



The newsletter of the Cleftlands, Vol. 4: Issue 27, May, 2002

Northern Oaken Prepares for War Maneuvers

The Eastern Tyger has risen, and the valiant armies of Oaken gather in anticipation of the call to arms, prepared to show our strength once again in War Maneuvers.

There were rumors that last Northern Oaken would be the final one held at the Ukrainian camp, fortunately they've dissipated and the Ukrainians have welcomed us back for another year. Crispin dela Rochfoucauld has once again shouldered the daunting task of autocrating Northern Oaken War Maneuvers, this time with a deputy event Steward, Stephan von Lubeck. The site is animal friendly (though there are no equestrian activities this year) and dripping wet. With both the King and Queen planning to attend this is sure to be a Northern Oaken to remember!

There will, of course, be heavy weapons fighting at the event. With melee practices and champions battles as well as a torch-light tourney Friday night. Rutgur is coordinating heavy weapons activities and wished to remind all fighters to drink early, drink often... water that is. Lady Francesca is once again heading the waterbearers. As usual they will need lots of gallon jugs that

have been carefully washed out and stored with their caps off so that nothing scary, fuzzy or green grows in them before the event. Also of interest to fighters, there will be a spear class after the melees on Saturday led by Sir Brannos, and a class on scouting held by Master Broom.

Lady Snowden is in charge of rapier combat for the event and is planning a host of melee practices. The cannon will be in attendance as well for those hoping to learn how to be a part of an artillery crew, or how to survive the

onslaught of one! She is considering a torchlight tourney for fencers, see Snowden if you have an opinion.

There will also be archery, thrown weapons (hopefully, the thrown weapons marshal hasn't confirmed yet!) and siege weapons of all sorts. For archery there will be an advancing man, clout and royal round as well as a surprise shoot with a prize. Darius is the Archery marshal in charge with two marshals in training, Ian and Imre helping out. There will be a

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Baronial Succession Process Continues

In response to the letters she has received, the Kingdom Seneschal sent a letter which was read into the minutes of our last Baronial meeting. In part it delineates how the Baronial selection process will proceed from this point. Nial did mention during meeting that some of the things he is said to have said are incorrect. Please, if you have any questions regarding the role anyone has played in this process, see the individual personally.

Here is the letter from Kingdom Seneschal in its entirety :

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of

Cleftlands from Rosamund Beauvisage, Seneschal of this Middle Kingdom.

I have asked Lord Nial to read a missive to you all and to post the same to your Baronial e-mail discussion list so that will be as little ambiguity as possible from this point onward about the Baronial polling process in Cleftlands. And no matter how you may feel about me taking this step or about what I say, please pay careful attention to the content of my missive, both in its detail AND in its spirit. I would come tell you these things in person but my teaching schedule precludes me from attending your business meetings and personal family obligations prevent me from attending North Oaken War Maneuvers. This is the best I can do to

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Candidates inside this

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Exchequer's Report: Coronation

The coronation of Valharic and Alys netted a profit of \$878.51 for the Barony- an equal share with the kingdom. Here follow the specifics for the event.

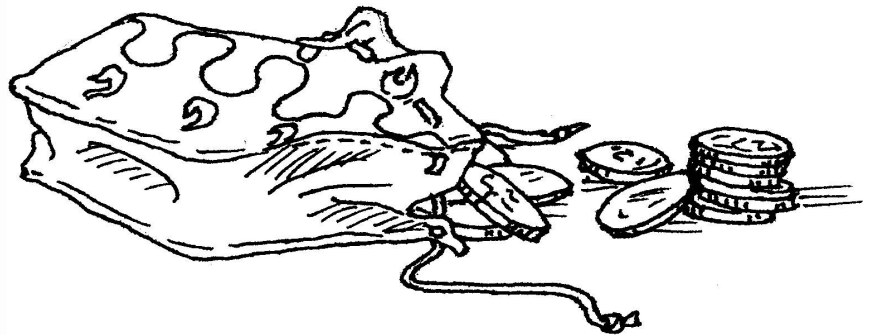
Income

Site Fees (Adult)	\$4452.00
Site Fees (Child)	\$188.50
Feast Fees (Adult)	\$2122.00
Feast Fees (Child)	\$54.00
Merchant's Fee	\$280.00
Table Fees	\$120.00
Lunch	\$581.00
Server's Site Fees	\$118.00
Total Income:	\$8184.50

