to reserve Washington County Fair Park for Boar's Head for the next five years (six, including 2020). Need to sign the new contracts.

Guilds and Groups: Everything on hiatus, with the possible exception of Cooking which might meet virtually.

What have YOU been reading?



Research ... fiction ... abstracts ... blogs! Reviews welcome!



Topics of Interest to One and All

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To post to the CAM List, send letters (from a subscribed e-mail address) to camlist@googlegroups.com

Facebook Pages associated with the Barony

Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr

South Eastern Wisconsin Armored Combatants

Students for Creative Anachronism at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Also of interest –

SCA Kingdom of Northshield

Kingdom of Northshield Discussion Group

There are MANY MANY Facebook groups dedicated to the SCA. You can find a SCA Facebook group on just about any topic of interest for the SCA, from fighting to cooking to leatherwork to bardic.

A Magic Moment

In the SCA it seems we all love “those” moments. You know the ones I mean. The moments that send shivers down your spine and the line between our reality and our SCA time blurs. About 25 years ago, I attended my first Pennsic War. I was walking through the merchant area after dark during midnight madness. People were milling around, laughing and chatting. The light spilling out of the tents did not reach all the shadows. In between two tents, a lady was singing. Her long hair flowed around her face and the passion she felt for the words she sang was clearly reflected in her face as the light from the tents softly illuminated her. Her voice made me want to hear more. I wandered over to listen. I listened for a while, entranced, and shivers ran down my spine as she sang Savage Daughter. I revisit that perfect moment every time I hear the Honorable Mistress Skjaldvor Kormaksdottir, called Wyndreth, sing this song. —Tatiana

My Mother's Savage Daughter

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Chorus:

I am my mother's savage daughter,
the one who runs barefoot cursing sharp stones.
I am my mother's savage daughter,
I will not cut my hair, I will not lower my voice.

My mother's child is a savage,
She looks for her omens in the colors of stones,
In the faces of cats, in the fall of feathers,
In the dancing of fire and the curve of old bones.

(Chorus)

My mother's child dances in darkness,
And sings heathen songs by the light of the moon,
And watches the stars and renames the planets,
And dreams she can reach them with a song and a broom.

(Chorus)

My mother's child curses too loud and too often,
My mother's child laughs too hard and too long,
And howls at the moon and sleeps in ditches,
And clumsily raises her voice in this song.

(Chorus)

Now we all are brought forth out of darkness and water,
Brought into this world through blood and through pain,
And deep in our bones, the old songs are wakening,
So sing them with voices of thunder and rain.

(Chorus x3)

We are our mother's savage daughters,
The ones who run barefoot cursing sharp stones.
We are our mother's savage daughters,
We will not cut our hair, We will not lower our voice

Officer Regnum

Baron & Baroness

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Business meetings

Caer Anterth Mawr's Curia (business) meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month (some exceptions). Currently, all Curia meetings are being held via conference call.

See www.caerantherth.org or the baronial Facebook page.

Open Offices

◇ Quartermaster (Baronial Storage Locker Manager)

◇ Minister of Youth—Vacant—Open until filled

Submit letters of intent to the Their Excellencies, the Seneschal, and the incumbent officer.

◇ Boar's Head 2020 Feast Steward bids—open until filled. Submit your letter of intent to Their Excellencies and the Seneschal.

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The Champions of Caer Anterth Mawr

Armored Combat & Thrown Weapons: The Hon. Lord Lothar Von Wyrmhoudt

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Rapier: Duke Corin du Soleil

Bardic: Mistress Prisilka the Sensible