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Their Majesties of the Midrealm Crowned

By Milesent Vibert

It was a gloomy and chill April 13th, but still over 750 gentles flocked to the Bohemian Hall to witness the spectacle and ceremony of the Coronation of the King and Queen of the Middle Kingdom. Fraught with the difficulties to be expected from hosting such a large event, and right after hosting the fall Coronation of Ragnvaldr and Arabella and our Regular January Event, the populace still pulled it off with the style, panache and dedication that have become the hallmark of this Barony. For a long time now we had planned this day for two of our own, and regardless of the circumstances, that

plan remained.

Morning court was entertaining, largely due to poor Pietro's uncharacteristic mistakes, naming Arabella Queen by right of arms- much, it seemed, to Arabella's liking. The coronation ceremony itself featured the renowned pageantry of Darkyard, including a man playing (and wearing) a period horn. Valharic processed in with the legions, Branos himself behind him, I believe, holding a victor's wreath over his head and reminding the prince that "Thou art mortal". Alys processed in under a bower of silk flowers carried by her attendants, proceeded by an honor guard armed with kitchen utensils and

garbed in an exquisite Byzantine gown. At the end of it all, someone yelled "Beware the Ides of September!" and was put down quickly by the royal guard.

There was a tournament for Chivalry only which the newly dethroned Ragnvaldr marshaled. Our own Alaric entered the semi-finals, perhaps inspiring Pietro's other well-received flub that evening, of calling out "We, Alaric, King by right of arms...", but fell before the final bout. There was also a bear pit tournament marshaled by Ser Nick, and youth and rapier combats. Rapier combatants took the long climb to the fourth floor with good cheer for

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Cleftlands Without A Baron

By Lyonnete Vibert

On Thursday, April 11th, 2002, at the request of then-king Ragnvaldr, Their Graces Laurelen and Ithrilliel stepped down as Baron and Baroness Cleftlands. The populace was informed in a royal court on Wednesday, April 17th, before our weekly Baronial meeting and the ritual thanking of event staff for the Coronation of the 13th. For the first time since its founding twenty-two years ago, The Barony of the Cleftlands is without a Baron.

The abrupt timing, and its coincidence with the turmoil of hosting

a kingdom level event in the barony, was, in the words of Her Grace Arabella, "Disappointing. We were trying to take care of this before stepping down. We would have liked to have taken care of this earlier, so there would be no confusion whose decision it was. Valharic was included only at the very end."



Ragnvaldr and Arabella were moved to this action by the Baronial Confidence poll, which returned a result of 59.46% supporting Laurelen as Baron, 25.46% supporting Ithrilliel as Baroness, and 34.29% supporting Their Graces together as Baron and Baroness.

According to Her Grace Arabella, while the populace, as the crown, loved and supported Laurelen, many did not and still do not know Ithrilliel, and current kingdom law prohibits an inactive member from holding Baronial title. Whatever Ithrilliel's contributions behind the scenes, she was perceived by the populace as inactive. According to Arabella, the idea was never to remove Laurelen, but it was assumed he would not reign as baron without his lady. Laurelen was never asked directly if this was the case.

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It would be remiss not to note that, even if a substantial majority of the barony had supported both Laurelen and Ithriel, the law gives the king the right to remove a baron for any reason. However, it would not be in any king's best interest to act against the populace, and the purpose of the poll was to obtain the populace's opinion. It must also be noted that the incoming king has every right to reverse that decision, or to appoint Laurelen again baron. In His Grace Laurelen's words, however, "There is nothing to overturn. Ithriel and I have stepped down."

Valharic and Alys were kept out of the decision process by their predecessors, due to their close relationship with the barony. Valharic was informed of the king's decision on Monday, April 8th. Alys did not find out until Friday the 12th, when she received a cryptic email from a concerned subject. This timeline comes to the chronicler via Arabella in a telephone interview and by Alys during the royal court of 4-17-02.

At the same court, Their Majesties Valharic and Alys set forth a plan that they would accept applications for baronial candidacy, in the form of letters of intent sent to the Kingdom Seneschal, for two weeks, after which time a poll would be sent out to all the same members who received the confidence poll. If no clear choice is presented by that polling, a second, narrower poll would be sent out. While this abbreviated process is different from that delineated in Kingdom law, TRM made it clear that their intention was to make the process as expedient as possible, thus to spare the barony further hardship. Rumor suggests that Their Majesties hope to have a new Baron in place as soon as Northern Oaken War Maneuvers. This rumor has not been confirmed.

His Majesty also assured the barony that he would read and pay close attention to any letters from the populace, including those living outside the barony who participate regularly within.

To be considered for the position of Baron or Baroness, a person must be a paid member of the SCA in good standing. One does not have to live within the boundary of the barony, provided that one is not prevented from regularly participating in the barony. It is not necessary for a couple to run, we may have a single Baron or Baroness. Kingdom law also states that there should not be a substantive objection to the candidate within the baronial populous.