Expenses

Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$275.00
Food	\$1992.12
General Supplies	\$179.80
Occupancy & Site Charges	\$3750.00
Printing & Publications	\$105.90
Site Tokens	\$85.66
Refunds	\$39.00
Total Expenses:	\$6427.48

Funds Transferred to Kingdom:\$878.51
Net Profit:\$878.51



Dramatis Personae: Meet the Candidates

Despite the decision to disallow nominations and the short time period for candidates to step forward, we have a wealth of individuals who've put their heads on the block for the job of Baron or Baroness. Here is a brief glimpse at these varied and worthy individuals.

Note: the length and placement of biographies are solely the accident of amount of information given to the editors and laying out a newsletter to have nice margins and so on.



Lady Madelaine Bouvier joined the SCA about 19 years ago. One of four scribes who (on the same day) received the Winged Trine for notable achievement in calligraphy and illumination, Madelaine's other SCA pursuits have included Storytellers' Guild and dance. Her "half sister", Martinique, has not been seen for some time, but is known for her skillful Middle-Eastern dancing. Madelaine has served as head of the Barony's archery guild, and as an archery marshal. Work in numerous event kitchens, including as a feastocrat, earned her a Purple Fret. She is now best known for her needlework, for which she received the Order of the Willow. Madelaine's gambesons, doublets, sideless surcotes, and other work can be seen on numerous Cleftlanders, and a few others besides. Her classes have been well received at Cleftlands' Pandidactium, Northern Oaken War Maneuvers, and Pennsic War. She is currently the Cleftlands Needleworkers Guildmistress.

Sir Ephraim ben Shlomo joined SCA about 21 years ago in what is now Aethelmarc, and moved to Cleftlands two years later. He has served in the Cleftlands battle unit annually since PW XIII (except for one summer when he could not attend). His poetry depicting Midrealm history twice won the Baronial Championship in the days when it was decided by an Arts & Sciences competition. A past guildmaster of the Storytellers and Armourers Guilds, he later served as Standard Bearer, and was subsequently knighted in AS XXX. He is the author of notes which interpret the Oath of Fealty sworn by MidRealm Knights, and of the words to the Cleftlands Battle Song. A holder of two Purple Frets and a Sapphire, Ephraim proposed and autocratted the first January "Regular Event in Cleftlands", and later served as Baronial Seneschal. He received the Winged Trine in relation to his service as an event autocrat.



Greetings unto the Barony of the Cleftlands from Ser Nickolas Grigorevich Petrov and THL Serena Kimbalwyke!

We are enthusiastic about the opportunity this Baronial transition offers, and thankful to The Forum for this space to share some information about us.

Ser Nickolas has been in the SCA for 15 years. He started in the Marche of Tirnewydd (Columbus, OH) and moved to the Cleftlands several years ago. He was Knighted three years past (don't let the Ser throw you, it's the Russian persona specific version of "Sir."), and currently has one man-at-arms, the youth fighter Ely. Nickolas is the current North Oaken Regional Heavy Marshal, as well as the Web Minister for the Marche of Tirnewydd (a job that just sorta moved with him). He actively leads the youth martial training in the Cleftlands, as well as training adult heavy fighters, and has been the heavy marshal in charge of the last two Cleftlands' events. A former squire of Duke Sir Comar, he is apprenticed to Elwynor ferch Alwyn, OL. He has received numerous awards, including the Dragon's Tooth, the Dragon's Teeth (x2), the Purple Fret, and the Doe's Grace.

THL Serena has been in the SCA for nine years, all of it in the Barony of the Cleftlands. She was the second Dean of the Equestrian College of the Middle Kingdom, and was instrumental in converting equestrian activities from being simply a riding club into a true marshal activity. She received her Dragon's Heart for her work with the Equestrian College, which included re-writing the Equestrian Handbook and marshalling countless equestrian events. Serena attends HRM Alys, and will be a retainer at Pennsic XXXI. She is currently pioneering research into the rearing of silkworms and silk moths within the SCA. She is a protégé to Duchess Garlanda de Stanas, OP. Among other recognitions, she is the tri-premier of the Order of the White Lance.

We are very active and travel extensively. Last year we attended 20 events (about two events a month). The vast majority of these were out of the Barony, and two were outside the Kingdom. As you read this we have already attended ten events this year, including the out of Kingdom Blackstone Raids. We are a strong team, each having strengths where the other is less strong. Together, we believe we have the skills, experience, and knowledge of the SCA, Middle Kingdom, and Barony to successfully fulfill the position of



NOWM Continued

veritable host of merchants. As of last week 19 had confirmed with as many as 9 more maybes, Lady Giovanna Giovanelli once again proving her prowess as merchant coordinator. And yes, the merchants will be in the shade!

Lady Celeste is once again organizing middle eastern activities with a Hafta Saturday night and possible henna party during the day. Milesent is scheduling classes on a variety of subjects. Notably our Lady Aurora will be teaching her popular 'Thrifty Anachronist' class, and Lady myfanwy will teach illuminating knotwork. Saturday night there will be the traditional Brewer's Roundtable led by Lord Nial – a popular event in and of itself.

Garvin the Slow is organizing the feast Saturday night and is confident of feeding a good many people at a good price and quickly! Help is needed everywhere of course, on the field waterbearing, helping the Shire Reeve, giving Marsaili an hour's help with the kids, and so on. Just about every staff member can use a little help, see Garvin to help in the kitchen or serving, servers get feast for half price.

There will be a camp out and clean up Saturday June first, bring your work gloves and your tent and be prepared to work and play hard. There will likely be a fighter and archery practice after the clean up has finished, and definitely a bonfire.

If you can't find any place else to help out, help out by pre-registering with our troll, Christina of the Black Rose Inn, and save everyone time in the troll line! More details on the schedule of activities is available on the event website: <http://cleftlands.cwru.edu/NOWM6.html>

Kingdom Seneschal's Letter, Continued

give it to you first-hand, from the "top", straight from the horse's mouth (not the other end, despite some rumors) without attending in person.

The following is VERY lengthy (hence the request that it also be posted ASAP), but I humbly ask you all please to bear with me. Also, please bear in mind that since the procedural chain of command ends with me, I take full responsibility at the outset for any failures of communication that have occurred, whether or not they originated with me. Please also bear in mind that I have been able to identify no malice in any of the real and perceived "mistakes" that have occurred in this process. Yes, mistakes have been made, both simple accidents and errors of human judgment, but I repeat that I have been able to find no malice in those errors.

Two such errors occurred early in this process, and although apparently without intent to harm, the fallout has been unfortunate. The first was that Mistress Kirsten, the Kingdom Deputy Seneschal for Group Transitions, put the wrong return deadline on the initial confidence. This was simply an accidental error, caused in large part by me working her too hard with several polls virtually simultaneous with one another and her modern job running her ragged. She has apologized to me about this several times. This error inadvertently slowed the process down and narrowed the time frame. After she informed me and Their (then) Majesties Ragnvaldr and Arabella of the results, Their Majesties decided to ask Their Graces (then) Baron Lauren and Baroness Ithriel to step down and informed me of Their decision to do so.