If the deadline suggested in the court of April 17th is kept, one must make ones intent known to TRM in writing by next Wednesday, May 1st.



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it meant more room for them to play.

There were classes mostly taught by Cleftlanders, organized by Anastasia 'Vashti' Bathory, and an excellent lunch kitchen run by James le Hauke. The lunch kitchen reportedly sold out of everything down to the last leaf of lettuce. The lunch foods were prepared in advance with the help of Sarra, Devona, and Aethelstan's church. Hauke and Gina manned the counter. Marsailli's children's point had a fine event, the kids were reportedly kept well entertained and busy.

As always the Cleftlands Scribes Guild shone in the two courts producing a dozen scrolls despite many scribes holding other staff positions for the event. Indeed this was an event of our populace giving their all, from Conrad and his fellow Nosse Eldesar craftsmen building a sturdy set of stairs for the stage at literally the last minute, the night before the event, to the intrepid Lyonnete Vibert volunteering to make 800 milifiore site tokens a short two weeks before the event when the original site token plan fell through.

The evening court held just as much pageantry as the morning, with Their Majesties Alys and Valharic resplendent in white bejeweled Byzantine tunics. Several Cleftlanders were honored at the event including Master Calum who has been named the Queen's Champion, Dulcia Wylde who received her award of arms for her dedication to fencing and acting as merchant coordinator, and a well deserved Court Baronacy for the Honorable Lady Seadna for her many years of service to the Arts and Sciences at Pennsic War. The coronet presented to her Excellency Seadna featured six candles representing the arts and sciences, with each flame a tiny jewel.

The event ended with a feast worthy of a royal pair renowned for Their achievements in the culinary arts. No doubt tantalized by the published tentative menu, the populace pre-registered in droves, leaving a fifty person waiting list for feast seats on the day of the event. Some claim it is a miracle of the Goddess Clairiel, who acted in the humble roll of Gatekeeper for the event, that all fifty were found places to sit feast. Lady Cienwen provided a sumptuous faire that boasted many subtleties, including a roast suckling pig. The feast was served with high pageantry, taking a full three and a half hours to serve.

Exchequer's Report

This report covers the period from December 31st, 2001 to March 31st, 2002. Hence, most of the event-related figures refer to the January event.

We have had yet another quarter of positive growth, following a profitable event.

Income

Direct Contributions: \$606.60
Event-Related \$3918
Total Gross Income: \$4524.60

Expenses

Event-Related:

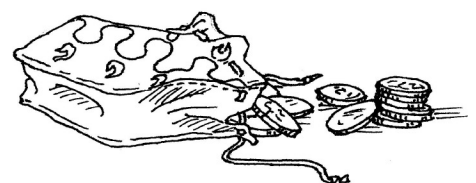
Bad Debts \$7.94
Food \$711.96
General Supplies 130.17
Occupancy & Site Charges \$1850
Total event-related expenses:
\$2700.07

Non-Event-Related:

Equipment Rental & Maintenance
\$50
Occupancy & Site Charges \$937.50
Printing & Publications \$168.86
Total Expenses: 3856.43

The Balance

Net Event Income (Event expenses
minus gross event profits): 1217.93
Net Income: \$668.17
Cash on Hand at start of quarter:
\$7161.74
Cash on Hand at end of quarter:
\$7829.91
Change in Net Worth + \$668.17



Calendar

As Usual:

Regular Meetings on Wednesday Nights at the Shore Center

Archery Guild is looking for a new meeting place, as Lucas Archery is closing its doors forever. See Darius or Christina if you know of a range that allows crossbows and year-round shooting. Otherwise, 1pm on Sundays at Lucas

Armorer's Guild Thursday nights at Ealdred's house.

Local Happenings:

4-24 Demo: CWRU Saturday Sampler event 1pm on CWRU campus

5-5 Demo: Stone Creed Grove dance demo at North Chagrin Reservation

5-9 Dance Guild meeting at Euclid Public Library

5-21 Scribes Guild meeting and class at Master Alden's

5-24 Demo: Shaker Heights 3-7pm

5-29-02 Glass Painting class at desert revel, taught by Lady Alex

6-7 NOWM

Selected Events:

5-3 through 5-5 - Encampment at the Castle {Three Towers} [Mansfield, OH]

5-10 through 5-12 - Baron Wars {Marshes} [Perrysburg, OH]

5-17 through 5-19 - Tyger Hunt {Hawkland Moor} [Lake Orion, MI]

5-25 through 5-26 Crown Tournament and Kingdom A&S {Mynydd Seren} [Bloomington, IN]

6-1 Clown Tourney {Narrental} [Peru, IN]

6-7 through 6-8 Northern Oaken War Manuvers {Cleftlands} [Cleveland, OH]

6-7 through 6-16 Lilies War {Calontir} [Kansas City, MO]

6-14 Push for Pennsic {Norborough} [Troy, OH]

Would you like your guild or household meeting or event posted here? Just get it to the Chronicler by the last Monday of the month!