I, as procedural advisor to Their decision, asked Them to make it as quick as possible so that it would be concluded in Their reign, given that this is the home group of Their Heirs, and to follow it up in writing per Corpora and Kingdom law if it came down to a removal situation. I also asked Them to summarize for me what had happened. In what I consider to be a well-intentioned but unfortunately handled decision, after much time was taken up deciding what to do, His Majesty Ragnvaldr determined to talk face to face with His Grace Lauren, man to man, Chiv to Chiv, King to His Baron, as the only honorable thing to do. This could not be accomplished without contacting His Grace via telephone to set up a meeting, which His Majesty unfortunately did not make until three days before Coronation. His Grace naturally inquired as to the reason for the meeting. According to His Majesty Ragnvaldr, when He told him, His Grace's response was "since it was his King asking, the two of them would step down effective immediately." In His summary to me after events at Coronation, His Grace Ragnvaldr also described the meeting with at Coronation, still held so that it "could still be done officially and face-to-face." He characterized His Grace Lauren as "extremely and justifiably upset, [but] he remained reasonable yet resolute" and went on to say that His Grace expressed his profound disappointment, and offered the opinion that removal of himself and Her Grace Ithriel would destroy the Barony. His Majesty Ragnvaldr also said that His Grace also asked that they not be brought up in court and recognized for their years as Baron and Baroness. Lastly, in his summary to me, His Grace Ragnvaldr wrote "A testament to his [Lauren's] rationality at the time, he came to Us and explained beforehand that he was unable to attend Our morning court because of mundane family responsibilities. He did this to make sure that no one would get "the wrong idea".

Those are the events as they were relayed to me by Their Majesties Ragnvaldr and Arabella, and confirmed by His Majesty Valharic upon my asking at Curia the day after Coronation. Their Majesties Valharic and Alys attended the Baronial meeting the following Wednesday night to discuss the confidence poll results and subsequent actions. The polling process got underway with a call for nominations and/or self-nominations for Baron and/or Baroness. A deadline of 1 May was set to expedite this. Response was such that an internal polling became required to narrow the field. Otherwise, the concept that any candidate or candidates received “significant” support or did not have “significant” opposition would become statistically insignificant. The policy of my predecessors has been that a maximum of five choices be on a slate, but that three or four choices is STRONGLY preferred. Policy also dictates that an outside (i.e. not a member of the Barony) individual acceptable to both the Kingdom Seneschal and the local Seneschal act as moderator for the process, working with said local Seneschal to conduct said internal poll. The results of the internal poll will then form the basis for the final poll conducted through my office by my Deputy for Group Transitions. Their Majesties and I will be informed of the results and Their Majesties will appoint Their new Baron and/or Baroness as officers of the Crown.

Now that I have given you the Reader’s Digest Condensed Version of the events leading up to Coronation and the outlines of the polling procedure, let me move on from there. As is your right as residents of this Kingdom so to do, I have received a number of letters about all this, both in support of and in angry rejection of all or parts of it. As a result, I contacted Lord Nial by phone on a number of occasions to inquire how he was doing and what I could do to help. He has always seemed to be level-headed, in control, and providing concerned, effective leadership in this difficult situation. I offered to meet with concerned Clefthanders at Baron Wars if that would help, and I did meet with a few, explaining things from my point of view and answering procedural questions. The question I got most often was “who would be allowed to vote?” and I said that at minimum all paid members within the lands of the Barony were eligible, and that if anything else was desired it was up to the Barony to decide how to proceed. I said also that my ****personal**** opinion (as opposed to a mandate from The Kingdom Seneschal) was that any paid member who played on a regular basis and was in the Baronial directory should also be granted a voice in the polling even if they were not residents of Cuyahoga county because I ****personally**** held that inclusion was better than exclusion.

Another series of inadvertent, completely accidental errors followed immediately in the following week (last week) which have muddled the waters enough to prompt this letter. Apparently, there was a major misunderstanding at the Barony’s business meeting last Wednesday night, 15 May. Lord Nial announced that the one-week turnaround time for responding to the internal poll was insisted upon by Their Majesties and me. This was a misinterpretation of a couple of things. First, His Majesty apparently did indicate to Nial that He wanted it done as “expeditiously as possible”, and that he wanted the whole thing wrapped up by Pennsic. Nial looked at the calendar and saw what time was left for both the internal and final polls and came to the conclusion that there was only a week for responding to the internal poll after the 29 May “Meet & Greet”. He and Mistress Kirsten discussed this, and based on what he thought His Majesty had said, Nial indicated to her that the one-week deadline was desired by the Royals. Kirsten agreed that while short, that it was technically possible. Nial then informed me that he and Kirsten had firmed up the procedure and timetable, and that’s when ***I*** heard about the one-week deadline, which was presented to me as agreed upon by Nial and Kirsten. I then made the error of assuming, not asking, if this had been mutually agreed upon and whether or not Kirsten was okay with such a tight timetable. The next thing I start hearing is that the Royals and the Kingdom Seneschal had insisted on this and that this was “set in stone”. Some people immediately reacted with “That’s not what she said at Baron Wars! She said we could decide what we wanted to do!”

The fact of the matter is that NEITHER is this timetable is “set in stone” NOR did I every say the Barony could proceed however it wished in this process, EXCEPT on the issue of who got to vote. I have had subsequent conversations with Their Majesties, with Lord Nial and others involved, and the following is the broad framework of the timetable we have worked out:

- Internal polls asking respondents to rank their top three choices will be created by Lord Nial and be handed out to all paid members who attend the 5/29 meeting and who are in the Baronial directory.
- Polls will then be sent with pre-printed labels to those paid members in Cuyahoga county, and Nial will have to hand-address polls sent to all paid members.
- All polls will be returned to the outside third-party moderator. Those handed back at the 5/29 meeting will go straight into an envelope addressed to the moderator, and someone other than Nial will be asked to seal the envelope and sign their name across the flap. The moderator will tabulate all polls received or post-marked by 8 June 2002 (see below) and send the results to Kirsten and to me. I will then inform Nial.

As of this writing (Monday, 5/20, 3:30 pm), we are going to ask His Grace, Finn Herjolfsson, KSCA, OL, three times King of the Middle, fellow resident of the Oaken Region, to act as that moderator, but we’ve not been able to do that yet. That should be resolved by this evening and Nial will update you on that score.

- The top vote getters will be put on the final poll. This number is probably going to be three since we are asking people to rank their top three choices, but if there is a natural division that makes four a more natural split, Kirsten and I, in consultation with Nial, could choose to have the fourth-place candidate or pair of candidates on the final ballot. Those on the final ballot will be presented alphabetically. Their position on the final ballot will in no way be any indication of the votes they received on the initial poll.

Okay, here again is the official answer to the current question of when these are due - the internal polls must be EITHER returned by the end of Northern Oaken War Maneuvers OR postmarked by that date (8 June 2002). That’s the official scoop based on phone calls between me, Their Majesties and Nial Sunday night and on the e-mail recommendation from Mistress Kirsten. Kirsten will request labels for the final poll to coincide with that deadline and the final poll will be mailed as rapidly as possible after the outside moderator reports the results of the internal polling to Kirsten, Nial and me. A response deadline of one month will be set from the mailing of the final poll, which should put the final tabulation somewhere around mid- to late July, i.e. before Pennsic.

I hope this clears up any confusion that might have inadvertently occurred. I am convinced that these errors have been simple accidents or errors committed in well-intentioned attempts to do jobs to the best of various people’s abilities. As I stated at the beginning of this tome, I have found no malice in any part of this procedure. Mistakes and errors of information or interpretation have been committed on both sides, exacerbating a painful process, but I reiterate I can find no deliberate malicious intent in those who have set this process in motion, those trying to conduct it, or those angry with it. I believe with all my heart that we are all trying to do the best we can from our various perspectives, and I hope this clarification of my position and the official procedure will in some small way add to our ability to continue to do so.

In service to Crown, Kingdom and populace, I remain
Rosamund Beauvisage
Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom

Bios, Continued

Baron and Baroness of the Cleftlands.



Ealdred and Clairiel (Dave and Sue Lash) began participating in the SCA as college students in the Marche of Gwyntarian (Kent, Ohio) in A.S. 13 and 14 respectively. (1977 and 1978) Within 3 months of attending his first meeting, Ealdred became the unwarranted seneschal of the group because he was the only responsible candidate who everyone could stand. He also served that group as unwarranted knights marshal 2 years later for basically the same reason. The first SCA event that he attended was right here in Cleftlands at the second Coronation of Meriwald. He still has the amazing multicolored terry cloth tunic that he wore to that event. (Quick, grab your sunglasses -- the glare is blinding!) Clairiel's first event was in Gwyntarian where the only part of the event that she saw was the inside of the kitchen rolling out pie crusts. (Hmm...Shades of things to come.) Although she has never officially held any SCA office, she pitches in with many tasks and some see her as quite special (see "The Making of a Goddess" on our Baronial website history page). Ealdred and Clairiel next spent a few years in Red Spears (pre-barony Toledo, Ohio) and helped rejuvenate that group. In 1987 (A.S. 23) they moved to the Cleftlands and have been here ever since raising two wonderful daughters.

Ealdred has many SCA related interests including period cooking, gardening, and medicine. He is nominally the head of the Cleftland's Cook's Guild and can usually be found in the kitchen at any event he attends. He has fought with heavy weapons, fenced, and shot on the archery range (Yes, really!) but prefers the peaceful arts and sciences. He is also a wonderful repository of useless, er...I mean historical and varied information on the Middle Ages and many other topics. Clairiel's interests include spindle spinning, weaving (mostly tablet), dying with natural dyes, period gardening and cooking. You may occasionally spot her dancing but you won't often see her making scrolls anymore (her first love in the SCA). Between them Clairiel and Ealdred hold a variety of service and arts & sciences awards, but most importantly they appreciate the long lasting friendships that they have developed in the SCA and enjoy offering their hospitality (usually including lots of food!) to friends new and old. Ealdred's philosophy on life in the SCA is that "It is working through the bad times which brings us together and which we remember most fondly." What do you mean that the feast is

oversold? Where did we put those lentils?



Sergeant Rudiger von Stuttgart called 'Rutgur' is a member of the Cleftland's Baronial Order of the Winged Trine for his work on the Charter Committee, the Red Company and is avid heavy weapons fighter in his household Darkyard. Rutgur has fought in two Crown Tournaments, he was sponsored for three but could not make one because of mundane conflicts. He is squired to Master Sir Trelogin Tavistok of House Darkyard. He has recently taken the post of deputy seneschal. His past leadership experience included Dagorhir as a founding member of the Akron chapter the Principality of Avalon. Rutgur was Prince of Avalon, and later became King when that group was proclaimed a Kingdom. The Kings and Princes of Dagorhir perform a lot of the duties we associate in the SCA as a seneschal's. After three years of Dagorhir, Rutgur found the SCA and has been a part of the Cleftlands for ten years now.

Lady Ceinwen ferch Elidure O'Denbeigh began her SCA career in the East Realm moving to our side of the border just six years ago. She is a renowned scribe and cook with several notable Cleftlands feasts to her name including this last Coronation's feast. Her Order of the Willow is for her cooking, and her Purple Fret is for service running kitchens. Recently apprenticed to Master Patrick. She is the current keeper of the Baronial Gold Key, an often daunting task.

Ceinwen and Rutgur are running both separately and as a couple.



After a brief brush with the SCA in the late 70's Lady Aurora de Vie took some time out to get married and start a family. Her first Pennsic in 1987 hooked her for good. She checked out both the local SCA chapter and Dagorhir chapter. Dagorhir was her first choice because they were the more creative in their emulation of the Middle Ages being fantasy based as opposed to factual based like the SCA.

Aurora acquitted herself well in her first year with Dagorhir; there was trouble in the Kingdom of Pentwyvern between the King and his people. She offered diplomatic skills to heal the rift. The King in gratitude made her his Queen.

Currently Aurora is a Baroness of Pentwyvern, active on and off in all aspects both political and creative of that

Kingdom. The role is comparable to a SCA Court Baroness ... mostly honorary.

She became active in the Barony of the Cleftlands about ten years ago through her love of dancing. She received her Award of arms for her service at demonstrations. Aurora is particularly proud of her Purple Fret which she received for doing what she loves best "clothing the masses". Encouraged to share that passion for grab, Aurora recently reconstituted her class 'the Thrifty Anachronist' which has gained popularity in and out of the Barony.

Despite her many years in the Cleftlands, until this point Aurora has shied away from anything at all official for fear of paperwork. She filled such unofficial capacities as an interim dance mistress and always an unofficial assistant chatelaine welcoming newcomers.

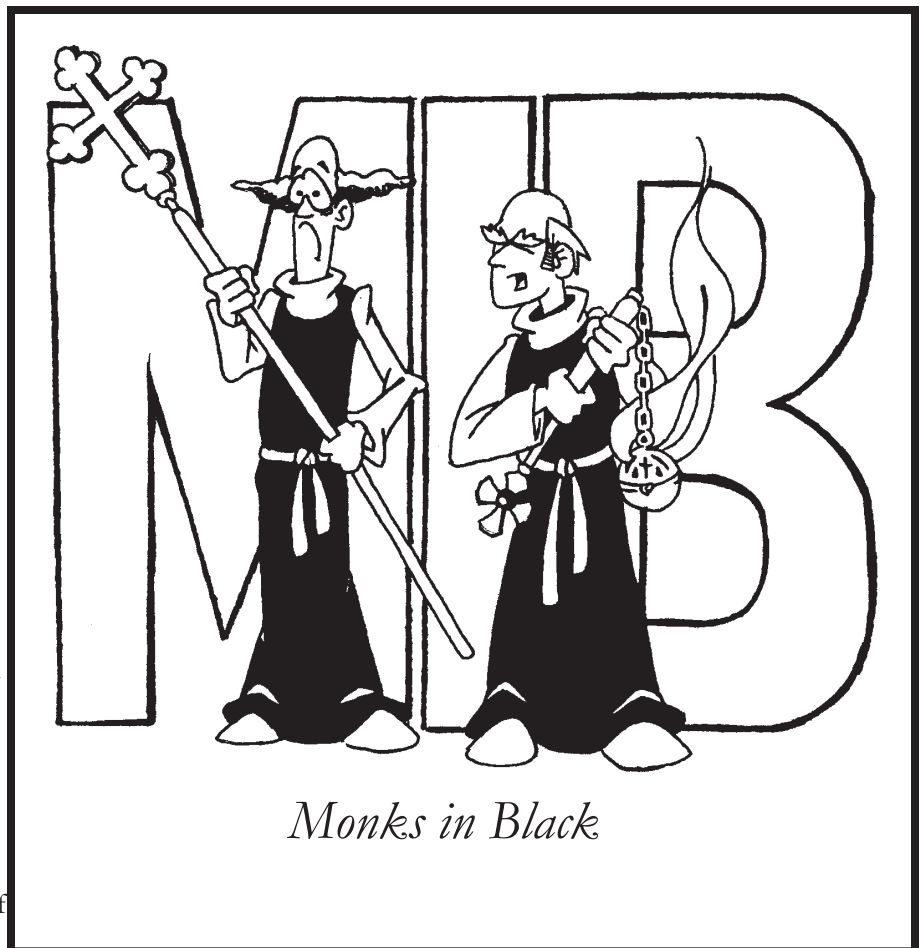
So why volunteer for the position of Baroness without any hesitation? According to Aurora "I consider the Barony as a whole my friend and I have never turned away a friend in need. Right now I believe the Barony needs someone with a level head, a big heart, a tough skin and a well developed sense of humor to keep it headed in a positive direction. I offer you all that and more cause you mean that much to me."



Lady Bronwen Elvina ni h-Odhrain has been a part of the Cleftlands for some 20 years, distinguishing herself as a former mistress of the Needleworker's Guild and a past Baronial Seneschal. She has served as Lady in Waiting to Midrealm Queens, and as a special guest Lady in Waiting on several occasions to the Kingdom of Caid which fortunately has the same colors as our Barony. A frequent Known World traveler, Bronwen has been known to attend events in such exotic and far away places as Artemisia and beyond. Never under-dressed for an event, her Order of the Willow is in costuming. It is her fondest ambition to see a well dressed populace, and to that effort she has made and donated many an outfit. Of the awards she has received over the years it is the Award of the Queen's favor Bronwen is most proud of. Not for the award itself, but for how special the giving was. It was the only Queens Favor Countess Genvieve gave during her reign. Bronwen also excels in the art of dancing. A lady who is not afraid of speaking her

mind, nor weathering the consequences be they good, bad or ugly, Bronwen holds honesty highly and will gladly share her opinion with anyone who asks for it.

Lord Culann mac Cruimeinn, also known as Culann the Letcher, is the chieftain of the celtic clan Tuatha de Taidhreamh. It's not his first run as chieftain either, he is also the former chieftain of the clan oi carrinuinn. Fond of all things celtic Culann's even been accused of being the "celtic authenticity police." He's been in the SCA for about 15 years, mostly in Cleftlands but also in our neighboring communities of Gwyntarian and Falcon's Quarry. In addition to his Award of Arms, Culann is a companion of the Barony of Red Spear's Order of the Hildisvin. Other claims to fame include being captain of the White Harp Company, and starting a traditional celtic bardic at the Pennsic War. Vehemently apolitical, Culann likes to "play the game for the game's sake."



Monks in Black

Calendar

Local Happenings:

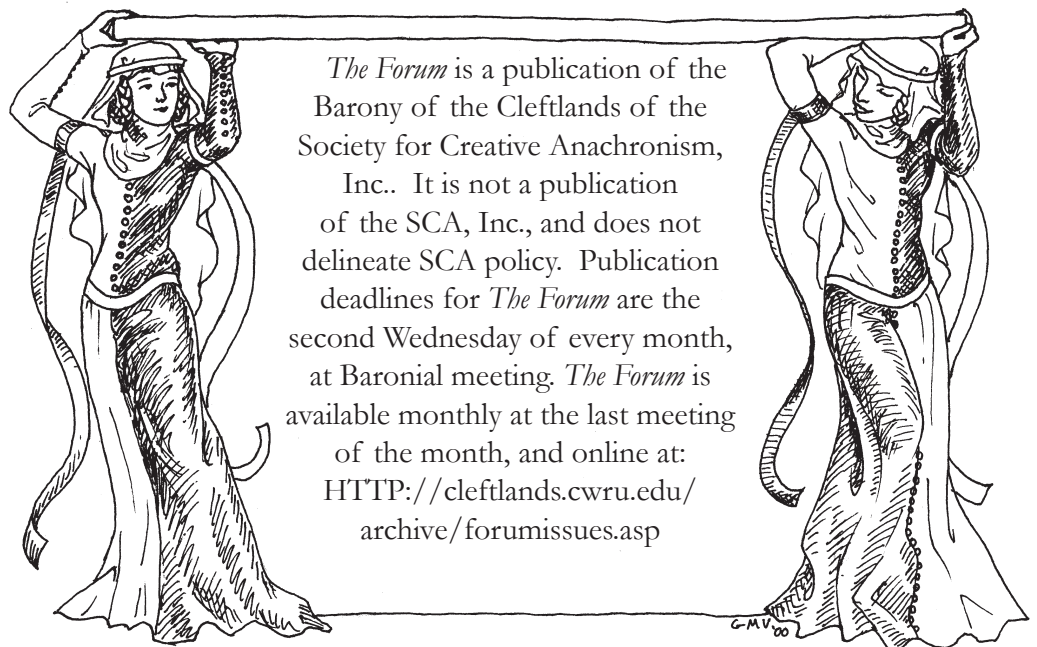
- June 1st - Clean up at Ukrainian Camp
- June 8th - Deadline to return internal Baronial poll at NOWM.
- June 26th - Dessert Revel. Guenhwyvar will teach a class for beginning scribes
- June 30th - Demo for Camp Homatakoma
- July 7th - Demo for Camp Homatakoma
- August 24th - Demo for CWRU
- August 31- September 2nd - Baycrafters Demo

Meetings:

Archery practice meets every Sunday at Lucus Archery, no archery practice on Sunday June 9th
Armourer's guild meets Thursday nights at Ealdred and Clairiel's home
Dance Guild meets monthly at the Euclid Public Library
An unofficial drum circle and middle eastern dance practice happens on Thursday nights at The Gallery Coffee Shop on east 185th street.

Selected Events:

- June 1st - Tournament of the Rose in Talonvale (Jackson, MI)
- June 7-9 Northern Oaken War Maneuvers
- June 14-16 Push for Pennsic in Norborough (Troy OH)
- June 28th - 30 Border Raids in the Barony of the Flame (Fort Knox, KY)
- June 28th - 30 Oaken Melee School in Alderford (Roswell, OH)



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